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Application Number COL425159

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Wallingford

1947 DEATH in the Sub-district of Wallingford in the County of Berks

Columns:— 1 When and where died 2 Name and surname 3 Sex 4 Age 5 Occupation 6 Cause of death 7 Signature, description and residence of informant 8 When registered 9 Signature of registrar

310.	South July 1947 20 St. Johns Road Wallingford O.S.	Herbert P. Plankin Solo.	M	91 years.	Retired Mechanics	Ca. 2.5 in. 11. Old age. of Baramona of Bladder Exp. 1.1.1. by M.D.	St. J. Lane & Co present at the 5 St. Lawrence Street Wallingford	Blanch July 1947.	Walling Registrar
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 29th day of November 2004

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See note overleaf

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The following page is taken from the South Oxfordshire County Council's Register of Graves at the main Wallingford Cemetery [New Extension].

This particular page covers 1947 [although one grave has a further burial in 1950 and again in 1954].

The graves are numbered 4253 to 4256 and are for the months of June and July.

****Herbert's grave is U17. Note that it is "CONSECRATED" ground, and that the grave was purchased almost certainly by Herbert Lott himself in his life time. That means that Herbert Lott actually owned his grave [a freehold rather than a leasehold plot of land] until 1997 [see below – definitions] but despite the time-frame, I am officially informed that we [the Navy] will not need planning permission to add things to his grave, always assuming that whatever tombstone is chosen meets those criteria set by the County Council, the administrators for the cemetery.****

The funeral was quickly arranged [although his end would have been expected] for he died on Thursday the 10th July and was buried on the Monday the 14th, effectively just one working day's notice.

Of some interest is the cost of his interment which at £5-0-0d [£5-00] which was many times more expensive than any other interment on this list, and a whopping 900% more than dear old Alice Freeman of two days before.

**** SOME DEFINITIONS**

Unpurchased grave

An unpurchased grave, sometimes known as a public or common grave, is where the right to burial cannot be bought and the council has total control of the grave.

These graves can be bought within three years of the last burial. The council will decide who will be buried in the grave and this might not be members of the same family.

No memorial rights exist on public graves so no headstone or other memorial can be put up.

Purchased grave

A purchased grave is where the right of burial can be bought for a period of 50 years, with an option of another 25 years.

The owner of the right of burial can decide who will be buried in the grave and memorials are allowed in line with our cemetery regulations

Consecrated Ground

Most cemeteries have consecrated (blessed as sacred) and unconsecrated areas where graves can be purchased. The consecrated ground is consecrated by the Church of England, and all Anglicans are buried in such ground. Non Conformists, Catholics, Quakers, Jews, etc were buried in unconsecrated ground in the mid 19th century, but today, it is generally accepted that Christians, notwithstanding their denomination, are buried in consecrated ground. Other religions can, and do, bless the ground in which their loved ones are buried, but, since the Church of England is the recognised Church of our land, such consecrations are parochial and are not recognised on the statute book.

REGISTER OF GRAVES.

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Number or Mark of Grave or Vault.	Description of Grave or Vault.	If Purchased, No. of Entry in Register of Purchased Graves.	Name of Person Buried.	Age.	Date of Interment.	Amount of Fees paid at each Interment.			No. and Folio in Register of Burials.
						£	s.	d.	
No. 47	Section E Unconsecrated	464	Frederick Adolphus Snow Elizabeth Mary Snow Elizabeth Mary Snow	65 84 80	1947 June 19 1900 April 20 1954 July 30		Purchased 2 10 2 10 0	4253 9 4344 15 4462 28	
No. 57	Section R Consecrated		Nathaniel Henry March	76	1947 June 24	2 0 0		4254 9	
No. 59	Section G Consecrated		Alice Truman	83	1947 12 July		10	4255 9	
No. 17	Section U Consecrated	483	Herbert Charles Loft	91	1947 14 July		5	4256 9	