

## DEARBORN COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the county administration building in the Commissioner's room at 9 AM. March 7, 2009.

Present were President Art Wenzel, vice president Chris McHenry, secretary Lois Harper, surveyor Dennis Kraus and member Milt Masing.

Harper needs to make a set of minutes for the year 2008 for the county council and commissioners.

Harper said the CD will be due May 29 of this year. The County Farm Cemetery needs to be graded, grass seeded, fertilized and straw applied before the fencing can be put up. Wenzel will get bids for the work, one being from Linkmeyers. Kraus will get this on the council agenda for May. Todd will be asked for the grass seed, fertilizer and straw.

No more surveys have been completed since the last meeting.

Braysville Cemetery has been resolved. Attorney Bob Ewbank helped us to complete paperwork and the people have agreed to let the fence remain where it sets now.

Elder Cemetery is a new discovery. Additional information on the Holman Cemetery written by Chris McHenry needs to be added.

McHenry made a motion the officers remain the same for this year. Kraus seconded it and so the officers are as follows: president Art Wenzel, vice president Chris McHenry, Secretary-Treasurer Lois Harper.

Wenzel is working on a cemetery on Caseltine Road in Sparta Township. He needs to copy stones and take pictures yet. He is also looking for some history about the Gloyd who got the property in 1818. Ewan has property next to this.

Joyce Baer, our local genealogy librarian is having a cemetery program on Tuesday October 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 p. m. Wenzel will be the speaker.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Dearborn County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room.

Lois Harper

Secretary for DCCC

## DEARBORN COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the county administration building in the Commissioner's room at 9 AM. June 6, 2009.

Present were President Art Wenzel, vice president Chris McHenry, secretary Lois Harper, and guest Joyce Baer. Absent were surveyor Dennis Kraus, Milt Masing and Pete Nocks.

The Ewan Cemetery, McKinstry Cemetery and the Conaway-Tufts Cemetery are about done. They will be turned in to Indianapolis for the Indiana Registration Project. There was a school at the Conaway-Tufts area in 1815.

It was decided to ask County Council for money. Art spent \$1000 in ink alone in 2007. The CD for the Cemetery Commission came due and was cashed out at \$2740.86. This has gone into Peoples Bank in the Dearborn County Historical Society checking account. This is to be used for the County Farm Cemetery.

Art showed us the epoxy he uses for fixing stones. It is called Tenax Domo 10 and is \$78.06 per box.

Mount Tabor Church would like information on restoring stones in their cemetery so Art will help them with this project.

Trester Hill Cemetery has been added to and now replaced. Four of the Norris stones have been fixed but still need a few more of the Norris and Andrew stones.

Art has given Dearborn County Historical Society Trester Hill Cemetery, Rookwood Indiana Mound, St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Conaway-Tufts Cemetery and Samuel McKinstry Cemetery for their files.

Georgetown Cemetery will have a right of way when things are all said and done. The lawyer will need a copy of all the paperwork. Lois needs to give Art the information on Georgetown Cemetery that she has.

The Elder Cemetery near the hospital may be in jeopardy. They are talking about annexing the land to Lawrenceburg.

Nancy Flannery has called and would like Elam Road Cemetery to be fenced in. Art should talk to Manchester Township Trustee. Mostly babies are buried here, most recent being in the 1940's. There are over 20 deeds to show who has owned the property.

Art attended a restoration workshop. You use a natural brush or a soft brush. You also can use 3 parts water to 1 part ammonia and rinse well when done.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cemetery Commission meeting will be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 1-4p.m. Art, Chris and Lois will be going. Art will talk to Milt, Pete and Dennis.

Union Cemetery has been vandalized. They destroyed 3 stones and 1 of these stones are in about 20-30 pieces.

Obadiah Bayly's farm in Sparta Township was around the corner from Union Cemetery. Searcy's live on the farm but they rent. Hibbetts' are buried here. A cemetery exception is in the deeds.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Dearborn County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room.

Lois Harper

Secretary for DCCC

## DEARBORN COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the county administration building in the Commissioner's room at 9 AM. on Saturday, August 29, 2009.

Present were President Art Wenzel, vice president Chris McHenry, secretary Lois Harper, Surveyor Dennis Kraus & Milt Masing with 1 guest, Joyce Baer, our local genealogist from the library.

Art Wenzel has finished the Ewan stones at Union Cemetery. Restoring these stones were very time consuming. Stones for Trester Cemetery and Mt. Tabor Cemetery have not been started yet.

Reports given to the Dearborn County Historical Society were the Hartford Indian Mounds, the Bailey & Givan Cemeteries.

Georgetown now has a 6 foot easement. Both parties gave 3 foot of land. Wayne Willis, next to Braysville Cemetery had Gary Sorge's office pick up a copy of the deed for the 8 foot easement proving Braysville Cemetery owns the land.

Another cemetery on Possum Ridge Road has been found; Abraham Bailey Cemetery and this makes 6 cemeteries on this road.

Art Wenzel & Joyce Baer have helped a number of people find many of their ancestors this summer, including George Mason research. Judy Rowe has an Ashley descendants buried at Braysville Cemetery. She is asking Art to look at the stones and see what can be done. He will call the Township Trustee Tom Cottingham and discuss it.

Pat Frederickson has an ancestor buried at Gibson Cemetery in Bright. Thomas Davis died April 23, 1913. His wife and some smaller children are buried here also. He has no stone.

Matt Meyers has been put in a mausoleum on his parents' property. There is a cemetery here but not where Matt is. The cemetery is about 10 foot wide with field stones and a stone wall is around it.

Art Wenzel went to Indianapolis for continuing his education. It was about "Surveying In and Around Cemeteries in Indiana.

Doris Butt is doing an article on Hogan Hill Cemetery and will be in the Over Fifty paper.

Dennis Kraus requested money from the County Council for 2010. Dennis stated we would receive \$1000 for office supplies and \$1000 for supplies for restoring headstones.

Art Wenzel and Joyce Baer will be doing a Power Point Presentation for a couple older cemeteries in Lawrenceburg and Aurora. This will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the Lawrenceburg Public Library at 6:00pm.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Room at the Administration Building.

Lois Harper  
Secretary for DCCC