

Searching the Ed Laput Cemetery Collection, Godfrey Memorial Library

There are three different ways to get to the Laput Collection (don't worry, 1 and 3 are essentially the same).

The screenshot shows the search interface with three numbered callouts:

- 2**: A red circle highlights the "SEARCH" section, which includes instructions to enter a name and select a category, and a search form with fields for "First Name", "Last Name", and "Year", along with "Search" and "Cancel Search" buttons.
- 1**: A red circle highlights the "BROWSE BY CATEGORY" section, which lists various categories such as "American Genealogical-Biographical Index", "Biographies", "Cemeteries", "Church Records", "Directories", "Foreign", "Funeral Home Records", "Genealogies", "Godfrey Digital Collection", "Helpful Websites", "Maps", "Military", "Most Popular", "Newspapers", "State and Local Histories", and "Vital Records".
- 3**: A red circle highlights the "Our most popular databases" section, which features a grid of database tiles, including "Ed Laput Cemetery Project".

We'll look at the Browse by Category approach first

This is a close-up of the "BROWSE BY CATEGORY" section. The word "Cemeteries" is circled in red, indicating the target category for the search.

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SEARCH RESULTS
APPEAR HERE

	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Deceased	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Spouse	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Year of birth +/- years

Year of death +/- years

State Info

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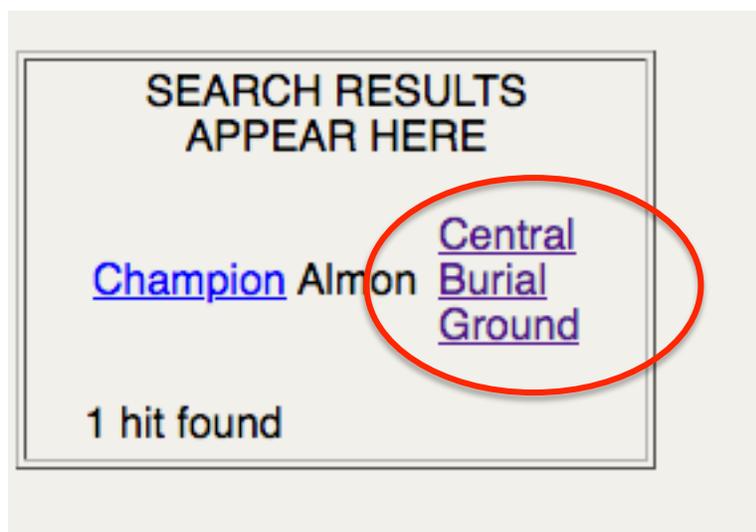
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Fill in as much information as you can.

	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Deceased	<input type="text" value="Almon"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Champion"/>
Spouse	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Year of birth	<input type="text"/> +/- <input type="text"/> years	
	Year of death	<input type="text"/> +/- <input type="text"/> years	
State	<input type="text" value="CT"/>	City <input type="text" value="Essex"/>	Info <input type="text"/>
Cemetery	<input type="text"/>		

If you fill in the state, a dropdown list of towns/cities will appear. A list for cemetery names will also show up. You don't *have* to fill either of them in.

The box in the upper right will contain any matches for the data you entered. In this case, there was only one match.



Clicking on the cemetery name will take you to a page describing the cemetery, followed by an alphabetical list of the burials there.



Central Burial Ground Cemetery

(Photographed by Harvey Hilton. Transcribed by Ed Laput.)

Tombstone Transcriptions from Central Burial Ground - Westbrook Road - Essex, CT

in the Centerbrook section of Essex and also known as Centerbrook Cemetery. It is located in a field just off the road. It is well maintained and was taken from the stones, the Connecticut Death Index, the Social Security Death Index, and the Hale Burial Records.

Pictures and records as of September 2013

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Deceased		Spouse			Born/Age	Died	Info
Abbe	Katherine				12 Dec 1873	9 Jan 1928	
Ackerman	Arline		Ackerman	Lester	16 Feb 1918	21 Jan 1998	Maiden name Lohse/Daughter of Ernest & Harriet
Ackerman	Carol	M.			18 Aug 1964	7 Apr 1989	Daughter of Gail M.
Ackerman	Gail	M.			23 Nov 1944	31 Jan 2002	
Adams	Frank	Irving	Hains	Ruth	H.	1900	23 May 1963 Died NY
Adams	Ruth	H.	Adams	Frank	Irving	3 Aug 1903	22 Feb 1997 Wife of F. Irving/Born ME

Clicking on a name in red will bring up the photo of the stone.

Champion	A.	Martha	Champion	Almon		16 Dec
Champion	Almon		Gordon	A.	Martha	17 Jan 1
Champion	Amon					1 Sep 18
Champion	Gladys	E.				1888
Champion	Rodney	F.				16 Mar



Alternative: To skip the cemetery information, click on the name in the search results box



And you will see the data for that one individual's gravesite; clicking on "View Tombstone" will take you to the photograph.

Godfrey Memorial Library Scholar+ Cemetery Search Details

Last Name of Deceased	Champion
First Name of Deceased	Almon
Last Name of Spouse	Gordon
First Name of Spouse	A.
Middle Name of Spouse	Martha
Born or Age	17 Jan 1833
Died	27 Feb 1914
Info	Civil War flag
Cemetery	CT Essex, Central Burial Ground
Tombstone Picture	View Tombstone

When you want to view a whole cemetery, but you're not sure what town/county it's in:

This is what the Cemetery Locator is for – very handy!



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Cemetery Name contains

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Let's try Pine Grove

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It turns out there are two Pine Grove Cemeteries in Connecticut!

SEARCH RESULTS APPEAR HERE			
state	county	city	cemetery
CT	Litchfield	New Hartford	Pine Grove Cemetery
CT	Middlesex	Middletown	Pine Grove Cemetery

We'll look at the Middletown Pine Grove by clicking on its name.



Pine Grove Cemetery

(Photographed by Gene Gumbs & Ed Laput. Transcribed by Ed Laput & Jean Ouelette.)

Tombstone Transcriptions from Pine Grove Cemetery - South Main Street - Middletown, CT

This large cemetery is located in a field just off the road. It is very well maintained and still in use. Information was taken from the stones, the Hale Burial Records, the Connecticut Death Index, and the Social Security Death Index.

One more way to search – the “drilling down” approach

With this method, you select a county, then a town, then a cemetery.

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And we
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our old
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Pictures and records complete as of May 2014.

METHOD 2 – Use the search box on the left and select the “Cemeteries” category

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "SEARCH". It contains the following elements: a text box for "First Name" with the value "Almon", a text box for "Last Name" with the value "Champion", a "Year" field with a "± 0" range, a "Category" dropdown menu set to "Cemeteries", and two buttons: "Search" and "Cancel Search". Red circles highlight the "First Name", "Last Name", and "Category" fields, and a red arrow points to the "Search" button.

Here are your initial results; click on “Show hits”

The screenshot shows the search results interface. It displays "Searchable Databases" with a table containing one row: "1 hit | Ed Laput Cemetery Project | [Show Hits](#) | 1 second". The "Show Hits" link is circled in red. Below the table, it says "End of Results -- 4 seconds".

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SEARCH RESULTS
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[Champion](#) Almon [Central
Burial
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1 hit found

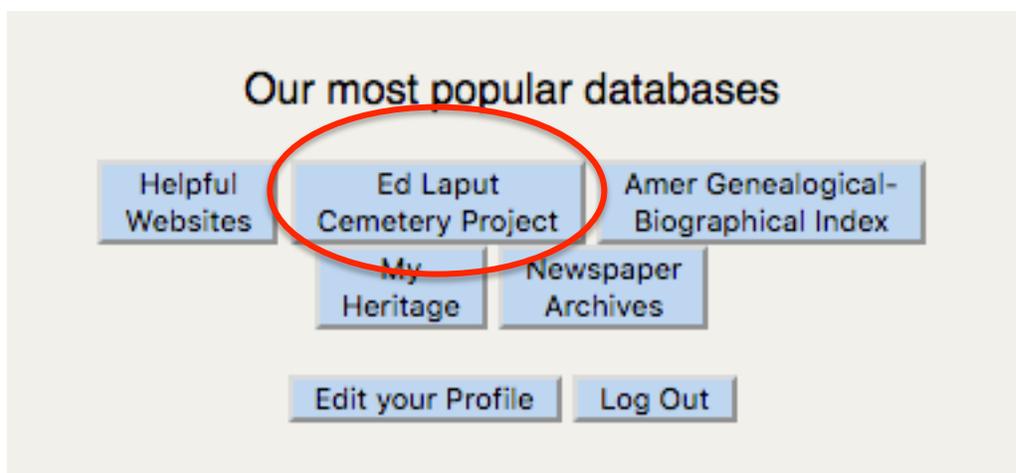
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And here's Almon's stone again, with its heavenward pointing arrow (a common headstone symbol of the time).

METHOD 3 – Click on the button in the “Our Most Popular Databases” section



That takes you here ... (Easy! Follow the directions from Method 1 above)

A screenshot of the "Ed Laput Cemetery Collection" search interface. The title "Ed Laput Cemetery Collection" is centered at the top. Below the title is a text box containing a description of the database. To the right of the description is a box labeled "SEARCH RESULTS APPEAR HERE". The search form includes fields for "Deceased" and "Spouse", each with sub-fields for "First Name", "Middle Name", and "Last Name". There are also fields for "Year of birth" and "Year of death", each with a "+/-" and "years" label. A "State" dropdown menu and an "Info" text field are also present. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "SEARCH" and "LOCATE CEMETERIES".