

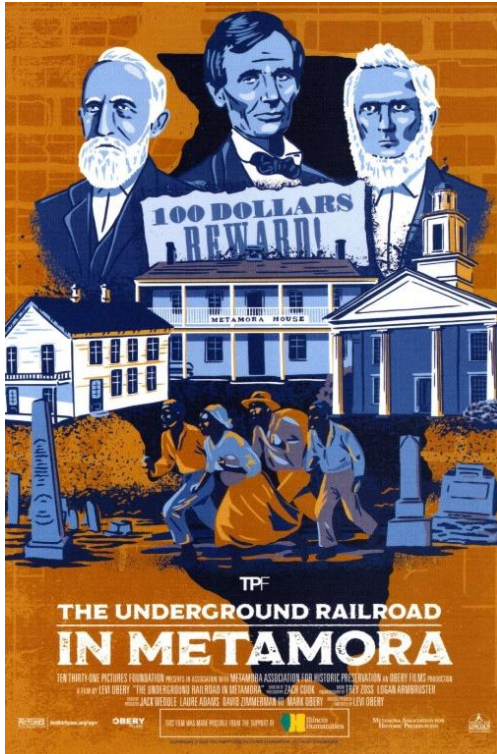
METAMORA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 22, 3:00 p.m.
Metamora High Auditorium
Doors Open at 2:30
No Tickets, Admission is
Free, but You Can Reserve a
Seat at
tenthirtyone.org/ugrrrpreniere

HOW TO READ AN OLD TOMBSTONE.

On May 18, 2025, MAHP President Laure conducted a "how-to" session at Oakwood Cemetery on how to clean and read inscriptions on old, illegible tombstones. A lot of these old stones hold fascinating stories, but have deteriorated so much that the story could be lost. If you have either old ancestors or or just plain curious, Laure provides step-by-step instructions on how this is done:

Techniques and methods for old tombstone cleaning.

Many older limestone tombstones have unreadable inscriptions and lichens. Here is a helpful and safe process.

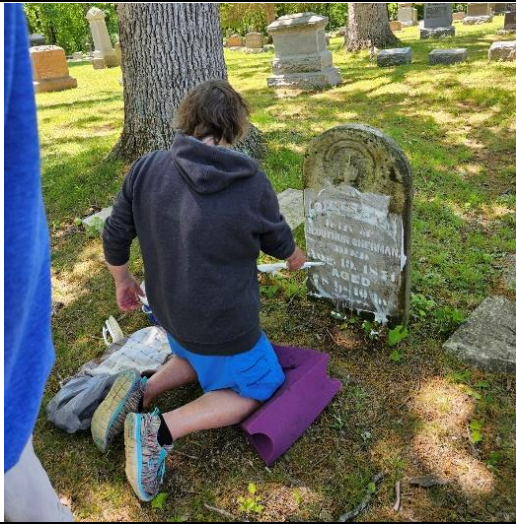
Tools needed: soft plastic bristle brush, Dawn powerwash soap, garden sprayer filled with water, shaving cream and squeegee.

First spray the lichens and stone with water and Dawn power wash. Let set for a few minutes and use the plastic brush to remove dirt and lichens. Rinse with water using the sprayer and repeat the process until the stone is clean.

If you are still not able to read the inscription after cleaning the stone apply some shaving cream and squeegee the cream into the inscription. Document the inscription and rinse the tombstone.



See Pictures Below



Takes Elbow Grease and Patience!



BEFORE AND AFTER. Here's Corydon Egbert's marker after cleaning. The Egbert family had many carpenters. Corydon's brother, Solomon, built the old two-story brick school in 1873 on the corner of Partridge and Hanover. It was used until 1952. Note the difference in the cleaned stone on the right.

June 8 Open House, Sunday, 1-3 p.m.— Identifying Your Marbles. Bring in your sack of marbles and let's talk about them! Marbles were a favorite pastime years ago. They might have a hidden story!

Contact Us

Questions, Ideas - Love to hear from you

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