



Paradise Genealogical Society Newsletter (ISSN 10558632)
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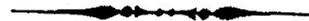
Subject to the Governor of California's
Social Distancing Guidelines for
Large Groups of People,
Our Next Membership Meeting is
Scheduled For.....

Thursday, April 15th

3:00 - 5:00 PM

at

- To Be Announced -



Daisy Time

*See, the grass is full of stars,
Fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining
gold,
Rays of shining whiteness.*

*Buttercups have honeyed
hearts,
Bees they love the clover,
But I love the daisies' dance
All the meadow over.*

*Blow, O blow, you happy
winds,
Singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the
field
A-dancing with the daisies.*

MARJORIE PICKTHALL

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PGS News and Notes:

****** CONTACT INFORMATION** - Have you moved during the past year? We have your email - obviously- but do we have your current address and phone number? Please contact Pat Harman at ernapath@pacbell.net so we can update our records. ********

Public Library Hours at our temporary location - 2683 Hegan Lane, Chico

Tuesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm **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

Or Contact Joyce Higgins @ (530) 327-7855

or (530) 961-3940.

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

Hints! – Try these links

[Have Any Research Brick Walls?
\(familytreemagazine.com\)](http://familytreemagazine.com)

[101 Best Genealogy Websites](#)

[22 Free Online Historical Photo
Databases](#)



We have been working on and updating our Website – check it out at [Paradise Genealogical Society \(pargenso.org\)](http://pargenso.org)

2019 Goldmine

We now have printed copies. If you would like one, please let us know at pargenso@att.net
(Members cost of Book is \$10.00 - Shipping to be Determined)

On Thursday, March 18, we held our *General Meeting/Open House* at our new Library Building - 1499 Wagstaff Road in Paradise. We had 3 or 4 members come to see what is happening. The photos below are courtesy of Linda Taylor.



**Gordon Taylor is 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.**



Story by Florence Styles, PGS's 10th Anniversary, *Paradise Post*, Paradise, CA, January 20, 1978, Pg 24, Col 4. (Courtesy of Joyce Higgins)

Limestone and gold found in these hills

Besides being one of the busiest towns in Butte County, it was once the home of some of the world's best limestone.

That's what Florence Styles told members of Paradise Genealogical Society about Nelson Bar — where gold and chrome mining also thrived.

Using photographs and copies of other documents, Mrs. Styles discussed the construction of the covered bridge by Lake Oroville, some 26 years later.

Some of the historians' information was obtained from Frank and Eva Parks, she said. Mrs. Parks is the granddaughter of Charles Curtis, the first man to settle Nelson Bar.

He also started the first ferry boat operation that crossed that section of the West Branch of the Feather River, Mrs. Styles explained.

In other matters, the society announced plans for its 10th anniversary celebration with a genealogical show at the recreation center April 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Displays will be highlighted with pictures, documents and family records of members.

Guests at the January meeting were John and Irene Johnston, who have been traveling and researching their family history in Iowa and the Midwest.

Bob Jackson of Oroville donated a book he wrote to the society entitled "The Family of William and Abigail Jackson, 1760-1974." It's the story of his family history.

The society's next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Allstate Savings and Loan Association at 7:30 p.m.

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The Weekly Butte Record, Oroville, Saturday Morning, April 1, 1871, p.3, c.1. Digital Reel – Meriam Library – CSU, Chico.

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What was going on here 150 years ago, April, May & June 1871?

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In Oroville, June 12, by Judge W. S. Safford, George C. Wilson to Henrietta S. Bergmann.

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At Wyandotte, June 12, by John Dick, J. P., Eugene B. Richardson to Mrs. Virginia J. Willott.

At Wyman's Ravine, June 11, by John Dick, J. P., George Hancock to Miss Mary L. Riehl.

At Cherokee, June 1st, by Rev. T. J. Pettit, Joseph Vogt to Eliza Schneider.

MARRIED.

Ibid. June 17, 1871, p.3, c.5.

Mr. Clifton Charles Mickelson,
former Butte County Administrative Officer



Clifton Mickelson passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020 in Fresno California at the age of 95. A World War II Veteran, he was the son of Clifton C. Mickelson and Margaret Josephine (Day) Mickelson and was born on November 28, 1925 in Leavenworth Kansas.

Clifton worked in the private sector managing Western Auto and Gamble stores before being hired in 1958 as the Butte County Assistant Administrative Officer.

Then in 1967 he was hired as the Butte County Administrative Officer, moving the County forward into the computer age and overseeing the completion of the County Administrative Offices in Thermalito which bear his name. After serving the people of Butte County, Clifton retired to travel the

world and spend time with his children and grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his daughter Mary Frances Trover, Mr. Mickelson is survived by his wife, Jane Mickelson, sons Clifton and Erick Mickelson, daughters Catherine Moseley, Martha Mickelson, and Laura Zeimke and their spouses and 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Chico Memorial Mausoleum.

A full obituary is available at the Paradise Genealogical Society.
(Courtesy of Judy O'Neill)



Election of Officers – Until we can meet for formal approval by the General Membership, the following have agreed to act as Interim Executive Board Members:

Executive Acting/Interim Board Members:

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
Katherine Borgogno
Joyce Higgins
Vacant

Other

Nuggets Editor

Open-Deana Glatz, Acting Ed.

Goldmine Editor

Open

Society Calendar

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April 7, 2021 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting: 9 - 11 a.m. at – to be announced.

April 15, 2021 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership meeting: 3 to 5 p.m. at – to be announced.

May 5, 2021 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting: 9 - 11 a.m. at – to be announced.

May 20, 2021 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership meeting: 3 to 5 p.m. at – to be announced.

June 2, 2021 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting: 9 - 11 a.m. at – to be announced.

June 17, 2021 (3rd Thurs.) – Membership meeting: 3 to 5 p.m. at – 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

