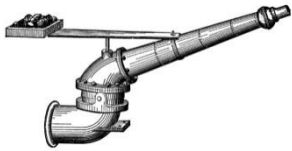
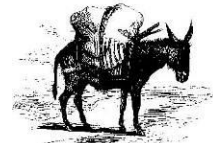


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Newsletter on the gold mining and ranching heritage of Kentucky Camp, AZ

June 2023

Site Tour Given to AAHS

By Mark Doumas

On February 11, 2023 we had the honor of giving a Kentucky Camp site tour to members of the Arizona Archaeology and Historical Society. (AAHS)

The weather was a bit overcast and chilly but that didn't prevent Fran Maiuri, AAHS Co-VP for Activities, from bringing 10 AAHS members to the site.



We provided a thorough walking tour of the five historic adobe buildings at Kentucky Camp, showcasing the fine rehabilitation work that has been carried-out by mostly volunteer workers since 1989.

We had a relaxing picnic lunch on the wide porch of the Headquarters building and fortified ourselves for the hiking portion of the tour. We embarked on a rather rambling hiking tour down Kentucky Gulch and up Boston Gulch to view one of the hydraulic pits left by the 1904 gold

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mining activities. AAHS and Friends of Kentucky Camp member Bill Gillespie provided some first-hand commentary and maps from when the site was first surveyed in modern times for historical preservation.

We hiked a bit further up Boston Gulch to see some of the waterline pipe that fed water to the hydraulic gold mining nozzles

There was a bit of wildlife excitement when we encountered a rattlesnake sunning itself in a small pit alongside the trail. This is a good reminder to keep an eye out for wildlife regardless of what time of year you visit the site.



More information about Arizona Archaeology and Historical Society can be found at: <https://www.az-arch-and-hist.org/>

Headquarters Building Rehab and Repairs

By Mark Dumas

The main Headquarters building at Kentucky Camp continues to consume the bulk of our volunteer efforts. Repeated freeze/thaw events at the site finally caused the plumbing at the outdoor sink to rupture. At our March work day, this plumbing was replaced by Forest Service "miracle man" Don Marion. (With a bit of help from Friends of Kentucky Camp.) We again have a reliable water source adjacent to the Headquarters building. The adobe platform that holds the sink is beginning to crumble, so we will need to rebuild that soon.



Rehabilitation of the original kitchen in the Headquarters building has progressed and we now have several operable electrical outlets in that room. All of the modern electrical conduit has been recessed into the adobe walls and replastered so as to help retain the historic feel of the building. On future work days, we will be refinishing the old wood burning stove (currently in the Gold Processing Building) and moving the the stove into the Headquarters kitchen.



Last year's monsoon season resulted in some very heavy rains at Kentucky Camp. Some of this rain made it through the aging wood shake shingle roof and did some minor damage to the plastered and painted walls in the Blue Room. Thanks to Chris Schrager and his fine masonry skills, this damage has been repaired.



Speaking of leaking roofs, here is a photo of the Headquarters Building attic where dots of sunshine are streaming through the holes in the roof. The cedar shake shingles are still keeping the building relatively dry during the seasonal rains, but we're beginning to evaluate options for replacing all the roofs at the site. The current roofs were installed in the fall of 2010 under a contract funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (often referred to as "stimulus" funds).



Instructional Videotapes Digitized

By Mark Doumas

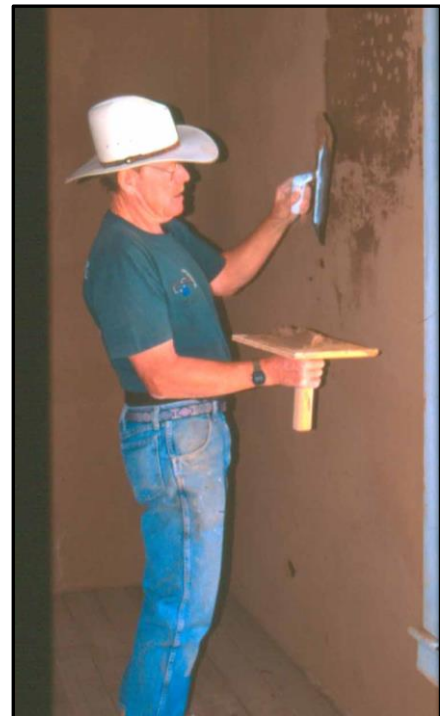
A few years ago, we received from member Jim Britton, a set of 2003-era VHS videotapes made by Clint and Bev Waddell during their caretaking days at Kentucky Camp. The tapes provide some interesting oral history interviews and instructional clips of Clint applying the fine mud plaster on the interior walls of the Kentucky Camp buildings.

Friends of Kentucky Camp officer John Weiss has recently been working to digitize the relevant portions of the tapes and make them available on the FKC web site. Many thanks to John on this effort.... Here is a link to the results of his work:

https://www.kentuckycamp.org/ER_Adobe.html
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https://www.kentuckycamp.org/Clint_Plaster_Hall.html (5:41)

Check back on the web site's "Archives" section as John continues to post more of this important material.



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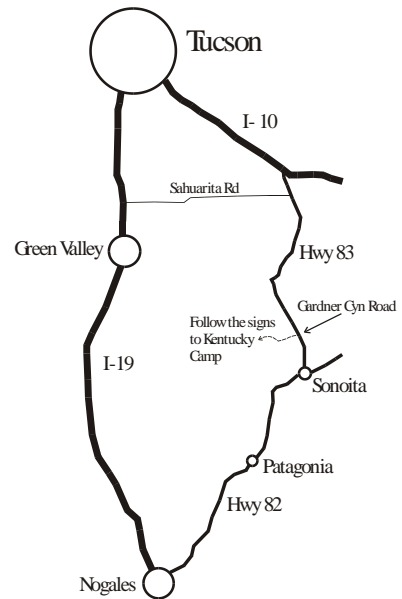
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