McLean County Museum of History

Murray and Carmody Funeral Home Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1935-1947
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Frederick E. Murray, undertaker, opened his funeral or memorial home at 914 N. Main Street, Bloomington, Illinois, in 1932. According to listings in the Bloomington City Directory, from 1934 until 1940, the business was the Murray and Carmody Funeral Home, becoming the Murray Memorial Home in 1941. In 1951, it was listed as the Murray and Stamper Funeral Home.

The building at 914 N. Main Street was built c.1898 as a residence for George Agle, owner of George Agle and Sons, dealers in leather, hides, wool and feed. In 1929-1931, it was the Kappa Delta Sorority House for Illinois Wesleyan University. Frederick Murray opened his funeral

home in 1932. In November 1937, it was extensively remodeled by Murray and Carmody Funeral Home. Finally, in 1983, it was remodeled into a dental office for Drs. David J. Hume and Dr. Scott Hume.

Scope

This collection consists of four ledgers listing funerals conducted at the Murray and Carmody Funeral Home from September 26, 1935 through July 26, 1947.

Loose

Ledger 1: September 26, 1935—November 8, 1939 Ledger 2: November 8, 1939—August 14, 1944 Ledger 3: August 21, 1944—July 26, 1947

Ledger 4: photocopied duplicate of Ledger 3

Each ledger lists individual funerals by surname of deceased, followed by a page for each funeral. Record of Funeral listings (bound chronologically in ledger) include personal information for each deceased, such as residence, age, race, occupation, religious affiliation,

name of clergy, place of death, and itemized cost of funeral.

Each ledger measures 9.5 x 14.5", has black boards with maroon spine and corners.

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