

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR RELOCATING FAMILY CEMETERIES IN BOONE COUNTY, KY

1. Select professional to document cemetery and relocate burials per KRS 381.765. The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board (BCHPRB) recommends the process is coordinated by an archaeologist approved by the Kentucky Heritage Council.
2. Advise BCHPRB of intent to relocate graves (859-334-2111; mbecher@boonecountky.org)
3. At a minimum, publish public notice in accordance with KRS 424.130(b). Describe location of cemetery, ask next-of-kin or persons with information about identity of graves to contact you, state your intention of petitioning for permission to move, name reinterment site, approximate date of removal, and name, address and telephone number of persons to contact. It may be necessary to conduct genealogical research to identify and contact descendants.
4. Obtain affidavit(s) from descendants supporting the relocation.
5. Select a suitable perpetual care cemetery (e.g., Hopeful Lutheran, Richwood Church, Burlington IOOF, Hebron Lutheran, etc.) for reinterment. Priority should be given to cemetery which already contains graves of documented family members.
6. After a minimum of sixty (60) days from first publication of notice obtain from Boone County Fiscal Court a resolution declaring the cemetery abandoned and authorizing disinterment of unidentified bodies or for those which no response to the notice was received (KRS 381.755).
7. Make map of cemetery showing the location of each grave identified by name and/or number, including previously unrecorded graves found through archaeological methods.
8. Take steps to insure that all human remains and artifacts, including jewelry, prosthetic devices, items of clothing, coffin parts/hardware, etc., are removed from the grave, kept together in appropriate and labeled containers, and reburied to the depths specified in 901 KAR 5:090.
9. Erect a marker in receiving cemetery (which meets their guidelines) that lists the names and dates of those reinterred, the original cemetery location and date(s) of relocation.
10. Produce a report that includes copies of all documents, records, maps, etc. resulting from the relocation procedure and provide one (1) copy each to BCHPRB and Boone County Public Library.