

UNION CEMETERY SCAVENGER HUNT

This scavenger hunt is intended to be a fun way to learn about history while gaining a deeper appreciation of our old graveyards and the importance of preserving and protecting them.

Items you will need are a pencil or pen and a clipboard or other hard writing surface. Optional – a damp cloth to wipe on stones to make them easier to read.

RULES:

1. BE RESPECTFUL! No running or yelling. Do not sit, lean, or climb on stones. Do not litter.
2. NO GRAVESTONE RUBBING. This can damage our old and fragile stones.
3. NO DOGS.
4. WATCH YOUR STEP! Old cemeteries have very uneven ground.

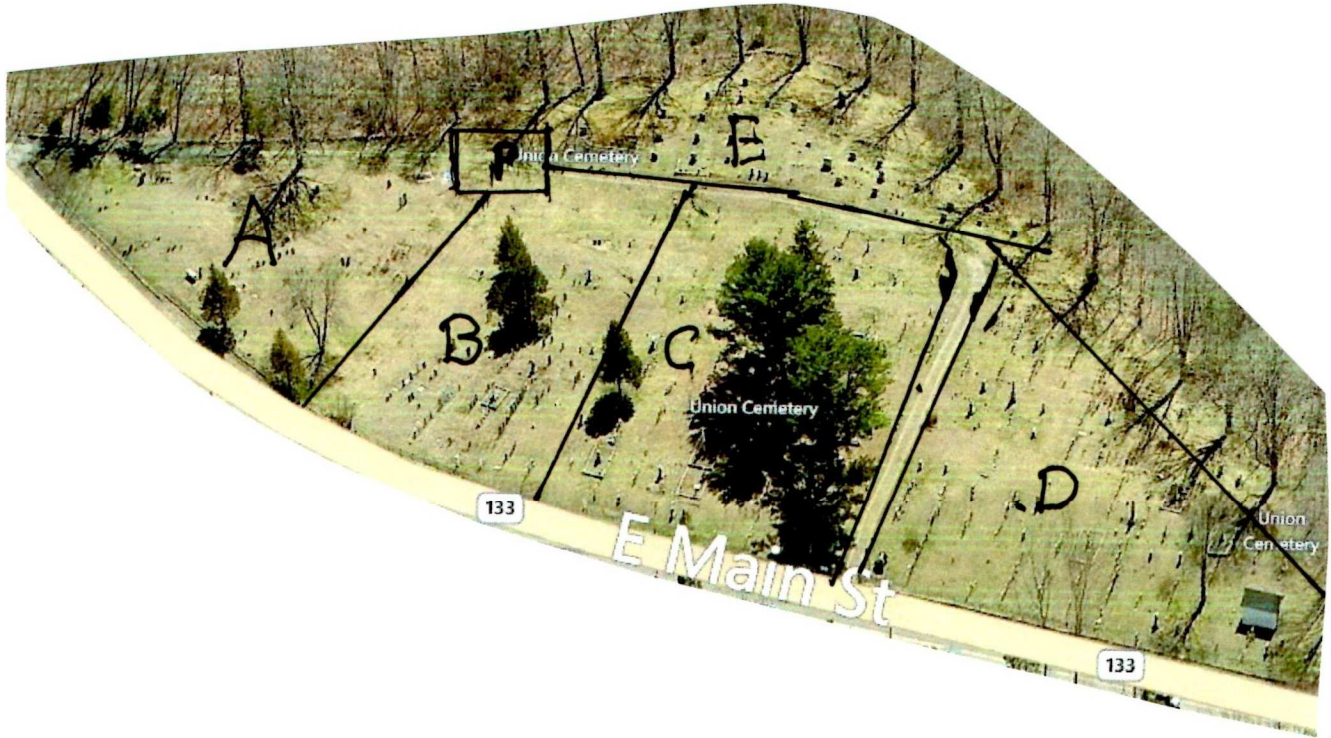
INSTRUCTIONS:

Find the following items, then bring your completed sheet to the Brocklebank Museum at 108 East Main Street on Sunday September 17th or 24th between 2-5 pm to be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. Use the map on the last page for hints of where you are most likely to find the items.

1. The first person to be buried in Union Cemetery was Hannah Nelson, who died in 1732. Most of the oldest stones in the cemetery, like Hannah's, have a carved "death's head" — a creepy skull with wings. Find a grave from the 1700s with a death's head (Section A). What is the name of the person, and when did he or she die?
2. Later in the 1700s, "portrait stones" became fashionable. These stones had human faces with wings. Find a portrait stone from the 1700s (Section A). What is the name and date of death?
3. This person in Section A is buried just as deep as the rest, though his grave marker makes you think otherwise. Who was he and what was his occupation? (In the old fashioned writing style, the letter S looks more like an F).
4. Find the grave of a veteran of the American Revolution (Section A or B). Who was he and how old was he when he died? (Hint: soldiers and veterans graves should have flags or flag holders)
5. An epitaph is a short verse on a gravestone. Can you find a creepy one? Write at least one line from an epitaph (any type). Use back of page if necessary.

6. People in the old days had some weird names. Find a grave with a funny first name. What is it?
7. Find at least three stones in a row with the same last name. What is the name?
8. Willow and Urn designs became very popular between 1800 and 1850. Find a grave with this design (section B). What do you think the willow represents?
9. Cuffee Dole was a former slave who bought his freedom and fought in the American Revolution. Find his grave (section B, close to section C). One word appears to be misspelled, although it is really just the old-fashioned spelling. What word is it?
10. Find a broken grave stone. What is the name on the stone?
11. Find the grave of a child. What was his or her age?
12. Find the grave of a Civil War soldier or veteran (sections C and D). What is his name? In what company and regiment did he serve?
13. Tall pointed stones called obelisks became popular around 1850-1900, especially with wealthier families. Find an obelisk with the names of at least four family members (section C and D). What is their last name?
14. A minister is buried in section D whose gravestone is in the form of a pulpit with a bible on top. Find his grave. What was his name? How many family members can you find buried nearby?
15. The green on East Main Street with the flags and war memorials is named after this soldier, killed in France in World War I. What is his name, and how old was he when he died? (Section E. Hint: his initials are H. L. M.)

Even if you didn't find everything on the list, we hope you had fun while learning about old gravestones and history. Please remember to drop in to the Brocklebank Museum before 5 pm on September 24th for a chance to win some great prizes! See entry form on page 3.



Please park in area designated with “P.”

DRAWING ENTRY FORM - Bring to Brocklebank Museum before 5 pm on September 24th

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____