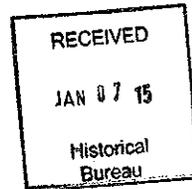


Franklin County Cemetery Commission

1010 Franklin Avenue
Brookville, IN 47012

December 29, 2014



Pamela J. Bennett
Indiana Historical Bureau
140 North Senate Avenue, Room 130
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2296

Dear Ms. Bennett:

This letter is the Cemetery Commission's report as required by IC 23-14-67-3.5.

The Franklin County Cemetery Commission was formed in 2001. Five members were appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners, October 15, 2001, according to the provisions of IC 23-14-67-2. The members of the commission as of the end of the calendar year 2014 are as follows: R. Edward Baker, who serves as vice-president, (term expires 2016), Donald L. Dunaway who serves as president, (reappointed, term expires 2019), John Estridge (term expires 2017), James Trumbull (term expires 2018) and Julie Schlesselman (term expires 2015). Patricia Smith was a member of the Commission since 2001, but was not reappointed. She has since died.

The cemetery commission held seven meetings in 2014 - March, April, May (2), June, August and September.

A total of 127 Department of Natural Resources survey forms have been completed and submitted to DNR to-date.

As of the end of this year, 2014, 151 cemeteries have been found within Franklin County; 129 of these are considered pioneer cemeteries according to the requirements of IC 23-14-67-1 of Chapter 67, "Care of Cemeteries by Counties." There are 24 rumored or lost cemeteries which have not been found. We know that several of these have been destroyed. We will continue to work on locating more of the small, isolated pioneer cemeteries, make an on-site assessment, complete the survey forms for them and submit them to DNR-DHPA when we gather sufficient information.

Since we first received funding in 2004, a total of 64 cemeteries have been restored in the county by the Cemetery Commission, several of these were done over a period of two or three years. In addition 14 were restored by a township trustee and others, e.g. cemetery associations and volunteers.

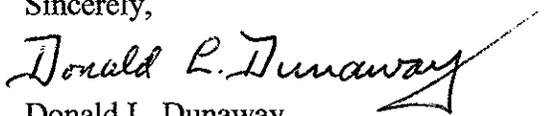
A final budget of \$11,000 was approved by the County Council for funding the Cemetery Commission in CY 2014. (Original budget was \$22,000). The principal part of the restoration funds was used for restoration of the Conwell Cemetery in Laurel Township (287 stones over two years). In addition, Martin Cemetery in Brookville Township (15 stones) and Reid Cemetery in the Town of Metamora were restored. Thirteen stones at eight previously restored cemeteries were repaired. Fencing was replaced at the Little Cedar Public Cemetery, Brookville Township. Forty-six cemeteries were mowed three or more time during the year. This year, the regular budget was supplemented by \$5907 donated funds in the "restricted account."

Maintenance at Bethlehem and Harmony in Bath Township were partially funded by a specified Franklin County Community Foundation endowment. The grants from the endowment are administered by the Cemetery Commission. This money from this grant supplemented the cost of mowing paid by the Bath Township trustee.

Cecil Bruns, Springfield Township Trustee gave \$1000 to the Cemetery Commission for mowing and maintenance in his township. Delbert Spurlock, Laurel Township Trustee donated \$2000 for restoration and mowing Laurel Township cemeteries.

The Cemetery Commission budget for CY 2014 is \$11,000. There are seven small cemeteries on our list for restoration. New fencing is needed at two cemeteries restored previously. We plan to mow 30 cemeteries on a monthly basis during the growing season. Because of funding, some cemeteries which were mowed regularly will not be mowed this year.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Dunaway
President, Franklin County
Cemetery Commission

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