

# Keith's Corner/McGill News

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## Old Things in Trunks-#2

Last week's Newsletter generated several requests for more such items. After many hours of forced mental gymnastics (commonly called, "thinking"), the old grey matter cells finally concluded that I did have another similar story.

My Great Grandfather ,William Hayes, who died in 1954 at the ripe old age of 89 had left some old photos in his trunk of personal effects. He was a photographer in Kansas in the early 1900s. There were some old family group photos that were probably never picked up by the family in question. There are no names There were two postcards of two rabbit hunts in 1908. I packed them around for years and eventually lost one of them.



When I got my first computer I emailed the one I still had to the Chamber of Commerce in Kansas. They referred me to the Kansas Historical Society. I emailed the photo to them and they called me and asked if I could verify it in any

way. I sent verification that my grandfather indeed had a photography shop in Kansas. They then asked if I would donate the card to the state museum. I sent it to them and received a nice letter thanking me and saying that it was on display in the Kansas State Museum. A few months later I got another interesting email from the Society. A woman had seen the photo and told the director that she recognized a distant great uncle that she remembered from childhood. The director had the photo enlarged and cropped out the uncle's photo for the lady. She said that it was the only photo the family had of the man. Makes for great memories. I never did find out which one he was in the photo or his name. How would you like to have some of the guns in the picture? Some rare ones I bet.

The other picture was the next day and they got over 900 rabbits. Must have been quite an infestation. Hopefully the photo will turn up some day.

Maybe it is time to look in your old trunks and attics for interesting stuff.

So, to follow my own advice above, I dug into some things and found another old card. I will try to contact the proper folks and will report back later.

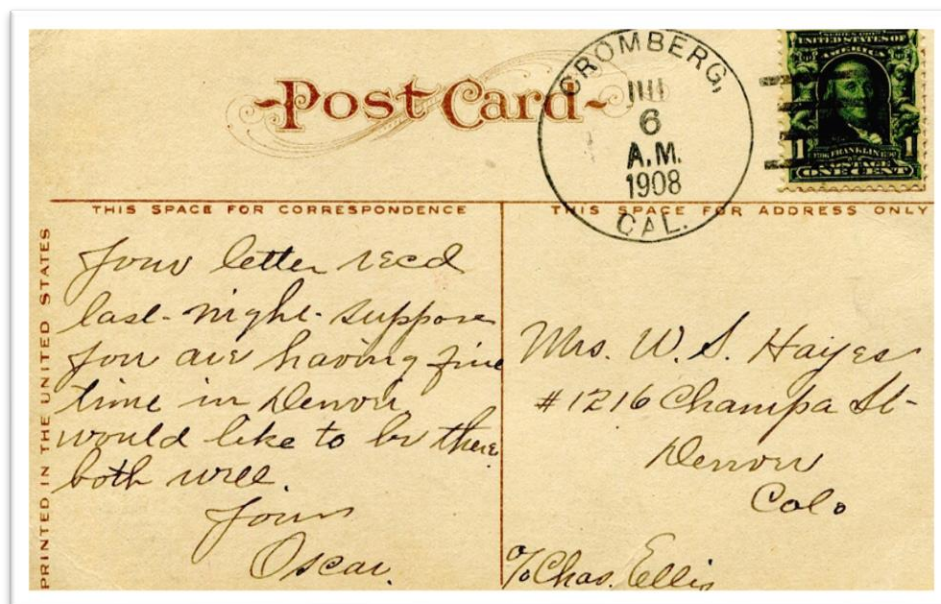
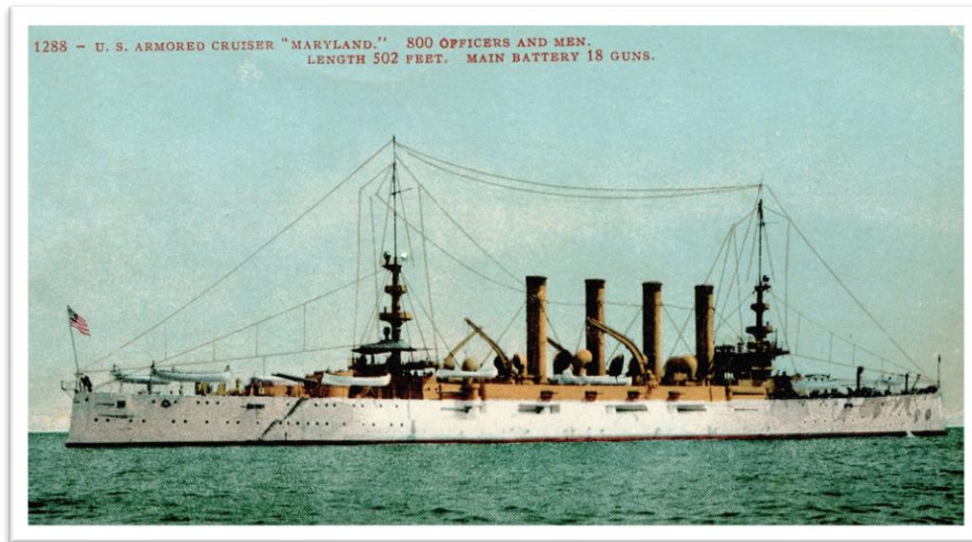


Figure 1--USS Maryland post card.



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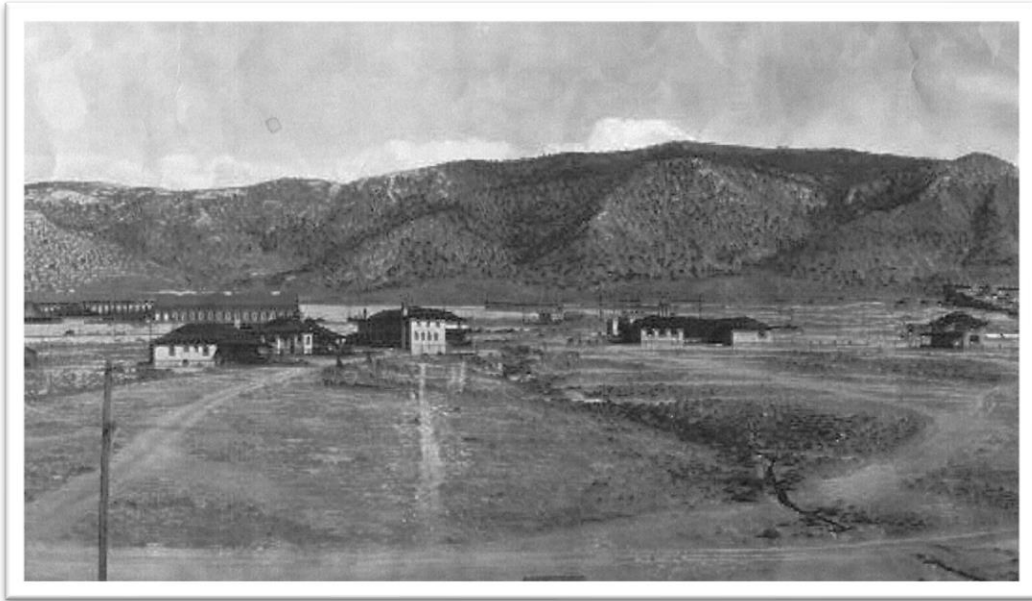
Had a short meeting with Rudy at the old I.O.O.F. hall. He is quite a bit behind schedule. The asbestos abatement is holding things up. He finally found a firm in Sparks, Nv to do the job. They can't start for a month or so. Then it will be at least a month of that process. He still plans to be done sometime in 2020.

I went into the McGill Club to see what was happening. Jessie, the new owner has got it decorated for Halloween, with lots of cobwebs, skeletons and other scary stuff. There will be a great party there on Oct. 26. They are open on Sundays now for football and have the pools available.

The town of McGill will be having their annual Halloween party for the kids on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October at the McGill Grade School Gymnasium.

I remember the Halloween parties at the old McGill ball park, with the tepee like stacks of railroad ties set on fire for light and warmth. There were races and apple bobbing and the greased pole with the money on the top. Also, the greased pig. I remember the last time it was held in 1948 and Tali Melos caught the pig. A lot of kids went home with very greasy clothes. I am sure the mothers were not happy as there were no detergent type laundry soaps at that time. We usually cut small shavings off a block of Fels Napa brown, smelly soap to put in the washing machine.

## Old Photo



This was about 1907 and shows the “circle” homes and the administration office building. The general manager’s mansion is on the extreme right.



The administration office staff. No date on photo and no names.

