

Archival Box #107 - Forest Hill Cemetery Records

Descriptive Summary

Title: Forest Hill Cemetery Records

Dates: 1854-1941

Accession Number: 1984

Donor: George Mallory

Date of Acquisition: 2001

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: English

Location: Archival Box #107, 205 Second Storage Room

Biographical/Historical Note

In the 1850s, Fredonia's citizens noted the increasingly urgent need to expand their cemetery. As a result, the Forest Hill Cemetery Association was organized in 1854 by 39 citizens, including, but not limited to, Roselle Greene, David Barrel, A.Z. Madison, Jacob Houghton, Willard McKinstry, and Levi Risley. The first task of the new cemetery association was to purchase land for burial purposes, and nine acres were purchased adjoining the Chautauqua Farmers and Mechanics Union Fairgrounds. These original nine acres were not enough, and between 1859-1870, the purchase of the fairgrounds resulted in an additional 18 acres added to the cemetery's property. This ensured there was enough land to bury Fredonians for generations to come, and also eliminated the "annoyance" caused by horse races occurring at the same time as funerals. The Forest Hill Cemetery Association trustees oversaw all administrative matters of Forest Hill Cemetery until the Town of Pomfret took over management of the cemetery in the 1990s.

Scope and Content

This collection contains legal, financial, and administrative documents related to the organization and operation of the Forest Hill Cemetery Association.

Arrangement

George Mallory, Town of Pomfret Historian arranged collection prior to donation, and this original order has been maintained.

Subject Terms

Forest Hill Cemetery Association, Chautauqua Farmers and Mechanics Union

Administrative Information

This collection is open to researchers. Please contact the Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum's Archivist with your request or to schedule a visit. No further accruals are expected.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Chautauqua Farmers and Mechanics Union

Folder 1.0: Chautauqua Farmers and Mechanics Union Papers

Series 2: Financial Records

- Folder 2.1: Forest Hill Cemetery Account Book, 1860-1889 (copy)
- Folder 2.2: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Deeds Given, 1865-1889 (copy)
- Folder 2.3a: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Invoices, 1918-1922
- Folder 2.3b: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Invoices, 1926-1929
- Folder 2.3c: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Invoices, 1930-1932
- Folder 2.4a: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Pay Records, 1918-1922
- Folder 2.4b: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Pay Records, 1926-1932
- Folder 2.5: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Cancelled Checks, 1918-1921 and 1926-1931
- Folder 2.6: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Investment Accounts, 1893-1899
- Folder 2.7: Cash Book of Treasurer George M. Frazine, 1884-1893
- Folder 2.8: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Financial Statements, 1937-1941
- Folder 2.9: Forest Hill Cemetery Association, Financial Records pertaining to the
Construction of Gate Buildings

Series 3: Administrative Records

- Folder 3.1: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Secretary's Record Book, 1854-1938 (copy)
- Folder 3.2: Forest Hill Cemetery Association Secretary Records, 1938-1940

Series 4: Burial (or Removal) Permits

- Folder 4.1: 1932 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.2: 1934 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.3: 1935 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.4: 1936 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.5: 1937 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.6: 1938 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.7: 1939 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.8: 1940 Burial (or Removal) Permits
- Folder 4.9: Burial (or Removal) Permits, undated

Series 5: Grave Rubbings

- Folder 5.0: Miscellaneous Grave Rubbings