

# McGowan Funeral Home Records

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## How to Access and Search the Database

Accessing the Database  
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### Next General Meeting

Our business meeting will begin...  
Our educational presentation  
"Using Digital Libraries: Search Strategies  
for Family Historians" by Elisabeth  
O'Neal.



### Video Conferencing Help

New to online meetings? We can help!



### Recordings Available

Video recordings from the General Meeting held on Saturday, March 8, 2020 are now available.

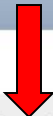


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The McGowan funeral home operated in South Dallas from 1955 until the 1990s.



Alto McGowan was born in 1904 in San Augustine, Texas, and moved to Dallas as a young man. He ran several businesses, including a café, record shop, bail bonds business, and others. He started the McGowan Funeral Home around 1955 and became a member of several funeral director associations and fraternal organizations.

The Dallas Public Library holds the collection of records from the McGowan home: it is currently housed on the 8th floor in the administrative area and is not accessible to the general public without prior arrangement. It contains client/deceased files which may include obituaries, photographs, funeral pamphlets, death certificates, and related materials. A small portion of the collection pertains to the administrative/office functions of running the funeral home, which held city, county, and VA contracts for local ambulances serving several nearby counties. This collection is a great resource for African-American burial practices in the late twentieth century.



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Mcgowan.php Version: 1.5

Name:  Cemetery:  Funeral Home:

Sort Order: Last Name  Year/Box/Folder:

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Name:  Cemetery: All Funeral Home: All  
Sort Order: Last Name  Year/Box/Folder:

  
**Search by Name**

  
**Sort Output**

# Name Searching Tips

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- Single name searches returns the name found in any name field
  - Edward brings up first, middle, last or maiden names of Edward or Edwards
- Two names joined by a plus sign with no spaces (i.e., **John+Smith**)
  - The first name listed only returns names found in the first name field
  - The second name listed returns names found in the middle, last or maiden name fields
- Notes:
  - The Suffix field is never included in the name search.
  - Names listed in the Comments field are not searched.
  - Apostrophes are not allowed in the database. For example, O'Neal is listed as ONeal in the database.

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Maiden name	Suffix	Birth Date	Approximate	Death Date	Approximate	Gender	Ethnicity	Nationality	Cause of Death	City	State	Funeral Home
Carrie	Mae	Johnson	Hunter		08-Dec-1919	No	03-Aug-1971	No	F	Black	American	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	Dallas	TX	McGowan
Carrie	Lee	Edmond	Johnson		15-Apr-198	No	06-Oct-1984	No	F	Black	USA	Acute Medullory Failure	Mesquite	TX	McGowan
Carrie		Scott	Johnson		26-Dec-1905	No	06-Apr-1984	No	F	Black	USA	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Dallas	TX	McGowan

3 matching records found

**Scroll to the right  
to find the Box and  
Folder Number**




City	State	Funeral Home	City	State	2nd Funeral Home	City	State	Cemetery	City	State	Collection	Number	Year	Box	Folder	Other Information	Military History	Comments
Dallas	TX	McGowan	Dallas	TX				Harris Creek	Winona	TX	McGowan Collection	MA07	2007	22	2545	Photograph, Death Certificate, Obituary, Program, Correspondence, Insurance	None	
Mesquite	TX	McGowan	Dallas	TX				Lincoln Memorial Park	Dallas	TX	McGowan Collection	MA07	2007	50	5287	Photograph, Death Certificate, Obituary, Program, Correspondence, Insurance		
Dallas	TX	McGowan	Dallas	TX				Laurel Land Memorial Park	Dallas	TX	McGowan Collection	MA07	2007	50	5331	Death Certificate, Obituary, Program, Correspondence		



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**Search or filter by Cemetery** 

- All
- Alexander
- Allen
- Alta Mesa Memorial Park
- Amaefor Isingwu
- American Memorial Park
- Anderson
- Anderson Cemetery for Colored
- Ann Reed
- Antioch
- Antioch St. Johns
- Asbury
- Asia Cemetery for Colored
- Athens
- Avant Cemetery for Colored
- Avant Prairie AME Church
- Avenger Cemetery for Colored
- Ayers Chapel
- Ball Spring
- Baptist

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Sort Order: Last Name  Year/Box/Folder:

- All
- Allen
- Alsobrooks
- Anderson-Clayton Brothers
- Atlanta
- Austin
- B. T. Johnson
- Baker Mortuary
- Bigham Mortuary
- Black and Clark
- Black and Clark
- Boykins
- Brooks-Sterling
- Burton
- Burton
- C. P. Bannon Mortuary
- Calhoun
- Calvin Parker
- Cedar Crest
- Cedar Crest

**Search or filter by Funeral Home** 