



Collection Summary

Title

Salem Cemetery Association

Date

1889-2017

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1178-SCA

Processed by: digitized by Jolene Clark, 2018; finding aid created by Jolene Clark, 2019.

Name of Creator

Salem Cemetery Association

Biographical History

The Salem Cemetery Association, which is separate from the New Salem Baptist Church, was formed in 1917 to maintain the Salem Cemetery. The cemetery is located at 24 Hwy and Blue Mills Road, just east of Independence, MO. The first burial on Hensley Farm was in 1884 and the property was plotted and recorded as a cemetery five years later. Three additions were added to the cemetery between 1900 and 1911 by the Hensley family. The Salem Cemetery Association purchased the fourth addition in 1935.

Scope and Content

Among the books in this collection are several hand written journal style books that contain information about the lots and burials. Information may include name, date of birth, date of death, burial date, address, obituaries, funeral home, and lot number. A blue journal, red journal, and another journal contain burials by lot number. A typed alphabetical index referencing the lot and page number in the journal was created as a finding aid for the records by the Association. Sales and deed books include a gray journal (1945-2004), and a red journal (1984-2017). Mixed in with other records are some deeds and receipts. The Association created a collection of obituaries from 1975 to 2017 clipped from the newspaper with added notes on the burial location within the cemetery.

The original records are in possession of the Salem Cemetery Association. Items in this collection were digitized by the Midwest Genealogy Center.



Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 3 series.

Series 1, Lot books

- Item 1, Blue journal
- Item 2, Red journal
- Item 3, lot book with index
- Item 4, Alphabetical index

Series 2, Sales and deed books

- Item 1, Gray journal, 1945-2004
- Item 2, Red journal, 1984 to current
- Item 3, Receipts

Series 3, Obituaries

- Item 1, Obituary book, 1975-1995
- Item 2, Obituary book, 1995-2017

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

Contact the Salem Cemetery Association for access to the originals.

Physical Access

Most records within this collection in journal style books.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Salem Cemetery Association.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Salem Cemetery Association loaned the items to the Midwest Genealogy Center to digitize.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Salem Cemetery Association.

Notes

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

- "Salem Cemetery Association." *Salem Cemetery Association | Welcome*, www.salemcemetery.com/index.php.