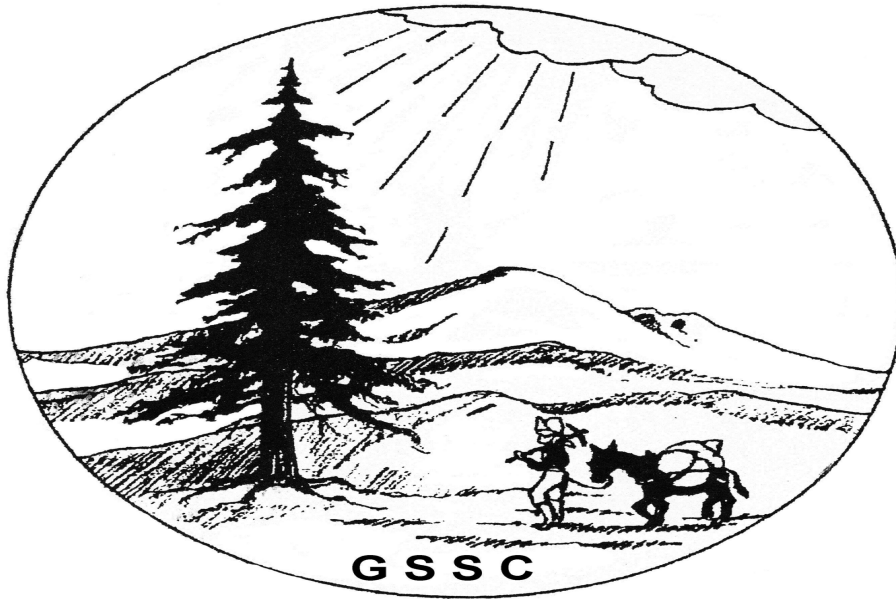


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Genealogy Humor

Genealogy without
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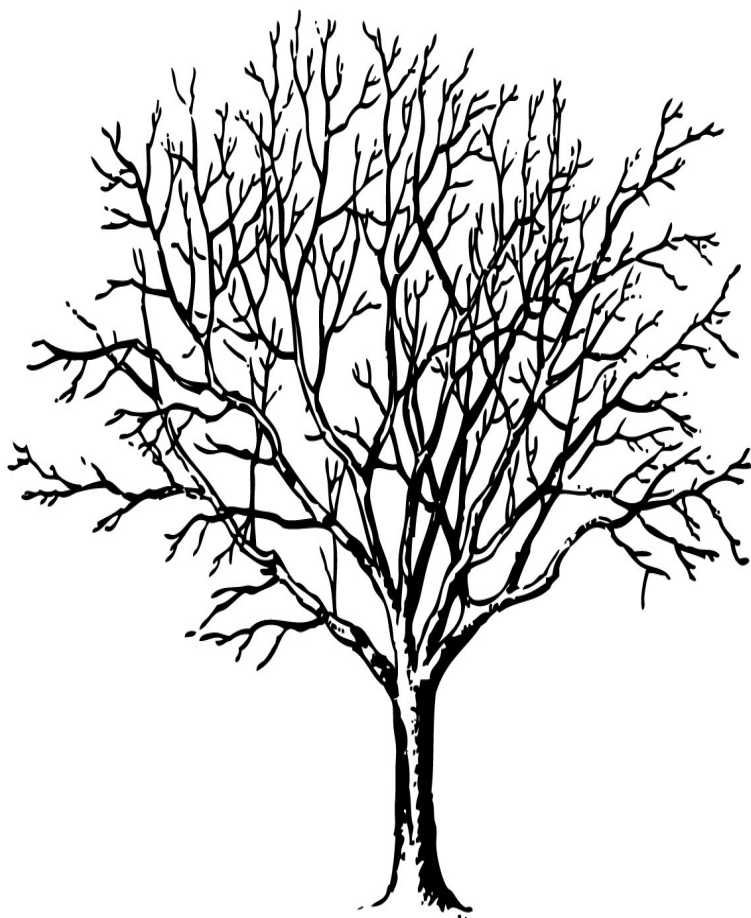
You live as long as you are
remembered - Russian
Proverb

If you cannot get rid of the
family skeleton, you may as
well make it dance. -
George Bernard Shaw

Tombstone Epitaph..

In a London, England
Cemetery:
Ann Mann
Here lies Ann Mann,
Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann.
Dec. 8, 1767

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CAN YOU IMAGINE

by Pamela Weatherby
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Can you imagine riding a horse across the plains as part of the last Mormon independent wagon company in 1856? My brave pioneer grandmother, Emily Teressa Hodgetts, accomplished this feat when she was fifteen years. She rode her horse 1,300 miles from Iowa City to Salt Lake City.

In the last episode of her amazing life, Emily was heartsick in Boston. Her sister, Maria, had accompanied her across the ocean and had to immediately return to England to care for their mother who was gravely ill.

Emily spent a few weeks in Boston before boarding a train to Iowa City. She was going to join her brother, William Ben, at an emigrant camp. The Saints were preparing to cross the plains to Salt Lake City. Ben had been appointed as the captain of a wagon train and was often gone for weeks. Emily was very lonely and sad. One day Ben came galloping up on this magnificent steed leading a small sturdy horse behind him. The mare had a dark mane, a black stripe down her back and black markings on her legs. Emily ran to Ben and broke into tears when he told her that the horse was a gift for her. All her troubles seemed to melt away when she threw her arms around the neck of her new friend. Ben explained that the mare was a Morgan. It was a new endurance and sure footedness. It was just the right kind of horse to carry a petite and high-spirited young pioneer on a long journey across the plains.

The Hodgetts wagon train headed west on July 30th, 1856. There were thirty-three covered wagons filled with supplies for the pioneers. Oxen pulled the heavy wagons laden with tools, personal items and food. Emily probably rode her horse up front beside Ben, but may have had the freedom to ride alongside various families weaving in and out of the caravan. Her spirits were restored now that she had a horse to ride and care for.

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After riding all day in the open air of the plains, she might have spent nights with large families that needed help with babies and small children. Emily became known for her kindness and willingness to help others for the remainder of her life.

That spring, the pioneers experienced a pleasant journey. The plains were abundant with wildflowers and Emily's little Morgan feasted upon the greenery along the way. Their trail followed the North and South Platt rivers that flowed through the states of Nebraska and Wyoming. Emily must have been in awe of the new vistas and landscapes these states offered. However, the winter of 1856 set in early and the emigrants had to gear up for the cold and freezing weather. Emily wore her heaviest coat and covered her horse in extra blankets at night.

Traveling through a ferocious snowstorm on October 20th, Ben's wagon train came upon the stranded Martin Handcart Company. This unfortunate company was on the brink of starvation and all were suffering from the bitter weather. The companies were snowed in together for 10 days until rescuers from Salt Lake City arrived. According to Emily's narrative, Ben gave up five wagons and 20 yoke of oxen to aid the Martin Handcart Company.

The Martin Company, with the aid of the rescuers, continued on to Salt Lake. William Ben and his company stayed for ten days longer at the old fort at Devil's Gate to rest up and get ready for the remainder of their trip. Because they had given up some of their oxen and wagons to the Martin Company, members of Ben's company were all required to leave behind at the fort some of their most precious belongings. Ben stored four of Emily's beautiful blue chests that had been made in England at the old fort.

When Ben returned to the fort in the spring to retrieve the goods and supplies that had been stored there, only one of Emily's chests remained. The remaining blue chest, packed with yards of blue satin, which her father had purchased for her in Paris, was now the only relic Emily had of her privileged childhood in England. Until the day she died at the age of 102, she used this chest as a shrine to help her remember her family. *****

DICK EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

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N.J. Lawmaker

Wants to Make DNA Test Results Your Personal Property

March 12, 2020



A proposed law in New Jersey would make the results of a DNA test the sole property of the person tested, a bid to give consumers who use popular genetic testing services more control over their personal data and their privacy.

Assemblyman Roy Freiman, D-Somerset, said that people have a right to know where their personal genetic data is going, even if it is used for good causes.

“We don’t want to impede upon breakthroughs in medical technology and advances and cures,” Freiman said, “but there’s also a balance of: what about the individual?”

You can read more in an article by Joe Hernandez in the WHY? web site at: <http://bit.ly/2xzyV1c>.

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Church of England to Launch a ‘Google Maps for Graves’ Within Five Years Enabling Family Historians to Search for Burial Records and Locations in an Online Database

March 3, 2020

Thousands of cemeteries across the UK will be imaged and mapped over the next five years to create a comprehensive database of British burial sites.

The Church of England project hopes to immortalize the tombs of millions of people buried in Anglican graveyards as well as those interred on unconsecrated land. Maps and photographs will be uploaded alongside burial records in a searchable database at some point before 2026.

You can read more in an article by Joe Pinkstone in *The Daily Mail* web site at: <https://dailym.ai/2PKq8zx>.



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within the books, papers, and where to go. So let
me share this list with you! If you are doing your own research, you realize that
nothing is at your fingertips! Otherwise we would all be done, right??!? But our
"researchers" are very familiar with our resources to give you that satisfaction of
finding your ancestors, providing their names are in the records! We hope this
helps you in your quest! Enjoy!*

Siskiyou County Resources:

GSSC Research Center has:

Newspaper Articles from 1973 to Present from most local newspapers – Index available on the
GSSC Website under Databases. Includes Obits, Marriages, Births, Military and Misc.

Scott Valley Funeral Cards and Obits – 1950s to 1980s – Indexed on GSSC Website

Siskiyou County Marriages – GSSC published book “Marriages of Siskiyou County, 1852 to 1910”; book
available at GSSC Center and on the Family Search.org website. Index in back of book

Family History Books – one section of the Library shelves at the GSSC Center are dedicated to books
written by family historians available for research – No index available

First Family Books – In the GSSC Center for sale or research; each book is indexed individually

St Mark’s Episcopal Church books – Available at the GSSC Center – not indexed, include marriage,
baptismal and member records

Siskiyou Pioneer Index – available on the GSSC Center computers; collection of the Siskiyou Pioneer
books available in the GSSC Center, missing the first volume

Siskiyou County High School Yearbooks – some schools have good collection and other schools not at all
– no index available

Siskiyou County Voter Registration (Great Registers) – 1880 to 1900 - No Index

Siskiyou County Land Plot books – No Index

Siskiyou Co Directories - !954 Earliest, some 70s, 80s, 90 into 2000s No Index

Family Research Files – Research that people have requested done by GSSC Researchers – no index

Small Cemeteries – City Cemetery, Yreka, other cemeteries in file in GSSC Center file cabinet, no index

Turner Funeral Records – 1901 to 1946 – Records and Index available at the GSSC Center.

Heir Lines – GSSC Newsletter – copies in the GSSC Center Library, in process of being indexed

Scott Valley, Weed, Dunsmuir and Mt Shasta newspapers in digital format at GSSC Center

Official County Records: Payment by cash, check or money order only – no credit cards

Birth, Death, Marriage – Available for fee at the Siskiyou County Recorder’s Office (if requesting a “Certified” copy, you must be a direct family member) “Informational” copies are available to anyone.

Siskiyou County Recorder Office - Application to request certificate and fees on the web site <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/assessor-recorder/page/recorder-division> Address: 311 Fourth St, Room 108, (inside the Courthouse), Yreka, CA 96097 530-842-8036 Open hours: 8am to Noon and 1pm to 5pm Mon-Friday

Land Records – Grantee and Grantor Records at the Siskiyou County Recorders – staff will not search for you. You must do hand search at the Recorders Office. Cost to copy is \$1 per page

Land Maps – Assessor Office – in same office at Recorders Office – fees for coping maps; you will need to do your own research

Court Records – Naturalization, Probate, Wills, Civil; Available from the Superior Court Office, housed in the Family Law office on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse. Address: 311 Fourth St, Yreka, CA 530-842-8182 Web site: <http://www.siskiyou.courts.ca.gov/>

Court Fees – If court staff searches for the case number they will charge \$15 to search; You can request to see the case books and do the research on your own in their office. They also charge \$1 per page to copy. Naturalization records from the Siskiyou County Superior Court 9th District from 1854 to 1900 are in the Courthouse. They charge \$15 to search and \$1 page to copy.

Most Court Records are housed off site – oldest in an airplane bunker on the County Airport property near Montague. Expect a delay for retrieval of the records

Court will also ask for the fees in advance – since they don’t know how many pages, they request you write a blank check, with a notation that you don’t want to exceed a certain amount. You will need to check back frequently and watch for the check to be cashed, they are not good at calling you when they have completed your request.

Criminal Records – Criminal Court – located in the Courthouse – on the floor that is half way between the 1st and 2nd floor – at the middle of the stairs – there is no elevator service to his half floor. They charge \$15 to search and \$1 per page. They will only complainant and suspect names. They charge \$15 per name. Again, records stored off site and they expect payment in advance.

If there is a major delay in obtaining records – mention ‘Freedom of Information Act’

Church Records:

St Marks Episcopal Church records – at GSSC Center

Catholic Church Records – 1877 to Present – at the Yreka St Joseph Catholic Church and at the Sacramento Diocese Archives. Includes Hawkinsville, Ft Jones, Etna and Callahan records.

St Joseph Catholic Church, Address: 314 Fourth St, Yreka, CA 96097 530-842-3842
Website: <https://www.scd.org/parish/st-joseph-parish-yreka>

Catholic Records for Death and Marriage in handwritten books from 1877 to 1930's (have been digitized) are in the Parish Hall next to the Church. The Parish secretary works 2 mornings a week and you can make an appointment to visit there. The records are in Latin until about 1925.

Yreka Catholic Church burned down in the Yreka Great Fire of 1871 and they didn't rebuild until 1877. Earliest records were lost.

No other local church records are known to have survived

Cemeteries:

Findagrave.com Great Site and Free

Local website – "Siskiyou Cemeteries Central" has LOTS of indexes and some photos of the County Cemeteries. The Search box on the website no longer works – just use Google search

Google search – NAME _ site:sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/index.htm (Google will give you a list of that name on that website). Website: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/index.htm>
Cemeteries are listed alphabetically and you can click on the cemetery; the cemetery names are listed by plots (whom they are buried with) Some of the burials have photos of the headstones

Vital Record Indexes: Use the Vital Statistics button – they will take you to alphabetical listings of birth and death from about 1900 to present. The Marriages are listed by the year they married so you need to use the Google Search to check for marriages.

Great Registers Indexes: Click on Great Register and then the year you are interested in – names are not alphabetical, they are group by alpha letter A, B, etc.

Newspapers – there are a few excerpts from local newspapers, by date not alphabetical

Photographs – are of headstones

Siskiyou County Cemeteries:

Shasta Valley Cemetery District, 853 Evergreen Ln, Yreka, CA Office at the top SW corner of the Evergreen Cemetery. Office hours are: M-F 8am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm Phone: 530-842-4933. Web site: <http://svcd-ca.com/> Email: svcd@snowcrest.net This is a Special District

Cemeteries in the SVCD: City (aka Foothill, Butcher, County), Evergreen, Edgewood, Little Shasta, St Joseph, Gazelle, Gazelle-Foulke, and Montague Cemeteries.

Fort Jones Cemetery, there is no office – located on Eastside Rd, about a 1 mile out of Fort Jones. The Catholic section of the Ft Jones Cemetery is separated by a home and barn on the north side of the cemetery. Contact with the Fort Jones Cemetery: Mailing Address: P.O. Box 184, Ft Jones, CA 96032 This is Public Cemetery District

Etna Cemetery, there is no office – Address: 965-1043 Sawyers Bar Rd, Etna, CA 96027 – just on the outer edge of the Etna City limits. Contact is thru the caretaker: This is a Public Cemetery District

Callahan Cemetery – there is no office – there are 3 sections, Catholic, Public and the Callahan-Hayden Cemetery at the same location. Directions are: Take Hwy 3 into Callahan. When entering this one-block long town you will see a row of buildings on each side of the street. Pass the row on

the right and take the first right up the hill about two tenths of a mile. You will see the first old Callahan cemetery on your left. Continue past this cemetery another hundred yards and you will see the Catholic cemetery on your left. Park on the street and enter the cemetery through the gate. This is a private cemetery. Contact info for this cemetery is unknown currently.

Sawyers Bar Cemetery – no office – there is a Private Cemetery, which is located on private land but has been open to the public for many years. Last know owner of the land was the Bigelow family. The family members are very elderly or live out of the area and there is no caretaker for the cemetery. One of the relatives from Montana use to come each summer and spend her 2 week vacation cleaning up the cemetery but she has aged out of that job now. There is no contact info known currently. Directions: On Cemetery Alley Rd, up the hill from Sawyers Bar Rd in downtown Sawyers Bar, if you can't locate it stop at the one and only Store and ask.

Sawyers Bar Catholic Cemetery – the Sawyers Bar Catholic Church is on this site and it is next to the Public Cemetery. The Original wooden headstones have been removed from the graves and placed inside the Church for safe keeping. The Church is owned by the Catholic Diocese in Sacramento and is on the National Register of Historic Places. There are services held in the Church once a year. This is a private cemetery. No index of burials is known, some are on Findagrave.com

Weed Area Cemeteries:

Winema Cemetery – 2017 Index book of burials available at the GSSC Center for sale or research. Address: 22 California St, Weed, CA turn off Hwy 97 to access. There is no office. Contact is unknown. Currently owned by the Winema Cemetery Association.

Lincoln Heights Cemetery – Currently owned by the Winema Cemetery Association – previously owned/operated by the Mt Shasta Baptist Church until 1972. Information on burials is available at Findagrave.com or Siskiyou Cemetery Central web sites. Burials at the cemetery from 1924 to 1994. It is not an active cemetery. Access is off Lincoln Ave, off Hwy 97

Mt Shasta Memorial Chapel and Cemetery – Private cemetery; Address: 830 Lassen Ln (Mailing: P.O Box 316) Mt Shasta, CA 96067 530-926-2131
Website: <https://www.mtshastachapel.com/#intro>
Email: mounshastamemrialchapel@gmail.com They have recent obits on their website

Dunsmuir City Cemetery – Address: 6285-6299 Dunsmuir Ave, Dunsmuir, CA 96025 – There is no office on site. Contact is thru the City of Dunsmuir City Hall, 530-235-4822
Joe Sheridan and Lilly Jones are volunteer caretakers. Lilly Jones maintains burial records for the City. The Dunsmuir Girl Scouts also provide volunteer labor to maintain the cemetery.

Henley- Hornbrook Cemetery District – there is no office. Directions – Oregon Road off Copco Rd just off I5. This is a Public Cemetery District. There is an Index book of burials available at the GSSC Center for sale or research. No contact info available.

For additional small cemeteries check the local web site – 'Siskiyou Cemetery Central' web site:
<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/index.htm>

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THE SHASTA CURRIER

January 8, 1859, Image 2

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

FROM YREKA. Murder---Robbery---Incendiarism!

Mr. Brastow, of Loag's Express Train, gives us the particulars of a most horrible murder perpetrated in Yreka at an early hour on Monday morning last.

It appears that a Frenchman living adjoining the store of Charles Rose, merchant, was awakened by the smell of burning goods, and gave the alarm, when the Hook and Ladder Company turned out, and soon discovered the fire inside of Rose's store, which they in a short time succeeded in extinguishing. While doing so, however, they made the terrible discovery that the unfortunate owner had been murdered in a most shocking manner. Portions of his body were found in different parts of the house--showing that he had been murdered before the building was set on fire. At the last accounts the head had not been found.

It is supposed that the murderer or murderers had secreted themselves in his store before it was closed the night pervious, and that they murdered him while asleep, for the purpose of robbing him of a large amount of money which he was known to possess. It is believed that the murderers obtained not less than \$50,000.

He was an old trader of Yreka, and Englishman by birth, and did a very large business. He was in the habit of purchasing a large amount of goods for cash, bringing them to Yreka and selling them for cash, when he would close his store and proceed to San Francisco for another supply. This was his style of doing business, as he was too miserly, or had too little confidence in the honesty of man, to employ or trust a clerk. He had just closed out an immense stock, the produce of which in cash he undoubtedly had in his store when murdered--and which, those who know something of his business say could not have been less than \$50,000.

Sheriff Fair started in pursuit of three men who left Yreka very suspiciously on the morning of the murder.

THE SHASTA CURRIER

January 8, 1859, Image 2

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MURDER WILL OUT. -- Dr. Underhill, of Yreka, is under arrest on suspicion of being concerned in the Rose tragedy. Mr. Brastow, of Loag's Express, informs us it is reported that a negro saw the Doctor and another man come out of the back door of Rose's building on the night of the murder, and go down to a brook and wash their hands. A hatchet was also found near Rose's body, the brands of which correspond exactly with one which Underhill purchased the day previous.

Another circumstance seems to connect himself and wife with the murder of the courtesan "Cherry Pecker," which occurred some months ago. It appears that Underhill was the last man seen to come out of her house on the night of the murder, and that a bunch of woman's hair which Sheriff Fair found in deceased's hand corresponds in every particular with the hair of Dr. Underhill's wife.

P.S. -- Mr. Sanborn, just from Yreka, informs us that the people of that town were greatly excited, that Underhill's examination had been concluded, resulting in his committal for trail, and that a guard had to be placed around the jail to keep the mob from hanging him.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL

AUGUST 27, 1895, Image 1

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

QUADRUPLE LYNCHING WAS DONE AT YREKA. Four Murderers Hanged in the Courthouse Square--Short Shrift for each.--Taken from the Jail One at a Time by a Silent Mob -- Brutal Crimes Avenged -- Siskiyou county Citizens Resolved to Brook No Further Delay in the Courts--

YREKA, Cal, Aug 26 -- Distrusting the methods of the courts, with their tardy justice to murderers and the frequency of no justice at all, the citizens of Siskiyou county took the law into their own hands today and avenged four brutal crimes. Between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock this morning 250 men took from the jail at his place Johnson, Stemler,

Null and Moreno, and hanged them in the public square. The mob carried out its prearranged programme quietly but determinedly, and then faded away as quickly as it had gathered, leaving four ghastly corpses swinging in the breeze to evidence the success of its mission.

The courthouse and jail were surrounded shortly after 1 o'clock, and some one knocked at the door of the Sheriff's office to awaken Deputy Sheriff Radford, who sleeps there. Supposing it was someone with a prisoner Radford jumped from his bed and demanded: "What do you want?" A voice answered: "We want to come in. We want the jail keys."

Radford opened the door and was confronted by a half dozen masked men. Immediately realizing the situation he slammed the door in their faces and grabbing his shotgun gave the mob notice that he would shoot the first man who opened or broke in the door.

A consultation was held by the masked men and then another demand was made for the keys. Again they were refused, when the leader said: "Well, we don't want to damage county property, but if he won't give up the keys we will break in the jail door. We can keep Radford a prisoner while we are doing it."

An attack was made on the door of the jailyard, but it was quickly given up and the men scaled the stone wall.

Henry G. Brautlacht, deputy jailer, who sleeps in the jail, was awakened by the noise, and putting out his lantern cautiously opened the door to see what the trouble was. He found himself looking into the muzzle of a Winchester rifle and was commanded to keep still and he would not be hurt. Before he had recovered from his surprise the keys were taken from him in the jailyard door opened.

Thirty or forty-well armed men noiselessly marched into the jail and demanded the keys of the steel tanks. Upon being informed by the jailer that he did not have them no time was lost, after leaving a man to guard the jailer, in breaking locks and bars.

A big sledge and cold chisel were produced, and the door of Lawrence H. Johnson's cell was opened Johnson stepped quietly out, and permitted his hands to be tied and a noose placed around his neck. All he said was: "Boys, I'd like if you'd give a fair show."

Not a word was spoken, and half the crowd marched out with Johnson as quietly as they had entered. He was taken to the courthouse yard, across the street from the jail, where a steel rail secured from the depot was placed about eight feet from the ground in the forks of two locust trees. The loose end of the rope was thrown over the rail and dozens of eager hands grasped it, and in a moment Johnson had paid the penalty of his crime. The rope was made fast to the locust tree, and the still silent crowd marched back to the jail, leaving a half-dozen guards with the dangling body.

Null was taken from his cell. He was badly scared, and said: "Boys, let me make a statement." For the first time some one spoke. "No, we have no time for statements," was the reply. Another said; "Yes, let's hear what he has to say." Accepting the offer, Null said: "My mother was crazy and in an asylum. I am afflicted myself, and should be in an asylum."

They refused to listen to any more, and he was hustled out of the jail. He called out, "Good-by, boys," as he passed the cells of the other prisoners.

When the courthouse was reached Null said: "I had to fight to protect my property, boys. Give me a drop. I don't want to be choked." Some one replied, "All right; let's get a table."

The leader--a big fellow over six feet tall -- replied, "No; we have no time. Choking is good enough." and in the moment Null was beside Johnson.

The Spaniard, Louis Moreno, came next. He made no objection and did not speak. The rope was thrown over the steel rail and some one said: "Do you want to say anything?" "No." was the reply, and three men were hanging side by side.

Garland Stemler was then taken from his cell, all the time protesting his innocence. At the scaffold he said: "Some one tell my brother to tell my mother that I die innocent of the charge."

There was nothing of the "blood-curdling, heart-rendering scenes" reported by parties not there. Eight men who happened to be out late were picked up by the guards and help prisoners by the mob, all being silent witnesses to the hanging. Bert Raynes, the District Attorney, was one of them. Watching his opportunity, he slipped away and ran downtown to try and organize a crowd of "loyal citizens" to protect the prisoners. He found one man who agreed to do his best and be "loyal" for \$100 an hour.

Giving that up Raynes ran to the Sheriff's home, awakened the Sheriff and accompanied him to the courthouse, assuring the officer they would be taken prisoners, which undoubtedly would have been the case had not the mob called in the guards and was just leaving the courthouse and jail. As they stepped into the corridor of the courthouse masked men came out of the shadow, covered them with guns and commanded them to halt, which was complied with, the Sheriff and District Attorney the mob dispersed, the guards backed out, and the silent mob disappeared into the darkness.

A better-drilled lot of men could not be imagined. Everything went like clockwork. The stragglers whom they had taken prisoners ere treated with respect, simply being requested to keep quiet. The only show of nervousness was by the man guarding Henry Brautlach. He kept his gun cocked and his hand trembled badly. Brautlach began to be nervous and requested him to lower his gun, which was complied with.

Coroner Schofield was called and the bodies were cut down at 4 A.M., but not until a flashlight photograph was taken.

Every part of the county was represented in the mob and it was the result of a general feeling throughout the county that the courts' justice was too tardy for this class of criminals. Much talk of lynching had been indulged in throughout the county for the past month, it needing only a spark to be ignited into action. The spark came when for the second time a continuance for a preliminary hearing was granted to the murderers of George Sears and Casper Meirhaus. On both occasions a score of witnesses came to Yreka from a distance of twenty to forty miles, paid their own expenses and were told another continuance was necessary. Satisfied that they had the right men the lynching was the result.

The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "died by strangulation at the hands of parties unknown to us."

A summary of the crimes dates back to April 21 of this year, when William Null murdered his partner, Henry Hayter, near Callahans, by shooting him in the back as he was riding away from his cabin.

Lawrence H. Johnson of Etna suspected his wife of infidelity. He came home Sunday evening, July 28, and found a young man in the house who was paying attentions to Johnson's eldest daughter. Drawing a pistol he tried to kill the young man, but the cartridges failed to explode. He then turned upon his wife and drew a knife, cutting her in a frightful and brutal manner, from which she died in great agony in two hours. He then attacked his daughter, but she escaped in the darkness. Johnson gave himself up to a Deputy Sheriff, remarking as he handed him the bloody knife: "I guess you will find the point of that dull. I think I reached some of her bones."

Louis Moreno and Garland Stemler on the night of August 5 tried to rob George C. Sears, a saloon-keeper at Bailey Hill. The old man showed fight and called to Casper Meirhaus a miner, who was in an adjoining room. Meirhaus ran in, when Stemler and Moreno shot them down and leisurely proceeded to rob the till, from which they got \$34. Taking a lot of whisky, sardines, etc., they made for the hills, but were speedily captured.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL

October 24, 1905, Page 8, Image 8

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

THE SMART SET by Sally Sharp --

The marriage of Miss Grace E. Nixon of Yreka and James K. Firth of this city took place on the evening of October 18 in Yreka.

The ceremony performed at 9 o'clock in St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Rev. W. E. O'Brien was witnessed by a large number of guests, and the edifice was filled with autumn flora and greenery attractively arranged. The reception held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nixon, brought also many friends with congratulation. Mr. Firth, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Firth of this city has taken his bride south, after which the new home will be made in San Francisco.

The CITY CEMETERY

by Pat Williams

On September 21, 1857, five months after Yreka became incorporated, reports that a petition from William A. Hovey was received by the Board of Trustees of the City of Yreka. Mr. Hovey stated that he has a room in his house that he has opened as an undertaker.

Mr. Hovey hopes to be appointed caretaker of the cemetery of Yreka. He states that he will carry out order and regularity in the position and depth of the graves in this cemetery. The petition was granted. As we now know, through the work being done, there wasn't much order within the City Cemetery as he claimed.



For a number of years now, I have been working on the City Cemetery. Careful, detailed work has been done trying to locate all persons, sites for those buried or moved to another locality, have been documented. The I.O.O.F. records, and Mr. Hovey's records given to the Board of Trustees of the City of Yreka, have been researched. As a result of my research, over 500 new names have been discovered. A few new locations of final

resting places have been found.

I am continuing to work at the City Cemetery. Many hours of work continue to be needed. As you know, weeds continue to grow and block forward progress. Markers still need to be placed on identified burial sites. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19, we must take care and heed the recommendations of the CDC. With that in mind, we would love to invite you to help in the clean-up at the City Cemetery when appropriate.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers for all the hard work in working at the cemetery. Some volunteers worked to clear the area from weeds, metal detecting, making spreadsheets to document findings, and witching! Thank you to all!

The Genealogy Society of Siskiyou County is supporting the clean-up at the City Cemetery with donations to help pull this all together. Some of their donations will go toward the purchase of burial markers. If you are not able to assist in labor-intensive volunteerism, any monetary donations will help. Contact me through GSSC at GSSC1@att.net

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

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 1st to June 30th

NON-MEMBER FEES:

\$5.00 per day (*facility use*)

OFFICERS:

President: Jennifer Bryan
Vice President: Georgine Murphy
Secretary: Marilyn Amaral
Treasurer: Karen Cleland

COMMITTEES:

Projects	Pat Williams
Research	Jen Bryan/Pat Healy
Library	Pat Healy/Gail Platt
WebSite	Jen Bryan

HEIR LINES:

Quarterly Publication (fiscal year)
October, January, April, July

ADS PRICE SCHEDULE:

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

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For Ads, Article's, 1st of the publication months

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APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Editor of Heir Lines	Gail Platt
Indexing Heir Lines	Patricia Healy
Rose Hicks Brown	Patricia Healy
New Members	Patricia Healy

RESEARCH REQUESTS:

Send to GSSC (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



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CALENDAR!



MAY 2020

Saturday/10am	2 May 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Saturday/10am	9 May 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Thursday/1pm	14 May 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	16 May 2020	Google Earth
Saturday/10am	23 May 2020	DNA -GED Match and DNA Painter/ Starts 10am/ Members \$10, Non - Members \$15
Saturday/10am	30 May 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm

Cancelled Until
Further Notice!

JUNE 2020

Saturday/10am	6 June 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	11 June 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	13 June 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	20 June 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	27 June 2020	Quarterly Meeting - Election of new officers/Potluck

Hopefulness Practiced Here!

JULY 2020

Saturday	4 July 2020	CLOSED - JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
Thursday/1pm	9 July 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	11 July 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	18 July 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	25 July 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
- NEW!** **Henley - Hornbrook Cemetery, Siskiyou County, CA** \$20.00

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

*Note: Shipping and Handling on the **above** six (6) books only: \$8.00 per book.
We now have Pay Pal on our website! Check it out! www.siskiyougenealogy.org*

Membership Year begins July 1st

- New Member Renewal

Membership Dues

- Individual \$25.00 Family \$30.00

Total Book(s) _____
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