

# Evolution of American Cemeteries

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Charleston, SC

## Early 1700s

- slate or sandstone
- memento mori
- death heads
- soul effigies



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Mobile, AL

## Post Revolutionary War

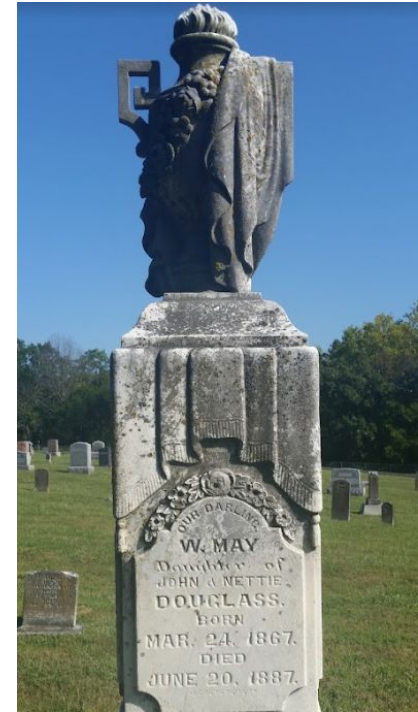
- marble
- weeping willow
- draped urns



Nauvoo, IL



Brunswick, MO



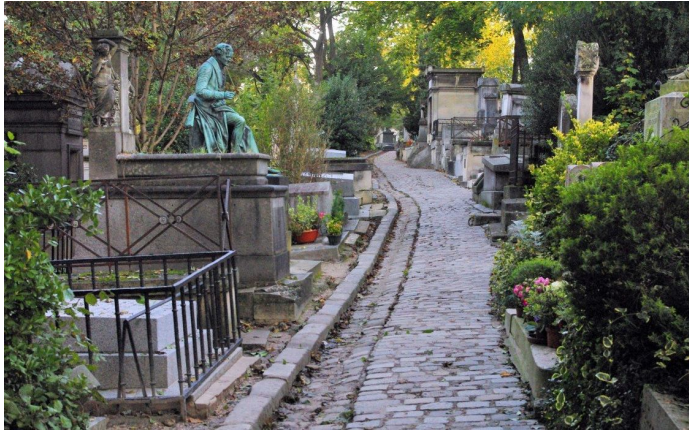
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# Rural Cemetery Movement

1804 - Père Lachaise  
Cemetery

1831 - Mount Auburn  
Cemetery

1849 - Bellefontaine  
Cemetery



## Victorian Era - 1837 - 1901



Rocheport, MO

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Arrow Rock, MO



Nauvoo, IL



Harrisburg, MO

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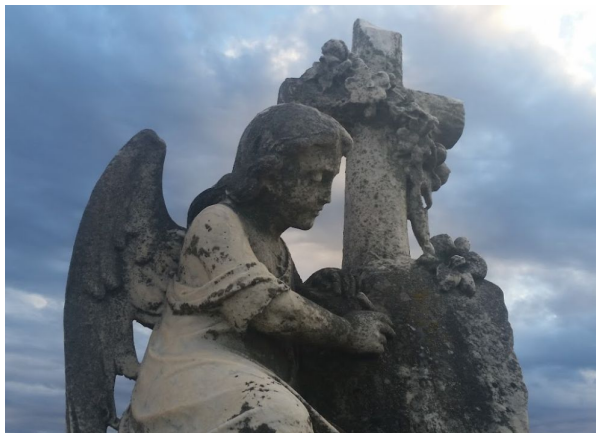
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Ft. Madison, IA



Wien, MO



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**Art Nouveau -**  
1890 - 1910



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**Egyptian Revivalist -**  
1880-1930



New Orleans, LA



Sturgeon, MO



“White bronze” - Zinc

Monumental Bronze Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Had subsidiaries/distributors in Detroit, Chicago, and Des Moines.

Mid 1870s -1914



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Ashland, MO



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Alpine, TN



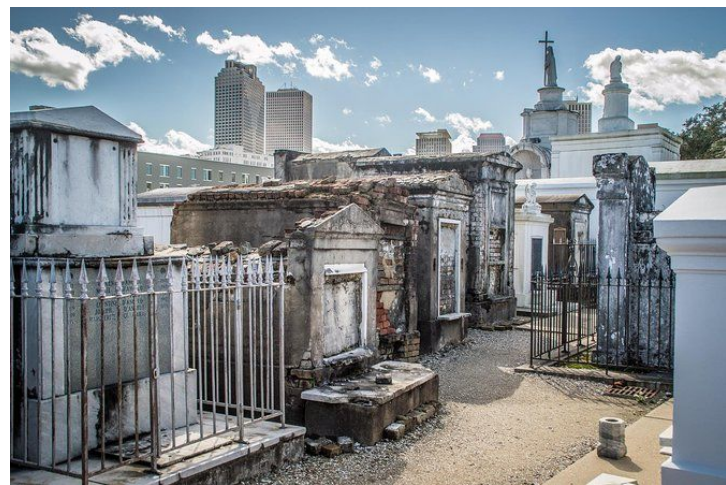
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Flint, MI



Arrow Rock, MO



New Orleans, LA

Forest Lawn Los Angeles, CA



Hollywood Forever Los Angeles, CA



**Cremation** - → Stone Age (3000 BCE) → Greek → Roman (developed columbarium)

-Emperor Constantine outlawed cremation = pagan

1873 – 1st oven hot enough to burn a human body is displayed at the Vienna Expo

1884 – 1st free standing, public crematorium was built in the US

**In 2020: 56.1%**

**Predicted to be 72.8% in 2030**



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**Green Burial**

**Home Burial**



**Open Air Pyre**

-legal in Crestone,  
CO



**Aquamation -**

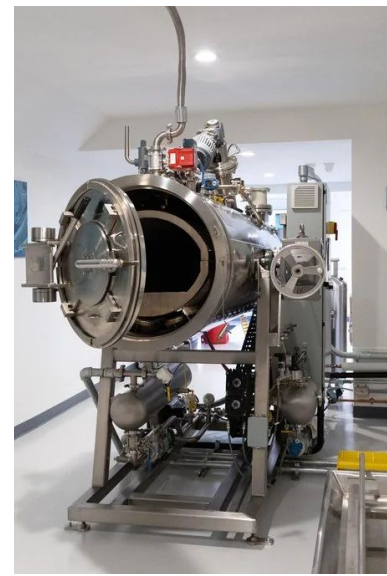
alkaline

hydrolysis

- permitted and

regulated in 26

U.S. states



**Terramation -**

composting

- legal in three

states with two

more pending



# Preservation

Cemetery  
Conservators For  
United  
Standards



[cemeteryconservatorsunitedstandards.org](http://cemeteryconservatorsunitedstandards.org)

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A Nonprofit Organization



National Center for Preservation Technology & Training



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