

Pennington Funeral Home Ledgers

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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives, Texas State University
Title	Pennington Funeral Home Ledgers
Date [inclusive]	1888-1944
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
General Physical Description note	Some ledgers are missing pages. For ledgers with damaged binding, pages were unbound prior to scanning and then individually sleeved to prevent further damage.
Location note	Original materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice may be required for use.
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

[Item name, date.] Series 100.100 Pennington Funeral Home Records. University Archives, Texas State University.

Biographical/Historical note

Pennington Funeral Home is a family-owned business in San Marcos, Texas, that began over a century ago with Mr. A.B. Rogers. The Pennington family purchased the funeral home in 1943 and three successive generations have run the business since.

The business was established in 1897 when Mr. A.B. Rogers opened A.B. Rogers Furniture and Coffins. In 1907, Rogers moved into a building at the corner of Hopkins and LBJ Drive and renamed the business as Undertakers and Furniture Store.

In the early 1930s, Rogers hired Willard A. Pennington, who married Edra Collier, the furniture store's bookkeeper. The Penningtons purchased the funeral home business from Rogers in 1943, initially changing the name to Rogers-Pennington Funeral Home. After five years, the business was renamed Pennington Funeral Home and in 1956 it moved to its present location at 323 North Comanche.

In 1961, Willard and Edra's son, Bill Pennington, joined the business as a Funeral Director and Embalmer. Ten years later, Bill and his wife, Linda, acquired the business. In 1998, Kristin Pennington Wingard joined her parents as a Funeral Director and pre-need counselor.

Source: Pennington Funeral Home website, History page, at <http://www.penningtonfuneralhome.com/history/>

Scope and Contents note

Materials consist of business records, including one cemetery ledger (1888-1900) and multiple funeral registers dating from 1902 to the mid-1940s that detail deaths in the Hays County and San Marcos, Texas area. Also included are a book titled Record and Bill of Items (1937-1944) and a Bureau of Vital Statistics Standard Certificate of Death (July – October 1924).

Arrangement note

Arranged by chronologically by type of record.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Archives, Texas State University

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restriction. Because of the fragile nature of these ledgers, researchers should use digital surrogates in the Digital Collections.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Acquisition of the Pennington Funeral Home records is a joint effort between the Pennington family and the University Archives to preserve the original materials and provide public access to the information contained within.

Cemetery records

Collection Inventory

Cemetery records		
	Box	Folder
[San Ma]rcos cemetery association 1888-1900 Pages numbered 1-58 are missing.	1	1
Funeral registers		
	Box	Folder
1902-1905	1	2
1906-1909	1	3
1910-1915	2	1
June 1915 - July 1917	2	2
September 1917 - September 1919	2	3
January 1920 - October 1922	2	4
November 1922 - December 1924	2	5

Death certificates

January 1925 - November 1, 1925	2	6
	Box	Object
July 1, 1927 - February 27, 1929 Oversize ledger.	3	1
March 1, 1929 - November 30, 1931 Oversize ledger.	3	2
December 2, 1931 - November 30, 1935 Oversize ledger.	4	1
December 5, 1935 - January 1, 1941 Oversize ledger.	4	2
May 2, 1937 - March 8, 1944 Titled: Record and bill of items. Oversize ledger.	5	1
Death certificates		
	Box	Folder
Bureau of vital statistics standard certificate of death July - October 1924	2	7