

THE KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE

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UPDATE

In early July, Eli Curiel and Chris Schrager finished taking the measurements for roof supports and structural repairs. They took pictures of the hotel building for evaluation of work which is needed on the building.

On July 7, Jack Glenn sent Mary Farrell and Mark South a summary of the status of The Window Sash Project for the hotel building.

Jack Glenn has finished a draft of the bylaws for the Friends of Kentucky Camp. The bylaws clearly spell out the purpose, goals, objectives, and membership criteria for members of: **Friends of Kentucky Camp; Chapter of The Coronado National Forest Heritage Society.**

CURRENT PROJECTS

July 14, I visited with Arnold and Jack Glenn at Kentucky Camp. They gave me updates on what's been happening since the last newsletter.

Arnold has been busy building a rock retaining wall on the south edge of the caretaker's road. Arnold's son-in-law, Jack spent five days of his vacation to help Arnold start the wall and other projects. They:

1. Dug a basin with a pickax.
2. Started building the rock retaining wall.
3. Back filled dirt on the road.
4. Trimmed the trees.

5. Performed "cow paddy" patrol. Arnold said he picked up all the cow pies he could find around the camp.

The Forest Service brought the materials (fence posts and fencing) for the fence project to the camp. Hopefully, the fence will be in place soon.

NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members to report this month; Jim North and Larry Tipton. They live in Tucson. Welcome! We look forward to meeting you both. You will receive your membership cards when Billee; our president comes back from vacation.

THEORIES

Arnold and Jack Glenn have been pondering where the **lake** could have been which Thurber saw in 1920. I mentioned this in the June newsletter from an interview last month. They think that maybe the dam in Fish Canyon created the lake. But after 70 years the area has filled in with silt. Does anyone else have a theory?

APPLE ORCHARD: Arnold said that someone remembered an apple orchard off the Sonoita Highway near the entrance of Gardner Canyon. The original old Sonoita Highway took a slightly different course before 1964. In 1964, the road was realigned. Does anyone have a memory of an apple orchard?

There are remains of a house foundation on the Gardner Canyon Road. Arnold would like to find out about what the foundations were and the history. If anyone has any information about the foundation sites, let Arnold know.

MAPS, DEEDS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Arnold has in his possession an old map of the camp, dated 1904-1905, and was reprinted in 1920. Gene Hummel had outlined in color the Santa Rita Property (Kentucky Camp). Arnold wants to get the map enlarged and copied.

Linda Peters Roslund (granddaughter of Lewis Hummel) sent Arnold several pictures of family members at Kentucky Camp around 1920 and 1950.

In 1969, 3,140 deeded acres were sold at \$285.00 an acre by the HOMESTEAD DEVELOPMENT AND TRUST COMPANY, (HUMMEL) TO THE GULF AMERICAN CORPORATION OF ARIZONA. The camp consisted of 863 acres and the remaining 2,277 acres belonged to the Cottonwood Ranch.

PROPOSED MEETING DATE

No meeting/workday is scheduled, but Arnold said, "Members are welcome to visit and help build the rock retaining wall he is working on."

During my visit with Arnold and Jack, there was a brief shower which cooled off the noon hour very nicely. I will leave you with a poem I wrote:

KENTUCKY CAMP

Early prospectors found a mountain
rich with placer gold.
There wasn't a drop of water,
and they didn't have a road.

Gold can't be mined
without water and man.
Water must separate the
gold from the gravel and sand.

A dam was built,
and tunnels too.
Miles of pipeline
brought water to the crew.

Just when the problems
were solved,
tragedy struck them down.
New problems evolved.

The camp became a ghost town
until it was sold.
A cattle ranch took over
for many years; I'm told.

Then the adobe buildings were
ransacked and vandalized,
empty and abandoned,
until the historic value was realized!

--Evalyn Neuhaus