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PRESIDENT PAGE

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In Memory Of

Betty Bryan -William Doughman - Fawn Hullquist - Meredith Perry

PRESIDENT LETTER

Hello Everyone

Here it is almost the end of another year. I Want to welcome all the members that have joined us in past year. I want to encourage them to come in on Saturdays to do their research or just to help out for a few hours. You don't have to be an expert at research; besides it is a lot of fun to meet new people and to listen to their ideas on how they do their research. I would like to encourage our old members to volunteer to help also.

I would also like to remind everyone that you can put queries in our Heir - Line to find your family information. This published quarterly. You never know who else is looking for the same person. When submitting your queries the surname should be in capital letters, then the given name,, date of birth, death, where the events took place. Even if you are sure put in a place you think your ancestor might have lived. Keep it simple and for one ancestor. They should be sent to: gssc99gmail.com or mailed to GSSC 912 So. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097.

We have had some good projects in the works this past year. Doris Betts has been busy on the newspaper clippings and could use some help. Pat Williams is working on getting some of the smaller cemeteries listed as well as working on the Chinese Cemetery. Gail Platt and Pat Healy have been working on reclassifying our books in order to make researching easier. Jennifer Bryan worked with the History Alliance on the Bingo project. She reported it to be a great success. We had a marvelous program Saturday Oct. 10th. Our guest speaker for this event was Charlie Kempthorne.. We had a great response last year, however this year it was very disappointing. There is a list of projects in the works posted in this issue of the Heir-Lines. Page 13. Look them over and see which ones would be of interest to you, then come on in and give us a hand. We welcome all volunteers!

Our yard sale this year was not as good as last year. We did not have the donations or the volunteers that we had the previous year. Because of the lack of interest in the yard sale we are going to postpone have one next year.

The Research Center will be closed Nov. 21st & 28th, - Dec. 19th & 26th, and Jan. 2nd. These closures are due mainly to the lack of Volunteer's. We will reopen Jan. 9th for research.

Because of family illness I have not been able to find the time or effort to my job of President as I would have liked, but hopefully within the next three or four months things will be better and I can get back to doing the things I enjoy--finding that elusive ancestor.,

Remember this is your society and it is what you make it.

Mary Burchfield, President GSSC

INFORMATION PAGE

Meeting Programs for Coming Months

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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>

General Meetings: Held at above address
Quarterly in Month of - Mar. - June- Sept.
Exception is the Dec. Christmas Potluck
1 P.M. At the Research Center - 2nd Sat. Of
December

Research Center:

Open Sat. 10:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Other time by appointment:

Call: 530-842-5506 or 530-917-9478

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Research Requests:

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.

Non Member Fees:

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Queries:

Send to GSSC to the address above left.

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Research Jennifer Bryan

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

BITS & PIECES

More items from the Iowa Genealogy Society Periodical.

INTERESTING TOMBSTONE EPITAPH in Pennsylvania:

"Here lies the body of Jonathon Blake. Stepped on the gas instead of the bràke".

CENSUS TAKERS have interesting experiences. We learn of one who went to a house at the end of a secluded road and informed the lady there that he was trying to find out how many people there were in the United States. She politely told him she was sorry he had come all that way because she had no idea how many there were and couldn't help him at all.

GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE: Margaret Norris Heinek of New Carlisle Indiana and her husband were in Franklin Co VA looking for some Woody Family records. She obtained directions to a country house, drove there, and asked for information. The lady there knew nothing, but said there were some tombstones in her cow pasture and drove them there in her truck. There they found the stones of Margaret's ancestor's brother and his wife. Martin Woody had served in The Revolution but his grave had never been recorded on any official list.

AN INDEX of INDIANA MARRIAGES up to 1850 is available at the Indiana State Library -- Genealogy Division. Write to them at 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204.

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MAKING HICKORY CANE CORN HOMINY

Many years ago an old wooden box which was wider at the top than at the bottom was a familiar sight in backyards. Here the winter ashes were dumped. It was called an ash hopper. Water that fell on the ashes seeped through to a trough placed under the hopper resulting in a very strong lye solution. Periodically this water was drained and placed in large stone jars. It was used by the housewife to make soap from the grease and fats that accumulated throughout the year, and also to make hominy every fall from either white or yellow corn.

The corn was put to soak overnight in a solution of 2 tablespoons of lye water to one gallon of water. This softened the hulls. The next morning a fire was built in the back yard under a big iron kettle filled with plain water and 2 tablespoons of lye water per gallon. When hot the corn was added and boiled about 30 minutes. An occasional stir kept it from sticking to the sides and bottom.

By then the hulls began to loosen so the kettle was set off the fire and the contents stirred until the hulls came off. The corn was then dipped off into cool water in stone jars and rubbed to finish removing the hulls and the dark corn tips. Several waters were used to wash off any remaining lye.

It was now ready to be cooked until tender in water with 1 teaspoon salt per quart. The hominy was stored in stone jars for use during the winter. When they wanted a mess of hominy they just dipped some out, heated and seasoned it, and it was ready for the table. (In later years it was processed in a pressure cooker.)

Sign spotted on the back window of a small car being pulled by a motor home: "I go where I'm towed."

—Contributed by ROY MAIER

GSSC NEWS

PROGRAMS FOR - Nov. - Dec. - Jan.

Beginning Genealogy workshop - 10 A.M. To - Noon - free
Bring Laptops if you have one
Nov. 7th - Feb. 6th - Mar. 5th

Jan. 30th - Round Table - “Ask me anything” - FREE - 1 P. M.
Feb. 27th - Military Brick Walls - FREE - 1 P. M.

Research - Class's
10 A. M. To Noon - Members \$10.00 - Non Members \$15.00
Nov. 14th - Virginia - Jan. 23rd Census Records - Reading between the lines - Feb. 20th Military
Mar. 19th - Reading & Understanding Legal Documents - hands on workshop

DEC. 5th - XMAS - POTLUCK - 12 P. M. - Bring Food

YARD SALE

\$548.

Some bill's have not been submitted.

The Yard Sale for 2016 is CANCELED

The Reason too much work for the few that do help.

The Address Book for 2015-2016 is now at the Greeters Desk
as of Oct. 11th we have 84 Members

Seminar Possibility:

Discussion on having a Seminar as a 1 day. Have classes with a paid or maybe Klamath Falls that are Inquire at restaurants for possible for genealogists. We need to need a theme, Scandinavian class, name is brought up as may be knowledgeable in the Scandinavian Area. May June time frame, at least prior to June. Lunchtime maybe could be 1 ½ hours.

We
Now have
Bottled Water in the
Refrigerator
\$1.00
Honor System

fundraiser. A 3 day verses speaker from RVGS Certified Genealogists. Lunch specials, special seating “Stir folks up” With new idea's maybe an hour. Karen Cleland's

Research Opportunities: Bring to next Board Meeting ideas for opening for more research, decide morning or night, one evening or one additional day or a combination of day & night, different days, what might be best - Consider after Jan., have shifts, noon to 6:30 to cover kids in school & working parents. Lighting may be a concern for safety, if so maybe change existing lighting schedule to dawn to dusk or making a permanent light fixture might helpful.

Library

In an effort to help our library grow, we are re-introducing the opportunity to “Adopt a County” that you are researching for your ancestors and donate your Favorite book to the library. Be sure to check & see if we have need for books for that area. If we do please consider donating it for our library! We hope to make our The destination place for research!

Project List 2015-2016

Volunteers Needed

Happy Camp Cemetery - Heir - Lines -Old Scrapbook - IOOF Burial Book - St. Marks Book

Index/Scan/Digitize

Pioneer Press Photos - **Catalog, Identify, Scan/ Digitize**

WEB MASTER NEEDED

CALENDAR & BOOK DONATIONS

NOV.

7th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.
Beginning Genealogy Class Free
10 A.M. To 12 noon

12th Board Meeting 1 P.M.

14th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P. M.
Virginia Research - \$10. Members
\$15.- Non Members 10 to 12

21st Center Closed

28th Center Closed

DEC.

5th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
XMAS POTLUCK 12 P. M.

10th Board Meeting 9 A. M.

12th Center Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

19th Center Closed

26th Center Closed

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JAN.

2nd Center Closed

9th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.

16th Center Open 10 A. M. To 3 P.M.

23rd Center Open 10 A.M. To 12 P.M.
Census Records reading between the
Lines. \$10. Members \$15. Non-Members
10 to 12

30th Center Open 10 A.M. To 3 P.M.
Round Table “Ask me anything”
Free 1 P.M. To ?

BOOK DONATIONS

KITTY GLOYNE:

Death Records for Carbondale, IL - 1877-1952
Mills Atlas of the state of So. Carolina
Ninety Six District So. Carolina
Some So. Carolina Genealogical Records
Some So. Caroline Genealogical Records - Vol. 1
History of the Upper Country So. Carolina Vol. 2
So. Caroline Baptists 1670 - 1805
Marriage Notices the So. Carolina Gazette
Some So. Caroline County Records Vol. 2
A Genealogical Collection of So. Carolina Wills Vol. 1
Chester Co. So. Carolina 1785-1799
Mecklenburg Co., No. Caroline 1763-1779
Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1774
White Co. IL 1910 Census
Cemeteries of Jackson Co., IL. Vol. 2
Williamson Co., IL. Wills Book A
White Co., IL. 1880 Census
White Co., IL. 1900 Census
Pulaski Co. IL. 1819-1987 History
Pope Co., IL. Marriages 1816-1827
1870 Gallatin Co., U.S. Census
Aurora, IL Illustrated 1890
Index to The 1820 Census of TN.
History of Sweetwater Valley, TN.
Arkansas Land Records
Virginia Public Claims Halifax, Co.
Kansas Territorial Settlers Born in TN. - VA. - AR.
A Proper Name Index to History of Winona Co. MN.
Heritage of Hot Springs Co., AR. 1829
Clans & Families of Ireland
The Primal Families of the Yellow Creek Valley
Early VA. Families Along the James River
Colonial Surry
How to Read The Handwriting & Records of Early America
Immigrants Ancestors
Known Military Dead During War of 1812
Will Book of 1752-1773 Halifax Co., VA.
Caroline Co., VA. Court Records 1742-1833
& Marriages 1782-1810
Will Book 1 of Halifax Co., VA. 1773-1883
1880 Williams Co., IL. Mortality Schedule
Spartanburg Co., So Carolina Minutes
Union Co., So. Carolina Will Abstracts 1787-1849
Abstracts of Old Ninety-Six & Abbeville Dist. Wills & Bonds
Spartanburg Co., So. Carolina Will Abstracts 1787-1840



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF EARLY HISTORY OF SCOTT VALLEY

By Bernard Walker

One may follow the trend of human civilization far back into the dim annals of the past and find without exception, that men have ever sought the unmapped trails leading in to the far horizons of the earth; almost blindly seeking either some legendary buried treasure or feverishly searching for that precious metal called gold.

The discovery of gold in California sent the wagon trains on their dangerous journey overland across the western plains while other daring souls manned the sailing ships on that intrepid voyage around the Horn. All with one common goal, the Pot of Gold at the end of the rainbow.

As a result of the gold rush, our vast coastal Empire experienced a new birth and California was admitted to the Union as a state in 1850. Meanwhile, the gold seekers following the streams and dim trails ever northward had discovered gold in our own Siskiyou County.

Now as we turn to Scott Valley let us roll back the scroll of history's pages to the year 1836, when according to the most reliable sources, the first white man set foot in this valley.

These men were a group of fur trappers in the employ of the Hudson Bay Fur Company; who under the leadership of the famous Tom McKay, came into Scott Valley from the North, having left Vancouver in the spring of that year. One member of that group has left his name indelibly engraved on the pages of Scott Valley history. His name was Stephen Hall Meek, who was born in Washington County, Virginia, on July 4, 1807. (Meek was grandfather to my Great Aunt, Grace Bottoms)

After trapping the streams of Scott Valley, Steve Meek, as he became familiarly known throughout Northern California, returned to the East. He returned to Scott Valley, however, about 1871 and although his travels as a trapper, hunter and guide took him over most of Northern California, Scott Valley was actually his headquarters. The old Josiah Doll Ranch on French Creek was where he made his home much of the time during his declining years. He died in Scott Valley on January 8, 1889. He is buried in the Etna Cemetery where in October 1950, the Native Daughters of The Golden West of Etna, placed a memorial plaque over his grave.

Some of the tales of Steve Meek handed down by old times are almost legendary.

Scott Valley was named in honor of John Scott who headed a group of prospectors who discovered placer gold at Scott Bar in 1850.

These men supposedly came Northwest from what was then known as Fort Reading which stood somewhere within the

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boundaries of the present town of Redding. They proceeded through the mountains of Trinity, crossed over on to the Salmon River, which stream they followed to where it empties into the Klamath.

They worked up the Klamath River, prospecting the various bars enroute until they reached the mouth of Scott River. Here they started working up the river and discovered coarse placer gold in paying quantities on a bar just across the river from where Scott Bar now stands. This they named Scott Bar in honor of the leader John Scott.

The Indians here, however, did not welcome them, but are said to have attacked and killed some of their number which consisted of about thirty men.

Scott and his men then abandoned their mining efforts here and started back for Fort Reading. They did not, however, retrace their trail into Scott Bar, but proceeded up the Scott River Canyon until they reach Scott Valley proper. They passed through the Valley, went out over what we now call Scott Mountain, and, thence completed the loop to Fort Reading.

Scott is said to have organized a much larger group of prospectors here which returned to the very rich placer diggings at Scott Bar and again they took up mining in 1851.

History does not tell us definitely just why, but Scott Valley, Scott Mountain, Scott River and Scott Bar are all said to have been named in honor of the same man, John Scott, adventurer and gold seeker.

Perhaps the first building in Scott Valley was done in the fall of 1850 by Edward Wicks, William Pool, and others who were among the miners at Scott Bar. These men took up a tract of land near the upper end of Scott River Canyon which was later to become the Gus Meamber Ranch. Here they built a log cabin and log corral where the miners could feed their pack stock since there was no feed available at Scott Bar. The miners packing in and out of Scott Bar paid these men very handsomely for grazing their horses and mules.

In the spring of 1851 a small log cabin is said to have been built on what was later the Heartstrand Ranch on the east side of the valley. This cabin was used by game hunters who were selling meat to the miners of Yreka Flats, which had also become a rich mining camp.

In September 1851, George Rice, Wallace Holt and two other men took up a tract of land in this same section. This land was purchased in 1852 by P. A. Heartstrand and Asa White. Heartstrand lived here for many years becoming an outstanding rancher of the valley and today, a small valley extending east into the hills from this place is known as the Heartstrand Gulch.

Also in the fall of 1851, a man named M. B. Callahan located and settled on what was later known as Callahan's Ranch. He brought his wife to this place in the spring of 1852.

Thus, we note that the builders urge is slowly beginning to manifest itself in Scott Valley for in August 1851, Elijah Steele, together with three men named Briggs, Sloan and Tiernan built a large log structure two miles northwest of Fort Jones on the road to Yreka. Elijzh Steele, in partnership with Lucius Fairchild, later established a business at this place from which they supplied beef to the different camps.

Naturally, the miners growing demand for food and sundry essentials at times far exceeded the limited supply brought in by the faithful pack mules. Consequently, some of the tales told of prices paid for food are legendary. It has been said that many a hungry miner almost burdened down with gold dust readily gave equal weights of that dust for the precious sugar, flour and salt. We must understand, of course, that such was the extreme exception and not the general prevailing rule of the time, although prices were excessively high until this country succeeded in providing food of its own.

The actual home building in Scott Valley began in 1852. During that year a number of men settled on land claims at various points throughout the valley on both east and west sides of Scott River.

Early in 1852, John McKee took up the Peter Smith Ranch north of Etna; Rev. D. H. Lowery took up a ranch at Crystal Creek, later owned by O. V. Greene. The Lone Star Ranch in the lower part of the valley was located during this year by a man named Star. It later became the proerty of I. S. Mathews, one of Scott Valley's most eminent pioneers. During this same year a man known as Dutch John settled at the mouth of Hamblin Gulch. What is now known as the Wagner Ranch was taken up at this time by Col. Charles Drew and Benjamin Drew. The well-known L. S. Wilson ranch on Patterson Creek was taken up by John P. Wilson about this time, while in the Kidder Creek District settlers were also building. On what is still known as the Glendenning Ranch, The brothers William and Thomas Glendenning settled during this year and today almost one-hundred years later, the ranch is still in the possession of the Glendenning family. It has never been operated by anyone else. Joining the Glendenning ranch, claims were also taken up at this time by the Shores Brothers and by E. J. Winninger; while on the south side of Kidder Creek, claims were taken by John T. Moxley and LeRoy Kidder. John T. Moxley was a boy of nineteen years when he arrived in

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Scott Valley. He spent the remainder of his life on this ranch with the exception of a period spent in Yreka where he served as Sheriff of Siskiyou County.

LeRoy Kidder sold to a man named James Mitchell and returned to the east around 1854. Kidder Creek, incidentally, derives its name from LeRoy Kidder. James Mitchell is said to have built and operated the first harness and leather repair shop in Scott Valley about this time.

The Kidder Ranch is where I was born and it is still my home today. It was purchased by my Grandfather William B. Walker in 1864 and after his death was operated for years by my father William E. Walker.

From 1853 on through the fifties, a number of men who were later to become outstanding in the building of Scott Valley settled there. Among them were A. H. Denny, who arrived in Yreka Flats in October 1852 with his brother. They later mined at Deadwood and moved to Callahan in 1854. Perhaps no other man was more outstanding in the development of Callahan and the south end of the valley than A. H. Denny, who from 1855 until his death, was very active in both the mercantile business and in farming.

Among other outstanding citizens were the Davidson Brothers, William, Dr. D. M., Jeremiah and James. In 1853, James A. Davidson took up much of the land on which Fort Jones stands today. The old Davidson Ranch is still the property and home of Supervisor William Davidson who is the son of James A. Davidson.

Still other men who played important roles in the building of the fifties were the Meamber Brothers, Augustus and John F.; James Bryan, the Wolford Brothers, John M. and A. W.; I. S. Mathews, L. S. Wilson, Josiah Doll, O. V. Greene, Oliver W. Goodale, Joseph W. Jones, Andrew Beem, George Smith, George Herd, John Wagner, Joseph LeDuc, Alexander Parker, Henry J. Diggles, James A. Diggles, Elton T. Tailey, A. B. Carlock, Hank Wright, William Sharp, Charles Hovenden, Abisha Swain, Asa Howard, John P. Wood, Martin Andrews, John Smith, Peter Smith, Mathias Smith, J. C. Campbell, E. P. Jenner, A. M. Johnson, Daniel Davis, Thomas Patton and Grove K. Godfrey.

Now for the time being let us turn to the towns of early Scott Valley. Deadwood, which stood at the forks of Deadwood and Cherry Creek, which streams united to form McAdams Creek, was perhaps the most famous of the early mining towns of the county.

Mining first started in the Deadwood and Cherry Creek areas in the summer of 1851 and the location at the forks known as Deadwood, formed a general headquarters for the miners who lived in tents and log cabins along the banks of

the two streams.

With the coming of spring in 1852, a large number of miners had flocked to this place. A voting precinct was established and more than one hundred votes were cast in the first election.

William Davidson established a butcher shop here in 1853 and about the same time William Poole opened a trading post.

In 1854 a Scotsman named McAdams found very rich placer gold on the main stream a short distance below Deadwood. That stream has been called McAdams Creek ever since that time.

This new gold strike brought many new people to the place and consequently, Deadwood became second to Yreka among the towns of the County. In 1856 there were 475 votes cast there. In 1857 a County Convention was held there.

By 1858 most of the rich claims were worked out along Cherry and Deadwood Creeks and consequently, the false glory of the town began to fade.

In December 1861 fire destroyed practically all of the town of Deadwood making it virtually a thing of the past, never to be revived again.

Mining also began to flourish on Indian Creek, which is located just over the mountain west from McAdams Creek, in 1854 and 1855. Some three hundred miners are said to have been working along the creek and up its various gulches during this time. Consequently, the little town of Hooperville sprang up to become the general trade and business center for the miners. It derived its name from Frank Hooper, one of the first settlers there.

Hooperville, like Deadwood, soon began to fade due to the fact that Fort Jones, which was by this time becoming a town, took from it most the business upon which it thrived.

Cradled in the hills at the northwest end of Scott Valley lies a small valley about two miles wide and perhaps four and one-half miles long called Quartz Valley. Here in 1851, a man named W. J. Evans took up a small ranch and in the fall of that year mining started in the valley there.

Rich ore was discovered here at this time, and in 1852. John M Schackleford and Robert Waldrup built an eight-stamp quartz mill on what is now known as Shackleford Creek, the creek evidently having been named after John Shackleford.

The first grist mill of the county was built here in 1854 by the Shores Brothers in partnership with two other men. It was called the Lafayette Mill and wheat was hauled from different parts of Scott Valley to be made into flour at this mill which operated by water power. Pack trains loaded flour at this mill and carried it down the Scott Canyon to Scott Bar and to other points on the Klamath.

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GSSC HAS BOOKS FOR SALE

GSSC has the following used books for sale. The price is \$3.00 + shipping and handling. If you are interested stop by the GSSC Research Center on Sat. between 10-3pm or email gssc1@att.net.

TITLE	ISBN	YEAR	AUTHOR	CONDITION
500 Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems		2003	Moorshead Magazines Ltd	Good
Art of Writing Scrapbook Stories		1998	Dixon, Janice T	Good/25 pages
Crafting Your Own Heritage Album		2000	Braun, Bev Kirschner	Good
Finding Your Roots Online		2003	Hendrickson, Nancy	Good
Genealists Computer Companion		2002	McClure, Rhonda R	pg 61 has been wet
Genealogical Research Methods and Sources		1961	Rubincain, Milton	Good
Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies, two volumes in one		1972	Faust, Albert Bernhardt A.B., Ph.D. and Gailus Marcu Brumbaugh M.S., M.D.	Good
National Huguenot Society Membership Directory		2001		Good
Oregon 1880 Tillamook county Census 1976		1976	Trascribed by Erma Lee Skyles Brown	Corner Bent
Origin and Signification of Scottish Surnames		1969	Sims, Clifford Stanley	Cover ripped
Professional Techniques and Tactics in American Genealogy Research		1973	Kirkham, E Kay	Written in
Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy		1988	Greenwood, Val D.	Good
Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy		1983	Greenwood, Val D.	Good
Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy		1973	Greenwood, Val D.	Good
Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina 1772		1971	Stephenson, Jean	Good
Searching for Your Ancestors 5th Edition		1980	Doane, Gilbert H & James Bell	Good
State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787	0-8063-0556-8	1993	Register, Alvaretta Kenan	Good

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Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor		1973	Groene, Bertram Hawthorne	Pink Highlighter markings
Upgrading the Recent Family Genealogy		2000	Spurgur, Guy D	Good/has CD-R disk
Virtual Roots A Guide to Genealogy and Local Histor on the World Wide Web		1997	Kemp, Thomas Jay	Good
Worldwide Family History		1982	Currer- Briggs, Noel	Good
Writing the Family Narrative Workbook		1993	Gouldrup, Lawrence	Good

HISTORY

Last Dunsmuir Stage Robbery Was A Botched Job In 1877

Editor's Note: We are indebted to Mrs. Marcelle Masson of Oakland for this old newspaper account that appears below.

By J.O. McKinney
Bee Correspondent

DUNSMUIR, Siskiyou Co.—When John Blanchard and William Barber robbed the California and Oregon Stage near Dunsmuir on July 18, 1877, they wrote finis to stage holdups in this area.

And no wonder! Theirs was about the poorest planned robbery in outlaw history.

They got what money was aboard. But despite plenty of time to escape they were taken three days later not many miles from the scene. And Blanchard was wounded fatally in the arrest.

\$500 Aboard

The first and worst mistake was stopping a stage going north, away from the money marts and into the gold fields of Northern California, and while \$590 was in a strong box a south-bound stage might have carried thousands in gold.

Then they floundered around until a botched up pursuing party captured Barber and killed Blanchard not many miles over the hills from where the robbery occurred.

The site of the holdup is at Hedge Creek, one and one half miles north of Dunsmuir. The old stage road still may be seen below the new freeway at that point. A marker was erected there, but it since has disappeared.

Shastan Helps

Wehn Tom Tyndall, C&O stage driver, reported the robbery, Deputy Sheriff J.E. Douglass of Shasta County was soon on the scene. It appears county lines were not tightly drawn those days. Tyndall reported the robbers carried a rifle and a double barrel shotgun. Such guns had recently been taken from a sheep camp near McCloud, Siskiyou County.

The authorities called out reinforcements. A deputy sheriff named Hendricks, Charles Carroll, Dick Hubbard, J.H. Sisson and two Indians soon were on the trail of the outlaws.

Indian Trackers

Charles Masson said the Indians were such expert trackers they followed the trail of the robbers across granite rocks in Castle Crags.

On July 21st the robbers were sighted in Halls Gulch near Trinity Center. When Blanchard went for his gun on orders to surrender, the attackers opened fire. Barber did not resist.

Blanchard died several days later with several bullet wounds in his body. Barber was sent to prison.

The stolen money was recovered, along with the guns taken from the sheep camp.



HEDGE CREEK FALLS 1897 — Here are a few early Dunsmuir folk having a picnic at Hedge Creek Falls. Story below tells about the former favorite spot and the historic robbery that was botched there. Photos courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bectel of Dunsmuir.

QUERIES

Searching for "SOMMER," Michael, arrival 1762, Naturalized 1762 in York Co., PA, purchased and paid tax on property in York and Shrewsbury, York Co., PA through May 1769. In 1764 and 1769 his wife is mentioned as Margaret. By 1787 may be in Virginia. Is of German descent. Please contact Gail Platt at plattfam@jps.net.

Searching for "CRUM," Betsy (Elizabeth?), married in 1788, Montgomery Co., VA to John "George" Summers. Three children were born to the couple. Betsy's father is Mathew (maybe Matthias) Crum. Betsy may have died in 1801 after the birth of the third child, Henry in VA. I believe is of German descent. Please contact Gail Platt at plattfam@jps.net.

SMITH, Thomas lived in Campbell County Virginia 1770-1800. Wife Elizabeth one known daughter Elizabeth who married William MCALLISTER 12 May 1789. Contact healyp@sbcglobal.net or Patricia Healy, 405 Wetzel Way, Yreka, California 96097

CANNON, Jesse D. born abt 1761 in Virginia (?). Died abt 1834 in Mississippi (?). Married Frances Hardesty. Who were his parents? Contact healyp@sbcglobal.net or Patricia Healy, 405 Wetzel Way, Yreka, California 96097.

MILLER, David born abt. 1817 in Pennsylvania, lived in Ohio. Married RAVENSCROFT, Julia 12 Oct 1847 in Coshocton County, Ohio. Who were his parents and siblings? Contact healyp@sbcglobal.net or Patricia Healy 405 Wetzel Way, Yreka, California 96097

PADGEN. Lawson b. abt 1770 North Carolina died 1821 Sampson County, North Carolina. Mary Burchfield mqranny@snowcrest.net

POWELL, Caleb b abt 1750 South Carolina died before 28 June 1828 Fairfield South Carolina. Fought for the Loyalist under Col Cunningham, and was at the battle of Kings Mountain 1881-1882. Mary Burchfield mqranny@snowcrest.net

I would like to know about the family of Morris COAKLEY, born 4/18/1892 in Ohio. He was a farmer in Liberty Township, and died on 11/15/1969 in Fairfield County, Ohio. I believe he is my grandfather's uncle or cousin. My grandfather was Charles Wesley COAKLEY. Contact Marilyn Kilpatrick PO Box 1216, Fort Jones, CA. 96032. 530 468-4550 Kilpatrick@sisqtel.net

Gavin, Joseph lifetime resident of Washington township, Jones County, Ohio. 7 November 1852 - 2 January 1921, son of William and Catherine Gavin, married Mary O'Brien on 23 February 1881.

Contact Pat Williams williamspatx5@yahoo.com

Looking for next of Kin to: Father: William Edward MacKenzie, Sr. was born in Bradford, Ireland. 5/16/1855 and passed away 2/2/1931. His father was Scottish & mother was Irish. As a young child, his family moved to Bradford, England. At age 10 or about, his parents placed him in a Catholic School to become a priest. Not wanting this, he ran away and went home. His parents took back. He again ran away, but this time he stowed away on a ship. He stayed hidden for three days until he got so hungry he had to come out. He sailed for 16 years as a cabin boy before getting off ship to settle in San Francisco/Oakland area in 1871. He became a citizen on 8/24/1875.

The McKenzie name was originally spelled MacKintie. Williams's father changed it to McKenzie when they moved to England.

The McKenzie family moved from Oakland to Siskiyou Co. In May 1895 by train. Father's Name: John Francis MacKenzie born in Scotland. - Mother's Name: Katherine Belle born in Ireland. & Children other than a brother "Jack". - Geneve Harder - 16109 Klamath View Dr. Montague, CA. 96064-9446 or half_pint@snowcrest.net - 530-340-3727.

OBITUARIES

Edw. O'Connor Laid To Rest In Valley He Loved

12 _____ 1927

Born in Iowa, He Came to
California in 1879

The funeral of Edward O'Connor, who died at his home in Little Shasta last Friday was held in the Little Shasta church Sunday, the Rev. Charles D. Miller officiating. Mrs. D. M. Reid rendered two solos. The burial was in Little Shasta cemetery. Mr. O'Connor was a native of Iowa and was in his seventy-second year at the time of his death.

Edward O'Connor was born in Keokuk, Iowa, September 9, 1856, having reached the age of 71 years, 3 months at the time of his death. He came to Yreka in March, 1879 and in 1886 was married to Mary Jane Torwilliger. To this union were born five children, Arthur of Yreka, Howard of Marysville, Sidney at home, Kate, deceased and Phoebe. Mrs. C. N. White of Stockton, also five grandchildren survive him.

Mr. O'Connor was prominent in public affairs and he held the office of Supervisor of the county for eight years, attaining the chairmanship of the board.

Nearly twenty years ago Mr. O'Connor became interested in the irrigation of the valley and has been prominent in its development ever since.

Copco Man Dies as 66,000 Volts Go through Him

12 _____ 1927

Recent Employee Terribly
Burned in Accident

Lynn A. Whitcomb, a recent employee of the California Oregon Power Company, died yesterday afternoon at the Siskiyou county hospital from burns received when 66,000 volts of electricity passed through his body when he was doing line work at Copco No. 2.

Whitcomb was terribly burned, both internally and externally, the upper half of his body being charred in places.

James Sexton, who was working with Whitcomb when the accident occurred, risked his life to free his comrade from the wires and let him down to earth with a coil of rope. He is only slightly burned.

Whitcomb was rushed to the hospital where he was attended by Dr. Heaney, but he was too badly injured for hope of recovery. His father, who lives in Wisconsin has been informed of his son's death and is expected to take charge of the funeral arrangements which will be announced later.

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