

# Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

A Washington State Historic Site in Whitman County, Washington

Newsletter

[www.lonepinecemetery.com](http://www.lonepinecemetery.com)

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**Directions to Lone Pine Cemetery: From Tekoa take highway 27 west to Fairbanks Rd, turn left to Sieveke Rd, turn left 1 mile to cemetery on right**



**Meet the lady behind the Lone Pine Cemetery Website**

**Kathryn (Irwin) Fisher** lives in a wooded community in the Sierra -Nevada mountains of northern California. She is the daughter of Jim Irwin whose great grandmother Sarah Blue is buried in the lone Pine Cemetery. Kathryn has volunteered her web services since 2007 when "Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery" began. She is co-owner of Bullitt Information Technology Solutions in Quincy California. <http://www.bulletinfotech.com/>



Received this letter from Washington Department of Archaeology & Preservation; concerning our grant application to remove the brush from the cemetery. (continued on back page)



Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

James Irwin  
Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery  
601 Village Way #46  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

August 6, 2018

Dear Mr. Irwin,

It is with great regret that we must inform you that your application for a Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant was not successful. The state received 47 applications seeking over \$1.6 million in funding. The total amount requested far exceeded the \$500,000 that the legislature allocated for the program this biennium. Given the overall quality of applications received and the demonstrated project need, the decisions the Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee had before them were extremely difficult.

Twenty-two cemeteries were selected from around the state to receive grant awards. Per the stipulations of the grant program, special consideration was given to projects in cemeteries with a relatively high percentage of military burials and projects that reduced ongoing maintenance costs. We hope this program will continue and encourage you to periodically check our website at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov) for information on future Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grants.

Thank you for your participation in the Historic Cemetery Preservation Program and for your dedication to Washington's heritage. If you have any questions please contact the program administrator, Julianne Patterson of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, at 206-624-9449 or [jpatterson@preservewa.org](mailto:jpatterson@preservewa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Brooks', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Allyson Brooks, Ph.D.**  
State Historic Preservation Officer



## Valentine Emanuel Higbee -Veteran of WWI

Valentine Emanuel Higbee was born on 15 Sep 1886 in Colfax, Whitman County, Washington as the third child of Jared Wheeler Higbee and Blanche Aurora (Son) Higbee of Lone Pine, Whitman County, Washington. He had six siblings, namely: Henry Edward, Frances Ivy, Alice M, Helen Olive, George Clarence, and Florence Eva. He died on 12 Jan 1952.

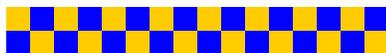
Val Higbee lived in Lone Pine, Whitman County, Washington until 1911. He arrived in British Columbia, Canada on 19 Sep 1911. He lived in Long Lake, Lincoln County, Washington in 1920. He lived in Spokane, Washington in 1930 to 1942. He lived in Kootenai, Idaho for a while. He was buried in Lone Pine Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington.

One major criteria for successfully qualifying for funds from Washington States' first Grants for historical Pioneer cemeteries was the percentage of U.S. Veterans buried in the cemetery. At this point in time, Val Higbee appears to be the only veteran buried in the Lone Pine Cemetery. Through our research we may find others and while we applaud the state placing a high value on our veterans, we feel that our ancestors place in the development of the northwest and Washington State in particular is no small contribution.

We are delighted that Washington state has began to provide funds for the preservation of these cemeteries that hold the remains of some very important people.



Name:	Valentine Emanuel Higbee
Race:	White
Birth Place:	Colfax, WA
Residence Place:	Tekoa
Discharge Date:	7 Dec 1918
Rank:	Pvt
Additional:	80776355AR118-5-6-18896Colfax, WAWhiteCo D 13 Inf to DC; No overseas2018127
War:	World War I
Military Record:	31719341
Collection Info:	241
Reference Number:	AR118-5-6-18896
File Key:	80776355
Notes:	Co D 13 Inf to DC; No overseas



SAVE THE DATE \* SEPTEMBER 16 2018 \* FALL MEETING & WORK DAY

10:00 AM \*MEETING & BRUNCH \* THE FEEDING STATION @ TEKOA, WA

AGENDA \* FUTURE WORK ON CEMETERY & FUND RAISING

1:00 PM MEET @ LONE PINE CEMETERY WITH "HOPE" ACADEMY STUDENTS

Well, the bad news is, our grant application to DAHP did not survive the selection criteria and was declined probably for many reasons and we are very disappointed . However, the good news is that Washington State has finally come up with a program to assist in the preservation of old pioneer cemeteries like ours. Hopefully this will be an on going program and we will have the opportunity to apply again in the future. Given the number of applications and the amount of funds requested; it certainly shows the need for this grant program.

One of the main items in the criteria that is lacking in our cemetery is the fact that we only have (as far as we know at this time) one veteran, Valentine Higbee, a veteran of World War One is buried at Lone Pine. The fact that he was a veteran was recently discovered by Patti Smiley while reading "The Tekoa Story-From Bunchgrass to Grain". If anyone knows of other veterans buried there; please let us know. They deserve special recognition.

Other things that may have been a problem is the location of the cemetery out in a wheat field and only accessible by a gravel road. Many people have a difficult time finding the cemetery and very few people pass by on a daily basis. All of this does not make the cemetery that holds some of our ancestors any less important to us descendants that want to care for their final resting place.

Hopefully descendants that follow us, will want to see the cemetery preserved and cared for also. So it is up too us to continue the efforts that we began a few years ago and encourage those younger descendants to continue to care for the cemetery into the future. We will continue to ask for volunteer help and continue to ask for funds as needed to keep the effort going.

Thank you, to all who have so generously provided funds and support for the "Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery " for the past eleven years since we formed this Non profit Corporation for the sole purpose of preserving this long neglected pioneer cemetery.

### **Officers of: Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery**

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