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Franklin County Cemetery Commission

1010 Franklin Avenue
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140 North Senate Avenue, Room 130
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Dear Ms. Bennett:

The first county cemetery commission consisting of five members was appointed by the Franklin County commissioners, October 15, 2001, according to the provisions of IC 23-14-67-2. The officers of the commission for the year 2008 were as follows: Donald L. Dunaway, president (term expires 2009) and Patricia Smith, vice-president (2013). The other members of the commission are John Estridge, (2012), Juanita Baker (2010) and Ed Baker (2011). All except Juanita Baker have served since October 2001. This letter is the cemetery commission's report as required by IC 23-14-67-3.5.

The cemetery commission held nine regular meetings in 2008, March through November.

Six Department of Natural Resources survey forms were completed in the year 2008 bringing the number of cemeteries visited and surveys prepared to 127. There is estimated to be 150 or more cemeteries within Franklin County. We will continue to work on locating more of the small, isolated cemeteries, make an on-site assessment, complete the survey forms for them and submit them to DNR-DHPA.

A budget of \$16,300 was approved by the County Council and the State for funding the Cemetery Commission in CY 2008. In addition to the funding by the county, the commission received \$620 in donations for cemetery maintenance. The budget was used for cleaning, fencing and restoring six cemeteries. These were the Ashton Cemetery in Whitewater Township, Conn Cemetery in Springfield Township, Longnecker Cemetery in Metamora Township, Hite Cemetery in Posey Township, Holley Cemetery in Salt Creek Township and the final third of Asbury Cemetery in Springfield Township. The Adams Cemetery in Metamora Township was fenced. A total of seventeen cemeteries were each mowed three times during the growing season. Two cemeteries in Bath Township were mowed on a regular basis with funding by the township trustee and income from an endowment administered by the Franklin County Community Foundation and awarded to the Cemetery Commission for maintenance of the two designated cemeteries.