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# CALI-CODYYS GO FOR THE GOLD!

Susan and Michael Okey are hosting the ICFA California Circle reunion at Coloma, in the scenic Sierra Nevada wine country, an hour from Sacramento on Saturday, July 18. Perhaps you remember them with daughter, Katherine, at the 2012 Reunion.

The California Circle will meet at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park for a day of conviviality with our Cody Cuzzins! The Park is on Highway 49, in the old mining town of Coloma, once filled with thousands of gold seekers and now a quaint, peaceful town of about 200 year-round residents.

Visitors have the opportunity to try panning for gold in the American River and enjoy exhibits, tours, hikes and picnics under the riparian oak woodlands. Susan Okey is a historical interpreter at the Park and can tell you about the Park, the Gold Rush Era and all the local attractions.

Come and join the Cody Camp! Inside, you'll find a summary of places to stay and things to do. Plan now for this Family Day, only an hour from Sacramento! **Please respond by July 1st** to [okeyfamily@comcast.net](mailto:okeyfamily@comcast.net).

## Historic Highway Winds Through Gold Country

Off US80, SR49 climbs 330 feet in the 7 miles from Auburn to the village of Cool with its small restaurants and the Auburn State Recreational Area, with camping, whitewater rafting, hunting and the Mammouth Bar OHV for dirt bikes and ATVs on Sundays.

Its 4 miles to Pilot Hill and the Enchanted April Farm B&B. Another 8 miles to Lotus Road, then another mile to Coloma. [Click for directions from Auburn to Coloma!](#)

Traveling south, Highway 49 goes another 9 miles, past Gold Hill, with its winery and brewery, to Placerville where it intersects Highway 50. Then it rambles 154 scenic miles, through Plymouth and the Amador Flower Farm; Amador City with antique stores, boutiques, and museums; Sutter Creek and its 62 historic buildings; the quaint mining towns of Jackson and Moke Hill; Angel's Camp where Twain wrote "[The Jumping Frog...](#)"; Sonora, the gateway to Yosemite National Park and Mariposa with the California Mining and Mineral Museum; ending at Oakhurst, Yosemite's southern entrance. (see page 2...)



Marshall's Monument, Sutter's Sawmill and the image of James W. Marshall, evoke the Gold Rush to Coloma, CA.

## Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park in Coloma

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered gold here on the South Fork of the American River in the valley the Nisenan Indians called "Cullumah," in California's Sierra Mountains. This incidental event triggered the greatest mass movement of people in the Western Hemisphere and was the spark that ignited the spectacular growth of the West during the ensuing decades.

The gold discovery site, in the tailrace of Sutter's Mill, is in the [Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park](#) in Coloma. Coming south on SR49, you'll pass the Sierra Nevada House and enter the Park at North Beach. Go past Sutter's Mill, a right turn onto Bridge St. and the Gold Discovery Museum and Visitor's Center. Take Back St., onto High St. to Church St., take a right onto Monument Road (SR153) and go past the statue to the Monument Picnic Area.

Our meetup is at the Monument Picnic Area, the map is on page 6.

Sutter's Mill, the Mormon Cabin, the Wah Hop Store, the Grange, the Man Lee Mining Exhibit, and Miner's Cabins are all upstream from the bridge. Downstream, are the Bekeart Gun Shop, the Weller House, the Monroe House, a blacksmith shop and the Papini House.

# Highway Winds Through Gold Country *(continued... [Click for highway49.com!](http://highway49.com/))*



North of Auburn, Grass Valley is a bustling community filled with an abundance of history as well as hi-tech businesses. You can delight in browsing the quaint streets or inspect the scale model of the hard-rock Empire Mine.

Nevada City is the "Queen of the Northern Mines", California's prettiest and best-preserved Gold Rush town. The entire downtown historic district is on the National Register of Historic Places, with more than 90 quaint brick storefronts and picturesque Victorian homes.

Next is North San Juan, home of the Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park, preserving the largest hydraulic mining site in California.

Downieville, on the north fork of the Yuba River in the Tahoe National Forest is where we find fishing, mountain biking, off-road and motorcycling, kayaking, hiking and nature walks, gold panning, and Gold Rush history.

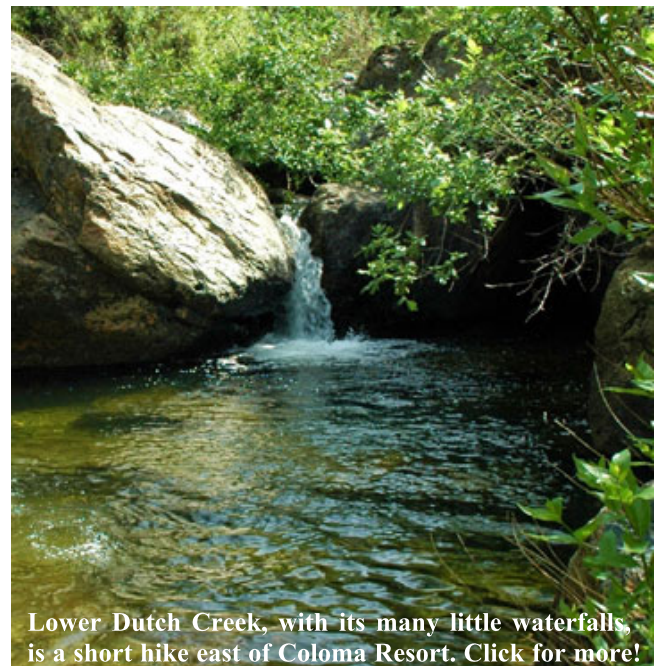
Its Museum is in an original 1852 stone building and displays local artifacts, historic items, pioneer portraits, plus a scale model of the Downieville business district, circa 1900. The OHV trailhead to Poker Flat is just a mile west of Downieville off SR49, a rugged 42 mile round trip.

SR49 climbs to 5400 ft. at Sierra City, with its Kentucky Mine & Museum. Fishing in the North Yuba and its tributaries and the nearby alpine lakes is popular, as is mountain-biking, placer-mining, and hiking.

**Sierraville**, where Benjamin Frankin Cody kept bar, is on the southern edge of the Sierra Valley's high country grazing range. Loyaltyon, Sierra County's largest city, is home to ranchers and loggers. Then, Highway 49 ends in lonely Vinton at US395, the road to Reno!



Riding Coloma's Class III Troublemaker Rapids thrills tourists every summer! [Click for videos of more Troublemaker rafting!](#)



Lower Dutch Creek, with its many little waterfalls, is a short hike east of Coloma Resort. [Click for more!](#)

# COLOMA AMENITIES

## ACCOMODATIONS

**Bella Vista Bed & Breakfast**, near Placerville, about 30 minutes from Coloma. Five-acre estate with ponds, streams, waterfalls, rock lagoon and beach. Magnificent view of the Coloma-Lotus Valley and the river. Our interior is graced with columns, art and antiques. Wineries within a ½ mile! Call 530-622-3456 or click <http://www.bellavistainc.net> .

**Eden Vale Inn**, also near Placerville. A luxury B&B, Resort and Spa, named one of "America's Top 10 Most Romantic Inns!" Enjoy modern guest rooms, lush gardens & ponds and a fabulous gourmet breakfast. #1 on Trip Advisor. Call 530-621-0901 or click <http://www.edenvaleinn.com> for more.

**Ponderosa RV Resort**, in Coloma, riverview cabins and trailers available nightly or weekly. RV and tent camping on 22 acres of river frontage. Full hook-ups available. Click <http://www.thousandtrails.com/california/ponderosa-rv-resort/> or call 877-570-2267 for more.

**Coloma Resort**, across the river from the Marshall Gold State Historic Park. A Family Camping Adventure! RV and tent sites, RV rentals, cabins, bunkhouses and tent cabins. Amenities include: river access, swimming pool, playground, ropes-challenge course with zip line. Call 530-621-2267 or click <http://www.colomaresort.com> for more.

**Sierra Nevada House**, south of the Park, on SR49 by the banks of the American River, 6 rooms, restaurant, bar, and outdoor cafe. Live music every Friday and Saturday nights! Click <http://www.sierranevadahouse.com> or call 530-626-8096 for more.

**American River Resort**, in Coloma on New River Road, off SR49. Premier lodging, riverfront cabins, campsites, RV hook-ups, pool, fish pond, store. Easy walk to the Park, Troublemaker Rapids, or Dutch Creek. Call 530-622-6700 or click <http://americanriverresort.com> .

**The Lotus Inn & Cafe Mahjaic**, ¼ mile off SR49 on Lotus Road. Great dining on the river. Three separate units for 2 to 6 people with private bathrooms, coffee and tea provided. Click <http://www.cafemahjaic.com> or call 530-622-9587 for more.

**The Vineyard House at Hart 2 Hart Winery**, about fifteen minutes north of Coloma on SR49. No pets, no children. Call 530-885-9463 or click <http://www.vrbo.com> for more.

**Camp Lotus**, friendly and beautifully maintained, natural setting with lodging or camping. deli, store and a ½ mile of riverfront. On Bassi Road, off Lotus Road and SR49. Click <http://www.camplotus.com> or call 530-622-8672 for more.

**American River Inn**, in Georgetown, about a half hour away. Enjoy the elegance of this 1853 "Jewel of the Mother Lode." Elaborately furnished suites, gourmet breakfast, wine & treats at 6 pm. Jacuzzi, mountain bikes, gardens, games. Call 800-245-6566 or click <http://www.americanriverinn.com> for more.

## RESTAURANTS

**Sierra Rizing Bakery, Catering & Coffee House**, breakfast and lunch fare, locally roasted coffee and espresso drinks, fresh baked goods, European breads, and fine desserts are served in this busy shop on SR49 in Lotus, open 6 am - 3 pm. Call 530-642-1308 or click <http://www.sierrarizing.com> .

**Argonaut Farm to Fork Café**, located in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. Open everyday for breakfast and lunch, featuring an organic and locally sourced menu. Full espresso bar serving Sacramento's own Temple coffee! Call 530-626-7345 or click <http://argonautcafe.com> for more.

**Sierra Nevada House**, casual dining with outdoor seating. Daily steak, chop, seafood specials, great burgers, sandwiches and vegetarian options. Cocktails, craft beer, and local wines. On SR49, with live music on weekends, call 530-626-8096 or click <http://www.sierranevadahouse.com> .

**Café Mahjaic**, serving New American style, a mixture of all ethnic backgrounds. All foods, sauces and breads made from scratch using naturally raised organic meats and grains. Daily specials. Open W-S, ¼ mile off SR49 on Lotus Road. Click <http://www.cafemahjaic.com> or call 530-622-9587 for more.

**Camp Lotus Deli**, great coffee, fresh baked goods and sandwiches, outstanding drink selections. On Bassi Road off Lotus Road, open 8 am - 5 pm daily, call 530-622-8672 or click <http://www.camplotus.com> for more.

**Gringo's Mexican Café**, Lotus' coolest eatery on SR49, providing fresh & healthy Mexican cuisine overlooking the American River. Salsa Fridays, live music Saturdays, tasty margaritas, and fun! Click <http://www.eatatgringos.com> or call 530-295-0100 for more.

**Coloma Club Saloon & Dancehall**, 10 am - 2 pm, Café open 6:30 am - 9 pm in Coloma. Full bar, live music every weekend, motorcycle enthusiasts welcome. Call 530-626-6390 or click <http://colomaclub.com> for more.

**Home on the Grange Café**, casual family friendly lunch and snack shop located in the heart of Coloma. 530-642-5830.

**Marco's Café**, a great outdoor dining experience serving Roman style pizza, salad, curry, rice bowls, local beer and wine. On SR49 in Lotus, call 530-642-2025 or click <http://www.yelp.com/biz/marcos-cafe-lotus> .

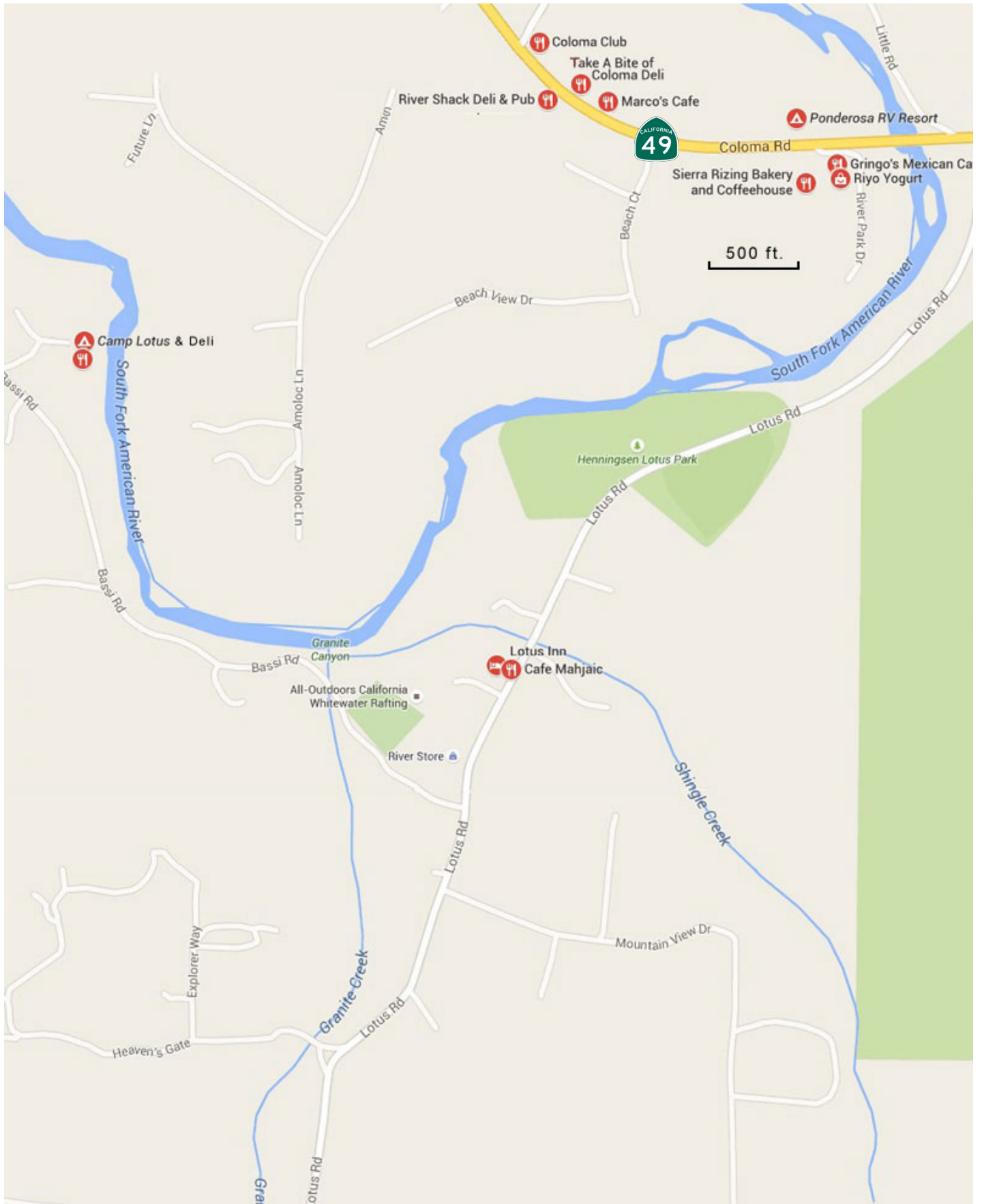
**River Shack Deli & Pub**, on SR49 in Lotus, great salads, sandwiches and microbrews. Call 530-626-1334.

**Riyo Yogurt**, smoothies on SR49 in Lotus, call 530-919-4793 or click <http://www.yelp.com/biz/riyo-yogurt-coloma> .

**Take A Bite of Coloma Deli**, for cheesesteaks, pastrami and homemade pie, at the Lotus Chevron, try 530-642-8482 or <http://www.yelp.com/biz/take-a-bite-of-coloma-deli-lotus> .

# COLOMA – WEST

Coloma is a popular tourist destination with many restaurants, but it is a rural area and the closest supermarkets are in Auburn and Placerville. Drinks, utensils, napkins and plates will be provided, bring your own food. A fire ban may prevent use of the BBQ pits.



# COLOMA – EAST

The Park is open 10am-7pm. Follow Monument Road (Hwy 153) past the statue, we'll be waiting at the Marshall SHP Monument Picnic Area! Susan will collect the Park's \$8 Day Fee. If its a rainy day, check at the Museum's Visitor Center for the new plan.



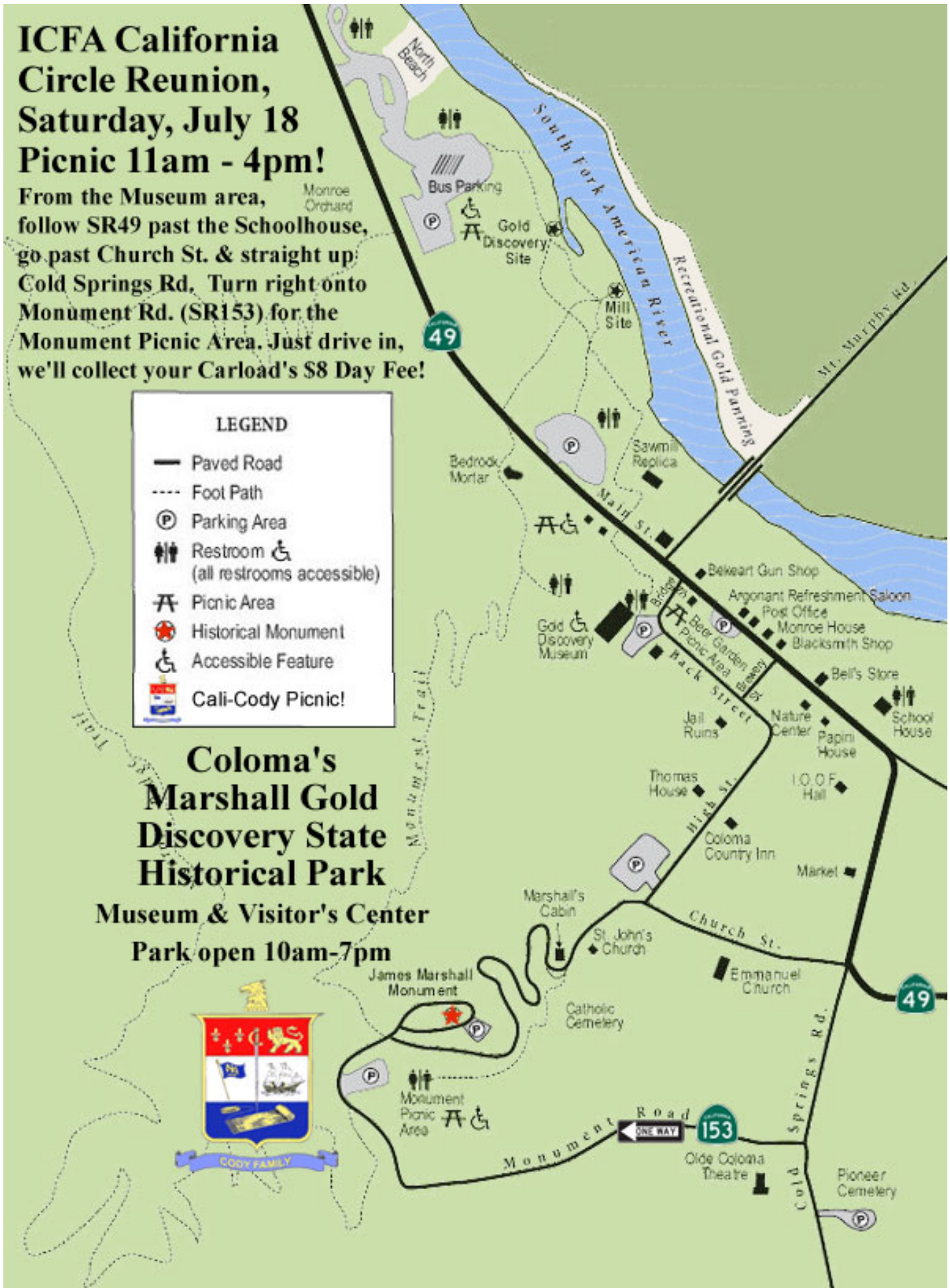
# ICFA California Circle Reunion, Saturday, July 18 Picnic 11am - 4pm!

From the Museum area,  
follow SR49 past the Schoolhouse,  
go past Church St. & straight up  
Cold Springs Rd. Turn right onto  
Monument Rd. (SR153) for the  
Monument Picnic Area. Just drive in,  
we'll collect your Carload's \$8 Day Fee!

**LEGEND**

- Paved Road
- Foot Path
- Ⓟ Parking Area
- ♿ Restroom ♿ (all restrooms accessible)
- Ⓜ Picnic Area
- ⚔ Historical Monument
- ♿ Accessible Feature
-  Cali-Cody Picnic!

**Coloma's  
Marshall Gold  
Discovery State  
Historical Park**  
Museum & Visitor's Center  
Park open 10am-7pm



# How The West Was Once - Nine Cody Argonauts

The Argonauts were seekers of the Golden Fleece in Greek mythology, but when gold was found in 1848, it became a popular nickname for the hordes of 'gold bugs' flocking to California. Between 1849-55 a record 300,000 came, overwhelming the existing population of 14,000. By 1850, San Francisco Harbor was full of ships abandoned by crews mad with gold fever! [Click for the Gold Rush on YouTube!](#)

Family tradition speaks of the sons of Lyman 172, the sons of Barney 234 and Willard, the husband of Miranda 122/6, who went to seek their fortunes in the California Gold Rush.

In "The Cody Family Massachusetts 1698" on page 79, we see in Samuel 172/2's bio that "He crossed the plains to California in 1850, returning in 1851." He was 37, with a new bride!

Brother Lyman 172/8's bio on page 81 reads... "When Lyman Cody, Jr. was but twenty-one years of age he went to California via the cape—a "Forty-Niner" and was there for two years." His letters would tell of outrageous prices for common items, shovels \$25, boots \$40, hats \$10 each, socks \$10 a pair, underwear \$15 and so on. Why not pack a wagon, haul it there and 'mine the miners'?

Recent investigations confirm, contradict and reveal a few more details about Lyman. Quoted from the "[History of Tama County, Iowa](#)" published in 1883 by the Union Publishing Co. Springfield IL, this is from Chapter XXXIV entitled "Perry Township." Since he lived until 1912, this is likely a personal, "as told to", testimony and therefore carries the weight of its own authority. It begins in 1840...

"The subject of this sketch when twelve years of age engaged with a carpenter to learn the trade. He worked at his trade in Ohio, until 1850, when he started for California by way of New York and the Isthmus. He engaged in mining in Sierra county the most of the time for three years, and then returned to Ohio. He worked at his trade in Carey, until 1855, when he came to Iowa to seek a home..." [Click for the original.](#)

Benjamin Franklin Cody 172/9's bio on page 39 simply notes that he died unmarried at Etta, CA in 1889. Internet research yields this advertisement from the Sierra County Business Directory for 1885, "[Cody, Benjamin F.](#) - saloonkeeper, for the poorest cigars & worst whiskey in Etta give him a call". Obviously a man with a sense of humor. Lyman Sr. had been a hotelier, so Benjamin probably learned the business from him. Now a ghost town, little Etta once had three saloons.

On page 78 we see that sister Lucinda's son, Henry M. Gibbs 172/12, died at Pine Grove California May 2, 1853, aged 17. Possibly he came overland with his uncles, Samuel Lewis and Benjamin Franklin, driving a third wagonload of goods.

Barney 234's bio on page 43 says that "During the California gold rush in 1849 his eldest son Clark left home for California and then soon afterwards the next three younger sons followed, thus leaving the father without help on his farm, which he soon sold..." His sons, Clark and Jesse B., both honored their patient father by naming a son after him.

**FOR CALIFORNIA!**  
**DIRECT**  
**EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS!!**  
**THIRTY-FIVE DAYS TO THE GOLD REGIONS!**  
 The "California Steam Navigation Co."  
 Will dispatch their first vessel from New York, the NEW and SPLENDID  
**STEAM SHIP!**  
**NICARAGUA**  
 DAVID FERROLD, Master, positively  
**ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23d, 1849,**  
 Via the River St. Juan and Lake Nicaragua, across the Isthmus of Leon.  
 Capt. BRUNSON, of the U. S. Topographical Engineers,  
 Having as the result of his explorations...  
**200 JACK ASSES!**  
**The Quickest, Safest and Cheapest!!**  
**Price of Passage Through Ninety Dollars!**  
 To be paid in SPECIE, Dimes and half Dimes, taken only.  
 For further particulars apply on board, at the foot of South Street, E. B. or to the undersigned Agents for the Company. Applications by mail, to meet attention, must be post paid, addressed to the Company's Agents.  
 HOBSON, BROTHERS & Co., 147 Wall Street, (opposite the Bullhead.)

Actually, crossing at Panama or Nicaragua was risky and expensive. Overland, by wagon, ox teams took 5 months and sailing 'round the Horn took 100 days of stoic endurance.

Clark 234/1's bio on page 94 says "In 1849 went to California across the plains, remained there 2 yrs. and returned by way of New York in 1851, and settled at Evansville Ind." He married Evaline Hale on New Year's Day, 1852.

Edward 234/2's bio on the same page says he too, came back to Evansville, married Esther Maria Wood on New Year's Eve 1856, but makes no mention of his California adventures.

Jesse B. 234/3's bio on page 95 says he married Sarah Jane Jones of New Orleans, they had 12 children and lived in Ukiah CA, with no reference to his Gold Rush experience.

Jasper N. 234/4's bio on page 44 says that he was born in 1835, went to California at 18, married Eliza Bell, from New Orleans in 1870 and died childless in 1875.

Miranda 122/6's husband, Willard Vining of Templeton MA, left for the gold fields in 1849, tragically died during the voyage and was buried at sea. We see on page 61 that he was only 28 and their daughter, Fannie Marie Vining, a child of five.

Of the nine Cody Argonauts in the California Gold Rush; four returned, three died and two stayed. Oh, the sights they'd seen. Why, if they were here with us now, betcha they could tell stories even Buffalo Bill couldn't top!

If you can [tell us something about your family's '49ers](#), please do!

# How The West Was Once - Benjamin Franklin Cody

Benjamin Franklin Cody traveled to California overland with his brother, Samuel Lewis and their nephew, Henry Gibbs to seek their fortunes in the Gold Rush. Brother Lyman, in Sierra County, sent word for them to come. Samuel Lewis and Lyman returned home in 1851, but Henry and Benjamin stayed. Thanks to the California Digital Newspaper Collection, we read of Benjamin's election to Constable of Table Rock in 1855, as he establishes himself in his new home.

[Sacramento Daily Union, Vol. 10, No. 1404, Sept. 25, 1855](#)

**Sierra County Township Officers.**  
 Township No. 1—Justices—G. W. Shultz, G. W. Tompkins; Constables—H. Bisset, H. B. Ray.  
 Township No. 2—Justices—A. J. Howe, N. B. Clark; Constables—J. R. Walls, G. M. Dallon.  
 Township No. 3—Justices—J. W. Downer, Alden Smith; Constables—B. F. Cody, J. T. McCormick.

After the gold played out, he took to "minin' the miners' and being a sociable guy, he bought a saloon. Years pass before we find him again, in this legal notice, where he is trying to collect a debt...

[Sacramento Daily Union, Vol. 44, No. 6798, Jan. 16, 1873](#)

**IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT OF TABLE ROCK TOWNSHIP, in the county of Sierra, State of California.—B. F. CODY, plaintiff, vs. JAMES HAYES, defendant. Summons.** The People of the State of California send greeting to James Hayes, defendant. You are hereby required to appear before me, at my office in Table Rock Township, in the county of Sierra, in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, and answer the complaint in said action on file in my office, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons. The said action is brought to recover a balance due plaintiff on book account, to wit: the sum of \$127 13. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the complaint as above required said plaintiff will take judgment against you for the said amount of \$127 13, together with costs and damages.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of said Sierra county, greeting: Make legal service and due return hereof. Given under my hand this 12th day of December, 1872.

SEWELL F. GRAVES,  
 Justice of the Peace of said Township.

Received the annexed summons on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1872. After due and diligent search, James Hayes, defendant within named, cannot be found in Sierra county, California.

J. CAMPBELL, Sheriff of Sierra county.  
 By N. B. FISH, Deputy Sheriff. j16-1a73mTh\*

Now vanished, Table Rock was a few miles north of Poker Flat. Sheriff J. Campbell figures later on in Benjamin's story, N.B. Fish was elected Sheriff in 1877.

As a murderer, James Hayes was hung at Bakersfield in 1877.

Next, we find Benjamin in one of Sierra County's most iconic Gold Rush towns, famous from the Bret Harte story, "[The Outcasts of Poker Flat](#)". He is 43, and feeling the pains of age.

Andrew Dorsey was a gold miner, as recorded in the 1880 Federal Census and a couple years older than Benjamin.

[Sacramento Daily Union, Vol. 45, No. 6964, July 30, 1873](#)

**THE AFFRAY AT POKER FLAT.—**The Sierra Messenger of July 26th gives these particulars of a late affray:

On Monday, July 21st, an affray occurred at Poker Flat, during which a man by the name of Andrew Dorsey had his skull fractured by blows from a hatchet in the hands of B. F. Cody. Both men have been for years residents of Poker Flat and vicinity. The following are the particulars of the occurrence as near as we are able to learn them, only one man, Sinnott, having witnessed the affair: Dorsey came into the saloon which Cody keeps and commenced abusing him, he (Dorsey) being the worse for liquor at the time. Cody, who for several years has been partially crippled from rheumatism, put him out and requested him to behave himself. Dorsey went away but after a while came back again with a large rock in his hand, with which he threatened to do more or less damage to Cody. Dorsey came up and sat down outside the saloon with the rock in his hand, Cody standing near the porch at the time. Sinnott, for some reason, called out to Cody to "look out," whereupon he turned to Dorsey, when some words passed between them, and Cody, stepping into the saloon, seized a hatchet and with it struck Dorsey on the head three times, one of the blows fracturing the skull. Dorsey was taken up insensible and Cody went to Howland Flat and gave himself up, where he was examined before a justice and committed to jail. As we go to press we learn that Dorsey's wounds are not likely to prove fatal, as was at first thought probable.

Next, we turn to the entertainment pages and see an ad for Buffalo Bill, recalling the [Buffalo Billboard](#) in Jamestown, NY. Alta is on the railroad, so Benjamin could have been in the audience that night and met the great man himself!

[Daily Alta California Vol. 31 No. 10576 Mar. 28, 1879](#)

**THE STAGE.**

**CALIFORNIA THEATRE.**—Buffalo Bill appears in "May Cody, or Lost and Won," this evening.

**BALDWIN'S THEATRE.**—"A Woman's Life" will be repeated to-night.

**BUSH-STREET THEATRE.**—"Out of Bondage" and the Hyers Sisters' Combination this evening.

**MUSICAL MATINEE.**—The Schmidt Quintette will give a musical matinee at Dashaway Hall, to-morrow afternoon.

**WOODWARD'S GARDENS.**—A variety entertainment and promenade concert will be given in the pavilion on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. On the latter day there will also be a sensational balloon ascension.



# How The West Was Once - Benjamin Franklin Cody *(continued...)*

From the newspapers of the 1880s, we learn that Benjamin is in Sierraville. Political feeling is running high in the local elections of '82 and he's having trouble at his saloon in Etta, so he's arranged to meet his friend, Sheriff Jack Campbell nearby at the Randolph Hotel outside Sierraville...



The Randolph Hotel and Stage Office, G. Buxton, Prop.

Los Angeles Herald, Vol. XVIII, No. 24, Sept. 20, 1882

**Assassination of the Sheriff of Sierra County.**

On Friday last, J. B. Campbell, the Republican nominee for Sheriff of Sierra county, and holding that office for successive terms, was murdered by a young man named J. J. Stubbs, in the town of Randolph, in that county. A few days before the assassination, a Mr. Cody, a friend of Campbell's, had an altercation on the subject of the candidacy of the latter, and the murder seems to have had its origin from this difficulty. On Friday Campbell went to Randolph, and by chance met this man Stubbs in the street, opposite the hotel of that town, and the two chatted for some time in an ordinary way and in an apparently amicable manner, until Campbell was heard to say, "You would, would you?" and Stubbs to reply, "Yes; and if they want me they can find me any day or hour." Then Campbell was seen to turn with his hands in his pockets and walk towards the hotel. When he had gone some thirty feet or more Stubbs started after him, and while immediately behind, Stubbs brought his hand containing a pistol directly around and in front of Campbell's stomach, discharging the weapon at the same time. The wounded man staggered and attempted to run to the hotel, but before reaching it fell, and was conveyed to the house, and medical aid sent for, but in vain. He died almost instantly, uttering but one word. Stubbs made his escape.

Widely reported, this story had legs! A few days later, more details emerged, showing how the crisis was resolved. Click for a picture of Jack Campbell in the [Sierran, Vol. 42 No. 1](#), a publication of the Sierra County Historical Society.

Daily Alta California, Vol. 34, No. 11844, Sept. 26, 1882

**SIERRA COUNTY'S TRAGEDY.**

**Further Particulars of the Killing of the Republican Candidate for Sheriff.**

Truckee Republican, September 20th.

The particulars of the Randolph tragedy as given in the last issue of the Republican, are substantially correct. Just what conversation passed between the two men before the shooting will probably never be known. Stubbs had just finished eating his dinner, and went out on the porch of the Randolph Hotel, and was approached by Campbell. Campbell lived nearly opposite the hotel, and while the men were talking a niece of Mr Campbell's came out and called him to come to dinner, and both men started diagonally across the street, walking side by side. When a few feet from the hotel Stubbs suddenly stepped ahead of Campbell and turned and shot. The ball penetrated the stomach near the navel, and severed the main artery from the heart, and caused instant death. Campbell fell dead in his tracks, and Stubbs walked back to the corner of the house, still holding the pistol in his hand. Cody, the man with whom Stubbs had the trouble which led to the shooting, walked up to him and excitedly exclaimed, "Did you shoot Campbell?" "Yes," replied Stubbs, "and if you come any nearer, I will give you what is left in it." Cody ran to Campbell, and Stubbs crossed the street in the direction of a clump of willows, and disappeared. The affair created the most intense excitement, and in less than 20 minutes, at least 50 men, armed with double-barreled shotguns and Winchester rifles were in search of the murderer, and they would doubtless have made "short work of him had they found him." We also have it on good authority that six Indians were armed and sent into the woods and told to bring the murderer in, dead or alive, and a large reward would be paid them. But Stubbs succeeded in keeping hid until Saturday, when he sent word to the constable by a friend that he would give himself up if he could be got to Downieville without being lynched. He was hidden away until late that night, when, with a strong guard, he was placed in a wagon and the party started for the county seat, which was reached without incident, and the prisoner safely landed in jail. The murderer is a young man 22 years of age, a native of Maine, and he has the reputation of being sober and industrious. The remains of the murdered man were taken to Downieville for interment, and the funeral, which came on Sunday, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Masons, was, without doubt, the largest that has ever taken place in Sierra county.

Stubbs was sentenced to 18 years in Folsom prison and appealed in 1885, but we don't know the decision of the Board.

# A Salute to Lee Norwood, Our Beloved ICFA Genealogist

One of our Cody Family's most well-known and beloved members has gone to eternal reward. Jim Cody emailed us in February about the passing of his ol' buddy, Leland Burney Norwood 266 / 7131 . You may remember him from the 2010 Reunion in Tucson, when out in the desert, he and Ruth clambered up the rock to see the petroglyphs. Ever young!

Here we feature this eulogy, written by his daughter, Louise (Norwood) Ratliff from her blog, "[Lou's Clues](#)"...

Lee Norwood peacefully passed away of natural causes in Lomita, CA, on February 7, 2015, surrounded by family and close friends. He was 94 and his body just said "I have to stop now."

Dad was admitted to Torrance Memorial Medical Center Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015. He hadn't been feeling well for the past week or so, and his doctor sent him to the ER that day. I had just returned from a conference in Chicago at midnight the night before, but when I got the phone call I hurried down to the hospital. Thus began a week of commuting from Sylmar to Lomita every day. The ICU doctors and nurses did everything they could, but by the morning of the 7th, we knew the truth.

I rallied the troops and all Dad's closest family and friends were at his side to the end. I know this was God's plan for my Dad, and it was the best it could be. On Saturday we visited with Dad and talked to him a lot. I could tell he understood us because he looked at each one of us. His spirit went home to be with the Lord about 7 pm that evening.

Lee was born in Albany, CA, June 5, 1920. At age 3, he and his family moved to Hawthorne, CA. There, he graduated from Leuzinger High School, Class of '37 and went to work for North American Aviation at their Inglewood plant.

Come WWII, he worked on the B-25 bomber and the P-51 fighter-bomber. He and Marky (b. Margaret Clara Gremlí) were married June 12, 1943, and Lee joined the Navy in 1944.

Lee and Marky met at the wedding of Marky's best high school friend and Lee's best friend; Marky was a bridesmaid and Lee was an usher. Marky caught the bride's bouquet and that was the beginning of their romance. When Marky passed away in 2002, they had been married for almost 59 years!

After his discharge in 1946, Lee worked on the F-86 Sabrejet, B-45 Tornado jet bomber, and B-70 Valkyrie strategic bomber before transferring to the Space Division in Downey. There he worked on the rocket-powered X-15, the Apollo program that landed on the moon, Saturn V and Space Shuttle Orbiter Programs. Altogether he worked for North American Rockwell almost 47 years when he retired in April 1994.

After retirement, Lee and Marky spent time with the Rockwell Camping Club, spending many weekends throughout the West with their close friends. Lee was a member of the Bald Eagles and attended dinners with other retirees.

In 1964, Lee and Marky moved into a brand new home in Rancho Palos Verdes and travelled to Europe, especially enjoying their research into family history. Lee was an avid shutterbug and always had his camera around his neck!

In 1987, they took up ballroom dancing and danced in several competitions. Lee looked so handsome in his tuxedo!

Lee and Marky were docents for many years at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center; Lee attended their "Whale of a Day" event every April through 2014. They were active members of the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, and Lee was very close to many church members, attending church services up until a week before he passed away.

A 9th-generation Cody, Lee became active in the Cody Family Association, serving as their genealogist for 10 years. He and Marky traveled to many reunions, and Lee discovered cousins all over the country, with whom he corresponded frequently.

After Marky's death, Lee sought companionship with his lady friends, including Ruth Brooker. They attended concerts, plays, Friday Morning Club and the El Camino travel series for many years, along with other friends.

Lee moved into the Canterbury, an Episcopal Home, in Rancho Palos Verdes in 2009. There, he made many new friends and became the "life of the party" at Friday Happy Hour when he danced with the ladies. He was unhappy that more men did not join him!

He is survived by his daughter, Louise Ratliff, grandchildren Michael Ratliff, Angela Norwood, Paul Norwood, and Burney Lovelace, and 6 great-grandchildren; his son Donald Alan predeceased him.

The following Tuesday, a memorial service was celebrated at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. It was a combination of remembrance, prayer, and humor. Pastor Jonathan Chute gave a marvelous eulogy that mentioned things that even I didn't know! He explained to me later that he took notes when he visited with Mom and Dad over the years, and had the notes and eulogy he gave for my Mom when she died 12 years ago. Jonathan is a truly exceptional man and a wonderful friend and man of God.

Judy Metoyer, Dad's daughter-in-law, my brother Don's first wife, gave a lovely reading. The central theme being that a person is remembered for what he or she has given, not for what he or she has acquired. Judy and I have become especially close in the past several months, and we love each other very much. Her daughter Angela is a special delight, and our son Mike and Angie are pretty close too.

My high-school friend Madeline told a story about coming with us to our cabin in the mountains. Dad was working on the reconstruction, and the framing was up but not a lot more.

# A Salute to Lee Norwood, Beloved ICFA Genealogist *(continued)*

She watched as he added insulation in the walls and the ceiling, and then he ended up with a small triangular space which he filled with a shape that was just right. She told him that he was a fantastic estimator, and he replied that he was a lousy estimator, and that he had not intended to insulate that part of the house!

Ruth Brooker talked about the many trips that she and Lee went on, including a trip to Ireland when they looked for Ruth's ancestors. I know that Ruth will miss my Dad very, very much. They talked on the phone every night after Jeopardy, and met at least once a week for some event or other, like lunch and a movie.

Terry Cody 270/3452 mentioned that Dad had helped out the International Cody Family Association for many years as Genealogist and corresponded with many people and added their information to the database. Yep, Dad loved the Cody family and enjoyed going to reunions all around the country. Jim Cody 266/4332 was also at the service; he has been a family friend for many years.

Steve Black and his wife Neva came all the way from Kenai, Alaska to honor Dad at his funeral! They visited Mom and Dad a few times over the years, and Mom and Dad stayed with them after an Alaska cruise. I like Steve and I hope I get to visit them in Alaska.

Bob Chamberlin mentioned Dad's activity in the Family Ministry at church. After Mom died, Dad kept active to keep her memory alive. Yep, that was my Dad. My Mom got him started, and he kept going after she died 12 years ago. Tami and Larry Kittiver told me that they would also miss him in Sunday School and at worship services.

Also Bernie and Marsha, neighbors from across the street when Dad lived on Montemalaga. Bernie was Neighborhood Watch captain, and he helped us out in some crisis times when Dad was being heavily scammed and pressured.

There were a lot of people at the service. A bunch of my cousins, friends from the church, family friends, my personal friends, and a group of my colleagues from the UCLA Library Cataloging & Metadata Center. My friend Becky came; I met her in Italian class a few years ago, and we've become good friends.

Some of the dearest people I have grown close to especially during the past year are Marie Sena, Pat Van Putten and Karen Lamoreaux. I've known them for several years, but they were with me during Dad's last days, and I will love them forever!

So many people in Dad's life have become important to me, he'll never know all the relationships he fostered. I know I haven't mentioned everyone, and I apologize, but honestly, the care and love expressed for my Dad has been totally overwhelming. I am grateful, and I praise God for all of you.

In my eulogy, I offered a few memories, and then sang a funny

song remembered from many family vacations, driving in our car, hauling a travel trailer. We sang songs like 'Oh Susanna' and 'Red River Valley,' and then Dad would sing this song. I found out this week that it is a parody of a 1905 song. You can find it on YouTube by searching Ramblin' Jack Elliott "Old Apple Tree." Everyone in the congregation laughed and clapped when I finished. I know that Dad was happy that I finally found the words! Later on Jonathan said to me, I don't think anyone has done that at a funeral :-)

Internment was held at Inglewood Park Cemetery,  
Donations in Lee's memory may be made to the  
[Point Vicente Interpretive Center](#),  
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West,  
Rancho Palos Verdes.

## IN THE SHADE OF THE OLD APPLE TREE

It was yesterday that I thought I'd take a bath in some water  
Fer a bath I hadn't had in a month or so  
Fer the bath I didn't want to spend a quarter  
So I went down to the creek where the water was low

I laid my clothes beside an apple tree, there  
And then I got into an awful fix  
For an old maid came and sat right down beside me  
And there she sat from one o'clock till six

In the shade of that old apple tree  
I was in water right up to my knees  
I had to lay down, while she was around  
Till only my nose you could see

The mosquitoes were bitin' my nose  
And the turtles were niblin' my toes  
I lay there all day, till she went away  
From the shade of that old apple tree

It was only yesterday that Jane and I got married  
You can bet your life I was a happy groom  
There was only one thing that filled my heart with sadness  
Was parts of her were scattered all over the room

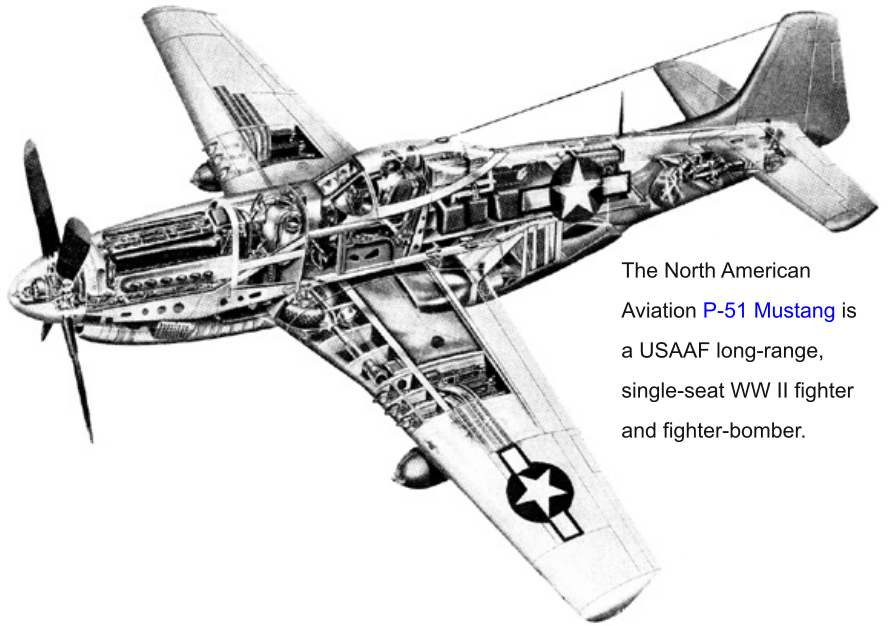
Her glass eye and false teeth were on the mantle  
And on the bed she hung her lock of hair  
And the one thing that truly filled my heart with sadness  
Was she pitched her wooden leg upon the chair

It was a limb from the old apple tree  
I was in water right up to my knees  
I had to lay down, while she was around  
Till only my nose you could see

The mosquitoes were bitin' my nose  
And the turtles were niblin' my toes  
I lay there all day, till she went away  
From the shade of that old apple tree

Yes I carved out my name and there it was plain  
On her limb from the old apple tree!

# A Salute to Lee Norwood, Beloved ICFA Genealogist *(continued)*



The North American Aviation [P-51 Mustang](#) is a USAAF long-range, single-seat WW II fighter and fighter-bomber.

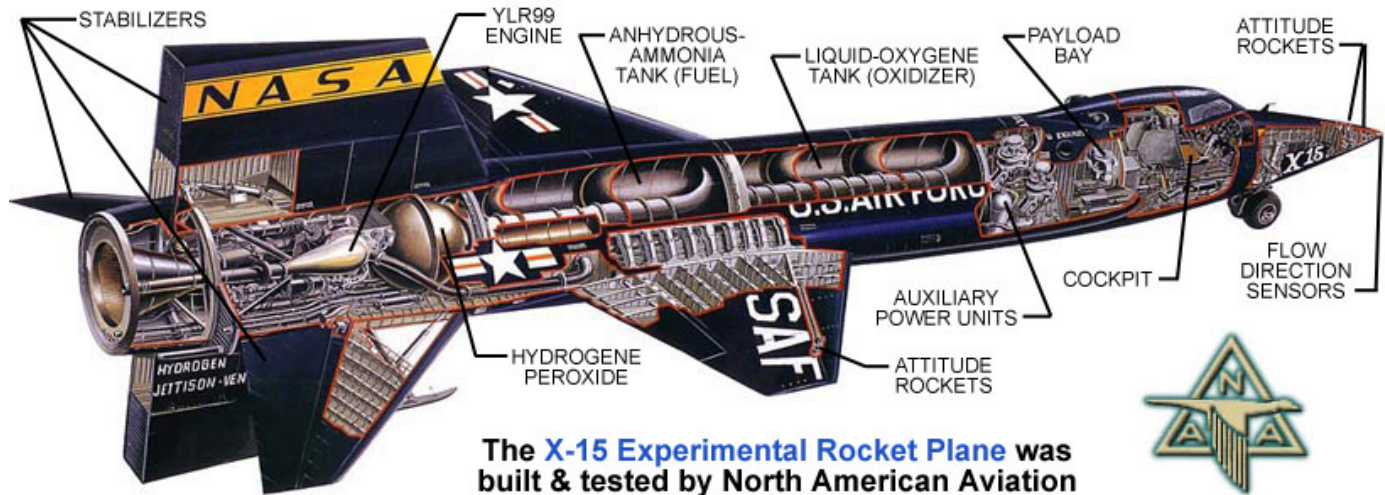
Lee had an exciting job at North American Aviation, the California aerospace manufacturer, now part of Boeing. Pictured here, we see a few of the projects he helped engineer. In black and white, the famous P-51 Mustang fighter and the B-25 Mitchell bomber from WWII. After the war, there was the X-15 rocketship. Later, the Apollo Program took astronauts to the moon and finally, the Space Shuttle explored nearby space. All part of Lee's long Manufacturing Engineering career!

Manufacturing Engineers take, new prototype designs handmade by scientists and set up production lines where the new product is assembled. Then they refine techniques and streamline the process to produce working samples and send them on for testing. Eventually, the line ramps up to full production and the factory hums! Later, management may add a night shift.



Test pilots were not always men. These four women, members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), were assigned as engineering test pilots, testing new aircraft and modifications. The airplane behind them is a North American Aviation [B-25 Mitchell](#) twin-engine medium bomber. From left to right, Dorothy Dodd Eppstein, Hellen Skjersaa Hansen, Doris Burmeister Nathan and Elizabeth V. Chadwick Dressler. (U.S. Air Force)

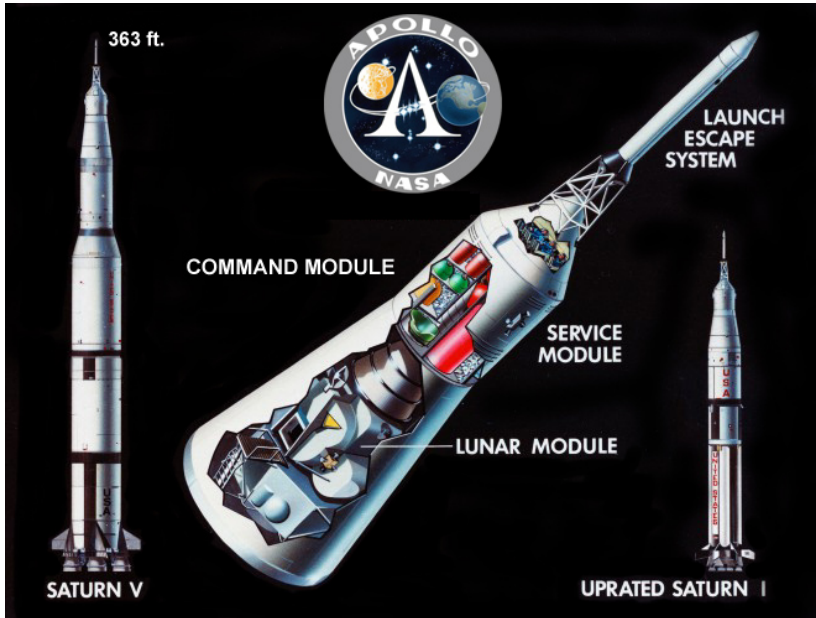
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**The X-15 Experimental Rocket Plane was built & tested by North American Aviation**

As a Manufacturing Engineer for NASA's subcontractor, North American Aviation, Lee lead teams to make and assemble these incredible machines. These he managed by his own hand and soft voice, always modest, fixing problems and recognizing merit. However, he knew it wasn't just about getting to the moon, but getting back and living to tell the tale as well!

For Lee, his career was born from war and the need to succeed. Then, they all labored under the Cold War threat. But because Lee was so good at what he did, they sent his products to the moon! What insight did he have? Why did it all work so well? If only we could ask.



[Click for the launch and moonwalk!](#)

As you can see, each project represents another step toward space. X-15, Apollo, Shuttle. Our cell phone and media services all come from NASA research.

So thanks, for the memories, for the little things, you did so well, the stories only you could tell, Who would forget the joy that was you!



[Click for a launch of Space Shuttle Discovery!](#)

# Buffalo Bill's Family Gravesite Restoration Fundraiser

by Kevin Cody, 145 / 44332 2x Great-grandson of W.F. Cody

May brings Decoration Day, or Memorial Day if you like, an opportunity to care for the departed. Flags honor veterans and flowers symbolize our deepest emotions. If they can, families come to tend the graves while the children play nearby.

It was recently brought to my attention by [Jeff "Gunny" Norman](#), a Colorado-based Buffalo Bill re-enactor, that Buffalo Bill's family monuments in Rochester NY are suffering damage from acid rain. While visiting the Cody Family plot to pay his respects, he saw that these 3 headstones are showing their age and volunteered to do some fund-raising through his 'edutainment' shows.

These are the headstones of William F. Cody's children, Arta, Orra, and little Kit, who are buried at Rochester's Mount Hope Cemetery. They died young and this is all we have.

Over time, marble and limestone become victims of acid rain. Cleaning them with bleach or other cleaning agents is only temporary, soon they are back the way they were. Also cleaning agents open up the stone's "pores," making the problem worse. There is a new biological solution called D/2 that is being applied by some conservators. It does a good job but needs periodic treatments. We are currently investigating the proper way to preserve these historic headstones at reasonable cost.

Sadly, there are several other historically important gravestones there with this very same problem. Its a fact that the upkeep of monuments is the responsibility of the owning family and any identified descendants. The cemetery has no legal right or obligation to preserve gravestones. They are only required to maintain the grounds and trees, not monuments, mausoleums or gravestones.

## ICFA Fund Donates Art to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West!

The International Cody Family Association Fund at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West receives earmarked donations and targeted contributions from our members.

Monies received to this fund are targeted and earmarked for the sole purpose of projects recommended by the Executive Board of the ICFA, in consultation with the Curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, WY. Email Kelly Jensen, [KellyJ@centerofthewest.org](mailto:KellyJ@centerofthewest.org) or call her at 307-578-4014 .

Now, we celebrate the first project funded through the generosity of the ICFA, the acquisition of a colorful French Buffalo Bill Wild West Poster depicting William F. Cody and His Congress of Rough Riders of the World, advertising their 1905 Tour of France in heroic style!

This poster illustrates Cody on horseback galloping in front of the Congress of Rough Riders, all astride, proudly bearing the banners of their nationalities. It will be displayed at the Buffalo Bill Museum in memory of Kit Cody 145/4433, Hiram Cody 180/1711, and Aldus Cody 148/331.



**Pollution threatens the Kit Carson, Orra Maude & Arta Lucille Cody headstones at Mt. Hope Cemetery.**

Marilyn Nolte, President of the [Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery Association](#) says that "In some cases families set up trust funds for the care of the monuments on their cemetery plots. Historically, at the Mount Hope Cemetery, banks were appointed to administer these funds. But they've dropped that service and turned the trust funds over to the City of Rochester. The City likewise has no interest and passed these trusts on to the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery. The William F. Cody Family plot does not have such a trust at this time." We've asked Marilyn for a list of local grave preservationists pursuant to requesting a quote.

I'm personally promoting this cause through the BB Ephemera Gallery at <https://www.facebook.com/BufferoBillCody> . The ICFA has set up a Trust Fund that is now accepting tax-deductible donations for the Friends of Buffalo Bill, Mt. Hope Gravesite Restoration. For details, please contact me at [getkevin247@gmail.com](mailto:getkevin247@gmail.com) .



**'Buffalo Bill: Passant en Revue'**

30 x 76 inches

Prints will be available for purchase online!

## ICFA Is Now **LinkedIn**

Kevin Cody, our Director of Social Media, just announced the launch of the ICFA's own LinkedIn page. Founded in 2003, LinkedIn connects the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful. To access the ICFA LinkedIn page, click [www.linkedin.com/in/codyfamily](http://www.linkedin.com/in/codyfamily).

Social networking is the latest tool for navigating the ever-increasing complexity of today's job market. Who knows? Maybe your email pen-pal knows someone in your line of work, LinkedIn will suss that out and present them as a possible new contact for you. It all depends on your profile.

When you join LinkedIn, you get access to people, jobs, news, updates, and insights that help you be great at what you do through their email contacts. What Facebook did for dating, LinkedIn can do for your professional life.

Publishing your story of a professional experience, like meeting a deadline or getting a raise in hard times, on LinkedIn can connect you to people with advice or questions and begin a dialog. Pick an experience from your past and write what you've learned about it. Chances are, you aren't the only one and you'll be amazed by the feedback.

## Jamestown DVD On Sale!

The 2014 Reunion DVD is now available in the [Giftshop!](#) Packed with 100s of pictures, some videos, the ICFA Business Meeting Minutes and the Executive Board's Report of the 2014 Jamestown - Chautauqua Reunion, its something for the whole family, with many photos of the Wild West Poster Art Show at the train station. Free for attendees.

Speaking of the 2014 Reunion, there are some souvenir Jamestown T-shirts now on display, get 'em while they last! There are patches, ornaments and buttons, too!

We have many other items, the e-book, "The Cody Family Massachusetts 1698" is a good value for a rare, out-of-print genealogical work such as that. Its biographical sketches are the source of much of what we publish about the lives of our forebears.



## Stay in Touch, We Need You!

Over the last year, we've had many people contact us using the website's "Update Me" fill-in form. To join the ICFA, go to MEMBERSHIP, "Join Us." For Births, Deaths, Marriages and Family News, go to CONTACTS on the home page and use "Vital Statistics" to send historical information or use "Announcements" to tell the world!

## BB Ephemera on **facebook**

After Kevin Cody launched our new ICFA Facebook page in early 2013, it has gained recognition and popularity and welcomed over 337 new Facebook Friends. It continues to accumulate more "likes" every week. A quick glance at our Facebook Insights page tells us about who we all are and where we come from.

As of now, 65% of our Facebook Friends are women and 35% are men. Together we come from 15 different countries and speak 6 different native languages. The majority live across the United States in over 45 different cities. Currently the ICFA Facebook page has 337 Likes and the Buffalo Bill page has over 1800.

If you're not a Facebook Friend yet, we welcome you to visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ICFA.org](http://www.Facebook.com/ICFA.org) and click the "Like" button!

Since February 26 (Buffalo Bill's birthday) his page is presenting a new artifact from Kevin's collection every day until January 10, 2017. Its fascinating stuff, playing cards, newspaper articles and pictures. He is planning a special surprise for us to be presented on the centennial of Buffalo Bill's passing January 10, 2017!

See it all unfold at <https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloBillCody>.

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# Lindus and Amelia in Cleveland and Florida

Reunions are a perfect opportunity to share memories, pictures, stories and family lore. At the 2014 Reunion in Jamestown NY, we met with Margaret Monahan 148/2761 who allowed us to copy pages from her scrapbook for publication on the website!

Together with Internet findings, it provided the source material for a dozen web pages;

- "[Beginning and Early Years](#)", the story of how Lindus and Amelia met and married.
- "[An Appreciation of Lindus Cody](#)" honors them for their evangelical work.
- "[Private Arthur Cody](#)", their son's letter from camp during the Spanish American War.
- "[A Trip to Avon Park](#)" where Amelia tells a big one on herself.
- "[Sarah Amelia, March 30, 1908](#)" is about a nice visit to Lake Wales in pioneer days.
- "[Crooked Lake Citrus Pioneers](#)" tells how they established themselves in Florida.
- "[Crooked Lake Development Company](#)" is about the Florida land boom of the 1920s.
- "[Polk County Storms & Freezes 1892-1962](#)" chronicles the disasters they overcame.
- "[The Homestead House](#)", their home at Cody Villa, as told by Sarah Isabel 148/275.
- "[Daddy](#)" is Elizabeth 148/271's bio of her father, Arthur Philip Cody.
- "[Cody Villa - Babson Park](#)" is about their family compound in Florida.
- "[Lost Cleveland](#)" takes stock of present-day Cleveland with surprising results!



Maragret's great-grandparents, on their wedding day, Lindus and Amelia Farnsworth, Oct. 16, 1861

Lindus and Amelia 148/2 were married 65 years and had 10 children. Enterprising, thrifty and devout, they rode the wave of Cleveland's growth into a major industrial power. But the changes were so overwhelming that they longed for the "good old days," when life was simple, so they built a family compound at Crooked Lake, FL.

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## Milestones

### DEATHS

Ms. Shirley Sackett 264/82432, born Sep. 1, 1948 in Aberdeen WA, died Oct. 17 2014 in Lacy WA. Daughter of Harold and Lois Sorter, mother to three, grandmother to nine and a great-grandmother to two, she graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1966 and retired from Ocean Spray in Markham, WA. Send your condolences to her daughter, [KathyBrenner1972@gmail.com](mailto:KathyBrenner1972@gmail.com)

### BIRTHS

Jason & Erin-Leah Cody 261/7211 announce the birth of their son, Colter William Cody 261/72111 on Jan. 15, 2015.

Dakota Sky Kampfen 266 / 2291411 and Aspen Nikole Meston became the proud parents of new daughter Hayden Christina 266 / 22914111 on Feb. 25, 2015.

### MARRIAGES

Our ICFA Secretary, Dwight 148 / 3423 and Ina announce their marriage on May 2, 2015 at their home after a 3-year engagement.

## 2013 Genealogy Errata

The two-volume hard-bound 2013 edition is a handsome addition to any bookshelf. But like all other publications, ours has errors. We're collecting errata for future updates to the Genealogy. In case you've found something we should correct, please send an email to [genealogist@cody-family.org](mailto:genealogist@cody-family.org) , or copy the corrected page and mail it to :

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