

2000

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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The Hamilton County Cemetery Commission desires to report to the Board of Commissioners its activities during the year of 2000. We again are following the amendment to the law made in 1997. (See Financial Report attached.)

The cost of labor has increased because this commission realized that our employee for the past 11 years had never had an increase in pay at all. Since the proposed increase of the minimum wage was almost to his pay level we increased the hourly rate as well as increasing the trip payment for the use of his truck. In addition the increase of gasoline is also reflected in our expenses.

The biggest single matter in the twenty-five years of the existence of this commission began in March and the consequences are still ongoing. A letter to the editor, alerted us to the fact that something was going on in the Anti-Slavery Cemetery in Westfield. The town was putting in a trail through the cemetery. We of course notified them that this was against state law and that the trail had to be removed and that fencing they had removed should be replaced. They at first refused to believe that we had anything to do with this cemetery, so we signed a complaint and filed it with the Attorney General's Office of Indiana. They sent to different investigators and eventually upheld this commissions stand that they were in violation of Indiana Law. The town then removed the trail and settled with us for the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace the fence they had removed. Patchwork replacment of a portion of the fence would not make a very good appearance in a residential neighborhood, the commission decided to go ahead and complete the fencing while we were at it. This expense we had not anticipated when our budget for the year 2000 was being made.

The vandalism reported in last years report at the Gascho-Trissal Cemetery (just east of Noblesville Middle School) was repaired by a descendant of someone buried there. He was a contractor (not from this county) and he furnished a crew and equipment to reset all the stones at no cost to us. We appreciate this fine gesture. Vandalism in the south part of the county caused us to repair 7 tombstones in Calvary Cemetery (96th and Shelburn) in June; repaired 5 stones in Pleasant Grove Cem. (Home Place) in June and again in October repaired 5 stones in Pleasant Grove, some of which were also repaired in June. I am afraid these will continue to be targets for vandals since they are located in built-up areas. The stone work in Furlock and Farley were not the result of vandals, that in Farley when abandoned by the board of trustees, that we are doing so many each year rather than deplete our entire budget at one time.

We have an agreement with the owner of the land where the Eller Cemetery is located to have it conveyed to the county. All is done except his signature on the deed which we expect in a few days. Our legislators feel that the only way we can save some of these old cemeteries is to get them deeded to the county as they do not expect the legislature to provide any meaningful legislation. We are proceeding on this basis although this is a slow procedure and our budget does not allow us to obtain more

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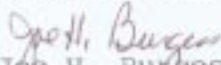
than one a year. The cost of a survey is almost ridiculous for the small size of ground that this cemeteries take.

Helms Cemetery and Whelchel Cemetery in Fall Creek Township need to be conveyed to the county. The owner of Helms is agreeable but no timetable has been established. The Whelchel plot was finally discovered this past fall and is located very close to the intersection of 113th Street and Ohio Road. This cemetery contains 3 or possibly 5 bodies, including Davis Whelchel Sr. who is a veteran of the American Revolution. We have suggested to the owner of this land to convey to the county but as of the writing of this report we have not heard from him. We are somewhat concerned with this one since there has been several articles in the newspapers concerning commercial and residential development in that area.

We know that improvement and widening of roads are necessary and desirable, but several cemeteries are located adjacent to some roads and we feel that we must convey the fact that the law that applied to the anti-slavery cemetery in Westfield would also apply to these cemeterys.

The undersigned term on the commission will expire on 31 December 2000. The commission expressed their desire that I accept another term and I have also had others make the same expression, therefore, on that basis I am willing to serve another term if that is the will of the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,


Joe H. Burgess
Chairman

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copy to Hamilton County Council
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forwarded 30 November 1999 \$10,247.29

Receipts:

Annual Appropriation		14,000.00
Interest on checking account		200.80
Reimbursemtn from Town of Westfield		<u>2,000.00</u>
Sub-total		26,448.09

Disbursements:

Labor	11,221.00	
Trips	1,068.00	
Reimbursement for gas, belts	293.50	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	21.50	
Surveying	1,200.00	
Printing of checks	47.25	
Stationary & envelopes	148.58	
Barn rental (for equip. storage)	120.00	
Title & Lien Searches	150.00	
Farm Plan (repairs)	10.45	
Glidden Fence Co., Inc.	4,796.00	
Noblesville Monuments	<u>500.00</u>	<u>19,738.68</u>

Balance forwarded 30 November 2000 6,773.41

Balance forwarded on savings account 30 November 1999 1,782.31

Receipts:

Interest		17.92
Sub-total		<u>1,800.23</u>

Disbursements: None 0.00

Balance forwarded on Savings Account 30 November 2000 1,800.23

Above funds include obligated funds as follows:

Reserve Account:		
In checking account	\$3,338.09	
In savings account	<u>1,800.23</u>	
Total Reserve account	<u>\$5,138.32</u>	

<u>Name of Cemetery</u>	<u>Mowed</u>	<u>Trees & Shrubs</u>	<u>Fence</u>	<u>Stone work</u>
Strawtown	X (18)			
Hurlock	X (18)	X		X
Buscher	X (15)			
Greenwood	X (15)			
Lamong (Hammack)	X (15)			
Thoas. B. More	X (15)			
Phillips	X (15)			
Lennen (or Commons)	X (15)			
Burke	X (15)			
Bradley	X (10)			
Finch	X (10)			
Henry Gasho	X (10)			
Teter	X (10)			
Moppis	X (10)			
Burris	X (5)			
Little Carey)	X (5)			
Malotte	X (1)			
Kirkendall	X (1)	X		
Calvary				X
Pleasant Grove				X
Farley				X

CEMETERIES OF HAMILTON COUNTY BY NUMBER (Corresponds with Map & Computer)			
Ridge	001	Gascho-Trissel	061
East Union	002	Caylor Family Plot	062
Phillips	003	Hurlock	063
Spencer	004	Weaver	064
Burris	005	Gray	065
Boxley	006	Bradley	066
Crown View	007	Prairie Baptist	067
Wiles (Peason)	008	Hair	068
Teter	009	Stoney Creek	069
Spicewood	010	Bethel	070
Baker's Corner	011	Stern	071
Union Grove (Hinshaw)	012	Lennen (Commons)	072
Mundy	013	Ervin (Wiseman)	073
Chew (desdroyed)	014	Mushrush	074
Robert's Chapel	015	Carmel (new)	075
Hurley	016	Carmel (old)	076
McCarty (Devaney)	017	Poplar Ridge	077
Marrington (Forkner)	018	Tabor Chr. Ch. (destry)	078
Kauffman	019	Wilkinson (destroyed)	079
Gasch, Henry	020	White Chapel	080
Mullen (Dunn)	021	Pleasant Grove	081
Taylor	022	Farley	082
Crown Hill (Scherer)	023	Calvary	083
Arcadia Brethren	024	Spannuth	084
Mt. Pleasant	025	Heady	085
Emanual Lutheran	026	Eller	086
Gibson Family (Cutts)	027	West	087
Mt. Pleasant (Pettijohn)	028	Oak Lawn	088
Cicero	029	Flannagan	089
Worley	030	Lowery (Klepfer)	090
West Grove	031	Burke	091
Hinkle Creek	032	Bethlehem	092
Buscher	033	Kinneman	093
Sugar Ridge (destryed)	034	Helms	094
Aroma	035	Highland (Beaver)	095
Carey	036	Arnett	096
Bethlehem	037	Fort	097
Colip	038	Brooks	098
Little Carey	039	Mt. Zion	099
Newland	040	McKay	100
Strawtown	041	Ritchie (Ritchie Woods)	101
Teeter Woods	042	Pleasant View (Quaker)	102
Hammack (Lamong)	043	Nightenhelser (Destroyed)	103
Thomas B. More	044	Finch	104
Pleasant View (Perry)	045	Unknown (destroyed)	105
Chester	046	Gwinn (destroyed)	106
Greenwood	047	Kirkendall	107
Eagletown	048	Wyant (destroyed)	108
Anti-Slavery	049	Paulsel	109
Old Friends (Mem. Park)	050	Faucett	110
Summit Lawn	051	Welchel (destroyed)	111
Indianapolis Hebrew	052	Mallott	112
Sugar Grove	053	Beth-El-Zadek	113
Unknown (destroyed)	054	Moppis	114
Little Eagle Creek	055	Beck Family Plot	115
Zimmer	056	Gipson Family Plot	116
Tharp (Mott)	057	Hamilton Mem. Park	117
Metzger (destroyed)	058	Whelchel Famil Plot	118
Crownland	059		
Riverside	060		