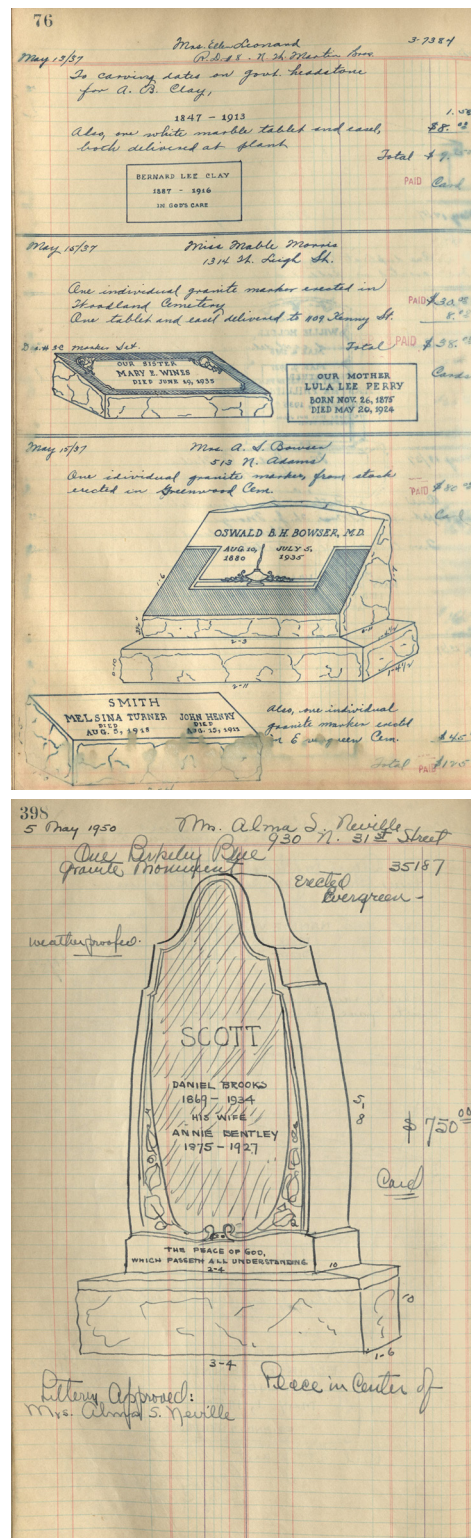


Grave markers are key sources of historical information for families, researchers, and genealogists. The Library of Virginia previously preserved twelve volumes of order books from the J. Henry Brown Monuments Company in Richmond dating from 1899 through 1920. Recently, fourteen additional volumes were uncovered. Spanning from 1928 to 1958, these newer volumes are now part of the Library of Virginia's collection. Together, they offer an unparalleled view of grave markers across the region. The order books contain thousands of detailed entries spanning six decades, documenting markers erected in almost every cemetery in central Virginia. These volumes cross racial, religious, and economic boundaries and are the only surviving records for many markers that no longer exist.

All the volumes have been digitized and are available for viewing here:

bit.ly/JSTOR-BrownOrderBooks



PROGRAM

Welcome

Jessica Bennett, Digital Collections Specialist, Library of Virginia

The J. Henry Brown Order Books: Investigating and Indexing a Unique Archival Collection

Trenton Hizer, Sr. Manuscripts Acquisition and Digital Archivist, Library of Virginia

Accessing the Order Books

Jeannine Keefer, Visual Resources Librarian, University of Richmond

Uses of the J. Henry Brown Order Books at the Cemeteries

John Shuck and Alice Jones, Woodland Restoration Foundation volunteers

Contextualizing Reuse:

Marble Furniture Tops in the J. Henry Brown Order Books

Elizabeth P. Baughan, Associate Professor of Classics & Archaeology, University of Richmond

The Many Marker Types from the J. Henry Brown Shop

Ryan K. Smith, Professor of History, Virginia Commonwealth University

Cemetery Citizens: Researching the Past to Revise the Present

Adam R. Rosenblatt, Associate Professor of the Practice, International Comparative Studies, Duke University

Audience Questions & Answers

