

## Historic Cemetery Abbreviations

Names found engraved on the closure tablets of tombs in New Orleans's historic cemeteries often include common titles such as Mr., Mrs., Widow, etc., or their equivalents in French, Spanish, German, Italian, or other languages.

The following list captures such title abbreviations as found on the tombs by the survey. It should be noted that the engravers did not always adhere to the standard or most common forms of all abbreviations. For example, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the title "Monsieur" – Mister – was usually abbreviated as "Mr." or "M.," yet on a few tombs an "M." actually stands for "Madame."

### Abbreviations:

#### English

Cap., Capt. = Captain  
Dr., M.D. = Doctor  
Wid. = Widow

#### French

Cap., Capt. = Capitaine (Captain)  
Dme = Dame  
Dr = Doctor  
Mlle = Mademoiselle  
Mme, Me, M. = Madame  
Mr, M. = Monsieur  
Vve, Ve, V. = Veuve (Widow)

#### Spanish

Vda., Va., V. = Viuda (Widow)