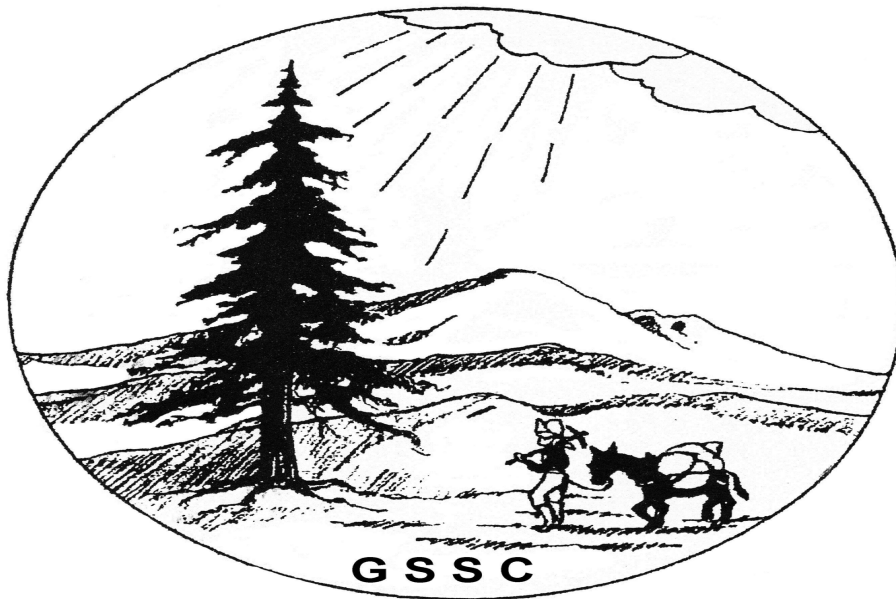


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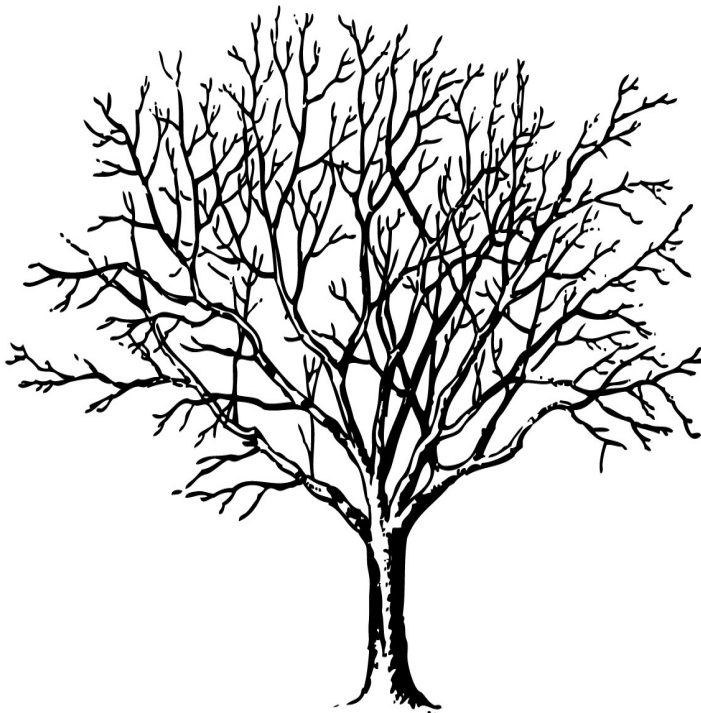
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### 5 Golden Rules of Genealogy

#1. Leave no stone  
unturned, unless it is a  
headstone

#2. Handwriting legibility  
is inversely proportional to  
a documents importance.

#3. The further away a  
cemetery or library is, the  
more awkward the opening  
hours will be.

#4. The relative you most  
need to talk with is the one  
whose funeral you are  
currently attending.

#5. Wherever you find two  
or more siblings, there also  
will you find two or more  
surname spellings.

*From zazzle.com on Pinterest*

# GSSC NEWS!



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Jennifer Bryan

Wow 2020 is upon us!! I don't know where the time has gone. The Genealogy Volunteers have produced amazing results this year in research and artifact preservation, digitizing records and more.

The Genealogy volunteers have been plugging away on the various Genealogy Center projects. We have 3 volunteers working on clipping and saving the newspaper articles. This group saves the newspaper articles that include Obituaries, Murder Cases, Military News, Weddings, Anniversaries, Births, and special events in Siskiyou County. We clip, identify the name of the paper, date of publication and then create books and index these books. All this to provide the information for future research. If you would like to help this group, let us know.

We had a successful "Giving Tuesday" event. The donations totaled about \$1,600 this year. We didn't win any of the special prizes but there is always next year. We did discover that the non-profits that had much better Social Media presence earned a lot more money, the Mt Shasta Sisson Museum made \$50,000. Is there anyone able to help us with Social Media for next year? We really need to evolve into the future. We need help with anything Social Media and Marketing. Such as sharing Facebook posts, creating Facebook posts, new decorative post card mailers, posters, and any ideas for advertising. If you can help, please let us know. Now that the local newspaper and radio station free advertisements are no longer available to any non-profits, it has become difficult letting everyone know about the Genealogy Classes and events. Please check our website: [siskiyougenealogy.org](http://siskiyougenealogy.org) for the Calendar of Events, Facebook and the weekly emails. These avenues are our only means of free advertising.

Hope to see you at the Genealogy Center in 2020. We are open each Saturday 10am to 3pm (excluding holidays).

*Jennifer Bryan - GSSC President*



## OCCUPATIONS

by Vita Brevis

Paraphrased by Gail Platt

As you are checking your ancestor's names, ages, and those important facts listed on records, be sure to check the details that can make your ancestor unique. Such as an occupation. It may be the brick wall breaker that will identify the difference

between two men with the same name.

As you study the occupation, ask yourself if the locality supports the occupation with the services available in the area. Towns generally include occupations as grocers, shoemakers, watchmakers and bakers.

When your ancestors moved about, occupational migration patterns may be noticed. Trappers, hunters and restless spirits were first to areas, then were followed by farmers, tillers of the soil, blacksmiths, coopers, and other crafts and tradesmen. Lastly, tavern keepers would be found where roads or canals were.

Also knowing your ancestor's occupation can assist with your cluster research. Your ancestor's occupation can identify their associates such as a rope builder with ship building, or sail makers. A grocer to wholesalers, and blacksmith may have associated with carriage makers and wheelwrights.

Some occupations create more records for one to search and review. Such as railroad men, or canal builders. Possibly in their written histories you may find additional information.

If you are wondering where to find occupations, they can be found in the US Federal Census from 1850's onward for each member of the family.

Here is a list of other items that can be used to find your ancestor's occupations; town clerk registers that include birth, marriage and death records, City Directories from early 1800's that include head of household's name, occupation and address, passenger lists that include the name, age, country of origin, destination and occupation.

During the late nineteenth century forward, obituaries will tell of deceased's life work. Before then, it would just be a brief notice of death. Military records may include the occupation, as space is provided.

Newspapers can provide articles about your ancestor and their occupation, or an advertisement regarding the announcement of goods or services for sale.

Older occupation titles may be defunct. So you will need to decode your occupation. Decoding tools would be Barbara Evan's book *A to Zax*, and websites such as *FamilyResearch* and *Hall Genealogy*.

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Here is an excellent web address for you to check out regarding Occupations ... It's Great!

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/ocupaton.html>

DICK EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE  
<http://www.eogn.com> / Reprint with permission  
**The Nebraska Death Index (1904-1968) is Now Online**  
December 24, 2019

Thanks to Reclaim the Records, the **Nebraska Death Index (1904-1968)** is now available to everyone online. Even better, access is available free of charge.

According to the Reclaim the Records web site:

**RECLAIM THE RECORDS**

*"Public data for public use"*

"In May 2019, citing Nebraska's Public Records Law, Reclaim The Records made a request for "a copy of the Nebraska Death Index and/or finding aid to deaths, from its onset to 1968". [You can read the whole request on our website \(PDF\)](#), if you want, because we like making all our correspondence and court cases public."

You can read much more at: <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/26/>.

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**Over 750,000 Applications for US Birth Certificate Copies Exposed Online**  
[Dick Eastman · December 27, 2019](#)

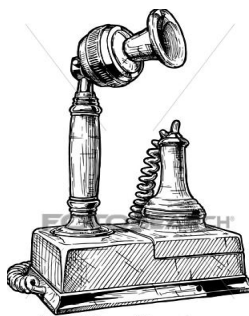
This is a major security breach. An online company that allows users to obtain a copy of their birth and death certificates from U.S. state governments has exposed a massive cache of applications — including their personal information.



More than 752,000 applications for copies of birth certificates were found on an Amazon Web Services (AWS) storage bucket. The bucket, owned by a Barcelona-based company [Onlinevitalus](#), wasn't protected with a password, allowing anyone who knew the easy-to-guess web address access to the data.

The data exposed was for **APPLICATIONS** for birth certificate copies, not for copies of the birth certificates themselves. Even so, each application contained a lot of personal information that is not supposed to be exposed, including: the applicant's name, date-of-birth, current home address, email address, phone number and historical personal information, including past addresses, names of family members and the reason for the application — such as applying for a passport or researching family history.

You can read more in an article by Zack Whittaker in the *TechCrunch* web site at: <https://techcrunch.com/2019/12/09/birth-certificate-applications-exposed/>.



## *Push Buttons and Party Lines*

Telephone Technology  
Newspapers.com article  
Paraphrased by Gail Platt

It was November 18, 1963 when Bell Telephone introduced the push button telephone to the public. But not before President John F Kennedy activated a countdown clock in the spring of 1963 for the New York World's Fair with a push button phone! It was to activate the clock to open the fair in 1964. No more rotary dial phones were on the latest achievement of the telephone.

Alexander Graham Bell's first patent for the phone was in 1876. Bell and his colleague Thomas Watson, was able to talk for 30 minutes from 2 miles apart which shocked the world! The invention converted sound into electric pulses that traveled through wire, connecting the two phones.

It wasn't feasible to stretch wire to each telephone, so a telephone exchange (a telephone switchboard) was developed. To place a call, the caller would turn a crank on the home phone which connected you to an Operator. The Operator would see a light from the caller on the switchboard, then a wire jack plug would connect you and the Operator. The Operator would ask who you needed to reach, then connect another wire jack to the person you are wishing to reach. An electrical current would go down the line and make the telephone on the other end make a sound with a bell.

Operators worked with a small group of customers. They often knew each one. One creative mother in 1903 discovered a new use for the telephone. The Mother left the receiver off the phone and requested to the Operator to call her at a neighbor's house when she heard her sleeping baby woke up.

An Operator might, on any day, help save a life or soothe a frightened child. "Rose Coppinger was an operator in Webber Falls, Oklahoma in 1914. When a fire raged through town, she refused to leave her post at the telephone exchange and warned neighbors of the approaching flames."

Ten million telephones were in use by 1918 in the United States. The rotary dials were the norm. At a lower cost, party lines were used. A party line is where more than one user could hear a conversation already in progress. Now let me share that a party line had an etiquette of never listening to another's conversation. It did present challenges during emergencies, and tragedies occurred if the phone line was not yielded during a crisis. Woodbury, Connecticut had the last operating party line shutting down in 1991

An estimated 5.3 billion people worldwide are using mobile devices.

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# RESEARCH CHECKLIST

*We all get to a point where we are thinking, "where else can I look for records?" We just sometimes get stuck! So, I hope this list, acquired on-line for you to use and say, "Oh I didn't look there!" Hope this helps!*

Name of Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

## CITY RECORDS

- ☐ Cemetery Rcds
- ☐ Church Rcds
- ☐ City Directories
- ☐ City/County History
- ☐ Hospital Rcds
- ☐ Mortuary Rcds
- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Obituaries
- ☐ Police
- ☐ Tombstones

## COUNTY RECORDS

- ☐ Birth Rcds
- ☐ Civil Suits
- ☐ Criminal Suits
- ☐ Court Case Files
- ☐ Court Judgments
- ☐ Court Orders/Decrees
- ☐ Court Record Indexes
- ☐ Death Rcds
- ☐ Deed/Mortgage Rcds
- ☐ Divorce Rcds
- ☐ Guardianship Rcds
- ☐ Justice of the Peace Rcds
- ☐ Lunacy Rcds
- ☐ Marriage Certificates
- ☐ Marriage License Apps
- ☐ Probate/Estate Papers
- ☐ Probate Index/Inventories
- ☐ Probate Bonds
- ☐ Probate Settlements
- ☐ Probate Guardianships
- ☐ Sheriff's Offices
- ☐ Soldier/Sailor Discharges
- ☐ Voting Lists
- ☐ Wills

## STATE RECORDS

- ☐ Birth Rcds
- ☐ Court Rcds
- ☐ Death Rcds
- ☐ Grantee Index (Land)
- ☐ Grantor Index (Land)
- ☐ Land Records
- ☐ Land Surveys
- ☐ Land Patents/Grants
- ☐ Livestock Brands
- ☐ Military Rcds
- ☐ State Agency Rcds
- ☐ State Census
- ☐ State Histories
- ☐ Voter Registration

## FEDERAL RECORDS

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Bounty Land Rcds
- ☐ Change of Name
- ☐ Court Rcds
- ☐ Customs Rcds
- ☐ Federal Census
- ☐ Immigration Rcds
- ☐ Index to Federal Census
- ☐ Military Rcds
- ☐ Mortality Schedules
- ☐ Naturalization Rcds
- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Pension Records
- ☐ Ship Log Books
- ☐ Ship Passenger Lists

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARIES

- ☐ Family Group Records Archives
- ☐ International Genealogical Index
- ☐ Ancestral Files
- ☐ Family Registers

## PRINTED SOURCES

- ☐ Biographies
- ☐ Family Histories/  
Genealogies
- ☐ Genealogical Periodic
- ☐ Local Histories

## OTHER SOURCES

- ☐ Burial Rcds
- ☐ Cem. Plots/Deeds
- ☐ Immigrant Aid Soc.
- ☐ Local Historians
- ☐ Local Public Library
- ☐ Memorials
- ☐ Monuments
- ☐ Tombstones
- ☐ Perpetual Care fund  
for Cem Plot
- ☐ Personal Property  
Tax Rcds
- ☐ Poll Tax Rcds
- ☐ Professional  
Registration Fees
- ☐ Real Estate Tax Rcds
- ☐ Sextons
- ☐ Tax Exemption Rcds

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**PERSONAL/FAMILY**

- ☐ Autograph Books
- ☐ Baby Books
- ☐ Book Plates
- ☐ Family Bibles
- ☐ Family Traditions
- ☐ Farm Rcds
- ☐ Funeral Card/Folder
- ☐ Genealogy/Fam Hist Rcds & Bks
- ☐ Health/Medical Rcds
- ☐ Heirlooms
- ☐ Journals/Diaries
- ☐ Letters
- ☐ Memorial Card/Folder
- ☐ Memoirs/Biographies
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Relatives
- ☐ Scrapbooks

**MILITARY RECORDS**

- ☐ Bounty Award
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Disability
- ☐ Discharge Papers
- ☐ Firearms
- ☐ Muster Rolls
- ☐ Pension Papers
- ☐ Ribbons/Medals
- ☐ Selective Service Reg Papers
- ☐ Service Files
- ☐ Swords
- ☐ Uniforms

**NEWSPAPERS**

- ☐ Advertisements
- ☐ Announcements
- ☐ Legal Notices
- ☐ Local Newspaper
- ☐ Obituaries
- ☐ Professional Papers
- ☐ Trade Papers
- ☐ Vital Statistics

**EMPLOYMENT RECORDS**

- ☐ Apprenticeship Papers
- ☐ Employment Awards
- ☐ Employment Citations
- ☐ Income Tax Rcds
- ☐ Pension Rcds
- ☐ Retirement Rcds
- ☐ Severance Papers
- ☐ Social Security Papers
- ☐ Union Papers

**LICENSES**

- ☐ Business License
- ☐ Occupational Licenses
- ☐ Professional Licenses
- ☐ Hunting Licenses
- ☐ Firearms Licenses
- ☐ Driver's Licenses
- ☐ Motor Vehicle Reg's

**SCHOOL RECORDS**

- ☐ Elementary School Rcds
- ☐ Secondary School Rcds
- ☐ Vocational/Trade School Rcds
- ☐ College/Univ Rcds
- ☐ Ladies Finishing School
- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Awards
- ☐ Honor Rolls
- ☐ School Publications
- ☐ Report Cards
- ☐ Transcripts
- ☐ Yearbooks

**LEGAL PAPERS**

- ☐ Abstracts of Title
- ☐ Bonds
- ☐ Contracts
- ☐ Deeds
- ☐ Guardian Papers
- ☐ Insurance Policies
- ☐ Land Grants
- ☐ Leases
- ☐ Livestock Brands
- ☐ Loans
- ☐ Mortgages
- ☐ Subpoenas
- ☐ Summons
- ☐ Tax Notices
- ☐ Water Rights

**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**

- ☐ Awards
- ☐ Cards
- ☐ Certificates
- ☐ Programs from Club/Org's
- ☐ Publications from Club/Org's
- ☐ Uniforms from Club/Org's

**HEALTH RECORDS**

- ☐ Hospital Rcds
- ☐ Medical Ins Papers
- ☐ Immunizations
- ☐ Medical Rcds
- ☐ X-Rays

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ Coat of Arms
- ☐ Dishes
- ☐ Engraved Jewelry
- ☐ Engraved Silverware
- ☐ Friendship Quilt
- ☐ Insignias
- ☐ Samplers
- ☐ Souvenirs
- ☐ Tapestries
- ☐ Tools

**CITIZENSHIP PAPERS**

- ☐ Alien Reg. Papers
- ☐ Change of Name papers
- ☐ Denization Papers
- ☐ Deportment Papers
- ☐ Naturalization Papers
- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Visas
- ☐ Vaccinations

**CERTIFICATES**

- ☐ Adoption Papers
- ☐ Awards
- ☐ Baptism Cert.
- ☐ Birth Cert.
- ☐ Blessing
- ☐ Confirmation Cert.
- ☐ Death Cert.
- ☐ Divorce Papers
- ☐ Graduation Diploma
- ☐ Manumission Cert
- ☐ Marriage Cert.
- ☐ Ministerial /Ordination
- ☐ Mission Release
- ☐ Vaccin/Immun Rcds

**BOOKS**

- ☐ Atlas
- ☐ Foreign Language
- ☐ Textbooks
- ☐ Vocational Books

**FINANCIAL RCDS**

- ☐ Estate Rcds

## PERSONAL MENTION

White and Gold 1907 Yearbook, pg 29

Transcribed by Gail Platt

Mr. W. T. Mooney, our former principal, has graduated from Harvard Law School and intends practicing law in San Francisco.

It is with deep regret that we mention the death of Mrs. Lord Bacon, nee Ripley, one of our former instructors in German and History.

Miss Helen Hogue is at present at Klamath Falls.

Margaret Cowan, '04, has been following her vocation as a nurse since the San Francisco fire and earthquake.

Fae Larison, '04, is at home in Yreka.

Ethel Cooper, '04, is teaching at Snowden.

Mrs. Ehret, '04, nee Lena Lee, is living at Montague.

Mrs. J. Lamm, '04, nee Maud Cooper, is at present in San Francisco.

Maud Nichols, '04, is bookkeeper in Bird & Grant's store, Yreka.

Jennie Linn, '04, is a bookkeeper in Portland.

Jessie Walker, '04, is in San Francisco.

Herbert Farragher, '05, is attending the Catholic College of America at Washington, D.C.

Helen Brown, '05, is attending The University of California.

Bessie Brown, '05, is teaching in the Yreka grammar school.

Mrs. Ed Haight, '05, nee Hannah Voss, is living in Yreka.

Luella Coburn, '05, is at present at home in Yreka, but intends going below soon to pursue her study of music.

John Boyle, '06, is expected home soon on his vacation from The University of California.

Elbert Wright, '06, attended the University of the Pacific until Xmas, but is at present employed at McCloud.

Hugh O'Neill, '06, has just completed his first year's work at The University of California.

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*The OOPS Form! Have you forgotten to renew your membership?*

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Reminder....IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES. DUE BEFORE AUG 1st 2019.

Membership Year - July 1st to June 30th

Member 1 yr. \$25. \_\_\_\_\_  
Family 1yr. \$30. (Same Household) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Patron 1 yr. \$75. \_\_\_\_\_  
Benefactor 1 yr. \$100. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(RB is fully tax deductible)

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### THE DETROIT TIMES LAST EDITION- DETROIT, MICHIGAN

March 25, 1916, pg 3 column 3

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

#### ITALIANS STUDY CITIZENSHIP - Weed, Cal., March 25.

Eighty Italians of this place have formed a naturalization club for the purpose of becoming American citizens at the earliest date possible. The club is a school of instruction that will educate applicants for naturalization in the fundamental principles of government, so that when the time comes they can pass the examinations.

So many applications for citizenship have been made before County Clerk Nelson, in Yreka, CA., he has been compelled to wire to Washington for more blanks. It is almost certain that on the next naturalization day 300 Italians of Siskiyou county will renounce allegiance to the king of Italy to become citizens of the United States.

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#### **The ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC -**

January 05, 1901, Image 9, column 9

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

#### SIX FEET OF SNOW - Heaviest Fall Ever Known Reported at Yreka, Cal- YREKA, Cal., Jan. 4

The snowstorm has passed all previous records, 72 inches having fallen since Thursday evening, and it is still snowing furiously. Buildings are falling in under the tremendous weight.

North and southbound trains, engines and snow plows, are snowed in the different places in the country on the line of the railroad.

The Fort Jones and Etna stage has been out since yesterday morning trying to come a distance of eighteen miles, and it is feared that the passengers and driver are helpless in the Scott Valley mountains.

Two hundred and twenty-five excursionists from the county and as many more from Southern Oregon and other points are in San Francisco, unable to return on account of the blockade.

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## **WATERBURY EVENING DEMOCRAT - WATERBURY, CT**

August 20, 1906, pg 8, column 8  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

### **TWO BOYS BLOWN UP.**

YREKA, Cal. Aug 20 -

Two boys were killed and another was probably fatally injured when powder house No. 1, belonging to the Grant Powder company, was blown up. In nearly every business house in Yreka windows were broken. Remnants of clothing and parts of bodies found on a hill indicate that two boys were blown to atoms. Bert Holland was found twenty-five yards from the powder house with his face lacerated and two holes in the temple, evidently cause by flying stones. Two damaged rifles were found near the bodies. It is supposed that the boys shot into the powder house through a ventilator.

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## **HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN -OAHU, HAWAII**

August 16, 1912, pg 2 column 2, 3:30 Edition  
(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

### **BORES FOR WATER, OPENS GOLD MINE**

YREKA, (Siskiyou Co., Cal.), Aug 3 - Finding a promising ledge of gold as well as a splendid supply of water is the good fortune if Louis Scheld, a prominent landowner near this city. Scheld when he commenced boring for artesian water expected to find both gold and water and the result proves that his theories were correct. He has not found artesian water but expect to have enough to irrigate several hundred acres of land.

Scheld for years has believed that artesian water could be found in Siskiyou county and made offers to anyone that would bore for it. No one accepted his offers he decided to bore for himself. From the first he encountered difficulties in the way of inability to obtain competent help and in the necessary delays of sending to San Francisco for parts of machinery for repairs.

Thursday at the depths of 360 feet he struck a gold bearing ledge with borings showing free gold. Yesterday Scheld reached the depth of 400 feet and was on the ledge as the borings continued to show gold.

The water in the well is within twenty feet of the surface and if Scheld does not find artesian water he has a flow sufficient to irrigate several hundred acres. He will dig deeper in the hope of finding artesian water.

The ore drillings are being assayed and the result is awaited with much interest by mining men who claim that the hills near Yreka carried gold from the surface to a depth of 200 feet but the finding of free gold at a depth of 400 feet demonstrates to the miner and investor that treasures of gold deep in ground are in the hills of Siskiyou.

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DEC 14, 1905, Column 2

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**KILLED IN PRIZE FIGHT**

*Fatal End of a Bout for Purse and Gate Receipts in California*

*Yreka, Cal., Dec 12 -*

Jack McDonald, a laborer at Weed and champion of the locality, was killed in a fistic contest Wednesday night by Sid Roberts. The two men made arrangements for a ten-round bout for the gate receipts and a small purse, but from the third round Roberts had everything his own way.

In the ninth, when McDonald was all but gone, Roberts swung a vicious left to the back of McDonald's head, dropping him to the floor. McDonald did not regain consciousness and he died yesterday. The doctor pronounced death due to a hemorrhage of the brain. One hundred men saw the contest.

Roberts is now in jail, held for murder.

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**THE DAILY MORNING ASTORIAN - ASTORIA, OR**

May 20, 1894, Image 1

(Chronicling America) Translated by Gail Platt

**AN INNOCENT MAN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER -**

Yreka, Cal., May 19 - The cloud which has hung over Geo. Decker, the Yreka Rancher, for two weeks was cleared up today by the arrival of his wife and daughter, who he was accused of murdering years ago. The case is a most remarkable one. Twenty-seven years ago Decker's wife and young daughter left Yreka, and shortly afterwards he obtained a divorce. About two weeks ago some boys found a heap of bones in the cave near Decker's place, and the citizens of the community jumped to the conclusion that they were the remains of Decker's wife and baby, who had disappeared 27 years ago. Decker could not prove that they were not, as all those who had seen his wife depart from Yreka were dead. He was arrested and accused of murdering nearly every person in the vicinity of Yreka who had died suddenly or had disappeared for a number of years. The murders charged to him by the credulous citizens amount to ten and he was looked upon by his neighbors as a monster of iniquity. Totally ignorant of Decker's peril, his wife and daughter arrived at Yreka today and Decker was discharged from custody. Both he and his wife had married again and raised families, and tonight a family reunion was held, at which Decker's escape from his peril was celebrated.

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# 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.

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## 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)

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Cost: \$15.00 per hour/1 hr minimum  
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### FEB 2020

Saturday/10am	1 Feb 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	6 Feb 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	8 Feb 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	15 Feb 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	22 Feb 2020	DNA -GED Match and DNA Painter/ Starts 10am/ Members \$10, Non - Members \$15
Saturday/10am	29 Feb 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm

### MAR 2020

Saturday/10am	7 Mar 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	12 Mar 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	14 Mar 2020	Open Research! 10am - 3pm
Saturday/10am	21 Mar 2020	Irish Websites - 10am / \$10 Members, \$15 Non - Members
Saturday/10am	28 Mar 2020	Quarterly Meeting 1pm/All invited/Open 10am-3pm

### APR 2020

Saturday/10am	4 Apr 2020	Introduction to Family Research – Free - Pat Healy
Thursday/1pm	9 Apr 2020	Board Meeting @ GSSC in Yreka/Members are invited
Saturday/10am	11 Apr 2020	CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAY
Saturday/10am	18 Apr 2020	Using Successful Research Habits to Break Down Brick Walls - Members \$10, Non-Members \$15
Saturday/10am	25 Apr 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.

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