

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful. Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

- Monument with Sculpture
- Monument without Sculpture
- Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
- Monument with Cannon
- Historical Marker
- Plaque

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
- WRC (Corps Name & No. _____) It is unclear whether or not the WRC participated.
- ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
- LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____) See photos, news articles, and Attachment #1.
- Other School Children of Colville*

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1912 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the first dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is currently located at:
Street/Road address or site location Aladdin Road, N.E. of Colville, WA
City/Village Colville Township _____ County Stevens
State WA

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in) XXXXX See Attachment #1
Name Gordon W. Struve, Proj. Chairman
Dept./Div. NE WA Genealogical Soc.
Street Address c/o Colville Pub. Lib., 195 S. Oak City _____
Colville State WA Zip Code 99114 Contact Person _____
Gordon Struve Telephone () 509-684-4344

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) grey

SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = _____

Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 16" Width 40" Depth 18" or Diameter _____

Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

Monument: Height - 38" Width - 33" Depth - 12"

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found W. Gammage, newspaper account (copy attached); plz see Attachment #1 as this may not be the original monument

The "Dedication Text" is formed: cut into material raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides) Please use additional sheet if necessary.
Please the transcriptions accompanying the photographs

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

- | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes ___ No Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

___ Gilded ___ Painted ___ Varnished ___ Waxed ___ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? ___ Well maintained ___

Would benefit from treatment ___ In urgent need of treatment ___ Unable to determine

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Please refer to attachment #1 as well as news items as this
may not be the original monument placed in the early part of the
20th century

Other than biological growth, it appears in good condition in a
nicely restored rural cemetery.

Supplemental Background Information See Attachment #1

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9 June 2014

Your Name Cheri Casper & John Baz-Dresch

Address 1220 W. 13th Ave. City Spokane

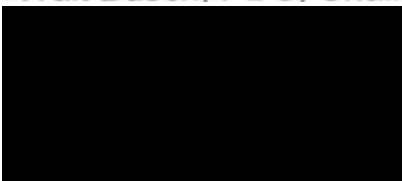
State WA Zip Code 99204 Telephone () [REDACTED]

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Lizbeth Turner Tent #4

DUVCW, 1861-1865 * Spokane, WA

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

Evergreen Cemetery
Colville, WA

Attachment #1
ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

The caretaking and maintenance of this cemetery is now in the hands of the Northeast Genealogical Society, based in Colville, Washington. When they were contacted regarding ownership of the cemetery, I was advised that it was not privately owned, nor owned by the city, county, or state. Apparently the last owner, a Mr. DeGrief, tried to give it to the city but the city did not want it. He died without any heirs and the genealogical society has spent many hours researching the ownership – apparently there is none. It legally belongs to no one but the land.

No new plots are generally being sold. However, if heirs to someone who is currently buried there has a deed or other proof, they can be buried in the cemetery and they do, occasionally, have new burials. They do not want to sell additional plots because so many lie in unmarked graves, there are no records, and they do not wish to disturb the remains in unmarked graves.

However, the genealogical society is responsible for making the determination as to burials, as well as the maintenance. Therefore, it would appear that while not the legal owner of the cemetery, they are the *de facto* owner.

The existing Civil War monument (which the NEWGS refers to as the “School Children’s Monument”) may not be the original monument.

- Newspaper items from the dedication provide dimensions of the monument. The dimensions do not match those of the current monument – there is a substantial difference in size. The original marker (if indeed there was more than one) appears to be more of a short obelisk (based on dimensions) than the current one which appears more like a regular tombstone.
- Secondly, the inscription on the existing monument says “1911.” Newspaper accounts dated June 1, 1912, indicate the monument was dedicated “last Thursday.” A perpetual calendar shows this to be May 30, 1912, which is Traditional Memorial Day.
- Newspaper accounts from 1912 provide wording of the inscribed text. What was reported does not match the text on the current monument as examined.
- At the time of dedication the marker had a bronze container in it that was used as a time capsule. There is no evidence of that today unless it lies underneath the capstone and can only be seen if the capstone is removed from the base.

The lack of matching dimensions, differences in dedication text, and dedication dates that are not in agreement all seem to support the speculation that what exists today in Evergreen Cemetery is not the same monument that was erected early in the 20th century.

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Evergreen Cemetery Project

EVERGREEN CEMETERY (located on Aladdin Road north of Colville, Washington) has undergone significant changes in appearance and functionality. Brush has been removed from the fence line along Aladdin Road, and low-hanging branches of the many pine trees on the grounds have been trimmed away. This to give the cemetery a more open look; both from the outside looking in, and from the inside looking out.

In February 2009, NeWGS received a "Certificate of Authority for the Care and Maintenance of the Evergreen Cemetery" signed by the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer. We have been caring for this cemetery for over 20 years; we are now proud to have official recognition. In June 2009, NeWGS members completed a re-survey of this old pioneer cemetery and now have what we believe to be the most complete listing of burials there.

A sign board has been erected near the entrance to give identity to the cemetery. Burials have been carefully indexed and then printed in alphabetical order, listing all known persons interred at the cemetery. The sign board has the listings of burials identified by block number location. Block locations have been identified with marker stakes strategically located on the cemetery grounds. A map of the plots at the cemetery is provided near the sign board; all this to make it easier to find your ancestors who are buried there.



EVERGREEN CEMETERY

BURIAL LISTINGS

&

MAP BOARD



To assist cemetery visitors in finding burial locations, a grid system has been established for all grave markers on the grounds.



EVERGREEN CEMETERY

MAP BOARD

&

BLOCK MARKER



Once the Block Number has been found on the alphabetical list of names found on the sign board, just turn around to face the cemetery grounds and observe the Map Board which will direct you to the location of your burial of interest.

A link to a list of known burials at Evergreen Cemetery has been added to our web page. From the Home Page, click on Cemetery Records. A search box is provided for you to enter the name associated with a burial at the cemetery. When you find the person you are looking for, click on the eyeball to view information regarding the burial. You will be able print the viewed information. Membership in NeWGS is not required for this service.

In the Summer of 2010 a process of photographing all grave markers in the cemetery was begun and is continuing today. The Cemetery Records link will allow you to view photographs of grave markers in the cemetery.

Evergreen Cemetery was established in 1868. It is a "natural cemetery"; there is no water or electricity supply. There are over 600 graves in the cemetery. This pioneer cemetery is the burial place of soldiers who fought in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. The cemetery is also the final resting place for many homesteaders and early pioneers of the Stevens County area.

Evergreen Cemetery is open to the public year-round for descendants to locate their ancestors. You are encouraged to come and visit.

Care and maintenance of the cemetery is provided by volunteer members of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society.

A special fund has been created at American West bank in Colville to help with upkeep and maintenance costs at the cemetery. Donations can be made by making your check payable to **Evergreen Restoration Fund** and mailing to NeWGS, c/o Colville Public Library, 195 S. Oak, Colville, WA 99114. Donations can also be made using PayPal.



If you have comments, requests, or questions regarding Evergreen Cemetery, please contact Gordy Struve at (509) 684-4344.

Evergreen Cemetery Restoration Project
Annual Report to the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
December 2013

The Evergreen Cemetery, located along Aladdin Road northeast of Colville, Washington was dedicated as a cemetery in 1893 by David Meikle. In the cemetery are graves which date from the 1860's when Fort Colville and Pinkney City were located nearby.

Today the cemetery looks like an old, but loved pioneer cemetery. This has been accomplished by families who still live in the area, and the cemetery having been adopted as a project in 1986 by the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society under the name Evergreen Restoration.

The Don & Frances Loan family is no longer able to continue cutting the grass and help maintain the cemetery grounds. We appreciate the many years of volunteer service they have provided.

This past year has seen much activity:

- Spring clean-up work was begun on May 22 prior to the Memorial Day holiday. This included general cleaning of the grounds by picking up dead branches and debris, and raking up pine cones; this by volunteer members of the local LDS church youth group. NeWGS member Lora Rose arranged for this valuable volunteer work.
- Brookover Bros. Lawn Service (two teenage boys) was hired to mow the cemetery grounds prior to the Memorial Day holiday.
- Participation in the annual Sale & Swap meet at the Stevens County Fairgrounds in Colville in May netted the cemetery fund \$891.60 for restoration projects.
- The hinges on the double entry gates are in failure mood. Work to attach the gates to the nearby 6"x6" wooden posts is in progress.
- Digital documentation of all monuments in the cemetery continues. Many of the gravestones are in need of cleaning in order to obtain readable photo images.
- Updating the list of all known burials at the cemetery is a continuing effort. Setting up an information table at the cemetery on holidays has proven to be an effective way of making contact with living descendants with whom you can talk about ancestors buried there. Several unknown burials were located this year resulting from testimony given by visiting family and friends.

Credit for much of the above mentioned work goes to dedicated NeWGS members.

Focus this year was directed to the up-righting and resetting of several gravestones, starting with war veteran's graves. During the year a total of 8 gravestones were completed; of which 4 were Civil War veterans and one WWI veteran. Gravestones reset this year were for:

- Henry Lafferty (1843-1903) Civil War
- Charles H. Jefferson (1884-1913) Civil War
- Joseph E. Christman (1894-1918) WWI
- Selva S. Street (1837-1911) Civil War
- Francis Reader (1837-1916) Civil War
- Matie Burse (1884-1925) Spouse of Albert C. Knapp
- Parker B. Wright (1875-1906) Upright headstone was upside down on its base stone as pointed out by a family descendant.
- Ruben Chamberlain (1856-1890) Upright headstone was fractured at its base.

Most of the work was accomplished by Gordy Struve who used his pick-up truck as an anchor point and a nylon strap come-along for repositioning the grave markers. However, there were times when added help was requested from Jim Witham and Roger Wilson.

The Chamberlain headstone needed professional repair and was taken to Colville Monument Works for resetting in concrete.

Pictured below are before and after photos of the Charles H. Jefferson military marker. Over the past several decades the stone had slowly wiggled its way down through the sandy soil it was set in and had gotten to the point where the bottom of the inscription was about to disappear. You can see by evidence of the stain line that the stone had sunk some 12-13 inches.



Jefferson – before



Jefferson – after

Financial Report:

The Start-of-Year cemetery fund balance was \$415.91. During the year there were check and cash donations totaling \$830. Gross earnings from the Sale & Swap meet totaled \$976.60. Expenditures totaled \$984.41. The End-of-Year fund balance is \$1238.10.

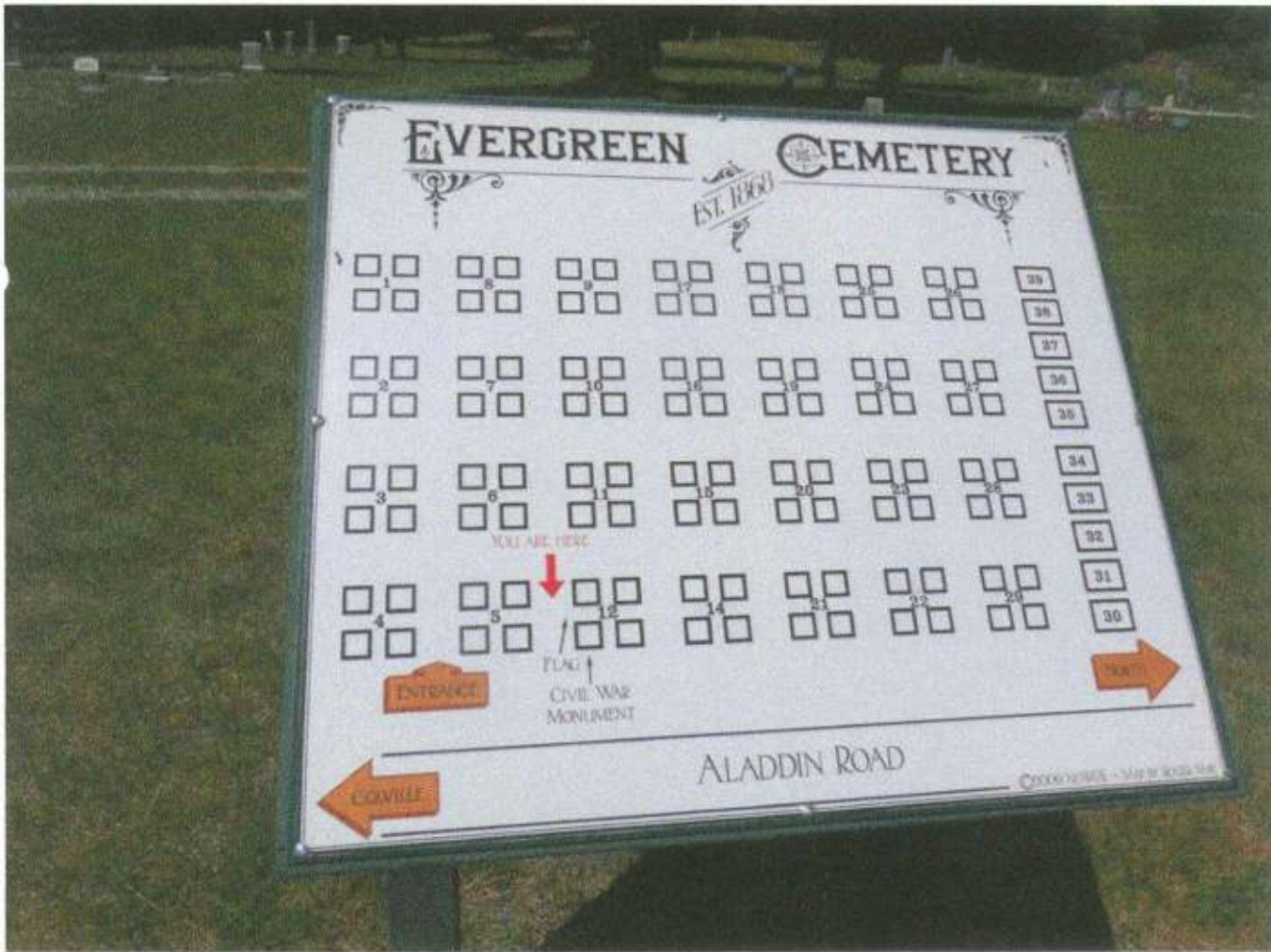
Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Struve
Chairman, Evergreen Cemetery Restoration Project

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Signage



Map showing location of the CW marker in relation to the street & main entrance

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Certificate showing that the care and maintenance of the Evergreen Cemetery has been endowed to The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society [Colville, WA] since 12 February 2009

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East side of the marker, inscribed with crossed swords in the upper right and upper left-hand corners and crossed cannons in the lower left and lower right corners. The GAR insignia is centered between what appears to be sheaves of wheat. Below that is an inscription followed by the W.R.C. insignia.

Inscription:

*To the Memory of
1861 The Veterans 1865*

The inscription relative to who erected the monument and the date is underneath the W.R.C. insignia. **Please see the next photo.**



Close-up of the W.R.C. insignia and the date founding - 1883.

Below that is the inscription:

*Erected by the
School
Children of
Colville
1911*



Small stone marker in front of the main monument.

Inscription:

*J. M. Corse - 22
Woman's Relief
Corps
Organized Mar. 4, 1908
Disbanded Dec. 31, 1973*

Shows biological growth on the stone

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North side of the marker
with obvious signs of lichen
growth.

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West side of the marker
with heavy lichen growth
and staining.



South side of the marker.
Some lichen growth but not
as much as the other sides.



The marker sits in a small
patch that has a concrete
border around it. There are
some CW tombstones there.
The small white flag
appearing objects are tags
that denote a deceased's
name, war in which they
served, and the notation
that their burial location is
unknown -- they are not
necessarily CW burials.

The Program for Memorial Day

The program outlined for the Memorial Day exercises, thus far arranged, is as follows:

At 10 a. m., a line of march from the courthouse to the skating rink, led by the Colville band, followed by veterans and the Relief corps. The parade will then be taken up by Sons of Veterans, citizens and school children.

At the rink the meeting will be called to order by Mayor W. L. Sax.

Invocation by Rev. L. B. Harris.

Opening speech, "The Blue and the Gray," by L. C. Jesseph.

Solo by Professor A. B. Mather.

Recitation by Miss Dorothy Algie.

Patriotic song.

A reminiscence by a veteran.

Recitation by Miss Queenie Schultz.

Song.

Speech, "A Page of History," by Mr. Matson.

A story told by an old soldier.

Song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," by audience.

Benediction by Rev. G. A. Wells.

Flags will be furnished to all school children in the parade.

The following is a list of Civil war veterans who have answered "taps" from Colville and vicinity:

Evergreen cemetery—William Day, Austin Prouty, Samuel Chamberlain, Enoch Reynolds, James Moore, John Kingsley, William Hartman, George Williams, Albert Queener, — Croker, John Cagle.

Highland cemetery—George Platt, Orsamus Moore, Emerson Reed.

There is now \$34.73 in the old soldiers' monument fund given by the school children. The proposition is for the school children of Colville and vicinity to build a marble monument to the memory of Civil war veterans. The project thus bids fair to have a successful termination.



The following program characterized memorial day in Colville, under the auspices of J. M. Corse post No. 98, in Greenwood cemetery:

Teachers and pupils of the public schools assembled at the courthouse square at 1 o'clock p. m. Flags were furnished for the children.

Conveyances were provided by the chamber of commerce to take teachers, pupils, old soldiers and Woman's Relief Corps to and from the cemetery.

Services at the cemetery were:

First—Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by C. W. Campbell.

Second—Decoration services by post.

Third—Flag song by school children.

Fourth—Dedication of the old soldiers' monument.

Fifth—Remarks by Professor W. C. Cummings.

Sixth—Song, "America," quartet.

Seventh—Remarks by Mayor Cook.

Eighth—"The Star Spangled Banner," quartet.

Ninth—Address by F. Leo Grinstead.

Closing song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," quartet.

Monument To Veterans

Over a year ago Mrs. Rohana Hartman, a member of the relief corps here, started a campaign among the school children to raise funds to erect a monument to the memory of the civil war veterans.

Subscription lists were circulated among the public schools of Colville and vicinity and on last Thursday, the monument was paid for and dedicated.

This monument which was designed and made by W. Gammage a local sculptor is of silver lake granite, is 3½ feet high, and one foot six by one foot four, with a heavy cement base. In the center of this stone there is a square hole in which there is a metallic receptacle for records and other papers.

Among the articles which were sealed in the metallic case were papers containing the names of the officers of John R. Corae Post, the names of the officers of the relief corps, the mayor and city council, speaker of the day F. Leo Grindsted, and a full list of the names of the school children who were the donors to the fund.

In this list there appear the names of 720 school children; in addition to this there was placed among the papers a copy of the Colville Examiner, the Statesman Index and the Daily Bulletin together with a number of U. S. coins.

The inscription on this monument reads "Erected to the memory of the Old Soldiers of 1861 and 65 by the school children of Colville."

Corse Monument (Evergreen Cemetery)

Colville (WA) Examiner
29 April 1911

A movement is now being promoted by the Woman's Relief Corps to erect an old soldiers monument at the cemetery. The grounds will be graded and sodded and enclosed by a concrete coping. The Corps proposes to raise the necessary funds for the completion of this part of the work. The Jefferson Marble Co. has agreed to donate the marble for the erection of this monument. The cost of transportation, dressing, lettering and setting the stone will be \$100. The plan adopted by the Corps to raise this money is by contributions from school children. Every boy and girl attending school in Colville and surrounding districts will be asked to contribute 10 cents for this purpose. All contributions will be given to the teacher of the school or grade. These moneys with a list of the donors will be remitted to A. F. Perkins. The names of all contributors will be encased in the monument, and it is proposed that when completed the records will show that it was built and dedicated by school children for the heroes of the Civil war.

From the minutes of the GAR 1899-1917

Day, May 30th, 1912, was observed by J.M Corse Post and W.R.C. Relief Corps by the dedication of a monument of granite paid by subscription of school children of Colville and vicinity to the memory of the soldier of the Civil War of 1861 – 1865. The post and corps together with citizens and school children assembled at the courthouse square at 1:30 P.M. and were taken by automobiles and carriages to Evergreen Cemetery where the dedication program was carried out. According instructions prescribed in the service book of the Grand Army of the Republic, the school children singing "America" Dr. A.B. Cook making appropriate remarks. The "Star Spangled Banner" was rendered. The assemblage joining in the singing. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was read by Comrade C.W. Campbell. The order of the day, F. Leo Grinstead then delivered his address which was a scholarly effort and highly commended by the assemblage. The exercises were brought to close by singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in which all joined. A.F. Perkins, Adjt.

Colville Examiner June 1, 1912

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Not the same monument described in the June 1, 1912 news item

Osner Hall memorialized in Civil War ceremony

BY KIM FRLAN
SE Staff Reporter

"With solemn tread, and with heads bowed and voices hushed, we... meet to remind the friends and descendants of Osner Hall of their duty to the soldiers who wore the blue, to the flag for which they fought, to the country for which they died, and to keep alive the memories of their heroic services and unselfish sacrifices. May the memory of Osner Hall be remembered today as we dedicate this newly set stone."

So said Deannie Binsfield, of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Elizabeth Turner Tent #4 of Spokane. She and three other Daughters gave tribute to Hall at Evergreen Cemetery last Sunday afternoon, along with Civil War reenactors from the Third Michigan Infantry, the Seventh Tennessee Infantry, and the 14th Virginia Cavalry, all members of the Washington Civil War Association.

These figures from the past came to Colville for the dedication of Hall's gravestone, recently supplied by the Veterans Administration and set by teens Russell Parker and Cruz Thompson. The whole project came about through the research efforts of Colville City Councilman Roger May.

May has written a book, *Civil War Veterans*

Buried in Stevens County, due to be released this fall. He discovered Hall's unmarked grave, then learned that the Veteran's Administration would supply a tombstone free of charge. This set in motion the process leading to Sunday's ceremony.

Following cannon and rifle salutes for the soldier, May and fellow Eastern Washington Genealogical Society member Susan Dechant told about Osner Hall's life.

Born near Bangor, Maine on August 22, 1836, Hall later moved to California. He joined the First California Infantry in 1861 and served the Union army until he was mustered out of service in New Mexico in 1864.

Hall later moved to the Northwest, and he and his brother Winslow, with a group of adventurers, discovered and ran the Silver King Mine near Nelson, B.C. in the 1880's. They later sold the mine for one and a half million dollars, and settled in the Colville Valley. The Hall brothers were known in the area for lively poker games, and for the free-flowing gold coins that always filled their pockets.

Osner Hall was married to Nancy Perkins, and is buried next to her at the Evergreen Cemetery on Aladdin Road. He died in Colville on January 27, 1917.



Soldiers from the Third Michigan Infantry Civil War reenact of Osner Hall.

Scooter's extended family

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So now the Boss's capi are really nervous. Are you sure Scooter is not going to rat us out, they keep asking.

Chainsaw, he just gives them that look, you know the one. "I'll have someone talk to Scooter's lawyers," he says. "I will make them an offer they can't refuse." Discussion over.

And pretty soon, what do you know, you don't hear nothing more about the Chainsaw man being called to testify.

So they have their little trial and Scooter, he can't remember anything, and the jury, which it turns out we can't get to, says "guilty" and the judge, who apparently never wants to be on the Supreme Court, drops 30 small on our friend Scooter.

This, we all agree, is a bad situation. It's one thing to be a standup guy when you're out on bail; it's another when you're in the joint (although I have to admit, some of the fed joints aren't so bad. I learned to play checkers in one of 'em.)

However, just as Scooter is about to go inside the Boss steps in and commutes his sentence, which I didn't even know he could do unless he had a good reason.

So Scooter walks, his bills get paid by a person or persons unknown and Halliburton or some outfit like that gets a new executive.

Is that a happy ending or what?

Like I always said, it pays to have Family values.

Don Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. Email: dkaul1@verizon.net



This photo of Osner Hall was taken around 1886. Photo courtesy of Pauline Battien.



A lone soldier stands guard over complete with a new tombstone supplied by the Veterans Administration.



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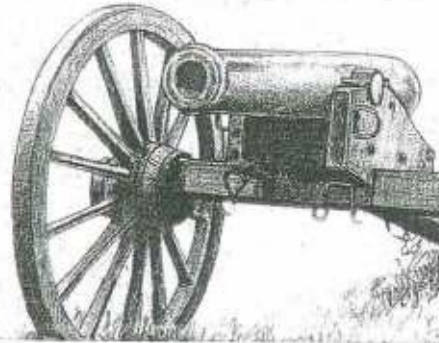
This photo of Osmer Hall was taken around 1886. Photo courtesy of Pauline Battien.



A lone soldier stands guard over a tombstone complete with a new tombstone su Administration.



Rena Searles from the Daughters of Union Veterans posed as during Sunday's ceremony.



Rural Resources/WorkSource Training Room

NeWGS - Caretakers of Evergreen Cemetery

The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society (NeWGS) was awarded a "Certificate of Authority" by the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) in February 2009 to continue the care and maintenance of Evergreen Cemetery which is located near Colville on Aladdin Road. The DAHP "is Washington State's primary agency with knowledge and expertise in historic preservation." They advocate for the "preservation of Washington's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources (significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts) as assets for the future. Through education and information, they provide leadership for the protection of our shared heritage."

Being awarded this certificate establishes NeWGS as the official caretaker for the older part of the Evergreen Cemetery that was abandoned through attrition. Over 20 years ago NeWGS took on this project as part of a state-wide effort to preserve our old, abandoned pioneer cemeteries. After considerable research it was discovered that the older part of this cemetery was not owned by anyone; not the county, not the city, nor a private entity. Thus, no one was taking responsibility for its care. So NeWGS members decided to take it on as a project.

For many years the family of Don & Francis Loan donated efforts to mow grass and keep the grounds free of fallen trees and branches. Since the Loan family is no longer able to perform this work, members of NeWGS have taken on this chore.

In the summer of 2008 a new entrance sign was erected with help from a local Boy Scout troop.

In the summer of 2009 a sign board was erected which holds a name list and location of burials at the cemetery.

These types of on going projects are accomplished through donations to a fund set up at AmericanWest Bank in Colville to be used for the care and maintenance of Evergreen Cemetery. Donations can also be sent in care of NeWGS to 195 S Oak Street in Colville, WA 99114-2845.

When visiting the cemetery, look for:

Park Winan Abrams, September 2, 1866 - June 11, 1868. Son of Lewis & C. Abrams [oldest marker in the cemetery].

John & Jane Hofstetter family plot; Pinkney City and Colville pioneers.

Sadie Ray Barnett, daughter of A. A. Barnett (Town of Colville's first major), died at the age of 4 years, 5 months, 20 days on September 20, 1890. She is buried near the entrance gate.

Lamb statues - purity and innocence; used for children's marker.

Anchor - Christian symbol of hope; occupation of a sea firing person.

Two hands clasping - farewell, hope of meeting in eternity. (look at the cuff)

AOUW - Ancient Order of United Workmen. First fraternal group to offer death benefit life insurance to its members.

Women of Woodcraft was the female auxiliary to Woodmen of the World, founded in 1897 and were found in the nine western states. Fraternal organization offered insurance to its members and help to those in need.

Drapery over a column - sorrow, mourning

Gates - passage into the afterlife; heavenly entrance

"To the Memory of the Civil War Veterans 1861-1865" monument. Erected in 1911 with pennies donated by Colville school children.

GAR - Grand Army of the Republic; the Union Army during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

Notable Grave Site at Evergreen Cemetery

One of the most notable grave sites is that of John U. Hofstetter and his wife Jane. Hofstetter was with the first troops to arrive at the Military Fort Colville site in 1859; he helped to construct the Fort. Upon his discharge in 1860, he went into business in Pinkney City, building a brewery there in 1865. The brewery burned in 1873; he rebuilt it in Colville. His brewery became quite popular and he was held in high regard by travelers. It was located on the northwest corner of Main and Columbia.

John Hofstetter had acquired a homestead of 160 acres (along with other land-owners), which he donated a portion of to what is the City of Colville of today.

Hofstetter was born in Switzerland in 1829. He came to the U.S. in 1854. In 1863 he married Jane Ferrell in The Dalles. He brought his young bride to Pinkney City that year and she was one of only a very few white women in the city. To this union were born eight children: Emma, John, William and George in Pinkney City and Lillie, Charles, Clara and Fannie in the new town of Colville.

Hofstetter served as Colville's first Street Commissioner in 1890. He also served ten years as Sheriff and three terms as County Commissioner. In addition he produced a large crop of hay and grain. He also raised large herds of cattle and sheep. The Hofstetter home was on the northwest corner of Main and Birch.

If you have stories and/or information about your ancestors buried at Evergreen Cemetery, we'd sure like to hear from you. Please send us a note in the mail addressed in NeWGS at 195 S Oak Street in Colville, WA. 99114-2845.

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WELCOME
TO
EVERGREEN
CEMETERY



ESTABLISHED IN 1868

There are over 600 graves at Evergreen Cemetery. The oldest known burial took place on June 11, 1868. Park Winan Abrams, son of Lewis & C. Abrams was just 21 months and 7 days old when he was placed in his grave. At present we do not know the story behind this family or this sad event in their lives.

As you walk among the headstones markers reading the names and dates, we suggest you also take note of the engravings and carved shapes that were so popular in the Victorian time period (1876 - 1913). The survivors erected markers to commemorate the dead and used icons to communicate something about the deceased. Understanding the graphics and icons can help you read between the lines and perhaps learn more about the person interred. This adds another dimension to your historical perspective and enjoyment in visiting the cemetery.