VGS CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

The Hot Springs Village Genealogical Society provides volunteers who conduct an annual Cemetery Transcription update. Members walk through all of the cemeteries/memorial gardens/columbariums within the Village gates and record new burials or memorials. Pictures are taken of all markers. This information is then researched for additional data, where possible, to include full names, dates/places of birth and death, links to other family members, and published obituary sources. After cross-checking to verify information and avoid duplications, the information is uploaded to the FIND-A-GRAVE website and then a picture of the tombstone or marker is added to each entry. Messages related to our entries on the Find-A-Grave website are periodically reviewed for additional edits or transfer of maintenance of the information when requested by family members. PLEASE NOTE: While many of the churches provide columbariums for ashes or memorial gardens where ashes may be scattered, some memory boards/stones list names of persons being honored/remembered who may actually be buried elsewhere.

We do not provide details or transcription of obituaries; we simply record where the obituary might be found online or through a local newspaper. There are three "local" newspapers for our area:

- (1) Hot Springs Village Voice
- (2) Hot Springs Sentinel Record
- (3) Arkansas Democrat Gazette (Little Rock)

Hot Springs Village, Arkansas is a gated community with acreage that includes two county boundaries: Garland County and Saline County. Entry to the Village to visit one of the cemeteries or church memorial gardens requires a Visitor Pass, which can be requested by contacting the HSV Property Owners Association. The following is a list of locations included in our annual transcription updates:

GARLAND COUNTY:

Christ of the Hills Methodist Church – Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Community of Joy Lutheran Church – Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church – Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines – columbarium and Memorial Garden

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church – columbarium and Memorial Garden

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<u>Unitarian Universalist Church</u> – Memory Board

<u>Village United Methodist Church</u> – Memory Board and Memorial stones

In addition, there is a <u>GLAZIER PEAU Cemetery</u> just outside the Village (Garland County). This cemetery website is not managed by HSVGS but some members assist in the transcription updates.

SALINE COUNTY:

<u>CEDARVALE CEMETERY</u> – in ground burials, mausoleums, columbarium, garden for scattered ashes, multiple stones/benches as memorials. This is the largest and only public cemetery within the boundaries of the Village – all other sites are located on church properties.

Christ Lutheran Church – columbarium, Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Faith Lutheran Church – columbarium, Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Mountainside Methodist Church – Memorial Garden and Memory Board

Woodlands Presbyterian Church – columbarium and Memory Board