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Presidents Page

**Officers: 2010 - 2011- President: Glenda Doughman - V.P.: Jennifer Bryan
Secretary: Donna Coleman - Treasure: Karen Cleland**



All donations to Rose L. Hicks Brown Memorial Endowment Fund are welcomed either in memory of someone who has passed on or in honor of someone living. Donations are tax deductible, as we are a Nonprofit Corporation.

Jerry F. Collins ** V. June Collins ** Clancy Dutra

Welcome New Members

Arlene Lapacket * Fredrick F. Schantz * Wheeler Family * Pat Williams

Good Morning to All,

I am setting here looking out on the mountains with the changing of the beautiful colors of fall. I want to thank the board for the great job they did while I was gone for 2 months this summer. Everything ran smoothly, it just proves that the quote "Nobody is indispensable."

We lost two of our very treasured members this last month. V. June and Jerry Collins were very supportive members to the growth of The Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County. During their nearly century of life, they touched many hearts of the people of Siskiyou County directly or indirectly.

I encourage all of you to come in and check out the new acquisitions, like the funeral home records from the old Turner Funeral Home and the old records of the Episcopal Church. Thanks to Jerry Churchill for his time and work on obtaining these records. The Center has also added and new printer-copier in order for thing to run a littler smoother.

Plans are being made for the new series of seminars for the season. You might put these dates on your calendar: 22nd January "Organize Your Research"; 19th February "Court Houses and Land Records"; 19th March "Military"; 16th April "Archives, Libraries and Brick Walls". These are tentative, if you have something you would like to be covered please let us know. Hope to see you at one or all of these of these seminars, it never hurts to attend a class you have already taken. It will cover something new or reminds you of something you had forgotten.

The Society had an interesting thing happen this summer. A Demolition Contractor called and said that he had found this trunk in a building that he was taking apart. He did not want to take it to the land fill, so he asked if we would like to have it. It was full of Pictures, Diaries, and etc. We are now trying to find out a descendant, wouldn't you love to come across a find like this of your ancestor. A good reminder for all of us to make sure that all of our research goes to someone that will take care of it and not go to the dump.

Hope to see all of you at our Christmas Pot Luck on 11th of December.

Glenda Doughman
President 2010-2011

Information Page

Meeting Programs for Coming Months

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

Address:

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Web Site:

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casiskgs/>

General Meetings: Held at above address
Last Saturday of each month. 2 P.M.

Exceptions:

March is First Family Dinner Potluck
Last Saturday of Mar. 2 P. M.

Nov./Dec. Combined meeting - Potluck
2nd Sat. Of Dec. 2 P. M.

Research Center:

Open Sat. 10:00 A.M. To 4:00 P.M.
Also 1st & 3rd Wed. 4:00 P.M. To 8:00 P.M.
May through September
Other times by appointment
Call: 530-842-5506 or 530-842-5437

Membership Fees:

\$15.00 Individual - \$20.00 Family (same address)
Membership year from 1st of July to 30th of June

Heir Lines: Quarterly Publication

The last Tuesday of the months: of January - April
July & October.

Deadlines:

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

Appointed Positions:

Editor of Heir-Lines: Harvey Russell
Publications No. Co.: Jennifer Bryan
Publications So. Co. : Mary Burchfield
Rose Hicks Brown: Pat Healy
New Members: Jennifer Bryan

Research Requests:

Send to GSSC - at address on left side of page
\$10.00 for first hour \$5.00 for each additional
hour. Reimbursement required for cost of Vital
Records, & Photo's of Grave Sites (within Siskiyou
County). Enclose a stamped self addressed
Envelope.

Non Member Fees:

Library \$3.00 per day - \$5.00 per couple per day.

Queries:

Send to GSSC to the address above left.

Committees:

Research Pat Healy

Ads Price Schedule: (Heir-Lines:

Business Card	\$ 5.00
Quarter Page	10.00
Third Page	14.00
Half Page	18.00
Full Page	35.00

GSSC will **not** endorse commercial ads
Political or Religious will **not** be accepted.

Bits & Pieces



Web Sites

Cemetery Web Sites

www.internment.net - Internment ** <http://gravelocator.com.va.gov> - National grave site Locator

www.rootsweb.com - US Gen Web Archive ** www.findagrave.com - Find a Grave

Don't delete this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2010 WHEN...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you..
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile.:)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

AND FINALLY — NOW U R LAUGHING yourself.

Go on, forward this to your friends. You know you want to!

GSSC News

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SISKIYOU COUNTY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30 2010 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS)

ASSETS	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10599.37	\$9718.63
Certificates of deposit	\$ 3000.00	\$4000.00
Securities	<u>\$25162.35</u>	\$23269.85
	<u>\$38761.72</u>	<u>\$36988.48</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	<u>\$95.00</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>
accounts payable	<u>\$95.00</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>
Total Liabilities		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 6228.06	\$9692.63
Temporarily restricted	\$ 3000.00	0
Permanently restricted	\$29438.66	\$27269.85
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$38761.72</u>	<u>\$36988.48</u>

Class
Jan. 22, 2011
9 A. M. - (Lunch) - 3 P.M.
Organizing Your Research
By Pat Healy
Time Line
By Glenda Doughman

INCOME	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	EXPENSE	2010	2009
Dues	\$865.00	\$670.00	Maintenance	\$222.67	\$184.12
FF Dues	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	Heirlines	\$ 39.90	\$ 95.94
Interest	\$1602.65	\$1458.39	Supplies	\$243.36	\$365.05
Research	\$ 340.00	\$ 255.00	Utilities	\$1061.62	\$1523.66
Advertising	0	\$ 5.00	Dues/Subscriptions/support	250.00	\$ 153.00
Research Center Income	\$ 463.87	\$ 362.96	Insurance	\$650.00	\$450.00
Classes	\$1160.00	\$ 585.00	Rose Brown	\$125.45	\$95.40
Grants/Donations	0	\$ 595.50	Advertising	\$ 10.00	\$ 53.50
Rose Brown Donations	\$ 435.00	\$ 25.00	Internet	\$684.94	\$686.37
Book Fund Donations	\$ 65.75	\$ 99.80	Web site	0	\$350.00
Pioneer Certificates	\$ 46.00	0	Library Acquisitions	\$187.19	\$140.00
Taxable Sales	\$1247.71	\$ 291.43	Printing	\$121.50	\$334.00
Yard Sale	\$0	\$ 611.00	Computer	\$153.59	0
History Day	\$1076.76	0	Investments/banking	\$ 16.60	\$ 77.55
Total Income	<u>\$7316.74</u>	<u>\$4973.08</u>	Purch. for resale	\$579.10	\$180.41
			History Day	\$547.39	0
			Total Expenses	<u>\$4893.31</u>	<u>\$4689.00</u>
			Net Income	<u>\$2423.43</u>	<u>\$284.08</u>

Calendar's & Book Donations

November

6th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
13th Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
18th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
20th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
27th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
General Meeting see Dec. 11th

December

4th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
11th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
Holiday Meeting 2 P.M.
Potluck
16th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
18th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
25th Christmas - Center Closed.

January

1st Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M. ?
8th Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
13th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
22nd Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
Class 9 A.M. (Lunch) 2 P.M.
Organizing Your Research
29th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& General Meeting at 2 P. M.

Book Donations

Janet Kaetterhenry
Aitkin County Heritage
Cherokee Connections
Ellis Islands

Land & Property Research in the USA
Locating Dutch Ancestors
They Came in Ships
Your Scottish Ancestry

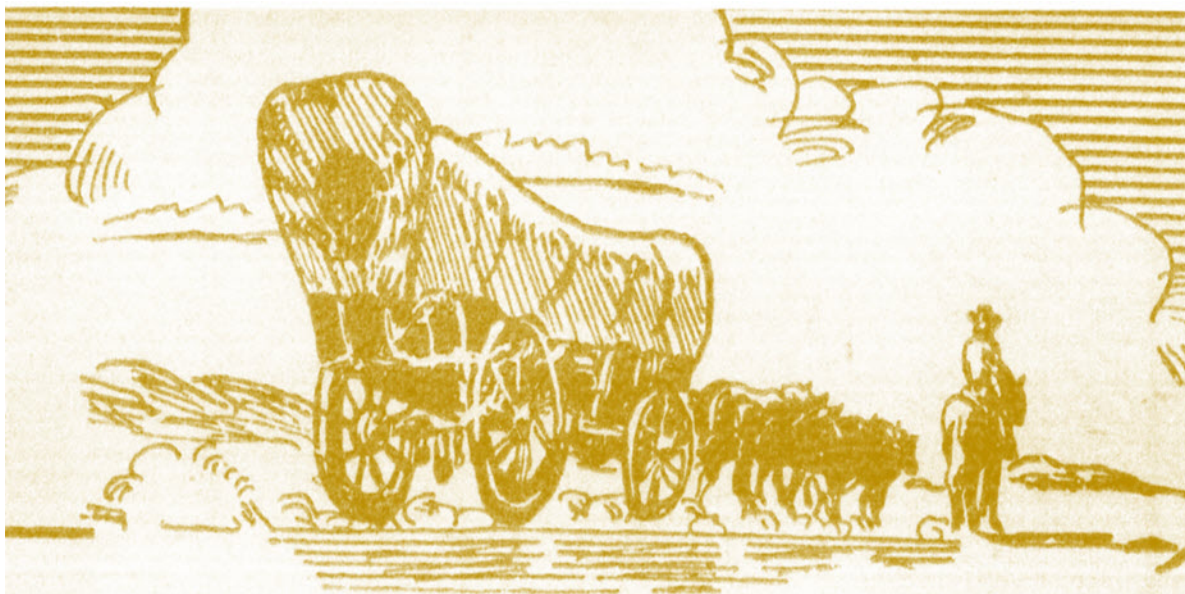
Nancy Smithee
Periodicals

Valley Leaves Tennessee Val. Gen. Soc.
Old Huntsville

Ohio Gen. Soc. Quarterly
National Grigsby Family Society

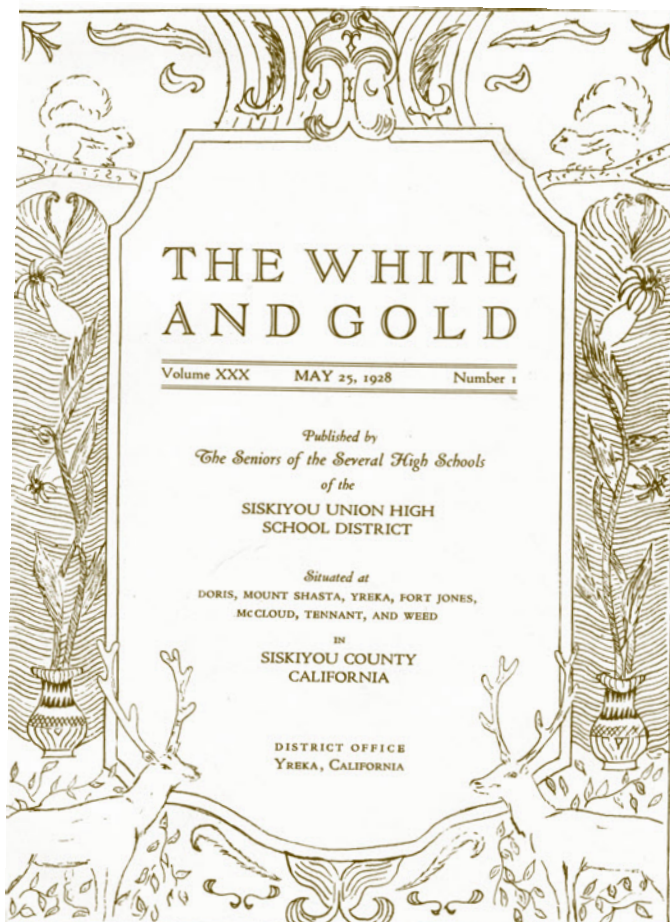
Jerry Churchill
Copying Turner Funeral Records On CD's

Jerry Churchill & Pat Healy
Copying St. Marks Parish Registry
On CD's



White & Gold

McCloud High School Senior Class 1928



ANNA DOLMAN

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

Class Treasurer, '25, '26, '27, '28.
Baseball, '26, '27.
Track, '25.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Mr. Bob, '28.
English Bulletin, '28.
Typing Contest, '27.



CHESTER BROWN

Never let studies interfere with one's education."

Basketball, '26, '27, '28.
Track, '28.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
English Bulletin, '28.



HAZEL HUGHES

It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."

Transferred from Bend, Ore., '26.
Class Secretary, '26, '27.
Windmills of Holland, '28.



ELMER CUMMINGS

"And to think he began life as a barefoot boy."

Student Body President, '28.
Athletic Manager, '26.
Class President, '25, '26.
Basketball, '25, '26, '28.
Track, '25, '26, '27, '28.
Baseball, '25, '27, '28.
Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Honor Society, '28.

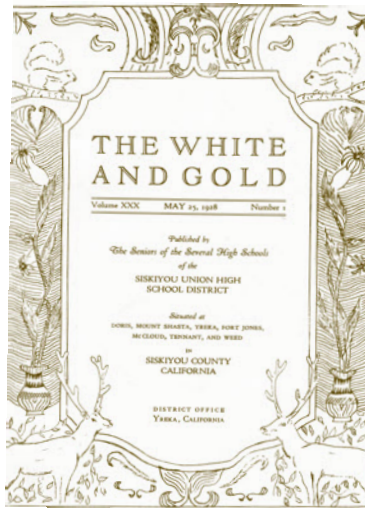


DOROTHY LAMBERT

"They conquer who believe they can."

Athletic Manager, '27.
Class President, '28.
Class Secretary, '25, '26.
Track, '25, '26.
Baseball, '26, '27.
Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Mr. Bob, '28.
English Bulletin, '28.
White and Gold, '27.
Honor Society, '26, '27, '28.





McCloud High School Senior Class 1928 continued



ILAMA MASON

"A woman of few words is always best."

Transferred from Trenton, Missouri.



FRED FOX

*"When joy and duty clash,
Let duty go to smash."*

Transferred from Thompson Falls, Montana, '27.
Student Body Vice-President, '28.
Class Vice-President, '28.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
White and Gold, '28.
Track, '28.
Honor Society, '28.



LUCILLE MATTESON

"She's small, but so is a stick of dynamite."

Class Secretary, '25, '26.
Track, '25, '26.
Baseball, '26, '27, '28.
Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Mr. Bob, '28.
Typing Contest, '27.
English Bulletin, '27, '28.
White and Gold, '27, '28.



ERNEST KERNOHAN

"A depth of character yet unfathomed."

Basketball, '25, '26, '27.
Baseball, '26, '27.
Business Manager, Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
English Bulletin, '27.



ALTA MOORE

"She will succeed on merits of her own."

Student Body Treasurer, '27, '28.
Honor Society, '26, '28.



HAZEL RUMBURG

*"Love came into her heart one day,
Just for a visit, and decided to stay."*

Transferred from Ukiah, '26.
Baseball, '26, '27.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
English Bulletin, '28.
Class Treasurer, '26.
Mr. Bob, '28.
Honor Society, '28.



HENRY SELBERG

"He infuses others with his own animation."

Transferred from Dunsmuir High, '25.
Basketball, '26, '27, '28.
Track, '28.
Windmills of Holland, '28.
Come Out of the Kitchen, '27.
Mr. Bob, '28.
Athletic Manager, '28.
Yell Leader, '26.



MARCIA SMITH

er deep blue eyes express her charming personality."

Transferred from Del Norte County High School, '28.
Class Secretary, '28.
English Bulletin, '28.
White and Gold, '28.
Honor Society, '28.



RUDOLPH TORESON

"Time will tell the tale."

Athletic Manager, '27.
Basketball, '25, '26, '27.
Track, '27, '28.
Baseball, '25, '26, '27.



HILDA WELCH

"She is most original and a true friend too."

Transferred from Franklin High, Portland, Ore., '28.

Heir-A-Parent

Story from GSSC First Family Files

Robert & Elizabeth Briter Young

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Robert & Elizabeth Briter Young arrived in California in 1860. As census records show their eldest child (Hattie) was born in Iowa I have discarded the family story that they came around the Horn and assume they arrived overland. Whether they had lived for a time in Iowa or Hattie just happened to be born as they traveled through I don't yet know.

The 1880 census shows them living in Yreka and lists Robert's occupation as "butcher" (this is also given on his death certificate.) Robert died in Gazelle after a residency their of 32 years (again according to his death certificate.) I remember my grandmother speaking of visiting relatives in Gazelle and references to Aunt Gussie (probably William's youngest sister, Augusta.)

At age 16 William worked in a confectionery store and eventually owned his own in Montague. In 1888 he married Alice M. Williams who had, for a time, worked as a bonded servent (possibly at a hotel or boarding house) in Yreka. I believe they lived all their married life in Montague. pictures show William as a handsome, blue eyed, seemingly light haired man, hair fashionably parted in the middle and a broad smile on his face. My grandmother remembered him as a man who, though confined to a wheelchair for most of his adult life, was a hard worker and a gregarious, outgoing personality. The story in the family that his paralysis or weakness had been caused by contaminated well water I have not been able to confirm; his death was attributed to heart disease of a long duration. The confectionery store was a family business and my grandmother (Myrtle) often spoke of standing on a box to be able to reach the counter and serve customers when she was a little girl. The store sold a "house brand" of cigars called "Our Pride" which had a picture of my grandmother on the box, taken when she was 4 or 5 years old. Alice Williams wedding band (which I now have) is of very soft gold and the family story is that it was made from a gold nugget William purchased from a customer.

After Williams death in 1917 the store was either sold or closed and Alice ran for and was elected Siskiyou County Recorder in the 1920's, becoming, I believe, the first woman elected to public office in the county. Alice was a small, slender woman with bright blue eyes and a will of iron. She wanted one of her daughters to become a nurse so the eldest,

Hattie was sent to San Francisco for training although it was Myrtle who desperately wanted to become a nurse. After her tenure as County Recorder Alice moved to Oakland. She maintained her contacts in County and State politics and had enough "clout" to obtain a Naval Academy appointment for a nephew who eventually became a Rear Admiral. In the early or mid 1940's she moved to Ashland, Oregon to live with Myrtle and her husband. As her health and mind started to fail she was moved to a nursing home (I can remember my grandmother visiting her nearly every day) and, eventually, she was committed to the State Mental Hospital in Salem when the nursing home could no longer cope with her deteriorating

William and Alice's daughter Hattie married Ed Price, a mechanic, and moved to the Oxnard area. They had one son, Donald. I have no further information on them. Their youngest daughter, Dewey Alice died in her early teens and is buried in Montague...she was named for Admiral Dewey in the euphoria over his victory at Manila Bay.

Myrtle Viola, my grandmother, married Henry Herman Mayberry in Montague in 1913, she was 17, he was 19. He was working for the Southern Pacific after leaving the family farm in Red Bluff at age 16 (he went to work for the RR at that time by lying about his age, a fib that really caught up with him years later when he took retirement and had to straighten out 44 years of records!) Myrtle was about 5'4", brown hair, blue eyes, a hardworker but a gay, funloving girl who all her life loved people and laughter and retained a wonderful childlike joy of life. Herman was 6'2", black haired, brown-eyed, likewise hardworking but perhaps a bit less outgoing than Myrtle. He worked all his life for the railroad, retiring as Ashland freight agent. Sometime about 1918 they moved to Ashland where Herman built them a house at 140 Alida St. They were both active in Masonic Lodge work and, in their middle years traveled to Chicago, New Orleans and Havana for Masonic conventions. True to her early days in the family store, Myrtle worked in retail sales all of her adult life until her retirement. She worked at Montgomery Ward, J. C. Penney and one or two local department stores in Ashland. (I think I was 4 or 5 years old before I ever had

shoes that had not been fitted to me by my grandmother in whatever store she happened to be working!) Herman died of heart disease when he was only 60 years old, leaving Myrtle a fairly young widow. In 1962 she married John Scott Hall, a retired man who also lived in Ashland. After Myrtle retired she spend many hours as a volunteer at the Veterans' Hospital at Camp White, near Medford, Oregon. That volunteering gave her a great deal of pleasure. Beginning in about 1970 her health began deteriorating and she died in 1975.

Herman and Myrtle had two children, Viola and Howard, my father. Viola was a bright, artistic, freckle-skinned, sandy haired woman with a heart full of love. Mostly to fulfill her mother's thwarted ambitions, she was sent to San Francisco for nurse's training and worked as an industrial nurse in the Bay area during WWII. In 1945 she married John von Kuhlmann and moved back to Ashland where her two daughters, Christina and Myrtle Maria were born and raised. Interestingly enough, she went back to nursing when her daughters were in their early teens and found she truly enjoyed it (and, by all accounts, she was a top notch surgical nurse.) Vi died unexpectedly from a brain aneurism when she was 50 years old. Tina is married and lives in Portland, her daughter, Tabitha, is married and has two children. Maria is a jewelry designer and artist and lives in Seattle with her son.

Howard, my father, was tall, like Herman but in looks more closely resembled his mother. He was funny, outgoing, and always young at heart and that was coupled with the family trait of being a hardworker and the inherited Germanic thoroughness and order that characterized his Mother. He had been a basketball "star" at Ashland H.S. but had no inclination to further his education after graduation and after a couple of years he too went to work for the Southern Pacific where he spent the remainder of his working life, retiring at age 62 as Chief Dispatcher in Eugene. Dad married my mother, Mary Louise Roberson in 1937 and they lived the first 4 or 5 years of their married life (me in tow) travelling all over the Siskiyou District of the RR while Dad worked the "extra board" (that was, filling in for temporary vacancies due to illness or vacation). Finally he

qualified as a dispatcher and was assigned to Dunsmuir from about 1942 to 1945, then he transferred to Portland and, in 1958, to Eugene. Howard (Dad) had been active in Boy Scouts as a youth and had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult he was a Scoutmaster for many years. In the early 1970's he built a three bedroom "cabin" in the mountains near the MacKenzie River, he threw himself into the job with great vigor and enthusiasm, as he approached most every aspect of his life. He retired from the RR at age 62 and he and Mom traveled around the West quite a bit until he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 1981. He died in 1983.

My brother, Lynn, continues the family tradition and works for the Southern Pacific in Eugene. He is unmarried and lives in Harrisburg, Or. Duane, the youngest, owns his own landscaping firm in Eugene, is married and has two grown children, Debra and Bryon and Debbie's three children (Brendan, Devon and Sarah) make him a very happy Grandad!

I graduated from High School in Portland, attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland for 2 years, Univ. of Hawaii for 1 and graduated from the Univ. of Oregon in 1959 with a BS in Elementary Education. I married Martin Croney in 1958 (I met him while I was living in Hawaii and he was stationed there in the Naval Air Corp). After I graduated we lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he received his Electrical Engineering degree and our first son, Vance Martin Croney, was born. Engineers being the modern equivalent of educated gypsies, we have lived in 14 states over 33 years. Each of our three children (Anne Louise and David Richard followed Vance) were born in a different state. We are now nearing retirement and look forward to spending our "golden years" in Oregon or Washington...we have "served our time" in the East and long to return to "our" part of the country. Our sons and daughter all live in the Northwest, Vance and his wife, Barbara live in Salem where he has just completed law school, Anne is a graphic designer in Seattle and David is a computer specialist in Richland, Washington. So far we have no grand children but I look forward to adding that further generation to our family tree someday!

Stories

A Commitment to Future Generations

*Fairchild Medical Bulletin
Summer 2000*

We are pleased to introduce to you, Mr. Virgil Nesbitt, a native resident of Siskiyou County. Born at Scott Bar, California, the son of the late George and Bella Nesbitt, Virgil graduated from Yreka High School in 1939. For the next 40 years or so, he worked for the Eel River Sawmills, Inc. of Fortuna, California and retired from there in 1981 as Vice President. It seemed only natural to move back to the original homestead at Scott Bar, where the Nesbitts lived until a few years ago. With the need to be closer to medical care they relocated to Yreka.

Throughout the years, Virgil has always found time to devote to his community. While living in Fortuna, he served on the City Council and was President of the Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few of the clubs or organizations he has been involved with. That did not change when he moved back to Siskiyou County. Some of his activities have included volunteering daily at the YMCA, serving as an active member and officer of the Siskiyou County Historical Society, editing the 1996 Hamburg Edition of the Siskiyou Pioneer, and serving as an active member of the Fairchild Medical Center Foundation.



"Life has been very good to me" says Virgil. He feels fortunate to have lived most of his life in Siskiyou County. It occurred to Virgil a few years ago that another way to help his community was to make a philanthropic investment.

Virgil Nesbitt

Virgil added to the gold collection at the Siskiyou County Courthouse by donating a collection of gold nuggets his father had mined and a beautiful jewelry collection made from gold nuggets. A few years ago The Scott Bar Community Hall was in need of much work, thanks to Virgil that has been fixed. Virgil was a very active supporter and helped with the campaign for the YMCA. When it came time to build the new Fairchild Medical Center, Virgil was a campaign leader and as the campaign progressed he knew that he also had an opportunity to be a supporter. Virgil made his gift in the form of a Charitable Remainder Trust, not only does the hospital benefit but he and his wife benefit also. They receive an income for life and avoid much of his estate from being taxed and have the pleasure of seeing where their money has gone and the benefit it has brought to our community. The Emergency Room at Fairchild Medical Center is named in honor of Virgil.

Cabin has long history

By Jim Finses

If you ever have the occasion to be way up on Willow Creek Mountain, the cabin at right stands vigil over a perfect mountain setting. Trees outline the meadow, cattle graze the lush green grasses, deer drift in and out of the shadows, eagles and hawks hunt their prey, and cool mountain breezes bring the clean smells of mountain air. As this author drank all this in, up came the questions of the history behind the cabin. When was it built, who built the cabin, was it inhabited, etc...

Early maps show the cabin as the Sylva cabin and that is where my search started. Discussions with the Sylva family provides much of the history after the cabin was built. Forest service records show the cabin in existence near the turn of the century. A picture taken in 1909 shows the cabin almost as it stands today. Those records show the cabin being owned by the Haight family as a homestead. In 1908 the family signed over the cabin to the forest service and it became the first Willow Creek Mountain Ranger Station. That station existed for several years.

Early in the century, according to the Sylva brothers, the cabin had no windows and a dirt floor. The Sylva family used the cabin for hunting and cattle grazing operations and Jess Sylva, born in 1889, probably ran cattle up there in the early part of the century. Records of the Blackrock Cattlemen's Association, started in 1918, show several ranchers using the mountain for cattle grazing.

Inside the cabin is the guest list. Carved into the log walls you will find the names and years that peo-

ple visited or used the cabin. 1903 was the earliest date I found, but couldn't read the name, 1905 Kuck, 1927 Ralph Smith and J. Smith, various dates with names like Sylva, Davis, Solus, Leals, and more. It still has early beds, springs, cupboards, benches, and has survived the vandalism so prevalent today.

Sometime in the 1940's, the forest service supposedly told Jess Sylva either to fix it up or they would burn it down. Sylva's put on a new roof, added some windows, and put in the floor. That roof lasted until the 70's when another roof was put on by the Sylva brothers and it stands today. This family used the mountain with others until they retired in the early 1990's. Early maps show the cabin along with other interesting names like bear wallow, burnt camp, panther rock, and chandler glade. Two bucks could be taken during those times and stories suggest hunting was very good. The Sylvas claim they would ride by horse from their family ranch, kill that buck, throw it on the horse, and return to the ranch all in a day. It just isn't done that way today.

Early stories, as related by the Sylva brothers, are tales that should be captured, whether partly or mostly true. One such story sees a mountain man named Frank George. Ol' Frank lived in one of three cabins on Willow Creek Mountain. He would fall and hand hew large timbers used in some of the area barns, such as the sturdy timbers in the Sylva barn. Apparently Frank had to come out and get supplies every so often. He borrowed a horse from Jess Sylva and took his new supplies, including a jug of whiskey, and started up the mountain. The farther he got, the more



Submitted photo

Sylva cabin located on Willow Creek Mountain.

unsteady he became, and finally fell off that horse. He truly bloodied himself up, but never did he break that partially filled whiskey jug.

That fall the Sylva family took Frank to the cabin to hunt. Frank's nephew brought him a quart of whiskey the night before hunting season started. The next day Frank was in no shape to hunt with Jess Sylva. Later in the day Frank arose and staggered down towards the spring. When he didn't come back Mary Sylva told son Ed to go check on him. Ed found ol' Frank face down in the local spring. Jess Sylva soon appeared with a big buck on his horse and his first comment was that he "had to die sometime." Old Frank George was truly a "mountain man."

Another story says that ol' Frank had a dog named Buck and Buck slept by his mountain bedside every night. Frank's cabin had three sides with the fourth side open to the mountain air. One summer night there was a bear bothering them, so Frank set a trap and caught the bear. Frank went down to the Sylva ranch to tell them about the bear. Everyone wanted to see that bear and Jess Sylva called the Kucks to

come see the bear. While looking at the bear, someone threw a twig at it and the bear made a big lunge at them. Mom Sylva passed out, but Pop Sylva caught her before she hit the ground. Pop Sylva claimed that ol' Frank then shot that bear.

A final story put ol' Frank asking Jess Sylva to borrow a horse to take supplies up the mountain. Jess lent Frank one of his better horses. That night Jess began to worry about his horse and saddled another and went up to Parker camp to get his good horse. He found his horse tied to a tree in good shape and returned by early morning in time to milk his cows.

A whole century has passed with that cabin on Willow Creek Mountain. It truly does have a history from being a family's homestead, a ranger station, a hunter's stopping place, and a cattle grazing landmark. If someone were to put a small historical sign up by that cabin, that sign probably could not begin to capture the many different family stories that make up the "Sylva" cabin history.

Obituaries

Article from Siskiyou Daily Newspaper



Yreka, Calif. — Gareld Jefferson "Jerry" Collins, 97, died at Madrone Hospice in Yreka on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

Jerry was born on July 4, 1913 in Corrine, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Amelia and Andrew Jackson Collins. He left Canada and came to Grants Pass, Ore. with his family in 1922. He attended high school in Grants Pass. Jerry served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the depression to help support his family.

On July 1, 1940, he married V. June Blevins of Grants Pass in Reno, Nev. He and his new bride moved that same year to Yreka for his new job as shipping clerk for Littrell Parts. He became a partner in Littrell Parts in 1945 with Battie Batson. In 1948, the company started Littrell Welding Supply in Redding, Calif. These companies grew to 16 stores over the years. He sold the stores and semi-retired in 1989. He and his wife June enjoyed raising buckskin horses and trail riding. One of the big events of their lives was completing the Chief Joseph Trail Ride from Oregon to Canada.

Jerry was a member of the Rotary Club, Masons and Shriners. He was a founding board member of Timberline Community Bank, board member of California Automobile Wholesalers Association and a member of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Posse.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years V. June Collins; his son Lael and his wife Carolyn Collins of Yreka and daughter-in-law Judy Collins of Portland, Ore. Coral Cooper of Yreka is the only living sister of Jerry's nine siblings. Grandchildren are Michelle Hamilton and Ralph Collins of Oregon, Shaun Collins of Missouri, Harold Collins of Maryland, Gregory Collins and Sarah Roberts of Alaska, Chester Collins of Indonesia, and Jeffery and Darrel Collins of Yreka. Jerry has 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his son Michael Lee Collins.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 at Little Shasta Cemetery. For directions, call Girdner Funeral Chapel at 842-3434. Online condolences may be made at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Little Shasta Church, 10115 Swigart Rd., Montague, CA 96064; Siskiyou Writers Scholarship, 11200 Pyrite Ct., Montague, CA 96064; Madrone Hospice House, 255 Collier Cir., Yreka, CA 96097; Rose Brown Fund of GSSC, 912 S. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097; or the Siskiyou County Museum, 910 S. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097.

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Yreka, Calif. — V. June "Nana" Collins, 94, died at Shasta Regional Hospital in Redding, Calif. on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010.

Born May 31, 1916 in Prineville, Ore. to Awilda Josephine and Lee Edward Blevins, she grew up on a ranch in the Ochoco, about 20 miles east of Prineville. She moved to Grants Pass, Ore. with her family in 1932. She attended high school in Grants Pass.

She graduated from Pacific School of Beauty Culture as a cosmetologist in Portland, Ore. She worked as a cosmetologist for a number of years.

On July 1, 1940 she married Gareld Jefferson "Jerry" Collins of Grants Pass in Reno, Nev. They had saved \$19 in dimes so they could get married. She and her new husband moved that same year to Yreka.

June has written poetry much of her life. She published a book called "Cowboy Poetry and Barn Sour Verse." She and Jerry attended the 2009 Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev., culminating 20 years of attendance.

She and her husband enjoyed raising buckskin horses and trail riding. One of the big events of their lives was completing the Chief Joseph Trail ride from Oregon to Canada.

June was a member of the Yreka Trail Riders; Siskiyou Writers Club; National Writers Association; National Authors Registry; Lynn County Historical Society; Lynn County Genealogical Society of Albany, Ore.; and the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County. She was a Life Member of the American Buckskin Registry Association, Crook County Historical Society and Siskiyou County Historical Society.

Survivors include her son Lael and his wife Carolyn Collins of Yreka; daughter-in-law Judy Collins of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Virginia Clements of Arizona and Olive Ruth Prewett of Washington; grandchildren: Michelle Hamilton and Ralph Collins of Oregon, Shaun Collins and his wife Pam of Missouri, Harold Collins and his wife Jen of Maryland, Gregory Collins and his wife Lorelei and Sarah Roberts and her husband Scott of Alaska, Chester Collins and his wife Trudy of Indonesia, and Jeffery and his wife Cyndi and Darrel and his wife Stacy Collins of Yreka. June had 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

June was preceded in death by her husband Gareld "Jerry" Jefferson Collins, her son Michael Lee Collins and her sister Evelyn Cole.

Graveside services will be held at noon on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010 at the Little Shasta Cemetery.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Little Shasta Church, 10115 Swigart Rd., Montague, CA 96064; Siskiyou Writers Scholarship, 11200 Pyrite Ct., Montague, CA 96064; Madrone Hospice House, 255 Collier Way, Yreka, CA 96097; Rose Brown Fund of GSSC, 912 S. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097; or Siskiyou County Museum, 910 S. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097.

Girdner Funeral Chapel at 842-3434 is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com.

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