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June 22, 1948

Dr. E. J. Engberg
Superintendent
School for Feeble-minded
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Engberg:

Upon the death of a patient who has no relative or whose relatives are unable to bear the cost of a private funeral, do you designate a local mortuary to provide the funeral arrangements and interment in the hospital cemetery or is that work all done by institution employees? If a local mortician is employed for those services, how much is he paid and how much is allowed for a casket?

Upon the death of a patient whose relatives are able and willing to assume all costs of burial, how is the mortician designated and who actually makes that designation?

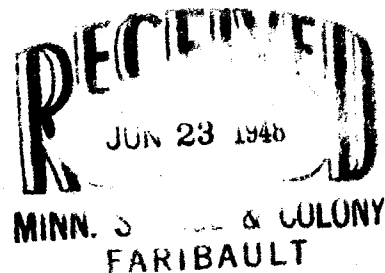
Yours very truly,

DIVISION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
Carl J. Jackson, Director

By

Royal C. Gray
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Chief, Mental Health Unit

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Re: deaths of
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June 26, 1948

Royal C. Gray, M.D.
Chief, Mental Health Unit
Globe Building - 4th and Cedar
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Gray:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 22, addressed to Dr. E. J. Engberg. Dr. Engberg is on vacation and will not return until July 1, therefore, we shall submit the following information.

If a patient dies and has no relatives or whose relatives are unable to bear the cost of a private funeral, we designate a local mortuary to provide the funeral arrangements with interment in the institution cemetery. The institution employees make arrangements for the digging of the grave and for the marking of it. The local mortician is paid \$28.00 for his services which includes a casket.

If a relative wishes to pay for interment in the institution cemetery, he is charged \$38.00, which includes the mortician's fee of \$28.00, \$5.00 for the digging of the grave, and \$5.00 for the minister.

Upon the death of a patient whose relatives are able and willing to assume the cost of burial, we advise them immediately, and they make their own arrangements as to taking care of the body. However, if the relatives are some distance from the institution, it is sometimes necessary to designate a local mortician to remove the body.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE MINDED

By M.E. Krafve, steward

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