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June 9, 1955

To Colonel E. W. Heywood, Adjutant General's Department  
Re: Graves of Soldiers and Sailors

In your memo of June 6, 1955, you ask two questions relating to burying grounds, first that your department be advised as to the responsibility for the maintenance of soldiers' graves in cemeteries in unorganized townships.

Chapter 58, Section 5, R. S. 1954, would seem to be the only statute relating to cemeteries in unorganized places. In such incorporated places, where there are ancient or public burying grounds, the responsibility for fencing and maintenance falls upon the County Commissioners.

Secondly, you inquire if a law that states that all cemeteries in which Revolutionary soldiers or sailors are buried should be enclosed by fences is still in effect and what is the citation of such law.

Section 3 of Chapter 58, R.S. 1954, is the only law relating to burial places of Revolutionary soldiers and sailors and the fencing of such public burying grounds.

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