

Fresno Data Dictionary

1. Last Name

2. First Name

3. Middle Name

- a. Any additional names between “First” and “Last” were appended to this field.

4. Age

- a. Any individual specified as having an age less than 1 year has a “0” input in this field.
- b. As a result of having such a large data set with variability, some one-off errors (ie. “5 ½”) may appear instead of just a singular integer – these can be further vetted if need be.

5. Sex

6. DOB

- a. Date of Birth

7. DOD

- a. Date of Death

8. Buried/Died

- a. Unfortunately, this field was not elaborated on on the website. It is most likely the date of burial, and the date of death if the date of burial is unknown, but verification may be necessary.

9. Tract

- a. This field indicates which county cemetery – Fresno County Cemetery 1 or 2 – the individual’s body or remains were buried in.

10. Block/Section

- a. This field indicates whether the individual was buried in the North or South of their cemetery.

11. Lot/Row

- a. The lot and row where the individual was buried. There is no explanation on the input formatting.

12. Grave #

- a. The grave number within the specified lot/row and block/section where the individual was buried (in a mass grave if the burial occurred after June 11, 1963, or on an individual plot if the burial was before that date).

13. Mortuary

- a. The mortuary where the individual was sent. It is unclear what tasks each mortuary performed.

14. Misc Info

- a. This field was largely unused, except to specify a few details regarding possible corrections to names, mortuaries, etc.

Additional Notes:

- This dataset is quite large (11,719 entries) with many variations on inputs, and many fields were initially inputted in the wrong fields (ie. sex in the age field, for instance). I tried to remedy the most widespread problems using Excel formulas to automate the corrections – ie. by creating formulas to fill if it was specified in a different column, or determine if an age is less than 1 year so 0 can be inputted instead.
- Any individual with an uncertain or unknown field has a blank input in that field.
- [According to the site](#): “Prior to 1963 people interred in the County's indigent cemetery were buried in individual plots... On June 11, 1963 the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that required all future burials be cremated remains in mass graves to accommodate the ever growing number of interments.”
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