

FUNERAL CUSTOMS

There is only one reference to *funeral customs* to be found in these records. At the June, 1674, court, George Godfrey, a carpenter, who appears, as were most carpenters, to have been an undertaker as well, entered suit for 250 pounds of tobacco against Richard Beck at whose instance he "did make and deliver two Sevall Coffins for the desent buriall of the Father and Mother of him the sd Richd at Sevall tymes." He also sued Beck for two pairs of gloves valued at 60 pounds of tobacco, and a pair of shoes valued at 25 pounds, apparently worn at the funeral. The carpenter won his suit (p. 562).

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