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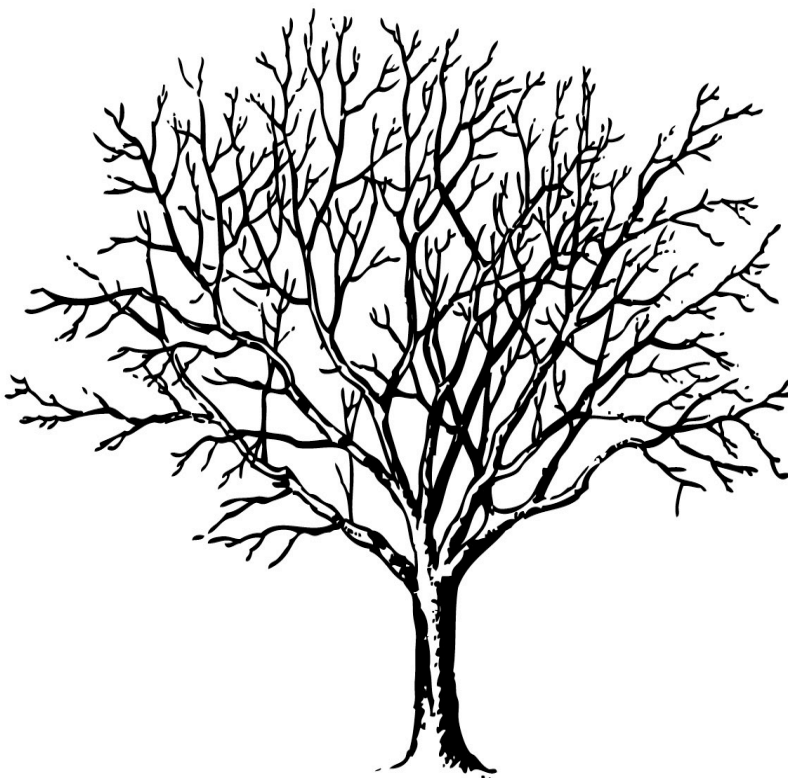
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*Genealogy: Where
You confuse the dead
And
Irritate the living!
Unknown*

If you don't know history,
You don't know anything.
You are a leaf that
Doesn't know it is part
of a tree.

- Michael Crichton

GSSC NEWS!



PRESIDENTS CORNER By Patricia Healy

What an exciting time it is to be a genealogist. With the many records that are now digitized and right at our fingertips, we can now spend much of our genealogy time at home searching for our ancestors.

New techniques and learning resources are easily obtainable through the many blogs, podcasts and webinars that can be found online. Genealogical research has changed dramatically in the last ten or twenty years, and we can look forward to many new changes in the future. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the many records and learning opportunities available to us all.

Your genealogical society is working hard to keep you informed of the new research sources becoming available daily. Don't forget your society library. We are frequently adding new information and books. Check out this issue for a list of new books recently added to our collection.

Take time to update your research techniques. Welcome change! It brings new research and learning opportunities. Happy hunting.

Patricia Healy
GSSC President



INFORMATION PAGE



PURPOSE OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

To stimulate public interest in family history. To collect, preserve and publish genealogical historical matters relating to American families and places. To provide educational service to the communities in Siskiyou County. To establish and maintain for the use of members and others a library of American genealogy, local history and biography including a surname file. To hold meetings for instructions and increased effectiveness of its members. To serve and support the genealogy departments of Siskiyou County Library.

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(Held quarterly, at the above address, March, June and September, the last Saturday of the month, however December is the second Saturday. Alternate dates may be scheduled due to holiday conflicts through the year.)

1 PM.

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QUERIES:

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Yreka Walking Tours

Coming to a close for the season!

Sponsored by the Siskiyou History Alliance Partnered with Siskiyou County Historical Society

SPECIAL EVENTS TOURS

Tours are about 1 hour long,
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Masonic Hall Tour Oct 13 (Friday) 4:00pm
Meet Corner of Miner and 3rd Streets

Miner Street Tour Oct 13 (Friday) 6:00pm
Meet in Front of the Franco-American Hotel

Historic Halloween Oct 31 (Tuesday) 5:00pm
Meet at Evergreen Cemetery

THANK YOU DON AND LINDA HERBERT!



It wasn't long ago our Siskiyou County Genealogical Society found the need for a library book cart. One of our members graciously volunteered her husband to help with our needs. We were excited to have a positive response from her husband! He agreed to use his creative talents to make the book cart! As you can see, we are already using it to display our books we have for sale! Thank you Don and Linda Herbert!



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



NOV 2017

Saturday/10am	4 Nov 2017	Introduction to Genealogy! FREE
Thursday/1pm	9 Nov 2017	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	11 Nov 2017	Military Records – Fold3 \$10 Members - \$15 Non Members
Saturday/10am	18 Nov 2017	Open Research! FREE
Saturday	25 Nov 2017	CLOSED – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

DEC 2017

Saturday/10am	2 Dec 2017	Introduction to Genealogy! FREE
Saturday/1pm	9 Dec 2017	Webinar Program: DNA - FREE
Thursday/1pm	14 Dec 2017	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/Noon	16 Dec 2017	Qtrly Mtg – Christmas Potluck
Saturday	23 Dec 2017	CLOSED – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Saturday	30 Dec 2017	CLOSED – NEW YEARS WEEKEND

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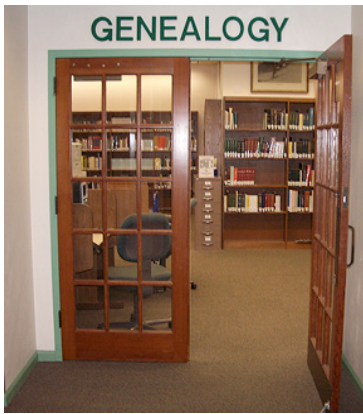
Saturday/10am	6 Jan 2018	Introduction to Genealogy! FREE
Thursday/1pm	11 Jan 2018	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	13 Jan 2018	Open Research! FREE
Saturday/10am	20 Jan 2018	Interpreting Early Handwriting – Hands-On Class \$10 Members - \$15 Non Members
Saturday/1pm	27 Jan 2018	Webinar Program: TBA



BOARD MTGS: We have begun to have our board meetings at the homes of out of town GSSC officers at times. If the meeting is scheduled for other than GSSC, and if interested in attending, please contact those officers that are listed above.

CLASSES: Classes are held at GSSC and are scheduled for 10am.

PROGRAMS: Programs are held the last day of the month and/or after our quarterly meetings. They are scheduled for 1pm.



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We want to thank everyone for these donations! If you have donated a book or books and your name is not listed, we probably have not yet shelved it. We will print it in the next issue of the Heir Lines!

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Thank you for your support for the GSSC

EDWARD MARSDON LOGAN.
DIED MAY 12, 1897.

A telegram was received at two o'clock this morning, announcing that Ed Logan had been killed in a saw mill in California. Ed was a son of G. W. Logan, of this city, and left here for the west about six years ago. He left many warm friends here who will be very sorry to hear of his untimely death. Ed was a whole souled, honest fellow. one of those men is a real pleasure to know.—*Quenemo Republican.*

At 5:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Ed. M. Logan, headsawer at Coggan's Brothers Company's new saw mill at Igerna, met with a fatal accident. Four of the large iron pulleys connecting the lower and upper saw arbors, burst simultaneously, scattering the iron in all directions. The position of the sawyer was directly in front of these pulleys giving him the full force of the flying fragments of iron. His right leg was horribly mangled from the body down, and his right arm from the shoulder down, with a wound on the skull. He remained unconscious for about an hour, when he died. Mr. Logan was a man highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and a three year old boy to mourn his sad loss. He came here from Elma, Washington, about a year ago, his father and mother living in Quenemo, Kansas. The funeral will take place Friday forenoon, and the remains will be interred in the cemetery at Ege wood. No other person was injured.—*Yreka, Cal., Journal.*

WILLIAM KEETHLY.
DIED MAY 25, 1897.

Uncle Bill Keethly died on Tuesday forenoon, and the body was buried in Woodlawn cemetery the following day. Rev. Kenan preached the sermon supplemented by remarks by Rev. Newcomb. Uncle Bill was a unique character a man of humane sentiments, blunt in address, but strictly honest in his dealings. He was loved by relatives and associates and respected by all. He was a Mexican war veteran, and the old soldiers of Pomona took charge of the funeral. He was a brother-in-law of the late Perry Fuller, of national fame; of G. W. Logan, of Quenemo; of J. M. Luce, of Centropolis; and of our former resident Sam Holmes, who now resides in Missouri.—*Pomona Enterprise.*

William Keithly, of Pomona, died Monday and was buried Tuesday. He was a brother of Mrs. G. W. Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. Logan attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Logan can truly appreciate the sad truth of the saying, "Misfortunes never come singly," as this is the third death of intimate ones in two weeks. They have the sympathy of all.—*Quenemo Republican.*

EDWARD ELDER FULLER.
DIED MAY 21, 1897.

Edward Elder Fuller, son of the late E. E. and Lena E. Fuller and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Elder, died at 4:30 Friday morning, May 21, 1897, at his home in this city. The following account of his death was published in the Ottawa Daily Republican, the evening following:

It was an intense shock to the many friends of Ned Fuller when announcement was made this morning of his death, which occurred about 4:30 o'clock. The press of last evening contained the cheering intelligence from his bedside which was authorized by every apparent favorable symptom that promised recovery.

He had been prostrate about six weeks, and a short time since submitted to an operation for appendicitis, which operation was entirely successful, inasmuch as healing processes had set in vigorously. The patient, however, was very feeble and emaciated from inability to assimilate food, caused by a chronic bad condition of the stomach. The promise of recovery was so pronounced that his mother was led to make a very necessary business trip to Vinita and Tahlequah, I. T., from which she has not returned.

About midnight the nurse detected a change for the worse and immediately summoned the attending physician, but dissolution was inevitable and rapid; a collapse resulted from excessive weakness and death ensued.

Deceased was an Ottawa boy, a young man of fine attainments and splendid promise, with a winsome disposition that made an immediate friend of every acquaintance. He has lived much of his life with his grandfather, Governor P. P. Elder, between whom and himself was the strongest attachment. He leaves a wife and one child.

The editor of the Times will only add that his grandson was on employe of this office at the time of the fatal attack. Whatever else may be said Edward E. Fuller was a promising young man, of correct habits and a character without reproach. Marrying so young, his opportunity for success in business had not come, but was near at hand. His young and devoted wife, who was Miss Clara Nelson of Osage county, is left with a lovely little boy, eighteen months old, to mourn his loss.

He was far above the average in intellectual attainments and possessed marked talent in farce comedy and musical lines; was manager of the Quenemo Glee Club No. 2 for two successful political years, composing most of

his own music; had been leading man and motto singer in different musical companies, and during the first two weeks of his illness he received a letter from a musical company, asking him to meet them the following Monday and to state his own salary.

When it was announced to the sufferer by the attending physician that an operation of a grave and dangerous nature was inevitable, he called his mother to his bedside and asked that a minister be called, that he might confess Christ before the family, as he had long been a believer. Rev. Wickman pastor of the Christian church, responded to the request and administered christian consolation. Mr. Fuller expressed his confidence and belief in the Savior of souls and then felt prepared for the terrible ordeal that ensued.

Our only consolation is that everything was done for his comfort and relief from pain that could be, and his devoted little family are not left without some means to smooth the rough pathway of life.

The family and relatives feel deeply the kind aid and sympathy from friends and neighbors. The attendance at the funeral Sunday afternoon was large. The floral offerings, accompanied by cards of kind expressions of remembrance from friends of the boy and his mother of former days, were deeply affecting and most highly gratifying to the whole grief stricken family. It is on such occasions when the lacerated heart needs these kind and beautiful reminders of former devotion and friendship.—*Ottawa Times*

"But this we know—
A noble life enriches all the world."

The sad intelligence of the death of Ned E. Fuller reached Quenemo Friday. Ned had been very ill for about three weeks, but was thought to be slowly recovering until Thursday night. That afternoon he felt better, and when his grandfather entered the room, he said: "Grandpa I believe I am going to make it." But in less than twelve hours his spirit had been released from its home of clay. He died at four o'clock Friday morning, and was buried beside his father on Sunday.

Ned was a Quenemo boy. He was reared here, and his friends were legion. He leaves a loving wife and a child sixteen months old. Every heart in this community bleeds for Mrs. Fuller and her baby.—*Quenemo Republican.*

THE YREKA JOURNAL ~ December 26, 1894



James A. Maxwell

Yreka Journal

December 26, 1894 GRADUALLY THE PIONEERS ARE LEAVING US

Gradually, the pioneers of early day California are leaving us. December 16, 1894, at his home in Igerna, **James A. Maxwell** peacefully closed his eyes in eternal slumber, while his soul left the aged body and soared away to join the fast increasing sprit band of 49ers, now sojourning beyond the Dark River.

Crossing the plains with ox teams from Illinois in 1849, Mr. Maxwell stayed in California five years, when he again returned home and engaged in the lumber business, furnishing railroad ties to the Illinois Central Railroad. Escaping with but \$1,500 out of a fortune of \$20,000 during the "wildcat" money panic of 1858, Mr. Maxwell again turned his gaze Westward toward the land of the setting sun, this time accompanied by his family. The first trip was made with his two elder sons, W.S. and H.B. Maxwell.

Arriving in San Francisco on the 14th day of June, 1858, on the second trip to the West Coast area, the Maxwells then started North in the Fall and journeyed over the Old Sullaway Trail on mule back from Old Shasta, in Shasta County, and up the canyon, with all hands arriving in Siskiyou County safe and sound after a lonely trip of many privations and hardships.

Mr. Maxwell located at the head of Shasta Valley with his family and at once embarked in the sawmill business. The deceased also spent considerable money in mining enterprises in the Barkhouse District.

From 1879 to 1884 he conducted a lumberyard in Yreka. At the ripe old age of 82 years, 4 months and 16 days, the grand old pioneer was prepared to quit this busy life with the satisfaction of having faithfully discharged the duties imposed upon him by his God; and as a token of respect to the deceased, we (the Journal) say - "Peace to his ashes."



GETTING HIP ON HIPAA

HIPAA doesn't lock the door on genealogical archives.

BY Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
[The Legal Genealogist](#)

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Reader Tanya asks:

I visited a county historical society museum in my parents' hometown ... and they had binders of documents that came from a funeral home that had gone out of business. These documents included death certificates and all the info that goes with it (i.e., SSN, cause of death). It's a great genealogical find but I'm concerned that the museum might be violating HIPAA laws by having it available to the public. I don't want them to get in trouble and just wanted to get someone's opinion. What do you think?

Great question, Tanya, and thanks for the opportunity to set the record straight on this, since this isn't the first time this issue has come up. I've seen it repeatedly on mail lists for genealogists who've been told (a) **they can't see coroner's inquest files** or (b) **they can't publish an index of burials** or (c) **they can't see cemetery records** or (d) **they can't see records of a funeral home** or (e) — and this one's my favorite — **the funeral home can't even say if it handled a burial.**

The short answer to Tanya's question is NO. The museum — along with the vast majority of archives and repositories that genealogists might use — aren't affected by the federal statute known as HIPAA or the federal regulations under the statute at all. Here's why.

Does HIPAA lock up genealogical archives?

First a bit of background. HIPAA is an acronym — pronounced HIP-puh, often misspelled as HIPPA — for a federal statute, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.¹

What Congress was out to do was make the health care system more efficient by getting electronic information exchanges working.² To get people to go along, the law strongly protects the confidentiality of that information. It's now a federal crime to disclose it without authorization.³ And Congress told the US Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to set up privacy rules (called *regulations* in "fed-speak"⁴) as well.⁵ The statute did a lot of different things, but the aspect we're all concerned with is its effect on what the law called "individually identifiable health information."⁶

The definition of that sort of information in the statute and in the regulations is pretty broad. It includes anything that identifies the person by name (or can be used to do that) and shows:

- the individual's past, present or future physical or mental health or condition,
- the provision of health care to the individual, or
- the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual.

Individually identifiable health information includes things like a person's name, address, birth date, Social Security Number.⁷ And even with that very broad definition, absolutely not one bit of the law or the regulations affects *genealogical* archives at all.

The reason is simple: HIPAA only affects “covered entities” — health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers, and only if they transmit information in electronic form about certain “covered transactions.”⁸ That means, just as an example, that a K-12 public school that has doctors and nurses and psychologists and counselors working with students is NOT a covered entity (in this case, because it doesn’t bill for its health-related services).⁹

And it means, as well, that a genealogical archive like your local historical society museum is NOT a covered entity. A library is NOT a covered entity. A cemetery is NOT a covered entity. They’re not in the health care business, and the fact that a piece of health-related information shows up in a document they possess doesn’t magically morph them into covered entities.

It’s true that sometimes the line between health information and other information can get a little fuzzy, and every time it does, the place with the records gets scared and clams up out of fear of violating HIPAA. That happened in Nebraska in 2008 when a county historical society wanted access to cemetery records for a former state psychiatric hospital. The state agency refused to let the historical society have access, arguing that knowing that “because all of those patients buried in the ... cemetery had been patients ... when they died, releasing their names is equivalent to releasing medical records.” The trial court sided with the state because of HIPAA. Fortunately, the Nebraska Supreme Court rejected the state’s argument and ordered the records disclosed.¹⁰ Where HIPAA really does have a big effect for genealogists is when we’re looking for what really are medical records held by “covered entities,” because right now it provides that we can’t ever get those records no matter how long the person has been dead. The law is *seriously* goofy there, though there is a move afoot to reduce the time frame to 50 years after death.¹¹ And when I say “seriously goofy,” I’m not kidding — the official HHS answer to “How can family members of a deceased individual obtain the deceased individual’s protected health information that is relevant to their own health care?” basically says unless your doctor needs it to treat you right now, you need a court order.¹²

So if records are being held by a medical archive, where the records really are health records, created and kept as health records, and not records of a totally different type that might happen to include some small piece of health-related data, we’re all pretty much out of luck.¹³

And, of course, there still may be *state* statutes that come into play here. In my state of New Jersey, for example, death certificates aren’t public records for 40 years after the death, and the cause of death usually can’t be disclosed except to certain family members or legal representatives.¹⁴ (I say *usually* because the New Jersey Supreme Court has held that the public’s right to know trumps the non-disclosure regulation in certain cases.¹⁵) As another example, death certificates in Florida aren’t public records until 50 years after the death.¹⁶ By contrast, in Massachusetts, death records are public, period.¹⁷

But any access issue would be purely a matter of state law — and would boil down to a question of whether access to a privately-held copy of a death certificate could be restricted. HIPAA wouldn’t come into play at all. So no. There’s no HIPAA padlock on those records at all.



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