



# DEAD MEN TELL **SOLUTION** SOME TALES

## PUZZLE 8

You notice recent footprints leading to a group of gravestones in the local cemetery. A small marker there reads: *There's a simple order to things. **First** you're **born**, in the **middle** you **live**, then at **last** you **die**.*

From all the activity, someone must have examined the gravestones recently. Perhaps you can discover what Grandpa Sutton was keeping secret.

Phrase 1, clued by the marker, is to order names and take letters:

First name / letter by birth year,

Middle name / letter by age,

Last name / letter by death.

The result is the phrase:

USE PEOPLE  
WHO DIED IN  
EVEN YEARS

### birth

1793 ulysses

1796 sarah

1798 emma

1800 pearl

1803 ebenezer

1804 oliver

1805 pierce

1808 leo

1846 edgar

### age

23 lewis

35 stephanie

44 rudolph

46 aidan

51 hollister

61 emett

64 liddy

66 elliott

69 ann

### death

1831 torrence

1847 popov

1854 zane

1856 sutton

1859 emery

1864 eldridge

1865 mcnamara

1867 fletcher

1869 andrews

Phrase 2, clued by the coin showing a tombstone, is to take the first letter of each line, reading down each tombstone (and continuing down to tombstone below, then to next column) to get:

READ NINTH LETTER EACH LINE ON STONES FROM PHRASE CLUED BY MARKER

There are three people who died in even years: Leo (top row, middle), Pierce (second row, left), and Pearl (third row, left). Take the ninth letter on the first line of each of their stones, then again for the second lines, etc. (Order is top to bottom; also in order by death year). The first three letters are circled.

The result is the answer:

**PRIZE WORTH  
DYING FOR**

REST IN PEACE  
**EDGAR LEWIS**  
**ANDREWS**  
DEAR SON OF  
NICHOLAS AND  
ISABEL ANDREWS  
**1846 – 1869**

NOW SHALL **PIERCE**  
TRUSTY **HOLLISTER SUTTON**  
LAWMAN AND  
ENFORCER NO  
THIEVES COULD OUTWIT  
**1805 – 1856**

TO **PEARL LIDDY**  
**ELDRIDGE** WHO  
REIGNED AT THE SALOON  
ELEGANTLY WINNING  
ALL POKER GAMES  
CRAFTY BIRD!  
**1800 – 1864**

HERE LIES **POWERFUL**  
**LEO AIDAN ZANE**  
IDEAL MAYOR AND  
NEIGHBOR HE  
EVEN BEFRIENDED  
OUR SHERIFF  
**1808 – 1854**

NOW TIME TO REST  
**SARAH STEPHANIE**  
**TORRENCE** SHE  
OFTEN WORKED  
NIGHT AND DAY  
EVEN WEEKENDS  
**1796 – 1831**

SO HERE LIES  
FOR ETERNITY  
REKNOWNED FARMER  
**OLIVER EMETT**  
**MCMAMARA** HIS  
PUMPKINS THRIVED  
**1804 – 1865**

HERE RESTS **EBENEZER**  
**RUDOLPH POPOV**  
ALL MOURN HIS DEATH  
SHOT IN BACK  
ERRONEOUSLY  
CAUGHT IN CROSSFIRE  
**1803 – 1847**

LAYETH HERE  
**ULYSSES ELLIOTT**  
**EMERY** WHO  
DRANK TEN ROUNDS  
BEFORE FALLING OFF  
YEAR-OLD HORSE  
**1793 – 1859**

MEMORIAL TO **EMMA**  
**ANN FLETCHER**  
RAISED GRIZZLIES  
KNEW NO FEAR  
EXPLORED THE WORLD  
REST NOW OUR FRIEND  
**1798 – 1867**