



Mount Hope Cemetery Association (Sidney)  
Records, 1916-2006

Collection 92

## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate Name:** Mount Hope Cemetery Association (Sidney)

**Inclusive Dates:** 1916-2006

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes (1.0 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Mount Hope Cemetery Association (Sidney) collection materials were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

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**Historical Note:**

Mount Hope Cemetery (Sidney) is located off County Road 2125 E northeast of Sidney, Illinois. The 5-acre tract of land for the cemetery was sold by Fountain J. and Maria L. Busey on November 20, 1871 to the Mount Hope Cemetery Association. The Mount Hope Cemetery Association was incorporated by the State of Illinois in 1924.

In 1889 the Sidney G.A.R Post #317 and Sidney Township erected a stature in honor of the soldiers in the vicinity. In 1937, Champaign County Surveyor Godfrey Sperling, prepared maps and histories of the cemeteries. At that time there were 61 Civil War veterans, 1 Spanish-American War veteran, and 3 WWI veterans buried at Mount Hope (Sidney).

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains records from the Mount Hope Cemetery Association including records of bodies received, burials, lot sales, register of lot owners, and association meeting minutes. The records date from 1916-2004. Burial permits from approximately 1916-2006 are also present. Information gathered from burial permits can include: name of deceased, date of death, sex, age, cause of death, place of death, funeral director, name of doctor. The burial permits have been indexed in [Local History Online](#) and are searchable by individual names.

**Related Material:**

Vertical File Folder: "Mount Hope Cemetery (Sidney)"

**Subjects Terms:**

Cemeteries -- Illinois -- Champaign County.

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Cemeteries -- Sidney Township

Champaign County (Ill.) -- Genealogy.

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**Name Terms:**

Busey, Fountain J.

Busey, Maria L.

Mount Hope Cemetery (Sidney, Ill.)

Mount Hope Cemetery Association (Sidney, Ill.)

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

**Series 1: Mount Hope Cemetery Association Records**

Folders 1-2: Records of bodies received, 1916-1950 (2 folders)

Folder 3: Burials, 1947-2004; Lot sales, 1950-2004

Folder 4: Register of lot owners, 1928

Folder 5: Mount Hope Cemetery Association meeting minutes, 1924-2002

**Series 2: Burial Permits**

Eight folders organized alphabetically. Information on the burial permits include: name of deceased, date of death, sex, age, cause of death, place of death, funeral director, name of doctor. Note: forms varied over the years hence the information present varies as well.