



**Fred & Rod Smith** were not deterred by the inclement June weather as they cut away on a stump that continues to put out new growth in the area of their ancestor's graves near the large trees at the center of the cemetery. They have made repairs and straightened some of the leaning gravestones including the large Smiley Stone with Rueben Smiley's Marker next to it.

It was a cold, wet, windy day in Whitman County and not very many showed up for the meeting scheduled for today. As you can see the ones that did show, were dressed in their foul weather gear.

Below **Jim Irwin** plants a cutting from a Harrison Yellow Rose that is found in abundance in the Applegate Valley in Jackson County Oregon, from a cutting that was brought west in 1853. Sarah Blue's sister, Maryum McKee brought it on their wagon train from Missouri and planted by the front gate of her home. It was later planted near the gate to the Logtown Cemetery south of Jacksonville where John & Maryum McKee and many family members are buried.

It is now growing near the grave of Jim Irwin's great-grandmother, Sarah Blue in the Lone Pine Cemetery.



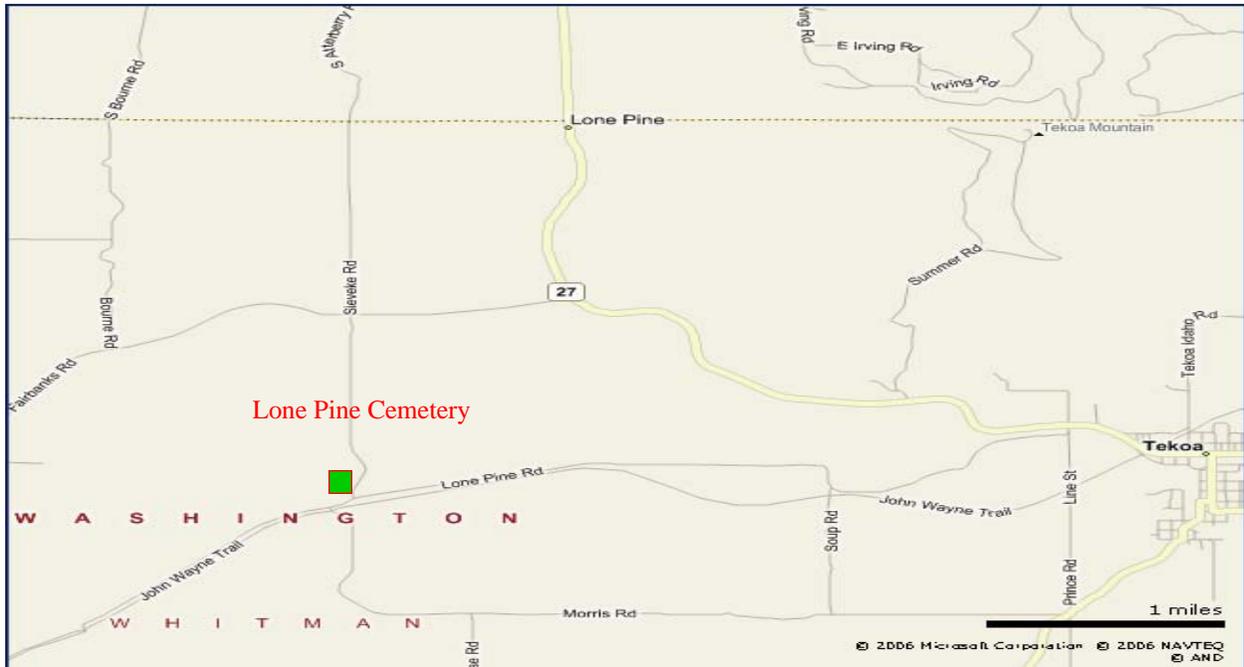
The following article is from an E-mail sent out by **Amy Warwick** last week and the picture is of the south side of the cemetery showing where it would be possible to make a new entrance to the cemetery.

I had a long conversation with Cal Chase, the presumed owner of the cemetery and he had some suggestions. First, as to the driveway, a man from the county went out and looked at it with Cal and they thought there was a better solution than fixing the current driveway. Apparently, the only reason that driveway is in place is because the last owner used it as a way to move farm equipment. That being the case it is very possible that the driveway runs over graves. Cal thought it would be better for him and for the cemetery if we opened the old driveway along the south side of the cemetery. If you walk up there on the south field there is a perfect access. IT would require removing a path of lilacs and creating the old drive again. If we can get the lilacs cleared Cal has volunteered to help with equipment. I have a gentleman who is willing to do the work of clearing the lilacs, but I will need to pay him. (If no one has an objection, I would like to do that. He has worked for Wave and I for two years, he's inexpensive, and he does very good work. (The letter continues on the other side.)

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery  
Jim Irwin  
404 Mica Place  
Walla Walla WA 99363

**This is the 3rd of, hopefully, many newsletters of this new organization!**

**Next meeting time & place:  
To be announced**



Also, Cal recommended that we take \$100 of that money and research the actual owner. He said it wasn't worth spending the money to him, but it might be to us. He really doesn't want the property, and has only kept it so that he can have a little control on his field borders. He said if he is in fact the owner, then he might be willing to be a little more open on what we do with the place. If he's not, maybe the other party would be willing to turn it over to us. He also recommended looking into turning it over to the state (or county) to see if they would deem it a historical place of interest since there are Pioneers buried there and then there may be state funds available.

Our contributions so far have come to an impressive \$2100.00 but more will be needed. Please consider making a small contribution of \$10, \$25, \$50, or more for the maintenance of the Lone Pine Cemetery. **Please send to:**  
**Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery, c/o Amy Warwick, 3001 Pittman Rd, Oksdale WA 99158**

If you have information, articles, or pictures you would like to see in this newsletter, please send to:  
Email: [jimirwin@charter.net](mailto:jimirwin@charter.net) / phone: 509-529-2411 / mail: 404 Mica Place Walla Walla WA 99362