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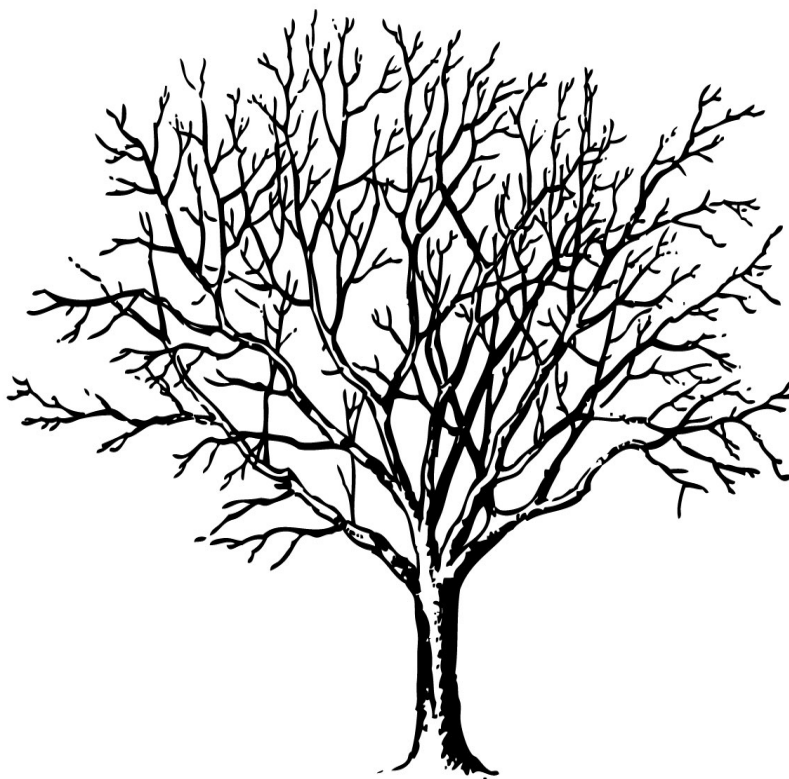
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Murphy's law of genealogy:  
 After solving a dead end  
 ancestor mystery that  
 consumed your entire adult life,  
 your sister reports, "I could  
 have told you that!"

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True genealogists wonder  
 why the Academy Awards  
 don't have a category for  
 best microfilm!

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What a genealogist should not  
 say on a blind date: "Isn't it  
 great? I did your tree and  
 we're related!"

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*From GenealogyBank: Genealogy  
 Humor 101 Funny Quotes & Sayings  
 for Genealogists*

# GSSC NEWS!



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Jennifer Bryan

We have started a new year at the Genealogical Society. Our membership year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and the newly elected Board members took office July 1, 2019. As this year's President, I am looking forward to a GREAT year of research and projects.

The few active members are working on a variety of projects and we are always looking for more volunteers to help. One of the projects in progress are the newspaper clippings books. We clip newspaper obits, marriages, military, miscellaneous articles and paste them into books. Then we index the books and later digitize the books for preservation. There is a process in how we do this, so come in, learn the format and enjoy the fellowship working on this project. Other projects include cleaning up the oldest cemetery in Yreka, the City Cemetery. We have a few volunteers out weed eating and documenting the burials. We have indexed these burials but need help with additional verification of the burials, like looking up obits in the old microfilmed newspapers, also adding the names we have verified to Findagrave. Additional projects that need volunteers include documenting the history of the Genealogical Society for the scrapbook; indexing the research files, assisting with research requests, writing articles for the Heir Lines newsletter, and teaching classes on topics of your interest. These are just a few of the projects that the volunteers work on, there are more, and we are open to new projects if you have an interest that you would like to investigate. Some of these projects can be done from your home if working at the Research Center on Saturdays does not fit into your schedule.

The Genealogical Society will be participating in the Giving Tuesday fundraiser again this year. That means your Board is hard at work filling out the applications, submitting financials, photos, testimonials, etc. to qualify. Can you write a short paragraph testimonial that tells how GSSC helped you in your research? Email your comments to us, the deadline is Oct 15th. The date of Giving Tuesday is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 this year. That day all the donations you make to GSSC online will include monetary prizes to us. That means your money could earn us up to \$10,000 as the top prize or \$100 for having the most donors between 6 am and 6:30am. There are lots of ways for each non-profit to win prizes if we can get people to donate online that day. Talk to your friends and family, plan on donating that day. We will be sending out more information soon.

Hope to see you in the Research Center one Saturday!

*Jennifer Bryan - GSSC President*

## ***CAN YOU IMAGINE?!***



Stories by Pamela Weatherby  
Edited by Terry Weatherby  
Yreka, CA

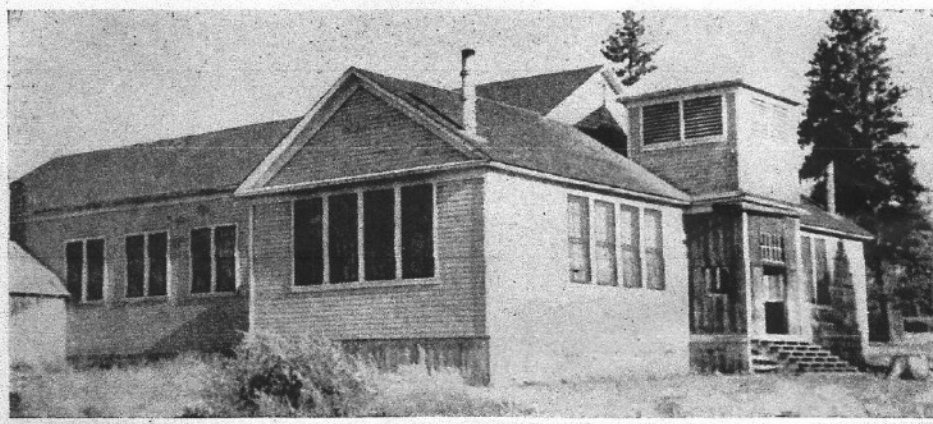
Can you imagine teaching school in a one-room schoolhouse in Salt Lake City at the age of 16? My pioneer grandmother, Emily Teressa Hodgetts did just that. She had attended a private boarding school in England before coming to America and could read and write with great competence. Still, it must have been a daunting challenge for this young pioneer. Many of her students were illiterate and some didn't even speak English! The class size was probably between fifteen and twenty students. The age range most likely was spread somewhere between six and fifteen, with siblings and cousins in the same class. Many of the students would have to ride horses or walk to school. Travel to and from school must have been a difficult ordeal especially considering the harsh Utah winters.

Unlike the one-room schoolhouse, Emily's school-room was part of the Fourteenth Ward Meetinghouse. It was on the side wing of the church building and was used for religious purposes on the weekends. The School curriculum consisted of reading, writing, arithmetic, memorization, elocution, penmanship, and religion. The School day for my grandmother's students began at nine o'clock and ended at four o'clock with an hour lunch and two fifteen minutes recesses. In order to keep the students warm during the winter months, there was a pot bellied stove that had to be tended regularly. There was a large blackboard in the front of the room, and each student had his/her own slate board and chalk to write with. Emily was diminutive in stature and probably needed a stool to stand on when illustrating lessons in so many diverse subjects are to so many levels. Older students may have served as teacher's aides or helpers in the classroom. Because the Mormon Church emphasized and valued education, books were probably readily available although not necessarily in great numbers. Even so, students more than likely had to share these books and other teaching supplies.

It is unknown where Emily lived in Salt Lake City when she was teaching. If she lived a good distance from the school, she probably rode her horse to school every morning, the same sturdy and dependable Morgan she rode across the plains. If her students lived too far to walk to school, they may have ridden their horses. This would have required having a place to hitch their horses and care for them, especially during inclement weather.

There is little information available to know what activities Emily engaged in on the weekends. She was active in the Mormon Church, so she was, no doubt, attending church on Sundays. She might have enjoyed riding her horse and exploring the beautiful countryside surrounding Salt Lake City on Saturdays and after school hours on weekdays. Emily's tenure as a teacher in this one-room schoolhouse came to an end when she married John Lowder on May 25th, 1860. She was nineteen years old and about to begin another chapter in her interesting life.

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Copied from the Siskiyou County High School Yearbook 1938 White and Gold

## Tennant High School

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

We, the SENIOR CLASS of the City of TENNANT, County of Siskiyou, State of California, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under fraud, duress, menace, or the undue influence of any person whatsoever, do make, publish, and declare this our last WILL AND TESTAMENT in the manner following.

That is to say:

FIRST: We hereby revoke, annul, and cancel other and former wills and Codicils by us at any time made.

SECOND: I BARBARA FRANK, give to DARLENE WILCOX MY loving and pleasing Personality and my trip to the Islands. P. S. take care of HIM!

THIRD: I, SCOTT MURPHY, will to MAUDANN FILSON my egotistical nature. To my friend, JIMMY MURPHY, I leave my trumpet serenades. To MARY RAMIREZ I leave one ton of excuses for lateness that I didn't use.

FOURTH: I ALBERT HANNER, Will to LINNELL MURPHY, Better known as Linn or Guy, my dutiful control of my hot temper. To GEORGE LITTLE, I leave my ability to drive my Rolls Royce.

FIFTH: I, DICK FINE, leave to all the boys in the high school, and especially to the freshmen who are entering next fall, my shortness of stature. To JIMMY MURPHY, I leave my two hundred and fifty pounds.

SIXTH: IDELANEY DU BRUIL, leave my fiery temper to NAN MCLEOD. Aside from that, I leave nothing because I am taking it with me.

SEVENTH: Last but not least, we the seniors, will to the lower classmen our submarines which shoot a thousand torpedoes an hour, and Joe E. brown's brains and machinery which is able to make ice in the boiling sun on the top of a mountain in the Sahara Desert.

EIGHTH: We hereby nominate and appoint our next Year's president, GEORGE LITTLE, sole executor, without bond, of this our last Will and Testament, and we hereby authorize our said executrix to sell, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of any or all of our said estate without any order of or return to any court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: We have hereunto set our hand and seal the third day of June, A. D. 1938.

1. ADOLPH HITLER
2. BENITO MUSSOLINI
3. JOSEPH STALIN



READ ALL  
ABOUT  
IT!

**MORNING APPEAL - CARSON CITY, NEV**

January 21, 1892, pg 3 column 2  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**ALL SORTS - Siskiyou, Cal.**

State Senator R. H. Campbell, of Siskiyou, Cal., has sold out his mining property to an English syndicate for \$250,000.

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W. R. Williams has been arrested at Red Bluff, Cal., charged with rape. The ten-year old step daughter of Daniel Oats is the complaining witness.

**MORNING APPEAL - CARSON CITY, NEV**

January 19, 1888, Image 3, column 3  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**DR. HARMON -**

**YREKA, Cal., Feb. 16, 1886**

Dr. Harmon, optician, so far as I know, has given entire satisfaction. From personal knowledge I know the doctor to be well skilled in his profession, and in my opinion merits the patronage of the public. - D. REAM, M.D.

I have found S. Harmon to be an optician and skillful fitter of glasses. - B. H. Robertson, M.D.

S. Harmon, Optician, with his invention, the "Duplex Eye Illuminator" undoubtedly gives great aid in the superficial examination of the eye. - Joseph McChesney, M.D., W. H. Boyd, Sheriff.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Siskiyou

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1886.

J. V. Brown,

Notary Public in and for Siskiyou County, Cal.

(errors included!)

## **MORNING APPEAL - CARSON CITY, NEV**

August 28, 1895, pg 2, column 1  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

### **LYNCH LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

The citizens of Siskiyou county, Cal., to the number of about 250, congregated in Yreka last Sunday night, took possession of the Courthouse and hanged four prisoners who were held for murder in the jail yard.

There has been a reign of lawlessness in Siskiyou county for several months. Several murders have been committed, and, so far as known, the Courts and the authorities generally were determined to enforce the law. Some of the people determined to take the law in their own hands, however, and constituted themselves judges, juries and executioners. By preconcerted arrangements they assembled at Yreka, the county seat of Siskiyou, on Sunday evening, and sent four men into eternity.

Generally they are respectable citizens who countenance lynching, as they believe that desperate characters who do not fear the law have a wholesome dread of mobs, yet lynching is as lawless as any crime on the calendar of offenses, and it is only excusable when there is no doubt of the guilt of the culprit, and the constituted authorities fail to do their duty. It is not charged that the Court or officers of Siskiyou county were in league with the alleged murders, or that they would not receive a fair trial by an impartial jury, and, if convicted, punished as the law directs. But people become exasperated by the laws delay, and under excitement violate the law and do that which they probably regret as long as they live. - Journal

Weekly Tribune

August 30, 1895, pg column 4

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

### **The Residents of Yreka, Cal., Take the Law in Their Own Hands.**

**YREKA, Cal., Aug 27** - Four murderers were taken from the county jail by a mob of 250 men and lynched. A band of citizens, fearing that the law would not be carried out, and angered over the atrocity of recent crimes, determined to take matters into their own hands. The lynching was the ghastly climax to the reign of lawlessness which has prevailed in Siskiyou county for some months past. One of the victims was Lawrence Johnson, who, on the evening of July 28, stabbed his wife to death in the town of Etna. Another was William ull, who shot Henry Hayter in the back with a rifle near Callahans on April 21. Louis Moreno and Garland Seemler, who are supposed to have killed George Seers and Jasper Meierhans at Baily Hill on Aug. 5, were also hanged.



### **Mob Gathered at Midnight.**

At 11 o'clock p.m. farmers from all the surrounding country began to drive into town, and by midnight the mob was ready to march to the county jail. Before taking a step, however, every precaution was taken to prevent the plans of the lynchers from being frustrated by the officer of the law. The sheriff and one of his deputies were decoyed to another part of town by two members of the mob who were engaged in the lynching and the fire bell was muffled to prevent an alarm being given in that way. When the mob reached the jail Deputy Sheriff Radford opened the door and was immediately held up by the mob, who took the keys from him and entered the jail. Having no keys to the different cells they were compelled to burst the locks with a sledge hammer which they proceeded to do at once. Lawrence H. Johnson, who recently **Stabbed His Wife to Death** at Etna on Sunday evening, July 28, was the first to receive the attention of the mob. They broke the lock from the door of his cell, and placing a rope around his neck, led him out of the jail and across the street to where the iron rail was laid between the forks of two locust trees. Johnson pleaded for mercy, but the silent gathering gave no heed to his appeals and he was quickly strung up. The mob returned to the jail and broke into the cell of William Null, who shot Henry Hayter at Callahans April 21 in a dispute over a mining property. Null desired to make a statement, but time was too valuable and he was soon hanging alongside of Johnson.

Louis Moreno, who is charged with having killed George Seers on Aug. 5, was then taken from his cell and soon swung with Johnson and Null. **A Message for His Mother** -The last and youngest of the four murderers to pay the penalty of his crime was Garland Seemler, aged about 19, who, in company with Moreno, was charged with having killed Casper Meierhans at Baily Hill on Aug. 5. A rope was placed around Seemler's neck and he was led from the jail in his bare feet. Seemler begged for mercy and his last words were, "Tell my dear old mother I am innocent of the crime."

Yreka is a little mining town and years ago was frequently the scene of mob violence. The summary manner in which justice was meted out to the four murderers reminded the pioneers of similar scenes during the gold excitement 40 years ago, when it was not an uncommon spectacle to awaken in the morning and see the body of a notorious criminal dangling from a tree.

*Morning Appeal - Carson City  
January 05, 1899, pg 3, Column 3  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt*

*E. E. Elsworth, who shot and fatally wounded E. E. Dixon at Montague, Siskiyou county, Cal., last week, was formerly a compositor on the Elko Independent.*

Pioche Daily Record - Pioche, Nev  
February 23, 1873, pg 2, Column 2  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES -**

**YREKA, CAL., Feb 22 -**

A courier arrived today from the front, with news that Bob Whittle's Modoc wife, Matilda, went to Jack's camp on Thursday; had not returned yesterday. When he left she gave her husband rings and jewelry, and great interest is manifested in regard to her safety, as she was to return before 4 o'clock yesterday. The Peace Commission is divided, Case being in favor of unconditional surrender, while Meacham and Applegate think the Modocs have been badly treated. Odeneal, Sup't of Indian Affairs, has been sent for, a movement which Applegate opposed and Meacham favored. The people have no hopes of peace on terms likely to be offered, and doubt whether such men as Applegate and Meacham can get a talk, notwithstanding their friendly disposed wishes toward the Modocs. Every Modoc would gladly go on a reservation if given a free pardon for the murder of settlers.

**Los Angeles Herald -**  
April 05, 1892, pg 2 Column 4  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**AN OLD MINER KILLED**

Yreka, Cal., April 4. - Ben O'Connell, an aged miner residing on the Humbug, about ten miles west of here, has been missing for several days, but it was supposed he was in Yreka. On finding out that this was not the case, a party went to this mine, where they found a large cave, on which they turned a stream of water and washed out his body last night.

**Morning Appeal .,**  
July 23, 1892, pg 3 Column 2  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**\$30,000 FIRE**

Yreka, Cal., July 22 - The Postoffice block, Pareburg's Warehouse, two saloons, a barber shop and other buildings burned today. Loss \$30,000, partly insured.

**THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH**  
March 23, 1887, pg 1 Column 2  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

A young man of Yreka, Cal., was riding the other day with the reins tied to his wrist and playing a harmonica, when the horse got frightened at the noise and commenced bucking. He threw the rider, who unable to unfasten the reins, was dragged to death.

**2019 SPECIAL TOUR EVENTS!**

Sponsored by:  
*Siskiyou County Historical Society,  
Genealogy Society of Siskiyou County  
& Yreka Historic Preservation*

**October 31 – EVERGREEN CEMETERY** (Yreka)  
Special Halloween Tour! Meet at flagpole at center of cemetery near the  
mausoleum. 6pm. Bring a light. Some walking.



Suggested Donations: \$5 per person, per tour.  
Questions? Call (530)710-4882.

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*The OOPS Form!*

*Have you forgotten to renew your membership?*

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Member 1 yr. \$25.	_____	NAME _____
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CALENDAR!



**NOV 2019**

Saturday/10am	2 Nov 2019	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	7 Nov 2019	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	16 Nov 2019	DNA - Understanding - Analyzing Results
Saturday/10am	23 Nov 2019	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday	30 Nov 2019	CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**DEC 2019**

Saturday/10am	7 Dec 2019	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	12 Dec 2019	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	14 Dec 2019	Quarterly Meeting @ Noon, Christmas Potluck to follow/ Program is Family Heirlooms
Saturday	21 Dec 2019	CLOSED - WINTER HOLIDAYS
Saturday	28 Dec 2019	CLOSED - WINTER HOLIDAYS

**JAN 2020**

Saturday/10am	4 Jan 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	9 Jan 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	11 Jan 2020	Open Research! 10am – 3pm
Saturday/10am	18 Jan 2020	Court & Tax Records - Non-Members \$15, Members \$10
Saturday/10am	25 Jan 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm



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

- New Member       Renewal

**Membership Dues**

- Individual \$25.00     Family \$30.00

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