

Harbourton Cemetery and the Second Baptist Church in the fog.

## Cemetery Journeys: Understanding Local Cemeteries and Gravestones

Sunday, November 7, 2021  
3:00 pm Internet Webinar via Zoom  
Presented by Cheryl Jackson

Registration required at:  
[PenningtonLibrary.org/CemeteryJourneys](http://PenningtonLibrary.org/CemeteryJourneys)



Cheryl Jackson has been a Titusville resident for most of her life. She is a studio manager and graphic designer by profession, but her true love has always been photography. In 2012, Cheryl started

photographing what some would deem unusual subject matter - cemeteries, vintage dolls and abandoned places. She was really drawn to cemetery photography though, trying to get a different/unique shot. When she was young, she would run around trying to find the oldest stone. She quickly started doing research on the cemeteries she visited, reading up on the art and symbolism, the type of stones and even the carvers.

Visit Cheryl's website at [www.cheryljacksonoddphotog.com](http://www.cheryljacksonoddphotog.com) or her instagram page @cjoddphotog.

She was also featured in the October 2015 *Weird NJ* with her doll photography.

Many think of cemeteries as forbidden places. They are actually quiet, peaceful places and outdoor art museums full of history. Not only the history of the individuals buried there, but also the surrounding community.

Cheryl Jackson will discuss how her passion grew from taking photos of cemeteries to researching, reading and sometimes writing about the places she visits.

She is not a professional on the subject by any means, but shows how a simple hobby turned into something of an obsession

Cheryl will explain some of the things she has learned along her cemetery journeys. One of the first books she bought on cemeteries was on art and symbolism. Cheryl will show various gravestone examples along with their meanings, both local and outside of the community. She will also show some examples of some local colonial stone carver masters and of local stone cutting companies.

She will touch on the local cemeteries here in Hopewell Township, and dig a little deeper into some of them.

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