CLAIMS

1. A storage facility for objects of paying of respects comprising:

a plurality of storage sections each configured to store an object of paying of respects;

a respects-paying area which includes an area for a person, visiting to pay respects, to pay respects;

a transport device configured to transport an object of paying of respects between any of the plurality of storage sections and the respects-paying area;

a wall which defines an internal area by the wall alone or in combination with one or more other walls, the internal area being an area in which the plurality of storage sections and the transport device are located;

characterized in that

an opening for allowing an object of paying of respects to be moved therethrough is formed in the wall,

wherein an inside support position for an object of paying of respects to be supported at is set at a position that is in the internal area and across from the opening and in a range over which the transport device is capable of moving an object of paying of respects,

wherein a support portion configured to support an object of paying of respects is also configured to be moved, through the opening, between the inside support position and an outside support position for an object of paying of respects to be supported at such that at least a portion of the object of paying of respects is located outside the internal area, and

when the support portion is located at the inside support position, the entirety of the support portion is located on an internal area-side with respect to the opening.

2. The storage facility for objects of paying of respects as defined in claim 1, characterized in that

a door capable of closing and leave open the opening is provided for the opening, and

when the support portion is located at the inside support position, the entirety of the support portion is located on the internal area-side with respect to the door in a closed state.

3. The storage facility for objects of paying of respects as defined in claim 2,

characterized in that

the wall is located in the respects paying area to partition off the inside support position from a respects-paying position for a person visiting to pay respects in the respects-paying area,

wherein the door has a window, and

wherein the window is located in an area of the door toward which an object of paying of respects faces when supported at the inside support position, so as to allow a person visiting to pay respects to view the object of paying of respects when supported at the inside support position.

4. The storage facility for objects of paying of respects as defined in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that

an opening of the door is linked with projecting movement of the support portion.

5. The storage facility for objects of paying of respects as defined in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that

one or more guiding supporting portions configured to guide and support the one or more support portions for movement between the inside support position and the outside support position are provided at a position or positions set with respect to the opening, and

when the support portion is located at the inside support position, the entirety of the guiding supporting portion is located on the internal area-side with respect to the opening.

6. The storage facility for objects of paying of respects as defined in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the support portion is provided separately from the transport device, and is formed by one or more receiving support members configured to support an object of paying of respects from below.