



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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Name of Creator

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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, Complied 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)

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed file folders.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

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:

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