

# GRAVE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

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The next SAPIC meeting will be February 9 at 10:30 at the Johnston Public Library (Des Moines area). The library is located at 6700 Merle Hay Road. Take the Merle Hay exit #131 off Interstate 35-80 and go north on Merle Hay Road for 2 miles. Turn left on North Glenn Drive and you will see the library (North side of Johnston). Lunch is on your own following the meeting. If you have questions, contact Larry Davis: LD2mstone@aol.com Phone: 515-277-4917 Agenda will include election of officers for 2013.

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Curious about an inscription that is partially visible on a stone? This could help:

## Book of Epitaphs

Provided by the Office of S. B. Sargent Manufacturer of & Dealer All Kinds of Marble & Granite Work Tilton, New Hampshire

(The front and back covers of the booklet are missing. The title and date of publication are unknown, although the S.B. Sargent company is listed in an 1893 publication.

The last half of the booklet is in German.)

This booklet is presented on the Stone Quarries and Beyond web site in "References and Resources" in the "Cemetery Stones & Monuments" section of the web site.

[http://quarriesandbeyond.org/cemeteries\\_and\\_monumental\\_art/cemetery\\_stones.html](http://quarriesandbeyond.org/cemeteries_and_monumental_art/cemetery_stones.html)

-- From Stan Culley

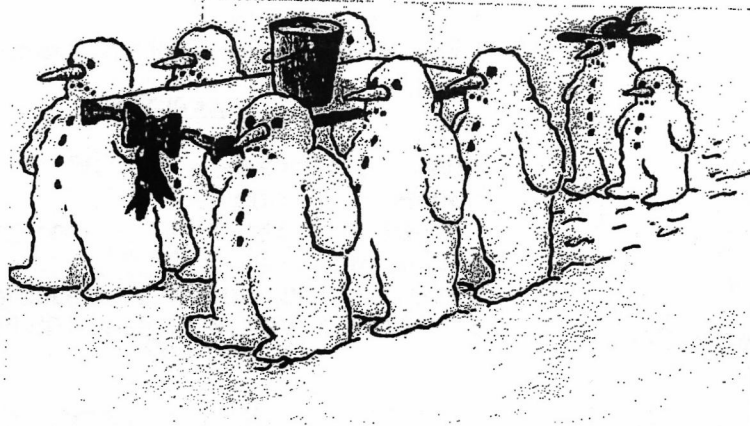
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From the *Cedar Valley Civil War Roundtable*, January, 2013, page 3: Progress report on repair of Iowa Monument at Vicksburg. Information in the reports filed when the crew took a holiday break, indicate the monument was in pretty bad shape. The crew has to take the usual precautions when working around scaffolding and moving heavy pieces of stone. One additional caution they have to observe is black widow spiders. One was ready to crawl on to a worker's hand when loading an I-beam. Fortunately someone saw the spider and told his co-worker to set the beam down immediately. Aah .. black widows -- we don't have to worry about them in zero degree Iowa.

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From the *Ottumwa Courier*, Nov. 21, 2012:

"Omaha man, Iowa couple to be honored as 'heroes.'" An Omaha man who helped rescue a truck driver and an eastern Iowa couple who trains dogs for public service were honored last fall at the football game between Iowa and Nebraska. The Iowans are Lois and Bill Hall of Clinton, who raise and train K-9 dogs that assist in emergency search and rescue missions and provide therapy visits to schools and hospitals. The Halls and their dogs have made several appearances at cemetery events in Lee County where Bill, who represents "Bugles Across America," also plays Taps. The dogs demonstrated their ability to locate unmarked graves at a SAPIC meeting in Clinton in April, 2009.



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## WHERE TO GET SUPPLIES

**Probes:** Farm Supply Store or a Forestry Supply --  
Suggest length 48 inches

**Basic Stone Cleaners:** Ammonia (non-scented) --  
purchase locally

**Biological Cleaners:** Cathedral Stone Products, Inc.  
1-410-782-9150

R.I.P., Ltd., 1-217-898-2422

**Scrub Brushes** (white-soft, bristle): -- purchase  
locally

**Epoxy:** (clear-knife grade) Miles Supply, St. Cloud,  
MN, 1-800-789-0815

**Setting Compound:** (light grey) Miles Supply

**Setting Cushions:** (1/16 inch) Miles Supply  
-- Suggestions by John Heider

A lending library of books and other materials related  
to cemetery preservation can be found on the SAPIC  
web site.

## WHERE TO GET SIGNS

Iowa Prison Industries  
Box B  
Anamosa, IA 52205  
1-800-336-5863      Ask for Tammy Deseberg

## VETERANS' HEADSTONES

<http://www.cem.va.gov/>  
Telephone: 1-800-697-6947

## STATE CEMETERY REGULATOR

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## SAPIC dues:

Individual for one year: \$10.00  
Household for one year: \$15.00  
Business or organization for one year: \$20.00  
Lifetime individual: \$100.00  
Donations welcome and tax deductible.  
Send dues to Valerie Ogren, 108 N. Oak  
Jefferson, IA 50129-1841

**DUES CAN BE PAID FOR 2013 NOW!**

STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

The regular quarterly meeting of SAPIC met Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Hurstville Interpretive Center, Jackson County, Maquoketa, Iowa.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mike Magee, President. Welcome by Joan Cavey, Jackson County Cemetery Commission.

Self introductions were made by the 33 people present.

**Minutes** from July 14, 2012 meeting were read by Frieda Davis. After correcting spelling of Rickardsville and inserting that Clayton County has a Commission, motion was made to accept by John Heider, seconded by Gene Davis. **Passed.**

**Treasurers report** by Valerie Ogren. Recommendation to leave CD at bank until it is mature in June 2014. Motion to accept and file for audit by Tony Bengston, seconded by Larry Davis, **Passed.** Valerie requested that membership dues be mailed to her and not Pat Shaw.

**Old Business:**

- Jeff Kaufmann: no additional information
- Vicksburg appropriation \$300,000.00 has been approved to repair Civil War Monument, project started by Mr. Black.
- Millersburg Cemetery vandalized – no report on repairs, etc.
- Oak Grove Cemetery Lehigh IA Retaining wall is collapsing. John Heider presented information on concrete blocks made from salvaged mix at end of day in many small towns. They are various sizes and weights and have interlocking grooves/projections.
- Pat Shaw's message to Yell township trustee clerk: no response yet.
- Legal signage reviewed by John Heider. Legal sign may serve as a notice that it is illegal to take souvenirs from cemeteries. Motion to print signage in newsletter and encourage each commission to seek vendor for printing by Mike Magee, seconded by Gerald Heingsen, **Passed.** Asked John Heider to email a copy of the legal wording to Pat Shaw.

**New Business:**

- Nominations for officers and board members for 2013: Election will be in February. Two people have been asked to form a nominations committee. Motion to have Pat Shaw chair the nominations committee by Bill Reedy, seconded by Tony Bengston, **Passed.** Please let Pat Shaw know if you are interested in any office or board membership.
- Proposed budget recommendations for 2013 presented by Valerie Ogren. Basically made up of current expenditures etc. Motion to accept proposed plan by Gene Davis, seconded by Steve Story, **Passed.**
- **Grants:** Motion to refund \$200 to Pat Shaw that she had donated to SAPIC to pay for grant to Lee County Pioneer Cemetery (request for grant had been missed inadvertently) by Frieda Davis, seconded by Larry Davis. **Passed.** Pat Shaw had not found out whom to send grant to for Gilmer Cemetery, Jefferson County so that grant has not been granted.
- **John Heider** passed around pictures of a small gluable Veteran marker that can be provided by the government for free if documentation is included with application.
- **Mary Virden** gravesite is under where the Platt business was located in Waterloo with the area under consideration to be changed.. Mary Verden was 2 years old in 1848. Mike Magee reported that in 1960 there were possibly three graves in that location.

- **Council Hill Cemetery** near Monona, IA. No report on progress
- **Geo Caching** discussed. Steve Story explained what it is and that there was a request in Fayette county to use pioneer cemetery. Mike Magee requested that a website address be put in the newsletter to obtain more information.

Open Agenda:

- Question about selling lots in Pioneer cemeteries. May not know where all graves are located so when you dig you may find bones, etc. Maybe if the area is quite away from the known graves.
- Mike encourages every one to send articles about events in your county to Pat Shaw for the newsletter.
- Steve Story was happy to see Tom Schuelle present. Need to seek support of pioneer cemeteries from those legislators that are running for office. We are encouraged not to use "dowsers" as there is a Dowsing organization that uses pendulums for various activities.
- Mike reported that Josh McDonald, who researches cemeteries in Cedar County, will talk at next meeting.
- Joann Caven told about a cemetery destroyed by bull dozer. In 1977 the farm was sold and rodeo animals are raised there. They are trying to reclaim the cemetery but the owners have no interest in doing so.
- Please send items for web site to Tony Bengston.
- Next meeting will be February 9, 2013 in Des Moines area. Larry Davis will search location.

Motion to adjourn by Duane Ogren, seconded by John Heider, **Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 by Mike Magee.

Respectfully submitted by Frieda Davis, Secretary

STATE ASSOCIATION for the PRESERVATION of IOWA CEMETERIES

Treasurer's Report for 3rd Quarter - 1 July 2012 thru 30 September 2012

Balance in "Working Account" 30 June 2012, Home State Bank, Jefferson \$ 3,768.06

Income

Dues \$ 95.00

Interest 7/31/12 .37

Interest 8/31/12 .34

Interest 9/30/12 .31 Total Income \$ 96.02

Balance in "Working Account" 30 September 2012 \$ 3,864.08

Balance in "Reserve Account" 30 June 2012, Home State Bank, Jefferson \$ 4,628.39

Ck #259 - Sixteen Cemetery - grant (\$200.00)

Ck #260 - Cottonwood Cemetery - grant (\$200.00)

Ck #261 - Cottage Hill Cemetery - grant (\$200.00)

Ck #262 - Council Hill Cemetery - grant (\$200.00)

Life Membership - Janet Fretheim \$100.00

Ck #263 - Lee Co. Pioneer Cem. - grant (\$200.00)

Balance in "Reserve Account" 30 September 2012 \$ 3,728.39

I am keeping an accounting of the amounts which had been held in savings and have added Life Memberships and Memorials to it; however, all the money is in one account at the bank.

Combined Balance on Hand 30 September 2012 \$ 7,592.47

Plus additional funds:

A CD in the amount of \$5,831.45

Rate of interest is 1.41% - matures 6/24/2014

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Ogren, Treasurer

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Inscription from a church In Devon, England:  
A famous curiosity may be found in a stone  
tablet at the base of the church tower. It  
reads:

IN MEMORY OF THE CLERK'S SON

"Bless my iiiiii's

-Here he lies

In a sad Pickle

Killed by Icicle"

IN THE YEAR 1776

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<http://barrysblog.mygenshare.com/posts/1292->

[Cemetery #067:-Cemetery-Memorialization---Memorial-  
Jewelry](#)

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**Cemetery Photos: permission required?**

[www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/10/22/cemetery-photos-permission-required/](http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/10/22/cemetery-photos-permission-required/)

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The article discusses the "law of property rights" encountered when transcribing and photographing headstones in cemeteries, usually in municipal or private cemeteries. For a copy of the complete article, along with sources, contact Pat Shaw or access the above web site.

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From the *Ackley World Journal*, February 12, 1919: "Cemetery of the Future." Government Scientist Draws Pleasing Picture of Resting Places of Loved Ones Gone Before. Dr. David Fairchild thinks that cemeteries should be made attractive and that the principal feature of a great city burying ground ought to be a beautiful building somewhat resembling a library, with alcoves and quiet nooks. He envisions fireproof vaults containing personal records of members of the families whose lost ones are buried under flat stones amid the charming surroundings of a vast garden.

Note: Countless genealogists would love to have had his idea come to fruition!

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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs along with Honorary Chairs Governor Terry Branstad and First Lady Chris Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Mr. Kevin Reynolds hosted a 25th Anniversary Gala on December 14 to celebrate this important anniversary of the State Historical Building in Des Moines.

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From the *Ottumwa Courier*, November 1, 2012: Dear Abby column: "Father's grave unmarked, widow spends

his money." A grieving daughter tells of her father's widow who spent his life insurance money without purchasing a headstone for his grave. Although Abby feels it was the widow's moral responsibility to buy the stone, she advises the daughter to ask if the cemetery manager will allow a "special planting" to mark the grave.

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Do you have ancestors in Ireland?

<http://www.southeastgravecare.com/>

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From *The American Legion magazine*, November 2012, page 22-23: "All is well, safely rest," by Jari Villanueva. On the occasion of Taps' 150 anniversary, the origin of America's most recognizable bugle call is sounded by the song's expert, Gustav Kobbe, a music historian and critic. It is generally attributed to Gen Daniel Butterfield who wrote Taps while camping at Harrison's Landing in Virginia following the Seven Days' Battles during the Peninsula Campaign. Kobbe wrote of Taps, "I have not been able to trace this call to any other service. If it seems probable, it was original with Major Seymour, he has given our army the most beautiful of all trumpet calls." Kobbe was referring to Maj. Truman Seymour, a musician, artist and 1846 West Point graduate who compiled bugle calls for the revised 1874 U. S. Army drill manual written by Maj. Gen. Emory Upton. Since Seymour was responsible for the music in the manual, Kobbe assumed that he had written the call. Almost 20 times a day at Arlington National Cemetery, a military ritual that includes a bugle playing "Taps" occurs. It may be the most performed piece of music in America, played every day in virtually every corner of the country.

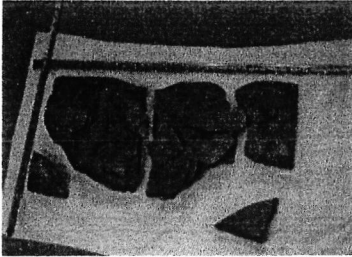
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**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN  
SAPIC! SAPIC DUES HAVE NOT INCREASED  
SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED IN  
1998! PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT AS  
WE STRIVE TO KEEP OPERATING COSTS AT A  
MINIMUM WITH MUCH VOLUNTEER HELP.**

Send dues to Valerie Ogren, 108 N. Oak,  
Jefferson, Iowa 50129-1841.

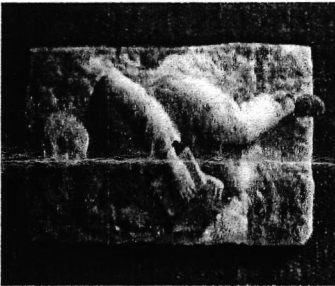
Individual dues: \$10.00 per year or \$100 for a  
lifetime membership. Thanks!

## A Better Bonding Agent



The statue's original pieces were repaired and replacement pieces were created by mixing marble dust with injection grout (IG); an alternative and progressive bonding agent to epoxy. I use IG almost exclusively to mend broken marble grave markers and only choose epoxy for limited applications.

After eight years of using epoxy, making a change was difficult however, after using injection grout for the past two seasons; I am sold on the product. Also, there were three other factors that supported my decision to change from epoxy to a non-toxic bonding agent: (1) chemicals used in epoxy, (2) epoxy getting on the skin, and (3) solvent required removing it. Epoxy is a product that must be carefully handled wherein injection grout does not require any special handling or training.



Historically, injection grout is natural cement made from argillaceous (clayey) limestone that was used to build structures like the Brooklyn Bridge, Erie Canal, Grand Central Station and the U.S. Corp of Engineers selected this natural cement to construct early coastal military forts.

For many reasons, injection grout is an excellent product for repairing marble grave stones because (1) it sets quickly, (2) allows moisture to pass through, (3) it is composed of natural materials, and (4) contains no chemicals.

### INJECTION GROUT 10 (IG10)

#### Product Strong Points

Injection grout 10 (IG10) is cement based, high performance, injection material that is formulated to stabilize and repair historic stone markers. The product is formulated to be manually applied, gravity fed, or pressure injected into cracks 1/16" to 1/4". Because of its fluid like texture, deep penetration into cracks is easily achieved. Injection grout may also be used to repair broken pieces of marble or similar porous aggregate.

IG10 is a non-shrink material that has excellent bond strength and it will not delaminate due to temperature change.

Unlike epoxy or similar adhesives, injection grout does not create a vapor barrier and moisture will pass through it. It is a completely breathable material.

IG10 is a cement based, single component product that is mixed with water and will begin to set within ten (10) minutes. It does not shrink and is not affected by ultraviolet

rays. IG10 is formulated by using natural specialty cements; there are no synthetic polymers or additives in the product. It is easy to use or apply and no special training or certification is required.

#### Surface Preparation

Remove all loose or deteriorated material. Clean areas to be repaired with water and a bristle brush. Neutralize any salt deposits (efflorescence) with distilled water.

#### Mixing and Application

Prior to the IG10 application, dampen surface with water until glistening with no standing moisture. Mix approximately 1 part water to 4 parts powder. Spread IG10 onto both surfaces and apply pressure to or clamp the mating surfaces. Remove any excess material with damp sponge or cloth. Cured IG10 can be removed mechanically.

#### Setting Time to Complete Cure

Like most adhesives, IG10 is affected by the elements of time, temperature, humidity or moisture. Surface and ambient temperature should be between 40° F and 90° F. Initial set begins in about 10 minutes with a complete cure in 24 hours.

#### Storage

Shelf life is about 18-24 months when stored under cool, dry, and clean conditions. High temperature, high humidity, or air exposure will reduce shelf life.

#### Injection Grout (IG10) Source

US Heritage Group, 3516 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

Phone: 773-286-2100

*info@usheritage.com or visit [www.usheritage.com](http://www.usheritage.com)*

-- Contributed by John Heider



## COUNTY REPORTS

### BLACK HAWK

From the *Waterloo Courier*, May 17, 2012: "Cedar River Anthology," by Holly Hudson. Genealogists look at Cedar Falls' past through cemetery walks. Education coordinator for the Cedar Falls Historical Society, Rita Congdon, along with her husband, Richard, organized and conducted a cemetery walk at the Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls last May. The walk featured six characters who made a significant contribution to Cedar Falls. Ms. Congdon, who has been doing the walks for four years, told of Samuel Rownd, an early land developer; L.R. Holmes, an elementary principal for 41 years; Charles Field, a farmer and banker; Neva Radell, an unmarried teacher who bequeathed money for scholarships, hospitals, and the U. of Northern Iowa; Joseph Bancroft who started a tree and flower business; and Fannie Eakins, a 14-year-old orphan girl.

From the *Waterloo Courier*, November 11, 2012: "Katherine McFarland -- Widow has fond memories of the Sullivan Family." Katherine was married to Albert Sullivan, one of the five Sullivan Brothers aboard ship during WWII that went down killing all five. He was the only brother to have married. They had one son, Jim, who lives in Waterloo. Her granddaughter, Kelly Sullivan Loughren, has participated in many events associated with the Sullivans, including christening of the U.S. Navy ship named after the brothers. Pictured are Albert and Katherine shortly after they were married in 1940. Also pictured is SAPIC president, Mike Magee, with a memorial wreath honoring the Sullivan brothers at Sullivan Park in Waterloo. Mike has done considerable research on the family and has participated in cruises on the ship named in their honor, as well as in many related events in Waterloo.

### BENTON

From the *Cedar Valley Times*, October 19, 2012: "Honoring Soldiers' Monument Oct. 27," by Angie McFarland, News Staff. Pictured is the statue honoring Civil War veterans that was erected in the Evergreen Cemetery in Vinton in 1912. On October 27, 2012, exactly 100 years to the day, Benton County residents had the opportunity to relive this bit of history during a ceremony to rededicate the Monument. Descendants

of the original participants, Betsy Hadley (granddaughter of the last surviving Union Army Soldier in Benton Co.) and Mark Mossman (grandson of the 1912 orator, Hugh Mossman) gave speeches during the 2012 ceremony. The freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible without the efforts of those soldiers who fell so long ago. They began the fight for freedom that we continue today and it is only fitting that we honor their memory.

### BOONE

From the *Boone News Republican*, September 28, 2012: "Reward offered for conviction of vandals at Linwood Cemetery," by Greg Eckstrom, Editor. An estimated 100 tombstones, monuments, and urns were knocked off their bases, moved, rolled and damaged in a case of vandalism at Linwood Park Cemetery in September. Park officials offered a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to an arrest and conviction of individuals involved that caused an estimated \$100,000 worth of damage. One of the monuments damaged was the headstone of Francis W. Steele, a World War I bugler and the namesake of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 817 in Boone. Any tips on the crime can be called in to the police, park office, or submitted through text messages or computer.

### BUCHANAN

From the *Offer Creek Quarterly*, Winter, 2012-13, Vol. 27 No. 4, newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board: September 4 --An old time meal of lamb chops or beef roast, stewed tomatoes, fingerling potatoes, peppers, and Amish bread was served. Tony Bengston of Fairbank presented a program about Pioneer Cemeteries.

From the *Vinton Eagle*, September 11, 2012: "Civil War and War of 1812 Veterans Ceremonies." An announcement of the dedications of monuments on the previously unmarked graves of Civil War veteran James Crum in the Brandon Cemetery and Civil War soldier Robert Lauderdale and War of 1812 veteran William Boyles in the Spring Creek Cemetery near Brandon was printed inviting the public to attend to help honor them.

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, September 12, 2012: "Headstone Dedications," by Dave Rasdal. Pictured is SAPIC vice-president Bill Reedy of rural Brandon as he kneels behind the military headstone of William Boyles, a War of 1812 veteran. Bill secured headstones for Boyles and two others that were dedicated in September. The dedications took place at the end of Brandon's annual "Cowboy Breakfast," which also pays tribute to a time long ago. The first dedication for James Crum in the Brandon Cemetery was attended by Crum's great-great granddaughter, Vicki Crum Goatcher of Arizona. The second ceremony held at the Spring Creek Cemetery honored Robert Lauderdale and William Boyles and included members of the Iowa Chapter of the Society of 1912, the Sons of Union Veterans, and the American Legions of Brandon and Jesup. Records of the Grand Army of the Republic, a group for Union veterans of the Civil War, helped Bill research these soldiers.

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* web site, September 13, 2012: "Headstone Dedications Pay Tribute to Long Ago Veterans," by Dave Rasdal. A follow-up story of the column by Rasdal that was printed on September 12 pictures the new GAR commemorative star as it stands next to the new headstone for Civil War veteran Robert E. Lauderdale.

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From the *Vinton Eagle*, September 25, 2012: "Let none be forgotten," by Angie McFarland. Several pictures of persons in period clothing participating in the dedication ceremonies on September 16 honoring James Crum, Robert Lauderdale, Louis Boyles, and Lyman Bouck are included in this full page news article. Crum, Lauderdale and Bouck all died of malaria contracted while serving in the war. One of the speakers at the ceremony was Mike Rowley of the General Society of the War of 1912.

### CERRO GORDO

From the *Cedar Falls Record*, October 4, 1906: "Recovered the Body." The sister of Zach Brown, who was killed in a fall from scaffolding near Mason City, was able to claim and recover his body within a few hours before it was dissected by students at the University of Iowa.

### DES MOINES

From the *Waterloo Daily Courier*, October 19, 1894: In digging a grave for the burial of a lady at Avery Cemetery in Burlington last week, a queer discovery was made. The grave was being dug in the private lot of the family of the deceased lady, and when the excavation was nearly done the grave digger came upon the body of a colored man. Inquiry about the neighborhood disclosed the fact that the body was that of a man who formerly worked on the Earnest farm. How he came to be buried in the family lot referred to nobody seems to know. The grave digger left the bones of the man to rest in peace and dug another grave.

The cemeteries in the Iowa Ordinance Plant were copied by Fairfield genealogists Orville and Mary Prill. Orville was employed at the facility and was given permission to do so. I do not know what year this was, but prior to 1972. Copy of their nice records are on the shelves of the Fairfield Public Library in the genealogy section.

-- Verda Baird, Jefferson County

### FREMONT

From the *Tabor Historical Society newsletter*, Volume 14, September, 2012, p.2: "News from Tabor Historical Society," by Kathy Douglass. The column discusses meetings with various entities regarding the Interpretive Master Plan (IMP) for the Tabor Anti-Slavery Project that encompasses the Blanchard Cemetery in Civil Bend, the Tabor Cemetery and Todd House. The IMP will be used in the development of a guideline to follow in order to get the story of Tabor and surrounding areas' role in the Underground Railroad. Kathy also tells of an Underground Railroad seminar attended by her and her husband, Chuck, in Leavenworth, Kansas. While there, they visited the National Cemetery. Chuck has met with a representative from Milacek Monument Company regarding cemetery stone restoration. Stones needing repair in local cemeteries have been photographed for cost estimates.

On page 7 of the newsletter, the tall stone of Ann Omer, who died in 1890 at the age of 40, is pictured in the Tabor Cemetery. Also pictured is the stone of her husband John who was born in Austria in 1846 and came to America at the age of 9. John served with the 25th (?) Missouri Co. K Volunteer Infantry and died in 1923.

### GREENE

From the *Jefferson Bee*, November 13, 1967: "Hundreds take Kendrick tour Sunday with County Historical Society." Over 300 people turned out for the tour of Kendrick Township the previous Sunday. Pictured are the fallen stones in the Gibson Cemetery, the procession of cars on the tour, and the stop at the former town of Kendrick with a group of Society directors. Stops on the tour included the Gibson or Vance Cemetery, the former town of Kendrick, historic Porter Hill, former Friends Church, EUB Church, Elmer Garland and Harrison Paup and Dr. Miller farms, Alex Bartley stagecoach stop, the Dillavou cemetery, and the former Henshaw farm inside the loop in the river known as Horseshoe Bend. This was the site of the first log cabin built in Kendrick Township. The tour ended at Hyde Park where the Society served coffee and cookies. The balance of the tour was postponed to a later date.

### GUTHRIE

Much was accomplished on November 10 as we cleaned the north fence line and repaired the fence with new posts at our pioneer cemetery near Garden Grove. Thirty-three FFA members, their teacher, and five parents came to help with the

clean-up. This was an Indian burial cemetery along with my husband's family. Have a Civil War soldier buried here. We are so happy to get started on this project as everyone came together and pitched in to help. We provided 18 large pizzas and cartons (I stopped counting) of soda. A great experience and we are just getting started.

- Mary Richards, Jamaica, Iowa

#### JOHNSON

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, May 26, 2012: "Grave Tracking," by Gregg Hennigan. The members of the Sons of the American Legion 537 in Oxford, Iowa, are going high tech to plant flags in more than 300 veterans' graves in six cemeteries shortly before Memorial Day. The process that used to be done from memory is getting a 21st century update with the use of GPS coordinates. John Derner, department adjutant for the American Legion of Iowa is excited about the Oxford group's project in preserving the memories of those who have served. Leigh Ann Randak, curator at the Johnson County Historical Society, said it also would be a great service for historians and people documenting family trees. The Legion members feel that it will make their job of placing flags easier in the future.

From the *Iowa Alumni Magazine*, October, 2012, p. 6-29, "A Nation's Ghosts," by Tina Owen. A century-and-a-half after the Civil War tore apart the United States, an exhibit on the U. of I. campus explores the tragic human costs of the conflict -- and unresolved issues that still roil the nation today. The Old Capital museum exhibit aims to shed light on some lesser-known aspects of the Civil War, although even the curators can only theorize about the disturbing notches cut into the handle of a sword that is part of the exhibit. The exhibit, titled "Gone to See the Elephant: The Civil War through the Eyes of Iowa Soldiers" draws its title inspiration from a popular 19th century saying and includes items such as diaries, photographs, and personal items like razors and cooking utensils. Featured in the story is Nick Messenger who fought in the Battle of Vicksburg and in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign where he was severely injured. He abandoned his studies at the UI at the age of 22 and became a sergeant in the 22nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Following the war, he became a county recorder in Marshall County where he is pictured with twisted and truncated arms and folds of empty fabric in place of his legs. Invalidated by his service, he had to be

carried around for the rest of his life. Leslie Schwalm, a history professor in the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, points out that dull, menial tasks filled the bulk of the soldiers' days and diseases claimed more lives than bullets. Also mentioned is Annie Wittenmyer, who helped tend soldiers in a hospital in Keokuk and campaigned for improved conditions. When Alexander Clark, the son of emancipated slaves, approached Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood and offered to raise a company of black volunteers, he was summarily dismissed with the words, "It's a white man's war." Byron Preston, curator of the exhibit, researched the "ghosts" of the war -- everyday people who played a significant part in this great national event, yet are a shadowy presence in most history books.

#### JONES

From the Associated Press: "Historic status sought for state park." Wapsipinicon State Park on the south edge of Anamosa in eastern Iowa, has been awarded a \$7,000 grant to help research and prepare the historic district application to the National Park Service for designation as a National Historic District. Many structures in the park were built about a decade before the CCC parks using locally quarried limestone and labor from the Anamosa prison. Land for the park was donated by concerned local citizens in 1921. The hilly park is best known for its white pine forest, limestone bluffs, a riverfront picnicking and fishing area, rustic picnic shelters, the Wapsipinicon Golf Club, the Horse Thief Cave and Ice Cave.

#### LINN

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, May 6, 2012: "Joining hands to clean up the cemetery." A series of 3 photographs by Stephen Mally shows volunteers working on resetting sinking headstones during the annual Join Hands Day at the Czech National Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. The Join Hands Day was organized by local CSA Fraternal Life and Western Fraternal Life Association lodges. Workers are shown spreading mulch around trees and picking up twigs, in addition to stone work.

#### KEOKUK

From the *Ottumwa Courier*: "Colton Lanman of Boy Scout Troop 56 would like to thank everyone with all their help on his Eagle Scout project. Special thanks to John Deere, Dan Davis Masonry, Ideal Ready Mix, Beverly Bethune, Troop 56, Ed Miller, Family and

Friends.”

Colton restored a pioneer cemetery for his Eagle Scout badge.

### LEE

“On behalf of the Lee County Pioneer Cemetery Association I would like to thank SAPIC for awarding our group one of the annual grants. You have made it possible for us to continue our good work at Judy Cemetery. We have been fortunate to have family members related to those buried in Judy Cemetery giving of time and funds to help us complete the work there but the grant from SAPIC will confirm that we will be able to complete the work. We have 22 smaller stones and three giant stones to reset, glue, or both.

Thank you again for helping our group continue its good work preserving pioneer cemeteries.”

Susan Alarie, president LCPC Assoc.

### POTTAWATTAMIE

From the *Waterloo Courier*, October 1, 1906: “Team Ran Away with the Hearse -- Distressing accident at Imogene funeral. That most unusual of all accidents and one of the most horrifying that can happen during a funeral occurred here while the body of Mrs. Mike O'Brien of Council Bluffs was being conveyed to the cemetery. As the funeral cortege was leaving the Catholic Church for the cemetery the team which was hitched to the hearse became frightened and ran down a steep hill east of the church. The team was driven by young Mr. Jobe, who was unable to manage them and was thrown from the hearse, receiving some bad bruises. Undertaker Dempsey, who was riding on the hearse, upon seeing that the hearse would surely be dashed to pieces, jumped and escaped injury. The hearse was rendered a total wreck, but fortunately the casket and body were not injured in the least.

The bereaved husband and children were horror stricken by the accident, as were all in the procession.

### MARION

From the minutes of the September 24 meeting:  
ATTICA/MORMON CEMETERY – Kent Van Kooten and Don Roorda will be assembling the arch and then it will be ready to hang at the cemetery.  
SCHLOTTERBACK CEMETERY - September 8, 2012 – Val & Kent Van Kooten, Janet & David Ritchie, Carla Heubler, Marla Suter, Linda Burton, Howard Pothoven and Bev Jones worked on the

fence and installing gate on the west side of the cemetery. Andy Shives mowed the cemetery inside and around the outside. Larry Davis has been working on the stone repair. After the cemetery is completed, we will have an open house for the public to view.

KARR CEMETERY – Sign has been installed. Val will visit with Summit Township Trustees regarding mowing at Price, Gibbons and Karr cemeteries.

SPRING 2013 – The Commission will work on Caulkins/Davies, Price and Hughes cemeteries.

OLD RUCKMAN CEMETERY - VandeKamps will be installing the new fence next spring.

Carla Heubler made a motion to order signs for Price, Pendroy and Attica/Mormon.

Sept. 9, 2012 Val & Kent Van Kooten, David and Janet Ritchie, Linda Burton, Carla Heubler, Marla Suter, Marsha Jones, Alonna & Harry Gass, and Bev Jones went to find the Eagle Rock Cemetery. Some graves were found. Went to Greenwood Cemetery and where there are stones, there are no bodies. Went to Historic Cemetery by White Breast Campground and did not find the cemetery.

Howard Pothoven reported that there are some stones south of Pella and will report back later.

### VAN BUREN

Two Mormon Graves in Van Buren County

On Monday November 19, 2012, I (Herbert Price) met Donald Brown at his home on Route J40 in Van Buren County Iowa. We traveled to 11251 Route J40 where a hog confinement facility was under construction. At this point on Route J40 is a sign reading “Mormon Trail”. We proceeded to the woods behind the construction site where there was another sign reading “Mormon Trail” and a wide path leading into the woods. At the end of the path were two marked grave sites. The GPS for the sites is 40.73754 -92.15023.

One grave was for Edwin Sobieski Little, born 23 Jan 1816, died 18 Mar 1846, son of James Little. The other grave was for James Monroe Tanner, died 17 Mar 1846, age 15 months, son of Sidney Tanner. For both graves there was, in addition to a marker made out of concrete, a metal marker from Flamm Funeral Home with the initials “LDS” included at the top. It is from these metal markers that I learned both person’s middle name. There was a noticeable depression in the ground where Edwin Little’s grave marker is located which matches where his body should be laying. The ground was deeply covered in

leaves but several white stones were set upright in the area these perhaps being the original markers for these graves.

This site is not included on the web site for the US Board on Geographic Names nor on the IA GenWeb Project web site for Van Buren County.

— Contributed by Herbert Price

The site is known as Richardson's Point by Mormon historians and as the Bonar Cemetery by the Van Buren County Genealogical Society.

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, Sept. 27, 2012: "Never a slow day for Windy," by Rusty Ebert. Harold "Windy" Jamison keeps active with cemetery restoration and more. Pictured is 84-year-old Windy Jamison as he works at restoring stones in a pioneer cemetery in Birmingham, Iowa. Three cemeteries in Van Buren County have drawn most of his attention during the last 10 years: Methodist Episcopal and Birmingham Presbyterian in Birmingham and Oak Lawn in Keosauqua. His great-grandfather and other relatives are buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, which is the final resting place of many old families of Keosauqua, including Edwin Manning, founder of the town, the Stongs (Phil Stong wrote the book, "State Fair"), and the Duffields. Windy feels that maintenance and preservation of cemeteries is an important effort and that it "will benefit future generations to come." The half-page article contains much historical information about the cemeteries that Windy has restored along with his methods and sources of materials. He is also a talented artist who likes to paint Native Americans and mountains and also does barn quilts. Windy had a career as a barber in Keosauqua and served two terms in the armed services.

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, October 10, 2012: Letter to the Editor -- "Van Buren cemeteries full of history, stories," by Jerry Smith, Hedrick. It was good to honor Windy Jamison, the keeper of some of our old Van Buren cemeteries, in the Sept. 27 *Courier*. There was much history in the 1830s when the cemeteries were in use and part of our state was being charted. Reading materials are on display at the cemetery west of Birmingham. Just start looking and you can find the tombstones and headstones of Ann Rutledge's mother and her siblings. Ann was the fiancée of Abraham Lincoln. She died in Illinois, and her mother and five children moved to a farm west of Birmingham. During the Civil War, President Lincoln called on a brother of Ann's to fill a position.

The historic cemeteries were still in use in the last years of the 1830s, and a fire was burning between the territory of Iowa and the state of Missouri. Missouri wanted the lower part of Van Buren County and much of Lee County, plus they stole a honey tree. The conflict went on for two or three years, and in later years it became known as the Honey War. How did it end? You guessed it. The Hawkeyes won.

From the *Van Buren County Register*, October 18, 2012: "Pioneer Cemetery Project Completed." Pictured is Dave McQuoid at the Roush Cemetery which was recently cleared of brush and repair work was done by the Friendly Four Corners 4-H Club together with the Chequest Township trustees. The club also donated \$200 to the Van Buren County Genealogical Society to help with expenses in repairing and resetting the stones. A new sign was then hung identifying it as Roush Cemetery, thus completing the 4-H club's project.

From the *Van Buren County Register*, November 22, 2012: "Finding Abigail ...." Pictured is the broken stone of twins William and Charles Emerick, broken in 17 places, that was eventually repaired and reset by the Van Buren County Genealogical Society. The gravestone of Abigail Emerick was found nearby lying in the dirt and was placed in a shed by Ed McGrath, owner of the surrounding land. A few weeks later, a couple from Utah was looking for an ancestor, Abigail Emerick, and Ed invited them to the shed where he had kept the stones safely these last few years. The area where the stones were found was wretched and three graves were located. A neighbor, Delmar Weaver, donated posts to construct a perimeter fence. Ed said he would see that the area was mowed. Fence paneling was donated by the Van Buren County Genealogical Society as well as repairing the stones and purchasing a sign identifying it as the Emerick Cemetery.

## WARREN

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Warren County Cemeteries Impressions 2012

By Carl Nollen

This writer spent May 9 and 10 driving through Warren County for the sole purpose of finding all cemeteries, and noting their condition. A wonderful resource is the 598 page book, *Cemetery and Death Records of Warren County Iowa*, published in 1980. This book includes separate sections on: Early Burials in Indianola 1851-1860, Early Burials in New Virginia 1854-1869, Indianola Burials 1846-1865, Lost Graves in the Indianola City Cemetery, Registration of Warren County Deaths July 1880-1918, Deaths 1979 (88 pages), Veterans Buried in Warren County by cemetery, and Index by name (119 pages). Updates are being made, but printed as supplements by cemetery, rather than attempting to reprint the entire book. Many photographs are included in this book, and it is interesting to compare the general condition of cemeteries then to now, 32 years later. There is great interest everywhere by persons interested in history and genealogy on restoring and keeping up all cemeteries, especially the pioneer cemeteries, those which have had 12 or fewer burials in the last 50 years. Warren County has only 12 existing pioneer cemeteries. This low number, compared to some southern Iowa counties, may be the reason why the county has no pioneer cemetery commission. Pioneer cemeteries are noted as (P). You will be able to access the entire article on the [lowagenealogy.org](http://lowagenealogy.org) website by going to library--collections--publications.

-- Carl Nollen, SAPIC & IGS member

## WASHINGTON

From the *Oskaloosa Daily Herald*, February 15, 1926: "Horses Disturbed Cemetery." When Sexton Homer Brown visited the cemetery at Brighton, his first trip in the past month, he discovered nearly a dozen big heavy monuments toppled off their bases and another turned completely around. It appeared to be the work of vandals of some sort and who saw the fallen tombstones were strong in their denunciation of the culprits until Brown found a clue which seemed to explain the

whole matter. Nearly every fallen monument and others which did not go over had a bunch of horse hairs adhering to it which with other indications point to the fact that loose stray horses had visited the graveyard and upset the monuments while rubbing against them.

### WOODBURY

From the *Waterloo Courier*, April 27, 1911: "Exhume Skeletons of Indian Braves; and Solve Mystery of Early Iowa Fight." While plowing sod, Julius Johnson, living near Smithland, unearthed five skeletons of human beings believed to be those of Sioux Indians killed in a fight with Omaha Indians in the spring of 1857. The place where the skeletons were found is about a quarter of a mile east of the scene of the battle and it is thought the dead braves were carried that distance and left, no attempt being made at burial. The scant covering of earth over their bones indicates this. The skeletons were in a fair state of preservation, even to a string of beads that undoubtedly at one time was woven by a Sioux warrior. The position of the bodies was peculiar, two heads pointing in one direction, while the feet of all were crossed. The bodies lay face downwards.

### OUT OF IOWA CONNECTICUT

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, Nov. 1, 2012: "Skeleton found when tree uprooted," (AP). New Haven police say superstorm Sandy has revealed a skeleton beneath the town green that may have been there since Colonial times. A woman called police after she saw bones in the upturned roots. The tree was planted in 1909 on the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The remains that may belong to one of thousands of people buried there in Colonial times will be evaluated by the state medical examiner. Katie Carbo, who found the bones, says the skeleton "should be given a proper burial."

### GEORGIA

From the *Toccoa Record Community News*, September 13, 2012: "Stones honoring CSA vets placed in Wiley." Since the 1940s, a misplaced Civil War headstone for Matthew Dockins stood in the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area. Two years ago researchers found the order form for the stone in the National Archives. The stone was ordered by Mary Dockins, Matthew's sister-in-law who died before it was delivered and never claimed. Eventually descendants were located and new stones were ordered for Matthew and Mary's husband, Andrew, and all were placed in the Wiley Cemetery where Mary was buried.

### ILLINOIS

From the *Profiles* magazine, November 11-17, 2012: TIDBITS column -- Dedicated in 2000, the Southern Illinois Coal Miners Memorial in Herrin (pop. 12,501) depicts a miner returning home to his son. Behind the monument is a wall bearing the names of former miners and an inscription thanking them for their hard work and sacrifice.

### NEBRASKA

From *Profiles* magazine, January 6-12, 2013: TIDBITS -- A stone marker erected in 1965 near Donaphan (pop. 829) commemorates the spot where the Martin brothers (Robert, 12, and Nathaniel, 15) were pinned together by a single Sioux Indian arrow in 1864. The boys fell from their horse, but were separated and survived.

### MISSOURI

From the *Waterloo Courier*, October 1, 1906: "Coo in Cemetery; Arrested -- Joplin, Mo., Sexton to Stop the Desecration of Holy Cities of the Dead." That a cemetery is not a fitting setting for scenes of courting and cooing couples is the dictum of a sexton at Joplin who has ordered all such couples arrested when found loitering in the city of the dead in the night time. The writer states that a similar order might be advisable in Waterloo where both Elmwood and Fairview are the scene of dozens and scores of cooing couples after nightfall, especially in the warm summer months.

### NEW YORK

From the *New York Times*, July 30, 2012: "In the East Village, Fun and Fashion, Amid Old Tombs," by John Harney. Pictured is the New York Marble Cemetery located between Second Avenue and the Bowery, in which the trustees allow events such as birthday parties, weddings, fashion events, photo sessions, ballet recitals, and settings for films and TV shows, to be held there in order to help pay for badly needed repairs and restorations. The cemetery was established in 1831 and the last burial was in 1937.

From the *New York Times*, August 9, 2012: "Unearthing Remains in Potter's Field To Give Names Back to the Nameless," by Joseph Goldstein. Medical Examiner's Office uses Post-9/11 Skills to Identify Bodies. Through old-time detective work and newer DNA technology, previously buried bodies, often in Potter's Field, are being identified and relatives notified.