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To: Indiana Historical Bureau

RE: Hancock County 2006 Annual Report

Budget:

Beginning balance personal account - \$381.07

County budget: \$2,321.31

Expenditures:

- 1) Graveyard Groomer, John "Walt" Walters \$2,199.88 for grave stone restoration.
- 2) Angela Tielking \$30.10, for pictures and 3-ring binders for documentation of our restoration projects.

Activities:

- Continued restoration efforts at Pratt and Alford cemeteries.
- Submitted 2006 budget to county auditor
- Attended Eagle Scout ceremony for Andrew Hemmerlein for his eagle scout project at Alford Cemetery
- Continue legislative efforts for the protection of our cemeteries
- Send congratulatory letters for the newly elected township trustees and county commissioner to explain who we are, what we do and we are here to assist in any way we can with our county's cemeteries
- Send the cemetery commission's meeting schedule to the county's newspaper, The Daily Reporter for publication.
- Work in conjunction with developer, Philip Going. A "new" pioneer cemetery was found on the parcel of land which Mr. Going was planning Philadelphia Waterworks, a utility facility for his housing development. Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Cemetery Registry Coordinator for the DNR-DHPA, and Angela Tielking, Advisor for the Cemetery Commission, determined a cemetery was indeed on the property, discussed laws regarding the protection of the cemetery and necessary development plans that need to be filed to allow development in the area where the cemetery lies.
- Election of officers:
Judy Davis-Fuller, President
Leisa Harmon, Treasurer
 - Continue to seek individuals to fill Vice-President, Secretary and Member-At-Large vacancies on the commission.

Plans for 2007

- **Due to the extreme neglect and abuse of Alford Cemetery in Center Township, it was determined that the continued restoration will have to be done in phases due to lack of funds.**
- **Approach county commissioners to help fill vacancies on our county cemetery commission**
- **Due to the recent vandalism of Olvey (a.k.a. Jackson and Maple Grove) Cemetery in mid-March 2007 in Green Twp., Olvey is our number one concern to restore at this time. The cemetery commission and Sharon Brown, township trustee, will work together to restore the pioneer cemetery.**
- **Continue to educate the public about our pioneer cemeteries**
- **Continue to seek donations and/or sponsorships from either individuals or businesses to help defray the costs of restoration**
- **Plan to have a booth at 4-H county fair**
- **Attend volunteer fair at the Hancock County Public Library in April 2007**

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Tielking, Advisor

cc: Hancock County Commissioners
Hancock County Council
DNR-DHPA Cemetery Registry Coordinator, Jeannie Regan-Dinius