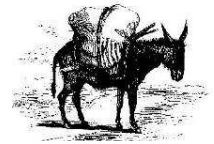


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## The Buildings of Kentucky Camp - Inventories from the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

By: William Gillespie

Researchers have long been frustrated by the lack of documentation and photographs from the earliest years of Kentucky Camp, when it served as the headquarters of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company. However, we do have two surprisingly detailed accountings included in the inventories of property made for the estate of George B. McAneny, the head of the company.



**George McAneny - Drawing from Court Proceedings**

One of these includes descriptions of the buildings and other properties of the estate while the second gives a listing of furnishings at the Kentucky Camp buildings. The first is a portion of a document titled "Adminstrator's Inventory of the Santa Rita Placer Property, being a part of the McAneny Estate located in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona." The second listing is from a shorter "Inventory and

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Appraisalment of the property belonging to the Estate of George B. McAneny, deceased, and entered into the Pima County Superior Court."

Unfortunately, we don't have an exact date on the Administrator's Inventory. George McAneny passed away in California on August 1, 1909, at age 75. It wasn't until the 1920s that the estate was finally settled with grandnephew Mannierre Young outlasting other heirs, namely George's four sisters who survived him and the descendants of two other sisters who had died earlier, including Mannierre's grandmother, Annie McManus. The inventory could date from any time in that span, but most likely was prepared within a year of two of McAneny's death. Accordingly, the inventory gives a good description of the company holdings in about 1910.

The inventory lists the buildings, the water system, and all other infrastructure that comprised the Santa Rita Company holdings. The inventory helps clarify what features were present early, during McAneny's time, and what features may have been added. It shows that a number of features one might think were later additions, such as the telephone system, water system including a toilet, shower, and tub in the Administration Building, and the verandas or porches, were in fact present during the Santa Rita Company's day.

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## PIT-Like Event Planned

We're in the planning stages for another "PIT-Like Event" this spring. (April 21-25, 2008) This will be a week-long event at the Kentucky Camp site where we'll tackle some of our more substantial projects.

Accommodations will be the usual on-site camping and we are planning to organize an optional food/meal pool. It's also a great event for meeting with fellow Friends and having a good time.

This event is very similar to a Forest Service-sponsored "Passport in Time". The only difference is that this event will be sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Camp. Your PIT passport will still be validated. We're still finalizing the projects for the PITLE but here is the preliminary list:

- ✓ Administration Building Hall Floor - Some years ago, we replaced the main hallway floor. Now we need to address the shorter "transverse" hall floor. The floor boards are in pretty good shape, but they are getting pretty springy and soft in some spots. So, the existing flooring will need to come up and the joists replaced/reseated.
- ✓ Cabin C Ceiling - The manta ceiling in Cabin C has become unsightly. We will remove the existing ceiling, put in a layer of Tyvek sheeting as a vapor barrier and then install a new manta ceiling. We will also install a new layer of fiberglass bats above the existing insulation board.
- ✓ Gold Processing Building Plaster - We'll replaster the adobe walls and benches using a slaked lime plaster. Slaking of the lime is currently in progress.
- ✓ Cabin C Kitchen Electrical - The kitchen in the cabin routinely needs more electrical outlets than we currently have installed. We'll upgrade the existing four-way fixture (four outlets) with two four-ways (eight outlets).
- ✓ Administration Building Doors – We'll paint them and install door knobs, latches and coat hooks. We'll also clean and paint the window frames

and remaining base boards in the Administration building.

- ✓ Slide Scanning - At the 2007 PITLE, we made great progress in converting the many photographic slides into digital form. At this year's PIT, we'll set up the computers and scanner to scan the remaining slides.

Note that we will have significant projects going on in three buildings simultaneously!

We are planning on having 16-20 folks at this PIT. Chris Schragar and Kathy Makansi will be advertising for 8-10 folks on the PIT Traveler website. The rest of the team we will staff from the Friends of Kentucky Camp. If you are thinking of joining the April PIT, speak-up now so we can hold a place for you.

We will be organizing a meal plan. We'll charge the usual \$5 per person per day... or \$25 for the week. (We'll start collecting money for the meals later.)

Please contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or [doumas@mindspring.com](mailto:doumas@mindspring.com) if you are interested in joining the fun. Please indicate which projects you are interested in.



**PITLE Crew - From 2007 April/May "PIT-Like Event"**

## Archaeology Expo

Each year, the State Historic Preservation Office (a division of Arizona State Parks) sponsors an Archaeology Expo to raise awareness of Arizona's heritage resources. The location rotates between various locations throughout the state.... this year's expo will be at the Arizona State Museum on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson. There will be educational, interactive displays and activities related to Arizona's rich history. It's a two-day event, March 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday) from 9 AM - 4 PM.

The Forest Service will have a booth at the Expo and we have been invited to share this booth with the Forest and the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch, our sister Coronado Forest Heritage group. We'll have some of our interpretive posters at the booth as well as membership brochures, fundraising mugs, note cards and t-shirts.

We are looking for some volunteers to represent FKC and showoff the fine work we have been doing. Also, we'll do some fundraising sales and suggest folks join the team. We want to divide-up coverage for these two days into two shifts for each day. The morning shift will be 8:30 AM - 12 Noon and the afternoon shift will be 12 Noon - 4PM. It would be great to have a couple of volunteers for each shift. So, if you'd like to participate but are a little unsure about telling the KC "story" let me know and we'll pair you up with someone who can.

Please contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or [doumas@mindspring.com](mailto:doumas@mindspring.com) if you are interested in joining the fun. If you'd like to cover more than one shift, that's fine too!



## Site Progress Report

Progress continues on the Headquarters building. The Forest Service has purchased some additional furniture and we continue to make steady progress on installing the many internal doors in this building. The current plan is to be done with the basic door installation by the April PITL. Then we'll use some PITL time to paint the doors, install door knobs and coat hooks.

Once the Headquarters building enters the Cabin Rental program, we'll need to move the interpretive displays to their new home in the Gold Processing building. So, we've begun some new work in the Gold Processing building to get it more habitable. Chris Schraeger, Jim and Marie Britton began rebuilding the masonry "benches" in this building at the January work day. The plan is to be ready to plaster these features at the April PITL.



**Jim Britton replaces adobe bricks on the Gold Processing "bench"**

We're also spending a fair amount of time at the site prioritizing, measuring and planning for projects we'll tackle at the upcoming "PIT-Like Event."

If you'd like to help out on these (and the many other) vital projects, remember that work days are the second Saturday of each month. Bring a friend!

## 2007 Volunteer Hours

By: Mark Doumas

Every so often, we take a look at the number of hours that are being donated to rehabilitate Kentucky Camp. The Forest Service uses this information to gauge the level of community involvement and it's also an interesting way to see the different ways that we support Kentucky Camp.

I separated-out the types of volunteer hours into various categories: **PITLE** hours are the number of volunteer hours estimated for the April/May PIT. We had 10 folks at last year's PITLE. In addition to working the full week, some of them worked part of the adjoining weekends as well. I estimate about 464 hours of effort expended at the 2007 PITLE.

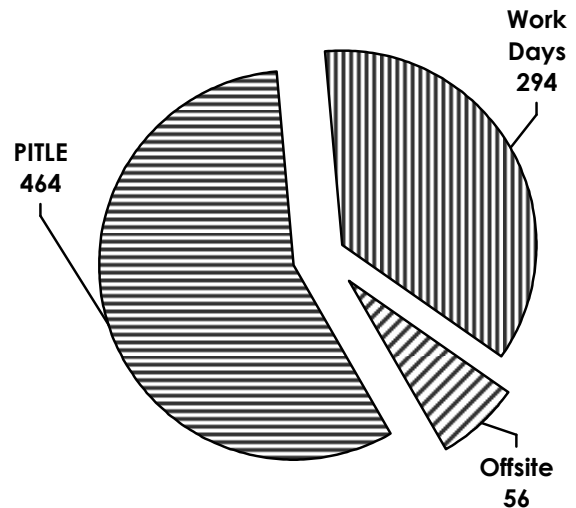
**Work Day** hours are all the hours spent at the monthly workdays. (Second Saturday of each month) These hours (along with the PITLE hours) are recorded in the onsite log book... so we have a fairly good idea that this category adds up to about 294 hours in 2007. It's likely that this category is under-reported.... Sometimes, we forget to log our hours in the logbook.

We also keep an estimate of PITLE and work day miles driven to/from the site in the onsite logbook. In 2007, we estimate that something over 4700 volunteer miles were driven!

**Offsite** hours include time spent supporting Kentucky Camp when we're not actually at the site. This includes maintenance of membership records, creating newsletters, maintaining the bank account, keeping the website current, purchasing materials and repairing items. This category looks pretty small at just 56 hours but it's likely the most under-reported of all the categories, since we don't have a good way to log this time. I suspect we actually expended over 150 offsite hours in 2007.

I should also point out that I'm not including the time spent at the site by Forest Service employees. I suspect a number of them have worked "off the clock", contributing further to the under-reporting of volunteered hours. Similarly, I have not included the hours of Martín and Isaac when they were

here for PITLE since they are paid a stipend for their efforts.



Finally, there are **Caretaker** hours. Caretakers provide a different type of volunteer contribution than PITLEs or work days. They do much of the routine site maintenance and provide a valuable onsite presence to interpret the site for the public and deter vandalism.

We assume caretakers work a 70 hour work week and we count double when there are two caretakers on site. For 2007, this comes to about 4840 hours of caretaker hours.

Putting a dollar figure on Kentucky Camp volunteerism is tough. But, assuming minimum wage and the IRS rate for miles driven, my "back of the envelope" math says this is worth over \$37,000!

### Reminder:

Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> is our next work day at Kentucky Camp. We'll be working on the Headquarters building doors and developing project plans for the upcoming April PITLE. Hope to see you there!



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The inventory's listing of buildings begins with the structures at Kentucky Camp, or "Santa Rita" as it was called at the time, then lists other properties in the area including buildings at Greaterville, the Fish and Steel Ranches, and the Ditch Foreman's House at Stetson's Dam in Gardner Canyon. The following is quoted directly:

#### BUILDINGS

Administration Building – Contains offices, draughting room, four bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, store-room, pantry and bathroom containing toilet and shower and tub. Hot and cold running water. Fixtures white porcelain and nickel. Seven- and eight-foot covered veranda on three sides. Shingle and iron hip roof. Fly screened throughout. Furniture. Office safe for bullion. Telephone.

Assay Office and Laboratory – Adobe and frame construction. 25 x 35 feet. Storage addition for chemicals, 5 x 8 feet. Contains office and cement floor, laboratory furnace, benches, tables, shelves, furnace accessories, chemicals, apparatus, moulds, crucibles, tables, core-drill records, running water and telephone connection. Shingle A roof.



**Crucibles - Recovered during 1999 PIT excavation for water line behind Cabin C**

Blacksmith shop – Adobe and frame construction, 12½ x 16 feet, Single A roof. Contains anvil, forge, vise, pipe vise, work bench, taps and dies, blacksmithing tools, picks, shovels, drills, mattocks, sluice forks, mauls, hammers,

crowbars, pipe fittings, nails, some carpenter tools, grinding stone, fish plates, rail spikes, staples, bolts and some miscellaneous tools and fittings.

Stables – Adobe and frame construction. Shingle A roof, size 46 x 29 feet. Containing stalls, feed bin, harness racks, hay room and automobile and wagon room.

Cottage [Cabin C – the rental cabin] – Adobe and frame construction. Size 25 x 16 feet, L 10 x 10 feet. Contains three rooms, stove, etc. Running water, telephone connection. Shingle A roof. An eight-foot covered veranda on two sides.



**Wood Burning Cook Stove - Not originally from Kentucky Camp**

Cottage [Cabin A] – Adobe and frame construction. Size 25 x 16 feet, L 10 x 10 feet, and an addition 5 x 6 feet. Contains three rooms and store-room. Running water, telephone connection. Shingle A roof.

Out-Buildings – All frame construction. Shingle A roof, two in number.

The above buildings are situated at Santa Rita and are known as the administration buildings and are of the best construction and in excellent repair.

The following buildings are situated at Greaterville which is situated on the property and are a distance of two miles northwest from Santa Rita.

#### BUILDINGS AT GREATERVILLE

Main Store Building – Adobe and frame construction. Size 40 x 50 feet. Containing sales room, store room and three dwelling rooms, shingle hip roof.

Store Building – Adobe and frame construction. Size 20 x 35 feet. Containing sales-room and store-room. Flat, iron and asphaltum roof.

Other Buildings – There are about ten other buildings in Greaterville that are the property of the Estate and are small tenant houses.



**Fragments of flume from laboratory furnace**

#### OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY

Steel Ranch – Adobe and frame construction. Size 15 x 35 feet. Contains three rooms. A roof, painted iron. Adobe and frame construction. Size 10 x 16 feet. Contains one room. A roof.

Fish Ranch – Frame and adobe extension. Size 15 x 20 feet, extension 12½ x 12½ feet. Contains two rooms. A roof, painted iron. Formerly

headquarters on the property during construction of the ditch and pipe lines.



**Shovel Head - From Hydraulic pit #1 in Boston Gulch**

#### DITCH FOREMAN'S HOUSE AT DAM NO. 1

This building is a temporary and small structure at the junction of Gardner and Little Gardner canons and just west of Dam Site No. 1. Is of adobe and frame construction. Size 10 x 16 feet. Contains one room. Shingle A roof. Telephone connection.

So, how were these buildings furnished? In addition to the few notes in the inventory, a second "Administrator's Appraisal and Inventory" gives considerably more detail. This inventory is dated, 1918, apparently somewhat later than the inventory cited above. It lists all of the items of personal property of the McAneny estate and their dollar values. This appraisal was made after not only George but the four sisters who outlived him had also died: Elizabeth, Frances, and Emily all died between 1911 and 1915 and Harriett passed away in 1918.

This particular listing is from an "Inventory and Appraisement of the property belonging to the Estate of George B. McAneny, deceased, and entered into the Pima County Superior Court." The duly appointed appraisers who signed the inventory were Warren Allison, Frank Walker, and Alfred S. Donau. Warren Allison also happened to be Mannierre Young's father-in-law and real estate broker Donau was Louis Hummel's son-in-law and business partner, married to his daughter



Villette (though Donau was only 3 years younger than Louis and 20 years older than Villette).



One of numerous pick heads found on site

The listing does not specify what items were in which buildings, but it appears that the appraisers started in the Administration Building and went from there to the Assay Office and Laboratory and the Blacksmith Shop. It's not clear where items in the two L-shaped cabins fit in with this listing.

**Personal Property**

Kitchen Utensils	3.00
Cook Stove	15.00
Dishes	7.00
Sideboard	10.00
Table	8.00
Five mattresses	5.00
Four Comforters	4.00
Two Pair Blankets	1.00
Four Sheets	1.00
Four Pillows	2.00
Two Bedspreads	1.00
Three Commodes	9.00
Three Center Tables	6.00
One Dresser	10.00
Four Chairs	4.00
Three China Toilet Sets	5.00
Three Rugs	1.50
One Wardrobe	5.00
Two Oil Stoves	5.00
One Fire-proof Safe (2'x2'x10")	25.00
One Assay Furnace	4.00
Two Hand Lamps	.50

Two Lanterns	1.00
Seven chairs	7.00
Center Table	5.00
Student Lamp	3.00
Hanging lantern	5.00
Six chairs	6.00
Porcelain Tub	15.00
Shower	10.00
Toilet	15.00
Six Iron Bedsteads & Springs	50.00
One 400 Champion Blower	5.00
150' 2" .....Pipe	15.00
Rubber hose	1.00
One Buffalo Forge	15.00
One 129# Anvil	7.00
Blacksmith Tools	10.00
Grindstone	.50
Sixteen old picks	1.50
Six mattocks	1.50
One coke fork[?]	.50
Three crowbars	1.50
Hydraulic hose	2.00
Two hydraulic Nozzles	5.00
Forty lbs. Nails	2.00
Two 4" gate valves	4.00
One Scythe	.50
Two Cameras, 6x8	10.00
One Draughting Table	5.00
19 Window Shades complete with Hartshorn rollers	9.50
One letter press	1.00
24 yds. Matting	2.50
One Box Lantern Chimneys	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>345.50</b>



Iron "Mystery Object" - Recovered during the 1999 PIT project

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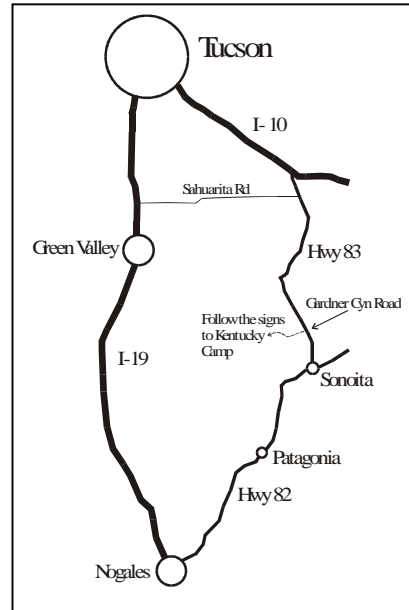
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