St. John’s Evangelical Church Cemetery Records
[c. 1900-1998]

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Biographical Note:
St. John's was organized by 21 people in 1847 as United Evangelical St. John's Congregation in Black Rock, a German speaking congregation. For the first five years, members met in homes, a school and a Baptist church.

The congregation's first church building was completed in 1852 and extensively remodeled in the late 1870s. Soon afterward, lightning struck it, destroying the steeple and the pipe organ. The damage was repaired within a year, but by 1889 the congregation needed a larger church. So the congregation demolished the old church and built a new one -- the present one -- on the same site.

The congregation was reorganized on March 9, 1900, by 35 charter members as St. John's Reformed Church of South Buffalo. For several decades, services were conducted in German. In 1904, the congregation joined the Evangelical Synod of North America and became St. John's Evangelical Church. When the Evangelical Synod of North America merged with the Reformed Church in 1934, the Black Rock church became St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The name was changed to St. John's United Church of Christ after the merger in 1957 of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Reformed Church. The church closed its doors in 1999 and was located at 85 Amherst St, Buffalo, New York 14207. News article concerning the closing is included in the collection.

Scope and Contents:
Cemetery records. The records in this collection belong to St. John's United Church of Christ on Amherst Street, pertain mainly to the operation of their church cemetery. The records belong to the church board and were compiled in their present format by Mr. David Hoock, one of the key board members. Some of the records filmed are the property of his family.

Arrangement:
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Inventory: See below.
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Book # 1 - "Cemetery Taxes and Letters."

Books # 2-5 - Alphabetized list of purchasers of "lots."

EACH RECORD CONTAINS:

1. Lot number.
2. Purchaser of Lot & his/her address.
3. Names (and dates) of persons buried in lot.
4. If removed from St. John's Cemetery, names & dates of persons removed.
5. "Other Information."
6. Date of Entry.

Note: The records are listed by purchaser's name in alphabetical order.

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The Buffalo State College History Department was initially approached by Joan Barone of the Black Rock Historic Pride Committee, and she put me in contact with Mr. Hoock.

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