

DEARBORN COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room at 4:30 PM Friday, 1 June 2012.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper. Absent were our county surveyor Dennis Kraus Jr., Joyce Baer, Milt Masing and Pete Nocks.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

The money for the fencing at the county farm is in a CD until March 2013, \$2792.40.

Art Wenzel has been busy with finishing the cemetery location and registration project for the Indian Mound site D22, Mark Lindser's grave, the Brandt family cemetery, the Emerson family cemetery and the Steele Mound site D01.

Art has many cemeteries that he is working on, including Glissman, John Engles and 2 on the old Mendell farm, possibly a third and 1 on Union Ridge Rd. He has not checked one out on Ellinghausen Rd. or on the Meyers farm where the pioneer cemetery and Matt's crypt is. There is a veteran grave north of Jamison Road according to Tony Kraus. The Lynn Cemetery, Art found its location. Mike Steelman on State Line Road also has one on his land. Art is collecting info from all the burials taken from family farms and moved to Riverview Cemetery. Art may look for a cemetery off North Dearborn Road, near Lee Lane. Greendale Cemetery has a database for about 12,000 of the 14,000 burials they have.

The state's annual County Cemetery Commission meeting was in Brookville and headed by Jeannie Regan-Dinius and Pam Bennett. Present from Dearborn County were Art, Chris, Joyce and Lois. New laws for cemeteries will go into effect on July 1, 2012. A cemetery will be classified as a Pioneer Cemetery if it has been in existence no later than 1875 or if a Civil War Veteran is buried there. Landowners must give permission for us to visit the cemeteries on their properties. Landowners must let family go to the cemeteries three times a year.

The tripod for restoring old stones is about done. The Guards will use it first. Bob & Lois Harper bought nylon straps for the tripod.

Dearborn County is still in the lead for having the most Pioneer Cemetery signs. These are the blue ones from the state.

The next meeting of the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission will be at 4:30 PM on Friday, August 3, 2012.

Respectfully submitted
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 4:30 PM Friday, 3 August 2012.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper, surveyor Dennis Kraus & Joyce Baer. Absent were Milt Masing and Pete Nocks.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

The tripod for lifting and repairing stones is about finished. Dennis has put a lot of time into this. The Guards would like to use it to finish the Guard Cemetery.

There has been a stone in the basement of the jail for 12 years. It is Helena A. (Dolly) Rice 1881 – 1969. A maintenance worker told Art Wenzel about it. She took a picture of the stone for him.

The Mendel Cemetery in Manchester Township, Art has not looked for yet. He has been told about one from a man on Stimson Road and another man on Possum Ridge Road. Art has not been to the Bonham Cemetery yet.

Art has looked for the Allen and Mount Happy Cemeteries in Harrison Township but to no avail yet. He has also looked for the veteran's tombstone in Bright but needs more information. It may be on a neighbor's property of Gary Stone off Jamison Road. A cemetery may be off Lee Lane off North Dearborn Road. Art has looked at the topography for it. Johnny Wright knows of a large Indian Mound and Soldiers' graves both being in Center Township.

Art said, "A man with grinding dust all over himself stopped by looking for Logan Cemetery information. He has been hired by the Logan Township trustee to restore the Logan Cemetery." This may be John Littleken.

Art has finished 3 more reports, Baby Ware's grave in Manchester Township, GEMMS Indian Mound in Miller Township and the Covington Family Cemetery in Washington Township. The Engle report is Art Wenzel's # 9 out of 12 he plans on finishing for 2012.

Chris Mueller thinks that we should post information on "Find a Grave" so Art has talked to Pete Nocks. He has Newtown Cemetery almost finished.

Glenn Wright, our recorder, has asked about an Indian Mound on North Dearborn Road. He has talked to the property owners many times. This is not mentioned in Glen Black's list printed in 1935.

The next meeting of the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission will be at 4:30 PM on Friday, 28 September 2012.

Respectfully submitted
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 4:30 PM Friday, 28 September 2012.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Secretary Lois Harper, Joyce Baer and Pete Nocks. Absent were Surveyor Dennis Kraus, Vice President Chris McHenry and Milt Masing.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

Chris found that the stone in the jail basement belongs to a cemetery in Ripley County on State Rt. 101.

The Logan Cemetery has been restored and looks pretty good. Melba Guard has found more stones for the Guard Cemetery. They have been restoring this cemetery.

Gibson Cemetery has a few stones that have been erected once again.

Art plans on finishing a couple more Clay Township cemeteries soon. He needs a little history for the "Noble Cemetery" as Milt called it and will be able to also finish this one.

Mike Steelman owns the property where the cemetery is located and Art has a pretty good idea of its location, off White Ridge Rd.

Pete has entered almost all of Newtown Cemetery onto "Find a Grave." He has received a few corrections. Art has about 890 names for the cemetery. He hopes to have Clay Township cemeteries added soon.

Art found a new cemetery where ashes are buried, the Newman Cemetery. He has done a report for it and has finished the John U. Engle Cemetery and the Transier Cemetery.

Joyce Baer has been a tremendous help in researching the history of these old cemeteries for Art.

A veteran can no longer get a marker if their family does not sign for it. The funeral home is no longer allowed to sign. I hope to talk to our veteran representative before the next meeting.

An article in the paper was hoping to lure some workers to help clean and restore a cemetery known as First Hogan Hill Baptist Church near state Rt. 48 and Hogan Hill Rd. Roger Woodfill had surveyed some property and the cemetery ended up with very little property. Helen Amm on Union Ridge Rd. stated that someone is asking for donations to hire an attorney to sort out the mess.

The next meeting of the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission will be at 4:30 PM on Friday, 30 November 2012.

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The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room at 4:30 PM Friday, 30 November 2012.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper, Joyce Baer and Pete Nocks and a guest, Matt Metcalf. Absent were Surveyor Dennis Kraus, and Milt Masing.

Jennifer Burk and Mr. & Mrs. Matt Metcalf have been restoring First Hogan Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. The property owners have not been very kind to them. Matt cut up trees and Jennifer has taken a stone home to repair. Pete has most of Newtown Cemetery on "Find a Grave." Because of this, many have contacted him to remove people from Newtown Cemetery as they are in Greendale Cemetery. He will contact "Find a Grave" and see what they say. Lois Harper has talked with our Veteran's officer, M. D. Burgess trying to get a veteran stone for Howard Gullion who served in WW II. She will check out family trees on ancestry and see about finding a relative. The tripod can now be used. Chris McHenry's term is up. She is most responsible for the DCCC to be formed, by talking to the board of the Dearborn County Historical Society and went before the County Commissioners and the cemetery board was then established in August of 2001.

The John Engle Cemetery is finished. Art has exhausted resources for finding a veteran who was buried in Noble Cemetery. He doesn't think this person was a veteran. The grave is marked with a standing limestone rock and no information. Art showed us where the town of Cambridge is located, after Lois brought him a plat of Cambridge. Art will be looking for another Indian Mound in the general area of the old earthen wall. This is the only one in the state of Indiana. Art uses the old Surveyor's notes and Black's 1934 report in his search of Indian Mounds. E. B. Seitz and Art were looking at the Indian Mounds near the old Seitz property. Samuel Morrison's recollections of 1816 suggested 4 mounds. E. B. Seitz has the Corp of Engineers photos and Art is hoping to find some of Old Town Cemetery and a small family cemetery photos.

The County Council has given the DCCC \$1000 under the surveyor's budget. We have \$593 left and we need to use the money before the end of the year. Art has suggested buying supplies for cleaning and repairing stones. Chris made a motion that Art buys what supplies he thinks we need now and Pete made a 2nd. It passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be Friday, 22 February 2013 at 4:30pm at the County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room.