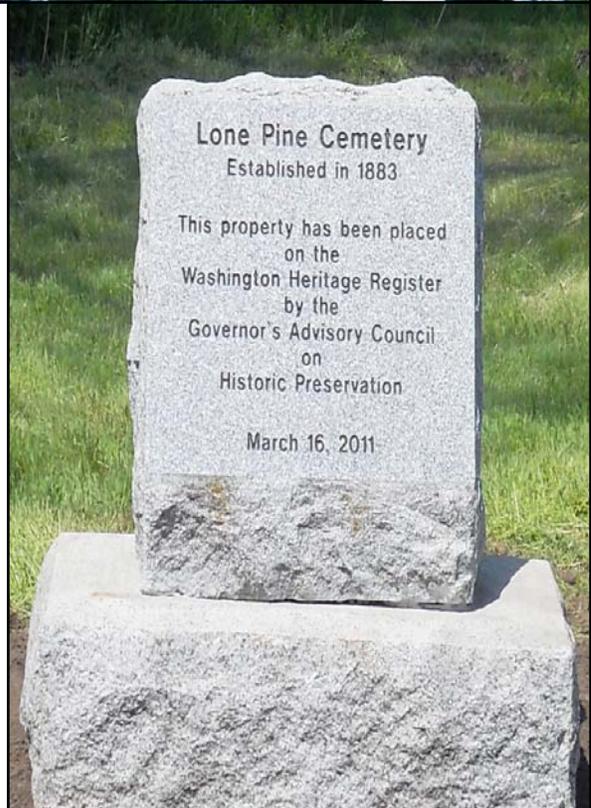




Lone Pine Settlers

The highest places on the rolls of heroism must be shared by the unsung 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.

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Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery Whitman County Washington

www.lonepinecemetery.com

On a small hill in the Palouse Country between Oaksdale and Tekoa is a small cemetery that had it's first burial in 1883 and it's last in 1953 and was pretty much forgotten until two local women, Amy Warwick & Lori Enzler who lived nearby contacted some of the descendants of the pioneers buried here and helped to form the association known as "Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery" in 2006.

It was on the 21st of May 1896 when Marshall Field of Chicago was in the area; Reuben and Lucinda Smiley sold approximately two acres of their farm, said tract to be known as **Lone Pine Cemetery**. Burials were already being made here, some dating back to 1883. This transaction is recorded in Book 192 of deeds, page 606 in Whitman County Washington. Marshall Field paid the sum of one dollar gold coin. Grandfather and Grandmother Smiley and their oldest daughter are buried there.

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 it's original beauty but so much work remains to be done. Our sentiments are best described by a passage borrowed from the book; "The Tekoa Story - From Bunchgrass to Grain" 1962. The passage can be found on the front of this flyer.

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.

We 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; mail to: Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery Jim Irwin, Treasurer, 404 Mica Place, Walla Walla WA 99362.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Friends of Lone Pine Meeting Agenda
Saturday May 17, 2014 11:00 am
The Feeding Station Tekoa, WA

Officer Reports: President

Treasurer

New Business:

Open discussion for projects

Old Business:

Grave Markers & Additional names of burials in cemetery

Fund Raising

New Names for email address list

Next Fall meeting and work party dates

Work Day agenda

Saturday May 17, 2014 (in the afternoon following the meeting).

Sunday May 18, 2014 - 9 am

1. Removal of lilac-brush & weeds from perimeter of cemetery.
2. We will be renting a gas power weed whacker mower and continue expanding lilac removal in paths and around grave sites.
3. Install flyer box (Jim Irwin if bringing flyers for the box).
4. Clean and reset grave stones with outdoor liquid glue as needed.
Spray areas of lilac & weed removal as needed.
5. Make piles of debris to fill in low areas or to burn this winter.