



Heath Funeral Home Records,
1937-1992

COLLECTION 102

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Heath Funeral Home
Inclusive Dates: 1937-1992
Physical Description: 4 boxes, (2.0 linear feet).

Provenance:

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

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

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:

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



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Arrangement:

Organized in alphabetical order by name of deceased.

Related Collections:

Family Archive Memories, (Champaign), Vertical file. Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana, IL.
Heath and Sons Funeral Home, (Champaign, Ill.), Vertical file. Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana, IL.

Heath Funeral Home (Champaign, Ill.), Photographs Envelope. Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana, IL.

Mattis House (Champaign, Ill.) Photographs Envelope. Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana, IL.

Mattis House (Champaign), Vertical file. Champaign County Historical Archives, Urbana, IL.

Subjects Terms:

Elm St (Champaign), North, 201

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Undertakers and Undertaking

Names:

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