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No.B-39

Date processed: August, 1984

I. Title Greater New Haven Memorial Society. Records, 1963-

II. The papers of The Greater New Haven Memorial Society
    deposited in the Library on 1983, by E.J. Boell
    converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3 1/2
    Approximate number of items: 3835

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
    in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
    the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
    to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: The Greater New Haven Memorial Society was started at an
    organizational meeting January 30, 1963 at the Nationwide Insurance Building,
    261 Skiff Street, Hamden, Conn. Present were all the incorporators and all of
    the applicants for membership in the corporation. Mr. Herbert Winer was elected
    chairman of the meeting. The Society was formed for "the purpose of making possible
    the simple and dignified interment of our loved ones." Since then the Society has
    provided its members and the public with information on laws, costs, and alternatives
    available in Connecticut relating to the disposition of bodies after death. To this
    end meetings were held, a newsletter published and a Voluminous correspondence
    carried on with members, prospective members, other societies, other agencies and
    Information was compiled on many aspects of the effects of a death in a family.

VIII. Analysis:
    The records are contained in 8 boxes. They are arranged in five general series:
    organization, correspondence, information materials, Continental Association, and
    other agencies.

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Biographical note cont.

A survey of funeral directors was made in 1976. The Society is an affiliate of the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies. Through this group it worked for passage of a federal regulation requiring full disclosure by funeral directors of all costs and alternative types of funerals available to the public. This was enacted in 1984.
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