

Cemetery Records



Wittmann Cemetery

Location: Wittmann, Maricopa County, Arizona

Recorded by: Virginia McMeans and Sharon Pearson walking the grounds.

Date: November 1996

Directions: This cemetery is east of Hwy 60; about half way (25 miles) between Wickenburg and Phoenix. East onto Center Street, right onto Dove Valley Road, left onto 211th, left onto a gravel road.

Description: Wittmann cemetery has lots of empty or unlabeled gravesites as well as headstones stamped "Unknown." Entrance gate is on the east side of the cemetery. Recorders walked to the far NW corner and began recording the rows. The cemetery is maintained by the Saguaro Janes group volunteers. (To conserve space, we are eliminating stone descriptions.)

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION
<u>ROW 1</u>			
Copper Penny	6 Aug 1987		[A pet?]
<u>Row 2:</u>			
Berry, Burt	1891	1941	
Berry, John D.	1881	1965	
Berry, James B.			24 Oct 1941 Arizona PVT. 135 Engrs.
Webb, L. B.	1879	1984	
<u>ROW 3:</u>			
Jones, Samuel C.	1899	1967	
Ribbons, Mary R.	1902	1983	Wife-Mother
<u>ROW 4:</u>			
Lucas, Ethel	1906	1981	
Veenstra, Thelma E.	1898	1979	
Ribbons, Ralph B.	1904	1977	Husband Father
Dunavant, Opal	1929	1958	
Bagley, William	1899	1958	William Bagley born 3-18-1890 died 6-14-1958.
<u>ROW 5:</u>			
Hammons, Kenneth H.	6 Mar 1927	29 Oct 1991	Born Hoehne, Colorado; Died Wittman, Arizona. Loved by all those who knew him; Goodby Kenny.
Snell, Sharla M.	1947	1991	
Hutson, Rosilla M. A.	11 Jan 1940	12 Apr 1990	
Williams, Bert W.	22 Feb 1913	20 May 1990	
Billups, Jeffrey Wade	Jan 1963	Jan 1984	Beloved Son & Brother, Mom

Cherokee Heritage

by Sue Sager Williams



From the time I was a small child, I knew I was of Cherokee heritage on my father's side. I did not start to be intrigued with my history until my father and his family were deceased. I vaguely remembered that my father's

family was involved with John Brown University in Arkansas. On my computer, I found the University historian's e-mail address. The historian put me in touch with Maggie Smith for information on my great-great-grandfather, Simon Sager. Maggie turned out to be a third cousin, and she told me the history of the German side of my family including my great grandfather's name, Augustus Caesar Sager, and his wife, Amelia, who was Cherokee.

I knew that my father had been registered as to his Cherokee blood degree. I found an Allotment Deed from the Cherokee Nation to my father, which contained his Dawes Roll number. In order to become a member of the Cherokee tribe, this number is mandatory.

A trip to the L.D.S. Family History Library in Mesa, Arizona was my next step. In checking the 1900 census, I found the census packet for Augustus C. Sager. From this I learned that my great-great-grandfather's name was Daniel M. Tittle. His wife was Rosa and their daughter was Amelia.

Looking through James Manfor Carsolowey's *Cherokee Pioneers—Early Settlers: My Journal* (page 16), I read the following: "Daniel M. Tittle married Rosanna Ward, 1823- February 22, 1900. We found D.M. Tittle's grave in Maysville, Ark. and Rosanna Tittle and son J.M. Tittle in Vinita Cemetery. I knew the Tittle family in Vinita."

Now I had my great-great-grandmother's name. The Wards are very prominent in Cherokee history through Nancy Ward.

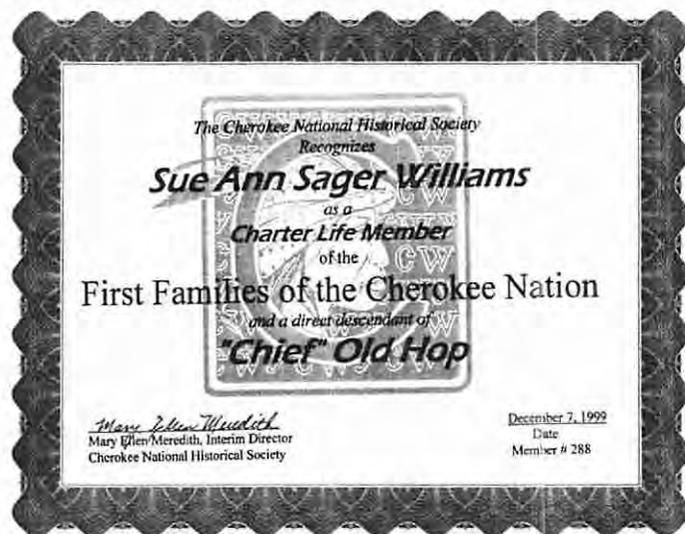
The book *Old Families and Their Genealogy* by Emmet Starr is a good source of information, and I was able to go back another generation.

I am not directly related to Nancy Ward but to her Irish stepson, John Ward.

In her book, *Nancy Ward, Cherokee Chieftainess*, Pat Alderman states, "John Ward found his stepmother, Nancy Ward, the most influential woman among her people, the Cherokee. John Ward remained in the Cherokee country and married Catherine McDaniel. She was the 17-year-old daughter of a Scotchman named McDaniel and his full-blooded Cherokee wife called Granny Hopper. John and Katie Ward had eight children. Many prominent American families can trace their heritage back to this family."

In *Ancestry.com*, I found that Chief Old Hop was the father of Granny Hopper. Chief Oconostota (Moytoy, Amatoya) was the father of Chief Old Hop. Through other sources I learned that Chief Old Hop was wounded when he was young which caused him to limp. He was thereafter called Old Hop.

I submitted my application and copies of my sources of proof to the Cherokee National Historical Society (CNHS). It was approved, and I received a membership certificate along with a letter of appreciation for my research



which has been placed in the CNHS archives.

If you are able to trace and verify your Cherokee lineage back to the time of the "Trail of Tears," you too may join the "First Families of the Cherokee Nation." I hope that my journey into Cherokee genealogy may help others. (You can e-mail Sue at suew@primenet.com)

Maurer, Larry E.	24 Jan 1960	7 Sep 1992	To You Our Friend. Protected by Smith and Wesson.
Mead, Glen H.	31 Oct 1914	23 May 1979	A Loving Dad & Grandpa
Stalnaker, James Rn D.	8 Dec 1903	5 Apr 1917	Age 13
Bentley, Nollie H.	3 Oct 1909	24 Jan 1976	Pvt US Army WWII
Jones, Samuel C.	20 Mar 1899	28 Feb 1967	
Myers, Joe B.	15 Jan 1937	10 Jul 1937	
Wright, Carrie	1875	1933	
<u>ROW 6:</u>			
Malone, Thomas W.	18 May 1900	9 Jan 1989	
Breedstell, Margaret		27 Nov 1988,	Mother, Champion
Buchanan, Audrey E.	13 Sep 1901	23 Dec 1986	Special Lady
Hood, Kevin		Feb 1988	
Albrecht, Hubert C.	10 Sep 1925	10 Oct 1987	US Navy WWII
King, Ethel M.	18 Jan 1908	13 May 1986	Beloved Mother & Granny
Leinen, Harold K.	11 Dec 1926	18 Dec 1986	
Stibbens, Grace E.	1981	1982	In Memory of our Baby
Corley, Vergil H.	1912	1980	Vergil H. Corley 1912-1-8 to 7-21-1980
 Corley, Thomas B.			
Riley, James E.	21 May 1906	26 Jun 1977	"Adios"
Wayne, Chappo	7 Apr 1910	27 Jun 1968	So Long Pardner
Gautier, Peter J.	1882	1964	
Phillips, Pola	1906	1962	
Myers, Roscoe	1880	1935	
Herr, Earthel H.	1892	1962	Beloved Mother
Herr, Billy	1935	1937	
<u>ROW 7:</u>			
McKinney, Don Allen	9 Nov 1966	16 Jul 1996	
Gray, Doreme S.	18 Apr 1959	1 Nov 1986	
McKinney, James W.	28 Jan 1964	1 Nov 1986	
Stedman, Mary K.	3 Oct 1960	7 Jun 1986	We love you. Peace on earth.
<u>ROW 8:</u>			
Wilson, Pamela K.	8 Sep 1958	9 Jul 1987	Fan #1
McGonigle, Thomas C.	23 Dec 1987	23 Dec 1987	
<u>ROW 9:</u>			
Eric			
Dyer, Paul J.	1916	1993	Gone Fishin'
Dyer, Virginia M.	1921		Gone Fishin'
Ohlerking, Gene	30 Jan 1933	10 Nov 1991	
Sanner, Helmer E.	1904	1991	
Schutte, John Merrill	17 May 1925	28 Sep 1990	CPL US Army A2C US Air Force WWII Korea

Barrick, Travis John	1983	1983	My Little Prince
Stepp, Roy	1920	1984	
Hense, Ollie Faye	16 May 1938	13 Oct 1987	Loving Mother
Craighead, Winston P.	1918	1992	Just Restin'
Craighead, Mozella E.	1925		
Craighead, Richard P.	23 Jul 1941	4 Aug 1994	A1C US Air Force Vietnam
Bays, Howard V.	1 Apr 1912	9 Dec 1993	Age 81
Bays, Claribel	1918		
Iorio, Marilyn	1943		
Iorio, Paul	1974		
<u>ROW 10:</u>			
Lea, Ramona C.	14 Apr 1918	19 May 1993	
Oglesby, Vance E.	1919	1990	Brother
Howell, Ernest C.	1908	1989	
Howell, M. Pauline	1914	19__	
Cutright, Baby	1983	1983	
Hooper, Cecil C.	7 Aug 1909	29 May 1986	In Loving Memory
Hooper, Ruby J.	27 Jul 1918		In Loving Memory
Kaiser, Arthur R. Sr.	21 Feb 1921	19 Jul 1995	Beloved Husband "Lefty"
Pruett, John Paul	1935	1996	Loved and Missed
Teller, Joesoph Mark III	16 Jan 1994	21 Mar 1994	
<u>ROW 11:</u>			
Roberson, A.	1912	1984	
Anderson, James R.	3 Mar 1912	3 Apr 1987	US Army WWII
Cole, Joe	1923	1983	
McLaughlin, Vida V.	1906		
McLaughlin, Ardis A.	1895	1985	
Steward, Larry Richard	5 Oct 1940	5 Jan 1995	54 Yrs.
Echard, Imogene	1 Sep 1932	6 Mar 1994	
Raney, Nancy I.	26 Jul 1933	1 Aug 1992	Mom
Moorefield, Daniel L.	17 Jun 1983	7 Nov 1989	We Love You
Cable, Leon W. "Lonnie"	28 Dec 1962	18 Oct 1986	He's Just Sleeping Beloved Son & Brother
Smith, Billy E.	24 Dec 1933	3 Jul 1975	Precious Memories
George, Bobby Charles	24 Dec 1938	20 Jul 1985	Someone Special
Rose, Colie E L.	31 May 1917	19 Nov 1984	Our Pop
Smith, N.	1984	1984	
Berisford, Harold A.	11 Jul 1912	19 Aug 1984	PFC US Army WWII
Chichester, Arthur	1927	1984	

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Cemetery Records

Morristown Cemetery

Location: Morristown, Maricopa County, Arizona

Recorded by: Sharon J. Pearson and Virginia L. McMeans walking the cemetery grounds.

Date: November 1996.

Directions: This neat, small cemetery is on Castle Hot Springs and Rockaway roads about 2 blocks East of Hwy 60 about 11 miles South of Wickenburg. (See page 11 for more information.)

Description: Most graves are surrounded with quartz and other white rocks. We recorded the graves beginning to the left (South) of the entrance gate. We did not record the empty gravesites. There appears to be a narrow walking path between each grave.



NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION AND/OR [COMMENT]
<u>Row 1:</u>			
Crowder, Ben M.	1913	1981	Father [inside a large plot surrounded by a chain link fence]
Wiley, Kimberley S.	1961	1995	Loving wife & mother
Wier, Michael S.	14 Nov 1961	10 Sep 1996	Age 34 years [Frey Funeral Home plaque]
Stanifer, Ray	17 Jan 1927	18 Jun 1994	Loving husband, father, grandfather, US Navy WWII
<u>Row 2:</u>			
Little, Bennie		3 Nov 1933	Texas Pvt 1 Cl Engrs.
Logan, Louis	28 Aug 1895	24 Jun 1961	Chief Little Wolf; served US Navy Roanoke WWI as Leroy Junior Benton
Stewart, Ella Harriett	9 Feb 1898	22 Nov 1984	Loving mother & grandmother. [Natural stone]
Keel, Ben F.	22 Jan 1905	3 Jun 1991	[homemade cement marker]
Keel, Fleda Flortine	16 Jan 1908	21 Jan 1979	[homemade marker w/backwards "N"]
Way, Rober Allen	10 Sep 1982	7 Jan 1985	
Walker, Sydney T.	27 Aug 1898	25 Dec 1993	Aunt
Smith, Ivan L.	11 Mar 1974	2 Jan 1987	Beloved husband & father [? Check dates]
Koning, Jack Paige	1949	1982	Brother Jack
Koning, Martin	1913	1993	Just restin'
Koning, Jean	1914	[blank]	
<u>Row 3:</u>			
Richards, Rafael	1905	[blank]	Married 4 Oct 1930 [to Ellen E.]
Richards, Ellen E.	1903	1989	
Stanning, Jess J.	27 Nov 1915	18 Dec 1984	Married 19 Jun 1939 [other 1/2 stone is blank]
Golata, Joseph B.	4 Apr 1962	17 Aug 1988	US Army
Shimp, Chas E.	27 Mar 1887	9 Apr 1932	[deteriorating homemade cement]
Hardy, Leokadia	1905	1984	

Row 4:

Bradford, H. D.	Feb 1850	1909	Born Pontotoc Miss. died Morrystown, AZ.
Milligan, Everett C.	30 Jun 1917	24 Feb 1988	US Army WWII [daughter Mary Wofford]
Krogg, Jack	25 Mar 1913	2 Apr 1986	Tec 4 US Army WWII
Krogg, Elizabeth	1914	[blank]	

Row 5:

Hamilton, William Les	1910	1992	
Hamilton, Mary C.	1911	1994	
Egic, Peter	5 Nov 1915	18 Apr 1971	Arizona CPL 502 PRCHT Infantry WWII PH
Brumfield, Pansy J.	14 Jan 1908	26 Nov 1985	The best wooden Indian Printer in the West
Massey, Kenneth A.	15 Apr 1908	19 Sep 1993	Sgt US Army WWII Korea

Row 6:

Imperial, Gilberto	13 Jan 1923		[marker almost worn off.]
Dickerson, Louis	1911	1992	Married July 22, 1932 [to Mary]
Dickerson, Mary	1915	1990	Married July 22, 1932 [to Louis]
Hibbard, Peggy	1909	1973	
Carpenter, Maudene L.	1896	1974	
?eel	15 May 1908	10 Feb 1978	Age 69
White, Gerald Eugene	4 Aug 1937	8 Oct 1989	CPL US Marine Corps

Row 7:

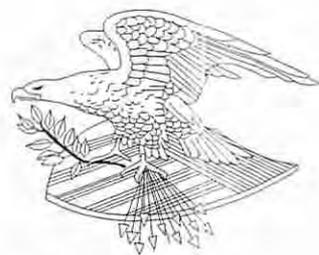
Kirkland, William Arlie	11 Feb 1899	27 Feb 1986	PFC US Army WWII
Miller, Robert	13 Nov 1889	13 Mar 1969	Father
Durich, Milich	21 Apr 1969	15 Jun 1992	US Army WWII
Tiller, Thelma L.	9 Sep 1903	11 Jan 1983	Together forever [with Dean E.]
Tiller, Dean E.	28 Jul 1901	18 Jul 1981	Together forever [with Thelma]
Stover, Lula M.	1896	1969	[3 separate markers for her on one site]
Schultz, Gad B.	21 Mar 1874	8 Jan 1952	Co M 2 ARK Inf SP AM War
Schultz, Mary Eleanor	7 May 1918	19 Feb 1956	
Schultz, Anna S.	Feb 1879	22737	I.H.S.
Ramerez, Lauro O.	1889	1972	
Stacks, Iva	1901	1990	

Row 8:

Jahn, Raymond W.	1904	1990	Beloved Husband. The Lord is my Shepherd.
Jahn, Patricia M.	1899	1992	Beloved Wife. The Lord is my Shepherd
Carlile, Earnest	1916	1994	
Carlile, Marie J.	1917		
McClure, Alvon Lee	1913	1994	Beloved Brother
Molina, Henry C.	7 Aug 1915	30 Mar 1995	"Dinky" Cowboy Forever

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Cemetery Records



Eagle Eye Cemetery

Location: Aguila, Maricopa County, Arizona

Recorded by: Sharon J. Pearson and Virginia L. McMeans by walking the cemetery.

Date: November 1996

Directions: This cemetery is East of Hwy 60 four miles out Eagle Eye Road in Aguila, Arizona.

Description: It is a charming cemetery in a gorgeous setting of cacti and palo verde and mesquite trees. It lies at the foot of a large rocky hill covered in saguaros and overlooked by a hole through the hill which is beneath what resembles an eagle's head (therefore the name "Eagle Eye").

The wrought iron entrance gate was created and installed by **Leon Powell** and **Ernest Freeney**.

Arija Powell designed and **R. Leonard** constructed the arch, crowned with an eagle.

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	INSCRIPTION AND/OR [COMMENT]
Relyea, Morris A.	1904	1993	
Relyea, Lillian A.	1907	1987	
Wenham, John D.	5 Mar 1922	10 Jan 1972	Illinois PFC HQ BTRY 457 ca BN WWII
Eymer, Lewis R.	19 May 1925	23 Sep 1968	New York PFC 1262 Service Comd WWII
Moody, Floyd Leroy	25 Jan 1920	5 Jul 1987	CPL US Army WWII
Glover, Betty W.	27 Feb 1908	23 Mar 1989	
Anderson, Burt	1884	1937	Beloved One [surrounded by Rail fence]
Rogers, Dick	1928	1957	[stamped into concrete]
Rogers, Richard	1928	1957	Son [stone is just below that of Dick Rogers]
Buell, Gladys N.	7 Mar 1916	30 Apr 1981	
Buell, Alva R.	24 Jul 1897	20 Aug 1981	
Powell, Alton R.	1905	[blank]	Father
Powell, Lorene G.	1904	1962	Mother
Atkins, Thomas B.	1881	1952	Father
Atkins, Maggie J.	1878	1963	Mother
Mullen, James	1893	1981	Husband [no marked wife's grave nearby]
Clapp, Harry L.	2 Apr 1915	9 Nov 1991	
Bancroft, William	[blank]	[blank]	
Walters, Phoebe	[blank]	[blank]	
Hilliard, Tom	[blank]	[blank]	
Jones, Retta	[blank]	[blank]	
Baby unknownen [sic]	[blank]	[blank]	
Ashley, Sarah	1984	1990	In memory of
Mcpeak, Doris Evelyn	27 Aug 1928	3 Jun 1987	
Bancroft, William	[blank]	[blank]	
Moore, James M.	2 Apr 1920	3 Apr 1995	2 nd LT US Army WWII
Mckay, Charles Alan	1 Oct 1931	8 Aug 1991	"Chuck" US Navy Korea [engraved prop airplane on stone with "N3189R" on side.]
Steele, Alex O. Sr.	19 Jan 1915	25 Aug 1993	PFC US Army WWII
Steele, Zola D.	1915	1981	

Mendoza, Cynthia	30 Oct 1994	31 Oct 1994	Nina
Wilson, Clare	May 1906	Feb 1990	
Wilson, James F.	1916	1973	
Bidgood, Katherine J.	1917	1972	
Martin, James	1898	1970	
Taylor, John H.	24 Jul 1918		Married Aug 28, 1937 [to Anna E.]
Taylor, Anna E.	6 Feb 1920	3 Feb 1988	Married Aug 28, 1937 [to John H.]
Dunkus, Joseph C.	1902	1974	
Swink, Thomas M.	1904	1989	
Ross, Harold Rick	20 Jul 1918	24 Feb 1995	76 yrs. The light of my life.
Jiminez, Jose			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Winters, Bill			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Trissell, George			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Dugger, Edward			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Davenport, Harry			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Webb, Jack			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Rogers, Doc			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Russing, Eugene			[next to 7 men -identical slabs & no dates]
Ray, Milton			WAGR 2nd Inf Sp AM War
Brandt, George	1881	1954	
Jennings, Al			
Johnston, Donald	Apr 1909	Oct 1988	
Bleeker, Arthur W.	1907	1967	
Bleeker, Preston	1882	1938	
Smith, John			
Fredeuckson, Johnny C.	Oct 1926	Sep 1939	Forever in our hearts
Buggy, Bernard			
Sundberg, Harold W.	1902	1985	
Hatfield, Walter	7 Sep 1883	4 Jul 1967	Indiana PVT US Army WWI
Hatfield, Burill A.	1900	1964	
Knabe, Norfleet T.	16 Nov 1910	4 Oct 1973	Arizona SGT Army Air Forces
Knabe, J. Helen	1930	1963	Wife
House, Laverne V.	1917	1967	
Powell, Dempsey B.	1879	1955	Uncle
Powell, Lena R.	1877	1955	Mother
Powell, Venia A.	1873	1955	Father
Powell, Stanley Alan	3 Feb 1952	2 Aug 1978	He is loved
Powell, Julia M. 'Dude'	13 Aug 1916	11 Nov 1994	Our beloved sister and aunt
Yarnell, Robert H.	5 May 1913	26 Aug 1978	Our beloved friend
Violetta, George	13 Oct 1896	22 Mar 1966	Married Sep 19, 1928 [to Celia Ann]
Violetta, Celia Ann	24 Nov 1896	15 Jan 1987	Married Sep 19, 1928 [to George]
Violetta, Mattie	1885	1964	
Violetta, John	1896	1958	
Masse, Mary	22 Feb 1868	4 May 1944	
Violetta, Joe Edward	25 Jul 1931	10 May 1945	
Galvin, Iva Lee	1900	1985	Teacher-friend
Rush, Wesley	1862	1938	
Rush, Sarah Ann Jane	1861	1926	

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Green, Estelle M.	1926	1986	
Green, Robert L.	1950	1986	
Moore, Nancy Ellen	1874	1931	Our dear mother
Rutledge, Leola 'Oley'	1915	1976	
Moore, Viola Grace	7 Oct 1913	2 Jan 1981	Wife and mother
Moore, Jesse Clinton	1911	1993	US Army
Moore, John M.	1876	1947	
Hilliard, Annie V.	1900	1943	
Moore, Harvey			
Galvin, Ora Leonard	26 May 1903	17 Dec 1968	Arizona SF2 US Navy WWII
Galvin, Ethel L.	1888	1967	
Powell, Alice			

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Date a Tombstone



One way to figure out the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material the tombstone is made from.

◆ If your ancestor has a stone made of slate or common fieldstone (except for wooden—used by pioneers) chances are the stone dates from 1796—1830.

◆ If the stone is flat-topped hard marble, the dates are about 1830—1849.

◆ If your mystery stone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions, look for a date of 1845—1868.

◆ Masonic 4-sided stones began in 1850 and are still used today.

◆ Pylons, columns, and all exotic-style monuments are usually dated from 1870—1900.

◆ Granite, now common, came into use about 1900.

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Meeting Strangers in the Cemetery

Jay Zane and Lithuanian Global Resources have some helpful and humorous advice about meeting people when doing your cemetery research.

"When approached by strangers in the cemetery, be friendly but cautious. I have received much valuable information from visitors. I never had any bad experiences as those depicted in *Night of the Living Dead*. However use common sense when talking to a stranger in a strange place.

"My favorite line to nosy people who ask me what I am doing is, 'I am registering voters for the upcoming election. It is expected to be close and the cemetery vote will be crucial.' I am trying to tell you that you must not take your work too seriously. It is a hobby and should be fun."

(You can read more of her cemetery tips at www.angelfire.com/ut/Lithuanian/tips.html)

