



City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division

Guide to the Mt. Hope Cemetery records

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Repository:	City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division
Title:	Mt. Hope Cemetery records
Collection No.:	4411.001
Dates:	1876-1952 with gaps
Quantity:	37.0 Cubic feet (37 record cartons)

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Historical note

Mount Hope was consecrated as a private cemetery in 1852. At this time, the City of Boston was seeking to develop a municipal rural cemetery. In 1857, after several years of consideration, the City purchased Mount Hope Cemetery. It was the first large cemetery owned by the City, covering 85 acres. Following the design tenets of the Rural Cemetery Movement, considerable attention was paid to the landscaping of the grounds and the layout of roadways. In addition to the numerous tree species planted in the cemetery, the seasonal floral displays attracted considerable attention. Mount Hope was established prior to the development of Boston's park system and its beautiful grounds also served the local population as a site of passive outdoor recreation. The prosperous development and recognition of Mount Hope Cemetery was not as rapid as many hoped for a variety of reasons. In addition to competition with other public and private cemeteries, the site was not easily publicly accessible, public perception was low, the site was difficult to develop, financing was tenuous, and the politics of the times were stressful. In spite of these obstacles, burials increased and the cemetery acquired additional land resulting in its current area of 125 acres. Over the years, special monuments have been erected to honor special groups such as veterans from the Grand Army of the Republic to the present, Elks, Boston Police, and the Odd Fellows. A large expanse of land at the rear of the cemetery contains the unmarked graves of the City's indigent.

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Scope and Contents note

The Mt. Hope Cemetery collection consists of 37 cubic feet of records and spans the period of 1876-1952 with gaps. These records record information on burials, lot ownership, care of plots, etc. The record series of Mt. Hope Cemetery include foundation orders, orders, record of permits, lots and prep care, deeds, lot sales, receipts, burial permits, infant mortuary deeds, chinese mortuary deeds and burial registers.

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Related Material

Board of Trustees of Mt. Hope Cemetery proceedings (#4410.003)

Cemetery Division maps and plans (#4410.002)

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Series I: Foundation orders

Box

1	1905-1906
35	1914
35	1915
1	1915
1	1916
36	1916
1	1917
1	1918
36	1918-1919
1	1919

1	1920
36	1920
1	1921
36	1921-1922
1	1922
36	1922
36	1923
36	1923-1924
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36	1924-1926
1	1925
1	1926
1	1927
1	1928
1	1929
1	1930
1	1931
1	1932
1	1933
1	1934
2	1935
2	1936
2	1937
2	1938
2	1939

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Series II: Orders

Box

2	1903
2	1910
2	1918
2	1919
2	1920
2	1921
2	1922
2	1923
3	1924
3	1925
3	1926
3	1927
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3	1929
3	1930
3	1931
3	1932
3	1933
3	1934
3	1935
3	1936
3	1937
3	1938
3	1939

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Series III: Records of permits

Box

3	1876
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Series IV: Lots, Prep Care

Box

3	Date Unknown
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Series V: Deeds

Box

37	June 1899 - January 1901
37	January 1901 - March 1903
37	November 1903 - January 1905
37	1905
37	October 1905 - March 1908
24	March 1908 - November 1910
24	November 1910 - June 1912
24	June 1912 - July 1913
24	June 1913 - June 1915
23	January 1925 - July 1925
23	July 1925 - February 1926
23	February 1926 - August 1926
23	August 1926 - March 1927
23	March 1927 - December 1927
23	December 1927 - January 1928

23	February 1929 - September 1929
23	May 1930 - January 1931
23	February 1931 - December 1931
24	October 1931 - September 1932
24	September 1932 - June 1933
24	July 1933 - April 1934
24	April 1934 - January 1935
24	January 1935 - November 1935
4	1929-1930
4	1935-1936
4	1936-1937
4	1937-1938
4	1938-1939
24	June 1915 - March 1923
24	April 1908 - May 1909
25	May 1910 - January 1911
25	April 1910 - May 1911
25	August 1911 - April 1912
25	March 1912 - July 1913
25	January 1913 - May 1914
25	July 1914 - May 1915
25	March 1915 - December 1915
25	Dcember 1915 - July 1916
25	July 1916 - April 1917
26	March 1917 - December 1917
26	December 1917 - September 1918
26	September 1918 - February 1919
26	January 1919 - September 1919
26	August 1919 - May 1920
26	May 1920 - February 1921
26	January 1921 - November 1921
26	November 1921 - July 1922
26	July 1922 - December 1923
27	March 1923 - October 1923
27	December 1923 - July 1924

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Series VI: Lot sales

Box	
4	1917-1927
4	1924-1929
4	1929-1932
4	1917-1930

4 1932-1936

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Series VII: Receipts

Box

5 1930-1931
5 1931-1932
5 1932
5 1932-1933
5 1933-1934
5 1934-1935
5 1935-1936

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Series VIII: Burial Permits and Orders

Box

6 January 1926
6 February 1926
6 March 1926
6 April 1926
6 May 1926
6 June 1926
6 July 1926
6 August 1926
29 September 1926
29 October 1926
29 November 1926
26 December 1926
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26 January 1927
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26 February 1927
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29 March 1927
29 April 1927
37 July - August 1930
7 September-October 1930
7 November-December 1930
7 January 1931
7 February 1931
7 March 1931

7	April 1931
7	May 1931
7	June 1931
8	July 1931
8	August 1931
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31	November 1942
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15	May 1946

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22	September 1952
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22	November 1952
22	December 1952

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Series IX: Infant Mortuary Deeds

Box

27	November 1911 - May 1917
27	May 1917 - July 1920
27	July 1920 - June 1922

27	October 1922 - March 1924
27	March 1924 - December 1925
27	December 1925 - June 1927
27	June 1927 - January 1929
28	January 1929 - July 1930
28	July 1930 - August 1932
28	August 1932 - May 1936

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Series X: Chinese Mortuary Deeds

Box

28	1912 June-1915 November
28	1918 October-1923 October
28	1923 October-1927 December
28	1928 January-1931 December
28	1931 December-1937 September

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Series XI: Register of Burial

Box

28	1952
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