



Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Records, 1867-2010

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Office of the Archbishop, Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis Board, Vicar General

Abstract: The Catholic Cemeteries Records contain by-laws, correspondence, property and financial matters of the Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis, previously called the Calvary Cemetery Association, as well as records on other individual cemeteries.

Extent: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Record Group Number: RG 03 D 02

Access

The Office of Archives and Records reserves the right to restrict any materials. Personnel correspondence in Series 1 is restricted indefinitely. Series 2 and 3 are restricted for 75 years from the date of creation. Some records outside this timeframe may be restricted indefinitely due to individuals' or families' private information, or personnel information.

Historical Note

In the 19th to early 20th Century, there were several small Catholic cemeteries around the City of St. Louis. In response to lack of burial space and an expanding city, Archbishop Peter Kenrick bought the Clay Family Farm property and turned a portion of it into Calvary Cemetery, which was open for burials in 1854. Reinternments were made from many cemeteries in the city to Calvary, including but not limited to *Old Catholic* and *New Catholic* Cemeteries, St. Vincent's, Rock Spring, and Holy Trinity. The Calvary Cemetery Association was organized in 1867 to manage the business and maintenance of Calvary Cemetery.

On January 6, 1965, the corporation Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis was founded under Archbishop Cardinal Carberry. The independent agency is run by a Board of Trustees that oversees multiple Catholic cemeteries. In 1977, Calvary Cemetery Association was merged into Catholic Cemeteries. The Catholic Cemeteries Board of Trustees currently oversees 17 cemeteries in the Archdiocese.

Scope and Content

Please note that the materials do not include individuals' or families' burial information. Please see the Office of Catholic Cemeteries website at <http://archstl.org/cemeteries/> for burial lookup. The Archives does not hold the current records of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries.

The records are divided into three series:

Series 1: Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis and individual cemeteries, 1867-1992

These records include by-laws, correspondence, property and financial matters of the Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis, previously called the Calvary Cemetery Association. Other folders contain records and informational materials for individual cemeteries. Personnel correspondence is restricted indefinitely.

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Series 2: Office of the Archbishop Addendum, 1980-2010 (Accession 2016-027)

Records include the correspondence, minutes, property and financial matters of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Other folders contain correspondence regarding individual cemeteries. Because materials are currently restricted, they are not included in inventory below.

Series 3: Vicar General Addendum, 1995-2005 (Accession 2017-034)

Records include correspondence and operational matters of the Catholic Cemeteries and individual cemeteries, and correspondence from individuals regarding family burials. Because materials are currently restricted, they are not included in inventory below.

Related Material

The Office of Catholic Cemeteries currently oversees 17 cemeteries within the Archdiocese. See the website at <http://archstl.org/cemeteries/> for a list of cemeteries and burial database lookup. The database will include the cemeteries that the Office oversees. There are other Catholic cemeteries within the Archdiocese that are run by the parish and not overseen by the Catholic Cemeteries Office. These records are not in this database. For cemeteries run by individual churches, you must contact that church directly for records.

Please find other St. Louis cemeteries listed by the St. Louis Genealogical Society at <http://stlgs.org/>.

Administrative Information

Provenance: Office of the Archbishop

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Records Inventory

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Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002590
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis - Correspondence 1965-1983		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002591
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis - Correspondence 1987-1992		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002592
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 1990-1992		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002593
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis - Bylaws and Merger Decree with Calvary Cemetery Association 1977-1978		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002594
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis - Financial Investments 1973-1981		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002595
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Correspondence 1910-1955		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002596
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Rules Books 1888-1920		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002597
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Incorporation, Constitution and Charters 1867-1939		
Contained Records		
ADMN/C1/000017	Administrative - Corporate Constitution, Charter, By-Laws - Constitution of the Calvary Cemetery Association 1867	Document
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002598
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Legal Agreements, Leases and Deeds 1910-1972		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002599
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Calvary Cemetery Property Deeds 1780-1945		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002600
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Clay Family Farm and Mansion 1948-1981		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002601
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Financial Accounts and Annual Audits 1888-1921		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002602
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Monthly Financial Statements 1914-1924		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002603
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Perpetual Care Trust Fund 1908-1917		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002604
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Calvary Cemetery Historical Sketches and Tours, no dates		
Contained Records		
ADMN/F1/002835	Administrative - Files - Booklet - "Historical Data on Burial Grounds in St. Louis" circa 1913	Document
ADMN/F1/002833	Administrative - Files - Notes on Catholic Cemeteries 1823-1857	Document
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002605
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - Biddle Monument and McNair Centennial Monument 1917-1933		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002606
Administrative - Files - Calvary Cemetery Association - New Calvary Shrine Mausoleum 1959-1961		



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Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002607
Administrative - Files - Holy Trinity Cemetery, Bremen/Baden - Correspondence 1914-1917		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002608
Administrative - Files - Mount Olive Cemetery - Correspondence, Financial Reports and Deeds 1874-1961		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002609
Administrative - Files - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Cemetery - Correspondence 1975-1976		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002610
Administrative - Files - Resurrection Cemetery - Correspondence 1947-1984		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002611
Administrative - Files - Resurrection Cemetery - Blueprints and property maps 1928-1966		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002612
Administrative - Files - Sacred Heart Cemetery - Correspondence and Property 1957-1966		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002613
Administrative - Files - Saint Bridget Cemetery in Pacific, MO - Deeds for Cemetery Lots 1903, 1916		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002614
Administrative - Files - Saint Charles Borromeo Cemetery - Property (1959-1967) and Rules Booklet (1935)		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002615
Administrative - Files - Saint Ferdinand Cemetery - Property and Plats 1886-1968		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002616
Administrative - Files - Saint Martin Cemetery (Centertown, Olivette) - Property 1952-1966		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002617
Administrative - Files - Saint Peter Cemetery, Kirkwood - Property 1956		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002618
Administrative - Files - Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery - Correspondence, Deeds and Rules 1909-1964		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002619
Administrative - Files - Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery - Financial Statements 1903-1939		
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002620
Administrative - Files - Second Catholic Graveyard - Publication - Archaeological Investigation Report 1996		
Contained Records	Record Title	
ADMN/F1/002834	Administrative - Files - Excerpt from Archaeological Investigation Report 1996	Document
Folder	Record Number	ADMN/F1/002621
Administrative - Files - Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis - [Restricted] Correspondence regarding Personnel 1992		
Bound Volume	Record Number	ADMN/M1/000089
Administrative - Minutes - Calvary Cemetery Association - Belvedere Realty Company Minutes 1901-1927		
Folder	Record Number	LEGL/819
Legal - Deeds - Calvary Cemetery plot deed, 1907		