

Basic Detail Report



Casket Plaque of Henry William Metzger

Date

1869

Medium

Silver

Description

Dated 1869, this silver plaque was most certainly removed from the end of a casket. Henry William Metzger died at 16. This plaque, along with another plaque from

the casket of Henry William Metzger, was found in 1965 in the back of the truck of the Bowers Museum's gardener, Andy Anderson, while he was working on the museum's lawn. How these two silver plates got out of the ground, across at least part of the continental United States to California and into the back of the truck has remained one of the grandest mysteries of the Bowers.