

# Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

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Newsletter

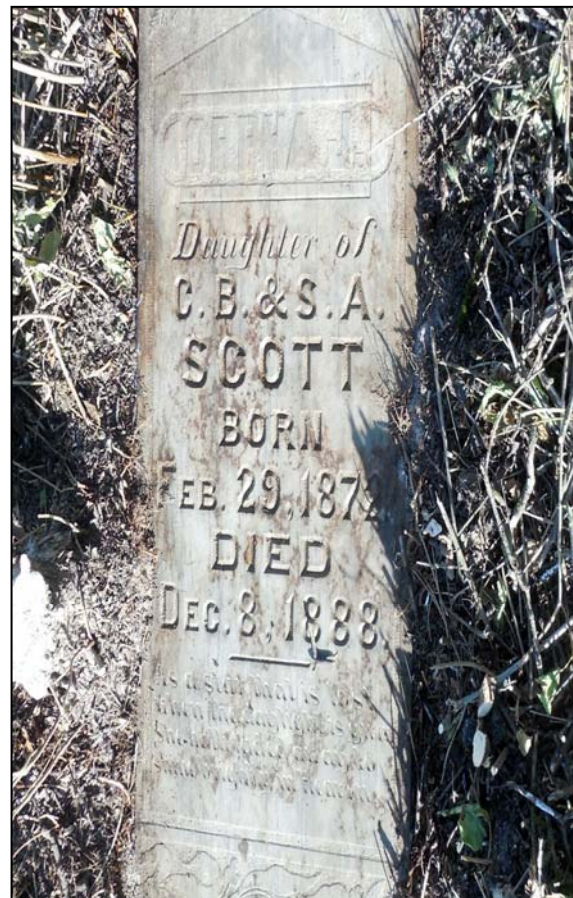
Autumn—2015



## Another Gravestone found during our fall workday this year.

This gravestone was found by students of Upper Columbia Academy's "**HOPE Service club**" while helping "**Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery**" clear brush on the north side of the cemetery, Tuesday September 29, 2015.

Orpha Jane "Orphie" Scott was the teenage daughter of Charles Benjamin Scott and Sarah Ann Bonnett Scott. She is buried next to her grandmother Esther Erwin Scott. Orpha is listed as the tenth burial in our Lone Pine Cemetery timeline. (Spring 2013 newsletter) See more information on this family on our website by entering the surname in the "Find-A-Grave" search box.



### Orpha Jane Scott

Orpha Jane Scott was born on 29 Feb 1872 was listed as the first child of Charles Benjamin Scott and Sarah Ann Bonnett. New information from Find-A-Grave shows that she was the fourth child and was born in Putnam County WV.

She was the tenth burial in the Lone Pine Cemetery timeline. The timeline can be found in the Spring 2013 edition in our newsletter archives on the website.



### Ernest Gibbs

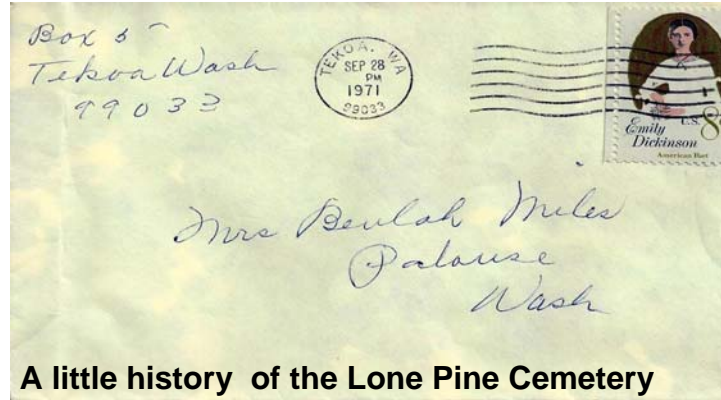
Ernest Gibbs, the 19th burial in the Lone Pine timeline, was born on 29 Oct 1892 in Whitman, Washington as the third child of John Ellis Gibbs and Nancy Lorraine Clark. He had two siblings: Ellis Clark, and Hattie M. He died on 24 Nov 1892 just under one month of age.



### William Arthur Warner

William Arthur Warner, the 20th burial in the Lone Pine Cemetery timeline, was born on 30 Nov 1825 in White County, Tennessee. He died on 30 Mar 1893 in Tekoa, Whitman County, Washington at the age of 67. He married Elizabeth Kennedy on 30 Apr 1846 in Mahaska, Iowa.





**A little history of the Lone Pine Cemetery**

I received the following letter from Monica Peters of the Whitman County Genealogy society and a friend of the Lone Pine Cemetery group. It was hand written and would be difficult to read in the reduced form needed to place in the newsletter so I retyped the letter and kept it as close as possible to the original format. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Beulah Miles In Palouse Washington from Mary Wolf who lived in Tekoa. Jim Irwin

Monday Sept 27, 1971

Dear Beulah,

This will surprise you but I need a little help & think you might be the one to help me.

This summer I spent 2 weeks with my daughter in Laramie Wyo. I had sent my "Story of Tekoa" book to her and for the first time read it while there.

I was startled to find that "Lone Pine Cemetery is no longer used and belongs to A. L. Wolf." That's me now. It's one awful mess. I contacted my attorney & found I do not own it. A Mr. Smiley who owned the land in the 1880's sold the land less the square for the cemetery, I would like to know who may have written that for the book so I might contact them & find who does own it. The attorney said he presumed the Smilie heirs own it. This place is very interesting. Still has the native bunch grass on it. I would like to see if we could somehow get a group interested in cleaning out the thistle briars etc & making it a decent place for those pioneers buried there but cant do anything until I find the owners.

If you can remember who might have written this part of the history it may help locate heirs. Someone must have the records.

Hope all is well with you. I seem to keep well and so busy.

Sincerely

Mary Wolf

**Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery Next Meeting  
Tuesday April 19, 2016 10:00 am  
The Feeding Station Tekoa WA**

September 29, 2015

We held our regular fall meeting at 10:00 with lunch at the Feeding Station and proceeded to the cemetery afterwards to meet with the HOPE crew from Upper Columbia Academy to do more brush clean-up around the cemetery gravestones. Those attending the meeting were: Terry & Patti Smiley, Rod & Sue Smith, Jim Irwin & JoJo Abbott. Howard & Sandra Morgan missed the meeting but went directly to the cemetery and got right to work. They are retired farmers and we do appreciate their hard work!

Please visit the Tekoa Museum and ask to see our display.

When you visit the cemetery, please sign the book in the Kiosk and leave any comments, good or bad. We want to hear from you.

We still need more funds to continue our preservation efforts and would appreciate any contributions you would like to give.



The **new mailing** address for contributions is: Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery  
c/o Jim Irwin  
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