

# Grave News

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

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## Due to unpredictable weather conditions, the next SAPIC meeting will be a “virtual meeting” in January.

By previous SAPIC board decisions, our first meeting of 2016 will be an e-mail meeting. We will follow the procedure used on January 9-12, 2014. The following 'rules and procedures' help insure a worthy meeting, with sufficient advance time to become involved. Our e-mail Board meeting will be held on the weekend of Friday, January 22 through Sunday, January 24. All SAPIC members have from JANUARY 3 through JANUARY 18 to submit questions, suggestions, concerns, views, wintertime ideas, finances, how to better reach legislators, how can we contact non-Pioneer Cemetery Boards of Supervisors, provide successful ideas that worked in 2015, reports on new government grave stones for damaged stones, special days held in your county, etc.

(1) The President asks members and pioneer cemetery friends to submit/suggest agenda items to the President well in advance of the meeting. These could be actual motions, suggestions or questions. These should

be e-mailed to me on or before January 18, 2016. You can start now, if you wish. Persons who do not have e-mail access may telephone their submissions. E-mail access is available at many public libraries.

(2) Please feel free to pass this e-mail on to other pioneer cemetery friends who may have items for consideration for the e-mail meeting.

(3) The President sends the completed agenda to you by e-mail on or before January 22, 2016. All agenda items will be

numbered by the President for easier discussion.

(4) The October, 2015 business meeting minutes at Newton in Jasper County have been previously submitted and approved.

(5) Treasurer Valerie Ogren may submit her report at any point before the meeting or use the e-mail dates to send to all board members.

(6) Thank you and if you have questions, please let me know. Steve Story, President. Telephone 563-380-6317 (cell phone).

## SAPIC MEETING SCHEDULE

This has been a somewhat busy mid-autumn/early time for pioneer cemetery issues, programs, ideas. Please send in your Pioneer Cemetery interests.

Our three regular SAPIC meetings have been set as follows:

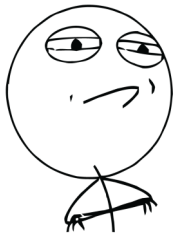
**Saturday, July 9,** 2016— Iowa County

**Saturday, April 9,** 2016—Chickasaw County

**Saturday, Oct. 8,** 2016 ---- Cedar County



## CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



“What is often called exceptional ability is nothing more than persistent endeavor.”

PAULI  
MURRAY

## REMEMBERING THE LOST

From the *Lion* magazine, November, 2015, page 15:

“Remembering the Lost.” Canso Lions in Nova Scotia, constructed a \$10,000 Seaman’s Memorial in 1976 to honor those who’ve been lost at sea, but they wanted to do more. In 1989, the Lions waged a successful campaign in the province to declare the second Sunday of each August as Seamen’s Memorial Day. The names of those lost at sea are read during an annual interfaith memorial service. Later, a flotilla of boats takes the numerous donated floral wreaths out to sea to mark the lost lives. The Lions maintain the ship-shaped memorial and the flower gardens planted at the peaceful site.



Autumn Hendsbee of Mulgrave, 4, drops a flower into the water at the annual Provincial Seamen’s Memorial Service in Canso on Sunday. A fleet of boats laid wreaths to honour those who have been lost at sea or made significant contributions to the fishery. (AARON BESWICK / Truro Bureau)

## COINS ON GRAVE MARKERS

Coins on the graves of those who rest at Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, have a distinct meaning. “We find many, many coins on the burial markers of the military. They are sentimental things,” says groundskeeper Scott Lamb.

“The meaning depends on the denomination of the coin. It’s a message to the deceased service person’s family that someone was there and that someone cared.”

Lamb has a list of what the coins mean. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that someone visited. It could be a friend or relative or someone who served in the deceased’s outfit or with whom he shared a shelter half (tent) on bivouac.

A nickel indicates that the visitor and the deceased trained together, basic training or boot camp. A dime indicates that they served in the same battle or encounter. Leaving a quarter at the grave tells the family — or someone — that the visitor was with the service person when they were killed.

**The Coin Salute** began during World War II and grew in the Vietnam War. Some veterans leave coins at gravesites as a down payment to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they finally are united.

“We just leave the coins

where they were left, and finally remove them,” says Lamb of National Cemetery, where 32,000 are buried. “Years ago, we didn’t leave the pennies on the stone very long because they contained copper that would leave a stain on the marker. Now, after a while, we wedge the coins in the ground alongside the marker.”

At Chippiannock Cemetery in Rock Island, groundkeepers have come to expect coins or other tributes on gravestones.

Coins on graves began in the seventh century B.C., when societies took to monetary systems. Grieving relatives and friends left coins alongside the burial sites to serve the dearly departed on their way to the other world. Time marched on, and in many centuries later, coins were and other items were placed on the graves of deceased. Some leave candy bars, or packs of cigarettes.

Sometimes, tributes are to recall some important time in the life of the person buried in that plot. I am one who leaves remembrances — not pennies — but a small pumpkin at the grave of our son, Peter, who was born on Halloween.

Overall, pennies are a favorite by those who wish to demonstrate that the deceased has not been forgotten and that loved ones still visit.



**PUT A LID ON IT**

by John Heider

Many powder or semi-solid agents (adhesives) are vulnerable to premature hardening either from infrequent use or inadequate care. There may be several reasons why this happens: product age, storage location, exposure to extreme temperature, or contact with moisture and air.

Extending the product's life will help reduce material loss, preservation cost and personal frustration.

Generally, these supplies are packaged in containers that are sealed to keep the product fresh for a specific time period. Sometimes they are packaged in vapor protected, plastic-lined paper sacks or in various size plastic buckets. After the initial opening, neither method was meant for long term storage.

After a container is opened, moisture and air come in contact with the material. When a product is exposed to the elements, aging starts. Preventing or reducing this contact will --as with many products -- extend its life.

**Powder or Semi-solid Materials**

When the product is packaged in a plastic-lined paper sack, transfer it to a heavy-walled plastic bucket with a lid that will seal out air and moisture. As the product is used, place a heavy plastic seal on the product's surface. Adding an "inside" lid will reduce air-moisture contact.

**Suggestion:** Cut the inside seal from another container lid.

For a product such as setting compound, moisten a thick cloth in pure gum turpentine and ring almost dry. If the cloth has nay feel of dampness, the setting compound surface will become very sticky.

**Steps for Sealing:** (1) With the treated cloth, cover the surface of the setting compound , (2) place a small piece of thin plastic on top of the cloth, (3) and then seal all layers with the "inside" lid. Seal bucket with its original lid. This multi-layered seal will reduce air contact and prevent surface hardening.

**For powdered materials,** store in heavy plastic buckets, layer on a thin plastic material and an "inside" lid to reduce air space and moisture contact. Seal bucket with its original lid.

**SAPIC Treasurer's Report** for 3rd Quarter – July 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2015

**Balance in "Working Account"** 30 June 2015, Home State Bank, Jefferson \$ **5,663.98**

Income: Dues \$200.00  
Interest 7/31/15 .37  
Interest 8/31/15 .35  
Interest 9/30/15 .35

**Total Income** \$**201.07**

Expense: Check #296 - Pat Shaw - newsletter \$ 75.12  
Check #301 - Mike Magee - Mary Virden gravestone \$107.00  
Check #302 - Pat Shaw - newsletter 115.10

**Total Expense** \$**297.22**

**Balance in "Working Account"** 30 Sept 2015 \$ **5,567.83**

**Balance in "Reserve Account"** 30 June 2015, Home State Bank, Jefferson \$ **3,178.39**

Income Gene Davis Memorial \$250.00

Expense Check #297 - Cottage Hill - grant \$200.00  
Check #298 - Lee Co. - grant 200.00  
Check #299 - Hamilton Co. - grant 200.00  
Check #300 - Madison Co. - St. Charles Lions Club grant 200.00

**Total Expense** \$**800.00**

**Balance in "Reserve Account"** 30 September 2015 \$ **2,628.39**

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 2015 \$ **8,196.22**

**Plus additional funds:**

CD in the amount of **\$6,031.41**

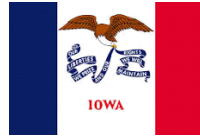
Rate of interest is 1.20% - **Matures 6/24/17**

[Note: Some are concerned about the money in the CD not being available. At this low interest rate, it could be cashed at any time with very little penalty. When it matures, the money can easily be transferred to checking. However, I might point out the interest rate there is even lower.]

Respectfully submitted,  
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## COUNTY REPORTS



### Benton

From the *Vinton Eagle*, September 22, 2015: “Cemetery Walk reveals history, traditions,” by Jim Morrison, News Editor. The Benton County Historical Society hosted a cemetery walk on September 19, led by Rich Farmer, local historian, who explained some of the local lore and symbolism. The first burial was in 1852 in what was originally referred to as the burial ground.

Farmer also pointed out a lot where several students from the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School are buried in unmarked graves. Farmer says it is a goal of his to see at least a single memorial stone at the grave site.

Carolyn Hibbs said an account has been created in which donations can be deposited toward having the graves marked. People should contact the Braille School for more information.

There are veterans of every war fought by this country except the American Revolution buried in the cemetery. The cemetery holds many veterans of the Civil War.



Cemetery Walk reveals history, traditions

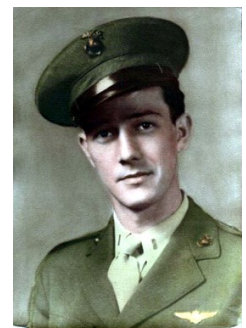
From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, October 3, 2015: “Using a ‘gift’ to find unmarked graves,” by Rick Smith. Bob Terry of Liscomb uses a crystal to communicate with a spirit Sept. 22 after finding an unmarked grave using his dowsing skills to find unmarked graves and help determine who is buried there. “These are very, very special places,” Terry says. Several photos in color show Terry using dowsing rods and a crystal in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Belle Plaine where he was hired to reposition and restore 50 of the oldest headstones that had fallen or tilted over time. He will also map the cemetery, using a computer spreadsheet. SAPIC president, Steve Story, who is quoted in the article, does not subscribe to the idea that dowsers can reach the spiritual beyond, but said witching is successfully used to find “disturbed earth.” This can mean the presence of a rectangular gravesite and can help find gravestones that have been covered by grass or dirt. Bill Whitaker of the Office of the State Archaeologist, finds no evidence that dowsing or witching works to find unmarked graves, but does say that it is a tool that appears to work and costs nothing. “I completely get why these wonderful heroes, who are doing a great job of taking care of these cemeteries, would want to use this.” Whitaker said.

Note: Bob Terry’s contact information can be found on the SAPIC web page.

### BLACK HAWK

From the *Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier*, Memorial Day, 2015: “Family, community honor late Marine pilot Swinford,” by Editorial Board, David A. Braton, Nancy Newhoff, Terry Hudson and Pat Kinny.

The memory of Capt. Duane Swinford of Dunkerton was honored during a Memorial Day service in the Fairview Cemetery in Dunkerton. He was a member of the All Weather Fighter Squadron 513 in 1952 and flew 27 missions in an F7F-3N Tigercat, described as a heavy fighter. He and his radar observer, Tech. Sgt. Robert Kappelmann were shot down July 15, 1952. Their bodies were never recovered. Swinford’s daughter, Jorge Ann, along with help and encouragement from friends and family, obtained a tombstone and organized a memorial service. She was about six years old when her father left from the Waterloo Airport. Included in the editorial was a letter written in 1864 to a grieving mother from President Abraham Lincoln: “I feel how weak and fruitless must



Capt. Duane Swinford

be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Yours, very sincerely and respectfully, A. Lincoln”

We offer the same wish for peace to Capt. Swinford’s family and to others who know similar grief for a life willingly surrendered in service to this country.

From the *Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier*, Memorial Day, 2015: “MEMORIAL DAY - Family, Marines will honor Korean War flier missing since 1052,” by Dennis Magee. A full page article tells of Capt. Duane Swinford’s early life, his military background, his marriage and children. Included are pictures of Swinford and the military marker that was dedicated to his memory in the Fairview Cemetery in Dunkerton.

Contributed by Mary Richardson

From the *Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier*, October 6, 2015: “Roundtable group to honor Civil War, War of 1812 veterans,” by Pat Kinney.

Members of the Cedar Valley Civil War Roundtable, Jo Porter, Mike Magee and Jim Petersen participated in the dedication of government markers at the previously unmarked graves of War of 1812 veteran William Virden and Civil War veteran Levi Jolls at the Fairview Cemetery in Waterloo on October 17. Prior to the ceremony, a plaque for Virden’s granddaughter, Mary, was dedicated.



## Clinton

From KWQC TV6 serving Illinois & Iowa, September 4, 2015: “Burial ground found, bones unearthed near Clinton County Administration Building,” by Courtney Yuen. Construction crews uncovered bones September 3 when they were working on a parking lot and retaining wall. Work was halted until a representative from the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) could be present. That office is analyzing the bones to determine if they are of Native American origin or the remains of an old town cemetery. Newspaper articles say at least two or more “skeletons” were found in the area in the 1960s.

From the *Clinton Herald*, September, 2015: “State to comb burial site,” by John Rohlf. The remains of a minimum of two people were discovered on land adjacent to the Clinton County Administration Building in September -- an adult female of European descent between the ages of 18 and 25 and a young adult of indeterminate sex. According to Maintenance Manager, Corey Johnson, the remains could be reburied and the area reseeded, but that would not fix the need for work to be done on the retaining wall. The County Supervisors agreed to have the OSA use ground-penetrating sonar at a cost of \$5,000 to determine if there are other remains left at the former burial ground before proceeding with construction.

From the *Clinton Herald*, Dec. 4, 2015: “Human remains found months ago during construction work were returned to their resting place Friday near the Clinton County Administration Building,” by John Rohlf. A ceremony returned the remains to their resting place and according to Clinton County Supervisor Shawn Hamerlinck, the spot will become a pioneer cemetery after the work the county has planned is completed. “The name hasn’t been defined yet but it will end up being a Lyons Pioneer Cemetery and a memorial of some type will be put



Herald File Photo This Clinton Herald file photo from 1960 shows the partial skeletons of a woman and small child, which were assembled at the police station in the hope of possible identification of the two people who were buried there more than 120 years

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[continued from pg. 5] up but only after everything is re-sodded and seeded,” Hamerlinck said. Also present at the ceremony was Lara Noldner, the bioarchaeology director at the OSA. Hamerlinck thanked Noldner for her supervision and guidance and the University of Iowa for help in documentation of the site. Laurie Mohr, secretary at First Baptist Church, read a prayer and thanked county leaders and others “who have taken great care to preserve and honor our history and the memory of those who came before us.”

## **LEE**

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 41 conducted its 6th annual POW/MIA ceremony on September 19 at the Keokuk National Cemetery at the grave of Frank Nelson, a Bataan Death March survivor who also survived 42 months in a Japanese prison camp. He was a career army officer inducted into the service in 1912 and retired in 1945. During WWII he was serving in the Philippine Islands and was captured by the Japanese. He died on January 20, 1951 from complications resulting from the brutal treatment he received at the hands of the enemy. He was buried in the Keokuk National Cemetery on January 26, 1951.



Keokuk National Cemetery

“The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten”

Calvin Coolidge, 30th U. S. President

From the *Burlington Hawkeye*, September 20, 2015: “American Legion honors WWII POW,” by William Smith. Terry Altheide tells of his research in preparing for the ceremony honoring Col. Frank Nelson, who survived a reign of terror marked by abuse, malnutrition and wanton beatings in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines during WWII. His main source was a interview with Nelson printed in the Des Moines Register 66 years ago. Nelson retired from the Army in 1947 after 35 years as a cavalryman and returned to Keokuk.

From the *Ft. Madison Daily-Democrat*. September 28, 2015: “Four Civil war vets honored,” by Jeff Hunt. Freeline Cale, William Cale, Edwin Lake and H. H. Richey were honored at Pitman Chapel Cemetery near West Point on September 26 at the annual Lee County Pioneer Cemetery Association’s Patriots Day. Pitman Chapel Cemetery was the first cemetery to be cleaned up by the Lee County Pioneer Cemetery Association in 2003. “The idea is to revive and honor these old cemeteries that have been neglected for years,” Altheide said of the purpose of Patriots Day, which held its 13th event.



Pitman Chapel Cemetery

## **LINN**



### **Robins Cemetery and homes**

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, November 10, 2015: “More homes sprout near Robins Cemetery,” by Rick Smith. A housing development in the Knollwood Park 4th Addition in Cedar Rapids was stopped due to concerns about “jarring and anachronistic visual intrusion” encroaching on the small, 150-year-old cemetery within the construction area. The homebuilding near the cemetery was stopped this summer after Dan Higginbottom, an archaeologist with the State Historic Preservation Office questioned the conclusion reached by the Louis Berger Group, one of the city’s consultants, that no historic properties are affected by the homebuilding. “Given the proximity (of the homebuilding), it is our consulting opinion that the proposed development would [ continued on pg. 7]

[continued from page 6] significantly alter the cemetery's rural setting," Higginbottom said. The Berger Group concluded that the Robins Cemetery is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Instead, it is a "common example of a rural cemetery that lacks significant historic association." In September, the city of Robins erected a new fence around the cemetery that contains about 50 marked graves and another 16 spots of unmarked graves that were identified by Bob Terry of Marshalltown who dowsed the area. Homebuilding is now proceeding.

Note: You can voice your support and appreciation to Dan Higginbottom for his efforts at: [Daniel.Higginbottom@iowa.gov](mailto:Daniel.Higginbottom@iowa.gov)

## **MAHASKA**

Last fall, Jo Vernooy, Chairperson of the Mahaska County Pioneer Cemetery Commission wrote a great article for the *Oskaloosa Herald* newspaper about the purpose of the Commission and its preservation activities. The article defines the term "pioneer cemetery," provides a history of Mahaska County cemeteries and the Commission, and lists other groups that work with the preservation efforts of the Commission. Several of Mahaska County's pioneer cemeteries are cited as specific examples of successful restoration and preservation efforts. The article includes an appeal to the public to adopt a neglected cemetery, asks for more information about pioneer cemeteries and solicits volunteers to serve on the Commission.

Note: This article is a good example of a reminder to the public that a county commission is in existence and it raises awareness of the plight of Iowa's neglected pioneer burial sites. For a copy of the entire article, contact Pat Shaw or any SAPIC board member. [patshaw@netins.net](mailto:patshaw@netins.net)

## **WAPELLO**

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, November 18, 2015: "52 places visits historic Mars Hill Church," by Megan Berberich. A brief history of the Mars Hill Church located 13 miles from Ottumwa is provided in the article, along with information about the adjacent cemetery. The church was built by Baptists in 1846 on a plot of ground donated by Barbara Clark and was entered in the National Registry of Historic Places in 1974. The first known burial at the site was 4-year-old John Clark, her youngest son. John Donaldson, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient cited for "Capture of the flag at Appomattox Court House, VA," is buried there. Because of an arson fire that occurred in 2006, security cameras and an alarm system have been installed. The church was rebuilt with fundraising efforts in 2008. For more information on Mars Hill Church and cemetery, e-mail [marshill@netins.net](mailto:marshill@netins.net) or phone Ben Post at 641-682-6540.



From the *Ottumwa Courier*, November 28, 2015: "Silver Cord of change helps community," by Neal Querio. The Silver Cord Program that promotes participation in community service by high school students uses their special interests to enhance resumes and may spark a passion they will continue to foster in their futures. Some examples are working in animal shelters, nursing homes, museums, local churches, food banks and cemeteries. Students must complete 200 hours of community service by April 30 of their senior year and if requirements are met, they are awarded a silver cord at graduation. Many high schools across the state have similar programs. Check with your local high school to see if a program is in place or to suggest a similar project.

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, December 5, 2015: "Cemetery getting out of real estate business," by Matt Milner. The city of Ottumwa purchased a number of houses adjacent to the Ottumwa Cemetery in 1979 when an expansion of the cemetery was contemplated. The cemetery board now realizes that they don't need more space (maybe due to an increase in cremations?) and they are selling the houses in order to fund a new office and shop.

## OUT OF IOWA

### CALIFORNIA



From the *Ottumwa Courier*, October 21, 2015: “Monarchs get help from unlikely source: California’s drought,” by Gillian Flaccus. Due to the shortage of water in California, many homeowners are ripping out thirsty lawns and planting milkweed native to their deserts and chaparral -- plants that have the potential to save water and help monarch butterflies at the same time. The movement has been successful in replenishing the Monarch population, but gardeners need to be sure they are planting native milkweed and not “exotic” varieties that may interfere with the migration and reproduction of butterflies.

Note: Cemeteries are ideal locations in which to encourage the growth of milkweed plants.

From the American Legion web site, September 20, 2015: “San Francisco breaks ground for Korean War memorial.” Veterans and dignitaries participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Korean War Memorial at the Presidio, a national park and former army base, on July 11. The Korean War Memorial Foundation was established in 2010 for the purpose of building a memorial in San Francisco, which served as the embarkation point for many U. S. service members headed overseas to fight. Private donations of nearly \$3.5 million have been raised. Future donations will go toward features such as smartphone-friendly, round-the-clock kiosk and educational outreach programs.

[www.legion.org/honor/230104/san-francisco-breaks-ground-korean-war0memorial](http://www.legion.org/honor/230104/san-francisco-breaks-ground-korean-war0memorial)

### MARYLAND



From the American Legion web site, December 3, 2015: A federal court in Maryland has ruled that a cross-shaped war memorial in Prince George’s County is constitutional, after an organization argued the structure’s presence on public land is a violation of the First Amendment. The U. S. District Court ruled that even though the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial erected in 1925 takes the shape of a cross, its purpose is not primarily religious. The suit was brought by the American Humanist Association, a Washington-based group that describes its mission as bringing about “a progressive society where being ‘good without god’ is an accepted way of life” and strengthening secular influence in government.

### MINNESOTA



From the *Star-Tribune* web site, May 25, 2014: “Minnesota author challenges cemeteries’ macabre stereotype,” by Jeff Strickler. James Silas Rogers has written a book of poems and essays about cemeteries, “Northern Orchards: Places Near the Dead,” that muses about graveyards and what makes them special. Rogers contends that cemeteries are not spooky places, but have a history of meaning and context. Stories that arise in a cemetery are not only history, but also refer to the lives of the people who are visiting the sacred space. By thinking about all the people who have gone before us, cemeteries help us put our lives in perspective. A passage from his book is quoted: “Remembrance needs to lead us away from ourselves and into connectedness and awe before all that is greater than ourselves -- not to celebrate the snowflake, but the snowflake falling into the river.”

### MISSOURI



From the KTVO-TV web site, November 19, 2015: Kirksville’s Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee is looking for persons interested in playing a role in preserving Kirksville’s history by making sure grave markers are in good [continued on pg 9]



[continued from pg. 8] condition. “We are taking care of a historic place, and a lot of these people buried there don’t have any living relatives. We are the ones that are their caretakers for their legacy,” Dwight Buckingham, a member of the committee told KTVO. The committee is in the process of raising funds for a new wrought iron fence. A recent scavenger hunt was held to help raise funds in which 33 individuals participated. Those interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to contact the Kirksville City Clerk.

## **NEBRASKA**



From the American Legion web site, October 8, 2015: “Civil War veteran gets headstone 92 years after his death,” contributed by Mitzi Graham on Facebook. The grave of Civil War veteran Francis Henry Lee Barnacassel had no headstone, only a mortuary marker and an incorrect Grand Army of the Republic marker. He fought on the Confederate side of the war. He was born in North Carolina in 1846 and died in Custer County, Nebraska in 1923. The Sons of the American Legion in Callaway purchased a headstone from Palmer Monument in Broken Bow and dedicated it in October at the Waldheim Cemetery. Barnacassel enlisted June, 1864, in the 9th Battalion NC Sharpshooters, Co B and he served in that company with brothers John and Ephraim. He and three of his brothers were paroled at Appomattox Court House April 9, 1865. He married Jennie Goodel Bloss and moved with younger brother John to Nebraska. They then moved to Colorado and back to Nebraska in 1915. Henry and Jennie are buried next to his brother John and family. It is said that there is more than one infant buried there, but in unmarked graves.

### **WHERE TO GET SIGNS**

Iowa Prison Industries  
Box B  
Anamosa , IA 52205  
1-800-336-5863

### **VETERANS’ HEADSTONES**

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

### **STATE CEMETERY REGULATOR**

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601 Locust Street, 4th Floor  
Des Moines, IA 50309-3738  
E-Mail: [Dennis.Britson@iid.iowa.gov](mailto:Dennis.Britson@iid.iowa.gov)  
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Note: Archaeologist love digging up privies.  
Read the reasons why on:  
<http://archaeology.uiowa.edu/why-archaeologists-love-digging-privies>

*Anson Kritsch holding  
a white ceramic girl doll  
found in the privy.*



***Cemetery Supplies - Purchase Information by  
John Heider***

**Cleaning Supplies**

*Ammonia* (non-scented)--purchase locally

**Commercial Cleaner**

*D2 (RTU Biological Stone Cleaner)*

Source: Miles Supply

1660 West Broadway

Rockville, MN 56369

1-800-789-0815

*KEYSTONE (Concentrate Biological Stone Cleaner – similar to D2)*

Source: R.I.P., Ltd.

988 Iron Horse Place

Monticello, IL 61856

217-898-2422

Email: [jheider@mchsi.com](mailto:jheider@mchsi.com)

**Scrub Brushes**

Source: Local Hardware store

Super Building Supply store

Source: Miles Supply (See previous address)

**Mortar Supplies**

*White Portland cement*

Source: Local lumber yard (may be ordered)

Masonry or Concrete Business

*Hydrated Lime (type S)*

Source: Local lumber yard

Masonry companies

*Clean Play Sand*

Source: Local lumber yard

*Tint Colors*

Source: Lowe's Building Supply Store

Note: Some super stores do not carry small quantities or selection Masonry Business

**Setting Compound**

Light Grey, one gallon

Source: Miles

Supply

1660 West

Broadway

Rockville, MN

56369

1-800-789-0813

**Setting Cushions**

Grey PVC 1/16 inch

Source: Miles Supply

(See previous address)

**Adhesives**

Injection Grout (IG10)

Source: US Heritage Group

3516 N. Kostner Ave.

Chicago, IL 60641

1-773-286-2100

**Epoxy (Knife grade)**

Brand: Tenax (Rivo 50 or H1)

Brand: Akemi (Domo 10)

Brand: Custom Bond

Source: Miles Supply

(See previous address)

*Note: Do not purchase polyester; it is sun-light sensitive*

*Do not purchase packet or cartridge epoxy*

**Note:** SAPIC does not endorse products or services. Contact John Heider if you have questions.

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Are all of the Veterans of the War of 1812 buried in the Iowa Cemeteries located in your area recognized on the web site?



War of 1812 Veterans found at ...

[http://www.iowa1812.org/veterans/1812soldiers\\_county\\_6-04-2012\\_web.htm](http://www.iowa1812.org/veterans/1812soldiers_county_6-04-2012_web.htm)

Look for the Veteran Grave Marker in your cemeteries.

Note the name of the Veteran and check the web site.

If the Veteran's name does **not** appear send the information to :

[MJR@gmail.com](mailto:MJR@gmail.com)

