

# **How the Victorian Era influenced cemeteries in the U.S.**

**The presentation will start by defining when the Victorian Era was, and why it was thusly named.**

**Once we have established what the Victorian Era was, the focus will be on the changes that it brought to cemeteries. This will cover, but not be limited to, the landscape, the symbolism, the design, and visitation. We will see how the cemetery became a blend of a park and an arboretum. It was not uncommon to even see a picnic being held there.**

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