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General Information:

The Hancock County Historical Society (HCHS) collects items (fossils, Native American projectile points, clothing, household/military/business/personal items, papers, photos, letters, etc) from the public to preserve for future generations, to display in exhibits, and to document the history of Hancock County. We are dependent upon the donations of people with ties to Hancock County for what comes into our collection. Items that are in the collection should have a connection to Hancock County, or in the least be of an appropriate piece that would have been used by people in Hancock County during a specific time period.

The HCHS records the history of Hancock County, Indiana by researching topics, collecting papers, letters, and photographs, and publishing this information for the public use. We have several volumes on the history of Hancock County as well as other topics about Hancock County for sale in our Gift Shop. We do have individuals who may help you with answering your questions about Hancock County history, and who may be available to come to speak at a meeting or to an organization. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section for more info.

We have been in existence since 1965, and are considered a “young” organization with a small collection of items and ownership of two historic buildings. While we have thousands of artifacts and items, we may or may not have an item that pertains to your personal point of interest due to the fact that nothing from that era or interest has been donated.

We do not maintain or keep government records such as birth, and death records, marriage applications/licenses, court records (including will and probate). We are not the archive for any city or county government. We do not maintain records of deeds, abstracts, or home ownership information - - unless these pieces have been donated. Please see the FAQ section to get more information on how to locate and get copies of these records for research.

We currently do not have up to date plot maps, surveys, records, or databases for the cemeteries in Hancock County. However, there are several resources that can help you with your search that we can refer you to. Please see the FAQ section for more information.

Mission Statement:

The Purpose of this Corporation is:

- a. To establish, maintain and perpetuate Hancock County historical museums, including the purchase of land, the purchase and/or construction of buildings, the renovation and/or restoration of land and buildings.

- b. To collect and preserve manuscripts, relics, art objects and articles, and other materials relating to Hancock County History.
- c. To collect and preserve accurate records of all cemeteries in Hancock County.
- d. To erect markers at historical sites in Hancock County.
- e. To continue the work of writing a history of Hancock County.
- f. To prepare material on the history of Hancock County for use in the schools thereof.
- g. To organize and participate in appropriate community historical observances.
- h. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.
- i. To exercise all other powers permitted by the Indiana General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, as amended.

Source: By-laws of Hancock County Historical Society, April 24, 1988

Officers and Board of Directors

The governing body of the Hancock County Historical Society is comprised of five officers and ten (10) Directors. The officers shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and said officers shall be elected from outside the Directors. There shall be ten (10) Directors, one (1) director from each of the nine (9) townships in Hancock County, Indiana, (Blue River, Brandywine, Brown, Buck Creek, Center, Green, Jackson, Sugar Creek, and Vernon) and one (1) director from the City of Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana.

Officers serve terms for one year, and Directors serve terms of three years. Individuals may be re-elected to office.

The Current Officers and Board

President: Brigette Cook Jones

First Vice President: Greg Roland

Second Vice President: Joe Skvarenina

Secretary:

Treasurer: Richard Trautmann

Blue River Township Director: Mary Greenan

Brandywine Township Director: Ellie Trautmann

Brown Township Director: Darrell Deck

Buck Creek Township Director: Melva Smith

Center Township Director: Robert Holland

Green Township Director: Tom VanDuyne

Jackson Township Director: John Rasor

Sugar Creek Director: Brenda Spencer

Vernon Township Director: Phyllis Kingen

City of Greenfield Director: Michael Griffen

**If you would like to contact a specific officer or director, please call the HCHS office at 317-462-7780.