

# Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

Whitman County, Washington

Newsletter

A Washington State Historic Site

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On a small hill in the Palouse Country between Oaksdale and Tekoa is a small cemetery that had its first burial in 1883 and its last in 1953 and was pretty much forgotten until two local women that lived nearby contacted some of the descendants of the pioneers buried there and helped to form the association known as "Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery" in 2006.

In 2011, the cemetery was listed on the "Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places" and much work has been done to clean up and restore the cemetery to its original beauty but so much work remains to be done. Our sentiments are best described by this passage from the book; *The Tekoa Story - From Bunchgrass to Grain 1962*.

*"The highest places on the rolls of heroism must be shared by the un-Sung men and women known by the lack-luster name of "settlers". They are the ones who staked everything they had against the threat of hunger, illness and violence and by stark courage fashioned the foundations of the early west. Their names were not emblazoned on any plaques of honor, and most of them have been forgotten so far as individual recognition is concerned, but their impact on the rise of civilization was profound".*

The association has been diligently meeting twice a year and spending time working on clearing overgrowth brush and repairing fallen gravestones and generally making the cemetery accessible and pleasing to visit by descendants, friends, and passersby. A new sign has been placed at the entrance and a permanent stone has been placed in the parking area marking the cemetery as an historic place in Washington State.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage other descendants, cousins and friends who are interested in helping to maintain this historic piece of real estate and honor the pioneer settlers that migrated, worked the soil, raised their families, died and were buried in the Lone Pine Cemetery. Please consider making a contribution of any amount, small or large to assist the efforts of this group of people, as there seems to be no state or county funds available for abandoned cemeteries in Washington State. To make a donation to help keep this effort alive for future generations; please use the enclosed self addressed envelope or mail to Jim Irwin, Treasurer, 404 Mica Place, Walla Walla WA, 99362.

Thank you for your consideration,

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

<http://www.lonepinecemetery.com>

### Ruthie Cozier

The third person to be buried at the Lone Pine Cemetery was 5 year old Ruthie Cozier. She died on October 4, 1883 in Lone Pine. She was born January 24, 1878 in Oregon, the third child of John Carter Cozier and Martha Alice Gray. She had four siblings, Carl , Sophie, Lena, and Lulu.

Family history from Ancestry.com:

John Carter Cozier was born on 21 June 1848 in Harmony, Clark County, Ohio the first child of John Cozier and Hannah Carter. He died on 24 Feb 1911 in Bellingham, Whatcom County Washington. When he was 25, He married Martha Alice Gray on 21 June 1873 in , Halsey, Linn County, Oregon.

Martha Alice Gray was born on 06 Aug 1853 in Oregon as the first child of Caleb Gray and Jane Taylor Smith. She died on 12 Sep 1913 in Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington.

Between 1880 and 1910 the family lived in Farmington, Lone Pine, and Rosalia in Whitman County and had moved to Bellingham in Whatcom County Washington by 1910.

John Carter Cozier and Martha Alice Gray had the following children:

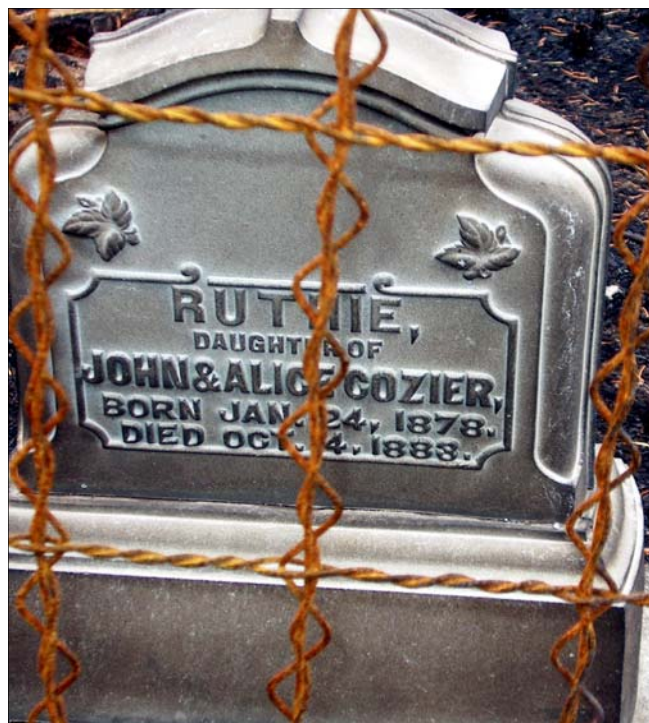
Carl Nesbitt Cozier was born on 12 Aug 1874 in Halsey, Linn County, Oregon. He died on 07 Oct 1955 in , Bellingham, Whatcom, Washington.

Sophie Cozier was born in May 1876 in Oregon.

Ruthie Cozier was born on 24 Jan 1878 in Oregon. She died on 04 Oct 1883 in Lone Pine, Whitman, Washington.

Lena Cozier was born in May 1885 in Washington.

Lulu Cozier was born in Feb 1888 in Washington.





### Charles Clizer, Jr.

Aug. 30, 1927 — May 17, 2013

Charles Benton Clizer Jr., age 85, passed away May 17, 2013, at his home at Wheatland Village in Walla Walla. He was born Aug. 30, 1927, in Spokane to Dr. Charles and Katherine Clizer of Tekoa, Wash. He graduated from high school in 1945 while serving in the United States Coast Guard during the final year of World War II. He entered Washington State College in the fall of 1946 and graduated with a B.S. in 1949 with a double major in chemistry and zoology.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Marilyn Grace Pratt, on June 25, 1949, in the Tekoa Methodist Church. Following graduate studies at the University of Washington he began his teaching career in Dayton in the fall of 1951. He completed his MEL in 1953 at Eastern Washington College.

In 1957 he became principal of Dayton High School, and in 1962, the superintendent of Dayton Public Schools. He remained in that position until July 1969, when the couple and their four children moved to Walla Walla. At that time Mr. Clizer took the position of business manager and assistant superintendent for finance for the Walla Walla Public School District. In 1974 he was named assistant superintendent in charge of certificated personnel and instruction. He retired in 1982.

He was a member of Washington Association of School Administrators and was instrumental in school modernization programs at Prospect Point, Berney and Blue Ridge elementary schools and Pioneer and Garrison junior high schools. Other community activities included four years as president of Community Concert Association, Board of Directors of the Walla Walla Symphony Society, and 10 years as a member of the Walla Walla City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition, he served on the Christian Aid Discovery School Curriculum Advisory Board, Salvation Army, Walla Walla County Mental Health Board, 25 years serving Meals on Wheels, and 13 years as a member of the Borleske Stadium Board. He was a dedicated member of the Democratic National Committee.

Charles was an avid Cougar fan and with his wife established an educational scholarship for graduate students. Traveling was a special joy as well as attending sporting and other activities of his family. He had a great sense of humor and brought laughter and smiles to many.

Mr. Clizer was a member of Pioneer United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir and served on various boards including the United Methodist Foundation of the Northwest.

He was a member of Kiwanis since 1960, serving as club president and two terms as division lieutenant governor, and he took a special interest in serving as a director of the Walla Walla Camp Kiwanis Foundation.

He will be greatly missed as a husband of deep devotion and a father who loved his family above all else.

Mr. Clizer is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn; four children, Teresa (John) Jeffreys of Lacey, Wash., Wes (Sharon) Clizer of Clarkston, Wash., Claircy Clizer and Charlotte (Kraig) Klicker of Walla Walla; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Sue Thompson of Colfax; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The memorial service will be Friday, May 24, 2013, at 3 p.m. at Pioneer United Methodist Church, 209 E. Birch, Walla Walla. Memorials may be given to Pioneer United Methodist Church, the Charles B. Clizer, Jr. Graduate Fellowship in Education Administration at WSU, or Camp Kiwanis Foundation of Walla Walla through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla WA. 99362. Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.herringgroseclose.com](http://www.herringgroseclose.com).

### Charles Clizer, Jr. of Tekoa, Whitman County, Washington

Mr. Clizer was a "Friend of the Lone Pine Cemetery" for a couple of reasons for which I will explain from my file of "Things worth saving" sub-filed in "It's a Small World" by Jim Irwin

I met Mr. Clizer only once even though we both have lived in Walla Walla for a long time, and it was a very pleasurable meeting. I had stopped at Gary's Bull Pen for a haircut where my first cousin, Walt Blue, is a barber. Mr. Clizer was in the chair when I walked in and while Walt was finishing with him, I mentioned to Walt that our group had been to the Lone Pine Cemetery where his and my great grandmother, Sarah Blue, was buried. The gentleman in the chair, who was sitting very quietly and may even have been almost asleep, became very much awake; the Lone Pine Cemetery up by Tekoa in Whitman County, he asked? Why yes, I said, are you familiar with it? I have been there many times he explained; I was raised in Tekoa and that was a favorite place for the high school guys to take their girl friends to park. Jokingly, I mentioned that we are still finding some of their beer bottles. We had a very nice visit about the cemetery and the Tekoa area. Later I received a contribution from him for our cemetery maintenance fund even though there is no record of any Clizer's being buried there.

The Clizer Family was very prominent in the town of Tekoa and their family story is in the book "The Tekoa Story—From Bunchgrass to Grain" and the Clizer name appears on many other pages in the book along with other family stories.

**Fall Meeting and Work Day set for October 11th and 12th**



**The Feeding Station Tekoa WA  
Spring 2013 Meeting**



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