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Subject to the Governor of California's Social Distancing Guidelines for Large Groups of People,

Our Next Membership Meeting is Scheduled For.....

**Thursday,  
January 20th**

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**at our new Library,  
1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.**

### Winter Waits

Poet: Cobb

Ice and snow, ice and snow,  
Frozen fields where e'er we  
go.

Frozen fields and frozen  
lakes,

Frosted o'er like wedding  
cakes.

Girls and boys leave your  
toys.

Come and taste cold-weather  
joys.

Bring your sleds and bring  
your skates.

Hasten now while winter  
waits.

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## PGS News and Notes

**CONTACT INFORMATION** - Have you moved? We have your email - obviously - but do we have your current address and phone number? Please contact Pat Harman at [ernapath@pacbell.net](mailto:ernapath@pacbell.net) so we can update our records.

Public library hours at our temporary location - 2683 Hegan Lane, Chico, have been temporarily suspended!

For now - we are trying to keep all correspondence electronic. If hard copies are wanted, we are only able to print in black & white; postage will vary.

Please send research requests to [pargenso@att.net](mailto:pargenso@att.net)

Or Contact Joyce Higgins @ (530) 327-7855

or (530) 961-3940.

Should you want to stop by, generally Gordon and/or Linda Taylor are available to show you around the library. They can be reached at (530) 896-0964.

**Hard copies of the 2021 Goldmine 'STORIES OF SOME BUTTE COUNTY PIONEERS AND THEIR TRADES' are available for \$15.00 + \$4.00 shipping & handling - or pick-up at our Hegan Lane Library for \$15.00.**

Please order yours at: [pargenso@att.net](mailto:pargenso@att.net)

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### THE YEAR IS DEAD.

Tick tack, tick tack, the year is dead,  
He passed away with measured tread,  
His footsteps noiseless as the spheres  
That circle round and count the years.  
None knew that he would come to grief  
Until they saw the falling leaf  
And then sad thoughts beset the mind  
While counting o'er his gifts so kind.

In his bright youth so proud and free  
He strewed the land from sea to sea  
With smiling forms and fragrant flowers  
To beautify and cheer the hours,

When older grown and in his prime  
With lavish hand and soul sublime  
He gave us fields of fruit and grain  
In every foothill, vale and plain.

Then in his ripe and mellow age  
He aped the manners of a sage,  
Heaped up his treasures rich and rare  
To soothe our sorrow, grief and care,  
Bequeathed us all he had to give  
Because he could no longer live  
Dark clouds swept o'er the sombre skies  
And snow drifts closed his aged eyes.

Pres Longley,  
Centerville, Jan. 1st, 1888



## Update on our Progress...

**Gordon Taylor is still busy addressing all the issues and getting proposals for all the work that needs to be done at our new Library.**

**If you would like to help with the remodel, please contact Gordon at 530-896-0964 or Pam Crosby at [pjcrosby@hotmail.com](mailto:pjcrosby@hotmail.com).**

### Building Committee Up-date 12-29-2021

Well Christmas is over and the new year is around the corner. I did some work at Wagstaff the last 2 weeks, but I didn't accomplish much. Weather and holidays took their toll. Yesterday I was able to get up with Joe Barron and iron out the work process for the next couple of weeks. This week he was going to measure for beams and sheet rock and place orders for delivery. So he will be doing pick-up work early next week while getting ready for the beams and sheet rock.

He thinks the beam work will take 2 or 3 days and installing sheet rock will be about 3 days. Taping, texturing, and drying will take longer. He will bring heaters up to help with drying. After drying, painting will become a priority. As of now, we are planning on our



Our New Library. Photo by Gordon Taylor



Front Reception Area Fireplace.

membership to come through with work parties to do the interior painting. After the interior painting, Chico Electric can complete the finish work (switches, receptacles, hang fans, finish recessed lights); McClelland can install the split AC/Heat system. A work party issue for me is to grade away from the west side on the building and provide a level place for McClelland to place the power unit near the electric service panel.

I have been trying to clean the front floor to a relatively clean concrete surface for the flooring person. I will have him take another look at the front floor area and get a cost and material plan in order. The galley will be inside work for Joe, also he will have other pickup stuff to do.



Back Area – Future Gally at left.

I plan to address the front parking and grading after most of the inside stuff is done. I am also getting some estimates on shelving (Joe will also provide an estimate).

Pam had assembled one of 3 sets of 6' x6' book cases. I haven't talked with her



Bookcase



Front Reception Area – Front Door at left.

since then so I do not know if she has any other information to pass on. Everyone has had a busy Christmas.

Thanks for all the help and input through the year. And best wishes for the coming year! Gordon.





## Women who lost U.S. citizenship for marrying foreigners get apology

Because of a 1907 immigration law, Elsie Knutson Moren, who was born and raised in Minnesota, lost her U.S. citizenship because she married an immigrant from Sweden.

(Photo provided by her grandson Daniel Swalm)

BY RICHARD SIMON

MAY 16, 2014 11:05 AM PT

Reporting from Washington —

The Senate has a message for Grandma Elsie: So sorry. The apology came in the form of a resolution expressing regret for a law passed more than a century ago that stripped thousands of women of their U.S. citizenship for marrying foreigners.

The law gained attention when Daniel Swalm discovered that his grandmother Elsie Knutson Moren, born and raised in Minnesota, lost her U.S. citizenship under an obscure 1907 law after she married a legal immigrant from Sweden.

Swalm met with aides to Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.), who introduced the resolution. The measure, which gained support from other senators who heard from descendants of other American-born women who lost their citizenship, passed this week.

“I hope all the people who have their own Grandma Elsie in their family history take this opportunity to put a candle on a cupcake in her honor and give thanks for justice finally served after all these years,” said Swalm.

He praised Franken and his co-sponsor Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) for “recognizing the wrong that was done a century ago and taking the steps necessary for the Senate to make amends.”

“What Elsie Moren and many other women went through was wrong and should never happen again,” Franken said in a statement. “Our resolution won’t scrub history, but with its passage in the Senate, we hope to bring attention to the injustice that these women faced.”

When women gained the right to vote in 1920, Elsie did not, according to the resolution’s sponsors. By 1922 Congress had acted to allow most American-born women who married foreigners to remain U.S. citizens.

But those who married men ineligible for citizenship, such as Chinese immigrants, still forfeited their U.S. citizenship, until that restriction was later repealed.

Elsie died in 1926 at age 35 due to childbirth complications, never having regained her rights despite living her entire life in Minnesota. But her foreign-born husband, Carl Moren, became a U.S. citizen in 1928.

“Grandma Elsie was born on May 16, 1891,” Swalm added. “What a wonderful way to celebrate her 123rd birthday.”

The resolution expresses “sincere sympathy and regret” to descendants of women whose citizenship was revoked under the Expatriation Act of 1907, and reaffirms the Senate’s “commitment to preserving civil rights and constitutional protections for all people of the United States.”

[Women who lost U.S. citizenship for marrying foreigners get apology - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](http://latimes.com)

Richard Simon is a former staff writer for the Los Angeles Times.



**In January, we will be electing our 2022 Paradise Genealogical Society Board Members.**

**There are a couple of openings - so will you step up?**

**Come take an active part as we rebuild!**

**If interested, please contact Ed Wilhelm at 530-321-1564.**

**Executive Board Members:**

President	<b><u>OPEN</u></b>	<b><u>Directors</u></b>	
1st Vice Pres.	<b><u>OPEN</u></b>	Beverly George	Joyce Higgins
2nd VP & Membership	Pat Harman	Marcia Gilmer	Ed Wilhelm
Library Director	Pam Crosby		
Treasurer	Carol Sutherland		
Recording Secretary	Linda Taylor		
Corresponding Secretary	Judy O'Neil		

**Paradise Genealogical Society Membership**

Membership fees, due in January, are for a 12-month period (except LIFE) and are available in the following categories:



- *STUDENT (Under 20), \$15.00 (US)*
- *INDIVIDUAL, \$30.00 (US)*
- *FAMILY (Limited to 3 persons, same address), \$35.00 (US)*
- *GOLD MINER (Individual or Family), \$50.00 (US)*
- *GOLD MINER PLUS (Individual or Family), \$75.00 (US)*
- *LIFE (50 or over), \$350.00 (US)*
- *ADD spouse to Life membership, at any time, \$100.00 (US)*

**Please print out and complete a membership application form at the end of this newsletter and mail to:**

Paradise Genealogical Society, Inc.  
P. O. Box 460  
Paradise, CA 95967-0460



**Note:** Memberships for new members joining after August will be for the balance of the year they join plus the following year.

The Board meets the first Wednesday of the month; you are very welcome to attend these meetings if you desire.

The General Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., except for July and August. Please come.

PGS Library email - [pargenso@att.net](mailto:pargenso@att.net)

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

## Society Calendar

**(Subject to the Governor of California's Social Distancing Guidelines for Large Groups of People)**

**January 5, 2022 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting:**  
9 to 11 a.m. Location to be announced.

**January 20, 2022 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership Meeting:** 3 to 5 p.m. 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.

**February 2, 2022 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting:**  
9 to 11 a.m. Location to be announced.

**February 17, 2022 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership Meeting:** 3 to 5 p.m. Location to be announced.

**March 2, 2022 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting:**  
9 to 11 a.m. Location to be announced.

**March 17, 2022 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership Meeting:** 3 to 5 p.m. Location to be announced .

**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](http://www.pargenso.org)

## Executive Board Members for 2021:

President	Ed Wilhelm (530) 321-1564
1st Vice Pres.	Open
2nd VP & Membership	Pat Harman
Library Director	Pam Crosby
Treasurer	Carol Sutherland
Recording Secretary	Linda Taylor
Corresponding Secretary	Judy O'Neil
Purchasing Secretary	Open

## Directors

Beverly George	Joyce Higgins
Marcia Gilmer	Open

## Other

### Nuggets Editor

Open-Deana Glatz, Acting Ed.

### Goldmine Editor

Carol Sutherland

All members are encouraged to send any announcements, upcoming events and/or items of Genealogical interest for this Newsletter to:

Deana Glatz at [dmglatz@hotmail.com](mailto:dmglatz@hotmail.com)



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 payable to: (please do not send cash)

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

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I'd be willing to volunteer to \_\_\_\_\_