

The Development Of The

STATE ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

PRESERVATION OF

IOWA CEMETERIES

From October 27, 1994

Through December 31, 1996

Prepared By Keith Street



STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES
BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 18, 1997
EVENT CALENDAR PRESENTED BY KEITH STREET

October 27, 1994 State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries formed at a meeting at Newton, Iowa. Present from Jasper County were John Daehler, Bill Ponder, Irene Zickel, Elmer Van Arkel, Beverly Cross and Marilyn Schmitt. Present from Louisa County were Eleanor Jones, William H. Matthews, Richard Lehnert, Richard Utter, Elmer Thomas, Keith Street and Dean Gipple. Loren Horton from Iowa City was also present.

November 11, 1994 A Steering Committee composed of Loren Horton, John Daehler, Marilyn Schmitt, Dean Gipple and Keith Street met at Iowa City and drew up bylaws for the organization. Michael Zahs was added to the Steering Committee on November 28, 1994.

December 2, 1994. The Steering Committee again met at Newton and adopted a draft set of rules and bylaws. It was also decided that the organization should participate in the Iowa Heritage Expo on June 9 and 10 and sponsor cemetery workshops.

December, 1994. The first Cemetery News was published, the newsletter for the organization. The second issue was published in February, 1995.

February 18, 1995. Steering Committee met at Amana. An official from the Office of the State Archaeologist discussed Iowa law regarding old burial sites. Indian burials were covered, but early pioneer burial sites also fall under that legislation.

February, 1995. Representative Barry Brauns sent a copy of a draft cemetery bill that has been introduced into the House to Dean Gipple. A letter was sent to each county Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee on behalf of our State Committee by Dean Gipple.

March, 1995. Robert and Phyllis Carter, Terry Wilson and Annabelle Wacker are added to the Steering Committee.

May, 1995. Third issue of the Newsletter published.

June 9 and 10. Heritage Expo in Des Moines. Our members presented several workshops. By July 31 membership had grown to 20.

October 7, 1995. Iowa Genealogical Society held its annual conference at Marshalltown, in conjunction with the State Committee. At a group session the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries was officially formed, accepted with some revisions (including the new word Association in the name instead of Committee)

the rules and bylaws proposed by the Steering Committee, and elected a Board of Trustees for the organization composed of 13 members.

January 13, 1996. The Board of Trustees met at Iowa City and elected officers to replace the temporary Steering Committee officials. Ted Sieck was elected President; Loren Horton, Vice-President; Fran Jeffers, Secretary; Keith Street, Treasurer. Dean Gipple went through the new cemetery bill and the changes made from the last one. Representative Barry Brauns is a sponsor of the bill in the House; Senator Dennis Black is a sponsor in the Senate.

March 31, 1996. Association membership has grown to 36.

May 1996. Dean Gipple spends weeks in Des Moines working for the passage of the cemetery legislation. The legislation passes. Also, Governor Ray proclaims May, 1996, as Cemetery Appreciation Month in the State of Iowa. Dean Gipple had also worked for this. Association members were in the Governor's Office for both the proclamation and the signing of the legislation; photographs appeared in several newspapers across the state.

June 1996. The Association again had a presence and workshops at the 1996 Heritage Expo held in Des Moines. The Board of Trustees met. A newsletter was sent to the membership by new editor Frances Jeffers. A second issue of Grave News was sent in late September to the membership.

September 23, 1996. The Robert L. Carter Memorial Award Committee met to draft criteria for the award and to select the first recipient of what is planned as an annual award. Dean Gipple was selected and received the award at the Iowa Genealogical Society banquet held in conjunction with the October, 1996 Conference in Iowa City

October 13, 1996. The annual membership meeting of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries was held in Iowa City and re-elected three incumbent Board of Trustees members for three-year terms. The Board of Trustees re-elected the Association officers.

October 31, 1996. The third issue of Grave News was sent to members.

December 31, 1996. Charter memberships end. The Association has grown to include 76 charter memberships.

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State Historical Society of Iowa

The Historical Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs

31 October 1994

TO: John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Dean H. Gipple
Keith Street ✓

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: Meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Committee for the
Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

The first meeting of the Executive Committee is set for Friday, November 11, at 2:00 P.M. in Newton. John has arranged for us to meet at the Jasper County Genealogical Society library, which is housed in the McCall Monument Company, 109 East 4th Street South in Newton.

When we last met that date seemed to be open for John, Marilyn, Dean, and Loren. Keith has since called me and said that it is OK with him. I look forward to seeing all of you there. I may invite a representative of the Jackson County Cemetery Commission to meet with us, but have not made the contact with the proper person yet.

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**STATE COMMITTEE
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES**

201 East 2nd Street South, Apt. 5
Newton, IA 50208

18 November 1994

TO: Iowa Farm Bureau delegates and officers

FROM: Dean H. Gipple, telephone (319) 728-2344
John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Keith Street
Loren Horton

RE: The inequities in Iowa laws dealing with the protection, preservation, and maintenance of Iowa cemeteries.

A group of interested Iowa citizens, meeting in Newton, Iowa on 27 October 1994 agreed that attention needs to be given to the matter of the protection, preservation, and maintenance of all cemeteries in Iowa. At the present time all human burials 150 years old or older are protected in a more effective manner than those burials less than 150 years old. We believe that all human burials in Iowa should be accorded the same protection, regardless of the age of the remains.

In order to implement our beliefs, the group of interested Iowa citizens who met in Newton on 27 October 1994 elected a Steering Committee to draw up by-laws for collective action. That Steering Committee, consisting of the persons listed above in this memorandum, met in Newton on 11 November 1994. A draft set of by-laws was discussed, and will be revised and discussed again at a future meeting scheduled for 2 December 1994.

The Steering Committee adopted the following resolution: "All human burials in Iowa shall be accorded the same protection as presently accorded those human burials 150 years old or older." The Steering Committee consensus was that in order to effectively protect, preserve, and maintain the cemeteries of Iowa, it may be necessary to modify existing statutes, so that the physical responsibility and fiscal ability is more equitably distributed among the population. Township tax bases are presently burdened more heavily for this responsibility than are other areas of the state, and agricultural land may be bearing an unfair burden. We feel that this, and other related matters should be examined with care, to the end that all human burials in Iowa are protected, preserved, and maintained.



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28 November 1994

TO: John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Dean H. Gipple
Keith Street ✓
Michael Zahs

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: Revised rules

Enclosed with this memorandum is a revised set of rules, as we discussed during our last meeting. Thanks to Marilyn Schmitt for keeping track of our sometimes wandering discussions. We can go over it again at our next meeting and see where it can be clarified, sharpened, or made more workable.

Also enclosed is a copy of a summary of new legislation in Maryland that seems to have the same intent as the Committee. I have written for a copy of the actual law, but have not, as yet, received it. I have also written to the Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association for a copy of the legislation from that state.

My calendar indicates that we are to meet at the Newton Public Library, at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, 2 December 1994. Please let John Daehler know if there is some complication and you cannot attend. Mike, I assume you will have to teach and won't be able to be there, but you are cordially invited to all of our meetings.

A further enclosure with this memorandum is a list of people who attended the first and second meetings leading towards the organization of this Committee. If there are any errors in addresses or telephone numbers, please let me know.

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2 December 1994

ADOPTED BY STEERING COMMITTEE

I. The name of this organization shall be the **STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES.**

II. The goals of this organization shall be:

- A. To identify all cemeteries in Iowa.
- B. To take such measures as are necessary, possible, and reasonable to protect these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them from danger, from natural causes and from human encroachment.
- C. To provide guidance and educational materials for use by the people entrusted with the preservation of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- D. To compile and distribute information about the proper maintenance techniques for these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- E. To provide advice and information to legislative bodies empowered to pass legislation creating a legal framework for the protection, the preservation, and the maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- F. To act as a monitor of the administrative and management personnel of these cemeteries, to ensure that the legal measures for the protection, preservation, and maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them are enforced.

III. This organization shall be a membership organization. Membership is open to persons and organizations interested in the protection, preservation, maintenance, and use of cemeteries and the monuments contained in them. Organizational membership shall be considered one vote each for the purposes of voting in elections.

Annual membership fees shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year. Dues paid on or before the October general public meeting shall be considered dues for the calendar year in which they are paid. Dues paid after the October general public meeting shall be considered dues for the following calendar year.

The amount of the annual membership fees shall be determined annually by the Board of Trustees of the organization.

IV. The Board of Trustees of this organization shall consist of no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) members. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the general membership at a regularly scheduled public meeting held during the second quarter of each calendar year. A quorum of the membership shall consist of those members present at the regularly scheduled public meeting, provided that at least ten (10) members are present at said meeting.

Nominations may be made by a Nominating Committee, and from the floor of the meeting. Ballot may be by voice, by a show of hands, or by paper ballot.

Voting may be for individuals or for a slate of candidates.

Election shall be by a plurality vote of the membership present, eligible and voting.

At the initial election to the Board of Trustees of this organization, all persons elected shall draw lots to determine the length of terms. At least three (3) persons shall be elected for a three (3) year term, at least three (3) persons shall be elected for a two year term, and at least one (1) person shall be elected for a one year term. In the following elections, all terms shall be for three (3) years.

All persons elected to the Board of Trustees shall be members of the organization, and must be members in good standing during their entire terms of office.

The Board of Trustees shall meet within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting to choose, from its own membership, the officers of the organization.

The Board of Trustees shall act as the Executive Committee of the organization, or may designate a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees to act as the Executive Committee for a specified period of time.

V. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The President and Vice President shall be elected annually for a term of one (1) year, and may serve no more than three successive terms.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected every two (2) years for a term of two (2) years, and may serve no more than three successive terms.

VI. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees or officers shall be filled by the Board of Trustees, or by a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose. It shall be the decision of the Executive Committee as to which method of filling vacancies shall be used at any given time.

VII. This organization shall hold at least one (1) general public meeting in October of each calendar year. The date and the location of the meeting shall be the decision of the Board of Trustees acting as the Executive Committee. The entire membership shall be notified of the date and place of this general public meeting at least one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting. This notification shall be by mail.

This organization may hold as many additional general public meetings as seems to fit the goals and needs of the organization. Upon the request of no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing of the organization for a special meeting, such a special meeting shall be scheduled. Notification of the date and location of such a special meeting shall be by the same procedure as that used for the a general public meeting. A request for a special meeting must be made in writing.

VIII. All proposed amendments to the documents of governance of this organization must be submitted in writing, and presented to the Board of Trustees prior to September 1 of the year in which they are to be considered. These proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda to be voted on at the annual meeting next after the 1 September when they are submitted to the Board of Trustees. Any member in good standing may prepare and submit amendments.

IX. Prior to the official adoption of these rules, the Steering Committee shall handle all business of the organization. The Steering Committee shall adopt its own rules of operation prior to the official adoption of these rules.



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7 December 1994

TO: John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Dean H. Gipple
Keith Street ✓
Michael Zahs

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: Revised rules

Enclosed with this memorandum is a copy of the revised rules adopted by the Steering Committee at the last meeting on 2 December 1994. Also enclosed is a newsletter which I created to send to people who enquire about the proposed State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. As we discussed during the last meeting, we need something to tie us together and to keep the momentum going. We'll decide later if we want to issue a newsletter quarterly, occasionally, or what.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 21 January 1995, at 11:30 A.M. in the small conference room in the Newton Public Library. Please note that the small conference room is NOT the same as the small meeting room. The small conference room is located in the northwest part of the building. Mike, we scheduled it on a Saturday so that you would be able to join us, if you care to.

I'll send another notice of the next meeting about a week and a half to two weeks before January 21. Whenever the Maryland and Oregon legislation reaches me I will make copies and send them along to all of you.

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14 January 1995

TO: John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Dean H. Gipple
Keith Street ✓
Michael Zahs

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: Scheduled meeting on 21 January 1995

At our last meeting on 2 December 1994, we agreed to meet again on Saturday, 21 January 1995, in the SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM of the Newton Public Library. Please note that this is NOT the same as the small meeting room. The small conference room is located in the northwest part of the building. We will convene at 11:30 A.M. and hopefully finish in time for all of us to get home before dark. Of course a bout of severe weather should keep all of us at home in the first place.

You have received the rules, as revised at that 2 December 1994 meeting. Enclosed with this memorandum are copies of laws from other states that were distributed at the Cemetery Conference in 1989. I have not received the copies of laws from Maryland or Oregon, in spite of repeated attempts by mail and telephone to procure them. But we will have some things to talk about, even without those. The cemetery sessions for the Iowa Heritage EXPO, next June 9 and 10, are now scheduled and we can talk about them. I have scheduled a general meeting for all persons interested in participating in the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. At that time we can expand our membership base, increase the funds in the treasury, and prepare for the first annual general meeting in the fall.

If any of you have things to bring to the meeting, please do so. I will had out some more material of general interest. Hope for good weather, and I will see all of you in Newton next Saturday.

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CEMETERY NEWS

Volume 1, Number 1

December 1994

The Newsletter of the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

On 27 October 1994 a group of fifteen people met in Newton to discuss the desirability of forming an association to help protect, preserve, and maintain the cemeteries of Iowa. These fifteen people were drawn from the Jasper County Cemetery Commission, the Louisa County Cemetery Commission, and one other interested person. At that time the conveners of the meeting did not know of the existence of the Jackson County Cemetery Commission. Following that meeting, notice was extended to members of the Jackson County group to join in discussions.

At the 27 October meeting it was decided to appoint a Steering Committee to draft temporary rules and create a mechanism by which a state-wide group to promote the protection, preservation, and maintenance of Iowa cemeteries might be formed. Members of that Steering Committee are: John C. Daehler, Marilyn Schmitt, Dean H. Gipple, Keith Street, and Loren N. Horton. The Steering Committee was to draft goals for the proposed organization. John Daehler's address will be used as the temporary mailing address for the group. It was at this meeting also that the name "State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries" was chosen.

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held in Newton on 11 November 1994, attended by all five members and Michael Zahs of Washington County. At that meeting draft goals and rules were discussed and written. The advisability of changes in legislation was also discussed, and strategies for influencing the content were introduced. Also discussed were present conditions in many rural cemeteries, the present legalities of financing maintenance, and situations in other states. Other organizations which have an interest in Iowa cemeteries were also listed. These include: The Farm Bureau, the League of Women Voters, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Iowa Genealogical Society, the Iowa Funeral Directors Association, and the Iowa Monument Dealers Association. It was felt to be desirable to keep these groups informed of our discussions and goals, and to solicit ideas from them.

The Steering Committee met in Newton on 2 December 1994 to discuss the changes in draft goals and rules. During the interim a memorandum was sent to all county Farm

Bureau organizations, explaining our concerns and the need for more enforceable legislation. At this meeting the draft goals and rules were adopted. John C. Daehler was chosen as Chairman Pro Tempore, Marilyn Schmitt was chosen as Secretary Pro Tempore, and Keith Street was chosen as Treasurer Pro Tempore. The Steering Committee agreed to participate in the Iowa Heritage EXPO, the annual meeting sponsored by the State Historical Society of Iowa, on 9 and 10 June 1995, and sponsor a cemetery track series of sessions at the EXPO. Loren N. Horton was chosen as Liaison Pro Tempore to the Iowa Heritage EXPO Planning Committee. In order to have some funds to pay for printing and postage for mailings, it was decided to temporarily set dues rates at \$20 per year for individuals and \$50 per year for organizations. Also discussed was new legislation in Maryland which seems to reflect what the Steering Committee believes would be useful in Iowa. We have requested a copy of the actual legislation from Maryland, as well as from Oregon. A letter from the Jackson County Cemetery Commission was read, in which they commend our efforts and wish to be kept informed of our progress.

DRAFT GOALS OF THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION

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Persons interested in joining this group may send dues of \$20.00 to the Treasurer Pro Tempore, Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52653. For more information about the proposed group, you may write to the Chairman Pro Tempore, John C. Daehler, 201 East 2nd Street South, Apartment 5, Newton, IA 50208. If you have information about cemetery legislation in other states, you may contact Loren N. Horton, 3367 Hanover Court, Iowa City, IA 52245-4016.

CEMETERY NEWS

Volume 2, Number 1

February 1995

The Newsletter of the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

CEMETERIES AND GRAVEMARKERS SESSIONS AT IOWA HERITAGE EXPO

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Iowa, known as the Iowa Heritage EXPO will be held on Friday and Saturday, 9 and 10 June 1995, at the Historical Building in Des Moines. This year the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries has arranged for eight sessions on the general subjects of cemeteries and gravemarkers. These are tentatively scheduled as follows:

ON FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 1995

9:30-10:30 AM

Loren N. Horton, "Karel Andera: Czech Grave Marker Craftsman"

10:45-11:50 AM

Beverly A. LeCroy, "The Epitaphs Of Wapello County Cemeteries:

1:15-2:15 PM

Phyllis Carter, "Limestone Tree Stumps: Oolitic Grave Markers"

David Mayer Gradwohl, "Houses Of Life; Abodes Of Eternity: An Ethno-archaeological Perspective On six Jewish Cemeteries In Des Moines"

2:45-4:00 PM

Gerald LaBlanc, "Tour Of Woodland Cemetery"

ON SATURDAY, 10 JUNE 1995

9:00-10:15 AM

Michael Zabs and Rebecca Quigley, "Using the Cemetery As a Classroom Unit Laboratory"

10:45-12:00 Noon

John C. Daebler and Dean H. Gipple, "The Work Of the County Cemetery Commissions In Iowa"

1:30-2:45 PM

John C. Daebler and Dean H. Gipple, "The State Committee For the Preservation Of Iowa Cemeteries"

3:00-4:15 PM

Paul Maddy, "Repair and Care Of Damaged Grave Markers"

SESSIONS AT IOWA HERITAGE EXPO continued

Of special importance to all of us is the session at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday. We hope that all people who are interested in the protection, preservation, and maintenance of cemeteries and grave markers in Iowa will attend. Since the first meeting of interested persons, a Steering Committee has been drafting temporary rules and creating a mechanism by which a state-wide group can be formed to promote our goals. These goals were listed in the first issue of this Cemetery News, but since many of you did not receive that issue, they are reprinted here. Please come to the session at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, 10 June, and help create the committee and affirm its goals, so that we can continue the work of protecting, preserving, and maintaining Iowa's cemeteries. Incidentally, we are defining "cemetery" to mean any place where there has been a burial of human remains.

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We hope that all of you agree with these goals, or that you will come to the organizational session and let us know about your concerns. There are problems with the cemeteries and monuments in Iowa, as there are in all other states. We are presently in communication with other states where there are organizations endeavoring to do the same thing that we hope the Iowa organization will be able to do. We are also in close contact with the Office of the State Archaeologist, which is the agency empowered with the investigation and protection of "Ancient Burials" in Iowa. Section 263B.7,8, and 9, Section 716.5, and Section 685.11.1 of the Code of Iowa currently provide protection for burials more than one hundred fifty years old. This does little to help protect the more

SESSIONS AT IOWA HERITAGE EXPO continued

recent burials that are eliminated to make way for parking lots, buildings, roads, cultivated fields, and other developmental uses. The people who first met to discuss the idea of a statewide organization all felt that there are solutions to the problems, and that collectively we can bring some of these solutions to fruition.

Of course we hope that all of you will be interested in all of the sessions dealing with cemeteries and gravemarkers. But the one scheduled for 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, 10 June will be crucial to the formation of a viable state organization.

We should note here that you must register for the conference in order to attend any of the sessions. This is the annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Iowa, and participation is by registration for the conference as a whole. If you are interested in attending, be sure that your name is on the mailing list. To ensure that, contact Lynda Wessel, Iowa Heritage EXPO Coordinator, State Historical Society of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, telephone (515) 281-5229. She will be happy to put you on the mailing list to receive registration materials.

THE COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND BURIAL SITES, INC. has developed a legislative agenda that has already produced some changes in the state laws. Among the general principles which they have endorsed are:

1. The necessity of access to burial sites.
2. Appropriate disposition and treatment of human remains and associated funerary objects.
3. Abolition of illegal trading of grave goods.
4. Prevention of burial site desecration and no unauthorized disturbance of burial sites or removal of human remains.
5. Definition of what is meant by "abandoned cemetery".
6. Need for the existence of an entity at the local level to intervene when situations and problems occur.

The Coalition has also persuaded the governor of Maryland to issue a proclamation declaring the week of May 24-31 as "Family Remembrance Week". Among the points mentioned in the proclamation are:

*"Whereas, This week also encourages efforts to locate, care for, and honor the burial sites of family members of yesteryear - and to visit places which have figured significantly in our respective family histories; and
Whereas, Maryland is pleased to join with the Coalition To Protect Maryland Burial Sites in celebrating the importance of family ties and family heritages, as keeping the spirit of the past alive will surely benefit our families in the future.*

COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND BURIAL SITES *continued*

As you can see, many of the ideas and activities of the Maryland organization parallel what we propose to do in Iowa. The State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries is now a member of the Maryland organization, and will exchange newsletters with them. For more information about the changes in the Maryland laws, achieved and proposed, come to the EXPO meeting in Des Moines in June. Each member of the SCPIC Steering Committee has a copy of the new Maryland laws which went into effect in October 1994.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE STATE
COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA**

CEMETERIES *may send dues of \$20.00 to the Treasurer Pro Tempore Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52653.*

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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR NEWSLETTER, you may contact the Editor Pro Tempore, Loren N. Horton, 3367 Hanover Court, Iowa City, IA 52245-4016. We welcome information and ideas, particularly about cemetery legislation in other states, and about problems that have come up in the protection, preservation, or maintenance of Iowa cemeteries or the monuments contained in them.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
ON 9 AND 10 JUNE 1995
AT THE IOWA HERITAGE
EXPO IN DES MOINES**

Contact any member of the SCPIC Steering Committee for more information.



State Historical Society of Iowa

The Historical Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs

3 February 1995

TO: John C. Daehler
Marilyn Schmitt
Dean H. Gipple
Keith Street ✓
Michael Zahs

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: Maryland legislation

The package of material from Maryland arrived on 25 January 1995. I am enclosing a bit of it for you, and will show you the rest of it when ~~we~~ we meet on Saturday, 18 February 1995. And I will let you know the specific place to meet in Amana in a later memorandum.

As you can tell from the note on the enclosed photocopy, this information is about the legislation that was passed and went into effect in 1994. They have a long legislative agenda that they hope to push in 1995, but we can look at that at the meeting. Personally, I am most interested in how they define "person of interest" for access to burial sites. I think we might very well copy that definition in our own proposals. And besides that, it requires consultation with a local "burial sites advisory board" and that sounds very much like a county cemetery commission to me.

I am also enclosing a tentative schedule for the "Cemeteries and Grave Markers" sessions at the Iowa Heritage EXPO. We have a session for every time slot, if everyone shows up. I have not yet heard from Paul Maddy, but everyone else has responded affirmatively.

So far I have not had time to get out the next issue of the newsletter, but it should be ready for mailing well before our meeting on 18 February. You are brave to trust me with the contents of it, but I haven't gotten any submitted articles from any of you, so that must be what you are doing.

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10 February 1995

TO: John C. Daehler
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FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren*

RE: SCPIC Meeting on February 18

As we agreed on at the last meeting in Newton, we will meet on Saturday, 18 February 1995 at 10:00 A.M. in Amana. I have made the reservations for us to meet at the **COLONY VILLAGE RESTAURANT** which is located just off Interstate 80 at exit # 225, which is also Highway 151. There are three restaurants at that interchange, so don't get mixed up. The **COLONY VILLAGE RESTAURANT** is the one farthest (is that a word?) south, up the slope by the Super 8 motel. We will meet in the Rathskellar Room which is downstairs. In case of confusion, check with Mr. Sandersfeld. The telephone number is (319) 668-1223.

If there are other people that should be invited, please do so. I told the restaurant that there would be about 10 people. I have invited Shirley Schermer, head of the Osteology staff at the Office of State Archaeologist. Bill Green is not able to meet with us this time, but is very interested and will meet with us some time. Shirley will explain how the present "Ancient Burials Act" works, and what ramifications our goals will have on her work. Even with Shirley there, that is only 7 people. We need at least 3 more, so bring some interested friends or relatives.

We get the meeting room free if we eat a meal there. So I told the manager that we would all eat lunch there. If you have any questions give me a call. The latest effort at a newsletter is enclosed with this memorandum.

Remember, the meeting is on Saturday, 18 February 1995, at 10:00 A.M. in the Rathskellar Room of the **COLONY VILLAGE RESTAURANT** at exit # 225 (Highway 151) interchange on Interstate 80 (which is Amana, loosely speaking). See you all there, with some more people with you to bring our total number to at least 10 people.

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27 February 1995

Dear Steering Committee Members:

Since you all get the same message, you don't get an individualized salutation.

Enclosed is a photocopy of a draft bill which has been written and is supposedly being discussed in the Committee on Local Government in the House of Representatives of the Iowa General Assembly. The copy was sent to Dean Gipple by Representative Barry Brauns. Dean has talked to Representative Brauns, and apparently the draft bill is a result of those conversations. It did not have a House file number on it yet, so I have not determined its status. I shall try to find out if it has been assigned a file number, and what is happening to it.

Please read the draft bill and see if it fits the goals of the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. If so, then we might want to encourage the members of the committee. I have read it and find nothing objectionable in it. Of course it does not cover all of the points in our list of goals, but we never imagined that one bill would do that. As soon as I find out this draft bill has a file number, I will let you know. You can then decide whether or not, as individuals or as a Steering Committee, we should make known to the House Committee members our interest in such legislation.

Don't forget the next meeting of the Steering Committee, at the **COLONY VILLAGE RESTAURANT**, Interstate 80 exit # 225 at Amana, at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, 22 April 1995. You will note two new names which I have added to the Steering Committee, in order to get as good a base of support as possible, and also to get as many ideas as possible before anything is submitted in writing from the Steering Committee to legislators or other organizations.

Sincerely,

Loren N. Horton
Senior Historian

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2 TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES -- CEMETERY
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9 subsection, the board shall exercise the powers and duties
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11 cemeteries in the same manner as provided for township
12 trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41.

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15 assume jurisdiction and management of the township and
16 abandoned cemeteries in the county. The ordinance shall
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18 the term of office, officers, employees, organizational
19 matters, rules of procedure, compensation and expenses, and
20 other matters deemed pertinent by the board. The board may
21 delegate any power or duty related to cemeteries which may
22 otherwise be exercised by township trustees in sections 359.28
23 through 359.41 to the cemetery commission except that the
24 board shall retain the power to approve or disapprove any tax
25 levy certified by the cemetery commission.

26 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 359.2 COUNTY ASSUMPTION OF CEMETERY
27 DUTIES.

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29 and management of township cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries
30 as provided in section 331.325, the township trustees remain
31 responsible for the buildings and public grounds, excluding
32 cemeteries, as provided in sections 359.28 through 359.41, and
33 may levy taxes pursuant to section 359.30 for those purposes.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill authorizes the board of supervisors of a county,

1 by county ordinance, to assume the control and management of
2 township cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries in the county and
3 exercise all of those powers and duties otherwise assigned to
4 the township trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41. The
5 board of supervisors may also appoint a cemetery commission
6 and delegate the powers and duties relating to cemeteries to
7 the cemetery commission. The board of supervisors shall
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To be sent to each county "Policy Development Committee" of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

One hundred fifty years ago, the population of Iowa was 85% rural, and a Township Trustee system was established. Responsibilities included taking care of roads, viewing fences, putting up quarantine signs, and taking care of cemeteries. Taxes were levied on township agriculture land valuation. ✓

One hundred fifty years later only 3% of the population of Iowa is rural. The county engineers take care of the roads. County nurses can take care of quarantine and other health problems. Members of the boards of supervisors could handle the few remaining fence problems. This leaves only one job for the township trustees, taking care of the cemeteries. We do not intend our suggestions to be criticism of the trustees. Most of them are active farmers, with many more pressing problems than care of old cemeteries.

In recent years 3 Iowa counties have established cemetery commissions. County boards of supervisors have been integral in each of these situations. Interested citizens with many years of public service have been appointed to these cemetery commissions. But cemetery commissioners often feel like they are in the position of treating symptoms with aspirins, instead of treating the causes of the problems with old cemeteries.

For this reason, we now submit a plan which ~~we think will~~ solve some of the problems involved in the preservation, protection, and maintenance of the old cemeteries in Iowa. We endorse House File 4, which changes Chapter 331.325 of the Code of Iowa as an effective solution to the situation.

will equalize TX load + help.
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from the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

This was revised + will be sent to each County in Iowa.

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RE: Next meeting of the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

We scheduled our next meeting at the **COLONY VILLAGE RESTAURANT**, Interstate 80 exit # 225 at Amana, at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, 22 April 1995. The space is reserved for us. However, I am not going to be able to be at the meeting. My wife was injured in an automobile accident earlier this month, and will not have use of her legs for 6 to 8 weeks. So, when she is discharged from the hospital I will be taking a leave of absence from work to take care of her. She will need someone on hand all of the time, because she will not be able to move about without help. The forecast is for a full recovery, but slowly. So, please go ahead with the meeting, but know that I won't be able to prepare the "wish list" for you to discuss. I am too busy cancelling my programs and meetings during April and May to do that here at the office, and I can't really do it at home.

This should not interfere with the Iowa Heritage EXPO95 meeting in Des Moines on 9 and 10 June 1995. We expect that she will be mobile by that time. You won't be able to let me know what the plans are, if they change. So I will fall back on John to take care of things. I am sorry about this - both about the accident and about missing the meeting. We'll still be on schedule with the general meeting in June.

You'll have to tell Connie she must wait on her news release. I just don't have time to do it right now.

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REMEMBER THE CEMETERIES AND GRAVEMARKERS SESSIONS AT THE IOWA HERITAGE EXPO, TO BE HELD IN DES MOINES ON FRIDAY, 9 JUNE AND SATURDAY, 10 JUNE

Of special important to everyone who is interested in the protection, preservation, and maintenance of the cemeteries of Iowa, and the monuments contained in them, is the session scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, 10 June 1995. This will be the first major public organizational meeting of the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. At that meeting we will discuss and adopt the goals of the organization, and formally announce our existence. The draft goals have been listed in the two previous issues of this newsletter, but in case you did not receive either of the other two issues, they are repeated in this issue, as well. Please bring a copy of these draft goals with you to the meeting so that we can discuss them, and then adopt them in existing or revised form. We will also discuss and adopt an organizational framework, or by-laws at this meeting. We urge all of you who have an interest in Iowa's cemeteries and gravemarkers to join with us on Saturday, 10 June 1995, at 1:00 P.M. to help shape the organization and its purposes. As yet the exact room has not been announced, but there is an information counter on the main floor of the STATE OF IOWA HISTORICAL BUILDING to help.

Please

*remember that you **MUST** register for the Iowa Heritage EXPO in order to attend any of the sessions, including the one at 1:00 P.M. There have been slight changes in the times for the sessions at EXPO, so please note the list of sessions in this issue of the newsletter. It is accurate with the EXPO program as mailed. If you have not received your Iowa Heritage EXPO registration materials, please contact Lynda Wessel, Iowa Heritage EXPO Coordinator, State Historical Society of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, telephone (515) 281-5229. She will be happy to send you a copy.*

CEMETERIES AND GRAVEMARKERS SESSIONS AT IOWA HERITAGE EXPO

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society of Iowa, known as the Iowa Heritage EXPO will be held on Friday and Saturday, 9 and 10 June 1995, at the State of Iowa Historical Building in Des Moines. The eight (8) sessions organized by the State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries are scheduled as follows:

On Friday, 9 June 1995

9:00 - 10:15 A.M.

Loren N. Horton, "Karel Andera: Czech Grave Marker Craftsman"

10:30 - 11:45 A.M.

Beverly A. LeCroy, "The Epitaphs Of Wapello County Cemeteries"

1:00 - 2:15 P.M.

*Phyllis Carter, "Limestone Tree Stumps: Oolitic Grave Markers:
David Mayer Gradwohl, "House of Life; Abodes Of Eternity: An Ethno-
archaeological Perspective On Six Jewish Cemeteries In Des Moines"*

2:45 - 4:00 P.M.

Gerald LaBlanc, "Tour Of Woodland Cemetery"

On Saturday, 10 June 1995

8:30 - 9:45 A.M.

*Michael Zabs and Rebecca Quigley, "Using The Cemetery As A Classroom
Unit Laboratory"*

10:15 - 11:30 A.M.

*John C. Daehler and Dean H. Gipple, "The Work Of The County Cemetery
Commissions In Iowa"*

1:00 - 2:15 P.M.

*John C. Daehler and Dean H. Gipple, "The State Committee For The
Preservation Of Iowa Cemeteries"*

2:45 - 4:00 P.M.

Paul Maddy, "Repair And Care Of Damaged Grave Markers"

Woodland Cemetery is located at 18th Street and Woodland in Des Moines. An extra fee of \$5.00 is required to take this tour. That fee is set by the City of Des Moines, which owns and manages Woodland Cemetery. People planning to take the tour at 2:45 P.M. on Friday must arrange for their own transportation to the gates of the cemetery. At this time we do not know whether Paul Maddy's session at 2:45 P.M. on Saturday will be held in the State of Iowa Historical Building, or in a cemetery. If it is in a cemetery, then people planning to attend that session must arrange for their own transportation to the location. Information about this will be found in your registration packets, which you may pick up when you arrive at the State of Iowa Historical Building, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, on Friday morning.

ASSOCIATION FOR GRAVESTONE STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING TO BE HELD IN WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 22 - 25 JUNE 1995

Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts will be the location of the 18th annual conference and meeting of the Association for Gravestone Studies. Registration will begin at Noon on Thursday, 22 June. Guided tours of the Old Burying Ground in Westfield will begin at 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. Registrants may also visit Pine Hill Cemetery and observe the preparations for the Conservation Workshop. On Thursday evening will be dinner, the annual meeting, and the keynote address by Kevin Sweeney, and an informal showing of slides by conference participants. On Friday, 23 June there will be guided tours of Colonial cemeteries and Victorian cemeteries. Participants may choose according to interest. The following lectures will begin at 7:00 P.M.:

"The Very Stones Cry Out", Nancy H. Hannon

*"Geography and Processes of Marble Gravestone Weathering in North America",
Thomas C. Meierding*

*"The Use of Heraldry on Early American Gravemarkers and Funeral
Hatchments", Laurel Gabel*

"Gender Difference in Epitaphs", Tara Sage Somers

On Saturday, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. the following workshops and participation sessions will be held:

"Sources of Gravestone Imagery", Barbara Rotundo

"Putting Musical Background to Your Slide Show", C. R. Jones and Laurel Gabel

"The Cemetery as Classroom", Claire Deloria and Laurel Gabel

"History in the Graveyard", Thomas and Brenda Malloy

"Using Computers to Record Cemetery Records", John Sterling

"Archival Preservation of Photographic Materials", Frank Calidonna

"Archival Preservation of Papers", Cynthia Howe

"Using the Cemetery as a Teaching Resource", Laurel Gabel

"A Quarryman's Trade: Replicating Sandstone Monuments", Allen Williams

The following lectures will begin at 7:15 P.M. Saturday evening, following the annual banquet and presentation of the Harriette Merrifield Forbes Award.

- "Lithuanian Gravemarkers", Milda B. Richardson*
- "Only Yesterday We Drained the Cup of Sorrows", Roberta Halporn*
- "From the Boys", Helen Sclair*
- "Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground: The Final Report", William Hosley*

The following lectures will begin at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday:

- "A Survey of Cemeteries in Fairfax County, Virginia", Brian A. Conley*
- "The Role of Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ontario, in the Rural Cemetery Movement", Jennifer McKendry*
- "Jeptha Ware Memorial Chapel of Cleveland, Ohio's Lake View Cemetery", Kathleen H. Karrick*
- "Memento Mori", Janice M. Gallagher*
- "Restoring Aquia Creek Sandstone: Wye House Cemetery, Maryland", Dennis Rude*

The meeting concludes with lunch on Sunday. For more information about this organization and this meeting, contact:

*Association for Gravestone Studies
Fred Oakley, Conference Registrar
19 Hadley Place
Hadley, MA 01035*

Registration costs for members is \$85 and \$95 for non-members. Lodging is available at the College. Costs including meals, lodging, and all activities and transportation fees is \$195. Registration deadline is June 9. Membership in the Association for Gravestone Studies is \$25 for an individual. Membership dues may be sent to the same address as the registrations. This organization has a long history of supporting the protection, preservation, maintenance, and study of cemeteries and grave markers, and their publications are superb. If you are at all interested in these subjects, a membership in AGS would be well worth your while. The annual conferences and meetings are ordinarily held in or near New England, but in 1994 the group met in Chicago.

Among the cemeteries to be visited this year are: Wilbraham, Holyoke, Springfield, and Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and Enfield, Somers, and Suffield, Connecticut. Tour guides will be Bob Drinkwater, Jim Slater, and Laurel Gabel for the Colonial Tour, and Barbara Rotundo for the Victorian Tour. A combination tour of a variety of Colonial and Victorian cemeteries is offered under the guidance of Deborah Smith, Kevin Sweeney, and Steven Petke. A Conservation Workshop will be held on Saturday, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

OREGON HISTORIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

The Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association sponsored a symposium exploring creative solutions to cemetery issues of vandalism, restoration, access, and fund raising in Beaverton, Oregon on Saturday, 22 April 1995. Keynote speaker was Patrick F. Donaldson, crime consultant and co-founder of the Citizens Crime Commission, who spoke on "Protecting Your Cemetery From Vandals". Other speakers and their topics included:

Elisabeth Walton Potter, "The National Register of Historic Places: Why and How to Register your Cemetery"

Jeanne Gentry, "Researching, Recording and Publishing a Cemetery Book"

Mary Anne Sohlstrom, "Involving Community Youth Groups"

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

Hands-on demonstration session featuring:

- marble repair by Darell Martini*
- rubbings by Hazel Jenkins*
- cleaning stones by Jeanne Gentry*
- photographing gravestones by Richard Meyer*

Legislation has been introduced that would create a five-person Pioneer Cemetery Commission. This group, to be appointed by the Governor, would assist in coordinating restoration, renovation, and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries, recommend projects and funding to the legislature, obtain grant funding and legislative appropriations, and recommend changes in the law to help protect pioneer cemeteries as a part of Oregon's heritage. The Oregon Cemetery Association has asked the Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association to co-sponsor a proposed bill which would make cemetery vandalism a felony. Governor Kitzhaber was asked to declare May 1995 as "Cemetery Appreciation Month".

THE COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND BURIAL SITES, INC. NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Five new legislative proposals have been made this year. These include: "Disposition and Treatment of Discovered Human Remains and Burial Sites"; "Desecration of, or Unauthorized Removal of, Funerary Objects Associated with Burial Sites - Prohibition"; "Desecration and Unauthorized Disturbance of Burial Sites - Prohibition"; "Authorization for Disturbance of Burial Sites - Conditions and Provisions"; and "Maintaining Records of the Disinterment and Reinterment of Human Remains." Last year 2 of the 4 proposals made became law.

DRAFT GOALS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

The goals of this organization shall be:

- A. To identify all cemeteries in Iowa.
- B. To take such measures as are necessary, possible, and reasonable to protect these cemeteries and the monuments contain in them from danger, from natural causes and from human encroachment.
- C. To provide guidance and educational materials for use by the people entrusted with the preservation of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- D. To compile and distribute information about the proper maintenance techniques for these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- E. To provide advice and information to legislative bodies empowered to pass legislation creating a legal framework for the protection, the preservation, and the maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- F. To act as a monitor of the administrative and management personnel of these cemeteries, to ensure that the legal measures for the protection, preservation, and maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them are enforced.

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THESE GOALS WITH YOU TO THE JUNE 10 MEETING IN DES MOINES, FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN STATE OLD CEMETERY SOCIETY WAS HELD IN WEST ALLIS ON 8 APRIL 1995.

This group has an archives which contains the county burial stone records, as copied by volunteers and sent in to the office. These are shelved in alphabetical order by county. Individual county records are divided by township, and then by individual cemeteries or burial sites. The WSOCS will host the Milwaukee Metropolitan Wisconsin Council for Local History meeting on 16 September 1995.

The Cemetery Committee of the Ohio Genealogical Society is sponsoring legislation which would provide for the "decent reburial of human remains", and combines the interest of Native American Indians and all other burials more than 125 years old. Legislation has been passed which increases the penalties for vandalism. And they hope to change the Code term from "body" to "human remains" to make it easier to protect old burial sites.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN JOINING The State Committee for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries may send dues of \$20.00 to the Treasurer Pro Tempore Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52653.

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In our very first attempt at including illustrations in CEMETERY NEWS, we include the following photographs as examples of grave markers which have deteriorated from natural causes, and grave markers which have been damaged by humans. Neither of these examples is from Iowa, so don't drive around trying to find them.



IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A DRAFT BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PERTAINING TO CEMETERIES.

The bill was entitled "An Act relating to the control and maintenance of township cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries by the county board of supervisors". The wording was as follows:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.325. CONTROL AND CARE OF TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES -- CEMETERY COMMISSION.

1. A county board of supervisors, on its own motion or upon receipt of a petition meeting the requirements of section 331.306, may adopt an ordinance assuming jurisdiction and control of the township cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries in the county. If an ordinance is adopted as provided in this subsection, the board shall exercise the powers and duties relating to the establishment, maintenance, and repair of cemeteries in the same manner as provided for township trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41.

2. In lieu of management of the cemeteries, the board of supervisors may create, by ordinance, a cemetery commission to assume jurisdiction and management of the township and abandoned cemeteries in the county. The ordinance shall specify the number of commissioners, the appointing authority, the term of office, officers, employees, organizational matters, rules of procedure, compensation and expenses, and other matters deemed pertinent by the board. The board may delegate any power or duty related to cemeteries which may otherwise be exercised by the township trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41 to the cemetery commission except that the board shall retain the power to approve or disapprove any tax levy certified by the cemetery commission.

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If the county board of supervisors assumes the jurisdiction and management of township cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries as provided in section 331.25, the township trustees remain responsible for the buildings and public grounds, excluding cemeteries, as provided in sections 359.28 through 359.41, and may levy taxes pursuant to section 359.30 for those purposes.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MATTERS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IN DES MOINES AT 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, 10 JUNE.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE CEMETERIES AND GRAVEMARKERS
SESSIONS AT THE IOWA HERITAGE EXPO, 9 and 10 June 1995**

9:30 - 10:30 A.M., Friday, 9 June 1995

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Gerald LaBlanc, "Tour Of Woodland Cemetery"

9:00 - 10:15 A.M., Saturday, 10 June 1995

Michael Zahs and Rebecca Quigley, "Using the Cemetery As a Classroom
Unit Laboratory"

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John C. Daehler and Dean H. Gipple, "The Work Of the County Cemetery
Commissions In Iowa"

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John C. Daehler and Dean H. Gipple, "The State Committee For the
Preservation Of Iowa Cemeteries"

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Paul Maddy, "Repair and Care Of Damaged Grave Markers"

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19. Loren N. Horton
"Karel Andera: Czech Grave Marker Craftsman"
20. Tour of Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines

STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

	First Name	Initial	Last Name	Address	Address2	City	StaPostal	Phone	Dues	Date Joined
1	John	C	Daehler	201 East 2nd St. So.	Apt. 5	Newton	IA 50208	515-792-4275	1995	Dec. 2 1994
2	Dean	H	Gipple	307 Flat Iron Drive		Columbus Jct.	IA 52738	319-728-2344	1995	Dec. 2 1994
3	Loren	N	Horton	3367 Havover Ct.		Iowa City	IA 52245	319-351-5842	1995	Dec. 2 1994
4	Marilyn		Schmitt	13059 S 52nd West		Mitchellville	IA 50169	515-674-3956	1995	Dec. 2 1994
5	Keith	M.	Street	325 Franklin		Wapello	IA 52653	319-523-8164	1995	Dec. 2 1994
6	Beverly	D	Cross	314 South Main	Box 93	Baxter	IA 50028	515-227-3391	1995	Jan. 21 1995
7	Irene	H	Zickel	1510 N 4th Ave E		Newton	IA 50208	515-792-7390	1995	Jan. 21 1995
8	Michael	D	Zahs	251 Harding Ave.	Haskins	Ainsworth	IA 52201	319-653-6250	1995	Jan. 21 1995
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10	Jasper County		Cemetery Comm.	Box 994		Newton	IA 50208		1995	Jan. 21 1995
11	William	H.	Matthews	10791 77th St.		Wapello	IA 52653	319-523-5141	1995	Feb. 18 1995
12	Elmer		Thomas	812 Union		Columbus Jct.	IA 52738	319-728-8983	1995	Feb. 18 1995
13	Phyllis	E.	Carter	2305 180th St.		Washington	IA 52353		1995	Feb. 18 1995
14	Louisa County		Cemetery Commission			Wapello	IA 52653		1995	Mar. 23 1995
15	William	H.	Lemke	149 Madison St.		Waterloo	IA 50703	319-233-0142	1995	May 16 1995
16	Cedar County		Hist. Society			Tipton	IA 52772		1995	June 3 1995
17	Terry	J.	Wilson	3240 Tulip Avenue		Crawfordsville	IA 52621	319-256-8751	1995	June 10 1995
18	Ruth Ann		Hall	408 E. Salem		Indianola	IA 50125		1995	June 10 1995
19	Ethel	I.	McVay	605 E. Buchanan		Winterset	IA 50273	515-462-9802	1995	June 10 1995
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History

Association

I. The name of this organization shall be the ~~STATE COMMISSION~~ **ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES.**

II. The goals of this organization shall be:

- A. To identify all cemeteries in Iowa.
- B. To take such measures as are necessary, possible, and reasonable to protect these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them from danger, from natural causes and from human encroachment.
- C. To provide guidance and educational materials for use by the people entrusted with the preservation of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- D. To compile and distribute information about the proper maintenance techniques for these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- E. To provide advice and information to legislative bodies empowered to pass legislation creating a legal framework for the protection, the preservation, and the maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.
- F. To act as a monitor of the administrative and management personnel of these cemeteries, to ensure that the legal measures for the protection, preservation, and maintenance of these cemeteries and the monuments contained in them are enforced.

III. This organization shall be a membership organization. Membership is open to persons and organizations interested in the protection, preservation, maintenance, and use of cemeteries and the monuments contained in them. Organizational membership shall be considered one vote each for the purposes of voting in elections.

Annual membership fees shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year. Dues paid on or before the October general public meeting shall be considered dues for the calendar year in which they are paid. Dues paid after the October general public meeting shall be considered dues for the following calendar year.

The amount of the annual membership fees shall be determined annually by the Board of Trustees of the organization.

IV. The Board of Trustees of ^Bthis organization shall consist of no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) members. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the general membership at a regularly scheduled public meeting held during the ~~second~~ ^{fourth} quarter of each calendar year. A quorum of the membership shall consist of those members present at the regularly scheduled public meeting, provided that at least ten (10) ^{association} members are present at said meeting.

Nominations may be made by a Nominating Committee, and from the floor of the meeting. Ballot may be by voice, by a show of hands, or by paper ballot.

Voting may be for individuals or for a slate of candidates.

Election shall be by a plurality vote of the membership present, eligible and voting.

At the initial election to the Board of Trustees of this organization, all persons elected shall draw lots to determine the length of terms. At least three (3) persons shall be elected for a three (3) year term, at least three (3) persons shall be elected for a two year term, and at least one (1) person shall be elected for a one year term. In the following elections, all terms shall be for three (3) years.

All persons elected to the Board of Trustees shall be members of the organization, and must be members in good standing during their entire terms of office.

The Board of Trustees shall meet within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting to choose, from its own membership, the officers of the organization.

The Board of Trustees shall act as the Executive Committee of the organization, or may designate a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees to act as the Executive Committee for a specified period of time.

- V. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The President and Vice President shall be elected annually for a term of one (1) year, and may serve no more than three successive terms.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected every two (2) years for a term of two (2) years, and may serve no more than three successive terms.

- VI. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees or officers shall be filled by the Board of Trustees, or by a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose. It shall be the decision of the Executive Committee as to which method of filling vacancies shall be used at any given time.
Board may remove for cause

- VII. This organization shall hold at least one (1) general public meeting in October of each calendar year. The date and the location of the meeting shall be the decision of the Board of Trustees acting as the Executive Committee. The entire membership shall be notified of the date and place of this general public meeting at least one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting. This notification shall be by mail.

This organization may hold as many additional general public meetings as seems to fit the goals and needs of the organization. Upon the request of no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing of the organization for a special meeting, such a special meeting shall be scheduled. Notification of the date and location of such a special meeting shall be by the same procedure as that used for the a general public meeting. A request for a special meeting must be made in writing.

- VIII. All proposed amendments to the documents of governance of this organization must be submitted in writing, and presented to the Board of Trustees prior to September 1 of the year in which they are to be considered. These proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda to be voted on at the annual meeting next after the 1 September when they are submitted to the Board of Trustees. Any member in good standing may prepare and submit amendments.

- IX. Prior to the official adoption of these rules, the Steering Committee shall handle all business of the organization. The Steering Committee shall adopt its own rules of operation prior to the official adoption of these rules.

Responsibility for Pioneer

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.325 ~~CONTROL AND CARE OF~~
2 ~~TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES--~~CEMETERY
3 COMMISSION.

4 1. A county board of supervisors shall adopt an ordinance
5 assuming Jurisdiction and control of pioneer ~~and abandoned~~
6 ~~township~~ cemeteries in the county, a pioneer cemetery shall be
7 defined as ^A purposeful interment of human remains that
8 50 years. The board shall exercise the powers and duties
9 relating to the establishment, maintenance, and repair of
10 cemeteries in the same manner as provided for township
11 trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41.

12 2. In lieu of management of the cemeteries, the board of
13 supervisors may create, by ordinance, a cemetery commission
14 to assume jurisdiction and management of the ~~township and~~
15 ~~abandoned~~ cemeteries in the county. The ordinance shall
16 specify the number of commissioners, the appointing authority,
17 the term of office, officers, employees, organizational
18 matters, rules of procedure, compensation and expenses, and
19 other matters deemed pertinent by the board. The board may
20 delegate any power or duty related to cemeteries which may
21 otherwise be exercised by township trustees in sections 359.28
22 through 359.41 to the cemetery commission except that the
23 board shall retain the power to approve or disapprove any tax
24 levy certified by the cemetery commission.

25 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 359.2 COUNTY ASSUMPTION OF CEMETERY
26 DUTIES.

27 Although the county board of supervisors assumes the jurisdiction
28 and management of ~~township cemeteries and abandoned~~ cemeteries
29 as provided in section 331.325, the township trustees remain
30 responsible for the buildings and public grounds, excluding
31 cemeteries, as provided in sections 359.28 through 359.41, and
32 cemeteries, as provided in sections 359.28 through 359.41, and
33 may levy taxes pursuant to section 359.30 for those purposes.

EXPLANATION

34
35 This bill directs the board of supervisors of a county,

1 to assume the control and management of pioneer
2 ~~township cemeteries and abandoned~~ cemeteries in the county and
3 exercise all of those powers and duties otherwise assigned to the township
4 trustees in sections 359.28 through 359.41. The
5 board of supervisors may also appoint a cemetery commission
6 and delegate the powers and duties relating to cemeteries to
7 the cemetery commission. The board of supervisors shall
8 retain the power to approve or disapprove tax levies certified
9 by the cemetery commission.

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**STATE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES**

P. O. Box 283

Irwin, Iowa 51446

January 13, 1996

The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries met at 10:30 A.M. at the State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City in the manuscript reading room. The meeting was called to order by Loren N. Horton, temporary chairman. The first order of business was to elect officers of the Board of Trustees for 1996. The following officers were elected:

President: Ted Sieck, Box 283 Irwin, IA 51446

Vice-Pres: Loren Horton, 3367 Havover Ct., IA City, IA 52245

Secretary: Fran Jeffers, 507 Jefferson St, Decorah, IA 52101-1711

Treasurer: Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52653-1515

The minutes of the Marshalltown meeting were read and approved as read. Board members were then selected to one, two or three year terms. One year terms are as follows: Michael Magee, Dean H. Gipple, John C. Daehler, Ted Sieck and Paul Maddy. Two year terms are: Bill Lemke, Keith Street, Kristin L. Macy, and Michael D. Zahs. Three year terms are: Loren Horton, Fran Jeffers, Marilyn Schmitt and Calvin McVay.

Dean Gipple lead the discussion and explanations of changes in the legislation regarding cemeteries and their care--331.325 and 359.2. (See the attached pages which indicate the changes agreed upon for the two sections.) Loren Horton moved that we approve the proposed legislation as amended and deleted.MSP.

The bill has been sent to Rep. Barry Brauns and Sen. Dennis Black to be introduced to the legislature. Members were encouraged to contact these gentlemen as well as their own representatives re-

garding passage of this bill.

The suggestion was made that the Sesquecentennial Committee be approached for their approval and/or endorsement. Paul Maddy offered to come to talk to any group interested in cemetery preservation at no charge. However, payment of his expenses would be appreciated.

The motion regarding membership dues and representation for voting privileges of single membership and those of groups was tabled.

The next meeting of the Board will be the evening of June 13th at the IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Library in Des Moines at 7 PM, prior to the State Historical Society meeting in Des Moines on June 14 & 15 1996. The annual meeting will be held in Iowa City October 10th or 11th in conjunction with the State Genealogical Society's annual conference. Details will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned by President Siecks until June 13, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,


Fran Jeffers, Secy.

A complete copy of the proposed legislation is in the secretary's permanent records.

Addresses for Representative Barry Brauns & Senator Dennis Black
R.R. 1 Box 14 5239 E. 156th St. S.
Conesville, IA 52739 Grinnell, IA 50112

List of Officers, Board Members, and Attendees at Jan 16 meeting attached.

cc: Officers

16 Jan. 1996

STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

BOARD TERMS of 1, 2, or 3 years are as follows:

3 years

Loren Honton
Fran Jeffens
Marilyn Schmitt
Calvin McVay

2 years

Bill Lemke
Keith Street
Kristin L. Macy
Michael D. Zahs

1 year

Michael Magee
Dean H. Gipple
John C. Daehlen
Ted Sieck
Paul Maddy

Officers elected were:

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Treas.-Keith Street	325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52653-1515	319-382-4473
		319-523-8164

Attendants at the STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

Members)	William Bevan, Jo Ann Cauen	Bellevue, IA 12901-119th Ave. Maquoketa, IA 52060	319-872-4478
	Donald Douglass ✓ Dean H. Gipple	Bernard, IA 307 Flat Iron Dr. Columbus Jct., 52738	319-879-3282
	✓ Loren Honton	3367 Havover Cnt. Iowa City, IA 52245	319-728-2344
	✓ Frances M. Jeffens	507 Jefferson St. Deconah, IA 52101-1711	319-351-5842
	✓ Bill Lemke	149 Madison St. Waterloo, IA 50703	309-382-4473
	✓ Paul Maddy	1515 Wanford St. Perry, IA 50220	319-223-0142
	✓ Michael Magee	638 Englewood Waterloo, IA 50701-5846	515-465-3472
	✓ Wm. H. Matthews	10791 - 77th St. Wapello, IA 52653	319-232-8762
	✓ Calvin McVay	605 E. Buchanan Winterset, IA 50273	319-523-5141
	Ethel McVay	605 E. Buchanan Winterset, IA 50273	515-462-9802
	✓ Ted Sieck	403 Cona Box 283 Inwin, IA 51446	515-462-9802
	✓ Keith Street	325 Franklin Wapello, IA 52653	712-782-3300
	Anna Belle Wacker	18468 362nd Ave. Bellevue, IA 52031-9783	319-523-8164
	✓ Tenny Wilson	3240 Tulip Ave. Crawfordsville, IA	
	✓ Michael Zahs	251 Handing Ave., Haskins Ainsworth, IA 52201	-256-8751 319-653-6250

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20	Richard W.	Sorenson								
21	Dennis R.	Davies	2086 Hwy 4	Panora	IA	50216-8601	515-755-2236	1995	Oct. 7 1995	
22	Valerie J.	Ogren	108 North Oak	Jefferson	IA	50129-	515-386-4784	1995	Oct. 7 1995	
23	Debra	Tokheim	2999 Olde Country Ln.	Dubuque	IA	52001-	319-588-2484	1995	Oct. 7 1995	
24	Kristin L.	Macy	PO Box 103	Des Moines	IA	50301-0103	515-287-9136	1995	Oct. 7 1995	Member
25	Tammra K.	Foster	1034 18th St.	West Des Moines	IA	50265-	515-225-9232	1995	Oct. 10 1995	
26	John A.	Dundee	402 1st Center Ave.	Broadhead	WI	53520-1203	608-897-4776	1995	Oct. 10 1995	
27	Michael J.	Magee	638 Englewood	Waterloo	IA	50701-5846	319-232-8762	1995	Oct. 12 1995	Member
28	Frances M.	Jeffers	507 Jefferson St.	Decorah	IA	52101-1711	319-382-4473	1995	Oct. 13 1995	Secretary
29	Ted	Sieck	Box 283	Irwin	IA	51446 712-782-3300		1996	Oct. 20 1995	President
30	Paul	Maddy	1515 Warford St.	Perry	IA	50220 515-465-3472		1996	Jan. 13 1996	Member
31	Irma	Miller	1002 N Vine	Creston	IA	50801		1996	Jan. 22 1996	
32	Union County	Gen. Society		Creston	IA	50801		1996	Jan. 23 1996	
33	Harvey	Pederson	40306 8th Avenue	Thompson	IA	50478 515-584-2895		1996	Feb. 8 1996	
34	Madison Co.	Gen. Society		Winterset	IA	50273		1996	Feb. 14 1996	
35	Phyllis	Rothlauf	1806 Sunnyside	Burlington	IA	52601-4423		1996	Feb. 28 1996	
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Membership List as of March 6, 1996

State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

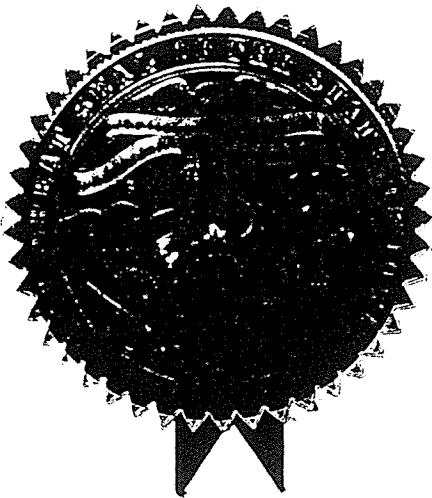
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** IOWANS ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE RICH HERITAGE CONTAINED IN IOWA'S PIONEER HISTORICAL CEMETERIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS APPRECIATION OF THEIR ANCESTORS RESTING PLACES, DEVELOPS A SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR ANCESTORS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** PRIDE AND RESPECT FOR OUR PIONEERS LEADS TO AN INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND THAT WE DEDICATE THIS MONTH TO THE CARE OF OUR PIONEER CEMETERIES:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY, 1996, AS

C E M E T E R Y A P P R E C I A T I O N M O N T H

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX.



Terry E. Branstad
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Paul D. Pate
SECRETARY OF STATE

3367 Hanover Court
Iowa City, Iowa 52245-4016

25 September 1996

TO: All Board members of the Society for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

FROM: Loren N. Horton *Loren Horton*

RE: Annual meeting

At the Board meeting in Des Moines on 7 June 1996 it was assigned to me to find a place to hold the annual meeting, which was planned to coincide with the annual meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society in Iowa City. I was not able to get a meeting place at the Iowa Memorial Union, where the actual sessions of the IGS will be held. Instead, I have arranged for the SAPIC annual meeting to be held at the Country Kitchen Restaurant at 2208 North Dodge Street, Iowa City. This restaurant is located just south of the intersection of Interstate 80 and Iowa highway 1, and is in the old Howard Johnson's building. It is adjacent to the Country Inn, one of the alternative lodging places noted in the publicity for the IGS meeting. To reach the restaurant from the Interstate, take the Iowa highway 1 exit towards town. You will then pass an athletic club on the right and American College Testing on the left. Turn right and you will be in the parking lot of the Country Kitchen Restaurant and the Country Inn motel. There is plenty of parking. I have reserved a private room for us with a seating capacity of about 25. Of course it is possible that we will have more people in attendance than that. We will have to decide at that time what to do about accommodating a larger attendance. This room is available at no cost to us if the amount of food ordered amounts to \$25.00 or more.

I realize this arrangement will work a hardship on SAPIC members who are also IGS members and are staying at the Iowa House, adjacent to the Iowa Memorial Union. But the cost of using rooms at the Union were prohibitive for our group. The SAPIC meeting will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, on October 12. Please note that this will be on the second day of the IGS meeting. In fact, the IGS banquet on Friday evening, prior to our meeting, will be the time when the SAPIC will present the first ROBERT L. CARTER MEMORIAL AWARD. Those SAPIC members who wish to attend the banquet must register with the IGS. For attendance at the banquet only, the IGS cost is \$20 plus \$10 late charge. Please contact the Iowa Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 7735, Des Moines, Iowa 50322-7735 for tickets to the banquet or any other information about the IGS meeting.

The Robert L. Carter Memorial Award Selection Committee met on 23 September 1996, drafted criteria for the award, and selected the first winner, as instructed by the Board at the June meeting. The award will be made at the IGS banquet on Friday evening, October 11, and the draft criteria will be presented to the Board and membership at the SAPIC annual meeting on Saturday morning, October 12.

If anyone has any questions about any of the above information, please call me at my home telephone, 319-351-5842. I will post notices about the place of our meeting at the IGS meeting on Friday, and I will announce the place of our meeting at the banquet on Friday evening. In the meantime, if you are in contact with any of the SAPIC members, individual or organizations, please let them know where and when our annual meeting will be. If we run into a real problem about the size of the meeting room, capacity about 25, you can blame me and then never ever trust me to do anything again. It was the best I could do.

Many individuals across Iowa, as well as others nationwide, have fought battles over the maintenance and preservation of the grave sites and markers of their pioneer ancestors. It is a disgrace that there are so many abandoned and untended graves and cemeteries in every Iowa county, where no one takes responsibility for the upkeep.

Jasper, Clinton and Louisa Counties formed cemetery commissions to bring attention to such cemeteries and provide them with minimal maintenance and repair.

Representatives of the Jasper and Louisa commissions, with Loren Horton and other interested individuals, met at Newton in December of 1994 and formed the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. The objectives would be to focus attention on the need to protect, preserve and maintain Iowa cemeteries.

The most recent accomplishment was on April 2, this year, when Governor Terry Branstad signed a proclamation setting a Pioneer Cemetery month to honor the memories and resting places of our Iowa pioneer ancestors. Association members were invited to the signing of the proclamation.

The Association has been instrumental in supporting new legislation designed to make elective officials responsible for the care and maintenance of pioneer graves and cemeteries. A bill introduced in the Iowa Legislature defines a pioneer cemetery as one where there have been fewer than six burials in the last 50 years. The Association is also seeking to equalize the tax base for cemetery support and reduce the present unfairness which forces a small township to financially support an urban cemetery.

Ted Sieck, of Irwin, is the Association president; Loren Horton, of Iowa City, is vice-president; Frances Jeffers, of Decorah, is secretary; Keith Street, of Wapello, is treasurer.

Dues are \$20 per year. Those joining in 1996 will still be considered as charter members. If you wish to support the Association, please send your \$20 membership check, made out to the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, to Treasurer Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, Iowa 52653.

STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES
TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE 13, 1996

Dues deposited December 7, 1994	100.00
Dues deposited January 31, 1995	100.00
Dues deposited March 30, 1995	110.00
Dues deposited June 8, 1995	20.00
Dues deposited July 31, 1995	100.00
Dues deposited October 17, 1995	160.00
Dues deposited November 4, 1995	20.00
Dues deposited March 6, 1996	100.00
Dues deposited March 28, 1996	20.00
Dues deposited April 8, 1996	20.00
Dues deposited April 22, 1996	100.00
Dues deposited April 26, 1996	120.00
Dues deposited May 23, 1996	60.00

Total dues deposited by June 13, 1996 \$ 1060.00

EXPENSES

July 31, 1995 Loren Horton --Postage for NL 38.40

TOTAL EXPENSES 38.40

BALANCE, CHECKING ACCOUNT--June 13, 1996 \$ 1021.60

Undeposited Dues on June 13, 1996 40.00

TOTAL CASH BALANCE ON HAND--June 13, 1996 \$ 1061.60

All bills presented have been paid. No bills are outstanding.

AWARD CRITERIA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF IOWA CEMETERIES

1. The award shall be called the Robert L. Carter Memorial Award.
2. The Robert L. Carter Memorial Award shall be given only once each year.
3. The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries President shall appoint an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees to act as an Awards Selection Committee. This Awards Selection Committee shall serve a term of one year, although individual Board members may be appointed to it for succeeding years.
4. The Award Selection Committee shall come to a decision prior to each State Association for the Preservation of IA Cemeteries annual meeting as to whether or not an award shall be given that year, and if so, to whom or what.
5. The Award Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the full Board of Trustees at the Board meeting immediately preceding the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries annual meeting.
6. Eligibility for the Robert L. Carter Memorial Award:
 - a. any individual, group, association, organization, institution, or governmental agency or unit is eligible for consideration.
 - b. to be considered for the award, a nominee must have demonstrated an achievement or activity above and beyond what is expected under ordinary circumstances.
 - c. a nominee must have been involved in or responsible for an achievement or activity that significantly extends or expands the education about preservation, protection, maintenance, appreciation, or understanding of Iowa Cemeteries, grave yards, burying grounds, single burials, monuments, tombs, mausoleums, grave markers or other aspects of material culture related to or associated with Iowa cemeteries.
 - d. one award may be given for service; one award for cemetery education.
7. Any member of the State Assoc. for the Preservation of Iowa cemeteries, including Board members, may nominate persons or other eligible recipients as described in 6 A.
8. Members of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, including Board members, are eligible to receive the Robert L. Carter Memorial Award.
9. Nominations for the Robert L. Carter Memorial Award shall include the following in order to be eligible:
 - a. a letter naming the nominee that summarizes the relevant achievement or activity, and signed by the nominator.
 - b. at least one letter of support from a person or group other than a member of the State Assoc. for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries.
 - c. appropriate supporting materials such as photographs, newspaper articles, printed matter, or other documentation explaining the relevant achievement or activity and its significance.

10. Nominations must be in the hands of the Award Selection Committee no later than 90 days prior to the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries annual meeting.
11. The Robert L. Carter Memorial Award shall be presented to the recipient at the annual meeting of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, or at another time deemed appropriate.

(Award Criteria prepared by
Loren Horton and presented
to the 1996 Annual Meeting
of the Association.)

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NEWSLETTER OF STATE ASSOCIATION
for
PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

Vol. I Issue # 2

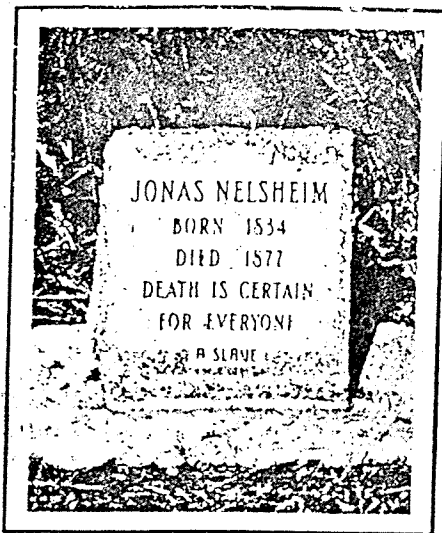
Date October 1996

Cemetery restoration



Helen Schmidt of Decorah uses a wire brush to scrape clean a grave marker at the Freeport Cemetery during a Sept. 12-14 workshop led by specialist Paul Maddy of Perry. The gravestone restoration workshop was sponsored by the Decorah Genealogy Association and the Freeport Cemetery Association. (Decorah Newspapers photo by Randy Uhl)

The above picture of Helen cleaning a gravemarker shows by her facial expression how all the "trainees" felt about their learning experience under the direction of Paul Maddy. Thanks a Million!



Grave of a Slave

One of the oldest cemeteries in Winneshiek County is that of the Hesper Public Cemetery.

Among the many persons interred within its bounds include one person that was born two years before George Washington became president of the United States. There is a soldier who fought in the War of 1812; a nurse who served in the Civil War; a victim of a murder in the area; a slave from the south who found his way north through the underground railroad during the Civil War; the founder of the village of Hesper; a detective from the Detective Agency from Chicago; three victims of a flood, just to name a few.

Hesper was founded in 1851 when the first settler, E.E. Meader arrived in the area from Indiana. Russell Taber, a native of Vermont, was the founder of the village in 1857.

In 1857 the first grave that has a marker, is that of Lydia Wickersham, age 8 months and 11 days who died June 20 of that year.

Abram West, born April 4, 1787, two years before George Washington was elected president of the United States, is the oldest person buried there. His wife, Anna, born in 1799, the same year as Washington died, is buried at his side.

Henry Walton Gates, born in 1790, served with the New York Militia in the War of 1812 and died at Hesper in 1863, is the oldest veteran buried there. Veterans of the Civil War are numerous, surpassing the veterans of World War I and II. Cynthia Worth Cameron is the only person to serve as a nurse during the War between the States, serving with Company A of the 18th Iowa Infantry at Jefferson Barracks, MO.

A slave, Nels Nelsheim, found his way north from the state of Mississippi during the Civil War through the underground railroad, to the home of E.E. Meader, for whom he worked. He died in 1877 at the age of 43. His grave is set off from the rest in remote section in the northwest corner.

Mary Cater, 44, one of two people murdered at Burr Oak on Sept. 1, 1894, is in the Cater family plot. Cater was murdered along with George Wemett, in a murder that rocked northeastern Iowa nearly a century ago. Her husband, John D. Cater, was convicted of Wemett's murder and sent to prison, while the fate of Mrs. Cater remains unsolved.

Jonas Wellington and his wife, Cornelia and their grandson, Charles Gage, were among the victims of the Wiesel flood in Fillmore County on August 6, 1866. Wellington was also a Civil War veteran.

Col. George Dellingham, a detective for the Police Patrol and Detective Agency of Chicago, often referred to as Hesper's "mysterious man", lies in an unusual grave. Prior to his death in 1905, Dellingham made a request that his Bible, the American flag and his pistol be buried with him. He also requested that his grave be brick-lined and after his coffin was placed in this receptacle, that iron bars be laid over the casket and then covered with brick and mortar.

During his 29 years residency in Hesper, he would often disappear riding a white horse with a gun at his side and would be gone for long or short periods of time.

A native of St. Alban's Main, he taught school, served as a private in the Civil War and at times even filled the pulpit at the Hesper Friends Church.

There are many unique monuments of various sizes and descriptions, which revive old legends or stories. Some tell of military history, others of a profession or a hobby that was pursued.

The Robert McMillen family has a red polished marble 12-foot monument, resembling a colonnade similar to one of the royal mosques in Ishahan.

Testifying to her artistic ability, Sattie Worth has a small unimposing grey monument on which a painter's palette is carved.

Like the trunk of a large tree deprived of its branches and surrounded at the base by fern-type leaves, stands the monument to Hon. Horace B. Williams, a native of Batavia, NY, who arrived in Hesper in 1858. He served four terms in the Iowa State Legislature.

A tool shed, patterned after a Chinese pagoda, was erected in 1905 by Will Camp. It has withstood vandalism and the element for the past 83 years. It stands just south of the entrance gate.

The Hesper Cemetery Association was organized on June 11, 1904 at Tabor's Hall. Present officers are Fay Harvey, Pres.; Bernard White, Vice Pres.; Burr Griswold, Secy., and Robert Street, Treas.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Lust and immorality are a canker to the mind, a corrosive to the conscience, and a curse to a nation.

IN Mabel Record p.3

To left an article by Burr Griswold as printed in the Mabel, MN Record in Feb. 1988 on p.3.

Below is an article from the Waterloo Courier, Mar.15,1996.

REMEMBER TAKE THIS NEWLETTER TO THE Oct. 12 meeting at 7 AM UNION BLDG, IA City.

Mom sues cemetery over son's injuries

DAVENPORT (AP) — A Quad-Cities woman is suing a Davenport cemetery where a 300-pound tombstone fell on her 3-year-old son, resulting in severe brain damage.

In a lawsuit filed in Scott County District Court, Julia Wilson, 27, of Rock Island, Ill., alleges that the owners of Oakdale Memorial Gardens should have known their facility "posed a significant risk of serious personal injury" to her son and other members of the public.

She also accuses the cemetery of negligence for failing to correct the "dilapidated, unstable condition and state of disrepair" of many of the monuments on the cemetery grounds, according to the lawsuit.

Wilson was pulling weeds Oct. 9, 1995, at the cemetery under the terms of a court-ordered community service sentence.

Her son, Keith, was playing on a 6-foot-7-inch grave marker when it toppled over, fracturing his skull in five places and breaking two vertebrae.

Wilson was able to lift the obelisk off the boy and pull him free. She then drove him to a nearby hospital.

After receiving extensive treatment at University Hospitals in Iowa City, Keith was brought back home. But he remains unconscious.

Jim Weerts, president of Oakdale Memorial Gardens, declined comment on the lawsuit.

"That's for the courthouse," he said. "I don't intend to try this in the paper. ... It will be properly tried in the courts.

"It was just an unfortunate accident."

Wilson is seeking unspecified damages.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES:

As I complete my term as president of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, I must admit that there is far more to be done than I had initially anticipated. In many areas, we have not been as effective as we could have been, but we have made a start!

The challenges lie in at least three important areas:

- (1) Membership Development. While I am concerned that we get as many people as possible involved in cemetery preservation (such as every genealogist, local historian, cemetery official, etc.), this is not my concern at this moment. It is, rather, the development of a functioning network of people who can help each other, serve as resource people, and keep the needs of all Iowa cemeteries, especially those where our pioneers are buried, in the public eye.

I believe that it is mandatory that we develop area "chapters" (for lack of a better word), so that the resources of the organization are available to each member and cemetery organization. In some areas, this may be a county group, but perhaps we could start by targeting each district of the Iowa Genealogical Society, cultivating members in each district to serve as liaison/resource people to county boards and other legislative bodies, cemetery organizations, and all other interested persons.

- (2) Education. Some kind of program should be instituted to make the general public aware of the need to protect and restore our (pioneer) cemeteries. Perhaps we could submit well-written articles to newspapers, historical/genealogical newsletters, etc. Broadcast media is another area that needs investigation. We must get the word out! Iowa can take the lead in cemetery preservation, protection, and appreciation!

A seminar---or better still a series of seminars---should be developed to equip our members in the various areas in which their input is needed (public awareness, legal issues, "hands on" cemetery restoration, etc.) Until every member is well versed in the goals and methods of the organization, we will continue to be only a "fringe" group, and thus we will not reach peak effectiveness.

Not only must we develop our own newsletter into an dynamic publication worthy of the public's attention, but we should also consider some kind of a legislative newsletter to inform, challenge, and encourage our legislators, and to express our appreciation for their efforts.

(3) Legislation. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Dean Gipple, we have legislation permitting county boards to take action in preserving pioneer cemeteries. Our organization owes him a great debt of gratitude for those efforts!

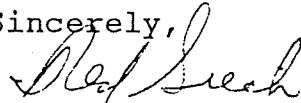
As mentioned above, we must keep the needs of our cemeteries ---all of them!---before our legislators. There are areas in "our" bill that will need attention, and perhaps change as time goes by. It is a great start, but we must do more!

Laws should be passed to establish harsher penalties for cemetery desecration. Access to cemeteries needs to be more clearly defined. Public ownership of all burial sites should be assured. No longer can we allow old gravestones to be piled against a fence or buried, so that more crop land is available for the "owner" of the land!

I call your attention to the enclosed material by Paul Maddy. He has done us a great service in preparing it, and I am sending a copy to each of you, hoping that you will thoughtfully consider what both Mr. Maddy and I have to say, and then that you will come to our meeting ready to discuss what we have written, as well as your own insights and suggestions.

I would hope that the members of our organization can come together and enhance the public's awareness of the special heritage of our pioneer cemeteries. The challenge is great, but we can meet it!

Sincerely,



Ted Sieck, President
State Association for the
Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

September 3, 1996

TO: Members of the State Association
for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

THRU: President Ted Sieck
Box 283, Irwin, IA 51446
Tel. (712) 782-3300

FROM: Paul E. Maddy *dem*
1515 Warford St.
Perry, IA 50220-167
Tel. (515) 465-3472

SUBJECT: Committee Challenges

For all the responsibilities, or the opportunities before us, our occasional meetings give us insufficient time for all the challenges we have. Anyway, I missed the last meeting, regrettably due to my own error.

As we look ahead at the problems and the opportunities, each of you are probably doing some thinking about what should be on our agenda.

Here are some of my thoughts about possible agenda items. I am routing these through our president so that (1) his agenda concerns and the overall interests of the committee are not unduly distorted by just one member; (2) he can borrow what he wants from this draft to add to his present thoughts and his vision of near-term planning priorities for our committee.

This is not a message about what I think I can do so long as the Commission blesses the start. Near the end I identify where I think my efforts should be. So most of this is thought about what should be on the agenda for everyone to share in, to struggle with.

INTRODUCTION:

When THE NEW BILL had just been passed, Mr. Gipple called me with a question. (What were my thoughts about) how my presentation could be seen and heard by all Boards of Supervisors in Iowa?

It was a flattering question, and I appreciated it. But my first action was to congratulate Mr. Gipple for his stunning "over-night" success in getting a bill through in just one year. But of course Mr. Gipple had been preparing for over-night success his whole life, and especially in his retirement years.

INFORMATION TO BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS - AND BY WHAT METHODS:

Later I shared with my family Gipple's compliment-question. Our Des Moines daughter works for the Governor's office on state-wide health care information/education issues. She offered an immediate answer to the question. "You and the Committee are going to use the new State Fiber-Optic TV Network, aren't you?" (She has.) Hmmm. On target! But if so, then what messages on that medium and when? These concerns can become agenda items for us. But first, yours:

YOUR AGENDA CONCERNS:

Enter here your early agenda concerns.

1.

2.

3.

Now with some possible duplication, I'll add others of mine.

ANTICIPATE SLOW IMPLEMENTATION RATE:

The new law is not mandatory. That wasn't politically possible. It is permissive. Boards of Supervisors CAN do this OR NOT. But why would they not do this?

To us it seems logical that Boards would soon go our way. But early on we shall probably find most Boards will not rush to adopt our vision of the problems and the solution. Why not?

A short answer. Board members are like other people, other Iowans. It is my 10-year finding that people have been and are "handcuffed"

by a number of beliefs, or understandings, or "facts" that are not true. My belief: if this were not so, we probably would not have so much accumulated neglect in our rural cemeteries. A mere brief listing here of these erroneous "facts" will probably not convince. You will need to have my free presentation in your community and/or read my book.

Certainly we will be grateful to those Boards who do act favorably soon. AND I suggest we will want to tap into their reasons when counties do act, AND circulate these reasons statewide to other Boards. The rest of the prescription will be "Repeat as needed." Probably for several years we will need to take advantage of the info in every county that acts. If so, all of this means a series of newsletters. What do you think? Yes or no? What else?

NEWSLETTERS AND _____:

VCR presentations--not one but several? VCR presentations of what? This leads me back to Mr. Gipple's question and an important partial answer.

THE COMMITTEE'S MESSAGE IS _____:

Maddy's presentation alone will probably NOT achieve what you and the Committee want to accomplish. This Committee needs its own voice, its own message. As already stated earlier in the year, the Committee is free to borrow what concepts it likes from Maddy's book themes in creating its own message.

INPEDIMENTS TO EARLY ACTION:

Besides the needs of everyone for fuller understanding of essential facts and paralyzing fictions, what else impedes? Boards of Supervisors no doubt have full agendas. It is hard for any organization to just set policies. My guess (just a guess) is that Boards of Supervisors don't find enough time "for everything". Anyway, their agendas are prepared by the auditors who are secretaries to the boards. So isn't it the auditors who are high on our list of targets for better understanding of rural cemetery problems and solutions?

AUDITORS AND SUPERVISORS AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Maybe I am not correct in this, but if I am, then I suggest we want to be inviting into our membership supervisors and ex-supervisors, auditors and ex-auditors to help us shape our messages and strategies--and to be important avenues of communications, not just

in the near future, but over the years as we will again, again and again be spreading the word, educating, informing. Possible issue: Full working membership - or advisory - or . . . their choice - or . . . ?

But the analysis above is based on my assertions. Am I approximately correct or off target? I expect President Sieck will appreciate it if you contact friends who are auditors or ex, supervisors or ex, and affirm or deny the assertions here, and bring that information to the Committee for tally.

VCR MESSAGES:

VCR - very easy to print 3 letters. But it will not be easy to get good ones produced. But once a good VCR is produced, copies can convey essential information in many places at the convenience of the audience as they are assembled for their regular meetings with the VCR tape message an extra feature. Once a good message is produced, then can it be shown in a lot or all counties at the same time via the State's new fiber-optic network?

VCR TARGET AUDIENCE:

Would a VCR message be only for Boards of Supervisors and Auditors? I suggest it should be one that any and all of us could take anywhere and everywhere so that the public learns what the cemetery needs are. Then the public and can tell Boards of Supervisors what action they believe best for pioneer cemeteries.

QUALITY AND PRODUCER:

But I also envision a VCR message that is professionally polished and complete enough in text and message so that it does NOT require us to be presenters and translators of the VCR messages. That, I think, would have to be the standard for use over the fiber-optic network.

Question: Who should produce the text? I have no doubt the draft text can be produced by this committee, probably polished by a skilled editor.

But we must clearly see that "how to do gravestone restoration" is NOT where to start with our problem; therefore it should not be the subjects of our first messages. Our first messages and repeats have to deal with the why--why the past and present system is so inadequate to preserve our heritage.

Question: Who should then produce the VCR? My view is that the production should not be by amateurs (us).

THEN GET STARTED ON A "HOW TO DO IT" VCR:

Twice in recent years I have participated in attempts to get my gravestone restoration field-day techniques onto VCR. Both times, noise (distant truck noise and farm tractor noise) botched the attempt. It is now clear to me that the audio should go on after the "how to do it" tape is produced and edited, at least most of it. Professional guidance expected.

It is clear to me now that the photography of the demonstration of techniques will need to be at times arranged just for the photography. Most of it cannot be accomplished during public demo events.

There is a great need for a "how to do it VCR".

FUNDING:

If after thoughtful sifting of everyone's input some of my thoughts are still on your agenda, then funding possibilities become a top agenda item. Realistically, some facts on this will help shape the decisions on what VCR messages would be initiated.

IN CONCLUSION:

I'll say it again. Regarding any messages to everyone or to all Boards of Supervisors about the why, I think the Committee should find its own voice, its own message -- the voice of you, you and you. Meanwhile, (a) my Cemetery Demonstration Days, (b) plus more research on methods, and (c) in-door slide programs around the state are where my efforts should continue to be.

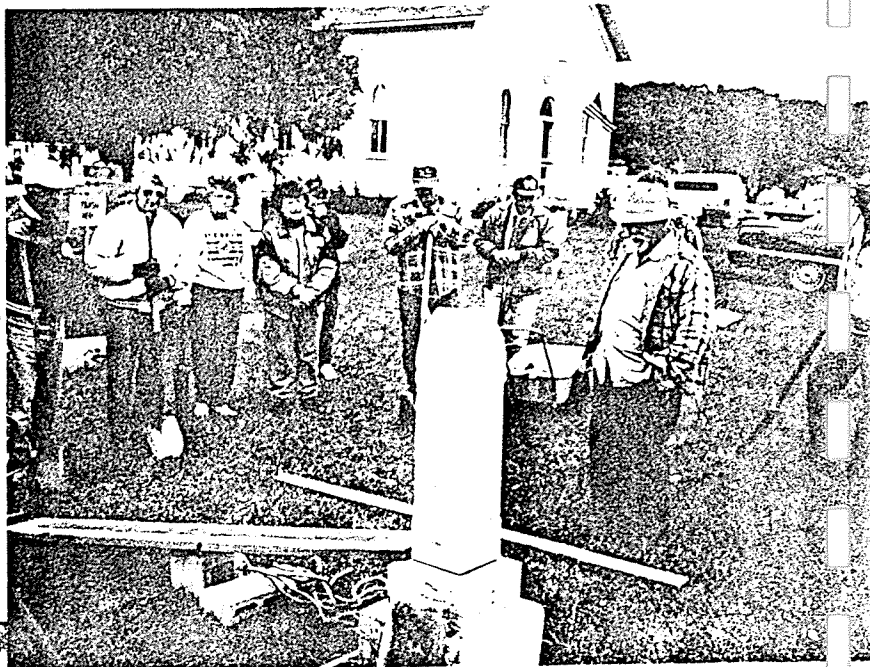
YOUR AGENDA CONCERNS:

Early on I invited you to put down your agenda concerns. Let's have them down on paper. Let's not overlook the thoughts you already had before you received my thoughts. And all of us will be listening to them in October.

IPCC.ltr

September 12, 1996
Paul Maddy teaching
part of the Freeport/
Decorah group "how to..."

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Paul Maddy of Perry assists Julie Pitz, president of the Freeport Cemetery Association, in examining gravestones in preparation of a restoration workshop. (Submitted photo)

Pioneer gravestone restorer will present Freeport workshop

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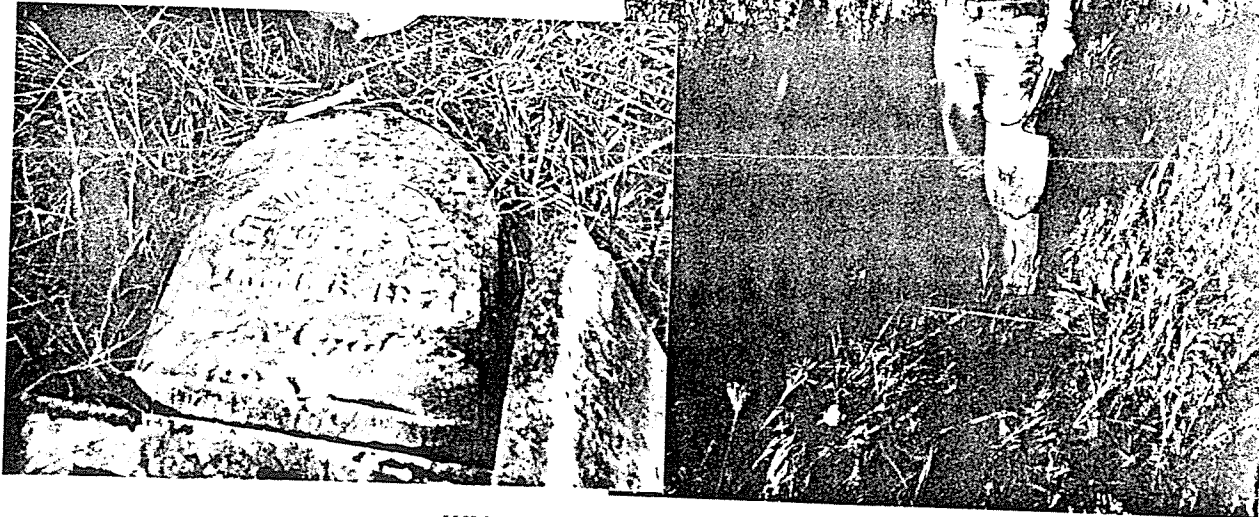
NEWSLETTER OF STATE ASSOCIATION
for
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Vol. I Issue 3

Date: Oct. 31, 1996

On the right is pictured Kevin Lee of Freeport, IA hunting for gravemarkers in the Pagin Cemetery in rural Winneshiek County. Do cemeteries in YOUR county look like this? Are your Supervisors or Trustees doing their job? Can YOU help???

The broken stone is for:
REV. JOSEPH ADAMS-Mar. 6,
1824.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Suggestions made by Bill Lemke were to seek support from the following groups: 1. Farm Bureau Women's division as a project; 2. Federated Women's Clubs project--Rural Women's Study Clubs project; 3. League of Women Voters project; 4. 4-H, FFA, Boys and Girls Scouts groups as a citizenship project; 5. County Conservation Organization; 6. County Agents--support and information; 7. County Tourism groups--historic old cemeteries; 8. County officials--Supervisors-Auditor-Recorder or other like-minded officials; 9. Various Historical groups--genealogy, historic preservation, tourism, conservationists; 10. ASCS government officials--often very supportive; and 11. Senior Citizens--they are active groups, for example--retired teachers.

The above are suggestions from Bill--can you think of other groups that could at least clean up the cemetery, no matter how small or large---no matter how forgotten and neglected?

Editorial office 507 Jefferson, Decorah, Iowa 52101-1711

Dean Gipple's random thoughts re work of Committee for Pioneer Cemeteries:

9/25/96

We as individuals need to aggressively state our goals, and take the calculated risk of rejection. I realize we have opened the gate for much legislative concern on pioneer cemeteries and others. As you know, I get impatient waiting on a committee to reach an agreement. This is why I took the problem to the Legislature by myself. But if one man can achieve what I did, think what an organized committee could do.

I am in agreement with you that we need to keep the pressure on. However, I was reluctant to stir up too much until we got the pioneer cemeteries taken care of.

The Number 1 project is to check the law for available egress to the cemeteries. I have had much correspondence on this subject this year. I have had calls from Kentucky, Wisconsin and Illinois. My solution to the overall picture: Cities have incorporated their cemeteries and are doing as good a job as can be done. The remaining township cemeteries should all be under the management of individual "cemetery boards or associations". They should be funded from the "general county budget" rather than just the ag land. This is the basis of my complaint that the city should share the cost of the care of the cemeteries. The association should submit a complete financial statement and projected care and custody goals to the County Supervisors. They should have final say on any action.

I believe the majority of the cemeteries are under "association" care, but remember we are changing a 150-year-old law and organizing perpetual care.

Who would serve on these associations? I would start with reliable township trustees if they are interested. I would draw up legal procedures as a statewide requirement!

We as a committee can contribute nothing by having random, haphazard meetings. I believe we should have an executive board at least to have regular meetings.

Were the political science departments of colleges notified of research into solutions? I believe some plan should be presented to the Legislature the next year just to keep the subject alive.

Finances: I would hope there is grant dollars somewhere we could get to supplement the membership dues. I probably spent over \$2000 last winter putting the bill through. The motel, stamps and pictures came to \$866.00. I would like to be reimbursed for this amount. I am willing to pay the rest of it myself. If necessary that I spent time in Des Moines for further legislation, I think it no more than fair that at least motel expenses be paid by State Cemetery Assn. Money is the grease that makes the political machine move, and I was not reluctant to take care of this, but it was cash and shall not be accounted.

Respectively,

DHG

Photo by Quad-City Times



Volunteers 'Dig In' to Save Country Cemeteries

"OUR CHURCH CEMETERY just hadn't been taken care of," recalls Dean Gipple (pictured above) of Columbus Junction, Iowa. Little did he know when he started this labor of love to fix up the local cemetery that it would lead to a three-year campaign to pass legislation preserving pioneer cemeteries throughout the state of Iowa.

Dean's story is one of many we've heard about since our article in the May/June issue of *FARMING* posed the question: Who will be the caretaker of America's Rural Cemeteries? From the letters we've received, we've come to conclude that there are many volunteers hard at work preserving these sacred links with the past. But there is still much hard work to do.

The legislation that Dean initiated—and was passed and signed into law this year—shifts responsibility for the upkeep of pioneer cemeteries from township trustees to the county supervisors. The county supervisors can then appoint a county cemetery commission that will supervise and care for the pioneer cemeteries in their county.

A pioneer cemetery, by definition, is one which has had six or fewer burials in the preceding fifty years. Dean figures there are at least 3,000 in Iowa alone—many of them abandoned and lying in ruin.

Formerly, only the agricultural land in the state was taxed to care for these cemeteries. That's because when the law was established, the people whose

ancestors were buried there lived mostly in rural areas.

But says Dean, "Over time, many of them moved to the cities and were no longer being taxed. Basically, in Iowa, we were operating under a law that was 150 years old!"

The new law changes that. It enables county supervisors to levy up to 6 3/4 cents per \$1,000 in property value on all property in the county—not just farmland. "We're about fifty years late in getting this law through," Dean says. "This is our history. They're not just cemeteries!"

"I've shown it can be done, and I'm hoping other states will pick it up. People are interested. You've just got to show them the way."

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to get things done," he adds.

In spite of heart problems and bouts with cancer, the 78-year-old cemetery champion has also spent time working with local 4-H clubs and FFA chapters to clean up rural cemeteries. With each cemetery that is restored, he recognizes the volunteers who help and agree to the upkeep with a bronze plaque (paid for out of his own pocket). To date, he figures he and the youth groups have repaired more than 200 tombstones.

Charles "Butch" Tharp and his brother Robert are volunteering time to restore the Farmer City Cemetery in Farmer City, Illinois. "A year ago in July, my brother and I went to a seminar on restoration of cemeteries. From that

point on we were hooked!" says Butch.

"Unless it's raining, you'll usually find me up at the cemetery!" Butch adds. He's disabled and the cemetery has become a hobby to stay busy.

"The condition of the cemetery was very sad. There were a lot of stones broken, fallen over, and leaning," he continues. So he and Robert spend much of their time cleaning stones and piecing them back together. They have also re-engraved some of the original pioneer stones that were nearly unreadable.

"You know, John Deere and Toro are responsible for some of the damage," Butch jokes. Careless mowing contributes to fallen and broken stones just as much as vandalism. Neglect, however, is still the main cause for the state of the cemeteries.

Epoxy to repair the stones is their biggest expense. Butch says, "If you want it to last for years, you have to use the good stuff." Unfortunately, the "good stuff" runs them more than \$400 per case.

But, that's where donations come in. "You might be surprised how people will respond when they know what you are doing," he continues. "People hear about it and say, 'Hey I've got relatives out there and I'd like for you to look at their stones.'"

"It's kind of nice to have people walk up and say you're doing a good job. It makes you feel good," he adds.

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Butch Tharp cleaning a headstone in the Farmer City, Illinois, cemetery. He and his brother Robert went to a cemetery restoration seminar. "From that point on, we were hooked," Butch says.

This article has close to 500,000 circulation and resulted in calls from Kentucky, Wisconsin and Illinois. DHG

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- 16.4 Guiding Principles
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- Chapter 142A Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
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- Chapter 263B State Archaeologist
- 263B.2 Duties
- 263B.5 State Department of Transportation Contracts
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- 263B.9 Authority to Deny Permission to Disinter Human Remains
- 263B.10 Confidentiality of Archaeological Locations and Information
- Chapter 303 Department of Cultural Affairs
- 303.1 Department of Cultural Affairs
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- 303.5 Powers and Duties of State Historical Society Administrator
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- Chapter 306 Establishment, Alteration and Vacation of Highways
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- Chapter 317 Weeds
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- 317.9 Duty of Board to Enforce
- Chapter 321 Motor Vehicles and the Law of the Road Powers of Local Authorities
- 321.248 Parks and Cemeteries
- Chapter 331 County Home Rule Implementation
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- 331.801 County Medical Examiner - Appointment, Qualifications and Assistants
- 331.802 Deaths - Reported and Investigated
- 331.803 Examination Certificate - Fee
- 331.804 Disposition of Body and Other Property
- 331.805 Prohibited Actions - Cremation Permit - Penalties
- Chapter 350 County Conservation Boards
- 350.4 Powers and Duties
- Chapter 354 Platting - Division and Subdivision of Land
- 354.22 Vacation of Official Plats
- Chapter 357 Water Districts
- 357.2 Territory Included
- Chapter 359 Townships and Township Officers Public Grounds or Buildings
- 359.21 Receipt and Custody of Funds
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- 359.30 Cemetery and Park Tax
- 359.31 Power and Control
- 359.34 Scope of Levy
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- 359.37 Regulations
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- 359.41 Conveyance of Lots
- Chapter 427 Property Exempt and Taxable
- 427.1 Exemptions
- 427.3 Military Service - Exemptions
- 427.7 Penalty
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- 427.16 Historic Property - Rehabilitation Tax Exemption - Application
- Chapter 448 Tax Decds
- 448.3 Execution and Effect of Deed
- Chapter 455A Department of Natural Resources
- 455A.5 Natural Resource Commission - Appointment and Duties
- Chapter 456B Special Provisions - Natural Resources Department
- 456B.11 Agricultural Drainage Wells - Wetlands - Conservation Easements
- Chapter 457A Conservation Easements
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- 457A.2 Definitions
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- 461C.1 Purpose
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- 462B.1 Definitions
- 462B.12 Local Tax Reimbursement
- Chapter 465B Recreation Trails
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- Chapter 465C State Preserves
- 465C.1 Definitions
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- 465C.3 Membership
- 465C.4 Expenses
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- Chapter 480 Underground Facilities Information
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- Chapter 537 Consumer Credit Code
- 537.1301 General Definitions
- Chapter 564A Access to Solar Energy
- 564A.8 Restrictive Covenants
- Chapter 566 Cemetery Management - Management by Trustee
- 566.1 Trustee Appointed - Trust Funds
- 566.20 Reversion
- 566.21 Presumption of Abandonment
- 566.23 Service of Notice
- 566.31 Burial Sites
- 566.32 Disturbance of Burial Sites - Penalty
- 566.33 Protection and Preservation of Burial Sites
- 566.34 Confiscation and Return of Memorials
- Chapter 566A Cemetery Regulation
- 566A.1 Applicability of Chapter - Requirements for Certain Organizations
- 566A.8 Discrimination Prohibited
- Chapter 657 Nuisances
- 657.2 What Deemed Nuisances
- 657.3 Penalty - Abatement
- Chapter 716 Damage and Trespass to Property
- 716.5 Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree
- 716.7 Trespass in the 4th and 5th Degree
- 716.8 Prohibits

The following people attended the October 13, 1996 meeting of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries held at the Country Kitchen Inn on Dodge St., Iowa City:

Mike Magee

Keith Street

Michael Zahs

Betty Tylee, Chickasaw Co. Gen. Soc.

Jeanette Kottke, Chickasaw Co. Gen. Soc.

Carol Battin, Chickasaw Co Gen. Soc.

Harley E. Crain (Crain Cem., Malaska Co.)

Ken Marlin

* Larry Allan, 2806 Rutland Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311-4014

Phyllis Rathlauf, Burlington, Des Moines Co.

Rosemary Wade, Burlington, IA Des Moines Co.

Dean H. Gipple

Bill Lemke, Waterloo

John Dundee, Brodhead WI

Paul E. Maddy, Perry, IA

Calvin & Ethel McVay, Winterset, IA

Pat Shaw, Anamosa, IA

Margaret Crain Ballinger, LaMesa, CA

Loren Horton, Iowa City

Ted Sieks

Fran & * Stan Jeffers (Stan also represents Decorah Gen. Assoc.)

* (New Members)

(The address for Richard W. Sorenson was not listed on the membership list received last Newsletter issue. It is as follows: 307 W. Pleasant, Maquoketa, IA 52060-2945--tel. 319-652-2187)

The Minutes of the Oct. 13, 1996
of the
STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
of
IOWA CEMETERIES

The October 13 meeting of the St. Assoc. for the Pres. of IA Cemeteries was called to order at 7:15 AM by Pres. Ted Sieks at the Country Village Inn, Dodge St., Iowa City. The President reviewed the Association status. The minutes of the June 7, 1996 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1061.36 with 58 members. There are outstanding bills--the Newsletter, Banquet Award, Loren Horton, and Reimbursement to Dean Gipple.

Dues notices will go out in the next newsletter. Payment now will allow you to be listed as a charter member until Dec. 31, 1996.

Our fiscal year will begin Jan. 1, 1997 and end Dec. 31, 1997.

Bill Lemke introduced Dean Gipple to the new attendees. The Association acknowledged its appreciation of Dean's Legislative work. Dean credited Senator Mary Lundby for helping Dean get the legislation regarding cemeteries passed. Dean also gave a legislative update. M/S/P to reimburse Dean \$500 now. Balance to his

expenses to be paid when a complete bill is submitted. There was a general discussion of Dean's report and outstanding work.

The group acknowledged the need for more publicity. Dean explained

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some of the existing laws regarding cemeteries: ie.--access cannot be denied, and cemeteries are exempt from all encroachments. Paul Maddy was introduced. He explained: Common Law, Support of cemeteries, access one rod wide, cemeteries have preference over roads, and roads CAN be set aside.

M/S/P to have quarterly meetings: October, January, April and June to be held in various locations.

Nominations reported by Pres. Sieks that Paul Maddy, Bill Lemke, Mike Magee and Ted Sieks be re-elected to the board for 2 years. M/S/P. He also nominated himself for another term as President and Loren Horton as Vice-President. M/S/P.

NOTICE! The next meeting will be January 18th in Story City at the ***Valhalla, 1513 East Broad St, across from the Viking at 10:30 AM

NEEDED: PR from people concerned about cemetery projects, Maddy's activities, and county supervisors that have assumed responsibility for assigning cemetery care.

A general discussion was carried on about: resurveying cemeteries; court decisions, need for information packets--packets to have news articles, laws pertaining to cemetery care, action being taken by various counties or townships, etc.

Loren reported on Robert L. Carter Memorial Award and the criteria used. The first award will go to Dean Gipple.

Consensus--Newsletter should be sent to county supervisors and the IA Genealogical Society regional representatives..

Discussion was held regarding possible newsletter items; activities on Veterans' Day; involvement of schools, scouts, 4-H clubs, etc; and community service activities such as farm bureau groups have.

M/S/P to establish an Education Committee. Send nominees to Pres. Ted Sieks, P.O. Box 283, Irwin, IA 51446.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted

(The following offered to speak to a group or class about cemetery care, and possibly take them to a cemetery to point out factors relating to their care--to instill respect for ancestors of all: Loren Horton, Mike Zahs, Mike Magee and Larry Allan.)

Frances M. Jeffers, Secy.

PLEASE NOTIFY PRES. TED SIEKS IF YOU CAN OR CANNOT ATTEND THE JANUARY 18th MEETING IN STORY CITY AT THE VALHALLA. Ted's address is: Ted Sieck, Box 283, Irwin, IA 51446. PLEASE respond by January 10, 1997. (Lunch will be off the menu.)

Membership dues for the STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES---Jan. 1, 1997 - Dec. 31, 1997 is \$20.00

NAME _____ Dues for '97 _____

ADDRESS _____
Street _____ City _____ State & zip _____

Check one _____ Individual member _____ Association member (One vote)

Mail to Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52175
(If you want to be considered a charter member, dues of \$20 for 1996 will be accepted until December 31, 1996. These are NOT the dues for 1997.)

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

	First Name	Last Name	Address	City	Sta	Postal Code	Phone	Dues	Date Joined	Board
1	Larry	Allan	2806 Rutland	Des Moines	IA	50311		1997	1996-10-12	
2	Decorah Gen	Association	202 Winnebago	Decorah	IA	52101		1997	1996-06-19	
3	Margaret M.	Ballinger	PO Box 2544	La Mesa	CA	91943	619-593-1993	1997	1996-10-12	
4	Richard	Boorum	2133 Fairview Drive	Cedar Falls	IA	50613-4226		1997	1996-04-23	
5	Carol	Bottin	124 E Main, Apt 13	New Hampton	IA	50659-1452	515-394-4343	1997	1996-04-12	
6	Jane	Briley	707 W Fremont	Creston	IA	50801	515-782-4525	1997	1996-10-27	
7	Marjorie	Brokaw	602 East Buchanan	Winterset	IA	50273	515-462-2969	1997	1996-11-05	
8	Phyllis E.	Carter	2305 180th Street	Washington	IA	52353	319-653-6339	1997	1995-02-18	
9	Jo Ann	Caven	12901 119th Avenue	Maquoketa	IA	52060-9013	319-652-2516	1996	1996-03-10	
10	Clarke County	Cemetery Assoc	309 S Dewey	Osceola	IA	50213		1997	1996-12-03	
11	Jasper County	Cemetery Comm.	Box 994	Newton	IA	50208		1996	1995-01-21	
12	Louisa County	Cemetery Comm.		Wapello	IA	52653		1996	1995-03-23	
13	Beverly	Cline	1002 N 4th Avenue	Winterset	IA	50273	515-462-2269	1997	1996-11-07	
14	Susan K.	Cochran	517 Brookway	Florence	CO	81226		1996	1995-01-21	
15	Harley E.	Crain	17126 68th Ave. W	Edmonds	WA	98026-5206	206-743-6549	1997	1996-04-22	
16	Beverly D.	Cross	314 South Main, Box 93	Baxter	IA	50028	515-227-3391	1996	1995-01-21	
17	Ruth H.	Crowe	350 S Glenwood Avenue	Glendora	CA	91741-3545		1996	1996-08-01	
18	John C.	Daehler	201 East 2nd St. So., Apt. 5	Newton	IA	50208	515-792-4275	1996	1994-12-02	Member
19	Dennis R.	Davies	2086 Hwy 4	Panora	IA	50216-8601	515-755-2236	1996	1995-07-05	
20	Larry D.	Davis	5716 Kingman Ave.	Des Moines	IA	50311	515-277-4917	1997	1996-04-22	
21	Donetta	Dickey	PO Box 743	Smithfield	VA	23430	804-357-0704	1997	1996-12-07	
22	John A.	Dundee	402 1st Center Ave.	Brodhead	WI	53520-1203	608-897-4776	1997	1995-10-10	
23	Frances	Ellis	8407 Spanish Road SW	Cedar Rapids	IA	52404		1997	1996-04-21	
24	Tammra K.	Foster	1034 18th St.	West Des Moines	IA	50265	515-225-9232	1996	1995-10-10	
25	Steve	Francis	1628 185th Street	Creston	IA	50801		1997	1996-11-06	
26	Chickasaw Co.	Gen. Society	PO Box 434	New Hampton	IA	50659		1997	1996-04-24	
27	Des Moines Co	Gen. Society	PO Box 493	Burlington	IA	52601		1996	1996-06-04	
28	Jones County	Gen. Society	Box 174	Anamosa	IA	52205		1997	1996-10-16	
29	KEO-MAH	Gen. Society	PO Box 616	Oskaloosa	IA	52577-0616		1997	1996-11-22	
30	Louisa Co.	Gen. Society	607 James L. Hodges Hwy.	Wapello	IA	52653-0261		1997	1996-10-22	
31	Madison Co.	Gen. Society		Winterset	IA	50273		1996	1996-02-14	
32	Nishnabotna	Gen. Society	847 Road N 56	Harlan	IA	51537		1996	1996-03-11	
33	Union County	Gen. Society	310 N Maple	Creston	IA	50801		1997	1996-01-23	
34	Dean H.	Gipple	307 Flat Iron Drive	Columbus Jct.	IA	52738	319-728-2344	1997	1994-12-02	Member
35	Ruth Ann	Hall	408 E. Salem	Indianola	IA	50125		1996	1995-06-10	
36	Sheila M.	Hargrave	1750 W Columbia	Chicago	IL	60626	312-262-4052	1996	1996-04-23	

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37	Cedar County	Hist. Society		Tipton	IA	52722		1996	1995-06-03	
38	Mahaska Co.	Historical Soc.	PO Box 578	Oskaloosa	IA	52577		1997	1996-10-31	
39	Charlene	Hixon	2649 Hickory Trail	Iowa City	IA	52245-3522	319-338-3456	1997	1996-01-03	
40	Loren N.	Horton	3367 Havover Ct.	Iowa City	IA	52245	319-351-5842	1996	1994-12-02	Vice-Pres.
41	Jeri E.	Hutchins	225 S Walnut Street	Colfax	IA	50054	515-674-3222	1996	1996-07-15	
42	Frances M.	Jeffers	507 Jefferson Street	Decorah	IA	52101-1711	319-382-4473	1997	1995-10-13	Secretary
43	Stan	Jeffers	507 Jefferson Street	Decorah	IA	52101-1711	319-382-4473	1997	1996-10-12	
44	Lenita H.	Jordan	3108 Northwood Drive	Ames	IA	50010		1996	1996-04-15	
45	Marjorie	Kinkade	613 North Chestnut	Creston	IA	50801	515-782-2503	1997	1996-10-27	
46	William H.	Lemke	149 Madison St.	Waterloo	IA	50703	319-233-0142	1997	1995-05-16	Member
47	Robert J.	Libby	809 S 7th Ave.	Iowa City	IA	52240-6205	319-337-5251	1997	1996-04-22	
48	Kristin L.	Macy	PO Box 103	Des Moines	IA	50301-0103	515-287-9136	1996	1995-10-07	Member
49	Paul	Maddy	1515 Warford St.	Perry	IA	50220	515-465-3472	1997	1996-01-13	Member
50	Michael J.	Magee	638 Englewood	Waterloo	IA	50701-5846	319-232-8762	1997	1995-10-12	Member
51	Kenneth	Marlin	PO Box 134	Anamosa	IA	52205		1997	1996-10-12	
52	William H.	Matthews	10791 77th St.	Wapello	IA	52653	319-523-5141	1998	1995-02-18	
53	Eleanor	McCleary	906 Sunrise Circle	Muscatine	IA	52761	319-264-1495	1996	1996-04-14	
54	Calvin P.	McVay	605 E. Buchanan	Winterset	IA	50273	515-462-9802	1997	1995-06-10	Member
55	Edna L.	Miller	1315 Houston	Grand Junction	CO	81501		1997	1996-12-16	
56	Irma	Miller	1002 N Vine	Creston	IA	50801		1997	1996-01-22	
57	Anna	Nordman	315 E Green	Clarksville	IA	50619		1996	1996-04-29	
58	Valerie J.	Ogren	108 North Oak	Jefferson	IA	50129-1841	515-386-4784	1997	1995-10-07	
59	Harvey	Pederson	40306 8th Avenue	Thompson	IA	50478	515-584-2895	1997	1996-02-08	
60	Phyllis	Rothlauf	1806 Sunnyside	Burlington	IA	52601-4423		1997	1996-02-28	
61	Marian	Sanders	RR 2, Box 25	Alden	IA	50006	515-648-3846	1997	1996-10-04	
62	Marilyn	Schmitt	13059 S 52nd West	Mitchellville	IA	50169	515-674-3956	1997	1994-12-02	Member
63	Patricia	Shaw	7472 Slide Rock Road	Anamosa	IA	52205	319-489-3361	1997	1996-06-15	
64	Ted	Sieck	Box 283	Irwin	IA	51446	712-782-3300	1997	1995-10-20	President
65	Richard W.	Sorenson	307 W Pleasant	Maquoketa	IA	52060-2945	319-652-2187	1996	1995-06-10	
66	Gottfried	Steinmetz	RR 1	Homestead	IA	52236		1997	1996-12-19	
67	Steve	Story	401 Smith Street	West Union	IA	52175		1998	1996-05-04	
68	Keith M.	Street	325 Franklin	Wapello	IA	52653-1515	319-523-8164	1997	1994-12-02	Treasurer
69	Elmer	Thomas	812 Union	Columbus Jct.	IA	52738	319-728-8983	1997	1995-02-18	
70	Debora	Tokheim	2999 Olde Country Ln.	Dubuque	IA	52001	319-588-2484	1996	1995-10-07	
71	Rosemary	Wade	9095 Koestner Ave.	Burlington	IA	52601	319-752-5594	1997	1996-04-24	
72	Joyce A.	Wiese	2160 310th Street	Toledo	IA	52342	515-484-2599	1996	1996-08-03	

