

Instructions on using Galilee Cemetery records to locate a grave

1. In order to search for someone buried in Galilee Memorial Gardens you need the following information:

- a. The person's name
- b. The person's date of burial.

Additional information that is helpful: Funeral Home used for the funeral.

2. Go to the **"GMG Logs name Final"** file and search for the name of the person and the date of burial. The **"GMG Logs name Final"** file is sorted by first name of the deceased person. You will need to be aware that the record keepers at Galilee Memorial Gardens may not have spelled the deceased person's name correctly. If you have conflicting information, (an entry is duplicated with different gardens), you will need to review the **Burial Forms** for the date of the burial (internment). If the burial was before 1989, you will need to inspect the **"General Ledger 1956-1989"**.

3. **Burial Forms.** Turn to **"Galilee Original Documents" "Burial Ledger and Burial Forms."** Burial Forms are organized by year. Turn to the month of the year in which the deceased person was buried. Once you have found the deceased person's name you are looking for, you should find recorded the Garden Name, Lot Number, Section, and Space number for the person buried. Knowing this, now turn to the **"On-Site Log"**

4. Receivership Management Inc. (RMI) (the Special Deputy Receiver appointed by the Court in Nashville) used the grid map and numbering system as originally set forth. Unfortunately, the record keepers at Galilee did not consistently use this numbering system. The **"On-Site Log"** is a register of all grave spaces inspected. It is organized by Garden, Lot Number, Section and Space Number. If the deceased person has a marker, it will be indicated on this log. Look up the Garden name, Lot Number, Section and Space number you found listed in either the **"GMG Logs name Final"** or the **"Burial Form"** to determine if the grave space has a marker or the grave space is listed "ONM" which stands for Occupied Not Marked.

5. Once you have this Garden Name, Lot Number, Section, and Space, review the **"Updated Google Map"** to determine the garden's location within the cemetery. After determining the garden's location, now go to the **"Garden Map Binder."** This will show you where the lot is located within the Garden. Select the garden map of the garden the person is recorded to have been buried. This map will show the location of all mapped lots by number. To have a better idea of the people buried in a particular lot, turn to the folder marked **"Garden On-Sites."** There by Garden and Lot Number are the actual visual inspections of each lot in Galilee Memorial Gardens. Select the Garden that was recorded for your loved one in either the **"GMG Logs Final" file** or that you found on the **Burial Forms**. Turn to the Lot number.

There on the page for that lot number is indicated all the visual information and grave inspection information gathered by RMI on that particular lot.

EXAMPLES OF USING THESE RECORDS:

EXAMPLE ONE:

In our first example to illustrate the use of these records, we will look for the grave of Florine Scullock. Ms. Scullock died on May 18, 2012. Her funeral was handled by M.J. Edwards, Stage Road.

On the **“GMG Logs name Final”**, we find the following entries:

Name	Internment Date	Garden	Lot	Section	Space	Funeral Home	Record Id
Florine Scullark	5/26/2012	Paradise	24	B	4	MJEdwards	8391
Florine Scullock	5/26/2012	Devotion	69	A	3	MJ Stage	8392

3. Because of the conflicting information, an inspection of the burial form is required. Turn to **“Original Galilee Documents,” “Burial Ledger and Burial Forms”** Select the year 2012. Burials (internments) are listed by date. The burial form shows Ms. Scullock was buried in Devotion 69, Section A, Space 3.

4. Turning to onsite inspections now. RMI used the grid map and numbering system as originally set forth. The **“On-Site Log”** is a register of all grave spaces inspected. On this log it is recorded that Florine Scullock has a marker and is buried in the Garden of Devotion, Lot 69, Section B, Grave Space 4.

5. Now to the map of the Garden of Devotion located in the **“Garden Map Binder”**. The map indicates that Lot 69 is immediately behind the Bible Monument located in the Garden of Devotion.

EXAMPLE TWO:

In our second example we will look for the grave of Maurice Harris. Mr. Harris died in January 2004.

On the GMG Logs name Final, we find the following entries:

Name	Internment Date	Garden	Lot	Section	Space	Funeral Home	Record ID
Maurice Harris	1/17/2004	New Hope	5X	B	2	MJEdwards	17796
Maurice Harris	1/17/2004	Paradise	NA	B	2	Not Recorded	17796

3. Because of conflicting information, an inspection of the burial form is required. Turn to **“Original Galilee Documents, Burial Ledger and Burial Forms.”** Select 2004. The pages of Burial Forms for 2004 are listed in chronological order by date of burial. The burial form shows Mr. Harris was buried in New Hope 5X, Section B Space 2 on January 17, 2004.

4. Now turn to the **“On-Site log.”** On this log it is recorded that Lot 5-1 (5x) Section B, Space 2 is Occupied Not Marked. For additional information turn to the folder **“Garden On-Sites”** which show the actual grave lot inspection. Turn to the file **“Garden of New Hope.”** Turn to the page listing Lot 5-1. On

that sheet it shows the grave space is near the road. Over to the west of the grave space is a marked grave for Patrick Hinds.

5. Now to the map of the Garden of New Hope located in the "Garden Map Binder." This map indicates Lot 5-1 is near the road at the back of the cemetery in the Garden of New Hope. The "**Update Google Earth Scan of GMG**" shows the location of the Garden of New Hope in the cemetery.

EXAMPLE THREE:

In our third example, we will look for the grave of Walter Puryear. Mr. Puryear passed away in September of 1968.

On the "**GMG Logs name Final**," we find the following entry:

Name	Internment Date	Garden	Lot	Section	Space	Funeral Home	Record ID
Walter Puryear	9/28/1968	Devotion	43	B	1	Not Recorded	24864
Walter Puryear	9/28/1968	Devotion	43	B	4	Victory	24865

For burials prior to 1990, we must turn to "**Galilee Original Documents**," "**Burial Ledger and Burial Forms**," "**General Ledger 1956-1989**." The date of burial (Date of Internment) is listed on the second pane of each page and recorded as YEAR MONTH DATE. Here the "**General Ledger 1956-1989**" shows Mr. Puryear was buried in Devotion Lot 43, B, 4. For further confirmation, turn to "**Galilee Original Records**," "**Garden Ledger Books**." Select Devotion. The number of the Lot is the pre-printed page number in the top corner. For Lot 43, Section B, the following burials are noted in the "**Garden Ledger Books**" for Devotion:

- B1 Edward Smith (7/10/1988)
- B2 Judge Earnest Mack (10/16/1982)
- B3 Evelena Mack (2-10-1964)
- B4 Walter Puryear (9-28-1968)

Now turn to the "**On-Site Log**." Here it is recorded that August Edwards has a marker in place in the Garden of Devotion, Lot 43, B 4. We must now turn to the "**Garden On Sites**." For Lot 43 in the Garden of Devotion, we note that many of the persons listed in Lot 43 in the Garden Ledger Book have markers in the spots indicated; however no one but August Edwards has a marker in Section B of Lot 43. To further investigate, we must review the recorded burial of August Edwards.

Return to the "**GMG Logs name final**." There we do not find an "August Edwards." We do find two entries for an Augusta Edwards. One that was buried on July 22, 1981 in the Garden of Devotion Lot 54, Section A, Space 1. The second was buried on October 23, 2004 in the Garden of Devotion, Lot 44, Section A, Space 2. Return to the "**Garden On-Sites**" select Devotion and turn to Lot 44. It appears that Lot 44, Section A, Space 2 is marked as occupied by Francis Brown. Lot 44, Section A, Space 1 is marked as occupied by Louis Edwards, possibly a relation to August or Augusta Edwards. It would appear that the markers may be placed incorrectly. It is also a possibility that Augusta Edwards may have been buried on top of Walter Puryear. The records do not provide an answer.