Association for Gravestone Studies Ephemera Collection
1788-1939
1 box (0.25 linear ft.)
Call no.: MS 651

Read collection overview Collection overview

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Background on Association for Gravestone Studies

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Scope of collection

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- Ancient Order of United Workmen of Mass.: Assessment and dues card for membership in Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 71, A.O.U.W. 1920

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Bosworth, G. L.: Invoice from C. D. Allen for flagstone, 1885 Apr. 25
Holyoke, Mass.

"North River Blue Stone for curbing, guttering, street crossings, sidewalks, &c.

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**Bruton Parish Church: A Brief History, With a Map and Key List of Tombstones in the Church and Yard (Williamsburg, Va., 1939)**

Ownership signature of L. Sidney Eslinger 1940 on front wrap

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**Clement, C.: Letter to "my dear Elizabeth"**

On letterhead of Clement, Sons & Co. Producers of Rutland Marble

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**Connecticut Courant & Weekly Intelligencer**

Includes advertisement, p. 2, for Shaler and Hall stone quarry, Chatham "for public or private Buildings, Flags, Grave-Stones or Monuments. .. "

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**Fair Haven Marble & Marbleized Slate Co.: Circular letter to Electrical Engineers offering slate for use "where it is desirable in electrical Mechanism." Fair Haven, Vt.**

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**Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Co.: Letter to Farr Alpaca Company, quote for slate, Fair Haven, Vt.**

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**Frawley, John: Business cards (3) printed envelope, and printed shipping label**
Frawley listed on his business cards alternately as a dealer in Granite & Marble Monuments and Quarryman, Erving, Mass.

Frawley, John: Receipt to the Ladies Aid Society for lumber, Wendell Depot, Mass.  1908 June 5

Also includes blank printed receipt form

Lamprey & Dickey: Business card, Laconia, N.H.  ca.1890

"Manufacturers and dealers in monuments, tablets, gravestones"

Meade, P. F.: Letter to Samuel M. Green, Holyoke, Mass.  1895 May 14
Agrees to furnish brownstone sills and granite doors sills. Meade was a dealer in "Building Stone and Monumental Work"
Cards for Elizabeth Leach (d. Sept. 23, 1888) and Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps (d. Nov. 26, 1888). Backmark on
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<td>Receipt for pair of gravestones (60 letters) to Jos. Doe</td>
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<td>1916</td>
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<td>Vermont Marble Company</td>
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<td>1893 Mar. 2</td>
<td>W. N. Flynt Granite Co.</td>
<td>Letter to Farr Alpaca Co. (offering to purchase a boiler), Monson, Mass.</td>
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On letterhead of "Wall and McCormick, Workers in Stone"

Administrative information

Access
The collection is open for research.

Provenance
Acquired from the Association for Gravestone Studies, November 2009; many items were the gift of Mrs. Sidney Eslinger to the AGS.

Related Material
The AGS Ephemera Collection is one of several collections that comprise the Association for Gravestone Studies Collections.

Language:
English

Processing Information

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Search terms

Subjects
- Marble industry and trade.
- Slate industry.

Names
- Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Co.
- Farr Alpaca Co.

Genre terms
- Business cards.
- Circular letters.
- Ephemera.
- Memorial cards.

Link to similar SCUA collections
- Gravestones
- Massachusetts (West)