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Presidents Page

Officers:

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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.

Welcome New Members

Boyce H. Dwiggins * Jannie Sprague * Gordon Porter * Alice C. Bonneville, Jr.

A Happy New Year!

With a quick glance over the past year, the Society has accomplished a lot grown with enthusiasm. We had our first annual History Day, and it was a success. The volunteers working on the news paper clipping are up to the year 2003. We had an old trunk full of memorabilia given to the Society and the owner was found and returned to her. New equipment has been added and put to good use. There were four all day Seminars, all were well attended. Every attendee learned something new or refreshed what they already knew. This is just some of the highlights of a very good year.

As we look forward to the coming year, it already looks like a full agenda. January 22 was our first seminar for the year. There will be a seminar each month through April. If you would like to know what each one is about, check our new Web Site (siskiyougenealogy.org). Donna and Jennifer have been working hard on getting it up and going. You will notice the tab across the top that lead you to the different sections of the site; it is a lot easier to navigate. They are working on a calendar for the Society, it will list all events and what you have signed up for. Keep checking new things are showing up everyday.

The History Day committee is busy setting up for our second annual History Day on Fathers Day. They are contacting people and organizations to participate. If you or you know someone with knowledge of the history of the area or and activity of the past. If you have a collection of old items of history that could be displayed for people to view, please contact Jennifer Bryan, Karen Cleland, or Harvey Shinar.

The winter months are a good time to work or get back to working on your Family History. Remember that the Society is here to help you in anyway that we can. We are open every Saturday from 10am to 4pm. If you contact one of the board members you can make an appointment for another day if you are unable to make a Saturday.

We lost two of our members that were very active in getting our Society up and going. We will miss Jerry and June Collins.

We hope to see you at the meetings that are held on the last Saturday of the month at 2pm.

You're President
Glenda Doughman

Information Page

Meeting Programs for Coming Months

Feb. Karen Cleland - Social Security Records * Mar. First Family Dinner * Apr. Facebook -Danger

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://siskiyougenealogy.org>
<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 though 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

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Quarter Page	10.00
Third Page	14.00
Half Page	18.00
Full Page	35.00

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Political or Religious will **not** be accepted.

Bits & Pieces



Web Sites

American Memory Page - Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> * Click on CITIES/TOWNS - Go to Panoramic Maps

HAVING BRICK WALL PROBLEMS TRY THE SITES LISTED BELOW

<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc> * <http://loc.gov> * <http://www.theoldentimes.com> * <http://worldcat.org>

<http://www.newspaperarchive.com> * <http://www.publiclibraries.com>

The following came from a book in our library * with label(973 History Mckellips) with the title of [I bin ter Paradise... T'weren't much!] * Author: {Art Mckellips} there is no copyright or info page. Checked the Internet did not locate any information on the man * There is woodcarver with the same name. It may be the same person? The book is full of information about the United States in early times. (facts or fiction?)

Q. John Jacob Astor, one of the world's richest men, in his or any other time, was born in Germany and arrived in America in less than wealthy status. He amassed his wealth through America's Free Enterprise system. What debt did he feel he owed American and Americans for giving him the opportunity?

A. Absolutely nothing! He did not like Americans, wouldn't trust them, and never employed one in a position of authority, preferring instead the British from Canada. He tried using his wealth to get laws enacted preventing anyone but heavily landed gentry from possessing a vote. He loaned money to political candidates, bought offices and maintained expensive lobbying efforts to ensure he continued making profits. He owned Governors, such as Michigan Territorial Governor Cass who just happened to be in charge of issuing trapping permits and licenses for the old Northwest Territories. His loans included three Presidents who owed him money, which he never asked for repayment as long as they operated in his favor. President Jefferson backed his play to settle a fur post in Oregon. He wanted to create an empire there, with himself as an emperor, friendly to the United States and controlling the China and Archangel trade. During the war of 1812, he amassed even more millions by defying America and committing treasonous trade with England.

Q. Captain Benjamin Louis de Bonneville. A whole bunch of questions pertain to this portly gentleman who was admired by his men in the field as a nice guy, but lacked the drive to be respected as a great trader. He grossly over stayed his leave from the Army while engaging as a fur trader. He never showed a profit from his trapping ventures, and was widely disliked by his fellow Army Officers who demanded he be court martialed and drummed out of the service. Where did he come by all the dollars needed for such an expensive expedition and why did an apparently grateful government think highly enough of him to name the huge Columbia Dam and Power projects after him?

A. Ah, intrigue! John Jacob Astor's clerk, Alfred Seton came forth with the money. Astor's principle was to make money, even if it meant establishing rival companies who killed each other off; he could have cared less as long as the furs ended up in his hands in the long run. Also, Astor never gave up the dream of control of the western regions, mountains and seacoast and the very lucrative China and Russian trade. The government of course wanted reports on how wagons would fare, should settlers head west to occupy Oregon. They also wanted information on the British forts and maybe even the Russian Fort Ross in California. Bonneville may not have been a successful fur trader, but he apparently was a very effective spy.

GSSC News

Pot Luck Dinner Meeting: Dec 11th, 2010 * Good time was had by all, Barbara Turner presentation On Antique Clothing was a big hit'

Lost Trunk was returned to owner * see page's 10 & 11 for story.

GSSC will be holding four (4) Seminars this year starting in January.

January 22nd * Organizing Your Research - Organizing Research Projects & Timelines.

February 19th * Court Records and Land Records.

March 19th * Military Records.

April 16th * Archives, Libraries & Brick Walls.

Classes: 9 A.M. To 3 P.M. * A soup lunch will be included.

Cost \$15.00 members * \$20.00 non members.\

Place: GSSC Center * 912 So. Main St., Yreka, CA.

CHECK IT OUT: Super Job Stan: Donna & Jennifer will be adding Information to the Site.

**Stan the computer guy has the NEW web site up & running,
The address is:**

<http://siskiyougenealogy.org>

The **Printer** is now connected direct to the **WI-FI** so you can print from the **Lap Tops** without the **Center's Computer** being turned on * **you do need the printer turned on of course. **
Contact Jennifer to add the printer to your lap top.

History Festival - Second Annual to held Saturday June 19th * Father Day at Siskiyou County Fair Grounds.

A drawing from
Author : Art Mckellips book
"I bin ter Paradise T'weren't much!"



Calendar's & Book Donations

February

5th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
12th Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
10th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
19th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& Class 9 A.M. - Court Records
26th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& General Meeting: 2 P.M.

March

5th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
10th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
12th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
19th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& Class 9 A.M. - Military Records
26th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& General Meeting: 2 P.M.

April

2nd Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
9th Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
14th Board Meeting 2 P.M.
16th Center Open 10 A. M. To 4 P.M.
& Class 9 A.M. - Archives- Brick Walls
30th Center Open 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.
& General Meeting at 2 P. M.

Book Donations

Janet Katterhenry

Ellis Island

Your Scottish Ancestry

They Came in Ships

Names, Names & more Names

Cherokee Connections

Land & Property Research

Aitkin Co., Heritage - MN

Pat Healy

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church 100 yr's old 1976

David Hoyt

A Genealogical History - Hoyt

Unknown

Howard Co. Heritage - TN.

Other Donations

A load of fire wood

By the Rayme's



White & Gold



Weed



SENIORS 1931

EDWINA MURRAY

K. W. K. 3, Pres. 3; Weed Hi Wind 2, 4; Internat. Club 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Play Day 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Typ. Contest 3, 4.

NICK GIRIMONTE

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Operetta 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Block "W" 3, 4; Internat. Club 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Off. 4.

WILBUR BAKER

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Operetta 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3.

ROLLAND RILEY

Football 3, 4, All-County Guard 4; Operetta 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Annual Staff 4; Band 2; "Nut Farm" 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Weed Hi Wind 2; Block "W" 3, 4; Track 4; Shop Contractor 4; Stage Mgr. for Operetta 4.

GLADYS WELCH

C. S. F. 1, 2, 3, 4, Off. 3; Annual Staff 3, 4, Ed. 4; Glee Club 3, 4, Pres. 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4, Off. 3; Student Body Off. 3, 4; K. W. K. 4, Pres. 4; Typ. Contest 3; Class Off. 2; Basketball 3, 4; Playday 2, 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Operetta 3, 4; Delegate to Older Girls' Conference 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Span. Club 2; Weed Hi Wind 2; Tennis 4; Valedictorian.

CARMEN CARLSON

C. S. F. 2, 3, 4; Class Off. 4; Annual Staff 4; "Nut Farm" 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Playday 2, 3, 4; Span. Club 2; Weed Hi Wind 2, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Pub. Speaking Contest 3; Prize Essay 3; Baseball 3; Internat. Club 4; Tennis 4; Basketball 4.

WINIFRED KING

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 4; Spanish Club 2; Internat. Club 4; Block "W" 3, 4, Off. 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Playday 2, 3, 4; Weed Hi Wind 3, 4. Popularity Contest 3.

DAVID SBARBARO

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Cap. 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 1, 2, Off. 1, 2; Student Body Off. 4; Glee Club 3; "Nut Farm" 4; Operetta 3; Block "W" 3, 4, Pres. 4, Off. 3; Jr. Carnival 3; C. S. F. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

EARL HENDRICKS

Football 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Tennis 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; "Nut" Farm 4; Operetta 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3.



SENIORS 1931

RUTH TEBBE

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Tennis 4; Span. Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Internat. Club 4, Off. 4; Orchestra 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Playday 2, 3, 4; Weed Hi Wind 2; Baseball 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4; C. S. F. 2, 3, 4.

STANLEY TONKIN

Student Body Pres. 4; Class Pres. 2, Off. 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Cap. 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Internat. Club 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Annual Staff 3; Track 2, 3; Block "W" 3, 4.

JOHN MAZZINI

Baseball 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Operetta 2; "Nut Farm" 3; Student Body Off. 2; Class Pres. 1, Off. 3; Football 2, 3; C. S. F. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Block "W" 1, 2, 3; Jr. Carnival 2; Annual Staff 2, 3.

JACK SEXTON

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Jr. Carnival 3; Operetta 3, 4; "Nut Farm" 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Tennis 4; Block "W" 3, 4; C. S. F. 1, 2, 3, 4; Ath. Mgr. 4; Internat. Club 4, Pres. 4.

DONNA DICK

Basketball 2, 3; Operetta 2, 3; Student Body Off. 4; Class Pres. 4, Off. 1, 3; Block "W" 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; "Nut Farm" 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Internat. Club 4; Annual Staff 3; Weed Hi Wind 4; C. S. F. 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Delegate to Older Girls' Conference 4; Salutatorian.

HELEN WHITE

Glee Club 4, Off. 4; "Nut Farm" 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3; Playday 2, 3, 4; Weed Hi Wind 2, Ed. 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Span. Club 2; Internat. Club 4; C. S. F. 2, 3, 4.

MARJORIE CHENEY

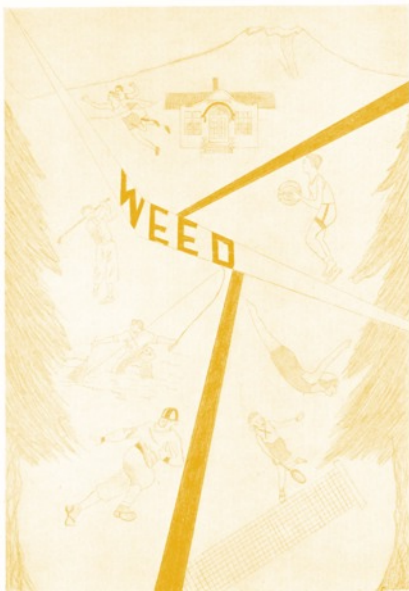
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ALLADIN LEPORINI

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Operetta 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Internat. Club 4.

ELMER TONKIN

Baseball 3, 4; Jr. Carnival 3; Internat. Club 4, Off. 4; Student Body Off. 4; "Nut Farm" 4; C. S. F. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Weed Hi Wind 2; League Contest 3, 4; Class Off. 1, 2, 3, 4.



Heir-A-Parent

Growing Up in Little Shasta Valley

By

Patricia O'Connor Swanson

Looking back from 2004 to 1922, when I was born, is a stretch. My first memory was of moving from the bungalow where I lived with my parents, Lois and Sidney O'Connor; sister Katie and brother Ed, to the big brick-house where my Grandparents, Edward and Mary O'Connor, lived. I was about four years old and carried a lamp shade on that momentous day. The reason for the move was obvious: five in a tiny two bedroom house and two in a big four bedroom house. Other memories of the early days involve our Chinese cook, who was so good to us, seating Katie and I on the steps of the cook house fortified with huge slabs of fresh bread topped with homemade jam. The cook house in fact, was part of the old Terwilliger ranch house brought down the road, from the original ranch, where my great grandparents, Sidney and Phoebe Terwilliger had lived. During the 1920's all meals for the family and hired men were served there.

My father raised sheep, which spent the summer in pasture east of the mountains. They were looked after by a shepherd, who was kept supplied by Dad twice a week, making the trip in his pickup over Bald Mountain. Throughout the summer Katie and I would take turns with Ed, going along with Dad for company. These were special, feeding lemon drops to the pack burro, and we loved being in the woods even if we had to be carefully checked for ticks on returning home. Extra-special were the Baby Ruth bars Dad bought us in the tiny town of Bray on the way home. After giving us the candy, he'd go back in the store for a snort of whisky, to "get the dust out of my throat", drinking it in the store— where us kids were not allowed.

The herder lived in a combination covered -wagon/travel-trailer, towed from place to place with Sid's pickup, following the sheep as they cropped the grass. Of course this vehicle fascinated us kids, and we inspected every inch of it every winter when it was parked in the barnyard, the sheep having been brought down from the hills and herded into the corral.

Dad also raised hay and grain and needed several teams of horses. The hay crews consisted of 8 to 10 men, and there were three crops each summer. Grain harvesting required fewer men but a longer workday. I remember the three of us kids riding bareback on one our old horses— maybe Sparkplug—down to the field to watch the men toss hay onto the wagons. For some reason one of us, riding in the middle, fell off the horse, resulting in the other two sliding off too. This caused much laughter among the crew. One of the men swung us back on, slapped the horse and away we went. Ed soon graduated from horse-rider to driver of Sid's pickup, moving it back and forth to trip the hay-fork.

My school days started in 1928 in first grade at the Little Shasta school. Cecil Shelley and I were the only first-graders. Each pupil had a job. Mine was to fill the water reservoir in the wood-burning stove, which meant pumping the water from the outside well into a bucket each morning before class. All eight grades were in one room and it was never quiet. I was not very fond of school or the teacher, but it was fun when Cecil and I were little green bugs at the spring extravaganza. For the next six years I attended school in Montague and got along with my teachers much better.

My grandfather died in 1927 and I have few memories of him. One stands out: a

Growing up in Little Shasta Valley
Continued

Halloween when Katie, Ed and I, dressed as ghosts, were urged by our mother to “go scare Grandpa” who was seated in a rocking chair on the bungalow porch. We raced over and startled him enough to receive a blast of profanity that sent us reeling back into a “real” ghost, our mother, dressed for the occasion. After Grandpa died my grandmother went to live with her daughter, my Phoebe and her son, Carroll, in Stockton. The Three would come to spend the summer in the bungalow, so the O’Connor kids had another playmate. Aunt Phoebe’s main job was to pick raspberries every morning, which were made into “slush” and poured over home made ice cream. In addition to all the hired men, we had various cousins coming and going all summer. Jane, who was Howard and Lola O’Connor’s daughter, spent a lot of time at the ranch. She was into dramatics and we all were pressed into acting rolls, Jane being the heroine, of course. One summer even the hired hay crew were forced into taking part as the audience.

All the cousins came in handy during the Depression. The crews were just as large and three huge meals were produced every day. Our cook was gone, back to China, and my mother was now chief cook. We kids were the clean-up crew and we devised assembly lines to make short work of the it.

Living on the ranch was lots of work but we had time for fun too: riding horses, climbing hills with rocks for building castles, rattle snakes lurking, no doubt, although we never saw any. Goosenest was waiting to be conquered, and one summer we got to the top with the Shelley kids. In the summer we often took a picnic to Soda Springs up the road, meeting relatives and friends along the way. The Springs were surrounded by a fence with a stile that we loved to climb over. We endured the water — you had to at least taste it— and inspected the creek for trout.

Looking back, those days were very free...school, and chores in the winter, of course: bummer lambs out in the barn to feed on freezing, windy nights; washing, frozen stiff, to take off the clotheslines. But also a chance to saddle a horse and take off up the hill; walk around the valley; spend the afternoon lying on the lawn, reading, with a bottle of homemade root-beer handy. And when we were small: spending hours in the backyard, building ranches out of twigs, mud, and rocks. Those days were safe too, because we always knew there were family and friends close by ready to help.

Little Shasta Valley was a unique place to be born and grow up. Every year when I drive up I-5, from Southern California to Washington State, I take the time to loop through the valley and check on all the ranches, new buildings, and the state of the school and church. Then I go to the cemetery to say hello to all my family members. And every year it looks the same... beautiful!

The Trunk Story



Jan 5, 2011

Jennifer

Thea

Linda

What would you do if you found a box or trunk of family memorabilia? Would you check to see if you recognized anyone in the photographs? Would you go out of your way to find the owner of the property? Mark Lack of Cottonwood discovered a steamer trunk full of family memorabilia and did just that. He talked to people from around the area where he had located the trunk, but no one had ever heard of the family. He did not give up. Mark Lack decided to donate the trunk to a genealogy society rather than simply throw it away but had difficulty locating one whom would accept the trunk. He persisted and finally lucked out. He contacted the president of The Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County, Glenda Doughman in Yreka. She informed him the society would be thrilled to receive the trunk full of a family's history.

Once the trunk arrived in Yreka, Nancy Smithee, Meredith Perry and Jennifer Bryan, GSSC members worked like well-trained detectives to locate the owner of the trunk or a family member. They first checked the Social Security Death Index for the two primary names found among the articles in the trunk. To their relief, they were not listed! Members continued to scan through various online data bases, made multiple phone calls, and talked to anyone that would listen.

Eventually, GSSC members tracked the family to Reedsport, Oregon and found a phone number, but it was disconnected. They continued to tell everyone they knew about the search. Finally, Jennifer Bryan talked to the right Siskiyou County person, Shari Fiock. She had an aunt, Thelma Fiock Davis, who lived in Reedsport and was willing to help. Jennifer and Shari called Thelma who looked through the Reedsport phone book for other possible people who might be related or connected to the family. At last they hit pay dirt! After several phone calls, Jennifer finally spoke with Thea Clemens who is the owner of the Trunk.

Thea Clemens was thrilled to hear the trunk had been located, and she immediately started to make arrangements to travel to Yreka. Siskiyou County residents often go above and beyond to help others, like Shari Fiock who offered to deliver the trunk to Reedsport. However, Thea wanted to thank everyone involved in returning the trunk. Thea arranged to travel to the Siskiyou County Genealogical Society Library, on October 30, 2010, to make the exchange. Unfortunately, Mark Lack could not be contacted directly. Thankfully, the president of GSSC found a cousin of his, Linda Dobson, whom Mark had never met in person but was willing to help out and get involved. She and Mark Lack spoke, and she agreed to represent him and the family. Ultimately, Thea Clemens and Linda Dobson traveled to The Siskiyou County Genealogical Society Library in Yreka to meet and complete the trunk's return.

In the end, this hunt restored a trunk to the family it belonged to along with all of its rich history, and it sparked Mark Lack and Linda Dobson to meet in person and become closer acquainted with one another. Everyone involved felt a sense of accomplishment and a great lesson was learned. A person never knows what a simple trunk, a stack of old papers, an attic full of boxes, or a forgotten shoe box under a bed could mean to a genealogical society, a family, or even a single person. So before you throw out anything, check with your local genealogical society or other family search organizations to see if they might be interested. It could influence many lives.

[More Photo's on page 11](#)

The Trunk Story Photo;s



Stories

From Pioneer Press 1980

Clara: One versatile lady



CLARA WILLIAMS

By SUE DAVENPORT

FT. JONES--Clara Williams of Ft. Jones is a versatile lady.

She served as a lookout during 17 fire seasons for the United States Forest Service, and she drove a mail run for 11 summers to Scott Bar, "hauling everything from a paper of pins to mining machinery groceries" in her old Dodge sedan.

She home-nursed, clerked briefly in Willard's Store, and learned to skin deer while working in the butcher shop where the laundromat now is.

She's known as the lady who removed the second story of her home on South Main Street. "I started, then the men of the community got together and helped with that".

She remodeled, widening her home 12 feet on one side, six feet on the other, and she built on a room. She changed the bathroom from one end of the house to the other, and she did the wiring and plumbing besides most of the carpentry.

Widowed in 1940 with five of her six children still at home, Mrs. Williams is proud that all of them attended college. She was the head of a busy household. Besides baby-sitting, she also raised a granddaughter and boarded seven high school kids for the school year at various times.

In 1952 she started working as a fire lookout, stationed at Hungry Creek near Hilt. "It was on a ridge coming from Mt. Ashland, with half my viewing territory in Oregon".

"I had to cover the whole territory every 10 minutes from the time the sun came up until it went down. After you've been there awhile, you get so if you see anything at all different, you'd grab the

binoculars".

She often couldn't take her days off, but came down after dark every several weeks to buy groceries and wash clothes during the approximate five-month fire season. During times of fire or lightning storms, she was on duty all night, but was relieved after 36 hours, she said.

One of her duties was to report weather data which included the temperature, humidity, wind velocity and direction, and fuel moisture. For the latter, she weighed a stick suspended on wires above a bed of pine needles to determine the moisture it had absorbed.

She saw a variety of animals there, including bear, bobcats, and one time a panther that ranged the area part of the time. "I had to haul my own water two and a half miles from a spring, and when I saw the panther's tracks there, I

stopped going for water after dark. I used to wonder why no deer were around then".

She and her husband John grew up in Boise, Idaho, and married in 1918. He was in the army for the last five months of World War I, Clara said, and he spent that time in the Olympic forest selecting straight-grained spruce timber to use in the construction of the wooden airplanes of that time.

The family moved to California in 1923, and spent three years in the company lumber town of Samoa in Humboldt County. John then joined the United States Forest Service, and the Williamses spent a year at Ruth in Trinity County, then a year at McCloud where he was assistant ranger.

He received his appointment as District Ranger in 1928, and the family settled in at Scott Bar, 28 miles west of Ft. Jones, for the next seven years.

"During the gold days, Scott Bar had a thousand registered voters, not counting all the Chinese there", Clara said, "and some of the buildings at the site of the Old Scott Bar, a half-mile beyond the present guard station, were still there". (The original town of Scott Bar was across the river.)

"The stage depot was empty then, but the hotel, store and four dwellings of the old town were used as homes, and we had dances in the old community hall. The houses there now are on what we used to call "Poverty Flat".

There was still mining in the area when the Williamses lived there, Clara commented, with six men employed at the Quartz Hill mine across the river, several smaller mines, and a number of individual prospectors. A company was mining in the old tunnels under the town.

Christmas Eve, 1923, the family moved to the Forest Service compound in Ft.

Jones, where they lived five years.

In 1940, John lost his life while saving a child from drowning. The accident occurred at Spring Flat, on the Scott River, and the new bridge constructed there is dedicated in his memory.

Clara retired at the age of 71, and said she still occasionally misses the lookout job. Though that year she enjoyed a two-month visit to her daughter Hazel Gedaly and family, stationed in England with the armed forces. From there, they took a two-week camping tour of the continent with a brief stay in five countries.

Besides gardening, she likes to visit her children, John Jr., David and Virginia Church. Her daughter, Julia Erickson, lives near her.

Clara is active in the Rebekah Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary, Methodist Church and the Ft. Jones Women's Club.

By SUE DAVENPORT

QUARTZ VALLEY--Just one glance by a visitor to Emma Burton's Quartz Valley ranch home will come up with her hobby of China painting.

There are china cabinets of beautifully painted dishes, figurines, vases; on the mantel and tables are collections of gold birds and figures, along with intricately detailed etched glassware.

On the wall are groupings of plates with the old-fashioned look of softly shaded flowers and designs, and there is a wall of shelves holding an array of white porcelain china not yet painted.

Her collection dates back to Nov. 1962, when her first several years' collection--and it was a large one she said--was destroyed, along with the Burton home, by fire.

Defining the craft as a fine art that is coming back, she said it didn't take long to learn when she took lessons 20 years ago. She has continued in weekly painting sessions with a group of five artists since.

"It's all done by shading, and you keep adding paint to the depth you need to get it right. You have to know how something grows", she said in reference to her many floral works, "and you have to have a feeling for it".

A native of San Lorenzo, Emma Heide was raised on a small ranch where her father grew fruit and flowers. "I sure did pick a lot of flowers, and it wasn't so much fun. We picked bunches of daffodils--50 to a bunch and 20 bunches made a thousand--for the flower market in San Francisco. And I used to pick for different gardeners too, beans, currants, 'cots, all kinds of stuff".

Emma and her future husband Ed Burton were grammar school kids when



EMMA AND ED BURTON in photo not too many years after they first moved to Scott Valley in 1946.

they met, almost 20 years before they were married. "I met him when I was visiting my sister Edna, who taught at Meamber School. She boarded with Ed's parents, the Frank Burton family next to the old Stephen Burton homestead still standing since it was built in 1861".

She obtained a teaching credential from San Francisco State and later earned a Master's Degree in Administration, followed by schools "here and there and all over".

Teaching was a lot different in those days, she commented. "No teacher's aids and never a chance to sit down. I remember having 64 kids daily in double shifts in World War II. That was something else!"

She married Ed in 1946 and moved to Scott Valley, where she taught two years

Obituaries

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9-30-68

Clara Marlahan

Mrs. Clara Loretta Marlahan, 57, wife of Edward W. Marlahan of Fort Jones passed away unexpectedly Saturday night in a Yreka hospital where she was admitted on Tuesday.

Mrs. Marlahan was born in the Bogus district on May 22, 1911 and moved to Scott Valley with her parents, Cornelius "Con" Mulloy and the late Essie Jane Mulloy in 1921. In July of 1935 she was married to Mr. Marlahan and the couple had ranched near Fort Jones since their marriage.

In addition to her husband and father, both of Fort Jones, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marlene Smiley and a son, Michael Marlahan, both of Fort Jones; three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Agnes Grisez of San Francisco and Mrs. Esther Veale, Mrs. Essie Hovenden, and Dennis Mulloy all of Fort Jones; and a granddaughter, Darsie Smiley.

Services will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday from the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Fort Jones. A rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the church and burial will be in the family plot in the Fort Jones Catholic cemetery.

1-2-69

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.

12-19-68

Ethel G. Turre

Mrs. Grace Ethel Turre, 72, wife of Charles J. "Tiny" Turre of Yreka, passed away last night in their residence on S. Main Street after a long illness.

She was born in Quartz Valley on July 12, 1896, and was one of four children of William and Ada Sheffield, her mother also being a native of the valley and her father settling there from Rhode Island. The family moved to Yreka when she was 12 years of age. The couple was married in 1923.

For many years Mrs. Turre was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Ross Neilon Post, American Legion and also an active member of the Yreka Southern Baptist Church.

In addition to Mr. Turre, she leaves a son, Byron Hanna of Cloverdale; a sister, Mrs. Edith Elliott of Medford and three grandchildren. A son, Jerry Turre, a California Highway Patrolman, was killed in an accident in 1962.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Girdner's Funeral Chapel. Rev. David Bandy of Chico, missionary of the Southern Baptist convention, will officiate and burial will be in the family plot in the Evergreen cemetery.

9-25-68

Jack E. Ryan

MOUNT SHASTA— Jack Earl Ryan, 60, died September 22. He was a resident of Mount Shasta for 24 years. Ryan was born June 13, 1908 in Montana.

Among survivors are a daughter, Sally Anne Hartzogg of South Gate, and his mother Mrs. Elva Ryan of Mount Shasta.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel.

1-2-69

James Eastlick

Funeral services for James C. Eastlick, 63-year-old Scott Valley native will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Fort Jones Community center under the auspices of North Star Lodge No. 91, F. & A. M. in Fort Jones. Interment will follow in the Fort Jones cemetery. Mr. Eastlick passed away Tuesday morning in a Medford hospital following a short illness.

The son of Willard and Creet Eastlick, he was born Sept. 23, 1905 in Oro Fino, and was raised in Quartz Valley. He ranched in Scott Valley most of his life and made his home in Fort Jones the past few years. He was a past master of North Star Lodge, a member of Ben Ali Temple of the Shrine, and the Scott Valley Grange.

Survivors include a son, Gerald Eastlick of Greenview, other children, Kathy, Kimberly, Jimmy and Johnny of Fort Jones; three sisters, Mrs. Lennie Trevithick and Sadie Whipple of Greenview, and Bessie Pieren of Chico; four brothers, Pearl Eastlick of Berney, Douglas of Council, Ida., Lester and Ira, both of Greenview; and four grandchildren.

As memorials, friends may contribute to the North Star Temple building fund, care of Robert Stone, Fort Jones.

9-27-68

Lucie Davidson

Mrs. Lucie Agnus Davidson, 92, widow of William T. Davidson, former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors from Fort Jones, passed away early today in a Yreka hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Davidson was born on May 4, 1876 at the Grider ranch in Seiad Valley and was one of six children born to William and Rebecca Grider, early settlers of the area. She was married to Mr. Davidson, a member of a pioneer Scott Valley family, in 1905. Mr. Davidson died in 1958. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Fort Jones for more than 50 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Allen Fowler of Fort Jones; three nieces, Mrs. Willie Adams of Weed; Mrs. Dorothy Scott of San Francisco and Mrs. Alice Goodale of Lafayette; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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