

Delaware Cemetery Board
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DELAWARE CEMETERY BOARD

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Distressed Cemetery Fund Awards

In Fiscal Year 2023, a total of \$68,897 was awarded to the six cemeteries listed below in accordance with [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A \(6\)](#). The funds were spent on tombstone repairs, ground penetrating radar, road milling, tree and brush removal, and fence and gate installation.

Cooper's Farm Cemetery
Methodist-Episcopal (Whatcoat) Cemetery
St. Peter's Cemetery

Staytonville Cemetery
Mt. Zion UAME Church Cemetery
Union Wesley Church Cemetery

Upcoming 2024 Meeting Schedule

- * April 17, August 7, and October 9 at 10:30 a.m. The meetings will be virtual with an anchor location at the Office of Veterans Services, Robbins Bldg., Suite 100, 802 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover. The location, virtual meeting link and passcode, agenda and minutes will be posted on the State's Public Meeting Calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/>. Notices are sent one month before the scheduled meeting.

Financial Assistance

- * Financial assistance application packages are due two weeks before a scheduled meeting to the following address.

Delaware Cemetery Board
Attn: Dejhanae Tingling
Division of Public Health
Health Statistics Center
Jesse Cooper Building
417 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901

Cemetery Registrations

- * Be sure to update cemetery registrations. Registration is required every five years or upon change in ownership, per [Delaware Code, 29 Del. C., c. 7906A](#). Fillable registration and financial assistance forms are available on <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/DECB.html>.

Keep Mailing Costs Down

- * Ensure your current email address is on file. To be added to the contact list, email candace.casto@delaware.gov or dejhanæ.tingling@delaware.gov or call 302-744-4541. If you do not have an email address, we will continue to send information via U.S. mail.

For More Information

- * Contact 302-744-4541 or email candace.casto@delaware.gov or dejhanæ.tingling@delaware.gov.



Cooper's Farm Cemetery, located at 5045 Mud Mill Road, Camden-Wyoming, was established in the early 1800s. They received \$12,233 for tombstone repair supplies, tree and brush removal, and ground penetrating radar. See the *before* and *after* photos of a repaired monument. *Photo by Gail Ford.*



Mt. Zion UAME Church Cemetery, located at intersection of Ray and Rose Streets, Newark, was established in the late 1800s. They received \$7,000 for 35 tombstone repairs. See the *before* and *after* photos above of a repaired tombstone. *Photo by Emmett Smith, Jr.*

News and Registration Reminder

Faith Kuehn joined the Board as a public member on September 7, 2023, and was the lead in restoring DHSS's three Potter's Field Cemeteries. Grier Stayton joined the Board as a cemetery owner/operator on January 1, 2024 and he is a trustee of Staytonville Cemetery Restoration & Maintenance, Inc., Greenwood, Delaware. Dejhanae (Dee) Tingling joined the Delaware Health Statistics Center as an Administrative Specialist II and will be assisting the Board. Welcome Faith, Grier and Dee!

Cemeteries with expired registrations are moved to a suspended list after two notifications if they are still not in compliance with the law, [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7906A](#). Cemeteries must be registered before an application for Distressed Cemetery Funds is accepted.



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