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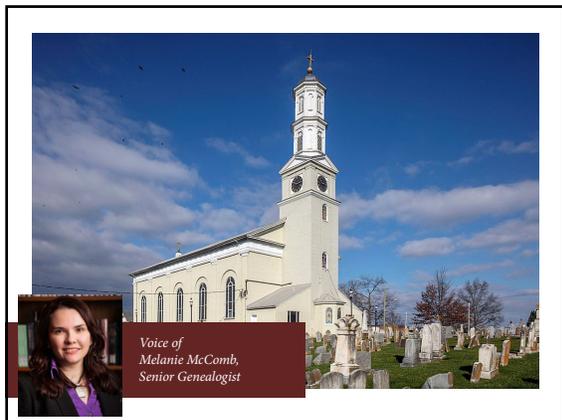
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# Cemetery/Burial Records

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### Burial Traditions

- The body is positioned with the head to the west, hands resting on thighs, and feet to the east
- If west-east position is not possible, north-south is used instead
- Clergy are buried in the opposite orientation
- Headstone inscriptions on the side facing west



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### Cremation

- Until 1963, this practice was forbidden by Roman Catholics
- "Reverent disposition of the ashes"
  - Buried in a sacred place like a mausoleum or columbarium
  - Ashes cannot be scattered
  - In Dec. 2023, the Vatican updated their policy to allow a small portion of ashes can be kept in a "place of significance"

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### Cemetery/Burial Records

- Held at Parish Church, Catholic Cemetery Association, or local diocese
- Burial records can include:
  - Internment records
  - Lot sales/transfers
  - Maps of the burying ground

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### Internment Records

- A list of persons buried
- Include the following details:
  - Name
  - Death Date (if known)
  - Burial date
  - Burial location
  - Cause of death is sometimes noted

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Mar. 15 Philomena Cole nee Ranger Epouse de Louis  
 1915 Cole entere dans fosse no. 41 Sec. A. age 50 ans.  
 Mar. 22 Mathilde Therrien nee Laispy Epouse de Pierre  
 1915 Therrien entere dans fosse no. 37 Sec. A. Age 62 ans.  
 Mar. 23 Joseph Ancei Epouse de Laura Lapointe  
 1915 entere dans fosse no. 22 Sec. A. age 71 ans.  
 Mar. 27 Isabel Little nee Landerville Epouse de Frank  
 1915 Little entere dans fosse no. 40 Sec. A.  
 Avril 2 Marie Therquin nee Rousseau Epouse de Agé  
 1915 Therquin entere dans fosse no. 12 Sec. B.

Internment Records, 1915, St. Jean Baptiste  
(Lynn, Massachusetts)

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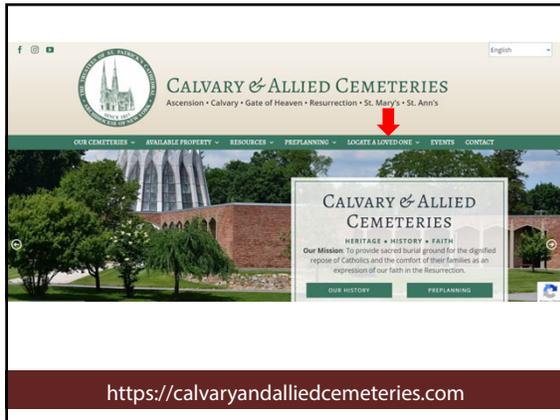
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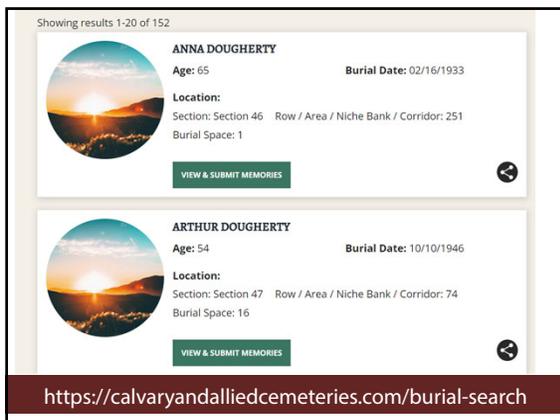
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## Cemetery Maps

- Helps identify the different sections where someone is buried
- Very useful for large cemeteries, or where there are two cemeteries (an Old and New Cemetery)
- Cemeteries may have section maps that list the current burials.
  - Helps identify what plots are reserved and what are for sale for prospective buyers.

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Cemetery Map, Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Arnold, Missouri, FamilySearch

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No.	Name	Date Buried
1	St. Joseph	1880
2	St. Mary	1880
3	St. Ann	1880
4	St. Joseph	1880
5	St. Mary	1880
6	St. Ann	1880
7	St. Joseph	1880
8	St. Mary	1880
9	St. Ann	1880
10	St. Joseph	1880
11	St. Mary	1880
12	St. Ann	1880

Map of Burial Plots, Catholic Cemetery, Willows, California, FamilySearch

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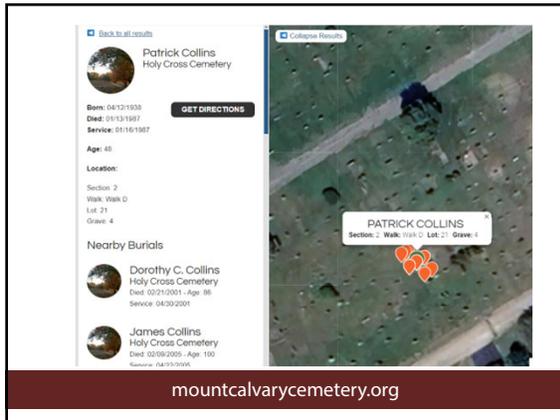
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### Lot Sale and Assignment Records

- Burial Lots are considered a form of real estate
- Deeds are issued to owners of a lot, tomb, etc.
- Following the paper trail of who purchased the plot can help you identify potential family members

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No.	Name	Price
10	August M. Dominigan for family grave	\$ 6 00
11	Michael Conroy for family grave	6 00
12	Michael de Oliveira for family grave	6 00
13	Joseph Mc Mann for family grave	6 00
14	James Keane for family grave	6 00
15	Andrew Cookers for family grave	6 00
16	Thomas Lyons for family grave	6 00
17	Edward Sheughanery for family grave	6 00
18	Patrick M. Dominigan for family grave	6 00

Lot Sale, Cambridge Catholic, Cambridge, Massachusetts, AmericanAncestors.org

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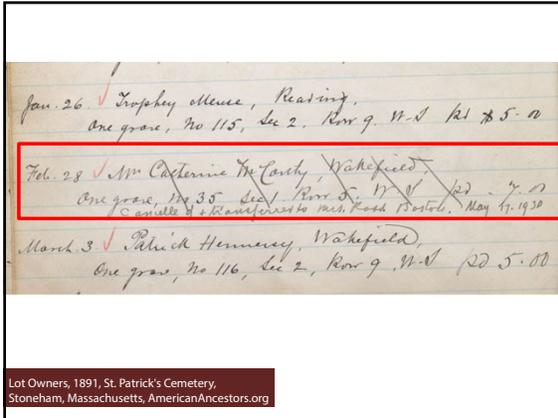
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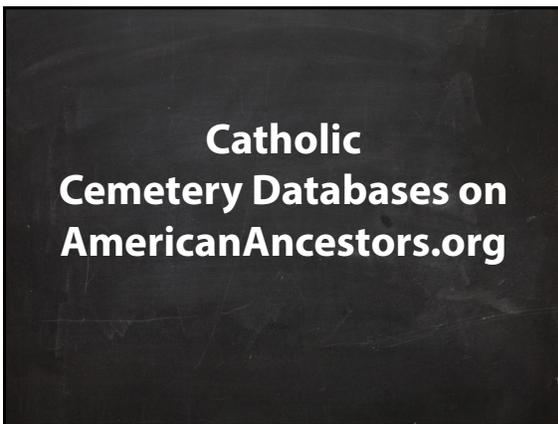
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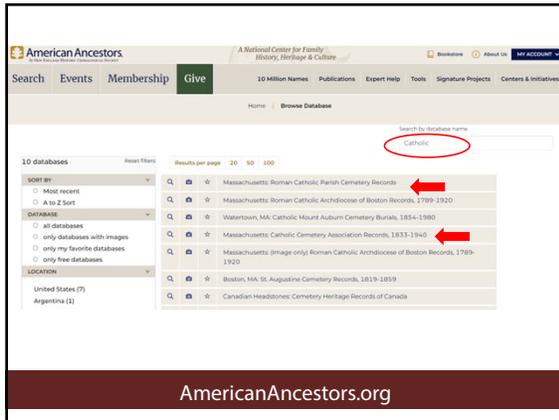
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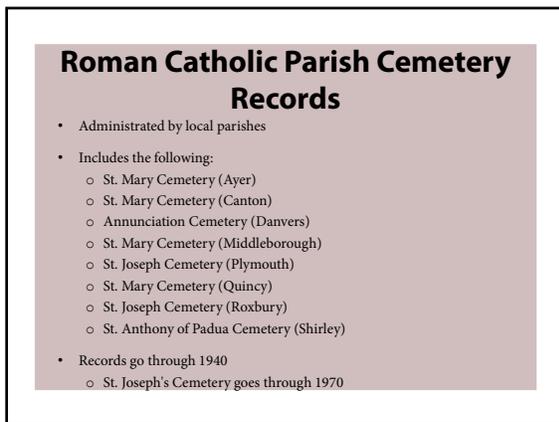
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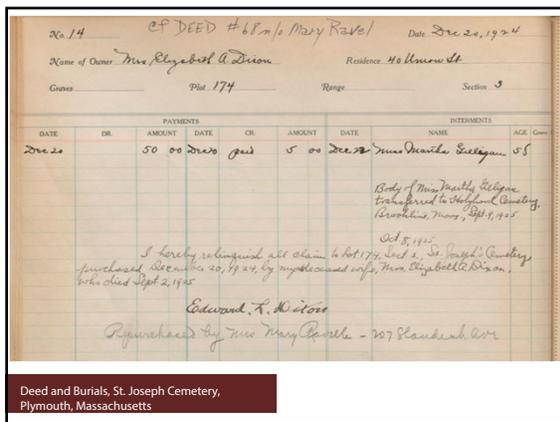
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### Catholic Cemetery Association Records

- Administered by the Catholic Cemetery Association
- Records date back to 1833 and currently go through 1940
- 20 Cemeteries across Massachusetts, which include maps for most cemeteries

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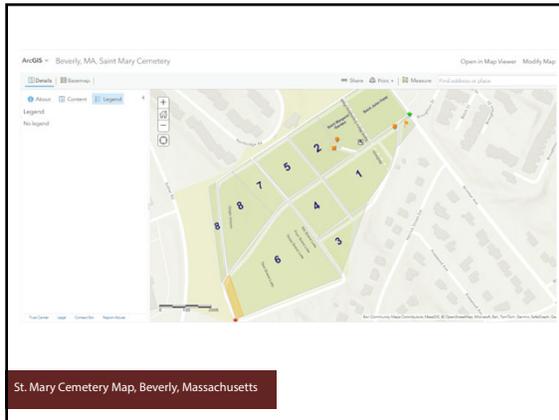
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St. Mary Cemetery Map, Beverly, Massachusetts

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### Additional Databases

- Catholic Mount Auburn Cemetery Burials, 1854-1980 (Watertown, Massachusetts)
- St. Augustine Cemetery Records, 1819-1859 (Boston, Massachusetts)

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Civil War and Military

Name	DeathDate	War	MilitaryUnit	ServiceDates	Notes
AUSTIN, Alexander	9/15/1881	Civil	Pvt. CO. K, 24th Regt. MV	8/6/1862 - 1/20/1866	
	Lot 141			Age 58	BirthYear 1823
				Row 3	Section West Marker Yes
BARNACLE, William M.	11/20/1934	WWI	Battery E, 101st, Field Artillery, 26th Inf Div.	4/29/1919	Cook
	Lot 79			Age 41	BirthYear 1893
				Row 8	Section East Marker Yes
BARRY, William J.	3/4/1877	Civil	Pvt. CO. F, 38th Regt. MV	8/12/1862 - 2/2/1865; 2/3/1865 - 7/4/1865	
	Lot 33			Age 41	BirthYear 1836
				Row	Section West Main Avenue - Rear Marker Yes
BEAN, Zachariah	8/23/1882	Civil	US Navy USS San Jacinto	2/26/1862 - 4/24/1863	Landman, Cook, Discharged for disability, African American

Catholic Mount Auburn Cemetery Burials - Civil War and Military

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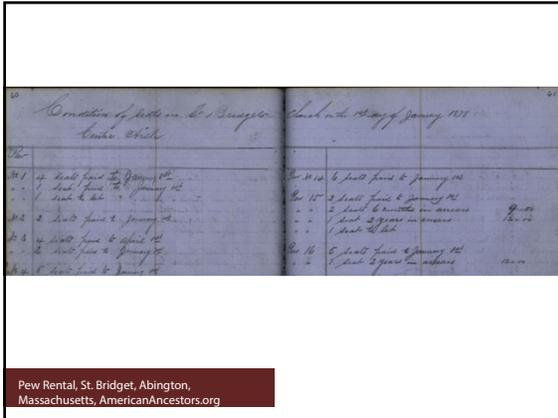
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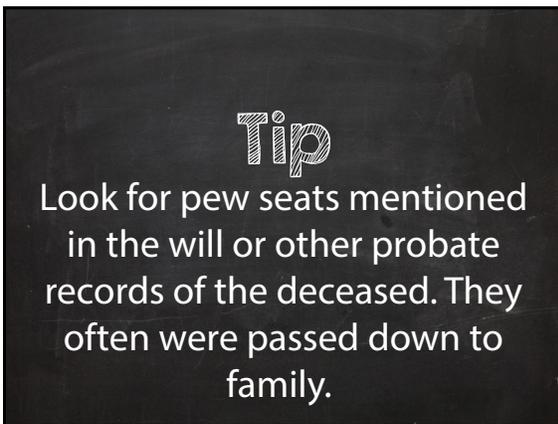
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### Catholic Institution Records

- Examples include parochial schools, orphanages, maternity homes, shelters, etc.
- Contact the local diocese to identify if the records still survive and are kept in their archives
- These are private records and may be restricted based on contents and/or year of record
  - Immediate next of kin may be able to access
- Records may be kept elsewhere if the organization or school is still active
- Some are available and digitized on FamilySearch, and other genealogy web sites

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1907 - 1929	Name	Family Occupation	Party	Residence	P.O.	Parent
July 1907	Antoinette Lombardo	Bookkeeper	Feb. 17 1913	1018 Holy Spirit St. Fort Wayne		Frank
	Katherine Y. Minnick	Teacher/Designer	Mar. 29 1913	417 Grand Ave. S.W. 28745		Alfred
	Elizabeth Y. Morsel	Plumber	Dec. 20 1913	R.R. 3, 711. N. 1/2 Sec. 16, T. 12 N., R. 10 W.		John
	Delores Y. Sallot	Manufacturer	Apr. 24 1913	1311 S. Wayne St. S.W. 27145		Stephen
	Joseph Y. Smith	Printer/Composer	June 28 1912	1129 S. Lewis St. S.W. 27145		Charles W. & John
	Thomas Y. ...	Shipping Clerk	June 15 1913	Edgewood Ave. Fort Wayne		Frank

St. Mary's Catholic Girls School Graduate Record, Fort Wayne, Indiana, FamilySearch

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Class 1923	Religion	Steno	Typing	Bookkeeping	Mathematics	Penmanship	Spelling	Grading
Marian Beckman	95	91	94	88	86	81	91	88
Marie Burlage	99	99	93	99	97	96	100	94
Scholastica Comment	98	94	92	95	86	88	97	93
Helma Daily	97	95	86	94	90	81	97	90
Esther Deshusses	97	80	71	88	83	88	67	86
Eulalia Hertoch	93	89	94	82	94	95	96	87
Celeste Hubbard	93	92	90	94	89	93	98	89
Mona Haffner	100	92	89	95	92	89	98	96
Ann ...	99	94	94	99	88	93	98	92

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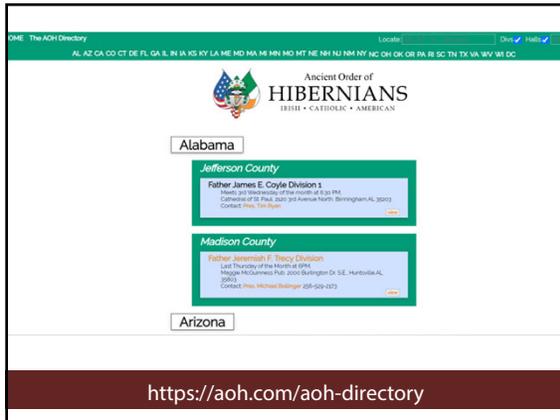
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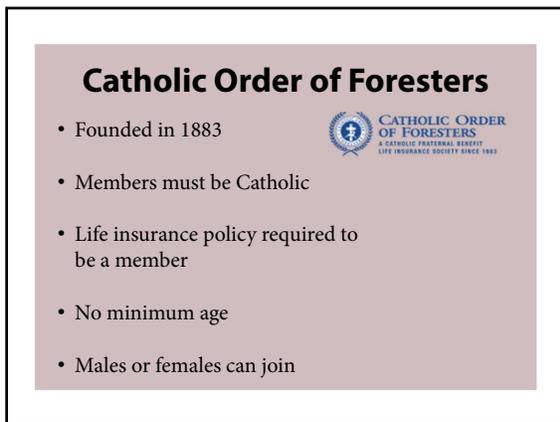
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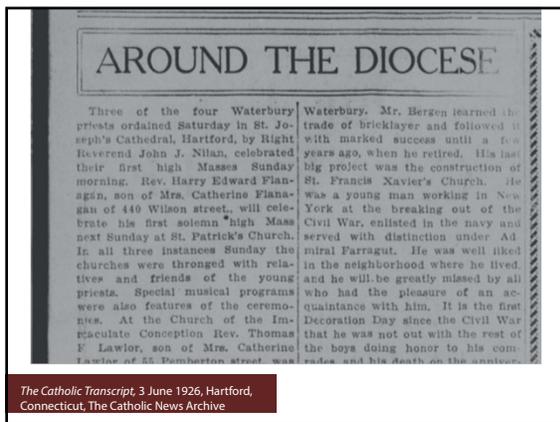
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The Catholic Transcript, 3 June 1926, Hartford, Connecticut, The Catholic News Archive

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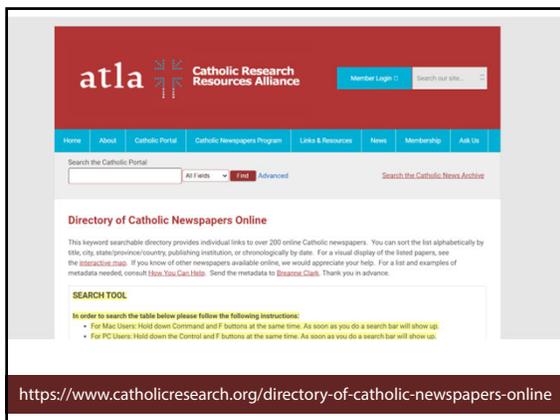
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