

**2014 Report**  
**Indiana Historical Bureau**  
County: HENRY

Do you have a County Cemetery Commission? Yes

Is your Cemetery Board Active? Yes

When was your County Cemetery Commission formed? September 19,  
2001

First official meeting - January 2002

Is your County Cemetery Commission funded? No - Donations only  
If yes, annual budget

Please provide names and contact information of your County Cemetery  
Commission

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## HENRY COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Tauber, Joe Manis, Ann Holmes, Bev Glascock

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Holmes, Jeff Glascock, Brenda Paugh,  
Martha Fraze

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Myers, Carolyn Myers, Sarah Ward

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting on Oct 24, 2013, were passed out and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Holmes passed out the treasurers report with \$2297.00

No changes made since the last meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Donna Tauber talked with Aaron Bush, son of former member, Bud Bush, about updating the HCGS.net web site. Aaron said that he is continuing to maintain the site and will work with us. Martha Fraze also volunteered to help with the site.
2. Donna reminded all members of the board who haven't already done so to get their official badge from Ron Huffman of the Emergency Management Bureau.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sarah Ward of Knightstown was recognized. She said that she didn't know that the HCCC even existed. Donna and Ann informed the public attendees about the history of the commission. Sarah was concerned about the Old Glen Cove Cemetery that is north of Knightstown Cemetery. She said that some urns and a fence need repair or replacement. The committee explained that our task is to restore and preserve the old stones in or close to original sites and conditions. Sarah applied for a grant to fund the fence and should be notified of the outcome by March 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. Martha Fraze reported on her work cataloging all the old cemeteries in the area. She informed us about the conditions of some sites that she has visited.
3. Ken Holmes is planning to make a presentation about new GIS requirements to the HC Council on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Old Court House.
4. Ann Holmes said that she would like for us to take on Holland Cemetery in Dudley Twp. for one of our projects this year. It is listed on Bud Bush's site as in poor condition with many stones down, but in restorable condition.
5. The next meeting will be March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Tauber, President  
Bev Glascock, Acting Secretary

**HENRY COUNTRY CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Tauber, Ann Holmes, Bev Glascock, Joe Manis

**ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT:** Martha Fraze, Ken Holmes, Jeff Glascock

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 27, 2014 meeting were corrected to include the election of officers as follows: Donna Tauber, President; Joe Manis, Vice President; Tom Ham, Secretary; and Ann Holmes, Treasurer. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Donna again talked with Aaron Bush about updating Bud Bush's website, www. HCGS. Net. He will update our information. Martha said that she thinks that she would be able to get our own website free from Roots Web. She could save the information by townships on this site because the information is public domain. Everyone agreed that we need to make sure that the old cemetery information is preserved. Historical Preservation Signs need to be on the website also. Ann suggested that the NCHC Library and the HCHS have hard copies of it for their use.
2. We have not yet heard about the grant that Sarah Ward of Knightstown applied for to upgrade the Old Glen Cove Cemetery. That should be announced soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Kirkland, representing Blountsville Cemetery, contacted Donna about some work that needs to be done there. The John Stonebraker tombstone is crumbling as was shown in some photos. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. It really needs another stone or plaque. Donna will check to see if we can get a military stone. Mr. Kirkland would like for us to work on the old cemetery so it would be ready for a rededication on Memorial Day 2015. He said that he might be able to get a Boy Scout Troup and/or the Firefighters to help clean it up. The Blountsville Cemetery Board would need to approve of the work. The board might pay us \$200 to do this project. We will ask Mr. Kirkland to come to the next Cemetery Commission meeting.
2. Ken is going to attend the County Council meeting tonight to give him some handouts and information about the new GIS requirements.
3. Donna said that the Cemetery Commission is not in the latest HC Answer Book. We need to be in there next time.
4. Ann said that we still need to find one more legal paper to prove our position about Trail Grove Cemetery from our lawyer for Tuskegee University.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Tauber, President  
Bev Glascock, Acting Secretary

**HENRY COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION  
April 24, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Tauber, Joe Manis, Ann Holmes, Bev Glascock

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Holmes, Jeff Glascock

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting on March 27, 2014 were approved as written

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ann Holmes reported that a gift of \$50.00 was added to the treasury given by Ken and Ann Holmes. Donna has sent a thank you card to them. The balance is currently \$2,347. 97.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Donna and Ken made a presentation to the Henry County Council on March 27<sup>th</sup> about the new GIS requirements. It was very well received

2. The grant that was applied for by Sarah Ward of Knightstown to repair fencing and urns in the Old Glen Cove Cemetery was turned down due to a very large number of grant applications.
3. Donna was not able to see Mr. Kirkland, a representative of Blountsville Cemetery, but Donna did leave some of our HCCC fliers. She will invite him to our May meeting to discuss the needs of Blountsville Cemetery
4. Aaron Bush has updated the website, HCGS.net. He said that he would work with Martha Frazee, Advisory Board member, to keep it updated in the future.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lisa Perry, a new Courier-Times writer, is interested in writing an article about the Commission's work.
2. Ken showed us several pictures that he and Jeff took during a recent visit to Holland Cemetery. The grounds were mowed, but all but one stone needed repairing. The Dudley Township Trustee was very concerned about the ease of mowing if we were to work in that cemetery.
3. The members discussed what cemetery we should work on for the next Day of Caring which is September 12. Some of the criteria for choosing are ease of access to cemetery, availability of parking, ease of working with the township trustee, and availability of sand, gravel, water, and restrooms. Some suggestions were Painter (Fall Creek Twp.), White Union (Fall Creek Twp.), and Clear Springs (Harrison Twp.). The discussion will continue next meeting.
4. Ann and Ken Holmes made a presentation to the Sarah Winston Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on April 13<sup>th</sup> about the HCCC and the work that we have done to preserve local cemeteries. Ken used a power point slide show to help illustrate. This program was well received.  
The next meeting will be May 22, 2014 at 6 PM in the NCHC Library.

Respectively Submitted,  
Donna Tauber, Pres.  
Bev Glascock, Acting Sec.

#### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, May 22, 2014**

Commissioners Present: D. Tauber, A. Holmes, J. Manis, B. Glascock, T. Hamm

Present from the Public: Ken Holmes, Jeff Glascock, Martha Frazee, Mike Lykens, Richard P. Ratcliff, Lisa Perry, Ted -----, Brenda Paugh

1. The minutes of the meeting of April 24 were approved as previously distributed.
2. No claims were presented. A memorial donation of \$50 from Ken and Ann Holmes was acknowledged. The treasurer's balance shows \$2,397.97.
3. The president reported that Aaron Bush, Bud Bush's son, is maintaining Bud's web sites, including the one devoted to our work. It would be prudent, however, for the commission to move forward developing its own web site.
4. There is interest in replacing the crumbling concrete marker in Blountsville Cemetery for John Stonebraker, a veteran of the War of 1812.
5. Releases have been received from township trustees to work in the Hodson and Sulphur Springs cemeteries.

6. Since the Dudley Township trustee has voiced some reservations about working with the commission, it was decided not to work in Dudley Township for the foreseeable future. This precludes work in the Holland Cemetery.
7. A note of thanks from Gene Clark for work at Hillsboro Cemetery was read.
8. Richard P. Ratcliff of Spiceland asked for the commission's help with some work in the Spiceland Friends Cemetery. A very large and decaying maple tree needs to be removed, which will necessitate temporarily removing between 30 and 35 markers. He would like our help with the removal and replacing of the affected markers. The commission approved proceeding with this project, date to be determined.
9. Blountsville and Sulphur Springs cemeteries will be the other sites for future work, dates to be determined.
10. Because of scheduling conflicts, it was approved to reschedule the June meeting from June 26 to June 19 and the July meeting from July 24 to July 17.
11. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

#### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, June 19, 2014**

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, A. Holmes, B. Glascock, and J. Manis  
From the Public: K. Holmes, Pete Kirklin

1. The minutes of the meeting of May 22 were considered, revised, and approved.
2. The treasurer reported one \$75 donation, making a balance of \$2,472.97.
3. The trailer is in good condition and ready for use.
4. No progress was reported on the tree removal in the Spiceland Friends Cemetery.
5. Pete Kirklin asked for advice on work in Blountsville Cemetery. Needed work includes resetting fallen stones, leveling, and cleaning markers. A school alumni group does exist and may be a resource for both workers and donations. The commission decided to make Blountsville its project for the Day of Caring on Sept. 12.
6. The president shared a brochure on replacement markers made from recycled materials.
7. The commission has received the necessary permission for work in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Since the work there is mainly re-erecting fallen large markers, special equipment will be required.
8. Robert Tilley of the West Virginia SAR has contacted the commission about marking the grave of Matt Farley, a Revolutionary soldier buried in the remote and long-abandoned Farley Cemetery in Franklin Township.
9. GEO workers from the New Castle Correctional Center are available, but, given the required training and supervision, it was decided not to pursue using them at this time. The president will contact Kim Cronk about the availability of county prisoners.
10. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, at 6:00 P.M. in the Teen Scene Room of the New Castle-Henry County Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

#### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, July 17, 2014**

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, J. Manis, T. Hamm, B. Glascock, and A. Holmes

Present from the Public: Ken Holmes, Jeff Glascock, Martha Frazee, Mike Lykens, Vernon Pack, and Brenda Paugh

1. The minutes of the meeting of June 19 were revised and then approved.
2. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,451.83. A management fee of \$13.50 has been paid to the Henry County Foundation.
3. Vernon Pack spoke about the Farley Cemetery in Franklin Township. It is the burial place of Matthew Farley, a Revolutionary War veteran who was a significant figure in the history of West Virginia. The West Virginia SAR is interested in providing some sort of marker at the burial site.

The cemetery is located on land owned by Bob Hall, remote from any road. While it is estimated that 50-60 burials took place, only 4 or 5 broken markers remain. The SAR would like to fence the burial ground and place some sort of marker on the nearest road. It was suggested that Mr. Pack work with the West Virginia SAR and Mr. Hall. Figures on the costs involved are needed.

4. A new state law makes it more difficult for county prisoners to work outside the jail. Thus we cannot plan to make use of them for our projects.
5. Plans continue for work at Blountsville Cemetery.
6. Work continues at the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township. The township trustee will pay for epoxy needed for marker repairs.
7. The commission approved setting up a free web site at Rootsweb.
8. A county resident has voiced concern about the condition of the Bales Cemetery in Blue River Township. A resident who lives nearby stated that it was in relatively good condition.
9. Commission member T. Hamm announced that he will be moving to Richmond in 2015 and thus will resign at the end of 2014.
10. The next meeting was set for August 28, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, August 28, 2014**

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, J. Manis, T. Hamm

Present from the Public: Martha Frazee, Mike Lykens

1. The minutes of the meeting of July 17 were revised and then approved.
2. The treasurer's balance remains \$2,451.83.
3. Mike Lykens is providing epoxy for use in Stony Creek Township cemeteries.
4. Correspondence continues with Vernon Pack about fencing the Farley Cemetery.
5. Blountsville Cemetery will be the site for the Day of Caring project on September 12.
6. Work continues at the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township.
7. Work is being done on the free web site at Rootsweb by Martha Frazee. It will be available soon.
8. A military government-issue stone is being investigated for John Stonebraker in Blountsville Cemetery.
9. The next meeting was set for September 25, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, September 25, 2014**

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, B. Glascock, B. Manis, T. Hamm

Present from the Public: J. Glascock, M. Lykens, B. Paugh, P. Kirklin, K. Holmes

1. The minutes of the meeting of August 28 were approved as previously distributed.
2. No claims being presented, the treasury balance was unchanged.
3. The Day of Caring work at Blountsville Cemetery on Sept. 12 was successful, with an enthusiastic group of volunteers. About 20 markers were cleaned, and work done on about 40 others.
4. Correspondence continues with Vernon Pack on erecting a fence at the Farley Cemetery.
5. Ken Holmes volunteered to coordinate further work at Blountsville Cemetery, date to be determined.
6. Work also continues on the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township.
7. Ken Holmes was authorized to buy a bag of mortar mix for future use.
8. Work continues on the commission web site at Rootsweb.
9. Those present hailed the arrest of two men alleged to have vandalized Lewisville Cemetery and hoped for the apprehension of others involved.
10. Joe Manis reported that he has applied for a Historic Cemetery marker for the Reynolds Cemetery in Harrison Township.
11. Concern was shared that the new county GIS system does not locate cemeteries correctly.
12. The meeting adjourned, with the next meeting set for Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

### **Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, October 23, 2014**

Commission Members Present: Manis, Hamm, Glascock, Holmes, and Tauber

Present from the Public: M. Lykens, K. Holmes, and B. Paugh

1. The minutes of the meeting of Sept. 25 were corrected and approved.
2. Ken Holmes reported that the trailer was stored for the winter and mortar mix purchased.
3. No progress has been made correcting cemetery locations in the new county GIS.
4. The president discovered dozens of queries that had accumulated on Bud Bush's old web site. She now has access and is working on the backlog. The commission agreed to help support the continuation of the site, paying half of the hosting costs for 2014.
5. It was suggested that we devote the winter to fundraising.
6. Fencing for the Farley Cemetery in Franklin Township is being investigated. A chain link fence would probably cost around \$2,500.

7. Thomas Hamm submitted his resignation, effective December 31, as he will be moving to Wayne County in the spring. The resignation was accepted with regret.
8. The commission voted to recommend Martha Frazee to replace Hamm.
9. Work is continuing at the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township.
10. February 26 was set as the date of the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Tauber, President  
T. Hamm, Secretary

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9. Work is continuing at the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township.
10. February 26 was set as the date of the next meeting.

### **MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

6 p.m. at the New Castle Henry County Public Library  
376 South 15th Street New Castle

February 26  
March 26  
April 23  
May 28  
June 25  
July 23  
August 27



September 24  
October 22