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## GIVING TUESDAY IS COMING NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Please mark your calendar. This is the only fund raiser your genealogy society holds. To donate go to our website and click on Giving Tuesday then follow the directions to donate. Remember you can also mail a check or come into the Research Center in person.

We will be open on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-6.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please considering volunteering! We have lots of projects and its also fun to associate with other genealogist.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Donna Jerden – Medford, OR

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

### A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER PATRICIA HEALY

**Giving Tuesday is coming.** If you have donated in the past, we thank you and hope you consider donating again this year. Several changes have taken place in your genealogy society that require additional funds. Our rent has increased to \$400.00 per month. Also, our insurance has increased from \$500.00 per year to \$1200.00 per year. As you can see this will put a real strain on our budget. We also continue to digitize local obituaries and work on several cemetery projects. We also have many scrapbooks that have been donated waiting for digitization. Our dues continue to remain at \$25.00 per year and we would like to keep them at this rate. But dues do not cover our expenses. If you have not donated to Giving Tuesday in the past, please consider doing so. To donate go to our website [www.siskiyougenealogy.org](http://www.siskiyougenealogy.org) and click on Giving Tuesday. You can also mail a check or come into the Research Center in person. We will have a chili lunch available for our donors to enjoy. We will be open on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-6.

Have you noticed we are giving classes on ZOOM? Classes are one way your society earns money to support our projects. They are also a great way for you to advance your research and learn new research skills. If you are not comfortable using ZOOM please come in to your Genealogy Research Center we will show you how. It's easy and will take about 5-10 minutes to learn. This is how you can stay at home and increase your research skills. Because of the lack of attendance, we are also considering holding the quarterly meetings on ZOOM. Please let us know if you would consider attending a ZOOM meeting.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Dates and times are subject to change.

### GSSC ACTIVITIES

**Class: Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** Transcribing and Abstracting. ZOOM pm

**Board Meeting:** Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm. 320 W. Miner St.

**NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> GIVING TUESDAY**

**DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT OF LIGHTS YREKA GSSC OPEN 4-7**

**Board Meeting:** Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm 320 W. Miner St.

**Class: Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** Finding your Family in Colonial Records. ZOOM 7pm

**Class: Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** Researching in the Midwest and Plains States. ZOOM 7pm

**Class: Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** Finding your Scots Irish Ancestors.

### Historical Society Tours

**Oct. 31,** 6pm Evergreen Cemetery  
Spooky stories of people buried here.

**Nov. 3,** 5pm Masonic Hall

**Nov. 4,** 5pm Elk's Club building.

**Nov. 5,** 5pm Firefighters' Museum

**The following programs are held with Yreka Preservation at Preservation Hall 4<sup>th</sup> and Lane St. Yreka.**

**Meeting:** Jan. 27. ¼ meeting 1pm  
**Program** Behind the Scenes of Siskiyou Cemetery.

# WHATS IN YOUR RESEARCH LIBRARY

We would like to thank JoAnne Mello for the large donation of genealogy research books to our library. We have been busy cataloging them and when finished they will be posted online at [www.siskiyougenealogy.org](http://www.siskiyougenealogy.org).

Do you have ancestors in Georgia? How about Texas? Your library has books on Georgia and Texas research. Here is a list of just a few. If you see one that may help you, come into your library and check it out. Remember you can also contact us, <sup>1</sup>and we will be glad to look up any pages for you.

*Reconstructed 1790 census of Georgia* Marie DeLamar

*Index to U.S. Census of Georgia 1820*

*Georgia History a Bibliography* J. E. Simpson

*600 revolutionary Soldiers Living in Georgia in 1827 – 8* Mary B. Warren.

*Early Records of Georgia, Wilks County* Grace G. Davidson

*Williamson Co., Texas Index to Probate Cases 1848 – 1938*

*History of Limestone County Texas 1833 – 1860* Hampton Steele

*Hunt County, Texas Marriage Records* Frances T. Ingmire

*Brazos Co, Texas Marriage BK. A & B 1844 – 1878* Frances T. Ingmire

*Surname Index to 1880 Census Matagorda Co. Texas*

**GENEALOGY SOCIETY IS OPEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAYS**

**10AM – 4PM**

AND BY APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL JENNIFER BRYAN 530 917 9478 OR PATRICIA HEALY 530 598 4035

## Rosborough Letters

### Transcribed by Mike Grifantini

#### L12.1-12.2 (Binder #1)

Sonora Dec? 21, 1857?

Dear Roseborough

I have just returned from Carstons? Hill. we took an armed force there and remained two days and nights. we placed Magan? and Co. in praceble? Possession of their claim. Many threats was made us that they intended to charge upon us with 500 ? and murder was? man in the Hill but none of their threats was executed. Magan? and Co. left their agents in possession of their mine. It is to be seen whether they ? again? be disturbed or yet ? ? my impression is that they ? be. If ? I fear a bloody affair of it will be made kept? time. Magan you? down to Call on the Governor for a R? of troops in case he should again be disturbed. this should have been had before he ? ? their last time before leaving Carsons? Hill yesterday we passed some preamble? and Resolutions which I have sent down to the Alta Cala for publication. This part of big? Letter you will please show to our mutual friend Maj. White as I promise to write to him as soon as the affair was ended.

have you heard anything from ? Doctors Hames? or Thomas if you have and you think there is any chance for us to do any thing I will have him on Thursday Momen? ? for Hames? places and if you think any thing could be done would like for you to meet me there. fail not to write me? by Express on Tuesday at this place so that I can get the Letter ? I shall go to Big Oak Flat tomorrow morning and will be back here Wednesday. ? respects to Joe ? and all the Dep? would I write you more but have had no sleep for ? and nights.

Your ? truly please Sir ? Douglass and you both ? and put your Letters in the same envelope.

J?.D. Can

#### L14.1-14.2 (Binder #1)

Mr. Rosborough

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst was duly received and in reply think as you have no sample of the Bills of my House with you will omit them for the present can get something done here ipn? that will answer ? purpose—an under many obligations to you for the trouble you have already been to and there is yet an other favor that I would like to ask of you which is to call on Mr. White at the Custom House Sacramento-- give him my compliments also my family and say to him if he will furnish capital and purchase liquors and send to me I will pay the freight and retail it out and divide the profits and being generally acquainted with the Hotel Keepers in this section of the county think I could make money by so doing—provided I could get the first quality of Liquors with a certification from the House—no doubt to pay a little attention to the market Liquors such as Brandy Gin Manongahela Whiskey Port and ? wine—could be purchased at auction to a bargain-- however you can a certain what his opinion is can? is and let me know when you come up-- accept of the compliments of myself and family hoping we shall soon have the pleasure of see you.

I Remain, Yours Truly

Cha. G. Parker

Globe Hotel

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

P.S. Mr. Harris arrived here to day and will probably remain untill you return.

C.G.P.

### L13.1-13.3 (Binder #1)

Office Indian Agent  
Rogue River Valley O.T.

July 31 1855

Sir:

On Sunday evening last (the 29<sup>th</sup> inst.) four Indians belonging to this agency returned from the Klamath River country whither they been sent by an individual living in this vicinity; in search of property alleged to have been stolen by the Klamath Indians.

I was not aware of their absence, untill their return. In fact I had p<sup>r</sup> forbid them going into the country. About one month since they made application to me to write them a pass to visit the Klamath Country, which I not only refused to do, but forbid them going into that country, and supposed the matter was ended and they had abandoned the idea.

It seems however from their statement, that when the individual above alluded to requested them to go; they were informed that a "Tyee" living in Jacksonville would write them a paper that would answer just as well as to get one from the agent which was accordingly given them, accompanied with a certificate of good character, and that too, to an Indian of the very worst reputation! One who has been suspected of being the head and front of those recent difficulties in Illinois Vally. In fact-of every species of devilment that the Indians have been guilt of perpetrating, such is the true character of the Indian, and I hazard nothing in saying that the people of Illinois Vally and every one else who knows him will sustain me in every word i have said here. the Indian belonged to Illinois Vally and is known by the cognomen of "Skookum Sam".

Of this party of four there was but one in whom I have any confidence, Indian "Bill" has always sustained a good character so far as my knowledge extends and has been looked upon as a friend to the whites. from him I learned of the difficulties between the whites and the Indians on Humbug, he said upon his arrival in that country and finding it in a state of war he immediately retraced his steps and arrived at this Agency on Sunday evening last. bringing the news that some horrid murders had been committed on Humbug and the Klamath.

My object in addressing you is to solicit your aid in endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians above referred to were in any way implicated in those recent acts of aggression. If from any reliable resource you can obtain such information you will confer a favour by informing me immediately so that they may be arrested. to the end that justice may be done.

I would like you to gather what facts you can in relation to the matter, and inform me at an early a day as possible. I shall use every precaution to prevent any of this Tribe joining in with the Klamaths. But, in the event any of them should elude the vigilance of the authorites here, and escape into that country I will arrest them immediately upon their return if they should be so fortunate as to return.

So far as I can judge, there is not disposition manifest upon the part of the chiefs of the Rogue River Tribes to engage in a war of any kind against the whites and should any of their people, I trust-with a due degree of caution they may be caught in their duplicity and receive a merited punishment I have no doubt with your kind assistance to be able to ferret out all such offenders if there should be any and bring them to the bar of justice.

Respectfully Yours,  
G.H. Ambrose  
Ind. Agt.  
To: A.M. Roseborough  
Special Ind. Agt.  
Northern California

## L15.1-15.2 (Binder #1)

Fort Jones Sept. 9, '69

Judge Rosborough

D?

Enclosed please find a letter from Mr.? J. Miner? Which speaks for its self-- From what he says old Ephram Sarter is no joy—

I have been all over the vally since I saw you. I think that you will run ahead of Irwin at least fifty on this side. But let us to work. Have the Co. Cen? Com? Prescint? The following ? in each? friend to see that Democrats are brought to the polls--

Fort Jones

Jas. Davidson

S.J. Luttrell

J.H. Downy

P.H. Luttrell

I.S. Mathews

Of course I will act (Everywhere).

South Fork: Capt Haislip?

Capt. Wilson

Rush McHenry?

Pat Horn

Wm. McMannus

John McConaghy

Rough and Ready—J.McBride

P.A. Hartstrand

John Griffin

Wm Davidson

Wm. Misgan?

A? Budleman

OroFino: E. Bean D?

J.M. Trimble

H? Norman?

Henry Wright



McAdams Creek: John Stewart

John Garral

Duncan Garrison?

James Conners

M.L. Ion?

Scott Bar:Wm. Shores-?

G. Lilliard

Green? Hicks

Wm. Reinwald I. B

Ladne? B.F. Vanny

In haste to you

Luttrell

P.S. (written on the side of page one): We should keep our places very still—move cautions by but surely?? I will be in town soon. L

### L17.1 (Binder #1)

Soda Springs June 1<sup>st</sup> 1862

Mr Rosborough

Dear Sir. I wish you would call at the Clrrks office amd get the lisencc for the bridge and send them out to me . Mr. Rogers had not time to make them out when I left town. I left the receipt that I got from the treasurer with him and he promised to send the lisencc out to me but he has neglected to do it yet and I want them for I shall comence to colect toll to morrow. I have not got the bridge repaired yet but will have in a a few days, never the less. I will colect toll to morrow. I thought it was not best to comence untill after the date fo the lisencc that is the first of June the River has bin very high for this seson of the year and I could not do mutch towards the bridge since I came out.

Yours with respect,

Isaac Levy

## L16.1-16.4 (Binder #1)

Umatilla October 29<sup>th</sup> 1865

A.M. Rosborough Esq.

Dear Sir

Your welcome favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> reached me yesterday and I assure you gave me great pleasure.

Your Brothers Books reached here several days before your letter and we sent it forward immediately—the Gun also came to hand and has been shipped.

I, like yourself had not received a line from home since the commencement of the war until about three weeks ago when I heard from my Brother who has been for the last eighteen months a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware—it was most distressing to me containing as it did, news of the death of my only sister and most discouraging accounts of the State of Affairs in Carolina—he writes that he was released on parole and was about starting for home although he said he feared to do so on account of the danger attending any attempts to get possession of his property again.

He says that Planters had been invited to return to their places and re-organize labor under the freedman system but that the negroes (incited by Abolition Yankee Speculators who desired to get possession of the lands) were almost altogether unmanageable and in several instances had murdered their former Masters who had made the attempt to work them—it is a terrible state of affairs but as we are conquered we are only submitting to the fate of the vanquished and must do so with the best grace we can.

Since I saw you last I have had my usual vicissitudes of fortune—went to Caribou made money and lost it again just as quick but now I think I am permanently established in a good business that I trust will last for several years.

I can not say that we have made a great deal of money as yet but if we can hold our position for two or three years I do not fear the results.

Your account of the election is very interesting to me and I do hope you will be able to ignore the soldiers vote and get good Democrats in office—it is the only salvation for the country—how is it you do not mention your own name—did you not run for ? Judge again? I have always thought that you were entitled to a life lease of the Office and would think that politics were at a desperate stage when they could bear you for any position you might desire.

I visited Idaho a short time since and saw almost everyone I ever knew in Siskiyou—in fact in walking through the streets you would almost swear that you were at Yreka in 54 or 55.

As a general thing the leading men both in the Professions and Business are former Northern Californians and a majority of them have done well.

The country is one of the most extensive and the richest for its extent I ever saw and I think that within two years Owyhee and South Boise will excel Washoe in the richness and extent of its silver mines—we have a new excitement for the Spring fever—the Blackfoot Country, which is represented to be fully as extensive and rich as the Boise Basin.

Take the whole field in Idaho and Montana Territories and I do not think they have their equals as an opening for enterprise and capital in the world.

Dr. Horsley and family are still at Canyon City and I understand his is doing well-- R.B. Morford and wife are here and send their kind regards to you—he is practicing Law—has the office of County Judge and is making money.

The last time I saw Theodore Lytle was on William Creek, Cariboo in 63—he was then mining but I do not think had much money—I heard last year that he left and had gone to Montana with E. Moore who is now at Virginia City Mon-- I will make some inquiry about Lytle and at you know if possible where he is.

Remember me to your wife an all my old friends and if you can find leasure to drop me a few lines now and then I shall be much gratified and will answer promptly.

Should anything transpire in which I can serve you please command me and it will afford me pleasure to attend to it.

Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain.

Very Truly Yous,

George H. Coe

### L18.1 (Binder #1)

BANKING HOUSE OF SANDERS AND BRENHAM

SAN FRANCISCO. Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 1854

A.M. Rosborough Esq.

Scott's Valley

Siskiyou County, Cal.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of yours of 20<sup>th</sup> March--and presented the same with your ? to M. Edwards and now refer you to his letter enclosed.

Enclosed you will find a statement of your ? up to this mourning-- Your Last Draft for \$500 pay able to the order of Horn and by him endorsed over to Tomkinson Wood and Co. was presented this morning but refused payment for the reason that Tomlinson Wood and Co. had not endorsed it-- the holder of the Draft was told that the money was here, and as soon as the Draft was properly endorsed, it would be paid.

In regard to the Draft for \$250 mentioned in your letter as having been refused, no one in the office has any recollection of its presentation.

Respectfully,

Sanders and Brenham

# TEACHERS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY SCHOOLS 1907-1916

Transcribed by Mike Grifantini

TEACHER	GRADE	MONTHLY SALARY	SCHOOL	TERM
Miss Goldie Zumwalt	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	16-Sep-07
Mollie A. Brown	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	10-Jul-11
Edith M. Ames	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	22-Apr-12
Hazel H. Eldredge	Primary	\$ 70.00	Mayten	10-Mar-13
Mary A. Freeman	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	1-Jul-12
Gladys Saylor	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	7-Jul-13
Flavel McClellan	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	23-Mar-14
Mary K. Howe	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	20-Jul-14
Marie C. Mahon	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Mayten	Sep-14
Maybelle Needham	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	15-Mar-15
Maybelle Needham	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	26-Jul-15
Rilda Skinner	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	6-Mar-16
Flora Neate	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Mayten	4-Sep-16
Miss Atlanta Adams	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Upton	2-Sep-07
Miss Atlanta Adams	Primary	\$ 70.00	Sisson	7-Sep-08
Olive L. Buzzell	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	6-Sep-09
Olive L. Buzzell	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	22-Aug-10
Bertha I Nichols	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	11-Sep-11
Bertha I Nichols	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	9-Sep-12
Lillian Appleby	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	8-Sep-13
Lucie M. Vandergon	Primary	\$ 70.00	Sisson	24-Aug-14
Lucie M. Vandergon	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	1-Jul-15
Mrs. J. C. Sawne	Primary	\$ 70.00	Sisson	26-Jul-15
Myrtle Hathaway	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	1-Sep-16
Mrs. Gertrude Carter	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	19-Mar-17
Mrs. Frances Swane	Grammar	\$ 70.00	Sisson	3-Jul-16
Mr. Frank Schmitt	Grammar	\$ 90.00	Callahans	23-Sep-07
Mr. Frank Schmitt	Grammar	\$ 90.00	Callahans	5-Oct-08
Mr. John W. Luttrell	Grammar	\$ 80.00	Callahans	6-Sep-09
Alice Morrison	Grammar	\$ 80.00	Callahans	18-Apr-10
Grace B. Dangel	Grammar	\$ 80.00	Callahans	5-Sep-10
August Geney	Grammar	\$ 85.00	Callahan	4-Sep-11
August Geney	Grammar	\$ 85.00	Callahan	2-Sep-12
D. W. Brown	Grammar	\$ 80.00	Callahan	1-Sep-13
D. W. Brown	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Callahan	31-Aug-14
D. W. Brown	Grammar	\$ 80.00	Callahan	30-Aug-15
Myrta Wolford	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Callahan	4-Sep-16
Miss Vesta Smith	Grammar		Edgewood	
Miss Susie Macaulay	Grammar	\$ 75.00	Edgewood	10-Sep-02

TEACHER	GRADE		MONTHLY SALARY	SCHOOL	TERM
Miss Edith M. Fuller	Grammar		75.00	Edgewood	7-Sept-08
Mrs. Della Noffsinger	Grammar	\$	75.00	Edgewood	6-Sep-09
Miss Huldah Gisbrecht	Grammar			Edgewood	11-Apr-10
Mrs. Della Noffsinger	Grammar	\$	75.00	Edgewood	5-Sep-10
Georgia Wellons	Grammar	\$	75.00	Edgewood	4-Sep-11
Georgia Wellons	Grammar	\$	75.00		2-Sep-12
Pearl Sullaway	Grammar	\$	75.00		
Jessie Childers	Grammar	\$	75.00		1-Sep-13
Isabelle Boyle	Grammar	\$	75.00		1-Sep-14
Georgia Wellons	Grammar	\$	75.00		25-Aug-15
Georgia Wellons	Grammar	\$	75.00		3-Jan-16
Mr. C. F. Miers	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	
Mrs. Eugenia Lindsey	Primary	\$	65.00	Ager	8-Jul-07
Mrs. Alberta Martin	Primary	\$	65.00		
Hovey				Ager	6-Jul-08
Miss Sophia E. Liebig	Primary	\$	65.00	Ager	1-Mar-09
Miss Sophia E. Liebig	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	20-Apr-09
Miss Sophia E. Liebig	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	1-Jul-09
Miss Sophia E. Liebig	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	4-Apr-10
Edna M. Kelley		\$	65.00	Ager	5-Jul-10
Mina L. Tipton	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	10-Jul-11
Emily Matti	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	15-Jul-12
Katherine Hero	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	2-Sep-12
Hazel Eldredge	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	14-Jul-13
Beatrice Rule	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	2-Mar-14
Hazel Eldredge	Grammar	\$	65.00	Ager	3-Aug-14
Edith Hagerty	Grammar	\$	75.00	Ager	30-Jul-15
Mrs. Rose Massey	Grammar	\$	75.00	Ager	6-Jul-16
A.A. Morgan	Grammar	\$	75.00	Ager	September, 1916
Sebylle Wells	Grammar	\$	75.00	Ager	March, 1917
Miss Sylvia M. Caskey	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	12-Aug-07
Miss Sylvia M. Caskey	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	2-Mar-08
Mrs. Nantie A. May	Primary	\$	70.00	Bogus	13-Jul-08
Mrs. Nantie A. May	Primary			Bogus	5-Apr-09
Mrs. Nantie A. May	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	19-Jul-09
Mrs. Myrtle Strobeck	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	18-Oct-09
Katherine Calkins	Grammar			Bogus	21-Mar-10
Tressa M. Phillips	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	18-Jul-10
Tressa M. Phillips	Grammar	\$	70.00	Bogus	11-Apr-11

HISTORY OF THE HENLEY AND HORN BROOK CEMETERY DISTRICT as written in June, 1969, by LOUISE GEORGE.

Directors of the cemetery are Gordon Jacobs, 91 years old, Robert Cummins and Wayne Cummins.

The first burial was in 1852. The big pine trees in the cemetery are some of the original trees of what used to be a pine forest. The original cemetery was less than one acre. It was enlarged in 1946 . The North end was bought from the Bray estate. The markers made by Gordon Jacobs' father are in the old original cemetery. His name was John Jacobs. Another addition was made on the cemetery in the year 1962 on Nov. 11. The land was purchased from the Coleman family.

Gordon Jacobs organized the present district in 1938 and he is one of the original directors. This district was organized according to State law. At this time Gordon Jacobs was a County Supervisor. Noah Coleman was the first caretaker of the cemetery after the district was formed. At the present time, Cliff Reeves is the caretaker and has been since Approximately 1947.

The cemetery is supported by a property tax. Due to our broad tax base, our cemetery tax rate is about five cents on our total tax rate.

In the 1920 era, there was a severe drought and the people of Hornbrook hauled water from the Klamath River and from Ditch Creek to keep the young trees alive in the cemetery.

Story about how the cemetery was started: There was an epidemic of cholera in the town of Cottonwood. The people were taken away from the town to be buried at the present site which is called the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery. Several of the graves in Henley-Hornbrook marked unknown are Indian graves. There was a large Indian settlement where Oregon Road and Henley-Hornbrook roads are presently located.

From the *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, October 12, 1955:

WEED—A historical plaque and monument was dedicated Sunday morning twelve miles north of Weed. It marks the point where Military Pass Road, from Ft. Crooks, near MacArthur, merged with the old Applegate Trail out of Oregon. The Applegate Trail was originally used by the Hudson's Bay Trappers and was the first wagon trail into Siskiyou County.

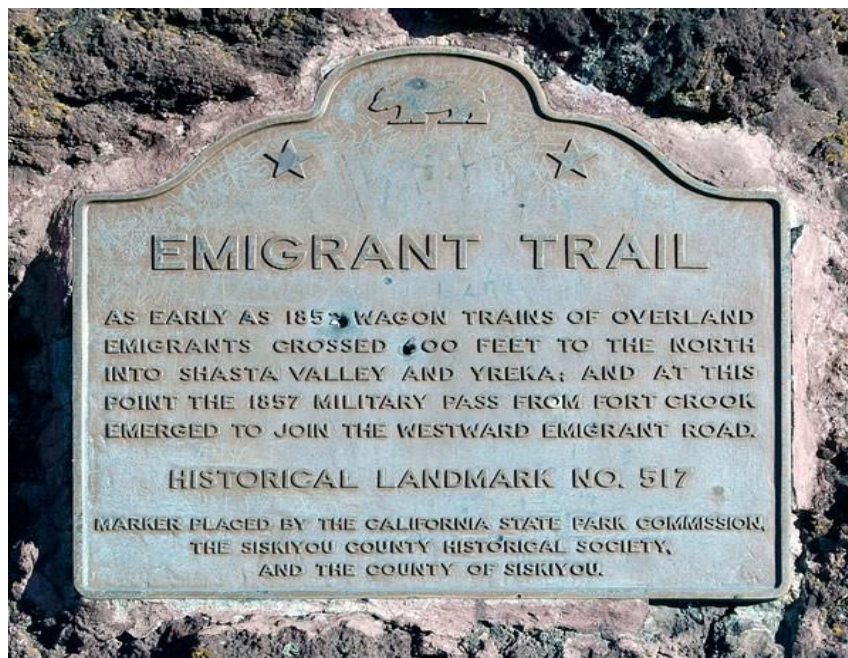
The Military Pass Road was so named because soldiers stationed at Ft. Crooks assisted pioneers over the trail that opened the wagon route into the Shasta Valley and Yreka from the south. It was the main trail used before the road over Scott Mountain to Sacramento was completed. It extends around Mt. Shasta on the east and south into the McCloud River, Modoc County, and Sacramento Valley.

Principal speakers at the 11:00 a.m. ceremonies were Joe Allen of Dorris, chairman of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors; Dr. Aubrey Neasham historian for the California Department of Parks and Beaches; Walter Pollock of Yreka, President of the Siskiyou County Historical Society; and George Schrader of Mt. Shasta former President of the Historical Society.

The plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Anna Dreyer, Little Shasta and Dr. Neasham. Mrs. Dreyer is the daughter of the late Stephen Soule, who traveled across the plains and entered Siskiyou County in 1861 and settled in the Little Shasta area. Ancestors of Dr. Neasham traveled over the road into the Scott Valley country and were among the early county pioneers. Many pioneers in this section entered the county by way of the wagon trail.

Boy Scouts Troup 32 of Yreka, Dugan Barr, Richard Hayes, and Gordon Dunham formed the color guard. Paula Harris of Yreka placed a floral spray at the base of the monument at the close of the ceremonies.

The historical marker was placed by the California State Park Commission, the Siskiyou County Historical Society and the County of Siskiyou



Scott Bar, Calif. — Cost of dying high?

Not in Siskiyou County just south of the Oregon state line.

When someone dies there, relatives and friends dig the grave.

And cemetery lots are free.

Cemetery lots in most metropolitan areas start at \$200 and run as high as \$1,000. Add to that the grave-digger's fee.

But in Scott Bar, Hamburg, Etna, Callahan, Horse Creek, Sawyers Bar, Seiad Valley, Ft. Jones, Forks of Salmon and other hamlets of Siskiyou, cemeteries are community property.

### **Graveyards**

"Most graveyards have been in these little towns 100 to 150 years." Dan H. Girdner, one of three morticians in the county said.

"Nobody has title to the cemeteries. They're just there. Always have been since the first person died in those places."

"Our cemetery is U. S. Forest Service land," said Betty Hegler, describing the huge burial ground at Scott Bar, enclosed with an impressive rock wall put up by the Works Project Administration (WPA) during the 1930s.

"No it isn't," corrected Bob Turner, resident ranger at Scott Bar which has a population of fewer than 100. At least 10 times that many he buried in the cemetery.

"Everybody around here has a false notion that the cemetery is govern-ment land. But they're mistaken," Turner said. "Like most land here there is no title. If you try to secure title on ground around here, you're wasting your time and money. There never was title to it. Old timers trusted each other. That's something you don't find no more in most places."

Mrs. Hegler, former Scott Bar postmistress, Bob Turner and his wife, Dolores, told of the most recent burial in the community, that of Mrs. Adaline Krause, 84, a blind woman who died a few weeks ago.

### **Personal Involvement**

"Death in Scott Bar is more of a personal involvement for everyone in the community than it is in larger towns or the big city," explained Mrs. Hegler.

"Burying our dead has a much closer meaning for all of us — not only relatives, but everyone in town."

"The day Adaline died," continued the ranger, "her niece stopped by our place and asked if I would help dig the grave. That's an honor in itself to be asked."

The deceased woman's brother, Percy Weeks, and a couple dozen men of the community went up to the cemetery brought them beer.

Townswomen put up lunches for the grave-diggers and brought them beer.

"First we had to blast the grave site with caps and powder," said the ranger. "This is rough country. Then we took turns digging."

He said the gravediggers really worked up a sweat.

"The beer is most always part of the ritual."

It took a day and a half to dig the grave in the rocky ground.

Services for Mrs. Krause were held the follow-ing day in the old one-room Scott Bar school house, now used as a community center.

"After other graveside services, the men changed into old clothes while the women prepared a community luncheon," said Mrs. Hegler.

The men covered the grave.

Scott Bar cemetery has been in existence since 1857. Many headstones date back to the 1850s, '60s, 70s.



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