

Dearborn County Cemetery Commission Meeting

May 7, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

Present: President Milt Masing, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper and Art Wenzel

There was much discussion about the cemeteries in Sparta Township that Art Wenzel has found but even more fascinating was the County Farm Cemeteries where logging is going on. Art has been in contact with Judy Rippel from the Indiana Historical Bureau and hopefully they will help us to preserve these cemeteries somehow. We would hope to eventually have a fence put up. Art has had signs put up so loggers cannot bring heavy equipment across the graves. Our hopes are that the Indiana Historical Bureau and Dearborn County will work together to preserve these graves. Maybe we can dig a little deeper and find who may be buried there by narrowing the names down!

Milt has been working in Sparta Township also in regards to his book that should be out anytime. He would like to have a copy of all the cemeteries submitted to the Indiana Historical Bureau as would Art Wenzel. Lois Harper will make copies of what she did of Harrison, Logan and Miller Townships.

Lois Harper has submitted the last seven signs for Dearborn County Cemeteries and should be in by the end of May if all goes well.

We need to take pictures of these signs and make a little booklet for our County Commissioners to show them just what we have done with this money that they have given us. Then we would like to be able to do more of these old cemeteries.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 4th, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. We need to make a list of cemeteries we feel should have signs next.

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The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met 4 June 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. Those present were President Milt Masing, Vice- president Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper, Art Wenzel, Surveyor's office and Tony Gilb, Lawrenceburg Township Trustee.

Cemeteries in York Township are West Fork, True, Darling on Ester Ridge, Collier Ridge, St. Martins, Yorkridge and Gedney.

Art has submitted 53 completed cemetery registry survey forms for Dearborn County, including Sparta (36), Jackson (7), Miller (2) and Manchester Townships.

At the County farm, 321 inmates died here but about 24 are actually buried on this property. DNR said that IU will use radar to penetrate the ground and try to locate the graves. Brian Messmore stated to Art that the County will finish whatever needs to be done and then the County can fence around the actual cemetery.

Tony would like the Rees Cemetery to be fenced but the exact borders cannot be found. All of the Rees family buried, were moved to Greendale Cemetery except for the in-laws and they are still buried here. A Kentucky developer owns the surrounding property. Possibly do a quit claim if exact location cannot be found. We need to get Dennis Kraus Jr. involved. The Rees Cemetery was deeded to the County, Tony will see about the County inmates cleaning the brush.

The Mendel Cemetery has four burials.

The Hayes-Miller Cemetery is a public Township cemetery and Tony uses for burials as needed.

There is a John Walters workshop in September. We could be certified as he works with DNR and Indiana Historical Bureau.

Art will get in touch with Lois Harper and give her a phone number for Mark in the Highway Department. Our Cemetery signs should be in soon.

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We received 6 of the 7 signs on the 9th of June 2005. I have contacted Chuck Wells per Art Wenzel and Mark will meet with me on Monday, 20 June at 2:00 P M at the Bright Market & BP.

The signs that will be done are the
Guard Cemetery in Valley Woods, off Oberting Road, Facing road near flowerbed on right
Mt. Tabor M. E Church Cemetery, Us 50 & Mt. Tabor Roads, in the flowerbed so you can read it from US 50
Union M. E. Church Cem, Chesterville Road, across from Ireland Road, no picture, on the left as you walk into the cemetery near fence line
German Methodist, just beyond Lawrenceville on Rt. 46, on left, sets off the road, sign near fence line looking towards Rt. 46.
Wilmington Cemetery, off Probst Road, on the left of the entrance, before the tree, just inside fence.
Old Conwell Cemetery, just off Rt. 56, inside Riverview Cemetery, all the way in the back, towards garage, sign near the tree by the cemetery road
Old Dillsboro Public Cemetery, off Rt. 50, just beyond Oakdale Cemetery on right at corner, near the road sign if possible