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Guide to the Cemetery Division microfilm

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Historical note

By Chap. 375 of the Acts of 1897, the Mayor was authorized to appoint a board of five trustees, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to have charge of Mount Hope Cemetery and all other burying grounds owned by or in charge of the City of Boston.

Mount Hope Cemetery was bought by the City in 1857 for \$35,000 and additional land has been purchased since. It is situated on Walk Hill Street. The Board of Trustees was first appointed under the ordinance passed December 21, 1857.

All burying grounds which were formerly under the control of the Board of Health were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Cemetery Department. They included the following:

Benington street, East Boston, 157,500 square feet. Bunker Hill, Charlestown, 48,202 square feet. Central, Boston Common, 60,693 square feet. Copp's Hill, Charter and Hull streets, 89,015 square feet. Dorchester North, Upham's Corner, 142,587 square feet. Dorchester South, Dorchester avenue, 95,462 square feet. Eliot, Washington and Eustis streets, 34,830 square feet. Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, 604,520 square feet. Fairview, Hyde Park, 50 acres. Granary, Tremont street, opposite Bromfield street, 82,063 square feet. Hawes, Emerson street, near L street, 11,232 square feet. King's Chapel, Tremont street, near School street, 19,344 square feet. Market Street, Market street, Brighton, 18,072 square feet. Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 117 acres and 36,536 square feet. Phipps Street, Charlestown, 76,740 square feet. Rainsford Island, 43,560 square feet. South End, Washington and East Concord streets, 64,570 square feet. Walter Street, Walter street, Roslindale, 35,100 square feet. Warren, Kearsarge avenue, Roxbury, 54,400 square feet. Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury, 39,450 square feet.

In 1920, the Cemetery Department was merged with the Park Department, the latter title being substituted for Park and Recreation Department. On May 1, 1954, the department became the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Cemetery Division is responsible for providing burial services for City of Boston residents. The division manages burial records for over 250,000 gravesites and maintains approximately 200 acres of cemetery land. The three active cemeteries are Mount Hope Cemetery, Fairview Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery.

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Scope and Contents note

This series includes microfilm produced by the Cemetery Division between 1980-1981. Records filmed include interment cards, lot index cards and lot plan cards. The interment cards are filed alphabetically within each cemetery and may include name, lot #, location, proprietor, date of interment, age, date of death, place of death, cause of death and undertaker. The 19th century cards for Mt. Hope Cemetery and the Historic Burying Grounds do not provide cause of death. The cards for the Historic Burying grounds appear to have been created in the early 20th century from existing graver markers and previously compiled lists of interments. The Lot plans and index cards provide information on the owner of the lot and on the physical arrangement of the lot. The original cards remain in the custody of the Cemetery Division. This series also includes microfilm index sheets that were compiled at the time of filming. The index sheets include contents of film with index point.

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Related Material

Mt. Hope Cemetery records (#4411.001)

Evergreen Cemetery records (#4412.001)

Fairview Cemetery records (#4413.001)

Historic Burying Grounds burial permits and orders (#4414.001)

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Series I: Mt. Hope Cemetery

Interment Cards, circa 1852-1980

Reel

MH-1	Aaronsen-Baskin
MH-2	Baskin-Bosche
MH-3	Bosco-Caiger
MH-4	Caiger-Coble
MH-5	Cableigh-Dale
MH-6	Dale-Driscoll
MH-7	Driscoll-Ferguson
MH-8	Ferguson-Galvin
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MH-12	Holland-Jenks
MH-17	McGinnis-Moon
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MH-14	Kemp-Lee
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MH-16	Macleod-McGinnis
MH-17	McGinnis-Moon
MH-18	Moon-Nissen
MH-19	Nitzel-Pelton
MH-20	Pelvso-Raines
MH-21	Raines-Ross
MH-22	Ross-Shayrib
MH-23	Shea-Spencer
MH-24	Spencer-Taylor
MH-25	Taylor-Vass
MH-26	Vass-Whitaker
MH-27	Whitaker-Williams
MH-28	Williams-Yee
MH-29	Yee-Zylka

Interment City Lot Cards, circa 1930-1980

Reel	
MH/CL-1	Abbe-Holley
MH/CL-2	Hollies-Royals
MH/CL-3	Rubino-Zubel

Lot Index Cards, undated

Index cards to lot owners filed alphabetically by last name.

Reel	
MH/LI-1	Abamy-Laszkievicz
MH/LI-2	Latham-Zwicker

Lot Plan Cards, undated

Include location, dimension, area (sq. ft.), monument, gravemarker, list of interments and plan of interments.

Reel	
MH/LP-1	Lot AA-1-AA-21, #1-#2448
MH/LP-2	Lot #2449-Lot #5546
MH/LP-3	Lot #5547-Lot #8669
MH/LP-4	Lot #8670-#W-72

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Series II: Evergreen Cemetery

Interment Cards, circa 1897-1980

Reel	
EV-1	Abate-Fuccillo
EV-2	Fuccillo-Mosetti
EV-3	Mosher-Wright
EV-4	Wright-Zwicker

Lot Plan Cards

Include location, dimension, area (sq. ft.), monument, gravemarker, list of interments and plan of interments.

Reel	
EV/LP-1	Lot #1 Section A-Lot #1410 Woodbine Path

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Series III: Fairview Cemetery

Interment Cards, circa 1892-1980

Reel	
FV-1	Abate-Cryne
FV-2	Cullen-Harris
FV-3	Harris-McCarty
FV-4	McCauley-Roome
FV-5	Roomey-Zytekiewicz

Lot Plan Cards

Include location, dimension, area (sq. ft.), monument, gravemarker, list of interments and plan of interments.

Reel	
FV/LP-1	Lot #1 Fairview Drive-Lot #2756 Oak Glen

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Series IV: Bennington St.

Interment Cards

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BN-1	Abbot-Zibbern

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Series V: Bunker Hill

Interment cards

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BH-1	Abbot-Young

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Series VI: Dorchester North

Interment Cards

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DN-1	Adams-Withington

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Series VII: Dorchester South

Interment cards

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DS-1	Abbenyeller-Young

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