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7 volumes.

Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Historical Information

John L. Porterfield opened Porterfield Funeral Home in Wytheville in 1909. In 1929 John Minnick purchased the business and operated it for the next several decades. In 1973 William Grubb purchased Porterfield-Minnick Funeral Home and has operated it as the Grubb Funeral Home to the present day.

Scope and Content

The Records are photocopies of the originals which are owned by the Grubb Funeral Home. The records are arranged into seven volumes; each volume has an alphabetical index. A master index to all seven volumes is also included.

The funeral or death records in these volumes offer a wealth of information to researchers. The records are arranged chronologically by date of death; each volume has a name index which gives a page reference to the record. Records give information on the deceased's name, birthdate, parents, parent's birthplace, age of deceased at death, name of spouse, place of death, cause of death, physician attending, place of burial, occupation, and race. Not every funeral record contains all of the above information.

The records also provide information on funeral costs such as casket, embalming, and transportation. Interspersed in the records are cases in which the remains of the deceased were transported by train from the place of death to Wytheville for burial.

Contents List

Volume 1. Funeral Record and Bill of Items. 6 July 1909 - 21 December 1911.

Extent

334 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 2. Funeral Record and Bill of Item. 24 December 1911 - 28 December 1914.

Extent

328 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 3. Funeral Record. 30 December 1914 - 16 September 1917.

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332 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 4. Funeral Record. 19 September 1917 - 16 March 1920.

Extent

323 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 5. Funeral Record. 18 March 1920 - 18 February 1924.

Extent

348 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 6. Funeral Record. 28 February 1924 - 3 November 1928.

Extent

323 p.; photocopy of original; name index.

Volume 7. Funeral Record. 6 November 1928 - 14 December 1933.

Extent

318 p.; photocopy of original; name index.