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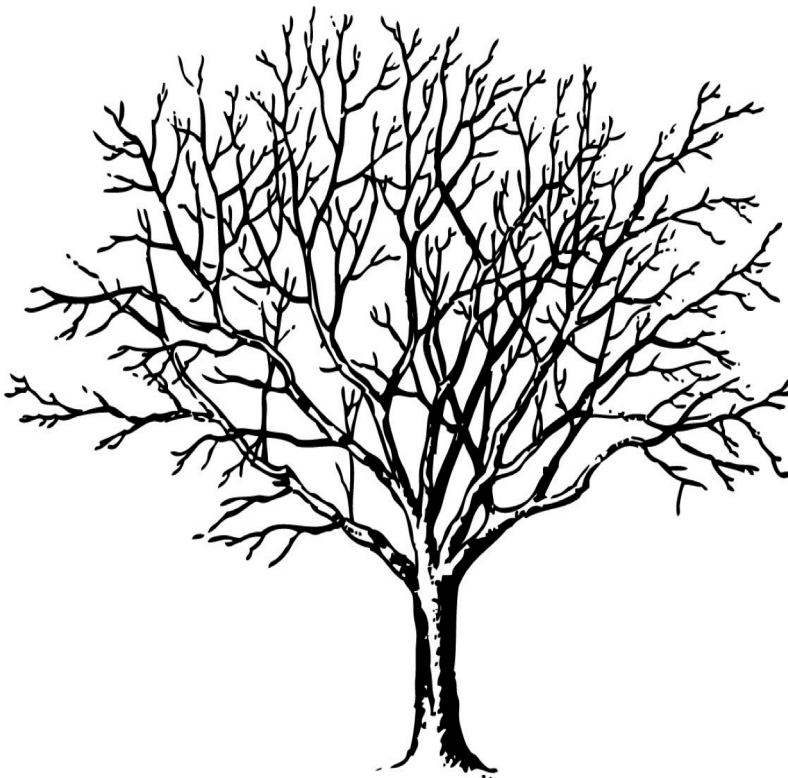
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Genealogy: In the end,  
it's all relative.

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After 30 days, unclaimed  
ancestors will be discarded  
or claimed by another  
family!

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If your family members won't talk  
about a particular relative, a  
seasoned genealogist knows they  
are keeping mum about something  
very interesting!

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101 Funny Quotes & Sayings for  
Genealogists*

# GSSC NEWS!



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Patricia Healy

Summer is finally over and fall has arrived. I don't know about my fellow genealogist but I am glad this summer has ended and with it an end to smoky skies and unbreathable air. Our hearts go out to all our friends and family who lost homes, pets and loved ones during this horrible fire season.

Summer is also a time for family gatherings and reunions. I hope you were able to attend one and broke down some of those long standing brick walls. Family reunions are a great opportunity to share your research and gather new information. Have you ever planned a reunion? Why not start now and plan one for next year? Check out this website for ideas [www.reunionsmag.com](http://www.reunionsmag.com)

With winter and long nights fast approaching, why not consider adding some genealogy educational programs to your schedule? Your genealogy society has programs that will help improve your research skills. Check the activities schedule or look for an email from Gail each week. She does a great job keeping our members informed. If you are not receiving emails from Gail, please contact any officer at [GSSC1@att.net](mailto:GSSC1@att.net).

Are you interested in DNA? We have added a new feature to our website, <http://siskiyougenealogy.org>, under the member's only tab. This is about a six hour course on understanding your DNA. Don't worry you can take it a little at a time. Contact us by phone (530 842-0277) or email to receive your member password.

Thinking about the holidays? We make shopping easy with Amazon Smile. Just go to our website and click on the Amazon Smile button. When you make a purchase through Smile Amazon, it makes a donation to GSSC. Their money not yours.

Also this year GSSC is participating in North State Giving Tuesday sponsored by Shasta Regional Community Foundation. This year it will be held on Nov. 27 between the hours of 6am-8pm. Please remember this date and make your fully tax-deductible contribution to GSSC.

Happy researching!

*Patricia Healy*  
*GSSC President*



## *The Murphy Story*

### **“DNA Tests Bring Family Together”**

Georgine Murphy

and

James Murphy

About a year ago two strangers submitted DNA Samples to Ancestry.com in hopes of finding who their father was and his parents. They were interested in their Family Trees since both didn't have their father in their lives growing up. The research had hit a 'Brick Wall' when they discovered their father was adopted and adoption records were not found. There was confusion also due to name changes or use of different names.

The siblings found lots of similarities in their lives, there were only a few years apart in age, and both their mothers had worked as nurses on the East Coast during WW II and both had children with the same man, although that part was unknown to both.

The Ancestry.com DNA Test results linked them as cousins. With research at the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County their journey started. The research revealed that they were actually half siblings and they contacted each other via emails and started a conversation. At first it was a cautious contact but really exciting for both of them at the same time. They started following the bread crumbs of their family history trying to find the link.

The research results pointed at a US WW II Navy Sailor that had lung issues and he was in and out of hospitals during the time period that both mothers were working as nurses. He must have been a charming man, because he charmed at least 2 nurses.



The first nurse to have a child with him, Virginia, became the mother of Jimmy Murphy and decided to raise Jimmy in North Carolina. The second nurse was Brenda, a nurse from England. Brenda had married this sailor, Ernest James Murphy and had one child with him. When WW II ended Brenda moved back to England and after a while Ernest followed, but only stayed in England a short time.

Through family history research it was discovered that Ernest James Murphy also used the name of James Ernest Murphy and that he was adopted by his Aunt and Uncle. The family name is also in question it could be Mathis not Murphy but that is a work in progress. Ernest also married at least 3, maybe 4 times. So far the research has only revealed the 2 children.

After the two siblings discovered each other via the DNA test they spent time getting to know each other via emails and phone calls. This summer they met in person for the first time in Yreka. Jimmy Murphy and his wife Nancy came to Yreka and spent a week visiting with his sister Georgine and seeing the sites of Yreka. Since Jimmy is a model train buff, he made friends with the local model train club and got to see some of their model train displays. They also spent several days researching the family history at the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County in Yreka, finding more details and some wonderful photos that had been posted online.

The happy ending to the story is they liked each other and will continue their relationship now for many years.



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## 10 Free Genealogy Sites By FamilyHistoryDaily.com

1. FamilySearch – [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)
2. Find A Grave – [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)
3. Ellis Island – [libertyellisfoundation.org](http://libertyellisfoundation.org)
4. National Archives – [aad.archives.gov](http://aad.archives.gov)
5. Chronicling America – [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)
6. Cyndi's List – [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com)
7. Crestleaf – [crestleaf.com](http://crestleaf.com)
8. StoryWorth – [storyworth.com](http://storyworth.com)
9. Google News Archive – [news.google.com/newspapers](http://news.google.com/newspapers)
10. Castle Garden – [castlegarden.org](http://castlegarden.org)

# Mountain Herald.

1. YREKA, CAL., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1853.

## DOCT. J. S. CUMMINS

WOULD respectfully announce to the citizens of Yreka and vicinity, that he may be found on the north side of Miner street, prepared to practice his profession in all its various branches. From the experience of an extensive practice in the Atlantic States, and for several years in California, he flatters himself that he will be able to give entire satisfaction to those who may favor him with a call.

June 11th, 1853.

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**D**ISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between John G. Campbell and Hiram G. Millett, in a certain ranch, &c., in Shasta valley, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to or holding claims against the above firm will please present their accounts for settlement.

J. G. CAMPBELL,  
HIRAM G. MILLETT.

The business will hereafter be carried on by J. G. & J. E. Campbell and J. S. Oldham. August 3, '53 sept10-n14.

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# Mountain Herald.

YREKA, CAL., SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1854.

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## MARRIED.

In Yreka, on the 8th inst., by Elder Sutton, Mr. Foote, to Miss Vidilla Roberts. We received with the above notice a piece of delicious wedding cake. They have our good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

## SISKIYOU MASS MEETING.

The citizens of the County of Siskiyou and State of California are requested to meet at the Yreka Hotel, in Yreka, on Saturday evening, the 14th of January next, at 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking measures to secure the formation, at an early day, of a new Territory out of certain portions of Northern California and Southern Oregon; and also to appoint delegates to a general convention for the same purpose, to be held at Jacksonville on the 25th of January next.

E. Steele.	H. T. Templeton.
John D. Gosby.	N. Garland.
W. A. Robertson.	C. McDermitt.
Frank. Rogers.	R. B. Snelling.
E. J. Curtis.	Thos. Bance.
C. N. Thornbury.	David Kitz.
M. Sleeper.	John Mullender.
A. V. Gillett.	W. Hunter.
H. D. Van Wyck.	John Dudley.
J. White.	W. Davidson.
M. B. Callahan.	John G. Berry.
J. M. Shackelford.	



### Death of a Woman on McCloud River Railroad.

The *Dunsmuir News* says a most distressing accident occurred on the McCloud Railroad, just above McCloud on Wednesday forenoon. The logging train was running down from Elk-Creek—Frank McDonald, Conductor; Henry Orthe, Engineer. On the train was Mrs. Addie R. Ragon, going to Sisson to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker. When within two miles of McCloud an engine was sighted coming in the opposite direction, and signal whistles of danger were sounded by both locomotives, which so excited Mrs. Ragon that she was attempting to jump from the car, which was moving at a rapid rate, when Conductor McDonald, seeing her intention, yelled out: "Oh, Addie, for God's sake, don't jump!" He had scarcely uttered the warning before the lady, thinking there was going to be a collision, made a spring for the ground, and landed on a pile of debris recently made by that terrible railroad wreck of a few weeks since. The train was stopped and the crew returned to the place of the unfortunate occurrence, only to witness a most heart-rending scene. The victim was in the last agonies of death. She was bruised all over and her skull crushed. The remains were tenderly rescued and taken to McCloud, and laid out in the company's hospital, where they were examined by the company's physician, Dr. R. T. Legge, and the Coroner notified. On Thursday an inquest was held by Coroner Fairchild and a jury, which returned a verdict of accidental death, with no blame attached to anyone. The deceased was held in high esteem, and many sympathizing friends offered their services toward caring for the remains, which were taken to Sisson on Thursday, where the funeral and burial took place. Mrs. Ragon was a good and pop-

ular woman, and had endeared herself to all who knew her, and many regrets were felt by acquaintances. She leaves a husband, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and a cousin Mrs. O. B. Neal, at Sisson, Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, a sister at McCloud, Mrs. W. D. Secor, a sister at Uval, Mendocino county, and other relatives. She was nearing her 27th birthday at the time of her death. The family of the deceased has the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

In addition to the above, Coroner J. A. Fairchild tells us the conductor used every effort by yelling not to jump, and also caught hold of her, but by having a thumb off his hand, and the woman being large and strong, she slipped from him, striking headlong on a pile of old iron wreckage of a late smash-up.

### Superior Court—Probate.

HON. J. S. BEARD, Superior Judge.

Wednesday, Sept. 31.—Estate of Jerome B. Ager, deceased. Final account and petition for distribution filed. Hearing of same fixed for September 13th.

Saturday, Sept. 6th.—Estate of Anton Egli, deceased. Final account settled and allowed as rendered. Decree of distribution granted.

Estate of Alphonse L. Trembley, deceased. Letters of administration granted to Mrs. Mary Cota. Bond fixed at \$11,000.00.

Estate of Manley M. Brown, deceased. Final account settled as rendered. Decree of distribution granted.



# THE SISKIYOU DREAM

by Gary Gragnani

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I had a dream the other night  
A dream that seemed so true  
The year was nineteen seventy-five  
And I was back in Siskiyou

It was Wednesday in Siskiyou  
And the clockwork without fail  
The old Siskiyou Auction Yard  
Was having it's weekly sale

The sale would start at 1 o'clock  
But the people would arrive at ten  
Just to talk and exchange ideas  
About what and where and when

The coffee shop was crowded  
With guys I ain't seen in years  
Makin' deals and tellin' tales  
About cows and hay and steers

I went inside the auction barn  
The sale it had just started  
The seats were filled with cattlemen  
Who had long since been departed

George Pape and Ritchie Morgan  
Were sittin' in the rear  
Bob Hollister of the Shasta O  
Was bidding on some steer

Frank Giorgi and Jack Wilson  
Were discussin' the latest news  
Frank Brahs and old Don Campbell  
Helped fill these auction pews

Bob Axton was busy in the ring  
Ed Tash was on the phone  
And there was old Bob Mills  
In the corner all alone

In the front sat Bobby Schantz  
He never missed a sale  
And there was old Mike Roston  
Down leaning on the rail

The Criss' from Butte Valley  
The Fiocks from Montague  
Frank Whitsett and Ellis Louie  
Just to name a few

As a gazed across that action barn  
I saw the friends I'd known  
Still doing what they loved best  
This vision I was shown

When I awoke that morning  
My mind was set at rest  
For I knew my old friends  
Were doing what they loved best

**IN CASE YOU  
FORGOT, SEND THIS  
IN RIGHT AWAY!**

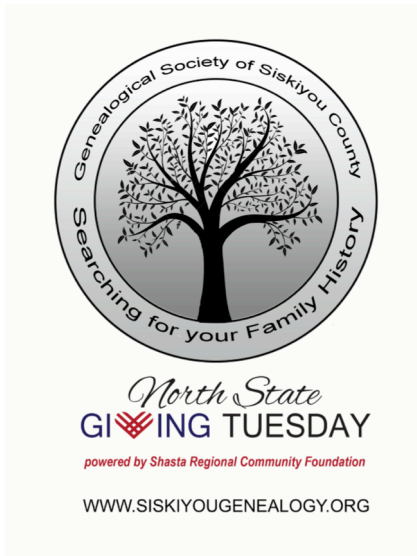
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912 SOUTH MAIN ST.  
YREKA, CA. 96097**

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES.  
DUE BEFORE AUG. 1<sup>ST</sup> 2018.

Member 1yr. \$25.  
 Family 1yr. \$30. (Same household)  
 Friend 1yr. \$50.  
 Patron 1yr. \$75.  
 Benefactor 1yr. \$100.  
 Book Fund Donation  
 Rose Brown Endowment Fund  
 (RB is fully tax deductible)  
**TOTAL**

	NAME _____
	ADDRESS _____
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**Please make checks payable to GSSC.  
 You can also pay on line with PayPal at [www.siskiyougenealogy.org](http://www.siskiyougenealogy.org).**



North State Giving Tuesday is a local initiative to increase philanthropy in Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties. The effort is brought to you by Shasta Regional Community Foundation and Redding Bank of Commerce. The 2018 North State Giving Tuesday event will take place from 6 a.m. PST to 8 p.m. PST on **Tuesday, November 27th**. For those 14 hours, online donations will be accepted through [northstategives.org/gssc](http://northstategives.org/gssc) with a goal to inspire and unite our community in supporting many local nonprofits.

This particular day will give yourself an opportunity to “give where you live,” in the North State. You will be allowing your non-profit to win extra prize dollars! Over 170 non-profits are participating in Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties. If you are not around on the “big day,” you can schedule a gift in advance! Visit [northstategives.org](http://northstategives.org) to give beginning 11/13! The North State Giving Tuesday is a part of a worldwide Giving Tuesday initiative – first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. You may wish to make this your “One-Stop annual giving!”



# 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.

### ADDRESS:

Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County  
912 So. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097-0225  
Phone: 530-842-0277  
E-mail: [gssc1@att.net](mailto:gssc1@att.net)

### WEBSITE:

<http://siskiyougenealogy.org>

### REGULAR MEETINGS:

*(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.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES:

\$25.00 Individual  
\$30.00 Family (*same address*)  
Membership July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>

### NON-MEMBER FEES:

\$5.00 per day (*facility use*)

### OFFICERS:

President: Patricia Healy  
Vice President: Linda Herbert  
Secretary: Marilyn Amaral  
Treasurer: Pat Williams  
Past President: Mary Burchfield

### COMMITTEES:

Projects Pat Williams  
Research Jen Bryan/Pat Healy  
Library Pat Healy/Gail Platt  
Web Site Jen Bryan

### HEIR LINES:

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Business Card	\$ 5.00
Quarter Page	10.00
Third Page	14.00
Half Page	18.00
Full Page	35.00

### DEADLINES:

For Ads, Article's, 1<sup>st</sup> of the publication months

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### RESEARCH REQUESTS:

Send to GSSC ([gssc1@att.net](mailto:gssc1@att.net))  
Cost: \$15.00 per hour/1 hr minimum  
Reimbursement required for cost of Vital Records and Photo's of Grave Sites (within Siskiyou County). Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

### QUERIES:

Send to [gssc1@att.net](mailto:gssc1@att.net)



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



**NOVEMBER 2018**

Saturday/10am	3 Nov 2018	Introduction to Genealogy – Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	8 Nov 2018	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	10 Nov 2018	Open Research! 10am to 3pm
Saturday/10am	17 Nov 2018	Genealogy Bank & Google for Genealogy - Jen Bryan Non-Members \$15, Members \$10
Saturday	24 Nov 2018	CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

**DECEMBER 2018**

Saturday/10am	1 Dec 2018	Introduction to Genealogy – Pat Healy
Saturday/10am	8 Dec 2018	Christmas Potluck @ Noon– Program Christmas Traditions & Stories
Thursday/1pm	13 Dec 2018	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	15 Dec 2018	Interviewing & Recording Family – Oral Histories - Jen Bryan - Non-Members \$15, Members \$10
Saturday	22 Dec 2018	CLOSED – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEEKEND
Saturday	29 Dec 2018	CLOSED – NEW YEARS WEEKEND

**JANUARY 2019**

Saturday/10am	5 Jan 2019	Introduction to Genealogy – Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	10 Jan 2019	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	12 Jan 2019	Open Research! 10am to 3pm
Saturday/10am	19 Jan 2019	Making the Most of Family Search! Pat Healy Non-Members \$15, Members \$10
Saturday/1pm	26 Jan 2019	Webinar: DNA Boot Camp #2



**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.

PUBLICATION ORDER FORM

- [ ] **Evergreen Cemetery** \$15.00  
Evergreen Cemetery is located in Yreka, CA
- [ ] **Shasta Valley Cemetery District, 1885 to 1995** \$15.00  
This book includes graves in the seven smaller cemeteries in Siskiyou Co.
- [ ] **Winema (Weed) Cemetery** \$15.00
- [ ] **100 Years and Going Strong** – by Rose L. Hicks Brown \$17.00

Note: Shipping and Handling on the **above** books: \$6.00 per book.

- [ ] **Siskiyou County Marriages 1852 – 1910** \$35.00  
This is a new reprint of a book put out by our Society many years ago.  
Includes a brides index.
- [ ] **Cowboy Poetry and Barn Sour Verse** \$10.00  
Written by V. June (Blevins) Collins
- [ ] **First Family of the Pacific States Vol 1 A – E** \$40.00
- [ ] **First Family of the Pacific States Vol 2 F – M** \$40.00
- [ ] **First Family of the Pacific States Vol 3 N – Z** \$40.00

Save \$20 off First Family books when purchasing all three!

Note: Shipping and Handling on the **above** five (5) books only: \$8.00 per book.  
We now have Pay Pal on our website! Check it out! [www.siskiyougenealogy.org](http://www.siskiyougenealogy.org)

**Membership Year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>**

- [ ] New Member      [ ] Renewal

**Membership Dues**

- [ ] Individual \$25.00    [ ] Family \$30.00

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