



Waterbury Cemetery Collection

COLLECTION, M-47

DATE

1741 – 1945

CONTRIBUTOR

Mattatuck Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

The Riverside Cemetery is a historic landmark located in Waterbury, Connecticut. Riverside was designed by Waterbury architect, Robert Wakeman Hill. Hill designed the cemetery in the "natural" style that was popularized in English garden design and made popular in the United States during the 19th century. The cemetery contains many monuments sculpted by prominent sculptors including, George Edwin Bissell.

Riverside was the burial place for wealthy families of Waterbury, including Aaron Benedict, Henry Sabin Chase, The Scovill Brother, Sarah Johnson Prichard, and Caroline J. Welton. During the 1890s the remains of Puritan Settlers were transferred from the Ancient Burying Grounds, the present site of Library park, to Riverside.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The Waterbury Cemetery Collection contains various historical and company records of cemeteries throughout the City of Waterbury as well as surrounding towns. The collection contains documents from 1741-1945 and undated. The collection is sorted into three series. The Riverside Cemetery Series contains documents regarding the historical Riverside Cemetery, documents include company records, cemetery census records, as well as lot books. The Waterbury Cemetery Series contains Cemetery Census records from various cemeteries around the city, including Calvary and Old Pine Grove. The third series in the collection is titled Other Cemeteries. This series contains documents regarding cemeteries from surrounding towns, such as Watertown and Waterville.

The Waterbury Cemetery Collection contains various documents detailing the history and interments of various cemeteries throughout Waterbury. Some of the cemeteries include Riverside, Calvary, and Grand Street. The Collection includes Census Records from Riverside Cemetery, as well as various company records. There are also various books regarding the Riverside Cemetery detailing the lot maps and census records. Also represented throughout the collection is the Waterbury Cemetery Census from 1934 detailing every cemetery in Waterbury. Lastly, the collection also contains records regarding cemeteries from surrounding towns, like Watertown.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is sorted into three series based on the cemetery.

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