

James City County, Virginia Cemeteries is like no other book of its kind! It is more than a listing of gravestones. It tells the stories of the people in the cemeteries; they come to life as you go through the book. The authors have used land records, census records, family Bibles and interviews with older residents of the county and family members of the deceased to get the stories of the people of James City County; the people in this book. There are many pictures, directions to the cemeteries, and even GPS co-ordinates to help locate the cemeteries.

The foreword and introduction alone tell so much about the book, but nothing beats thumbing through it. Over ten years in the making, this book, along with one more still to come about the church cemeteries, will be a fine addition to anyone's collection. The pictures show how isolated some of these cemeteries are, and the stories tell of a simple, but harder life. The earliest marked grave included in this book is from the early 1800s.

Reader comments:

“I wrote to the committee and told them how awed I am by the tremendous amount of work that their committee accomplished. I also mentioned to them that although I don't have family members listed, I had read with interest all of the accompanying historical information and enjoyed the clear and poignant photos. It is a wonderful contribution to the community and will, I believe, be received with gratitude by all who believe in the preservation of family records.”

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