

# **Greene County Cemetery Commission**

1 East Main Street

Bloomfield, IN 47424

~ Commission Members ~

Doug Terrell, President «» Sharon Sparks, Vice President

Joe Flynn, Secretary «» Jamie Thompson «» Johnny Wells

## **2025 Annual Report**

1. 2025 Budget. The Greene County Cemetery Commission began 2025 with a balance of \$2,026.60. The Commission received \$1,150.00 in donations. Thus, giving the Commission \$3,176.60 to execute restoration efforts.
2. 2025 Expenditures. The Commission spent \$735.38 on restoration efforts in 2025:
  - a. Office Supplies - \$202.79. Supplies procured were printer cartridges, envelopes, stamps, paper, and folders.
  - b. Chemicals - \$72.59. Chemicals procured were Wet and Forget, Pratley Putty, and other supplies required for the restoration and cleaning of monuments.
  - c. Cemetery Signs - \$460.00. Signs procured were for cemetery marking and identifying magnetic vehicle placards indicating "Cemetery Commission" used by Commission members during the execution of duties.
3. 2025 Activities.
  - a. Held monthly meetings open to the public.
  - b. Developed by-laws for the Commission to operate by.
  - c. Developed a database (MS Excel) of county cemeteries (210).
  - d. Commission members located and inspected 105 county cemeteries.
  - e. Commission members executed restoration efforts at nine county cemeteries. Efforts included clearing overgrowth and the cleaning, leveling, straightening, and resetting of monuments.
  - f. Signs procured and placed at nine cemeteries.
  - g. Presented briefing to County Commissioners and County Council.
  - h. Community Outreach. Briefed the Bloomfield Rotary Club and Greene County Historical Society concerning Commission purpose and activities. Engaged in conversation with people in the community describing the existence and efforts of the Cemetery Commission.
  - i. In coordination with Heritage Preservation LLC., the Commission hosted a Cemetery Restoration Workshop in September at the Solsberry Cemetery with 29 community members in attendance.

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- j. With assistance of the Military Order of Loyal Legion, Commission members located the burial places of eight Civil War Veterans. Monuments ordered from the Veterans Administration.
4. 2026 Plans. The Commission will continue efforts initiated in 2025 as well as new cemetery restoration projects. Those efforts include:
- a. Continue to hold monthly meetings open to the public.
  - b. Update by-laws adding verbiage for State cemetery restoration requirements and knowledge gained from operation.
  - c. Continue to locate and inspect county cemeteries.
  - d. Improve the cemetery database by adding the results of inspections, research, and restoration efforts.
  - e. Plan, resource, and execute cemetery restoration projects as funding allows.
  - f. Execute approved cemetery restoration project at Stropes Cemetery in Richland Township.
  - g. Procure and place signage at county cemeteries as requested by the property owner.
  - h. Continue community outreach by presenting to local organizations and engaging in conversation with people in the community describing the existence and efforts of the Cemetery Commission.
  - i. Plan and execute a Cemetery Restoration Workshop at a county cemetery educating the community on process and techniques necessary to restore cemetery monuments.
  - j. Continue coordination with the Military Order of Loyal Legion to locate burial places and order and place monuments for veterans of the Civil War.