

Cemetery Research Documentation

Systematic Recording of Burial Evidence and Plot Analysis

Cemetery records provide crucial evidence for family relationships, death dates, and community connections. This template documents burial locations, headstone inscriptions, plot ownership, and associated records to build comprehensive proof of family structure.

Cemetery Information

Cemetery Name:	
Location (City, State):	
Cemetery Type:	
Date Established:	
Religious Affiliation:	
Records Custodian:	
Visit Date:	

Plot/Lot Information

Section:	
Lot Number:	
Grave Number(s):	
Plot Owner:	
Purchase Date:	
Purchase Price:	
Total Capacity:	

Burials Documented in Plot

#	Name	Death Date	Age	Burial Date	Relationship
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

Headstone/Marker Documentation

Marker 1

Individual Name(s):	
Marker Type:	
Material:	
Condition:	
Inscription (verbatim):	
Symbols/Imagery:	
Photo Reference:	

Marker 2

Individual Name(s):	
Marker Type:	
Inscription (verbatim):	

Associated Cemetery Records

Record Type	Available?	Information Obtained
Sexton's Records	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Burial Permits	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Lot Purchase Records	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Transfer of Ownership	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Interment Cards	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Plot Maps	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Annual Reports	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Family Relationship Analysis

What does the burial pattern reveal about family relationships?

Plot Owner Relationship:	
Family Unit Indicated:	
Burial Order/Pattern:	
Missing Family Members:	
Unexpected Burials:	

Correlation with Documentary Evidence

Cemetery Data	Other Source	Consistent?
Death dates		☐ Yes ☐ No
Ages at death		☐ Yes ☐ No
Family relationships		☐ Yes ☐ No
Spelling of names		☐ Yes ☐ No

Research Value Assessment

Evidence Criterion	Yes	No
Confirms family relationships	☐	☐
Provides death dates not found elsewhere	☐	☐
Indicates birthplace or origin	☐	☐
Shows community/religious affiliations	☐	☐
Reveals previously unknown family members	☐	☐
Corroborates other documentary sources	☐	☐

Key Findings:	
New Research Leads:	
Unresolved Questions:	

Template from *The Brooklyn Mat Maker Case Study* | *Storyline Genealogy*
Cemetery plot analysis revealed crucial Kenny family relationships in Brooklyn