

OPC Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve,
protect and
maintain the
history,
environment, and
value of Oswego
Pioneer
Cemetery, resting
place of Lake
Oswego's
founding families
and citizens, for
the education,
enjoyment and
use of future
generations.

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Letter from the President

Another productive year has passed for the Board of Directors and volunteers of Oswego Pioneer Cemetery. On the landscaping front, Board members shared a growing concern that several of the larger trees in the cemetery were potential hazards. The overgrown *Lawson's Cypress* near the curve in the gravel road was a frequent topic at meetings. The tree



Jackson Socolofsky with Nancy in August.

was showing its age – storm-damaged and diseased at its core – and was encroaching on six graves (*Baird, Bowman, Dishman, Monroe, Potter, Preston*). Although the removal of any large tree could be a negative, our primary consideration was for safety. The City was alerted and several public notices were posted a month prior to cutting down the tree. When the job was done, and much to our delight, the area where the tree once stood opened up and the view was improved. The tree service crew also removed all large, hazardous limbs from the Douglas firs by the compost bin -- we didn't want them falling on anyone, but especially not our Landscape Tech **Joe Collins** whose presence we count on day in and day out, every season of the year. Your donations to OPC, both large and small, provided funding for these improvements by **Gary Nebergall** and his crew from *City Wide Tree Service*.

Through the years OPC has been the lucky recipient of many thoughtful and well-executed merit badge projects by

Eagle Scouts. The latest example of this is the new three-compartment compost bin at the back of our property installed by **Jackson Socolofsky** and his friends from *Troop 157*. In addition to this latest project, Jackson has adopted a family plot, cleared it of weeds and spread a layer of red rock on top. I should also mention that late last year we took delivery of a wood chipper and have been shredding tree debris and spreading wood chips ever since. The chips keep the weeds down and give the cemetery a tidier appearance.

Administratively, the OPC continues to run smoothly. The cemetery's financial health has always been very important to us. Five years ago when **Richard Santee** and I first joined the OPC Board we knew the organization needed to improve its record keeping practices. Richard set about doing just that -- organizing the old files (archival, financial, and photographic) into a proper filing system, both paper and digital. Beginning this year **Patricia Rovainen** of *CM Bookkeeping* was hired to track our financial data and provide quarterly reports to the Board, work that Richard has done for the past four years.

Finally, I want to extend a hearty thank you to all who participate in our *Adopt-A-Plot Program* and take time from your busy lives to pull weeds and beautify the old Oswego family plots. I also want to thank my Board of Directors who work like a fine-tuned machine to keep OPC "*the best little pioneer cemetery in the West*." As a last word, a big thanks goes to our contributors whose support of our work has been the key to our success. The Board and I get a lot of satisfaction from keeping OPC looking and running great. We couldn't do it without you!

--Nancy Headlee

P.S. Please visit our new website at:
<http://oswegopioneercemetery.org/>

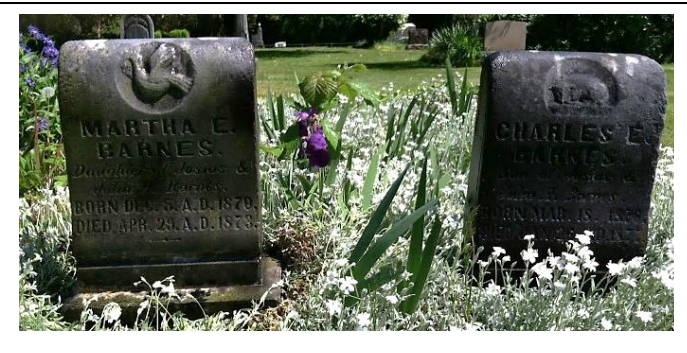
Recent Projects at OPC . . .



Photos OPC's new welcome sign (top). Joe Collins talks shop with Scout volunteers before they spread red bark on a family plot (above right). Scouts shovel debris into the newly installed compost bin. (at left).



Photos In September the Lake Oswego Rotary Club partnered with OPC on a project to upgrade the 40-year old windows at the caretaker's house. The goal was to make the house more energy-efficient and reduce monthly heating and cooling costs. Thanks to this improvement the house is much quieter inside as well. Special thanks to Rotarian **Bob Liddell** for his work on the demolition (left). A fond farewell to our old Lawson's Cypress (right)!



Before & After Cleaning continues on individual tombstones by Vice President and Manager **Richard Santee**. Thanks to his work, the inscriptions on the old markers are much clearer and easier to read. What a difference a good cleaning makes using a soft brush and water only!

Research on our Civil War Veterans

Historians continue to speculate why millions of men were so eager to fight, suffer and die during the *American Civil War*. Some think soldiers were driven by ideology, holding to beliefs about liberty, the Union or state rights, or the need to protect or destroy slavery. Others point to less overtly political reasons, such as defending home and family, or preserving honor and brotherhood when fighting alongside other men. Most agree, however, that no matter what motivated a soldier when he enlisted, the experience of combat had a profound and lasting effect.



Grand Army of the Republic Badge authorized by Congress to be worn on the uniform by Union veterans

The following table lists the names of Civil War veterans buried at OPC. They enlisted for service in eight states: Ohio (5), Wisconsin (3), Michigan (3), Indiana (2), Missouri (2), Kansas (1), Kentucky (1), and Illinois (1). Much of this content was obtained through online

searches, and as you can imagine, there is a large body of data concerning the Civil War and its veterans. Ancestry.com has proven to be particularly valuable in this regard as has the historic photo collection of the *Lake Oswego Public Library*. Our research is ongoing and the table continues to be filled in as records are found and information verified; evidence of service for some has not yet been located. Please let us know if you have any information or photos relating to the Civil War veterans listed below. Anything you might have will help in our efforts to complete the story of these individuals who took part in one of the most significant events in the history of the United States. -- *Steve Dietz* fishon4fun@gmail.com

<u>Soldier's Name</u>	<u>Record of Military Service</u>
John Bowles*	Co. E, 18 th Ohio Infantry
Albert Clinefelter*	Co. A, 18 th Ohio Infantry
William Lee Davis*	54 th Ohio Light Artillery Battery
James K. Worthington*	Co. A, 173 rd Ohio Infantry
William Worthington*	Co. H, 91 st Ohio Infantry
Samuel Brink*	Co. B, 36 th Wisconsin Infantry
Lumen H. Calkins*	6 th Wisconsin Light Artillery Battery
Jacob Lee*	Co. E, 14 th Wisconsin Infantry
Oscar Eaton*	Co. A, 26 th Michigan Infantry
Henry Platt*	Co. C, 12 th Michigan Infantry
Josias "Joe" G. Platt*	Co. F, 25 th Michigan Infantry
Henry Buckman*	83 rd Regiment, Indiana Infantry
Michael Long*	Co. K, 51 st Indiana Infantry
Henry Gans*	41 st Missouri Infantry D
Charles Pauling*	Co. E, Missouri 45 th Infantry
Jerome Thomas*	Co. H, Kansas 8 th Infantry
David Nelson*	42 nd Kentucky Infantry
John G. Pitts*	Co. G, 37 th Illinois Infantry
Thomas E. Chuck	(as yet unknown)
Chester Long	(as yet unknown)
John Mills*	(as yet unknown)
Andrew Tomlin	(as yet unknown)

**Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)*

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A word about your contribution to OPC . . .

Oswego Pioneer Cemetery is a self-supporting, non-profit organization operated and managed by an all-volunteer board of directors that relies on cash and in-kind donations, grants and sales to continue its work. **All contributions are tax deductible.** OPC sponsorship levels are: *Individual (\$25), Friend of OPC (\$50), Family Remembrance (\$100), Historic Supporter (\$250), Pioneer Contributor (\$500), and Major Benefactor (\$1,000).* **Your continued support is needed. Please become a sponsor today and mail your donation to: OSWEGO PIONEER CEMETERY, PO BOX 99, LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97034.**

Thank you for your support*!

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