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What it is . . .

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HISTORY OF YREKA: Yreka's First Log House by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Also go to Siskiyou County Historical Society at www.siskiyoucountyhistoricalsociety.com. -Editor



Yreka's First Log House

Located just a little more than 4 blocks from the National Historic District parallel to Miner Street in Yreka sits a small and fairly hidden cabin at 646 North Street. Driving by one might easily miss this building because of the trees, bushes and greenery ~ and the once prominent sign that stands near the front door and at the curb, is often hidden under tree branches. The sign proudly announces that this is known as the first log house, built circa 1853.

According to historical information the east portion of the cottage (near the sign and at the front door) is the oldest portion of the house. It was originally a small square room built of logs, typical of its time. At some point the exterior logs were covered with board and batten and it is said that at some time later the interior walls were plastered with a few logs still being exposed. In 1879 the cabin was enlarged with a kitchen, a bath and two bedrooms and the exterior was faced with clapboard siding.

Log cabin homes were introduced to the United States by Swedish settlers in the early 1700s. Up through the 1800s log cabin designs were often just one room and measured approximately 10 feet wide and 12 to 20 feet long. They usually had at least one window and naturally a door. These measurements were influenced by the Homestead Act of 1862, the act gave settlers the right to open land but part of the requirements were to cultivate land and build dwellings at least 10 x 12 feet in size, with a minimum of one window.

In 1862 a man with the name of Thomas Campbell moved here with Sarah, his wife. This modest little cabin became their home. Thomas was a miner, farm worker and gardener (according to census records) born in Ireland in 1826; while his wife, Sarah, born in Massachusetts in about 1836, was known as a woman with great kindness, and also served the community as a general nurse and midwife. The small log cabin came to be known as the "Auntie Campbell House" for a number of years.




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HISTORY OF YREKA:

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One hundred years after this cabin was built, about 1953, the Wilcox family purchased the building and the home next door. The cabin was used as a guest house and they created a lovely yard between the two. There are still old fashioned rose bushes that bloom in the summer sunshine. Today the house sits looking rather lonely, but as one drives or walks by and looks at the building one can only imagine the fascinating history and stories the walls could tell.

Historical information about this oldest house in Yreka was gleaned from a Historic Home Tour Brochure from the 1990's that was prepared by the Yreka Historic Preservation Heritage Committee, along with census and other public records. ♦



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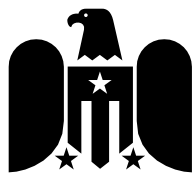
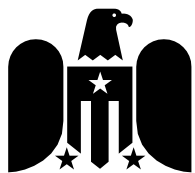
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Discovering The State of Jefferson: McCloud by Gail L. Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas found scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

-Editor 

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Listed as a Nationally Registered Historic District, McCloud was established by William Van Arsdale and George Scott, in 1897. The town grew up around the McCloud River Lumber Company. William Randolph Hearst's private retreat, Wyntoon, was built along the McCloud River. Situated in the shadow of Mount Shasta and along the McCloud River, Hearst had Julia Morgan design his northern Bavarian-like estate called Wyntoon on some 30,000-forested acres.

Neighboring towns of Mt. Shasta and Weed were also lumbering centers and thousands worked in the industry and established residency throughout the region.

McCloud River was first known as the McLeod River, after Alexander McLeod, the first white man to travel through the area in the 1830s. By the 1860s, however, the name was changed to McCloud, perhaps in honor of Ross McCloud who built one of the first lumber mills near Mount Shasta City. McCloud was the center of logging for the McCloud River Lumber Company and at its height owned or controlled more than 600,000 acres of timberland.

Alexander McLeod was also the first white man credited with traveling through the area of Bartle, which is located 16 miles east of McCloud. McLeod was apparently trapped by a heavy winter storm. In 1833, a later expedition cited the location where McLeod lost his horses. The area later became an important stopping point on the California Stage Road, built from Yreka to Red Bluff, via Fall River Valley. Due to continued conflict with local tribes along the Pit River, however, this early stage road was abandoned. But cattlemen Sam Jackson and the Bartles began using this area southeast of Mount Shasta as a summer cattle range.



Discovering The State of Jefferson by Gail L. Jenner - continued . . .

The upper McCloud River, some 15 miles east of I-5 and the city of Mt. Shasta, is recognized as a spectacularly scenic area, with 3 waterfalls and access to hiking, camping and fishing. Located off Highway 89, the United States Forest Service acquired 2,600 acres, or over 10 miles of the river corridor, through a land exchange with Champion Timber Company in 1989.

Railroading was an important part of the region's history, but it became a celebrated activity in McCloud, California. At present, the famed Shasta Dinner Train has been idle, but visitors still enjoy the history that surrounds the timber industry that dominated the life and culture of McCloud. ♦

Go to www.mccloudchamber.com for much more on the history of the great town of McCloud, California.



McCloud, California is nestled at the base of Mt. Shasta. This photo is from the 1940s. The large building at the far right is the hospital. Photo courtesy of Gail Jenner



Photo caption: "Making Parking Space at McCloud Summit for Mt. Shasta Snowman." Circa 1930s. Photo courtesy of Gail Jenner



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I am sitting in a delicious little spot in Mt. Shasta City called Mount Shasta Pastry. It is one of those quaint little spots that has my favorite delightful tinkling music playing in the background, Big Band music this morning. The aromas coming from the kitchen are delicious and are equally as delightful as the music. The full mural painted on the wall inside this little shoppe takes you to a countryside in Europe. Another visual impact is the beautifully lit glass case full of fresh baked scones, croissants, coffee cakes, muffins, turnovers and danish.

Steve Hector started this little shoppe just over a year ago, where they bake everything onsite, fresh, daily, using all natural ingredients with no additives or preservatives. Steve is a doll, very friendly and a very nice culinary artist.

From their morning menu, I am enjoying one of the most amazing breakfast burritos on the planet! Their breakfast croissants are equally as yummy! They always serve Peet's French Roast Coffee, along with a great variety of lovely Sereni-teas in little brewing pots. Sereni-tea is another wonderful little shoppe on our list, right here in Mt. Shasta City.

You can order pastries by the dozen ahead of time for your office staff (hint hint), for business meetings, workshops, classes or even family get-togethers. Just give them a call and they will take very good care of you!

Lunch time is a bustling time - and Mount Shasta Pastry always has a scrumptious wrap, sandwich, gourmet pizza, soup or salad waiting for you to eat here or take it to go. Call ahead if you are on a tighter schedule. Please see their AD on Page 12.

Recently my daughter and I shared a fabulous turkey & avocado wrap and a bowl of "to die for" clam chowder with fresh baked french bread. We are still daydreaming about that lunch.... Come check it out for yourself. You will be very glad you did! -Editor

Contra Dance for the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races

The Siskiyou Snow Dog Sporting Association's 3rd Annual Contra Dance and Silent Auction for the Dogs will be held this November 13th from 6-9:30pm in the Mt. Shasta High School Gym at 710 Everett Memorial Highway, Mt. Shasta, California.

This year's dance will be called by a special guest caller, Ruth Lowengart, who has been calling Contra dances for more than 25 years. The large and talented band - The Highly Paid Professionals - will return once again with live Irish jigs, reels and waltzes to dance to. If you are not interested in dancing, please come to watch the dances and enjoy the music. No partner? No problem. That is what Contra dancing is all about!

A Contra Dance is an English form of dance similar to square dancing. Ruth will teach the basic steps in a half hour lesson prior to the dance. With the assistance of the Highly Paid Professionals, Ruth will demonstrate and teach the basic steps and moves for the dances. Everyone makes mistakes, which is part of the fun. The other dancers will head you back into the rotation of the dance. It is fun just watching the different skill levels of the dancers. Warning: you may get caught up in the fun and great folks that attend these dances!

Ruth's dances are always designed to get the most inexperienced of dancers on their feet and keep everybody moving to the music and having fun. Ruth moved here from Berkeley, California area to near Ashland, Oregon in 1994. At her ranch she has a herd of milking goats, 6 large black hogs, 3 dogs and a cat. Having a passion for animals and a great calling style she is a perfect fit for our sled dog fundraiser! In her Medford day job she is a physician treating musculoskeletal injuries and illnesses.

There will be great deals on silent auction items and services donated by local merchants, door prizes, plus root beer floats and homemade soups and breads. There will be no live auction or raffles this year to make more time for dancing! T-shirts from the past dog sled races will be available. Orders for the upcoming 2011 Sled Dog Race T-shirts must be received by December 1st in order that they are ready in time for the holidays.


Tickets for this fundraiser will be available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$15 for couples. Everyone 18 and younger is FREE. Gather friends and family for this fun evening that supports a great winter event in Siskiyou County.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 4th Annual Siskiyou Sled Dog Races will be held January 22-23, 2011 at the Chuck Best / Deer Mountain Snowmobile Park just north of Weed off Highway 97. For more information, please visit www.siskiyousleddograces.com or call 530-926-3641, 467-3009 or 598-0466.

Any businesses wanting to sponsor the event are welcome to contact us, and there are also a limited number of LOGO spaces available for the back of the new 2011 T-shirts.

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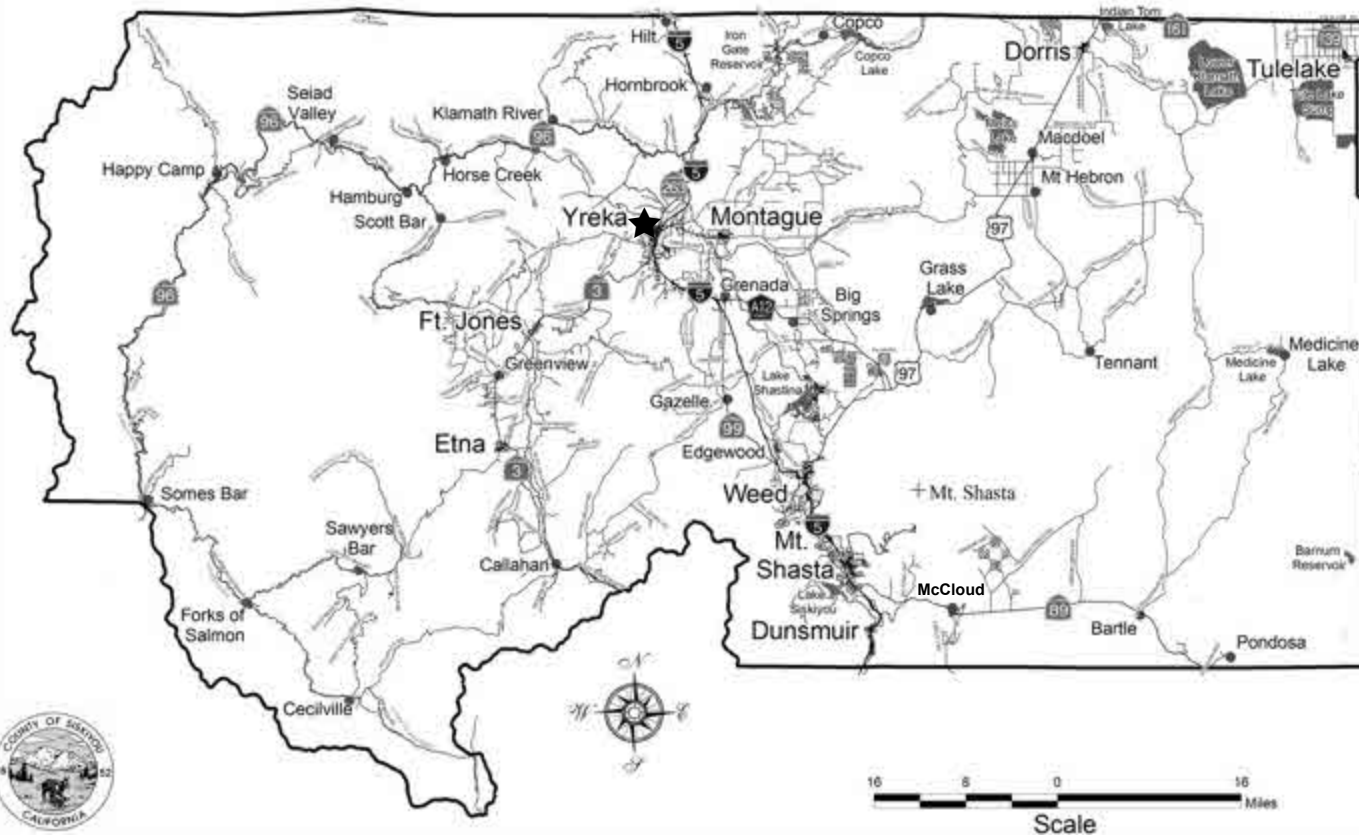
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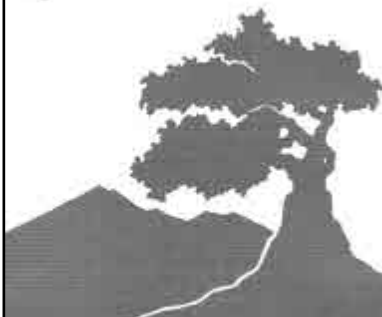
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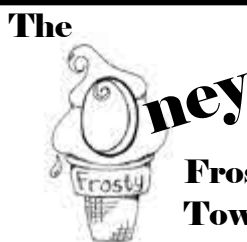
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Contra Dance and Silent Auction Fund Raiser for the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races, Sat. Nov. 13 from 6-9:30 pm at the Mt. Shasta HS Gym. Come and learn this wonderful English form of dance or just watch! Call 467-3009 or 598-0466 for info. See full story on Pg 7!

Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday Nov. 13 from 10am-4pm at the Dunsmuir Community Building, Dunsmuir, Ca. Put on by the Dunsmuir Rotary. Info: 1-800-386-7684.

Annual Harvest Gala Fundraiser, Sat. Nov 13 from 5:30-8pm, Mt. Shasta City Park Main Lodge. Call 530-926-5655 for more info.

Yreka Healing Arts Center OPEN HOUSE: Thursday November 18 from 4-8pm. New Location: 229 W. Miner Street, Yreka. (530) 842-1000 for more info. See ad Pg5.

The Nutcracker performed by the Eugene Ballet Company, at COS Theater, Sat. Nov. 20th at 7 pm. 530-938-5373.

Holiday Gift Faire, at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka. Saturday Nov. 20 9am-4pm. 530-842-2767.

Yreka Holiday Parade, Sat. Nov 27 at 11 am. Call the Chamber for information at 530-842-1649.

McCloud Dog and Pony Show Parade, Sat. Nov 27. All animals welcome, Stick Pony contest, Santa, hot apple cider, and awards for all the kids. Call the McCloud Chamber at 530-964-3113 for info.

Old Fashioned Christmas and Craft Fair Fri Dec 3 from 4-9pm and Sat Dec 4 from 9-4pm. Weed Plaza and Weed Mercantile, Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus, cookies, hot chocolate, call Weed Mercantile at 530-938-3229.

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COS 14th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Fri Dec 3 from 5-8pm and Sat Dec 4 from 9-3pm. Call 530-938-5373.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS Concert with John Doan, Harp Guitarist on Sunday December 12 at 3 pm in Etna, California - please see AD and article on Pg 15.

Backpacking in Jefferson

Watershed--Part 1

An Excerpt from "Watershed" www.backpackinginjefferson.com
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Something out of the ordinary happened late November last to make me wonder whether I would ever backpack again. I underwent triple bypass open heart surgery. It came on abruptly, with little warning, and stirred me from my cozy intimations of immortality.

Dark and odious were the winter months of convalescence. Death, no longer theoretical, befriended me, became as manifest a companion as the intricately carved Victorian woodwork. It kept me company in the dark while Barbara slept. Each morning I awoke amazed to be alive. I recall it now as a lurid narcotic dream. I had crossed a great divide into a watershed where streams all drained away from me toward a distant unknown ocean. Death's

dark wings cast a chilling shadow across the land.

At first I could not walk a block before my breath betrayed me. But I persisted. Each morning I worked out, as feeble as a kitten at first, but then with growing vigor. Our walks gradually lengthened. By June the days were long again. The world had turned.

We decided it might not be utter madness to give backpacking a try, and settled on a modest plan. Our first night would be a test run on the ground at Taylor Lake near Etna Summit in the Russian Wilderness, a mere half-mile from where the van would be parked. If things went well, we would attempt a climb to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and press on to Paynes Lake for two more nights. I felt equal to the challenge.

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Today’s State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the “second half” or “northern mines” of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region’s wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries. It’s the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of the region called The State of Jefferson.

Much is taking place with regard to the State of Jefferson as a destination for tourists. More and more communities are realizing and embracing the history and fun associated with the whole delightful and meaningful concept.

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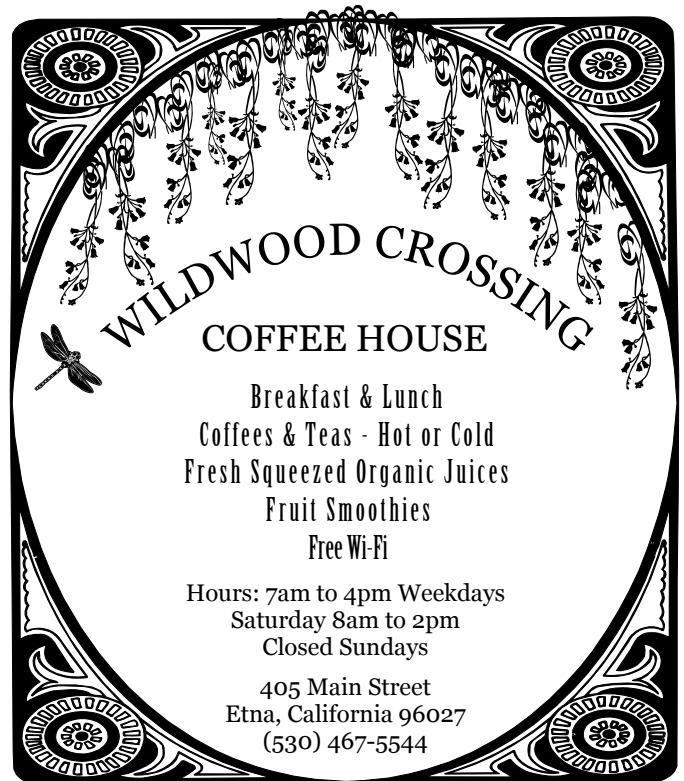
We are continuing to make progress in our planning phase toward a State of Jefferson Fair in the summer or fall of 2011. So far, there have been several inquiries as to the details which are being discussed and interest has been expressed by many local businesses and organizations to participate in this grand event.

If anyone is interested in finding out more or, better yet, joining our exciting efforts, we are having another meeting for the State of Jefferson Tourism Committee on Wednesday November 10th at 10 am at the Holiday Inn Express at I-5 Exit 776, Yreka, California.

Also, the following week will be our next State of Jefferson Fair Association meeting on Wednesday November 17th at 10 am at the Yreka Welcome Center located at 312 W. Miner Street, Yreka, California. Yreka IS the Capital City of the State of Jefferson!

All sorts of ideas are being explored for every kind of Old Fashioned Fair - Olden Days activities, demonstrations, vendors, entertainment and events we can think of, along with all vendors and participants dressing in Period Old West Costume Attire!

These are exciting times for all portions of the State of Jefferson - let's make our State of Jefferson Fair as fun, unique and hands-on as we can! For more information, come to a meeting or contact us: Jefferson Backroads, PO Box 344, Grenada, CA 96038 or send us an email: jeffersonbackroads@gmail.com. Thanks!



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Over the Mountains and Through the Woods

by Carolyn N. Hedger



One of My Most Favorite...

It's one thing to have your favorite get-a-ways here in Siskiyou County. You know, those little spots that just you and a select few know about, and whenever you go there, somehow, all seems right with the world.

Then it's quite another thing to write about those places, knowing that you are breaking your pact of secrecy with yourself and being able to share some of your most private spots with the world... One of those places for me is in Big Bend, along the Pit River. If you drive out of McCloud, down Squaw Valley Road and over the dam, before the snows come, you can go through the woods to Big Bend, and that is certainly my most favorite way to get there. If you go this way, it takes about an hour and a half, and you should probably have a four wheel drive, but I'd say, without a doubt, that it's worth it. Once you go over the dam, make a right and follow the road down into the canyon. Take your time and enjoy the nuances of the terrain. Follow the signs to Big Bend. You'll pass Grizzly Peak on your way; once a look-out station was active there. It's probably a good idea to check with the ranger station in McCloud before you go to make sure the road is open and passable



Shasta Reflections in McCloud, California. Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Hedger

the entire way. Once you get through the forest the road opens up into a beautiful valley. About a mile further you will cross the river. Just park and walk downstream about ¼ mile and voila...heaven awaits you. There before you will be the Pit River, a small sandy beach, and tubs along the river that the locals have built. (*Carolyn's photo at left*)

A big part of the magic is how you get there, and certainly my most favorite is out of McCloud via Squaw Valley Road. But before you go on your journey over the mountains and through the woods, let me give you a heads up on McCloud.

Just off Highway 89, McCloud is a small community with lots of charm and history. There's a great little museum to check out, complete with photos of the Hearst compound, one of McCloud's most famous residents. And before you blast out to Big Bend, check out the remodeled Mercantile Building. Lots of people put in amazing amounts of work on this beautiful historical structure, especially last winter when pipes burst and businesses downstairs were flooded.

Tucked in the back is a tiny restaurant, called Mountain Star Café, where you can get some of the best organically prepared food around, not to mention great lattes and the fun company of Karen and Sidra, the proprietors. And right in front of the building is a little-known treasure, Shasta Reflections, an amazing one-of-a-kind clothing store for women. Featuring gorgeous fashions, custom made jewelry and home décor, you could complete your Christmas list for all the women in your life right here! Just talk to Elfi, and tell her I sent you!

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The Scott Valley Berean Church (134 Church Street, Etna 530-467-3715) serves a hot meal at NOON on Thursdays. Scott Valley United Methodist Parish (137 Diggles, Etna (530) 467-3612) serves a hot meal on Tuesdays and Fridays at NOON. These meals are for the whole community - making this now - THE COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM - and not just hot meals for seniors.

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John Doan is an Associate Professor of Music on the faculty of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

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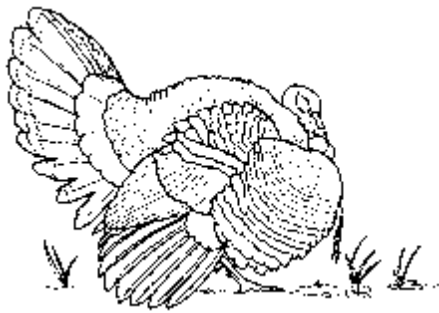
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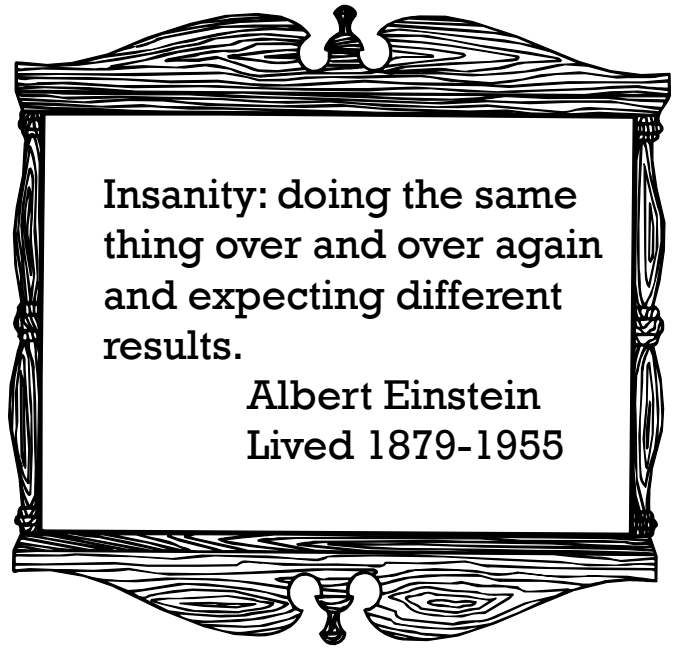


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The Origin of the Land Title in the State of Jefferson by Harry Frey

Join us in welcoming Harry Frey with his very interesting and informative articles on the great history of our beloved State of Jefferson. 

The State of Jefferson comprises lands within what is now Southern Oregon and Northern California. How the territory from which these states was created and came into U.S. jurisdiction is the origin of land title. However, before we get into the specifics of the vastly different acquisitions of the territory, it will be helpful to visit how lands west of the Mississippi River were acquired by the United States.

The Louisiana Purchase, in December 1803, was the first and by far the largest land purchase in U.S. History. In 1762 Spain acquired Louisiana from the French. They held the territory until 1800 and then secretly retroceded that land back to France. When U.S. President Thomas Jefferson learned of France regaining title to Louisiana,

he dispatched Robert R. Livingston (Minister to France) and James Monroe to Paris to discuss with Napoleon the acquisition of Louisiana by the U.S. They arrived in Paris on April 12, 1803. Napoleon, fearful of the renewal of war with Great Britain and convinced he could not prevent the capture of Louisiana by British forces, offered the whole of Louisiana to the U.S. Livingston and Monroe quickly accepted the offer on April 30, 1803. Congress ratified the purchase on October 19, 1803. The U.S. took formal possession of Louisiana on December 20, 1803. For 80,000,000 francs, the United States acquired 827,987 square miles of new territory, or 530 million acres. The territory stretched from the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Mississippi to the Canadian border and the Rocky Mountains. (see map below)



This map image came from www.concentric.net. This map was displayed at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. Looks like I am going to read *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose, which is all about the Lewis and Clark Expedition - "Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West." -Editor

Within the year, the President authorized the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore and map this huge tract of land. Two years later, in 1806, they returned to St. Louis and provided Washington D.C. with information about the resources, the plants and animals, native people and the climate and water resources. They also mapped major drainages. Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805 at Fort Clatsop at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Louis and Clark's arrival and occupancy at Fort Clatsop strained relations between Great Britain and the U.S. The location of the boundary between the two nations caused the tension. Before the issue could be resolved, the War of 1812 caused all U.S. interests to withdraw from the Oregon Territory. Astoria, the settlement established in 1811, was sold to a British company. At the end of the 1812 conflict, ownership of the Oregon Territory once again became a hotly contested issue. Joint occupancy of the



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disputed territory was agreed to in 1818 for a 10-year period while a permanent settlement could be reached. That agreement was extended for two additional 10-year periods. Permanent settlement of the Oregon Territory became a major issue in the 1844 Presidential election. The slogan "54 40" or fight was the U.S. position of where the permanent boundary should be. The British position for the permanent boundary was the 42nd parallel.

The Oregon Comprise of July 17, 1846 was the treaty that permanently fixed the boundary between the U.S. and Britain at the 49th parallel. The Territory of Oregon was organized on March 3, 1849, fixing the boundaries of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the western portion of Montana. This treaty provided 180,644,480 acres to U.S. jurisdiction. Oregon became a state from this territory on February 14, 1859. The Oregon Compromise of July 17, 1846 was the origin of the land title to what became the State of Oregon and yes: the northern portion of The State of Jefferson.

Annexation of Texas by the U.S. shifted the responsibility for maintaining the Texas boundary dispute with Mexico to the U.S. Mexico considered Texas part of their territory and the Nueces River as the boundary between the nations. The U.S. considered Texas part of the U.S. and the Rio Grande River as the boundary between the nations. In 1846, Mexican troops crossed into the disputed territory and fired on American troops who were occupying the area. President Polk declared war on Mexico as a result of this action and so the Mexican American War began. President Polk instructed General Scott and General Taylor to repel the Mexican troops. The generals defeated the Mexican Army in short order and proceeded across Mexico to capture Mexico City. This was the first time in American history that the American Flag was raised over another country's capital. *(Continued on Page 20)*



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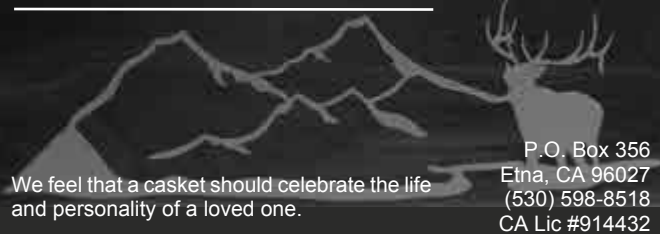
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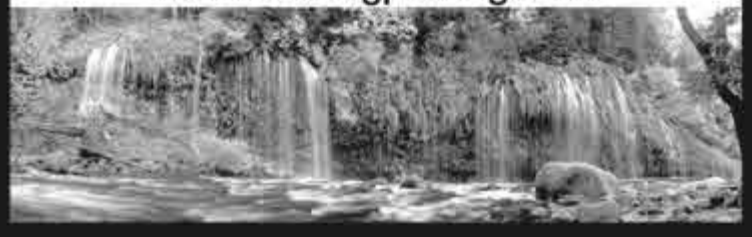
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The U.S. was now in a position to compel Mexico's surrender and make an acceptable peace agreement with the U.S. The parties went to a suburb of Mexico City, Guadalupe Hidalgo, to work out the details of Mexico's surrender. Mexico agreed to the Rio Grande River as the boundary between the two countries.

They also agreed to sell for \$15 million all what is now California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona north of the Gila River, New Mexico west of the Rio Grande River, and the southwestern portions of Wyoming and Colorado. The agreement was called the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo dated February 2, 1848. It transferred an area of 334,479,360 acres to U.S. jurisdiction. This area contains some of the most spectacular scenery in the world such as the Grand Canyon, present day Bryce and Zion National Parks, and the site of Hoover Dam. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was the origin of land title to what became the State of California and, you guessed it, the Southern Portion of the State of Jefferson. California became a State on September 9, 1850. ♦

See you next time Harry, for more fascinating State of Jefferson history -Editor



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Backpacking in Jefferson

By Richard S. Platz

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It is the hub of an agricultural community irrigated by the waters of the Scott River before it meanders north and west to spill into the Klamath River near the tiny community of Hamburg. On the outskirts of town, State Route 3 veers right, bound for Fort Jones and ultimately Yreka, where it rejoins Interstate 5 and the twenty-first Century.

We turned left instead and passed through Etna's nostalgically anachronistic downtown. After emerging from town, the paved Sawyers Bar Road (1C01) wound westward up the northern slopes of Etna Mountain toward an unseen gap in the otherwise unbroken range that forms the stark western wall of the Scott Valley. Behind us, we could see the alfalfa fields of the Scott Valley and the gravelly channel of the Scott River.

At Etna Summit, we crossed into another watershed. Before us, all waters flowed westward into the Salmon River, which joins the mighty Klamath at Somes Bar. To the north and west the arms of the Salmon, the Scott, and the Klamath Rivers encircle the vast Marble Mountain Wilderness.

Our highway crossed the Pacific Crest Trail at Etna Summit. To our right, the PCT continued north into the Marbles, but we would not be going that way this trip. To our left the PCT climbed south into the Russian Wilderness to slalom through the granitic vertebrae of the mountain spine. In about six miles the PCT would reach Paynes Lake.



Payne's Lake - Photo taken by and courtesy of Richard Platz

Barbara and I paused to consider our options. We had been to Paynes Lake once before. We had hiked easily into Taylor Lake, scrambled up to the PCT, and continued south to Paynes Lake for two nights. Coming out, we had followed the PCT all the way to Etna Summit, where a friend had courteously relocated our van. It had been a spectacular hike out along the crest, with the rugged granite of the Russian Peak batholith giving way to the haunting red rocks of a peridotite ophiolite near Etna Summit. To return that way was tempting.

But the game had changed. My surgery had shuffled the deck. I wasn't sure how my heart would hold up to the stress of a long, steep, strenuous trudge along the crest, far from help, with a forty-five pound pack strapped to my back. In my pocket I fingered the small bottle of nitroglycerine. I was afraid. But by camping the first night at Taylor Lake, as planned, we could test the waters and cut nearly four miles off the hike to Paynes Lake.

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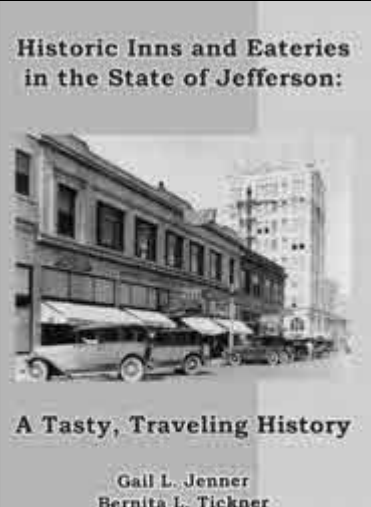
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Good thing you are sitting here in Siskiyou County because along the Jefferson Backroads lie four waterfowl refuges. Two State refuges which are Shasta Valley Wildlife Area and Butte Valley Wildlife Area then two Federal refuges which are Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge. There is a fifth refuge, Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area off of Copco Road on the north side of Iron Gate reservoir, however this State refuge does not have waterfowl hunting.

The first, Shasta Valley Wildlife Area can be found off Ball Mountain Little Shasta Road approximately 1½ miles east of Montague. There are approximately 4,657 acres within the refuge and three lakes: Bass Lake, Trout Lake and Steamboat Lake. Fishing is allowed on Bass and Trout Lakes in the spring and summer. Check the refuge regulations for specifics! Hunting days for waterfowl are Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays. Pheasants may be hunted in season on Sundays only. Overnight camping is allowed at the hunter check station off Big Springs Road. Parking is in designated areas only. Boats without motors or electric motors only are allowed. Little known to most hunters, Shasta Valley often boasts the highest birds per hunter ratio in the state during the first month and a half of the season.

Butte Valley Wildlife Area is located approximately 6 miles west of Macdoel on Meiss Lake Road. The refuge consists of approximately 13,200 acres comprised of 4,000 acre Meiss Lake, 4,400 acres of wetlands and 4,800 acres of meadows, croplands, grasslands etc. Overnight camping is allowed only at the corral parking lot. Hunter quotas vary depending on conditions with a max number of 100 hunters. There is no fishing allowed at this refuge.



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Boats are permitted without motors. Hunting days for waterfowl are Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays. Pheasants may be hunted in season on Sundays only. The refuge is a sleeper for those that pursue honkers.

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge is located off of State Line Road between the towns of Dorris and Tulelake. Containing approximately 46,900 acres, the refuge is a mix of cropland, grassland, marsh and open water. There is a 10 mile auto tour route that allows visitors year round access to viewing wildlife. Additionally, there are several photo blinds strategically placed for photographers. Hunting is allowed 7 days a week but closes each day at 1:00 p.m. on the California side. Only pheasants and waterfowl may be hunted. Camping is not permitted on the refuge. Boats are allowed but check the regulations for specific information. There are 5 pit blinds available on a first come first served basis. Parking is in designated areas only. Usually Lower Klamath is loaded with specks and snow geese. I drove through in late October and there were as few birds as I have ever seen. It appears the shortage of water is affecting the bird count. On the brighter side, there were large numbers of mallards and pintails.

Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge is south and west of the town of Tulelake. Access is via State Line Road or East-West Road out of Tulelake. Mostly open water and cropland Tule Lake NWR contains approximately



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39,116 acres of which, approximately 17,000 acres are leased by farmers. This refuge also contains a 10 mile auto tour route open year round. There are 60 to 65 spaced field blinds available by random drawing each morning. You must have a minimum of 1 dozen goose decoys to hunt these blinds. There are other fields which do not require a random draw to hunt. Tule Lake NWR has two large marsh units which may be hunted by boat. The refuge is open 7 days a week and closes at 1:00 p.m. each day. Again, during my October visit, I found fewer geese than normal.

I cannot stress enough to be familiar with the current regulations. You must have in your possession a hunting license, a federal and state duck stamp, upland bird stamp for pheasants and state or federal refuge season permit. There are a myriad of regulations to follow once you enter the refuge, be familiar with the refuge and ask questions if you are not sure!

You don't have to be a hunter to enjoy the refuges at this time of year. All lovers of wildlife will be in awe at the 1 to 3 million ducks, geese and swans that use the Klamath Basin as a resting stop in their annual migration. In addition, over 490 wildlife species including 353 species of birds have been observed in the Basin. And it gets better, with the largest recorded number of bald eagles in the contiguous United States located in the Klamath Basin during the winter months! Enjoy!

"When you have shot one bird flying you have shot all birds flying. They are all different and they fly in different ways but the sensation is the same and the last one is as good as the first."

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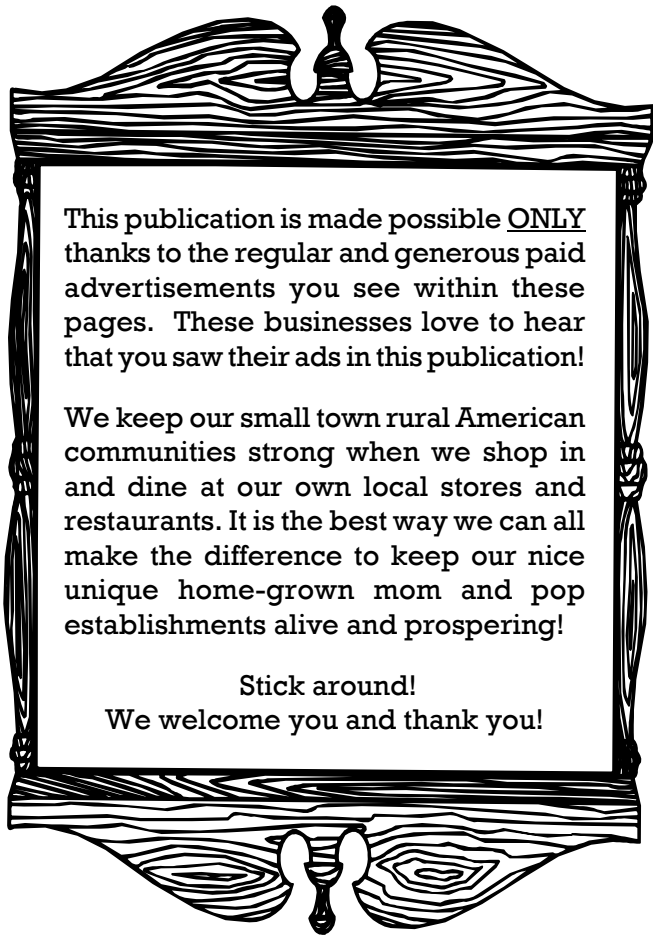


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