

## W.P.A. CEMETERY IMAGES NOTES

The files in this subdirectory consist of computer scanned images of the original W.P.A. worksheets pages as found in the Mary S. Biesecker Public Library in Somerset, Somerset Co., PA. Those worksheets were copied for the Meyersdale Public Library, Meyersdale, PA, in 2004, and a copy was loaned to Ora L. Flaningam for his use in making this new recompilation of the data.

They are presented here so that the users of the compilation will be able to consult the original data to compare with the data as transcribed into the databases. Also there will sometimes be data on the original worksheets that has not been transcribed into the cemeteries database.

The user will quickly find that the quality of the images varies wildly. Some of the pages are good enough that it appears the original transcribers wanted the sheets to be a final copy. However, it is more common to find that the worksheets are very poor in quality, both in the typing, and in the condition of the paper on which they were typed. There are numerous typographical and "type-over" errors. Some are so dark and some are so light that the present compiler had to use a magnifying glass to read characters. Many hundreds of times a question mark has been appended to dates in the database to show the user that the compiler cannot be certain that the transcribed date is correct.

The present transcriber has manually numbered the graves in each cemetery, and this number identifies them in the main database. Some other hand written comments have also been added from time to time. These should be obvious to the user, and not be confused with a few hand written notes that were added by the original W.P.A. workers.

A few cemeteries that were missed in the 1930s & 1940s readings were read in later years, some as late as the 1990s and were added to the compilation in the Biesecker Library. They are included here in these images as well. There are some cemetery names in other lists that do not exist here. As of the seventh volume of recent cemetery readings by Brian M. Ensley, he has found 18 cemeteries missed by the W.P.A. Compilers. Also there may be cemeteries that were established after the W.P.A. readings were done that are not included. The Somerset Memorial Gardens in Somerset City is one of these.

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