



The project “Save our Graves”



Why this project?

Geneanet has been founded 20 years ago to allow genealogy enthusiasts preserving the memory of their ancestors. The site hosts, for free, the family trees of hundreds of thousands of persons, and as many old pictures, whether archival documents or family pictures, and also pictures of memorials, street plaques... and graves.



With the inevitable loss of old graves, the memory of our ancestors disappears. The names engraved in stone then the graves themselves are damaged over time, and are finally removed.

To allow descendants finding their family graves, but also to preserve this important heritage, Geneanet has launched an appeal to all genealogists: the pictures of graves they have taken are made available to all web users for free and without consideration.



Good practices guide for all participants:

Geneanet is committed to respecting cemeteries and remembrance places, and encourage everyone to:

-  Respect the quiet of the place and the integrity of the graves,
-  Don't take pictures of recent graves,
-  Don't walk on the graves,
-  Don't move flowers and other objects.

Instructions for use

- Use the maximum resolution available on your camera; this can be optimized after the upload
- If there's a cemetery map, take a picture of it,
- Take a picture of every grave even if it's difficult to read (adjustments can be made on computer to optimize the reading); however, if the grave is too new or if you think that it can't be published, don't photograph it,
- If you use a camera and not the mobile app, please don't rename the image files!
- Take pictures of graves row by row to avoid missing some,
- If the cemetery caretaker asks questions about what you are doing, just explain the goal of the project and don't hesitate to show him this information note.