

Lansdale Cemetery Association records

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Lansdale Historical Society

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Summary Information

Repository	Lansdale Historical Society
Creator	Lansdale Cemetery Association
Title	Lansdale Cemetery Association records
Call number	08
Date [inclusive]	1863-1947
Extent	1 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Lansdale Cemetery Association, incorporated June 7, 1880, ran Lansdale Cemetery, the largest in the Borough of Lansdale in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Originally a for-profit company, it was replaced by the nonprofit Lansdale Cemetery Inc. in 1964/1965. The Lansdale Cemetery Association records, 1863-1947, are comprised of various materials that document the history of the Lansdale Cemetery Association and the Lansdale cemetery, including minute books, financial records, employee records, deeds, and wills.</p>

Biography/History

Lansdale Cemetery is the largest in the Borough of Lansdale in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania - more than 3,000 people are buried there. It was originally run as a for-profit company by the Lansdale Cemetery Association, incorporated June 7, 1880, until the original board of trustees passed on in the

1950s. In 1964/1965, the Association was replaced by the nonprofit Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. As of 2012, the cemetery still hosts burials and contains roughly 200 unoccupied plots.

Bibliography:

"Lansdale Looking into Cemetery Takeover." *North Penn Life*. Accessed November 26, 2012. http://montgomerynews.com/articles/2012/06/30/north_penn_life/news/doc4fedbbbbeedca8230776680.txt

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of various administrative and financial records of the Lansdale Cemetery Association. The administrative records consist of: minutes, 1880-1947; deeds, 1863-1933; rules and regulations, 1880; a railroad bond, 1900; and several wills. The financial records consist of: check stubs, 1888-1932; treasurer's book, 1880-1922; Social Security and unemployment wage records with payroll information, 1936-1943; and stock certificates, 1880-1944, and dividend book, 1897-1918. There are also records from the Association's Permanent Fund: subscription book, 1888-1918, and proceedings, 1888-1911.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

Contact Lansdale Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gift of Lansdale Cemetery Association, 2012.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Lansdale Historical Society directly for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Lansdale Cemetery Association

Geographic Name(s)

- Lansdale (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Cemeteries
- Cemetery managers