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### **GSSC In House Research Sources:**

**Newspaper Clippings Books** – 1973 to Present for Birth, Death, Marriage, Military & Miscellaneous - Indexed on the GSSC Website under Database

**Scott Valley Funeral Cards & Obits** – 1950s-1980s – Indexed on GSSC Website under Database

**Siskiyou County Marriages Book** – 1850 to 1910 – books available for sale and book copied on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) - Book is indexed by Groom main text and Bride index in back of the book. Not on the website.

**Family History Books** – Personal family history books done by members – No index

**First Families of the Pacific Northwest** – GSSC Publications, books available for purchase at the GSSC Center, Indexed in the back of each book

**St Mark's Episcopal Church books** – for reference only at the GSSC Center, includes marriages, baptismal and member records – No index, digitizing in progress

**Siskiyou Pioneer Index and books** – Full collection of the SP books from 1946 to present, books for reference only at the GSSC Center, Index from 1946 to 2019 purchased from the Siskiyou Co. Historical Society, available on the GSSC computers. Siskiyou Co Historical Society has the index and some books available for purchase on their website or in their gift store. [www.sisqhistory.org](http://www.sisqhistory.org)

**Siskiyou County High School Yearbooks** – reference only, large collection of the White and Gold Yearbooks, 1900 to 1990; start of a collection for the rest of the High Schools – No index

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

**Family History Research Files** – for reference at the GSSC Center, these are files of research requested by customers. No Index

**Siskiyou County Land Plot books** – reference only, Maps of Siskiyou Co – No Index

**Siskiyou Co Directories** – reference only - 1954 is the earliest, some 1970s, 80s, 90s into 2000s - No Index

**City Cemetery Project** – “City Cemetery” project in the works – reference only, information gathered from church and lodge records to document burials -T-Shirt for sale on the GSSC Website or at the Center. Index in the works.

**Sawyers Bar Cemetery** – member has a partial index of the Public section burials.

**Turner Funeral Records** – for reference only 1901 to 1946, files have been digitized and indexed - not on the website as yet

**Heir Lines Newsletter** – reference only, 1972 to present newsletter of GSSC activities and projects – Index in the works – not on the web site yet

**Digitized Newspapers** – reference only – 100 rolls of Microfilm from various libraries has been digitized and the digital form is available for view or purchase. All files are 120 GB, so if you want all files please bring your portable hard drive or we can provide a hard drive with records for an additional fee. The digitizing project is on going, currently in the fund raising phase of the next group. No Index

**Digital Files include:**

<b>Paper Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Years</b>
Daily Siskiyou Reporter	Yreka	09/1898 to 02/1899
Dunsmuir Dispatch	Dunsmuir	02/1910 to 12/1911
Dunsmuir Herald	Dunsmuir	05/18979 to 7/1898
Dunsmuir Plain Dealer	Dunsmuir	04/1912 to 12/1912
Dunsmuir Tribune	Dunsmuir	04/1926 to 12/1927
North Star	Mott	07/1887 to 07/1890
County Reporter	Ft Jones	12/1895 to 08/1898
Scott Valley Advance	Ft Jones	10/1897 to 12/1899
Etna Western Sentinel	Etna	1918 to 1962
McCloud River Pioneer	McCloud	08/1889 to 12/1893
Sisson Mascot	Mt Shasta	04/1891 to 05/1895
Sisson Mirror	Mt Shasta	08/1896 to 06/1904
Sisson Headlight	Mt Shasta	09/1904 to 05/1922
Weekly Sisson Headlight	Mt Shasta	06/1913 to 01/1916
South Siskiyou News	Weed	01/1976 to 12/1976
Mountain Herald	Weed	10/1853 to 01/1854
Summit Lookout	Weed	01/1913 to 03/1914
Weed Log	Weed	01/1939 to 07/1943
Weed Press	Weed	1926 to 2009
Yreka Journal	Yreka	08/1861 to 12/1868

## **Siskiyou County Research Sources:**

**Official Siskiyou County Records:** Most files available thru the County Offices in the Courthouse. Most files are stored off site and may take hours to weeks to retrieve. County charges fees for any of their records and payment is required by check, cash, money order – no credit cards. All County offices are closed for lunch Noon to 1pm

**Vital Records** – Birth, Death, Marriage and Recorded records (Land, Mining Claims): Siskiyou County Recorder/Assessor Office: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/assessor-recorder/page/recorder-division> 311 Fourth St, Room 108, Yreka, CA 96097 Phone: 530-842-8036, First floor of Courthouse.

Website has a links to the Certificate Applications and fees. The Recorded records are hand search only, Staff will not assist you. You will need to look thru Grantee and Grantor books from 1850 to 1926; records from the earliest books you need to provide the Staff with the Date, Volume number and page number of each document and they will retrieve it. After 1926 the index is in the computer in the lobby and with date, volume, page numbers you will be able to print the document from the computer, cost to print is \$1 per page.

Land Maps are available on the Assessor side of the room, fees for copying also

**Court Records:** Includes – Naturalization records of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Court, Siskiyou County from 1850s to 1900; Civil, Probate Records in the Superior/Family Law Court Office; Criminal Records available in the Criminal Court Office. There is a fee of \$15 to do any search, payable by check or money order. They request a blank check with a note of “Not to exceed” a specified amount. They charge \$1 per page to copy. Most early records are stored off site and may take days to weeks to retrieve. **YOU** will need to check in with the Courts to see if your request has been completed. If you experience a Major delay in receiving records, consider filing a “Freedom of Information Act” suit.

**Superior/Family Law Court:** in the Courthouse, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at the south end of the building. This is as of 2020 – a new Court building is being built at this time. 311 Fourth St, Yreka, CA Phone: 530-842-8182 Web site: <http://www.siskiyou.courts.ca.gov/>

**Criminal Court:** in the Courthouse, on the floor between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, only access is via the stairs, in the middle of the stair well you go straight up a half flight to Criminal. Fees are \$15 to search and \$1 per page to copy. 311 Fourth St, Yreka, CA Phone: 530-842-8182 <http://www.siskiyou.courts.ca.gov/>

**Siskiyou County Church Records:**

**St Mark's Episcopal Church Records** – at the GSSC Center

**Catholic Church Records:**

**Sacramento Diocese Archives:** <https://www.scd.org/archives>

Archives has digital copies of the records.

**Yreka** - 1877 to Present – at the Yreka St Joseph Catholic Church, 314 Fourth St, Yreka, CA 96097 530-842-3842 Web site: <https://www.scd.org/parish/st-joseph-parish-yreka> They only have a secretary in their parish office 2 days a week in the mornings. Includes Hawkinsville, Ft Jones, Etna, Callahan, Sawyers Bar, Happy Camp Records.

**Weed** – Holy Family Catholic Church, 1051 N. Davis Ave, Weed, CA 96094 530-938-4334 (some of their records were lost in a fire in Sept. 2014)

Website: <https://www.holyfamilycatholicchurchweed.org/>

**Mt Shasta** – St Anthony's Catholic Church, 507 Pine St, Mt Shasta, CA 96067 530-926-4477 Website: <http://stanthonymtshasta.com/directions.html>

No other Siskiyou Churches are known to have surviving records.

**Cemetery Information Online:**

**Findagrave.com:** Great site and Free

**Local Website:** “Siskiyou Cemetery Central”

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/>

This web site is Free and has lots of indexes and some photos of the County Cemeteries, also indexes of vital records from 1900 to 2012. The Search box on the website no longer works but you can use a Google search to get a list of the info on the website.

The Cemeteries have the burials in burial plot groups, so you can see the whole family buried in a plot.

## **Cemetery Districts:**

**Shasta Valley Cemetery:** 853 Evergreen Lane, Yreka, CA 96097 Phone: 530-842-4933 Web Site: <http://svcd-ca.com/> Open M-F Closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:30pm Covers the cemeteries of: City (aka Butcher Hill, Foothill, County); Evergreen; Edgewood; Little Shasta; St Joseph; Gazelle-Foulke; Gazelle; and Montague Cemeteries. The District records go back to about 1965 – due to a fire. There is a book completed in 1990 that has a list of the burials that had headstones. The book is available for sale at the GSSC Center.

**Fort Jones Cemetery District:** there is no office – location is on Eastside Road, about 1 mile out of Fort Jones. The Catholic Section is separate from the main part of the cemetery, you must drive thru the main section, past a barn on the north side of barn is the Catholic Section. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 184, Ft Jones, CA 96032. As of 2020 a contact person is Michele DeCausmaker, email: [mdecausmaker@hotmail.com](mailto:mdecausmaker@hotmail.com)

**Etna Cemetery District:** there is no office – Location: 965-1043 Sawyers Bar Rd, Etna, CA 96027 – just on the western edge of the Etna City Limits. As of 2020 contact is Tami McEwen, Personal cell 530-467-3350

**Callahan Cemetery** – there is no office, there are 3 sections Catholic, Public and the Callahan-Hayden Cemetery at the same location. Directions: 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. Past the buildings, take the first right, go up a hill about two tenths of a mile. You will see the Callahan Cemetery on the left. Park on the street and enter thru the small gate. This is a private cemetery and contact information is unknown.

**Sawyers Bar Cemetery** – no office, there are 2 cemeteries side by side. The Catholic Cemetery contact is thru the St Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka. The Public Cemetery is available for public use, but the ownership is private. The last known ownership was the Bigelow Family. The family members were the only caretakers and they have aged out. There was a distant relative that use to come each summer for her 2-week vacation and clean up the cemetery, but she has aged out also. There is no known contact person and no caretaker. The GSSC Center has a partial index of burials.

The Catholic Cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places and the original church still stands. They moved the last remaining wooden headstones inside the church for preservation and to save them from fire. You can view the headstones thru the windows.

### **South end of the County Cemeteries:**

**Winema Cemetery District** – no office, Address: 22 California St, Weed, CA 96094 Contact information is unknown. Currently owned by the Winema Cemetery Association. There is an index book available for sale at the GSSC Center and at the Weed Museum.

**Lincoln Heights Cemetery** – no office, currently owned by the Winema Cemetery Association, contact info is unknown. Previous ownership was by the Mt Shasta Baptist Church, until 1972. Burials started in 1924 and ended in 1994, it is no longer an active cemetery. Directions – take Lincoln Ave off Hwy 97 in Weed. Burial index is in the works.

**Mt Shasta Memorial Chapel and Cemetery** – Private cemetery; Address: 830 Lassen Ln, (Mailing address: P.O. Box 316) Mt Shasta, CA 96067 Phone: 530-926-2131; Web site: <https://www.mtshastachapel.com/>  
Email: [mtshastamemorialchapel@gmail.com](mailto:mtshastamemorialchapel@gmail.com) They have recent obits on their website

**Dunsmuir City Cemetery** – Address: 6285-6299 Dunsmuir Ave, Dunsmuir, CA 96025 - There is no office. Contact is thru the City of Dunsmuir City Hall 530-235-4822

**Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery District** – No Office. Directions – Oregon Road off Copco Rd, just off Interstate 5. There is an index book of burials available at the GSSC Center for sale or reference. No contact info is known.

For additional small cemeteries check the local web site: “Siskiyou Cemetery Central” web site: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/>

## Other Research Facilities:

**Siskiyou Co Museum** Address: 910 S. Main St, Yreka, CA 96097 Phone: 530-842-3836 Web site: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/museum>  
Email: [SCMuseum@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:SCMuseum@co.siskiyou.ca.us) Open Hours – Tues thru Saturday 10am to 3pm  
To do research you **Must** make an appointment, the County has budget cut the staff and volunteers come into assist with research.

**Siskiyou County Library** – Yreka Branch: 719 Fourth St, Yreka, CA 96097  
Phone: 530-842-8807 Website: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/library> Open Mon- Sat  
Noon to 5pm. They observe all County Holidays.  
Library is only staffed by volunteers and can only direct you to research available. They have a collection of microfilmed newspapers and one reader/printer. The cost to print is \$.50 and if you bring a flash drive you can download the images for free. GSSC Research will do microfilm look up for a research fee.

**Fort Jones Museum:** Address: 11913 Main St, Ft Jones, CA 96032 Phone: 530-468-5568 Web site: <http://www.fortjonesmuseum.com/> Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

**Etna Museum:** Address: Main St, Etna, CA 96027 (all mail is to PO BOX) Box number is unknown. Directly across the street from the Denny Bar Restaurant.  
Phone: 530-467-3714 Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

**Sisson Museum:** Address: 1 N. Old Stage Rd, Mt Shasta, CA 96067 Phone: 530-926-5508 Web site: <https://mtshastamuseum.com/> Check the website for open times.

**Dunsmuir RR Depot Historic Society Museum:** Address: P.O. Box 324, Dunsmuir, CA 96025 Location: 5750 Sacramento Ave, Dunsmuir Phone: 530-235-0839 Only open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday April to October

**Weed Historic Lumber Town Museum:** 303 Gilman Ave, Weed, CA 96094  
Phone: 530-938-0550 No web site Info about the Museum on this website:  
<https://discoversiskiyou.com/activities/weed-historic-lumber-town-museum/>  
Open May thru September

**Butte Valley Museum and Historic Society:** Address: 500 S. Main St, Dorris, CA 96023 Phone: 530-667-5312 No website - Website with info:  
<https://discoversiskiyou.com/activities/butte-valley-museum/>

**Montague RR Depot Museum:** Address: 230 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St, Montague, CA 96064;  
Phone: 530-459-3385; Has History of Montague and a Chinese artifact collection. Call for hours <https://discoversiskiyou.com/activities/montague-railroad-depot-museum/>

## **Siskiyou County Research Sites:**

**Siskiyou Cemetery Central** – has Siskiyou County Birth/Death/Marriage Index 1852 to 2006; Index and Photos of most Siskiyou Co Cemeteries; 1867 & 1869 (CA) Klamath Co Great Register; 1876, 1877, 1879, 1886, 1888, 1892 & 1904 Sisk Co Great Registers; Wells History Book Index; Surname Index of searchers; and Links to other agencies in county involved in research.

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~casiskiy/>

**Yreka Preservation Society** – History of Yreka; Historical Houses, Businesses, etc

<http://www.yrekapreservation.org/>

**Siskiyou County Historical Society** – Address: 304 Lane St; Mailing address; PO Box 1715, Yreka, CA 96097. Has a Gift Store and large collection of Siskiyou County history books and photos. The book collection includes a full collection of the Siskiyou Pioneer books from 1946 to present; Siskiyou Co High School yearbooks and general history of Siskiyou County.

<https://sisqhistory.org/>

## **Siskiyou County History**

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~cagha/history/history-siskiyou.htm>

## **Siskiyou Towns and Communities**

<http://historyandhappenings.squarespace.com/siskiyou-county/>

**Genealogy Trails** – Links to Cemeteries, Libraries and San Francisco National Archives; Biographies, 1855 Siskiyou Co Directory;

<http://genealogytrails.com/cal/sisk/>

**Siskiyou County Mysteries:** <https://activenorcal.com/the-legends-and-mysteries-of-siskiyou-county/>