

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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Chairman and Treasurer

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PATRICIA GIBBS
Secretary

8 December 1998

To: Board of Commissioners
of Hamilton County, Indiana

The Hamilton County Cemetery Commission desires to report to the Board of Commissioners its activities during the year of 1998. We are again following the amendment to the law made 1st of July 1997. (see Financial Report). We have not uncovered any additional cemeteries this year, however, one that we knew about but had been unable to locate, was offered to us in order to prevent developers from destroying it (see explanations on Financial Report).

We are proud to report that during the season of 1998, we did not receive any complaints or calls concerning upkeep of any of the cemeteries, including those maintained by the various township trustees.

It is our intention to request of the county the sum of \$14,000 for work to be done in 1999.

You may note in the cemeteries listed as work being done by this commission that more cemeteries have had stone work done. This is an increase over the previous year, possibly including a little more activity in vandalism, but still in a very manageable amount. We are cooperating with some members of the legislature to prevent ravaging of cemeteries such as was reported in the Indianapolis Star on August 23, 1998.

The term of Patricia Gibbs, secretary of the commission, will expire 31 December 1998. Patricia has indicated that she would accept another term if offered. With this statement the commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that she be re-appointed for another 5 year term.

Respectfully:

Joe H. Burgess
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Chairman

JHB/jb
incl: as above
copy to Hamilton County Council
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forwarded 3 December 1997 \$15,432.39

Receipts:

Annual Appropriation		14,000.00
Interest on Checking Account		<u>319.91</u>
Sub-total		29,652.30

Disbursements:

Labor	\$9,258.00	
Gas, belts etc.	218.73	
Trips (\$4 per trip to compensate for employees truck use)	672.00	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	21.50	
Don Roberts (rental for equip. storage)	120.00	
Farm Plan & Reynolds Equip.	1,161.00	
Glidden Fence Co.	5,132.00	
Noblesville Monuments	<u>60.00</u>	<u>16,643.23</u>

Balance forwarded 8 December 1998 \$13,109.07

This balance has obligated funds as follows:

1. Reserve Account \$5,102.66 (in compliance with the Indiana Cemetery Code) (\$3,338.09 in checking account and \$1764.57 in savings account).
2. \$3,000.00 set aside to help Delaware Township Trustee in fencing the West Cemetery. This was not done this year and she has not made up her mind as to what kind of fence should be erected. From her conversations we feel that she wants an Iron Fence which means an expenditure greater than she has budgeted and we have set aside to help her. Since we had set aside \$8,000.00 last year for fencing the Strawtown Cemetery, when we did the work this year, the cost was considerably lower than we anticipated. The balance of \$2,868.00 should remain in the set aside category for possible increase in help for the West Cemetery.
3. Kirkendall or (Klingensmith) Cemetery in Clay Twp. is being conveyed to Hamilton County in order to protect it from destruction by developers. The commission felt that a survey to get a legal description and legal fees (deed etc.) should be born by the Commission. However, at the time of this report we have not received the survey or their invoice. We feel that there is sufficient funds in our account to take care of this.

Work done in cemeteries during 1998 . () indicates no. of times mowed.

Name of Cem.	Mowed	Stone Work	Trees or Brush	Fence	Clear Fence Line
Strawtown	x (17)		x	x	x
Buscher	x (17)				
Hurlock	x (17)				
Greenwood	x (17)				
Hammock (Lamong)	x (17)				
Phillips	x (17)				
Thos. B. More	x (15)		x		
Lennon	x (15)				
Burke	x (15)				
Henry Gasho	x (15)				
Moppis	x (15)				
Teeter	x (15)				
Bradley	x (10)				
Finch	x (10)				
Gascho-Trissel	x (10)	x			
Little Carey	x (6)				
Burris	x (6)				
Mushrush	x (6)		x		
Malott	x (2)				
Mullin		x			
Pleasant Grove		x			
Taylor		x			