



In the Old Groveland Cemetery, the roots of a large tree displace the headstone of Pvt. Henry Spellman, born 1892. Photo courtesy of FPAN/Nigel Rudolph.

Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) Conference Gainesville, FL, 2024

Most of us don't think about cemeteries until we have to, resting in the knowledge that the care for these sacred spaces will fall to a church or city groundskeeper. Too often for our historic cemeteries, this is not the case. Many are being lost to time and the elements, taking with them critical histories and meaningful connections. As families, community members, and volunteers step up to the roles of groundskeepers, historians, and preservationists, they can turn to the [Florida Public Archaeology Network's Cemetery Resource Protection Training \(CRPT\)](#) for valuable guidance.

In February of 2024, we will proudly host the biennial **Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) Conference** in Gainesville, Florida. This two-day event brings together members of the public, cemetery care organizations, historians, archaeologists, and local and state government decision makers to share in current research, techniques, challenges, and opportunities for protecting and preserving Florida's historic cemeteries.

We invite you to become a proud sponsor of this event. Your generous gift will go directly to lowering the cost of tickets and making the conference more accessible for guests to attend, have a memorable experience, and leave ready to make a difference in their communities.

All generous gifts of \$100 or more include registration for one at the conference and inclusion of your name and/or logo as a sponsor in our program, website, and correspondence. We are grateful for your investment in Florida's historic cemeteries, and we hope you will consider our request.

Sponsorship Opportunities Include:

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- \$900- Venue
- \$800- Conference T-shirts
- \$220- Morning refreshments

*Your generous support of any of these conference items will include a printed sign at the event.

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Thank you,
Rachael Kangas, Nigel Rudolph, and Mandy Wagner
2024 CRPT Conference Organizers



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