









Mrs. Colby's lily garden.

# CITY DIRECTORIES 1902 - 2009





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- 1896 – Mrs. Julia Colby, school teacher, r. 459 S. Grant
- 1902 – Mrs. Julia A. H. Colby r. 459 S. Grant (Southside Baptist Church)
- 1905 – Mrs. Julia A. H. Colby (widow John C. S.), principal Colby Select School at 459 S. Grant (1909 was the last mention of her school)
- 1912 - Mrs. Julia A. H. Colby (widow Spencer) 459 S. Grant
- 1916 – Julia A. H. Colby (widow John S.) 459 S. Grant
- 1920 – Julia A. H. Colby (widow J. C.) 459 S. Grant
- 1926 & 1927 – Mrs. Julia Colby r. 924 (or 927) N. Main (Mary E. Wilson)

# CIRCUIT COURT





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1833 - 2008

- 11,000 cu. ft. – includes Circuit, Associate, and Juvenile
- Juvenile records are permanently closed
- Criminal – open and closed records
- Civil – most are open except...
- Divorce – depending on the divorce date, only the final decree is open to the public. Current date - **1952**

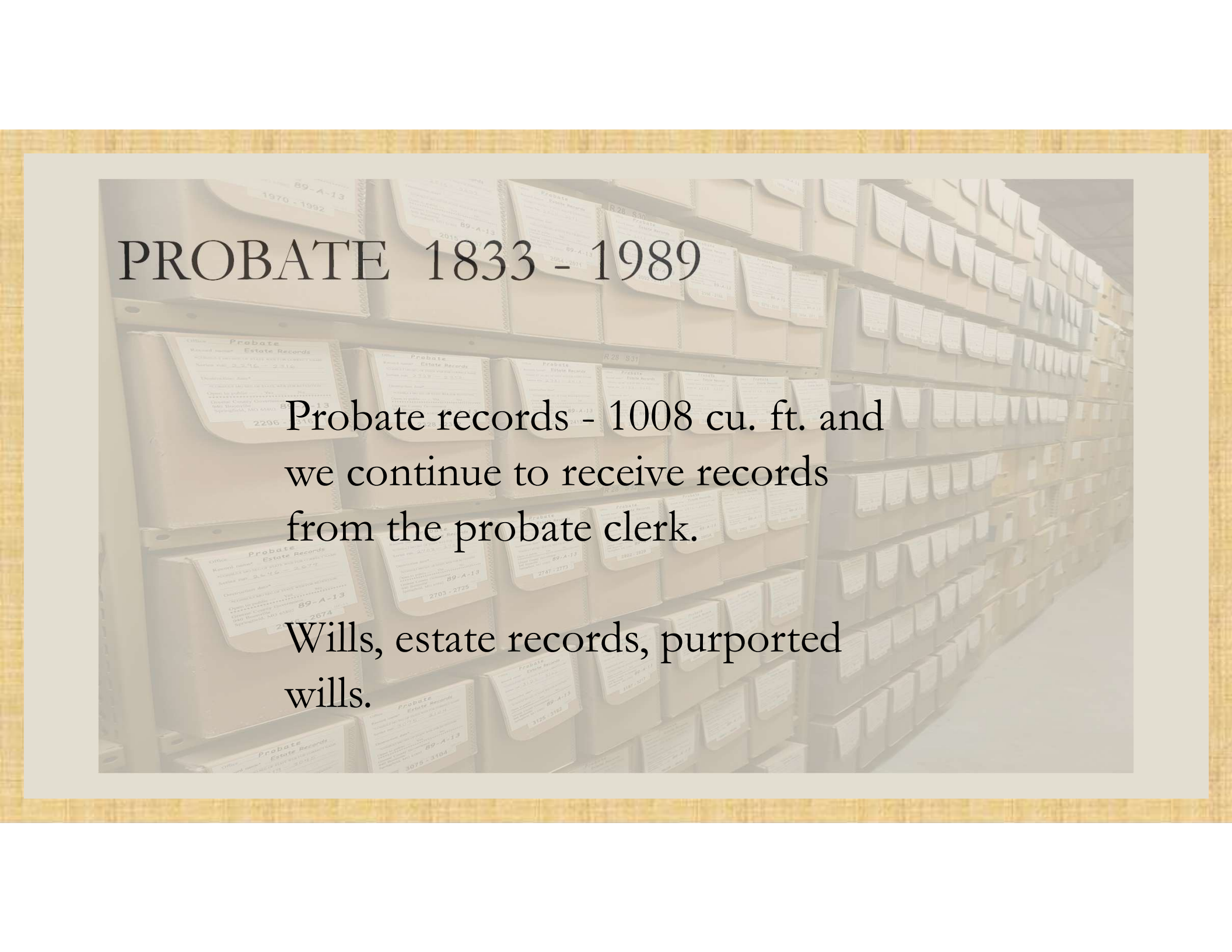
# CIRCUIT COURT

- Julia married JCS Colby 24 December 1860 in Dallas County.
- Filed for divorce in January 1867.
- Claimed he abandoned her 10 December 1865; he admitted to abandoning her.
- No children at the time of divorce.
- Julia's next friend – her father, Eleazer Hovey



# CIRCUIT COURT

- Later in 1867, JCS was indicted for gambling; again in 1871 and 1872.
- Also found in a civil suit, his full name was John Calhoun Spencer Colby.
- Eleazar Hovey was involved in a few civil cases, including one regarding a building he owned at Boonville and Calhoun.
- \*\*\**Court records can prove location, property ownership, marriage dates/locations, divorce, children...*

The background image shows a vast collection of probate records organized in a multi-tiered filing cabinet system. Numerous drawers are open, revealing labels and documents. The labels are white with black text, often featuring the words "Probate" and "Estate Records" along with specific date ranges or case numbers. The drawers are arranged in rows that recede into the distance, creating a sense of a large, well-maintained archive. The overall lighting is soft, and the colors are muted, emphasizing the historical and official nature of the records.

# PROBATE 1833 - 1989

Probate records - 1008 cu. ft. and  
we continue to receive records  
from the probate clerk.

Wills, estate records, purported  
wills.



Last will and testament of Mrs Julia A. Colby.

I, the undersigned, Mrs. Julia A. Colby,  
do hereby will and bequeath the follow-  
ing - viz:

To The Mary E. Wilson Home - my large  
arm chair, my wheel chair, my clock,  
one pair crutches, my bedding (which  
consists of 3 pillows with cases, 3 blankets,  
and one counterpane) and all money  
left in The McDaniel National Bank &  
after my debts and funeral expenses are  
paid.



PERSONAL ESTATE HAVING A FIXED AND DETERMINED VALUE, AS FOLLOWS:

	Dollars	Cts.
Money found under Pillow	20	05
" " in Box in closet	20	00
" " in McDaniel National Bank		
in Savings account, in the		
following. Names. Mrs. Justice		
A. H. Colby. Special or Julia K.		
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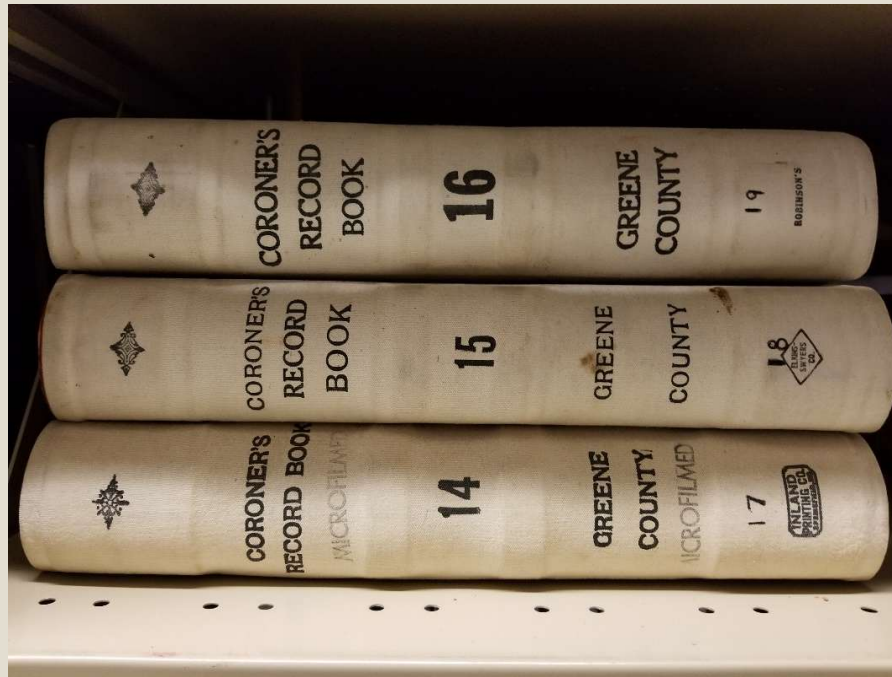
# Coroner's/Medical Examiner's Records 1834 - 2013



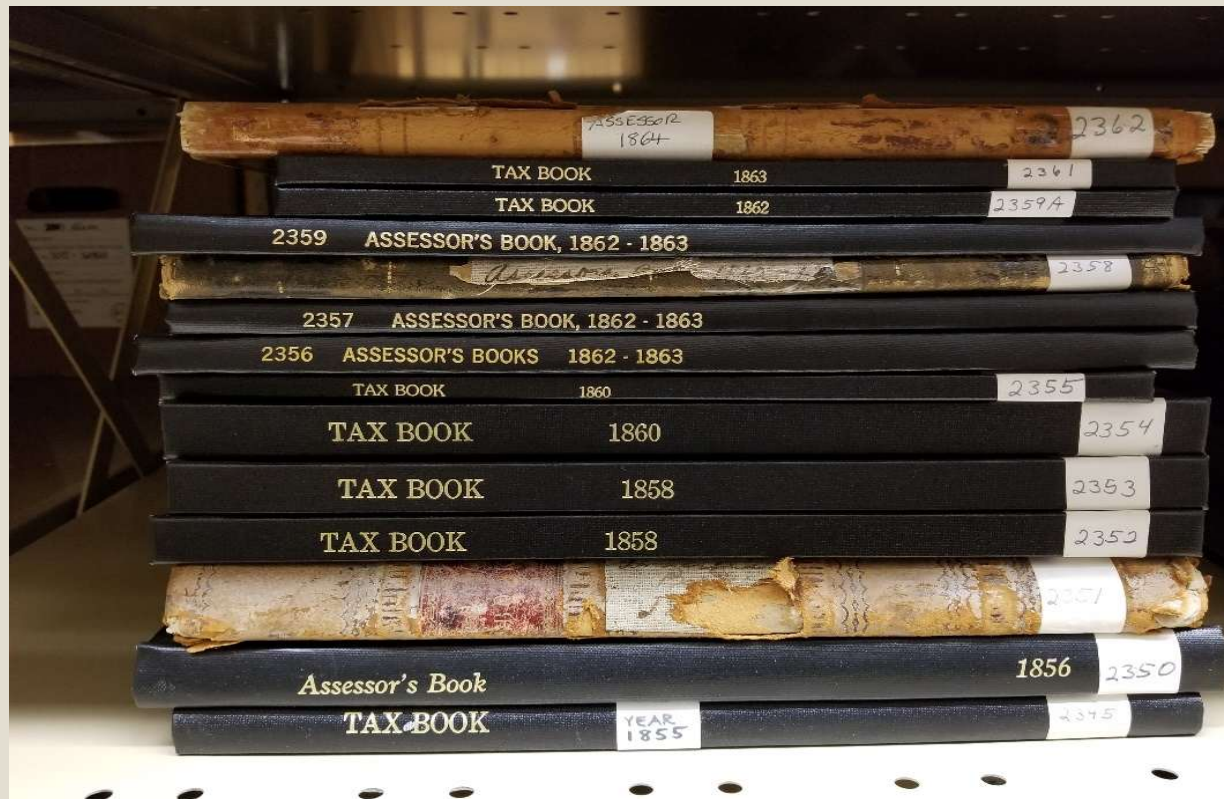


# CORONER'S RECORD BOOKS

## 1875 - 1970



# TAX BOOKS







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1880 – Colby lived in McClure's Addition, Lot 7; worth \$50.

Meinhardt's Addition – 80  
ft of E end of Lot 14 and  
all Lot 7; worth \$1000.



# Recorder's Deed Indexes

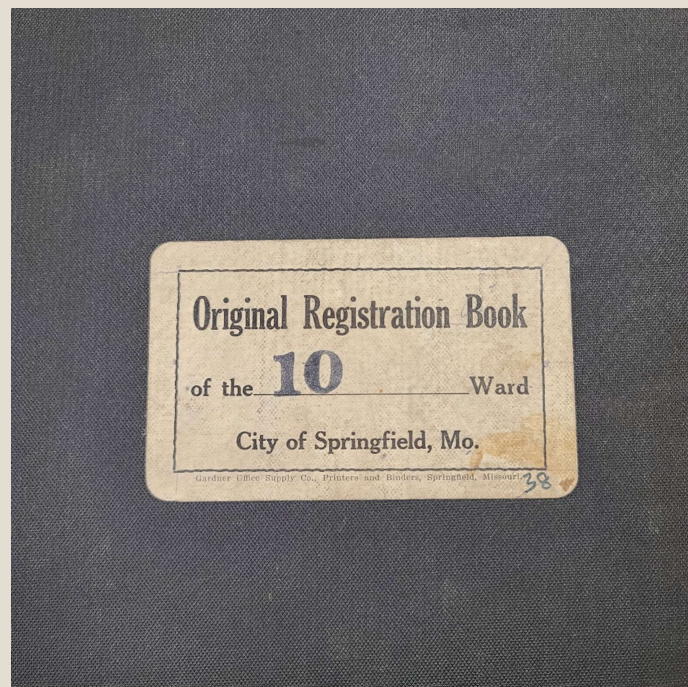
Index book no. 8, 1877 – 1879

Julia A. H. Colby bought the lot  
from Frederic Weaver and wife in  
April 1878.





# VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS



282 Mrs. Florence Gellman	423 Sycamore
283 Pearl W Keene	423 Sycamore
284 Mrs Lettie Keene	1068 Clay St
285 Mrs Etta Gange	1068 Clay St.
286 Irene Sprague	716 N. Jefferson
287 Lewis W. Loman	834 N. Jefferson
288 Hazel Dwyer	1011 Clay
289 Mrs. Ida Case	833 Washington
290 Marcellus Cain	833 Washington
291 Mrs Nannie Cain	702 Clay St.
292 A.E. Redd	702 Clay St
293 Hollie Redd	818 N. Jefferson St
294 Mrs M. R. Sutton	818 No Jefferson
295 M R Sutton	818 no jefferon
296 Mrs Nizimah Morgan	1129-Clay street
297 Mrs W P Wetherby	1129-Clay street
298 W.P. Wetherby	



# NATURALIZATIONS 1845 - 1907

**DECLARATION OF INTENTION.**

State of Missouri, }  
County of Greene }

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

I, Charles Shultz do declare, on oath, that it  
is bona fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever  
all allegiance and fidelity to all and any foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty  
whatever, and particularly to Empire of Germany  
of whom I was a subject.

Charles Shultz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day  
of March A. D. 1882.

John R. Ferguson Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ D. C.

# COUNTY COURT BOOKS

218  
10<sup>th</sup>  
to day of Feby Term 1843.  
Ordered by the Court here that Peter Apperson Adm<sup>r</sup> of the Est<sup>t</sup> of  
C.D. Terrell dec<sup>d</sup> proceed to sell at private sale a certain Town  
Lot in ~~said~~ the Town of Ozark, Greene County Mo at private sale  
according to law

Peter Apperson...proceed to sell...a certain town lot  
in the town of Ozark, Greene County, Mo.

# Assessor's Photographs - 1990ish





**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES**

**AND**

**EMBALMERS LICENSES**

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# Will Lohmeyer – Embalmer's License

The State Board of Embalming.  
State of Missouri.  
No. 859.

To All whom it may concern, Greeting.  
By virtue of Authority vested in us by the  
State of Missouri by an act approved, March  
Sixteenth, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-five, to  
regulate the practice of Embalming.

We do hereby grant a license for the term of  
one year from date to Will C. Lohmeyer of  
Springfield, County of Greene, to practice the  
Science of Embalming, he having passed a  
satisfactory examination by the State Board.

Given under our hands and seals of this  
Board this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, Nineteen hundred  
and five.

Jos. Martin.

Aug. Lohmeyer.

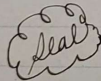
Geo. C. R. Wagoner.

G. B. Hickman, Secretary

L. J. Stewart, President.

The State Board of Embalming.

Will C. Lohmeyer.



# Available Online

- Historic cases – Hickok, Milly Sawyers, Nat Kinney, et al
- School records 1910 - 1931
- Immigrants to Southwest Missouri
- Blind Pensions 1923 - 1933
- Record of Deeds (listing of buyers and sellers) 1833 - 1877
- Probate index (incomplete)
- Coroner/Medical Examiner index 1834 - 1900



**BE NICE  
TO ARCHIVISTS**



**THEY CAN ERASE YOU  
FROM HISTORY**