

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission
18 February 2018

Present: Lee Embretson, Bruce Collins, Myra Voss, Lee Lenth

Purpose of Cemetery Tours: To visit cemeteries for all members to know location and assess what work may need to be done.

Met at Genie Center, Elkader, 1:00 pm.

1.) **SCHORI Cemetery. Marion Township**, Section 19 SW/SW.

Secluded, off road. Needed to cross a fence, cross a partially frozen small creek, up a couple of snow covered small hills. This cemetery has been worked on by several volunteers ca 1980. At that time two bachelor brothers, Ben Schori and brother, showed us the cemetery. They told us that quite large gravestones had been there, but slid down the hill. Some years later the Pioneer Commission members toured, Lee E. walked below the hill but no gravestones could be seen at that time.

Previous work on the cemetery: 4 small stones were placed into new cement bases. There are 4 cement triangle posts to help indicate the boundary.

On 2/18/2018 Voss took many pictures. There is a portion with wire fence, one side with a white rope. Outside of fence area were 2 old cement bases. One about 1 foot x 10 inches; and one side of another base.

Assessment: Needs a better fence. Needs a sign.

2.) **HOUG Cemetery**. Section 20 SE/NE. Very Nice, beautiful gate with Houg and Cemetery on the 2 gates. Maintained.

Good size. This cemetery has several Houg stones, a couple of Mork stones, Gilbertson, Groth, Halstensen, Helgeson, Lien, Ostegard. One stone for Sven b. 4 Dec. 1814 d. 19 May 1916 AGED: 101 years 5 months 15 days! Two veterans are buried there. Appears that there is a group, or persons, taking care of this cemetery.

Assessment: a couple of stones are broken and should be repaired.

3.) **CLARK Cemetery**. Joel Clark, a very well-known gentleman, has connections to this cemetery. Because of the location, off the road, up a snow covered hill, we did not have a close-up view. Must return when much dryer ground.

Wagner Township: UB-Wagner Cemetery. A Township Cemetery. The fence that had been on the north of the cemetery is removed! A fence is needed to indicate the previous boundary. Divining done in the past, indicated baby graves (one spot held baby twins) right by that fence (now removed), no marker.

Assessment: That north fence should be put **back** in place.

Patterson Cemetery. Drove into Patterson's to show new commission member the great deal of restoration that we have done.

We also voted to approve the **Cords Cemetery** sign, and mutually agreed the next sign should be for the **Shori Cemetery**. Plans are in the making.

Myra Voss, Sec.