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for
PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

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NO STONE UNTURNED.....

A message from Pat Shaw, President of SAPIC

Thanks to all the enthusiastic attendees at the 7:30 Breakfast Meeting of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries held Saturday, October 11 in conjunction with the Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Marshalltown. It was so exciting to see an estimated 40-45 people assembled for the sole purpose of rescuing Iowa's abandoned and neglected cemeteries.

My interest in these historic vestiges of our culture goes back to my roots in Wapello, Keokuk, and Monroe Counties where I grew up. Visiting the cemeteries on "Decoration Day" with my parents and grandparents was serious business. It began early the morning of May 30 (on whatever day it fell) with cutting the irises and bridal wreath and putting them in cans and buckets of water. A picnic lunch was packed because this was to be a day-long affair spent in several Keokuk County burial sites and dedicated to paying tribute to our loved ones' memories. It would have been unthinkable to "drop off a flower" on our way to some other event. The adults would stand in front of the stones silently remembering a child, a first wife, a sibling, or parent. We reverently refrained from stepping on the grave. That was where I acquired a curiosity about my ancestors. I sensed that they had been real people who had been loved and feared, enjoyed and tolerated, gossiped about, and missed terribly when they departed this life. Now I'm the one standing in front of a head stone doing the remembering, and I silently thank the caretaker of these grounds.

Thanks to all of you and others like you that we will recruit in the years ahead, there will always be caretakers of these important places, even when there's no one left to do the remembering.

Our vision of reclaiming the pioneer cemeteries in Iowa can only become clearer and our determination stronger because we have these special people on our team:

SAPIC Past President, Ted Sieck, Past Vice-president, Loren Horton, and Past Treasurer, Keith Street who worked so tirelessly to create this association. It was a monumental (no pun intended) task, and they deserve our sincere gratitude.

Vice-president for 1998, Paul Maddy, the master of gravestone and cemetery restoration in Iowa and recipient of this year's Robert L. Carter Memorial Award.

Treasurer for 1998, Harley Crain, who is ably managing our funds from Washington State.

Mabel Daniels of Mahaska County who has agreed to form and serve on a committee to audit the treasurer's books and assist Harley in establishing an account in Mahaska County.

Gwen Moore of New London in Henry County who suggested we have a Historian's Book to record our accomplishments and then agreed to be the Historian. We have a lot to record already. Please send copies of news articles about formation of your County Cemetery Commissions and your restoration projects, "before and after" photos of your cemeteries, copies of notes of appreciation from descendants of pioneers, and anything else that should be preserved. Gwen's address: 2193 Racine Ave; New London, IA 52645. Thank you very much, Gwen!

SAPIC's secretary and newsletter editor, Fran Jeffers, who keeps us informed, thus uniting us as a state organization. Please help Fran with this task by sending her a list of the pioneer cemeteries in your county, if you have not done so. Also send information about upcoming events, success stories, tips for restoration, and news from your area concerning cemeteries. Thank you!

And, of course, our patriarch, Dean Gipple, who we thank every chance we get for showing us what one man can do. His clear and unswerving determination to save this vital part of our history is remarkable--and he's not done yet!

Pat Shaw is a retired teacher, born and raised in southern Iowa, who lives in Jones County, near Anamosa, Iowa. She attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa and received a BA Degree from the University of Iowa in 1965, and taught in the English Valleys, Mid-Prairie, Dexfield, and Olin School districts, and retired after teaching Adult Basic Education for 13 1/2 years at the Anamosa State Penitentiary for Kirkwood Community College. She and her husband, Hugh, a retired high school principal, have one son who lives in Tucson, Arizona and owns and operates a pre-school and elementary school.

Tools that some seasoned cemetery restorers recommend that you keep in the trunk of your car (after all, you just might happen upon a cemetery that needs attention!):

Camera There's always time to snap a photo, if your spouse won't let you do anything else. Black and white film is better for capturing inscriptions on grave stones. Take these pictures to the newspapers in the area, display them on public bulletin boards, pass them around at coffee break, send them along with letters to veteran's groups, FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, churches, and even County Boards of Supervisors.

Work Gloves

Witching Rods Two 24-30" lengths of #9 or #10 wire bent into an "L" shape or two coat hangers will do fine. If you don't know how to witch for disturbances in the earth (in our case, burials) and you don't know anyone who does, contact SAPIC and we'll train you. It would make a good program for a Genealogical or Historical Society meeting.

Wire Brush Use it gently, carefully, and sparingly.

Powder and Puff Pat the powder gently on the inscriptions, and you will be able to read them easier. Use that aromatic stuff that you've been getting for Christmas for the last twenty years. It washes and/or blows right off and doesn't hurt the stone. Sidewalk chalk and shaving cream work, too. If you're really serious, you can get a roll of white paper with a carbon backing from your local monument dealer. Hold or tape the carbon side next to the stone and rub gently

with a tennis ball. The rubbing you get will be pretty enough to frame!

Now that we've mentioned monument dealers, get on a friendly basis with your local one. You can always hint that you're going to pre-plan your funeral and will need one of his products. He can order the Akemi epoxy and hardener for you that you need to do effective stone repair. It's expensive, but if the stone ever breaks again, it will not break where you have glued it with this epoxy. If you can't find it anywhere, contact Paul Maddy (515-465-3472) or Pat Shaw (319-489-3361).

When you decide to do major restoration, you'll need a few more items (Paul Maddy's expertise, or at least his book, is a good start.) Lots of others have done and are doing excellent stone restoration in our state and surrounding areas, also. Ask them for permission to print their names, addresses, phone numbers, and methods in this newsletter. Send the information to Fran Jeffers, editor.

If you'd like a copy of a presentation made to a county Board of Supervisors that was successful in getting a Cemetery Commission established, contact Pat Shaw. Each county is different, and although this presentation might not move your supervisors to action, but it might give you some ideas.

Do you want a SAPIC representative to speak to your group about a presentation or would you like someone to accompany you to the Board of Supervisors? If so, let Pat Shaw know.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 1998 in south central Iowa. If you live in that area and know of a restaurant or other facility with a nice (FREE) meeting room, contact Pat Shaw. We usually meet in conjunction with lunch, so a restaurant might agree to provide us with such a room. These meetings are open to all members.

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If you have questions, call Pat Shaw: 319-489-3361.



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STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 OCTOBER 11, 1997

Balance Reported on July 19, 1997		\$1290.02
Deposited October 8, 1997	\$60.00	
Total Deposits		<u>\$ 60.00</u>
TOTAL OF PREVIOUS BALANCE AND DEPOSITS		\$1350.02

EXPENSES FROM JULY 19, 1997 TO OCTOBER 11, 1997

Check # 514, Iowa Genealogical Society		<u>\$14.00</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND, OCTOBER 11, 1997		<u>\$1336.02</u>
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REPORT BY KEITH STREET, TREASURER

The following counties did send in their listings of PIONEER CEMETERIES:

Harrison	Chickasaw	Winneshiek	Dubuque
Fayette	Wannan	Greene	Bremen
Franklin	Poweshiek	Jefferson	Black Hawk

If your county isn't listed,.....^{Jones} please try to get it sent to SAPIC via your IGS Regional Representative or directly to your new president.

Loren Horton sends this bit of excellent information:

Protective Sealer For Marble and Limestone Developed

Conservationists from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, working with chemists from Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, may have found an effective way to stop the weathering of marble and limestone, which can leave stonework pitted and crumbling, reports *DISCOVER The World of Science* magazine, July 1997.

Limestone and marble are composed largely of calcium carbonate. To protect the mineral, the researchers first applied a thin wash of a chemical called aminoethyl-aminopropylsilane, or AEAPS. The chemical seeps into the microscopic cracks in the

stone and binds to the calcium carbonate. Next, they apply a chemical called sol-gel, which is similar to glass. Sol-gel has been used for years as a protective outer layer on limestone, but it doesn't bind well to calcium carbonate and quickly wears away. Sol-gel does, however, bind well to AEAPS, and together the two molecules seal even the tiniest surface fractures, giving treated stone ten times the longevity of unprotected rock.

"We've done preliminary tests on limestone used in buildings in England," said Sandia geochemist Kathryn Nagy. "It's very unconsolidated limestone - you can break it with your hands - but this has protected it."

IOWA TACKLES MONUMENTAL PROJECT

by Connie Street, Wapello, Iowa

Anamosa, Iowa. They came armed with plat books and cemetery maps, lists and photographs—17 enthusiastic Jones County residents determined to save the county's pioneer cemeteries.

It was the June meeting of the newly formed county cemetery commission. Members include leaders of the local historical society, genealogical society, historic preservation commission, members of the Iowa Genealogical Society and other interested people. Neighbors and other volunteers came to share stories of their triumphs.

Diane Hansen has been spreading the word on the Internet. Her young daughter was there too. Pat Shaw has contacted a variety of organizations seeking support. Delores Sams' family volunteered to provide the labor for putting up a fence if the commission would buy the materials. Steve and Diane Story reported they are reconstructing the Johns Town Cemetery. Johns Town, where's that? A lot of people don't even know the village ever existed. All traces have disappeared.

On their first day in the cemetery, the Storys located about 30 graves by witching and probing. They are drawing a detailed map as they work. Don't snicker about grave witching. Sunken grave stones have been uncovered for nearly all the graves.

The stones, buried under Iowa turf for a number of years, are generally in very good condition, still readable once they've been dusted off. Most date back to the 1850s through 1870s. The Storys learned from experience that most of the foundations tend to sink toward the graves and the stones fall forward on top of the graves.

The Storys said it takes four people to reconstruct an abandoned cemetery: one to witch, one to probe, one to dig, and one to write. The two asked for help. Ken Marlin didn't hesitate. "I'll be there," he said, even though he would be working all night.

Hansen announced she had received a Colorado obituary for a Jones County woman which gave a complete family

history and mentioned the Beardsley Cemetery. Six people jumped to their feet and suddenly everyone was searching their maps to discover its location—Beardsley Cemetery—a name no one recognized.

It is obvious that people in Jones County take their cemeteries seriously. It was reported that one woman wrote a history about the cemetery near her family farm; a couple of vandals were chased off by a farmer with a shotgun; and Future Farmers of America chapters and the American Legion have adopted cemeteries to clean up and take care of. Other organizations have donated money.

Even the state reformatory at Anamosa has gotten involved, providing a chain gang to clean up some of the burial sites. Shaw, the commission chairman, has been keeping a detailed log of the progress, including before and after pictures. Half the group said they were planning to attend an upcoming workshop on restoring cemeteries.

More plans are in the works, Shaw said. Signs will be erected to identify each cemetery, certificates of appreciation will be issued and perhaps a simple marker will be placed at each grave site, even if it says only "burial site of an unknown person." It won't happen all at once. "This is a long term process," said Shaw.

This meeting is indicative of other counties in Iowa. A law, passed in 1996, gives each county the opportunity to create its own cemetery commission and to raise funds through taxes for the restoration and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries. The definition of a pioneer cemetery is any cemetery where there has been six or fewer burials in the last 50 years.

The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC) was formed to aid those who wish to organize a cemetery commission by providing information and support. About six Iowa counties have formed their own commissions so far. Hopefully 93 more will be formed and all will be as enthusiastic as Jones County.

For more information on SAPIC write to Fran Jeffers, secretary, 507 Jefferson Street, Decorah, IA 52101-1711 or Keith Street, treasurer, 325 Franklin Avenue, Wapello, IA 52627-1515.

[Connie Street is the immediate past president of the Iowa Genealogical Society, gives family history lectures, and is a reporter for a daily newspaper. The cover letter for this article states, "Keith and I visited the Jones County (Iowa) Cemetery Commission and were so impressed I wanted to write about it."]



Franklin Beard, Kevin Lee, & Harvey Houch straightening a Gjetley grave in the Pioneer Methodist Cemetery in Pleasant Twp, Winneshiek County, IA. Keven heads the Winn. Co. Cemetery Commission.

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PIONEER CEMETERIES DISAPPEARING
By Joyce Wiese

Most of our roots are in rural cemeteries. That is what most genealogists learn when they get back beyond two generations. Thousands of century-old broken, fallen and neglected gravestones of our forebears are disappearing--not by theft, not by vandalism, but by public neglect. There is a high number of these cemeteries in Iowa, 29 in Tama County alone.

Many busy younger Iowans will someday find the time to get seriously interested in locating the burial places of their early forebears. When they do, they will find they are years too late to find many gravestones of those deceased before 1900. That distressing going-going-gone situation continues. This is one reason a group of concerned citizens in Tama County recently went to the County Board of Supervisors asking them for support in repairing these old stones, fencing, and general cleanup. This can be done due to HF2491 passed this past year, which allows the county supervisors to annually levy 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. At one time, next of kin were solely responsible for gravestones. That idea seemed to work at first. Just one generation back numerous farm families lived close to the cemeteries. Now, only 3% or less of our population are farmers. Pioneer cemeteries are a century old. Many have deteriorated, become broken, fallen and need repair. Many loose ones have already disappeared.

We are asking the public who has any knowledge on these cemeteries to please contact any township trustee, or any one of the five appointed to this committee, Joyce Wiese, 515-484-2599, Lester Lenhart, 515-484-2054, Ardene Cross, 515-484-5677 or 319-479-2518, Joan Bidwell 515-484-4257 or Loren Emke, 515-473-2090. We need when the cemeteries were started, any information as to how they were formed, who is buried in them, any family history on any of these persons, plats of the cemeteries, the size of the ground of each cemetery, if there is a deed, or any other pertinent information. It is the hope of the group to have all pioneer cemeteries fenced in with gates, brush cleaned out so they can be mowed, and all stones repaired and reset if needed. Some cemeteries have been used as pasture with livestock knocking stones over. It will probably be impossible to find plats of each cemetery, but perhaps some family has a general idea of each cemetery. We hope in the future to get civic groups to volunteer to keep the cemeteries in good repair once the initial cleanup has been completed.

THE SPRING RUN CEMETERY

THIS PIONEER CEMETERY IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF MANY EARLY SETTLERS OF THE SPRING RUN IPITCH INI COMMUNITY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

THEY CAME MOSTLY FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO STARTING IN THE 1840'S. THEIR PREVIOUS HERITAGE WAS GERMAN AND SCOTCH-IRISH.

THEY WERE FARMERS SEEKING FREEDOM TO WORSHIP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND TO BUILD A NEW COMMUNITY.

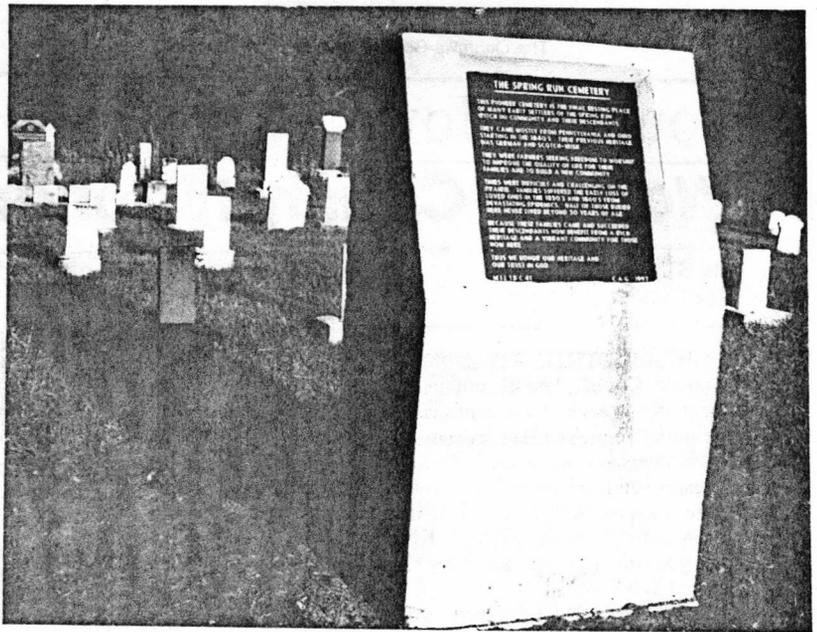
TIMES WERE DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING ON THE PRAIRIE. FAMILIES SUFFERED THE EARLY LOSS OF LOVED ONES IN THE 1850'S AND 1860'S FROM DEVASTATING EPIDEMICS. HALF OF THOSE BURIED HERE NEVER LIVED BEYOND 30 YEARS OF AGE.

BECAUSE THESE FAMILIES CAME AND SUCCEEDED, THEIR DESCENDANTS NOW BENEFIT FROM A RICH HERITAGE AND A VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOR THOSE NOW HERE.

THUS WE HONOR OUR HERITAGE AND
OUR TRUST IN GOD.

M.I.L.T.D. C. 41

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This marble plaque is set in 3 T of cement 4' in the ground & 5' tall. The cost was donated by three GIPPLE families--no tax dollars were spent. Dean Gipple has put up 5 (FIVE) of these plaques. When no help showed up, he did it himself. DEAN, WE ALL APPLAUD YOUR WORK!

Fran and Stan Jeffers hosted the SAPIC exhibit at the IOWA HERITAGE EXPO IN JULY. Many folks had many questions about the PIONEER CEMETERIES.

Handouts regarding the new law, forming commissions and training were welcomed.



The President of the Iowa Dowsing (witching, divining) Association is: Willie Lansing
3266 275th St.
Worthington, IA 52078
tel. 319-926-2534

Another contact person is: Don Droeszler
1327 W. Bellvue-Cascade Rd.
Bernard, IA 52032
tel. 319-879-3282

Contact either gentleman for information about meetings, instruction, etc.

Margaret Gee is very interested in establishing a Marion County Cemetery Commission. If you are interested in working with her and the supervisors in establishing such a commission, please contact her or write to the her at the Marion County society.

"Township trustees are hereby empowered to condemn, or purchase and pay for the out of the general fund...any lands within thelimits of such township for the use of cemeteries.....The costs of management, repair & maintenance of pioneer cemeteries shall be paid..co.gen.fund."

Southern Iowa

Wapello County historians honor Civil War legend

By **STEVE WELKER**
The Courier

CHILLICOTHE — A group of Wapello County history enthusiasts spent this weekend on a project to memorialize a Civil War legend.

Members of the Wapello County Questers and the Civil War Roundtable constructed a wrought-iron fence at the grave site of Curtis King, the oldest man to fight on either side in the Civil War.

King died in 1863 and was buried in Williams Cemetery, which is about a quarter-mile west and south of the Chillicothe turnoff on the new U.S. 63 (formerly Iowa 23) northwest of Ottumwa. During the new highway's construction, the Iowa Department of Transportation created an access road and wayside area near the grave site.

Civil War Roundtable President Bernard Huston and Questers President John Ohlinger said they hope the location will be marked by a DOT "historic site" sign and will be listed in area tourism guides.

"This really is important history," said Dale Essick, chairman of the fence project.

Williams Cemetery itself is over-



Steve Welker/The Courier

Members of the Wapello County Questers and the Civil War Roundtable built a fence around the grave of Curtis King, the oldest soldier to fight in the Civil War, near Chillicothe on Sunday.

grown, but a headstone and brass tablet clearly mark King's grave. Last year, to further define and protect the site, the local groups sought the Iowa State Questers' assistance. They received an \$1,800 grant.

Michael Hunter and Paul Qualls

donated the wrought-iron fence and blacksmith Bill Printy of Bentonsport forged the corner and side posts. The Questers and Roundtable members donated their time. Property owner Floyd Middlesworth enthusiastically gave his permission for the

site work.

This weekend, in addition to Huston, Ohlinger and Essick, workers included Pat Essick, Max Breon, John Tuttle and Dennis Speer. They dug post holes, assembled the fence, poured concrete and started other site work.

There's only a gravel parking area and bare earth leading to the grave site, but the ground is being seeded and Middlesworth said he hopes some trees will be planted to replace those lost in the highway construction.

Huston said that Curtis King enlisted in late-1862 in the Iowa 37th, an infantry unit of about 1,000 men, 50 and older, who weren't young enough to fight, but who could do garrison work and relieve younger men for battle. The oldest "Iowa Graybeard" at age 80, King trained for a month before he was sent to St. Louis. He served three more months before he became ill and returned to Wapello County, where he died in July 1863.

Historians later determined that King was the oldest man to enlist in either the Union or Confederate army and located his grave along the old Eddyville railroad right-of-way.

Delaware volunteers sought to serve on cemetery commission

By **Lori Scovel**

News correspondent

MANCHESTER — The Delaware County Board of Supervisors is looking for people to serve on a pioneers cemetery commission.

Kimbal and Shirley Gates and John and Hyla Clow, all of Hopkinton, had asked the supervisors for money to pay for the upkeep of two cemeteries, Willard (14 graves) and Livingston (21 graves), near Hopkinton. The couples said the sites are important because early settlers of the county are buried there.

Shirley Gates said 22 cemeteries in the county have burials dating back to the 1800s. It is unknown how many of these cemeteries are currently being maintained.

Supervisor Eldon Koeneke said that at

this point the supervisors may only appoint a commission to review the issue. With its formation, the commission could organize, create and submit a proposed budget and receive county funding as early as next July. Funds for the upkeep and preservation of Delaware County's old cemeteries would come from the county's general basic fund.

In the meantime, the supervisors suggested the couples contact their township trustees for help in their funding efforts.

It is up to individual township trustees to maintain the cemeteries or to appropriate more money from the county to do so. Koeneke said trustees can levy as much as \$.0675 for expenses, and only Union and Delhi townships and the Lake Delhi area in the county have their levies at the maximum mark.

CARTER AWARD RECIPIENT

A very deserving gentleman received the Carter Award for his excellent work and untiring contribution to the furthering of awareness for the preservation of Iowa's Pioneer Cemeteries. Proudly, the conference attendees at the Iowa Genealogical Conference in Marshalltown watched as Mrs. Carter paid tribute to Paul MADDY by presenting to him the Carter Award.

Most of us have had the opportunity to attend one of Paul's workshops where he so aptly teaches us to restore the grave-stones of our pioneer ancestors.

Paul was further honored by having his wife, daughter, sister, and brother attend the banquet and presentation. They, too, were justly proud.

Paul is the 2nd person to receive this award. Dean Gipple was the first recipient. Both are outstanding gentlemen---real examples for all of us.

Jones County will have a Cemetery Walk on Sunday, October 26, 1997 at 1 PM. The Cherry Grove/Mann Cemetery, Greenfield Township, Cherry Grove Road, southwest of Monley and the Johnson Town Cemetery in Scotch Grove Township on 88th Avenue will be visited. FFA chapters restored these burial sites. Wear walking shoes. Bring lawn chairs. (Pray for warmer weather!)



Here is Paul Maddy telling of his experiences of restoring historic cemeteries at Sweeney Cemetery on July 10. Paul has had over 11,000 persons attend his clinics.



These are pictures of my family cemetery that I recently cleaned up. It's located in Allamakee Co east of Waukon. (take #76 toward McGregon 2 mi., turn left on Four Connors Rd, go about 1/4 mi. to cemetery on right side of road. I found it about 4 years ago. It's part of a Bounty Land Warrant my 3rd Great Grandfather received for being in the War of 1812. He is buried there along with his wife Mary and his son Philip & Philip's wife Elizabeth.

They both died at early ages--their stones are marked 1858 and 1859. There are five other stones to the back corner that are unmarked. My 2nd cousin, Loran Dundee from Cedar Rapids, and I recently built a fence along the front and installed the government stone. I am currently trying to get a local FFA or Boy Scout troupe to take it on as a project as caretakers of this cemetery. I want to keep this a private family cemetery.

John Dundee, 402 1st Center Ave.
Brodhead, WI 52520 tel. 608-897-4776

(The JOHN DUNDEY stone is the one John got from the government for his Great-Great-Great-Grandfather.) GOOD JOB, JOHN!

Sunday, the 12th of October, the Midland FFA from Wyoming, IA fenced an abandoned cemetery back in a cow pasture in a steady rain. GRRREAT!

Minutes of the October 11, 1997
SAPIC Annual Meeting

A crowded room of folks interested in the preservation of Pioneer Cemeteries in Iowa met at 7:30 AM for a continental breakfast prior to their Annual meeting during the IGS Conference in Marshalltown, IA.

President Ted Sieck opened the meeting at 7:40 AM. Secretary's and Treasure's reports were approved. New board members were elected as follows: Harley Crain, Mike Zahs, Carol Bottin, and Valerie Ogren.

A Pioneer Cemetery remains a "Pioneer Cemetery" once designated even if later burials are made there.

Reports on the progress of cemeteries by various counties. Offer to speak to groups, send letters to FFA, Vets groups, Farm Bureau, Scout and church youth groups--offer them the opportunity to help!

Election of new officers resulted in the following elected:

Patricia Shaw--President
Paul Maddy-----Vice-President
Frances Jeffers--Secretary
Harley Crain---Treasurer.

Gwen Moore--2193 Racine Ave, New London, IA 52645 (Henry County) agreed to be the historian for the association.

Larry Allen will put articles in HAWKEYE HERITAGE.

Tammy Wood, Anamosa State Penitentiary, Box B, Anamosa, IA 52205 is the contact person for cemetery signs.

Mabel Daniels of Mahaska County will have a committee to help our new treasurer, Harley Crain, audit the books and set up an account in Mahaska County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM. The next meeting will be on the 2nd Saturdays of January, April, July and in October the meeting will be on Saturday of the IGS Conference in Marshalltown, IA.

A postcard will be sent for the January 10th meeting notifying the members of the exact location at 10 AM.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
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Treasurer

REMEMBER THE NEXT SAPIC MEETING IS JANUARY 10th. You will be notified of the location, possibly just south of Des Moines.

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