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### UTAH CEMETERIES AND BURIALS DATABASE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

SALT LAKE CITY — *Family Tree Magazine* has recognized the Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database as one of its best state-focused genealogy websites for 2013.

*Family Tree Magazine* recognized the Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database for its large number of freely available records—nearly 600,000+ and counting—for burials and cemeteries located in both public and private cemeteries throughout the state of Utah. The database is available not only to residents of Utah, but also those worldwide.

Brad Westwood, Director of the Utah Division of State History, which manages the Utah Cemeteries Program and the Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database, is pleased by the recognition. “It is such a surprise, but appropriate, that the Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database has been recognized by *Family Tree Magazine* for our exceptional genealogical content,” said Westwood. “Stay tuned, as this is only the beginning of State History’s efforts at making its genealogically rich collections freely available throughout Utah and beyond.”

The Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database is used by researchers, genealogists, and other interested parties seeking the burial location, birth and death date, and place of birth and death of the deceased in Utah. More than 144,000 burial searches have been completed on the database this year. Planned updates to the database will increase data storage capacity and increase accessibility for users worldwide.

The Utah Cemeteries Program works with public and private cemeteries to gather, digitize, and upload data for public use, and to ensure the longevity and free accessibility of public records. The database is accessible online, 24/7 at <http://cemeteries.utah.gov>. Digitization grants are available to cemeteries that qualify.

*Family Tree Magazine* recognized 75 websites nationwide, with three recognized web sites in Utah. Utah Digital Newspapers and the Utah State Archives Name Indexes were also recognized.

For more information on the Utah Cemeteries Program and the Utah Cemeteries and Burials Database, visit <http://history.utah.gov/cemeteries>, or contact Amy Oliver at [aoliver@utah.gov](mailto:aoliver@utah.gov) or 801-245-7247. For cemetery digitization grants information, contact Debbie Dahl, [ddahl@utah.gov](mailto:ddahl@utah.gov) or 801-245-7233.

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