

## THE KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE

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#### UPDATE

On May 26, Mary Farrell, Eli Curiel, (an engineer) Kathy Makansi, Arnold Franks, and Jack Glenn inspected all the buildings for safety factors, and structural deficiencies. The roofs are not tied in like a truss, and need support. The roofs need realignment, and ceiling joists and rafters need to be braced. Arnold told me if this repair work isn't done that the roofs would probably collapse in the near future. This is high priority repair work.

The 'old fashioned 2x4's' are needed for this repair work. They are called 'true cut' or 'rough cut'. The newer version of the 2x4 is anywhere from one and a half inches to one and three quarters inches by three and a half inches. This type of 2x4 is needed for adobe block forms too.

Tom Gordon brought a donated trailer to Kentucky Camp, set it up, and is fixing it up. The Brandt family from Tucson have donated the trailer.

The By-Laws for the Heritage Society have been written, but the board of directors have not approved them.

The By-Laws for the Friends of Kentucky Camp Chapter will be written by Jeanne Bernatsky, Tom Tompkins, and Jack Glenn during the summer.

#### CURRENT PROJECTS

Arnold said the walls in room #2 and room #4 of the hotel/office building (building D) need to be rebuilt because the ceilings are sagging from missing support beams. Some portion of the existing wall will need to be cut away, new lintel added for support, and adobe blocks installed. About 140 block are needed for this repair. The interior and exterior window and door casing are in need of repairs. The floors need minor repairs too.

The brush has been cleared from the fence line, and a contractor will start erecting fences this month to keep the cows and any other livestock out of the camp.

"A cow walked in one door of the hotel, through the building, and out the building through another door," Arnold said.

#### FUTURE PROJECTS

Arnold foresees finishing at least two or three rooms (doors, floors, and windows) in the hotel/office building to be used as a visitor center and meeting room sometime soon.

Major structural repairs of the adobe walls on the south and west sides of building C are needed. Minor repairs to the floors are needed here too.

Jack Glenn will set up a window project for the fall. He has done a detailed analysis of the window sashes, and sent copies of his report to the forest service. Jack has collected literature on windows and hardware from the 1900s, and is getting prices on replacement costs for glass.

Jack and Tom Tompkins were at the camp on June 17 taking inventory of the window sashes, and supplied me with much information for this newsletter.

#### A WELL DESERVED THANKS

"More than 700 people have come through Kentucky Camp in the last three

months," Arnold told me. He keeps the grounds spotless at all times, and devotes a lot of his time to welcoming the visitors coming through the camp. Sixty or seventy people on horseback came through the camp too. **A WELL EARNED 'GOOD JOB ARNOLD' IS IN ORDER!** Thanks are in order for Tom Gordon, who has spent many days at the camp helping get the necessary work done, and thanks to Jack Glenn for the endless work he does.

#### **INTERVIEW INFORMATION**

##### **OLIVE STODDARD**

My assignment was to contact Olive Stoddard of Patagonia for any information on Kentucky Camp. I called Olive.

"There was a mining settlement, but I didn't remember it being called Kentucky Camp," she said on the phone. She doesn't have any pictures or other memories to share with us, but she gave me three names to contact for possible information; George Proctor, Roberta Lamma, and Dr. Mock.

##### **ROBERTA LAMMA**

Roberta hikes with a hiking group in the Gardner Canyon area. She has been to Kentucky camp, and wondered what happened to the big porch that was on the hotel. "It was still there maybe six years ago," she said. She wanted to find the remains of the old dam, but was unable to locate it. I explained the best I could to her where the dam is. Roberta doesn't have any pictures of the camp, but had a short anecdote to tell.

"Mr. Thurber told me that he rode into Kentucky Camp on horseback in 1920, and there was a lake big enough to sail a boat on," she said. Roberta is still looking for that lake Mr. Thurber talked about, but hasn't found it yet. She also mentioned, she remembered that the Fenters son's plane crashed in Rain Valley.

##### **DR. MOCK**

Dr. Mock came to Patagonia in the 40's, and doesn't have any pictures of the camp. "I just learned about it when I read the story in the Weekly Bulletin," he said. He has one memory in 1946 of seeing a mining dredge somewhere in the camp vicinity, but he isn't sure of the actual location. "It was past the Abbey, but how much farther I don't know," he said. "The mining dredge turned up the dirt, there were machine pumps and wells, and I think the people were from Alaska," he said. Dr. Mock is currently working on a historical piece on Patagonia, and is looking for early pictures of the train depot and the train turn table.

#### **PROPOSED MEETING DATE**

I have been unable to talk to Mary Farrell during the past month. Jack Glenn will be at the camp every Friday during the summer to help Arnold with the work that needs to be done. Although there is no meeting/workday scheduled, Arnold has several projects planned, and needs help to get them done. Any member who would like to help Arnold during the summer can come to camp on Thursday through Monday, and he will more than gladly put you to work. We can all show our support by volunteering a 'day or days' working at Kentucky Camp besides the scheduled future meetings/workdays.