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Comments on the Newsletters are rewarding. All members receive two issues each year for their membership. A profile is featured in each. A family is contacted and interviewed to collect the information of their family's history. So far twenty-two profiles have been viewed in the Historical Newsletters. Our editor Carole Popp, who does a great job on the Newsletter, has told me the file is growing bare, so I got busy and mailed out 21 letters to families to see if they would be interested in sharing their history. There has been some response. Thank You! Everyone is a piece of the history puzzle.

We kept the history article from our Centennial in 1982 that was featured in the Williams News. If we don't hear from some we'll use those. However, some of the photos we don't have and an update would be good.

Have good copies made of your original photos to send. We know how precious your photos are and we don't want anything to happen to them.

We talk about the slow season and we'll get a lot done. Well we have had a wet winter and with many of our faithful and talented volunteers living in the country it has dampened some of our scheduling. The Tourist Center has been re-

vamped and new brochure racks have been installed. Supplies have been purchased to organize articles and documents in the archives.

We welcomed the arrival of a new Harvey Girl!!



Liz O'Riley arrived with a contract in hand for the Hotel Escalante from Chicago, Ill., March 5, 1920 on the pass train #24 which arrived at 2:00 p.m.. Al-



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12TH ANNUAL PIONEER DAY MAY 3, 2008

Pioneer Day will be held this year on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Ash Fork Museum.

As in years past, there will be a Chili Contest with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The Society is asking for pie donations again this year. The proceeds from the sales will help with our quest to preserve the history of Ash Fork.

Vendors wanting booths for this event will pay \$10.00 for a 10'x10' space, a reduced

fee from previous years due to outside spaces only. Our Museum collections have expanded so that inside space will be limited to demonstrations or historical collections only.

Another change is that there will be no parade. Though we have had good participation, spectators along the route have been sparse, to say the least.

Anyone interested in participating may pick up their forms at the Museum or the

Ash Fork Water Service office or request one from the Historical Society.

Hope to see you on May 3rd!



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ready she has been seen flirting with Conductor McGonagill. We'll have to keep an eye on them.

Annual Open House in December was well attended. Many out-of-town guests; Chino Valley, Prescott and Kingman. Marshall Trimble and fiancé Vanessa

were also present. Marshall entertained for the guests.



Photo's courtesy of Vince Salmon

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Ramona Cruz Miranda was laid to rest on March 11, 2008 at Ash Fork Settler's Cemetery. She was 95.

Ramona was born October 14, 1912 in Churintzio, Mexico. At eight years of age she moved with her foster family to Topock. Ramona was married to Severo Cruz until his death in 1953. They resided in Ash Fork. She married Ben Miranda in 1984, at which time she lived in Williams. She passed away March 4, 2008.

THE **Spotlight** IS ON:

PATRICIA ELLEN KYPFER



As told to Fayrene Hume

A native of Ash Fork, Patricia Ellen Kypfer was born November 21, 1921 in Ash Fork to parents Anna Lewis and Lawrence Pritchard. She was the first grandchild of Thomas Cooper and Elizabeth Lewis.

Patricia graduated from Ash Fork High School in 1940.

She married Marvin “Skinner” Kypfer and they lived most of their married life in Williams, AZ. Skinner worked as a bartender at Gummies Buffet in Ash Fork and in Williams at the Sultana, as well as the Navajo Army Depot in Belmont, before going into the gas station business. Pat worked as a waitress for Sultana, Mills Café and Rods Steak House as well as a clerk

for McConnell's Drugstore.

Pat has mentioned one of her most memorable times growing up was the summer of 1936 when the family lived at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The whole family was

there as Jim Hume, her stepfather worked for the Park Service on the trails. Pat's mother Anna remarked she thought everyone they knew came to visit that summer and why not?

Pat and Skinner had a son Douglas and a daughter Beverly. After the kids were off to college, the Kypfer's retired and moved to Sedona for ten plus years and then returned to Ash Fork in 1987. Pat was back at home on 3rd Street just a few feet from where she was born.

Douglas, after college, took a job with Unocal and worked in Los Angeles a couple of years and then transferred to England. He and his wife Sandy welcomed their first child Natasha. The next transfer would land them in Bangkok, Thailand where a son Zackary was born to complete the family. Thailand has been home to the Kypfer's for 20 years.

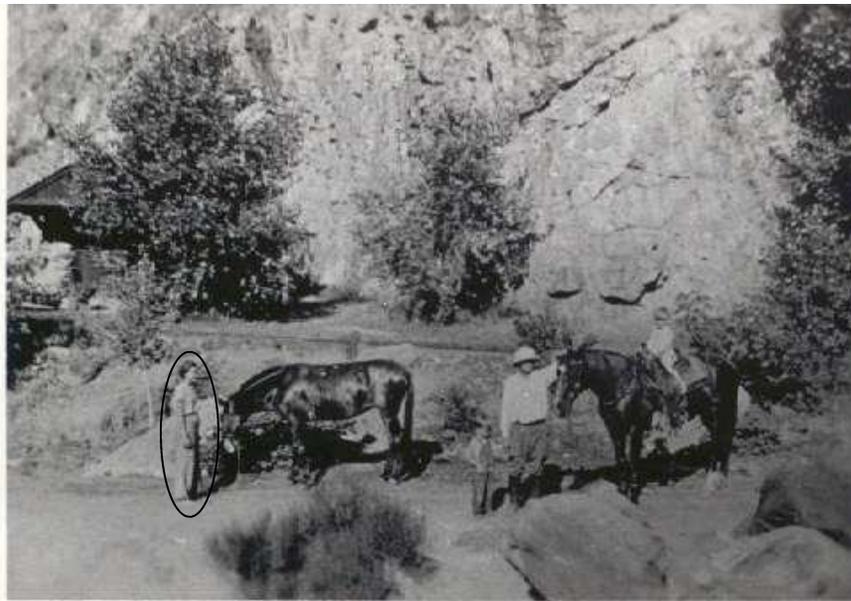
Beverly graduated from Culinary Arts School in Boston. She worked in many famous places. She and husband Jay

make their home in Hawaii.

Pat and Skinner had the opportunity to visit the east coast with Beverly and England and Scotland with Doug before Skinner's death in 1990. Later Pat enjoyed a trip to Thailand and Hawaii for extended holidays with her families.

Patricia, 86 years young and health deteriorating, became a resident of Loy-alton Care Community in Flagstaff on January 1, 2008.

Pat is the oldest of Anna Lewis Hume's six children. Her siblings include Dianna McGonagill of Ash Fork, Norma Kjorsvick of Seattle, WA, Kathryn (deceased), Lewis Hume of Ash Fork and Bob Hume of Las Vegas, NV.



PATRICIA PRITCHARD, JIM HUME AND SONS LEWIS AND BOB AT BOTTOM OF GRAND CANYON 1936

ARBOR DAY PROJECT APRIL 24, 2008

Ash Fork Historical Society will take part in the Arbor Day tree planting in conjunction with APS, Ash Fork Development Association, Ash Fork School, ADOT and community.

A line of flowering Crab Apple, Pear and Amber Maple will go along the

south fence at the Museum/Visitor Center property. In time the Arizona Cypress will be taken out. They have been there many years and their growth has interfered with APS power lines and recently met up with the chain saw and lost much of their beauty. APS is furnishing the trees and lunch, plus doing an Arbor Day program at school. Lewis Hume will dig the holes for the trees and everyone will participate in planting. Wa-

tering will fall to the Museum volunteers.



Marshall Trimble came to Ash Fork on February 24, 2008 to sign his latest book *“Image of America - Ash Fork”*. It was a complete sell-out. People came from everywhere. It was like old home week. From 1:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Marshall was signing books. Everyone waited patiently in line for their opportunity to have their book signed and speak with him. Refreshments were on hand to fortify everyone, which were donated by volunteers.



Ash Fork Historical Society has the “Ash Fork” books for sale. Marshall will be coming back in May for Pioneer Day, so if you didn’t get your book signed at the book signing you

have another chance. The book sells for \$19.99 plus shipping, if applicable.



Photo’s courtesy of Vince Salmon



Ed Brockman was born and raised in a small farming community in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

As a child, when he wasn’t working on the farm, you could find Ed whittling on a stick with his jackknife and spending time observing things in nature.

When he was in his early sixties, Ed decided to take up wood carving. His carvings are done by hand and are not mass-machine produced. Each carving is a one-of-a-kind piece. Ed has taught wood carving to elementary students as well as adults. Ed

enjoys wintering in Arizona with his daughter, Rosemary Hume and son-in-law Roy Hume, his family and carving. His work is on display at the Museum.



ASH FORK MUSEUM



Cathie and Brad Zettler made three significant donations to the Museum in Dec., 2007. They are a circa 1930 gasoline pump (above picture), just like the ones used in Ash Fork, a cast iron telephone and an antique fire hydrant. We had been pining for just such a pump, but they are rare and quite expensive. We were all elated when the Zettler's asked if we were interested in having these items. We guaranteed a good home for all. Brad is a third generation member of an old Ash Fork family and we appreciate being remembered by folks who have Ash Fork roots but do not live here. Our little Museum has purchased very few items, and when you come by and look around at the several hundred items on display you can truly appreciate the generosity we have received from our members and others.

Vernon Meldrum gave us an old 1800 axe head, a curling iron, wooden plane and a pair

of hair clippers. The one comment the older folks who look at the clippers make is, "Boy, I remember **THOSE THINGS!** They sure pulled the hair."

We moved and re-mounted the 1920 era map that came from Jack Campbell onto a new display board. It is very interesting because it shows the route of the sheep derives, when the sheep had to walk the 150 miles from winter to summer pasture and back, twice a year. The few remaining herds are trucked in semi-trailers now. Another notable feature of the map is that it is pre I-17, from Phoenix to Flagstaff. Drivers had to come through Prescott and Ash Fork to reach Flagstaff. It also shows the very first route used for the trains when they all came through Ash Fork. The archeological crew from the Williams Ranger District found some information that they didn't have in their ar-



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chives when they looked at it.

We have a passenger waiting for the train, sitting on the Harvey House bench. He used to be the conductor, but he was replaced by a suave 6' mannequin that we bought. We have decided that he is the last 6' tall suave mannequin. We like our homemade figures much better. We do wonders with chicken wire, hardware, cloth and quilt batting.

Cy and Jackie Basset brought us a beautiful old 1920 era deli-meat scale that came from Gummies Buffet. It is white porcelain in perfect condition. It is great to have people who lug these old heavy items from place to place, just to preserve a piece of bygone era. Take a look when you come see us again.

We also have a new addition out in front of the building. It is the water meter from the Harvey House. A big and massive piece of cast iron that Lewis Hume rescued from the scrap yard. Quite a bit different from the little round meter hiding under the grey lid in the alley that we have now.



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