What Can We Learn From a Gravestone?

Name
Date of Birth – Date of Death*
Name of Husband or Wife
Date of Birth – Date of Death*
Date of Marriage (maybe)
Names of Children (larger stones)
Birthplace or Death place of Husband and/or Wife (rare)

Symbols or images representing:
Religious Affiliation
Nationality or Ethnic Background
Fraternal Organizations
Military Service
Jobs
Hobbies or Talents

*Sometimes only date of death and age are listed.

Members of the same family are often buried closely together in family plots.