

GRAVE NEWS

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CEMETERIES

20 June 1996

Neglect is the enemy

CONNIE STREET OF THE JOURNAL
WAPELLO - Dean Gipple's dedication has not gone unnoticed.

His efforts in getting many grave markers repaired in Louisa County spurred Gov. Terry Branstad to proclaim April as Pioneer Cemetery Month, honoring the memories and resting places of Iowa's pioneers.

Some years ago, Gipple began repairing broken and toppled grave stones in the cemetery at his own expense. He approached the board of supervisors and asked for a cemetery commission to be created. The commission was formed in 1992.

One of only three cemetery commissions in the state, Louisa County's group joined forces with Jasper and Clinton counties to form the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. Other interested persons quickly joined the crusade.

Tom Sieck of Irwin is president, Loren Horton of Wapello City vice president, Fran Jeffers of Decorah secretary and Keith Street of Wapello treasurer.

The group's objective is to focus attention on the need to protect, preserve and maintain Iowa cemeteries.

State law protects only burials that are more than 150



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY RICHARD L...

This cemetery near Oakville in Louisa County is an example of the neglect found in many pioneer cemeteries around the state and nation.

The greatest danger to these early cemeteries is neglect

Loren Horton

fewer than six burials in the last 50 years.

"Protection of burials should be a universal thing," said Horton, the state's senior historian emeritus.

"All human burials should be respected. They should be accorded the same protection under the law. The greatest

years old, primarily Indian burial sites. The group hopes to get a law passed that would define pioneer cemeteries as those with

danger to these early cemeteries is benign neglect."

Gipple agreed. "You read about vandalism destroying stones but neglect is the greatest enemy."

The bill before the Iowa Senate would equalize the tax base for cemetery support so that all property owners could share the costs of minimal maintenance and repair.

"Some of the legislators from big urban areas are against it," said Gipple. "They don't seem to realize their ancestors are buried in these rural areas."

Fran Jeffers of Decorah is adamant about saving the cemeteries.

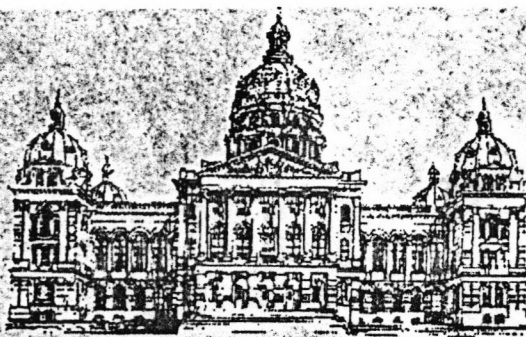
She described some of what she's seen in northern Iowa.

"We found a lost cemetery that has only a few stones showing. There are 13 Civil War soldiers buried there, found another grave site - Civil War soldier and his sister out in the corner of field. These graves should be protected."

Besides Street and Gipple, Eleanor Jones and Bill Matthews of Wapello, Riet Lehnart of Oakville, and Elmer Thomas and Robert Utter of Columbus Junction are on the Louisa County commission.

Certificate of Recognition

State of Iowa
House of Representatives

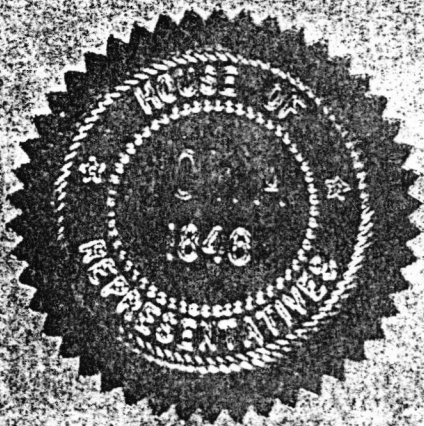


To: *Dean Gipple*
of Columbus Junction

It having been made known to the House of Representatives by its Honorable Representative Barry Brauns, that Dean Gipple deserves recognition for his tireless efforts to enact legislation for the preservation and maintenance of the Pioneer Cemeteries;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the House of Representatives does hereby extend its congratulations.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this 24th day of April, 1996.



Roy J. Corbett
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Elizabeth A. Dawson
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Barry Brauns
Member of the House of Representatives

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 1996 BOARD MEETING
of the
STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION
of
IOWA CEMETERIES

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries was called to order at 7:15 P.M. on June 7, 1996 in the Iowa Genealogical Society's Board Room in Des Moines, IA by President Ted Sieck. Introductions were made of those present: Marilyn Schmitt and husband Lee, Michael Zahs, Keith and Connie Street, Loren Horton, Kristin Macy, Michael Magee, Bill Lenke, Dean H. Gipple, Ted Sieck, John Daehler and Frances Jeffers. Secretary Fran Jeffers read the minutes. MSP. Treasurer Keith Street read the treasurer's report--the balance of cash on hand June 13, 1996 was \$1061.60. MSP

Old Business: The Cemetery legislation bill was approved by the Legislature. Dean Gipple gave a report on the process used or involved in his efforts to get the bill passed.

The task of sending out a Newsletter was passed from Loren Horton to Fran Jeffers. The Newsletter is to be sent to all members of the Cemetery Association.

The Secretary is to send Thank You letters to the legislators and to the Governor for their support in the passage of the bill.

Dean Gipple made the motion that the colleges at Ames, Cedar Falls, and Iowa City be approached through the three political science departments asking that research be made of the tax situation as it pertains to cemeteries. Loren Horton seconded the motion, and amended it by adding the Institute of Public Affairs at Iowa City. MSP Loren will talk to the Institute and the U of IA.

Dean Gipple made an excellent walnut president's gavel for the Board President to use. Our thanks to Dean for his thoughtfulness.

GOALS for the future:

1. That an escrow account be permitted for cemetery maintenance and that private donations may be accepted.
2. That budgeted, allocated and donated funds and services for cemetery care may be carried in escrow for future use.
3. That we continue to identify Pioneer cemeteries.
4. That May be designated as Cemetery Month by Proclamation by the Governor.
5. Encourage stronger penalty for vandalism of cemeteries.
6. That a continuation of encouraging education of cemetery preservation be made (possibly through the "Living in Iowa" program.)
7. That a register of Iowa Legislation for cemeteries be developed, maintained and published.

A motion was made by Mike Zahs that the Association sponsor 2 awards to be known as the ROBERT L. CARTER AWARDS. This is to be a state-wide search to be given each year--one as a service award to a person, and the other to be given for cemetery education.. MSP. Mike Z., Loren and Keith were appointed to serve on the award committee. Mrs. Carter was suggested to be the person to present the award at the October Annual meeting.

The Board wishes to make a formal thank you to Dean Gipple for his undying efforts to get the cemetery bill passed.

Marilyn Schmitt made the motion that the Association purchase a list of IA Cemetery books from IGS. MSP

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

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| 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

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| July 31, 1995 Loren Horton --Postage for NL | 38.40 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 38.40 |

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| BALANCE, CHECKING ACCOUNT--June 13, 1996 | \$ 1021.60 |
| Undeposited Dues on June 13, 1996 | 40.00 |

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| TOTAL CASH BALANCE ON HAND--June 13, 1996 | \$ 1061.60 |
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All bills presented have been paid. No bills are outstanding.

The cemetery books were distributed to members for keeping and examining until the Annual meeting.

- Area 1 book--Michael Magee
- Area 2 book--Loren Horton
- Area 3 book--Fran Jeffers
- Areas 4,5,6,7,8 and 9--Ted Sieck

The Treasurer was instructed to pay IGS for the books.

A motion was made to have Pioneer Cemeteries of the State put on data base and copies made for Board members. Marilyn Schmitt offered to do this. MSP.

The meeting was adjourned until October 12, 7AM at the Union Building in Iowa City, IA

Respectfully submitted,

Frances M. Jeffers, Secy.

Dues for the 1996-1997 (Oct. to Oct.) are due at the Annual Meeting of the IA Genealogical Society to be held Oct. 12, 1996. The Cemetery Association meeting will convene at 7AM at the Union Building in IA City, the morning of October 12.

Dues have been received from 3 additional persons and a genealogical society. Let us all encourage our historical societies to join also.

(Written on a plaque placed at a cemetery----)

Respectfully dedicated to the memory of the settlers
Who courageously met the loneliness of a new country.
They broke the prairie and braved the storms of life
In forming a self-sustaining community.

This plaque placed by the (club or group)
who is responsible for restoring this cemetery
to a resemblance of order and respect.

1996----

"No matter what you undertake, you will never do it until you think you can." Anonymous

PAUL MADDY will conduct a 3-day workshop on cemetery care/repair in Sept at the Freeport Cemetery near Decorah. Write Fran Jeffers for details. Please fill in the following form and send with remittance to Treasurer Keith Street, 325 Franklin, Wapello, IA 52175.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA
CEMETERIES--Oct 1996 - Oct 1997

NAME _____ Dues _____ \$20

ADDRESS _____
street city state & zip

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

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-

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garding passage of this bill.

The suggestion was made that the Sesquicentennial 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
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

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

These are calls for action to protect specific cemeteries.

Sheila M. Hargrave, 1750 W Columbia, Chicago, IL 60626, is interested in the Smith/Mormon Cemetery in Louisa County. More than half of the burials there are of her relatives. Color copies of this cemetery distributed to each of the Senators and Representatives in the Iowa Legislature by Dean Gipple, and this is the cemetery that was pictured in the Muscatine Journal in the article drawing attention to Cemetery Appreciation Month.

Eleanor (Lynn) McCleary, 906 Sunrise Circle, Muscatine, IA 52761, was concerned that a maintenance shed might be erected in Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine County, Iowa, on land where some unmarked graves might be located. Newspaper publicity and correspondence brought improved communication and assurances from the City of Muscatine that such action was not planned.

Robert J. Libby, 809 South 7th Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52240-6205, is concerned Dunsmore/Centennial Cemetery in Black Oak Township of Mahaska County. Black Oak Township trustees disclaim any responsibility for this cemetery according to the 1986 Iowa Supreme Court decision of Deeringer vs Peery. The trustees were exploring, in 1994, the possibility of turning the cemetery over to the Mahaska County Conservation Board for restoration to a natural state. This cemetery is located three miles north of Leighton, Iowa, on the Henry Schurring farm.

Harley E. Crain, 17126 68th Avenue West, Edmonds, WA 98026-5206, is concerned about the Crain Cemetery in Mahaska County, located in West Des Moines Township, Section 22, approximately 7 land miles upstream on the Des Moines River from Eddyville.. His great-grandparents were the original settlers on the land and donated 1 1/2 acres to the community for a burying ground. The cemetery needs attention, upkeep and maintenance.

Marilyn A. Hale, 17470 E Bellewood Circle, Aurora, CO 80015-2011 is concerned about the Kier Cemetery in Buchanan County, where several of her ancestors are buried. The cemetery is also referred to as the Union Cemetery, and at least one Civil War veteran is buried there. An on-going struggle has been going on for at least 20 years; grave markers have been removed, and encroachment on the edges of tilled land has continued. The landowners wish to bulldoze the site and clear it for farm use.

William H. Lemke, 149 Madison St., Waterloo, IA 50703 has expended years of time and thousands of dollars in seeking to protect a Black Hawk County Cemetery.

An unremembered person has drawn our attention to the need for protection and maintenance of Hebron Cemetery in Jefferson County.

Beyond our borders, Dr. Harland Sprouse, 1101 Brookfield St, Brookfield, MO is concerned about a Linn County Cemetery located north of Highway 36 and west of Brookfield.

HOUSE FILE 2491

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PIONEER CEMETERIES
AND AUTHORIZING A TAX LEVY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.325 CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE
OF PIONEER CEMETERIES -- CEMETERY COMMISSION.

1. As used in this section, "pioneer cemetery" means a cemetery where there have been six or fewer burials in the preceding fifty years.

2. Each county board of supervisors may adopt an ordinance assuming jurisdiction and control of pioneer cemeteries in the county. The board shall exercise the powers and duties of township trustees relating to the maintenance and repair of cemeteries in the county as provided in sections 359.28 through 359.41 except that the board shall not certify a tax levy pursuant to section 359.30 or 359.33 and except that the maintenance and repair of all cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the county including pioneer cemeteries shall be paid from the county general fund. The maintenance and improvement program for a pioneer cemetery may include restoration and management of native prairie grasses and wildflowers.

3. 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 pioneer cemeteries in the county. The ordinance shall delineate 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 and duties relating to cemeteries which may otherwise be exercised by township trustees pursuant to sections 359.28 through 359.41 to the cemetery commission except the commission shall not certify a tax levy pursuant to section 359.30 or 359.33 and except that the expenses of the cemetery commission shall be paid from the county general fund.

4. Notwithstanding sections 359.30 and 359.33, the costs of management, repair, and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries shall be paid from the county general fund.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 331.424B CEMETERY LEVY.

The board may levy annually a tax not to exceed six and three-fourths cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of all taxable property in the county to repair and maintain all cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the board including pioneer cemeteries and to pay other expenses of the board or the cemetery commission as provided in section 331.325. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be credited to the county general fund. Sections 444.25A and 444.25B do not apply to the property tax levied or expended for cemeteries pursuant to section 331.325.

Sec. 3. Section 359.28, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

359.28 CONDEMNATION.

The township trustees are hereby empowered to condemn, or purchase and pay for out of the general fund, or the specific fund voted for such purpose, and enter upon and take, any lands within the territorial limits of such township for the use of cemeteries, a community center or juvenile playgrounds, in the same manner as is now provided for cities. However,

BY-LAWS

I. The name of this organization shall be the **STATE 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.
- G. To develop a system of determining who has the right to clean, repair, re-set, and otherwise work with the monuments in a cemetery.
- H. To develop a system of determining who has legal ownership of cemetery plots and monuments.
- I. To encourage state and county cemetery commissions, work to help form them, and to cooperate with such organizations after they are formed.

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 thirteen (13) members. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the general membership at a regularly scheduled public meeting held during the 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 on the roster of 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. Any trustee or officer may be removed and replaced if the Executive Committee, with the concurrence of the full Board of Trustees, deem such trustee or officer incapacitated and unable to fulfill the assigned duties.

VII. This organization shall hold at least one (1) general public meeting in the fourth quarter 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.

State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

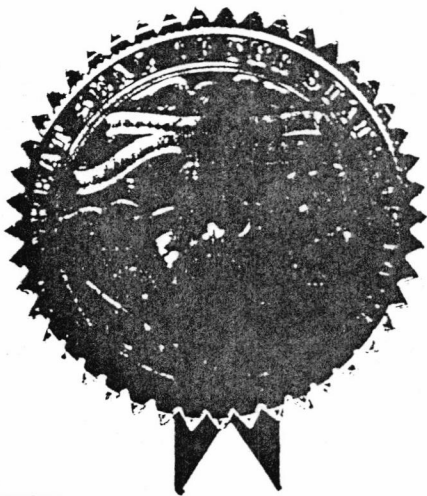
PROCLAMATION

- 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

CEMETERY APPRECIATION MONTH

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

STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

| | First Name | Last Name | Address | City | Sta | Postal Code | Phone | Dues | Date Joined | Board |
|----|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-------------|--------------|------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Richard | Boorum | 2133 Fairview Drive | Cedar Falls | IA | 50613-4226 | | 1996 | Apr. 23 1996 | |
| 2 | Carol | Bottin | 124 E Main, Apt 13 | New Hampton | IA | 50659-1452 | 515-394-4343 | 1996 | Apr. 12 1996 | |
| 3 | Phyllis E. | Carter | 2305 180th St. | Washington | IA | 52353- | | 1995 | Feb. 18 1995 | |
| 4 | Jo Ann | Caven | 12901 119th Avenue | Maquoketa | IA | 52060-9013 | 319-652-2516 | 1996 | Mar. 10 1996 | |
| 5 | Jasper County | Cemetery Comm. | Box 994 | Newton | IA | 50208- | | 1995 | Jan. 21 1995 | |
| 6 | Louisa County | Cemetery Comm. | | Wapello | IA | 52653- | | 1995 | Mar. 23 1995 | |
| 7 | Susan K. | Cochran | Box 169 | Mingo | IA | 50168- | 515-363-4527 | 1995 | Jan. 21 1995 | |
| 8 | Harley E. | Crain | 17126 68th Ave. W | Edmonds | WA | 98026-5206 | 206-743-6549 | 1996 | Apr. 22 1996 | |
| 9 | Beverly D. | Cross | 314 South Main, Box 93 | Baxter | IA | 50028- | 515-227-3391 | 1995 | Jan. 21 1995 | |
| 10 | John C. | Daehler | 201 East 2nd St. So., Apt. 5 | Newton | IA | 50208- | 515-792-4275 | 1995 | Dec. 2 1994 | Member |
| 11 | Dennis R. | Davies | 2086 Hwy 4 | Panora | IA | 50216-8601 | 515-755-2236 | 1995 | Oct. 7 1995 | |
| 12 | Larry D. | Davis | 5716 Kingman Ave. | Des Moines | IA | 50311 | 515-277-4917 | 1996 | Apr. 22 1996 | |
| 13 | John A. | Dundee | 402 1st Center Ave. | Brodhead | WI | 53520-1203 | 608-897-4776 | 1995 | Oct. 10 1995 | |
| 14 | Frances | Ellis | 8407 Spanish Road SW | Cedar Rapids | IA | 52404 | | 1996 | Apr. 21 1996 | |
| 15 | Tammra K. | Foster | 1034 18th St. | West Des Moines | IA | 50265- | 515-225-9232 | 1995 | Oct. 10 1995 | |
| 16 | Chickasaw Co. | Gen. Society | PO Box 434 | New Hampton | IA | 50659 | | 1996 | Apr. 24 1996 | |
| 17 | Des Moines Co. | Gen. Society | PO Box 493 | Burlington | IA | 52601 | | 1996 | June 4 1996 | |
| 18 | Madison Co. | Gen. Society | | Winterset | IA | 50273 | | 1996 | Feb. 14 1996 | |
| 19 | Nishnabotna | Gen. Society | 847 Road N 56 | Harlan | IA | 51537 | | 1996 | Mar. 11 1996 | |
| 20 | Union County | Gen. Society | 310 N Maple | Creston | IA | 50801 | | 1996 | Jan. 23 1996 | |
| 21 | Dean H. | Gipple | 307 Flat Iron Drive | Columbus Jct. | IA | 52738- | 319-728-2344 | 1995 | Dec. 2 1994 | Member |
| 22 | Ruth Ann | Hall | 408 E. Salem | Indianola | IA | 50125- | | 1995 | Jun. 10 1995 | |
| 23 | Sheila M. | Hargrave | 1750 W Columbia | Chicago | IL | 60626 | 312-262-4052 | 1996 | Apr. 23 1966 | |
| 24 | Cedar County | Hist. Society | | Tipton | IA | 52772- | | 1995 | Jun. 3 1995 | |
| 25 | Loren N. | Horton | 3367 Havover Ct. | Iowa City | IA | 52245- | 319-351-5842 | 1995 | Dec. 2 1994 | Vice-Pres. |
| 26 | Frances M. | Jeffers | 507 Jefferson St. | Decorah | IA | 52101-1711 | 319-382-4473 | 1995 | Oct. 13 1995 | Secretary |
| 27 | Lenita H. | Jordan | 3108 Northwood Drive | Ames | IA | 50010 | | 1996 | Apr. 15 1996 | |
| 28 | William H. | Lemke | 149 Madison St. | Waterloo | IA | 50703- | 319-233-0142 | 1995 | May 16 1995 | Member |
| 29 | Robert J. | Libby | 809 S 7th Ave. | Iowa City | IA | 52240-6205 | 319-337-5251 | 1996 | Apr. 22 1996 | |
| 30 | Kristin L. | Macy | PO Box 103 | Des Moines | IA | 50301-0103 | 515-287-9136 | 1995 | Oct. 7 1995 | Member |
| 31 | Paul | Maddy | 1515 Warford St. | Perry | IA | 50220 | 515-465-3472 | 1996 | Jan. 13 1996 | Member |
| 32 | Michael J. | Magee | 638 Englewood | Waterloo | IA | 50701-5846 | 319-232-8762 | 1995 | Oct 12 1995 | Member |
| 33 | William H. | Matthews | 10791 77th St. | Wapello | IA | 52653- | 319-523-5141 | 1995 | Feb. 18 1995 | |
| 34 | Eleanor | McCleary | 906 Sunrise Circle | Muscatine | IA | 52761 | 319-264-1495 | 1996 | Apr. 14 1996 | |
| 35 | Calvin P. | McVay | 605 E. Buchanan | Winterset | IA | 50273- | 515-462-9802 | 1995 | Jun. 10 1995 | Member |
| 36 | Irma | Miller | 1002 N Vine | Creston | IA | 50801 | | 1996 | Jan. 22 1996 | |

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| 37 | Anna | Nordman | 315 E Green | Clarksville | IA | 50619 | | 1996 | Apr. 29 1996 | |
| 38 | Valerie J. | Ogren | 108 North Oak | Jefferson | IA | 50129- | 515-386-4784 | 1995 | Oct. 7 1995 | |
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| 41 | Marilyn | Schmitt | 13059 S 52nd West | Mitchellville | IA | 50169- | 515-674-3956 | 1995 | Dec. 2 1994 | Member |
| 42 | Ted | Sieck | Box 283 | Irwin | IA | 51446 | 712-782-3300 | 1996 | Oct. 20 1995 | President |
| 43 | Richard W. | Sorenson | | | | | | | | |
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| 49 | Maureen | Wilson | 9107 Tanglewood Drive | Urbandale | IA | 50322 | 515-352-0929 | 1996 | May 26 1996 | |
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ARTICLE IN THE MAY 1996 IGS NEWSLETTER

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
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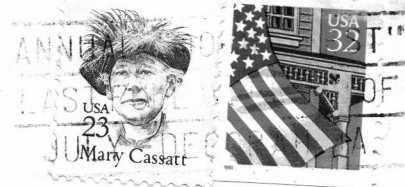
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