



The following is the finding aid for the St. John's Cemetery, Herman collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted. [Genealogists should consult our genealogical resources guide.](#) [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**St. John's Cemetery (Herman, Wis.)
Records, 1862-1960
MC 227**

Volume
0.30 cubic feet

Access
Open/unrestricted

Historical Note

St. John's Church and its cemetery were formed in 1853 when a 30' x 20' log church was built under the direction of Rev. Michael Beitter. In 1863, three acres of land were donated by several members of the community and a frame building was built to house the parish school. Services were held in the church once or twice a month by traveling priests from St. Lawrence, Hartford, and Beaver Dam.

In 1869 a new church was built in nearby Rubicon to be more centrally accessible, which also carried the St. John's name. The old St. John's, as it was now called, was abandoned; however, the cemetery remained and continued to be used. In 1885, the original log church was razed and the school building was used as a chapel until November 1946 when the last mass was said there by Rev. Oliver Zinnen. In 1948 the building was deemed to be in such bad repair that it could no longer be used. It was sold at auction for \$800 to Joe Marks and part of it razed and part taken down to be used for a dwelling. The bell from the chapel was sold in 1955 for \$30.

A cemetery association was incorporated in 1929 to better run its financial matters. They surveyed the cemetery into blocks and lots and continued to meet annually until 1952.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collections consists of two ledger books containing records of the cemetery, meeting minutes, and logs of income and expenses from December 1862 through 1960. It also contains a photograph and negative of the chapel building.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1	Church and corporate log book
B 1	F 2	Corporate ledger book
B 1	F 3	Historical information
B 1	F 4	Photograph and negative of chapel building