

**Gravestone Art** | Reprinted from CSG Newsletter, 29th year #6, March/April 1997, p. 3

Of interest to researchers is the meaning of the symbols on tombstones in older cemeteries. The following is from Early American Gravestone Art by Francis Duval, published by Dover in 1978, and quoted in other publications:

ANCHORS AND SHIPS - the seafaring profession  
ARCHES - victory in death  
ARROWS - mortality  
BOUQUETS - condolences, grief  
BUDS - renewal of life  
BUGLES - resurrection; military profession  
CANDLE BEING SNUFFED - time, mortality  
COFFINS - mortality  
CROSSED SWORDS - high-ranking military person  
DARTS - mortality  
DOVES - the soul; purity  
FATHER TIME - mortality; the Grim Reaper  
FLOWERS - brevity of early existence, sorrow  
FLYING BIRDS - flight of the soul  
FRUITS - eternal plenty  
GARLANDS - victory in death  
IMPS - mortality  
HAND OF GOD CHOPPING - sudden death  
HANDSHAKES - farewell to earthly existence  
HEARTS - the soul in bliss, love of Christ  
HORNS - the resurrection  
HOURGLASS - swiftness of time  
LAMBS - innocence  
PICKS AND SHOVELS - mortality  
PORTALS - passageway to the eternal journey  
ROSES - the brevity of earthly existence  
SHEAVES OF WHEAT - time, the divine harvest  
SHELLS - the pilgrimage of life  
SUNS - the resurrection  
THISTLES - remembrance  
TOMBS - mortality  
TREES - life  
TRUMPETERS - heralds of the resurrection  
WILLOWS - earthly sorrow  
WINGED DEATH'S HEADS - mortality  
WINGED EFFIGIES - the flight of the soul

## Help for Non-members

If you're like me and have lots of desire...and very little funds. Here are two web sites listing look-up volunteers for most all of the FTM resource disks. These people are wonderful and will try to help if they can...but, please be courteous and don't overload them with requests.

Genealogical CDs <http://genweb.net/~gen-cds/cdlist.html>

WFT CDs <http://genweb.net/~gen-cds/cdwftlist.html>

## Ships Passenger Lists Help

An invaluable resource for culling information regarding vessels departing Europe for the Americas is [The Ship's Transcribers Guild](#) which has amassed a huge database that is searchable. Another resource is the [ShipsList-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:ShipsList-L@rootsweb.com) (be warned, heavy traffic means upwards of 100-150 emails daily).

## Free, Printable Genealogical Forms On-Line

Reprinted from [CherokeeGene-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:CherokeeGene-L@rootsweb.com)

The following is a list of sites that provide free, printable genealogical forms on-line.

Ancestral Chart by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/ancchart.htm>  
British Census Worksheet from SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FBritish.html>  
Canada Census 1851 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1851.html>  
Canada Census 1861 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1861.html>  
Canada Census 1871 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1871.html>  
Canada Census 1881 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1891.html>  
Canada Census 1891 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1901.html>  
Canada Census 1901 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FCan1901.html>  
Census 1790 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FUS1790.html>  
Census 1800/1810 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1800.html>  
Census 1820 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1820.html>  
Census 1830/1840 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1830.html>  
Census 1850 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1850.html>  
Census 1860 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1860.html>  
Census 1870 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1870.html>  
Census 1880 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1880.html>  
Census 1900 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1900.html>  
Census 1910 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1910.html>  
Census 1920 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/Fus1920.html>  
Census Forms by FTM - <http://www.familytreemaker.com/00000061.html>  
Correspondence Record by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/correcord.htm>  
Family Group Record by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FamGrpRe.html>  
Family Group Sheet by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/familysheet.htm>  
Family Group Sheet by Everton.com - <http://www.everton.com/charts/freeform.html>

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Ireland 1901/1911 by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/FIreland.html>

Pedigree Chart by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/PedChart.html>

Pedigree Chart by Everton.com - <http://www.everton.com/charts/freeform.html>

Research Calendar by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/researchcal.htm>

Research Extract by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/researchext.htm>

Research Log by SourceGuide - <http://www.familysearch.org/sg/ResLog.html>

Source Summary by Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/sourcesum.htm>

Oklahoma Census Records - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~okgenweb/census.htm>