

King Cemetery Work Session

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery

Work session of Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission was held on December 6, 2022 at the site of King Cemetery in Read Township near Clayton Center on the land owned by Burt Coulter of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He was represented by Hertz Farm Management employee Jackson Roth. Visit was OK'd by Mr. Coulter. This has been a "lost cemetery". Status and site were unknown for a while and it was uncertain if any stones remained. CCPC members Lee Embretson, Bruce and Ellen Collins were present along with "friends" of the commission Frank Phippen and Dave Beck. CCPC members described to Jackson Roth approximate area to place a fenced in area to put the headstones. Members also found 2 stones leaning against a fence near roadway and removed them to be cleaned and repaired. Frank Phippen, friend of the Commission agreed to do this. They were put in his car to work on. At another visit Frank found one additional stone which he also removed to clean and repair. Per Chairperson Lee Embretson he has some additional stones that were removed a number of years ago. These will also be cleaned and placed back at the site. It was agreed by CCHPC members to enclose area which is also the desire of the owner. A sign will be attached to the fence to designate this as a cemetery. Fencing will be placed at an angle at the corner of this field. This will not take up a lot of field space and hopefully will not interfere with the use of the farm field.