

Linking BillionGraves Cemetery Records with FamilySearch Records

Easy Match

- 1) Go to BillionGraves.com. Set up a free account.
- 2) Click on the large blue button that says, "Search BillionGraves."
- 3) Click on "Cemetery Search."
- 4) Enter the name of any cemetery into the search box.
- 5) A map of the cemetery will appear. Beneath the map will be the name of the cemetery. Click on it.
- 6) Click on "Volunteer."
- 7) Select an image from the lower part of the page.
- 8) If the information has not yet been transcribed type it into the blank fields. If the record has been transcribed, click on the words "FAMILY SEARCH" beneath the name and dates.
- 9) A pop-up will appear so you can link the individual to FamilySearch.
- 10) Click "accept" if the record matches or "reject" if it doesn't.

Congratulations! By accepting, you have just added a source for that individual in FamilySearch!

No Match?

- 1) Open the FamilySearch website.
- 2) Click on "FamilySearch Tree."
- 3) Click "Recents."
- 4) Click "Add Unconnected Person."
- 5) Fill in the information from the headstone in BillionGraves. Click "Next."
- 6) Click "Create Person."
- 7) Add BillionGraves as a source on the individual's page, with the URL linking to BillionGraves record.
- 8) Go back to the original transcription page on BillionGraves and Link to FamilySearch with the correct FamilySearch PID# (Using the steps found above.)

What has this accomplished? It has connected a source that is verifiable and a monument that is visual into sources for FamilySearch. Every BillionGraves record is verifiable because it has a photo and has a GPS location that is always obtained by someone standing in front of the gravestone to take the picture.

Your service will allow family members to see exactly where their ancestor is buried. And then they will be able to find even more ancestors because about 70% of people are buried in family plots. So when descendants find their ancestors on a BillionGraves' record they may also find cousins, sisters with different last names due to marriage, and

even grandparents buried by babies that were in fact their grandchildren with different last names.

For more details go to:

<https://support.billiongraves.com/support/solutions/articles/35000114599-linking-billiongraves-records-to-familysearch-from-beginner-to-serious-researcher>