GREENWOOD CEMETERY (1874- ),
ADDENDA, 1864-2002
5 BOXES, 52 FOLDERS

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PROVENANCE

Donated by Tim Bauman on February 3, 2012.

HISTORY

Greenwood Cemetery, the St. Louis area's oldest nonsectarian commercial cemetery for African-American burials, was founded by Herman Krueger in 1874. An estimated 50,000 individuals were buried in the cemetery, including many notables in the community. The National Register of Historic Places listed the site in 2004. Krueger's son-in-law and his family owned and maintained the property until the 1980s when they sold it to a local politician, Solomon Rooks. Unable to operate it profitably, Rooks allowed the cemetery's condition to deteriorate. A not-for-profit group, Friends of Greenwood Cemetery, organized cleanup efforts and led a successful attempt to have ownership transferred first to St. Louis County and then to the Friends organization itself. University of Missouri St. Louis professor, Dr. Timothy Baumann donated this set of documents and photographs to the State Historical Society of Missouri on February 3, 2012. This collection contains copies of existing burial records and minutes of the board of directors, newspaper clippings and legal documents discussing the property transfer, photographs and research materials added by individuals who participated in the efforts to preserve the property. Collection includes two oral histories with individuals who observed burials at Greenwood.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Greenwood Cemetery Addenda has many documents connected to the restoration and cleanup led by the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery Association, who undertook the goal of preserving this African American cemetery. The addendum contains documents, research papers, legal documents, photographs and video tapes about the efforts to preserve this historic site in St. Louis County.

BOX 1

Documents

1. Greenwood Association Board Meeting Minutes “Friends of Greenwood Cemetery” 2/3/02 to 4/4/02


5. Greenwood Cemetery Student Papers, 5/10/02 to 5/13/02; “The Legend of Lee Shelton” by Kelly O’Brien and Julie Lipsitz; “Tombstone Art” by Heather Papp Marideth, Donna White, and Jonathan Wilson; “If Gravestones Could Talk” by Simone Shelton; “Untitled” by Kathy Smith; “Slavery, Racism and Death” by LaTrisa A. Morgan; “Pilgrim Way of Death” by Timothy E. Baumann; “Life and Times of Charlton Hunt Tandy” by Janice Smith, Katherine Smith, and Mayur Bisram; “Greenwood Cemetery – An Uneasy Resting Place” by Ray Nichols


7. Greenwood Cemetery – St. Louis 2004 Grant


10. Greenwood Cemetery – Department of Natural Resources Grant, 1974 to 12/16/02

11. Greenwood Cemetery – Data Collection Sheets

12. Greenwood Cemetery – Correspondence, 7/23/2000 to 1/14/2003


15. Greenwood Cemetery – Mailing List

16. Greenwood Cemetery – Burial Records


18. Greenwood Cemetery – Data Collection Sheet 10/16/01


BOX 2
21. Greenwood Cemetery – Logo
22. Greenwood Cemetery – Restoration Plan with PowerPoint Presentation
25. Greenwood Cemetery – Ordinance Granting Ownership of Greenwood Cemetery to Rising Star MB Church, 1999
27. Greenwood Cemetery – Friends of Greenwood Cemetery Association Membership Forms
30. Greenwood Cemetery – Charles Wells Family Records; Enlistment Papers of James H. Dyer, 1844-1900
31. Greenwood Cemetery – Orrie Rice, F. W. Diggs, Civil War Correspondence, 9/3/1864 to 9/10/1864, Published in The Black Military Experience
34. Greenwood Cemetery – Burial Information Part 1, 1940-1993; National Register Bulletin 41: “Guidelines For Evaluating and Registering Cemeteries and Burial Places” by Elisabeth Walton Potter and Beth M. Boland, 1992
36. Greenwood Cemetery Maps

**BOX 3**

37. Greenwood Cemetery Data Collection Sheets Rows 1 – 8
38. Greenwood Cemetery Data Collection Sheets Rows 9 – 17; Miscellaneous
39. Greenwood Cemetery Data Collection Sheets Rows 18 – 23
**BOX 4**

40. Greenwood Cemetery Data Collection Sheets Rows 24 – 36
41. Greenwood Cemetery Photo Logs
42. DVD of Greenwood Cemetery Burial Records

*Photographs and DVD*

42. 1077.1 – 1077.311
43. 1077.312 – 1077.503
44. DVD of Greenwood Cemetery Burial Records

**BOX 5**

*Video Tapes*

V1077.1 Etta H. Daniels
V1077.2 Greenwood Cemetery, 5/1999
V1077.3 Greenwood Cemetery (From Maywood Side) 5/8/1999
V1077.4 Greenwood Cemetery Memorial Day, 5/31/1999
V1077.5 Greenwood Cemetery KTVI Channel #2 – Wednesday, May 3, 2000
V1077.7 Greenwood Cemetery, Interview with Marley “Daughter of Theodore Feoelsch conducted by Ann Morris, 10/29/2000
V1077.8 Greenwood Cemetery Assessment