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PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Jennifer Bryan

The Genealogy Society will be holding elections for Board Officers in July 2022, are you interested in becoming a Board Member please let us know.

Volunteers are always welcome; we have lots and lots of projects to work on. You can send us an email for a list of projects; you can join us on Saturdays and pick a project you are interested in.

Watch for our announcements on Facebook and in your emails for the coming Programs. We are offering some interesting programs this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- HEIR LINES EDITOR. THIS CAN BE DONE AT HOME.
- BOARD MEMBERS.
- GREETERS. SOCIALIZE WITH FELLOW GENEALOGIST.
- CEMETERY CANVASSERS.
- INDEXERS.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The GSSC Board has planned lots of new programs and activities for 2022. If you don't see what you are interested in please let us know. We would be happy to plan a program for any special area of research you would like to explore. We are always looking for new ideas and want to hear from YOU!

Mike Grifantini has planned some great walking tours this year. These tours are great fun and not to be missed!

Be sure to check your email and our Face Book page for any reminders or updates on classes and tours.

PROGRAMS

Members \$10.00 – Non-Members \$15.00

All times are 10am Rm 9 Gold St. School unless noted otherwise.

Apr. 16th Water Rights II by Steve Mains
11am. This is the second program by Steve on water rights. **Change of venue:**

Preservation Square 4th and Lane St.

May 21st Organizing for Successful Research
Do you spend your research time looking for documents you know you have in that file somewhere?

For successful research, we need to organize our documents. What method is right for you, Files, binders, or digital files?

June 25th Siskiyou's Schools by Mike Grifantini.
1:30pm

GENERAL MEETING 1PM

June 25, 2022

PROGRAM: Siskiyou's Schools by Mike Grifantini. 1:30 pm

Need help getting started on your family tree? Hit a brick wall?
Need help organizing your records?
We can HELP! **The 1st Saturday of each month at 10am Introduction to Family History.**

2022 HISTORIC TOURS

(SPONSORED BY THE SISKIYOU CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

A \$5.00 donation **Per Person** is requested for each tour to help defray insurance cost.

April 15 4pm Greenhorn/City Ranch Walking Tour. Meet at Lower Greenhorn Park end of Ranch Lane, Yreka.

April 16th 4pm Miner Street Walking Tour. Meet at Franco-American Hotel, Miner St. Yreka

April 17th 4pm City Cemetery Walking Tour North Foothill Dr., 0.5 miles east of YMCA Yreka.

May 6th 7pm Yreka Ghost (Walking) Tour. Meet at Franco-American Hotel, Miner St. Yreka

May 8th 4pm Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour. Meet at the end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka

May 11 1pm Memories of Hilt. Meet at Hilt, CA. (I-5 offramp #796) Meet at the church.

May 20th 4pm St. Joseph's Cemetery Walking Tour. E. Center St., Yreka

May 21st 4pm Little Shasta Cemetery. Lower Little Shasta Road, East of Montague CA.

May 22nd 4pm Third St. Walking Tour. Meet corner of Third and North St. Yreka.

June 10th 3 & 5pm Third St. Wagon Tour. Meet corner of Third and North St., Yreka

June 11th 3 & 5 pm Evergreen Cemetery Wagon Tour. End of Evergreen Ln., Yreka

WHATS IN YOUR RESEARCH LIBRARY

NEWS FLASH The complete catalogue of books, pictures and documents in your Research Library is now available online. This includes the complete collections of GSSC, SCHS, and Yreka Historic Preservation. To locate the collection just follow these easy steps.

1. Open the GSSC website www.siskiyougenealogy.org
2. On the top click on New Online Catalog for GSSC, SCHS, and Yreka Historic Preservation.
3. This will bring up the search box on the Yreka Historic Preservation website.
4. In the search box enter what you are interested in. For example, if you want to search for Siskiyou County records enter the word Siskiyou. You can enter the name of any state, county, country or even an ancestor's name.
5. Make a list of what you want to look at and spend the day researching in your local research library.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

The GSSC Board would like to thank

The following volunteers:

Gail Platt Pat Fyee

Rita Fiock Carolyn Anderson

Marcia Eblen Karen Cleland

These members are volunteering as greeters, Indexers, and library organizers.

THANK YOU.

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This means that files which could only be viewed in an LDS Family History Center can now also be viewed in the GSSC Research Library.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY OPEN SATURDAYS

10AM – 3PM

Room 8 & 9 gold St. School

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A Downtown Institution
By Mike Grifantini
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Growing up outside our small town, I have few memories of how it functioned. Of course, I knew where the schools were and where a few friends lived. Also, I knew the layout and location of the grocery stores as well as the furniture store—but only because my cousin worked there. I have vague memories of a hardware store. But restaurants?? I draw a blank—maybe because we never ate out. But now, I realize that there were many other aspects of small-town infrastructure that I did not understand.

Occasionally, after school let out, I would stop at my mother's work so as to catch a ride home with her rather than to ride the bus. Probably to keep me busy, she would give me a dollar and ask me to pick up a magazine—perhaps a *Cosmopolitan*, *New Yorker* or *Saturday Evening Post*. This sent me on an exciting mission downtown, to a place I would never have entered on my own. Something inside told me that this place was special, strange, and forbidden--A place where special permission was needed in order to enter.

From the outside, the business was nothing special. A sign over the door told its name. On the side, next to the door, was an embossed, hand-painted “Cigars” sign. The windows were grimy—making it difficult to see inside regardless of whether it was sunny or cloudy outside. The door was hard to open—perhaps because of my slight frame or because of the fear and trepidation I would feel whenever I prepared to enter. I would glance left and right, up and down Miner Street, to see if anyone was watching. One risk would be that grandma's friends might tell her where I had been spending time! Or, on the other hand, maybe someone from school would see me and I might move a peg or two up the social ladder??

To the right was the long row of magazines of all varieties. Also, a considerable stack of newspapers, from all over the country, and I believe, even international editions. To the left, a counter and cash register. To the back, the place that my eyes were repeatedly pulled to while selecting the magazine, were tables seating old men playing cards, illuminated by hanging lights. Smoke from their cigars billowed about, making it difficult to see anything clearly. It reminded me of how foggy old London was portrayed during Jack the Ripper horror movies. It was spooky but fascinating to glance at these crusty old guys through the corner of my eye. What were they playing? Did they sit there all day—every day?? (After all, each time I came, there were these old geezers--just puffing away!)

My eyes would flicker further down the counter—where the girly magazines were kept! It was generally understood that if a kid came in, with the appearance of being on legitimate business, they were assured a quick peek or two. If the peeking went on too long, the curmudgeon lodged in the back would leave the smoke and cards and broken-down old men and amble up front to shoo away the offender.

Finally, I would approach the cash register with my purchase, submit the dollar to the dour, wordless man and then he would quickly return to the smoky back—assuming that I would make a quick departure.

Now, many years later, my experiences bring up other thoughts and questions. For instance, besides magazines, newspapers, and cigars, what else did old Con (that was the owner's name) sell? What did the men in the back talk about?? What had they done in their careers?? What had they seen and who had they loved in their long lives?? But most importantly, who was this "Con Brown" and did he understand the contribution he made to a small boy and our backwoods community by providing a view of the larger world??

Today, I frequently walk by the old store but it, like everything else, it has been repurposed. Now it is a beauty salon! (May the smoky codgers turn over in their graves!) The "Cigars" sign, though, still exists and sports fresh coats of paint. Obviously, someone around still takes pride in its presence. That sign must seem incongruous to many pedestrians and salon patrons but not to those of us who remember what "Con Brown's" represented to our small community.



GEORGE WASHINGTON ARBAUGH
BY DEB WILSON

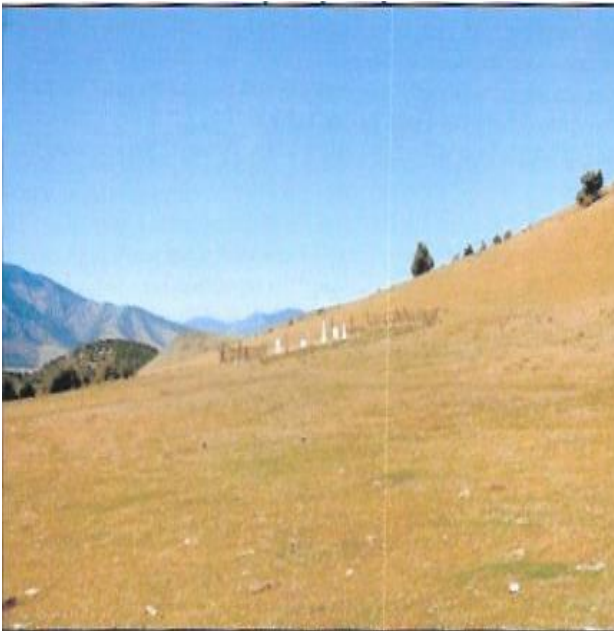
Ever wonder about the cemetery on the hill while you're traveling on Jackson Ranch Road? Well, that is the private cemetery of George Washington Arbaugh and some of him and his wife Rebecca Graves Arbaugh's family, the Dunlaps.

George was a very educated and interesting man. Born in Decatur, Alabama August 9, 1822. Raised on his father's farm. His parents paid for his education as in those days, there were no public schools. They moved to Arkansas where he remained till 1846, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army for the Mexican war. He was mustered out after being stationed on the Cherokee Nation at Fort Gibson. He taught school in Arkansas for three months and there he met his future wife Miss Rebecca Graves. He went back to war to fight Yuma Indians under Gen. J. C. Moorehead with forty-six men under his command and was discharged after four months.

With his wife Rebecca and one child (Rebecca was pregnant with their second) they headed to Oregon, and arrived in Eugene City, Oct. 24, 1853. He left his family there and headed to the gold fields of Shasta Co. CA. Family members today have thoughts he did this to hide for a time being, because of the Civil War, and felt he'd be called back to fight.

George brought his wife and family to Siskiyou Co., June 18, 1855. In 1857 he settled on the farm. The kitchen of this house was sent to the Smithsonian to be displayed.

George and Rebecca had 9 children, two of which are buried with them on the hill. The other children are buried in Edgewood Cemetery. The other family buried on the hill are the Dunlap's, Rebecca's brother and family, but that's another story



(picture by Deb Wilson, Weed, CA)

A view of the Arbaugh Cemetery in Siskiyou Co., California from a little father out.



(picture by Deb Wilson, Weed, CA)

Arbaugh family headstone in Arbaugh Cemetery, Siskiyou County California

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT OF A SISKIYOU
FRONTIER KITCHEN

From the Medford Mail Tribune. October 30, 1967

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The newest building within the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. houses an exhibit of interest to Southern Oregon-Northern California residents.

The exhibit is of a western frontier ranch kitchen within the everyday life in the American Past Section in the museum of History and Technology. The museum opened in 1965. The kitchen was removed intact from the Arbaugh home in Edgewood, California about 1 mile east of Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County, three miles north of Weed.

The kitchen, along with a number of other rooms depicting early America, are viewed through glass windows. An accompanying panel includes five colored photographs of how the Arbaugh home looks today. While the kitchen's original furnishings no longer exist the objects shown here were used during that period in California. The room looks like it might have appeared in 1870.

Text Explains

Describing the kitchen, the accompanying text explains:

"The discovery of gold in 1848 brought thousands to California by sea and land to try their luck at the diggings. Among the more fortunate were those who remained after the gold rush to profit from California's fertile and wholesome climate."

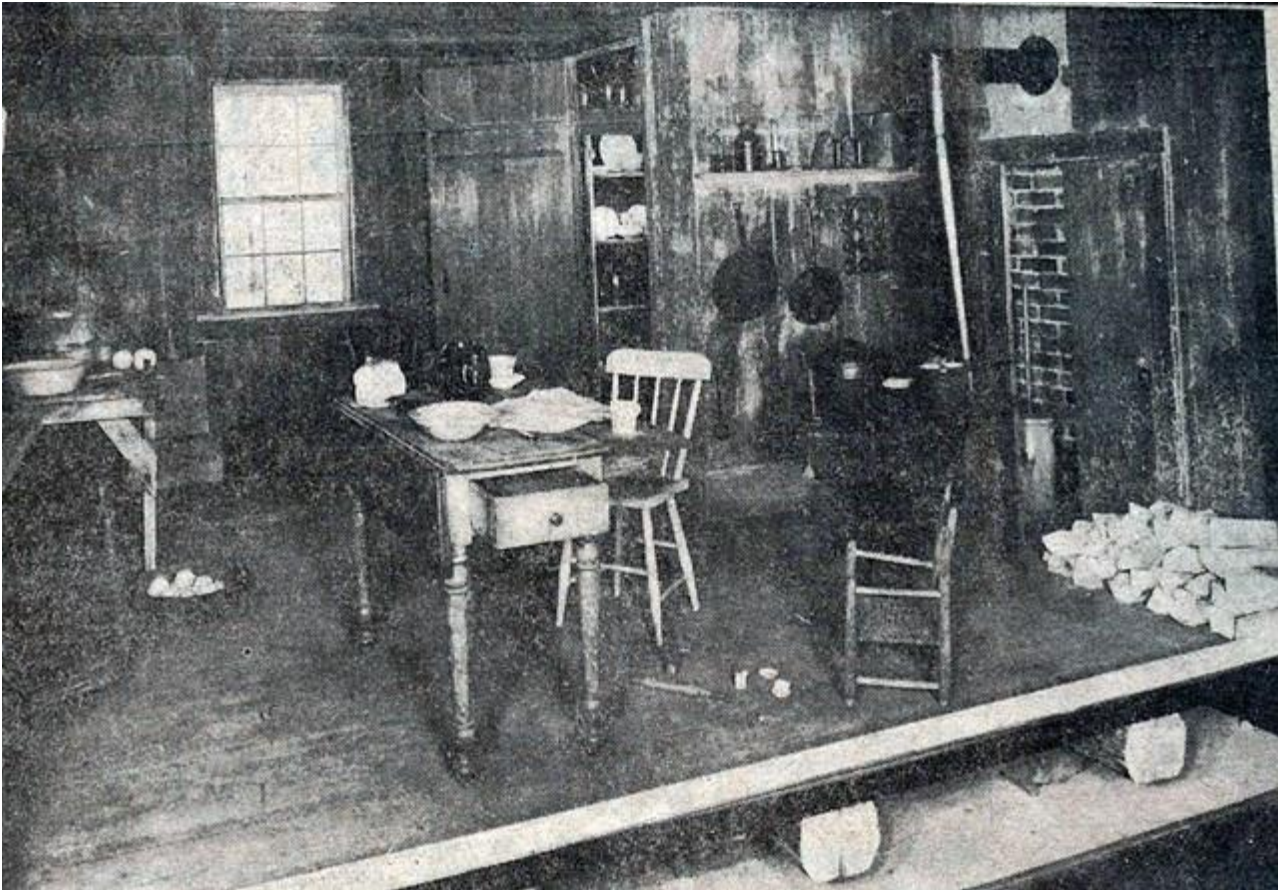
"George Washington Arbaugh was one of these. He came first as a miner and then, after having returned to the East to get married, journeyed back via the Oregon Trail to settle in Northern California. In 1857, on land a few miles from Mt. Shasta, he built a log house like those he had seen as a boy in Arkansas and his German ancestors had known in Maryland and Virginia. As his family grew a larger frame house was constructed with two rooms one of which was the kitchen shown here. By 1867 a further addition was built together with barns and milk house that were basic to the Western ranch."

Dedicated in 1965

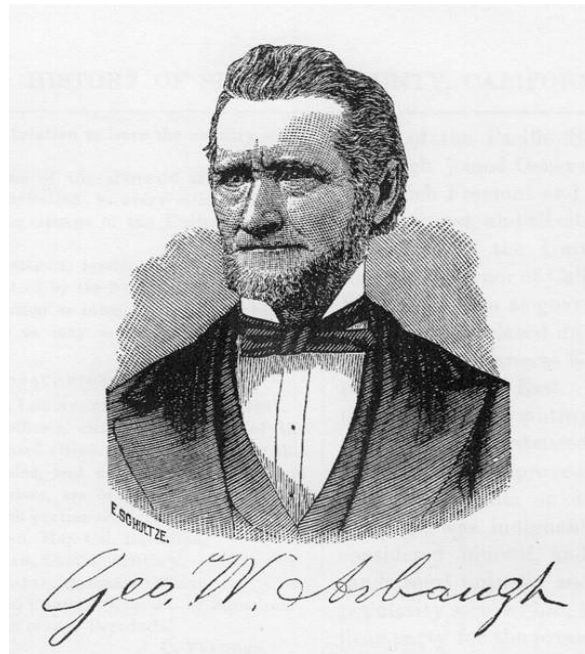
This exhibit was dedicated on May 7, 1965. It was obtained through the cooperation of Mrs. L. L. Lukes and Ralph S Lorimer, and Robert Mills.

In explaining the construction of the original house, the Institution notes that the first part of the Arbaugh house had a hand-hewed timber frame, mortised and tenoned; wall of vertical planking nailed to two inch by four inch widely spaced studs and covered with clapboards; and heavy floor joists on stone supports.

The museum is on Constitution Avenue in Washington D. C. between 12th and 14th Streets.



The Arbaugh Kitchen while on display at the Smithsonian in Washington D. C. The actual room was removed from the 1860 ranch and reconstructed here.



An illustration of George Washington Arbaugh from *Wells History of Siskiyou County*.

PUBLICATION ORDER FORM

- [**Evergreen Cemetery** \$15.00
Evergreen Cemetery is in Yreka, CA
 - [**Shasta Valley Cemetery District, 1885 to 1995 (sold out)** \$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
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 - [**Cowboy Poetry and Barn Sour Verse** \$10.00
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 - [**Henley - Hornbrook Cemetery, Siskiyou County, CA** \$20.00

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