

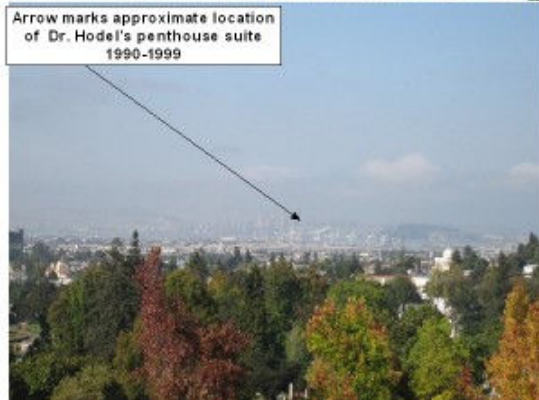
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Q: Is Elizabeth Short buried back in her hometown, Medford, MA?

No. She is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, in Oakland, California. This location was nearby one of her sister's, then [1947] California residence. I recently received the below photographs and e-mail from "S.M." in Nevada.

Elizabeth Short's gravesite at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California



Arrow marks approximate location of Dr. Hodel's penthouse suite 1990-1999



(Photos of gravesite view courtesy of S.M., Reno, NV)

Photo of June/George in their 38th flr penthouse suite, taken by author in 1998.

Mr. Hodel,

I recall seeing a picture in your book of your father in his later years with a view of the SF city skyline in the background. The picture looked familiar to me because I had a friend who lived in a condo in SF with a similar vantage point, that of looking out over the city and able to see the Transamerica pyramid and across the bay to Oakland.

My father happens to be buried at Mountain View cemetery in Oakland with a fantastic view of the SF skyline across the bay, then I learned Elizabeth Short rests in the same cemetery. Where the strange coincidence comes into play is the view from the slight hill where Elizabeth Short is buried. Attached are some photos from the hill where she rests. It appears your father may have had a commanding view albeit from a distance of Elizabeth's final resting place.

Your book is quite compelling and for what it is worth has me convinced. It is surely a sad tale.

Regards,
S.M.
Reno, NV

[NB: S.M. is correct. George Hodel would have had a straight view across the San Francisco Bay directly to the gravesite. He also had a high-powered telescope mounted on a tripod, set by the window. One cannot help but wonder how many times during his nine-year residency, that he focused it on her gravesite?]