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Presidents Page

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Doris Betts -Howard S. Ritchey - Vada Powell Ritchey

Welcome New Members

Hello to All,

As I set here looking forward in a new year, things look overwhelming. Then when I set out to make a list of the projects that are planned for the year, they do not look so big and are doable. (I sigh with relief)

We have planed 3 Seminars for the year and we have already had one of them on January the 9th. It was well attended, with 16 people participating. The next scheduled All Day Seminar is March the 6th, make plans to attend. There has not been a date set for the third Seminar, you will be notified as soon as we have a date.

There is a new webmaster has been named, Donna Coleman, and she is working on getting it set up with a new look and user friendly. She is setting up the indexes for the newspaper clippings books. This will give you a way to get a copy of an ancestor's birth, marriage, death, and miscellaneous articles that were in the area newspapers. Keep your eye on the changes that will be coming up. Good work Donna.

Speaking of the newspaper clippings, I would like to thank Fawn Hullquist for all the years she has been saving the articles; it takes a lot of time. I would like to bring to your attention the people, Wanda Payne, Doris Betts, Fawn Hullquist, and Mary Burchfield, for showing up almost every Saturday to work on getting these into books with indexes. They have made it into the 1990's, girls it is getting close, Thanks.

History Day has been set for Father's Day in June, in the Armory at the Fairgrounds. The committee has been working hard on getting history interested groups to participate with displays and demonstrations. We have had some show strong interest, the Rock and Gem group, with a display of rocks from the Siskiyou County area. The Karuk Tribe has shown an interest. The goal is to get is started this year and then we can do it annually.

If you have any ideas they would be much appreciated.

There has been several new books added to our collection, come in and check them out. Jerry Churchill has been busy, he is coping the old records from the funeral home. They are on a disk at the Center. They have almost as much information as a death certificate. Jim Mello is checking with the Catholic Church to see if we can copy the old church records.

If you happen to have some old records around or know where there are some, please help us out by letting us copy them or if you no longer want them let us have them for the Center.

Have a Good Year
Glenda Doughman, pres.

Information Page

Meeting Programs for Coming Months

February: 28th Pat Healy - World War 2 Ancestor's
March: 29th First Family Dinner
April: 26th Sharing Genealogy Information

Purpose of Genealogical Society

To stimulate public interest in family history. To collect, preserve & publish genealogical historical matters relating to American families & places. To provide Educational service to the communities in Siskiyou County. To establish & maintain for the use of members & others a library of American genealogy, local history & biography including a surname file. To hold meetings for the instructions & increased effectiveness of its members. To serve & support the genealogy departments of Siskiyou County Library

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General Meetings: Held at above address
Last Tuesday of each month **April to October**
7:00 P.M.

Nov./Dec. Combined meeting - Potluck

Jan. & Feb. Last Saturday of month 1:00 P.M.

March is First Family dinner Meeting
Held at a local Restaurant 6:00 P.M.

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Except Holidays - other times by appointment
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The last Tuesday of the months: of January - April
July & October.

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For Ads -Article's etc. 1st of the above months.

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\$10.00 for first hour \$5.00 for each additional
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County). Enclose a stamped self addressed
Envelope.

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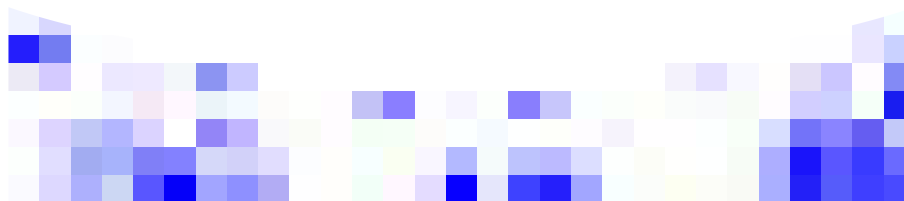
Research Pat Healy

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Bits & Pieces



Scott Valley Genealogy Home Page:

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Rogue Valley Genealogical Research Library:

<http://www.rvgslibrary.org>

Shasta Co. Genealogy Home Website:

<http://www.rootsweb.aancestry.com/~cascogs/>

Fw: Interesting reading

From: "Laurie Finch" <stella07@centurytel.net>

To: Jennifer Bryan

Very Interesting Stuff

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker
Than his thumb. Hence we have **"the rule of thumb"**

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'..
And thus the word **GOLF** entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was **Fred and Wilma Flintstone**.

Every day more money is printed for **Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury**

Men can read **smaller print** than women can; women can **hear better**.

Coca-Cola was originally **green**.

It is impossible to **lick your elbow**.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: **ALASKA**

The percentage of Africa that is **wilderness: 28%** (now get this..)

The percentage of North America that is **wilderness: 38%**

Calendar's & Book Donations

February

3rd Center Open 4 P.M. To 8 P.M.
6th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
13th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
17th Center Open 4 P.M. To 4 P.M.
18th Board Meeting 1 P.M.
20th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
27th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
27th General Meeting 1 P.M.

March

3rd Center Open 4 P.M. To 8 P.M.
6th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
6th All Day Seminar 9 A.M.
13th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
17th Center Open 4 P.M. To 8 P.M.
18th Board Meeting 1 P.M.
20th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
27th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
30th First Family Dinner 6 P.M.
At a Local Restaurant

April

3rd Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
7th Center Open 4 P.M. To 8 P.M.
10th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
15th Board Meeting 1 P.M..
17th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
17th All Day Seminar 9 A.M.
21st Center Open 4 P.M. To 8 P.M.
24th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
27th General Meeting 7 P.M.

Book Donations

Jennifer Bryan

Siskiyou Pioneer 1960-1992

Mary Burchfield

Maps of Pennsylvania

Kathryn Cavin

Klamath County Directory 2009-2010

Malin Oregon 1909-2009

Try Unity Directory

Hatti Caldwell Davis (Glenda Doughman)

Civil War Letters

Reflections of Cataloochee Valley

Step Back in Time

GSSC Purchased

Great Register - Shasta Co. 1898

Meredith Perry

The Cemetery Record Compendium

Nancy Pitts

Yreka Directory 1986

June Severns Family

A Complete Catalogue of Publications

A Stonyford Pedigree

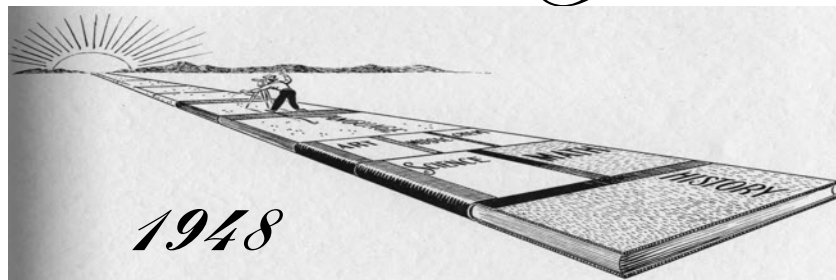
Backwoods Chronicle

Blue Lake's French Pioneers

Brush Family Reunion 2000

Clark Fork to Canyon Creek - Directory of Siskiyou Co. Schools 1976-1977 - Gravestone Carvings
Higgins Genealogical - Humboldt Memorabilia - Ieka 1963-1966 to 1969 -1980-1987-1991
Looking Back Cal-Or Stage Road - Mayflower Marriages - Millennium - My Folks Claimed the Plains
Redwood Bonanza - Siskiyou Pioneer 2009 - Supplement to the Descendants of Brush Family
The Deter Family History - The Humboldt Bay Region 180-1875 - Van Meter (Hurst-Charley)
What Became of the Little Red School House in the Round Valley Area 60 Years Ago 1973 -
Where the Ferns Grew Tall - White & Gold's 1942-1957-1960

White & Gold















1948

TULE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors



			
			
			
COLLEEN METZ JOANNE STACY PATSY TERRY	KENNETH POWELL BOYD TAYLOR HUGH WILSON	PHYLLIS ROWAN WARREN TAYLOR PEGGY TERRY	NINA SMITH JOHN WALDRIP DONNA WRIGHT

Seniors

Heir-A-Parent

Klamath Junction:

History Submerged Beneath Emigrant Lake

by

Lance K. Pugh

It was a hot summer's day as I sat in the shade of an apple tree inside the Hill Cemetery, overlooking a half-full Emigrant Lake, located a few miles East of Ashland, Oregon. With my back against the tree for support, I lifted my binoculars and could see where the Old Siskiyou Highway came down and disappeared into the lake. Off to my left I espied how the Old Greensprings Highway dropped and dipped into the waters in a similar fashion. Knowing that the road to Ashland used to pass through what is now an earthen dam constructed in the early 60's, I could come quite close to triangulating the location of the now submerged Klamath Junction which, until the expansion of the lake, was the hub for travel to Ashland, Klamath Falls and the Siskiyou Summit.

Having recently read the 1951 typed history of the area as obtained both orally and through an old newspaper clipping by Juanita Howell Mayfield, along with her hand-drawn map of the structures that made up Klamath Junction, I set down my binoculars and closed my eyes. My mind slowly sank under the waters as I entered a world separated by both time and water, there to soak up the richness of our heritage as passed down from the original pioneers who saw the value of such a strategic and productive land. My thoughts swam like bass over, around, through the murky mix as those long-deceased beckoned, and lured me to share what were once their vibrant lives.

The first white women in the south end of the Bear Creek Valley were Elizabeth Fine Hill and her daughters Martha, Mary and Ann. Headed up by father Issac and brother Cicero, they settled on a Donation Land Claim which is now under Emigrant Lake.



James and Anne Russel's grave at Hill Cemetery



Old Siskiyou Highway dips into Emigrant Lake

The Hills spent a year traveling from Tennessee, leaving with a covered wagon, considerable livestock, building tools, general supplies and two books: the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. Arriving in Ashland exactly 365 days later, with only a stove lashed to the back of a mule, they were greeted by a small one room, dirt-floored cabin, with holes for windows. The men had thrown the cabin together while the women spent several months at Fort Wagner, a fortified house in what is now Talent. Condos in Ashland are worth now a measure of gold, but safety from rifle shot or arrow blended values back then.

The women kept a brave face, but later revealed that they each wandered off to a secluded place and cried alone, such was their measure of pride and dedication... They had actually arrived in Oregon quite wealthy in livestock and possessions, yet a cruel winter and a path, instead of a wagon trail from the Willamette Valley left them broke, wagon less and on foot as they strode into the Valley.

The only problem with a Donation Land Claim is that the Rogue River Indians were there first. The Hill family soon became embroiled in a war with the Native Americans, who didn't much appreciate the fact that 700 pioneers arrived the next year, each family to claim prime farming, hunting and living sites that the Indians had used for untold generations. The Indians slaughtered, while the pioneers merely massacred, the end result being a slew of dead and dying. Not too much to be proud about, all around.

[Humanity] has unquestionably one really effective weapon—laughter. Power, money, persuasion, supplication, persecution—these can lift at a colossal humbug—push it a little—weaken it a little, century by century; but only laughter can blow it to rags and atoms at a blast. Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand—Mark Twain

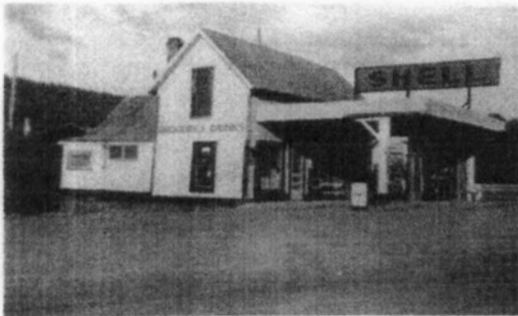
Much of the written history of the time concerns itself with births, death, fighting and misery. Surely some of the pioneers had an occasional good time, but there is hardly any mention of it. What we have reads as dry as the Southside of a northbound camel, the only moisture coming from tears of grief and the sweat of hard manual labor.

We have followed the Hudson Bay trappers as they followed Indian and animal trails over the Siskiyou from California and, over time, how the path was widened to a rutted, then a maintained toll road. This road lead to a now nearly forgotten fork in the road called Klamath Junction.

The wagon/stagecoach toll road over the Siskiyou, used since the 1850s, gave way in importance to the railroad when the Golden Spike was driven in Ashland on the Dec. 17 1887, connecting Ashland to the balance of a nation-wide railroad system. Railroad passenger traffic declined dramatically in 1926 as a faster and more level route through Klamath Falls was opened. Ashland was kept viable by an increasing flow of automotive traffic, fueled by Henry Ford's mass production, which increased the pressure for more and better-maintained roads.

In 1926 the US Highway System was created and the former wagon/stagecoach trail, as improved, became designated US-99, which reached Klamath Junction at the bottom of the grade from the Siskiyou Summit. By 1948 much of current route of I-5 was adopted as Highway 99 and then upgraded to Interstate Standards in 1965.

It was during 1926 that Emigrant Lake was created, this to supply water for the nascent systems of irrigation within the valley, one of which is known as the Talent Irrigation District (TID). Vast expanses of fecund farmland brimmed with peaches and pears, giving Harry and David a ready supply to fill its fruit baskets destined for the nation's markets. Some landowners were forced to relocate, as the outline of the project became known. Back then there was no way to appeal or question a federally approved undertaking and the only recourse was to suck it up and move.



Shell Station



Caton's Garage

Klamath Junction slowly built up over the years. In the 1930's it sported a handful of houses, two gas stations, an automotive garage, café and a roadhouse, the latter Called The Dutch Mill, which also held the dance hall. The denizens were largely self-sufficient, heading down to Ashland infrequently for special occasions or to get a fresh batch of books from the library. Surrounding the Junction were abundant orchards planted by the pioneers, complete with a packinghouse and an apple press. I can almost assure you that none of that apple juice found its way through a fermentation and distillation process to become the beverage of choice on Saturday nights at the Dance Hall. This was during prohibition and we all know that good Americans didn't drink then, don't we?

Well, something was going on, as each dance was accompanied by several fistfights that were ceremoniously held up the road at a sulfur spring, where wounds were tended and toasts made with untampered apple juice. The springs are now under the lake, feeding the TID and the fish, as well as wetting the water-skiers and increasing numbers of rowers who scull or sweep row their way in the early morning calm. It is then that the lost voices can best be heard.

The lake was expanded in 1960, this accomplished by a much larger dam. Klamath Junction was condemned to a watery grave, though the memories of the wagons, stagecoaches and cars that traveled through live long in the memories of the local families of the time. You could not drive from San Francisco to Portland without passing Caton's garage, which moved to Ashland next to Omar's, a famous steak and seafood restaurant, some 60 years ago.

The larger dam was to flood the pioneer cemetery, founded by the Hill Family. An accurate burial census had to be compiled and permission obtained from the descendents of the pioneers interred there. In 1958 workers dug up members of the Hill, Dunn, Russell and other pioneer families dating back to the 1850's and relocated them to higher

ground. The oldest known burial in the Hill-Dunn cemetery was 19-year-old Isham Kérin, nephew of Isaac and Elizabeth Hill, who was killed in 1853 on Evans Creek while fighting in the Rogue Indians Wars. The war lasted 6 weeks and 17 pioneers rest now in the Hill Cemetery due to that conflict.

In 1854 Ann married James H. Russell and Mary married Patrick Dunn. The following year Martha Married Almon Gillette. This being the final emotional blow to the dozens of Jacksonville miners who lined the fence around the Hill House every Sunday morning in hope of catching a glance of the only three young non-married women in the Valley. Mom was usually kind enough to invite the lot in for a meal, for which they donated items of rare availability, like a potato that cost a dollar. By the end of the meal the men got the message...those who brought the best gifts got larger portions, which is only my best guess.

There are people who strictly deprive themselves of each and every eatable, drinkable, and smokable which has in any way acquired a shady reputation. They pay this price for health. And health is all they get for it. How strange it is. It is like paying out your whole fortune for a cow that has gone dry---Mark Twain

Martha, in her later years, became an ardent Prohibitionist. She gathered some women who brought their rocking chairs and knitting needles to the Ashland Plaza, there to set up shop in front of the saloon. After 3 days with no one daring to cross this picket line, the saloon owner surrendered and moved his business to Medford. The shot was heard around the Valley. It now seems ironic that Ashland was forced to go dry, then Klamath Junction went all too wet. A glass of water between shots of whisky might have made a better compromise, though I think that Martha would have none of it. She seems to have read about Madame LaFarge knitting while the guillotine kept chopping away in Paris and liked the idea.

1865 the Russells set up a marble works along Ashland Creek...turning out monuments and headstones that were always in demand. A rock solid business in those days of often early demise. The fact that they owned the cemetery polished up their presence while keeping everyone humble. Between Ann and Martha the term "cold sober" took on a new and prosperous meaning.

Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. ---Mark Twain



Climbing from the lake towards Siskiyou Pass



Canton's wrecker

A couple of hours passed as I dreamed of the challenging lives of our pioneer families while as I sat with my eyelids shut and my ears glued to the past. Snapshots of a dirt floored hovel to greet the women who walked from Tennessee, ogling gold-miners leaning on the fence, anxious for a fleeting glimpse of some very young women, the screams, shouts and blasts of the Rogue Indian War punctuated further snippets of wagons, stagecoaches, trains and model T's made entrance to Ashland from the south as the roads and rails got slowly upgraded.

I was suddenly awakened by the squawk of a crow which had landed atop the rounded rock of the Russell's grave. I must have startled it as it flew down over the lake out and over Klamath Junction and beyond to the remains of the Old Siskiyou Highway as the road began the ascent up the hill towards Pilot Rock, which served as a visual clue to many thousands who came from California to mark the pass over the Siskiyou into Oregon.

I found my heart beating in time with the flapping wings of the crow, my only reminder that I am yet alive to honor the passing of the passing of some sturdy folks, both native and non-native to our fertile valley and the lives we now choose to live.

Historic Cemeteries of Ashland Oregon

United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

Historic Cemeteries of Ashland Oregon and Environs 1851-1925

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Hill-Dunn Cemetery, established in 1853 on the Isaac Hill Donation Land Claim, is approximately three acres in size and is situated approximately three miles east of Ashland near Highway 66 and Emigrant Lake. The family burial ground was originally opened to accept the bodies of individuals killed in Indian-settler conflicts and was gradually expanded to contain the graves of many of the east Ashland area's earliest Euro-American settlers. Among the graves are those of members of the Hill, Dunn and Russell families. Hill-Dunn Cemetery, with vegetation typical of the valley floor and bordering uplands at the time of initial immigration intact, represents one end of the spectrum of landscape qualities of the community area's pioneer cemeteries.

James and Ann Hill Russell

The excellent marble work of the Russells developed from years of experience at their trade. James Russell was born in Tennessee on April 5, 1823. He received his earliest instructions in the stonecutter trade after joining a railroad construction force. After an apprenticeship at the trade in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Russell left the east for California and the Gold Rush. He moved to southern Oregon in 1851 and opened the Mountain House near the base of the Siskiyou. Russell married Ann Hill on May 9, 1854 and after working and living in Yreka, California for four years returned to Jackson County to erect a marble mill near Phoenix, Oregon. After a brief period in Idaho mines, James Russell settled in Ashland on April 14, 1865 and built a marble mill on Ashland Creek. Here he is credited with creating the first marble monuments in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath and Lake Counties and in Siskiyou County, California. James Russell was assisted in the marble and monument business by his wife who excelled in both design and carving. Russell died in Ashland on October 1, 1895 after prolonged rheumatic difficulties.

During James Russell's illness and following his death, his wife operated the marble monument business alone. Ann Hill Russell, born in Sweetwater, Tennessee, came to the upper Bear Creek Valley with her parents, Isaac and Elizabeth Hill in the spring of 1853. Mother of eleven children, Ann Russell had assisted her husband at his work through the years and after his death continued the work on her own, earning a reputation as a fine marble carver. In 1908 the Ashland Tidings quoted an article from the Monumental News, a Chicago published trade journal regarding Mrs. Russell's skilled work.

Mrs. Ann Hazeltine Hill Russell of Ashland Oregon enjoys the distinction of being a skillful, practical marble cutter and carver. She owns a marble shop in Ashland and does all kinds of stone work, making a specialty of carved monumental work.

Mrs. Russell learned her trade from her husband in lettering and carving and she finally surpassed her teacher. She has conducted the business since her husband's death, and does all the lettering, carving, and designing and attends personally to setting up each monument. Ann Hill Russell was quoted in the article:

'[In 1865] Mr. Russell built a marble mill here run by water power, and supplied the trade of four counties in Southern Oregon. He worked exclusively in Oregon marble -- white crystal marble from a quarry about sixty miles northwest of Ashland. After the railroad came, Vermont marble almost entirely supplanted Oregon marble in our shop. I delight to carve in Vermont marble, as it is so much softer than the Oregon stone, and the latter is almost as hard to work as granite.

Local monuments credited to James or Ann Hill Russell in Ashland Cemetery include, among others, those of Ernest and Ella Wagner, Oscar and Lucinda Ganiard, E.K. Anderson, John McCall, J.C. Tolman, Thomas Smith and J.H. Chitwood. For these stones and many others carved during the period the Russells worked in Ashland, granite and marble material was taken from several quarries in the area including Marble Mountain in Josephine County, and the Tolman, Praytor and Blair Quarries near Ashland.

Stories

Permission to publish the story about Douglas Thornburg (From Elizabeth <eathornburg@aol.com>

Douglas Thornburg Story

Here are the details of the B-24 crash involving Douglas Thornburg:

At 7 p.m. on the evening of July 3, 1943, B-24 #42-7011 took off from Salinas Army air Field on a nighttime navigation training mission over the Pacific Ocean. A few hours into the flight, the crew discovered the plane was using fuel at an excessive rate, and turned immediately for the coast. About an hour west of Point Conception, one engine quit. Pilot "Skip" Johnson told the crew to be ready at any time to bail out, but to wait for his order.

As they sighted the light beacons at Point Conception, a second engine quit, and the bomber went into a steep dive. Navigator Peter Dannhardt and bombardier Robert Prosser panicked and exited the plane through the front landing gear doors.

Johnson and co-pilot George White were able to pull the plane out of the dive and limp to Santa Barbara on two engines. At 2 am on July 4, Johnson gave the bailout order and it was discovered that Dannhardt and Prosser were missing. All eight crew members who bailed out over land survived.

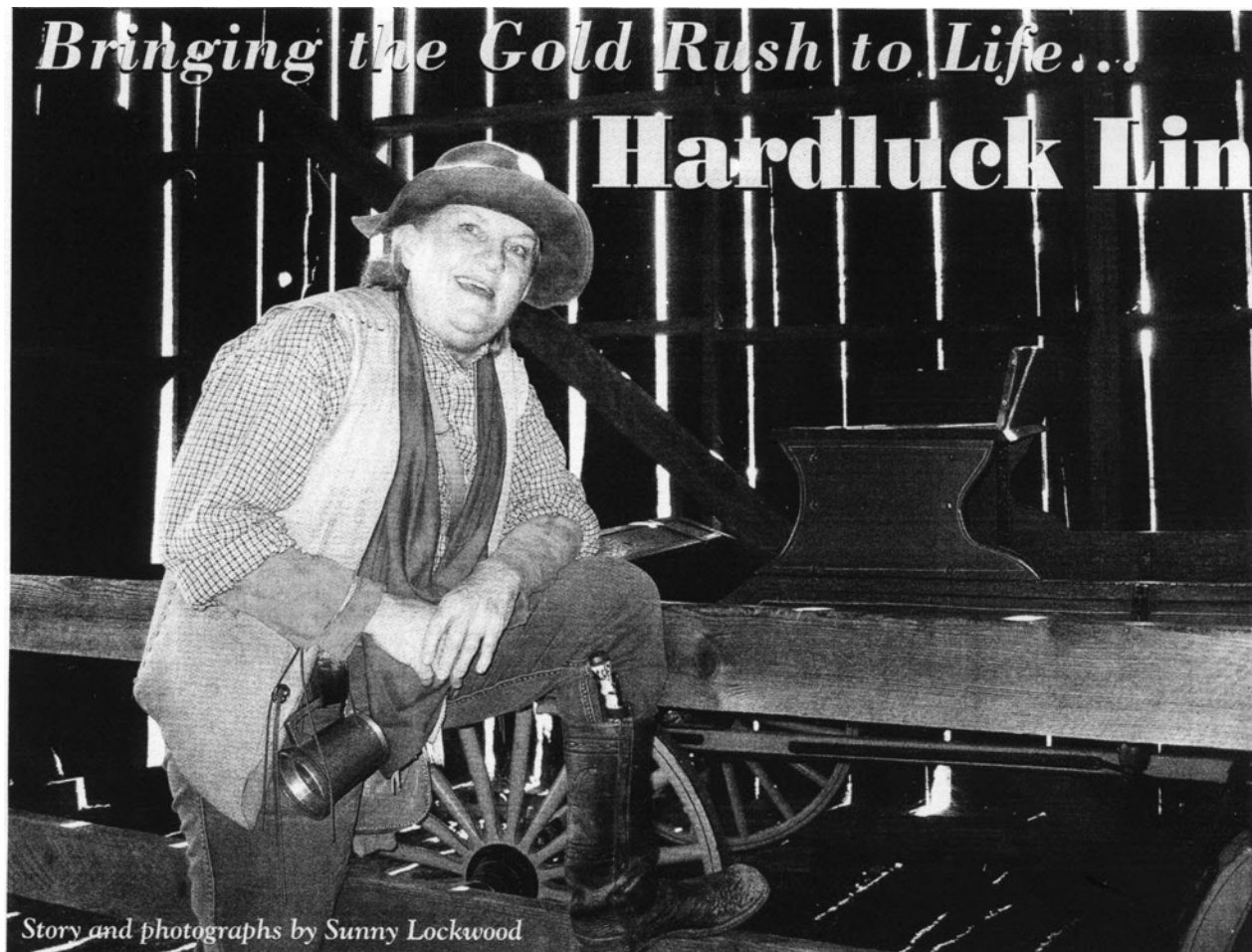
#42-7011 crashed in the mountains ten miles north of Santa Barbara. Several B-24's were sent out from Salinas to look for the two missing crew members. One of them was B-24 #42-7160. In addition to its normal ten man crew were pilot Douglas Thornburg and Navigator Justin Marshall. Thornburg was in command.

On the foggy morning of July 5, 1943 they were flying an east-to-west zigzag pattern over the ocean between Santa Barbara and Point Conception. Another bomber reported spotting a life raft near San Miguel Island, so the crew of #43-7160 decide to go in for a closer look. They were last seen headed west, descending below the fog layer at 500 feet. At about 8 am, they slammed into 800 foot tall Green Mountain on San Miguel Island at full speed. Two parachutes washed up on a beach west of Santa Barbara, but Dannhardt and Prosser were never found, and were presumed drowned.

The surviving crew of #42-7011 swore their fuel system and radios had been sabotaged, but the Army Air Force accident report concluded the pilot and flight engineer had not set the fuel mixture correctly on the bomber's engines.

The wreck of #7160 was discovered on San Miguel Island by a sheepherder named Robert Brooks on March 19, 1944. The Navy removed the remains of the crew. In 1954, hikers on the island found additional human remains near the wreck and reported this to the Air Force. A Coast Guard cutter was dispatched from Long Beach, and en route to the island, it struck the civilian sailboat Aloha, killing two passengers.

After this final incident, the Navy began using San Miguel Island for bombing practice, and blew up the wreck of #42-7160. Pieces remain there to this day.



FROM CLASSROOMS TO SENIOR CENTERS, Gold Rush history springs to life in the person of Hardluck Lin, a plucky, spunky, fun-loving storyteller who is part prospector, part teacher and all entertainer. Lin wears the gritty Gold Rush prospector garb of the 1850s: boots (one with a knife in it), broadfall pants, plaid shirt, leather vest and hat. She also carries her gold pouch, medicine bag, mug and bag o' beans. And she's plum full of authentic Gold Rush yarns.

"Course I have long Johns under everything," she says, her gray-blue eyes twinkling. "My kerchief is a length of fabric that I use to wash with, to bandage with. It ain't decoration, it's very serviceable. The vest is for warmth. It looks good, don't it."

She's eager to share stories of local families and historic loners gathering gold from rivers and streams, ditches and graves. Her enthusiastic audiences love learning about the Gold Rush in such a fun and funny way.

"She's a good story teller, very entertaining," said Pam Taylor, a board member with the Calaveras County Historical Society, who scheduled Hardluck Lin for the society's March meeting in honor of Women's History Month. "While the character of Hardluck Lin is fictional, all the stories she tells are factual."

Hardluck Lin is the creation of Twain Harte resident Linda Clark. Clark, who is nearly 60, has been a high school English teacher, a Ford factory worker and a Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputy. In 1999, she retired after 20 years in law enforcement and moved with her husband and teenaged son to Twain Harte.

The gutsy character Hardluck Lin evolved from several influences in Clark's life. First, Linda Clark grew up in Minnesota, watching TV westerns such as Roy Rogers, Gunsmoke and Have Gun Will Travel and those shows whetted her old west imagination.

Second, Clark married into a family descended from Gold Rush pioneers. The ancestors of her mother-in-law, Irene Clark, first mined in California's Siskiyou Mountains.

"My mother-in-law had boxes of photographs from early mines and items that the miners used like gold dust bags and smelter pots," Clark said. "She introduced me to all sorts of interesting artifacts and stories."

As Clark began exploring Mother Lode towns, she also started collecting and reading books about the Gold Rush era. Today her Gold Rush library numbers nearly 200 volumes.

And then there's her affinity for Cockeyed Charlie Parkhurst, a famous stage coach driver who was known for delivering the goods despite foul weather or foul bandits, who won respect for his way with horses and guns, and who, in reality was a woman living as a man.

"I have a two-inch-thick file on Charlie Parkhurst. Hardluck is kind of patterned on Charlie Parkhurst," Clark said. "She's a little bit of a composite. She has some of my characteristics and some of Charlie Parkhurst's."

Clark said she and Hardluck share the traits of persistence, independence and tenacity. "I grew up on a farm in Minnesota. It was not an easy life. But my dad kept trying. What better legacy than to teach me the value of perseverance? Both Hardluck and I will do whatever's required, whatever it takes."

Clark says Hardluck Lin, with her hand-me-down wardrobe and treasure trove of stories educates audiences by entertaining them.



When Linda puts on the hat and appears decked out in male miner's trousers and gear, Hardluck Lin emerges full of life, animated with brogue and personality.* Among the many hats Linda Clark has worn: native Minnesotan, California transplant, wife, mother, teacher, and Deputy Sheriff, her current is that of her living-history persona "Hardluck Lin", who today edu-tains, young and old alike, with authentic tales of the California gold rush and the westward movement throughout Northern California.

"People like to learn history if there's humor and fun involved," she says. "I always look for the humor, although lots of Gold Rush stories are sad or filled with pathos."

The 5-foot-6-inch performer added, "I call what I do education."

After Clark moved to Twain Harte in Tuolumne County, she became a volunteer docent at Columbia State Park, and began developing her Hardluck Lin character on the cobblestone streets of that historic town. She also volunteered at a summer camp, where she was able to polish Hardluck's character.

In 2004, Hardluck received her first invitation to share her stories with 4th and 5th graders. Since then, Hardluck has "edu-tained" service clubs, women's groups, senior and historical organizations, and school kids of all ages, from the Central Valley and throughout the foothill counties.

"It started out as a hobby, but it's more than that now," Clark said.

In addition to creating Hardluck Lin, Clark has written a book describing Hardluck's life. "The Small Window: The Story of Hardluck's Beginnings" was published last year and is available on her website: www.hardlucklin.com.

"I enjoy making history live for people," Clark said. "What's exciting is when, after a performance, someone will come up to me and say 'I'm the gold miner's daughter.' Or 'I'm the gold miner's son.' My performance brings back memories of a time when they were young and listening to stories from their grandparents. I've made it all real for them again."

Linda patterns her character after "Charley" Parkhurst, who hid in men's garb with a flat-brimmed hat pinned upward in the front, typical of the times 150 years ago.*

***No one knew she was a woman...
...until she died!***

For more information just type Hardluck Lin in a Internet search engine.

Articles from
Siskiyou Daily Newspaper

1-22-69 Siskiyou
**Jacqueline
Gleason**

Jacqueline Helen Gleason, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gleason of Mount Hebron, passed away Monday evening in a Yreka hospital where she was admitted a few hours earlier. Her death was attributed to respiratory failure.

Born in Yreka on March 28, 1963, the family lived at Fort Jones at the time and moved to Mount Hebron shortly thereafter where her father is a Resources Assistant for the U. S. Forest Service. Jacqueline was a kindergarten student at the Macdoel grammar school.

In addition to her parents, she leaves two sisters and a brother, Carrie, Greta and George Edward Gleason, all of Mount Hebron; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gleason of Pontiac, Mich.; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Helen Kivela of Allouez, Mich.; an aunt, Mrs. William Marlow of Pontiac, and two uncles, John Kivela of Fort Benning, Ga., and David Kivela of Cape May, N. J.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Macdoel Community Church where she attended Sunday School. Joe Allen will officiate and burial will be in the Lakeview cemetery at Macdoel.

Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to the Siskiyou County Crippled Children's Society in care of Mrs. Jeanie Tuman, Route 1, Box 231, Weed, as a memorial.

Obituaries

1-2-69 Siskiyou
Wm. F. Quigley

Funeral services for William Fred Quigley will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Girdner's Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Quigley passed away in a Mount Shasta Hospital Tuesday.

Born April 30, 1897 in Watsonville, he moved as a youth to Hornbrook where he was raised. He was married in 1936 to Helen Burks and the couple have lived in Big Springs, where he ranched since 1942. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his widow, Helen; a sister, Mrs. Olive Clayton of Portland; a niece, Mrs. Myrtle Weininger of Yreka; and three nephews, Bob Kelty of Hawaii, John Kelty of San Jose, and Calvin Kelty of Portland.

1-2-69
8 - Siskiyou Daily News (Yreka)

John Burch

John Clifford Burch, 69, retired logger, rancher and horse trainer of Montague, passed away on the evening of Dec. 31 at the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital in Medford following a stroke eight days previous.

He was born near Hornbrook on Sept. 22, 1899, the son of Antone and Annie Miller Burch and spent most of his life in Siskiyou county.

He is survived by his widow, Moeita; three sisters, Mrs. Anne Desavedo, San Francisco, Mrs. Rita Freeman of Vallejo and Mrs. Mary Liskey of Hornbrook; two brothers, Joseph Burch of Montague and Alfred of Denver and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Girdner's Funeral Chapel. Pastor Robert Green of the Seventh Day Advent Church will officiate and burial will be in the Henley-Hornbrook cemetery.

12-27-68 Siskiyou
Mildred Fiock

Mrs. Mildred Evelyn Fiock, 82, passed away yesterday evening in a Yreka hospital where she was admitted on Dec. 6 after suffering a "stroke" in her ranch home south of Montague.

She was born at the old town of Klamathon on Jan. 19, 1886 and was the daughter of John E. and Caroline Cooley. When she was eight years old, the family moved to the Ager district north of Montague where she attended the Willow Creek school. On April 20, 1913, she was married to George W. Fiock, a member of another well known Siskiyou county family, who preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1965.

Mrs. Fiock was active in civic affairs and was a member of the Shasta Bridge Club, the Montague Community Club and was most active in Farm Bureau work, being a member of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau since its inception. Offices held in the Farm Bureau include Women's Chairman of Regent 7, Shasta Valley Center Chairman, and a member of the Board of Directors. She had attended many state and national conventions and was affectionately known as Mrs. Farm Bureau.

She leaves her son, Leslie G. Fiock of Gazelle; two brothers, Charles and John Cooley, both of Yreka; a granddaughter, Sandra E. Frulan of Chico; and a great-grandson, Kevin Frulan. Nephews and nieces include, Stanley Cooley of Montague, Norman Cooley of Yreka, and Mrs. Helen Lyons of San Jose.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Girdner's Funeral Chapel. Rev. Carl Schwarzenburg, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Gazelle, will officiate and burial will be in the Evergreen cemetery.

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