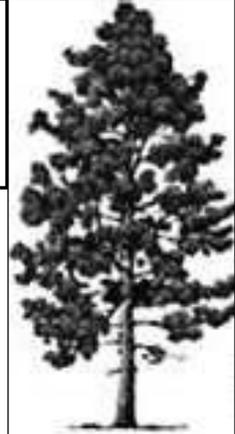


# Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery Newsletter

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“Friends of the Lone Pine Cemetery” met on September 17, 2010, at the C&D Bar & Grill in Downtown Tekoa, Whitman County, Washington. Members present were (left to right) Teresa Pohle, Patti Smiley, Jim Savitz, Jo Ann Savitz, Howard Morgan, Sandra Morgan, Jim Irwin, Terry Smiley, Rod Smith, Sue Smith, and Fred Smith. The next meeting will occur in the Spring of 2011 at the same place on April 9th.



The Saturday work party accomplished much work in spite the wet weather leaving everything sopping wet. A dozen trees got trimmed and weeds got pulled in the drive way and parking lot. A crumbled gravestone in the “Clark Family” area, was cleaned up and the large undamaged piece of the stone was set back on it’s base.

Pictured at right is the Clark brothers, Dudley and Quentin with Jo Ann Savitz. The Clark Family is the featured pioneer family in this newsletter.

See Pages 2 & 3 for excerpts from  
Lucy Clark’s story.

**The Life Journey of a Pioneer Woman**

**By Lucy Dollarhide Clark**

Submitted by Quentin Clark



The following excerpts are from Lucy's story of her family's extraordinary trek to the wild west, that unfortunately is too long for this newsletter. I selected excerpts that applied to her life in Whitman County and near Lone Pine. Editor

### The Life Journey of a Pioneer Woman

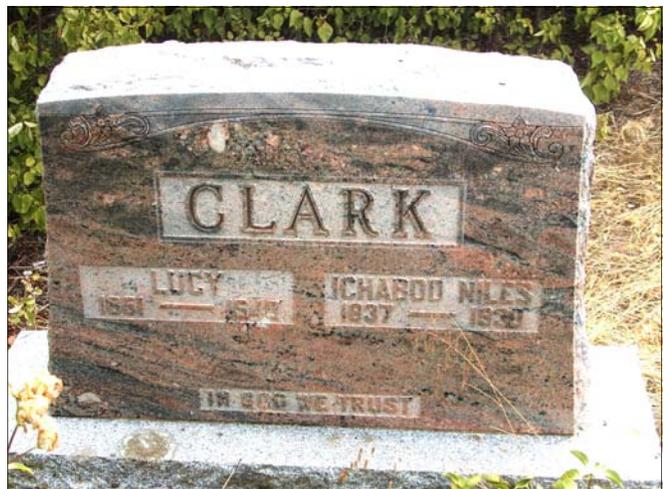
By Lucy Dollarhide Clark

I was born in Jasper County, Indiana, on June 11, 1851. I am the seventh child of a family of twelve children, nine girls and three boys. My parents were Jesse and Nancy Dollarhide.

I have passed through trials and tribulations. Five of my family lies in the Lone Pine Cemetery. I am still here, hoping that I may stay a few years longer. Our journey to Washington would have been very pleasant had it not been that the baby sixteen months old took pneumonia and was very sick most of the way. Every night I did not know whether my baby would still be alive the next morning. He did, however, finally survive through all our hardships. There was another family who started with us but they went up the coast after leaving us at Walla Walla. Two young men, John Roberts and Joe Rutherford, came on with us. We had four horses, three cows, three heifers and a calf. It was fortunate we had milk because it was that which kept the baby alive. We did not have a tent, but the two men traveling with us loaned us theirs so the baby and I could sleep in out of the night air, and the baby began to get better.

When I was fourteen years old, I met a young man by the name of Clark and he fell deeply in love with me. I was going to school at the time but that young man persuaded me to think the same as he did - that he could not live without me - and on September 9, 1866, we were married and started our lives together. We were very happy but were not without our share of troubles. We had only his year's wages, \$300.00, to go on. The first thing we bought was a cow for which we paid sixty dollars and she died the day after we bought her.

There were many good people here at Lone Pine. Mr. & Mrs. Russell, who kept the stage station, let the people have room in his house for school until a school house could be built. A log school house was built, this side of where the cemetery now is, and we used that until the district was able to build a bigger and better one. We used the school house for church, too, and old Dr. Kenayer was our first United Brethren minister here. In 1881, a United Brethren minister by the name of H.O. Kerns came to fill this capacity and he was in this work for several years.



That summer a man by the name of Dan Truax came to this country and put up a sawmill east of Tekoa. We bought lumber from him to build a barn, which stands here yet on our farm. We still lived in our first cabin by improving it, putting on a porch, bedroom, dining room and kitchen. My son-in-law wanted to know why I did not build a front porch on the one we had, and I told him when I built a house it would be all new and I would wait until I could do that. In 1889, Mr. Clark's brother, Melvin, and family came up to this country in April and stayed until July. His wife's brother and family came, too, but the women got homesick and went back to California. They said if they had a nice home like we did, they would stay, but they would not stay and help make one like I had done. Our place did look nice, we had trees growing and had a good orchard. We were still living in the old house, but our place was what we made it and no one else had done it except Mr. Clark, the children and I. We had learned that a "rolling stone gathers no moss" and we quit moving from one place to another.

I am eighty-four years old and am nearing the time when I shall meet my Blessed Savior and feel that I will be ready when that time comes. I didn't have the advantages of an education like the children of today have. My parents were poor and I had to work. I wanted to be a teacher but decided instead to get married, but I have been teaching ever since. I am the mother of eleven children, seven still living, raised four grandchildren and a niece so I have taught a pretty good school after all. I have thirty-one grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren. I can no longer do any hard work but keep busy making quilts and writing letters. I have made each of my children and grandchildren a quilt. In the last thirty years I have made sixty quilts and hope to make a few more. I am not contented unless I have something to pick up and sew.

I am still living in my own home with my son and his wife. I have been here fifty-four years in the state of Washington and think it is a grand state in which to live. I own my home as long as I live and when I am gone it goes to my children. Arthur has sold all the horses and is going to farm with a tractor.

I keep busy with my quilts, reading and writing letters and I consider I am a fortunate grandmother for I am loved by all my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They always enjoy coming to visit me.



**Friends of Lone Pine meeting agenda**

April 9, 2011 10:00 am

C&D Bar & Grill in Tekoa WA

1. Sec./Treas. Report
  - 501 C (3) status
  - Historic Site Nomination
- 2 Vice Pres. Report
3. Plot plan update
4. Do we want gravel on paths and around headstones?
5. Burning of brush piles (status)

**Work Day agenda For discussion and action—Saturday April 10th 9 am**

1. Complete the removal of lilac-brush around perimeter of fence line.
2. Expand lilac removal in paths and around head stones.
4. Cleaning moss and mildew from headstones

The view to the East



The view to the West



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Front to back; Smiley's, Savitz's, Morgan's  
 Picture to left is a gravestone for twins that were born in 1882 and died one day apart in 1883.