

# Jethro Mitchell Swain



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Personal diary from 1909

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The following is a copy of a paper found in the front of the 1909 diary:

## Location Certificate

The undersigned did the first day of January 1909, locate and claim 1500 feet, horizontal measurement, along this lode, ledge, vein or deposit of mineral-bearing rock in place 750 feet running E and 750 feet running W from this location, monument upon which this notice is posted, by 300 feet on each side of the center at the surface. This claim shall be known as the Gold King lode and is situated in the Johnnie Mining District, Nye County, State of Nevada, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the S.E. corner; thence N 600 feet to the N.E. corner; thence W 1500 feet to the N.W. corner; thence S 600 feet to the S.W. corner; thence W 1500 feet to the S.E. corner, the place of beginning. The location monument is situated 750 feet W from the center of the E end line of this claim. The general course of this lode is in an easterly and westerly direction. This claim is situated 3000 feet from Congress working shaft. Properly marked monuments are erected at the center of booth end lines of this claim. All of the above mentioned corners and the location monuments are built of stone not less than 3 feet high above ground and marked with the name of the claim and the name of the corner.

Witness:

Hattie C. Jonas.(signed)

M.B. Bartlett (signed)  
Locator

Friday, Jan 1, 1909 H. Kinney, W. McNett & Beck working on N.V. contracts.

Saturday, Jan 2, 1909 Kinney, McNett & Beck boys still on N.V. contract.

Sunday, Jan 3, 1909 Ament & I located the Liberties & located Beck in boys still on N.V. contract.

Monday, Jan 4, 1909 Out with water today & there all day, boys doing fine work. Joe Lake in town tonight. Letter from Tom Brown in regard to mule team wagons etc., price \$1300. Card from Frankie Saunders.

Tuesday, Jan 5, 1909 Roofing storehouse. Joe Lake here to bed. Ament prospecting our New years. Wm Smith & Geo French at outs, divided up.

Wednesday, Jan 6, 1909 Contractors still on N.V. contract. Joe Lake here to bed last night. Wm S. Smith on a toot. Wells here taking stock for pinhead. Trail Johnson teaming for the Pahump ranch, hauling Distillate. Ament still here & Smith roaring about Bartletts failure to come through.

Thursday, Jan 7, 1909 On N.V. all day. Took 2 burro loads of water & supplies home after dark. Rec'd wire from Foley tonight & wrote him an answer at once. Henry Kinney in and out again after working all day.

Friday, Jan 8., 1909 A fearful windy day. I stayed indoors. McNett in tonight. Jones Bro's took W. Thomas' woodpile from Bullfrog Johnnie after dark. Rec'd letter from Von Toble & our Attys. Adolph Sohers in from Los Angs tonight.

Saturday, Jan 9, 1909 Wind still roaring. Wife & I lining office overhead. Best in tonight from N.V. contract. Joe Lake in tonight to bed. Wrote Wm Cassidy @ Chloride, Arizona for Panama Group.

Sunday, Jan 10, 1909 Wind has quit. McNett in last night late wants coffee. Geo W. Best off today. I took water & flour, lard, spuds, 50 lbs powder and roll of fuse, box of XXX caps. Home @ 6PM and found the town drunk & extra drunk. Wrote Al Blair tonight & Puddy Grimes and Ed Von Toble.

Monday, Jan 11, 1909 Geo W. Beck out early to N.V. contract work. Spent the day on Mills & Mills house & fence. Ament off to see Soher. Mail in one time, all hands working contract on N.V. as usual.

Tuesday, Jan 12, 1909 At home today cleaning up garden, bunkhouse & yard. Put saddle rack in storehouse.

Ament still prospecting. Wrote W.M. Thomas by special delivery tonight to Hollywood, Cali. Raining tonight. Nelson home again, brought a new teamster for Pahrum team. Anderson & Hart in with auto tonight.

Wednesday, Jan 13, 1909 Another nasty day. I gathered the last beans in garden & fixed up storehouse. Ament rode up to visit Mr Al Myers this PM. Pinhead & Steadman in. Rec'd letter from Foley & Co regarding N.V. Wife rec'd letter from her Bro Jake.

Thursday, Jan 14, 1909 Pard & I up @ the Teddy & back early, found all OK. Gathered onions, lettuce & water cress, home via the Horseshooten Springs where we worked one solid hour clearing out willows and trash from head box. Left Ament to keep house during our trip. McNett in tonight from N.V. for more supplies.

Friday, Jan 15, 1909 Out early & all day to N.V. with water, butter, B powder, sugar, fuse and boys have nice showing of ore in tunnel. Mr Ament visiting Johnnie, saw part of clean up & has their word for pipeline & water of Horseshooten. Boys complete contract by tomorrow night, sure.

Saturday, Jan 16, 1909 Wrote H.W. Lobb, agt for America Surety Co. & sent him \$10 for bond for four years, a Notary bond by A.H. Ament of San Fran, Office Speckles Bldg., S.F. Wrote Dunn to Walt Hicks. McNett & Beck in and contract done tonight.

Sunday, Jan 17, 1909 Parker & Deal out sent order to Rathbourne for flour, barley & butter, also to move dump in from Nevada Virginia. Ament & Beck off on burros visiting C.P. Globe. Alice, wrote Jake Philippi.

Monday, Jan 18, 1909 A.H. Ament off for Tonopah. Wm S. Smith 60 sticks giant P, he and Geo French moved onto Congress claims today. Kinney resting today. Geo W.B. and I out onto Sleepy Kid monumenting and done.

Tuesday, Jan 19, 1909 Old Bartlett in town. G.W. Beck & I out to monument Congress claims for Ament. Bartlett threatened to cut Smiths throat if he refused to sign proof of labor before 2 witnesses. Rathbourne in with our groceries. White in town for Bartlett, wrote Ament @ Tonopah.

Wednesday, Jan 20, 1909 Old Bartlett out on stage. Kinney moved our camp in from N.V. with Nelson's team. Beck & I & 2 burros out and monumented Liberties. Kinney rec'd his deed for 1/3rd of Hardlucks from wife & myself. Deal back in town. Letter from Bro o.E. Swain and Arthur Hicks.

Thursday, Jan 21, 1909 Deal & Chambers & Smith located Congress mines @ midnight & built monuments. Smith ignoring his Proof of Labor & swore before H. White that he never did the work. H. Kinney bought Steadman's house for \$35.00 cash and took possession this PM.

Friday, Jan 22, 1909 Wrote J.A. Foley for orders & cash 400 dollars. Wrote A.H. Ament @ Tonopah. Bought shoe taps, 40 cts. Too cold to work today. Kinney moved his assaying plant into his new house & I built corral gate.

Saturday, Jan 23, 1909 Beck & I took in Grapevine Springs water supply, found half of 2 inch pipe full, flowing under no pressure & little grade & it is all they own. Deals family arrived, 3 horses & wagon.

Sunday, Jan 24, 1909 Windy & very cold. Happy Overfield in tonight. Wm Lamphere in from Johnnie Wonder tonight with Brownies team.

Monday, Jan 25, 1909 Rented Mills Bldg to Deal for cash, \$10.00 per month. Best & I on Dee Dee No 1, put up 7 monuments & home. Henry Kinney still here and waiting for cash from Foley & Co. Overfield out on stage. Rec'd letter from Ament @ Tonopah & one from W.P. Mills.

Tuesday, Jan 26, 1909 Beck & I monumenting Dee Dee No 2. Wife wrote A.H. Ament to 458 Duboce Ave, S.F. Sent acct to W.F. & Co, collecting agency, Salt Lake for collection against Nevada Virginia Co. for \$400.00 contract work on four claims.

Wednesday, Jan 27, 1909 Post Office moved to Joneses Hotel. Snowed here this AM. Brownie out to R.R., 3 passengers. All idle in town today. Letter from our Attys & one from W.P. Mills.

Thursday, Jan 28, 1909 Beck & I monumenting Dee Dee No 3 today. Wrote Mrs E.B. Malaby @ Vendome Hotel, Oakland to collect our acct for work done for company. Return by Wells Fargo money order. Wife wrote Attys @ Tonopah.

Friday, Jan 29, 1909 Beck & I completed work on Dee Dee No 3. Joneses bought Joe Lake's horse for \$75.00 cash. Deal opening Saloon today. I re-nailing shingle roofs. Kinney preparing to assay. Bonds from A.S. Co., New York, letter from Foley.

Saturday, Jan 30, 1909 Ans'd Foley quick. Beck & I completed the office lining overhead. PM, lining bunk house overhead, hard job. 2 floozies in town. Deal has tubs, tables, stools and benches from chink house. Rathbourne in with gasoline for Kinney.

Sunday, Jan 31, 1909 Wrote W.M. Thomas again to Bakersfield. Sent Johnnie cards to Frankie's youngsters in Cali. Grand chicken supper at Deal & Chambers saloon. McNett hauled wood from big wood pile today. (we see Nelsons finish)

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Monday, Feb 1, 1909 Putting front on bunk house. Rec'd Notary's sign from S.F. Wrote W.M. Thomas @ Bakersfield today. McNett hauled wood. Sent Johnnie cards to Frankie's kids today. Chambers & Deal opened with chicken supper tonight. Dial hauled wood from big wood pile today.

Tuesday, Feb 2, 1909 G.W.B. & I on bunkhouse. Henry Kinney run 5 samples from Del Oro, average 103.65.

Wednesday, Feb 3, 1909 Rec'd diary from San Fran tonight, also letters from Ament, J.Q Stone, Phillippi. G.W.B. off prospecting. Henry Kinney assaying. I did nothing but chores. Prince Peters in town. Deal got more wood today.

Thursday, Feb 4, 1909 G.W.B. & I done bunkhouse. Wm McNett have 7 lbs giant P. Alice wrote her Bro Jake, 1774 Lincoln St., Denver, also wrote our Attys & John Q. Stone. Expect to start to Tonopah tomorrow.

Friday, Feb 5, 1909 Off to Amargosa and to Goldfield tonight @ 7:30, fare to Tonopah \$8.95, bought pair of Mormon shoes @ Rathbourne's for \$6.50. Room cost me 1.00 at the Grimshaw, found our Texas boy going on train to Virginia City.

Saturday, Feb 6, 1909 \$4.00 Paddy's office. 7:30AM off for Tonopah. Called on our Attys, called on Mr Branson, Sun office. Had seal made, met Judge Averill, Mark H., seal cost \$3.50. 23rd March, 10AM before Judge Averill. 75 cts box of pills.

Sunday, Feb 7, 1909 R.R. fare to Amargosa \$8.95, breakfast 40 cts, supper @ Amargosa 50 cts, bed 1.50, total for entire trip \$26.95.

Monday, Feb 8, 1909 Long letter from Frankie Sounders. Home @ 2:30PM, \$18.05 cash out of \$45.00. Rec'd letter from Secretary of State, W.G. Douglass in regard to who incorporated Congress Co on May 2nd, 1905. Rec'd letter from A.H. Ament with 100.00 for Wm S. Smith & receipt for same to be signed by Wm Smith at first payment on purchase of 1/4 interest in 3 claims, New Year, Sunrise, Johnnie Bull.

Tuesday, Feb 9, 1909 Rec'd receipt today from Wm Smith for \$100.00 first payment for his 1/4 interest in his 3 claims, New Year, Sunrise & Johnnie Bull. Bal due Aug 10th, 09, \$950.00. Wrote G.W. Douglass, Carson, Secretary of State. Wrote A.H. Ament, S.F., used my office seal first time tonight.

Wednesday, Feb 10, 1909 At home half sick. G.W.B. off prospecting. Walt Jones after wood up to our big wood pile today. Kinney building for David Nelson up near Johnnie Con Mill. Mail tonight brings one letter from O.E.S., Alameda. Wrote Ed Hastings @ Eureka Utah. Raining tonight & about all night.

Thursday, Feb 11, 1909 Blustery & threatening storm. G.W.B. grinding samples & prospecting today. Kinney tearing down main old shack for Dave Nelson. Wrote Beauregards @ Bishop, answered o.E Swain.

Friday, Feb 12, 1909 Cold & stormy weather. Nelson moving lumber etc., took his acknowledgement one special tax form No. 11, U.S. Internal Revenue. Wrote, A .W. Mayer for George French, collect cash due \$100.00. Rathbourne here today.

Saturday, Feb 13, 1909 Kinney still building for David Nelson. Beck & I lining office & put in base boards, complete tonight. Another floozie in with Walter Jones here tonight to supper.

Sunday, Feb 14, 1909 A nice warm day. Kinney working for Dave, Beck off prospecting & hunting. Rathbourne in & out. Overfield & Schippe in. Al Myers & pinhead in. McNett wrote Senator Nixon. Wife writing Ament tonight, I wrote Surveyor General, Carson.

Monday, Feb 15, 1909 Notified Deal to vacate as per agreement by March 1st. Phoned Dale for wood team. Mail brought letters from Beck, letter from Al Blair, from Wm McCann, Montgomery Ward & Co, Kansas City. Hunter up from Manse.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 1909 G.W. Beck & myself & two burros all day working on pipeline clear up to Horseshooten, thence homeward to supper. Hunter in from station with team & load for White. Wrote C.H. Smith @ station to hurry & load for White.

Wednesday, Feb 17, 1909 G.W.B. & myself up looking over Xmas Gift today. I went up to C.P. Globe and thence to the Johnnie, bought 50 cts nails & came home. Saw Deals boys take rocker. Henry Kinney to Sterling. Wrote New Way Motor Co., Lansing, Mich for cash price on a 20 horsepower engine FOB.

Thursday, Feb 18, 1909 Tom Dale here to breakfast, has a lame arm, went to Rhyolite to see the doctor. G.W. Beck working on the Xmas Gift trenching for a vein, location work. I am home all day in bunkhouse lining up and overhauling, generally. Pahrump team here tonight to haul wood for us tomorrow.

Friday, Feb 19, 1909 \$20.00 on deposit with Chambers, off after wood 7:30AM. Pahrump team @ wood yard @ 12 noon, left there @ 2PM, home @ 8PM, all tired out & hungry. 2 good loads of wood, equaling 2 1/2 cords when corded up. Rec'd letter from W.P. Mills, rec'd 2 photos from Frankie Saunders.

Saturday, Feb 20, 1909 Wood is all mine. I met pinhead & Anderson & Cal Brown today & they gave me their claims to their wood. The damd liars, the Gov't owns the wood & nobody else, its free wood. Tom Dale here to supper and on to Pahrump after supper, has a very bad arm, he says.

Sunday, Feb 21, 1909 Deed to Rathbourne's by Teal & Barnes, acknowledged 1.80. Deed to claim in Amador Co. 1.00, Proof of Labor on four claims in Sterling 3.00, charge to Tom Westfall 50 cts. Tom Westfall in to dinner, burro to hay overnight 25 cts, Smith & French to dinner, 1.00. School Marm arrived today from Berkeley.

Monday, Feb 22, 1909 Cold & windy. Tom Westfall out to R.R. early, Oliver Stroud still here. Wm McNett went to C.P.G. to work, sent 50 lbs box Giant to C.P.G. by Walt Jones. Tom W Beck to supper from R.R. Rec'd letters from Ament, Ed Hastings, Archie Hicks \$16.00 chk, card from Frankie Saunders, Ed Von Toble wants cash.

Tuesday, Feb 23, 1909 Tom & Oliver Stroud @ Congress prospecting. Beck working on Xmas Gift location & finished the job. Tom Westfall got the goose from Beck. Wife is sending the W.S. Smith receipt for \$100.00 to Ament by mail tomorrow.

Wednesday, Feb 24, 1909 Very cold & windy. Tom Westfall & Stroud & G.W.B. all out prospecting. First school in Johnnie, 9 boys & 2 girls in town. Deal & Chambers rent due tomorrow. Tom & Stroud still here. Deals rent due tonight.

Thursday, Feb 25, 1909 Wrote W.P. Mills today and A.J. Hicks & Ed Von Toble. The bottle buyer in town after 2 years absence. Deal & Co refuse to pay up & refuse to vacate.

Friday, Feb 26, 1909 Beck & Tom & Stroud almost idle today. Rob the bottle man is busy sending bottles to R.R. Rec'd line from S.L. collector asking advice as to what to do, can't catch Foley. I wrote instructions as to how I should proceed.

Saturday, Feb 27, 1909 Sent instructions to the Wells Fargo Agency, how to proceed to collect off J.A. Foley. 3 loads of bottles out AM. Tom Westfall to Sterling. Stroud still here. G.W. Beck still here. Smith & George French here PM.

Sunday, Feb 28, 1909 Bottle man still here. Robt R. Newell of 168 North Main St. Los Angeles. PM, Stroud

off to begin work @ Johnnie Mine in the morning. Four other miners here to supper, all going to Johnnie Mine to look for work.

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- Monday, Mar 1, 1909 Rathbourne here early & out to R.R. Bottle man still here. Wm Smith off after Thomas' sks with Dave's mules. G.W. Beck off prospecting east. Visited Crown Pt Globe PM, everything o.k up there. Rec'd letter from Bro O.E.S.
- Tuesday, Mar 2, 1909 Planting today in home garden, lettuce & radishes. Deal & Chambers closing out & going out soon, we hope. Brownie in town tonight. Wrote o.E. Swain tonight & enclosed him \$2.00. Mrs Lulu Marchand - Defender, Amador Co.
- Wednesday, Mar 3, 1909 Sent W.P. Mills \$10.00 via W.F. Money order. Tom Westfall returned from Sterling. Old man Deal roaring at Nelson & everybody else. My directions to Wells Fargo @ Salt Lake returned to me tonight, mis-sent.
- Thursday, Mar 4, 1909 Deal took himself & his everything & left town early. A blessing to everybody as his conduct since his arrival was no good. Rec'd 2.50 from Tom Westfall, Notary fees. Wrote R.L. Carey, collecting agent for Wells Fargo @ S.L. to see Foley & collect or return papers.
- Friday, Mar 5, 1909 G.W. Beck off east on a prospecting trip. Tom Westfall here idle today. I hauled 2 loads of manure with pair mules for our garden. Bought flour & beans & overcoat off L. Johnson of Utah for \$1.00. John Lamphere in town. Barnes in town going home to Montana to remain. Rec'd first letter from Henry Kinney.
- Saturday, Mar 6, 1909 Cold & very windy AM. Tom Westfall out prospecting southwest. G.W.B. is dissatisfied. Rathbourne & Otto in from R.R. & out early PM. Too damned windy & cold today. Mr Lamphere here today. Casey in from Sterling to supper & we played cards.
- Sunday, Mar 7, 1909 Wrote J.H. Parker. Wife wrote Mrs Malaby & co, Ven Dome Hotel, Oakland. I wrote Henry Kinney. Teal & Barnes out forever, miserable damd trash. Peterson & wife in from Colorado with Carl Anderson Cos auto PM. They came to buy us out, so they tell us.
- Monday, Mar 8, 1909 Peterson & his friend & myself off to Johnnie Mine with Dave Nelson's team & Dave. We saw a dead auto on the road. Beck & Tom Westfall out south all day prospecting. Rec'd letter from Ament. Rathbourne in late tonight.
- Tuesday, Mar 9, 1909 Did nothing as the wind roared all day & tonight. Hasha White passed homeward today. Peterson offered \$5,000 for our half interest in the Johnnie Bull, Sunrise & New Year, we said NO SIR.
- Wednesday, Mar 10, 1909 Windy & cold today. Beck & Tom Westfall out on another prospect trip. Wrote Mrs & Mr Max Koelble @ Guanajuato Mexico. Rec'd letter from Mrs. Sowers and Mr Irwin.
- Thursday, Mar 11, 1909 Still cold & windy. Wrote C.C.B. to come on time and Joe Lake to come on time. Sent \$25.00 to Beauregards via Jonesey via Well Fargo money order from Amargosa.
- Friday, Mar 12, 1909 The damned wind has quit. Beck & Tom W off prospecting again today, south. Simmons had deed to Rathbourne acknowledged. Rec'd C.C. Morse seed book. Letter from O.E. & bill, 3.90 for seed & berries coming via express.
- Saturday, Mar 13, 1909 Beck & Tom off to Liberties. Wife & I working at home. Dave out to R.R., took order for my exp goods. Peterson wild over some samples of ours. Exp pckg in tonight by Rathbourne.
- Sunday, Mar 14, 1909 Tom W & Beck & us put out our berry roots, Himalayas & Mammoths. Wrote McIntosh & Cooke and Bro O.E.S., Los Angeles.
- Monday, Mar 15, 1909 Beck & Tom sampling Congress ores today & well pleased. O.E. Swain to Los Angeles. I worked in garden and chicken yard. Wife fixing up office curtains. Our burros home today after 2 weeks absence. Mail in tonight, letter from Mills & one from Ament to Tom Westfall.

Tuesday, Mar 16, 1909 Beck spading in garden. I worked all day fixing up alfalfa for chickens. Alice fixing up office.

Wednesday, Mar 17, 1909 G.W.B. hunting silver mine. I choring around home, wife choring also. Rec'd letters from sisters, Nane & Emma.

Thursday, Mar 18, 1909 Was phoning Pahrump for Joe Lake, says can't come & go to Tonopah with us. Wife made me a shirt. Geo Beck idle today. I worked on cellar today, fixing to put up a fly for the summer.

Friday, Mar 19, 1909 Wife & I off to Pahrump, took Joe Lakes acknowledgement before Mr Garrett & we came home @ 4:30PM. Rec'd letter from attys, trial put off to Apr 30th.

Saturday, Mar 20, 1909 Sent Lakes acknowledgement enclosed to Attys. Wrote editor S.L. Tribune. for information as to who are the N.V.M. Co. PM, went up to Johnnie mine to look up burros, met T.A. Johnson and learned Ament has done nothing special regarding pipeline or water to date. Sealed bill of sale for Rathbourne.

Sunday, Mar 21, 1909 Smokehouse Johnson out, going home to Ohio, 23 years from home tomorrow. I sent to R.R. by Dave Nelson for pckg. Wrote daughter Frankie Saunders. A.C. wrote T.A. Johnson something about water, kept copy at home. Snowing in PM.

Monday, Mar 22, 1909 Snow all over the hills. Beck & I went to Xmas Gift claim to take copy of location notice & work done, to send to Tonopah County Records. Also secured samples from New Years & Sunrise claims. Rec'd papers from Wells Fargo's collecting agency @ Salt Lake & they failed to collect. Letters from O.E.S. & J.Q.S. & Spiral Pipe Co of Chicago.

Tuesday, Mar 23, 1909 Rained all night, sunshine in AM. Wrote Puddy Grimes, enclosed 1.00 to Record Xmas Gift location & work. Wrote Bro o.E. to boring field glasses, wrote John Q. Stone long letter & to bring Mr Thurber & come. Beck out today on Xmas Gift. Broken axle on stage, 2 hens. with young chickens.

Wednesday, Mar 24, 1909 Dead man at the mine. Putting fly over cellar, new team up with immense load of hay from Manse. PM, made drawings of mines around the Johnnie & south. Letter from J. McBride, Rhyolite.

Thursday, Mar 25, 1909 Choring around house. 3 men digging grave PM for a miner named Duncan, a stranger. Hear he was dead several days before discovered. R.H. Brownie acknowledged Proof of Labor on Johnnie Wonder Group of claims for 1908. Grave not done yet. Wrote, Ed Von Töble.

Friday, Mar 26, 1909 Wrote Jack McBride for book. Mr Duncan buried today. I am choring on annexes. G.W.B. sawing wood and helping me repairing. Frank Otto here in PM, says Harry Simmons struck it. Says Bill Smith will soon. Stormy nasty in PM. o.E. coming next Wednesday.

Saturday, Mar 27, 1909 George W.B. off to Frank Otto's camp to prospect Johnny Bull. I roofing annex. Pard gardening. Brownie back. Proof of Labor one 2 claims, Amargosa & Queen and mines, Dist unknown. Pinhead advertising water propositions, all of which we ignore.

Sunday, Mar 28, 1909 Visited Congress Mine. Wife & I called on Bill Smith on returning. Find H. White, & Rathbournes are in town. Wrote Puddy Grimes, Attys McI & Cooke for advice. G.W.B. goes out tomorrow.

Monday, Mar 29, 1909 Chas Ball, Beck's son in law a Millwright, Newberg, Oregon, Beck off and gone to Cali. Wind roaring all day. Rec'd via mail letters from Max Koelble & wife, Guanajuato, Mex, from Jas Coryall @ Picacho Basin camp via Yuma, Arizona.

Tuesday, Mar 30, 1909 Wrote Henry Kinney. Sent Ament's address in S.F. to C.H. Smith by request. Did a little work on Annex late this PM, wind quitting. o.E. due tomorrow on stage.

Wednesday, Mar 31, 1909 Still on annex today and preparing for visitors, they failed to come through. Only a letter from C.C. Beauregard. Happy Overfield & Adolph Soher goes out tomorrow. O.E. & Co. failed to come.

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Thursday, Apr 1, 1909 Reading & chatting with Bill Smith whom came & borrowed powder, 17 sticks. We called on McNetts tonight. George French went early & located Bavaria & Crystal Springs. McNett paid store bill. Adolph Soher sends kind regards to us tonight.

Friday, Apr 2, 1909 Bro O.E. sick in Los Angeles, may not get here for a week, so his letter states tonight. Rec'd letter from M. Yocum. Rathbourne called tonight, says Tex went to Las Vegas, forgot to pay us.

Saturday, Apr 3, 1909 Wife setting strawberry plants. Burros home today in corral. Locates water @ 20 ft on W.S. Smiths claim. 2 prospectors with team in from Good Springs, Hart & Searchlight.

Sunday, Apr 4, 1909 Pard & I off up to garden, got some water cress and onions, came home on pipeline, cleaned out willow roots in head box & repaired one bad leak on the line & home @ 4:30PM. Wrote Mrs Beauregard. Wrote Jack McBride @ Rhyolite, Jas. Coryall @ Picacho Basin Arizona.

Monday, Apr 5, 1909 Geo French in early & I fixed up business for him for collection @ Los Angs. Letter by W.S. Smith to smoothe bear. Found Rags at the garden, did some work on the trail & home @ 4PM, all OK. Mail in & have letters from Geo W. Beck, Hotel Ven Dome, Oakland & four for Bro O.E. Swain, delayed by sickness in L.A.

Tuesday, Apr 6, 1909 I stopped a leak in the Bennett corral, as we have no water to waste, Jones had a accident, team runaway, broke a passengers are near Johnnie mine last evening. Wrote Atty F.W. Bennett @ Phoenix Arizona for information regarding Uticas. Wrote, G.W.B., Oakland as to what Ament intends doing.

Wednesday, Apr 7, 1909 Dept Sheriff Bell in town, assessing properties. Went to Johnny Mine AM, 2 prospectors in from Silver Lake, named Erickson & Marshall. Bro O.E. in on stage. Wm P. Mill in tonight.

Thursday, Apr 8, 1909 Ed Hastings in tonight, brings us some strawberry settings. A land owner of Los Angle in on stage, owns the Winters, 2 sections.

Friday, Apr 9, 1909 Plating strawberries galore. O.E. & Mills & Ed Hastings all here today. Settled with Dave Nelson, bought 1/4 of fresh pork. Expecting Colorado & Utah parties now any time to examine mines perhaps purchase or bond. Rec'd letter from C.C.B. & wife.

Saturday, Apr 10, 1909 Cold & windy all day. O.E. feeling better today. W.P. Mills still here. Ed Hastings went PM to visit Crown Pt & Johnny and back to supper. Rathbourne in tonight. Spuds, flour & barley.

Sunday, Apr 11, 1909 Water off. Ed Hastings off to see his claims east and is going over to Sterling and back tomorrow to supper he said. PM, Carl Anderson & Wells & two others came & cut off the water from north end of town. I forbid them before W.P. Mills & Jones stage driver and others. Wm Smith & French in today. Wrote Attys again tonight on business.

Monday, Apr 12, 1909 O.E. & I & wife, took a look at Congress & Del Oro today. W.P. Mills still here. Wife rec'd nice present from Mrs Sohers and family & Happy Overfield, good people. Rec'd letter from G.W. Beck, from Vendome Hotel, Oakland, letter from Bennett & Bennett, Attys @ Phoenix Ariz. Ed Hastings in from Stirling.

Tuesday, Apr 13, 1909 W.P. Mills out south, perhaps to Imperial Valley to see his uncle. Ed Hastings still here. Bro O.E. & I up to Teddy R & back via Horseshooten, home @ 2:15PM, all Okay.

Wednesday, Apr 14, 1909 Ed Hastings out prospecting. I was almost idle today, O.E. idle today. I went to see Smith & French @ Congress mine. Kid Sutton moved out to his camp with Frank Otto. Letter from Henry Kinney tonight.

Thursday, Apr 15, 1909 Warm spring morning. Bro O.E. improving. Ed Hastings out prospecting, works tomorrow for Peterson, preparing to work one water development in Good Luck. Rathbourne here to supper, brought powder for Hastings.

Friday, Apr 16, 1909 Ed off with Peterson to work. Bro O.E. improving. Dave Nelson in town today, had two miners with him. Carrying water from school house for family use & garden drying up fast, mail in as



usual. O.E. has 2 letters, Ed Hastings has news from home.

Saturday, Apr 17, 1909 Ed Hastings worked today for Peterson & Co. O.E. feeling better today, thinks to start to San Diego in a day or two. Jones out after wood today, town deserted. We were talking over old times today & of scenes gone by.

Sunday, Apr 18, 1909 Ed off prospecting today & home to supper. We took 2 cans off colts feet. Rathbourne & Otto here today, brought some things for Ed Hastings & tobacco for myself. Wrote to Senator Geo S. Nixon for a map of the U.S. O.E. goes out tomorrow.

Monday, Apr 19, 1909 Bro O.E. out on stage. Moved Ed Hastings up to Good Luck claim to do annual assessment & got wet coming home. Rathbourne in with grub for George French & Smith. Letter from John Lewis Childs, John Q. Stone, Tom Westfall and letter from Attys tonight.

Tuesday, Apr 20, 1909 Hastings on Good Luck. Hawks took three chicks today. Mr. W.J. Bathrick (contractor) of Gardena, Cali in to do location work on his claims in Copperhead Valley. Rec'd pkg seeds from Tom Westfall's sister @ P.O. Nelson took his poultry out tonight. Peterson's company came in on stage, one man.

Wednesday, Apr 21, 1909 Cleaning up yard and moved old workbench & put up stove pipe on summer kitchen stove. Rec'd pkg, Sears & Roebuck and pkg O.E.S. Hamburg tea. Letter from G.W.B., San Diego and one from Ed H from wife. Postal from R.R. Agt, due 90 cts.

Thursday, Apr 22, 1909 I went to Congress mine today, for burros. Smith working for Ament, says Ament comes May 1st. Wrote G.W.B., San Diego and Chas Weston.

Friday, Apr. 23, 1909 9AM, wife & I off to see Hastings, took a letter to him from home & family, found him o.k and he is doing grand work, will soon have annual assessment done for this year and have water enough for a 20 stump mill, home @ 3PM. Letter from Bro O.E. @ Los Angs, he goes to San Diego today.

Saturday, Apr 24, 1909 Rec'd 2 letters for Ed Hastings last night. The man Bathrick, who has claims in Copperhead Valley out for Gardena, Cali today. Frank Otto & the fiddlers in & out with Rathbourne team today. Ed Hastings in this PM early from the Good Luck job. I was repairing shoes today, wives. Babe got out and Peterson's heart broken.

Sunday, Apr 25, 1909 My birthday. Hastings out early to Good Luck to complete annual assessment this coming week. I was out trying Peterson's Marlin Rifle. Walt Jones tells me he did a location work on North half of our Del Oro for Bartlett in Jan this year. Rathbourne here this evening to supper. Mrs & Mr Peterson called. Wrote Attys tonight on gold dollars.

Monday, Apr 26, 1909 Up to Otto's & we took samples of 3 claims & came home, found Tom Barrett here from Hart. Mail in 5PM. Rec'd letter from Joe Lake.

Tuesday, Apr 27, 1909 Dave Nelson & I went to Pahump to serve a subpoena on Joe Lake & he came home with us to supper. To start to Tonopah tomorrow.

Wednesday, Apr 28. 1909 3 tickets to Goldfield, \$21.30. Goldfield @ 6PM, rooms @ Michigan, suppers at the Wagoner restaurant. Beds & supper, \$3.00.

Thursday, Apr 29, 1909 Off for Tonopah, @ Tonopah OK, 3 R.R. fares \$3.00, have rooms @ Mr Davis'. Had a long talk with Attys AM. Mrs B came in from Bishop.

Friday, Apr 30, 1909 Case called for 2PM. Spent day @ courthouse, attys arguing points, finally agree to put up \$225.00 tomorrow @ 10AM, cash & send sheriff after Wells & Wm S. Smith & local recorder of Johnnie District, to be returned within four days to this court.

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Saturday, May 1, 1909 In court @ 10AM. Groceries today etc, \$3.00. 2PM in court & :30PM in court, home @ 12:15 midnight.

Sunday, May 2, 1909 Our family reading all day at home. I bought bread & berries & meat, cheese etc., cash for same \$2.90, butter matches, tobacco, \$1.75. Mr J.V. Stewart, Tonopah called to see us today in regard to stock @ Pahrump. Called on Dist Atty, Cleve Baker & wife.

Monday, May 3, 1909 3PM, fire, fire, fire up near Big School House, all out in 5 minutes. Court this evening 7:30PM.

Tuesday, May 4, 1909 In court @ 8PM & out. Cash from S, \$50.00 & am put in charge of his business @ Pahrump.

Wednesday, May 5, 1909 Pd Mrs Dick Davis, \$8.00. ???20, off for home, 3 fares to Amargosa, 26.85. Dinner @ Rhyolite. Met another Swain on stage. Ed Hastings all o.k house keeping. Lake went on after supper to Pahrump. Mail for us in from all points, came while we were @ Tonopah.

Thursday, May 6, 1909 Ed Hastings scraping a horn ----? Ans'd all mail today of important. O.E., Ament, Beck, Kinney & J.Q. Stone, Jas Coryell & Ed Von Toble. Postal inspectors - Gov't Swain called on us this evening from San Fran.

Friday, May 7, 1909 Hastings & I off to Teddy R & Good Luck, left him in camp & come home @ 4PM.

Saturday, May 8, 1909 Wm S. Smith & Geo French & Tom Barrett here today, borrowed hack saddle. I am saving canvas off Chinks house as it was blown all to pieces. Harry Simmons in from Los Angs., Rathbourne in tonight.

Sunday, May 9, 1909 Working on Chink house a little today. Some Younts up here from San Bernardino visiting. Wrote Al Blair, Los Angs & Tom Westfall.

Monday, May 10, 1909 Ed Hastings in today from camp @ Good Luck pocket. Rec'd map from Senator Nixon by mail tonight. Joe Lake gone to R.R. to do repair work for Rathbourne. Rec'd letter from Stewart @ Tonopah. I have Nelsons team here for trip to Pahrump tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 11, 1909 Ed Hastings & I took Dave Nelsons team & went to Pahrump ranch after J.V. Stewart's stock. Tom Dale refused to give them to us, so we came home later. I sent Stewart's bill to Dale via mail. White in town & Hunter in from R.R, with the Manse freight team. Wrote J.V. Stewart tonight.

Wednesday, May 12, 1909 Located Del Oro Mill site today, joins Del Oro. Mine on S.W. side line, 5 acres. Rec'd letter from O.E.S. in Alameda. Visited Smith & French & they have tons of ore ready to mill now. Wrote Bro. Jake B. Philippe & Geo Foster @ Hart on mill.

Thursday, May 13, 1909 Talking little mill with Tom Barrett & Ed H. Showering this AM. Ed & me tearing down the China house today. Tom Barrett up to Chisha in PM with water for Smith. John Lamphere in from R.R. tonight from Vegas.

Friday, May 14, 1909 Ed Hastings & I off to Copperhead Valley & back, went after our tools & got all but our wheelbarrow, wooden. Home @ 3PM, tired out, turned Babe out to rest his feet, are quite tender. Old White in on stage from Tonopah & Goldfield. Rec'd from O.E., dated May 11th.

Saturday, May 15, 1909 John Lamphere in Kinney's house. Hastings off early up to C.P.G. after a job and home again to dinner. Bill Smith in today. We worked on Chink house tearing it to pieces. Wind blew great guns all day. Dave Nelson tearing down barn & corral built by Sam Mikels, wind still roaring.

Sunday, May 16, 1909 Took it easy today. Ed & I did a little finishing up on the chinks house. Rathbourne for supplies. Wrote to Bro O.E.S. tonight.

Monday, May 17, 1909 Ed Hastings off after his tent & camp @ the Pocket with Babe & Sam burros. Carl Anderson cut water off. Walt Jones wants 12 X 12 1/2 fly & is to haul some for us. Mail in, letter from Mrs Kirkwood in San Fran., reports death of her daughter, 20 years of age (sorry news).

Tuesday, May 18, 1909 Hastings up to C.P.G after job. Wife & I ditching over flow on to our garden & Jones & wife off after wood today. John, the relative of Mrs Peterson (drunk & quarrelsome) has Peterson buffaloed & Hastings went at request of Peterson to stay overnight. John has a knife and Peterson don't fan-

cy knives in drunk men's hands.

Wednesday, May 19, 1909 Hastings off south, prospecting. I building front shade & hope to complete it tomorrow. Had a breakdown @ the Johnnie Con Mill, all hands off. Two auto loads went to Manse this PM. Rec'd letters from our Attys and G.W. Beck, San Diego. Posted water claim (waste).

Thursday, May 20, 1909 Hastings up to New Years claim. Wm S.S. here this AM. I wrote Vegas Lumber Co. Joe Lake passed homeward, says change soon at the Johnnie Con Mill & Mine. Ed panning & sampling ore from New Year.

Friday, May 21, 1909 Very windy, nothing doing. Rathbourne out AM. I wrote W.R. Mitchell @ Sante Barbara, Cali. Peters old Pard called PM, going to visit Bill Smith @ Congress mine. Carl Anderson in from Los Angs., winds still roaring.

Saturday, May 22, 1909 Hastings & I complete shade in front of house, also cover our cellar. Peterson returned rocker. Al. Myers come in. Sent work to Tom Barrett @ Manse to come up here. Wire from Attys tonight, says we win, put your men to work.

Sunday, May 23, 1909 Al Myers @ Johnnie Mine. Ed Hastings went to see Al Myers, hunting work. John Peterson & family out to Los Angs early, Jones moved them. Wrote Mark Averill and George S. Nixon. Failed to get Tom Barrett.

Monday, May 24, 1909 Jonesey back from D.V. Junction. Smith & French in town, Sent to Manse for gal of vinegar by stage driver. Letters from John Q. Stone, J.A. Foley & Las Vegas Lumber Co. Wife wrote to Tom Barrett, Manse. Letter from Bro Jake.

Tuesday, May 25, 1909 Begun work on Del Oro, have Smith & Geo French. Jonesey & I hauling up water, sacks, tools & lumber. Jack S. here tonight with the McClannahan team. Wrote, Mrs Ed Saunders, Rosewood.

Wednesday, May 26, 1909 Jack Emerick out with team. Dave Nelson down after lot of primer he loaned Peterson. I putting up side shade on north side our house. Mail in 5PM, letter from O.E.S. & teeth. Dr Fred D. Bowers on milling.

Thursday, May 27, 1909 Wind roaring. Stayed indoors all day. Wrote Henry Kinney.

Friday, May 28, 1909 Mr Al Myers & his super came down in an auto, tore down our notice & turned our waste water out from our ditch. Witness, Walter Jones. Later Jones & I off repairing pipeline east of town, went to Del Oro, brought 4 water cans back empty.

Saturday, May 29, 1909 Walter Jones & son Ed & myself out repairing pipeline until noon & home to our dinners. PM, went to Del Oro, 20 gal. water & coal, anvil, hammer, tongs, nails & single jack, winlass rope, built go devil & two joints of track, 32 ft X 13 in wide. 2 drunks & Nelson in all day.

Sunday, May 30, 1909 I turned Nelsons team out after standing hooked up last night, since 6PM. Off to Del Oro with bellows, coal, nails, saw, etc. Putting in track iron. Carl Anderson fired last night. Ed Hastings down from Johnnie Mine.

Monday, May 31, 1909 Clearing out hoisting ore & waste, cutting roof out, making room, straightening bottom, put in more ladders, sills, etc.

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Tuesday, Jun 1, 1909 Joe Lake up this morning, going to Amargosa, smithing. Wm S. Smith off sick. Geo French working alone & PM, wife & I helping Geo. We put in 2 shots and took out some fine ore tonight. Came home. Jack Emerick in with team & hay tonight.

Wednesday, Jun 2, 1909 Real hot today. I took 2 burros loads of water up to Del Oro, found Smith at work trying to locate missed shot left there by Coe. Mail in, letters from Bro Jake & Mrs R.B. Davis, Tonopah.

Thursday, Jun 3, 1909 Too hot this AM, pinhead & gang in last night to P.O. & out again quick. McNett

hurt yesterday @ C.P. Globe. PM, we went up to the Del Oro mine, took bacon & onions to Smith, stayed 2 hours & home. Mrs McNett here until bedtime. A.C. wrote Foley.

Friday, Jun 4, 1909 Up to Del Oro early, no men in sight. Wife & I up after our breakfast, cleaned out waste, 6 cars & home @ 2:30PM. Left notice for Smith & French to quit. 8PM, mail, rec'd Tom Westfall @ Millett.

Saturday, Jun 5, 1909 Smith down for water & took a burro & saddle & packing water to his camp. Ament has pipeline & water, so he writes Smith. (40 gals of water) Have our assessment wk done on Del Oro and most of our tools in our store house tonight. W. Jones & wife after wood.

Sunday, Jun 6, 1909 Wife & I out early up the pipeline & to the fountain head & cleaned it all out good, on up to our garden where we found plenty to do until 4PM, when we started for home & supper, brought a lot of big onions.

Monday, Jun 7, 1909 White went home very early, all our burros in today. Some have been gone 2 weeks. No credit for Smith & French. Rathbourne in today, groceries for us, says times are awful. Mail in, letters from Loomis, J.V. Stewart, J.A. Foley, Sister Emma, Senator Geo. S. Nixon. Acknowledged signature for Rathbourne.

Tuesday, Jun 8, 1909 I wrote Loomis and J.A. Foley this morning. PM, went to Smiths & took him milk, 4 cans & some green onions. Got some ore to send to Loomis & came home. Smith working of Frenches claim.

Wednesday, Jun 9, 1909 Joe Lake here all day, working on wagon wheel for Jones Bros. Frank Otto here for help for Mrs Sutton eye. Rec'd letter from Geo Beck, S.D.

Thursday, Jun 10, 1909 A.J. Jones riveting tires AM. Wrote G.W. Beck, S. Diego. Whites hay team in from Manse. 3:30PM, two young people pair of burros very small & wagon to match, passed going to Northern Cali on a prospecting trip, miners from San Bernardino Co.

Friday, Jun 11, 1909 Very warm day. I fixed our shade for the summer, north side. A.C. did some washing. Mail in, letter from Von Toble Co., Vegas & one from A.H. Ament with cut of new mill.

Saturday, Jun 12, 1909 Cleaned out hen house. Choring around all day. Nelson in tonight. A.C. washing, preparing for trip to Tonopah soon. Two Jones women here PM after green onions. Rec'd note from Rathbourne tonight.

Sunday, Jun 13, 1909 Smith & French in town, We here of more changes in Johnny Cos officials, only a rumor however. A Mr Mitchell arrived & says he is the it, Wrote Rathbourne in regards to Smith & French. Rumor says pinhead is out of Johnnie Co. complete.

Monday, Jun 14, 1909 Smith & French moved into town this morning. 2 men killed @ Leland by Mexicans, 2 or 3. I went with Jones to see Mr Mitchell @ Johnnie, met the super, Farish, an old Downieville boy. Failed to meet Mitchell.

Tuesday, Jun 15, 1909 Went to Johnnie Mine again today to meet Capt. Mitchell, met him, we talked business 3 hours, found him a nice business man, rational & reasonable. Took some Del Oro samples to Mr Farish to examine, he will assay them later. Tried to sell some chickens & failed, came home, pinhead due from Los Angs.

Wednesday, Jun 16, 1909 Pinhead arrived with payroll for mine. Walt Jones says Mrs Redell is a liar, I don't know. Wife sent chk to agt Smith to have cashed by A.J. Jones & returned this PM. Chk came back, no funds. Rec'd letter from Emily B. Ed Hastings down tonight.

Thursday, Jun 17, 1909 Wind roaring today. Pinhead out and gone. Stayed indoors and wrote long letter to the Beauregards. Smith & French here hating themselves. Walt Jones & wife out to R.R. and back.

Friday, Jun 18, 1909 Up to see Mitchell go out today. Went to get change & failed. Met Mr John Ackley who has made the new find in Dalemite mine & good. Killed first sidewinder. Sent Golden seal to Sutton by Wilson tonight.

Saturday, Jun 19, 1909 At home all day & Pard off prospecting. Went to see Ackley's new find. Kinney went to Johnnie Mine early this morning. Heard 2 men were killed @ Leeland gambling row. New Super & wife down town late this PM & out again in a hurry.

Sunday, Jun 20, 1909 Rathbourne & Otto here early. One murderer caught at Amargosa. Jones & family in from R.R., brought us 2 sks barley. Pard preparing to go to Tonopah tomorrow to see why Attys don't explain.

Monday, Jun 21, 1909 Pard out for Tonopah to pull Al Myers if possible. Tom Osborne in on stage & went up to Johnnie mine. Jones putting phone in for Nelson @ his doggery. Map from Von Toble, letter from Coryell.

Tuesday, Jun 22, 1909 Ans'd Coryell. Warm day here today. Fisk & Della out & gone today. Tried to sell chicks to Jones. I was stringing up beans. McNett out to C.P.G. & very much discouraged. A new man here working on Nelsons wagon.

Wednesday, Jun 23, 1909 McNett repairs wifes shoes. John Ackley in today. New man on Nelsons wagon, selling axles, etc here. A.C. wrote me @ Tonopah. Mr & Mrs Farish downtown tonight, all OK. Uncle Tom Dickerson out on stage to Manse. Rec'd letters from Tom Westfall and John Q. Stone.

Thursday, Jun 24, 1909 Awful hot today. Dave Nelson here all day working on repairs and horse shoeing. Bought a loaf of bread, 25 cts. Let Dave Nelson have 20 lbs stove coal. 2 kittens out tonight, north. Wrote J.H. Elspass, Denver.

Friday, Jun 25, 1909 Wind roaring all day. Dave's new smith still working on wagon here. A prospector, a Mr Westlake from Vegas in tonight, burro outfit. Rec'd first letter from Pard from Tonopah, mailed 23rd.

Saturday, Jun 26, 1909 Wind roaring all day. Wrote letter for Herman Fritz to his girl in Colorado. Sold hen to Jones, 1.00.

Sunday, Jun 27, 1909 Wind still roaring & hot winds constantly. Stayed home alone, all day. Wrote to my Pard & to Tom Westfall & to Mrs. Low Von Musets.

Monday, Jun 28, 1909 Mail in, received \$19.05 from Agt Smith tonight, forwarded from my Pard. Pd \$15.00 to McNett, his share from Foley acct. Letter from Pard @ Bishop.

Tuesday, Jun 29, 1909 Answered Pard today & enclosed Stewart's letter. Sullivan has a baby colt. Bert Hart & wife in tonight with auto & out with Tom Dickerson, he came up from Manse on stage.

Wednesday, Jun 30, 1909 Mitchell due & in camp. Had a fire at the mine this AM, burned 2 houses, Herman & Enright, lost everything & the new lady dishwasher lost her trunk clothing, jewelry & 35.00 in paper money, all she had, letter from O.E.S.

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Thursday, Jul 1, 1909 Hottest day yet this season, my thermometer went up to 3000 & busted. Wrote Bro O.E. tonight @ Bellevue Wash., c/o Calloway.

Friday, Jul 2, 1909 Rathbourne in late last night, says this morning Ament is due here any moment. Awful hot last night, no better today, cloudy. Loaf bread costs 20 cts. Tonight's mail from A.C. Swain, O.E. Swain, C.P. Loomis, Edison Machine Co., gentle hint from Frank Mannix.

Saturday, Jul 3, 1909 And still awful hot. I wrote my wife @ Bishop part of a letter and part of a letter to C.P. Loomis, too hot, had to quit. I learned yesterday from Bro O.E. that Ament's outfit is shipped here from San Fran on the 30th June. Brownie & Harry Simmons went to Manse today.

Sunday, Jul 4, 1909 Awful hot winds & still blowing hard at bed time. Rathbourne in & out PM. Completed my two letters. Johnnie Mine off today, Globe running though.

Monday, Jul 5, 1909 Dave Nelson got a drubbing last night. Brindle & Sammy into water. Wind roaring again today. A. Scott, assayer from Oregon went out on stage today, he is done. Wind still tearing all day & tonight. Rec'd letter from Nane Luick.

Tuesday, Jul 6, 1909 At Del Oro in AM, home to dinner & the damd wind quit during the night. Put everything in shape @ Del Oro. Wrote Jake Philippe PM, Hattie Campbell, Homer Swain. Brindle has a native colt, a lovely day all day.

Wednesday, Jul 7, 1909 8AM, took 2 burros & went up to garden & back @ 2PM in co with A.J. Jones, came via Horseshooten & cleaned out head box as usual. Ament & four man & Mill @ Amargosa. Armando Santa Cruz here tonight.

Thursday, Jul 8, 1909 Santa Cruz off early for Keene ----? mine to work on a contract there. Wrote J.A. Foley tonight, asking further contributions on bal due of \$340.00. Letter from Geo Perkins.

Friday, Jul 9, 1909 Whites team up with hay tonight. Brindle & colt got loose, I failed to catch them. Tom Barrett & burro in tonight from Manse. Walt Jones took passenger to Johnnie mine tonight, en route here with mail, a violation of Gov't rules. No news from my Pard.

Saturday, Jul 10, 1909 Some mining men here looking over Thomas group. Writing my Pard and Geo. Beck & Denver Mining News. Rathbourne in town late, brings a surveyor going to survey forger Johnny Yount. R says Ament is putting his mill on old Spooler Mill site. Whites hay team here overnight & going south. Tom Barrett still here.

Sunday, Jul 11, 1909 First ripe tomato. Whites team & surveyor out. Rathbourne out. Bought pound of butter, 40 cts & loaf of bread, 25 cts. Walt Jones went to R.R. today & got home late. Mrs McNett here for ink this evening, brought pinhead & others.

Monday, Jul 12, 1909 Pinhead & expert out on stage this AM. Rec'd letter from C.P. Loomis, Baker City Oregon. Letter from A.N. Coe. Pard came home from Beauregard camp & broke, as I knew she would be, got 4 claims.

Tuesday, Jul 13, 1909 Wrote C.P. Loomis & Coe. Bill Smith gone to see Ament with Davis team, in again @ 9PM.

Wednesday, Jul 14, 1909 Joe Wosnick called & chatted until noon. 3 passengers in on stage.

Thursday, Jul 15, 1909 Passengers out to Johnny early, miners or millionaires. Service restored after many days.

Friday, Jul 16, 1909 David Nelson acknowledged Internal Revenue Tax. Fired compliments back at Rathbourne today. Tom Barrett & Bill commencing to begin raising Congress ore. Packing water & tools today. John Ackley down from Garden, everything OK. Long letter from Bro Jake.

Saturday, Jul 17, 1909 Old Smith & Tom B. out to work early today. Joe Wosnick called going north tomorrow. Jonesey in late from siding tonight.

Sunday, Jul 18, 1909 Nice cool breeze from south. Hobo Kelly passed north going onto Groome mine. Sent for Blair's add to 300 E 3rd St., Los Angs. Otto was up today with Rathbourne's team. Ed Hastings here until 9PM.

Monday, Jul 19, 1909 Dead injun @ Pahrump. Ament & Co here early. Mr Moore & Mr D Cowan all went to Congress mine & back to supper & homeward. Stage in late, no. mail. A deputy sheriff & two others with him going to Pahrump to sea a dead injun.

Tuesday, Jul 20, 1909 Tom Barrett out with burro, load of water, up toward the New Year group. Dave Nelson down with team hauling lumber up to his doggerly above. Lulu has a colt. Surveyor in from Charleston Peak tonight on stage. Rec'd o.E. from Alaska.

Wednesday, Jul 21, 1909 Met Chas McCarthy, county surveyor, Las Vegas. Wrote Mrs Soher & Clark @ Vegas & Mrs Beauregard. First green corn today. Location notices here from Mono Co., Cali.

Thursday, Jul 22, 1909 Tom Barrett out south with his camp & burro, got enough of Smith quick. Joneses lost a horse cause of damned auto. Wrote Fairbanks, Greenwater regarding J.V.S. property.

Friday, Jul 23, 1909 Farish here after a cooking stove, Co wants water rent. Later Farish & family called & they are to take the stove. Letter from G.W.B. of S.F.

Saturday, Jul 24, 1909 Wilson came and took the stove for Mr Farish & wife @ cash \$11.00. PM, John Ackley in town. Hot cloudy sultry, but no rain here, rained a little.

Sunday, Jul 25, 1909 Nice cloudy day & cool all day. Farish & Smith out to Horseshooten AM, back @ 2PM. Jones bought a new mare, cost \$125.00. Writing Coe.

Monday, Jul 26, 1909 New horse out on stage. Sent letter to Coe & Fairbanks. Winds roaring, but it seems cooler than usual. Hunter up with hay for Jones. Mail in, no news. Lewis Bleaiot crossed the English Channel with first flying machine.

Tuesday, Jul 27, 1909 Pard & I off to Mill, found Dr Cowan and Moore & Speering & J. Kerr & Ament all doing something, we had dinner & home @ 5. o.E. & Elma in Seattle, back from Alaska. Letter to G.W.B., San Jose.

Wednesday, Jul 28, 1909 Ament went to Pahrump looking for team of horses, he bought some lumber for use @ Congress Mine. @ 8:45PM, no mail here yet, but it came later. Schiffe got his auto back to his mine last night.

Thursday, Jul 29, 1909 Johnnie & C.P.G. out of water yesterday & shut down. Ament back from Pahrump with load of hay & went on to Mill after supper. Wrote Coe for Ament who wants a big team to haul ore.

Friday, Jul 30, 1909 Dr Cowan & Mr Spring up to get some fittings. Frank Otto in & made a acknowledgement. Letter from Coe tonight.

Saturday, Jul 31, 1909 Caught up Sam & went up to Teddy R, found all OK., ate some fresh berries & overhauled irrigation & pulled lot of weeds & came down to pocket & crossed to Horseshooten & home again. Ament & gang up to Congress mine PM. Coe & Johnson in from Pioneer tonight.

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Sunday, Aug 1, 1909 Pard & I & Coe & Carl Jasen up to the Del Oro investigating. Perry, former boss under Doubleday back again. Wrote C.P.L., Baker City, Ore.

Monday, Aug 2, 1909 Coe & Johnson moving onto Del Oro to commence sinking shaft on the shares, we put in tools etc. Ament & gang in with a working outfit, begun on a new shaft for water. Letter from J.V. Stewart, rec'd postal from O.E.S. Dr. Cowan & Spring & Moore here to supper. Pd water bill, \$1.00.

Tuesday, Aug 3, 1909 Dr Cowan & Speering (instead of Spring) & Moore stopping here. Johnny Ackley here to dinner seeking water. Ament's team up & back PM with ore. Contractors Coe & Johnson on Del Oro. Speering located Golden Gate Mine, close in town.

Wednesday, Aug 4, 1909 Cowan & Speering on new well, Moore ate dinner & out. Coe & Carl on Del Oro. Ament failed to show up. I took water & a door to Del Oro PM. Boys saw free gold from bottom of Del Oro shaft today.

Thursday, Aug 5, 1909 Stone & Von Toble, ans'd their letters. Coe & Johnson on Del Oro. Cowan & Speering on new well. Ament's team hauling more out to mill. Heavy sand & dust storm PM & evening. Mr Speer arrived @ Amargosa from Oklahoma.

Friday, Aug 6, 1909 Cowan & Speering on new well and doing fine. Tom Westfall & I were there AM, Ament & Speer arrive with team from mill, Coe & Carl one Del Oro. Mail in and good news from White, Mountains, Beaugards. Drew a deed for Sam Selfe to Jack Baxter & Tom Barrett.

Saturday, Aug 7, 1909 Cool cloudy all day. Del Oro all OK., Cowan & Co sinking OK. Westfall, Pard & I @ Del Oro sampling AM. Team hauling ore from Congress, Tom Dale passed to R.R. today, said he was going to Vegas.

Sunday, Aug 8, 1909 Coe & Carl working. Speering & Westfall off to the New Mill. Dr. Cowan resting here.

I phoned Pahrump, 35 cts.

Monday, Aug 9, 1909 Coe & Carl on Del Oro. Dr & Ed on new well. Wm French in from Pioneer. A Mr Cole, teamster in to see Ament & Co. Tom Westfall's grub in from Amargosa on stage. Letter from J.V. Stewart.

Tuesday, Aug 10, 1909 Coe & Johnson & well diggers all working. Tom Westfall off to Sterling with burro load of grub. Wm French still here. Smiths 9.00 due today. I took water to Del Oro again today, Cole off for P afoot.

Wednesday, Aug 11, 1909 Coe & Carl on Del Oro. Dr & Ed out of powder. PM, Dr Cowan moving into old Atkinson house. Speering off to mill for powder, well down over 17 ft. Coe & Carl starting a level to the north.

Thursday, Aug 12, 1909 Wm French off up to the Johnnie mine, AM. Coe & Carl drifting north. Speering back with powder & at work on new well. Wrote Cap't W.R. Mitchell regarding pipeline. Dr Cowan & Ed gone to batching this PM.

Friday, Aug 13, 1909 Coe & Carl on Del Oro. Cowan & Speering on new well, doing fine. Davis' mules & two drunks in town going to Nipton. Indian & squaw in with melons. Walt Jones & wife out tonight going to Manse. A.J. remained here.

Saturday, Aug 14, 1909 Coe & Carl working. Cowan & Speering same. Kerr in from new mill, its running splendid, more satisfactory.

Sunday, Aug 15, 1909 A.J. went to R.R. Coe & Carl, Pard & I all went to see the New Year & that group. Took samples and did some hording and came home early, as it was sprinkling rain. The boys went to Johnnie mine after tobacco.

Monday, Aug 16, 1909 Wrote J.A. Foley for cash. Coe off today, Carl same. Carl @ work @ C.P. Globe, Coe idle. I fencing door yard, showering & sultry. Cowan & Speering on well. McNetts kids new saddle. Letter from Bro Jake.

Tuesday, Aug 17, 1909 Coe & I & Pard up to Del Oro, put door in tunnel & put tools etc inside & locked it up, safe and sound & secure. Rained nicely PM 2 hours & we were snug at home. Alice wrote Emily Beaugard & I wrote Bro O.E. @ Bellevue.

Wednesday, Aug 18, 1909 Coe went to Johnnie & C.P. Globe mines & back. I working on new fence & have it most done & hope to finish tomorrow. McNett out at C.P. Globe. Cowan & Ed's ore well, team hauling ore as usual, 3,000 lbs daily from the Phoenix. No mail, wash out on R.R.

Thursday, Aug 19, 1909 High grading today. On the Del Oro and took out a lot of rich ore. Rec'd tobacco, cost 65 cts.

Friday, Aug 20, 1909 Coe & I & Pard on Del Oro, high grading today. Found Tom Westfall in from Sterling tonight, OK.

Saturday, Aug 21, 1909 Nothing doing today. Dr Cowan & Speering on new well & still sinking. Westfall, Coe & I going to work tomorrow on Teddy R if we can get out on time tomorrow morning.

Sunday, Aug 22, 1909 Tom Westfall & Coe & I off to the Teddy R, where we worked until late, ate supper and turned in for tonight. I was spading onion ground & cleaning around vines & peach trees while Coe & Westfall got supper.

Monday, Aug 23, 1909 Up early and planted seeds & set winter onions. Later came home via Horseshooten Springs & cleaned out head box. Dr. Cowan's folks arrived.

Tuesday, Aug 24, 1909 Coe & Westfall up to Johnnie mine today. I home all day & in trouble, pain in neck & shoulders. Boys got work, Coe & Tom to supper & off to work @ C.P. Globe.

Wednesday, Aug 25, 1909 Ament gone to Tonopah. Met Mrs Dr. Cowan today, first time. Letter from J.A. Foley, will write me on 23rd.



Thursday, Aug 26, 1909 Too hot, worked a little today on south gate in fence. Jas H. Morris here to have acknowledgement of his signature & mine to deed to Realty in Leavenworth Kansas. Wife & I called on Cowan's. Cap't Mitchell in tonight from L.A.

Friday, Aug 27, 1909 Very hot & sultry. Electric storm today, rain all around, scarcely a sprinkle here. Speering shoeing horses part of today. Mail in very late, letter from Bro Jake.

Saturday, Aug 28, 1909 Mr Mitchell & the super here today. Pd super water rent for next month, 1.00. Mr E.M. Yocum in on stage tonight.

Sunday, Aug 29, 1909 E.M. Yocum still here, he is out early to see his claim south Del Oro & to see if mines are OK. I took a burro & went to Johnnie mine to see Cap't Mitchell & came home again PM. Dined with Schiff's. Dr Cowan & family called & Coe called to see Yocum.

Monday, Aug 30, 1909 Rathbourne left some deeds to be acknowledged last evening. Commenced rain at 3AM, raining fine 8AM. Wrote A.W. Jerden, agt for C. Ganakl Lumber Co., Vegas. Old Bill Smith moved in from Congress mine, Yocum fixing up his monuments. No eastern mail tonight.

Tuesday, Aug 31, 1909 Finest 3 hour steady rain I ever saw in PM. Cowan & Speering filed P of L on Golden Gate mine. They are monumenting today. Yocum & I on Gold Band & Del Oro today. Rec'd 2 letters from Bro o.E.

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Wednesday, Sep 1, 1909 Mr Yocum & I on the Del Oro measuring and monumenting as the law directs. D.M. Sutton here on business. Geo French in tonight. Wrote Dale for fruit. Mail in, nothing from the east or Los Angeles, washout.

Thursday, Sep 2, 1909 Yocum & I working on his Gold Band mine. Woodward the pimp in on stage tonight. Shorty Harris in town with four burros & horse.

Friday, Sep 3, 1909 Mail in, letter from Nevada Virginias Attys. Cowan & Speering nearing water I think tonight. Ament's Co. team in today after hay.

Saturday, Sep 4, 1909 A rainy day all day. Yocum off to Gold Band working assessments. Ament & 2 others in from the squat @ noon calling on Bill Smith. Came to dinner. Speer, Chaffee & Ament & out again. Threatening rain, stormy sprinkles.

Sunday, Sep 5, 1909 Yocum off to Gold Band working assessments. Bill Smith goes to work on claims tomorrow. Wilson bounced @ Johnny mine today. Rathbourne in tonight. Woodward up to Johnny hunting a job tonight. About to storm tonight.

Monday, Sep 6, 1909 Cowan & Speering on well. I went to Johnnie mine for sack sugar, cost 9.50 & back with Walt Jones company team in from Mill @ noon. Cap't M out to Los, returns soon.

Tuesday, Sep 7, 1909 Cowan & Speering on road. Yocum on Gold Band. Hay in for Ament & Co. Jones broke down on rec'd with load of grub, will be out most all night.

Wednesday, Sep 8, 1909 Sultry & hot. Yocum on Gold Band, Cowan half sick today. Ament & all his gang in town @ noon except perhaps one. Pahrup team in tonight. Shorty Harris in town. Letter from C.P.L. tonight.

Thursday, Sep 9, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band, Harris in with melons. Ament's team in loading with material & men & tools, begin work tomorrow on 3 claims, New Year, Sunrise & Johnny Bull. E.H. Harriman died, the R.R. king, born Feb 25th 1848, died Sept 9th 1909. Wrote C.P. Loomis today.

Friday, Sep 10, 1909 Ament's team & men out to begin work on our claims. Farish in on horseback AM. Harry Simons in town with Dave Nelson. No mail tonight. R.R. at fault as usual.

Saturday, Sep 11, 1909 Yocum working & down 17 feet, 4X6 shaft. Pard & Yocum & I up to Del Oro early AM. Wrote McKornick & Co., Bankers, Salt Lake City. Cowan & wife called. Ed Hastings here tonight

with Rathbourne.

Sunday, Sep 12, 1909 Rathbourne out to R.R. Ed & Yocum went to see the Gold Band mine. PM, Hastings went up to mine to find work. Coe came in to supper, sick with bad cold, Hastings still here.

Monday, Sep 13, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band & Ed & I on Del Oro AM. PM, Yocum & Ed & Pard in Del Oro all PM. Ament's men on Chispa, team & all. Rec'd deed from Mary L. Morris, Leavenworth Kansas to be returned via registered mail pronto.

Tuesday, Sep 14, 1909 Ed up to Johnnie to work. Yocum working on the Gold Band. A.C. crazy again over the Del Oro, sent deed out to Mrs Morris.

Wednesday, Sep 15, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band & Coe here half sick. Wrote Bro O.E. @ Bellevue. Yocum & Coe sampling PM on Del Oro mine. Coe out to Manse. School marm in on stage tonight.

Thursday, Sep 16, 1909 Pard wrote Emily B. I ans'd Mc & Cooke. Wrote Bro O.E. Notified Ament & Co., regarding work on our claims work on our claims & kept copy.

Friday, Sep 17, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band AM. Sent note to Ament. Yocum & I went up to 3 claims, posted notice forbidding work on our claims by anybody until further orders & came home. Mail in, letter from John Q. Stone.

Saturday, Sep 18, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band. Dr Cowan sick, idle. Jones after wood & home again tonight. I at home all day. Kerr & Moore prospecting. Writing Al Blair.

Sunday, Sep 19, 1909 Robt Edwards came in with Dave Nelson & turned his burros out. Dr Cowan still sick. Frank Otto here for breakfast.

Monday, Sep 20, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band. Ament & Redell in from mill. Cowan sick in bed. Moore & Kerr prospecting. Smith & Chaffee on Sunrise. Robt Edwards up to Johnnie hunting for sure things.

Tuesday, Sep 21, 1909 Yocum on Gold Band. Dr Cowan improving slowly. Speering alone on Congress. Chaffee & Smith sunrise & New Year assessment work. Robt Edwards in from Johnnie mine again. Jones brought box tobacco from Rathbourne's.

Wednesday, Sep 22, 1909 Miners meeting today here, elected a recorder after a fashion. Another letter from Attys, McIntosh & Cooke.

Thursday, Sep 23, 1909 Wrote Attys @ Tonopah for explanations due. Smith moved in from the work on New Year & others this PM, drunk. Mr Joe Edmonds in on stage.

Friday, Sep 24, 1909 Yocum & Edmonds off to see Gold Band. Farish down on horseback to catch mail going out to R.R. The cripple sold Casey's burro, Babe for \$5.00 to Jim Rhodes & Walt Noble.

Saturday, Sep 25, 1909 Windy, nasty day. Yocum & Edmonds out until noon. Inside all PM. Ament in town tonight. Speer out with load of more.

Sunday, Sep 26, 1909 Wind roaring. Wrote A.W. Jerden, Agt Lumber Co., Las Vegas. Joe Edmonds & Yocum still here prospecting.

Monday, Sep 27, 1909 Raining splendid. Joe E. Edmonds off for Salt Lake, stage. Yocum filed P of L Gold Band for this year of 1909. Proof of Labor on Del Oro completed by A.C. Swain, witnessed by E.M. Yocum & J.M. Swain. Report is that Ament has gone to Frisco.

Tuesday, Sep 28, 1909 E.M. Yocum out to Rhyolite AM. Raining, cloudy, nasty all day. Everybody indoors. Visited Walt Noble & Jas Rhodes in Nelsons cabin.

Wednesday, Sep 29, 1909 Rhodes moved W.S. Smith out of town after a big -----? To finish his assessment work on New Year, Sunrise & John Bull. He & Nelson packed out to black Spring taking Babe & French's burros. Letter from Attys & Decree of court.

Thursday, Sep 30, 1909 Ed Hastings & Tom Westfall down & spent the evening last night. Wrote Al Blair

PM, been half sick today, pain in back of head, similar to powder sick.

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Friday, Oct 1, 1909 Schouffe & wife & lady friend in early, friend went out on stage for home. I went with Redell to the Congress, ate dinner there & home later.

Saturday, Oct 2, 1909 Showering, cool nice rain & was idle all day & late PM moved some lumber home from over at Chinaman's old place. Dr Cowan's boy sick with with summer complaint. @ Johnnie mine a man here from C.P. Globe going to Manse for rest.

Sunday, Oct 3, 1909 Cold raw day. Wrote letter to Frankie Saunders, Rosewood P.O. Harry Simmons in late with some stranger & Rathbourne's team.

Monday, Oct 4, 1909 Pard & I sampling on Del Oro all day. Mrs McNett & Cowan & the gang over at the Congress all day hauling ore as usual.

Tuesday, Oct 5, 1909 At home all day. Rathbourne & family in town this PM & out. Acknowledged Deed to Mining property to R.A. Stevenson.

Wednesday, Oct 6, 1909 Proposition from Rathbourne to tear down hay barn, saloon, answered.

Thursday, Oct 7, 1909 Pulling down old Mikels barn to keep it from killing some of our burros, as it was sure to do. Bought Pahrump grapes. Wrote C.P. Loomis & E.M. Yocum tonight.

Friday, Oct 8, 1909 Pulling down born & moving off Bennett's lot, so called. Rec'd letters from Jake Phillippi, McCornick & Co., Salt Lake, Joe Edmonds, Salt Lake.

Saturday, Oct 9, 1909 Pulling nails & pilling lumber. Nelson came & we chewed the rag & I sent him home all OK. I have the lumber all off Bennett's lot & must be paid for my trouble & work. Jurden should get my letter tonight @ Vegas. Sugar beet farmer out for Washington D.C.

Sunday, Oct 10, 1909 Farish took chickens away today @ \$18.00. Moore & Kerr out to mill & home again to supper & brung Speer with them, but no money. Tried to phone Joe Lake. Rathbourne here this PM, said tear down hay barn, saloon. Wrote, Phillippi & J.E. Edmonds, Phillippi in Denver and Edmonds in Salt Lake.

Monday, Oct 11, 1909 Bill Smith moved into town from claims, New Year, Sunrise, & John Bull, done his annual work. All day on hay barn tearing it down.

Tuesday, Oct 12, 1909 On hay barn all day.

Wednesday, Oct 13, 1909 On hay barn all day, rec'd letter from Yocum & J.Q. Stone.

Thursday, Oct 14, 1909 Taking up floor in the hay barn, saloon & its a job sure. Sent tomatoes, 50 lbs to Rathbourne by stage. Nelson brought Whelan & Swanstrum here last night to die.

Friday, Oct 15, 1909 Taking out windows & waiting on somebody to come & move the bar. Blanks from E.M. Yocum. Kerr & Moore hunting burros all day.

Saturday, Oct 16, 1909 Kid Sutton here. Moved counter outside on hay barn as usual. Moore & Kerr hunting burros today again. Whelan & Swanstrum still here in town. Whelan quite sick. Wrote C.P. Loomis.

Sunday, Oct 17, 1909 J.V. Stewart, E.M. Yocum and J.E. Edmonds, John Lamphere, 75 yrs old, and Kerr off to mill. Cowan & wife called. Speer & Co. started their mill again.

Monday, Oct 18, 1909 On hay barn, saloon. Rathbourne & family & Otto in town today, satisfied with my work. Kerr & Moore going out to Death Valley Junction in the morning. Mail in late. Wrote Sup't Tonopah L Co., Greenwater.

Tuesday, Oct 19, 1909 Worked 1/2 day, wind roaring & sand blowing. John Kerr & Walter Moore out for Death V Junction with burros & colt. PM, late went to see Speering @ Congress mine, he said Farish

called on him.

Wednesday, Oct 20, 1909 Ed Hart & wife out. Working on hay barn, saloon. Mrs Redell out to R.R. Latest tonight, Tom Dale dead @ Caliente, no particulars yet. Tom Westfall & Ed Hastings called & put in 2 hours chewing the rag. Curtis writes to Yocum regarding their claims.

Thursday, Oct 21, 1909 Unroofing hay barn, saloon. Mrs Tom Dale & baby out to Caliente to take care of her husband's body, looks like suicide, last remains of an ill spent life. Hobo Kelly & four horse team passed north today. Hunter of Manse also Jones hauling supplies for Bullfrog Johnny Co. Wrote J.H. Behme & wife.

Friday, Oct 22, 1909 Unroofing hay barn. Am having a time of it, tearing off tin roofing. Late PM, loaded Jones with main section flooring & roofing, it goes to R. R. for Rathbourne. Mail in, rec'd letter from Frankie Saunders & Ed & the kids. Hunter in going south. Farish & wife in this evening.

Saturday, Oct 23, 1909 On hay barn roof all off, taking down rafters etc. Sent by Jones for tobacco, shoe taps & tacks.

Sunday, Oct 24, 1909 On hay barn 1/2 day. Making 12 full days equal to \$36.00, 1/3 cash. Taps & Tacks from Rathbourne. Wrote C.C.B. tonight.

Monday, Oct 25, 1909 Pulling down hay barn, siding & nails all day. Prince Ito killed in Herbin Manchuria by a Korean for revenge. Mexico orders. 2000 tons of corn for ????? Letter tonight from Bro Jake.

Tuesday, Oct 26, 1909 On hay barn roof. Hunter went home with team today. Shorty Harris, burros here, straying. Farish came to see me regarding title to Congress. Redell all broke up over rumors he has heard.

Wednesday, Oct 27, 1909 Rec'd tobacco from Rathbourne. Rec'd 2 letters from J.V. Stewart, Hotel Virginia City and letter from John Stone, Salem Utah.

Thursday, Oct 28, 1909 Windy & dusty. On hay barn. 2 Spaniards here, waiting for work @ Johnnie. Hunter in with hay, two big wagon loads.

Friday, Oct 29, 1909 Last of hay barn is down, put ceiling in store house. Hunter on route home empty. White in town tonight. Sherman a stranger in with 3 burros today from Lila Sea mine.

Saturday, Oct 30, 1909 Completed hay barn, all down and ready to move. Mr Sherman went to Johnnie mine to see about Post card. Moved stove, inside for coming winter. Mrs McNett talking of moving to Manville. White & team off home.

Sunday, Oct 31, 1909 Worked some this AM pulling up floor joists at the hay barn & am done. Dickerson in last night, called Jones attention to water in town tank & the way it is being wasted. Will soon bring on a famine.

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Monday, Nov 1, 1909 Rathbourne here today & took load of 2 x 4 home. Wm Smith brought us sack flour, he is on the mend & can talk OK. Sherman busy with pictures. Smith sold lot of tools, \$50.00. Mail in, letter from Mrs Soher, short letter from J.V. Stewart.

Tuesday, Nov 2, 1909 Off on Harvey's burro to hunt up Brindle & Beecher & Sam, found nothing of them, went to Quitchup and away out north, but missed them & came home, tired out. Wm Smith called this evening.

Wednesday, Nov 3, 1909 Letter out to J.V.S. Tom Westfall out @ C.P. Globe. S.L. Brandon tells me of Anthony mine near Clarks mountain Cali.

Thursday, Nov 4, 1909 Braysden off to Amargosa with his 4 burros. Nelson in town. Wm Smith off to Tecopa Hot Springs. Redell in after more ore. Tom Westfall preparing to visit Autonomy property.

Friday, Nov 5, 1909 Tom Westfall out to Cali. Sherman taking pictures of Westfalls, us & Redell girls before

stage went out AM. Repaired pipeline AM & very windy today. Wrote County Recorder (private).

Saturday, Nov 6, 1909 Windy again today. Helped Walt Jones store hay barn contents in old store. Went with Steal to the old chinks for load of more. Wrote Elma Swain @ Tacoma. Mrs McNett had photo taken, he later took group in the park & later visited with us. Pard ans'd Mrs Edith Sohers & wrote Mrs Adamson, Inyo Co., Cali.

Sunday, Nov 7, 1909 Did nothing but read & eat today. Wind blew a gale & we let it blow. Friend Leander Loomis died in Shasta County Cali., 84 years old.

Monday, Nov 8, 1909 Fixing up trellis for our Himalaya berries to run over. Sam Self filed acknowledgements today. F. Otto out on stage north. Kid Sutton called. Rec'd letters from sister in Chico & find O.E. is there @ present, on a visit.

Tuesday, Nov 9, 1909 Raining today. Mr Spear called AM, stayed to dinner & went on down to mill. First snow on the Spring Mountain range. Rec'd & Pd for postal cards this PM from Frank Sherman. Alice wrote Mertie Behme.

Wednesday, Nov 10, 1909 Working on trellis & when Sammy came home I caught him up and went to Grape Vine Springs & back, hunting burros, Brindle, Sam & Beecher & failed to find them. Mail in, letter from Sister Emma Markham & one from W.W. Perry, agt Tonopah Lumber Co. @ Greenwater.

Thursday, Nov 11, 1909 Off hunting lost burro again today, haven't found any of them, fear they are stolen. Wrote note to Mrs Farish, letter to Mrs Kirkwood & Mrs Nane Hayner. Wife, wrote sister Emma.

Friday, Nov 12, 1909 Cold raw day. Working on trellis. Frank Sherman took Del Oro negatives two. PM, a team of 6 burros in tonight from Ash Meadows, a painter, tool sharpener, razor grinder, tinker. Mail brings letters from Bro O.E. @ Chico & Fritz Wideman from Los Angs.

Saturday, Nov 13, 1909 First ice here about thick as window glass. Fritz Wideman off to Johnnie mine early. Sherman goes out to Manse tomorrow, ate our last melon @ noon today.

Sunday, Nov 14, 1909 Very stormy with hail, showering & windy & cold. Sold a overcoat to Sherman, 2.50. Mr Allen Stoodler with the burro team of six is going to south eastern Texas, overland a six month trip to buy land & raise lettuce.

Monday, Nov 15, 1909 Frank Sherman's burros failed to come in, so he goes tomorrow if burros come into town. Rec'd letter from J.V.S., also from E.M. Yocum regarding Curtis deal.

Tuesday, Nov 16, 1909 Took copy of A.E.C. letter & returned same to Yocum with instructions. Coe in again. F. Sherman, the artist out going south. Spear here hauling ore. Wrote Joe Edmonds, Salt Lake.

Wednesday, Nov 17, 1909 Half soled my shoes. Coe still here, going to see mines in the Copperhead Valley tomorrow. Letter from Tom Westfall.

Thursday, Nov 18, 1909 Wrote Colorado Springs. Wrote El Paso & wrote proposition to Spear & Co. Coe & Malgun off early to sea Copperhead Valley claims on Prince & Sammy, burros. Coes fruit & beef came in on stage tonight.

Friday, Nov 19, 1909 Coe & Malgun off to see the G.G. Cos mill. Kid Sutton here. Rec'd business letter from Stone, Salem Utah.

Saturday, Nov 20, 1909 C. Malgun & Burt Coe off to examine Congress mine. Nelson & Kid Sutton in town after load of hay. Jones brung hay, 130 lbs. Coe & M home with Del Oro samples & panned & honed rest of day.

Sunday, Nov 21, 1909 Spear here on business proposition, wants to do business with us & wants to buy a burro. Coe & M off to Congress mine & went through it, brought samples home & panned & honed it. I have some, in corral (burros) tonight to show him tomorrow.

Monday, Nov 22, 1909 Co. School Supt in town. Malgun & Coe up to Del Oro, Spear & Speering here PM & took option on some claims for 30 days. Also sold them Sam, burro & saddle for 75 shares of Golden Gate

M & M stock. Letters from Joe Edmund & Yocum. Post cards from F. Sherman. Let Farish have 8 chairs tonight. A Mr. Dresser in tonight looking after Utica mines.

Tuesday, Nov 23, 1909 F.R. Nicholas, state engineer, 2 men & Johnny team gone to do work on (our claim the Teddy R & water). I forbid them going onto our ground. I wired Sup't at Johnnie mine, he said go to see State Eng's, don't claim land, claim water. Notified Cooke & McI right off by letter c/o Otto & Sutton.

Wednesday, Nov 24, 1909 Wrote Howard S. Reed, associated Planters of Sula Valley, Honduras C.A. Coe got job @ Johnny mine.

Thursday, Nov 25, 1909 Coe out after supper to work @ Johnny mine. Short note to John Q. Stone. Wrote Vegas Agt for rates to Colorado. Rathbourne's man here after lumber, overnight. Dave Nelson took a load of tools away to Tecopa for Wm Smith.

Friday, Nov 26, 1909 Wrote Cleve Baker, Tonopah. Rathbourne's teamster out with load. Rec'd Colorado Springs Gazette, Sat Evening Post, Kirkwood. Rec'd post card from Tom Westfall. Letter from Grace Howard, Lansing Michigan.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 1909 Cold nasty day. Rathbourne's teamster here tonight after load of lumber and had his supper. Carl Malgun here to supper.

Sunday, Nov 28, 1909 Jones horses gone. Lefebber out with Rathbourne's team after breakfast to R.R. Malgun still here all day, he & I built shipping box. Mrs McNett called PM. Wife sends papers to Emma & pkg to Mrs Ada Redell. Carl Malamgren here. Ed Hastings down for a coat & some post cards.

Monday, Nov 29, 1909 Pulling up carpet in office, cleaning caster beans. Farish called & we served notice of trespass. Sent same to Cap't Mitchell by Farish. Farish says his man is working on our claims. Redell up from mill tonight. Stage in, no mail, on foot. Train wreck somewhere. An old prospector in with 2 burros.

Tuesday, Nov 30, 1909 Rec'd G.G. stock from Spear on a trade, 75 shares certificate No 85. Wrote John Q. Stone, proposition on which to do business at once, delays are dangerous & useless. Willard O'Dette in again after an absence of 3 years. Rec'd letter from Attys.

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Wednesday, Dec 1, 1909 o'Dette out hunting, got a rabbit for dinner, good one. Writing up facts in regard to contention over our claim of Teddy R mine. Willard o'Dette out on stage tonight for Pahrump.

Thursday, Dec 2, 1909 Wrote Yocum again today. Wrote J. Foley, transportation. Redell in on Sammy tonight. Wind roaring and Hunter up from Manse with team.

Friday, Dec 3, 1909 Ice this morning and winds still roaring, cold nasty weather. Wrote A.N. Coe. Coes men quit working on Teddy Claim today & left. Joe Brown arrived after 3 years absence. Mail in, letters from J.J. Reeder, laws Cali. & R.R. agt Las Vegas.

Saturday, Dec 4, 1909 Joe Brown out with the Manse team (Hunter). He is going back to Old Mexico on west coast. Ed Hastings called & stayed until night. Rode back to mine in companies rig after supper.

Sunday, Dec 5, 1909 Blew all night, heavy & hard & this AM, spitting snow. Wrote Santa Fe office for rates & freight to C.S. Colo. 2 Indians in with venison, we bought a fore quarter @ 15 cts lb. Walt Jones bought whole. Snow all over town.

Monday, Dec 6, 1909 Clear & cold, snow 3/4 inch on level AM. Mr D Sutton called has two letters from Brownie. Cap't Mitchell's family in today. Wells out to L.A. No mail except from Rhyolite tonight.

Tuesday, Dec 7, 1909 Weather unsettled, foggy, wet disagreeable. Writing Attys today & Puddy Grimes, Recorder @ Tonopah enclosing Proof of Labor on 2 claims, 2.00 cash Del Oro & Good Luck. Mrs McNett in tonight. Rec'd letters from Bro O.E.S. & from Ed Von Toble @ Vegas, Santa Fe Agt @ Las Vegas.

Wednesday, Dec 8, 1909 Another nasty foggy day. Stayed indoors all day. McNett home resting. Walt Jones out after wood. Redell & Cowan out with lumber to the mill early tonight. Mail in @ 9:45PM, raining good & plenty. Walt broke an axle & left his wood on the road out 4 miles from town.

Thursday, Dec 9, 1909 Rained all night. Pard & I indoors today. She troubled with neuralgia for past 3 months in her face, on side. Heard from J.V.S. horses today. Dave Nelsen returned tonight from Tecopa mines.

Friday, Dec 10, 1909 Wife packing today, as we are going soon. Writing Bro O.E.S. today, and Al Blair. Mrs McNett here PM. No mail, wreck on main line somewhere.

Saturday, Dec 11, 1909 Wm McNett called PM. Building crate for machine. Jones in with broken wagon. Washing day. Letters tonight from John Q. Stone and Tom Westfall. Writing Myer Drug Co of St Louis for information. Also McDowell Ginseng Garden Co., Joplin, Mo.

Sunday, Dec 12, 1909 Working on machine crate. McNett here AM. An auto load passed south today and Sammy burro came home in the yard tonight. Indians passed with a load of hay from Ash Meadows.

Monday, Dec 13, 1909 On Johnny Bull. I took Sammy & rode up to John Bull & helped building house with Speering & Cowan. Saw Otto at work on his claim adjoining. Lodell took load of ore off the Bull this PM, one half belongs to us.

Tuesday, Dec 14, 1909 Dave N here early to take McNett out to R.R. They failed to get ready. I went to see Speer and his father today.

Wednesday, Dec 15, 1909 I took a burro & went up to our Teddy R & back @ 4PM. See where the vandals have did their work. Mail in on time. Letter from Attys & Beauregards. McNetts here tonight.

Thursday, Dec 16, 1909 I took a burro and went to Del Oro mine, & put everything in order. Took a list of it and brought the blower home & put it into store house. Trouble @ Johnny mine, pay day and no cash.

Friday, Dec 17, 1909 A.C. packing trunk. Machine crated & ready to ship OK. A cold nasty windy day. We stayed inside doors. Cash arrived at the Johnnie & all is well.

Saturday, Dec 18, 1909 Nelson took his stove from the Cowan family. Cold windy weather, packing today and getting ready for winter. Ed Hastings down today.

Sunday, Dec 19, 1909 McNett moving out of ----? house. They are in the Bowler house of ours for the present. School marm goes home tomorrow on a visit. Wrote Stone for cash. Jones red hot @ Farish for abusing their horses, lots of snow.

Monday, Dec 20, 1909 Dave Nelsons team out to R.R. with McNetts furniture. School marm sees first snow today, so she tells here. Rec'd by mail Daily News from Colo. Bill from Puddy G, \$16.50. Read P of L from County Recorder on Del Oro & Good Luck for this year of 1909. It has snowed all day.

Tuesday, Dec 21, 1909 Snowed during last night. McNett brought bill from Rathbourne and some bacon, cream and sugar. Snow everywhere, 3 inches.

Wednesday, Dec 22, 1909 OH OH OH OUT, my Pard off to Colorado on stage today with Walt Jones & his wife. I gave Mrs McNett a keg of splendid salt herrings. Rec'd by mail letters from Bro O.E. & Chas Loomis & a calendar from my sister.

Thursday, Dec 23, 1909 In doors today, snow going off. Wrote Ed Saunders, Red Bluff & Chas P. Loomis, Baker City Ore. Freezing tonight.

Friday, Dec 24, 1909 Kid Sutton here. Lamphere & Ed Jones after wood. Snow going off rapidly. Last night very, cold. McNett still here. Ed Hastings in tonight, no work @ Johnny mine, tomorrow Xmas. Rec'd answer from Al Blair, OK. Clear & cold.

Saturday, Dec 25, 1909 Xmas day. Clear & cold. Ed Hastings here all day & we ate turkey at Jones & stayed until 11PM, then he & Coe went back to the mine in the snow & moonlight, very bright. Wm McNett off on foot, going to Vegas, travels all night to get there by Monday, PM.

Sunday, Dec 26, 1909 Mrs McNett most sick, heart sore and destitute today & I gave her food and did what I could. Otto came PM and took out load of lumber & I helped him what I could & we are most out of water, main tank empty. Wrote sister.

Monday, Dec 27, 1909 McNetts out. David M took the McNetts out early. Otto & Sutton here to acknowledge P of L. Rec'd diary & etc from O.E.S. Rec'd presents for wife from Bro o.E. & Mrs Kirkwood. Letter from wife, first one.

Tuesday, Dec 28, 1909 Completed letter to wife. Wrote John Byard on business. Sending pkg to wife @ Colorado Springs. Had long talk with Speer & Redell on our claims. An old man is camped here tonight. 2 burros going north.

Wednesday, Dec 29, 1909 Looks like snow, dark & cloudy all day. Stayed indoors & with O'Donnell for company. Mail in tonight, letter from Rathbourne one business.

Thursday, Dec 30, 1909 Ans'd Rathbourne & made out a deed for him this PM or early tomorrow. Sent letter to him by Eddy Jones early today. 7:30PM, John Q. Stone in with Dave Nelson. Softening up, looks rainy tonight.

Friday, Dec 31, 1909 Raining today, warmer weather. Out with John Q. Stone & John Lamphere all over the Uticas group. Letter out to my Pard. Rec'd letter from my Pard in Colorado Springs, happy and all OK. Another from A. Soher, Chicago & one from M.P. Ashbrook, Yuma Co., Ariz, regarding pack outfit. John Q. Stone out. I gave him Power of Atty to collect. Cold stormy day today & same at bed time. Wind howling & cold. No word from Rathbourne. Good bye old year.

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End of entries for 1909:

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The following are entries found in the back of the 1909 diary;

Bottle man: Robert R. Newell, 168 N. Main, Los Angeles.

Joseph H. Parker., civil & consulting eng. 815 Security Bldg., Los Angs.

John A. Furst, Victor Colo., 111 South 2nd St.

Joe E. Edmonds, 862 W 1st North, Salt Lake City.

Mrs Edith Soher, Chicago Ill., 2441 Humboldt Blvd., Logan Square, c/o E. Overfield.

Mr Al Blair, San Gabriel Canyon via Azusa, Los Angeles Cali, c/o Fallows.

Tom Westfall, San Fran 176 Page St.

July 26, 1909, Lewis Bleaiot flew across the English Channel, first in his machine from Calais in France to Dover in England at a speed of from 45 to 65 miles per hour.

Sept 29th, 1909, rec'd from Attys McIntosh & Cooke final decree of court over title to Del Oro Mining Co vs. Congress Co, suit won by Swains, defendants.

Oct 31st: Our burros, Brindle & colt & yearling (3), Mollie & colt & yearling (3), Maggie & colt (2), Lulu & colt & bro (3), Mauds, camel & colt & yearling (3), Paggys (1), Whiskers (1), Sullivan (1), Sam (1), Sammy (1), Beecher & Prince (2), Millsey & colt & jack (3), total 24.

Artist, F. Shaman, Highlands, San Bernardino, Cali.

The Geographic North Pole discovered by Dr Fred A. Cook, Apr 21st 1908, reported Sept 1st from Copenhagen, August 09.

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