

# Washington State Cemetery Association

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## Comet Lodge Cemetery shaping up?



*Headstone in the shape of a tree trunk belonging to Augustus Twombly who died 29 Apr 1901, age 30.*

The battle against nature continues. Over the summer work continued on Comet Lodge Cemetery by King County work crews including gardeners, surveyors, title experts, and members of the community legally required to complete community service. Volunteers included high school students, members of WSCA, and City Year youth.

Over the years, Comet Lodge Cemetery (this is the original name documented with King County Records on 24 Sep 1895) has been known by many names including IOOF Cemetery, Woodmen of America Cemetery, IOOF-Georgetown Cemetery, Jacob Maple Donation Claim Cemetery, Graham Street Cemetery, and Old Burial Ground (before 1895).

Comet Lodge is owned by King County and overseen by the Property Services Division. Dave Preugschat, head of Property Services Division, has taken a special interest in the cemetery and keeps a hand in to stay on top of the renovation.

This year, Ron Sims also took a special interest in the cemetery. Several public meetings were held, some with Mr. Sims in attendance, to make the general populace more aware of the cemetery and determine the best goals for renovation.

Another public meeting was scheduled for summer but due to problems in scheduling, this meeting will be rescheduled. Property Services Division is doing all it can to speed things up but retirements and workload have prevented some county employees from completing work needed before the renovation can continue.

In 1989, Elysian Fields claimed ownership of Comet Lodge. They decided to build a "caretaker's cottage" on the property and plant foodstuffs for the local community. This was in direct violation of state law. By the time the Washington State Cemetery Board was brought in to order a cease and desist, the majority of headstones were bulldozed to the south end of the prop-

erty. Many headstones disappeared around this time. Some may be hidden under several cubic yards of dirt brought in by Elysian Fields to level out the property.

Over the spring and summer WSCA was able to document the locations of all funerary objects found on the property. Surveyors were able to come in and survey several items which will be returned to their proper location. Because so many objects had been moved from their proper location, it was felt that moving the remaining objects (after documenting and surveying) to a central area would be the best thing to do. This would allow renovation of the earth by landscape crews and it would allow easier cleaning of all the funerary objects by WSCA before they are replaced.

In total, about 22 items will be placed in their appropriate spot. About six items were in their original location, and the remainder will be placed back in their original spots using burial records provided by Mr. Tim

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*Transcription reveals this headstone says, "Margaret wife of B.W. Gordon born June 15, 1842 died Dec 29, 1892. A tender mother and a faithful friend."*

# 1999 Annual Report

## Looking Back

Many of the old or abandoned cemeteries in Washington state have been neglected for as many as 100 years. These cemeteries had no protection from development or nature.

The Northwest is famous for its greenery and rain. While beautiful to see, greenery and rain are detrimental to cemeteries. Rain brings with it many chemicals that cause the erosion of one of the toughest stones on earth, granite. Softer stone, such as sandstone, are wearing down at an even faster rate.

Cemetery ground was disturbed at some point and for that reason alone natural flora and fauna have been obliterated by vines such as blackberry. Unnatural to our area, vines have grown so prolific they hide the existence of many cemeteries altogether.

Our state laws do not fully protect these old/abandoned cemeteries. Many have been lost due to a change of property ownership or building upon land never thought to contain a cemetery; building permits are issued on properties thought to be vacant. In the past, counties were neither tasked with following cemetery ownership, nor recognizing cemeteries at all.

Many individuals have attempted to protect our cemeteries, whether abandoned or not. Nonprofit associations have sprung up with the sole intention of saving specific cemeteries. In most instances, individuals have given up and associations have disbanded.

## This Year

Washington State Cemetery Association began in early 1998 as a county-wide project to locate all cemeteries within Kitsap County. A group was to be formed that would take on the care and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries.

Several public meetings were held, county authorities contacted, and legal papers started. During the start-up process, the Association determined there was a state-wide need and not simply a county-need. Legal papers were changed to reflect the decision to go state-wide. Since its inception, many more people have become involved with the association. Each person is committed to protecting cemeteries from further destruction through neglect.

## 1999 Goals

1. *Become a state nonprofit corporation.*

Paperwork was completed and submitted to the Secretary of State in July 1998. WSCA officially became a nonprofit corporation on August 13, 1998.

2. *Locate cemeteries within Washington state, compile and maintain a listing of cemeteries on the Internet.*

Using the listing of cemeteries in Kitsap County as a guide, we began accumulating listings of cemeteries throughout the state. The listing contains all known names of cemeteries with information on who to contact, location of the cemetery, and if a transcription is available and where. The listing is maintained at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs/> As information becomes available, we will be forwarding it to the county auditor for their information.

3. *Submit new legislation on behalf of abandoned or old cemeteries.*

Early in 1999, Representative Patricia Lantz was contacted as a possible sponsor to a bill on old/abandoned cemeteries. Representative Lantz took the baton and led more than five separate agencies into an agreement. Ultimately, our legislation passed the House and Senate unanimously. The law was signed by Governor Gary Locke in May 1999.

The portion of the legislation which has the biggest impact is the portion covering duties of County Auditors. The legislation requires County Auditors to now track cemeteries as they do all properties. Once a legal description and contact information is submitted to the auditor, they are to notate deeds/titles that the property is a cemetery or contains a cemetery.

This is very important for several reasons: With a deed/title carrying a notation such as this, building permits will not be issued for the property; genealogists or descendants will be able to go to a county auditor's office and locate a cemetery quickly; legal ownership of a cemetery is established and this allows any citizen to contact them to complain should a cemetery be unkempt or in poor condition, and, lastly, county auditors and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation are to be notified at least 60 days before a proposed removal of dedication is filed in a superior court.

## Thank you...

**Patricia Lantz**, State Representative for the 26th District, and her Legislative Assistant, **Dixie Brown**, for your legislation work on behalf of old and abandoned cemeteries. The legislation passed because of your efforts.

**Fred Pfulgrath** for all your hard work on identifying cemeteries in Chelan County. Not only did you provide us with specific information on each cemetery, but you also submitted transcription records for many of the cemeteries to the WaGenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project.

**Maggie Rail** for the work you have done on behalf of cemeteries throughout the state for the WaGenWeb tombstone Transcription Project, especially in Spokane County.

**Todd Oberlander** for taking over our web site and working towards digitizing the information that has been compiled. Todd is a full-time student studying computers and especially enjoys developing web sites.

**Kevin Fraley** for all the hard work you've done on the Tombstone Transcription Project. Kevin has spent hundreds if not thousands of hours overseeing the project. He and many others have been locating and digitizing transcription records for cemeteries within our state. The goal is to place all transcription records online for everyone to access freely.

**Madeline Edgren** of Liberty Lake, WA, for typing the Snohomish Pioneer Cemetery list of burials provided by **Carolynn Crawford**.

**Colleen Rockwell** and the **South King County Genealogical Society** for typing the Comet Lodge burial listing and for researching some of the names.

**Washington State Genealogy Society** for allowing us to use your book to locate section/township/ranges of cemeteries throughout the state.

# Jameson Cemetery

by Fred Pfulgrath



*The stone for Lee and Lena Merchant. The apple box form is still around the concrete.*

The area has been overgrown by the sagebrush and other natural vegetation. From the appearance, I doubt if anyone had been there in some time except for the county road crew. The sagebrush in some areas is at least four feet tall.

Only one stone was found on the property. The marker is poured concrete with two names scribed in. It reads:

Lena L. Merchant  
8/4/1886 - 1/22/1920?  
Lee Merchant  
11/11/1910 - 9/27/19??

On 12 May 1999, I walked the Jameson Cemetery. From Mansfield, head south on Mansfield Road (which turns into Berg Road) about 8 miles to Oakland Road, turn west on Oakland Road, then one mile to 'D' NE, turn south on 'D' and continue to intersection of 'D' and '5' NE. Legal is SW Corner, T25N R25E S2. The town of Jameson had a post office from 1906 to 1912.

The cemetery is about two acres in size and fenced on three sides; however, the fence has fallen down in many places. There is a very dangerous uncovered well on the grounds where the Jameson School was located. Looking down into the well, there is water at the bottom--about 20 feet down.



*Looking west to the cemetery. The well, shown below, is near the road, straight ahead. After doing some research, Fred found that the Jameson School was built on the south part of the cemetery--main part of this picture.*



*The uncovered well which is about two feet off the county road as it continues to the west from the intersection, and about 15 feet from the cross road.*

There are other graves and about 20 are marked with metal pins. Some graves still having four pins while other had 3, 2 and even just one pin left in the ground.

This cemetery is in dire need of care. If you can help, contact WSCA at (360) 871-8294 or email [andimac@oz.net](mailto:andimac@oz.net).

If you have further information on this cemetery or find misspellings and/or wrong dates, please let Fred Pfulgrath know. He can be reached via WSCA or through email at [fpflug@nwi.net](mailto:fpflug@nwi.net).

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*We are looking for more stories like this. If you know of a cemetery that needs care, please send photos, location, and your name and contact info to WSCA.*

# WSCA Web Site



Home page.

Our web site is growing thanks to the work of our new webmaster Todd Oberlander and other volunteers. The site contains listings of known cemeteries in Washington state by county. A search engine is available if the county is not known.

Each cemetery listed on the county pages links to a separate cemetery page which shows all names a cemetery is known by, who to contact, who the owner is, where transcription records may be found, where the cemetery is located, and whether or not a cemetery association is associated with the cemetery. As they become available, legal descriptions will be posted along with a plat map showing the exact location of the cemetery.

Also included are special categories such as historic cemeteries, national cemeteries, court cases, Washington state laws, new legislation, links, etc. Over time, we hope to bring even more information to our web site.

Many individuals (such as Fred Pfulgrath, Chelan Co, and Maggie Rail, Spokane Co) have supplied information for the site and ask nothing in return other than the information be made avail-

able to anyone who asks. We are glad to provide that service.

Legal descriptions and plat maps will be accessed at county assessor offices in order to provide correct information to county auditors. County auditors, due to a new law WSCA spear-headed in 1999, are now required to track cemeteries as they do all other properties. However, the law does not require them to research and locate these cemeteries. WSCA will be doing this for them, and providing listings as they become available.

Because we do not maintain burial listings (except those we produce), our project enhances the work done by the Tombstone Transcription Project of WAGenWeb, an Internet-based group dedicated to getting transcription records online for everyone's use. We locate transcription records and encourage individuals and societies to donate records in their possession.

We understand that not all societies wish to donate transcription records after putting in literally years of research and transcription work, and in that case, we list where transcription records



County page.

Evergreen Cemetery  
aka Kiona-Benton Cemetery

Contact:  
Kiona-Benton Cemetery Office  
PO Box 117  
Benton City, WA 99320-0117  
(509) 588-3534

Location:  
T9N R27E. Benton City, WA.  
USGS Map: Benton City -- Lat 461712N Long 1192938W.

Kiona-Benton Cemetery Association  
UBI Number 31000290  
Regular Corporation  
Nonprofit  
Active  
Date of Incorporation 04-11-1930  
License Expiration Date 04-30-2000  
Registered Agent Information  
Joe Lloyd  
40602 N. Highland Rd.  
Benton City, WA 99320-0117

Cemetery page.

may be viewed or in many cases, purchased.

If you know of a cemetery transcription record for a specific cemetery, please let us know and we will gladly list it at our site, even if for sale. If you know of a transcription record available online, let us know about those also, and we will gladly link the transcription record to the appropriate cemetery page.

Another great feature of our site are three pages which a visitor may use. 'Add A Cemetery' allows a visitor to add a cemetery to our site which is not already listed. 'Make Changes to a Listed Cemetery' allows visitors to notify us of incorrect information. 'Complaint About a Cemetery' allows a visitor to notify us of abuse of a cemetery either by the owner, cemetery authority, or other individuals.

In addition to these pages, each county page contains a button connecting visitors to 'Local Authorities' and 'Local Societies'. The Local Authorities pages contain information on paid officials within the county who should be notified if desecration of a cemetery is witnessed. Local Societies contains information on all societies or organizations which have transcription records or more knowledge of a particular cemetery in that county.

We hope to have our site completed in the near future.

## Steps to take when you see abuse of a cemetery

### Emergency...

If you witness desecration of a cemetery (headstones being damaged, bodies being dug up, etc) call 911 and file a complaint. Police MUST take a complaint whether or not they act upon it. If the police refuse to accept a complaint, call 911 again and request a sergeant's presence.

### For other problems which are not an emergency...

Find out who the owner or point of contact is and voice your concerns to them. Owners may be found at our web site on each individual cemetery page.

### And contact

Washington State Cemetery Association either by email, phone or through our web site.

Your local legislator

Attorney General's office

Governor's office

If an active cemetery -- contact Cemetery Board

If an inactive, old, or abandoned cemetery, contact Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ON BACK

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## Important Phone Numbers

### **Washington State Cemetery Association**

P. O. Box 103  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
(360) 871-8294  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs>  
email: [andimac@oz.net](mailto:andimac@oz.net)

### **WAGenWeb Tombstone Transcription Project**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/wa/wacem.htm>

### **Governor Gary Locke**

PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002  
(360) 902-4111  
email the Governor at:  
<http://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/govemail.htm>

### **Office of the Secretary of State**

Legislative Building  
PO Box 40220  
Olympia, WA 98504-0220  
360/902-4151

### **Attorney General of Washington**

Christine O. Gregoire  
1125 Washington St. SE  
PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA. 98504-0100  
Telephone: 360-753-6200  
Fax: 360-664-0988  
E-Mail: ["emailago@atg.wa.gov"](mailto:emailago@atg.wa.gov)

### **Department of Licensing Funeral and Cemetery Licensing Program**

PO Box 9012  
Olympia, WA 98507-9012  
(360) 586-4905  
email: [Funerals@dol.wa.gov](mailto:Funerals@dol.wa.gov)

### **Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**

Allyson Brooks  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
906 Columbia St. S.W.  
P.O. Box 48300  
Olympia, WA 98504-8300  
(360) 407-0752  
email: [allysonb@cted.wa.gov](mailto:allysonb@cted.wa.gov)

### **Legislative Locator Page (find your legislator)**

<http://dfind.leg.wa.gov/>

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O'Brien, a Georgetown Historian. The remaining items, including basestones with no matching headstone, will be used in a memorial yet to be determined.

Landscaping will most likely be completed next spring when the weather turns favorable again. In the meantime, vines and weeds will be kept to a minimum by crews sent out regularly to trim them back. When landscaping begins, some fill may be required to replace dirt swept away by natural runoff from the hill above. Landscaping will include native plants which are making a comeback because of the constant trimming of weeds.

Many descendants of those buried have been located by the Comet Lodge Cemetery Association, a group not associated with the County. Several descendants have visited the site and applauded the efforts by King County to repair the damage done by nature and man.

When completed, the cemetery will be rededicated and used as a memorial park allowing use by the living while remembering those who are interred.

A burial list can be found online at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs/>. The list was compiled by two different sources then combined and typed by the South King County Genealogical Society. Corrections or additions to the list should be sent to WSCA, P.O.Box 103, Port Orchard, WA 98366. Please enclose documentation that supports your information (i.e., death certificate, obituary, deed, etc.).

More information on this cemetery will be presented with each issue of our newsletter until the project is complete. Your comments are welcome.

Volunteers are always  
needed  
for a variety of projects  
around the state  
Can you help?

Contact  
[andimac@oz.net](mailto:andimac@oz.net)

or

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Port Orchard, WA 98366

## Snohomish County Planner Looking for Cemeteries

Snohomish County planner, Louise Lindgren, is looking for cemeteries in her county. Hoping to locate as many cemeteries as possible, Louise plans to identify the properties in their computer system which will sound an alarm should someone submit paperwork for a building permit.

This comes after a building permit was issued allowing a contractor to build up to a property line shared with a cemetery. It was found that burials occurred just outside the fenced cemetery around the cemetery property. It was decided by all involved to deed the property to the cemetery authority.

Louise works as the County's historical person and is sensitive to Snohomish County's

old cemeteries. She has a deep love for all types of historical places. Oftentimes using her own money, she joins various groups such as historical societies, our cemetery association, and other groups, so she can stay aware of the work being done around the county.

Working with WSCA, Louise thus far has identified at least 60 cemeteries and hopes to locate every burial site that exists today.

If you have any information on a cemetery in Snohomish County, you can contact Louise Lindgren at (425) 338-3311, ext 2372.

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*If you would be more comfortable submitting your information to WSCA, feel free to do so. We will gladly pass on all information to Louise, and we will place the information in our records also.*

## Snohomish Pioneer Cemetery Update

The Snohomish Pioneer Cemetery continues in court. Latest word has been that the City of Snohomish put out a call for archeologists to submit proposals for locating bodies and disinterring them once found. The City, several years ago, gave permission for a senior citizen association to move a building onto the cemetery property and have a parking lot built. This was done with no consideration for those buried or their descendants.

In 1998, the City filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of the county to disinter bodies and remove the cemetery dedication. Mrs. Ruth Moore and her daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Crawford, filed a counterclaim requesting the courts allow the property to remain a cemetery. Previously, a local historical society removed many headstones and placed them in a mock cemetery built next to a newly built "old" cabin. A fee is charged for access.

The courts denied Mrs Moore's and Crawford's counterclaim and is allowing the City to continue in their plan to build a youth center on the site next to the senior center. The judge is requiring

the parking lot to be removed to allow specialists to check the area for signs of bodies. However, he is not requiring the building to be removed.

Thus far, more than \$125,000 has been spent on the counterclaim, all of which has come from the Moores and Crawfords.

The Snohomish Pioneer Cemetery inspired a group of individuals to start our association. The decision of the judge had a lot to do with it. He stated that because the cemetery no longer looked like a cemetery, it wasn't a cemetery, and therefore should be used by the living. WSCA vows to save our old cemeteries from judges such as this.

The most surprising aspect of this entire affair is that Native American burials have been found on the site. In October 1998, the City of Snohomish and the Tulalip Tribes entered into an Interlocal Agreement allowing the City to "prosecute their interests in this case." This was done by the Tulalips on behalf of the Pilchuck Indians.

This is very disturbing considering the City of Snohomish's track record in caring for the very cemetery they "owned" and were responsible for.

## Winter Care of Your Cemetery

In the Pacific Northwest, caring for a cemetery can be difficult. With our heavy rains and windstorms, many cemeteries fall prey to serious problems if they are not prepared for the winter. With some proper winter preparations, spring can be more about improving your cemetery than trying to reclaim it.

### Shrubs and Plants

Remove all dead or diseased plants or shrubs. Dead-head flowering plants and shrubs. Remove all debris from around the base of shrubs and plants to avoid soggy rot over the winter. Circle the bases of some shrubs and plants with hay or extra mulch to protect their roots from freezing. Dispose of plant and shrub debris, do not use in compost piles. Any disease or bugs could be spread next spring with the new compost.

### Trees

Some trees need to be pruned of their heavy branches before much more time passes. If your cemetery has a lot of trees, you might contact local arborists to see if one would stop by and to look over your trees for limbs which might need to be removed. They may also spot a tree needing to be removed.

Pruning a tree of heavy limbs which might fall during a windstorm is important. Not only are you liable for injuries to people who visit the cemetery, you are preventing a disaster should a limb fall on one of the headstones.

Don't forget to rake up all leaves soon after they fall. This will help prevent insect problems and the decay of grass beneath the leaves. Also, any that fall on headstones should be removed--as they decay, they can discolor the headstone.

### Grass

As with any yard during the winter, the ground underneath grass becomes soggy with water, walking on it causes the soil to compact which can prevent grass

from growing correctly in the spring.

To prepare for winter, check all pathways to ensure there are no low spots which might collect standing water, forcing visitors to walk on the grass instead. If your soil becomes especially soggy, use signs to let visitors know how much you appreciate their using pathways or alternate routes.

Many cemeteries do not have walkways and visitors must walk on the grass. In this case, you might want to rent a lawn aerator in the spring, then rake up all the plugs. Use the plugs in bare areas by breaking them up and filling in depressions. The grass and seeds found in these plugs generate new growth almost immediately.

### Headstones

Over the winter headstones are susceptible to freeze/thaw in more than one way. Not only do headstones heave from the ground just as any structure might, headstones are also susceptible to freeze/thaw inside the stone. Stones are porous and retain water.

Cracked headstones are especially susceptible. Water tends to puddle at the lowest point in the crack and as the water freezes and thaws, the crack can increase to the point of breaking the stone.

Before the rains really start this year, examine each headstone. Cover any that have cracks breaking through the surface of the stone lightly with plastic or something to keep the rain off. Tape a plastic bag to itself, not the headstone, and be sure lots of air can get inside the plastic.

### Gates/Fences

Wooden gates and fences suffer in our weather. The rain and cold can cause mold, mildew, moss and lichen to grow, sometimes even on metal.

Walk along the inside and outside of any fences. If there is debris up against the wood, pull it away. Any loose nails should be pulled and replaced with galvanized nails.

## New Cemetery Maillist

There's a growing movement across the U.S. People from all walks of life are joining forces to make the public and politicians aware of the desecration and loss of many cemeteries around the country. Many smaller groups have joined into state-wide groups in an attempt to bring neighbors together and get the word out.

A new maillist was started in Washington state on October 28th. The maillist covers anything cemetery in Washington state along with cemetery news from

around the country. While the list is not fully moderated, anything morbid will not be forwarded to the list. The list is to encourage the care and preservation of cemeteries around Washington.

In order to join the maillist, you must have access to the Internet. Join by visiting our web site's home page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs/>. Scroll down until you see the news about the new maillist. Key in your email address and then click on the listbot.com icon. It will do the rest. You do not need to be a member of WSCA to use the maillist.

## 1999 Legislation Submitted by Washington State Cemetery Association

With the guidance of Representative Patricia Lantz, new legislation was introduced into the 1999 Washington State Legislature as House Bill 1951. The legislation was introduced to draw attention to our state's old and abandoned cemeteries.

Representative Lantz worked with various Washington state agencies and others which ensured the success of the bill. Several revisions later, all persons involved were in agreement. To

WSCA's pleasure, the new legislation not only contained exactly what was requested, it also contained some additional benefits for researchers and others interested in saving Washington state cemeteries.

Ultimately, Substitute House Bill 1951 was passed by both the House and Senate by unanimous vote. On 17 May 1999, Governor Gary Locke signed the bill. It became law 90 days after the Legislature closed for the year.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 65.04 RCW to read as follows:**

**Any person who has knowledge of the existence of any cemetery, abandoned cemetery, historical cemetery, or historic grave that has not been dedicated pursuant to RCW 68.24.010 through 68.24.040 may file for recording, in the county in which the cemetery or grave is located, a notice of abandoned cemetery document providing notice of the existence of the cemetery or grave. Such document shall contain the legal description of the property, the approximate location of the cemetery or grave within the property, the name of the owner or reputed owner of the property, and the assessor's tax parcel or account number. The auditor or recording officer shall index the document to the names of the property owner and the person executing the document.**

Sec. 2. RCW 68.24.090 and 1987 c 331 s 34 are each amended to read as follows: Property dedicated to cemetery purposes shall be held and used exclusively for cemetery purposes, unless and until the dedication is removed from all or any part of it by an order and decree of the superior court of the county in which the property is situated, in a proceeding brought by the cemetery authority for that purpose and upon notice of hearing and proof satisfactory to

the court:

(1) That no interments were made in or that all interments have been removed from that portion of the property from which dedication is sought to be removed.

(2) That the portion of the property from which dedication is sought to be removed is not being used for interment of human remains.

(3) That notice of the proposed removal of dedication has been given **{+ in writing to both +}** the cemetery board (**{{- in writing -}}**) **{+ and the office of archaeology and historic preservation. This notice must be given at least sixty days before filing the proceedings in superior court. The notice of the proposed removal of dedication shall be recorded with the auditor or recording officer of the county where the cemetery is located +}** at least sixty days before filing the proceedings in superior court.

Sec. 3. RCW 68.60.020 and 1990 c 92 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

Any cemetery, **{+ abandoned cemetery, +}** historical cemetery, or historic grave that has not been dedicated pursuant to RCW 68.24.030 and 68.24.040 shall be considered permanently dedicated and subject to RCW 68.24.070. Removal of dedication may only be made pursuant to RCW 68.24.090 and 68.24.100.

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If you have information you would like to share, send it to PO Box 103, Port Orchard WA 98366, for inclusion in the next newsletter.

We are especially looking for items on abandoned or old, unkempt cemeteries, or on cemeteries which have severe problems (such as Jameson Cemetery on page 3).

Volunteers from around the state are needed for a variety of projects including newsletter editor. To volunteer, contact Andi MacDonald at (360) 871-5694 or at andimac@oz.net.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Washington State Cemetery Association (WSCA) is to research, protect, restore, and preserve old and abandoned cemeteries in Washington state, to maintain their history, and to provide education and awareness of old and abandoned cemeteries and their care to the public.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wapsgs/>

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