February 27, 2015

MuckRock News
Attn.: Christopher Philippo
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Re: FOIL Request – Rensselaer County Farm Cemetery;
FOIL No.: 2014-125

Dear Mr. Philippo:

In response to your FOIL request please find enclosed a memo from the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature and some documents located by her.

Unfortunately, whatever records do exist are not indexed or filed in a way that allows us to find what you are seeking. As indicated by the Clerk of the Legislature, you are free to come and search available volumes yourself and you may find something that interests you. Also, the Rensselaer County Clerk’s Office has indicated a willingness to assist you in searching other County records which may contain something of interest to you, but we have no index or filing system that would enable us to find them.

Very truly yours,

Peter R. Kehoe
Special Counsel
Foil Officer

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Enclosures
Mr. Peter Kehoe  
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Re: FOIL County Farm Cemetery:

Dear Mr. Kehoe:

The Legislature does not have journals from 1821-1854; I have no idea if they did not do them back then or they were ruined at some point. We did conduct a search through the Journals on targeted years I found online regarding this “County Farm Cemetery”; enclosed, I have provided you with that information. Without exactly knowing what precisely we are looking for, this search is quiet voluminous. Not to mention some of the books are disintegrating when I touch them. I would prefer not to destroy the only history books we have here. Therefore, if there is any way whomever sent you this request, can give us a smaller time frame or more specific description on what to look for, I would be more than happy to help. I would offer this person can go through the journals themselves, but some years are falling apart as we touch them and I want to preserve as long as possible.

Sincerely,

Jenét N. Marra  
Clerk of the Legislature

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DATE: January 16, 2015

TO: Jenet Marra, Clerk of the Legislature

FROM: Peter R. Kehoe, Special Counsel, FOIL Officer

SUBJECT: County Farm Cemetery - FOIL Request 2014-125

We have had a FOIL request for any records of the County Farm Cemetery in South Troy, which was part of the Alms House or Poor House operated under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors apparently from about 1821 until sometime in the early 1900’s. Would your office have any records related to this cemetery? Perhaps in annual reports to the Board or such?

Thank you.