

Schooler Cemetery Relocation Proposal

**Schooler Cemetery
County Road 650 East and County Road 500 South
Eagle Township, Boone County, Indiana**

Prepared for:
Town of Whitestown

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Project Understanding

The Town of Whitestown proposes to relocate the Schooler Cemetery, located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of County Road 650 East (Main Street) and County Road 500 South in Eagle Township, Boone County, Indiana. The proposed reinterment location is the Jones Cemetery, located approximately 0.30 miles south of the Schooler Cemetery on the east side of County Road 650 East.

The project will consist of the following:

- 1) Development of a Cemetery Work Plan for approval by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). The work plan will document the known history and conditions of the Schooler Cemetery and detail the methodology for the relocation.
- 2) Disinterment of the estimated three graves at the Schooler Cemetery per Indiana state regulations and wishes of the Schooler Family, as coordinated with the Town.
- 3) Maintenance of traffic (detour) for CR 650 E and CR 500 S during a maximum one-week archaeological investigation.
- 4) Relocation of remains to reinterment site.
- 5) Reburial of remains in the Jones Cemetery.
- 6) Final project report.

Project Costs

Archival Research (Cemetery Work Plan)	\$3,750
Permitting and coordination	\$1,000
Mechanical removal of the topsoil and documentation	\$8,650
Excavation	\$12,700
Seeding & Restoration	\$850
Reburials	\$600
Maintenance of Traffic	\$9,000
Reporting	\$10,800
Total	\$47,420



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Project/File: Schooler Cemetery

Elizabeth Biggio

Architectural Historian

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Dear Elizabeth Biggio,

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) appreciates the opportunity to provide this proposal for the relocation of a small family cemetery south of Whitestown, Indiana. Based on provided information, the project consists of the excavation and documentation of three nineteenth century burials that are located at the southwest corner of County Road 650 East and 500 South. The burials are currently immediately adjacent to the roadway and are disturbed by vehicular traffic. Following excavation and documentation, the burials will be reinterred in Jones Cemetery. We propose to complete the following project management, archaeology, and biological anthropology services:

Project Management services include:

1. Management of the excavation and removal of *up to 3 individuals* currently defined as Andrew F. Schooler, Sarah Elizabeth Schooler, and James Oliver Schooler;
2. Coordination with the Department of Natural Resources- Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (DNR-DHPA);
3. Procuring approvals from governmental agencies for said relocation, as needed.

Archaeology and Biological Anthropology services include:

1. Mapping of the cemetery's ground surface features before the stripping of the topsoil and mapping of the individual grave shafts based on the colorization and compaction of the soil following the stripping of the topsoil;
2. The area between the existing roadway and up to the white picket fence will be stripped to look for adjacent grave shafts next to the roadway;
3. Archaeological excavation of the grave shafts and transport of the associated skeletal material and artifacts from the current location to the Jones Cemetery for reburial;
4. Analysis of the skeletal material recovered from the grave shafts will occur on-site concurrent with the excavation;
5. Analysis of the artifacts recovered in association with the interments will occur on-site concurrent with the excavation; and
6. Backfilling and restoration of the excavation area.

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Reburial

1. Stantec will not be responsible for costs associated with the reinterment of the graves, aside from the transportation of the skeletal material and associated artifacts, and the headstones and footstones.

Final Report and Cemetery Registry Form

1. Following completion of the reburials, Stantec will compose a report outlining the reinterment activities, and will prepare a map showing the location of the reinterments. This document will be submitted to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their records.
2. Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. (BF&S) will provide archival research of the Schooler Cemetery for inclusion in the report.
3. As required in the permit issued by the Indiana SHPO, an updated cemetery registry form will be completed for the Schooler Cemetery.

The scope of services to be provided assumes:

1. Reasonable access to the project area is assured;
2. Property owner permission is secured by Client;
3. The southbound lane along CR 650 E and the eastbound lane along E 500 S will need to be closed during excavation for the safety of our staff. The costs and logistics of these lane closures will be provided by the Town of Whitestown;
4. Conducive weather conditions, i.e. no heavy rain, snow, or frozen ground;
5. Current aerial imagery indicates an overhead powerline and buried utility cables running parallel to CR 650. Prior to excavation, a utility locate ticket will be placed and active throughout the extent of our excavation. If necessary, Stantec will arrange for a private utility locate to be completed prior to fieldwork;
6. No more than three (3) burials are to be excavated and relocated;
7. This proposal only assumes excavation between the fence and the road. Should the human remains or evidence of burial shafts extend outside of these boundaries, consultation with DHPA will occur prior to continuing excavation to determine the appropriate strategy forward;
8. Stantec will not coordinate with the public such as the general media, cemetery preservation groups, and/or local officials;
9. No publishing of legal notices and/or sending relocation notices to surviving heirs will be required;
10. BF&S will provide archival research for inclusion in project reporting;
11. Stantec will not be responsible for any expenses or logistics associated with reinterment. All materials recovered from the graves will be delivered to the Jones Cemetery at the conclusion of the excavation.
12. The project will be conducted as an archaeological disinterment and a funeral director will not be required to be present during any portion of this project; and
13. One electronic copy and two hard copies of a final report will be prepared.

If any of these assumptions prove to be invalid and additional services are required, Stantec can provide these services under a supplemental agreement.

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Additions:

1. Stantec will provide equipment and operators to mechanically remove soil covering the graves. We will stockpile the back dirt near the site and backfill the excavation at the conclusion of the excavation. Stantec has not accounted for restoration of the site following excavation, beyond backfilling and seeding of the ground surface.
2. We have accounted for the excavation of three burials, extraordinary burials (i.e. multiple individuals in a single shaft, cast iron coffins, presence of hazardous embalming chemicals, etc.) may result in unanticipated costs. If these circumstances occur, we will quickly notify BF&S and discuss appropriate actions.
3. Stantec is not responsible for any expenses related to reinterment aside from delivery of all material recovered from the burials as well as the headstones and footstones to the Jones Cemetery.

Schedule:

Upon receiving Notice to Proceed (NTP), Stantec will complete the necessary IDNR-DHPA permit and coordination with this agency. Approval of the permit can take up to 30 days. Once the permit is received, Stantec will coordinate and schedule the fieldwork with BF&S within 2-4 weeks. A draft copy of the report will be prepared within approximately eight weeks following completion of the fieldwork. Upon client approval, the report will need to be sent to the IDNR-DHPA for comment. Stantec has no control over the agency review schedule; however, we assume a reasonable timeframe for comment (typically 30 days).

Fee:

Stantec will provide the above scope of services for the fixed fee amount of \$34,000.00. Please contact us if you have any questions. If the letter is acceptable, Stantec can provide a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for your authorization, or we welcome the opportunity to review your terms. A pricing breakdown is provided in the table below:

Task	Amount
Permitting and meetings	\$1,000.00
Mechanical removal of the topsoil and documentation	\$8,650.00
Excavation	\$12,700.00
Reporting	\$10,800.00
Seeding and Restoration	\$850.00
Total	\$34,000.00

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Thank you for the opportunity to support your project.

Sincerely,

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