

Marie Ferre Collection

1971-2013

2 boxes (0.75 linear foot)

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Esma-Marie N'Doi Booth was born into a missionary family in the Belgian Congo in Dec. 1932, and attended school there until entering Boston University. She earned her degree in art and art history in 1954, the same year she married the philosopher Frederick Ferec, and for much of the next four decades, she worked as an archivist at the colleges and universities where her husband found an academic home: Vanderbilt, Mount Holyoke, and Dickinson. After retiring to Northfield, Mass., in 2000, she became active in local history and historic preservation, including working as archivist for the Association for Gravestone Studies. She died in Greenfield, Mass., in 2016 at the age of 83.

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Background on Marie Ferre

Esma-Marie N'Doi Booth was born to Methodist missionaries in what was then the Belgian Congo on Dec. 30, 1932, and attended school at the Central School for Missionaries' Children in Ludondai until entering college at Boston University. Graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in art and art history in 1954, Ferre married the philosopher and metaphysician Frederick Feree, building a career as an archivist at the institutions where he found an academic home: Vanderbilt, Mount Holyoke, and Dickinson.

After retiring in 2000, Ferre moved to Northfield, Mass., and became active in local history and historic preservation. In addition to serving on the town historic commission, she volunteered as a docent at Historic Deerfield and became active in the Association for Gravestone Studies, serving for several years as archivist. In 2008, she founded the Friends of Northfield's Old Cemeteries and conducted a comprehensive survey of the town's Center, setting the stage for its listing on the National Register. Ferre died in Greenfield, Mass., on March 4, 2016.



Marie Ferre among the headstones, ca.2004

Scope of collection

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Inventory

Photographs

2002-2007

Conn.: Danbury, New Haven

2004

Box 1: 1

Mass.: Becket, Chesterfield

2005

Box 1: 2

Mass.: Dennis, Yarmouth

2004

Box 1: 3

Mass.: Dennis, Yarmouth, Newburyport, Newbury

2005-09

Box 1: 4

Mass.: Dennis, Yarmouth, Northfield, Newburyport, Newbury, Harvard

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Box 1: 5

Mass.: Miscellaneous (two folders)

2000-2002

Box 1: 6

Mass.: Mount Auburn

2007-06

Box 1: 7

Mass.: Oxford

2005

Box 1: 8

Mass.: Oxford, Acushnet, Shutesbury
2005
Box 1: 9
Mass.: Plympton
2004
Box 1: 10
Mass.: Rutland, Vt., Petersham, Mass.
2006-06
Box 1: 11
Mass.: Yarmouth
2002
Box 1: 12
Miscellaneous
2005-2007
Box 1: 13
New York: Long Island
2007-06
Box 1: 14
Nova Scotia
2005-06
Box 1: 15
Unidentified
2002-2004
Box 1: 16
Research materials
1971-2013
Association for Gravestone Studies: archives
2005
Box 2: 1
Association for Gravestone Studies: Ralph Tucker Papers
2005
Box 2: 2
Carvers: miscellaneous
undated
Box 2: 3
Carvers: miscellaneous on various carvers
1984-2013
Box 2: 4
Carvers: Soules, B.
ca.1980
Box 2: 5
Perley, Sidney: Early gravestones in Essex County [photocopy], Essex Antiquarian 3
1899
Box 2: 6
Drinkwater, Robert: From quarry to graveyard: a schematic reconstruction of early New England gravestone carving technology.
Senior thesis, UMass Amherst
1972
Box 2: 7
Olsen, Susan: Graveyard discoveries: Association for Gravestone Studies sets sights on Pennsylvania, American Cemetery
2006-08
Box 2: 8
Graveyard tours: maps and notes
1988-2005
Box 2: 9
Introductions to gravestones [photocopies of articles]
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Box 2: 10
Ludwig, Allan I.: Sermons in stone, FMR, no. 6
1984

Box 2: 11

Symbolism and letters on gravestones

2003

Box 2: 12

Town of Hanover 2005 Annual Calendar -- Burying grounds

2005

Box 2: 13

Trinkley, Michael: Why sandstone monuments have so many problems, AGS Quarterly, vo. 37, 1

2013

Box 2: 14

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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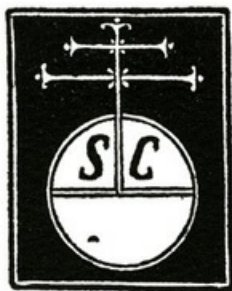
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