

Cemeteries Ephemera Subject Files
1863-2010
(bulk 1990-2010)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Cemeteries Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1863-2010 (bulk 1990-2010)

Summary/Abstract: Includes various material relating to cemeteries, primarily concerning individual cemetery histories and operations; memorial services or commemorative activities; rules and regulations; advertising materials; brochures (including historical walking tours); and similar items.

Physical Description/Extent: .2 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Includes various material relating to Davidson County cemeteries, primarily concerning individual cemetery histories and operations; memorial services or commemorative activities; rules and regulations; advertising materials; brochures (including historical walking tours); and similar items. A few lists of interments are included for: Davidson County Pauper's Cemetery (for burials 1952-1972); the removal and reinterment of Confederate soldiers from Nashville City Cemetery to Confederate Circle at Mt. Olivet Cemetery (1865-1869); and a list of burials at Temple Cemetery (1863-1882). Except for these specific cemeteries, the collection does *not* include any formal records of interments. The collection does, however, contain a few lot ownership certificates. In addition, there are documents concerning damage claims at Mt. Olivet from the Civil War, and memorial observances at Confederate Circle. Documents relating to activities of the Nashville City Cemetery Association and their memorial, commemorative, restoration, fundraising, and advocacy events, are also included in the collection. Quantity of materials in the collection ranges from a single item to several folders. Most folders contain less than ten items, and often only a single item. Some items are photocopies.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arrangement: In alphabetical order by cemetery name. The Nashville City Cemetery and its association are filed under the letter "C".

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Some items may be restricted by copyright law or donor restriction.

Index Terms

Personal Names:

Davidson Family
Dickinson, Charles Henry, 1780-1806--Death and burial
Goodrich, Mary
Johnson, Bushrod Rust, 1817-1880--Death and burial
Myers, A.L.G.
Robertson, James, 1742-1814--Tomb

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church (Donelson, Tenn.)
Greenwood Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.)
McWhirtersville Methodist Episcopal Church, South (Donelson, Tenn.)
Mount Olivet Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.)
Mount Olivet Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.). Confederate Circle.
Nashville City Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.)
Nashville City Cemetery Association
Sons of Confederate Veterans (Organization). Tennessee Division
Spring Hill Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.)
Temple Cemetery (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subjects:

African American cemeteries--Tennessee--Nashville
Burial records--Tennessee--Nashville
Cemeteries--Conservation and restoration--Tennessee--Nashville
Cemeteries--Recording--Tennessee--Nashville
Cemeteries--Tennessee--Davidson County
Cemeteries--Tennessee--Donelson
Cemeteries--Tennessee--Nashville
Confederate cemeteries
Historic preservation--Tennessee--Nashville
Jewish cemeteries--Tennessee--Nashville
Military occupation damages--Tennessee--Nashville
Poor--Death--Tennessee--Nashville
Registers of births, etc.--Tennessee--Nashville

Places:

Davidson County (Tenn.)--History--Sources
Donelson (Tenn.)--History--19th century--Sources
Nashville (Tenn.)--Genealogy--Sources
Nashville (Tenn.)--History--Sources
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Cemeteries--Confederate--
Tennessee--Nashville
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Claims

Genre/Document Types:

Brochures
Burial records
Claims
Essays
Financial records
Manuscripts (document genre)
Minutes
Programs
Regulations (executive records)
Reports

Occupations:

Soldiers

Added Author (Corporate Heading):

Nashville City Cemetery Association

Separated Material

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

Administrative Information

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

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Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2005-2006; additions 2012. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

City Cemetery (5 folders)

1. 1881-2010
Contents: ordinances of the city of Nashville, 1881; program for James Robertson sun dial, 1913; reinterment of Maj. Gen. Bushrod Johnson, 1975; reinterment for Charles Dickinson, 2010.
2. 1960-1997
Contents: histories and brochures; rules, 1991; condition report, 1997. Oversize Box 1, Folder 8: Topographical map (photocopy) "If gravestones could speak" brochure, 1998.
3. 2001-2006
Contents: tours; brochures; preservation master plan, ca. 2006 Oversize Box 2, Folder 10: Poster, Living History Tour, 2002
4. Essays, speeches, etc. [includes some histories] – most undated
5. Confederate burials [includes lists of names]

(Nashville) City Cemetery Association (4 folders)

1. Charter, 1998; financial report, 2001; brochure, 1998; by-laws of Friends of Nashville City Cemetery, 1997
2. Annual membership meeting minutes, 1998-2002
3. Board meeting minutes, 1998-2002
4. Audited financial statements for year 2006 (dated 2009)

Davidson County Cemetery Survey

1. Update, 2001

Davidson County Pauper's Cemetery

1. List of burials and related information, (date span of burials 1952-1972)

Davidson Family Cemetery (in West Meade area of Nashville)

1. Letter and history, 1964

Greenwood Cemetery

Oversize Box 2, Folder 10: Certificate of lot ownership, Mary Goodrich, 1903. Signed by Preston Taylor.

McWhirtersville Methodist Cemetery (Donelson, TN)

1. "McWhirtersville Methodist Episcopal Church, South Cemetery," by Jerry Hughes Jr. and Sr., 1996

Mt. Olivet Cemetery (2 folders)

1. Brochure, 1994; two reports, Committee on War Claims, 1880 & 1882 (concerning damage during Civil War); "Have You Considered Your Future?"
Oversize Box 2, Folder 10: Certificate of lot ownership, A.L.G. Myers, 1892.
2. Confederate Circle, 1865-1991: lists of burials, memorial services and commemorations, brochure

Spring Hill Cemetery

1. Rules and regulations, c. 1999
- Temple Cemetery
1. History, c. 2005; list of burials, 1863-1882.