

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

A Washington State Historic Site in Whitman County, Washington

Newsletter

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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 for 1 mile to cemetery on right

HELP WANTED

The Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery need help!

Of course, we always need volunteer help to keep up with the relentless growth of brush but sometimes we need to hire help in the form of contractors with equipment to mow brush & weeds and to move piles of brush to burn or remove brush from the cemetery. We are looking for help from local contractors in the Oaksdale / Tekoa area to work by the hour or by job bids as needed.

Our first Workday this year is scheduled for May 8th

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Honoring America's Veterans

While applying for the State of Washington's grant for preserving pioneer cemeteries, we did a search for veterans buried in the Lone Pine. Our search found only one veteran but we suspect there may be more. We plan to apply for the grant again this year. We will continue our search and if anyone knows of an ancestor veteran that may be buried there, please let us know. It could make a difference in qualifying for a grant.

While reading about the Higbee Family in "The Tekoa Story" From Bunchgrass to Grain, we found that one of the Higbee children was a veteran of WWI and is buried with his family in the Lone Pine Cemetery.

Valentine (Val) Emanuel Higbee was born on 15 Sep 1886 in Colfax, Washington as the third child of Jared Wheeler Higbee and Blanche Aurora Son-Higbee.

He had six siblings, Henry Edward, Frances Ivy, Alice M, Helen Olive, George Clarence, and Florence Eva. He died on 12 Jan 1952.



In the 2016 legislative session, the legislature passed House Bill 2637 establishing a grant program to support preservation of historic cemeteries throughout Washington. The program is intended to benefit the public by preserving outstanding examples of the state's heritage and to enable historic cemeteries to continue to serve their communities and honor military veterans buried within them. During the first round of grant funding in 2018, the program received 47 applications requesting over \$1.6 million in grant funds. The Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee awarded the \$450,000 that was available in grant awards to 22 projects across the state. While the program does not require matching funds, the program is nonetheless anticipated to help leverage nearly \$400,000 in additional work to those historic cemeteries selected for funding.

These burials from the Lone Pine Cemetery Time line

Luella Gertrude Herron-Grier #33

Luella Gertrude Herron was born on **15 Sep 1870** in Kansas as the first child of Joshua George Herron and Amanda Caroline Stroup. She died on **14 Jun 1902** in Whitman County WA. When she was 16, she married Richard Elmer Grier, son of John Thomas Grier and Mary Holcombe, on 09 Jan 1887 in Spokane WA. Richard Elmer Grier and Luella Gertrude Herron had the following children:

Claude DeWitt Grier was born on 07 Oct 1887 in Cheney WA. He died in Jul 1981 in Portland OR- Carl Finney Grier was born on 21 Nov 1888 in Cheney WA. He died on 28 Oct 1960 in Los Angeles CA — Vesta Bell Grier was born on 28 Apr 1890 in Cheney WA.— Lora Gonell Grier was born on 26 Apr 1891 in Cheney WA. She died on 12 May 1967 in Colville WA — Orpha Grier was born on 06 Oct 1893 in Cheney WA — Lester Wesley Grier was born on 09 Apr 1895 in Cheney WA. He died on 26 Oct 1977 in Spokane WA— Val- lie Grier was born on 22 Jul 1898 in Cheney WA — Vola C Grier



Marion Elmer Hall

#34

Marion Elmer Hall was born on **10 May 1868** in Adams Co., Illinois as the third child of John Henry Hall and Mary Helen Moore. He had four siblings, namely: Carrie Leota, Oliver May, Charles Clifton, and Robert Norman. He died on **25 Dec 1902** in Whitman County WA

Hellen Katrina Birdsell

#35

Hellen Katrina Birdsell was born in **Jan 1904** in Lone Pine, WA as the fifth child of Justin Pembroke Birdsell and Octavia Gertrude Reeves. She had five siblings, Lloyd B., Mary Leona, Leonard Ralston, Lester Benjamin, and June T. She died on **01 Mar 1904** in Lone Pine, WA



Finally!!! It's the first day of Spring and the snow is almost all gone, just a few small piles left from all the shoveling and plowing since the end of January when Fall ended.

It is now time to get back to work clearing brush in the cemetery and disposing of the piles of brush left from the last two or three years of brush cutting. The date has been set for the spring work day when we will meet with the students of the "HOPE" group of the Upper Columbia Academy from Spangle. The plan is to meet them at the cemetery at: **11am on Wednesday, May 8th. The meeting will at a later date.**

We usually have our group business meeting on this same day but some of our group are not available on that day.



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