

MORTUARY RECORDS

Of Mortimer Virts.

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The following records were lost for many decades, then found by Louis Jett, an historian who focuses on Black history. Although the records, sometimes blood stained, are still being examined, we can relate that they deal with coffins manufactured by Mr. Virts in Hillsboro, Loudoun County, Virginia. Genealogical and family history details are often revealed, as well as the fees related to burial, sometimes location of burials, etc.

Local historian Pat Ball Duncan helped us study the records, which have numerous entries for blacks, important because it contains death information during a time when neither the county death register nor the issuance of death certificates were required.

Report by Pat Ball Duncan

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- pg 25: Elzey Furr's Estate for funeral 2 Dec 1897 [The Mirror of 2 Dec 1897 - Elsey FURR, old colored man, living on Short Hills mountain, near Hillsborough, fell down stairs on Tuesday morning last and broke his neck. Death was almost instantaneous.
- pg 25: Ira Coats for coffin for Susan Coats, 10 Jan 1898.
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- pg 67: Ella Mahoney for funeral for Margaret Mahoney (paid by county allowance).
- pg 67: Forest Furr for funeral for daughter, 4 Oct 1908.
- pg 67: William Mahoney Est'e for casket & embalming, 15 Sep 1908 (paid by S. F. Mahoney).
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- pg 70: Thomas Fry (colored) for funeral, 1 Feb 1911.
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- pg 73: Ann Waters Est'e for funeral 3 May 1912 (paid by J. Waters).
- pg 73: Henry Jacobs Est'e by his daughter Mrs. Elisa Laurie [Lowry] for funeral, 22 Mar 1912 (paid by Fannie Jacobs).
- pg 74: Jefferson District for coffin for Mary Estell Lucas, 30 Dec 1912 (balance paid by Chas. Lucas) [death certificate: Mary Estell Lucas, single negro, d/o William Albert Lucas and Emma Furr, age abt 11 years, d. 20 Dec 1913].
- pg 74: Mrs. Will Lewis for casket for husband ,1 Sep 1913 [death certificate: died 8/30/1913 in Jefferson District at age 46y from chronic nephritis; born ___ in Loudoun; parents: not known and Eliza THORNTON; status: married; occupation: farm laborer; informant: widow Patience LEWIS of Hillsboro; place of burial: Lincoln; date of burial: 8/31/1913].
- pg 75: Norman Fry for funeral for his mother, 25 Mar 1914 (paid in full by Chas. Weadon Jr).
- pg 76: George Jonshon [Johnson] for small coffin, 17 Mar 1915 (paid by G. W. Bowers) [death certificate, George Redmon Johnson, black male, s/o George Edward Johnson & Lulie Coats, b. 5 Aug 1915 [?], d. 16 Mar 1915].
- pg 76: Isaac & Jennie Waters for coffin for Rome, 2 Feb 1915 [death certificate Lee Gerome Waters, married black male, s/o Isaac Waters & Mary Virginia Smith, b. May 1891, d. 31 Jan 1915, buried in Arnold Grove).
- pg 76: Moris Ferral coffin for child 10 Aug 1915 [death certificate: Marthy Ellen Ferrell, single colored female, d/o Morris Ferrell & Emily Ferrell, 4 days old, d. 9 Apg 1915, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 76: Mrs. Patience Lewis Estate for funeral 7 Apr 1915 [death certificate: died 4/5/1915 in Jefferson District at age not given from peritonitis and appendicitis; born 1866 in Loudoun; parents: Moses GASKINS b. Loudoun and Taylor WARICK b. Loudoun; status: widow; occupation: domestic; informant: Miss Elizabeth KILGOUR of Round Hill; place of burial: Lincoln; date of burial: 4/7/1915].
- pg 77: John Waters coffin for sister's child 27 Dec 1915 [death certificate: died 12/28/1915 in Jefferson District at age 1y 7m from whooping cough; born 1914 in Loudoun; parents: not known and Ida WATERS b. Loudoun; status: single or infant; occupation: infant; informant: Isaic WATERS of Hillsboro; place of burial: Arnold Grove; date of burial: 12/29/1915].
- pg 78: John Jacobs Estate for funeral 17 Nov 1917 [death certificate: John Jacobs, married black male, s/o Price Jacobs & not known, b. Aug 1846, d. 15 Nov 1917, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 78: Lewis Roe Estate for funeral 1 Feb 1917 (paid by Etta, Will and Louie) [death certificate: Lewis Roe: married black male, s/o John Roe & not known, b. 4 Mar 1841, d. 30 Jan 1917, buried Lincoln].

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- pg 79: Draco Ferrell Estate for funeral 6 Dec 1918 (paid by T. F. Gover) [death certificate: Drake O'Ferrell, married colored male, s/o Nelson O'Ferrell, age 60 years, d. 22 Oct 1918, buried in Lincoln].
- pg 79: Elliot Marcellis for funeral for child 27 Aug 1917 [18?] [death certificate: Hilda Marsellus, single negro female, d/o Elliott Raymond Marellus & Catonia Lucas, b. 8 Aug 1918, d. 27 Aug 1918, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 80: Harry Waters Estate for funeral 12 Nov 1919 (paid by Jennie Waters) [Harry b. abt 1869].
- pg 81: Ira Coats Estate for funeral 26 May 1920 and for funeral for Charity 11 May 1922 [death certificate: Willian [William?] Ira Coats, married black male, s/o not known & Mary Dade, b. 16 Aug 1847, d. 23 May 1920, buried in Lincoln] [death certificate: Sarah Charity Coats, widowed black female, d/o not known & Lucinda Prosor, age 74y 6m 5d, d. 9 May 1922, buried in Lincoln].
- pg 81: Robert Furr for funeral for wife 1 Jul 1920 [death certificate: Virgia Agatha Furr, married black female, d/o Thomas Smith & Louisa Hawkins, b. Mar 1880, d. 9 Jul 1920, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 81: Uriah Jackson Estate for funeral, 1 Jan 1921 (paid by James Jackson).
- pg 82: Mrs. James Jackson for funeral for James Jackson, 24 Nov 1921.
- pg 82: Richard Johnson for funeral & embalming for wife 19 Feb 1921 (paid by W. H. Grubb and E. T. Crim) [death certificate: Lulu Johnson, married black female, d/o Ira Coats & Charity Pierson, w/o Richard Johnson, b. 1888, d. 18 Feb 1921, buried Lincoln]
- pg 83: George Brown Estate for funeral, 27 Apr 1922 (paid by H. C. Brown) [death certificate: George Wesley Brown, married colored male, s/o not known, b. 12 Apr 1845, d. 25 Apr 1922, buried at Arnold Grove].
- pg 83: Jennie Waters Estate for funeral 11 Apr 1922 (paid by Lathee?, Frank, Floss) [death certificate: Marry Virginia Waters, married black female, d/o John Smith & Matilda Johnson, w/o Isac Waters, b. 25 Jan 1852, d. 10 Apr 1922, buried Arnold Grove]
- pg 83: Jessie Moten for coffin for child 15 Oct 1922 [death certificate: Thomas Mathew Phillip Moten, black male, s/o Jessie S. Moten & Emma Beaver, age 6 months, d. 30 Sep 1922, buried Lina].
- pg 83: Uriah Jackson Estate for funeral 18 Apr 1922 [death certificate: Uriah Jackson, married black male, s/o David Gaskens & Jennie Jackson, age 48y 15d, d. 16 Apr 1922, buried Lanesville].
- pg 84: Ann Griffith Estate for funeral 29 Apr 1923 (paid by Warren Earnest & Joh[n?]) [death certificate: Ann Mariah Griffith, married black female, d/o Warren Cartwright & not known, w/o Henry Griffith, born 1845, . 25 Apr 1923, buried in Lincoln]
- pg 84: Eugene Smith Est'e for funeral 26 Jan 1923 (paid b Isiah Ferrell) [death certificate: Eugene Smith, married colored male, s/o Thomas Smith & Lutie Hawkins, age 37y, d. 24 Jan 1923, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 84: Newman Brown Estate for funeral 16 Apr 1923 [death certificate: Newman Mayson Brown, married colored male, s/o Harry Brown & Malinda Ponnick, h/o Jane Brown, age 85y 4m, d. 13 Apr 1923, buried Lincoln].
- pg 84: Townsen Smith Estate for funeral 1 Nov 1926 [death certificate: Townson Fresier Smith, married black male, s/o John Smith & Mary E. Johnson, h/o Sarah Smith, b. 5 Apr 1855, d. 1 Nov 1925, buried Arnold Grove].
- pg 84: Uriah Jackson for coffin for child 7 Feb 1923 [death certificate: Orra Elanor Jackson, single black female, d/o Uriah Jackson & Elanora Gaskens, b. 30 Jan 1923, d. 6 Feb 1923, buried Mont Sinea].

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- pg 84: Walter Marcellis Estate for funeral 23 Jun 1923 [death certificate: Walter Marcellars, married colored male, s/o slaves, h/o Josephine Marcellars, age 61y, d. 23 Jun 1924, buried Arnold Grove].