



Heath Funeral Home  
Records, 1937-1992

Collection 102

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Sherrie Bowser  
**Creator/Corporate Name:** Heath Funeral Home  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1937-1992  
**Physical Description:** 4 boxes (2.0 linear ft.)  
**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Heath Funeral Home Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

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**Historical Note:**

In 1945, Charles W. Heath and his wife, Marjorie, purchased the Ross R. Mattis residence at 201 North Elm Street, Champaign as a site for a new funeral home. The couple opened Heath Memorial Home in March 1946. Heath, his wife, and their two young sons occupied an apartment on the second floor of the funeral home. Charles Heath had previously worked in funeral homes in Saybrook, Normal, East Moline, and Streator. He owned and operated his own business in Edinburg, IL from 1940-1945 before relocating to Champaign.

Heath's two sons Michael and David joined the daily operations of the funeral home, in 1965, and the name changed to Heath and Sons Funeral Home. Charles Heath was elected as Champaign County's Coroner from 1964 until 1975, and his sons served as deputy coroners. David left his deputy coroner position in 1972 when he was elected to a county board seat, but he continued to serve in the coroner's office without pay. Charles Heath resigned from the County Coroner post in 1975 due to ill health. His son Michael took over the position.

Heath and Sons Funeral Home was sold to Charles Vaughn in 1995 and renamed Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home. In 1998, Charles Vaughn began offering a new service "preparing videos for families featuring loved ones that span the years of their lives." This became its own business called Family Archive Memories.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains photocopies of records of death kept by Heath Memorial Home and Heath and Sons Funeral Home from 1937-1992. The records are filled out to varying degrees but may include: name of the deceased, marital status, birthplace, date of birth, age, date of death, occupation, church, civic organizations, name and birthplace of parents, place of death, place of burial, date of burial,



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survivors, and military veteran status. Each certificate has been given a number. There are 3662 certificates within this collection.

**Arrangement:**

Organized in alphabetical order by name of deceased.

**Related Collections:**

Photographs Envelope: Heath Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.)

Photographs Envelope: Mattis House (Champaign, Ill.)

Vertical File: Family Archive Memories (Champaign)

Vertical File: Heath and Sons Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.)

Vertical File: Mattis House (Champaign)

**Subject Terms:**

Elm St (Champaign), North, 201

Funeral Home Records

Undertakers and Undertaking

**Name Terms:**

Family Archives Memories (Champaign, Ill.)

Heath Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.)

Heath and Sons Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.)

Heath and Vaughn Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.)

Heath, Charles W.

Heath, David

Heath, Michael

Ross Mattis House (Champaign, Ill.)

Vaughn, Charles

**Container List:**

**Box 1:** A-E

**Box 2:** F-L

**Box 3:** M-R

**Box 4:** S-Z