



Florida Department of State celebrates

Historic Preservation Month

*Caring for Florida's
Historic Cemeteries*

Family Oral History Project:

Are Your (My) Grandparents Buried in Florida?

This list of questions is presented as a tool to help families learn more about historic cemeteries through the knowledge of older individuals. Many historic cemetery locations in Florida are not recorded, and some may only be known through the memory of our elders. Even if family members did not grow up in Florida, this list of questions is meant to be a conversation starter for everyone to learn more about their ancestors!

This tool can be used by children and adults to learn about family history and to help locate cemeteries that may have been lost to time. Using your smartphone to record oral history interviews is a great way to preserve your family story!

Share these videos on social media with the hashtag **#FloridaCemeteries** for a chance to be shared on the Division of Historical Resources Facebook page.

- 1) What is your full name?
- 2) What year were you born?
- 3) Did you grow up in Florida or elsewhere? Which town or community?
- 4) Tell me about the place you grew up. What was it like when you were a child?
- 5) Do you remember your Grandparents? What were their names? Tell me about them.
- 6) Do you know where your Grandparents are buried? Have you been there? When?
- 7) Is the cemetery still there? Can you show it to me on a map?
- 8) Was it close to a church or other landmark? Do you have a picture of it?
- 9) Do you remember what the cemetery was called? Was there a sign there?
- 10) How large is the cemetery? Do you remember how many people were buried in the cemetery?
- 11) Is the cemetery in a public place that we could visit? Or on private property where we much get owner permission? Do you know the owners?
- 12) Can you take me there?
- 13) Let's fill out this form! FPAN.org/HCI.