

**LESSON 2 – FIND A GRAVE – SKILL SHEET**  
**(CHECK OFF EACH SKILL AS YOU COMPLETE)**

**FOUR TOPICS:**

1. SEARCH
2. TREE CONNECT
3. LINKS
4. MEMORIES

**FIND A GRAVE:** Select an ancestor from your FamilySearch Family Tree. Use a “split screen” to compare information from your family tree to the information found on findagrave.com. Start the search with very basic information: ancestor’s last name, state or date of death. . If the last name is less common, use less information. The more common names will require more information to narrow the search. Look at the sidebar to the left for more relatives in the same cemetery, county or state. Remember to use a woman’s married name.

**TREE CONNECT:** is a useful tool used to attach records found on ANY site, to FamilySearch. Google “recordseek”, or download into your web browser <http://www.recordseek.com>. Follow the easy directions and drag the green “**Tree Connect**” icon to your favorites bar.

When attaching a source document **(1)** copy the I.D. number of your ancestor from FamilySearch. **(2)** Go to “Find A Grave” and locate a desired record. **(3)** Click on ‘Tree Connect’ located in your favorites bar, and follow the prompts. The first time Tree Connect is used for the day, you will be asked to sign in to FamilySearch. **(4)** Click on **Save**. **(5)** The next screen that comes up will ask for the FamilySearch ID number, paste (or type) the FamilySearch person ID number and click on **Search**. **(6)** Click on your ancestor’s name, add a reason statement and then **ATTACH**. That’s it! The Find A Grave record is attached to your ancestor in FamilySearch!

**LINKS:** Use the links connected to your ancestor; carefully validate each one, comparing information and adding new if available. Look for full birth, death or marriage dates, and even new ancestors. If adding an ancestor to your tree, follow FamilySearch steps: check for duplicates, validate information and attach the ‘Find a Grave’ record to your family tree using “Tree Connect.”

**MEMORIES:** ‘Find A Grave’ may contain photos, stories, other family members and obituaries.

**(a) PHOTOS:** It is best to ask permission to use photos from this site. If you need help in adding photos, or any other question, use **Family Tree Training Lessons and Videos** on FamilySearch.org. Get Help> Learning Center> Family Tree Lessons and Training Videos, or click on link below:

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/lesson/family-tree-training-lessons-and-videos/818>.

**(b) STORIES/OBITUARIES:** Carefully review all stories and obituaries found on Find A Grave. They may contain valuable information.

**TIP:** In ‘Find A Grave’, you can become a contributor. Help by adding photos, obituaries and other information. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the side bar to the left on the home screen.