

George H. Robbins Undertaker & Embalmer, Funeral Record Book
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Title

George H. Robbins Undertaker & Embalmer, Funeral Record Book

Date

1896-1905

Extent

0.25 linear feet; one document half-box containing one item

Name of Creator

George H. Robbins, Undertaker & Embalmer

Historical Note

George H. Robbins (1839-1913) was an undertaker in Wellesley from at least the time of Wellesley's founding in 1881 into the 1910s, during much of this period serving in the Town Office as official undertaker. He resided with his wife, Hattie, at 10 Cottage Street, and advertised himself as a "Funeral and Furnishings Undertaker."

In 1893, in his official capacity as Town Undertaker, Robbins took part in the moving of over 140 burial sites from "the Old Graveyard in Wellesley, formerly the West Precinct of Needham" (the cemetery of the current Congregational Village Church) to the new Woodlawn Cemetery (Clarke, 9 and 205). By c.1914 Robbins is no longer listed in town and business directories. Robbins died in Wellesley in 1913; he is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

Description: Funeral Record Book: 28 x 22.3 x 2.8 cm, black with burgundy accents, spine missing cover.

This Funeral Record Book contains approximately 225 funeral records, recorded in chronological order with alphabetical index by last name. Records include a myriad of information, including date of death, age, address, occupation, birthplace, name and birthplace of mother and father, place of internment, and information regarding style and casket fixtures.

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Index Terms

Cemeteries
Death and burial
Embalming
Undertakers and undertaking
Undertakers and undertaking—Records

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English

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Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

Description

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Bibliography

Clarke, George Kuhn. *Epitaphs from Graveyards in Wellesley (Formerly West Needham), North Natick, and St. Mary's Churchyard in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts*. Boston, privately printed, 1900.

“Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915,” database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N44V-QHC> : 11 March 2018), George H Robbins, 24 Nov 1913; citing Wellesley, Massachusetts, 394, State Archives, Boston; FHL microfilm 2,403,947.

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Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Funeral Record Book kept by George H. Robbins; 1896-1905