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PRESIDENT PAGE

President: Pat Williams

VP: Jennifer Bryan



Treasure: Karen Cleland

Secretary: Gail Platt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Janet Frost - Trudy Merrill - Robert & Karen Ramey - Alan Eddy

Notes from the President

We are having exciting times at GSSC. I have been going through the old Turner Funeral Records that the Center has had for a longtime time. I have also been looking at the old St Lawrence – St Marks and the IOOF Book that someone rescued. Between them I have found about 350 names of people buried in the old City Cemetery that have not been listed. Gail Platt is adding names to Evergreen that had been lost. We will probably be adding names to most of the Cemeteries around the County.

Another very exciting thing has happened at the Center. We have found materials in a file cabinet that had been forgotten, they include many clippings from the Butte Valley area, field notes from the Mt Diablo survey from the 1850s, birth certificates and marriage certificates. Come help sort these records and get them indexed into our records. They are incredible. And we don't know what we will find.

I hope everyone will be coming to our classes. The programs that are planned are very exciting. There are workshops that will be helpful. Make plans to come.

Pat

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A Hope for the Future

By a unanimous decision of the board on **July 14, 1995**, it was decided by the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County to establish a perpetual fund in a special savings account at Timberline Community Bank, for a facility and much needed home for our genealogical material.

It is to be known as the **Rose L. (Hicks) Brown Memorial Endowment Fund**. Rose Brown came here as child and her husband Leo was born in Little Shasta. At her death on December 11, 1997, she was 101 years 11 months and 11 days.

Proceeds from her last printed material, a book "100 Years and Going Strong" were donated to the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County after her death.

What better way to use the monies! When this fund reaches sufficient amount that the interest and interest only, can achieve this objective, this dream can become a reality.

Donations are acceptable toward this fund. Please make checks payable to: GSSC

(Contributions are tax deductible)

INFORMATION PAGE

Meeting Programs for Coming Months

TOO BE ANNOUNCED

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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Web Site:

<http://siskiyougenealogy.org>

General Meetings: Held at above address
Last Saturday of each month. 1 P.M.

Exceptions:

March is First Family Dinner Potluck
Last Saturday of Mar. 1 P. M.

Nov./Dec. Combined meeting - Potluck
2nd Sat. of Dec. 1 P. M.

Research Center:

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Other times by appointment
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Send to GSSC - at address on left side of page
Cost of Research is \$15.00 Per Hour with a
minimum of 1 hour. Reimbursement required
for cost of Vital Records, & Photo's
of Grave Sites (within Siskiyou County).
Enclose a stamped self addressed Envelope.

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BITS & PIECES



www.newspaperarchive.com - www.ancestorhunt.com - www.theoldentimes.com - www.loc.gov

More items from the Iowa Genealogy Society Periodical.

A TRUE STORY By Malcolm Forbes !

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard & probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge. "We'd like to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped. "We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus." The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

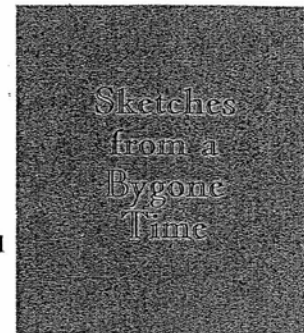
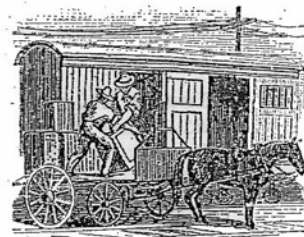
"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own? "

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in both confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about. You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them. ---



GSSC NEWS

Board

Officer Nominations

Mary Burchfield - President

Jennifer Bryan - Vice President - Glenda Doughman - Treasure

Gail Platt - Secretary

Special Projects - Past President - Pat Williams

PROGRAMS FOR - MAY - JUN. - JUL.- 2015

10am to Noon

May 2nd Beginning Genealogy Class - Free

May 9th Family Search.org Tree Workshop - Free

May 13th 9am to 1pm Senior Fair at the
Yreka Community Center

May 16th Ancestry.com &

Family Search.org

Cost \$10. Member

\$15. Non-Members

May 23rd Sis. Historical Soc.

Military Memories 2pm at

Siskiyou County Museum

Jun. 6th Beginning Class - Free

Jun 20th Gold Rush Days, Downtown Yreka

Jun. 27th General Meeting - New Board Officers take Office

Program TBA

We have new printer - a Epson Color with all the bell's & whistle's
Prints up 17 in. Paper - Duplexing - Two sided printing - Collating etc. & the
Ladies are putting it to good use - Making Books of all types of Genealogy
Information that they have found in the file cabinets in Officer Closet.

Kent James has been doing a lot tree trimming & other projects,
Thanks Kent.

One of our members - Meredith Perry

Past away.

CALENDAR & BOOK DONATIONS

MAY

2nd Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.
Beginning Genealogy Class (Free)

9th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.
Family Search.org Tree Workshop (Free)

13th 9am to 1pm Senior Fair Yreka Community Center

14th Board Meeting 1 P.M.

16th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.
Ancestry.com & Family Search.org Research
Cost \$10. Members - \$15. Non members

23rd Center Open 10 A.M. To 3 P.M.
Sis. Historical Soc. Military Memories
2pm at Siskiyou Museum

30th Center Open 10 A.M. To 3 P.M.
Meeting 1 P.M. - TBA

JUNE

6th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Beginning Genealogy Class (Free)

11th Board Meeting 1 P.M.

13th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

20th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Gold Rush Days, Downtown Yreka

27th Center Open 10 A.M. To 3 P.M.
Meeting 1 P.M. New Board Officers
Take Office - Program TBA

JULY

4th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Beginning Genealogy Class (Free).

9th Board Meeting 1 P.M.

11th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

8th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

25th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P. M.
Meeting 1 P.M.. - TBA

Pat Healy:
Evidence Explained

James Waddell:
Happy Camp Cemeteries
Happy Camp Bit of History
Waddell Family History
CA. North Outdoor Scenic By Way Vol. 2 -3 - 4

Young's:
Out West Canadian Prairie's

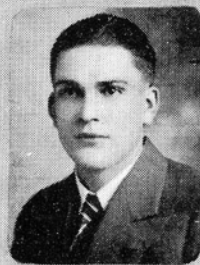
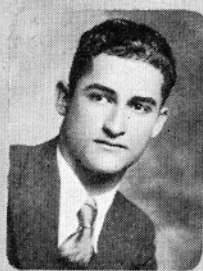
Fawn Hullquist:
A Century of Service The Story of the DAR
Washington Landmark
Lebanon Co. PA. Area Key
Pennsylvania area Key
Genealogist's Handbook for New England Res.
New York Area Key
English Family Research
Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index A County Guide

Meredith Perry:
The Modocs & Their War
Cherokee Proud
Cherokee Nation
Chickasha
Choctaw Nation of OK.
Oklahoma Indian Country
Indian Tribes of Oklahoma
Discover Your Roots
Beaver Country
The Oklahoma Panhandle
Washita Country
Woodward County
Your Guide to Cemetery Research
Guion Miller Roll plus
1924 Baker Roll
Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer

Linda Freeman:
Illustrated Dictionary Place Names
The Scandinavians in America
The British in America
Tri-County Genealogy Arkansas
The Company Tow of Weed, CA.



WHITE & GOLD



Mc Cloud High School Seniors 1934

Eleanor Ann Webb, Pres.



Mary Doris Cecchini
Caleb Edgar Dudwell
Kathryn Elizabeth Childs
John Dominico Caloni
Ruth Odessa Compton
Alvin Cass Haines
Nella Mary Cristofani
Isabel Carolyn Dais
Markus Fisk Lambert
Nellie Madeline Feldhausen
Richard Elmo Lung
Ruby Carolyne Hines
Everrett Ernest Mc Kenzie
Mrs. Hallick

Grayce J. Chiarucci
V. Pres.



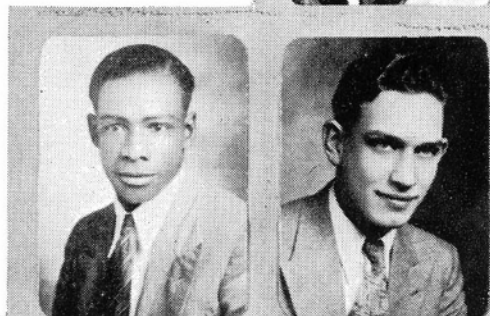


McCloud High School Seniors 1934

Ruby Elberta Irvin
Robert Loren McGonagle
Verna May Nelson
Robert Gleason Runckel
Dorothy Valeria Nichols
William Augusto Paolinetti
Teresina Judith Pencin
Dorothy Frances Parentice
Raymond Arthur Piltz
Elie Annie Restori
Wilfred Earl Toreson
Josephine Marie Riccomini
Naida Mary Young
Mr. Herkner

Carolyn Jane Aguzzi
Treasure

Clyde Fred Carter, Sec.



HEIR - A - PARENT

'By 'BERNICE GILLESPIE
of The Tidings

Eight miles north of Ashland lies
the old settlement of Climax.
We drove 40 miles to get there

Just north of Grizzly Peak—
the community is isolated by
hills, gullies, and barb wire, but
at on time an 11 mile road
connected the two places. More
than 20 families living there made
their way over for groceries and
goods. About twice a year each
family stocked up with huge
wagon loads of supplies which
might include as much as 20
fifty-pound sacks of flour and
other staples in proportion.

Between 1905 and 1913 a closer
tie was formed between Ashland
and Climax through the efforts of
Nels "N.L." Hanson and his
daughter Mabel.

Three times each week Hanson
carried the mail on horse-back
over the hills.

Became Mail Carrier

Mabel was the oldest of the
Hanson's five children. She was
15 —just within the legal age limit
to carry mail — when Hanson ran
a willow twig behind his eye.
She was attending high school in
Ashland and was called to take
the mail back to Climax. Shortly
after she left it began to snow
hard. The horse she was riding
became exhausted and Mabel
walked the last four miles. It was
growing dark when she reached
home.

From then on she often took the
route during vacations, riding a
big brown horse named Old
Doc. They came into Ashland
on the wagon road which led to
Pine Root Springs on top of the
mountain, down through the old
Square Deal Orchards, in Oak
Street.

Upon completing her education
Mabel taught school several
years. In 1913 she married
Lester Wertz. They returned to
Climax in 1927 and bought the
old Hanson place.

Visit to Climax

It was to their home we had
been invited.

The road to climax leads up into
the hills from Antelope Valley
south of White City, winding
alongside Antelope Creek. The
area is dotted with peaks.
Tenderfoot, Little Grizzly,
Chimney Rock, Rummel rock,
Hard Scramble, Haystack. They
were landmarks for the early
pioneers.

Beyond the Wertz home the
road becomes a jeep road and
climbs through the mountains
past shale City to connect with
the Dead Indian Road.

Both Mr. And Mrs. Wertz were
at the door to meet us.

"Where's Climax?" was our
greeting.

They weren't offended. It's a

reasonable question. Many
maps and atlases list the place;
an old Jackson county map lists
Climax in three locations, not
five miles from one another.
But we had seen no real
settlement — a house here and
there, most mostly of recent
construction; a sawdust pile
marking the spot of a long
decayed sawmill; old roads
branching off.

"You're standing on it," Lester
Wertz said as he ushered up into
the house. "The first postoffice
was in this house. The mail was
first brought from Eagle Point.
Later, Nels Hanson established
the route to Ashland. Before
the Climax postoffice was
discontinued in 1943 it was
moved to several homes in the
area—according to who the
postmaster was."

The old house, nestled in a
sloping lawn, was built more
than 90 years ago by Jake
Worlow one of the early settlers
in Climax. It was weathered a
soft patina of gray and brown.

Snatched Cat

the surrounding mountainous
country crowds the small home
to close that one summer day in
1920 a wildcat snatched a pet
house cat right out of the yard.
One morning when the Hanson
children were young, Mabel
was rolling up her bedding after
the girls had slept on the lawn
one night and found a rattlesnake
beneath it. Last year, about 100

yards from the house, Wertz trapped a bear which had been stealing apples from a box on the back porch.

The land on which the house stands was preempted by Worlow on squatters rights long before he homesteaded it in 1873. The water rights date back to that time. Hanson bought the property and moved his family there in 1899.

The interior of the house was bright with sunshine streaming through large windows which were included in the Wertz careful remodeling plans.

Although the kitchen fireplace has been replaced by a gas stove; partitions have been changed; a light grey wall-to-wall rug now covers the bare board floor, and other changes have been made; there is on prized possession. Mabel will not part with a wooden bathtub.

Lester made the full-size tub from a clear cedar log shortly after they brought the house. It is enameled (and changes color every time the bathroom is redecorated) and is plumbed in. Set flush to the floor, it looks surprisingly modern.

"Desert glass," hand hewn fireplace mantel, and table tops of sliced agate and petrified wood bedded in plastic accent the large living room.

Photo is not related to the story.

Much of the glass had been gathered from abandoned mountain homes..

Hills Home to Many

"If you were to stand on a hill and look around, you would see opening in the timber." Mabel Wertz said.

"Nearly every one has a spring in or near it. Nearly every one has evidence of an early cabin. Twiggy apple and plum trees are matted in the brush thickets nearby"

"At one time more than 20 children attended a school down in a flat beside the creek." Wertz said. "Church meetings were held in a few of the homes, sawmills were operated, a mining operation was started, and community get-togethers and dances were enjoyed.

The Millers, Grissom's, Kelso's, Whites, Charley's, Cooley's, Hurst's, Howes, Applegate's, Turnage's, Worlow's, Wylene's, Thompson's, Rummel's, Peil's, are all familiar names. But before those were other settlers. Water, game, and building material were plentiful in the hills and scarce in the valleys."

Ashlander from Climax

The name "Rummel:" struck a familiar note. Dave Rummel, now past 92. Makes his home on High Street in Ashland. He lived in Climax from the age of 3 until past 30. As a child he played around a sawmill built by Jake Worlow in 1860. His father and Worlow later built a new mill, and still later a mill was constructed by Clay Charley and one was built by the Hanson brothers. All operated by water power from Antelope Creek.

Some of rough lumber cut at the first mills was used to construct the schoolhouse "down by the creek." An earlier schoolhouse was built of logs and was heated by a rock fireplace. Only a rotten log or two now marks the spot. The school district was No. 13. The second school was moved to the Wertz ranch about 1920 and was abandoned in 1945 after the construction of Camp White.

Dave Rummel helped bury old Abraham Miller, native of Tennessee and part time. Baptist preacher who came to Oregon in 1847, Miller settled in Climax and is buried there in a small cemetery alongside his wife and their son, Philip who "died from eating too many service berries."



There, too, side by side, are the graves of two young lovers, whose tragic story ended when he went into the woods one day and shot himself. She learning of his death, hanged herself from a beam in her father's barn.

We drove with the Wertz to the little cemetery and then up to the old "leach house"

Mining Operation

This mining operation dates back to about 1929 when while mining shale, Walter Charley and G. McLain broke into a soft mineral bedrock containing medicinal properties. A man named Harmish from Portland promoted the operation. Liquid was extracted in the leach house, and the medicine which, among other things was said to stop bleeding, cure pyorrhea, relive, poison oak, (and according to Mrs. Wertz, made an excellent fertilizer) was ready to bottle.

But difficulty arose. The product could never be stabilized to accord with food and drug laws. The property where the mining operation was started is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brenner of Medford, who have built a summer home there.

It was Climax's last bid for economic growth. There are presently only two permanent families in the area – the Milroy Charleys and the Wertz. Summer homes are being built, but it is primarily cattle country.

Stills\ Rides

The Wertz own and lease several hundred acres of land on Antelope Creek and have government grazing rights on lands reaching up the north slope to the top of Grizzly.

Mabel Wertz still rides horseback a great deal and helps work their cattle.

She is trim active, interesting and interested woman who.

The rest of the article is missing.



Picture from 2011 - History Festtable



HISTORY



The Publisher gratefully acknowledges the effort made by the Yreka Chamber of Commerce in furnishing the following statistics and information.

Yreka, California

Thompson's Golden Grass Roots

Northwest of Yreka, in March of 1851, gold was discovered by Abraham Thompson, a member of a party enroute from Oregon to Scott Bar. Following a heavy rain storm, particles of gold in the roots of grass pulled up by pack animals caused Thompson to wash three pans of gravel. The results convinced him that the area was rich enough to work. Also in the party were Dr. F. G. Hearn, Judge Silas J. Day, and a Mr. Bell, Thompson's partner. All staked claims on the flats; Thompson and Bell were given extra claims for the discovery. The flats became known as Thompson's Dry Diggins.

In a very short time over 2,000 prospectors from the north and south rushed to the area. Thus the town of Yreka was born and peopled by miners, along with those who had the gumption to rough it and cater to them.

The location of this mushroom city was about one half mile northwest of the corner of Oregon and Miner Streets. A town of tents and brush shanties quickly sprang up. Sam Lockhart's saloon, made of shakes nailed upon poles covered with canvas and brush, was the only house in the town. D. H. Lowry and his wife, the first white woman in Siskiyou County and the town, opened a boarding house under a canopy of brush. A pine log served as a table on which were spread meals of bacon, coffee, rice and biscuits for \$1.50.

A shortage of water caused the miners to haul the dirt down to Yreka Creek to be washed. Nearly all arrivals thereafter pitched their tents along the creek, and soon the town was moved to its present location. A large corral was built at the foot of Miner Street, where the stock was kept, and this became "headquarters". Samuel Lockhart moved his saloon as he naturally desired to be near the center of population. His was the first business place in the present town of Yreka, and if still standing would be in the street at the present junction of Center and Main Streets. The streets of the town were soon laid out and lots were paced off. The first house in the new location was a log cabin of cottonwood logs built by Mr. Turner late in 1851. George C. S. Vail was chosen alcalde and James E. Thomas, constable.

That fall the name of the town was changed to Shasta Butte City, but to avoid confusion with Shasta City in Shasta County the name was changed to Yreka which is an Indian name meaning Mt. Shasta. Yreka became the county seat of Siskiyou County.

On September 29, 1852, the first white child was born in Yreka to Mr. and Mrs. James Hill. The

child was named William Shasta Hill.

In September 1851, Rev. Godfrey held the first religious services in Yreka in a log cabin on the corner of Miner and Oregon Streets. In 1854, the first church, the Union Church, was erected. Later this became the Methodist Church. In the fall of 1855 the first Catholic Church was built. An Episcopal Society was organized in 1859.

The first school in Yreka was a small private one established in the winter of 1853-1854. In 1869, St. Joseph's Academy, a convent school, was built and was conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. Years later, in 1894, Yreka High School was established.

On April 21, 1857, with a population of 5,000, the city of Yreka was legally incorporated. A gas franchise was granted April 28, 1858; and on Saturday night, December 17, the streets of Yreka were illuminated with gas. Electric power was first furnished to Yreka by the Quinn Electric and Power Company on the Shasta River.

Indian Peggy, A Famed Heroine

Between 1855 and 1857 there were 5,000 people in the town of Yreka. During the gold rush days there were many Indians in and around the city. One day Indian Peggy, a Modoc Indian raised by the Shasta tribe and a friend of the white people, warned the residents of Yreka of an impending attack. Thereby, she prevented a massacre of the white people. Years later the Siskiyou County Historical Society placed a marker on the famed heroine's grave.

The first post office was established in Yreka in 1853. The Yreka Fire Department, which is today 120 years old, was organized on September 7, 1857. The town had many large fires in the early days but the most serious occurred July 4, 1871, when one third of the town was destroyed by fire in less than an hour. The total loss was \$250,000. Of the vast amount of property destroyed there was but \$75,000 of it insured. Cash contributions came pouring in from all sides to alleviate the suffering. San Francisco alone contributed \$5,086. The city of Yreka was able to return the favor in 1906 when the San Francisco fire and earthquake hit.

In its early days Yreka had two Chinatowns, one on each end of Main Street. Yreka maintained, and was the stopping place for, more stage lines than any other town in the state.

William Irwin, a business man of Yreka, was elected Governor of California in 1857. To date he has been Siskiyou County's only contribution to that high office. Many famous actresses, actors



HISTORY (Continued)

and singers have performed in Yreka, the most outstanding being the famous Lottie Crabtree, who lived in Yreka for a short time as a child, and sang and danced for the miners in the Arcade Saloon during the winter of '55 - '56.

Although Yreka has been a peaceful place, past occasions have demonstrated that criminals were allowed to go just so far, as illustrated by an 1895 necktie party where four prisoners were taken from the county jail and hanged to a railroad rail placed between two locust trees over the walk at the courthouse.

Mining and Agriculture

Mining has always been an important factor in the history of Yreka, but added to this we have the development of farm lands, sawmills and other industries. The terminal of the Yreka Western Railroad connects with the Southern Pacific lines six miles away in Montague. It is on Interstate 5, between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. Yreka is the center of one of the greatest game and fishing paradises in all of California. Large crops of grain, oats, barley, wheat and alfalfa, which supply the dairy and cattle industry, are located in the various valleys around Yreka. All of Siskiyou County to the south and east of Yreka is agricultural farming land, while to the north and west are mines and a great growth of timber.

The Yreka Bakery, built in the early '50's, is known all over the United States as being spelled the same forward and backward.

Many times the question has been asked, "What keeps Yreka going?" The simplest answer to this question is "its people, pioneers and descendants of pioneers". As an illustration of what is meant by this, at the time of the great earthquake and fire in San Francisco in 1906, a call went out for help. The town of Yreka, remembering the help San Francisco had given her after her disastrous fire in 1871, was the first city to respond. Its contributions in cash and clothing were the largest per capita of any city in the United States.



Siskiyou Co., Court House before addition - Date before 1904

The Founding of Montague

Early in the month of January, 1887, L. D. Norton, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific Railroad, was sent to Siskiyou County for the purpose of laying out a town site which was to be known as Montague. The name was to honor W. W. Montague, for many years civil engineer for the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroads. It was to be situated east of a six mile post on the Little Shasta Road. Four prominent farmers together gave a section of their land to establish the town site.

By March 9, 1887, the town was staked off into streets with three small buildings, consisting of a saloon, restaurant and a store, already erected. Soon many buildings such as hotels, general merchandise stores, livery stables, a drug store, blacksmith shops, candy store, a bank and a flour mill sprang up. In 1901, the Montague Light and Power Company of the Montague Flour Mill furnished light and power to its citizens.

The depot was to be in the center of town, with sidewalks along each side. The railroad played a major part in the rapid growth of the town. Cattle were driven from nearby communities and southern Oregon and shipped from Montague. The town became the supply point for the Shasta and Little Shasta Valleys. Its first school was built in 1889 and its first church in 1902.

Montague's colorful historic background was made so by many enterprising and ambitious people striving to build a future for themselves and their descendants, here in the beautiful country in Northern California.



Siskiyou Co. Court House - After 1904

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To: OHBUTLER-L@rootsweb.com <OHBUTLER-L@rootsweb.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 1998 10:33 AM
Subject: [OHBUTLER-L] Fw: [USGENWEB-ALL-L] genealogy joke...

>From someone on the Norway List...

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> YOU KNOW YOU'RE TAKING GENEALOGY TOO SERIOUSLY IF ...

> You are the only person to show up at the cemetery research party with a shovel.

> To put the "final touches" on your genealogical research, you've asked all of your closest relatives to provide DNA samples.

> You were instrumental in having "non-genealogical use of the genealogy room copy machine" classified as a federal hate crime.

> Your house leans slightly toward the side where your genealogical records are stored.

> You decided to take a two-week break from genealogy, and the U.S. Postal Office immediately laid off 1,500 employees.

> Out of respect for your best friend's unquestioned reputation for honesty and integrity, you are willing to turn off that noisy surveillance camera while she reviews your 57 genealogical research notebooks in your home. The armed security guard, however, will remain.

> You plod merrily along "refining" your recently published family history, blissfully unaware that the number of errata pages now far exceeds the number of pages in your original publication.

> During an ice storm and power outage, you ignore the pleas of your shivering spouse and place your last quilt around that 1886 photograph of dear Uncle George.

> The most recent document in your "Missing Ancestors" file is a 36-page contract between you and Johnson Billboard Advertising Company.

> Ed McMahon, several t.v. cameras and an envelope from Publishers Clearing House arrive at your front door on Super Bowl Sunday, and the first thing you say is, "Are you related to the McMahons of Ohio?"

> "A Loving Family" and "Financial Security" have moved up to second and third, respectively, on your list of life's goals, but still lag far behind "Owning My Own Microfilm Reader."

> A magical genie appears and agrees to grant your any one wish, and you ask that the 1890 census be restored.

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Zibull

WEED — Mrs. Ethel M. Zibull, wife of Herman Zibull of Weed and a native of Yreka, passed away early Friday in the Mt. Shasta Eskaton Healthcare Center at the age of 67.

Born on Aug. 13, 1906, she was one of four children born to George and Mary Sargent Houghton. In 1926 she married Mr. Zibull and the couple had lived in Weed since their marriage with the exception of the years from 1937 to 1951 when they lived in Yreka.

Services will be held in Yreka at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Girdner's Funeral Chapel. Rev. Clarence H. Freeman of the United Methodist church will officiate and burial will be in the family plot in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Passes Away

Nelson Dennis, aged 67 years, 6 months and 23 days, passed away at Hornbrook, Calif., October 14. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 16 at 1 p. m. from the Hornbrook Community church, Rev. Lowery officiating, with Bills and Burton's Mortuary conducting. Interment was in Little Shasta cemetery.

The deceased leaves to mourn, a wife and daughter, two brothers, one a resident of Weed, Calif., the other of Washington.

Nelson Dennis had been a resident of Hornbrook for 19 years.

Former Yrekan Is Laid to Rest Monday

John Wallace Cunningham died at Medford, Oregon, on Friday. He was aged 85 years, 3 months and 16 days. *Oct 1937*

Mr. Cunningham was the father of Mrs. A. P. Dorris of this city.

Funeral services were held at the J. E. Turner & Sons Chapel on Monday, November 1st in the afternoon. Rev. Charles D. Miller officiating.

Some weeks ago, Mr. Cunningham sustained a fracture of the right hip, which was believed to have contributed to his death.

Mr. Cunningham's wife died in 1930.

Mrs. B. Edson Local Pioneer Dies Hear

Bessie Dixon Edson passed away on March 5, 1939. She has been a most wonderful character in the history of Siskiyou county. At the time of her death she was 90 years of age, with almost half a year having passed since that time.

Mrs. Edson was born in Philadelphia and came to California eighty seven years ago. She was the owner of the Klamath Hot Springs, a most popular resort for many years. No courtesy or attention to her guests were ever overlooked.

Funeral arrangements will be under the direction of John E. Turner and Sons. They will be held from their chapel on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment will be held at the family plot south of Gazelle, where all of the Edson's have been laid to rest.

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