

Owens Valley History

Name	Steven Schlah from Ventura
Home Page:	
Message:	My favorite place in the world is Convict Lake, where we have "camped" since 1954, at age 8 and hae returned dozens of times. I climbed,alone, the 'spur' of Morrison Peak, at age 11. As it turned out, I was adopted upon birth, but my 'biological' mother, I learned, lived in Bishop and she and her husband ran the general store in Benton from 1947 into the'60s. Though I didn't know about this until 2007, I have always been drawn to the Owens, I thought just for its beauty. Now age 68+, when the rime comes, scatter my ashes at Convict, or close by.
Date:	2015-02-26 06:33:56 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 306153)

Name	Robert Gilpin
Home Page:	
Message:	Hello, I came across your site while researching a rare Hiroshi Honda painting my wife and I own. I saw a nice group of his work featured on your site and attributed to a private collection. We may be interested in selling our piece, and were wondering if you would pass my information along to the collector whose works were shown on your site. My work is titled "Bokkotsu on Silk" and is approx 56" x 38" (a wonderful nature scene featuring flowers and birds) My email is: gilpin.robert@gmail.com My cellphone: (740) 360-6059 Thank you for any assistance you can give me, Sincerely Robert Gilpin ps - my wife has a masters in history - God bless grassroots historical organizations!
Date:	2015-01-20 09:05:39 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 303587)

Name	Tyler Core from Bishop
Home Page:	http://www.corezone.com
Message:	Thank you for the nice web page. Check out www.inyomonotitle.com for our history page if you are interested! Keep up the great work
Date:	2014-10-30 15:26:10 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 292763)

Name	Jim Burroughs
Home Page:	http://www.netticasinopelit.org
Message:	great website, keep up the good work put into keeping this real!
Date:	2014-10-08 05:53:25 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 288220)

Name	Daniel Parker from Tallapoosa
Home Page:	
Message:	Love the page and shared it with the John Wayne Fan Club on Facebook!
Date:	2014-10-07 07:33:01 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 288076)

Name	Judy peek from Lone pine
Home Page:	
Message:	Thanks for this great site. I love the History, Photos, and it stirs one's memories.
Date:	2014-10-03 13:06:05 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 287483)

Name	Christine Rogers Younger from Lincoln, CA
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi, forgot to give my father's name in the previous note - Wathel L. Rogers. All I know is he was a Supervisor, but did a lot of company art work. He later had a wonderful career for Walt Disney Co and Disney Imagineering. Any history around the time of 1947-1953 and the Sierra Mine would be a help. Thanks, Christine
Date:	2014-05-19 15:46:15 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 238409)

Name	Christine Rogers Younger from Lincoln, CA
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi, I was born in Lone Pine in 1948. My Dad was worked at Sierra Talc. I am looking to find a way to confirm his dates of employment. I will be donating a set of 6 of 7 Christmas Greeting cards he designed for the company to the Eastern California Museum. Does anyone know how to find more info. I think my folks lived there for 2 years, and we left when I was about 6 mos. The last card was dated about 1953 even though we left the area before then. I also have one or two pictures of the house they/we lived in - probably part of the company-owned housing in Keeler. Anxious to get more info - thanks for the pictures. Christine
Date:	2014-05-19 15:38:57 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 238408)

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Name	Drew Brown from Danbury
Home Page:	
Message:	Hello, I have recently had the honor of purchasing one of Bob Whites loved Cessna 180 aircraft. N9943V is in many pictures. I purchased the aircraft from the gentleman who bought it from Bob 36 years ago. If anyone or members of the White family can send me more info on there family's aircraft or past customers who may have been on board this aircraft on an outdoor adventure, please contact me at hawkerking@aol.com . Best Regards Drew Brown Independent aviation INC.
Date:	2014-04-20 14:25:33 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 214857)

Name	Kimberly Jensen from Manor
Home Page:	
Message:	How do I post a question on this site? My husband has a cousin that died in 1957 at a High Sierra Meadow and I believe landed at Tunnel Meadows. I have the article and wanted help figuring it out. I would appreciate any help. I know there are many that know this area well and can pinpoint where they were. Thanks!
Date:	2014-04-04 15:56:04 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 211076)

Name	Robert magill from Tehachapi
Home Page:	
Message:	Have always been interested in the aqueduct history. have been recently trying to find out where some of the construction camps were located. hard going since I haven't been able to find any maps with the camp locations marked on them.
Date:	2014-03-21 11:01:43 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 203179)

Name	Susan Cobo Church
Home Page:	
Message:	My father, Peter Cobo was born in NSP in 1930. His sister Rose was born there in 1923. I would love to learn more about NSP during the 1920's & 1930's.
Date:	2014-01-26 20:41:39 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 152147)

Name	victor
Home Page:	
Message:	Way cool web site - we have been thru these neck of the woods countless times and never tire of the terrain.
Date:	2014-01-19 09:58:35 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 150352)

Name	howard biolos from florence AZ
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi, Did a horseback trip to the mine about 30 years ago. Contacted Rex montis and since they were thinking might be time to reopen the mine, they gave permission for us to try a trip up, if we would report back on the conditions encountered. We hired horses and mules did the trip with my family including 6 kids. Also had the owners of the horses. Except for my serious attack of altitude sickness the trip was a huge success
Date:	2014-01-09 10:35:13 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 144042)

Name	CJ
Home Page:	
Message:	hi ray, way cool web site - we have been thru these neck of the woods countless times and never tire of the terrain. I will be stopping here from time to time to read all the stories and view all the pix. Claudia
Date:	2013-12-05 14:16:13 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 133992)

Name	GALLUP from ABERDEEN
Home Page:	
Message:	Looking for any images, collectibles, ephemera/antiques of Aberdeen 1940 – 1970. Important family history images. Any one remember Maurice Gallup, Marshall Adcock (?) game warden or “chief” of the Tenemaha – old family friends. Need any images of the store, PO, bar & grill, locals. Fab memories. Love to share.
Date:	2013-11-01 08:49:17 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 125186)

Name	William Liming from monrovia,ca
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi you may not like it but my grand father was a surveyor back then and helped it to flow downhill all that way. He must have been a level headed guy, but maybe with a slight tilt to the south. I have seen the valley is coming back and that’s great back in the 70s it looked pretty bad, dust bowl, dirty socks was there then also a real slippery spot.
Date:	2013-09-21 18:37:14 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 117099)

Name	don harjo from Bishop
Home Page:	
Message:	Had an old friend who lived out here back in the late 60s early 70s. Ah, high school memories! Attended Inyo Heights High out Big Pine way. To exercise and expand our minds we'd go for rides out to Keeler, Darwin, Dirty Socks or whatever old rusted decayed mining site...
Date:	2013-08-27 17:38:14 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 110488)

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Name	Mike Hasenstab from Albuquerque
Home Page:	
Message:	The new release of the model have given me incentive to re-create my hobby. Thank you.
Date:	2013-08-24 18:32:31 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 110282)
Name	Janeen Langenheim from Sanger, CA
Home Page:	
Message:	I call Lone Pine my hometown I don't remember if I signed before, but here is my addition. I just got back from the 2013 Lone Pine Reunion and stopped by the airport. My former LP high school student, Anissa, said that the Lone Pine airport died after Bob White. Not so! John Langenheim bought the blue sky rights to the flying service from Shirley White, changed the name to Eastern Sierra Flying Service, managed the LP airport, and we, as a family, were enriched and ensconced in Lone Pine adventures and history. That was 1979 through 1988. John flew backpackers and fishermen from the airport into Tunnel Meadow. The Forest Service shut us down along with the Stewart family, who bought the Tunnel Meadow Pack Station. Yes, I do have pictures. I have to go through many old ones to scan and send to you.
Date:	2013-08-07 15:15:57 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 105932)
Name	Dean L. Norton from Lakewood, CO.
Home Page:	http://www.deanleenorton.com
Message:	Found you guys by chance actually. I wanted to see how my art was being used is all. FYI, the cowgirl on the tree ring rounder is for sale so email me for more info or go to my website. Till next time! -DLNorton
Date:	2013-07-13 11:33:00 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 104406)
Name	Phil Burch from Louisville, KY
Home Page:	
Message:	I forgot to mention in my previous posting that I was searching for a Carol Backert, spouse of Lawrence Neal Backert as I believe she is the person contributing to this website. I am hoping she my have some information of Lawrence Neal Backerts family tree or possibly know who has the information that Forrest X Backert had collected from his years of searching.
Date:	2013-06-24 19:27:07 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 103627)
Name	Phil Burch from Louisville, Kentucky
Home Page:	
Message:	I am Phil Burch and my wife is Dorothy Backert. I am trying to make contact with descendants of Forrest Backert (and his father Frank Peter Backert). We have researched the Backert family tree and have been seeking to find out more about their German origin. I know the late Forrest Backert had posted on a number of message boards inquiring about others who might know more about the family. My wife is a descendant of John Jacob Backert, a brother of Adam Backert who was Forrest Backert's grandfather. The late Forrest Backert had written letters to my wife's mother (she died in 1999) trying to find out more about the Backert family living in Louisville. I would love to make contact with anyone among the California Backerts who may have inherited the work Forrest Backert did in researching his family. My email is burc9544@insightbb.com and phone number if 502-259-9544
Date:	2013-06-24 19:18:08 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 103626)
Name	Page
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi I love your web page! Great photos. The photo of the Sparks theatre was not in Lone Pine. It looks like Sparks Nevada or a small chance it was in Bishop. The theatre in Lone Pine was on the east side of 395 right near the Dow Villa. You can see that the hills are running in the wrong direction also. Keep adding photos there are amazing! Page W.
Date:	2013-06-22 05:57:40 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 103534)
Name	Christy
Home Page:	
Message:	Hi there, This is a nice page. I was curious to know what, if any, information there was out there about my Grandpa's family on his mother's side. My Grandpa's parents are Henry Killan and Lillis Olds Killian. We used to go to the family reunions in Bishop and names like Rodney and Art are familiar to me from those days so long ago. Sincerely, Christy
Date:	2013-06-17 19:37:25 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 103286)

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Name	Bruce Gossard from Los Angeles
Home Page:	
Message:	<p>Thanks for the wonderful tour of this unique part of history in the Sierras. I had the good fortune to visit Bob White's flying camp as a youngster.</p> <p>In about 1965, when I was 16, Bob flew my dad and three boys into the Tunnel Meadows Camp for some fishing, riding, hiking, and growing up. Bob's championship flying skill was the great beginning. He gently side-slipped that big Cessna Stationair down the steep, curving approach to a perfect touchdown on the short narrow high-altitude dirt airstrip. The approach was not only crowded with mountains and trees, but also sprinkled with the wrecked airplanes of those who didn't get it right one time. In a very short time at the camp, I fell in love forever with the wind in the trees, the cold, clear running stream beside the camp, and the still silence of the nights. Leaving the camp after two weeks was the hardest goodbye I ever said. My wise old dad must have known that, because somehow he talked Bob White into "hiring" me the next summer to actually work at the camp with wrangler Bud Loniker, cook and tough-guy Shorty, and Bud's little dog he called "Peachy" who herded the stock better than anybody. I didn't get money, but I got time off, a horse to ride out on, and all the food I could eat. It was everything I needed. My main daily job was to get the stock into the corral every morning, brush them down, feedbag them, and get them saddled up for the guests' trips. I still can see the horses - Jimmy (only Bud could ride Jimmy), Bob, Roany, old Roy, and the pack mules Blackie (who bit) and Brownie (who didn't). I also helped Bud and Shorty with garbage detail, latrine digging, camp cleanup, etc. To this day, that summer is as clear, sweet, and wondrous as any memory I have. We mended fences, guided the guests to lakes and fishing streams, cared for the stock, caught dinner in the local creeks, fried up those little Golden Trout that Shorty called "popcorn." It was a big change for a city boy to rise before the sun and go to sleep with nightfall each day. Those rhythms still feel like the natural and right way to me. It makes a man, even just a boy, realize the blessings that surround us constantly. And then when you get a few moments alone in the forest, you realize you are never alone at all. Thanks for your wonderful photographs and stories which bring all this memory rushing back to me. It's an honor to be acquainted with the White family of pioneers.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bruce Gossard, Los Angeles, 6-16-2013</p>
Date:	2013-06-16 17:01:22 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 103240)

Name	friv from cameli
Home Page:	
Message:	Thank you very much for this usefull information! I really understand the topic now! thank you
Date:	2013-06-02 10:08:23 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 102526)

Name	Lili Lagan from Dewey, AZ
Home Page:	
Message:	I have a cave horse painting signed by Hiroshi Honda that my mother-in-law bought in the mid-50's at the Ritz furniture store in the Los Angeles area. She was fond of telling me that she bought the same furniture that Frank Sinatra bought. It is a painting, not a print. I would like to know the value so that I could insure it on a rider. I appreciate any help you can give me. Thank you. Lili Lagan
Date:	2013-02-28 16:39:45 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 96818)

Name	Dennis Burke from Lakeport Ca
Home Page:	
Message:	<p>Hello, my name is Dennis Burke and am President of the Carson & Colorado/ Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Historical Society, a Federal 501 c3 non profit organization. I am also one of the top Historians on the said railroads. I would like to comment that the Carson & Colorado Police Badge on your site is a FRAUD. There was never a C&C Police. You can also confirm this with the Railroad Historians at both the Nevada and California State RR Museums. This badge was made by a person in Texas who has made several others that are Frauds and sold them on e-bay. We watched this a few years back while it was on e-bay a observed how much the buyer paid. (it was a shame)We actually contacted the seller and was told by him that he purchased it at a flea market and was going by what he was told. This is what he tells us every time we contact him about his badges. Anyhow, I am sure that you agree that we must keep all historical texts accurate and this badge tells a false story. I would also like to comment that 1 or 2 of your RR photos are mislabeled and that your SPNG car list by Mal Ferrell, even though he is a good friend of mine, is not accurate. We have a full list of 92 SPNG cars that currently survive today and have photos of most. We would not mind sharing these with you.</p> <p>I would like to offer our assistance to your group to correct these issues and also add more information if you wish to your site regarding the railroads of the Owens Valley. Once again it is very important to get the facts correct, I am sure you agree. By the way, I enjoy your site very much.</p> <p>I can be contacted at spngoffice@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Regards, Dennsi Burke</p>
Date:	2013-02-01 11:51:28 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 95355)

Name	David M. Russell from New Boston, TX
Home Page:	
Message:	I have always enjoyed the history of the borax industry. I am especially amazed with the 20 mule teams and wagons that brought it out of the desert. I enjoy your web site very much.
Date:	2012-12-06 03:34:39 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 90152)

Name	Paul Hermans from Gent, Belgium
Home Page:	
Message:	I came across this website while visiting the Owen's Valley and Keeler in Oct 2012, I saw a lot of constructions I didn't understand. Thx for the info here. Be proud of your country!
Date:	2012-11-25 12:44:00 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 88603)

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Name	Evelyn Killion from Liberty
Home Page:	
Message:	I use borax in my laundry. My husband (Tim) told me that when he was a little boy he saved his labels and his \$2.95 for shipping and sent them in and was suppose to receive a replica model of the 20 mule team. Well he just turned 49. When he told me his story it made me sad so I started trying to find where to buy one for him. I found this sight after quite a search and I'm gonna order him one for Christmas 2012. His little boy insde still desires his toy. I use borax in my laundry and thats when he remembered to tell me. I have enjoyed reading the history about borax---there was so much I didn't know.
Date:	2012-10-31 07:23:56 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 84283)

Name	Lee h waters from Amarillo
Home Page:	
Message:	Mary was the daughter of my great grandmothers sister Susanna graham. My great grandmother was mary Anne graham.
Date:	2012-10-18 15:54:28 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 81459)

Name	Gordon from Anaheim
Home Page:	http://www.daytrippen.com
Message:	Enjoyed reading article about charcoal kilns. We visited the "bee hives" on our last trip through the Owens Valley and they were an amazing to see. I never get tried of the trip up 395 and always make at least a couple of site trips to points of interest. Thanks for great website and all the information. Looks like you need to clean up guest book spammers are hitting it hard.
Date:	2012-10-13 07:26:40 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 80385)

Name	emeca from USA
Home Page:	
Message:	Awesome pictures and interesting information and attractive. This blog is really rocking... lewisville towing
Date:	2012-10-09 03:29:05 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 79443)

Name	Carol Choquette from Polson
Home Page:	
Message:	I was born in Bishop, Ca., in 1946 My Father Virlin R Jones worked for Phelps Motors, Black Rock mining and up at one of the mining camps McGee Creek. Just looking for photos and stumbled upon your sight. Thanks for sharing, You have a gold mine here.
Date:	2012-10-05 11:07:21 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 78636)

Name	lee hesse from anchorage
Home Page:	
Message:	My dad's name is Smil Hesse. As a boy I flew to Tunnel Meadows many times with my dad and mother. My dad owned a flight service kut of Corona, CA called Corona Air Service and we used to fly to Lone Pine where my dad would visit with his old friend Bob White who flew charters in to Tunnel Meadows. When flew either our Cessna 180 or 185 when going to Tunnel. I caught many a golden trout there as a boy. My dad passed back in 1984. An old story I remember is that my dad signed off Bob White for his commercial fleeright ticket as my dad had been a flight instructor back into WWII Lee Hesse
Date:	2012-09-23 16:00:10 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 76604)

Name	John Sibert from Honolulu
Home Page:	
Message:	Really interesting site. It turned up searching for artwork by Hiroshi Honda, a Manzanar internee.
Date:	2012-09-10 19:46:30 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 74106)

Name	Joseph Ruisi from Round Top, New York
Home Page:	
Message:	I watched Death Valley Days w/ Ronald Reagan as host in the 1950's and always loved the west. When I grew up I lived in the west in nearly every state before retiring and returning back east..
Date:	2012-08-31 17:14:17 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 72471)

Name	Louis Vuitton Outlet
Home Page:	http://www.louisvuittonoutleta09.com
Message:	What a excellent resource!
Date:	2012-08-19 01:35:41 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 70231)

Name	dennis gately from lafayette Indiana
Home Page:	
Message:	I'm a great fan of the westerns and the movies filmed in and around Lone Pine. Also a great fan of Barbara Stanwyck who always mentioned Lone Pine and the Alabama Hills and of course her ashes were scattered over the area. I've never been to Lone pine, even though we lived over the Mountains in Pomona, Ca. So now, I'm visiting the lone pine area and surrounding alabama hills by way of Google Map and, its a beautiful area. Thank you for this sight :)
Date:	2012-07-21 09:56:04 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 64966)

Name	Gary Smith from Hurricane
Home Page:	
Message:	Sure enjoyed this
Date:	2012-06-23 18:49:24 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 60743)

Name	Ed Wopschall from La Canada, Ca
Home Page:	
Message:	If you are ever in Pasadena, Ca make sure you go to a restaurant named Smitty's. Go to the restroom and on the wall right of the urinal is a great nude picture from a Bishop auto repair shop during the 40's or 50's.
Date:	2012-06-22 20:37:15 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 60707)

Name	Christian Louboutin Boots
Home Page:	http://www.christianlouboutinheelsbootsshoessale2.com
Message:	I admire the valuable info you offer you inside your articles. I'll bookmark your website and have my kids examine up the following typically. I am really confident they will understand a lot of new stuff below than anybody else
Date:	2012-06-12 08:48:53 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 58941)

Name	steve Schlah from Ventura
Home Page:	
Message:	I am trying to get more information about Ray Steffen and his wife Mary Arlen Davis Steffen, as she is my 'biological' mother and their store in Benton. Coincidentally, I have traveled the Owens many times, since 1954, on my way to my favorite place on Earth, Convict Lake. I would appreciate any stories from their friends and acquaintances that they may be able to pass on to me. Further, I would appreciate any info on the Mt. Morrison Cemetery, here I hope some day to be planted. Sincerely, Steve Schlah
Date:	2012-05-23 09:22:24 (Timezone: America/Los_Angeles) (ID: 54812)

Saturday 03/31/2012 6:20:24am

Name: Steven Schlah

E-Mail: schlah@gmail.com

Referred By Just Surf'd In

Location: United States

Comments: I am looking for information about my biological mother Mary Arlen Davis Steffen, who was married to Raymond Steffen on 27 April 1946 (1 month after my birth from her on 23 March 1946 in Los Angeles) and last lived in Bishop, CA. for 60 years, before her and his deaths in 2008 (I have visited their gravesites in the Pioneer Cemetery). Upon information from my "new" cousins, Dock and Greg Kerbow (nephews of Mary Arlen), I learned that the Steffens operated the store/service station at Benton, but had 2 houses in Bishop (which I and my 2 daughters and son have visited, in 2010 and 2011). I understand that the Steffen Family homesteaded the Valley back in the late 1800s and many of them are also buried at the Pioneer. Thus, if your readers have any information that they might pass on to me, I would be greatly in their debt. Thank you for this opportunity to try to track down additional information. Oh yea, I am a retired History teacher and am obviously researching my/our "roots".

Steve Schlah

426 N. Olive St. Ventura, CA 93001 805-794-2557

Thursday 03/22/2012 2:53:56pm

Name: Richard Kelty

E-Mail: rdkelty@gmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Nice site, I love the Eastern Sierra!

Thursday 02/09/2012 10:52:40am

Name: Gib Corwin

E-Mail: captgib@gmail.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Balboa Island ca

Comments: I love the story of the aquaduct and have been fascinated by it for years. I remember very clearly reading that Lippincott was perhaps less than an honest guy. About 15 years ago I met his great grandson near laguna Beach. Over the next six months I came to know him. He was a total piece of work! His boat that was given to him went aground off El morro state beach. That was just the tip of the iceberg! It's all fun.
Peace GC

Tuesday 02/07/2012 9:28:20am

Name: Terri

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: These are awesome pictures and artists, thanks.

Tuesday 01/24/2012 12:42:52am

Name: Jan Muzzy

E-Mail: janmuzzy@centurytel.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: There needs to be a correction on the picture titled "1896 photo taken at Riverside School." Either the year is incorrect, or the names are incorrect. Evangeline Wonacott is my grandmother. She is either not in the picture, or the year is wrong. She was born November 8, 1896, so even at best, would only be seven weeks old, when this picture was taken. You need to correct your information.

Sunday 01/22/2012 9:02:52pm

Name: Marye Roeser

E-Mail: lmroeser@schat.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Hi Ray,
Love your site and enjoy all the new photos. Two corrections concerning the Onion Valley Pack Station. The photo so labeled is actually the yard at Rainbow Pack Outfit. The photo of Velda on the white horse is taken in the saddling area of the Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit. The feed mangers topped by the logging chain with the saddle racks behind is a give away! Keep up the great work!
Marye

Friday 01/20/2012 1:48:20am

Name: blossom parsons

E-Mail: blossom57@starspath.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: bishop

Comments: ENJOYED READING ABOUT GEORGES LIFE IT GAVE ME INSIGHT THAT I NEVER KNEW.

Wednesday 01/18/2012 11:22:15am

Name: Kate Ybarra

E-Mail: kate.michelle@hotmail.com

Homepage Title: Zenith Photography

Homepage URL: <http://www.zenithphotography.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Virginia Lakes

Comments: Thank so much for this website. I really hope that people who are looking a vacation unlike others will find this page and find the right pack outfit for them. Have a good day and happy trails.

Kate Ybarra
Virginia Lakes packer

Sunday 01/15/2012 9:22:05am

Name: Marilyn Amos

E-Mail: marilyn_amos@verizon.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Lewisville, TX

Comments: I am researching my family history. And the story goes that my GGGrandfather was born or raised in Bishop Creek. Your website has assisted me in familiarizing myself with the area at the time.
Wonderful reading! Thank you.

Wednesday 01/11/2012 8:42:56pm

Name: Loretta Young

E-Mail: doubling@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Jamul, CA

Comments: I love your web site! I am looking for old pictures of Glacier Lodge in Big Pine. Does anyone have any they can share?

Thank you.

Thursday 12/08/2011 1:24:01pm

Name: Ashley Ricci

E-Mail: xenite@mailcity.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Riverside, CA

Comments: Does anyone have any pictures or stories about my Grandparents? They were Harry and Ruth Matsushita. I believe they were originally at the Heart Mountain camp, but were transferred to Manzanar. They had 2 boys - Lance and Dion.

Wednesday 11/30/2011 3:17:13pm

Name: Hollie

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: OC, CA

Comments: This is what I have been looking for. Doing a research paper on Japanese interment camps

Tuesday 11/08/2011 2:58:37pm

Name: John Hotchkiss

E-Mail: John_Hotchkiss@dot.ca.gov

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Comments: Came across your site while researching Hwy 395, I love it, very interesting.

Friday 10/21/2011 7:25:46pm

Name: William %22Bill%22 Gilstrap

E-Mail: williambg42@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Port Orchard, WA

Comments: I worked there the same years as Jim Dittmer...1957-1960.
Mary Slater was a cook and all around helper.

Friday 10/14/2011 10:31:29am

Name: Barbara Archuleta

E-Mail: archuleta_b@yahoo.com

Homepage Title: Mt. Whitney Pack Train Memories

Homepage URL: http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/mj_archives01/page81.html

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I want to thank you for posting these pictures. I found my two uncle's Clyde and Gary Poncho when they were very young men. If only these pictures could talk... If you have any other pictures of the Poncho's or Archuleta's please post or let me know.

Barbara Archuleta
daughter of Orville Archuleta

Friday 10/14/2011 6:01:14am

Name: Ben Baker

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Oro Valley, AZ

Comments: Very interesting. What an informative site on the valley----especially for those of us born there.

Thursday 10/13/2011 5:03:02pm

Name: Horace Wells

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Referred By: Search Engine

Saturday 10/08/2011 9:33:28pm

Name: Greg Farris

E-Mail: gfarris44@gmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Jose

Comments: Enjoyed the photos and messages. I worked at Casa Vieja Ranger Station, 1971 and 72. Is there any history about Smith Camp?

Saturday 10/01/2011 5:03:01pm

Name: Tara Iona

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hawley, PA

Comments: How regrettable I never learned a thing of these camps in school. I will make sure my children know and remember.

Wednesday 09/28/2011 2:04:01pm

Name: Dawna-Jo Buchalter

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Long Beach, CA

Comments: In memory of my dear friend Ken Kato. Is there a list of some kind that has the names of persons held at Manzanar?

Saturday 09/17/2011 11:20:52am

Name: Jim

E-Mail: jmendrala@scrvrhs.com

Homepage Title: Santa Clara River Valley RR Historical S

Homepage URL: <http://www.scrvrhs.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Fillmore, CA

Comments: I remember the Cerro Gordo Mine Tram that I visited back in 1965. There was an nice old lady who lived up there and her only contact with the outside world was with her CB band radio. She was very nice but I don't remember her name. I also recall the remains of the steam boat in the dry lake bed of Owens Lake.

Monday 08/29/2011 9:06:32am

Name: susan gahr, cowgirl artist

E-Mail: johnsusangahr@hughes.net

Homepage Title: Cowboy Wife Thangs

Homepage URL: <http://www.cowboywifethangs.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am interested in submitting some cowgirl art after Sept. 1, 2011. I will have an unveiling at that time.....this will be my Cowgirl Stampede series. This will be a large canvas parade of Cowgirls. The life of the cowgirl. I am a ranch women, a cowgirl & now an artist. My venue is acrylics, watercolors, pencils, realist, impressionist, & photographer. please advise. thank you so much, susan gahr

you can find my work :
susan gahr-fineartamerica.com
www.cowboywifethangs.com
www.artistswebsite.com
www.amazon.com

Thursday 08/18/2011 10:45:09am

Name: Eric

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Homepage Title: High Sierra Topix

Homepage URL: <http://www.highsierratopix.com>

Referred By: Friend

Comments: Great site!

Saturday 08/06/2011 9:00:36am

Name: Larry Lynn

E-Mail: lynnlm@earthlink.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Dullass, TX

Comments: Thank you Willie, it has been many years. I grew next door to the Nakagawa's. They were born in Manzanar, and became my defacto big brothers.

Thursday 07/28/2011 4:26:13pm

Name: Cynthia Crocker Scott

E-Mail: ccswns@aol.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Mendocino, CA

Comments: It's always good to visit this website, to which I contributed some photo IDs several years ago.

I am still looking for more information about my ancestors - Crockers and Halls. My great grandfather was Edwin A. Crocker married to Ida Hall. His father J. C. Crocker brought cattle into Owens Valley in the 1880s and settled in Big Pine with his wife Mary and extended family becoming prominent citizens in this small town. They donated land for the Methodist Church and the school, and later donated the stained glass window to the Church.

The family home on Crocker Street is still owned but not lived in, I believe, by a second cousin, once removed, Charles Hunnewell, for whom I have no contact information.

J. C. later owned the Deep Springs Ranch (now college) where he died in 1906. I have gathered a lot of information about the families, but cannot discover who might have actual family papers (old letters, diaries and such).

J.C and his brothers came to California in 1849 working initially in Michigan Bar as butchers, later forming the Crocker Brothers Cattle Company which seemed to range from Gilroy to Bakersfield. The Crocker brothers came from Richland, Oswego County, New York. Their parents were Abraham (or Abram) Crocker, born in 1787 or 88 in New Jersey and Maria Cook, born in New York. This is documented in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Oswego County, New York. But further back I cannot go. Someone might have some old letters to and from the New York relatives from after 1850 when the boys moved west, and if they do, I would love to have copies or information.

Wednesday 07/27/2011 0:23:24am

Name: Tom

Homepage URL: <http://www.internetowy.strefa.pl>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: hi, this is great!!! keep up the good work.
[Średniowiecze](#)

Tuesday 07/12/2011 9:08:12pm

Name: Mike

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Homepage Title: The Adventures of the Real Mr Science

Homepage URL: <http://www.therealmrscience.net>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California

Comments: Excellent page. Good work

Sunday 07/10/2011 5:17:32pm

Name: Robert Steele

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Homepage Title: Big Pine Wins the Water War With DWP

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Big Pine Calif / 2011

Comments: Today July 9th 2011

The Big Pine Irrigation and Improvement Association completed the New Big Pine Ditch system to provide water back to all properties in the down town area of Big Pine. 36 street crossings and 4 miles of streams = 48 gallons of water per second to Big Pine. After a 30 year project" 23 years of meetings and red tape and 7 years of volunteer help with construction" to re-water Big Pine. All residents in the township of Big Pine receive an unlimited amount of water by way of streams, ponds and gardens for a total price of \$20.00 per year. As part of the Into / L.A. water agreement. The people of Big Pine stood together to take back there water from the LADWP and have succeeded in doing so. So here is to the people of Big Pine who stood up to the great giant to the south and prevailed. Thank You Inyo County / The Inyo County Water Department for standing by us all these years. To all Past and future Big Pine Pioneers we honor you with this great gift of life back to Big Pine and to Mother Nature. Big Pine There it is take it!!!
Bob Steele BPIIA.

Saturday 07/09/2011 8:10:27pm

Name: Gary Stiles

E-Mail: gcstiles@verizon.net

Location: LA CA.

Comments: Edward Leppy Diaz was my dads uncle. My dads mother was Sadie Diaz Dodge Stiles of the Lone Pine Diaz family 1850's Rafael DIAZ

Wednesday 06/08/2011 6:23:55pm

Name: A. O. Arnold

E-Mail: fishontony@verizon.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Wrightwood, CA

Comments: I remember well our annual trips to the Sierras when our children were small. Our oldest, Greg, was 4 when we first packed into Gable Lakes. I carried him on my shoulders up to the saddle overlooking the route he would take many years later to climb Mt. Tom. He ate snow out of a tin Sierra cup from a snowbank. Later we hiked past George Brown's little cabin on the creek by the waterfall, and he immediately struck up a conversation with us. In no time, we were invited in. George, my wife and I shared coffee while he fed cookies to our son. I frankly do not remember the red and white checkered tablecloth, but can imagine how it might have impressed a four-year-old.

I do recall the "hat trick." George removed his cowboy hat and asked if we had ever seen a bald-headed Indian. We had no idea whether or not baldness occurred in Indians just like everybody else, but we played along. He did not use the "white man's grub" punch-line, but claimed the condition was the result of being "one of the smartest Indians in the world." This was delivered absolutely deadpan, but the twinkle in his eye gave him away. Apparently, George was quite a storyteller.

We had four children, and tried to get back to the Sierras every summer. Now we have six grandchildren, and all the families are outdoor enthusiasts, enjoying downhill and cross-country skiing, mountain biking, hiking and camping, four-wheeling in the Rockies, and trout fishing.

We still love the Sierras.

Monday 06/06/2011 8:07:47pm

Name: Lynley Nichol

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Colorado Rocky Mountains

Comments: What a wonderful site! My Grandfather was Harold John "Skinny" Gates. I would love to see the picture that Mike Baker refers to on the home page. Anyone else have any pack pictures (or otherwise) of Grandad? Thanks!

Thursday 06/02/2011 9:12:00pm

Name: Greg Arnold

E-Mail: mtnfolks@verizon.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Wrightwood, CA

Comments: I met George when I was four years old in 1968, when my parents and I went on a pack trip to Gable Lakes. He was running the Lakeview Mine. Being so young at the time, I have a few memories of the trip, but one thing I really remember is going into the Lakeview Mine Cabin, sitting down at the picnic table with a red and white checkered table cloth and eating oreo cookies with George. He gave me a crystal geode from the mine that I still have. He had a friendly and cool demeanor which I still remember. I only just now found out I was in the company of such a gentleman Sierra Celebrity.

I've gone back to Gable Lakes a few times, climbed Mt. Tom in summer and tried three times in winter, the farthest I ever got in winter was just above the Tungstar. I climbed peak 12,800 above Gable Lakes and found Galen Rowell's signature in the register going back to 1938. He had climbed the east arete. I ramble on, but it's because the area has remained in my soul for all my life.

I have a picture of my son sitting on the same motor at the Lakeview Mine which I sat on at the Lakeview when I was four, when my son was 10. I have pictures of both times..... such a great place and a cool man.

Thanks to whoever put up this site.

Greg Arnold
www.redslateguitar.com

Tuesday 04/05/2011 12:58:00am

Name: john nelson

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: orange county,ca.

Comments: I love reading about the old days, and the people who lived it. Thanks.

Monday 04/04/2011 3:42:31pm

Name: BOOMER

E-Mail: WWW.BOOMERZOOMER1952@AOL.COM

Referred By: E-Mail

Location: POMONA, CA.

Comments: Dear sir,
I need a favor to ask. I recently purchased what I think is the original Manzanar railroad crossing sign and I would like your expert opinion or the opinion from your other readers. I saw your website and the photo you have which states, "Engine No.18 at Manzanar crossing in the Owens Valley. W.E. Miller railway negative exchange." My sign appears to be the exact sign in the photo but I need verification. My sign is wood, 78" wide by 12". It is actually 2 signs back to back with raised lettering the sign is very "wind worn." I am hoping that the sign was from the Manzanar Japanese-American relocation camp but upon closer examination, it appears to be the exact sign as pictured in the photo. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Can you or any of your readers help me?
Thank you,
BOOMER

Wednesday 03/23/2011 0:11:45am

Name: Lenna Cook Carpentier

E-Mail: inhimitrust@ymail.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Cardiff By The Sea, CA

Comments: Rena Beth Moore Smith;

My sister Margaret Rena Cook Cannedy, just shared your site with me. Margaret, myself,(Lenna Cook Carpentier), and brother MichaelCook(deceased),Patricia Cook, Lawrence Cook(deceased), Charlotte Cook Liggett (deceased), Charlene Cook Coakley, Teddy Lee Cook McBee are all the children of Fred Cook's first family when he was married to our mother Ruth when they resided in Lone Pine area. You may have known all of us in Lone Pine, except for Teddy as he was born in Nevada. All of us except Michael and Patricia, were adopted in the late 40's early 50's. Deborah Cook is our half sister with her 3 brothers Ted, Steven & Chuck, (same father Fred, different mother). The site is very interesting. After 60 years all of the original Cook siblings were re-united in California last year.

If anyone who reads this please take the opportunity to communicate with us,

especially if you knew our parents. I have visited Lone Pine a few times over the years. I was adopted into the Orville Carpentier family, Donald Carpentier was his brother, worked for the Ford dealership, sone Norman Carpentier and Donna Lee Carpentier are his children. We left Lone Pine when I was 51/2 years old and settled in Cardiff By The Sea.

Emails Lenna inhimitrust@ymail.com or Margaret
Rena scampgt4@yahoo.,com

Sunday 03/20/2011 9:34:11pm

Name: Jon Walters

E-Mail: jon.walters@colliers.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Carlsbad, CA

Comments: Thanks for the nice website and info on the Owens Valley history. I was driving through it today and made a comment about how the L.A. aqueduct had decimated the valley. The others in the car knew nothing about the history, so I told them I would find a source for them to read through.

Best regards, Jon

Saturday 03/19/2011 11:33:46am

Name: Larry Lynn

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: DALLAS, TX

Comments: Thank you, Willie. I have not seen you since high school. When I was growing up, my next door neighbors where the Nagagawa family. I learned about the "internment camps". Since I was the oldest son in the family, Richard and Henry became my de facto big brothers. Both of them, and one of their sisters were born in the "camps". My wife and I lived in Little Tokyo for several years, and when we went to the Japanese American Museum, it was haunting. I hope that it never happens again.
Thank you again,
Larry Lynn

Friday 03/18/2011 11:56:54am

Name: Chuck Knolls

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Can anyone tell me about the narrow gauge rail road tracks on the second lake?

Thursday 03/10/2011 2:29:18pm

Name: Laurens Genuchi

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Brownsville, TX

Comments: I am a 10th grade English teacher at Hanna High School in Brownsville, TX. We read "Farewell to Manzanar" in our text every year. I want my students to appreciate the literary value of what Mrs. Houston wrote, but the historical significance of this time period. These additional photos and information help reinforce their learning. My congratulations on a job well done.

Tuesday 03/08/2011 7:41:59pm

Name: Lynn Maddux

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am a friend of Reif Kipp and a former resident of Olancho, CA., where I co-owned the Chevron Station along with Dayton Penniman from 1976 to 1983. This history is wonderful -- Kudu's to whoever gathered all the information!!!

Sunday 03/06/2011 8:22:05am

Name:

E-Mail: huski-thruski@usatek.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: Thank you for the wonderful pictures and descriptions..

Thursday 03/03/2011 7:00:24am

Name: Waverly Ford

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Kennedyville, MD

Comments: I have been trying to gather information regarding this artist. I have inherited a watercolor by Hiroshi Honda (1959), which I adore. I always like to gather information to go with my artwork. It was interesting to read the information on your site.

Tuesday 02/22/2011 7:42:28pm

Name: D Burgner

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Northern California

Comments: I'm glad to have found this site.

My grandfather was Hugh Beatty; grandmother, Frankie Beatty. Hugh worked for the Watterson Bros, as a Studebaker mechanic from about 1921. A few years after the bank failure, they acquired the Ford Dealership.

If anyone has any information or memories of them, please post.

D Burgner

Monday 02/21/2011 5:59:06pm

Name: Rick from Paso

E-Mail: unipro@tcsn.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Paso Robles, CA

Comments: Great website, I have spent hours reading and viewing pictures. I spent every summer as a kid back packing in the sierras with troop 506 BSA. They are amongst my favorite memories. We often saw the pack trains traversing the sierras and I always wanted to camp with my horse in the sierras. We have off and on been attending mule days in Bishop since the 80's, it is still a lot of fun even if those mules are much better trained than they were in the 80's. Someone should put pictures of Bob Tanner's 20 mule team in the Mule Day's parade. He even brought his 20 mule team to our Pioneer's Day parade in Paso Robles a few years ago. We have a lot of horse and mule drawn wagons and equipment in our parade every October. Tommy Harris of Harris Stage here in Paso Robles really is a jewel and works hard at putting together horse and mule entries in our parade.

Sunday 02/06/2011 7:40:18am

Name: William Clyde Wylie Jr

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Homepage Title: Norman Clyde Mountaineer

Homepage URL: http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/norman_clyde/page57.html

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Norman Clyde was my great uncle. As we were separated by a continent, I saw very little of him. I recollect the person that Lisa Carson writes about. I'm glad that he had an adopted family close by, but it makes me wish that I had spent more time with him.

Thursday 01/27/2011 11:15:20am

Name: Shawn Roberts

E-Mail: gofishing38@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I would like to talk to some one that knows this artist and his years of painting,

Sunday 01/16/2011 5:20:32pm

Name: Tim

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: California

Comments: What a delightful trip in history. Thank you so much for putting this on the web!

Wednesday 01/12/2011 11:02:03pm

Name: Kim Christie

E-Mail: kc.sampson@hotmail.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Caroline, Alberta, Canada

Comments: Great sight !

Saturday 01/01/2011 10:27:03pm

Name: Paul Cederburg

E-Mail: pbceder@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: Yreka CA

Comments: I enjoyed the photos of Keeler but there are Errors. One is the photo that is a photo a rock pile and a rock wall. It is an old smelter vat. There was a house just below it that was owned by the Cerro Cordo mine, and shown else where, labeled as the Keeler school. I was born in the house 1925. I am the one in my mothers lap. The school is shown in many other photos.

Friday 12/24/2010 2:10:48am

Name: Greg

Homepage URL: <http://videotek.republika.pl>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: The snow gently falls, and touches the heart, white as a dove,
Merry Christmas with love.

Wednesday 12/22/2010 9:50:29am

Name: Phillip Mieszala

E-Mail: pa-ph@runbox.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Inyokern, CA

Comments: Hello. A friend of mine had a cassette tape with songs by Robert Wagner(I believe) and there was one called The Bessie Bradie. I checked out you tube and can't find it, or a C/D reproduction anywhere. I really liked that ballad and the other songs on it. Can you direct me as to where I can find it?
Thank you. Phillip Mieszala

Monday 12/13/2010 0:17:02am

Name: BClark

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Homepage URL: <http://www.bcdcad.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Castro Valley, CA

Comments: Great history here. Amazing feat of engineering for the day.

Sunday 12/12/2010 3:17:30pm

Name: Mel Adkins

E-Mail: 3forak@mtaonline.net

Homepage URL: <http://none>

Referred By: Friend

Location: willow alaska

Comments: very good web site

Wednesday 12/01/2010 10:42:07am

Name: Chris "Kit" Crosby

E-Mail: Janetandkit@razzolink.com

Homepage URL: <http://>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Monterey County CA

Comments: I was fortunate to live in Lone Pine for 8 years. I worked as an R.N. at Southern Inyo Hospital. I left because I wanted to buy a home and the Hospital wasn't a sure bet after Dr. Auvil passed away.

Memories of the area are seared into my mind. The wonderful people and natural beauty. We need to protect it for future generations. Looking at Satellite Images of the areas East of town make my heart ache. Every place an ATV can possibly be ridden is defaced.

Chris Crosby

Wednesday 12/01/2010 6:47:16am

Name: Marjorie Sanchez Walker

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Homepage URL: <http://www.csustan.edu/history/Faculty/SanchezWalker/>

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Central Valley California

Comments: Wonderful website and much appreciated. Many years ago I had the good fortune to live in Bishop and Chalfant Valley. As the Paiute saying goes, "Once you live in the shadow of Mt. Tom you will call no other place home" has proven true for me. Thank you.

Tuesday 11/30/2010 1:57:22pm

Name: Brian

E-Mail: burke79@comcast.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Boston

Comments: Hi,
I have a beautiful, large Painting by Hiroshi Honda that I inherited from my parents. I enjoyed seeing his other works on this site. I'd be willing to sell it for a reasonable price. Let me know and I'll forward to you some pictures of it.
Thanks!!

Monday 11/29/2010 10:13:05am

Name: Janet Bice-Nething Ogg

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Montrose, CO

Comments: My aunt and uncle, Ardyce and Dudley Carter, owned one of the pack outfits in the early 50s that went through Onion Valley. My mom and dad, Alma and Rodney Bice, helped run the ranch and my grandmother, Velda Hutchen, was a cook and guide. I remember Archie Dean and a few other names from back then.

I was going through some old photos yesterday and found some of the pack station and ranch, which prompted me to do some searching for more history; which eventually led to this site. One of my best buddies wants to do the run from the valley to Rock Creek next spring and I am seriously considering going with him. If any of you have more information on that period of time I would like to hear from you.

Saturday 11/27/2010 6:56:47pm

Name: Ed Turner

E-Mail: cherami@ida.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: 14422 North 75th East Idaho Falls, Idaho

Comments: Fantastic History of great days and great adventures and the finest people on earth. I was fortunate to work at the Mt. Whitney Pack Trains from 1956 to and including 1959. (4 years) I knew Bruce and Grace Morgan, Billy Bishop, Tommy Jefferson, The Jefferson Family, The Morgan Family, Charles Morgan, Bill Smart the Veterinarian, Richard Morgan, Reif Kipp, Eddie Mike, and so many more great people. Charles Morgan once told me that "These are the best years of our lives" 50 years later I can honestly agree "Those were the Best Years."

Saturday 11/20/2010 8:35:21pm

Name: Dennis Daryl Shamblin

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Homepage Title: Chicken Talk With Rooster Shamblin

Homepage URL: <http://roostershamblyn.wordpress.com/>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Weatherford Oklahoma

Comments: You have a terrific website. Please read mine.

Sunday 11/14/2010 10:16:13pm

Name: Edward Casey

E-Mail: monknfrog2@comcast.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Elk Grove, California

Comments: The wife and myself took our vacation trip by auto over the Sierra and south on hwy 395 to see the fall colors. We found much more. A stop at Manzanar was truly an experience that everyone traveling by needs to experience. This was are very first experience with this part of California. We continued through Death Valley and stopped at Fr. Crowley View Point above Death Valley. Now that we are home again I researched the web for information regarding Fr. Crowley. Thus, I found this wonderful history. Thanks for sharing. I'll spread the word about the website and Inyo County. Next year at the State Fair I will look for Inyo County at the Fair.

Thursday 11/11/2010 9:31:29pm

Name: Lee Roy Matlick

E-Mail: lmatick@comcast.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Seattle, Wa

Comments: Just surfing the net. Had run into some unrelated Matlicks last month in Tucson.

Wednesday 11/10/2010 12:34:26am

Name: Shelton McBride

E-Mail: rphmcbride@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Yahoo

Comments: Lynda Carter--always a favorite!

Tuesday 11/09/2010 12:14:25am

Name: dolly vassar

E-Mail: tiembandett@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: born in bishop

Comments: love this ...great job...would love to see more...thanks for sharin

Monday 11/01/2010 12:59:01am

Name: Richard Morgan

E-Mail: rbmorgan_2000@yahoo.com

Referred By: Friend

Comments: Great memories and lots of fun on the trail.

Monday 11/01/2010 8:50:33am

Name: Chris Rich

E-Mail: trout1942@sbcglobal.net

Comments: Thanks for the pics. What a treat! Really nice to see such a variety of times and places.

Friday 10/22/2010 0:50:28am

Name: ted cook

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Homepage Title: tedcook

Homepage URL: <http://www.tedcook.tk>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: saltspring island canada

Comments: It's funny how many of us share the same name some 640 Ted Cooks in North America from artist to Dr. Ted Cook perffessor of physic university of Washington state. to Ted Cook Hometown: Hogansberg NY I just serf us all this site is one of the more interesting ones well done.

Monday 09/13/2010 10:10:44am

Name: GEORGE VOWELS

E-Mail: BOSCOE4@YAHOO.COM

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Back in the early 1970's I had a business acquaintance named Yosh. I forget his last name. He worked for a large electrical contracting firm in the Gardena, Ca area. He related to me some of his experiences when he was a young boy while he was in Manzanar. He said he was in the boy scouts and that his troop would go over the back fence and go up into the sierras fishing and camping. He said that the guards knew about the outings and that there was never any trouble. Maybe there are some other former scouts that know about these campouts and could fill in my scanty info. Thanks,
George Vowels

Tuesday 08/10/2010 3:06:34pm

Name: Peyton Lynn Anderson

E-Mail: palygirl1978@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Green Cove Springs, Florda

Comments: Samuel Addison Bishop was my grandfather's grandfather. Loved reading about my roots!!

Friday 08/06/2010 3:44:11am

Name: Mario

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Homepage Title: Long Valley caldera

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: S.M. CA.

Comments: They will one day soon reawaken with an eruption equaling Mount Saint H's.

Tuesday 07/27/2010 9:41:16pm

Name: Dwight Sigworth

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Homepage Title: GTC 1963 Reunion

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Tigard, OR

Comments: After years of searching, the 1963 crew at GTC is meeting in Oregon for a 47 year reunion. I finally found Bob Alward and Kathy (O'Keefe) Potter and we will relive the summer of '63 this weekend in Oregon.

Wednesday 07/14/2010 3:57:44pm

Name: Janet

E-Mail: fastsell@rglobal.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Is the mining town still open for tours? I stayed there a couple of times with the AV College archaeology class...great times!

Friday 07/09/2010 5:30:03pm

Name: Jan Muzzy

E-Mail: janmuzzy@centurytel.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: USA

Comments: The picture of the children in Riverside School claims to be taken in 1896. That may be correct; however if that date is correct, the child you identify as Evangeline Wonacott is not her. Evangeline was my grandmother and she was born in November 1896. Please correct your picture.

Tuesday 06/29/2010 3:47:31pm

Name: carolyn matlick

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: annapolis, md.

Comments: Matlick is my maiden name and my father was from Missouri. I was born in Ethel, Missouri and my great grandparents were from Rutledge, Mo. I doubt if there is any connection, but it was interesting reading.

Saturday 06/12/2010 1:49:04pm

Name: robert brent burdick

E-Mail: brentburdick@msn.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: payson, utah

Comments: My great-great grandfather Alden Burdick Jr. arrived in the area there in 1860 along with his friend Joel Smith. Alden's wife died there and Alden donated property for the pioneer cemetery and his wife Alzina Shepard Burdick was the first buried there. He gave up his land to his daughter who married Will Powers and thence the land became the Will Powers Ranch. Alden loaded up a covered wagon and moved back to utah and remarried Rosetta Elertson Mona, Utah and started another family.

Friday 06/11/2010 1:01:35pm

Name: pamela bailey

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: washington

Comments: I recently purchased a watercolor painting by Hirosho Honda. I really enjoyed your site and am hoping you can help me. The picture is very well painted in tans and browns and has a grove of tall trees with small bushes in the foreground. To the right and in the center of the grove is a "couple" which looks like they are facing backwards. Just figures in the painting with what looks like snow or a frost hanging to the ground (white). I am hoping to find out something about this painting and if it is worth anything.

Thank you

Wednesday 06/02/2010 0:30:00am

Name: Bill Nelson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Western Sierra Foothills

Comments: Backpacked into Whitney via Whitney Portal in 1962: uncrowded and no Giardia. Most heavy gear was packed in for us to Crabtree Meadows (spent three weeks there). Quite a memorable experience for a 14 year old. Remember every inch of the trail. One of the best experiences of my life - my first backpack trip, what better place! Those switchbacks were AWFUL. Caught Golden Trout at Guitar Lake. Two of our party got to summit too late and got stranded at Trail Crest for the night. Everyone out searching for them while I tended the campfire - alone - was sure I was going to be eaten by some wild animal that night.

Monday 05/24/2010 1:00:48pm

Name: Frank Holmes

E-Mail: f_holmes@att.net

Location: San Francisco, CA

Comments: I have a painting of an internment camp signed by Takeo Sezuki 1943. I came across this in San Francisco and am assuming it is a painting of Manzanar. There is a guard tower and fence in the foreground. in the back ground is a dark mountain range with a snow capped mountain in the center. Could you help me determine the artist and camp location? I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Frank Holmes

Thursday 05/20/2010 6:00:42pm

Name: michael h young

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Homepage Title: 1-760-373-7238

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: california city california

Comments: I found a small ingot bar 1 and half inches by 1 inch with cerro gordo mine stamped on it. I am trying to find where it came from? 1-760-373-7238.

Sunday 05/16/2010 7:09:16pm

Name: John M. & Denise Pugh

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Elizabeth Lake Ca. 92532

Comments: Cottonwood Pack Station is a great place to catch a few Golden Trout, and relax with close friends. Dennis and his crew let you know how the Eastern Sierra lakes, streams, and trails are such a beautiful and outstanding place to enjoy.

Thursday 05/13/2010 8:28:26am

Name: Carol Samson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Deep south of US

Comments: Great site! I am reading a book called "Farewell to Manzanar" by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston and I decided to look up some background information on this place. Great site!

Sunday 04/18/2010 1:02:36pm

Name: Michael Price

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Juneau, AK

Comments: Had to redo my sign in after reading some of the comments from other visitors. I lived in Lancaster from '55 to '94 when the wife and I moved to Alaska. I have always considered the Owens Valley and the Sierras as my backyard - a place to enjoy and a place to explore. I have been to all the out of the way places, and yes I know where Saline Valley is, the Alabama Hills and the Ranch Café at Olancha. At one time I knew the gal that ran it. For a while my business partner and I wrote the insurance for most of Benton. This was in the early '80s. Bodie was one of my favorite places and I think Little Lake was one of the prettiest places. It is so long now and I cannot remember the names of the people I used to do business within Bishop, Lone Pine, Benton, but it was all fun and had some great flyfishing in the area around Five Bridges.

In the last few years before we moved North we would take a little trip to Bridgeport the weekend after Thanksgiving and just enjoy the peace and quiet - as well as the beautiful scenery. I remember when the antelope herd was introduced in the Bodie area and was luck enough to be able to see them on several occasions. Several of us would hunt sage hen around the Bodie area and that was always fun. Not as much fun as hunting pheasant at the Lone Pine Pheasant Club(?). One thing I had wanted to do was to put together a photo essay on the old mining sites from Rand District in Inyo County north to Bodie.

When we moved to Alaska we landed in Nome to begin with and that was like being back on the high desert, just a little colder. The tundra is just about a desert with water, no trees and not much else, until you know where to look. The most familiar things though was the left-behind mining equipment. The landscape was just about complete.

Thank you for your wonderful web site, it brought back many great memories.

Mike

Thursday 03/25/2010 9:18:28pm

Name: Carol Jones

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: just red molaka'i and was curious about manzanar as I don't live too far away.

Sunday 03/14/2010 12:09:19am

Name: Chauncey Eaton

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Santa Monica & Crowley Lake, CA

Comments: Enjoyed the content about a wonderful location.

Some of my Eaton family went through through the valley in 1859 on their way to Southern California, but did not move up there until the 1890s, when they really were captivated by scenery, and settled up there in a big way in 1905.

The Eaton family were often controversial, often misunderstood, but contributed to what we have to today along with all the other Owens Valley pioneers, many who left or had to leave.

Great Site about a great place.

H. Chauncey Eaton

Saturday 02/27/2010 2:50:44pm

Name: Harriette Smith Allison

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Reno, Nv.

Comments: Hello,

What a nice website! I've enjoyed seeing your photos of my home.

My father William "Bill" Lafayette Smith is now deceased. He was the son of Robert "Bob" and Gloria Smith of Big Pine & grandson of May Crowell Smith. Grandma May raised he and his siblings Cecil "Cec" and Lutisha "Tish" in Big Pine after the death of their mother Gloria at age 21 from pneumonia. My uncles were Howard "Howdy" Dixie Smith and Millard Smith. My grandfather, Bob, & his brother Millard had the slaughter house on the river road and the butcher shop where Rossi's Steak & Spagetti Restaurant is now on Big Pine's Main Street. My uncle Howdy & his wife Betty had the big ranch to the south of Big Pine on the left side of the road. They raised cattle, sheep, and turkeys over the years and in the early 50's leased part of the ranch for a short time to Mr. Bedart, a potato farmer, out of Bakersfield.

My Mother is Virginia "Babe" Rose Rossi Harwood, Smith, Harwood she is also now deceased. She was the youngest child of Nancy Blake Rossi and Anthony Rossi. Her siblings were Estelle "Stella" Rossi Fansler Screen, Alma Rossi, and Maynard Rossi. My relatives are too numerous to name but among them are the old familiar names of the pioneers to California's Owens Valley. I now live in Reno, Nevada but I frequently visit my family home in Big Pine. Our Rossi property is one of the loveliest spots there with an unobstructed view of the High Sierra mountains. My grandparents left the property to their four children and in turn they passed it on to their children (all of us) and each of us will pass it on to our children and so on and so on for generations to come. We are one of only a few who's grandparents didn't sell their water rights and property to the City of Los Angeles. To our grandparents we are indebted for eternity for living through hard economic times and doing without so that they could root our family for eternity in the Owens Valley. Thank you for this opportunity to share my families story.

My interest in all things western from lifestyle to design are deep rooted. Please visit my website & take a look a my collections. www.luckystargallery.com

Monday 02/22/2010 4:27:27pm

Name: Grace Holder

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop, CA

Comments: I work for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District(GBUAPCD). We are conducting research on the historical conditions around the community of Keeler and the eastern portion of Owens Lake with particular emphasis on the area of what is now called the Keeler Dunes. The purpose is to get information on the development of the dunes from the early 1900's through the present.

The narrow gauge railroad line went through the area of interest and we are very interested in historic photos and documentation on the landscape conditions. If you have information that can assist in this research, please contact me at:

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GBUAPCD

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Wednesday 02/17/2010 8:43:31am

Name: sheree

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: oakhurst ca

Comments: When I was young I camped with my grandparents on Shepards Creek for days or weeks. My brother and I rode our motorcycles all over including to the cemetary of Manzanar. I would always wonder how there were fresh flowers on the graves when there was no one around. Now that I am older, I still frequent the area and am learning more about what happened. I teach adult learners so sharing what I have experienced and passing on to them information is so beneficial to both. I am going to share with them as much information on this camp as possible. If you have any suggestions please email me. I thank you for your time.

Monday 02/15/2010 1:08:25pm

Name: Gary Glen Gates

E-Mail: gator222@hawaiiantel.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Maui, Hawaii

Comments: I grew up visiting my grandparents, Harold "Skinny" and Dorothy Gates, in Independence. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday, we would drive from Porterville for a visit, and Dad and I would hunt duck, geese and chuckers. We were able to throw in a deer hunt every so often also. I have a special place in my heart for Independence, Lone Pine, the Alabama Hills (Alabama Gates) and the whole Owens Valley. Today, I "googled" Harold "Skinny," Gates and to my delight, found your webpage. Thank you for the history and the memories.

Thursday 01/28/2010 8:41:18pm

Name: Leonard Hall

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Walker Lake Nevada

Comments: Great site! My brother is here from Hawaii and we were talking about flying to Tunnel Meadows when we were children in the early 60's. Our dad William Trafford Hall, M.D. was the young Canadian orthopedist from Riverside California who worked on Bob White's hand following his prop injury. They became friends Bob took our family on several trips to Tunnel Meadows. Nice to see pictures of Tunnel Meadows so many years later.

Wednesday 01/27/2010 4:46:46pm

Name: Paul Gomez

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Keeler

Comments: I attended first grade in Keeler, 1949-50. My father, Enedino Gomez, worked in the Soda Ash Plant, until he was hired by Southern Pacific. My family moved to Owenyo. I was enrolled in Lo-Inyo Elementary School in Lone Pine, where my two brothers attended school.

Thursday 01/14/2010 8:25:09pm

Name: Armando Lopez

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: WLA/Sawtelle

Comments: I grew up on Sawtelle and my mother helped many when they had to leave. She owned El Rancho Cleaners on Sawtelle Blvd during the war. This was just outside the gates of the VA hospital in West Los Angeles. I remember to about 1954. She told me stories of many displaced people. The Japanese still have a strong community on Sawtelle Blvd.

Wednesday 01/13/2010 3:06:54pm

Name: Dan Bostrom

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hillsboro, Oregon

Comments: Does anyone know the origin of Burro's in Inyo County?

A very long time ago someone told me they are not native to Inyo County. Their story was that one of the California Universities decided to turn a few head loose and see what happened. Supposedly they populated like Rabbits and literally took over in the Saline Valley.

Any suggestions where I could go to get to the bottom of this mystery?

Dan

Tuesday 01/12/2010 9:45:28pm

Name: Dan Bostrom

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hillsboro, Oregon

Comments: I am amazed at how many people who have sent comments I either know, know of, or know their relatives. My parents were Al and Bink Bostrom. Sisters Sandie, Linda, and Shawn. Brother in Laws Ron Ellis and Jim Marks.

I have been researching Ed Thistlethwaite and have built up quite a file on him. Anyone out there know anything about Ed? I first met him in 1948 or 49 I think. I got to know him in Lone Pine when he worked for several different Pack Outfits. He worked for Lona and Gene(?) Burkhart after the bought the Onion Valley Pack Station in Independence. Lona now lives not too far from Madras. At least she did about three years ago when I visited her.

This site is so interesting it will take me a very long time to wade through it.

We lived in Darwin, Tecopa, Shoshone, and Manzanar when I was in High School. I graduated from Death Valley High School at Shoshone in 1951.

Dad had a mine not too far from Benny Bonhams Talc Mine on the Eastern side of the Inyo's. We use to travel through Cerro Gordo on a regular basis if the weather allowed. He had another mine in Saline Valley that is now called the Snowflake Talc Mine. He, his partner Ray (?), my mother, two sisters and myself built the cabin in Propeller Canyon. Does anyone know if it is still there?

Wednesday 12/16/2009 6:27:58pm

Name: Yvonne Hutchison Clark

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am a former resident of Independence, CA. My grandmother was Avis Hutchison, Great Grandfather, Thomas Hutchison, was the Inyo County Sheriff in the 40's.

Monday 12/14/2009 11:48:59am

Name: Barbara Langston

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Tehachapi

Comments: What a WONDERFUL sit!!!! Thanks so much for creating it. My love for the Owens Valley began in 1957 when my family came up to Whitney Portal to camp for a few weeks. We camped up there every summer until I left home in 1965. I remember Clara and _____ (her husband) who usually saved us a camp site. They owned one of the gas stations in Olancha way back then. We also camped at Death Valley for many Christmas vacations. Heard many old-time tales from Mr. Dow of the Dow Motel, who was a good friend of my wonderful stepmother, Leona. And the old owners of the Mt. Whitney Pack Trains up at Whitney Portal -- can't remember their names either. Worked with and was friends with Lona and Gene Burkhart for years and years after I moved up to the Valley in 1969. Old Grant Dalton, one of their cowboys, taught me how to make homemade noodles. He was supposed to be a relative of the actual Dalton gang. Elodie and ... Clyde? -- her husband, Mr. Drew (can't remember names as well as I used to) helped me set up some displays at the Eastern California Museum in the early 1960's. Listened to tales of Skinny Gates, and some of the other old-time packers when I was working for Gene. Gene sold me my 1st horse, and Lona taught me to ride. She helped with ideas for the 4-H horse shows I put on out at the Smith's ranch just north of Independence, the years I was the 4-H Lighthouse leader. I still miss the Owens Valley and some of the wonderful people who live there. Wow, so many things, it would fill a book. Again, thanks for the memories :)

Monday 12/14/2009 1:05:25am

Name: Scott McIntosh

E-Mail: ivyglen@msn.com

Location: Glen Ellen, CA

Comments: My Grandfather Major Scott MacIntosh was station agent for the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge railroad "Keeler Branch" circa 1923. He and his family including my father transferred from the Laws station near Bishop, CA. I don't know what year my Grandfather left Keeler for the main line Southern Pacific agent duty in the California Imperial Valley. As a very young child I can remember my Grandmother May (Bedford) McIntosh talking to others about her years living in Keeler. Unfortunately, a young child (me) did not take notes.

Sunday 12/13/2009 11:29:08pm

Name: Joe Tysl

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Berkeley, CA

Comments: I have a lot to write about if I ever get off the dime. I was one of 2 Forest Service summer workers at Tunnel Guard Station in '67 and '68. I was 21 then, and it was the best job I ever had. My future looked to be one of driving around the front country cleaning potties, but I somehow lied my way into being a wrangler and firefighter. Once away from the Lone Pine Station my immediate on-the-job training tended toward the pretty spectacular at times.

I also remember being on my first small plane rides and Bob White taking enormous pleasure in scaring the hell out of me as he would fly at grass-top height over the meadows on some pretext or other. On the other hand, I got Bob to fly out a large quantity of volcanic rock samples that I believe are still in the Geology Department at Humboldt State University. Of course it was no problem for him, as he just charged the freight to the good old USFS.

I still have dear family in the valley. John and Carmen Marzano of Big Pine are my favorite Aunt and Uncle. I'll contact my partner Ron Barager for some name confirmations and maybe some other stories. Where do I put pictures?

Cheers,
Joe Tysl

Wednesday 12/09/2009 3:20:16pm

Name: Karen Henson Rockafellor

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am the daughter of Harold H. and Louise (Mairs) Henson. My mother and her family grew up in Independence and I grew up in Bishop. Many of the names on this website are familiar to me as are the places. Going through these pictures was very nostalgic and now I'm homesick! Thanks for the beautiful memories.

Tuesday 12/08/2009 6:08:29am

Name: mike kirby

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Homepage Title: portraits of manzannar

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: oakland california

Comments: I just surfed into this website and was pleased to read about Henry Fukahara and his painting.

my father James Kirby was a friend of the Fukahara family and went to school with Henry's brother George at Santa Monica High School prior to the war. As my dad would tell it, the family was gone so quickly from their home that he was unaware of their departure until a few days later. The family owned a plant nursery in Santa Monica which although was in bad repair when they returned, was recovered after the war.

Although both my parents have both passed, I will always remember the stories of the Fukahara family and his very good friend George.

Mike Kirby

Monday 11/30/2009 7:06:29pm

Name: Bonnie Murphy

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Portland, OR

Comments: I used to live in Lone Pine and accompany my father to work occasionally on Owens Lake. He did soil survey of the lake and assisted in development of different erosion control ideas. I got to thinking about Keeler, Darwin, and good ol Owens Lake. The lake, although it must've been fantastic as a lake, is very fascinating as a dry salt lake. The photos of Keeler's buildings and operations over the years are great. Thanks for putting these online for the world to see. Your photos took me back a bit, and really make me want to visit again as an adult.

Do you know if the silos and glass mill are still on the side of the lake?

Monday 11/30/2009 11:23:52am

Name: Leon Fultz

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Beaver Springs, Pa.

Comments: I have a model of 20 mule team. I am looking for as much info as I can find as to orig. colors.
This article was very interesting.

Sunday 11/29/2009 11:30:09am

Name: Helen (Miller) Brown

E-Mail: Loantrak@comcast.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Modesto, CA.

Comments: I was born in Lone Pine in 1932, but raised in NSP from birth. My father, Laurence Miller, was NSP Plant Superintendent until it closed. My brother, Charles Miller, worked for the Dept. of Water & Power until he retired. I went to Keeler schools and graduated from Lone Pine High School in 1949. We recently visited Keeler and NSP; very nostalgic. My husband, Bill, and I were married in Lone Pine in 1955, but now live in Modesto. We have four children.

Thursday 11/12/2009 10:15:59am

Name: Karen Henson Rockafellow

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I was born in Bishop, CA in 1951. My mother, Audrey Louise Mairs Henson, grew up in Independence. Her brother, Omie Mairs, owned the general store in Independence. She also had two sisters, Thelma Mairs Cooper and Dorothy Mairs Little. As I understand it, my mother's father, H.F. Mairs, and her grandfather A. Mairs (?) mined and rode pack horses. I was raised in Bishop until about 1959 and then we moved to Torrance, CA. I remember my mother telling me stories about her families' history in Independence, Lone Pine, and Bishop. Her sister Thelma's husband, Owen Cooper, worked for many years with Todd Watkins at Chalfant Press in Bishop. I've been going through this web page and I can't get enough of it. I remember my mother talking about many of the people I see listed her.

Saturday 10/24/2009 1:06:43pm

Name: Richard Honda Jr.

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Fairfield, Ca.

Comments: Hiroshi Honda was my grandfather. I'm glad that there are those who appreciate his art and the history that goes with them. I have several original water color paintings that I could send you Jpegs of if you wish to post them on your site.

Wednesday 10/21/2009 4:32:35pm

Name: Gene Carrillo, Jr.

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Modesto, CA

Comments: Human capacity for cruelty and injustice, all in the name of The Almighty slathered with politics, will always be abhorrent.

Saturday 10/17/2009 10:34:06am

Name: Mary Dixon

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Very interesting, thanks!

Monday 10/12/2009 3:26:27pm

Name: Larry Otter

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Referred By: Friend

Location: springville

Comments: Great site. Never these roads were contemplated.

Saturday 10/10/2009 1:07:16pm

Name: Ralph Fear - Jayne Gray Douglas

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Class of 1959 Lone Pine Reunion

Comments: Looking for Lone Pine High School - Class of 1959 Were planning a 50 year Reunion during the 2010 Lone Pine Reunion. Please contact either Ralph or Jayne and renew old friendships. Date of Reunion will be Friday, June 25, 2010. Details will follow.

Friday 10/09/2009 8:08:05am

Name: kate

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: portland oregon

Comments: This is a wonderful site -- great old photos and writing, thoroughly enjoyed it, bookmarked it for search for a book we are writing -- better than the state or us sites on the area!

Thursday 10/08/2009 4:51:55pm

Name: Patricia Fagerstrom

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Gilbert, Arizona

Comments: I've signed in before. I'm John O'Keefe Sr.'s granddaughter. Does anyone know where he died or is buried? I think he died around 1943.

Also would it be possible to get a copy of the picture taken of him mounted on the mule by Tex Ewell? Downloading the picture on the web page is not real great.

He and my Grandmother were separated so I don't know much about him. There were a couple of episodes about him on the old Death Valley Days. I remember one where he was snowblind.

Would really appreciate any information old timers might have regarding him.

Wednesday 10/07/2009 7:13:39am

Name: Igor

Homepage URL: <http://elektron.host.sk/>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Excellent site. Thank you for all your efforts.



Saturday 10/03/2009 6:53:04pm

Name: Steve Haigh

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Twain Harte, CA

Comments: I love your site. Great job!

I really enjoy visiting the Owens Valley and Death Valley areas. Very interesting history and old photos. Right up my alley.

Friday 10/02/2009 8:09:33am

Name: Terri Carr

E-Mail: tcarr@assocelec.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: E. Los Angeles

Comments: Hello There,

I am from E.Los Angeles and was searching Keeler, Ca. as I never heard of this town. Everyday I look through the areas of northern and southern California for

earthquake activity. In doing so yesterday and today I see much e.q. activity in Keeler. I found this interesting and needed to know where Keeler was located. I am still reading and learning of Soda factory. I am from So. California and have a nine year old who's interests are learning of old California towns.

Yours truly,

Terri C.

Thursday 10/01/2009 2:28:00pm

Name: Richard D. Carrasco

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Location: Huntington Beach, CA

Comments: Re: Fred Moore. to Rena Beth Smith (Moore) & Jo Ann (Amos) Camp

I knew Fred and Grace Moore in the 1950's in Lone Pine. I knew them through my Dad, Richard J. and my uncle, Relles Carrasco and from working on the Forest Service trail crew. In 1957, Fred and I shared a hospital room at the So. Inyo Hospital; me for a auto accident; Fred brought out of the mountains after a heart attack, although he said it was just a high altitude hangover. We managed to have some fun during our stay, but the nurses might disagree with the "fun" part, since most of joking was at their expense.

Thursday 10/01/2009 2:05:49pm

Name: Richard D Carrasco

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Location: Huntington Beach, CA

Comments: Norman Clyde Site...very informative. Aug. 1945, I was a member of a party recruited by Harold "skinny" Gates to remove the body of a climber who fell while attempting to climb the east face of Mt. Whitney. Skinny came to our house to recruit my Dad. I begged to be included. Skinny said OK but I must hold my own and contribute to the task. The route to the body was from Mirror Lake, over Pinnacle Ridge, then up to the base of Keeler Needle. Our guide on this route was NORMAN CLYDE! A solomn task but great adventure for a 14 yr old....and I got to climb with Normon Clyde. Clyde carried a 100' rope coil over his shoulder that I could barely lift.

Wednesday 09/30/2009 4:49:50pm

Name: Richard D. Carrasco

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Location: Huntington Beach, CA

Comments: Enjoyed the Father John Crowley site. My family knew Fr. Crowley well. My grandfather, Roberto, was a blacksmith in Lone Pine and when he and his wife Filicita died in 1936, Fr Crowley wrote, in the Monterey-Fresno Catholic diocesan newspaper, a tribute to my Grandfather: "The village blacksmith is no more." My father, Richard J. Carrasco, was also a friend of Fr George T. Crowley. I have card, "A Remembrance of my Ordination to the Holy Priesthood for George T. Crowley", June 7, 1941 personally addressed to my father. I had a brief acquaintance with Fr. Crowley's nephew Byron Hansen through work, architecture for me, building product mfr. rep. for Byron. Anyone interested in reading more on Fr Crowley, I recommend "Desert Padre, The Life and Writings of Father John J. Crowley, 1891-1940, by Joan Brooks, first published in 1997.

Wednesday 09/30/2009 1:31:59pm

Name: maryna

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: New York

Comments: I would like to get in touch with the owner of this painting. We have a lot of in common to discuss. I have 20 peaces of Hiroshi Honda, some work is unfinished. if it is valuable information for you, please, e-mail to me. thank you.

Tuesday 09/29/2009 6:15:34am

Name: Dow McKeever

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Valley Cottage, NY

Comments: Norman Clyde was my Great Uncle on my mother's side, although I never met him, I'm so glad that there are people that make sites like these, where I can read about his adventures!

I guess I must have gotten a little of his spirit in me, as this little tiny hike in Sedona shows: http://web.mac.com/edow/Family_Pix/Sedona_Vortex_Visit.html

Sunday 09/27/2009 8:08:56am

Name: Robert Leidy

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Oakland, CA

Comments: Hi,

My Great Aunt was Mary Leidy. She grew up on the Circle L Ranch in Dyer, NV. Do you have any additional information or photos of Mary?

Thank you!!

Robert Leidy

Tuesday 09/22/2009 12:12:46am

Name: Jeff S Berry

E-Mail: javajibs@hotmail.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Safford, AZ

Comments: Sir/Madam:

Been cruising through Lone Pine on my way to the High Sierra since I was a kid. Fine website. Written history and photos. An online museum from the comforts of my computer room!!

Thanks!

Jeff

Tuesday 09/22/2009 6:12:09am

Name: Linda Gilstrap

E-Mail: arisidle88@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My mother, born Dorothy Claire Butterfield, was born in Manzanar, CA in 1920. Her father, Joseph Butterfield, worked for the Water and Power Company. I wish I remembered more of my family history and search sites like these when the bug hits. Wonderful site!!!

Sunday 09/13/2009 8:42:42pm

Name: Gilbert Marquez

E-Mail: martrust1@verison.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: Victorville, Ca

Comments:

I was born in NSP (National Soda Products)1927, this town was built by the Soda company for the workers and their family's the town was built on the edge of the Owens dry lakes eastern side, my father worked there from 1923/1937 when we left for Los Angeles, my older brother, sister and I attended school in Keeler, I have a group photo taken in 1934 if anyone is interested please contact me, maybe someone out there may know of NSP, Thanks for your good work,
Gil,

Wednesday 09/09/2009 3:43:19pm

Name: Kathleen Burnham

E-Mail: KBurnham527@gmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Felton, CA

Comments: Turned on to Mary Hunter Austin by Terry Tempest Williams' RED. Want to know more.

Tuesday 09/01/2009 8:49:29pm

Name: Dawn Uhlmeyer Heistuman

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Boise, ID

Comments: Great to read my history. Thank you for keeping this information available to the public!

Thursday 08/13/2009 10:58:44pm

Name: Barbara (Coons) Raugust

E-Mail: barbbyraugust@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I was born and raised in Bishop. My Dad is Donald Coons. He owned Don's Heating and Cooling until 1978 when he sold and moved to Reno, Nevada. His mother and father were Pat and Rita Coons. Pat worked for the Dept of water and power with Dave McCoy. I have a cousin that has passed away but I'm told his wife still operates his art gallery north of town. The only relative I still have living there now is my sister Darlene Whiteside who recently moved back to the area with her husband Rick also a Bishop native as well as his parents. She is currently working at the hospital. Love your web site. Please keep up the good work.

Thursday 08/13/2009 1:10:19pm

Name: Donna

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Canada

Comments: Hi, I am searching for Joseph Nadeau who was in Centerville, Minnesota in the 1800's, and married to Elizabeth (Louise) Fournier who was born in Centerville, 1856. Their son Louis is in the 1880 US census but moved to Alberta, Canada and died there in 1931, any chance you are descended from these Nadeau's ?

Friday 07/24/2009 6:17:33pm

Name: Tom Tamura

E-Mail: ttcloud9@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Nor Cal

Comments: Pics of my dad, Jim, and his brothers. Thanks a lot!

Monday 07/20/2009 12:33:49am

Name: Lisa Arcularius Walker

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Carlsbad, CA

Comments: I am starting to look more in to my family history on my Fathers side (Arcularius & Keough).... and your site has been a great source of stories and connections. Thanks for all the work you put in to this.

Thursday 07/16/2009 5:48:15pm

Name: Ron Shipman

E-Mail: rustyship@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Kingsburg,CA

Comments: Lots of memories both good and not so good... Just wondering where is the 'High Sierra Pack Trains' with Bill Muckle.

Sunday 07/12/2009 12:12:58am

Name: David Whortan

E-Mail: dwhortan@hotmail.com

Homepage Title: Frank Chrysler

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Charlotte

Comments: Frank Chrysler was my Great Great Uncle. His sister, Neva Chrysler Jenkins was my great grandmother. I've enjoyed reading these old brochures and learning in more detail more about my uncle. He died, as I recall, around 1972 but I have some great memories of him taking me and my brother fishing when I would visit my family in Lone Pine.

Thursday 07/09/2009 5:07:49pm

Name: Jude Meyer

E-Mail: heyjude1@bellsouth.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Enjoyed looking at the old pictures of the old west, particularly the 20 mule team. I remember the TV series. Being from New Orleans, I can only imagine what it must have been like.

Thanks for the website

Wednesday 06/24/2009 10:04:29pm

Name: Dan Nelson

E-Mail: culver@razzolink.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hollister, CA

Comments: While I was stationed at Naval Ordnance Test Station at Ridgecrest in the early 1950's, I occasionally drove up Highway 395 in the Owens Lake area. I saw the steam engine and rail cars in operation only one time and as a young man considered myself lucky at the time to have seen it in operation because I knew that it was going away. Very interesting and educational website.

Wednesday 06/17/2009 11:54:22am

Name: Bob

E-Mail: SkierBob@hotmail.com

Homepage URL: <http://www.palmdalecam.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Palmdale

Comments: Nice site

Sunday 06/14/2009 10:31:34am

Name: Joshua Orizaga

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I love road trips and I believe I may have found my next one...

Sunday 06/14/2009 2:17:47am

Name: GARY C. STILES

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Pico Rivera ca.

Comments: My dad George Charles Stiles was Edward E. Diaz Leppy nephew. My dad's mother was Sadie Diaz Dodge Stiles.

Thursday 06/11/2009 1:59:35pm

Name: Don Evans

E-Mail: dee59@comcast.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Kelso, Wa

Comments: My father's family homesteaded a ranch in the 1850's in Round Valley. My mother's family (Newlon) homesteaded a ranch a couple of miles south of Bishop and a mile east of 395 in 1898.

During the late 1940's and to the mid-1950's, my brother and I enjoyed going to Keough's to swim.

I only have my cousin's left in the area now - the Archularius family in Round Valley - which I haven't seen since 1998.

The articles are very interesting and remind me of how much I loved the Bishop area.

Thursday 05/28/2009 1:39:03pm

Name: Randy Sidner

E-Mail: sidnerr@aol.com

Referred By: Friend

Comments: Hello My Name is Randy,

I just watched the 90 home videos of Japanese US citizens who were taken from homes and business back in the day. I am a 55 year old white guy who was born and raised in California. How come they never taught us about this in school when I was a kid in the 50's and 60's? Very sad yet inspiring to see how the adults and children continued their lives and much as normal as possible. Thank you for this site and for keeping the memories and truths alive. I think it is amazing that the Japanese people and their families were able to move on from this enslavement to become productive, very nice, beautiful people who contribute wonderful things to our American culture and Country.

Thanks again,

Randy Sidner

Wednesday 05/20/2009 1:10:48pm

Name: Holly Smith

E-Mail: Holly9502@aol.com

Homepage Title: carson colrado railroad

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: This is a most beautiful resource. Thank you for putting it out there. I am looking for information on my grandfather who lived in Hawthorne during WWII, Melvin and Ethel Smith and their son Paul. My father was also their son, but he was a fighter pilot in the war in the south pacific so I don't think there will be any records about him (Robert C. Smith).
Thank you,
Holly Smith

Saturday 05/16/2009 4:18:15pm

Name: DEBRA ROSEMARY JORDAN

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: THANK YOU, TO MY ANCESTORS, THANK AND I WILL NEVER FORGET.

Tuesday 05/12/2009 10:56:49am

Name: DazBoots

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Minnesota

Comments: David Devary & Carol Hoorman are the best.
great page.

Tuesday 04/28/2009 7:41:03am

Name: Leslie Houk

E-Mail: lesliehouk@aol.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Bishop

Comments: I'm looking to go on a pack trip and while looking for a day hike found pine creek pack station. I fell in love with pine creek and would like to go on a pack trip this summer.

I would also like to find a place that takes volunteers to help with the drives from the west side of the sierras to bishop for mules days or just to bring stock into Owens Valley for the summer. Hope someone reading this can help. Thanks

Leslie Houk
email:lesliehouk@aol.com
Bishop CA

Friday 04/24/2009 5:02:09am

Name: phil reed

E-Mail: preed@screaming.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: England

Comments: I own a parcel of land right on the 20MTT. Thank you for helping to bring the past back to life. It makes my family and I proud to have a hold on your American history.
xxx

Thursday 04/16/2009 7:24:40am

Name: Tom Key

E-Mail: takey89@gmail.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Los Gatos

Comments: I was searching for information about Tunnel Meadows when I ran across your posts and saw that you had flow in with Bob White. In about 1964 (I was 16) my dad, a neighbor and his son (the neighbor was a United Airlines captain) flew into Tunnel Meadows w/ Bob (it was the first time I had ever been in an airplane) and backpacked from there to a few high elevation lakes to fish for Golden Trout. At one of the lakes we found the shell of a USMC helicopter on the bank. When we returned to TM for Bob to fly us out we asked about the helicopter and he informed us a couple of USAF officers had flow in to fish and crashed into the lake oh take off. Twenty-two years later my dad call me one day and told me to go to the book store and read the chapter titled "Operation Golden Trout" in Chuck Yeager's autobiography. Sure enough, Chuck and a USAF general had been drinking in the officer's club at Edwards AF base and after getting pretty smashed decided to go on a fishing trip for a few days. They got dropped off with all their camping and fishing equipment at the lake where we found the helicopter, but when the pilot returned to pick them up a few days later the altitude along with four passengers instead of two, plus all the equipment, was more weight than the chopper could lift. It crashed into the lake but Chuck, the general, pilot and co-pilot got out before it sunk. They hiked out and the general sent a recovery team back to salvage what they could - rank has it's privileges. After 22 years the mystery had been solved.
Tom

Friday 04/10/2009 7:28:11am

Name: Leslie L Brandt

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Homepage Title: The Matlicks

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: It was great to read about the Matlick family. My father Clifford Jones was raised by the family from the age of 8 until he went into the Navy, WWII. He is now 82 and still lives in Bishop. I was born in Bishop in 1954 and lived there until 1990. I have heard alot of the history of the valley and the families through my parents but it is still great to see pictures and read the stories.

Tuesday 04/07/2009 7:59:31am

Name: Ron

E-Mail: bigbear1111@verizon.net

Referred By: Web Ring

Location: So Cal

Comments: As for Manzanar, so many of these comments I've read, act like this was flat out racism. This was certainly not a wonderful thing that happened. But keep in mind at the time there were Japanese Americans that turned on this country, and were engaged in subversive activities. The government for better or worse thought they were doing what was needed to be done. The primary goal was to protect Americans. Today, things have swung way to far the other way. There is SOOOOOOOO much hyper-sensitivity in racial matters when it comes to anybody who is not white. I know I'm straying a bit from the topic, but all of this falls under the umbrella of political correctness, which I despise. I have never understood why so many people are so quick to attack their own country, and ignore some of the horrors that take place around the world. America has (or had) a strong moral foundation, and a wonderfully crafted constitution. We recognize and correct our mistakes because of this. I could go on, but...

Monday 04/06/2009 8:34:21am

Name: Randy Sidner

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am California native age 50 and never really heard of this camp. Heard about this on a talk radio show today on KFI AM 640 Los Angeles. How sad that the Japanese Americans has to endure this.
Thank you for this site.
Randy

Monday 03/30/2009 7:45:31pm

Name: Janet Fawaz

E-Mail: janetfawaz@yahoo.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Anaheim, Ca

Comments: Actually I read "Farewell to Manzanar" as a class assignment in which I found it very interesting and a great over view of what happened to the Japanese in WWII. In fact I never actually knew what happened to the Japanese during the war but I am very glad that now I know and can be more knowledgeable of is going on around me and I wish that those that were put through so much were able to get through all the racial judgment and treatment by others mentally and physically. Therefore my thoughts and prays goes out to all the individuals that have or will go through such prejudice in America.

Sunday 03/29/2009 10:55:53pm

Name: Barbara J'ai Mohamed

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Coevorden, The Netherlands

Comments: 30 March, 2009 Unfortunately, I was almost an adult when I learned of the internment of Japanese-Americans. That's a disgrace to American history! I'm an African American, and slavery was never properly addressed, nor were there any serious thoughts of compensation. All I ever heard was, "forty acres and a mule." I'm still waiting. Fortunately, America today is moving towards respecting people's differences, and you find people of all races in most walks of life. Hopefully, the children and grandchildren of the people who were interned haven't been scarred, and can get on with life and be productive. They can honor their foreparents by rising as far as possible, and making a positive contribution to society. God bless you all.

Friday 03/27/2009 12:58:19am

Name: Mari

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California

Comments: As the daughter and grand-daughter of a resident of Manzanar (My father's family was interred), Ben Baker's page with the letter from Selda Palmer just goes to show that when something bad isn't happening to you, it's easy to write it off.

His statement that the depiction in "Farewell to Manzanar" was bullshit and that there was "never a problem" when his father left him to play with the Japanese kids while he conducted his business are just ridiculous. The fact that there was a soldier in a sentry station at all is a BIG problem. People making the best out of a bad situation doesn't mean that the situation wasn't bad to begin with. The fact that people were making furniture and planting gardens and creating schools doesn't lessen the fact that they were involuntarily removed from their communities and forced to evacuate.

The letter from Selda was even worse. True, the Japanese people could have just moved inland to avoid internment, but the reality is that this option was extremely limited. 110,000 people could not move inland and find housing and jobs in the war-time environment of discrimination and fear. Less than 30 days after giving this option to the Japanese people on the West Coast, the voluntary evacuation option was rescinded and the wheels were set in motion to begin the internment of all people of Japanese ancestry.

Was her statement that the armed guards were only outside of the fence and the barbed wire fence was flimsy supposed to make us think that things weren't so bad? The fact that there was a barbed wire fence and armed guards at all are bad enough, thanks.

The food was really good? That was because the Japanese people planted gardens and were doing their best to try to bring some kind of normalcy and comfort to their involuntary internment in the desert.

As for the fact that the people in the camps were given money each month, she forgot to mention that aside from the basics - your "apartment" that you shared with up to 7 other people, basic food items and toiletries - you had to buy for yourself. Clothes, tools, books, seeds and other "non-essential" items had to be purchased. Plus, I am pretty sure that if they were not herded into these camps, most of the people could have been making a lot more than \$16 a month even after living expenses.

Basically, both items on that page were just ridiculous and completely offensive to me. If Selda thought that living in Manzanar wasn't so bad, she should have voluntarily interred herself. At least she would have had the luxury of ample time to dispose or store her property or give it to family members that she could trust to give it back after the war.

Wednesday 03/25/2009 8:50:57pm

Name: John

E-Mail: silent_owl1028@yahoo.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Garden Grove, CA

Comments: I have been trying to reach Mrs. Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, the author of the book "Farewell to Manzanar". In the mid '70's, a TV movie based on the book aired. I am hoping there is a video tape or DVD of this movie available somewhere. My step-father was interned at Manzanar during the war and when the movie aired, my family watched it with great interest. Throughout the movie, he would say "I remember those people" or "I remember that happening". If anyone knows Mrs. Houston or of the movie, I would like to hear from you.
Thanks

Sunday 03/15/2009 4:55:33pm

Name: Richard Hoefflin

E-Mail: rmhoefflin@gmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Thousand Oaks, California

Comments: We travel to Mammoth frequently and stopped at Manzanar last year. This information and the photographs portray a remarkable and regretful piece of history. We need to learn from our past, both good and bad, so we can improve our country and the world as a whole.

Sunday 03/15/2009 12:04:12am

Name: katrina mccrackin

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: used pics as an inspiration for my school project and information which was very helpful and sure enough to get me an A.

Thursday 03/05/2009 6:05:45pm

Name: burt yost

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Referred By: Web Ring

Location: Santa Barbara, Ca.

Comments: were can we buy these pictures?

Thursday 03/05/2009 11:57:09am

Name: Hope Anderson

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Location: Pocahontas TN.

Comments: This website is so awesome! If any of u know anybody that was in Manzanar please tell me about the stories they may have told you! Please and Thank You.

Tuesday 03/03/2009 3:42:01pm

Name: Jim Jarvis

E-Mail: joj@colormine.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Camino (Apple Hill) - California

Comments: I was searching for info on author/editor Jane Fisher, Chalfant Press, & "The Album: Times & Tales of Inyo/Mono" when I came across this site. I love history about the Sierra & surroundings and your site offered much of interest in the way of text & photos.

I had a great visit and will be back.

Thank You Much,
Jim :o)

Sunday 03/01/2009 7:22:36pm

Name: Jennie Malewski

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Kansas City, MO

Comments: Just finished watching the movie "Nevada Smith" and noticed it was shot in Owens Valley and the Inyo National Forest.

Wednesday 02/18/2009 12:29:05am

Name: Amanda

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Great pics. Inspired me for my school report. Thanks!!

Saturday 02/14/2009 2:23:49pm

Name: dave leeson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Antonio tX

Comments: I have been to the museum on several occasions and enjoy taking others up to see this unique part of our nation's history.

Tuesday 02/10/2009 5:18:10am

Name: Anne Bellenger

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Homepage Title: Florida

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Location: HDR Software list

Comments: Fascination stories. I am an admirer of Ansel Adams too.

Tuesday 02/03/2009 5:55:05am

Name: KP Kollenborn

E-Mail: kpkollenborn@gmail.com

Homepage URL: <http://kpkollenborn.blogspot.com/>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Kansas City, KS

Comments: I've been researching the Japanese-American internments camps for years now and it's always great to see websites still dedicated to remembering and informing people about our past. And we don't necessarily have to be decedents of a certain race or nationality to be connected and empathic.

Monday 02/02/2009 12:09:20am

Name: Jenny

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Nashville

Comments: I am from Owens Valley. It was great to find out more about the place I use to call home.

Friday 01/16/2009 7:57:33am

Name: Mr, Wilson's 3rd Period

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Homepage Title: www.clayton.k12.ga.us

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: Our class just completed the novel, Farewell to Manzanar. After carefully exploring the book, we feel empathetic toward all those who lived at Manzanar. This is an amazing site.

Tuesday 01/13/2009 8:14:07am

Name: nancyfreer

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Homepage URL: <http://www.nancykartoon.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Phoenix AZ

Comments: I'm a caricature artist, cartoonist and artist entertainer in Phoenix AZ. I've been cruising the internet looking for cowgirl and cowboy reference for days and days. I left yahoo and found your website (Ownensvalleyhistory) on google. THIS website is the BEST one I've ever viewed! Owensvalleyhistory.com is totally awesome! Thank you for compiling such wonderful visual art -- I am BLOWN AWAY!

Sincerely,

Nancy Freer dba Nancy Kartoon

Saturday 01/03/2009 11:00:54pm

Name: Graham Massam

E-Mail: grahammassam@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Kazakhstan

Comments: Fabulous website found via a search engine looking for information on the Carson & Colorado Railroad. Love the area from previous visits and hope I'll get back across soon

Friday 01/02/2009 10:06:22pm

Name: Chiyoko (Kusaba) Nakagawa

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Lompoc, CA

Comments: Venice, CA.
Frank Torasuke Kusaba
Helen Tusnao Kusaba
Trucko Torao Kusaba
Mike Katsume Kusaba
Dorothy K. Kusaba

Thursday 01/01/2009 9:55:08am

Name: David L. Wasley

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Oakland, CA

Comments: Very nice web site.

I'd love to find copies of the books and booklets on Owens Valley lore published by the Chalfant Press.

Sunday 12/28/2008 12:38:21am

Name: Steve Souza

E-Mail: stmaarten94@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Arizona

Comments: The day's when nobody complained and just did their work. When Men where Men.

Sunday 12/21/2008 7:25:08pm

Name: Allen M. (Al) Crocker

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Eugene, Oregon

Comments: Hi, I read with interest your commentary on early Big Pine. My dad was born in Big Pine in 1908, the youngest of five children, his name was Allen and his twin sister was Alliene. All five of the Crocker children are deceased. My dad married Helen Montrose of Bodie in the late twenties and my sister and I are a product of that marriage. His older brother Albert was the most senior game warden in the state of California when he retired. I've researched the history of the Owens Valley to some degree and my family goes back several generations. If you have any information on the family history of the Crockers, Mitchell's, or Gregg, I would appreciate it. I'm not too good at the geneology scene but have tried several times to find out all I could through that venue. Just out of curiosity what is your connection to Big Pine? I went to school there from 1946 until the year my dad passed on in 1952. Anything new you could afford me would be really appreciated. Have a super holiday and thanks, Allen (Al) Crocker

Wednesday 12/17/2008 1:19:29pm

Name: gregory

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: The "Unknown" artist of the cowgirl on "Reel Humor" Magazine is Enoch Bolles.

Sunday 12/07/2008 2:13:01am

Name: Sean

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Luis Obispo, CA

Comments: The Owens Valley always takes me back to my childhood when my grandparents took me to Mammoth. Its such a rugged, timeless part of California. We would often go exploring, over to Keeler, Little Lake, and eat at P.J's (now Sierra Cafe) in Lone Pine. I remember one of the gas stations in Olancho was always out of regular gas and my grandpa always got mad about that. Of course that was when gas was less than a buck. I was always interested in trains and noticed the abandoned C & C line, and Southern Pacific. I remember exploring Owenyo as well. It's pretty cool to see these pictures! Thanks.

Saturday 11/29/2008 5:49:25pm

Name: robert matthews

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I would like to know if any of the Japanese in California during WWII were married to white Americans and were interned as well? thanks

Wednesday 11/26/2008 6:03:26am

Name: Brandi Nichole

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Indiana

Comments: I like the pictures. good info from it.

Wednesday 10/29/2008 10:38:58am

Name: Martha Hacker

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Mountain Home, Idaho

Comments: I happened upon this site while looking for photos of Artemisia and related plants. Now I would like to see Lone Pine. Thanks.

Tuesday 10/28/2008 1:33:08pm

Name: Robert Bruce Morgan

E-Mail: mulepackeroo1@yahoo.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Round Valley, California

Comments: Still thinking of things to write Ray.

Monday 10/20/2008 12:31:07am

Name: Allen Williams

E-Mail: FLYNHI1@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Redlands Ca.

Comments: Great Job

Monday 10/13/2008 0:49:51am

Name: Alec

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: KY

Comments: I really wasn't aware of this until I listened to a song called Kenji by Fort Minor. It really got me wanting to learn more about it. The atrocities of the camps has been something that's bothered me, just figured I'd check out some history, and pay some respects.

Friday 10/03/2008 6:33:27am

Name: danielle weidner

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My husband is the grandson of Laura Lutz, I have always been amazed with the history of the Keough and Lutz family. Thank you for sharing it with others.

Friday 09/26/2008 10:43:26pm

Name: Mick Needham

E-Mail: mickn@sbcglobal.net

Homepage Title: needhamstudios.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Chico, California

Comments: I enjoy browsing your website, but maybe you can help me, I collect RR items and have several V&T and C&C baggage tags, locks, keys, etc, but one tag puzzles me, its a obviously old brass slotted baggage tag that's marked with beautiful factory stamped serif letters: "C.& C." over "OPERA" over "HOUSE" over "125" (larger) over "Keeler". I've heard there was a theater in Keeler, but can find no information about a "Opera House" Any such info would be appreciated...
Thanks, Mick Needham

Tuesday 09/16/2008 9:49:29pm

Name: Sarah Kimball

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Napa, Ca

Comments: I have been camping in Inyo National Forest for most of my life. My parents, Jim and Melinda Kimball took me to Mammoth, Devil's Post Pile, Rock Creek, Tom's Place, Iris Meadow Campground, Little Lakes Valley, and pretty much everywhere in that area. I would even take a dip in Hot Creek by the fish hatchery. I absolutely love that whole valley. My grandparents Jim Sr. & Ross Kimball were the campground hosts at Iris Meadow for years. I haven't been there for years and love how so few people have been there or even heard of it. I feel special/privileged to have been in the Owens Valley and to know so much about it. I really want to take my boyfriend to Rock Creek and Mammoth so he could see how "real" camping is done. My parents

have a million pictures of our camping trips and wish I had them to share. My favorite thing we would do is (of course) go sit in the hot springs and take a hike through the Little Lakes Valley which is past Rock Creek Lake. And the little shop by Rock Creek lake that the King family owned and ran had/has the best mud pie! I can't really remember if it was really called "Little Lakes Valley" but I know there were a bunch of lakes. Gem lakes, Chicken Foot, etc. and we would always stop our trek at Mt. Morgan (around 13,000 ft!). If I get any pictures I'd love to share them.

Saturday 09/13/2008 3:09:22pm

Name: Reagan Slee

E-Mail: Reagans@annwong.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop

Comments: Great stuff!

Friday 09/05/2008 10:02:18am

Name: Patty Snyder

E-Mail: snydrpty@yahoo.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: I am taking a trip through Owens Valley and was searching for information on the area. This site is very informative.

Monday 09/01/2008 3:58:00pm

Name: Jim Gibson Sr

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Mesa,, Arizona

Comments: I am very very homesick not being in my Home state of California. It has so much History and beauty. I have over-flown this area many many times with USAF, But I miss seeing this wonderful place, even if it was by air. My Home State, California, Has it all. I am trying to teach my 10 year old granddaughter, some of the history of our Country, Starting out of Course, My Home California. I want to express my sincere thanks to all whom worked hard to bring this historic area into the open for all the view, dream and enjoy. Travel now for me is very very limited due to bad health. Thank You again, and Thank ALL OF YOU for keeping History alive and well and not changing anything, just stick to the facts, and I appreciate that. More later. Sincerely:

James W. Gibson Sr.
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Sunday 08/31/2008 10:24:28am

Name: martin KnifeChief

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Denver area, Colorado

Comments: Very interesting railroad! As ours are mountain railroads, yours runs into the desert. I am always interested in the pictures, old and new, of railroad stock. We, too, have had some engines here with the phony headlight and stack look for motion picture use over the years. Interestingly, some of our engines that originally had the old, square headlights now have the smaller, round versions! They restore them to a 1920's-40's look, even though some of them have been built in the 1880's and were wood-fired! I would, personally, rather see them in the old configuration. I am a volunteer at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden Colorado and we have several running locos and tons of rolling stock. I help as trainman and assistant conductor and brakeman at times.

Thursday 08/21/2008 9:40:43am

Name: Michael L. Oaks

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Grants Pass, Oregon

Comments: Read with much interest the story by Dennis H. Stovall. I would like to give you some information on Mr. Stovall. He was a very good writer. The information is about his life in Oregon and especially his life in Grants Pass, Oregon. Please accept this background history and one of my favorite stories about a Southern Oregon mining town that still exists today as follows:

ABOUT DENNIS H. STOVALL The Popular Grants Pass Writer

Dennis H. Stovall, the popular writer has been pursuing his literary work the past year with much success. The Reinert Publishing Company of Denver, Colorado, who have published many of Mr. Stovall's stories, have collected a number of them into a book, which the company is offering as a subscription premium with the Denver Daily News. Besides this book, Mr. Stovall has written during the years, four serials, 50 illustrated articles and 75 short stories besides considerable "Sunday feature" matter. A great deal of his work has been for boy's magazine's, The Boys World, Classmate, Forward, and like publications. Besides this he has just completed another book manuscript for an eastern publisher. Mr. Stovall in his writing has an easy bright and captivating style, which makes him extremely popular with his readers. Editors Note, the above item was taken from the November 23, 1906 item in the Rogue River Courier. The following article on Dennis Stovall was written by the author of this book, and published in two parts, in the June 4, and July 2, 2003, Sneak Preview, a monthly publication by the publisher, Curtis Hayden.

INTRODUCTION

Dennis H. Stovall was born in Fannin, Texas in 1877, but as he stated to an Oregon Observer reporter in April of 1903, "I was not there long enough to hurt" He was educated in the Corvallis public schools, and graduated with a BS degree from Oregon Agriculture College in 1898. Mr. Stovall came to Grants Pass from Corvallis in 1899 as an established writer wishing to gather information for a novel. The mining activity around Grants Pass was almost legendary, and Dennis felt that there could be a story here. His mining articles were soon published in the various state and regional mining publications of the time, as well as many leading national magazines around the United States. His first novel, "The Heart of the Valley", was a series of short stories, and poems about the Willamette Valley. His short stories created a demand for his work with at least a dozen national magazines. Many of his stories were published in Boys Life from 1906 through the 1920s and 30s. Dennis H. Stovall, with his wife Odessa and three children lived in Grants Pass, Oregon from 1899 till around 1911. He served on the city council, had a Winton auto dealership, and attended Newman Methodist church. He moved to Los Angeles California around 1911 and continued writing till 1941, the year of his death. For a list of his publications, contact the Josephine County Historical Society. Among the many stories associated with the building up of western mining towns, none are more interesting than that connected with the old mining town of Kerbyville, in Josephine County and the billiard table that started it; the first billiard table, so the story goes, that was brought into Oregon. Please enjoy this humorous 1902 story as told with a wink and a smile by Dennis Stovall in the August 1, 1902 Rogue River Courier as follows:

THE TALE OF A BILLIARD TABLE AND THE TOWN THAT SPRANG UP AROUND IT By Dennis H. Stovall

The same wild stampede of gold hunters, that flocked to California in the year of "49", streamed over the Siskiyou's and poured into Southern Oregon in 1851. Gold was discovered along the Rogue and Illinois River and all of their tributaries. Along every stream the gold diggers swarmed and millions of little grains were cradled from the auriferous gravel beds in a few brief months. Towns sprang up, mushroom like, in a night. Among those was Althouse. This town soon became a seething center of many thousand gold excited men. It possessed gambling dens, saloons, and dance halls by the score. The proprietor of one of these was a man known as "Jake" in the camp. Jake was a most enterprising German of Jewish extraction. He was always awake to the new attractions for his "joint" in his endeavor to get ahead of his competitors of robbing the poor miners of their hard earned dust.

Jake conceived the idea of getting a billiard table for his place of business. It would have been just as easy to get an elephant, but Jake was not the kind of man to let difficulties bother him. The nearest billiard tables were in San Francisco. To get one would require its being shipped to Crescent City by steamer, and then brought on the narrow mountain trail to Althouse on the back of a pack pony. After trying nearly all the packers in California and Oregon, Jake at last found a man who would agree to undertake the task. The packer was a Spaniard named Martinez, called Marti by the

miners. The pride of Marti's heart was his pack mule, Anita.

Marti said that if Anita could not bring the table over the mountain, there would be no chance for the next one. Accordingly Marti contracted to bring the table over and was at Crescent City with Anita when the steamer arrived. Anita had packed many loads in her time, but she staggered sideways when led up along side the big billiard table. The old mule got an idea into her head at once that she was going to be imposed upon. Eight big men lifted the table to lower it on Anita's back, but when it came down, Anita wasn't there. She had side stepped. She absolutely refused to carry the big package. All of Marti's persuasion, arguments and "cuss words" failed to impress the old mule that it would be an easy thing to get the table over the trail.

As a last resort, rope and tackle were brought into use. These were fastened to a limb of a big oak and the table was raised aloft. Anita was led under and before she was aware, the pack was placed.

Anita fairly staggered under her big load, but she stood up under it without a murmur. She was started over the trail in the lead of a train of mules, and held her place with no seeming difficulty. When night came she was run up under a tree, the rope and tackle brought out and her big load taken off. In the morning, the reverse of this operation would put the pack in place again.

All went well for three days, but on the evening of the fourth Anita didn't stop and run up under a tree as she had previously done. She kept right on when the remainder of the train halted for the night.

Marti did not stop her as he said the old mule had a head of her own and knew what she was doing. He concluded that Anita had decided on a force march in order to get through to Althouse that night. She was evidently getting tired of her load and wanted to get through and be rid of it.

But Anita miscalculated her ability. The poor mule was over taken on the road the next day, just nine miles from Althouse. She was laying in the middle of the trail with the great pack on her back, asleep, that long and peaceful sleep from which no mule has ever been known to awaken. Anita, faithful Anita, was game to the last. So long as strength remained, she bore her heavy burden. Death held her up, nine miles from Althouse. Marti cussed and cried by turns when he found the pride of his heart dead on the trail. He couldn't move the table any farther; there wasn't any mule in the entire northwest that could budge one corner of it. He went on to Althouse and demanded his money, but Jake wouldn't pay it. Marti had failed to deliver the table. Marti told Jake what he thought of him and gave his opinion as to what his pedigree was. An idea occurred to Marti. It was a happy one to him and he decided to carry it out.

He went back to his billiard table, built a saloon around it, advertised a "grand opening", and got ready for the rush with the only billiard table north of San Francisco as a drawing card.

Althouse "joints" were completely out of business. The stampede headed his way and Marti lived in clover. Kerbyville built up around Marti's saloon and was soon the liveliest, the thriftiest mining camp in the Rogue River Valley.

Thursday 08/14/2008 10:06:02am

Name: Gail Collett

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Texas

Comments: Just found your web site by accident. I was looking for mule or donkey lapel pins. Enjoyed reading the stories on your site. Great stuff. My husband and I have mules and been riding them for quite a while. My personal mule just passed away. She was pretty old, but a sweet old girl. Thanks for a great and interesting web site. Gail

Monday 08/11/2008 9:16:30am

Name: David M. Rodgers

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Bentonville, Arkansas

Comments: I was happy to find this page. I was wondering if you might direct me to a place where I might get a model kit of the 20 Mule Team and wagons. I used to both listen to the radio shows and watch the television shows. I loved to see the beginning where they showed the Mule train and sat in wonder at the what seemed like ease they moved that train.

Tuesday 07/29/2008 9:43:14pm

Name: Don R. Jordan

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Homepage Title: Aircraft Wrecks. . .

Homepage URL: <http://www.donrjordan.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California City, CA

Comments: I travel up hwy. 395 often. Was in Bishop today (7/29/08). Had lunch in Lone Pine on the way back. I love to read about the history of that area. Especially, about Fr. John J. Crowley. I pass by his memorial on hwy 14 two or three times a week. Can't take my eyes off the Sierra peaks as I drive by. A wonderful web site, and a wonderful area!

Don

Sunday 07/20/2008 7:24:25am

Name: Feia

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Homepage URL: <http://www.graphiclabs.dk>

Comments: What a nice site. Must take ages to maintain.
An honor to have a picture included in this collection :)

Wednesday 07/16/2008 1:02:49pm

Name: Richard Nakadaira

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Homepage Title:

Homepage URL: <http://>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Chino Hills

Comments: My father is the one on the bottom row third from the left 'Masaru Nakadaira'. He also has a picture of the San Fernando Aces before camp which he gave me with some of the names written on the picture. He talked highly of his baseball days and all of his fellow teammates. Unfortunately I found this site after he passed away, I believe he would have enjoyed seeing your website.

Tuesday 07/08/2008 7:24:29pm

Name: norma

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I enjoyed the pictures. My mom was born there. My grandfather worked at the mines there. I visited there last year. I wish I could see more pictures of old keeler

Sunday 07/06/2008 7:15:26pm

Name: Tony Colburn

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Referred By: Just Surf In

Location: North Carolina

Comments: I am trying to find out if the gold or silver from the Tonopah area was shipped north to the Carson City mint via the Carson and Colorado Railroad between 1902 and early 1906. Any help would be appreciated.

Wednesday 05/14/2008 8:30:31am

Name: David Johnson

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Referred By: Just Surf In

Location: Fremont, California

Comments: Just surfed in after looking up the Dow Hotel History. I love the Sierras, can't stop looking at them, now I'm to old to climb.

Wednesday 05/07/2008 1:37:22pm

Name: Clifford Edward Harwood

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Homepage Title: Nevada & California Railroad

Referred By: Just Surf In

Comments:

Great! I have resurrected the C & C in HO, calling it Nevada & California (its interim name 1908-1912). Using photos and a 1927 survey map, provided by the Laws Museum, I have recreated the town of Laws in HO scale. It serves as a hub for "Ski Net" which is a network of passenger trains linking all of the western ski resorts to Mammoth Mountain. I use all historical information to inform visitors about the Owens Valley while they view the railroad.
Thank you.

Sunday 05/04/2008 2:04:50pm

Name: Sarah Dunlap Galbraith

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am sorry to report the death of Susana Cox Fousekis, a Sierra Club High Tripper, a member of the Commissary, and a Packer on the 1963 High Trip.

Tuesday 04/15/2008 6:25:25pm

Name: Abraham Hoffman

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am the author of the article that appears on your web site, "Myth, History and Water." However, the email address at the end of the article is long out of date. You may wish to update it to the one above.

Thank you,

Abraham Hoffman

Monday 04/14/2008 9:02:51pm

Name: Joey Matlick

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Virginia Beach Va.

Comments: Is your mother Mary my father Samuel sister?

Thursday 04/10/2008 10:27:17pm

Name: Lou Roeser

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Comments: Hi Ray,

Could you e-mail me your phone number or give me a call at (530) 495-2312. We are putting together the Mule Museum organizing committee at the Bishop Fairgrounds. I would like to talk to you about creating this museum. You could be a great help in gathering this history. We have spent our lives packing in the Sierra and owned the Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit for 40 years. We have a real interest in preserving the history of packing in the Sierra.

Lou Roeser

Monday 03/31/2008 1:54:19pm

Name: Tom Jackson

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: San Diego, CA

Comments: When I was a young boy, in about 1944, I remember that one of my mother's sisters lived in a place called Lone Pine. I knew that my uncle was in the army, but had no idea of what he did. When I was older, I learned that, owing to insufficient qualifications for combat duty, he was assigned as a guard at Manzanar. Ironically, my mother's best school chum in Reedley, CA, was later interned there, along with her family. I remember, from my elementary school days, the former Japanese truck farms in Tulare County - always meticulously tended and weeded - which were suddenly in the hands of whites. Somewhere in my mother's effects is a round camp badge, similar in size to an old political button, green and white, with Japanese characters scratched on the reverse side. If I can locate it, I would like for it to become part of a historic display or returned to the family of the internee whose serial number is on the front.

Tuesday 03/25/2008 2:36:36pm

Name: christy

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Referred By: Just Surf ed In

Location: Baker City, OR

Comments: Brings back memories of chuggin' up to Mineral King in a "53" chevy. Packin' gear up the hill on canvas and wood frames. Last time I was there was in "77" on horseback up to the Hoover Wilderness. The Sierras my first love. I'll be back this year. To make sure Mono Lake is still there. And if it is lawful, take a horse back up the trails. my grandmother-in-law, Jessie Garrehy, was postmistress out in Randsburg for 35 years and, oh, the stories of Owens Lake and the goldmines! Thanks for the wonderful site.

Christy

Monday 03/24/2008 5:12:26pm

Name: Chris Rich

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Location: Menlo Park, CA

Comments: What I learned from Bruce, Charles, and Tommy matches what I learned in gathering a bachelor's degree and two masters degrees. As a principal of a local high school, I told my students that I learned how to work with kids by working with mules (and I told the kids I loved my mules). Because I'm tall I packed grain and other heavy loads on Roberta, Nina, Joe, Coso, and Maria; and was honored to take over Shorty, June, Susie, and ..., oh the memory fails, when Tommy got distracted. An impending divorce caused me to cancel out on the reunion and I've always regretted the missed opportunity. It's great to see the pictures of so many folks I worked with. Thanks.

Wednesday 03/19/2008 4:40:43pm

Name: Natalee Fogel

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Referred By: Just Surf ed In

Comments: I have a painting of Hiroshi Honda's, purchased sometime in the 1960's or '70's at an exhibition of his work at what was then the Scarborough School, in Scarborough, NY. The painting, black & white ink, is a view of the skyline of New York City as seen from the opposite shore in Liberty Park. I was just surfing the net to see if I could find any information about him and came across this site.

Wednesday 02/06/2008 0:49:48am

Name: Don Williams

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Referred By: Just Surf ed In

Location: Riverside, CA

Comments: Great web site and pictures, we stumbled upon the Salt Tram when we drove through Saline Valley and Eureka Valley in late Spring of 2006. I highly recommend it if you like desert ruins and fantastic views! We certainly found the unexpected on our trip. We drove a Subaru Outback. All wheel rive was nice but not necessary. A pickup, SUV or high clearance vehicle with posi-traction or limited slip rear end was more than adequate when we ventured through. Start with a full tank of gas and have a good full size spare tire.

Thursday 01/31/2008 1:50:52pm

Name: molly miles

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Eagle, Idaho

Comments: This wonderful site just gets better! Haven't checked in for a few years. You are to be commended and great appreciated for all the wonderful pictures. The accompanying histories bring back so many great memories. The times I spent at Carroll Creek, Whitney Portal, and school days in Lone Pine were some of the best of my young life. Thank you.
Molly

Tuesday 01/29/2008 2:17:39pm

Name: Richard Leach

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Referred By: Friend

Location: South Jordan, Utah

Comments: I phoned Lona Burkhart this morning and she mentioned this web-site. It is hard to believe, but all the horses and all the mules that Slim and I knew are all dead now. They've been gone for decades. So has Gene Burkhart. Very sad. Don't mean to sound somber. I suppose this is why we need authors to record the memories. Those mountains are still there and though my memories of them still linger in the old trails of my mind, I must be content now to view the Wasatch Front in Utah. They're nice too, but not quite as grand as the east slope of the Sierras. Slim always wanted to earn a living writing and thank the Lord he can. Mr. Randles has been a colorful character and I emphasize the word character. He's been a good friend and I am glad to have known him. Slim and I shared the trails together to be sure, but mostly we packed apart. What we share most is a lifelong love for the Burkharths. Gene was a tough one to know as I'm sure Slim will attest. Even so, we learned to love him a second father. He was stern with us boys, but he was fair and usually right. He taught me a good deal of what has got me through this life. Then there is Lona. She was always so easy to talk to. Slim and I grew very close to her and we both count her amongst our very best friends. I suppose she must be our godmother! I decided it might be fun to relive my past a few years ago and I purchased a colt from Lona up in Oregon. I brought it home gentled it down and had it broke. Well, about the third time I fell off I decided I'd had enough of reliving my past. Maybe I should have named that quarter horse something other than George W. Oh well, so I found a good home for G.W. and now I spend my time telling stories to my grandkids about what a great cowboy I was. And because I'm their grandpa, they believe everything I tell them. Well, at least I do have my memories. Thanks Slim, Richard

Sunday 01/27/2008 1:05:14pm

Name: Charles W. Chalfant

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Lakebay, WA

Comments: Very nice. I was in Bishop once and met Bill's sister.

Thank you for this history.

Saturday 01/26/2008 6:17:32pm

Name: Barbara Langston

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Tehachapi

Comments: Boy did this bring back memories. My ex- Dick Leach, and I were buying Gene and Lona's packstation back in 1969-72. Dick worked there many more years than I did, but I'll have to say, of 60 years of memories, the "Pack Station Years" are my favorite and best. Thanks for the memories....

Thursday 01/24/2008 3:09:03pm

Name: John Weaver

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Phoenix

Comments: Nice site. I always come back to it before I backpack into the Sierras over Cottonwood Pass.

Thursday 01/24/2008 10:54:11am

Name: Steven Wright

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Florida

Comments: I really learned a lot from the site. Now I have an idea of what the Japanese living in America had to go through.

Tuesday 01/22/2008 2:50:35pm

Name: Gary Vaughan

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Homepage Title: Property owner Keeler

Referred By: Web Ring

Location: Keeler, California

Comments: Lived in Keeler 1942 through 1959 Owned & operated the Bar and Cafe Known as the "Desert Club" with my mother, "Agnes Fenton", who passed away in 1964.

Monday 01/21/2008 11:19:27am

Name: Melissa Miller

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Great site! Had to make myself leave!

Saturday 01/19/2008 9:39:39am

Name: Mike Patterson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Swansea-Cerro Gordo

Comments: Coming upon your website has been a pleasure. During my tenure between Swansea and Cerro Gordo I've had the privilege to met and become friends with a number of the relatives of the residents of the old camps, including M.W. Belshaw, R. Nadeau, L.D. Gordon, Wally Willson and others, as well as the wonderful author Robt. Likes of the Likes and Day book, FROM THIS MOUNTAIN. I stumbled into your site while on a search for more ancestors. Keep up the wonderful work.

Mike

Thursday 01/17/2008 10:10:28am

Name: Janette Powell-Muzzy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am writing to correct an error in the names of the children in the Riverside School picture. Evangeline was my mother's mother. Evangeline was BORN November 8th 1896, therefore, if the dating of the picture is correct, that Cannot possibly be my grandmother, Evangeline. Please correct the information.

Monday 01/14/2008 3:04:55pm

Name: Judith Butler

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Homepage Title: Aqueduct Stories

Comments: This is great to have these photographs & text telling the story of the Owens Valley & the Water Wars. Our family goes back four generations & some of our relatives were in the thick of it. I would hate to see this page of history forgotten! In researching for a book of poems I put together I was once again fascinated by the bravery, loyalty and perseverance of these Owens Valley people. Especially the women & the folks on the fringe who sometimes did not get their due. Keep up the Good Work!!!
Many thanks & Good Wishes!!
Judith L. Butler

Tuesday 01/08/2008 3:02:28pm

Name: jess

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Maryland

Comments: It's horrible to think that some children grew up there and even born there. If those children were asked "What hospital were you born in?" They would say, "The one in Manzanar." Half of the U.S. doesn't even know about this. I find it ironic, I'm listening to "She's Leaving Home" by The Beatles and it seems appropriate for the Manzanar situation. The line "We didn't know it was wrong" seems appropriate for the government.

Sunday 01/06/2008 3:12:14pm

Name: judi Mc curdy

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Phelan ,California

Comments: I was there a couple of years ago with my English friend "Robin" you were very hospitable especially since we came unannounced I found it very enjoyable I am hoping Robin sends me a couple of pictures taken by the bar with me "in pigtails" holding the rifle. Once again thank you.

Tuesday 01/01/2008 2:58:08pm

Name: Bill Jones

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Thank you for this most fascinating site! I found it via a web search on Father J.J Crowley, motivated by a visit on 12/31 to the monument near the junction of highways 14 & 178 where the Desert Padre perished in 1940. I wound up spending the entire afternoon browsing the site, reading about the old town of Manzanar, the Carson & Colorado Railroad, the Wedding of the Waters (what an exciting event that must have been!), and many other historical tidbits about The Owens Valley, an area I've known and loved for over half a century. What a prize!

Wednesday 12/26/2007 8:02:27am

Name: Nate Levin

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Homepage Title: Carrie Chapman Catt: A Life of Leadersh

Homepage URL: <http://natelevin.tripod.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Rye, NY

Comments: Thanks for this page. I'm glad to learn more about Mary Austin, a most gifted writer. I have read "The Land of Little Rain" several times; so beautiful it is. I rank it with Thoreau's works. Again, thanks.

Nate Levin

Sunday 12/23/2007 7:32:03pm

Name: Leroy C. McLaren

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Homepage Title: Wonacott family history, Bishop Calif.

Comments: I enjoyed very much reading about the Wonacott family that I remember as a child growing up in Bishop, CA. Barbara Wonacott was a high school classmate. My family was also early pioneers in the area and owned the McLaren Ranch in West Bishop. All of my family are buried in the Pioneer Cemetary in Bishop which includes the McLarens and the Mallory family and Mrs. William Chalfant. The website is well done, and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you.
Dr. Leroy C. (Lee) McLaren

Tuesday 12/18/2007 10:33:02pm

Name: Connie Hucul

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Victoria, BC

Comments: Family history has it that my great-great grandfather dumped a team of 20 mules over the edge in Death Valley circa. 1918. He was Angus Allan (Og) McDonald from Alexandria, Ontario. do you know what was happening at that time and do you have any knowledge of such an incident?
Enjoying your site but have lots to read yet!

Monday 12/17/2007 7:35:31pm

Name: Stevie

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: i love this we are learning it in school right now and its been a big impact on my life!

Monday 10/29/2007 10:49:10pm

Name: raymond madrid

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: van nuys, ca

Comments: hello, I just wanted to let you know that Josephine Cole later known as Josephine Taylor was my grandma in law and she passed away Oct 20th in 2007 in Lancaster she will be missed.

Sunday 10/28/2007 9:53:56pm

Name: elizabeth (betty) bromley Adamson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I came to the Bishop from Ireland with my Mother when I was 6 months old. My mother was a war bride. My granddad, David S Bromley worked in Manzanar. Some of my earliest memories were of going to Manzanar with my Granddad. There didn't seem to be a lot of people left, but I always remember visiting with those who were there. One of my most vivid memories (and 1st memories) is of a very kind Japanese lady giving me a sugar cube. I thought this was the greatest thing in the world and still hold that memory close to my heart. I don't get to Bishop very often, but would love to visit Manzanar. I remember, so vividly, my Granddad speaking so highly of the people in the camp. I always felt, that he felt it was wrong. I think his emotions came out in his poetry. It's quite a legacy that I've been left with and I would love to learn as much as possible about this time in my Granddad's life. I know it affected him forever.

Tuesday 10/16/2007 12:27:03am

Name: Carol Colegate

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: California's Central Coast

Comments: Mary Austin is my Great Aunt. Her brother, George Hunter, was my maternal grandfather. Born after her passing, I had no opportunity to meet her, but I have some of her books and lots of family stories from her niece, my mother. I was tickled to see the picture of the Hunter family in Carlinville, Illinois 1880. I have a photograph of George (my grandfather) and his mother in the exact same pose. It must have been taken at the same sitting.

Sunday 10/07/2007 2:19:23am

Name: Christine Kurth Hamilton

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I lived in Bishop as a child when I was in Kindergarden. I have visited a few times over the years. I will always have fond memories of Bishop. My father (AL Kurth) owned a motorcycle shop in bishop next to our house in the early 1960's. Christine Kurth Hamilton

Sunday 09/30/2007 4:52:30pm

Name: Vickie Lynn Huckaby Smith

E-Mail: vickiesmith@crcom.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Texas

Comments: Loved your beautiful site! Doing our family tree, so far I go back to Thomas Huckaby about 1765 of North Carolina. I found this site searching Thomas's name.
God Bless!
Vickie

Thursday 09/20/2007 6:28:14am

Name: pat boland

E-Mail: michaelboland@btinternet.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: England

Comments: I was searching the net for information about people who share my name and fascinated to read about Thomas Boland. Can anyone advise where I might be able to source more information about him please.
Thank You. Pat Boland

Monday 09/03/2007 8:09:03pm

Name: David Jones

E-Mail: hosemonkey@mchsi.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I and my daughters visited Manzanar yesterday. My girls were shocked and moved by what they saw and learned there. I have a faint recollection of passing the camp sometime in 1944, where the images of the guard towers remains in my memory. My overwhelming emotion is one of shame, that these good people would have been treated in such a shabby fashion. My heart aches. Please forgive us.

Tuesday 07/24/2007 8:48:50pm

Name: Rena Beth Smith, (Moore).

E-Mail: renabeth707@earthlink.net

Comments: Hi Ray,

I recieved your message ..in the guest book, from *JO ANN CAMP.. Regarding some Pictures & items she came across in Her Mom's things,..*Grace Moore, whom, had been married to MY Dad, Fred Moore...

I did *E-Mail Jo Ann.. but, because she did not have my E-mail address in her computer..? She most likly never caught or rec.'d My Message !

In your busy .. time, I wondered IF You could write her & give her My *E-Mail Address !

Thank you,
Rena Beth Smith

Monday 07/09/2007 1:11:55pm

Name: Judith Butler (Lacy)

E-Mail: butlermountainprod@pacbell.ent

Comments: It was great to read these stories about Keough's Hot Springs. My father P.K.(Pid)was a grandson of Philip P. Keough & shared many of his memories of hanging out at the place in his youth. Great to see this history preserved! It's sad to think so many folks pass through the Valley not knowing how rich it is in Native American & pioneer history.
All the best to you!
Judith L.Butler

Monday 07/02/2007 4:25:51pm

Name: Jo Ann (Amos) Camp

E-Mail: joa001@verizon.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: To Beth or her son Matthew: While going thru Mother's things, I found some pictures, etc of Fred's so I thought I would send them to either of you (if you please send an address). There is poem that one of the folks who were in one of Pop's pack trains that I'm sure that you would want. I miss him & my mom more than I could say.
Warm regards, Jo Ann

Monday 07/02/2007 1:32:21pm

Name: Robert Anthony Van Fleet Jr.

E-Mail: bvanfleet@air-inspired.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Oklahoma

Comments: I have never met or heard of anyone with the same last name as myself. Was wondering if some of the people in the photo could be family ,or is the last name Van Fleet more common than I know.

Wednesday 06/20/2007 5:51:55pm

Name: Jo Ann (Amos) Camp

E-Mail: joa001@verizon.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: Ridgecrest, CA

Comments: It was extremely interesting to view Beth Moore's contribution to your website. My mother, Grace (Amos) Moore was married to Beth's father, Fred A. Moore, and lived in Keeler, CA until her death one week before her 103rd birthday. I worked for Ted Cook at the Dow Hotel, Lone Pine, CA when we first came west from the state of Indiana. Mother worked at J.C.Penney's in Lone Pine for a number of years & knew several generations of various families in the area. Other clerks at Penney's at that time was Margaret Barnes & Pauline Kelley while John Light was manager. Later Gracie worked for Norval Johnson who owned the Indian Trading Post in Lone Pine, before moving to Keeler after Fred & she were married. Fred worked at the Darwin mines while Gracie assisted the postmaster of Keeler, Josephine Grosshardt, intermittently. Though Fred & Gracie have passed away, Gracie's grandson, Mark E. Camp, resides in their home as well as in Ridgecrest. Fred & Gracie will be long remembered by their many friends.

Wednesday 06/06/2007 3:35:25pm

Name: Virginia Wood Ganz

E-Mail: ginger0820@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I lived in Keeler when my father Firman "Woody" Wood was the agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad. We lived in the train depot.

Wednesday 06/06/2007 9:34:21am

Name: Joyce Goff

E-Mail: joyce.goff@verizon.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: I lived in Keeler from the time I was born till I was 3, 1934 to 1937. My first memory was climbing a sand dune. My dad worked at the soda plant. We just drove thru Keeler last week, I'd like to know more about the history of the area.

Tuesday 05/22/2007 7:19:57pm

Name: John Watterson

E-Mail: john@ecs-systems.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Spokane, WA

Comments: What a great web site. Thanks for the pictures of my great, great grandfathers.

Tuesday 05/22/2007 3:43:32pm

Name: Mickey Buttemer

E-Mail: mikeflynn57@cs.com

Referred By: Web Ring

Location: Lancaster, California

Comments: I have very fond memories of the Air Camp as well as the people involved. My Dad Barney started taking us there via Bob White when I was 10 years old. We had vacationed at the Tunnel meadows every year for 5 years in a row. I caught my first limit in the south Fork of the Kern. Bob presented me with a "Anglers Award" certificate, which made me feel like a real outdoors man. I loved horse back riding and hiking to horseshoe meadows and riding to the three lakes. I have fond memories of some of the staff like old Roy and Bob White's son Rob, and Bob's

back up pilot Ray. My dad and I took our last trip to the camp with the new owner of the flying service, John. I miss the night camp fire and the people. I am saddened about the airstrip being closed for public use. I do have some photos which I will put up soon. Mickey.

Monday 05/21/2007 8:03:54am

Name: Zach

E-Mail: zacharyrbettes2010@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Delmar

Comments: Wow what a great website of knowledge I feel as I was actually there with all the information that we have acquired thanks

Wednesday 05/02/2007 1:56:50am

Name: Raymond J. Hunter

E-Mail: rjayl001@ucla.edu

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Riverside, CA

Comments: Dear Jenny,

I really enjoyed reading the history and looking at the pictures of the land and of the people. I appreciate the time and effort taken in collecting the information that makes this a wonderful resource for all to enjoy. Much thanks, Ray

Monday 04/30/2007 11:44:00am

Name: Jenny Likes

E-Mail: Likes831@comcast.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Loveland, CO

Comments: Hello. Robert Likes (author of From This Mountain) is my father-in-law. Just recently Bob had a stroke and is currently in recovery. Our family is trying to gather postcards, emails, pictures or notes for him to help in this process. Anyone out there who can help can contact the family @ Likes831@comcast.net. We want to thank you for your site. I know that Bob was very excited to see that there is still such an interest in Cerro Gordo and you are helping to preserve that. Thanks in advance to any of you out there and we look forward to hearing from you and your memories of Cerro.

Warmest regards,
Jenny Likes

Friday 04/27/2007 12:51:20am

Name: Dave Toledo

E-Mail: manong@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: Livermore, CA

Comments: Don't you just love the Pioneer Basin in August? Dang, I sure do! I'm bent on exploring as much of the Eastern Sierras as I possibly can. Good trips to all, keep up the good work with the mules, mountain folk are the friendliest folks I've met in a long time.

Friday 04/27/2007 9:23:11am

Name: Roger Peek

E-Mail: roger.peek@blueyonder.co.uk

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: England

Comments: I knew nothing about the internment of Japanese Americans until I heard Tom Paxton sing Tom Russells song 'Manzanar'. Reading the story of Manzanar brought me to tears.

Tuesday 04/03/2007 7:50:11am

Name: Stacy Sparrow

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Keough's Hot Springs, California

Comments: I would have loved to have seen the place back in it's day! I always try to imagine how it looked as I wander around the grounds. The water is still hot!

Wednesday 03/28/2007 6:11:44pm

Name: Damon Allen

E-Mail: dallen.net@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: A friend and I are very interested in railroad history. Particularly in the Owens valley region (salt tram also & Cerro Gordo etc.) Great to see there is still a lot of others who keep this unique history alive. How fantastic it would be to completely restore the C&C line as a tourist attraction! Of course I'm sure that's impossible considering the cost of laying down new trackage, especially in this region. But what a ride!! Me and my buddy will sure try to visit the Laws museum this summer if we can. Thanks for the info.

Wednesday 03/21/2007 10:29:19pm

Name: Ann Seawell

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I would like to contact Greg Chase. I have an original Hiroshi Honda watercolor. I did not realize his fame or history until I saw this web site. I would very much like to get more information. My painting is very impressive.

Ann Seawell

Thursday 03/15/2007 5:11:26pm

Name: Eddie Spradlin

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Homepage Title: www.dart.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Glasgow,KY

Comments: i just like all your belt buckles and hearing about things that comes your way.

Monday 03/05/2007 1:14:32pm

Name: bob & charlotte

E-Mail: brothwells@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: We're truck owner-operators and took a detour off 395 last Saturday to see what Keeler was all about. We parked and walked the town and were amazed at the history and "junk art" of the community. That led to the interest in the history of Keeler. Thank you for this site. It's great. B & C

Tuesday 02/06/2007 9:16:40pm

Name: Robert House

E-Mail: roberthouse1@Yahoo.com

Location: Laguna Beach, CA

Comments: I have just read about Golden Trout Camp and Mt. Whitney Pack Trains and would like to add many old experiences I had with this area when I was four until I was Twenty Three. 1936-1955.

Tuesday 02/06/2007 8:01:20am

Name: Robert Rhine

E-Mail: rrhine@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Fairview, Texas

Comments: Grandson of Bertrand Rhine and Great Grandson of Nathan Rhine, an early proprietor and shop owner in Independence and Hotel owner in Bishop.

uesday 01/30/2007 1:03:09pm

Name: Jennifer

E-Mail: the1theonlyme23@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I love this site. I love the pictures of all the different cowgirls and everything! They are great! Thank you for an awesome site!!!

Sunday 01/07/2007 0:04:54am

Name: Christopher Baird

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Homepage Title: Arizona Wrecks

Homepage URL: <http://arizonawrecks.com>

Referred By: Web Ring

Comments: Japanese Relocation Camps In AZ

We have visited the remnants of two fascinating Japanese Relocation Camps in Arizona. They are very haunting places to explore. Pictures are available at this website: <http://arizonawrecks.com>

Wednesday 01/03/2007 9:10:55am

Name: Joni Skinner

E-Mail: DesertLady1@aol.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Mesa Az.

Comments: My family came to the Valley in the 1800's...most of them are still there. I do miss everything about living there, there is no place better in the world to grow up...

Monday 01/01/2007 6:41:54am

Name: Cecil Keeler Jr

E-Mail: rkeeler1@cox.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Just a note to let you know that I found the town of Keeler mentioned in a book written about Wyatt Earp. I am related to The Earp's through my Great-Great Grandmother Sahra Cooksey. I thought it was quite a coincidence.

Cecil Keeler

Thursday 12/21/2006 7:50:40pm

Name: Larry Cassady

E-Mail: ljcassad@sitestar.net

Comments: When I, was a small boy my mother and father had a model. They had it over there bed (funny) I never could reach it. It went up in a house fire in 1969. I am still trying to find one someday.

Larry Cassady

Wednesday 12/13/2006 7:43:40am

Name: Ashley Montejo

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Homepage Title: Manzanar

Homepage URL: http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/manzanar3/map_transperant.gif

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Wisconsin

Comments: I think that this was a very horiffic thing that happened. And since it happened its part of history now. I am really interested in learning about WW1 and WW2. I hope that learning about the Japanese Relocation would help me to know more about the wars.

Monday 12/11/2006 7:39:35pm

Name: kadie cuellar

E-Mail: mrsdepp6@hotmail.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Aspin

Comments: I fell really bad for what happend and respect all the people who were in Japanese internment camps

Thursday 12/07/2006 4:19:16pm

Name: Art INYO McKellips

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Homepage Title: Art McKellips Osage Woodcarver

Homepage URL: <http://artmckellips.com/>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hillsboro,OR 97124

Comments: A distant Cousin of my Grandfather ran the stage Station out on the edge of Death Valley with his Paiute Wife and a four year old son named INYO. Inyo was Paiute for "Dwelling place of a great Spirit" He died there, of diptheria at age four. His father erected a wooden cross with Inyo carved on it. Years later, after stages long gone, a very successful Miner was out hiking the desert as he used to do before hitting pay dirt. He found the remains of the cross, checked out the name, then went back and paid for a towering white cross to be erected there in little Inyo's honor. He even setup a fund, paying two California Highway workers to maintain the cross, which they did after he died and until they retired. My Kin in Arizona wrote that VANDALS have now destroyed the Cross. Hearing that, I adopted the boy's name as my middle name.

Thursday 12/07/2006 1:30:37pm

Name: Amber Holmlund

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Pismo Beach, California

Comments: I have visited camp Manzanar and find it one of the most interesting things in history.

Wednesday 12/06/2006 9:59:09am

Name: Michele A. Wickham

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: magalia,ca

Comments: When was the saline tram in operation? Great photo's.

Tuesday 12/05/2006 3:09:29pm

Name: Chris

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: I love this site. I am moving back to Keeler and in Minnesota right now. It is cool to see my home in the past. Thanks guys

Friday 12/01/2006 9:44:22am

Name: Jeff Parker

E-Mail: eveninghatch@earthlink.net

Referred By: Friend

Location: Tom's Place

Comments: Great site, especially liked the Brochures. I'm the Grandson of Tom Yerby, founder of Tom's Place in 1923. I'm currently working on a History of Tom's Place, and the Resorts that use to be located on old Hwy. 395 (Crowley Lake Dr. today)...Happy Jack's, Fobes 40, Lovejoy's, etc., primarily 1920's and 30's. Any input, photos, remembrances would be greatly appreciated. Also happy to share any information that I have.

Jeff

Sunday 11/26/2006 2:21:48pm

Name: Mark Weidner

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Homepage Title:

Homepage URL: <http://>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Colorado Springs, CO

Comments: Philip Keough was my great great grandfather. Laura Lutz was my maternal grandmother. I spent many summers at the hot springs growing up. The pictures reminded me of how things looked even in the 1970's. I dream of one day restoring the property into a first class resort.

Saturday 11/25/2006 6:41:40pm

Name: Steven C. Keeler

E-Mail: sckeeler@svn.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My great grandfather was, Julius Keeler, an engineer who supervised the building of the narrow gage RR at the silver mine.

Friday 11/24/2006 5:43:12pm

Name: Philippe

E-Mail: pousse@mblink.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Montreal, Quebec

Comments: I am the great-granson of Victor Beaudry, and would appreciate any further historical notes about him and/or his brother, Prudent Beaudry, mayor of Los Angeles in 1874-76 Thank you, hope to visit one day...

Monday 11/13/2006 7:31:09am

Name: Libby Knight

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: United States

Comments: I am doing a report on Manzanar and I found this site very helpful to me.

Thursday 11/09/2006 11:52:23am

Name: Mark Holland

E-Mail: hollandmarkr@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Your site has become one of my favorites for the eastern sierra. All the historical photos are awesome. Keep up the good work and thanks for sharing.

Saturday 11/04/2006 10:12:34am

Name: Kevin Canfield

E-Mail: admin@tularepictures.com

Homepage URL: <http://www.tularepictures.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Talent, Oregon

Comments: Great site!!!

I have a web-site with around 200 photos from the early 1920's many were taken in or near Bishop, and some are from Tulare as well. I have no Ad's nor is anything for sale on my site. (nor is my site done as well as this one) If anyone is interested you can look at my photos to see if you recognize any of the events or people. My goal is to provide context to my photo collection, and perhaps get photos into the hands of living relatives. From the main page link "The Movie" you can see actor Tom Mix filming in Bishop, I also think my photo of an American Indian with Cradle Basket was taken in Bishop as well but I'm not sure yet. There is a Rodeo that may have been in Bishop too.

www.tularepictures.com

Again; Great site!!
Regards,

Kevin Canfield

Friday 11/03/2006 12:40:36am

Name: David

E-Mail: Messier

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Comments: excellent website

Wednesday 10/25/2006 2:43:16am

Name: Maj M. B. Parlor USMC

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: One of the greatest collection of Cowgirl Art that I have ever viewed! I needed the distraction

Semper Fi,
M. B. P.

Thursday 10/19/2006 12:22:44am

Name: Jack Lewis

E-Mail: catoad@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: What a powerful exhibit. May it never happen again!!! My (82yr) mother is interested in 4 Women internees. She went to school, and was friends with them in Monrovia Ca. Is there any way to look them up for her? Any one with info contact me. Thanks, Jack

Wednesday 10/18/2006 0:07:16am

Name: Charlie

E-Mail: charlier@dmv.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Rehoboth Beach, DE

Comments: I want to visit someday and stay at the American Hotel

Saturday 10/07/2006 2:11:39pm

Name: Sally Hei

E-Mail: dontcha_think_imhott_lol@yahoo.com

Referred By: Friend

Comments: My grandmother was in this camp and told me many stories of life here before she died. If you would like to know them please contact me in the form of an e-mail. Sally Hei

Saturday 09/30/2006 4:22:23pm

Name: Lauren

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My family and I hiked the HST this July!!! We saw all these beautiful places! I'm so excited to read about someone else's experience and relate to it!

Wednesday 09/27/2006 11:28:34am

Name: COSTE Eric

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Homepage Title: Country Web bulletin

Homepage URL: <http://countrybulletin.free.fr>

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: FRANCE (Europe)

Comments: That's a really great web site where I can find all that the European people lookin' for about the Old West.

Wednesday 09/20/2006 5:28:28am

Name: Patricia Miscavage

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Homepage URL: <http://Netscape>

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: I'd never heard of Manzanar before I had an assignment about the subject. I was really surprised about what had happened and am concerned about the events that had taken place back then, and what could happen now. There are too many

parallels between the fears and suspicions of the Japanese American people and the Middle-eastern peoples in the US today. I could not believe that the rights of the Japanese American people could so easily be taken away. Property lost and lives forever changed. It is scary to think that it could happen again.

Sunday 09/10/2006 3:48:11pm

Name: David Warr

E-Mail: davidwarr@fastmail.fm

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Warrington England

Comments: My ancestor John Mellor is said to have transported 20 ton sheets of armor plate across England before the railways were built. Any chance that American mule trains were used - just after the Boer war

Regards
David

Thursday 09/07/2006 7:30:17pm

Name: Irene Steffen

E-Mail: irene_steffen@csumb.edu

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: CSU Monterey Bay

Comments: I just looked up my name and found this website. Wow, another Irene Steffen has existed in history. I am not the only one. Wonder if there might be some relation-maybe in the last name. I would like to learn more about this Irene Steffen.

Irene

Thursday 09/07/2006 3:04:30pm

Name: Susie Russell

E-Mail: happygarden1001@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Comments: Looking for Melinda and/or Perry Salmonds who may live in Olancha, CA.

Nice website!!!

Monday 09/04/2006 10:52:39pm

Name: Bill Pyper of San Luis Obispo RR Museum

E-Mail: wjpyper@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Luis Obispo, CA

Comments: Great website. I hope to visit your area in a couple of weeks.

Thursday 08/31/2006 2:44:27pm

Name: Matt Pachosa Age 69

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Homepage Title: Matt Geocities Homepage

Homepage URL: <http://www.geocities.com/mattemailchat/>

Referred By: Friend

Location: Largo, FL 25 mile west of Tampa

Comments: These web pages sure have gotten much better since I last looked at them. I visited the Lone Pine Film Festival for ten years from 1994 until 2003 and visited Manzanar and 20 MuleTeam Museum in California. Web Site now let you do much more than they used to do.

Tuesday 08/29/2006 9:52:19pm

Name: Dick Maxwell

E-Mail: popzie3@sbcglobal.net

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Chico CA

Comments: As a child I spent many a night at the Desert Club, while my mother and stepfather boozed it up on the way back to Panamint Springs, the 9 miles out in the middle of nowhere to mine for gold. It was located under the Modoc mine owned by the Hearst family.
Many, many memories

Saturday 08/26/2006 1:34:08am

Name: paul durazo

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Homepage Title: DSL Extreme

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: westminster, ca

Comments: I first found out about tunnel meadows while taking flying lessons. I really would like to get a copy of the film density altitude. I lived in Bishop Ca. from Dec 1980 to July of 1983 and flew the rental aircraft all over the sierras from Tahoe to Olancha Peak.

Tuesday 08/15/2006 8:37:24pm

Name: Athena Golder

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: The photos of life in the Japanese concentration camps are very moving. I wish I could have seen the exhibit in its entirety. I hope more exhibits of this type will be created so we never forget this horrible ordeal.

Friday 08/11/2006 7:36:30pm

Name: Robin

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: you have an awesome site!!!!

I will be returning many times

Friday 08/11/2006 10:44:36am

Name: mary jo churchwell

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am writing a book about Northern California, with a chapter on the Owens Valley. Can you tell me whether or not Depression-era hoboes rode the rails through Owens Valley.
Thank you.

Thursday 07/13/2006 2:05:32pm

Name: Julie V.

E-Mail: chwecka@yahoo.com

Referred By: Web Ring

Comments: The first time I camped at Red's Meadows I was 9 years old. Great to see the promo on it!

Thursday 07/13/2006 12:12:26am

Name: Edvard Lasix

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Homepage Title: Buy Lasix

Homepage URL: <http://lasix.c-o.in>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: USA

Comments: A very interesting site. Please more updates!

Sunday 07/09/2006 12:27:55am

Name: george crawford

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Wilsonville, Oregon

Comments: About a year ago I traveled to Las Vegas via Lone Pine and Death Valley. I stopped, on Hwy 136 to survey the flow of the Owens River. It was appalling, to me, a stink bed of bad water that did not seem fit to drink and had little flow. Yet two years ago (or so) the LA Water District agreed to replace about 10% of the water that has been removed. I wonder which side of that equation my visit occasioned.

I am familiar with portions of the history of the Owens Valley and River, having read Marc Reisner (Cadillac Desert and who unfortunately died in 2000) and consider 'Chinatown' as my favorite movie, for both content, story writing (by Robert Towne) and superb acting. And have always been interested in water history, including the Hetch-Hetchy fiasco (according to the Sierra Club)

Being retired, and unable to discern what is really going on in Washington DC's obfuscations, am now considering a trip back to Owens Valley for more information of that continuing historical event, intensifying my knowledge for no purpose other than personal interest. I was born and raised in the Bay Area, moving to Oregon from Corte Madera many years ago.

Will try to make contact if and when I arrive. George Crawford, Wilsonville, Oregon

Saturday 07/01/2006 1:42:51pm

Name: Irene Steffen

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Phoenix, Az

Comments: I am always looking for other Steffen's.

Wednesday 06/28/2006 6:54:20pm

Name: Kathy Pratt

Referred By: Friend

Location: Indiana

Comments: We visited Manzanar a couple of weeks ago. It is an amazing place. What we did to the Japanese people was outrageous. It was a sobering view of American history.

Monday 06/26/2006 10:11:29pm

Name: Steven Hastin

E-Mail: shastin@bak.rr.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Bakersfield CA

Comments: I love your site. My Grandmother was Rae Carpenter Hastin (1896-1983) pictured in your photo. She was married to Rhue Hastin (1894-1960). She had three sisters Mae, Giorgia, and Ellen. I grew up knowing all of these ladies. All have gone home to see there Lord. I heard of their stories of coming down from the Owens valley around 1906. Rae being the oldest had to take care of her sisters and drive a heard of 20 milk cows by herself. They had a contract with the a company in Tehachapi to provide milk to the workers.

This memorial day my family laid flowers out at the graves of Rae "Bammy" Hastin, Rhue Hastin, and George W. Carpenter & Melva Powers Carpenter.

I read in your site that there was a family reunion. Is that still happening today?? It would be neat to get together and share notes.

Please Write.

Steven Hastin

Friday 06/23/2006 6:09:26pm

Name: Steve Smith

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Homepage Title: parchersresort.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Orange County

Comments: I am enjoying this website very much. I am the new owner of Parchers Camp and very interested in the history of it. My wife and I started coming to the Eastern Sierra before we were married over 30 years ago but we care newcomers. Our aim is to restore Parchers, capturing the original feeling of the place. I love the old brochure on the website. Keep up the great work.

Steve and Judy Smith

Sunday 06/18/2006 9:24:43pm

Name: Jim Lingren

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Oregon

Comments: Nice looking site.

Any information that Dave Neagle, the Orient Saloon, Panamint, ever having resided here. This is the Dave Neagle that turned up in Tombstone.

Thanks
JIM

Saturday 06/10/2006 8:34:23pm

Name: Anne

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My great grandparents and grandmother are the picture on your homepage.

Saturday 06/10/2006 3:08:59pm

Name: Thomas E. Hastin

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Bakersfield, Ca.

Comments: Hi. I am the Grandson of Rae Carpenter, great-grandson of George & Melva Powers Carpenter. It would be nice to learn more about the rest of the family. Send me an e-mail. I would also like to know about any reunions that may be coming up.
regards,

Tom Hastin
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Thursday 06/08/2006 12:55:05am

Name: Rob Burns

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Diego

Comments: I am reading the book Cadillac Desert and just finished the 2nd chapter named Red Queen. There is a reference to Mary Austin since that chapter is about how L.A. took water from the Owens Valley. I have been visiting the Sierra Nevada at least once a year, usually more for the last ~ 30 years. I am interested in the history of the Owens Valley and the Sierra.

Rob Burns, a.k.a Ferd Snurful (what I sign as on peak registers)

Monday 06/05/2006 7:52:26am

Name: Jaclyn Scott

Location: Columbia, SC/ Austintown, OH

Comments: This is a great site and wonderful for my family history... thanks Papaw!! (This site is the history of my great grandpa... Aubry is my Grandpa. I love you tons.

Sunday 06/04/2006 8:52:12am

Name: Elecia

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California

Comments: I have been looking for a pic of Jane Fonda (Cat Ballou) with out her hat on and the pics you have are Great!!!

Wednesday 05/31/2006 9:53:15am

Name: pattie segura

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Vista, CA

Comments: This site is GREAT. I love the mule teams. Just love them. They are beautiful animals. Thanks for the info.
Pattie

Saturday 05/27/2006 8:52:03pm

Name: Vince Mutulo

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Waxahachie Texas

Comments: Though I am originally from Pittsburg California, I have always had a great interest in the Carson and Colorado. It's amazing how an area that once thrived could now be nothing but remains. To me that is sad. Nevertheless the area continues in our memories. Great site!!

Saturday 05/27/2006 12:40:55am

Name: Ed Spandau

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: San Ramon, CA

Comments: Very nice. I build models of the buildings around Owenyo and found your site while surfing.

Monday 05/22/2006 12:07:21am

Name: Thomas J. Smith

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hawaii

Comments: I am still exploring the treasures presented freely in your attractive site and feel a prayer of gratitude for the swork. I will continue the commentary after reading the contents.

Sunday 05/14/2006 11:01:33pm

Name: Richard Leach

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: South Jordan, Utah

Comments: I packed for Sequoia Kings Pack Trains for several years, bunkhoused with Slim and still keep in touch with Lona. It is hard to believe, but all that stock we packed, at least 60 horses and forty mules - They're all dead now. Time moves on.....

Thursday 05/11/2006 7:51:30pm

Name: gogi lobato

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Referred By: Friend

Comments: This is a wonderful site. I am looking for any information on Etta (Ella) and Pedro Barton or Nancy Barton. My family has been in this area for ever. I do have photos to share and once I get moved I would love to share them.

Wednesday 05/10/2006 9:05:07am

Name: A. Doescher

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Very nice site which I stumbled on (or the ancestors did it). I'm interested in information and pictures of Barney Sears operations in the 1920's. My grandfather worked there with the stock as did my dad at age 16. I have heard many stories about packing and guiding at that time. Including the importance of inventorying the load on a pack animal. Seems my dad had to go to town to replenish the goods after a runaway. Anyway as I found the Barney Sears brochures I could not open the pages. Hope this can be fixed as this is a great opportunity to acquire information from the 20's about Owens Valley. A.D.

Sunday 05/07/2006 4:01:32pm

Name: BOB HEATH

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Comments: JUST ENJOYING WHAT OTHERS HAD EXPERIENCED. BLESS THEM ALL AND PRESERVE OUR OWENS VALLEY.

Monday 05/01/2006 8:49:59am

Name: William H. Gage

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Brea, CA

Comments: Brought back the memories seeing the Archie Dean family's "High Sierra Pack Trains" brochure. With my long time buddies (two are gone now) we used their services two years in a row in the late 40's. The first time (5 of us) taking a mule to carry some of our food and things (not much in dried food those days) w/ the rest on our back and the 2nd time (4 of us) rode horses (w/ mules taking our packs) to the top of Kearsarge Pass. We were guided by one of the Dean daughters (then 10 yrs old) who then took the stock back to Onion Valley. We shanks mare the rest of the trip into Gardner Basin for a week and back to Onion Valley. Still have the 8mm movies (now on tape w/ music) I made of the 2nd trip.

Most of our pack gear was WW II surplus such as a ski troopers back pack w/ metal frame, mummy bag, canteens, cooking kits etc. saw very few people, there was no permit required or limit on how long you stayed, you burn only the wood on the

ground, stream water was drinkable and you could leave your gear along side the trail or in camp w/o worrying that somebody would steal it

Some years later heard that an avalanche had wipe out the Dean pack station and that some of the daughters still lived in Independence. Also heard from a pack station operator that officially there is no trail to Gardner Pass (Where we left a marker w/ our names on it) and into the basin. We had great fishing when there.

Thanks for the Memories

Bill Gage
Brea, CA

Wednesday 04/26/2006 4:56:57pm

Name: Julie Hudson

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: This is such an awesome website. My family history goes way back in Owens Valley. Pierre "Pete" Giraud was my great-grandfather and he owned the Tinnemaha Ranch. We have been actively pursuing our family history and would appreciate any information anyone may have. This website is so helpful and a lot of effort has obviously been put into it.

Monday 04/24/2006 9:59:48pm

Name: Mary Ann Jehlen

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Alaska

Comments: Fascinating photos! My father Paul Wopschall owned Saline Valley ranch. He owned part of the salt lake and trams and also the fresh water lake which is now gone(someone broke the dikes. Dad built a rock and cement reservoir which is now called Wapasha Springs. He purchased the 204 acres from Sam Watson who walked into Saline Valley in 1913. Dad sold the land in the late 70's or so to Calif. Fish and Game. I have wonderful photos of the hot springs before they were cemented and of many different parts of the valley as well as Dad's place. My brother and I hope to go back there in the next couple of years to visit the old mines and Hunter Canyon and also see where folks we knew back then lived.

Monday 04/24/2006 6:44:59pm

Name: Genie Brown Chiatovich

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Bishop, Calif.

Comments: I was really fascinated about the article on George Brown. I at one time was married to one of his grandsons and personally knew George and Frances Brown. They were both good friends with my grandparents Marty and Billie Wright. George was a very fun and interesting man. I always felt welcome in their home. I plan on copying the article to give to my son, his great grandson, Timothy Brown. Thank you for printing Frances article.

Sunday 04/23/2006 9:10:26am

Name: George

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Newport, Rhode Island

Comments: Great website...I use to work at the Naval Weapons Center China Lake and thought your part of the world was awesome. Some day I will be back!!

Monday 04/17/2006 4:28:00pm

Name: dave

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: the OV

Comments: I liked your pix of sawmill! so little info about this place on the net compared to other more traveled ones. Thanks for taking the time to post your story. I am a backcountry snowboarder and I'm planning to go up sawmill this week on Thursday for a run. I have been up all the other high passes snowboarding but was saving this monster for last. I just did two weekends on Shepards Pass trying to get to Tyndall so I think I'm ready for it - will see. aloha!

Wednesday 04/05/2006 10:12:08pm

Name: mike curry

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Woodland, WA

Comments: Ray: I was one of the select few when 16 or so spent my summer working at Golden Trout Camp in the early 50's. It was mostly work and little play but had experiences that will be with me forever. I have been in the NW now for 25 yrs so never took the chance to return to the camp as a guest. I will never forget the long horseback ride to camp and didn't think my legs would ever recover. I am now retired and have had 2 hip replacements so doubt if a horse trip would be very easy. I didn't realize that the camp was still going but am glad to see that it is alive. One of my main jobs was getting the horses in from the pastures each morning for the guests. Have many a tale about that and how difficult it was to bring in horses but leave the mules in the pasture. On the few days I had off will always remember how quiet it was riding into meadows when I was the only one there. Another memory was when a guest came down with pneumonia from wading in the lakes bare legged and boy did he get sick. They had to pack him out on a stretcher by hand and horses for one long trip down the mtn. Always wanted to return to the camp as a guest but time went by too fast and I lost track of things. I think I left for camp one day after school let out for summer and returned like 2 days before school was to begin.
Mike Curry 4-03-06

Wednesday 03/22/2006 6:18:33am

Name: Don Miller

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Joplin, Missouri

Comments: I am an old timer who remembers all the old radio cowboys and most of the TV heroes. This is a great site.

Sunday 03/19/2006 6:53:49pm

Name: Shirley Moncada Jefferson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: El Paso, Texas

Comments: I was born in Tucson, Arizona, to William T. Moncada. His mother's (Mary Saenz Moncada) father was Theodore Saenz (my great-grandfather). I was told by my grandfather, (William Diaz Moncada) that his father-in-law, Theodore Saenz, was a mule train driver on the Borax Train that traveled from New Mexico to Yuma. Could this be?
Is there any records that list the names of drivers/workers in the early 1900s on this route? Boy, I'd love to have any info.

Thank you,
Shirley Jefferson
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Saturday 03/18/2006 9:11:37am

Name: Nola Mattox Ezell

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California

Comments: I have enjoyed viewing the old pictures of Bishop. My great grandfather, Alexander Magnus Meads and his family moved to Bishop about 1872 from Utah. They ranched land that now includes the cemetery on East Line Street. My grandmother Ora Meads attended school in Bishop and had many friends from the area. Among them was Ida Saylor (Deck), I am still in touch with her granddaughter, Roberta Bayless. I have pictures from the Owens Valley Picnic that used to take place in Brookside Park in Los Angeles.

Thursday 03/09/2006 4:33:02pm

Name: Dave Arnold

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: Thanks for taking the time to maintain such an artistically pleasing and informative site. I would have been four years old when The Princess made her last run - born fifty years too late.

Dave

Monday 02/27/2006 7:41:33pm

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Benicia, CA

Comments: I was very pleased to see this year (Dec. 2005) that a real memorial is now established at Manzanar. It was almost forgotten by many Americans and now all can share in the heritage of that experience.

Tuesday 02/21/2006 3:23:29pm

Name: Kristina Smith

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Nevada

Comments: I know Deana Bertucci and bought one of Lona's horses.

Saturday 02/04/2006 0:06:29am

Name: Mike Dusich

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Corona, CA

Comments: I've been in love with Owens Valley since Ma and Pa took us kids camping along US395 up to Tahoe in the mid 1960's. Seeing all the pics of the old railroad broke my little heart for not witnessing it all live way back when. I remember staring out the station wagon window, following the rails in and around Little Lake all the way to Lone Pine hoping to catch a glimpse of a train running out on the valley floor. Never happened. The next best thing as I got older was to cruise the old narrow guage rail paths on my YZ dirt bike.

Tuesday 01/31/2006 12:29:18am

Name: Cassandra Smith

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Very beautiful pictures!!! I enjoyed them and the background pictures.

Friday 01/20/2006 7:59:42pm

Name: Patricia McKoin Fagerstrom

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Comments: Johnny O'Keefe is my grandfather. I was googling his name and found this website. I had been looking for information on the 20 Mule Team Days. I remember some events in his life were also on Death Valley Days. I also have a menu from a "Roadhouse Restaurant" which lists "skinners/swampers" on the cover.

I'm a amateur genealogist and was researching him. I would appreciate any information anyone might have regarding him.

Sunday 01/15/2006 8:42:20pm

Name: Richard W. Stofle

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am currently doing a biography of John A. Hannah, Esq. and Superior Court judge of Inyo County from his birth in Kentucky, his life as a young man, in the Missouri Mounted Militia, to his life in the Independence, and Cerro Gordo, Ca area.

John is a relative of my wife.

RWS

Saturday 12/17/2005 9:53:01am

Name: P. Martin

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Virginia

Comments: Was watching an old movie, Nevada Smith, and Owens Valley and the Inyo came up in the credits. The scenery looked like the mountains around Salt Lake and the river scenes looked like part of the Snake River in Idaho. Guess I was more than wrong! It was an old movie with Steve McQueen playing the lead and the scenery was beautiful. I'm going to read up more on Owens Valley.

Thursday 12/01/2005 7:22:52pm

Name: Shawn Pugh

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Tehachapi

Comments: I have not read all the site but so far so good. I am a born and raised redneck from Tehachapi and spend quite a lot of time in the Owens River Valley. From fishing at the Owens gorge to South Lake and Sabrina Lake to hunting out of Aberdeen and Independence. I had an aunt as a child in Independence and spent a lot of time crawling around on the old steam engine at the park. I wish I could talk my wife into moving up there but she wont have it.

Shawn Pugh

Tuesday 11/29/2005 9:43:47am

Name: Louis Scuderi

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Referred By: Friend

Location: New Mexico

Comments: I like many other Californian's really grew up in the Sierra Nevada. Started hiking there in the 60's and ended up doing a PhD dissertation in the Cottonwood Basin area. Ran into many of the packers and cowboys on the trail but never got their names. Great to see a page devoted to this great group.

I'll check back regularly.

Thursday 11/24/2005 8:54:32pm

Name: Eugenia A. Bernacchi

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Bill Garner was my great uncle! My mom and her family use to spend every summer at Uncle Bill Garners Camp.

Monday 11/21/2005 8:06:15pm

Name: Randy Hebb

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Connecticut

Comments: What a great site!

I built a model of the 20 Mule Team that I sent away for that was offered by Boraxo some years ago (I think it was the late 1960's). Ever since then I wondered about the history and what it really looked like. Well, finally I get to see real photos of it and get to read the history. I still have the model, and I think I will correct the color this winter and re-display it with some photos and history.

I have two daughters age 11 & 13 that I think would be interested in this.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Sunday 11/13/2005 6:18:57pm

Name: Don Brown

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Homepage URL: <http://http://www.dvha.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Tahoe City, Ca

Comments: Enjoyed reading the wealth of information on the C&C Railroad and its history. Also all the information and pictures of the Salt Tram from Saline Valley over the mountain to Owens Valley. Was hoping that you could help me with a question about different stops of the C&C Railroad in and around Luning and Mina. Noticed a stop at Acme, but do not know where that was. Also was there a stop, how ever small at a loading area named Seco. Would have been around Luning. Was wondering if Luning was called something else before 1920. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. A friend has an old stock certificate from 1911 or 1911 from the Del Monte Consolidated Mining and Reduction Company from Seco Nevada. Would gladly email you a picture of the stock certificate, if you chose.
Happy Trails thru Life,
Don 'dusty' Brown

Friday 11/11/2005 10:47:08am

Name: Linda Rodgers Kozak

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Mars (Pittsburgh), PA

Comments: In doing some family research, I stumbled onto this fascinating and interesting website. My grandfather, Joseph N. Rodgers, purchased the land, now called Aberdeen, in 1919 from a widowed lady named Mary Mulligan, who had homesteaded it with her husband. He acquired more acreage to total about 340 acres. In 1920 or 1921 my grandfather built the Aberdeen store and post office, which my grandmother, Marcia, ran while grandfather was out drilling water wells in the Valley and repping Westinghouse in equipment sales. In 1923 my grandparents sold the place and moved to Big Pine. I am asking my dad to dig through the family archives for any pictures of the place/area that may exist in our collection. I would welcome any further bits of information, stories anyone would wish to furnish.
Happy Trails,
Linda Rodgers Kozak

Thursday 11/10/2005 12:17:59am

Name: Alice Gosak

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I use your excellent site with my students at San Jose City College! Thank you very much.

Friday 10/21/2005 7:48:28pm

Name: Mr. Aubrey Hemming

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Clarkston, Wa.

Comments: Hello,
in 1942 as of July 5, I was 11 years old. My father was general manager of a big ranch, it was called the Carson and Dominguez estates and consisted of about 600 acres. At that time there were lots of Japanese farmers in the area, and as they all knew my father they asked him to watch over their belongs while they were gone. He did this for them and even sent them goods as and when they could receive them. Dad was very fair with them and he knew also that the war wasn't their doing! I am now 74 years young and have much correspondence, mostly from the different farmers to my dad. They were sent from all over. If any body is interested, I would be more then glad to E-mail or snail mail any time.
Thanks very much!

Wednesday 10/19/2005 11:16:16pm

Name: Dave Cresine

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Mission Viejo, Ca. (Orange County)

Comments: Thanks for putting up this wonderful site for all to enjoy. I recently visited Manzanar after having driven by it several times over the years. I took several pictures of what I saw, both outside along the car tour road and also inside the interpretive center. I have these images posted in my website for anyone that cares to look.
www.pbase.com/davidroyimages/manzanar

Regards,
Dave

Sunday 10/09/2005 8:37:31pm

Name: Ron & Sue Parkinson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Diego Co.

Comments: We have spent many vacations in the Owens Valley and we love the entire area very much, so many things to do and see. We enjoy sight-seeing and using our 4 Wheel Drive vehicle to travel the area, hope to spend more time in the valley next year. Oh yes we would like to see the Owens lake full again, LA can start allowing more water to be placed back into the lake.
Thank You to allow us to say our thoughts.

Saturday 10/08/2005 10:49:43pm

Name: John Weir

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Minden, NV.

Comments: I was just reaching the tip of the iceberg of the 100 turn of the century railroads in Colorado when I transferred to Reno from Denver with my former employer 11 years ago. I've rekindled my interests with the C&C, V&T, Tonopah & Goldfield and others. Thank you for the opportunity to start my research. Your provided info encourages me to pursue interests beyond my fascination with the D&RGW. Life long fan and rail rider from 1951-1971.

Saturday 09/03/2005 7:16:27pm

Name: Jackie Keehnen

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: River Pines, California

Comments: Great site; I'll come back when I have more time. I was actually looking for a book, by George Tamura [Reflections]. I heard about it while watching an episode of the History Detectives on our public television station and was hoping to locate a copy. Do you have any suggestions. Thanks so much.

Tuesday 08/30/2005 8:41:58pm

Name: Val

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Victoria, BC, Canada

Comments: Excellent site! I am a huge pinup art fan and it is such a pleasure too find so many of the country girls all in one place. I wanted patiently while your site was under construction. Will be back often..keep up the good work!

Monday 08/15/2005 9:29:27pm

Name: Bruce Hammock

E-Mail: mailto:

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: Nice to have some Clyde tales on line. It was a thrill to thumb through the register on Mt. Russell years ago and find the first name in the book was Clyde. Bruce

Tuesday 08/09/2005 4:36:50pm

Name: Steve Todd

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Francisco

Comments: Born in Santa Monica, raised in No. Hollywood, but been in the bay Area since '68. I've been coming to the Owens Valley area since the 40s; can't resist much longer, hope to retire and move up there. Beautiful site! One caveat; on the first page, the photo w/cars, says ~1900; the cars date it to ~ 1930 or so, but.....who cares? Hope to join you soon up there.

Saturday 08/06/2005 8:25:26am

Name: Gregory Smith

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Great site for Owens Valley material. I'm writing a book, 'Rivers of Sand' on the Owens, Amargosa, Mohave Rivers. Hope to have it completed by June of next year. Do you know of any additional pictures of the original Lake prior to the aqueduct? Thanks.

Monday 08/01/2005 6:31:41am

Name: Calvin R. Williams

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Comments: To the World, A friend, who is Asian American referred this site to me. My know of this "American Shame" is so very limited and you hear nor read of this in history. It's never surprising to me what fear will do to people!!!
Calvin Ronald Williams

Thursday 07/28/2005 6:51:30pm

Name: Kitty Moore

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am hiking a portion of the John Muir Trail in two weeks and hope to see a few flowers I have never seen in the Unita and Wasatch Forests of Utah. Thanks for the great site.

Sunday 07/24/2005 1:52:54pm

Name: Rick Otto

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Big Bear City, Ca.

Comments: I'm interested in information and stories about Tunnel Meadows Air camp in the high sierra's, California.

Monday 06/20/2005 1:30:50pm

Name: Dan Bostrom

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Hillsboro, Oregon

Comments: I ran across your web site while searching for information about Ed Thistlewait. Does anyone out there know anything about him? I knew him when he was packing. I also have two of his original paintings on plywood and three pencil sketches.

My family moved to Darwin in 1947. My father Al Bostrom mostly worked the mines at Darwin and Tecopa. He had a Talc mine just over the pass at Cerro Gordo. My Mother worked at the Merry Go Round and the Sierra Cafe back in the '50's.

I also knew many of the people in your photo's. They sure do bring back memories.

Dan Bostrom

Tuesday 06/07/2005 8:50:30pm

Name: Steven Bourelle

Homepage Title: SierraVisions.com

Homepage URL: <http://www.sierravisions.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop, CA

Comments: Awesome site!! I have been searching the internet for Sierra Nevada and Owens Valley stuff for years. I can't beleive that I just stumbled on your site today. I have a large links page on my site SierraVisions.com and your site is going on it as the first link in the new Sierra History section. More people need to see the awesome work you have done here.

Saturday 05/28/2005 5:11:02pm

Name: Audrey Hobbs

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I just drove by Manzanar going to Carson Valley and coming back down Highway 395. I saw the Manzanar location and wanted to stop but time constraints would not allow it at this time. I plan to return to visit the memorial some time but in the meantime I decided to research it on the net. I am interested in this site because I feel it was an injustice to the Japanese American citizens, even if the reaction after Pearl Harbor was similar to 9-11, shoot first and ask questions later. I appreciate this website and the others so that I may learn more about this shameful episode in American History.

Wednesday 05/18/2005 6:49:54pm

Name: Anynomous

E-Mail: [rather not say](#)

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: THIS IS SO COOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm reading "Farewell to Manzanar" by Jeanne Wakatsuki (Houston) and her husband James D. Houston. it is very interesting.

Sunday 05/15/2005 10:28:51pm

Name: John L. Raleigh

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Arizona

Comments: Just discovered your web site. Not sure how I even got here. Most interesting though. I'll visit it from time to time. High interest in the 40's and 30's. It takes all kinds of life to make one grow and learn. We all must learn to adapt. Some are rich and pay to adapt and lead others. Others just follow everyone else through life. Some are poor or held back, but learn that they must excell in something to lead or become more than a regular joe. Some just never learn, they are the sick and the ones who have everything go wrong for them. Some go to prison.

Strange, when I was a Young man and you got in trouble with the law, they gave you a choice. join the military or go to jail. Kill or be killed. Very interesting.

Tuesday 05/03/2005 10:01:07am

Name: Danielle Skocz and Alyssa Silvestri

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Our Lady of the Sacred heart High School

Comments: Hi we are Danielle and Alyssa and we were looking at your website and we would like to come and visit one day whenever we get out of high school we both think that it would be interesting to come and see what it feels like well to see how the Japanese and the "Japanese Americans" felt when they lived there. We are both 16 years old and if you would like to email us more about this site because we are very interested then please do at Lilqt509@aol.com that is where you can reach us.... thank you for listening and reviewing our email god bless you all who are still alive and from those camps.

Monday 05/02/2005 7:02:12pm

Name: Roxy Dorman

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Just looked over your page!!! The player 3rd from left front row is Tom Noda of Granada Hills California. The person standing directly behind him in glasses is his brother Moss Noda, now deceased. We called him to let him know and he thought it was wonderful!!! We're sending him a copy of the photo.

Thursday 04/28/2005 12:27:52am

Name: Christoph Boerner

E-Mail: stylemail@arcor.de

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Leipzig, Germany

Comments: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I came across your website while searching for a person whos name is "Roy Shinji Wada". I am a former school mate of his back in the Philippines and have unfortunately lost contact to him.

Looking at the pictures and names I get the feeling this might be his family. If this is the case I would highly appreciate if you could forward my email address to him so that he may contact me if he wants to.

This is no joke and should I be mistaken I apologize for the disturbance.

kind regards
Christoph Boerner

Sunday 04/24/2005 4:58:51pm

Name: Lee Harden Waters

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Amarillo TX

Comments: Mary Austin was the sister to my GGGrandmother, Mary Ann Graham. Since moving to Texas I have been to Santa Fe many times. I just started doing geneology recently and found that I was from Mary Austin's line. Since then I have had a renewed interest in Santa Fe. I have been to her house and plan to see more of her legacies there. I really liked your site and will visit again.
Lee H Waters

Tuesday 03/08/2005 9:14:32pm

Name: Hugh Winn

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am looking for Paul Osajima, a high school student from Santa Paula who was sent to Manzanar during the war. We recently found two letters written by him to my father, who was his teacher in Santa Paula. The letters are not dated. Any information would be appreciated either about him or his family or friends who might like to have these letters.

Tuesday 03/01/2005 8:08:40pm

Name: Heidi Yelin

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Saipan

Comments: I am substitute teaching US History 10th grade covering WWII. Our Island played a role in the war and some students have Japanese ancestors. The text has a section on the relocation camps, but I wanted to enrich their understanding of racism and how it felt to be in that position by reading excerpts from Farewell to Manzanar. I had read the book many years ago and later met Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's daughter, Gabby, when she lived in Saipan. Of course the book isn't in any of our libraries so I found your site. Thanks.

Tuesday 03/01/2005 10:37:22am

Name: Melisa Hart

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: I enjoyed your pages on the internment camps of Manzanar. I found this site doing a research for a school paper on the book "Farewell to Manzanar". After shock of the event must have been terrible and the embarrassment of those who were put in there. My great grandmother is close friends with a women named Kay who was put there during WWII. I try to envision the things that she tells me about and how she must have felt but I know that there are some things that I could never imagine. Thank you for sharing with me.

Monday 02/28/2005 2:44:52pm

Name: Zach

E-Mail: Zach2022@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Big Pine

Comments: Where was the chicken farm located? I found this site while searching for stuff to put on my web site that is currently in progress. I think that this site will give more than enough tools to get the job done. I was really surprised to find a site with so much information on not only Manzanar, but all the little things like old time pictures of Big Pine and its residents. I really like this site and I hope to see more info about the area. Thanks

Monday 02/28/2005 11:30:50am

Name: Ariel Kinney

E-Mail: arielofhawaii@ver.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop CA

Comments: Hey Everyone!!! I am Ariel Kinney, and my grandfather is Ernest Kinney if you haven't already guessed by the last name?! My grandfather is famous throughout the world for his very famous paintings. He is a man of great knowledge and always has something to say that never gets repeated a million times. Anyway I personally think these photos my grampa took our not that great but his paintings are superb!!!! Take Care and have a great year!! Your's truly,
Ariel Kinney! 3-01-05

Thursday 02/24/2005 11:46:16am

Name: Philip Stone

E-Mail: philippgs@hotmail.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Palm Springs, Ca

Comments: Hello,
I've enjoyed reading about the history of the Owens' Valley and Owens Lake's Steamship history in particular. Are there any sources of photographs from the mining era, that show the mines, towns and most of all Owens Lake in that time period of the 1870's, when it was still full of water? And also, do any photographs exist of two Steamships that used to ply those waters? I will be returning to your area this April next and plan to do some hiking and historical sightseeing. I would enjoy hearing from you folks and if you can refer me to the historical sources that have the information I am seeking, it would be greatly appreciated.
Respectfully Yours,
Philip Stone

Monday 02/21/2005 5:40:02pm

Name: Larry Daniel Shoemaker

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Homepage Title: The Amazing World of Larbo

Homepage URL: <http://www.freewebs.com/larsama>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Chico, CA

Comments: As a Bishop kid (born and raised 1986 woot!) I enjoyed all the crazy photographs of Bishop in its, uh formative years! Anyway, thanks! And down with the mules! bah, stupid mule days!

Monday 02/21/2005 5:09:44pm

Name: ROBERT B. HEATH

E-Mail: POOLMANBOB1@AOL.COM

Referred By: Friend

Comments: My whole family enjoyed going through and also stopping in Lone Pine in the early 1943 years. I eventually married a girl from lone pine named Darlene Behling. We may still retire there , and I would advise everybody reading this to enjoy , at least once, the splendors of the lower Sierra's

Wednesday 02/02/2005 7:30:05pm

Name: Amy Wylie Gardner

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Norman Clyde was my grandmother's (Grace Clyde Wylie) oldest brother (she was the youngest child). I remember a summer in Michigan (early 60s) when Uncle Norman spent the summer at the McKelvy cottage at Little Bear Lake Michigan. The kids (me, my brothers, and cousins) were in awe of him. He taught us some about nature, but really kept solitude (reading and wandering the woods alone). The stories about his food consumption were based in fact. One morning, my grandmother, Aunt Sally McKelvy (another of his sisters), and my mother made pancakes. He started with the early risers (break of dawn) and was still eating when the last of the many relatives and friends finished eating.

Amy Wylie Gardner

Tuesday 01/25/2005 3:59:18pm

Name: Vince Hughes

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Weymouth Dorset UK

Comments: We passed through your town in December 1999 and stayed just one night. We were touring California with our Daughter and Son, it was our last journey as a complete family as we lost our 43 year old son in the following May. We still have fond memories of your town in spite of our visit being very so short,

Best wishes to you all.

Vince

Friday 01/21/2005 2:00:47pm

Name: George R. Leidy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Carmichael, CA (suburb of Sacramento)

Comments: I was doing some genealogical research on John A. Leidy when I came across your site. His surname is actually spelled Leidy and John's full name is John Alexander Leidy. He married Ella Van Fleet and is buried in Escondido, CA. If you wish to exchange information please contact me at the email address or call my home at (916) 944-7962. George (acutally I go by the name "Roy" as did my Grandfather, George Royal Leidy.

Friday 01/14/2005 12:06:14am

Name: Barb

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Washington

Comments: It dawned on me, maybe you do not know about Cottonwood Pack Station in 1960. Some of the packers who worked there were, Milt Cohen, Elmar Marsh, Cotton Harris, a fellow named Buddy and one named George. Kenneth [Sonny] Vinnedge owned Cottonwood in the early 60's. He died in 1964 while loading horses in a truck. Sonny's brother in law Bob Moore and his wife Tiny, took over the operation. I was told that Bob Moore died in the 60's or 70's. Sonny Vinnedge is buried in Olancho. He owned the Cottonwood Pack Station, Golden Trout Camp, a hay ranch in Olancho and the restaurant in Olancho as well as Hansen Dam Stables and Delmar Stables in San Fernando, California. Dennis Winchester is Sonny Vinnedge's nephew. Sonny was very active in promoting the Western High Sierra Packers and presided over several Sportsman Shows in Los Angeles in the 60's. It is a shame that he seems to have been ignored in your history. He played a large part in making it. He was very well liked by Bob White and all the pack station owners from Olancho to Bridgeport.
Ask Dennis about it.

Friday 01/14/2005 10:53:22am

Name: Barb

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Washington

Comments: Where is Ken Vinnedge?
Ken Vinnedge owned the Cottonwood Pack station in the early 1960's. He owned Golden trout camp and the restaurant in Olancho as well. He was very well known in the whole area and a good friend of Bob White. Dennis Winchester is his nephew and I'm surprised that Dennis makes no mention anywhere of his uncle. Is everyone trying to rewrite history?

Monday 01/10/2005 4:23:22am

Name: Jeanne Wakasuki-Houston

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Santa Cruz, California

Comments: Lovely site... really the truth, finally! Wondering if you had any information regarding a Chiyeko Ogawa. Great friend of mine, have not found her in any of the old address books. Looking forward to the big reunion in '05. Hope to see your lovely faces. Don't be strangers, we are all family here! By the way have you noticed what an interesting project it would be to compare our camps to those in Nazi Germany?
Thanx a lot!

Thursday 01/06/2005 8:45:08pm

Name: Dick McConaughy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Looking for info regarding Scotty McAlpine who used to run a Mt. Whitney outfit in the 30/40's--a friend of my father's. Also, my dad ran a claim in that area in the late 30's--The Spanish Dragon Mine. Any info or leads would be appreciated. I am now living near Los Angeles.

Dick McConaughy

Tuesday 01/04/2005 9:20:57am

Name: The Hungry Bear

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Estherbrook Gulch

Comments: Love those Cowgirls

Wednesday 12/15/2004 7:25:14am

Name: Steve C. Barcza

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Bernardino, Ca.

Comments: It is 12/15/04, and I just found your site. It is a great find. Exactly one year ago today my wife and I were traveling south on Hwy.95 following the right of way of the Carson & Colorado. At the Rhodes salt marsh I found an old railroad spike from the CCRR. The exact location is at the intersection of Hwy 95 and Hwy 360. You can see the salt deposits and there is some machinery still left from the railroad. From there we went to Candelaria and looked around. How fascinating all the history is out there. The railroad spike has been out of the elements for a year now and it is quite happy. Who knows how long it was out there. Take care everybody and keep up the good work on this web site. Highball!!!!

Monday 12/13/2004 11:23:15pm

Name: Richard Bent

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Laguna Niguel

Comments: I became acquainted with Owens Valley through my father who was California Highway Patrol during the 30's and 40's. Owens Valley was not his regular patrol area however but it left an impact on him when he did come through. We got to climb Mt. Whitney in 1968. I know one of the children of a family that were teachers at Manzanar and would like to know if more photos exist of the people that worked there. I love the site and the history gathered here, especially the railroad and aqueduct. Keep up the great work!

Sunday 12/12/2004 5:25:52pm

Name: Penny

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Sacramento

Comments: At a gem and mineral show in the Sacramento area I picked up a iron ball that was to have been made and used in Keeler to break up iron ore back in the 1800's. Being a 4th grade teacher, interested in California history, I just had to do some research. Thanks for the information.

Friday 12/10/2004 5:58:35pm

Name: Cynthia Crocker Scott

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Inyo county Gen Web site

Comments: I was enjoying your site while looking for more family history, and came upon on unidentified group photo that is also in my family archives. It is labeled big_pine3/residents2_small.jpg.

The family is the Halls of Big Pine. The two ladies near each end are Hattie (Harriett) and Nettie Bedford Hall, twins who married Daniel Hall and George Hall respectively. I do not know which is which in the photo. The other three people are also members of the Hall family.

Dan Hall and Harriett Bedford married in Nevada, probably Tonopah, in the mid 1870's. Their daughter, Ida Frances (b.1876) married Edwin Crocker of the Crocker Brothers Cattle Company in Bishop in 1896. My grandfather, George Edwin Crocker was born January 11, 1898 in Big Pine.

Thursday 12/02/2004 6:59:43pm

Name: Bruce Muirhead

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Danville, CA

Comments: I have enjoyed 4-5 day trips into the Sierras back in the 70s & 80s. This past July I hiked the John Muir Trail, and was duly impressed by the grandeur of the Sierra. I found your website just recently, and I think your site is just great. It provides so many different perspectives of the Sierra that it's just incredible. Reading about trips from years ago, pack trips, great historical pictures, brochures. It's all just great.

I will be back many times to view the site. I'm telling friends about it as well. Keep up the great work. I know it's appreciated.

Thanks again.

Saturday 11/13/2004 6:05:42am

Name: Allen B. Christian

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Huntington Beach,CA

Comments: My friend Eddie Tsuruta of Huntington Beach,CA was interned at Manzanar at the beginning of the war as the rest of his family was there too. When I read about the hardships they had to endure I don't know how they did it. When I thought about it I said to myself some how I will escape and go someplace far away, but they could not go very far because of the security there. I know that a lot of the young men went into the military and made America proud, The "442" was known for their heroism during WWII combat and many of them died just any other American soldier. The ones that did come home had to start their life all over again. They were Americans too and I do not understand how they could be uprooted and interned for so long. My friend Eddie Tsuruta is 92 years old and I am proud to know him and his family and consider them my friends and part of my family, God Bless them all.
Allen Christian, Garden Grove,CA

Friday 11/12/2004 9:19:34pm

Name: Margaret Cook Cannedy

E-Mail: scampgt4@aol.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Portland, OR

Comments: I enjoyed reading about Chrysler and Cook. I was mentioned in the article. I am Margaret Rena. I would like to learn more if you have more information, and maybe I could answer some of your questions.

My email address is scampgt4@aol.com

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Margaret Cook Cannedy

Monday 10/25/2004 8:13:58pm

Name: Howard Partington

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Howard D. Smith was my Step-Grandfather. I love seeing the town I was raised in "the early years"

Thursday 10/21/2004 9:04:08pm

Name: Mike McCoy

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Spokane, Washington

Comments: I was sitting in a bar in Oakdale after inspecting some damaged equipment at Hetch Hetchy Water & Power when during conversation with the older fella next to me, he told me that he used to run a pack train up into the High Sierras where there was an abundance of Golden Trout, but retired and turned the whole shootin' match over to the Bloom brothers. He went on to say I could look up Kennedy Meadows on the web and I'd find what I was looking for. He was telling the truth. Great Site. I can't wait to read all the data and make ready for a trip.
Thank you for all your hard work.

MD McCoy
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Tuesday 10/19/2004 10:38:50am

Name: Nina McCoy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My Father, an American, was a POW captured in Hong Kong Dec. 25, 1941 and liberated in August 1945. (He was serving with the Winnepeg Grenadiers because the Americans said he was too young - 16 yrs. old). My Mother taught third graders in the woods in Southern Japan when the Americans were bombing. My aunt, her sister, carries shrapnel scars in her back. They met after my Father was wounded during the Korea Conflict in the mid-50s. I am their firstborn of three. We were raised to be loyal patriots to this Country, and I would like to express my deepest regrets that our government believed it was necessary to do this horrific thing.

Wednesday 10/13/2004 1:08:09pm

Name: Piper and Claire

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Texas

Comments: We absolutely love this web-site! It helped us a lot!
THANKS SO MUCH!
Piper and Claire

Monday 10/11/2004 4:24:55pm

Name: Carl and Jane Myers

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Cambria, Ca

Comments: Can't locate the packers out of North Lake, Bishop, Ca. trying to get to Hutchinson Meadows on Piute Creek

Monday 10/11/2004 4:23:29pm

Name: Bianca

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Fort Worth Texas

Comments: I came to this site looking for information on Manzanar for a book report I am doing for English: Farewell To Manzanar by an internee and husband. I found the book a wonderful resource and exceptional insight on what the president forced the Japanese to do. This sight has given a lot more information to me and the pictures are wonderful.
Bianca Galindo age 13

Saturday 10/09/2004 12:53:16am

Name: Warren O'Leary

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Tecumseh ,Michigan

Comments: Dear Staff,

Please have one of your artist showing Jane Russell in her prime wearing Roy Rogers' signature Nudie Cohn outfits. In the 1952 movie " Son of Paleface " the director, Frank Tashlin, failed to envision Jane swiping then donning Roy's fancy cowboy duds. Jane was given the opportunity in the movie after she knocks him out from behind after she pistol whips him. Earlier in the movie Bob Hope swipes Roys' clothes in order to fool " Trigger " for a fast getaway. The theme of the movie is that Jane disguises herself as a cowboy outlaw when not running the town saloon. Russell looks great in her Edith Head cowboy outfit.

Wednesday 09/29/2004 9:39:34pm

Name: Bill Wimberly

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Thanks for letting me visit your web site. I am a ghost town junky and I have visited many of the ghost towns in the western U.S.A. and Mex. You did an excellent job. Bill Wimberly.

Sunday 09/26/2004 8:50:27pm

Name: Terrance Bruce Shedd

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: West Richland, Benton County, Washington

Comments: Great site. I am researching my genealogy of this area. My Great Grandfather George Henry Shedd and his brother John Haskell Shedd settled in the Owens Valley in 1863 where he farmed for over 30 years. My Grandfather Ben Oscar Shedd was born October 24, 1888 in Fish Springs, Inyo County, California. All the sites like this give me further information on the area. Keep up the good work.

Sunday 09/19/2004 2:46:05pm

Name: Finley Scott McIntosh

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: California

Comments: I am trying to document that my great uncle Ellery Cuff named Lake Ellery, Lake May and Lake Edith in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Saturday 09/18/2004 10:02:16pm

Name: Barney McCall

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: West Tennessee

Comments: I lived in Lone Pine for about 20 years, used to sit with Pete Olivas on his front porch & listen to his stories about his days as a packer. I was so sorry to see him go. I wish I could have learned more from him so that I might pass it on. Spent many weekends up at Cerro Gordo, helping Mike & Jody getting it together, Miss her dearly.

Friday 09/03/2004 10:21:31am

Name: DONALD G PLUMMER

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: YUBA CITY CALIFORNIA

Comments: I grew up in Bishop. We moved there in 1945 and my dad was the manager of the bank of America for many years. I graduated for high school in 1955. I did a lot of skiing at Mammoth and even before it is what it is today. I was in the same group only a year earlier than Jill Kinnmont. We still own a mobile home in the area and visit now and then. I do miss it so.

Donald G. Plummer
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Wednesday 08/25/2004 7:26:39am

Name: Buddy L. Vineyard

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Comments: I enjoyed these photos. My Grandfather, George Vineyard was the mechanic for this little branch of Southern Pacific. He kept #8, 9 and 18 ("Slim Princess") and toward the end #1 ("Little Giant") in good working order and ready to go to work. I would spend my summers in Keeler and later, Owenyo, "helping" him reline the firebox or hand him a tool when he was down in the pit.

I thought the home in Keeler that was furnished by SP was really neat with all of the windows facing out on the main line only a few feet away. The home was a converted passenger car.

In the mornings I would be over on the main line "helping" Fergie (Walter Ferguson the Engineer) get everything oiled for the trip to Laws. In the late afternoon I would again be out on the track waiting for the headlight to show on the return trip.

It was a fun time in a boys life. Grandpa, Fergie and me caught a few fish on Lone Pine Creek too.

Wednesday 08/18/2004 10:25:07am

Name: Chris Vassar

E-Mail: christopher_vassar@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Montana

Comments: Just looking for information on my great-grandfather Pete Garner. This site is helpful, thank you.

Friday 08/06/2004 11:04:09am

Name: Cory Shiozaki

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Homepage URL: <http://www.fearnotrout.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: www.395.com

Comments: Great website! I am doing research for a book on the "History of Fishing in the Eastern Sierra's" and part of the book revolves around Internees from Manzanar who sneaked out of the camp to go fishing. I am trying to locate a packer who will take me up to the high country to where an internee known only as "Ishikawa Fisherman" and retrace his path to where he caught a bountiful of trophy size "golden trout".

I am looking forward to completing this project with the help and assistance of these packers who are familiar with the areas for catching golden trout.

Cory Shiozaki.....aka.....Fear NoTrout

Saturday 07/31/2004 5:25:05pm

Name: Larry Patrich

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I just found your site and enjoyed reading about the area. I hope to read more.
Larry Patrich
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Sunday 07/18/2004 10:19:05pm

Name: Nadine White Sigman

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Homepage URL: <http://www.professionalracersemporium.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Perris, California

Comments: I was just looking for information about my father, Bob White, Bob White's Flying service and Tunnel meadows where I spent every summer with my dad during the 50's. If you have any information or pictures I would love to see them. Unfortunately being a child from his first marriage I do not have much of that part of my life except a lot of fun memories and campfire stories heard when I was supposed to be in bed.
Nadine Sigman

Wednesday 07/14/2004 9:58:05am

Name: Peggie Biering

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Referred By: Friend

Comments: Hi Jany and Bobbie,
Had a call from my son Steve...said he'd had along talk with you...fantastic. Had lost touch with you over the years...so glad to hear you are all well. Ray has been gone for twelve years, and I live in S. L. O. area in central California.

My phone Number is 805 -528-7843...would love to hear from you....Peggie

Sunday 07/11/2004 9:28:59pm

Name: Patrick Peters

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Grandson of Bruce Morgan and Son of Roberta Morgan. Thanks for doing a great job on this web site. I will show this site to my mother.

Sunday 07/04/2004 2:37:28pm

Name: William R. Clements

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Southern California Desert

Comments: I am a cousin of Louis "Bud" Frizzell who taught school at Manzanar, and I believe appears in the class picture. He passed away some years ago, before he was honored by the Japanese goverment. His father was presented this honor in his son's name, and when Uncle Louie passed away, it was sent to the Manzanar Memorial for safe keeping. Only as a comment in passing, I took my training with a great bunch of American Japanese at Camp Waltors in Texas, 64th Batallon, Company C in 1945. Yabow

Sunday 07/04/2004 2:15:48pm

Name: Leo Robert LeGoy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Reno, Nevada

Comments: I am the grandson of one of the two persons in one of the above pictures: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. (Bob) Robinson (Alice Chrysler) of Big Pine, California.

The citizenship papers of Alice (Chrysler)Robinson's father, Joseph Freeman Chrysler came, into my possession three years ago. I had them digitally copied and then my cousin, Thomas Uhlmeier, donated it to the Inyo County Museum in Independence. Joseph Freeman Chrysler established citizenship in Nye County, Nevada September 18, 1872. He and his family moved to Big Pine in 1900.

Bob LeGoy

Friday 07/02/2004 9:50:19pm

Name: Stephen Biering

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Referred By: Friend

Comments: My name is Stephen Biering, Raymond George Biering's Son, and Nephew of Viola Thompson. I just got back from Tunnel Meadows on a back packing trip. I'm trying to retrace some family steps.

Stephen Biering

Saturday 06/19/2004 12:38:25am

Name: Cait Hutnik

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Homepage Title: Light of Morn, Nature Walks&Photography

Homepage URL: <http://www.lightofmorn.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Jose, CA

Comments: Just finished reading "Earth Horizon", Mary Austin's autobiography. It contains almost no photos and I wanted to "see more of Mary". What affected me most about Mary and her writings is the sense of sadness, of deprivation, of loss. She never smiles either in photographs or in print. Her heart must have been very heavy in her. She was a woman living and writing ahead of her time and I think that contributed greatly to her sense of loneliness.

Wednesday 06/16/2004 10:40:32am

Name: Carol Webber

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: My father, Frederick Cline, was hired by the DWP after he graduated from Caltech in 1930 to work in Independence and Manzanar. He was married to his first wife, Gwen, and I have pictures of their home in Manzanar, but I haven't been able to determine exactly where the town may have been. My dad was raised in Covina, California, but his greatest love was always the Eastern Sierra, which he passed on to my brother and me. Any info you have regarding 1930's Manzanar would be very much appreciated.

Carol Webber

Sunday 05/30/2004 1:27:27am

Name: art wright

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: Away back in 1971 my flight instructor and I circled Monache Meadows several times before we finally landed. No problem. The takeoff was something to behold in that Piper Cherokee 140. We barely made it across the 4 ft fence at the south end of the strip. Many years later I have driven up to and camped out at Monache Meadows and have flown into Tunnel Meadows 3 times, having chartered a plane out of Lone Pine.

I appreciate your web-site. I miss that area of the Sierras very, very much.

Art Wright

Monday 05/24/2004 10:44:38am

Name: Paul Willcoxon

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Fallon, Nevada

Comments: Fantastic site. You show the areas that I have always loved to roam around and now I can see the real history attached to the places I have seen.
Keep up the good work, history means everything!

Sunday 05/23/2004 5:12:42am

Name: robert webb

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Austin, TX

Comments: Saw this area on a movie from the 60's with steve McQueen-----looked really cool!!!

Sunday 05/16/2004 4:16:46pm

Name: Mike Monahan

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Dallas, Georgia

Comments: My son's 7th-grade class at South Paulding Middle School has been reading Farewell to Manzanar. They're now working on class projects dealing with the book. This site has been a good resource for his project. Thanks for your work and for using the web to tell this story.

Sunday 05/16/2004 1:11:01pm

Name: john gilmore

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Homepage Title: The Official John Gilmore Website

Homepage URL: <http://www.johngilmore.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Los Angeles

Comments: Interesting to see the American Hotel is a bed and breakfast. I lived at Cerro Gordo for several months; from late July, 1977. I lived in the old Belshaw house, one of the first built at Cerro Gordo. The mines were owned by Barbara at the time; who lived in the newer house, between Belshaw's and the hotel. I think I took at least a hundred pictures of every corner of the mines--1977. It was a REAL ghost town at that time; often Barbara was gone for days--or longer, and I was alone at Cerro Gordo. I'm an established writer, and a native of Los Angeles. Good to see the mine is still alive. Barbara later sold the mines and moved into a trailer in Keeler. Her husband (Jack), third one then, died young (as did her other husbands, under odd circumstances), and I'm sure Barbara is dead now. I visited her in the early 80's, in Keeler. Good luck.

Wednesday 05/12/2004 8:00:31am

Name: Heath Doi

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Thanks for educating the numbers about my families past, my family resided there for two weeks before they were shipped to Utah then Colorado. I think it is great that the people know about the evil that was upon the Nisei. My great grandfather was a man who spoke of nothing about the camps, my grandfather went on to college, but was hazed.

Tuesday 05/11/2004 7:57:26pm

Name: Joan Frances Wood

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Referred By: Friend

Location: I live in Tustin, Ca. in Orange County

Comments:

I was born in Manzanar on July 11, 1943, the second child and first daughter of Reginald and Mary Wood. My parents took us many times to the site of Manzanar as children, and explained time and again of the injustice to the American Japanese during that war.

We are a Caucasian family, and my Dad (we were told) was assigned there as the Chief of Police. However, since his and my mother's death in 1985, we have heard hints...but none of us of course, can be sure...

I know we lived in the barracks just as the Japanese, in fact, ours burnt down one night when I was about 3 months old. So the story goes, my mom had to throw my older brother Jack and then me out the window into the snow. I remember mom having a picture someone had given to her of the barracks actually on fire.

Toward the end of the war, my Dad was transferred to Tule Lake, where my brother Ricard (Dick) was born on May 25, 1945.

After the war, we ended up in San Diego. A Japanese young lady lived with us, and helped with we children. (Gerry arrived there in July, 1949.) During that time our lovely Lillian married Bell Karamoto, whom she had met at the Camp. I recently crossed my fingers and looked them up in the Coronado phone book: They were there! After a short phone conversation, it was wonderful to go and see them and introduce them to my friend.

Anyhow, that's all...I just wanted to say hi if I could... From their many conversations, we learned to love and respect our many Japanese friends who continued to visit for

many years after the War. I can only believe that, My Dad, Reg Wood, treated these tormented people as kindly as he know how. They became close friends, and honored our "different" family by accepting us as one of them.

Of course, I have no memories of Manzanar other than walking around the ruins every time I traverse Hwy 395, we even camped there for a week once when I was about 8 years old...but it would be lovely to hear from someone who knew my parents...

Thank You for listening...

Joan F. Wood, a.k.a. "Woody"

Tuesday 05/11/2004 8:43:20am

Name: Mike Morgan-Bishop Pack Outfitters

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop CA

Comments: Ray,

Nice job on site. We have fond memories at Whitney Portals growing up with all the family! I love the pictures. The whole packing industry has changed so much since then. Grampa would flip in his grave if he had to operate now. Not sure if you know this or not but Lone Pine Chamber is putting on a '100 year anniversary' of Mt. Whitney trail on July 17, this year. They sure could use some help from all of us on putting it together, gathering priceless information, pictures, etc. Contact the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce as soon as you can. Sure will be a great thing to put this together. Take care, Ray.

Yours Truly,
Mike Morgan
Bishop Pack Outfitters

Tuesday 04/27/2004 12:21:25am

Name: Crystal

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Small town in SW Kansas

Comments: Hey this site kix! I'm working on research report and multimedia slide show in history class over Japanese immigration and the slide show is over Japanese Internment in WWII. This site is helpful with my part over Manzanar. I've been studying this stuff since like around Christmas time if not before and I'm really getting into it. I love learning about stuff like this. Thanx for all the help! peace and love
Krys

Thursday 04/22/2004 5:58:45pm

Name: urska

E-Mail: urska11@aol.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Ohio

Comments: Wow! This is an incredible sight! I am a sophomore and in English class we read Farewell to Manzanar. I thought it was an excellent book. Now, in class, we have been broken down into small groups and we have to create an 8 paged newspaper that you would be able to find in Manzanar! While looking for pictures I stumbled to your awesome page! Let's just say...you made my job a million times easier! Your pictures are amazing, as well as the articles! Thanx for making this sweet page!

Thursday 04/22/2004 2:16:27pm

Name: Michael

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Cincinnati (home)

Comments: I'm doing a project on this stuff...wow that's a lot of people that signed this guest book...I had no idea that that many people would sign this...I like your cite, its set up very good, and it has really good info

Tuesday 04/20/2004 10:31:13pm

Name: Jackie Marshall

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bishop

Comments:
Lovely website, very informative! I had both my daughters here.

Monday 04/19/2004 12:36:14am

Name: Doug Parr

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Thank you for this site.

I led Burro Trips from 1961 to 1985, and often met many of these people along the trail. Norman Clyde wandered into camp one evening and had dinner with us. He sat at our campfire and told us some wonderful stories.

With these Burros from the Whitney Pack Station, I explored most of the Sierra Nevada.

Those were precious times, and I'll always remember them.

Wednesday 04/14/2004 5:51:28am

Name: J Turanski

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Michigan

Comments: Wonderful site!!!

I remember Death Valley Days on TV when I was a kid. Always one of my favorites. I have a model of the 20 Mule Team that was offered on the show. I have never seen another until the picture of the Old Ranger with one this site.

Thanks for taking me back to the Good 'ol Days!

JT

Sunday 03/21/2004 8:40:05am

Name: Carol Backert

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Homepage Title: www.carolclub.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Wilton, California

Comments: Simply wonderful. You have done a great job!

Friday 03/12/2004 11:48:06am

Name: Dwight Sigworth

E-Mail: nash53@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Tigard, OR

Comments: Thanks for the site and guest page.

My Grandfather, Dr. Dwight Sigworth, started coming to Golden Trout Camp in 1933 when the Towler's owned GTC and Chrysler and Cook ran the old pack station. He came almost every year after that until 1966 (except during WWII). I got to come with him as a guest when I was 11 and the summer I was 14, I got to work there the John and Emma Jean O'Keefe. It is one of the high points in my life.

I remember the unspoiled country with a tough 10-mile trail from civilization. We were almost always the only people on the lake and my Grandfather knew every fishing hole, so we always caught lots of native fish. My favorite lakes were Lake 4 and Chicken Springs.

About five years ago I took two of my children up and we camped just below Lake 1. It was fun to see things, but the road so close and the resulting restrictions to access are a shame. I understand, but it is a shame.

I would love to find two people who worked with me in 1963 at GTC. They are Kathy O'Keefe, the O'Keefe's daughter and Bob Alward. A lot has happened to all of us in 40 years.

Thanks Again.

Sunday 03/07/2004 8:38:10am

Name: S. Kelly

E-Mail: kellysbeaut@aol.com

Location: Bozeman, Montana

Comments: Dean Nurse Nancy, Although it would be years after these wonderful memories of your life that I would meet you and we would become friends, so I thank you for including me in this trip down your memory lane. Always knew that you had good "teachers" in the past, but didn't realize it included horses and mules.

Sunday 02/29/2004 3:56:38pm

Name: Mark Goodwin

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I've lived in Bishop since 1979 and met my wife at once was called Bens Broasted kitchen she was the most beautiful waitress there and we raised our two girls there. I never would have moved anywhere but here to raise them. the Owens Valley is a God send to all that visits here. I was just looking for more info on where the old towns were located in the valley. and ran on to your website. I have other sites no but yours is the most informative. Thank you

Thursday 02/26/2004 2:37:13pm

Name: KATE MILLER

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I grew up in Bishop and currently live in Lone Pine. Your page is wonderful. It is a real trip down memory lane. Thank you

Friday 02/20/2004 8:30:37am

Name: Chris Langley

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Homepage Title: lonepinefilmfestival

Homepage URL: <http://www.lonepinefilmfestival.org>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am researching Owens Valley film history for the construction of our museum: the Beverly and Jim Rogers Museum of Lone Pine Film History. I am interested in any information, memorabilia or reminiscences people have concerning this subject. I am also happy to try to answer any questions people have on the subjects of filmmaking in the Owens Valley.

Monday 02/16/2004 6:35:42pm

Name: Marlene Cierniak

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Lone Pine, CA

Comments: What a great web site. Didn't even know it existed until Doug Thompson told us about it at the Lone Pine Community Association the other morning. It is great and very informative and we will put it in our NEW COSO HERITAGE SOCIETY SOUTHERN INYO MUSEUM NEWSLETTER for all our members to check it out. GREAT!!!!!! Is there someway I can tie it in to my Real estate web site and how can we tie it in to the new little web site for Darwin Community Library and there is another Darwin web site also. What do you think?? Of course yours is so beautifully professional compared to ours.

Thursday 01/15/2004 1:28:56pm

Name: Brett Johnson

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Washington, DC

Comments: Really enjoyed your site - does anyone have any knowledge of the outdoor locations used in the 1930's to film Errol Flynn's "Charge of the Light Brigade"? I read in David Nivens' book it was filmed in Mt Whitney/ Lone Pine area.

Thanks Brett

Monday 01/12/2004 3:17:48pm

Name: greg steen

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Florida

Comments: I have a wwII knife my grandfather found in Okanaua (sp?) and I cant find out what it is. In the handle there was a bank or war bond and a insurance paper I really want to know what it is. It's one of a kind for sure....dragons on it lots of art

Saturday 01/10/2004 6:19:05pm

Name: Anna Katherine Boscacci

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Mariposa, CA.

Comments: Thank you for this very special and valuable website!

Tuesday 12/30/2003 6:14:40pm

Name: Jayne Gray Douglas

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Richfield, Utah

Comments: My husband Bob and I were raised in Lone Pine. Bob packed for Leo Rogers at the Cottonwood Pack station, Cottonwood canyon south of Lone Pine, and for Bruce Morgan at the Mt. Whitney pack station, Carrol creek and Whitney Portals, in the 50's. He also worked for George Brown and Mark Lacey (Olancho) moving cattle into the high country. Bob's grandfather, Alford Biering, worked for Russ Spainhower on his alfalfa ranch in Olancho. We were friends of Richie Conway and enjoyed hearing his tales of the old times. Bob packed with Clyde Pancho, Lester Bellas, Tommy Jefferson, Swede Corrasco, Dick Pratt, Bill Smart, Bruce Morgan, and Roberta Morgan. Bob was a camp boy at Golden Trout camp in 1953. Bob wrangled & packed for the Sierra Club on the Big Aurora country trips. He also took parties into Wallace Lake and fishing trips in the back country. Your website brings back a lot of good memories for both of us. Glad to see your saving the old times before they are lost forever.

Thanks again,
Bobby Douglas and Jayne Douglas

Sunday 12/28/2003 7:07:39pm

Name: Ralph Fear

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Location: SAn Diego, CA

Comments: I was born in Lone Pine, as was my mother and her sister, and my father finished high school in Bishop. Your site, with all its information and pictures, is a great addition to the history of the valley. I was at the 1949 encampment in Death Valley and remember the mule train; I saw it several times in Lone Pine before and after that time, practicing and in parades. I also visited with my father the Golden Trout Camp several times and had a wonderful time fishing and eating the results. The names on the photos are familiar -- Morgan, Spainhower, and some of the others. The photos are fantastic, and it has all come together. I'll be sending info about the site to some other valley natives as I am sure they will enjoy viewing it.

Saturday 11/15/2003 7:51:40pm

Name: Katie

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Homepage Title: My Online Diary

Homepage URL: <http://theatregeek3.diaryland.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Fall River, MA

Comments: I performed the monologue "Months at Manzanar" for an acting class (an excerpt from "Farewell to Manzanar" - part of it is posted on your page, it begins, "As the months at Manzanar turned to years, it became a world unto itself..."), and it really sparked my interest in this subject. So I would like to thank you for having this page available for me to learn more about it.

Friday 11/07/2003 3:22:12pm

Name: Brian Jackson

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Schofield Barracks Hawaii

Comments: Greeting, My name is Brian. I am an Army Medical Sgt in Hawaii. I will be returning home soon to Bakersfield. I enjoy your page very much!. As a kid I grew up unsheltered, allowed to view the world through my own eyes, allowed to appreciate my world in my own understanding. I spent allot of my time growing up in the outdoors yet, I never considered myself an "outdoorsman." I have always felt an errie peace in nature. I have always felt that the world is trying to tell me something when I am alone, and it is quiet. Unlike many of my generation, I feel the need to understand what a quiet mountain sunrise has to tell me, or what a granite rock face can teach me about time. Thank you for reminding me that there is so much I don't know, and thank you for your page.

Brian

Saturday 10/25/2003 12:20:00am

Name: Jackie

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Homepage Title: JourneyinTimeII

Homepage URL: <http://www.jackieoneil.homestead.com/JourneyinTimeII.html>

Location: Eugene,Oregon

Comments: Thanks so much for all your hard work in assembling all the data, I do appreciate it. Haven't been to the Owens Valley in a few years, but do remember so many of the outposts and scenes you have put on the site. It is time we did something to save our heritage and country, God bless and thanks.

Tuesday 10/21/2003 12:10:52am

Name: Anne Tombelaine

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: San Ramon, CA

Comments: I was just in the Owens Valley, paragliding. A peaceful sport. I knew in the back of my mind about the history but not too well. A group of us, 2 Americans, 2 Colombians, 1 Mexican...we passed a sign on some vacant land that said "No Trespassing...Property of City of Los Angeles..." My friends questioned it, and I relayed the story. But I did not really know the extent of the rape. I wonder today what the valley would look like if the water was still there. We went to Mono Lake too. But still, I found the area t be of intense beauty. What a story.

Tuesday 09/30/2003 5:39:56pm

Name: Howdy Fowler

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Homepage Title: Burro Bill's Wild West Entertainment

Homepage URL: <http://www.geocities.com/nmburroteer/bbwildwest2.html>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Tularosa, New mexico

Comments: I'm a real fan of big hitches of horses, mules, and oxen, especially the Borax 20 Mule Hitches. My wife is Yahooskin Fowler a Northern Paiute from Benton, Calif, her great grandmother was the Paiute matriarch Maggie. Maggie drove big hitches of horses and mules in the steep Sierra Nevada Mts. while hauling ore and freight. I got to ride on the lead wagon pulled by a 20 horse hitch at Fallon, NV in 1977... the hitch belonged to Dean Calkins. I mentioned this to a green horn who had been driving draft horses for about a year, he looked at me and said "Anything after four is all the

same." I looked him in the eye and said "Sir you have never saw a 20 horse hitch work have ya?" Because folks untill you do you can not imagine what a cool sight it is.

Howdy Fowler

Tuesday 09/23/2003 6:35:35am

Name: Ernie Roop

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Referred By: Friend

Comments: I really enjoyed your website. I have family that lived in Big Pine, Bishop, Keeler, and Lone Pine many years ago. I travel through that area a couple of times a year when I go fishing in Bridgeport. Though it is 300 miles north of my home, the Eastern Sierra's I will always remember.
Thanks for sharing.

Friday 09/19/2003 2:01:42pm

Name: Caitlyn Manning

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: CSUF Student

Comments: I am the daughter of Larry Manning taken of him when he was a little kid with Mr. Clyde. I'm glad that the legacy of Norman Clyde continues to be told to future generations as my late grandfather Bill Manning once told me when I was a little girl. Now I definitely have to teach my grandma to surf the internet so she can see this site for herself! I hope they have an internet cafe in Bishop...well there's always my laptop...Backpacking for Life!

Thursday 09/18/2003 9:02:31pm

Name: Elizabeth Lewis

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Arcata, California

Comments: I am Native American (Paiute/Shoshone tribe of Big Pine) and have grown up on the Big Pine Indian Reservation all of my life. By the way, it is spelled "Paiute", not "Piute". I love Big Pine and miss all of my family very much. I am up in the Redwood forests right now going to college with the Yurok Indians.

Wednesday 09/17/2003 1:34:41pm

Name: Nedra Gallagher

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Corona, CA

Comments: This s is a wonderful site! It is absolutely one of the best I've found on the Owens Valley. My grandfather, Richard Leroy Ellis, was a brakeman on the old Southern Pacific Railroad. His wife, my grandmother, Nedra, worked in the station at Zurich & Keeler in the early 1930's. Reading the history of the railroad and viewing the pictures really gives me an idea of what my grandparents' life was like in the 30's. I recently visited Lone Pine, Keeler & the site where the old Zurich Station used to be. My mother was with me and had a great time visiting her old home town of Keeler (whats left of it). Thanks for sharing the history of a beautiful time & Place!

Thursday 09/04/2003 4:27:18pm

Name: Roni McFadden

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Willits, CA

Comments: I lived and worked at the old Sam Lewis Pack Station (Sierra Lady while I was there) just south of Olancha in the late 60's early 70's. I am doing research to write a book about the place. So I am searching for any info on Sam Lewis and his crews and the history of the station and the cabins we packed in to at Dutch John Flat. Any help would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Wednesday 07/09/2003 1:43:50pm

Name: cynde sears

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: suburban Washington, DC

Comments: Do you have any information about the Barney Sears who did the pack riding up Mt. Whitney and other spots in Colorado? My grandfather and great-great-grandfather were named Barnabas (Barney), and rumor has it that my great-great-grandfather "disappeared" in Colorado.
Thanks,
Cynde Sears

Wednesday 07/09/2003 0:28:36am

Name: Willi Wilkens

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Homepage Title: High Sierra

Homepage URL: <http://www.sierra123.com>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Dimas, California

Comments: I have been a visitor to the Owens Valley since I was a child (I am 41 now), and I love the entire region of the Owens Valley and Eastern Sierras. I have been doing historical research on the area and came across your fabulous website. Fantastic information and photos!!!

Saturday 06/28/2003 4:07:16am

Name: Neal Tiemann

E-Mail: Neal_Tiemann@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I am moved by the lack of learning we as a people have done in 50 years I was brought to tears by this and then again by the reality that we are once again at the same place in 2003.

For those who refuse to learn from history, they are doomed to repeat it.

Peace!

Tuesday 05/27/2003 8:52:50am

Name: Jackie

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Homepage Title: JourneyinTimell

Homepage URL: <http://www.jackieoneil.homestead.com/JourneyinTimell.html>

Referred By: Friend

Location: Eugene, Oregon

Comments: I want to say thanks for your fantastic website, you bet it really takes me back. I remember vaguely the Owens Valley growing up, and I am really sad for our country - it could have continued on if the people of America would only have stood up for preservation, instead of greed - oh well. It is (the way of progress) that's what they say, but not me, thanks for the site and God bless you all.

Thursday 05/22/2003 8:56:19pm

Name: Lee Waters

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Homepage Title:

Homepage URL: <http://htmlgear.tripod.com/guest/control.guest?u=pigmypacker>

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Amarillo, Texas

Comments: I was very pleased to find this material. I am related to Mary by way of her mother's sister was my ggg grandmother. Thanks for the info.
Lee H Waters

Thursday 05/15/2003 6:13:55pm

Name: Paul McFarland

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Homepage Title: www.friendsoftheinyo.org

Homepage URL: <http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Really enjoyed the site. Nice wildflower pictures and write ups. Happy trails to all.

Tuesday 04/29/2003 6:02:59pm

Name: Peter Fish

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Homepage Title: Run the US for Sarcoma

Homepage URL: <http://www.russ2001.org>

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I ran across this site looking up my uncle Henry Brown on Google, and I bookmarked it and sent the url to my daughter Rebecca Fish Ewan, author of "The Land Between," a book about the Owens Valley.

Monday 04/28/2003 3:48:50pm

Name: Brian Roesch

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Homepage Title: HAUNTED FORT LAUDERDALE

Homepage URL: <http://hometown.aol.com/liondog96/page7.html>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Comments: Keep up the nice work. I enjoyed your website. Please feel free to visit mine.

Friday 04/11/2003 3:08:09pm

Name: Kt

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: This site is great! its really informative and I love the pictures!

Thursday 04/10/2003 9:51:52pm

Name: Karen (Liebermann) Pulley

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Phoenix

Comments: I was looking for pictures of Lone Pine and Mt. Whitney and found your great site. Grew up in Lone Pine from 1957-1967. My dad (Jack Liebermann) was Lo-Inyo's principal during that time. My heart always holds Lone Pine dear. Whenever I get the chance to come back, I sit on the lawn of the Frontier motel and look at Mt. Whitney and savor the moon and stars. The peaceful feeling of being cradled by the mountain ranges has always been my cherished memory. Old friends, and new, please contact me if you'd like. My dad passed away 3 years ago, but Mom (Mary Jeanne) is wonderful and well in Carmel. My brother and sisters are well too. I am looking for old postcards of Mt. Whitney if anyone has some to sell. Karen

Wednesday 04/09/2003 8:10:03pm

Name: manaia bucknell

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Homepage Title: manzanar

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Tacoma, Washington

Comments: I was just doing a project on WWII and it just happened to be about Manzanar, so I just went straight to manzanar.com and it referred me to this page. And I really appreciate this sight because it's given me a lot of insight about what exactly I should say and the kind of pictures I should put on it. And so I just wanted to say thank you for this sight and thank you for that book " Farwell to Manzanar."

Tuesday 04/08/2003 1:41:03pm

Name: Rachel H. Rice

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: San Diego, CA

Comments: Thank you for having this website. I am an English Teacher in San Diego, currently teaching Farewell to Manzanar. My students were curious as to life in schools in Manzanar, and what life looked like.

Tuesday 03/18/2003 10:25:11am

Name: Mike Buttemer

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Homepage Title: Tunnel Meadows Air Camp

Referred By: Friend

Location: Los Angeles

Comments: I long for the good old days when you could fly into tunnel meadows in the morning, catch the limit of goldens, then fly out before dark, or make a weekend of it. God Bless Bob White and Lone Pine Air Field.

Monday 02/24/2003 7:07:05am

Name: Mark

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Referred By: Friend

Location: La Salle Academy in PA

Comments: The Site was quite interesting. I loved seeing some of the softer sides of Manzanar. If anybody visiting this site wants more quality information on Manzanar, they should consider reading the book,FAREWELL TO MANZANAR. The authors are Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston. It is a great book that my class and I are reading. It is highly recommended by me, my teacher, and our class. Thanks. Great site!

Sunday 02/23/2003 9:33:06pm

Name: Joe

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: South Lake Tahoe , Calif.

Comments: I live in northern California. Once in a while I go down to Huntington Beach to visit family. I take highway 395 to get down there. Every time I go I pass Manzanar. I stop and drive around there. I go to the graveyard in the back of the camp. When I drive on the old road in the camp i stop on the side and pick up a few nails or anything that looks interesting. I don't take anything home but nails, then I think what it was like to live there. I encourage everyone to go down there and visit.

Thursday 01/16/2003 6:59:17pm

Name: Shannon (Mathers) Neustaedter

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Comments: Dear Ray ~

This site just keeps getting better and better. Thank you for all your hard work!

Shannon Mathers Neustaedter

Tuesday 01/14/2003 8:10:48pm

Name: Gary McIntosh

E-Mail: garymac@tscnet.com

Location: St. Helena California

Comments: Nice website! My Great Grandfather Edwin Albert McIntosh (1848-1939) drove mule teams for Borax Bill. If anyone is interested, I have information to share on his life. Gary McIntosh.

Monday 12/16/2002 10:55:51am

Name: Mary Jefferson

E-Mail: lpmaryj@yahoo.com

Comments: Greetings Ray,
Your web page keeps getting better and better. Keep up the great work. One of these days I will get Tommy's stories written down.
Mary

Friday 12/13/2002 3:32:30pm

Name: Bridget Randles

E-Mail: barngoddess84@yahoo.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: San Ysidro, NM

Comments: It's so great to see a site that justifies all of Dad's endless story-telling! This is wonderful. Dad (Slim Randles) is so tickled that y'all have made such a big deal out of him and his stories. Thank you!

Wednesday 12/11/2002 7:31:16am

Name: Carol

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Northern Minnesota

Comments: I was born in Los Angeles and loved the local history. My grand mother was Remi Nadeau's daughter Ollie. Just love the desert and it's history.

Carol

Monday 12/09/2002 7:53:46pm

Name: Maria W.

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Mission viejo, CA

Comments: I am working on a National History Day Project on the Japanese Internment Camps for my 7th grade History class, and was pleased to come upon this site. I would love to interview via email anyone who was interned at the camp or who may have worked there during this period. If you know of someone who may be willing to share their experiences please email me. I would appreciate the help.

Monday 11/25/2002 8:28:24am

Name: Jack Wilder

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I was surprised to find your pages. I am in the process of getting ready to publish a book on Manzanar called "Manzanar The Land of the Red Apple" whose primary author was Gladys Ruth Wilder Hall.

Thursday 11/21/2002 1:26:55pm

Name: Ashley

E-Mail: edenangel05@yahoo.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Ohio

Comments: I am an American and I am so ashamed of what we put our own people through. It was very wrong and I wish I could take all the things that happened away it wasn't right or fair but, it happened and that's all and that's it. I would just like to send this question out to all of you: Do you see the U.S ever doing something like this again? The reason I ask is because of the events that took place on September the eleventh. It just makes me wonder if they could do it at a time of war then will they do it if this one proceeds.

Sincerely, Ashley

Ps: email me I would love to hear other views on this subject.

Thursday 11/14/2002 10:39:32pm

Name: Ken Stofer

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Most interested in this site. I am trying to locate a Betty Hamaguchi who would now be in her 80's She was interned in Manzanar camp in March or April of 1942. I met her at my Uncle Bill Stofer, where she was a maid, in 1938 or 39. I am a Canadian and when the war started I went to England to join the Royal Air Force. It was some time before I learned of Betty's internment, and only just recently that in some of my late uncles old papers did I find a letter Betty had written to him from Manzanar. If anyone who recalls Betty reads this, and knows where she is I would most appreciate a message from them. Thank you.

Ken Stofer.

Thursday 11/07/2002 8:24:44pm

Name: Jacqueline Buff Sims

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Gulfport, MS

Comments: I think that this site is great. I was born and raised in Lone Pine, graduated from Owens Valley High School in 1992. There was a lot of things that I found out on this site that I never knew and it was great to see a picture of one of my relatives Lester Bellas. I think that was the first time I had ever seen a picture of him. I miss the Owens Valley. I try to come back when I can. Thanks for the great site.

Sunday 11/03/2002 11:45:16pm

Name: Deborah Hyers

E-Mail: Hyers1@rural.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Sugar City, Colorado

Comments: My father would have been especially proud to see the history of these pack trains remembers and tickled at the mention of his, the Circle Dot. Thank You

Deborah Hyers

Monday 10/28/2002 10:41:27am

Name: C. Morgan

E-Mail: courtney82@msn.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Fullerton, CA

Comments: I just wanted to say that the piece on Bruce Morgan, my great-grandfather, was very interesting. It makes me happy to see that his story and life continues to be shared with each new generation.

Thursday 10/17/2002 11:07:43am

Name: JoAnne Keiko Masuoka Serran

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Union City, California

Comments: My parents were interned at Manzanar. Edward Fumio Masuoka and Ruth Fujiko Murata Masuoka (they met in San Francisco after being released from camp) are both deceased now. Unfortunately, they spoke very little about their life at Manzanar. After reading an excerpt of "Farewell to Manzanar" it perked my interest and now I wish I knew more about their life in camp. What little they did tell me was not the same as what I read in the excerpt. I realize that I read a small portion of the story; however, I will read as many stories as I can about camp life.

JoAnne Keiko Masuoka Serran (Sansei)

Tuesday 10/01/2002 3:03:11pm

Name: Dale W. Diacont

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Rocky Mount, NC

Comments: Just finished vacation in Nevada (and California) and picked up a travel guide about Nevada by a fellow named Toll before flying back home out of Reno. Trip centered around visit to Nevada Northern and excursion Sat., the 28th of Sept. Travel guide mentioned Carson and Colorado and I wasn't familiar with it. Would like to know more about it, the Nevada Central and the Eureka and Palisades. Is tutorial available regarding Nevada's railroad history, besides the obvious Central Pacific. Thanks,

Dale

Have "Slim Rails Thru The Sand" and Ferrell's book on SP Narrow Gauge.

Wednesday 09/18/2002 10:36:11am

Name: Marian Jacobs

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: What a wonderful website!!!! My father-in-law has a great interest in the mule teams since he was a modern day teamster, and he has sparked my interest. I remember seeing the Death Valley Days program on TV when I was young, but that was TV, and "not real." This brought it all into proper perspective! Thank you for your fine work!!

M. Jacobs

Monday 09/16/2002 4:07:56pm

Name: John Maddux

E-Mail: salmon54@aol.com

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: San Luis Obispo

Comments: Great sight! Worked for Cottonwood Pack Station in the early 60's just a kid but enjoyed it so much use to supply the Golden Trout Camp and take supplies into Tunnel Air Camp things Mr. White did not fly-in. I remember running into some of your packers when we took trips north. You had some good looking stock. I have been working for Caltrans for 32 years get to the mountains every so often, but I do miss the time in the back country. Thanks for brining back some very good memories!

Wednesday 09/11/2002 9:29:58am

Name: Robert L. Prior

E-Mail: rlprior@prodigy.net

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Very comprehensive and nicely done!

My grandfather, John C. Prior, was a civil engineer and professor of civil engineering at Ohio State University. He and my grandmother would spend most of their summers in California where we would go visit them in the late 1940's. I well recall my grandfather discussing LA's need for water and the Mulholland project in particular. It's nice to be able to learn more about it. The History Channel also did a program on it. First time I realized how controversial it was (is). My next trip to California, I intend to visit Owens Valley and see for it first hand.

Bob Prior
Columbus, OH

Wednesday 09/04/2002 8:00:19pm

Name: R. C. Gushi Jr.

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Referred By: Web Ring

Location: Las Vegas NV.

Comments: Very good website. Surfing the site, and checking out the pictures, brought tears to my eyes. All I could hear in my mind, was my wife's Bachan (Bachan is Japanese for Grandmother), telling me about camp.

Thursday 08/08/2002 7:01:20am

Name: Tamara Yates

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Hi There... great site. My future husband(in three days), Chris Yates, has managed the Golden Trout Camp for the last 28 years... he has written a small history on the camp itself...don't know if you are interested or not... we are getting married at the camp this Sunday... packing in all the guests, champagne, etc. on burros. The camp has used burros for 30 years, training students from Thacher (the school that "owns" the place) how to pack, etc. I've only been involved for a few years, but now get to live up there every summer... what a great place! I've always had horses, but never packed until a couple of years ago...incredible!
Thanks again for your great site!
Tamara Drean...soon to be Yat

Monday 08/05/2002 5:16:17pm

Name: Julie Chalfant Capes

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: My maiden name is Chalfant and I think it's interesting to find info on other Chalfants. My father is an author also. Thanks.

Monday 07/15/2002 5:13:16pm

Name: judy

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Bakersfield, Ca

Comments: I have been there a couple of times, and each time there is less remaining of the past. There are many good books at the library about Manazar. My step-father help build the camp. I have talked to a man in Bishop that used to deliver milk to the camp.

Friday 07/05/2002 10:59:30am

Name: Barbara

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Referred By: Web Ring

Location: Eugene, OR (formerly SoCal)

Comments: Just discovered this site. What an incredible effort!! Owens Valley will always hold a special place in my heart. The beauty is unsurpassed and the history of the "land of little rain" is amazing. From the aqueduct to the Long Valley Caldera to Manzanar to Cerro Gordo to the Bristlecone Pine Forest to Fossil Falls to the Sherwin Grade to Kearsage Pass to Convict Lake, there is no other place like it. Thanks for creating this site.

Tuesday 07/02/2002 6:14:27pm

Name: pam

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Southern California

Comments: Wow...what a great site! What a pleasure to just sit here and spend a few hours browsing through all the information and history about the ever changing Owens Valley. OwensValleyHistory dot com is now one of my favorite sites. Loved the Vintage Cowgirl Pinups!!!

Saturday 06/22/2002 10:26:35pm

Name: Ted

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: bend oregon

Comments: My wife and I visited Manzanar last Friday 6/14/02. You can read all the history about Manzanar and look at all the pictures you can find but until you walk the grounds and maybe sit on the front steps of a building for a while in the heat you can not fully appreciate it. Can you tell me the story behind the coins on the grave sites. I felt the compulsion to contribute to them so I did. Where can I find more pictures of the camp while it was in use? Thanks.....Ted

Saturday 06/15/2002 7:09:44pm

Name: Steven Caruso

E-Mail: scaruso@outdrs.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Sacramento

Comments: Excellent web page, I found exactly what I was looking for, the "Snow Flower," I came across while hiking in the high country off HWY. 88.
Thank you.

Tuesday 06/04/2002 4:25:01pm

Name: Gary B. Bondahl

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Auburn, Wa

Comments: Mistake, she was married to his father Pleasant Arthur Chalfant, W.A. Chalfant. P.A. came to ca. during the gold rush, stayed there until about 1862. He then went to Idaho for the gold rush in the Boise Basin. He then ran a lumber mill supply materials for the mines at Rocky Bar. He married Adeline Slater, they moved to Virginia City, Nv, and then back to Ca.

Saturday 05/25/2002 5:35:17pm

Name: David Hoffman

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I enjoyed the history lesson on all the links from my search to Owens Valley. My research originated with the news of the Salton Sea being in serious jeopardy due to a water deal that will transfer water to LA to make up for the excess water LA is taking from the Colorado River. The Salton Sea may now fall victim to disaster as Owens Valley did. This is how I learned of Owens Lake demise. Do you know of any further reports about the Salton Sea's fate since the article I read LA Times on April 14, 2002? Do you know any sources that may have recent info? I would appreciate any suggestions. Thank you.

Sincerely, David Hoffman;
Cal State University Long Beach Senior;
Environmental Studies/Engineering Technology.

Tuesday 05/21/2002 1:28:37pm

Name: wayne hanlon

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Owens Valley

Comments: I found this site very impressive and informative. My wife's grandmother owns a cabin in the Owens Valley, which we try and get out to at least two or three times each year. This site and others like it, help me to appreciate the beauty and peace of the valley even more.

Thank-you for sharing with the rest of us, your knowledge of such a beautiful place.

Tuesday 05/21/2002 12:54:57am

Name: Tracy Stillwater

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Mendocino County

Comments: In 1970/71, I used to pack in from the old Sam Lewis site at Haiwee Canyon to Dutch John Flat, with John Slaughter's bunch. Those were some of the greatest experiences of my life! They provided the basis for many hugely romantic memories - and one of the most frightening: packing all the way in, including crossing the South Fork, in utter and complete darkness! (NOT my idea!). I have some vacation time in July, all to myself, for the first time in 20 years - and what I want most of all to do, is go hang out on the desert. I would very much like to walk in to our old spot at D.J.F., but I've acquired some apprehension over the years to attempting it alone. I'd like to communicate with anyone who might have a similar goal in mind, either on foot or horseback, sometime between July 6th and 21st. I'd also welcome suggestions about other sites where my query might find a favorable response. Thank you!

Sunday 05/19/2002 3:16:12pm

Name: Judy Tims

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Loved seeing the old brochures especially of Parchers Rainbow Camp where I was the owner operator during the late 60's. No prettier place on this earth. Thanks.

Wednesday 05/08/2002 12:32:52am

Name: Jenny

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Nashville

Comments: Was rasied about 10 miles north of Manzanar in Independence. Just enjoy sights from the area. I can recall going out to Manzanar often and looking around. Very sad time in American history.

Tuesday 05/07/2002 3:17:57pm

Name: fran mccauley

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Comments: I went to Los Angeles from Vancouver BC to see the readings of Manzanar - Story of an American Family, March 2,3, 2002.

This wonderful musical by Rus McCoy and Dan Taguchi has sent me looking for more information about the courage and dignity of the Japanese Americans in that experience

Tuesday 05/07/2002 12:17:44am

Name: Stephanie

E-Mail: kit_kat@lovergirl.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Beckley, WV USA

Comments: Hi,
My name is A tephanie. I just got done reading the book "Farewell to Manzanar". That was definitely an interesting book. I realized that everyone in the camp had a difficult life. But if anyone is wanting to read a book about Manzanar that is definitely the book!

Monday 05/06/2002 6:36:49pm

Name: Devi

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: This website is great! We are reading the book "Farewell to Manzanar" and we had to some project on it and this site had helped me a lot. I just wanted to say---ITS A GREAT SITE!

Sunday 05/05/2002 12:11:13am

Name: Melissa Wooster

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Pennsylvania

Comments: This website is very touching. There is a number of Americans that don't know about the Japanese and their Internment in the U.S. If there were only a way to let them know. Everyone always has sympathy and pity for the Jews and how they were treated. But many don't even know that we did it ourselves. Let them know!!!! Missy of Pennsylvania.

Tuesday 03/26/2002 1:11:00pm

Name: Linda Koenig

E-Mail: koenig@nauticom.net

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: My daughter did a History Day project on the Internment Camps. She and her friends were shocked to find out that this was done in our country. Maybe if enough people were shocked, this would never happen again.

Thursday 03/14/2002 6:32:39am

Name: Brandi

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Extremely wonderful page. I found it while working on a school project. This story is extremely touching. I had never even heard of Manzanar.

Monday 03/11/2002 9:47:11am

Name: Rick

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Lancaster, Ca

Comments: My grandma used to lease a cabin from the D.W.P. in Lone Pine it was a few hundred yards from Bruce Morgan's house and there was some other old buildings and about ten wagons. It was said that was a stage stop for the teams who built the aqueduct I would like to know if this is true? By the way great web site.

Thursday 03/07/2002 12:33:52am

Name: Julie White

E-Mail: JulieWhite_99@hotmail.com

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Missouri

Comments: My name is Julie White. I am from a very small town in Missouri. I am 16 years old and I'm doing a History Day project in which I will present in front of Judges. I have a chance to win a scholarship at Southeast Missouri State University and I was wondering if you had anymore information you could e-mail me. It would really up my chances at this scholarship. Japanese Internment Camps really makes me understand how bad Japanese-Americans really had it in that time. I am very interested about this topic and if you could please e-mail me more information it would really help! Thanks for your time and cooperation! God Bless,
Julie White

Wednesday 03/06/2002 3:31:31pm

Name: Mrs. Tilton's 1st and 2nd Period Class

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: **Thanks for all the information on your site. It really helped us understand more completely what really happened at Manzanar. Also, we had fun looking through the pictures of the Manzanar High School yearbook. Thanks a bunch!**

Tuesday 03/05/2002 12:42:23am

Name: Daniel

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: This is a great site. I am reading the book right now and looking at the year book of the high school in Manzanar really let me see a portion of history. Thanks for putting up this site for all to see. This should stay up for all generations to see!!
Keep up the good work!

Saturday 03/02/2002 5:37:46pm

Name: terry Oneal

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Madera, Ca

Comments: Good site! Makes one feel (unhappily in hindsight) that the Germans and Japanese had "concentration" camps in WWII that were much more publicized than these in America. We (as far as one is informed) did not use the Japanese for biological experiments, burn them in ovens, or in forced labor camps. But then again we did not treat them as respected citizens in their own country. Our camps (United States) were mostly American citizens with perfect records. These Japanese - Americans, had no history of aiding and abetting the enemy in time of war. I mean ZERO!! In fact many of the Japanese males of military age formed one of the most decorated units in the Italian campaign, or in any European campaign. Most of the Japanese

were let out of the camps before the end of WWII because of the folly of the camps. The folly of treating American citizens as enemies without trial or representation. The United States (me included) sometimes shoot from the hip and practice discrimination without proper examination. If there can be discrimination through examination. It was FDR that did the deed with a Special Presidential Order (January 1942) without congress participating (mild complaints from Congress) that set the Japanese internment in motion...and yet, it was never pointed out that FDR did this racist act! etc., etc., etc.!! The point of it is that it should not happen again. But it could, and probably would! Who could be next? Arabs? Jews? Irish?

Saturday 02/23/2002 1:07:37pm

Name: Jaime

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Alberta, Canada

Comments: Awesome page! I just kinda stumbled in! I've been guiding in Banff National Park for the last few years and really enjoyed your site!

Friday 02/22/2002 1:33:07pm

Name: Vanessa

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: Your sight has influenced me to learn more about world war two. Thanks and prosperity for your web sight

Wednesday 02/20/2002 6:04:32pm

Name: Michael Prather

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Homepage Title: Golden Trout Natural History Workshops

Homepage URL: <http://www.1startists.com/gtc>

Referred By: Friend

Location: Golden Trout Camp

Comments: Friends,

Our non-profit group runs 3 one week natural history workshops open to all at the Golden Trout Camp. We have been active since the early 1970's. Our website is www.1startists.com/gtc. Visit us. Any chance that we might be linked onto this terrific site?

Sincerely,

Mike Prather
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Tuesday 02/12/2002 1:43:37pm

Name: Doug Cheek

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Gulfport, MS

Comments: Very nice web site. I grew up in Olancha/Cartago (went to the one room school house in Olancha) and graduated from Lone Pine high in 1957. I remember packing into the mountains as a kid with my folks for a month. Also washed airplanes for Eddie Roman for a free ride!! Thanks for the memories.

Sunday 02/10/2002 8:44:32pm

Name: Merry Green

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Cartago, CA

Comments: Thanks to Dee Oviatt for sending me this link. It's a great page Dee. I went all the way through it and it has proven to be not only interesting, but very historical in value. I learned a few new things about the aqueduct as well as Manzanar. I am putting it in my favorites so I can come back often to check and see what's new, as well as have easy access for the kids in case they should have need of it for school projects. I would also like them to browse the site for the heck of it. As you know we have excellent teachers at Lolnyo Elementary School in Lone Pine, who do their utmost to teach our children Owen's Valley History. It never hurts to have more references on hand though. Again, thanks to the author of these pages. God Bless and keep on typing... Merry :)

Sunday 02/10/2002 4:28:02pm

Name: Bob and Donna Gentry

E-Mail: DDonnabob@aol.com

Referred By: Friend

Location: Soda Springs, Id.

Comments: I(Donna) grew up in Lone Pine - I graduated in 1986. My husband and I enjoyed looking through the pictures and history of the Owens Valley.

Saturday 02/09/2002 4:43:12pm

Name: LARRY PRUCE

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: OLANCHA, CALIF

Comments: What a great site. Glad to read of the valley people. Only those who have had the privilege of living here know of its beauty working for Alice & Irwin Burkhardt over at Kennedy Meadows pack and Cottonwood Pack Trains has allowed me to see some of the most beautiful spots on earth.

Saturday 02/09/2002 4:39:43pm

Name: JAMES N. SAYLOR

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Homepage URL: <http://NONE>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: CARETAKER, LAWS MUSEUM

Comments: I have been studying the C&C / SPNG for the last 26 years, this is one of the nicest ones I've seen. Keep up the good work.
Sincerely, James N. Saylor.
P.S. please feel free to contact me if you ever want to discuss this railroad.

Monday 02/04/2002 9:33:58am

Name: Stephanie McCaughan

E-Mail: smccaugh@bc.cc.ca.us

Referred By: Friend

Location: Bakersfield, CA

Comments: Great website! I grew up in Olancha and have always been fascinated by our rich local history. Excellent job! Thank you for sharing.

Sunday 02/03/2002 2:55:27pm

Name: Tom Fortney

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Location: Ridgecrest, CA

Comments: Lived in Darwin, CA 1942-1955, attended Lone Pine High, left the valley after high school but return all the time. I have many pictures of the Darwin area and mining camps around the early 50's and one picture of the 20 mules team as it passed Wildrose Canyon station (1949) on way to Death Valley.
Thanks for the pictures and memory's.
Tom

Saturday 02/02/2002 12:04:32am

Name: Sonia Robledo

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Riverside, CA

Comments: What a wonderful website and great comments, many from people with whom I went to school, or people who were in school after me. I graduated from Owens Valley High School in Independence in 1962, left the Valley briefly, and returned to the Valley in 1967. All told, I lived there for over 30 years and loved it well. Due to my mother's illness, I left Independence in 1990 and now live in Riverside, Ca. I miss the Valley every single day. The mountains, both the Sierras and the Inyos, the color of the shadows in the evening, they way the sky turns the color of sterling silver right before night falls, the millions of stars at night, the rose color of the mountains when the sun is just coming up, and the quality of the people who live in the Valley. We are a "Can Do" kind of people, and it is a place where small miracles are accomplished every day.

The old pictures are wonderful. If you would like a couple more from the Death Valley/Keeler area dating back to the early '50's, please let me know.
Congratulations and Thanks!

Sonia Lund Fraser Robledo

Friday 02/01/2002 4:51:47am

Name: Slim Randles

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Comments: Hi!
Can't wait to read the rest of this. I packed for Gene and Lona Burkhart out of Onion Valley for eight years (when I was more flexible and bullet proof). If anyone's interested, my story "Night Ride" will be published in July in an anthology of Best of the West called "Hot Biscuits." Any old trail buddies out there? Love to hear from you.
Slim Randles
ol_slim@yahoo.com

Friday 01/11/2002 6:34:42pm

Name: Larry Blodget

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Ely, Nevada

Comments: Wonderful website! I lived in the Owens Valley from 1979-1983. When we learned that our home was the Manzanar nurses' barracks, we became devoted historians. Friends from Los Angeles would come to visit and we'd include Manzanar in our 'tour' of local Eastern Sierra sites. We donated a sizeable collection of Manzanar dishes we came across to the Eastern Sierra Museum in Independence.
Congratulations on a well-done perspective!

Saturday 01/05/2002 6:59:31pm

Name: Doug Harding

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Salinas CA

Comments: I was born and raised in southern California, and my father worked for the University of California. I learned bits and pieces about the story of water in this state from him. I have long been fascinated by how our biggest cities must import most of their water. This is just as true for the Bay area. I wonder, if the Aqueduct had not been built, would the Owens Valley have become the center of a great megalopolis, instead of L.A.? I have no doubt that California would still have been a mecca for the many millions who have come here, and that economic development would cause the growth we have seen. I've seen the great ranches and citrus groves, watered by the Owens River, simply ground under for suburbs. The men who stole the water suffered as much as they succeeded, and the artificial paradise created by their work has become a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. I don't know what they would think if they could see the results of their work, but I know they all died without achieving their original goals. The Owens Valley, The Aqueduct, and the City Of L.A. have all survived, and , in unique ways, prospered. Thanks for creating such a wonderful resource!

Saturday 12/29/2001 3:21:22pm

Name: Tom Baker

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I did some packing on the western side of the Sierra in the early 60's. I worked for Ralph Walton who owned the Sierra Pack Station which rode out of Baysore Meadows. There was a general store there at that time. There was also camping. We packing into Chain Lakes, Spotted Lake and I forget the other names of the places we packed into. I only worked there for one summer which was after I got of the air force. Packing was an experience that I'll never forget. I loved every minute of it.

Friday 11/30/2001 6:50:41pm

Name: Zer

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Homepage Title: Zer's Practically Painless Website Revie

Homepage URL: <http://www.geocities.com/zerendipt/WebReview.html>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Orange County, California

Comments: Interesting site. Found you through ProFusion.com. Seeking info on Manzanar when it was a lush producer of fruit and a haven for farmers from Germany and Holland seeking a home and a community to rear their families. Yeah, before the water was stolen for LA. Have read accounts from a girl who spent her youth in that Manzanar, detailing the families and names of people who came and farmed and enjoyed the lush wealth of Manzanar's "Apple Valley." Hope to establish an associated site, for those who would like to know more of Manzanar than the shame of internment camps, more than the dust of a barren wasteland. Sigh... -Zer

P.S. I'm really sorry that some comments are marked "private" and not available to those who find this excellent site. Will they someday be available, I wonder? What's the value of a comment that only the site owner reads? Odd, what folks will do, isn't it? Oh, well..... -Zer

Thursday 11/29/2001 9:03:45am

Name: John White

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Chico, CA

Comments: As a young teenager in the early 1950's I used to fly into Tunnel Meadows with Lou Proudly out of Independence (my hometown), and with Bob White out of Lone Pine. Bob flew a bi-wing which was a real thrill. Now, a few years later, I'm looking to retrace my younger steps and show my wife what a beautiful backpack the area is. Used to be \$25 / round trip.

Thursday 11/29/2001 5:03:37am

Name: Jeff Nadeau

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: This is very interesting to me as I am a Nadeau. My father's ancestors came from Michigan and settled in Kansas in the 1800's. There were three brothers, two of whom settled in Kansas and one of whom went on to California. Could this have been Remi?

J. Nadeau

Saturday 11/10/2001 1:08:24pm

Name: Jessie

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: CA

Comments: I really like your site. I was wondering if you, anyone you know, or anyone who is just reading this was actually in the internment camps. My friends and I are doing a project on the Japanese - American Internment Camps and were hoping to find out more about the camps and the people by talking to some people who were actually in the camps, or even who worked there. If anyone could sign the guest book and reply or just email me at soccercutie54@onebox.com I would really appreciate it. I was also wondering if there is still some kind of museum or memorial set up out there that we could go and video tape to get some footage of. If anyone can reply with any information at all, I would greatly, greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much.

Thursday 11/08/2001 1:25:16pm

Name: Don Andrews

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Monrovia, CA

Comments: Thank you for bringing back such great memories of Golden Trout Camp. My uncle, John (Bud) O'Keefe purchased the camp from Mr. Towler in 1949 and he and my dad ran it for the first season, after which my uncle and aunt (Emma Jean) continued to own and operate it until they sold to the present owners. I spent many summers working at the camp and tending the many head of stock always present for the numerous guests. I surely remember the brochure! I've probably seen hundreds of them over the years. What stories I could tell of the many hair-raising adventures us kids (my sister & two cousins) had during those years. How sad the the fate of the sawmill, always considered a welcome half-way mark during that long 4 hour horseback ride. And the accompanying switchbacks on the trail! I have witnessed whole pack trains go over the side when a packer failed to consider the proper order in which to put the mules. Oh, the stories and memories! Thank you for bringing a little of it back to this 58 year-old nostalgic.

Friday 11/02/2001 9:11:55am

Name: Jeanette Roman

E-Mail: JRoman6332@aol.com

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Magalia, Butte County, CA

Comments: Browsing these pages surely brings back a lot of great memories of my years in the Owens Valley, and particularly those when my husband, Ed Roman, and I operated the 76 Station and Airborne Pack Station in Olancho. Terrific work you've been doing! Keep it up!

Thursday 11/01/2001 11:45:06am

Name: Deborah L. Tsutsui

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: San Diego, Ca.

Comments: My first visit to Manzanar was last month. Since my family was interned we are now searching to find there where they were. We have many family treasures from this era that we would like to place in museums for others to see. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact me. Thank you and god rest their souls.

Sunday 10/28/2001 10:32:40am

Name: Annie

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I really enjoyed looking at your site. The stories and pictures are just fab and it helped me so very much with a school project. I think that this site was absolutely charming, especially compared to the garbage that one can find on the world wide web these days. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you again, and please keep this site up so that other kids like myself and people can enjoy your site as much as me. have a wonderful day, and God bless the us.

Wednesday 10/17/2001 1:42:06pm

Name: Margaret Barrett Morikawa Yentzer

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Referred By: Friend

Location: Star Tannery Virginia USA

Comments: Hearing my dad talk [or NOT talk] about Manzanar has our family very interested in researching this history. Your information is a valuable tool. It is raw and painful in places. My dad had to undergo surgery while he was in camp and as the whole procedure was "botched" because of the conditions we are anticipating further records recently made available through someone our brother met at the National Archives. He said "internee" records from the "relocation centers" had just arrived. This man showed my brother a folder on our dad in Manzanar and has promised a photocopy of the folder in a week or two. My brother read a little of it and it included where my dad worked and his leg operation. It is our understanding that the records from the camps are going to be made available to families. Perhaps you already know this, if not it may be something you can use.

Thursday 09/20/2001 2:22:31pm

Name: Kim

E-Mail: poeschel_sh87

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Durand

Comments: I read the book called Fare Well to Manzanar and I think it was the best book I ever read!! It was great. I learned a lot about the camps. Well got's to go!!
Luv Kim

Thursday 09/20/2001 2:19:14pm

Name: Rachel

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Wisconsin

Comments: I just read the book Farewell to Manzanar and I loved it!!! I just wanted to find out a little more about Manznar so I came here!!

Monday 09/10/2001 10:41:36pm

Name: Megan

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Homepage Title: Megan

Homepage URL: <http://www.aaroncarter.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Waipahu, Hawaii

Comments: I read FAREWELL TO MANZANAR in school and wanted to learn more about it and the people who experienced the actual thing. I have looked at maps and photos and web sites about Manzanar and the have all amazed me. I think that the people who have survived Manzanar are more heroes than the heroes of the second world war.

Monday 09/10/2001 8:41:49am

Name: Dr. Ronald L. Searcy

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Seal Beach, California

Comments: In the preparation of a manuscript about some facets of early California history, I would like to know where to find more information about the Los Angeles Aqueduct operation in Saugus during the years around 1910 to 1913. I am interested in obtaining facts about the activities and the people who were involved in California Aqueduct Camp in Saugus.

If you can direct me to information sources, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Wednesday 08/22/2001 8:21:07pm

Name: Michael Prather

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Homepage URL: <http://owensvalleycommittee.org> (under cons)

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Comments: As president of the Owens Valley Committee I would like to compliment you on your site. Our group has worked on water issues in the Owens Valley and Owens Lake since 1983. OVC is a citizen watchdog group which follows the actions of the City of Los Angeles and Inyo County as they begin their historic 1997 Long-term Water Agreement. The Owens Valley Committee has also worked to have Owens Lake designated a Nationally Significant Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society due to its large numbers of migrating shorebirds and nesting snowy plovers

Sincerely,

Michael Pr

Sunday 08/12/2001 11:15:08am

Name: Charlie Mulcahy

E-Mail: cmulcahy@prodigy.net

Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Wilmington, CA

Comments: When I was growing up, I had a neighbor who was like a father to me. His name was Saburo Seko. His parents were fishermen on Terminal Island. He told me how the US Army soldiers met him at the ferry boat terminal one day after attending a movie in San Pedro. He taught me about the pain his family went through. How the Jews came into their village and paid them pennies on the dollar for their home furnishings. How some of the families were lucky enough to have white families who stored their property in their homes. He took me camping at Manzanar. I got a week long tour of where his family lived. He showed me the rock formation in front of where his home stood that to this day says "SEKO". His words made the water gardens and the fruit trees come alive. We went swimming in the water reserve pond. We caught fish in George's creek. He told me what it was like to graduate from high school at the "camp". Every time my family drives hwy 395, we stop and look around. The last few times, I have lost where his home was. Are there any maps available that show where the family address's are? My friend Sab is gone now, died of a heart attack. I am glad he shared his experiences with me.

Tuesday 08/07/2001 8:25:19pm

Name: Michele Ryberg

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Pennsylvania, USA

Comments: I was looking for sites related to Manzanar. I am half Japanese. Although my mother was born and raised in Japan, she and my American father encountered many hardships due to their decision to marry in 1955. So too did my sisters and I, growing up in the United States.

Thank you for this site. It is a shame that this portion of American history is often ignored in our schools [in the US].

Again, thank you -
Michele Ryberg

Friday 07/13/2001 1:04:36am

Name: Barbara Caffee Lasky

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Gig Harbor, WA

Comments: I found your site while searching for the Lasky family who entered Owens Valley in 1870 or before. While searching records at the Independence Courthouse last week, we found a treasure of entries of mining claims dating back to the mid 1800's. Do you have any information on the Key Not Mine located in the Beveridge district, when it was first filed on and who the owners were? Levi Lasky and sons also operated a general merchandise store in Lone Pine, but were also involved in many mining projects in Inyo County.

My husband Ed was born and raised in Lone Pine and I lived south of Dunsmuir and completed high school in Lone Pine. Was great to see Jeanette Roman's letter.

Thanks for the great pictures and history.

Wednesday 06/06/2001 7:40:19am

Name: Fukuda, Mikiko

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: <http://www.google.com>

Comments: Being a Japanese-Canadian, and living in Canada, I am sometimes ignorant to the way Western society treated Japan, and in some ways vice versa. I am not proud of certain situations that North Americans have put Japanese in, nor am I proud of certain situations that Japanese have put North Americans in. I searched this area due to a project I am currently working on. Thank you for a reference, and strong life lesson of racism, prejudice, and unfairness.

Tuesday 05/29/2001 5:25:14pm

Name: Carolina K. Kam

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: San Diego, CA

Comments: My mother Olivia Mukai was in the internment camp during the war. I do not know much about it and would like to educate myself more on the subject and my roots.

Saturday 05/26/2001 6:24:10pm

Name: Mrs. Mary Lou Van Fleet Ebersole

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Plumas County

Comments: I thank you for your work on Inyo Co. history. The Van Fleets you mentioned are my ancestors. Allen Ebenezer Conrad Van Fleet is my great grandfather. I do have some information that might be of interest to you. If you would like to follow up on this you can contact me at the above e-mail. Mary Lou

Monday 05/14/2001 1:31:10am

Name: B.Fleming

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I would love to see pictures of Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and family. Also pictures of her family, brothers, sisters and parents. I read the book, Farewell to Manzanar, and was touched by it.

Friday 05/11/2001 11:07:50am

Name: SilverEmber

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I would like to see some more pictures of Manzanar on the sight. All in all it was very informative. Keep up the good work! :-
Silver

Thursday 04/19/2001 7:54:20pm

Name: Patricia Anne Dehn

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Homepage Title:

Homepage URL: <http://htmlgear.tripod.com/guest/control.guest?u=pigmypacker>

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Scotia, NY

Comments: Thank you for providing such a wonderful site for my students to learn from. I teach an alternative high school group of special needs students. I wanted to cover the interment along with the Hitler's concentration camps and do a compare and contrast. It has been a great disservice that this topic has not received more coverage in the past. With the web and wonderful authors like you we can now have our students research more of what Americas true history was so it hopefully will never be repeated! Gratefully yours,
PD

Tuesday 04/17/2001 5:12:30pm

Name: Lisa Rash

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Valdosta, Georgia

Comments: I'm a college student, and I recently completed my final senior term paper on Manzanar. My topic was oppression and/or aggression and how it reflects in art. I focused my thesis on Ansel Adams's photos of Manzanar. This site was incredibly helpful. Thanks. The topic has really moved me and I would love the opportunity to learn more.

Thursday 04/12/2001 7:33:12pm

Name: Joe Barrett

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Referred By: Search Engine

Location: New Jersey

Comments: My stepfather (Fumio Frank Morikawa) since 1944 was in Manzanar and rarely spoke of his experience while raising the eight of us. Other members of our family were in Poston, Tule Lake, Tooele and Seabrook Farms in New Jersey [where American business needs were more important (because they needed the slave labor) than

incarcerating Americans of Japanese descent]. You are to be commended for your development of this web site with all the information and photos. The concentration camps for Americans of Japanese descent during World War II was another ugly racist chapter in American history and we must recognize it for what it was and try to strive to become more loving individuals and rid ourselves of all the ugliness we harbor toward and about others. Agape is the better solution.

Peace Brothers and Sisters

Tuesday 03/27/2001 3:49:27pm

Name: Brooke

Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: I thought this sight was very good at exposing the horrors of the internment camps. Great job at telling the REAL story.

Thursday 03/22/2001 10:19:11am

Name: leah gross

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Referred By: Search Engine

Comments: My greatest sympathies and remorse goes out to the victims of ww2. Hopefully no one ever has to go through this inhumane treatment again, at least in the USA.

love,
Leah Gross

Wednesday 03/14/2001 5:17:16pm

Name: Kimberly Thompson

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Referred By: Friend

Location: www.owensvalleyhistory.com

Comments: Hey how is it going? Not too bad here. I had to come that the website above for some info for my English project. I found the information your website gave was very thrilling but at the same time sad. E-mail me some time at kjtpnhs@hotmail.com Good Job it is a very fantastic website(and/or homepage). Keep it up!

Tuesday 02/13/2001 8:14:58am

Name: T. Bondiek

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Referred By: Just Surf'd In

Location: Van Alstyne High School

Comments: Are sophomore class at VAHS is doing a project about Manzanar. We have to write a paper on what we have found out that we didn't already know, and I thought I would sign the guestbook.
Tahnee Bondiek

Saturday 12/30/2000 7:03:07am

Name: Arvada Spina

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Comments: I have a question. Hopefully you can help me. We have property on the other side of the mountain (Springville). Recently another property owner above us decided to open a water company and is planning on removing water for commercial use. We have heard of LA Water District also is interested in the Water Source of this area. We do not know if there is any connection at this time. Right now the plan is to have 7-10 trucks a day, 7 days a week, with each truck carrying approx 27,000 gallons each. They started the project without permits and one of the owners is an attorney who specialized in Riparian Rights. He made a statement early on that he has very powerful people behind him. The county of Tulare is now involved because of the complaints of the local residents and our fear of our water sources drying up. Unfortunately it appears that this project might go forward. We are trying to fight it but don't know how. I keep seeing similarities between this project and the beginning of Owens Valley water problems. Do you have any advice.

Tuesday 12/26/2000 7:48:09pm

Name: Brad Yonge

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Homepage Title: Brad Yonge's Bookmarks

Homepage URL: <http://www.qnet.com/~byonge>

Location: Lone Pine, California

Comments: Without Ray's hard work this site probably would not exist. I really appreciate the accomplishment. Today we found a photograph of Norman Jefferson with two guests - what a joy, yet so sad. We really miss him. Thanks Ray, for posting the photo.

Tuesday 12/19/2000 9:05:41am

Name: Mary (Leslie) Arthur

E-Mail: marthur@ishs.state.id.us

Comments: Once again loved reading you great stories from the Owens Valley and it's present and past Sierra packers. Keep up this great site.

Friday 12/15/2000 4:08:02pm

Name: Lila Shimizu

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: So.Cal.

Comments: this is a very informative web site. My grandfather was in Manzanar and didn't talk about it much, so I'm glad to have come across your site.

Saturday 12/09/2000 12:04:41am

Name: Jack Lilley

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Referred By: Just Surfed In

Location: Greenbrae CA (Marin County)

Comments: Am a WW2 AAF pilot - Starting around 1956 or 57. I flew many friends into Monache Meadows to enjoy the scenery and fish for Golden Trout etc.

Saturday 11/04/2000 7:30:03pm

Name: Jeanette Roman

E-Mail: JRoman6332@aol.com

Referred By: AOL

Location: Magalia, CA

Comments: Wife of Ed Roman (deceased 1993) who had the Union 76 station in Olancho and the Airborne Pack Station, flying hunters and fishermen into Monache, Templeton and Tunnel Meadows for 10 years. I also waitressed at the Sierra Restaurant in Lone Pine when movies were being made in the Alabamas, and at Dick's Ranch House Cafe and Adamson's Cafe in Olancho at various times. I still go to Lone Pine to visit old friends at least three times per year, and try never to miss the Reunions or Film Festivals there. Reading your page really brings back memories.

Wednesday 11/01/2000 4:50:11pm

Name: Jean Thayer

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Referred By: Just Surf'd On In

Location: Evergreen, Colorado

Comments: I lived in Olancho back in the '40s and '50s, where my Dad owned an airborne pack station. He would fly fishermen and hunters into Monache, Templeton and Tunnel Meadows during the summer months. He actually "discovered" Tunnel by having to make a forced landing there and found, to his delight, that the "boulders" he saw from the air were as smooth as pavement. Tunnel was his secret hideaway until Bob White flew over one day and saw Dad's plane parked there. Then it was a free for all!

While Dad was flying, Mom was running the Union 76 station and working at Jack's Cafe across the street.

The Owens Valley is still home to us, and we all try to get there whenever we can!

Friday 07/28/2000 0:27:25am

Name: David Moran

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Referred By: Just Surf'd On In

Location: Delaware

Comments: Really like the aqueduct photos; my great-grandfather was Jacob Clausen, who married Elizabeth Watterson and who was a surveyor with the Bureau of Reclamation. The story did not turn out well for the Wattersons or the Owens Valley; I am trying to find out more! Thanks for the site.

Wednesday 07/12/2000 1:14:28am

Name: Jerry Smith

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Homepage Title: Boom Towns & Relic Hunters of Northeastern Washington State

Homepage URL: <http://www.GhostTownsUSA.com>

Referred By: From a Friend

Location: Winthrop, Washington State

Comments: Howdy Ray & Pattie, I was very much impressed with your web pages while viewing them. Such a fantastic site you have designed with a wealth of information visitors can enjoy each and every time they return. We invite you to come step back in time with Boom Towns & Relic Hunters of Northeastern Washington State, and enjoy your Wild West ghosttown adventure it's an experience you won't soon forget.

Cheers! Jerry

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Saturday 07/08/2000 0:13:23am

Name: ALBERT J, BOWERS

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Referred By: Just Surfed On In

Location: BIG PINE

Comments: It would be nice to see more old pictures of the early 1900's through the 90's.

Saturday 05/27/2000 10:03:28pm

Name: John Hylas Smith

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Homepage Title: Rancho Aliso

Homepage URL: <http://www.ranchoaliso.com>

Referred By: Just Surfed On In

Location: Ventura, California

Comments: Speaking of Packers, my grand father, Archie Dean was one of the best. He worked side by side with my grandmother, Mary Fitz-Patrick Dean for years. They lived across the street from OK Kelly's Shell Service in Independence. I was tied on a lead horse when I was 2 years old and led a line of mules out of Independence to Onion Valley along with my father, John K. Smith and my mother Tansy Smith. My grandpa, Archie, was the original owner of Francis The Talking Mule. My father, John K. Smith, was considered one of the finest packers ever to work the High Sierras. In all of his trips up from Onion Valley, across the rugged face of Kearsarge Mountain, around to the Kearsarge Mine to supply the miners and back; he never lost a string of mules. I remember my mother loading up the old 1940's 2ton truck and heading off from Onion Valley when I was around 3 years old. The truck lost its breaks, she tossed me down on the floor, and we rode the rig off the mountain and all the way back to Independence. She could do it all. Oh, how's about my grandpa Archie and his friend Garth Gooddale and the time they packed materials to the top of Mount Whitney and built the building that still stands up there. Uh, never mind. I've gotten carried away. Sorry. Love your web site. Gonna send it to my son, Bryon, who is aboard the Stennis out in the Pacific somewhere. Bye.

Monday 03/13/2000 1:56:29pm

Name: Valicia Saucedo

E-Mail: maese01@aol.com

Referred By: Just Surfed On In

Location: Lindsay, Tulare County, California

Comments: I just saw the film "Unfinished Business" about Fred Korematsu and others. My godfather, Donald Tomaki, was one of the lawyers for Mr. Korematsu. I am very interested in this topic. I am a junior at Lindsay High School in Tulare County, very near where two internment camps were located.

Wednesday 02/23/2000 8:22:14pm

Name: terry g haug

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Referred By: Geocities

Location: topeka, ks

Comments: having lived in mojave, ca from 1966 to 1978 i fished for trout at independence, ca and drove by the japanese pagoda on the west side of 395. i heard from a close friend that the movie snow fallin of cedars was about a japanese family that was interred during wwii. to my surprise i saw the name manzanar while watching the movie. searched the web to discover this site. also in 1989 i saw the ansel adams collection of 39 b/w shots of manzanar at the nelson adkins museum in kansas city, mo

Saturday 01/29/2000 3:40:00pm

Name: WILLIAM D.MARTINEAU

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Referred By: Net Search

Location: WESTLAKE,OHIO

Comments: I LIVED IN OWENS VALLEY FROM 1929 UNTILL 1931. I MADE A ONE WEEK VISIT IN 1992.I HAVE ALWAYS TREASURED THE TIME I SPENT THERE. I LIVED IN BOTH LONE PINE AND MANZANAR. YOUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME. I CAN TELL YOU THIS IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR A YOUNG BOY. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME REMEMBER A HAPPY TIME OF MY LIFE.

Tuesday 10/26/1999 6:09:15am

Name: Mark Kramer

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Referred By: Lycos

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio

Comments: I had just returned to college after a long time. I am thirty years old now. But finally found my heart in what I want to do for my life. I am taking a class at the University of Cincinnati titled "American history since 1920," and had to read a book titled "Farewell to Manzanar." I did not study anything like this before, it is shocking. I just want to do more research on the subject. I do not know if I am sad or not, because of the state of this country is in right now, or if something so wrong could ever happen again. From reading history, something like that really doesn't surprise me much. But what about when we are history. One can never tell. Why can't everyone see people for who they are and not there looks? Or why can't everyone just accept each other and try not to be in competition with them on a global level. If only it was that easy that would be great. A world with no wars and absolute peace and happiness, because happiness is peace.

Thank you
Mark Kramer

Thursday 10/14/1999 8:57:38pm

Name: larry pruce

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Referred By: From a Friend

Location: kennedy meadows pack trains

Comments: great place.needed to besorry about charlie....

Sunday 10/10/1999 3:58:28am

Name: Bradley & Kristin Bruce

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Referred By: Just Surfed On In

Location: Paso Robles California

Comments: We loved the old pictures and stories to go along with them. What a beautiful presentation!!!!We are members of Backcountry Horsemen and are volunteers with the USFS. We ride and pack mules in the Los Padres N.F. We have spent a great deal of time in the eastern Sierras and will continue to do so. It is God's country!!!

Sunday 07/25/1999 4:53:40am

Name: george w. woods jr

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Referred By: Just Surfing On In

Location: Long Beach

Comments: enjoyed - the site.
some of these people I have known. Olivas Family - Also had a pack station for
many years - operating out of sage flat, based in lone pine.