Collection Summary

Title
Kansas City Cemetery Collection

Date
1831-1985

Extent
3 archival boxes, digital images of transcribed funeral home cards

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)
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Biographical History

The following cemeteries are defunct and are now in the care of the Unified Government Parks and Recreation Department of Wyandotte County, Kansas. No new plots are available for sale in any of these cemeteries, but the department maintains the grounds.

- Huron (806 N 7th St)
- Griffith (6749 Leavenworth Rd)
- Mt. Hope (3600 Parallel Pkwy)
- Oak Grove (Waverly Ave and N 3rd St)
- Old Quindaro (3560 N 31st Ter)
- Prairie (N 100th & Leavenworth Rd)
- Saylor (6901 Donahoo Rd)
- Shawnee (S 55th St & Edgehill Dr)
- Vinewood—also known as Swedish Cemetery—(N 97th St)
- Westlawn (628 S 38 St)
- Woodlawn (2041 N 9th St)

Bethel Cemetery (7800 Leavenworth Rd), also known as Bethel IIOF Cemetery, was established in 1896.

Franklin Cemetery (86th and Swartz Rd, Kansas City, KS) is also known as Jordan Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery (2301 S 34th St, Kansas City, KS), was originally called Arlington Cemetery and was established in 1865 as a cemetery for Union soldiers after the Civil War. It later became known as Argentine-Junction Cemetery. In 1905, a group of citizens bought the cemetery as well as some
surrounding land to create Maple Hill Cemetery. The Argentine and Junction cemeteries remain part of Maple Hill Cemetery.

Mt. St. Mary’s Cemetery or St. Mary’s Cemetery (2201 Cleveland Ave) is a Catholic cemetery located in Kansas City, Missouri. It was dedicated in 1877. St. Francis Regis Cemetery closed in 1877 and Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery was abandoned in the 1920s. Burials from both cemeteries were moved to Mt. St. Mary’s Cemetery. Father Donnelly kept the early record books for St. Francis Regis and Mt. St. Mary’s Cemetery. The first death and burial was in 1846. About half of the deaths between 1846 and 1859 were children under the age of 12.

Stony Point Cemetery (S 78th St, Kansas City, KS) was established in 1873 near the Santa Fe Trail. The Eberhart family donated two acres for the cemetery. The cemetery was laid out with 35 lots and had 18 burial plots in each lot. Later, the Stony Point Cemetery Association formed to maintain both the church and cemetery. In 2007, the cemetery board members purchased one more acre of land for the cemetery.

White Church Cemetery (2200 N 85th St, Kansas City, KS) is also known as Delaware Indian Cemetery. The church and cemetery were established in 1831 as a Methodist Mission to the Delaware Indians.

Wyandotte County Cemetery (1500 N 94th St) is also known as the Potter’s Field. There are only two marked graves and the field is maintained by the Wyandotte County Court House Annex.

Scope and Content
The collection contains copies of sexton records including interment records, burial records, and lot records from various cemeteries in Kansas City, Kansas and one cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. The information collected was used by Joan Kusek to publish books containing indexes of burials in those cemeteries. Other records include handwritten cemetery transcriptions done during the 1980s or 1990s. The collection includes digital images of Index cards transcribed from funeral home records. The records were transcribed around 1980s or 1990s. Some of the funeral homes no longer exist. The project to publish the funeral home index was not completed.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 11 series.

Box 1,

Series 1, Bethel Cemetery
   Folder 1, Cemetery Transcription
Series 2, Huron Cemetery
   Folder 1, Index
Series 3, Mt. Hope Cemetery
   Folder 1, Copies of lot Records
   Folder 2, Copies of lot Records, cont.
   Folder 3, Cemetery Transcription
   Folder 4, Cemetery Transcription, cont.
   Folder 5, Cemetery Transcription, cont.
   Folder 6, Index
Series 4, Mt. St. Mary’s Cemetery**Note—some records not alphabetical—some records copied on backs of other records do not have same letter of alphabet**
   Folder 1, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards A-B
   Folder 2, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards C
   Folder 3, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards D-F
   Folder 4, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards G-H
   Folder 5, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards I-K
Box 2,

   Folder 6, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards, L
   Folder 7, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards, M
   Folder 8, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards, M-R
   Folder 9, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards, S
   Folder 10, Copies of sexton records, Index Cards, T-Z
Series 5, Oak Grove Cemetery
   Folder 1, History and maps of Oak Grove Cemetery
   Folder 2, Index, 1870-1885
   Folder 3, Index, 1884-1949
   Folder 4, Index, 1900-1910
   Folder 5, Index, 1922-1970
   Folder 6, Copies of plot records 1870-1885
   Folder 7, Copies of plot records, 1884-1949
   Folder 8, Copies of monthly report—Sale of single graves, 1895-1896
   Folder 9, Copies of interment records, 1889-1894
   Folder 10, Copies of interment records, 1895-1938
   Folder 11, Copies of interment records, 1895-1938, cont.
   Folder 12, Cemetery transcription
Series 6, Quindaro Cemetery
   Folder 1, Copy of interment records, 1876-1985
   Folder 2, Cemetery transcription
   Folder 3, Index
Box 3,

Series 7, Westlawn Cemetery Records
   Folder 1, Copies of interment records A-C
   Folder 2, Copies of interment records D-G
   Folder 3, Copies of interment records H-N
   Folder 4, Copies of interment records O-R
   Folder 5, Copies of interment records S-Z
   Folder 6, Copies of burial records
   Folder 7, Copies of lot Records
   Folder 8, Copies of lot Records, cont.
   Folder 9, Compiled list
   Folder 10, Index
   Folder 11, Map

Series 8, Woodlawn Cemetery
   Folder 1, Copies of interment records, 1885-1903
   Folder 2, Cemetery transcription

Series 9, Misc. Cemeteries
   Folder 1, Argentine-Junction Cemetery
   Folder 2, Franklin Cemetery
   Folder 3, Griffith Cemetery
   Folder 4, Prairie Township Cemetery
   Folder 5, Saylor Cemetery
   Folder 6, Shawnee Cemetery
   Folder 7, Stoney Point Cemetery
   Folder 8, Vinewood Cemetery
   Folder 9, White Church Cemetery
   Folder 10, Wyandotte County Cemetery (Potter’s Field)

Series 10, Misc Records
   Folder 1, Some facts about the cemeteries
   Folder 2, unidentified sexton records
   Folder 3, unidentified cemetery transcripts
   Folder 4, copies of cemetery maps

Series 11, Transcribed funeral home cards (digital images only)

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The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Most records within this collection are housed file folders.

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Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
This collection was donated by Joan Kusek.

**Accruals**
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

**Existence and Location of Originals**
Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

**Notes**
The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- “History - Stony Point Cemetery.” Google Sites, sites.google.com/site/stonypointcemetery/home/history.