

Anatomy of a Monument

Structural Parts:

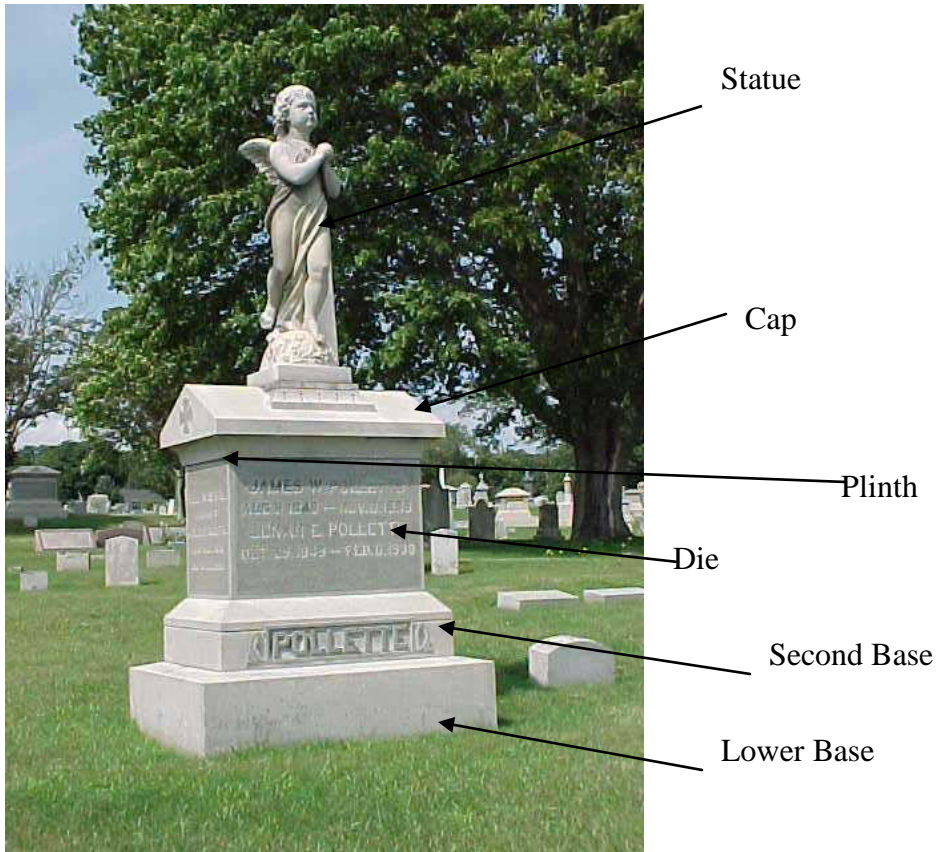


Figure 19.1. Pollette Monument, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Base: Bottom-most piece of stone in a monument. It is set on the foundation and provides a visual foundation for the rest of the work. Some monuments contain a second base to provide a more elaborate setting for the work.

Die: Major component of the monument. It often contains decorative carving and inscriptions.

Plinth: Decorative member of the monument. It is usually located above the die and below the cap. It may contain elaborate moldings and carving.

Cap: Top-most piece of the monument. May contain more carving and molding. It may be peaked, rounded or irregular.

The Morgan Monument is made of eight pieces of granite.



Figure 19-2. Morgan Monument, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Base: A one piece base supports the monument and gives it stability

Die: Central stone in the monument, lettered with the name

Wings (2): The components which flare out from the die on each side

Urns (2): Vase like stones atop each post

Posts (2): Vertical components at the outside edge of each wing