

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

384 North 11th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060-2146

Annual Report

RECEIVED
DEC 07 2001
INDIANA HISTORICAL
BUREAU
30 November 2001

To: Board of Commissioners
Hamilton County, Indiana

A farmer reported that the fence was down at Mullen Cemetery and the estimate to repair it was \$2800. This black chain fence was installed by Sears in 1994 and had a 15 yr. warranty. It was specified on the order that the posts were to be set in concrete, but in fact were not, which was the cause of the collapse of the fence. Sears was not willing to honor the warranty. The County Attorney advised that it would not be worth it to sue Sears and that we should have it repaired.

We are grateful to the County Highway Department for the fine job they did grading the access to Mullen Cemetery and for making the route to the Teter Cemetery better than it was before.

Members of our commission helped to locate the grave of Revolutionary War veteran, Major Davis Whelchel, in the Whelchel Cemetery near Geist Reservoir. Wayne Long, Veterans Service Officer, ordered a stone for his grave and it was set in May. Davis Whelchel died September 4, 1833 at the age of 80 or 81.

Jeannie Regan-Dinius, who began in February 2001 as the Special Projects Coordinator for the DNR, visited three of our meetings this year. She told us about their project to create a registry of all cemeteries and burial grounds in each Indiana county. She complimented us for having done so much of this work in our county and we may serve as a model for others.

David Heighway spoke to us at the May meeting about his research on grave robbing in the 1880's. Another guest, Sharon Craig, added to his information about the graves of her ancestors in the Weaver Cemetery. She said there were rumors that Martin Marietta Aggregates might use that cemetery which adjoined their property for mining purposes. Our fears were relieved when Fred Swift called the company and was assured that the company never had any intentions of ever touching the cemetery.

The situation at the Eller Cemetery is on hold. Mr. Gatewood wanted the access to the cemetery to be from 106th St. We met with the surveyor and a representative from the Airport Authority who own the strip of land on which an access would have to cross. The consensus of opinion was that this was not the place to put the access. A letter was sent to Mr. Gatewood but he has never responded.

We have had several inquiries about the widening of roads adjoining cemeteries and expressed their concern for preserving the cemeteries. We explained that the law takes care of this concern and the highway department is aware that cemeteries are not to be touched.

Joe H. Burgess
Chairman and Treasurer

Herald A. Demaree
Vice Chairman

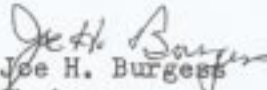
Patricia B. Gibbs
Secretary

Martha Gascho
Member

Richard C. Mallery
Member

Herald Demaree's term on the commission expires at the end of 2001.
He is willing to serve and the commission recommends that he be reappointed
for another term.

Respectfully submitted,


Joe H. Burgess
Chairman

copy to Hamilton County Council
copy to Indiana Historical Bureau

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forwarded 30 November 2000 \$6,773.41

Receipts:

Annual Appropriation	16,000.00
Interest on checking account	169.46
Contribution (Hurlock Cem)	<u>100.00</u>

Sub-total 23,042.87

Disbursements:

Labor	9,975.00	
Trips	829.00	
Reimbursement for gas, etc.	165.44	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	21.50	
Barn Rental (equip. storage)	120.00	
Title & Lien Searches	100.00	
Survey, Hurlock Cem.	260.00	
Glidden Fence Co., Inc.	2,432.00	
Farm Plan (repairs)	850.23	<u>14,753.17</u>

Balance forwarded 30 November 2001 8,289.70

Balance forwarded on Savings Acct. 30 November 2000 1,800.23

Receipts:

Interest	<u>18.08</u>
Sub-total	1,818.31

Disbursements: None 0.00

Balance forwarded on savings acct. 30 November 2001 1,818.31

Above funds include obligated funds as follows:

Reserve Account:	
In checking account	\$3,338.91
In savings account	<u>1,818.31</u>
Total Reserve account	\$5,157.22

<u>Name of Cemetery</u>	<u>Mowed</u>	<u>Trees & Shrubs</u>	<u>Fence</u>	<u>Stone Work</u>
Strawtown	X (17)			
Hurlock	X (17)			
Buscher	X (16)			
Greenwood	X (16)			X
Lamong (Hammack)	X (16)			
Thomas B. Moore	X (16)			
Phillips	X (15)			X
Lennen (Commons)	X (15)			
Burke	X (15)			
Bradley	X (10)			
Finch	X (10)			
Henry Gasho	X (10)			
Teter	X (15)			
Moppis	X (10)			
Burris	X (3)			
Little Carey	X (4)			
Nalott	X (1)			
Mushrush	X (2)			
Whelchel	X (2)			X
Mullen			X	