

Third Grade: Cemetery Tour

A tour of the Mt. Avon or Stoney Creek Cemetery is a great compliment to the Third Grade Stoney Creek Schoolhouse visit! Our historic cemeteries tell the stories of the lives and deaths of Stony Creek Village and Rochester soldiers, scholars, and pioneers. Many of the values and beliefs of the early residents are reflected in the artwork and inscriptions on the monuments, which can be preserved with souvenir rubbings. Students discover the religious and practical purposes of cemetery locations, fencing, and lay-out.

Program Components

Why fence in a cemetery?: This introduction to either the Stoney Creek or Mt. Avon Cemetery focuses on the lay-out and location of cemeteries. Why are cemeteries located on hills? Why fence in a cemetery? Why do almost all tombstones face east and what are the exceptions? What are tombstones made of?

Family Plots: Many family plots are located in the Stoney Creek and Mt. Avon Cemeteries. Tour guides stress the importance of family plots in keeping husbands, wives, and unmarried children together in the afterlife. Students will relate the lives of area soldiers, scholars, and pioneers to their own lives.

Information

Cost: \$3.00 per student
Free admission for adult chaperones and educators.

Time: 1 Hour

Availability: Tuesdays-Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm

Curriculum Topics Addressed

- Good character and personal virtue.
- Important residents in our community's history and how they affected our community.
- The effect of time and nature on the condition of cemeteries.
- The importance of family.
- Concept of a local community.
- How the community has changed over time.