

Indexes to CEMETERY LOT DOCUMENTS at Hamilton Co. Ohio Recorders Office

Cemetery Lot Documents

Cemeteries gave a "Deed" to the purchaser of a burial lot. Afterwards, some lot owners brought their deed to the recorder's office to be recorded. In 1934, it was determined that the purchaser just had the right of burial as the cemetery really owned the land. After 1934, cemetery lots were no longer recorded.

Cemetery lots were recorded as other deeds, in regular deed books from 1794 until 1859 when it was decided to create separate books just for cemetery lots. See "Early Deed Indexes" for details on documents in early deed books.

Cemetery Lots, from 1859 to 1934, were recorded in Cemetery Lot Deed Books 1, 2 and 3. Names of the sellers and purchasers are indexed in the Cemetery Records Index. This is the second index on the Miscellaneous Indexes microfilm, page 44 to 165. This index will be available online at <http://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org> in the fall of 2012.

Cemetery lot indexes are arranged in sets of alternate "TO" and "FROM" pages.

The "From" pages list purchaser name, "From", seller name, book # and page #.

The "To" pages list seller name, "To", purchaser name, book # and page #.

You need to search **both** "From" & "To" pages for the person of interest, as seller & buyer.

The entries on the pages are alphabetical only by first letter of the last name or cemetery. Then the entries are recorded in the order they occur in the in the Cemetery Lot Deed Books. That is, book 1 from page 1 to the end, then book 2 from page 1 to the end, then book 3 to its last page.

Cemeteries often recorded a map of their burial lots, see the "Introduction to Maps" for details.

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Ohio Wesleyan University	To	Eliza S. Sage	3	289
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All cemetery deeds and indexes can be seen at the Recorders Office and Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

This aid is based upon the work of William Graver and his years of research into the documents at the Hamilton County Recorder's Office, with his kind permission. For even more detail, see his book at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Hamilton County, Ohio, Guide to Recorder's Indexes and Documents 1794-1988, by William H. Graver (2003) available from Little Miami Publishing, Milford Ohio, www.littlemiamibooks.com

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