

History of blue jeans to be revealed in SLT

As the well-known inventor of riveted work pants, much has been written about Jacob William "JW" Davis, some fact and some fiction. The fact that the world's favorite item of clothing was invented and patented in Reno by him is unknown to most locals and denim fans worldwide.

Having followed numerous paper trails, Kathleen P. Clemence will give a talk in South Lake Tahoe about the true story of Davis and his family based on documented evidence.

Weaving the intricate threads of Davis' compelling life story, Clemence will discuss his journey from Russia through the Canadian wilderness and on to the American West, as well as his many business ventures along the way. Details will include his family history, including his marriage to Annie Packscher, who may be the missing link in this story that changed the future of the fashion industry.

Friends of the the South Lake Tahoe Library is hosting this free talk on March 28 at 6pm, at the library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.