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CITY CEMETERY (LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA) BURIAL RECORDS

The collection includes two record books listing burials by date, a book giving grave locations, a card file listing burials 1914-1966, and a microfilmed copy of the burial records listing burials 1806-.

[BOX 1] Card File, Burials 1914-

[BOX 2] Record Book, Grave Locations

[BOX 3] Record Book, Burials 1914-1925

[BOX 4] Record Book, Burials 1926-1966

[BOX 5] Burial records, Confederate section "Soldier Book;" "Old City Cemetery," newsletters.

Microfilmed copies of the burial records are located in the microfilm cabinet and include:

Burials 1806-1913

Burials 1914- , A-L

Burials 1914- , M-Z

CITY CEMETERY

In 1806, John LYNCH and his wife Mary conveyed a parcel of land, amounting to one acre, to the City of Lynchburg "to be used, preferably, as a cemetery for the inhabitants of Lynchburg, or as the building site of a house of worship." The first grave was opened on 5 July 1806. Through the years more land was added to the property until it totalled 25.86 acres in 1965. In addition to ordinary burials, the cemetery is noted for its large Confederate burial grounds. Over 2,000 soldiers are buried in this section.

The story of the City Cemetery, also known as the "Old Methodist Cemetery," is recorded in Behind the Old Brick Wall: A Cemetery Story, compiled by Lucy Harrison Miller BABER, with research and writing by Evelyn Lee MOORE.

[Lucy Harrison Miller Baber and Evelyn Lee Moore, Behind the Old Brick Wall: A Cemetery Story (Lynchburg: Lynchburg Committee, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1968).]