

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

Whitman County, Washington

A Washington State Historic Site

Autumn 2011



Friends of the Lone Pine Cemetery met in downtown Tekoa WA, at the C&D Bar and Grill on October 8, 2011. Among other business; they approved the purchase of this stone for placement near the parking area in about the center of the cemetery. The stone & base stone will be purchased from the Wylie Monument Company in Walla Walla WA, with the lettering shown to mark this pioneer cemetery as a historic site in Washington State. The cost of the stone is \$1250.00 of which \$250.00 has already been given. Please consider making a contribution so we can complete this project by the next meeting in the spring of 2012.

The first burials in the cemetery appear to be members of the J.C. Kizer Family; see article & pictures on page 2.

The Kizer Family; information from Ancestry.com

The 1883 census shows J.C. Kizer born 1850 in Iowa and wife Martha (Stevenson) born 1855 in Wisconsin. Son Geo O. Kizer born 1874 in Iowa and son James R. Kizer born 1877 in Iowa.

The 1887 census shows J.C. and George still living in Lone Pine, Washington.

In the 1880 Census J.C. and Martha were living with her parents, Hugh and Mary Stevenson in Cedar Creek, Washington County, Oregon. Their two sons were not shown living with them at the time. The twins were born October 2, 1882 and both died in January 1883 and appear to be the first burials in the Lone Pine Cemetery.

Son George was in the 1910 census living in Bellingham Washington. His WWI draft records dated September 12, 1918 gave an address of Route 2, Oaksdale Washington and nearest relative as Mrs. R.E. Morgan of Route 2 Oaksdale. He was listed as a warehouseman and was employed at the Fairbanks Warehouse Company in Oaksdale. The 1930 census shows George Oscar Kizer, age 56 living alone in Lone Pine, Whitman County, WA

If anyone has additional information on this family or of any other families buried here; please send to us to help us piece together the stories of these early pioneers of Whitman County and the Lone Pine area. Jim Irwin



Kizer, James R.
b. 17 Jan 1877, d. 3 Mar 1885
son of J.C. & M.E.



Kizer, Anthony V, b. 2 Oct 1882, d. 1 Jan 1883, son of J.C. & M.E.
Kizer, Hugh V, b. 2 Oct 1882, d. 7 Jan 1883, son of J.C. & M.E.



Kizer, Martha E, b. 12 Feb 1855, d. 1 Mar 1884,
dau of H & R Stevenson, wife of J.C. Kizer

Saturday Work Day report from our President, Fred Smith.

On Saturday the work crew was Terry and Patti Smiley, Dudley Clark and his daughter Cleome Rowe, Tome Pohle, and Rod and Fred Smith. Dave Church and his Bobcat was a great help.

Dave removed all of the lilacs, hog wire and posts from the right side of the driveway to the North East corner of the cemetery. He also moved all the lilac brush that was chain sawed, to the burn pile. About 12 big loads. He will burn the pile this fall.

Our two newest members to the crew, Cleome Rowe and Tome Ppohle piled the lilac cuttings as fast as Rod could cut it so they cleared around (My Estimate) as much area as had been cleared in all of our previous work days.

Cleome cut the lilacs around the gravestones in the Kizer plots with a hand lopper, Rod cut and pulled the three strands of barb wire out of the fence lines and Terry and I rolled it up and stacked it for Dave to haul to the dump.

Patti cleaned some gravestones, raked up small lilac brush after the grass crew got out of her way. She also picked up cans and glass that showed up after the fire.

We started at 9 am and left at 4 pm. No lunch, Had some snacks that Rod and Patti brought. Dave was there when we got there and probably worked another hour smoothing up the road and path and loading the trash. He told Rod and I that he likes us, and delays or cancels other work because we pay him within 3 days. Rod will let him know as soon as we set our 2012 May work date. Fred

Part of the Saturday work crew is pictured below (left to right) Tom Polhe, Fred Smith, (with the big stick) Rod Smith, and Terry and Pattie Smiley; all descendants or spouses of the Smiley Family.

Notice how the fire was stopped by our new trail. See article on next page.





“Friends of the Lone Pine Cemetery” met on October 8, 2011 at the C&D Bar & Grill in Downtown Tekoa, Whitman County, Washington. Members present were (left to right) Rod & Sue Smith, Tom Pohle, Cal Chase, Fred Smith, Sandy & Howard Morgan, Patti & Terry Smiley, and Jim Irwin.

Fire burns part of Lone Pine Cemetery

A stubble fire next to the cemetery apparently got out of control and embers landed in parts of the dry brush in the cemetery. However, the news is not all bad as we were able to find a couple more grave-stones that we had not been previously located. Also, as bad as it looks now, the green growth in the spring will soon hide most of the burnt areas. Our concerns are for some of the evergreen trees that got scorched pretty badly



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