

**Minutes for Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission
Meeting held at C.C. Genealogy Society Office
119 N. Main Street, Elkader, Iowa
August 20, 2022**

Commission members present were Bruce Collins, Ellen Collins, Lee Embretson, and Myra Voss. Dave Beck friend of Commission was also present.

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Collins and seconded by Ellen Collins passed unanimously.

July 2022 CCPCC minutes were approved in a unanimous motion by Ellen Collins and seconded by Myra Voss.

Treasurer's Report: New fiscal year reflects new balance of \$2,000. Freedom Bank account has \$1500 which are donations from 2 different sources for Commission use.

Old Business:

Garretson Cemetery:

Much discussion on wording for proposed sign for Garretson and post height. Height suggested to be 8 or 9 feet high and that it have gravel outside of a sturdy fence. The height, gravel and fencing necessary to discourage cattle from damaging the sign once erected. Bruce will contact thINK for estimate on sign and post using the suggested wording.

Lee E. suggested sign be creosoted. Frank P. not present to give status on the 2 stones removed from the cemetery for cleaning and/or repairing.

Patterson Cemetery:

Lee E., Lee's brother Craig, and Bruce C. installed the 2 new signs at this cemetery in July 2022.

Myra Voss to get contact information of Patterson family member so commission can reimburse her for pictures of the cemetery.

King Cemetery:

Discussion on King Cemetery and stones removed years ago by Lawrence Fox that are now in possession of Lee E. He has approximately 9 stones. Some of

these are in pieces and not complete. They need to be cleaned and restored if possible. Lee E. stated that possibly they could be placed along the fence line to allow farmer to till and plant ground. Ellen suggested that she contact C.C. Recorder's office to determine if the cemetery site is on private land. Very little information exists on this cemetery. It was decided that Ellen should pursue getting a title for the land. More discussion will occur after title is secured.

Discussion held on painting cemetery signs in need. List of those suggested Old Stone School in Volga, Hamlett, Blanchaine, Fry, Krumm, McClelland, and Borcharding. Bruce mentioned that he and Frank P. have purchased 2 gallons of primer and paint for this purpose. This purchase was approved at a previous meeting. Bruce suggested that we hire someone to do this for the Commission. Lee Embretson will contact Reid Koehn to see if he would do this job. More paint may have to be purchased.

New Business:

Dave Beck presented information that he has found on various websites related to Garretson and Redman Cemeteries. He looked up the cemeteries on IaGenWeb.com, findagrave.com and Ancestry.com He also looked on line at obits found in local newspapers of the time. The obituaries stated where people were to be buried and spouses, children, and parents names. He found many biographies on those buried in Garretson. Some names of those buried at Garretson per IaGenWeb.com conflicted with other sources. The information was very informative. Thank you Dave!

Next Meeting date:

Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the C.C. Genie Society 119 N. Main Street, Elkader, Iowa

Motion to adjourn by Myra Voss and seconded by Ellen Collins was approved unanimously.

