

Kearney Embalmers

Licensed Embalmers, a history

<http://books.google.com/books?id=JndnEiydTiYC&pg=PA341&lpg=PA341&dq=history,+embalming+licenses+required+in+nebraska&source=bl&ots=gvWWtPKnSe&sig=IoEDAMpzJxVOFavGlle3zespfmY&hl=en&sa=X&ei=gT9jUImxLvOxygHYnYG4CA&ved=0CEgQ6AEwBzgo#v=onepage&q=history%2C%20embalming%20licenses%20required%20in%20nebraska&f=false>

1894 Virginia passed the first law requiring an embalming license. They set up 5-member state board which granted the licenses. By 1900, 24 states had laws

First Woman licensed in Nebraska

<http://www.pjstar.com/blogs/checkitout/x1730271672/From-the-Pekin-Public-Library-History-Room-From-Funerals-at-Home-to-Funeral-Homes-of-Pekin>

Though not boasting as long a history as the Woolsey or Henderson funeral homes, Abts Mortuary can boast that it has been owned and operated by the same family for longer than any other Pekin funeral home. Abts was founded in 1934 by John and Gladys Abts, beginning at Sixth and Broadway and then moving in 1942 to its present location at Fifth and Park Avenue, the former home of Pekin Mayor Everett W. Wilson (1893-1894, 1899-1900). Gladys' father had operated a funeral home in Randolph, Neb., and in 1918 Gladys became the first woman in Nebraska to obtain an embalmer's license. Abts Mortuary is now in its fourth generation in the mortuary business.

Nebraska Embalmer Certification

http://nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/public/state_finding_aids/health_bd.pdf

RG027.1 Nebraska. State Board of Health Sheet 2

In 1899 the Board of Embalmers was established to examine and certify embalmers. This board was appointed by the state board of health. The legislature of 1931 required all funeral directors and undertakers in Nebraska to register.

Buffalo County Embalmer's Book

Page 1 – A. G. Bower – 9 Oct 1899; Again Jan 4, 1901; renewed annually 1903-7; 1908, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913; P, 34 – registered 3 June 1919, issued by state 1 Jan 1919; renewed 1923

Page 10 – John Thulin – 21 Jan 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911; Page 27, registered 9 Jan 1918, issued by state 1 January 1918;

Page 12 – Vern Bower – 22 June 1906; 1908, 1909; p. 33 – registered 30 June 1919, issued by state 20 June 1919; renewed 1923

Page 16 – H. L Crawford – 3 Mar 1910; renewed 1911-1915

Page 17 – E. A. Miller – 25 June 1910; renewed 1911-15

Page 21 – Paul A. Garber – issued by state 1 Jan 1912, registered in Buffalo C. 26 June 1912;

Page 26 – Ira Anderson of Wood River, Hall County, issued by state 1 Jan 1917; registered 29 Dec 1916; renewed in Buffalo Co. 1920-1924

Page 28 – E R Parks – Registered 19 Jan 1918, issued by state 1 Jan 1918; renewed 1919

Page 28 – A E Atkins – Registered 6 Feb 1918, issued by state 1 Jan 1918

Page 35 – C L Maddox – Registered 30 June 1919, issued by state 20 June 1919

Page 36 – William Dyke McLachlin – Registered 20 July 1922, issued 9 June 1922

Page 38 – Frank George Egerblade – Registered 16 Dec 1922, issued by state 1 Feb 1922; renewed 1923

Time line

1874 – F. J. Switz started furniture & undertaking business in Kearney

1874-1902 – Switz was in undertaking business

1890 – Oct. Costello furniture store was in business

Nov. advertised furniture & undertaking goods

1892 – Costello furniture & undertaking, 2003 Central

1898, Oct. – Costello closing out sale

Dec. Chidester set up furniture store in Costello's room

1899, January – A. G. Bower set up furniture & undertaking business in Kearney

1899 – Bower registered as an embalmer

1901 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer's license

1902, June – Switz sold undertaking stock to Bower

Switz furniture only; Bower undertaking only

Bower completed embalming training

- 1903– A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- 1904 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- 1905 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- 1906 – Verne Bower completed embalming training & registered his embalmer’s license
- A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
 - John Thulin registered his embalmer’s license
- 1907 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- John Thulin renewed his embalmer’s license
- 1908 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- Vern Bower renewed embalmer’s license
 - John Thulin renewed his embalmer’s license
- 1909 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- Vern Bower renewed embalmer’s license
 - Costello opened new furniture business in Keen’s building
- 1910 – John Thulin renewed his embalmer’s license
- H. L Crawford registered his embalmer’s license
 - E. A. Miller registered his embalmer’s license
 - Costello opened undertaking business with E. C. Jolliffe, embalmer
- 1911 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- John Thulin renewed his embalmer’s license
 - H. L. Crawford renewed his embalmer’s license
 - E. A. Miller renewed his embalmer’s license
 - Costello moved to Sioux Falls
- 1912 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer’s license
- H. L. Crawford renewed his embalmer’s license
 - E. A. Miller renewed his embalmer’s license
 - Paul Garber registered his embalmer’s license

1913 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer's license

– H. L. Crawford renewed his embalmer's license

– E. A. Miller renewed his embalmer's license

1914 – H. L. Crawford renewed his embalmer's license

– E. A. Miller renewed his embalmer's license

1915, June - A body was brought to Bower's Mortuary

Nov – body of found on the tracks at Buda taken to Miller Mortuary

– H. L. Crawford renewed his embalmer's license

– E. A. Miller renewed his embalmer's license

1916, June – body of unidentified man deposited by Miller at cemetery mortuary, buried in Potter's Field

1917 – Ira Anderson of Wood River registered his embalmer's license

1918 – John Thulin renewed his embalmer's license

- E. R. Parks registered his embalmer's license

- E. A. Atkins registered his embalmer's license

1919 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer's license

– Vern Bower renewed embalmer's license

- E. R. Parks renewed his embalmer's license

- C. L. Maddox registered his embalmer's license

1920, April 1 – Miller estate sold to Ira Anderson & O. W. Arthurs

1920 – Anderson

– Ira Anderson renewed embalmer's license

1921 – Ira Anderson renewed embalmer's license

1922 – Ira Anderson renewed embalmer's license

- William Dyke McLachlin registered his embalmer's license

- Frank George Egerblade registered his embalmer's license

1923 – A. G. Bower renewed embalmer's license

– Vern Bower renewed embalmer's license

– Ira Anderson renewed embalmer's license

- Frank George Egerblade renewed his embalmer's license

1924 – Ira Anderson renewed embalmer's license