

Testimony of Cecilia Deems on the Libertini Family Vaults at St. Vincent's

As far as I remember, the Libertini's had two mausoleums-- the one my grandmother was in (on top of a spring) and then Giacomo Libertini's. That one was much bigger than my grandmother's--think it held eight. Uncle Louie's son, Joe, was the caretaker of the cemetery for a while.

When I visited the cemetery in 1969, a man was there working bricking up the door of his mausoleum so vandals couldn't get in again. I also saw where someone had been buried there in the early 60's. I remember being surprised to see that--thought no one had been buried there for years.

My grandfather (Ignatius) wrote a poem to his wife and had it written on a cement slab that went on top of the mausoleum--I remember seeing that when we visited the cemetery when we came to Baltimore for vacation. I have a copy of the poem but have no idea what happened to the slab. Guess it was bulldozed with the rest of the tombstones. They did take picnic lunches and spend Sunday afternoons walking around the lake and visiting the dead! My mother had vivid memories of that!