



Paradise Genealogical Society Newsletter (ISSN 10558632)
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*Our Next
General Membership Meeting
Is Scheduled For.....*

**Thursday
October 19, 2023**

**Our Speaker Will Be:
Lee Laney**

*Doors Open at 2:00,
Meeting at 3:00 – 5:00 pm
1499 Wagstaff Road,
Paradise*

The Fall Season

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

*As fall descends with each
passing day,
The beauty it brings takes
my breath away.
Leaves turn orange, yellow,
and red,
A stunning sight that I
cannot dread.*

*Crisper nights come with
amazing sunsets,
A view so surreal, leaving
no regrets.
Nature's wonder in full
display,
The fall season I wish it
would stay.*

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PGS News and Notes

Books for Sale

BOOKS – BOOKS – BOOKS - BOOKS!!!

We have all kinds of books for sale!

Come see what we have.

As a result of generous donations, more than 6,000 books from libraries across the US, the Paradise Genealogy Society has an abundance of duplicates that we are offering for sale. We have a small room at the library containing 100s of such books. As an example of current offerings are 7 City Directories for the town of Paradise (1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1981 and 1988).

For genealogy research there is the 7-volume set of Virkus *The Compendium of American Genealogy, The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of the First Families of America*, with an index in each volume. This is sold as a set.

There are books on California “nature” like *Exploring the Higher Sierra* by James G. Moore, about geology and early explorations and topographic mapping of the range in non-technical style. Also, *Life on the Edge-A Guide to California’s Endangered Natural Resources* (wildlife).

Knowing how valuable wills are for genealogical information we have the *Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810* if you have ancestors in Ireland at that time. As well as other similar books for towns/cities in the United States.

Relative to wars and military data, some examples are *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants*, by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *A Complete History of the Mexican War, Its Causes, Conduct and Consequences* and *The Last Fighting Tommy – The Life of Harry Patch, Last Veteran of the Trenches 1898-2009*, by Harry Patch with Richard Van Emden.

Also offered for sale are several historical fiction-type books, like *1776*.

We are currently open Fridays 10:00 to 4:00, and Saturdays 10:00 to 2:00. Please stop by and pick-up some books for a nominal donation. Prices range from \$1.00 and up, this will help free up some shelf space and, of course, keep the lights on.

Linda Taylor

**We
Need YOU...**



The GOLDMINE -2023

We are sorry to report - due to the lack of an Editor, The Goldmine for 2023 will not be produced.

PGS BOARD PRESIDENT

We are also sorry to report that Carol Sutherland has resigned as Board President.

Our Board is in need of a President!

Will You Step Up!?!



REAL BABY IN PARCELS POST.

Delivery Made by a Carrier at Batavia, Ohio.

Batavia, O.—A mail carrier on rural route No. 5, out of this place, is the first to accept and deliver under parcels post conditions a live baby. The baby, a boy, weighing 10½ pounds, just within the eleven-pound limit, is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beagle, of near Glen. The package was well wrapped and ready for "mailing" when the carrier got it. Its measurement reached seventy-two inches, also just within the law, which makes seventy-two inches the limit. The postage was 15 cents and the "parcel" was insured for \$50.

Cambridge Clarion, Jan. 28, 1913.

BABY IS SENT BY U. S. MAIL

Boy Weighed, Tagged and Forwarded By Parcel Post Arrives at His Destination Safe.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 23—Railroad officials here are glad that the limit of dimensions and weight for parcel post packages are not great enough to include adult human beings, and while they are not worrying they are, nevertheless, wondering when the practice of sending children in the state is going to stop.

Recently several children have been sent by parcel post from homes on rural routes to persons in towns out of which the routes run, but probably the first instance of sending a child from one town to another by mail occurred here when Freddie Colby, a 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colby, was shipped to the home of his grandparents at Valley City from Fargo.

The mother was unable to accompany the boy to Valley City and as Freddie came within the limit in weight and dimensions for parcel post packages she took him to the post office, weighed and tagged him and he went through without accident.

The Sauk Centre Herald, Sep. 2, 1915.

Special Delivery – Children Sent Via Parcel Post!

September 13, 2023 – Jenny Ashcraft, Newspapers.com – Courtesy of Sandy Hill

In 1913, the US Postal Service introduced parcel post service. Customers took advantage of the new expanded regulations to mail things like eggs, live bees, harmless live animals, produce, and even an entire building, one brick at a time. The most unusual deliveries occurred between 1910 and 1920, as numerous customers mailed children via parcel post. In 1920, this practice was officially banned (though we found a few instances where it occurred after this date).

Shortly after parcel post was introduced, parents in rural Ohio sent their baby boy with the mail carrier to visit nearby relatives.

Initially, sending children through the mail only occurred with rural carriers well-known by the families sending their precious packages. But as the practice extended, some children traveled greater distances.

TO MAIL CLERKS, RAILWAY SERVICE—Babies by parcel post should be fed every four hours at expense of clerks. Do not stick stamps on baby's face. All railway mail clerks must pass an examination to qualify in the art of dressing babies, and also in the knowledge of handling safety pins. Feeding is optional, but it is not advisable to give babies frankfurters or boiled dinners. Babies sent by parcel post must be delivered to some one at address. Do not leave them on front doorsteps or in the mail boxes in rural districts. If addressee refuses to accept such mail, wire postmaster general for instructions.

The San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 22 1914.

Girl Sent By Parcel Post.

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 23.—Audray Lenore Christy, six years old, arrived here today from Los Angeles, the first human parcel post package ever sent to Phoenix. When the little girl was met at the station by her parents, she said she liked the trip all right, but wished "they hadn't stuck those ugly tags on my new dress and sweater." Audray traveled by Pullman.

Albuquerque Morning Journal, Oct. 24, 1919.

Children Sent Through Mail



THESE two little girls, Marmi Hood, 5, (left) and EVAN REESE HEDGE, 4, (right) were tagged and sent by parcel post through picket lines to visit their "daddies," who, with some 200 non-union men, are voluntarily marooned inside the strike-closed plants of the Aluminum Company of America at Alcoa, Tenn. The postman, who is allowed to pass the 1600 pickets, delivered them inside the plant, one under each arm.

St Louis Globe Democrat, Aug 21, 1934

Happy
Thanksgiving!



At wit's end

Do they come any grander?

By Erma Bombeck
Universal Press Syndicate

They're called grandparents, and indeed they are. They're easy to spot. They buy cowboy boots that hang like weights from the feet of a 6-week-old infant. They shake a baby out of a sound sleep to inquire if he is ready to wake up. If a stranger so much as blinks an eye, they will extract a display of pictures from their purse like an accordion that falls to their knees.

It is one of life's rewards for surviving your own children.

Some grandparents see grandchildren as a chance to correct the mistakes they made the first time around. Others view being a grandparent as a twilight zone where you can love them when they're dry and fed — and send them back when they're wet and hungry. Others relish being a spectator as they watch their prophecy materialize: "Just wait till you have children of your own!"

Perhaps the saddest words in all the world are, "I never knew my grandparents." It's good to remember that in a time when marriages dissolve without notice or feeling, grandparents contribute a special relationship to a child that no one else can give.

Years ago I wrote a job description for grandparents that bears repeating:

A grandparent can always be counted upon to buy anything you're selling, from all-purpose greeting cards to peanut brittle, from flower seeds to cookies, from transparent tape to 10 chances on a pony.

A grandparent buys you gifts your mother says you don't need.

A grandmother will put a sweater on you when she is cold, feed you when she is hungry and put you to bed when she is tired.

A grandparent will frame a picture of your hand that you traced

over the brocade sofa in the Mediterranean living room.

A grandparent is the only baby sitter who doesn't charge money to keep you.

A grandparent will believe you can read when you have the book upside down.

When a grandchild says, "Grandma, how come you didn't have any children?" a grandparent will fight back the tears.

The Berkshire Eagle,
Sunday, October 14,
1989.

Courtesy of Joyce
Higgins

Library Hours

Friday 10:00 to 4:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00

If you would like to volunteer at our Library, please let Pam know at pjcrossby@hotmail.com.

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For Research and/or Obituary requests, please refer to our website [Butte Genealogical Society \(pargenso.org\)](http://ButteGenealogicalSociety.org) and send requests to pargenso@att.net

Thank you all for your interest in the Paradise Genealogical Society and the history of Butte County!

Society Calendar

October 4, 2023 (1st Wed.) – Informal Board Meeting: 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.

October 19, 2023 (3rd Thurs.) – General Membership Meeting - Speaker: Lee Laney
Doors open at 2 p.m., Meeting 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1499 Wagstaff Rd., Paradise.

November 1, 2023 (1st Wed.) – Possible Informal Board Meeting: 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.

November 16, 2023 (3rd Thurs.) – No General Membership Meeting.
Closed November 24th and 25th.

December 6, 2023 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting: 9:30 to 11 a.m. 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.

December 14, 2023 (2nd Thurs.) – Holiday Party at 3:00 p.m: 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.
Closed December 22nd thru December 31st.

Butte County research is our specialty, but research may be available for other areas.

For more information, please see our website at www.pargenso.org

Executive Board Members – 2023:

President	OPEN
1st VP & Membership	Pat Harman
Library Director	Pam Crosby
Treasurer	Beverly George
Recording Secretary	Linda Taylor
Corresponding Secretary	Judy O’Neill

Directors

Joyce Higgins	Linda Dunbaugh
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Other

Nuggets Editor

OPEN-Deana Glatz, Acting Ed.

Goldmine Editor

OPEN



Merry Christmas



PARADISE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Membership Application

Renewal Form - Please print and complete the information below and return with your payment.

PLEASE PRINT

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (CIRCLE)

Name: _____

Name of spouse (if appl.): _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State & 9-digit zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail/Web page address: _____

Student (under 20) _____ \$ 15.00

Individual _____ \$ 30.00

Family (limited to 3 persons, same residence) \$ 35.00

Gold Miner (Ind. or Fam.) _____ \$ 50.00

Gold Miner Plus (Ind. or Fam.) _____ \$ 75.00

Life (Indiv. 50 or over) _____ \$ 350.00

Add spouse to Life membership _____ \$ 100.00

Additional donation _____ \$ _____

Total amount submitted _____ \$ _____

Make checks, in U. S. dollars, payable to: (please do not send cash)

Membership amounts are for 12 months, except "Life".

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New [] Renewal [] Correction []

I'd be willing to volunteer to _____

Included with all memberships is a digital subscription of our annual publication, *The Genealogical Goldmine* (bound copies may be purchased).