



The Mohave Museum  
of History and Arts  
**Mohave Memories**

November - December 2021

**Letter from the Director:**

We have officially entered the season where “Fowls partner with other Fowls”. Turkey and football are now bringing friends, families and communities together. Fall seems to be a catalyst for us to get together with family and make personal memories that record our individual history. Last year at this time, we put aside our groupings because of the parasitic disease the plagued our bodies, our minds and possibly part of our souls.

It is time to reach out to everyone that has been sequestered and include them in an activity that breaks the grip of fear that was ever present the past year and a half. There is no better time to come to the Museum and walk among the great exhibits that honor our pioneer heritage.

I find it interesting that the desert has a very short Fall season, I mean one day you see green on the desert willows and the next day they are gone; no color changing, no leaves to rake (the wind takes care of that), and the temperature goes from hot to cold overnight. When the trees take a dive, the buildings they were shading come into view. Downtown Kingman has created Murals and neon lights that breathe life into the otherwise barren landscape of approaching winter.

The Museum dons three great Murals and is the gateway to the rest of Downtown Kingman. Once you have taken a photo op in our parking lot, come inside and we will provide you with a map that depicts all of the other sites to see while Downtown.

Kingman has two great buildings that house a treasure trove of artifacts depicting the history of Arizona: 1) The Mohave Museum and 2) The Powerhouse. Both buildings house artifacts, gift shops and tourist information. The role of both entities is more than just a great experience, they are appetizers preparing you for the rest of the meal that is the Downtown Kingman experience: restaurants, breweries, antique shops, art shops, coffee shops and everything else you would expect in an upbeat renewed old town.

Please join me during the holidays at the Museum and begin your Kingman Downtown adventure.

*Shannon*

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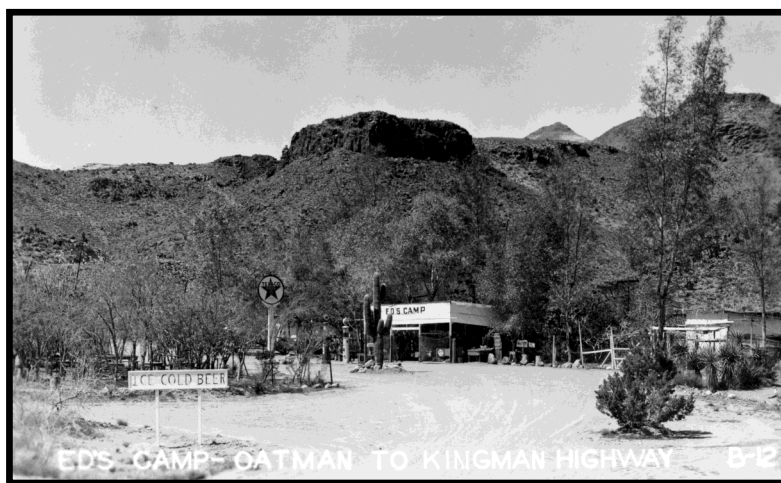
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Little Meadows  
and its Gold Road Connection: Part II  
by Michael Goethals

By late 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott moved to Florida to grow oranges and the Little Meadows area was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Buckley C. Taylor. Between 1913 and 1917, the Taylor's oversaw the Gold Road Company's pump station and improved the roadside stage stop at Little Meadows by establishing the Wayside Inn. Meanwhile, county and stage road engineers worked tirelessly to develop a much better and safer road over the east side of the Black Mountains to Gold Road and Oatman. By June 1917, B.C. Taylor advertised the opening of a new ice cream parlor and the need for a girl to tend the soda fountain at the Wayside Inn. The advertisement in the Mohave County Miner noted that the inn was the "only eating place in Mohave County with its own dairy and poultry yard." However, with the approach of World War One, B. C. Taylor entered the U.S. Navy as a Chief Boatswains Mate, and his wife moved into Kingman where she opened a first-class dining room next to the Arizona Central Bank.

Unfortunately, the approach of World War One also had a negative impact on the Gold Road Mine, which was shut down in the early years of the war because of rising costs, not to be reopened until after the war was over. Likewise, progress at Little Meadows came to a standstill during the war, as the pumping station was no longer needed to provide water to the defunct mining camp. However, it wasn't long after the war ended that both Gold Road and Little Meadows experienced a revival. Since it was common-knowledge that the Gold Road Mine had more than 100,000 tons of good ore still in sight, and had a record for some of the most profitable production in the state, by December 1920 men were busy cleaning up the mill, remodeling the boarding house, and putting everything in order to resume production. Likewise, expecting the revival of activities along the Kingman-Gold Road highway, the Arizona Central Bank advertised the ranch at Little Meadows for sale or rent in July of 1921.

As state road forces completed work on the bad sections of the 17-mile roadway from Little Meadows to Sitgreaves Pass, a miner named Lowell Edgerton decided to refurbish the old stage stop at Little Meadows into a one-stop trading post for people traveling along the old road. Between 1920 and the 1940's, the Little Meadows area became known as "Ed's Camp," boasting a fine trading post, a Texaco gas station, and the well-known "Kactus Café." In addition, "Ed" added several small cabins that travelers could rent overnight and a camping area offering both tent and trailer camping spots. The growing popularity of the old Kingman-Gold Road highway inspired additional businesses to develop between the Sacramento Valley basin and Sitgreaves Pass.



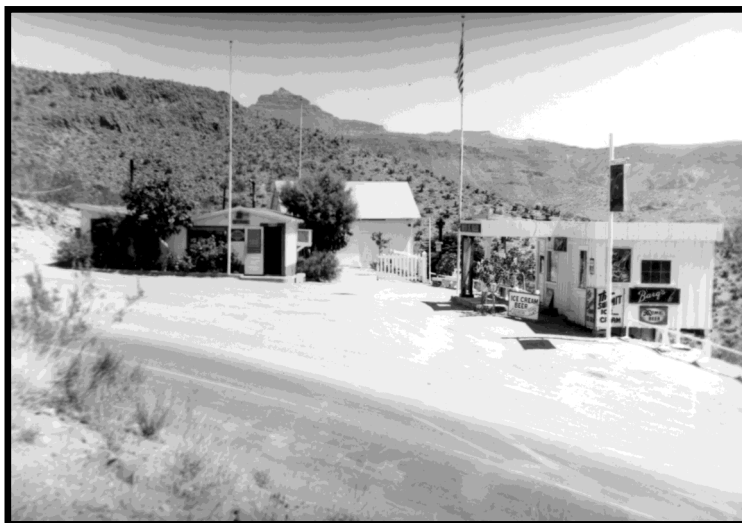
Ed's Camp  
ca. 1940

By 1927, N. R. Dunton built a small café and gas station 1.2 miles below “Ed’s Camp” which is still known today as Cool Springs. By the mid-1930’s, Dunton decided to establish a service station, garage, and towing business in the town of Gold Road itself, and propriety of Cool Springs passed to James and Mary Walker. The couple had come to Mohave County with their children and taken over the Cool Springs station. Although irreconcilable differences caused the couple to separate, Mary Walker remained at Cool Springs and continued to manage the business. Eventually, she married local businessman Floyd Spidell and they continued to improve the Cool Springs area by adding eight cabins and providing some of the best fried chicken meals in all of Mohave County.



Cool Springs  
ca. 1940

By the 1940’s, Osman Snell established the popular Summit Station at the height of Sitgreaves Pass. At the height of its business, Summit Station provided all kinds of automotive services, food and drinks, and even a soda fountain and ice cream shop. Although some of these businesses have passed into obscurity, many of the popular sites and sounds still linger along the road from Kingman to Gold Road. Travelers who wander from Kingman up to the popular gold mining town of Oatman today, can still stop at Cool Springs to buy souvenirs and get a cold drink, or see the few buildings that remain at Little Meadows. And even though Summit Station is long gone, stop at Sitgreaves Pass and take in the beautiful view back toward Little Meadows and wonder what it must have been like during those early mining days in the Black Mountains of Mohave County.



Summit Station  
ca. 1940



**THE MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ARTS  
PROUDLY PRESENTS  
THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING**



That's right. WE ARE BAAACCCKKKK!!!

After dealing with the pandemic last year and not being able to have our Annual Christmas Gathering, we are back with a very special program.

This year we will be featuring our very own local HULL SISTERS, Barbara Pike and Melissa Brown, and a small group that will be performing a variety of Christmas music with various instruments and some very funny and interesting stories and poems. This is a program you won't want to miss.

We will kick off the holiday season with a good old-fashioned sing along with audience participation.

Please join us **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**The Mohave Museum of History and Arts, 400 West Beale Street**

There will be a drawing for the Antique Quilt that the Mohave Museum and Sounds of Kingman are raffling off.

Please mark this date and join us for a fun-filled musical program for the whole family to enjoy.

**ADMISSION IS FREE!!**

Refreshments will be served after the program.

For more information, please call 928-753-5195.

Thank you all for your loyalty and support all through this pandemic.



**THE MOHAVE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP  
ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE**



HO!! HO!! Jolly Old Saint Nick will soon be on his way with a sack full of goodies. Don't miss this opportunity to start filling your sack and we know just the place to find special and unique gifts for everyone on your list!!

The Mohave Museum Gift Shop's Annual Christmas Sale runs from  
November 22 through December 31, 2021.

The sale features a **10%** discount on all merchandise storewide.

Museum members will receive an additional **10%** discount except on consignment items.  
**WHAT A BARGAIN!!**

Come to the Museum and check out the surprisingly eclectic array of gifts for little ones, teenagers and adults. You'll find clothing, books, jewelry, craft items, food items and more.  
**DON'T WAIT TOO LONG...OUR MERCHANDISE MOVES FAST!!!**

Come to the Mohave Museum at 400 West Beale Street for the best Christmas Shopping experience!  
For more information, please call 928-753-3195.



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The Mohave Museum of History and Arts is partnering with the Sounds of Kingman to raffle a 159 year old quilt. This quilt was created in a Cocks' Comb and Red Berries pattern. It is 90" x 96" in size. It was completed in April, 1862. The quilt was donated by Marge Hauert, a member of the Perkins Family.



The photo above is just a small sample of the exceptional craftsmanship of the quilt. Each applique is consistent with the others and the stitches are consistent through-out the quilt. There is a certain amount of wear and tear as could happen on a quilt of this age. The guardians of the quilt have not taken the responsibility to clean these areas, however, the winner of the raffle may certainly take this upon themselves.

The quilt will be on display at the Mohave Museum and tickets will be on sale at the Museum gift shop starting August 23, 2021.

Single tickets are \$5.00 each.

The proceeds will be shared equally between the Mohave Museum and the Sounds of Kingman.

The drawing will be held at the Museum's Christmas Program on December 4th, 2021.

Participants need not be present to win.

If the winner resides out-of-town, Sounds of Kingman will ship the quilt.

For information concerning this raffle please call:

Rosanne Rosenberg with The Sounds of Kingman, 928-303-3341.

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