

## Association for Gravestone Studies Ephemera Collection

1788-1939

1 box (0.25 linear ft.)

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## Background on Association for Gravestone Studies

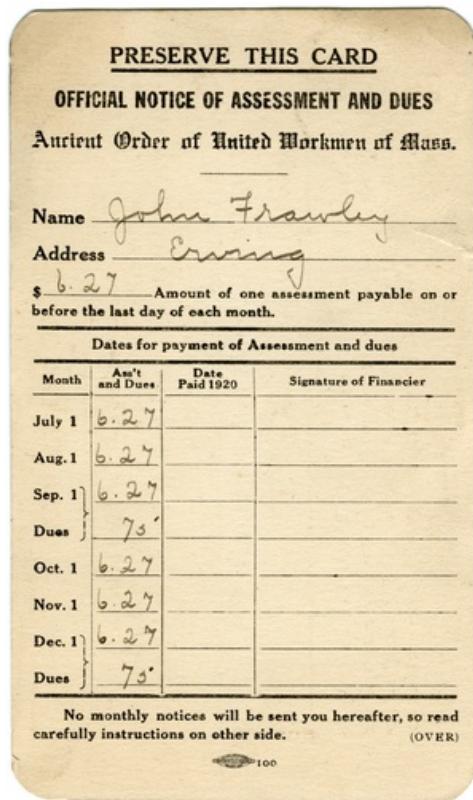
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## Scope of collection

The AGS Ephemera Collections contains a mix of materials relating to gravestones and the slate and marble industries. Most of the items relate to the marble and slate industries in Western Massachusetts and adjacent areas in Vermont and New Hampshire.

## Inventory

Ancient Order of United Workmen of Mass.: Assessment and dues card for membership in Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 71,



A.O.U.W.

1920

Bosworth, G. L. : Invoice from C. D. Allen for flagstone, Holyoke, Mass.

1885 Apr. 25

"North River Blue Stone for curbing, guttering, street crossings, sidewalks, &c.

*Bruton Parish Church: A Brief History, With a Map and Key List of Tombstones in the Church and Yard* (Williamsburg, Va., 1939)  
1939

Ownership signature of L. Sidney Eslinger 1940 on front wrap

Clement, C.: Letter to "my dear Elizabeth"

1876 Sept. 11

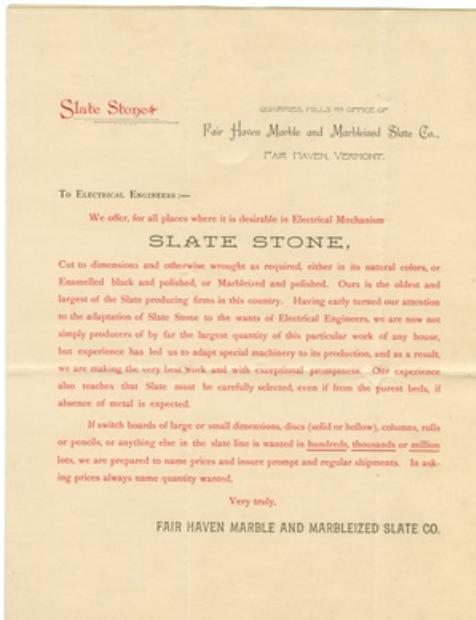
On letterhead of Clement, Sons & Co. Producers of Rutland Marble

*Connecticut Courant & Weekly Intelligencer*

1788 Nov. 3

Includes advertisement, p. 2, for Shaler and Hall stone quarry, Chatham "for public or private Buildings, Flags, Grave-Stones or Monuments... "

Fair Haven Marble & Marbleized Slate Co.: Circular letter to Electrical Engineers offering slate for use "where it is desirable in



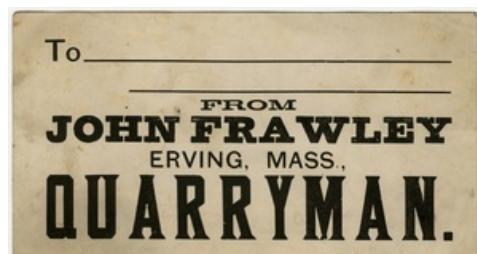
electrical Mechanism." Fair Haven, Vt.

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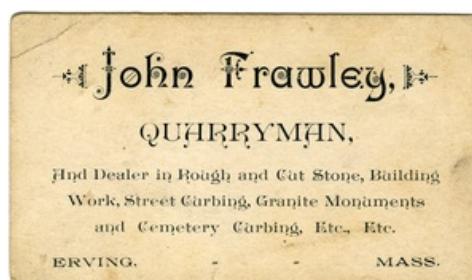
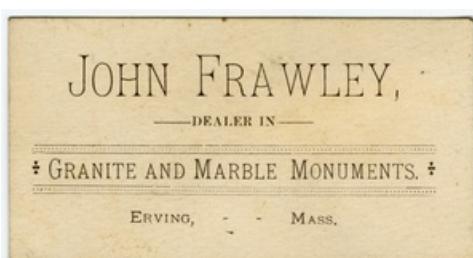
2 copies

Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Co.: Letter to Farr Alpaca Company, quote for slate, Fair Haven, Vt.

1895 Dec. 23



Frawley, John: Business cards (3) printed envelope, and printed shipping label



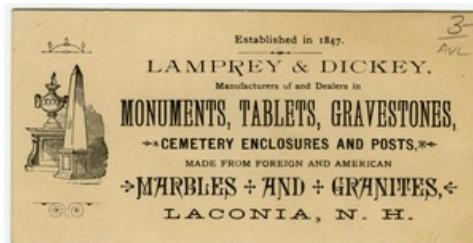
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Frawley listed on his business cards alternately as a dealer in Granite & Marble Monuments and Quarryman, Erving, Mass.

Frawley, John: Receipt to the Ladies Aid Society for lumber, Wendell Depot, Mass.

1908 June 5

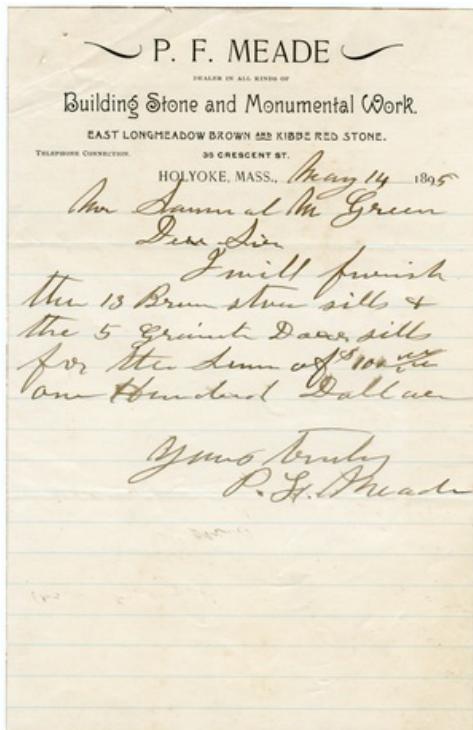
Also includes blank printed receipt form



Lamprey & Dickey: Business card, Laconia, N.H.

ca.1890

"Manufacturers and dealers in monuments, tablets, gravestones"



Meade, P. F.: Letter to Samuel M. Green, Holyoke, Mass.

1895 May 14

Agrees to furnish brownstone sills and granite doors sills. Meade was a dealer in "Building Stone and Monumental Work"



Memorial cards

1888 Sept 23, Nov. 26

Cards for Elizabeth Leach (d. Sept. 23, 1888) and Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps (d. Nov. 26, 1888). Backmark on Leach for Memorial Card Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Pelkey, W. H.: Letter to Farr Alpaca Company, quote for slate, Holyoke, Mass.

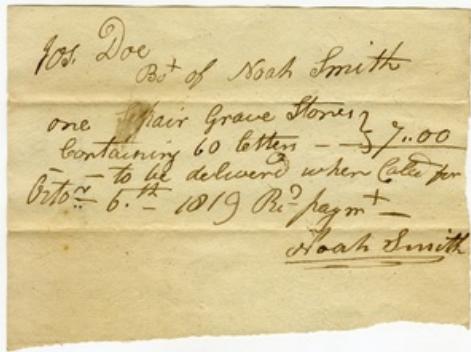
1895 Dec. 21

On letterhead of W.H. Pelkey Slate and Iron Works

Sheldon Marble Co.: Letter to Farr Alpaca Co. regarding use of oil as fuel, West Rutland, Vt.

1890 June 14

On letterhead of Sheldon Marble Co.



Smith, Noah: Receipt for pair of gravestones (60 letters) to Jos. Doe  
1819 Oct. 6

United States. Bureau of Mines : Accident report for Quarries to John Frawley

1916

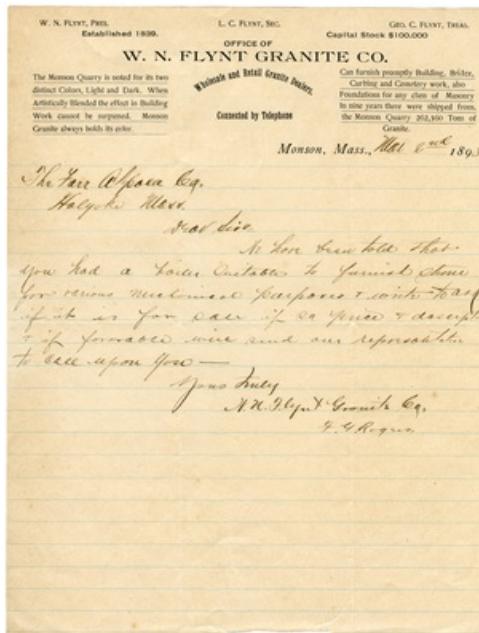
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Vermont Marble Company: Letter to Farr Alpaca Co. regarding oil burners, Proctor, Vt.

1892 Feb. 18

Mentions Standard Oil Co. problems

W. N. Flynt Granite Co.: Letter to Farr Alpaca Co. (offering to purchase a boiler), Monson, Mass.



1893 Mar. 2

On letterhead of W. N. Flynt Granite Co.

Wall and McCormick: Letter to Farr Alpaca Co. regarding delivery of stone for beds, Holyoke, Mass.

1891 Jan. 24

On letterhead of "Wall and McCormick, Workers in Stone"

## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Acquired from the Association for Gravestone Studies, November 2009; many items were the gift of Mrs. Sidney Eslinger to the AGS.

### Processing Information

Processed by Dex Haven, January 2010.

### Related Material

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Marble industry and trade.

Slate industry.

### Contributors

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Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Co.

Farr Alpaca Co.

### Genres and formats

Business cards.

Circular letters.

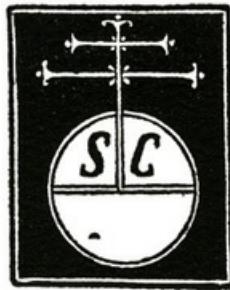
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