

February 1, 2024

To: Danny Powers: Deputy Town Manager of Public Works, Town of Whitestown
From: Stephen Schooler representing the Schooler Family
Subject: Relocation of Schooler Family Graves

Dear Mr. Powers:

This letter is to acknowledge to you my family's consent to relocate the three graves that are located at the southwest corner of the intersection of S Main St., and CR 500 S, Whitestown, Indiana, 46075. These were three children of John W H Schooler and Mary Ann Schooler. The headstones of:

Andrew F. Schooler - born August 10, 1838 and died April 12 1839.

Sarah Elizabeth Schooler - born September 3, 1848 and died February 14, 1860.

James Oliver Schooler - born May 11, 1851 and died September 14, 1851.

are on what was the original Schooler family homestead when land was purchased from the US government from 1832-1835.

Obviously, as time has gone along and with increased development, the area around these graves has changed dramatically. Intrusion onto the site of the graves has become a common occurrence, and continues to increase. With roads widening and changing in this area, the increase of vehicle traffic has caused damage to the headstones as vehicle wheels have run over them. With continued growth in the area it would be easy for us to conclude the damage to these headstones will just get worse as time goes along.

The children's parents and other siblings are buried in the Jones Cemetery, which is very close by. There are burial plots available to relocate them to this cemetery. Having the remains put in individual vaults during this process would seem to be appropriate.

So we, as the Schooler family, feel the best and appropriate thing is to have the relocation done of the graves, headstones, and remains moved from their current location to the Jones Cemetery, out of respect to the children and their family.

Sincerely,



Stephen Schooler