

Keith's Corner/McGill News

October 4, 2019

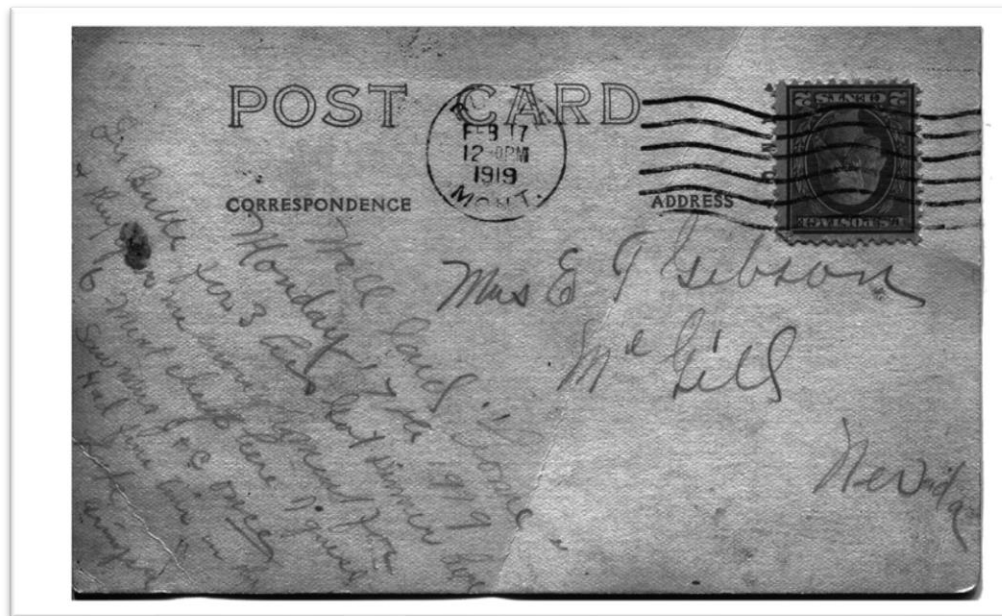
Odd Things In Old Trunks

There are many stories of things found in attics and old trunks. Some of them turn out to be worth millions. I never had the good luck to find anything that valuable. However, I did run across some interesting stuff in my grandparents effects. One was a photo of my grandmother Martha Gibson in her pantaloon type softball uniform, which I showed in one of my earlier books.

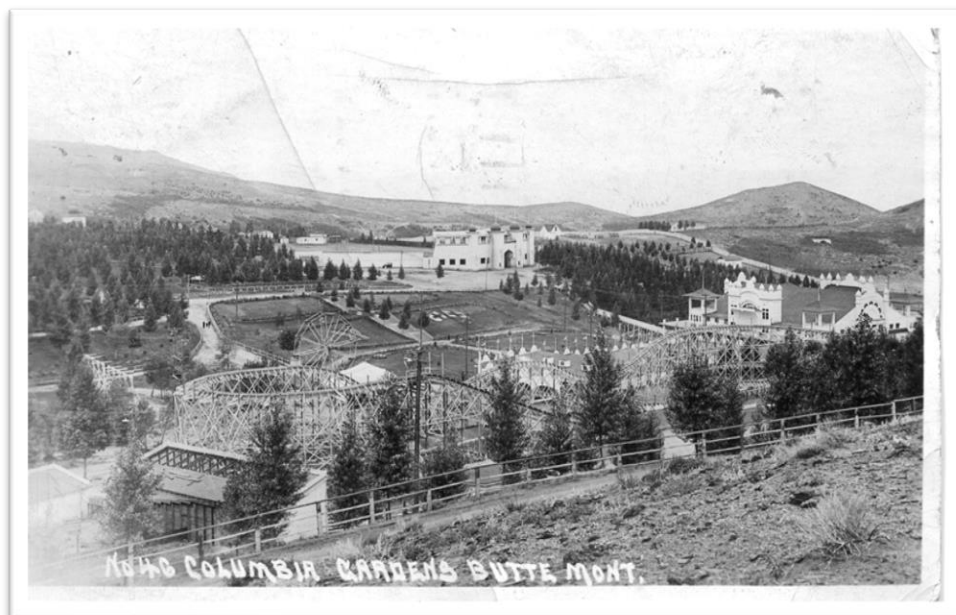


I never knew that she played as it was never brought up in my lifetime. It sparked my interest and so when doing a book on the history of baseball in McGill, I ran across a Ely Times article that said that a Gibson had smashed a home run in a game in McGill. I assumed it was my dad, as I knew he played baseball. However, on closer examination, it turned out to be my grandmother. She was on a Middle Town Team and they were playing a Townsite Team. So that went into our family's history. She is 6th from either left or right. My Aunt Pearl Lee is second from left. She was Martha's oldest daughter.

I ran across a postcard that was mailed to my grandmother from Butte, Montana in 1919.



The most interesting thing was the picture on the other side.



My curiosity got the best of me and so I found the phone number of the C. of Commerce in Butte and talked with a nice lady who told me to contact the museum in Butte. I did and talked to another nice lady and she was very

interested in the photo. She told me that that amusement park was a part of their history and that many years ago it burned to the ground under suspicious concerns. The Anaconda copper Co. had wanted to get the land and after the fire picked it up cheap.

I emailed the photo and she called and asked if I would gift it to the museum. I did just that and the museum sent me a beautiful letter thanking me and an official museum number assigned to the card. It was put on display for all to see.

McGill News

Some interesting things are happening at the McGill Thrift and Locksmith Shop. Mike Nass the owner just got his first ever U-Haul drop-off. It was a nice truck and trailer, that was used to move someone from Reno to McGill. Mike gets to keep the truck and trailer to be rented out thru his dealership.

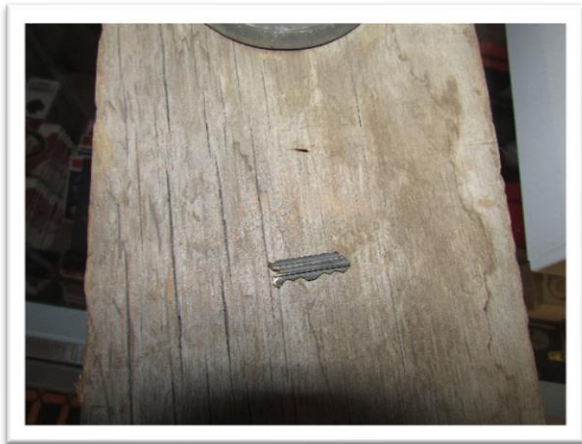


Figure 1--Mike hiding behind the door .

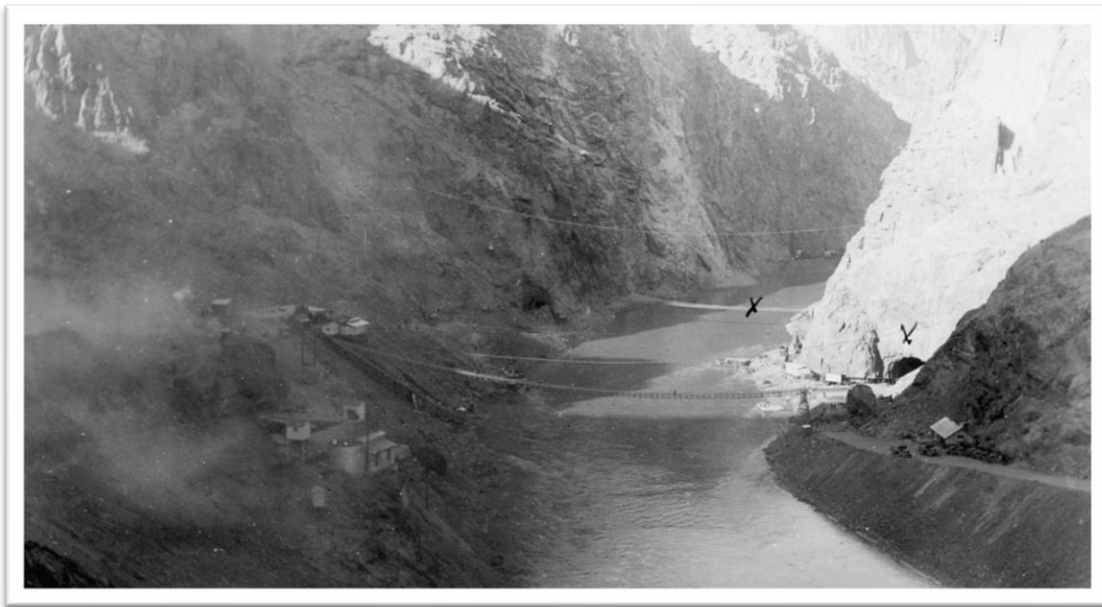
Mike also had a guy come in with part of a door. It was from the original post office in Ely. Mike, thru his unique skill at negotiating a good price, bought the thing. I have asked around but have not found any information as to where in Ely the post office was. The only one I remember is where the Postal Palace is now. Unless, the door came from the East Ely post office. At one time Ely was called

the City of Ely and East Ely was known as Ely City. Kinda confusing. If anyone knows, please let me know. The fancy lock had a key busted off inside it. Mike with all the skill of a master locksmith was able to extract the key and actually make a new one. He lubricated the lock and inserted the key and it worked very well. Here are photos of the lock and the busted key.

With guys, like Mike sticking their necks out, trying a new business and making a success of it, are showing that McGill is alive and growing again.



Old Time photo for this week.



This is the place where the Hoover (Boulder) Dam was constructed. What a great engineering feat that was. It was built in record time and is still working just fine.

