



Paradise Genealogical Society Newsletter (ISSN 10558632)
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Our Next
General Membership Meeting
Is Scheduled For.....
Thursday
January 19th
Doors Open at 2:00,
Meeting at 3:00 – 5:00 pm
1499 Wagstaff Road,
Paradise

February Twilight

By Sara Teasdale

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933) became a famous poet during her lifetime. In "February Twilight," she captures the beauty and peacefulness of standing alone in nature.

I stood beside a hill
Smooth with new-laid snow,
A single star looked out
From the cold evening glow.

There was no other creature
That saw what I could see—
I stood and watched the
evening star
As long as it watched me.

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At This January Meeting

we will be voting on our Society Bylaws and Standing Rules and electing our 2023 Society Board Members.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

There are a couple of openings - we urgently need a President and an additional Director - so will you step up?

If interested, please let us know.....

Proposed Executive Board Members for 2023:

President

OPEN

Directors

1st Vice Pres. & Membership

Pat Harman

Joyce Higgins Carol Southerland

Library Director

Pam Crosby

OPEN

Treasurer

Beverly George

Recording Secretary

Linda Taylor

Corresponding Secretary

Judy O'Neill



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 so we can update our records.

Library Hours

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

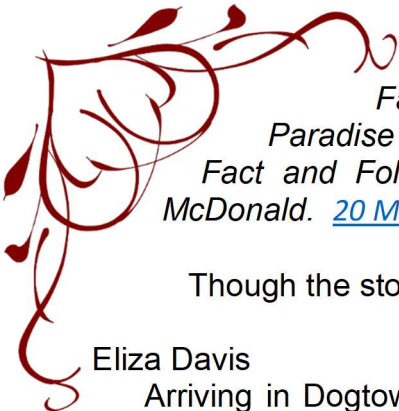
If you would like to volunteer at our Library, please let Pam know at pjcrosby@hotmail.com.

The GOLDMINE

"History of Paradise Genealogical Society, 1968-2022"

is done. Bound copies will be available at the Library for purchase. This Goldmine is much larger than normal - 117 pages. Cost of the bound book is \$35.00 + \$2.71 sales tax - total \$37.71. If shipped - add \$5.00.

Members will receive a Digital Copy.



Fact and Folklore, a series of articles about the history of the Paradise Ridge, is courtesy of members of the Paradise Historical Society, Fact and Folklore research group. This installment was presented by Lois McDonald. [20 Mar 1993, 14 - Paradise Post at Newspapers.com](#)

Though the story is true, the names and other things have been changed....

Eliza Davis

Arriving in Dogtown in 1869, the teen-aged girl adopted as readily to life in a gold camp as she had to the long wagon train journey from Illinois. She was a tomboy and a beauty. The miners loaned her their horses; on the back of one she explored the trails of the ridge.

Eliza was a spiritualist, and her aunt taught her the ways in which Eliza could call the spirits to her. She was one of privileged few to see the famous ghost dog, the white specter that silently loped along beside a rider at dusk, only to disappear at the light of a lantern.

Eliza was a romantic. She fell deeply in love with a young miner a few years her senior. He was sick with tuberculosis, and Eliza coaxed her mother into opening their home to him where he could be nursed by caring women, his own mother being far off in the east. When he died Eliza must surely have diagnosed her own broken heart. On his deathbed he slipped on her finger a gold ring, and pressed into her hand a golden buckle. It was little to show for his mining years along the waters of Butte Creek.

There were suitors aplenty and Eliza was urged to choose the man twice her age who owned the farm near that of her father on Pentz Road. Since her father had deserted the family, Eliza had a duty to her mother and her much younger siblings.

So Eliza married Joseph Davis without love. It was a woman's role to give birth to as many babies as her husband's desires and fertility indicated. She had nine. Before the birth of their first son, the family relocated to a cattle ranch in the valley northeast of Chico.

Work became Eliza's pleasure and her pain. She could carpenter as well as a man, or round up cattle when need be. From the nurturing spark within her developed the skill of nurse and midwife. She shared it with her neighbors, augmenting the family income.

Joe Davis was a good stockman and was not unkind to his family when he was sober. Much of the time when he might have been home he was gambling and drinking. When he anted up the ranch in a poker game and lost, Eliza's youngest child was only two. They moved from rented ranch to rented ranch.

When in her early 50s, Eliza developed breast cancer. Facing up to only weeks or days to live, she called her five daughters to her and extracted a promise. She was to be buried in the Dogtown Cemetery with the ring of her long dead sweetheart on her finger – his buckle in her hand.

Davis and his sons were outraged and refused to be a part of it. A long string of carriages wound up the Honey Run Road behind Eliza's remains in the hearse one hot July day in 1910. Eliza joined her mother, and as her daughters know, she joined that sweetheart who had been her true love.

So, who really was Eliza Davis? If you know, or figure it out, please let me know at dmglatz@hotmail.com. The first one to let me know – with convincing, supporting documentation, will receive a one year, Goldminer (\$50.00) Paradise Genealogical Society membership or a same amount donation to the Society in their name.

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

January Book Sale

BOOKS – BOOKS – BOOKS

All Books \$5.00 or Less – 50% Off.

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DON'T FORGET – DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY!

Paradise Genealogical Society Membership

Remember - Membership fees are 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)*

If you are not already a member and would like to become one, or if you would like to change or renew your membership or make a donation, please print out and complete the membership application form at the end of this newsletter and mail with your payment 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.



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

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

Outgoing Executive Board Members - 2022:

President	Open
1st Vice Pres.	Open
2nd VP & Membership	Pat Harman
Library Director	Pam Crosby
Treasurer	Carol Sutherland
Recording Secretary	Linda Taylor
Corresponding Secretary	Judy O'Neill

Directors

Beverly George	Joyce Higgins
Marcia Gilmer	Ed Wilhelm

Other

Nuggets Editor

Open-Deana Glatz, Acting Ed.

Goldmine Editor

Carol Sutherland

Society Calendar

January 4, 2023 (1st Wed.) – No Board Meeting.

January 19, 2023 (3rd Thurs.) – General Membership Meeting:

Doors open at 2 p.m., Meeting 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1499 Wagstaff Rd., Paradise.

February 2023 – No Board Meeting & No General Membership Meeting.

March 1, 2023 (1st Wed.) – Board Meeting:

9:30 to 11 a.m. 1499 Wagstaff, Paradise.

March 16, 2023 (3rd Thurs.) – General Membership Meeting:

Doors open at 2 p.m., Meeting 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1499 Wagstaff Rd., Paradise.

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





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).