

The Annual Report to the Randolph County Commissioners

The Randolph County Cemetery Commission

March 1, 2008

The following report is required by IC 23-14-67-4 and the Commission's By-Laws.

In 2007, the Commission's appropriation was \$20,000. The White River Christian Church Cemetery south of Farmland in Stoney Creek Township just off the Windsor Road was restored by Stone Save Cemetery Restoration at a cost of \$5,970.00. This cemetery had been virtually destroyed. \$342.78 was spent for posts, rails and equipment rental. The remaining work to be completed in this cemetery is the repair/replacement of one wooden fence post and the creation and installation of a sign. The remaining work to be done in this cemetery will be paid from donations made by descendents of people buried in this cemetery.

Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration restored the remaining one-half of the Hoover Cemetery located south of Union City in Wayne Township on CR 50 S. between South State Line Road and State Route 227 at a cost of \$12,315.00. The first half of this project was completed in 2006. All work at the Hoover Cemetery has been completed.

\$500.00 was spent to assist in paying for cleanup of the Old Losantville Cemetery in Union Township.

A total of \$19,127.78 of the Commission's 2007 appropriation of \$20,000.00 was spent leaving \$872.22 that reverted into the general fund. There is a Donations Fund in a separate account in the Auditor's Office of \$1,760.00 all of which is committed.

***It should be noted that not one cent of the Commission's appropriation or donated funds was spent for anything other than cemetery restoration and preservation. Nothing was spent for Commission member's mileage, computer use, printing, paper, envelopes, postage, telephone calls or anything else. No claim has been submitted to the County of Randolph that was not approved at a public meeting by the Randolph County Cemetery Commission. There are Minutes for every meeting.

The Commission worked with the restoration companies and Monisa Wisener to provide as much documentation as possible on the two cemeteries. The Randolph County Historical Museum is the repository for all of the documentation.

Many pioneer cemeteries in Randolph County have been investigated by Commission members over the last three years but more compilation is needed. The number of cemeteries and the amount of work to be done is staggering. A top priority of the Commission for 2008 is locating all cemeteries and evaluating their condition.

The appropriation for 2008 is \$20,000.

\$1,330.00 will be used to restore the Garringer Cemetery north of Farmland in Monroe Township. \$500.00 of the above amount will come from donated funds.

\$ 4,950.00 will be used to restore the Race Street Cemetery in Ridgeville.

\$12,795.00 will be used to restore 117 stones, monuments and plaques in the Cherry Grove Cemetery near Lynn in Washington Township.

\$ 1,455.00 will be used for a small restoration project yet to be determined or for signs and fencing.

Members of the Commission periodically inspect restoration work as it is being done to make sure that the work is following the specifications and agreements. The Commission also works with the township trustees and property owners.

The Commission continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month at
6:30 P.M. at the Randolph County Historical Museum located at:
416 South Meridian Street
Winchester, IN 47394

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip D. DeHaven, Chairperson
Andy Fahl, Vice-Chairperson
Bob Manning, Secretary
Richard Wise, Treasurer
Shirley Swallow, Member