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Grave Matters: The Ancient Rights of the Graveyard

Alfred L. Brophy

<http://digitalcom-mons.law.byu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2295&context=lawreview>

I just found this article on cemetery access -- the rest of SAPIC may find it of interest-

Tony Bengston

Saturday July 9, 2016, Meeting in Historic Amana

The July 9 SAPIC meeting will be held at 10:30 at the east end of the historic Amana Church in Amana, Iowa.

A head count is needed to provide lunch consisting of Maidrites and cold sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. Please let LaVerna Moser know if you wish to make a reservation for lunch and/or if you have special needs. There will be cold drinks available. There will be coffee available along with donuts, etc. before the meeting.

Directions: Arriving at Amana on #151 from North or South you come to a red flashing light at the intersection with 220th Trail. Turn East into Amana which is the opposite way from Caseys which is on the West side of Highway #151.

Turn left onto the fourth street to your left which is 46th Avenue. Go about 1/2 block and turn left into an alley which takes you directly to the church. Go to the right off of the alley and park on the north side of the church. We will be meeting in the East end of the church or the end you came in by.

If anyone is going to

want to arrive the evening before or stay the evening of the meeting let LaVerna know and she will see if she can get a cut-rate at the hotel in Amana which is about 1 1/2 blocks from the church.

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SAPIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Please send in your Pioneer Cemetery interests.

Our three regular SAPIC meetings have been set as follows:

Saturday, July 9, 2016— Iowa County

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



MEETING

Legion Helps With Burials

From the *American Legion* web site, MAY 25, 2016:

Rather than barbecues, races or even parades, the real idea of Memorial Day is to remember those who served their country in uniform and are no longer with us. The American Legion has been in the forefront of such efforts since its organization – no matter how far-flung the fallen comrade.

The American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund was established in the 1920s, and provides all U.S. flags – from Emblem Sales, made in the USA – flown at cemeteries and burial sites in foreign countries where American troops are buried or otherwise memorialized. The first fundraising for the decoration of overseas graves took place in 1921-1922, and its current organizational plan has been in force since 1935.

The income, rather than the principal, of the fund is used for the yearly flag outlays, but that amount can fluctuate over years. The fund accepts mailed donations earmarked for it.

The American Overseas Memorial Day Association, founded in 1920 with support from the Legion, works with

the American Battle Monuments Commission and other groups to place the flags on graves; a list of 2016 ceremonies is available on its web site.



Geologists and Cemeteries

From the *Living With Energy in Iowa* magazine (published for members of Iowa's electric cooperatives), May 2016.

“Old cemeteries beckon genealogists -- plus history, botany and art lovers,” by SAPIC member, Valerie Van Kooten. In this story, Valerie expresses the love of pioneer cemeteries that she has had since she was a little girl when she visited remote cemeteries with her dad. An excerpt from her writing reads: “The sadness came not from seeing a litany of death in front of me, though the number of children -- sometimes four or five members from the same family -- was heartrending. What ate at me most was the condition of many of these graveyards. Fences were broken

down, weeds were growing over the plots, stones were cracked or lying in several pieces -- or leaned up against a nearby tree. Occasionally you wouldn't have known there was a cemetery there until you tripped across a stone amid waist-high weeds. And though I didn't know a soul in most of these cemeteries and their families had most likely moved on 100 years ago, it still seemed wrong that anyone's body should lie in such unkempt conditions.”

Valerie mentions her discovery of SAPIC and the article provides SAPIC's web site address. For a copy of the entire article, contact Pat Shaw (see Officers and Board Members page in this newsletter). <http://.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~iasapc/>



He Did it! Cutler Spearheaded this project

From WHO-HD, June 5, 2016: DES MOINES, Iowa -



Samuel Merrill was Iowa's seventh governor, serving from 1868 to 1872, and in recent years, his final resting place was in bad shape. Merrill's mausoleum sits inside Des Moines' Woodland Cemetery. A tree fell on it, loosening bricks and letting in vermin and weather elements. After decades of disrepair, the mausoleum has been brought back to life. The restoration crew replaced the marble, restored the brick, and cleaned up the damage of animals and vandals.

"Governor Merrill served our nation and Iowa led the way with the highest number of volunteers in the Union Army to help preserve the nation," Governor Branstad said at a ceremony held at Merrill's gravesite Sunday, June 5. "Not only did he do that, he was wounded and came back and served as governor of this state."

Thousands of dollars in private donations were collected by attorney **Jonas Cutler**, former Iowa Senator Dennis Black and others who wanted to see the severely damaged Des Moines monument be saved. Among them was a \$1,000 personal donation from Branstad and \$1,000 from the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries.

"This isn't the end of the road, but is the next step," Cutler said. "We're leaving this for future generations to make decisions on what they will do with Samuel Merrill. This will be here for another 100 years-plus."

The mausoleum is among



M Rowley; J. Braden; D. Thompson; D. Krock, all members of the Dept. of IA Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

the numerous historic gravesites at Woodland Cemetery. And until this spring, historians thought Merrill was alone in the mausoleum. However, recently, while working to restore the tomb, Cutler discovered Merrill's wife, Elizabeth, was also buried there. Historic records have been corrected to note she rests there.



Gov. Branstad, Jonas Cutler, Mike Rowley; Jim Braden



COUNTY REPORTS

ALLAMAKEE

From the *Ottumwa Courier*,
May 20, 2016:



“Burial mounds may abound at park.” Officials at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa say new American Indian burial mounds could still be discovered after 70 years of numerous archaeological investigations. Biotechnicians stumbled on a new mound last summer that had been hidden by fallen trees in a heavily wooded area. Park officials said there is no way to estimate how many more burial mounds could be found in the future.

“The fact that there can be very important resources out there still waiting to be identified emphasizes how careful we need to be with park development,” park Superintendent Jim Nepsstad said. A geophysical survey of the site is scheduled for this summer.

BENTON

From KCRG-TV9, April 7,
2016:

“Financial Problems Making Life Difficult for Vinton Cemetery,” by Dave Franzman.

Directors of the Evergreen Cemetery in Vinton says they’re having a hard time keeping afloat financially. State rules specifically prohibit cemetery boards from using perpetual care funds for maintenance. Only the interest it brings in may be used. Current low interest rates are the cause of cemeteries running short -- about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year for Evergreen. The solution may have to come down to ongoing support from the city.



BLACK HAWK

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, May 31, 2016: **“Freedom Rock vandalized”**



A Freedom Rock completed last fall in Cedar Falls in Veterans Park was spray painted, along with a fence and utility box, the Saturday before Memorial Day. Painted by Ray “Bubba” Sorensen II, it includes images of the Five Sullivan Brothers and Taylor Morris, a Navy explosive ordinance disposal expert who lost portions of all four limbs in a bomb blast in Afghanistan. Sorensen wants to paint Freedom Rocks in all of Iowa's 99 counties.

CALHOUN

The Cottonwood Cemetery Preservation Assn. has been working on a new 3 year project. We are replacing the front East fence with black wrought iron like tubular steel that is in keeping with the 1864 era of the cemetery. We divided the 580’ fence into 5 blocks; and with the help of Martins Welding out of Auburn, IA were able to utilize the original posts. In 2015 we were able to complete the first block (3) north of the main gate with just interested and concerned contributors. This year 2016 with the help of a matching grant from Calhoun County Community Foundation, we are tackling Block 1 & Block 2. We hosted a Cemetery Walk Saturday May 28th, from 2-4:00pm. With the help of the Light Artillery Civil War reenactment group of Lake View and many others, we portrayed 5 Civil War Veterans and 4 other notables buried at Cottonwood.

It is located 2 miles west of Lake City off of Hwy 175 & 1/2 mile south, and is one of the oldest cemeteries in Calhoun County. It is the documented resting place of 33 Civil War veterans. We will have golf carts available for those who need them.

Our commercial gravel mining business that borders the north, west, and south sides of the cemetery is doing a booming business with the oil pipeline company. We now have a 50' steep berm along the west 600' fence with a sharp drop off into a gravel pit on the other side. When they are digging this deep, a 50' excavation set back easement (according to law) is NOT enough!!

I'm always proud to be a lifetime member of SAPIC. We do so much good preserving cemeteries and the history they contain.

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CHICKASAW

From the *New Hampton Tribune*, September 1, 2015

Supervisors get Cemetery Commission update

Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission President Wally Boehmer met with the supervisors to discuss recent purchases and work done by the cemetery commission.

Boehmer gave a presentation to the supervisors in December when asking for funds that would help the commission continue their work and he now wanted to give them a mid-year update telling the board he has been following the commission's budget closely. The commission was able to purchase tools with the funds because in years previous the members of the commission had to bring their own during every work day.

"We tried to spend the county money in the county," said Boehmer. The tools are kept in a work trailer the commission has so they are readily available for every time the group gets together to work.

The commission members have also been busy cleaning fence lines, spraying weeds, taking out old fence lines and putting new in.

From the *New Hampton Tribune*, April 12, 2016:

Cemetery Commission plays host to state meeting

The Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission was honored to be able to hold the State Association for the Preservation

of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC) meeting in Fredericksburg on Saturday morning.

The purpose of SAPIC is to identify cemeteries in Iowa, take measures to protect the cemeteries, provide educational materials for those helping protect the cemeteries and provide advice to anyone interested in Iowa's cemeteries.

The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries was formed in 1996 as a result of legislation that allowed for each of the 99 counties to create a County Cemetery Commission. The focus of these Commissions was to rescue untended pioneer graves and cemeteries and to take responsibility for the upkeep of such sites. May is proclaimed Cemetery Appreciation Month each year by the Governor of the State of IA.

From agrinews.com, May 31, 2016: **Volunteers keep pioneers' final resting place in good condition**

Jean Caspers-Simmet, simmet@agrinews.com May 31, 2016

FREDERICKSBURG, Iowa — Wally Boehmer explains it's respect that motivates Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission volunteers to restore Pioneer Cemeteries.

"Our organization feels that out of respect to the pioneers who came before us,

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they deserve for us to keep their final resting place in good condition,” said Boehmer, past chairman and current vice chairman.

GREEN

From the “Heritage of Greene County, Iowa 2011.”

Greene County, Iowa, Pioneer Cemetery Commission

A group of concerned Iowans met in October, 1994, to form an organization called the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC). In less than two years, with help from Loren Horton of the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City, the group elected officers, adopted bylaws and set goals. There were a total of 75 charter members. One of their goals was “to provide advice and information to legislative bodies empowered to pass legislation creating a legal framework for protection, preservation and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries and the monuments contained in them.”

In 1996, legislation was passed to help assure pioneer cemeteries would not be neglected. Law defines a ‘pioneer cemetery’ as one which has six or fewer burials in the preceding 50 years. [That was recently amended changing the definition to 12 or fewer burials in 50 years.] It also empowered county supervisors to establish a pioneer cemetery com-

mission to help maintain pioneer cemeteries in the county.

The Greene County Pioneer Cemetery Commission was formed in 1999 by the Greene County Board of Supervisors. They determined that the commission should be made up of five members: one representative from the historical society, one from the genealogical society, one from the county conservation board and two township trustees. It was understood that the new commission would not usurp authority of the township trustees, but would assist them in any way possible.

The commission started by getting legal descriptions at the auditor’s office of every parcel that had ever been designated as a cemetery. They then went to the recorder’s office to determine ownership of the property. By law, property owners must allow access to pioneer cemeteries, although the access can be by foot. Recent laws require land owners who are selling to inform a buyer of a cemetery on their property; much the same as they are required to inform buyers of abandoned wells or concern for the future.” underground fuel tanks.

The commission determined there are 27 cemeteries in Greene County. Of those, nine fit the criteria of “pioneer cemeteries”. Another was a family burial plot and never deeded as a cemetery. They are: Angus/Bowers, Washington; Old Rippey, Washington Township; Truman Davis burial site, Franklin

Township; Headley, Jackson Township; Horan, Kendrick Township; Gibson-Thompson, Bristol Township; Old Cedar, Cedar Township; German-Patterson, Franklin Township; Old Franklin, Franklin Township; and Taylor-Winkelman, family burial site in Franklin Township. The Truman Davis burial site was near the log home of the Davis family. They were the first white settlers in Greene County in 1849. Signage purchased from the Iowa Prison Industries has been placed at each one to designate them as a “Pioneer Cemetery”. The supervisors allocate \$1,500 annually to assist the commission which is used for fencing, grave restoration, etc. The county has also helped in doing surveys when needed, and removing trees, brush and old fence – all free gratis.

Every year since the state organization was formed, the Governor of the State of Iowa proclaims May as Pioneer Cemetery Appreciation Month. Former Governor Vilsack wrote: “Pride and respect for our pioneers leads to an interest in and concern for the future.”



DAVIS

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, April 13, 2016: **“Group calls city to cut ties with monuments.”**



Cambridge, England 3000
American burials

A group called Americans United for Separation of Church and State accused the Monroe County Supervisors and Albia city officials of violating the First Amendment by using government money to maintain the grounds of a monument that features crosses to honor the military and war veterans uses hotel and motel tax funds. The Monroe County Attorney’s Office has drafted a response and plans to stand by the monument.

LUCAS

Need to learn to witch? Darlene Arnold and Mary Ruth Pierschbacher have traveled the state demonstrating witching or divining. They have also demonstrated the technique of witching to locate unmarked graves to tourists on twelve bus tours. Contact Mary Ruth at 641-774-4850.

LYON

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, May 28, 2016: **“Indian burial site possibility stalls oil pipeline.”**

The possibility of an American Indian burial site in northwest Iowa may require relocation of a crude oil pipeline route and delay the beginning of construction in Iowa, the only one of four states where work hasn’t begun. The Dakota Access pipeline passes through the Big Sioux Wildlife Management area in Lyon County, traditional homeland for the Dakota Sioux where Standing Rock Sioux Tribal leaders say there is a burial site. State Archaeologist John Doershuk will study the area to determine if it is more than 150 years old. If so, it is considered ancient burial grounds and he is obligated under Iowa law to protect it from disturbance. The wildlife area is managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service owns the property. A letter has been sent to the DNR stating to please stop all clearing and ground disturbing activities within that pipeline corridor on the Big Sioux pending further investigation. Tribal leaders said the discovery of the burial site highlights why state and federal agencies should slow down and more thoroughly study the pipeline route. Note: Does the route of the pipeline pass through any pioneer cemeteries in your area? If so, notify the Office of the State Archaeologist.

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MARION

From KCCI-TV, Channel 8 Des Moines, May 29, 2016:

“Cemetery restorations keep fallen soldiers’ memories alive.” Terry Boettcher and a

handful of volunteers have put more than 100 hours of work and



hundreds of dollars into the Tickel Cemetery near Lacona. The graves of veterans from the Civil War and Vietnam War, plus immigrants and first-generation Germans are located there. “It just seemed like they have more dignity that should have been given to them at least by having their markers repaired upright,” Boettcher said.

MUSCATINE

From the *Muscatine Journal*, April 7, 2016: **“Muscatine crews fixing headstones at Greenwood Cemetery,”** by Emily Wenger and Beth Van Zandt. Using machinery, city crews are righting between 20 and 30 headstones that were randomly knocked over. Granite sealer was used to ensure they will not be knocked over again. There appeared to be no permanent damage.

POLK

DES MOINES (KWWL) - posted April 12, 2016

Merrill's mausoleum at Woodland Cemetery.

The project will be the first to receive funding from Governor Terry Branstad Iowa History Fund. The fund is a non-profit dedicated to promoting and preserving Iowa history. See pg. 3 for Merrill's mausoleum details

VAN BUREN

From the *Van Buren County Register*, April 7, 2016 **Wind damages White Cemetery**, submitted by Cheryl Bell.

Wind damage occurred during the week before April 3 at White Cemetery located in eastern Van Buren County. A fallen tree that grew just inside the entrance and had sheltered many mourners had withstood the wind and weather for over 100 years. Most of the downed branches settled in amongst the tombstones and only one stone was toppled.

From the *Van Buren County Register*, May 19, 2016

Stockport American Legion will be location for 'The Freedom Rock, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II will paint a rock to honor veterans at a cost of \$5,000, plus paint, travel expenses, lodging and food. Legion members are in the process of locating a suitable rock and preparing a hard surface for the rock. Fundraising is planned and donations are



very welcome. Sorenson researches the history of the county and uses a patriotic theme. More information can be found at: www.thefreedomrock.com

WAPELLO

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, April 5, 2016: **"Revitalizing the past in the future,"** by Mark Newman. Soon, the village of Dahlongega will have a historic Iowa prairie, according to Curt Baker of the Wapello County Conservation Board. \$1,000 has been raised through donations and the county supervisors approved of allotting \$600 for authentic early 1800s Iowa prairie seeds. The half-acre plot that is adjacent to the historic one-room county school will attract a lot of bees, birds and butterflies to the area. "I think it's going to add character to the area," said neighbor Dennis Johnston.

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, May 26, 2016: **"A walk through the cemeteries,"** by Courier photogra-

pher Rachel Leathe.

In honor of Memorial Day, an entire page of the *Courier* titled "Perspectives" was dedicated to six color photographs taken in cemeteries in Ottumwa and the surrounding area. Included was the statue of a dog, the stone of the Vinson family topped with a large angel, the grave of Chief Wapello and the gravesite of Curtis King, the oldest man to serve in the Civil War. Sometimes it may be easy to forget the history that taken place on this land, from the peace treaty Chief Wapello signed with the United States government to the oldest man to serve in the Civil War. Every now and then it just takes a trip to the cemetery to remind us now fleeing our time here truly is.



Chief Wapello; "Wa-pel-la the Prince, Musquakee Chief"

OUT OF IOWA



TEXAS

From the *Dallas Morning News*, April 17, 2016: **Long gone, still recalled -- Old deed settles grave dispute**, by Julieta Chiquillo.

Donna Spears went to court to resolve a dispute over the boundaries of a graveyard containing the graves of her ancestors, Thomas and Polly Smith, in east Oak Cliff in Dallas County. ADI, an engineering firm and trade school, purchased six acres in 2010 that contained the graveyard where 3 stones were visible. A nineteenth century deed designated 0.22-acres for the heirs of the Smith family. Donna Spears hired a surveyor and a ground-penetrating study that revealed at least 10 graves are on the plot. In March, Spears installed a chain-link fence around the cemetery authorized by a court's final judgment. ADI president, Don Anyanwu was required to remove asphalt from the edges of the parking lot that infringed on the cemetery. In Texas, once a plot is dedicated as a cemetery, it remains a cemetery unless a court removes the dedication or the property is declared a nuance. Spears is seeking a Historic Texas Cemetery desig-

nation from the state. In the meantime, Spears and her husband have installed a granite monument on the graveyard with the names of long dead relatives believed to be buried there.

"There's not going to be a parking lot on these people's graves," Spears said.

Note: Sidney Louis, who contributed this news story, compares it to what might have been a similar situation with his ancestors' burial ground in Boone County.

Mr. Louis comments "it points out so well the importance of old cemeteries being surveyed and their boundaries permanently established, to prevent problems such as set forth in the piece.

I feel so lucky that such is the case for the Schlicht cemetery. It is considered the cemetery was established by an 1868 deed for the land surrounding it. The deed set apart one-half acre for the cemetery now on it.' The problem was, the location of the cemetery was not given.

This was corrected in 1902 when descendants of the cemetery founder and owner of the surrounding land made a new deed. The cemetery was surveyed and surveyor's markers were deployed. The new deed was filed in the Boone County Court House where it remains law today -- over a hundred years later. That cemetery is secure.

It would seem a goal of SAPIC might be to encourage

the surveying and recording of all cemeteries. (That would require, of course, the cooperation of the present surrounding land owner.) This would give the protection of law forever after.

There will undoubtedly be those who say this is not necessary. A strong argument for is found in the article: "(The present land owner) speculated the cemetery was farther from his building and closer to Illinois Avenue to the north.'

Without surveyor's markers, boundaries can be imagined as being all over the place.

How many Iowa cemeteries have been lost through a situation similar to that in the piece?

FLORIDA



From the American Legion web site, April 13, 2016 **Legionnaire inspires POW/MIA Memorial in Florida**, by Andy Proffet. Don Denny, who died in 2012, was a POW who had a personal stake in creating a POW/MIA Memorial in Tampa, Florida. Denny contributed over 10,000 hours volunteering in the VA, including work at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Since he was imprisoned for 27 months in North Korea, his face is used as a likeness on the memorial statue of a soldier behind barbed wire, pleading for his release. The memorial was dedicated on April 9 as part of National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, an event that stems from the Bataan Death March in World War II.

State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries Minutes—April 9, 2016

The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries met Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the "Here's to You" cafe in Fredericksburg, IA. President Steve Story called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. with 23 in attendance. Wally Boehmer, Chairman of the Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery Commission welcomed everyone and gave an update of the Commission's activities.

Secretary Larry Davis noted that the last meeting was the e-mail meeting in January 2016 in which the minutes were prepared by President Story and sent to all members. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stood approved as mailed.

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Brad Hughes reported that the Treasurer's report was e-mailed to members prior to the meeting illustrating a balance of \$14,172.98, and reviewed SAPIC's financial activities and procedures as follows:

#1..... Financial records were obtained from form Treasurer Valerie Ogren on January 27.

#2.....The checking account was closed and the time certificate cashed at the Home State Bank, Jefferson The funds have been transferred to a single share draft (checking) account plus a required member savings account at Veridian Credit Union located reasonably close to my residence. Authorized users are Treasurer Brad Hughes and Secretary Larry Davis.

#3.....An audit of financial records for the period 2013 through 2015 was performed by Thomas W. McGarvey. Mr. McGarvey did not take exception to SAPIC finances. A copy of the audit report was mailed to officers and board members February 22.

#4.....Is the format of the new Treasurer's report acceptable? SAPIC operates on a cash basis and I felt the present types reports were most appropriate. The reports were repaired using Quicken software which can provide other types of reports.

#5.....Is maintenance of a reserves balance desired? This running balance (part of the checking account) was preciously maintained for Lifetime Membership dues received. Accounting for it can continue if wanted.

#6.....Do I have approval to destroy paper copies of old documents that are older than the most recent three calendar years? A bunch of printed documents was passed along from former treasurer Valerie Ogren. I have scanned bank statements from 2004, income and expense ledgers from 1999, Form 1099-Int statements from 2006, and Treasurer's reports from 1996. I am willing to provide copies of the scanned documents to anyone that wishes them.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to continue with the new format of the Treasurer's report, and as in the past, maintain a reserve balance (part of the checking account).

Moved by Mike Magee that paper copies of old financial documents older than three years be destroyed. Seconded by Frieda Davis. Motion passed.

Valerie Ogren was thanked for her many years as SAPIC Treasurer and Brad Hughes was complimented for his efforts and expertise in making this transition period as smooth as possible.

Merrill Mausoleum: President Story reported he visited with Jonas Cutler in regard to fund raising fo repairing Governor Samuel Merrill's mausoleum and that the fund raising was complete and had reached its goal. It was hoped that fund raising would continue for gravestones for other Iowa Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and U.S. Cabinet members.

SAPIC Display at Iowa Capitol: President Story stated that SAPIC would have an opportunity to have a display booth at the Iowa Capitol during the 2017 legislative session. It was noted that SAPIC members would man the booth, as well as set it up and take it down. It was also pointed out that attractive brochures would be needed to hand out. It was also mentioned that another option for a display or program would be with county supervisors. After considerable discussion, no action was taken.

Workshops: Two gravestone and monument repair workshops were announced: May 21-22, 2016 at Dexter Cemetery in Dallas County and May 28-29, 2016 at Glenwood Lutheran Cemetery in Winneshiek county. John Heider indicated that the workshop in Dexter county would appreciate a \$200.00 grant from SAPIC and/or being a sponsor since a major donor had cancelled its participation in the workshop. After discussion, Jean Ripley moved that SAPIC authorize a \$200.00 grant for a cemetery care and gravestone repair clinic at the Dexter Cemetery in Dallas County as well as being listed as a sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed.

Church Cemeteries: The question raised as to what happens to church cemeteries if the church closes. It was noted that eventually the cemetery becomes the responsibility of the township trustees.

SAPIC Grants: The question was asked if SAPIC grant recipients have to be a member of SAPIC. It was explained that when the grant program was started, membership was not required. In later years preference was given to applicant who were members of SAPIC. Now, the application form requests a membership application form with dues be included if the applicant is not a member. Discussion was held and both pros and cons were given. It was also asked if the month of July for issuing grants was selected for some reason. This can be late in the season for some applicants. It was suggested maybe two times a year for issuing grants. Larry Davis stated that since the Grant program has been operating for several years, and some recommendations for changes are being mentioned, that he would volunteer to chair a committee to review the grant program. Moved by John Heider that Larry Davis select and chair a committee to review the current Grant program and report back at the July meeting. Second by Jean Ripley. Motion passed.

Moved by John Heider the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Freida Davis. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Larry Davis, Secretary



SAPIC Treasurer's Report-Balance Sheet - As of 3/17/2016

Account Balance

ASSETS Cash and Bank Accounts

CD-Home State Bank 0.00

Checking-Home State Bank 0.00

Member Savings-Veridian Credit Union 5.00

Share Draft-Veridian Credit Union 14,002.98

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 14,007.98

TOTAL ASSETS 14,007.98

LIABILITIES 0.00

OVERALL TOTAL 14,007.98

SAPIC Treasurer's Report-Condensed Cash Flow - Year To Date 1/1/2016 through 3/17/2016

Category 3/17/2016

INFLOWS

Donations 85.00

Dues 650.00

Interest Income 116.44

TOTAL INFLOWS 851.44

OUTFLOWS

Agendas 48.09

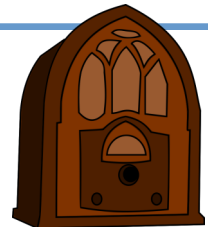
Fees & Charges 136.62

Newsletters 77.56

Other 9.80

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 272.07 - OVERALL TOTAL 579.37

SAPIC member Christ Fredricksen, owner of Fredricksen Monuments in Union County, quoted Valerie Van Kooten's story on a "moment in history" segment on radio station KSOI in Creston on June 7. For a copy of this broadcast, contact Pat Shaw.



Pat Shaw was interviewed about the preservation of pioneer cemeteries on radio station KHOI in Ames on May 30.

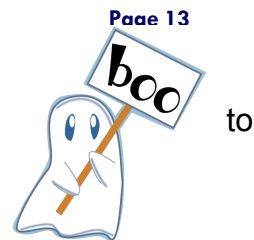


The uniformed Honor Guard will be involved in the dedication of the Littleton Brothers monument at Toolesboro on Flag Day (June 14th) and the dedication scheduled for Sams Cemetery in Jasper County in late September. Visit our website at www.iowavalor.com to learn more about our group of military historians, and the sorts of things we have been involved with over the past seven years.

-- David Lamb, Commander

From Aol. , April, 2016: We can send messages to space, self-destructing messages, messages invisible to prying government eyes -- and even messages from beyond the grave. A website called FutureMe, a service that lets you send your future self an email, also allows you to send future e-mails to other people. Digital afterlife isn't a novel conversation. Facebook rolled out a legacy contact feature last year to let users determine who manages their page after they die. There are several other online services -- including Afternote, Email From Death and Deathswitch --

dedicated to helping you send emails to loved ones when you have passed away. People are really using them to send touching, posthumous messages to loved ones.



Sources to find information online about the Iowa Code, access and other parts of the cemetery act: Code of Iowa burial related sections compiled by the Office of the State Archaeologist-

<http://archaeology.uiowa.edu/file/731>

Iowa Cemetery Laws and Procedures prepared by Jasper County Iowa Cemetery Commission-

<http://iagenweb.org/jasper/cemeteries/pioneer/legal/>

The full Iowa Cemetery Act from the Iowa Legislature-

<https://coolice.legis.iowa.gov/Cool-ICE/default.asp?category=billinfo&service=iowaCode&ga=83&input=5231>

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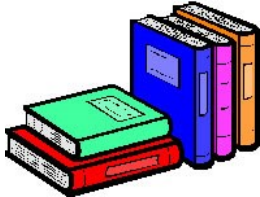
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