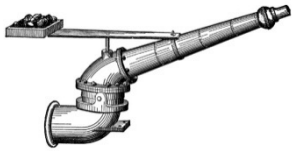


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New Headquarters Building Sink

THE FAITHFUL ADOBES supporting the sink outside the Admin Building had degraded so much due to the weather, a replacement was necessary.

During the November 2024 work-day, Chris Schrager and Ron Parrish took down the old bricks which will be re-used to face the new welded metal frame, fabricated by Mark Doumas. After the removing the bricks, a new concrete base was poured.



During the January work-day, Mark Doll, winter volunteer and concrete specialist, built a form for the new sink counter atop Mark's frame and then adds his blessing.



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Viola! A successful pour and excellent counter-top.



During the next workday in February, the forms were removed, plumbing added, and we're all set to wash dishes!



Original SRWMCo Articles of Incorporation

-- John Weiss

A few months ago, I Googled "James Stetson". I do this occasionally, hoping to find a new clue about him.

James Burgess Stetson was a mining engineer who believed there was enough placer gold in/around Kentucky Gulch to mine profitably. With his financial backer, George McAneny, they formed the *Santa Rita Water and Mining Company* (SRWMCo) in 1902. Stetson then designed and built the hydraulic water operation near Kentucky Camp, which was then known as part of the Greaterville Mining district.

My Google search was successful: the sale of the original *Articles of Incorporation* of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company, dated 1902, offered by the **Stellar Books and Ephemera Rare Book** store in Moab, Utah. I immediately purchased the document and it was delivered 2 days later.

The document is three pages, bound, with a letter-head of *Kingan and Wright – Attorneys at Law – Tucson, Arizona*.

Samuel Latta Kingan was a lawyer and judge who lived in Tucson. In the early 1900's he was a good friend of Stetson; in fact, he was the witness at James's wedding to Ida B. Kane in 1903 at the St. Augustine hotel. Samuel became the attorney for the SRWMCo, and both were members of the Fraternal order of Eagles.

Part III of the document states: " ...the general nature of the business...is to

locate, develop, work, own, buy, sell, lease and mortgage, mines and mining-claims, both lode and placer, ... and to construct, maintain and operate flumes, pipe lines, reservoirs and ditches necessary or expedient ... and generally do anything to do with the business of mining, either placer or lode."

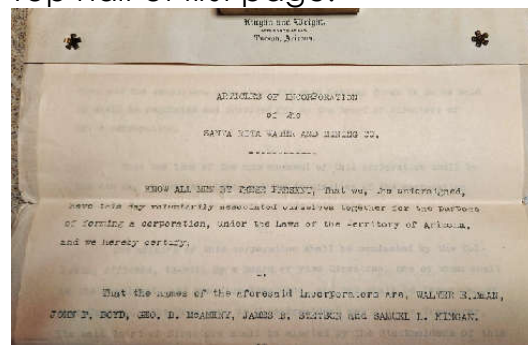
The capital stock was \$500,000, divided into 50,000 shares, par value of ten dollars each.

The Board of Directors (and stockholders) at this time were:

Walter E. Dean, John F. Boyd, Geo. B. McAneny, James B. Stetson and Samuel L. Kingan.

The document was signed, sealed and notarized on Sept 20 and 26, 1902.

Top half of first page:



Samuel Kingan, seated, left, 1913:



Photo from the attorney's offices at 325 W. Franklin St., Tucson, former home of Samuel Kingan. Now *Kingan Gardens*, an event venue and attorney's offices.

Headquarters Building Update

-John Weiss

The Rehab of the kitchen continues:

- ... Repair of wall plaster – Several FS employees helped with the mudding this year: Susan Bierer, Jared Renaud, Tristen Griffen and Lance Anderson.
- ... Install of electrical outlets/switches/lights (2023-25)
- ... New pantry door (2024)
- ... New passage door between kitchen and dining room (summer 2025)
- ... Stabilization of bead-board ceiling. (future)
- ... Baseboard installation (late 2025)

Mark Doumas installing new switches:



Start of new baseboard install:



Iris – The gift that keeps on giving

For several years, Mark Doumas has been expanding the patch of iris near the front porch of the Administration Building. The iris is thriving, now almost the entire length of the building. This was done by digging up the old bulbs (rhizomes) in the late summer, splitting them, then replanting the split bulbs in the next 10-foot chunk.

We believe the iris were planted during the ranching era, when Flossie (Hummel) and husband Wick Fenter lived there, 1927 ~ 1967.

Mark gave me a handful of bulbs about 3 years ago which I then gave to a friend, Mike, who has property at 8000 feet elevation, in rocky volcanic soil, not far north of Greer, AZ. Those bulbs are now thriving with spectacular displays; in fact, Mike's neighbors have asked for and replanted bulbs from Mike and *those* irises are all around the neighborhood now, doing wonderfully.



Membership Renewal

Don't miss out on the fun, the excitement, the Chronicle, and the opportunity to participate in Kentucky Camp's future! Renewing your membership is a simple way to support our ongoing rehabilitation efforts at Kentucky Camp and represents our primary source of funding. Student, Individual and Family memberships are very reasonably priced. If you'd like to give at a more substantial level, consider a Supporting or Contributing membership..... Or, even a Lifetime membership! Remember, Friends of Kentucky Camp is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization: your membership fee may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

To see if your membership is current, look at the mailing label on the front of this newsletter. If it says "Renew in June of 25" then your membership has expired and it's time to renew. (If your mailing label says "Renew in June of NA", then you are a lifetime member or have received a courtesy copy.) If your renewal year is in error, contact John Weiss at 520 323-0358 or jweiss25@cox.net.

TWO Ways to Renew:

1) Renew online at the Friends of Kentucky Camp website:

<http://www.kentuckycamp.org/>

Choose "Support Kentucky Camp". Using the online renewal process, you can also choose to have your newsletter delivered electronically versus hard copy.

2) Renew using the traditional mail-in form on the next page.

Did you know that Kentucky Camp has a Facebook Page? Search for us at:
@FriendsofKentuckyCamp

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If you prefer to renew your membership using the traditional mail-in form, please detach (or copy) this page and return to the Friends of Kentucky Camp asap:

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Enclosed is a check for \$ ____ made payable to Friends of Kentucky Camp for membership through June 2026.

Please circle:

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Supporting (\$50)	Lifetime (\$200)		

(If a mailing label is on the back side of this and your address has not changed, there is no need to fill this part out.)

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Friends of Kentucky Camp Mail-in Ballot

The board of directors recommends a "for" vote on this slate of directors. The term for all positions is two years. You must be a paid-up Friends of Kentucky Camp member to vote. If you are a lifetime member and want to avoid the cost of mailing-in a ballot, email jweiss25@cox.net with your "For" or "Against" vote.

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Secretary	John Weiss	For _____	Against _____
Vice President	Pete Van Cleve	For _____	Against _____
Treasurer	Ron Parrish	For _____	Against _____
Director At-Large	Kathy Makansi	For _____	Against _____

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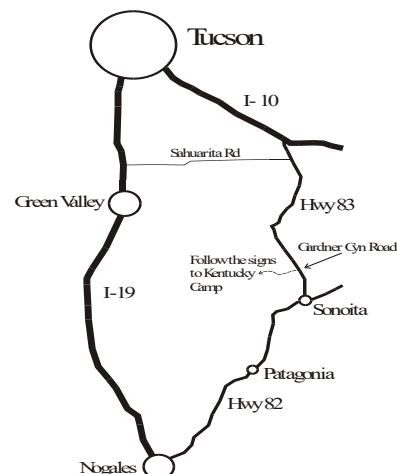
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