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Guide to the Joan Geismar Research on the United States Naval Hospital
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Joan Geismar Research on the United States Naval Hospital Cemetery

Creator: Geismar, Joan H., Ph.D.

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Dates Concerning: 1812-1940; bulk 1920-1940

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Administrative/Biographical History

Joan H. Geismar is an archaeological consultant who has been practicing urban archaeology since 1981. She received her doctorate in Anthropology from Columbia University, and has experience documenting the history of sites in the New York metropolitan area, assessing potential archaeological sites and carrying out fieldwork.

She has worked with a number of private developers, institutions and municipal agencies in New York and New Jersey. She is a founding member of the Professional Archaeologists of New York City Inc. (PANYC), served as president for four terms and as of this writing is currently a member of the Executive Board. She also serves on the Preservation Committee of the Municipal Arts Society. She has received

a number of preservation awards, and in 1999 was designated a Centennial Historian of the City of New York by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Scope and Content

This collection was compiled while conducting research on the Naval Hospital Cemetery in Brooklyn New York for the US Department of the Navy, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. The product of this research, *State of the Research: Naval hospital cemetery historical documentation, Naval Station, Brooklyn, New York* (1999), was created in conjunction with TAMS Consultants Inc. to address undocumented military burials when the US Naval Hospital cemetery in Brooklyn, New York underwent a disinterment in 1926 to Cypress Hills National Cemetery.

The collection includes contextual documentation on the Naval Hospital and its cemetery, and letters concerning the subsequent disinterment and reinterment at Cypress Hills. Also included are files relating specifically to the capture, death and burial of the Fijian Chief, Vendovi, as well as some documentation on the addition of water closets on the hospital site. There are also fourteen registers and lists of individuals who were buried at the Naval Hospital cemetery and/or placed at Cypress Hills, which were obtained from over 20 federal, state and local repositories.

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System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Contextual Research Materials and Cemetery Registers and Lists.

Access Points

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Administrative Information

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Container List

Series 1: Contextual Research Materials

Box 1 (4-D-4-2)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Chief Vendovi File	1934-1996	
Folder 2	M.E. Thompson, Hospital Plans	1909	
Folder 3	Histories, New York Naval Hospital	1944-1996	
Folder 4	Letters concerning cemetery site	1923	
Folder 5	Removal of Graves from New York Naval Hospital	1910-1926	
Folder 6	James West, A Short History of the New York Navy Yard (partial copy)	1941-1942	
Folder 7	Water closets, New York Naval Hospital	1824-1844	
Folder 8	Headstone Data, New York Naval Hospital	1926-1934	
Folder 9	Letters, Naval Hospital New York	1872-1899	
Folder 10	James Casey File (information regarding reinturment)	1917-1939	
Folder 11	List of folders and registers compiled by Joan H. Geismar	Undated	

Series 2: Cemetery Registers and Lists

Box 1 (4-D-4-2)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 12	List of those who died at the US Naval Hospital who were not buried there	Undated	
Folder 13	Records of reinturments in Naval sections, Cypress Hills National Cemetery	1932	
Folder 14	Cypress Hills National Cemetery records of interments (Brooklyn, Jamaica and Hale Avenues)	1932	
Folder 15	List showing remains received for interment at	1927	

	Cypress Hills National Cemetery without headstones and with broken headstones		
Folder 16	Names of remains removed from Naval Hospital Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York and reinterred in Cypress Hills National Cemetery	1926	
Folder 17	Headstone [missing based on Joan H. Geismar's List]	1901	
Folder 18	List of thirty-eight gravestones	1901	
Folder 19	List of patents buried in US Naval Hospital Cemetery embracing unmarked graves and those marked by cast iron plates	1900	
Folder 20	Officers buried in Naval Hospital Cemetery	1838-1892	
Folder 21	Names of those interred at Cypress Hills from ledger book	1893-1895	
Folder 22	Register of patients	1854	
Folder 23	Patient register (incomplete), New York Naval Hospital	1812-1862	
Folder 24	Register (alphabetical)	1831-1894	
Folder 25	Union soldiers buried in the United States Naval Hospital	1901	
Folder 26	Gravestones at Naval Hospital cemetery (possibly)	1834-1894	