

Editing Images for The Master Genealogist & Second Site

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Image Editor

The image viewer/editor used for this demonstration
is ACDSee Pro v.2.5 (PC version)

It is available as a trial copy download from:

www.acdsee.com

(ACDSee Pro v.30 has been released)

Typical Problem Photos

Typically, there are two categories of photos that can, and do, create problems that can easily be fixed with an image editor.

1. Buildings, such as churches and archives
2. Tombstones

Typical Problem Photos

Buildings

Usually one is too close to a building when photographing it, creating a problem with perspective.

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Tombstones

It's not uncommon to be forced to photograph a tombstone from less than an ideal location.

Rotation, tilting, perspective correction and cropping are typical applications of an image editor.

Buildings — Perspective Problem



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Perspective correction was used to bring the vertical lines into better alignment. The hydro company will have to correct the pole.

Buildings — Perspective Problem



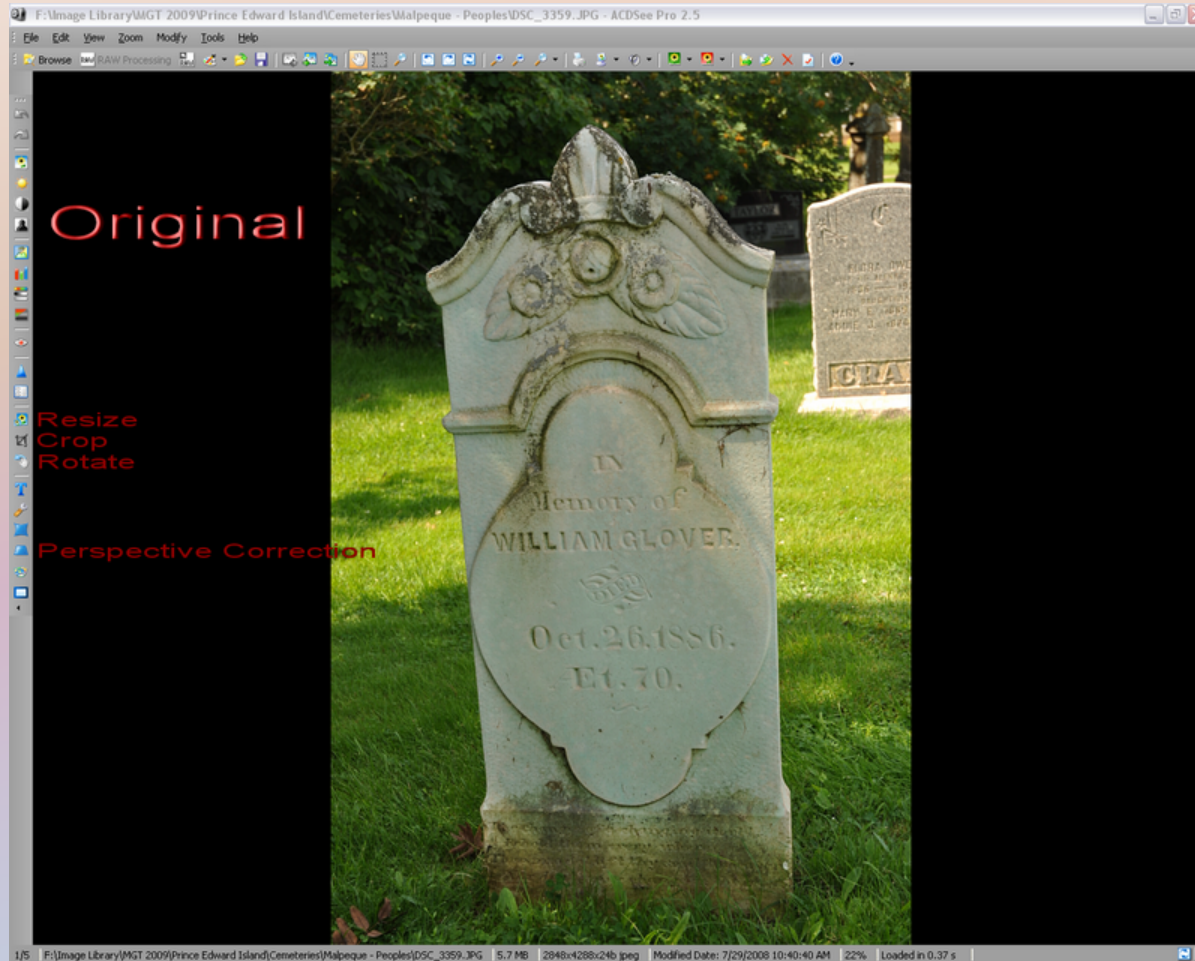
Not wanting to step onto a busy road, this was as far away as I could safely be to photograph this church. However, the resulting photograph suffers from distortion.

Buildings — Perspective Problem



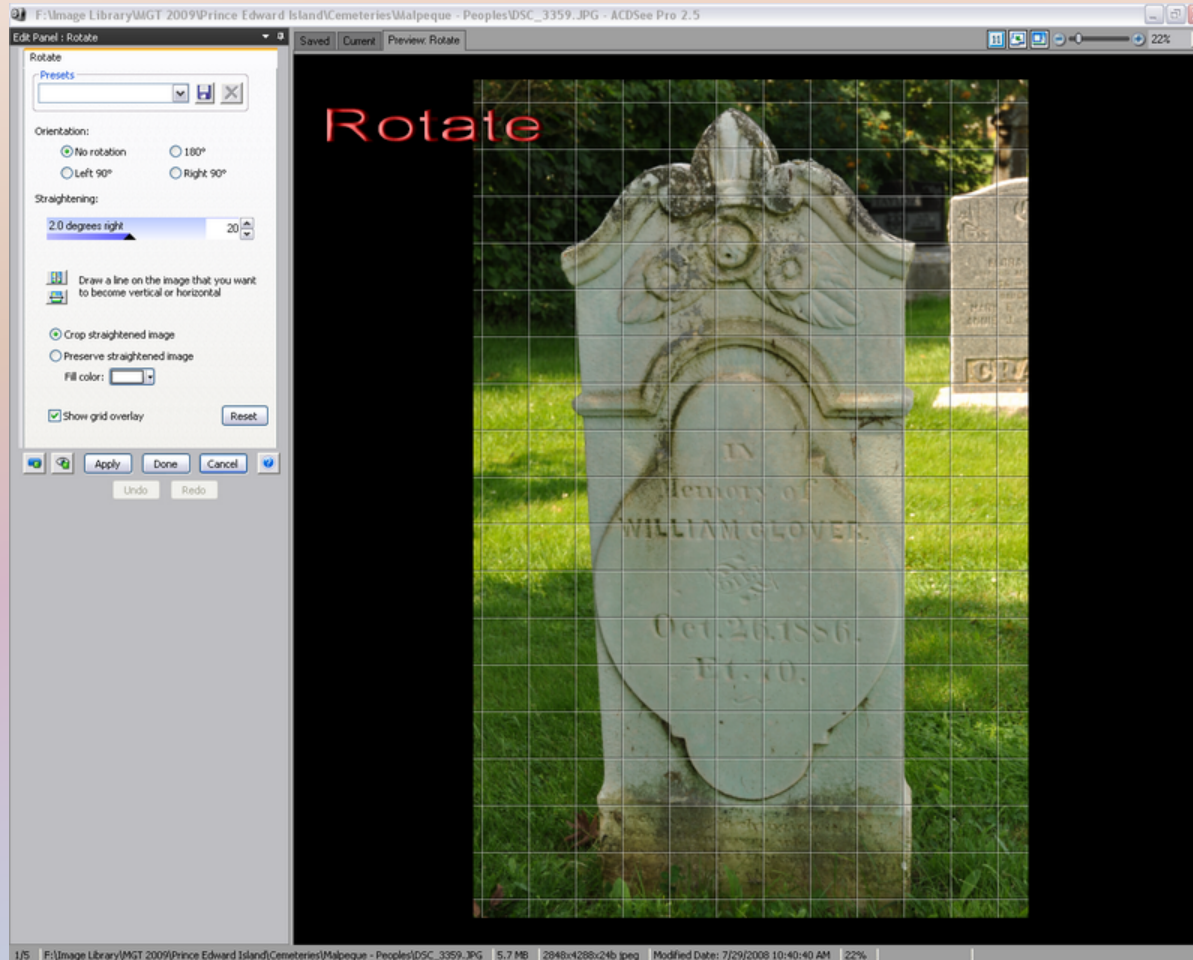
Distortion was fixed with the perspective correction tool in ACDSee Pro.

Tombstones



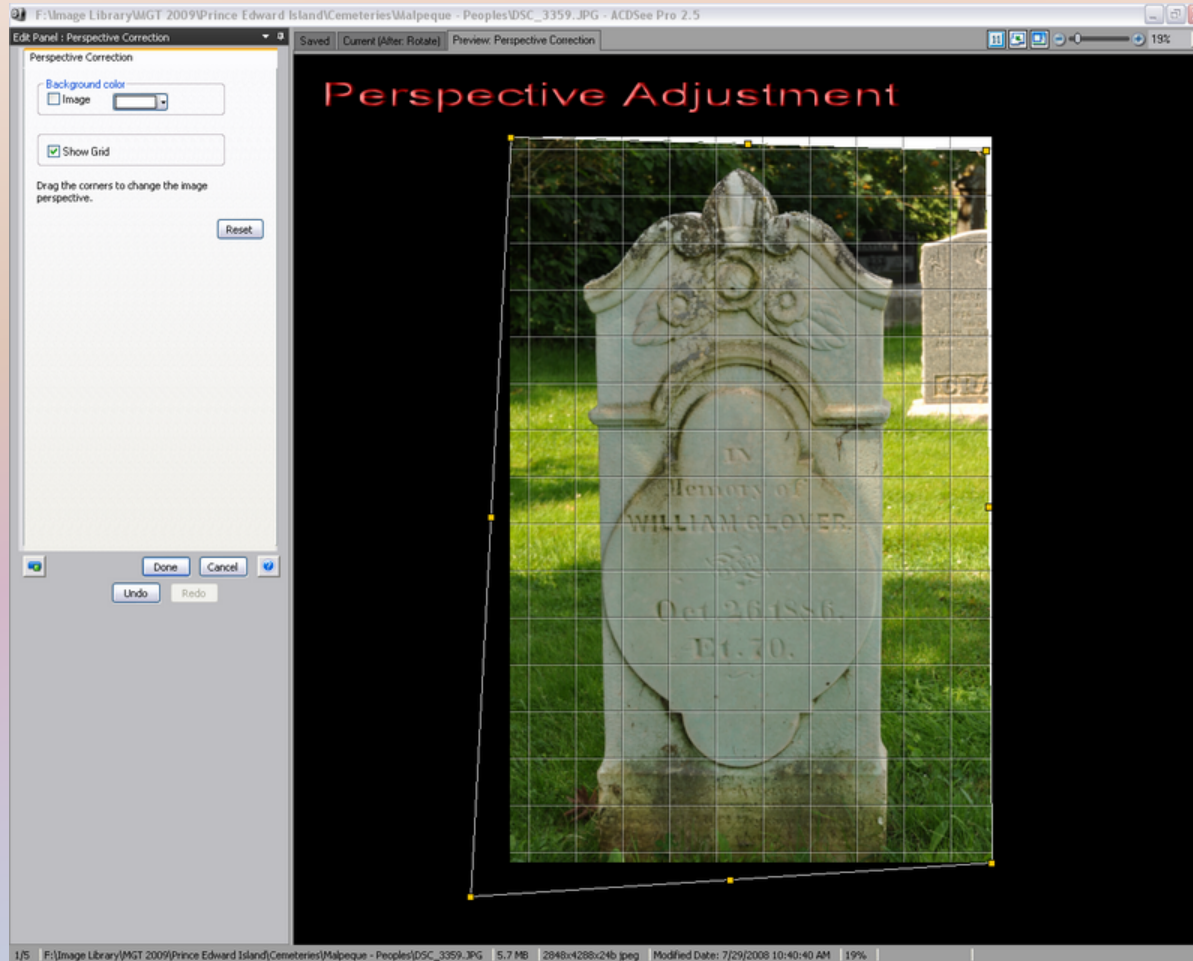
This photo needs several types of edits to appear correct.

Tombstones



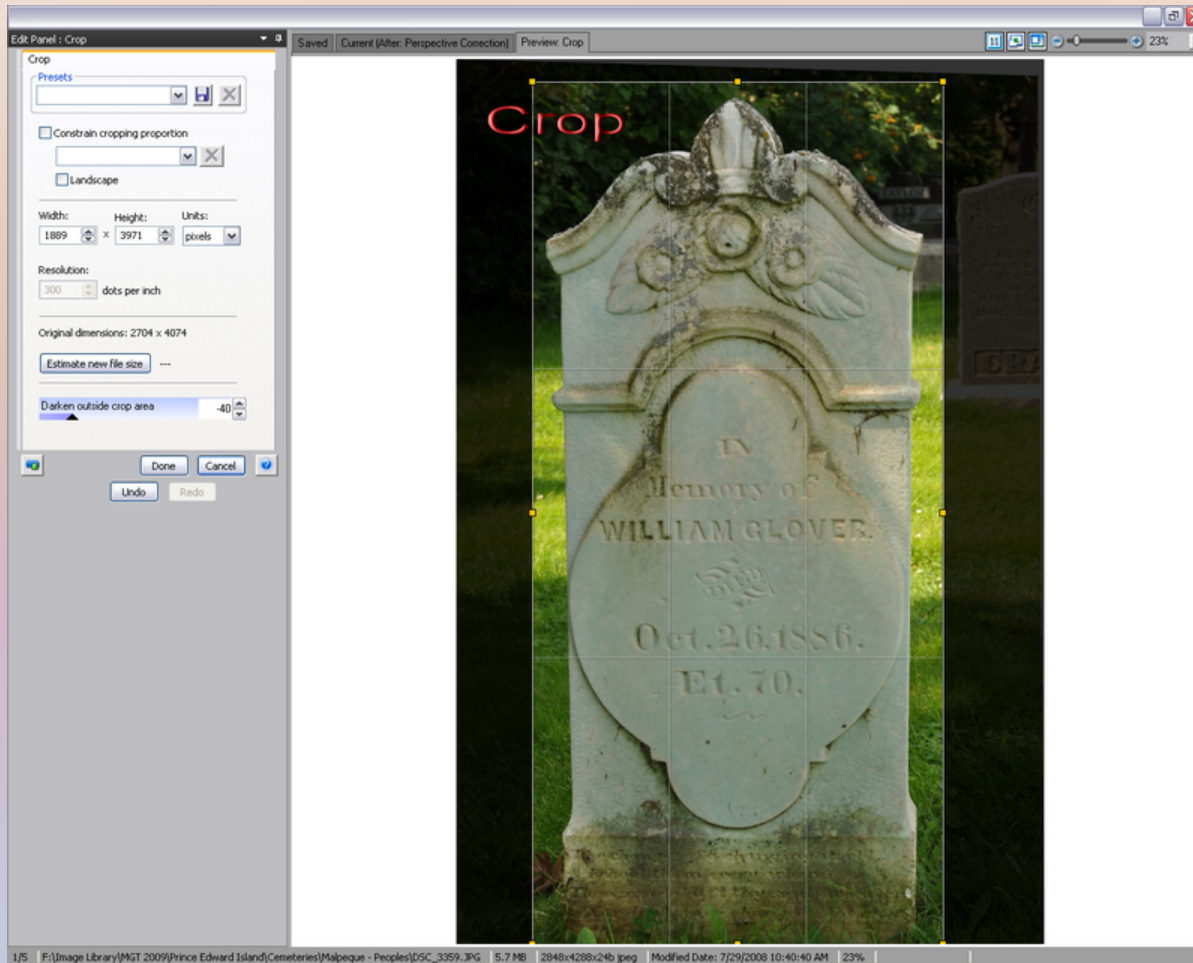
First, rotation of the image while observing the inscription.

Tombstones



Next, perspective correction in three directions, observing vertical lines.

Tombstones



Next, crop the image to remove background clutter.

Resizing Images for TMG & SS

In a previous presentation I discussed my preferences for image sizes, especially when using Second Site to publish the TMG data.

Buildings, such as churches and archives, and tombstones are resized to 600 pixels in the widest dimension.

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Go to www.ancestraltrails.ca to view examples of recommended sizes for different image categories.