

Kansas City Cemeteries Collection

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Joan Kusek

Dates: c. 1980s-1990s

Identification: MGC1157

Extent: 12 linear feet (12 boxes)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Administrative 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 9 boxes 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.

Restrictions

Access: This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing reproduction and use: Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Administrative Information

Immediate source of acquisition: This collection was donated by Joan Kusek.

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Processing Information: This collection was processed by Jolene Clark, 2018; John Mason, 2025.

Notes

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

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- Cemeteries - Unified Government, www.wycokck.org/Parks/Cemeteries.aspx, 2018.
- Findagrave.com, www.findagrave.com, 2018.
- "History - Stony Point Cemetery." *Google Sites*, sites.google.com/site/stonypointcemetery/home/history.
- "Who We Are." *Maple Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery*, www.maplehillfuneralhome.com/who-we-are/history-and-staff.

Container List

Series 1: Bethel Cemetery

Box 1

Folder 1: Cemetery Transcription

Series 2: Huron Cemetery

Box 1

Folder 1: Index

Series 3: Mt. Hope Cemetery

Box 1

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)

Box 1

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

Box 2

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

Box 2

Folder 1, Copy of interment records, 1876-1985

Folder 2, Cemetery transcription

Folder 3, Index

Series 7: Westlawn Cemetery

Box 3

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

Box 3

Folder 1, Copies of interment records, 1885-1903

Folder 2, Cemetery transcription

Series 9: Misc. Cemeteries

Box 3

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

Box 3

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: Kansas City, Kansas Cemeteries Index Cards

Box 4: A-B

Box 5: B-D

Box 6: E-H

Box 7: H-K

Box 8: K-M

Box 9: M-P

Box 10: P-S

Box 11: S-W

Box 12: W-Z