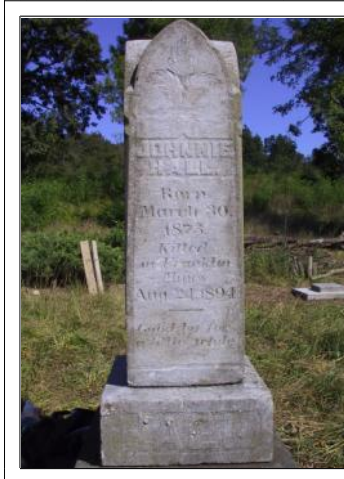
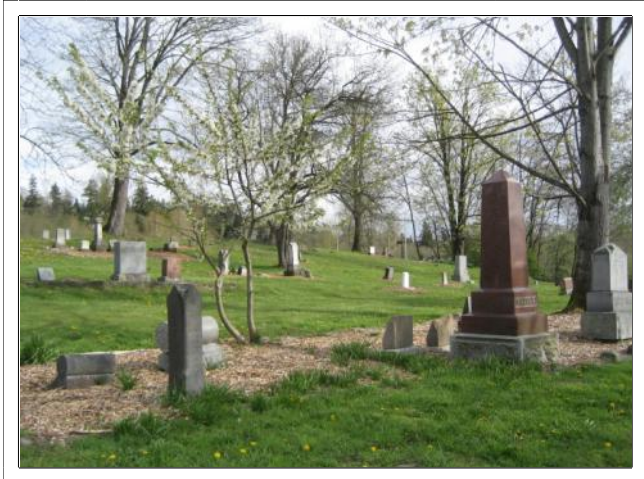


Saar Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project

NEEDS YOUR HELP



Views in the cemetery include (left to right, top to bottom) a massive monument at the entryway, the headstone for John Lewis Arrowsmith, lovely territorial views of family plots, a towering monolith honoring Johnnie Hall, and other stones commemorating the lives of Kent area and White River Valley pioneers.

In 2005, the South King County Genealogical Society took on the monumental task of restoring the long-neglected and often-vandalized Saar Pioneer Cemetery, located at 91st and 212th Way, Kent. The final resting place of nearly 200 early residents of Kent and surrounding areas was overgrown with weeds, blackberry briars, unkempt trees and shrubs. There were many toppled, broken and missing headstones, which have been rescued. Many unmarked graves still exist.

A team of volunteer researchers have gathered information on every identified inhabitant of the cemetery. The stories of the pioneer families who settled in the White River Valley, illustrate the commitment it takes to migrate across this country to build a new life in the Pacific Northwest. A book documenting these stories will soon be available.

In July, the second Living History Performance to be held in the cemetery will portray events in the lives of some of the inhabitants of the cemetery. Each November since 2007 a Veterans Day Flag Ceremony has been held at the site.

In the past five years, with the help of hundreds of volunteers and donations from a variety of sources, the Society has accomplished a great deal, but there is more work to be done. We need the help of a multitude of individuals and organizations to continue the task. Can you help with the restoration and preservation of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery?



YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP!

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Donations to the Saar Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project are tax deductible, as SKCGS is a 501-C3 non-profit organization.

Clip and fill out form; make checks payable to the South King County Genealogical Society and mail form and check to:

South King County Genealogical Society, Attention: Saar Cemetery Project, P.O. Box 3174, Kent, WA 98089-0203.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!