

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

A Washington State Historic site In Whitman County

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Directions to Lone Pine Cemetery: From Tekoa take Highway 27 west to Fairbanks Rd, turn left on Sieveke Rd, drive one mile to cemetery on right. GPS use Tekoa address:

Historic Cemetery Grant Program

The Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, together with the Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee, are pleased to announce the first round of grant funds through the Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program. Established in 2016 with the enactment of House Bill 2637, the capital grant program is intended to benefit the public by preserving outstanding examples of the state's historical heritage, enabling historic cemeteries to continue to serve their communities, and honoring the military veterans buried within them. The Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program is a program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP). Management of the grant portion of the program is provided by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation under contract with DAHP. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is Washington's only statewide non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to historic preservation. Approximately \$450,000 in grant funds is available in the 2019-2021 Biennium. Cemetery owners with questions about the grant program are encouraged to contact Julianne Patterson at (206) 624-9449 or via email at jpatterson@preservewa.org. The [Washington Trust for Historic Preservation](http://www.washingtontrustforhistoricpreservation.org) has been contracted out to manage the grant portion of the Historic Cemetery Grant Program.

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Thanks to the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation; we now have another opportunity to apply for a grant to make improvements to this isolated historic cemetery. Along with clearing the rapidly growing brush and killing the massive lilac root system, we need to improve access to and inside the cemetery. Projects within the cemetery that comes to mind are placing gravel in the driveway and the parking area. To make access to the individual grave sites we could use trails that are graveled and lead from the parking area to each end of the cemetery. Trails will add to the safety of us “over the hill gang” that have trouble navigating the tripping obstacles that seem to be everywhere in the cemetery from past brush cuttings. The trails could separate the cemetery into four quadrants NE, NW, SW, SE, for easier map locations of burials for descendants and new visitors to the cemetery. One more idea for in the cemetery is to install a flag pole at the high point on the north end that can be seen from the Lone Pine Road.

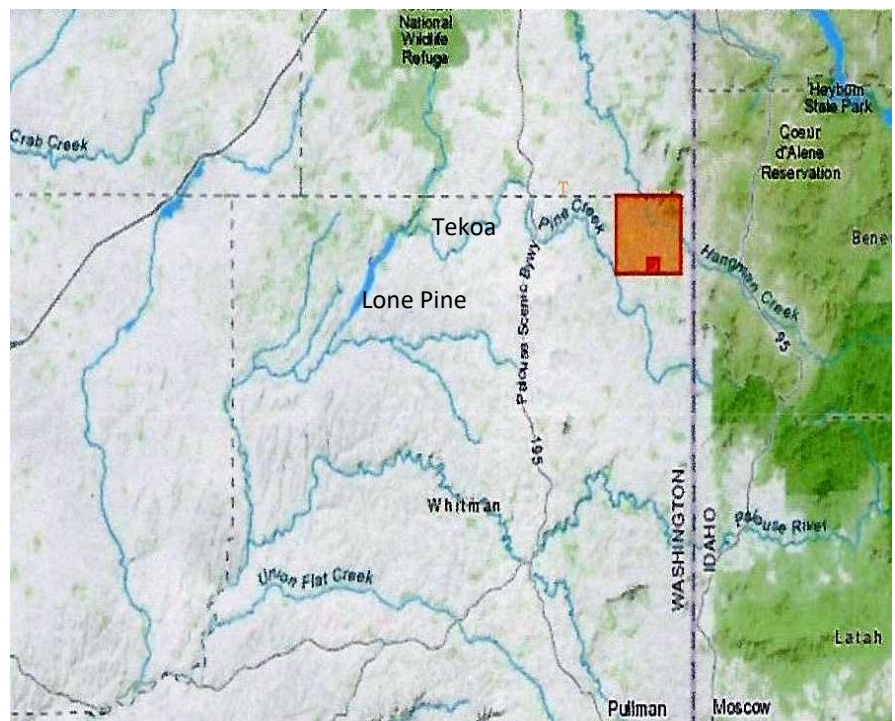
The next very important step in our reorganization is to start an endowment fund with Innovia Foundation in Spokane. Making a charitable donation is an excellent way to reduce your tax burden for the year and you can receive a tax benefit by donating appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares. Individuals age 70 ½ or older who need to make a minimum required distribution for a tax-deferred retirement account can reduce taxes by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Or, reduce your estate tax if you name Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery as a beneficiary in a CD. Contact your tax advisor for information and guidance. Watch for more information in the Winter newsletter.

HOMESTEAD ACT OF 1862 <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

Thanks to the Whitman County Genealogical Society newsletter for the BML link above; I was able to find the land near Tekoa settled by my Maternal Grandfather, James W. Blue

His mother and 3 young nieces were buied in the Lone Pine Cemetery.

Jim Irwin



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Here is some interesting history from 1936 with names of people and families from the Lone Pine community involved with contributing to the maintenance of the cemetery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LONE PINE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Tekoa, Washington, May 25, 1936.

DONATIONS

Earl Hall	\$ 5.00	A. E. Fountain	\$ 5.00
Brandt Family	5.00	Dr. Thos. Murphy	5.00
Pryor Brothers	5.00	Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Morgan	5.00
Alfred Olson	5.00	Ernest Hall	5.00
Mrs. B. Higbee	5.00	William Hawk	5.00
George Higbee	5.00	Mrs. Cletas Carbery	5.00
Arthur Clark	5.00	Miles Crockett	5.00
Chas. Chase	5.00	E. Sturgill	3.00
Mrs. Kate Spores	5.00	Maude Welton	8.00
Lester Sumpter	2.50	Carl Cozier	7.00
Theodore Thompson	2.50	Mrs. Vera Linscott	1.00
Henry Spores	5.00	Mrs. Ethel Ethrington	1.00
Clarence Murphy	5.00	Mrs. Millie Beaumont	1.00
Mrs. Lucy Clark	10.00	Mrs. Alice Linscott	5.00
Mrs. Nancy Gibbs	5.00	Paul Crawford	5.00
Roy Sherrod	5.00	Ernest Erickson	5.00
Homer Hall	10.00	Howard Smiley	5.00
George Kizer	5.00	Mrs. Mary Gumm	2.00
Ralph Savitz	5.00	A. L. Wolf	Hog Wire *
	2,50	Total	\$175.50

EXPENSES

Labor and Materials for Fencing Cemetery	\$159.28
Balance on Hand	\$ 16.22

The directors wish to thank those who donated work in cleaning up and improving the cemetery.

Arthur Clark, Chas. Chase, Earl Hall, Directors.

* This hog wire was used to enclose the cemetery to prevent livestock foraging in adjoining fields from entering the cemetery.

Lone Pine, Whitman County, Washington

Started as a stagecoach stop



**The Fall meeting & workday is scheduled for
Wednesday October 9, 2019 and the
Spring Meeting & workday is scheduled for May 6, 2020**

Board members needed—to volunteer—please Contact Jim Irwin

Howard Morgan of Walla Walla has volunteered

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Ended with the coming of the railroad

