

Definitions



Accessory

Any structure or object installed on a plot, other than a monument.

Affidavit of Heirs

Legal document used to record the heirs-at-law of a deceased grave owner who died either without a Will (intestate) or with a Will that does not specifically dispose of the deceased owner's Title to a named beneficiary. Any family member knowledgeable of the facts may prepare an Affidavit of Heirs.

Association, Maple Hill Cemetery; the Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery Association, a non-profit corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, doing business as Maple Hill Cemetery. Each person (or his or her heirs or direct descendents) who has purchased one or more lots in the cemetery shall be referred to as a "lot holder" and shall be entitled to membership in the Association. An individual who is a pre-need lot holder shall hold the membership. Upon his or her demise, the individual's heirs or direct descendents shall collectively constitute a member.

Base (monument)

Horizontal granite block on which is placed the upright monument.

Burial

Interment of human remains.

Burial Permit

Written authorization by an owner to make a burial. The authorization must be written on a form provided by Maple Hill Cemetery, a funeral chapel and/or Burial Society in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the state of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Burial Right

Legal right to use a grave space for burial.

NOTE: Granting of burial right does not convey ownership.

Burial Society (organization)

Legally established group that owns grave spaces.

Casket (coffin)

Sturdy container specifically designed to contain and transport human remains.

Dangerously Tilted Monument

Any monument which is sufficiently tilted to be in danger of falling.

Deed

Document which conveys ownership of a grave or group of graves.

Disinterment

Removal of a vault, casket and its contents.

Double Monument

One monument placed across the head of two adjacent graves.

Family Monument

Monument placed on a family plot, inscribed only with the family name(s).

Family Plot

Two (2) or more adjacent graves under the same ownership located in an area designated for family plots.

Footpiece

Monument placed at the foot of a grave in addition to the headstone or double monument.

Footstone

Monument placed at the foot of an individual grave.

Foundation

Cement footing for the support of a monument or accessory.

Grave, Grave Space

A unit of land in the Cemetery designated for an individual burial.

Grave ID number

Reference number identifying an individual grave.

Headstone

Monument placed at the head of an individual grave.

Lot ID number

Reference number assigned to a Lot.

Monument Finish

Surface texture of the die, base, or footstone: Polished: glossy mirrored surface. Steeled: smooth surface.
Rock Pitched: textured rough surface.

Mausoleum

Granite structure for the entombment of human remains.

Monument Privileges

The privilege to erect a monument on a lot that contains no fewer than two (2) graves.

Perpetual Care Services

In perpetuity for a gravesite, monument, or accessory, performed during the growing season by the Cemetery.

Plot

Section of land containing two (2) or more adjacent grave spaces under the same ownership.

Pre-Need

Purchase of services for a gravesite in advance of burial.

Self Care

Landscaping services performed on individual graves by family members, other interested parties or their hired contractors. These services are subject to Cemetery supervision and must be in compliance with the Cemetery's Rules and Regulations and standards of appearance.

Single Marker

Marker placed at the head of an individual grave.

Trust Indenture

A document reserving a specific grave for burial of a named individual.

NOTE: Does not convey ownership of a grave.

Unveiling

Dedication of a monument.

Vault

Concrete container for a casket.

Vendor or Contractor

Any firm, corporation, or individual, other than an employee of the Cemetery, engaged to provide any services or supplies on Cemetery grounds.

Visitor

Person who enters the Cemetery for the purpose of attending a funeral, memorial service, unveiling, to pay respects to the deceased, or to conduct business with the Cemetery.