

## Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

Whitman County, Washington  
A Washington State Historic Site

Winter 2012



Since I do not have a winter picture of the view from the cemetery I will use this spring picture of the view looking west from the cemetery. Below is a stone installed by an unknown person that thought as much of our ancestors as our group does.



## The Birdsell Family

Two Birdsell children are buried at Lone Pine Cemetery. Information on the stones give little information except they were the children of J.P. & O.G. Birdsell. One died in 1897, an infant son, no age or name given, the other was their daughter Hellen, who died at seven weeks old on March, 1, 1904.

Information gleaned from the census search in Ancestry.com shows Justin P. Birdsell was born in 1867 in Iowa to Benjamin and Mary Birdell. In the 1870 census they lived in Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa. Listed were five Children, Henry E. age 8, Sarah E. age 6, Agnes E. age 4, **Justin age 3**, and Ellen G. age 8 months. In 1880 the family still lived in Frankville with four additional children but Ellen was not in the Census. The added children were Genever A. age 10, Esther T. age 8, Curtis age 3, and Leavitt age 5 months.

The next available census was 1900 which showed Justin age 33 married to Octavia G. age 22, married in 1896 and living in Lone Pine, Whitman County with two children, Mary L. age 2 and Leonard R. age 1 month.

In 1910 Justin and Octavia were shown living at Lower Dry Creek in Walla Walla County with four children, Leone N. age 11, (?), Leonard R. Age 10, Lester B. age 8, June T. age 1. Mary L. is missing from this census.

In 1930, Justin now age 52 is shown as a widower living in Cambridge, Washington County, Idaho with his son Leonard age 19.



Birdsell, Infant  
d. 1897 no age given, son of J.P. & Octava G.

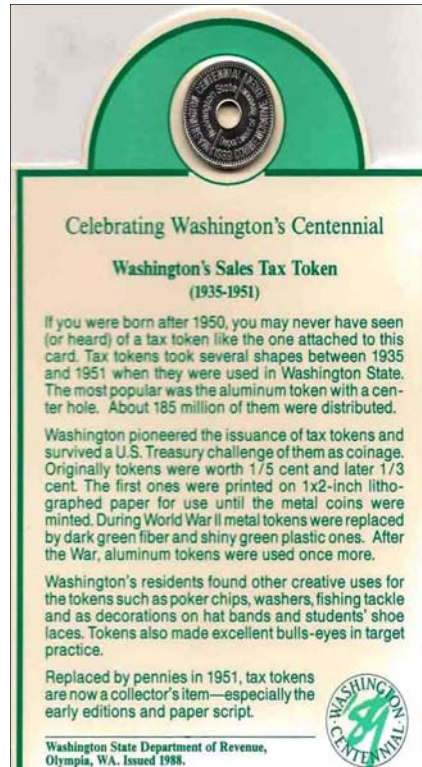
Note; the 1940 census will be available some time in 2012.



Birdsell, Hellen  
d. 1 Mar 1904 age: 7 wks, dau of J.P. & O.G.



The American Veterans Post # 1111 In Walla Walla has acquired a limited supply of Washington State Historic Medals left over from the Seattle Worlds Fair of 1962 and the Washington State Centennial of 1989. They have made some of them available to us at a special price to use as a fundraiser for the Historic Marker that will be placed in the Lone Pine Cemetery. We have made them available to anyone who would like to become a friend of the historic Lone Pine Cemetery, for a \$50.00 contribution. The funds raised from these items will be used to pay for large stone marker pictured on the next page. Contributions may be sent direct to the AmericanWest Bank, PO Box 1048 Tekoa WA 99033 or to Jim Irwin, 404 Mica Place, Walla Walla WA 99362.



## Spring Meeting of Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

Meeting 11:00 am May 11, 2012

C&D Bar & Grill

Tekoa WA

### Agenda

#### **Presidents Report—Items for discussion**

1. New Pine tree in cemetery "Where"
2. Path to south boundary
3. Metal grave site markers
4. Change of time for meeting date from 10 to 11 am
5. Disposition of 5 large fir trees

#### **Secretary--Treasurer Report**

1. Checking account update
2. DAHP Heritage Register monument update
2. Bid on 4' high chain link fence

#### **Vice Presidents report**

#### **Rod's plot plan update**

#### **Saturday Work Day May 12, 2012 9:00 am**

1. Expand Lilac removal around grave sites
2. Make Bobcat width path from drive way to south boundary
3. Prune Apple tree on West side of the Cemetery
4. Clean and reset Grave stones with outdoor liquid glue as needed
5. Spray areas of lilac removal
6. Set Historic Marker Stone



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