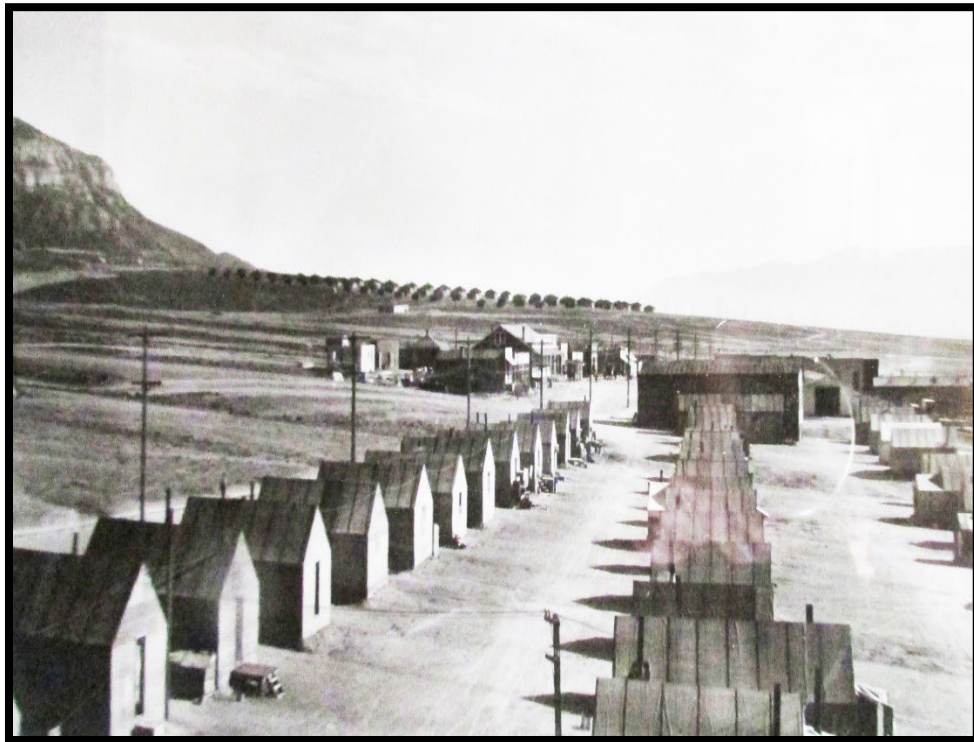


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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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McGill 1909



This is from a larger panoramic photo. My first question was—what was the photographer standing on to take the photo. Must have been up on a power pole as there is no large building in that area. I was interested in the date on the photo. It was listed as 1909. I wanted to confirm this in some way. Noticing some building going on behind the bank building I enlarged the photo.



On the right is the large Campton store and to it's left is the Antique store and then the bank on the corner. Behind the bank is a pile of building materials and above it is the start of a house. Searching thru the archives I found a story about the construction of a "cottage" for a Mr. P. C. Cripps, the cashier at the new McGill Bank. It was the summer of 1909. So to me, that confirms the date.

Another clue is the white building being built at the top of the photo. I think it is the McGill Grade School. That was also started in 1909.

Also, there are no houses on K Avenue and in fact there is no middle town at all.

Now, you may ask yourself----self, why should I question a date on the back of an old photo?? Check out the photo in the Old Photo section below.

McGill News

I presented the plan to have a McGill Heritage Center at the old hospital to the McGill Town Council last night 4/20,22 A motion was passed to continue by addressing the WP County Commission at their next meeting.

The main room of the Drugstore has been washed down. Sarah B did a great job and it looks very nice and clean. The electrician and the painter will start next Monday.

I have ordered a scanner to allow us to start scanning all the records and put them in a digital form for safety and future use by researchers.

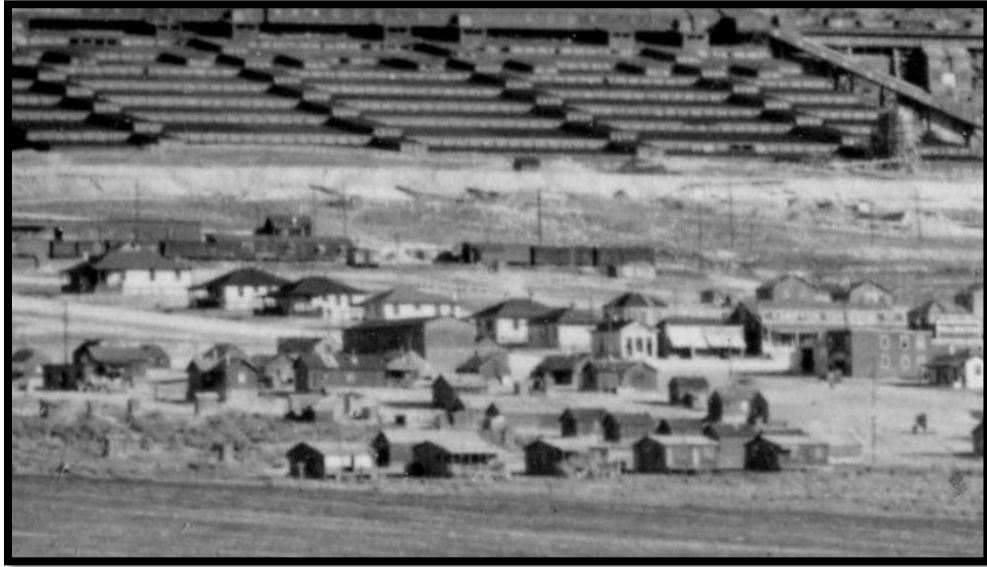
There was a proposal made at the meeting last night to explore the possibility of getting the old tailings ditch covered . It is an eyesore and a danger the way it is now.

Oldies

1910—April 3—F.H. Jeffries was the head druggist at the Steptoe Drug Co. in McGill. It is now a museum.

1910—April 3—Howard Hodge was the mgr. of the Clark Drugstore in McGill. It later became the Antique Store.

Old Photo



The back of this photo lists the date as 1909, but on close examination, several factors don't fit that date. The tent platforms are not there. There are houses on K Avenue. These were built around 1914. The bank has a gabled roof, 2 doors and 1 window. Again around 1912-14. So it is always best to confirm dates on things.