

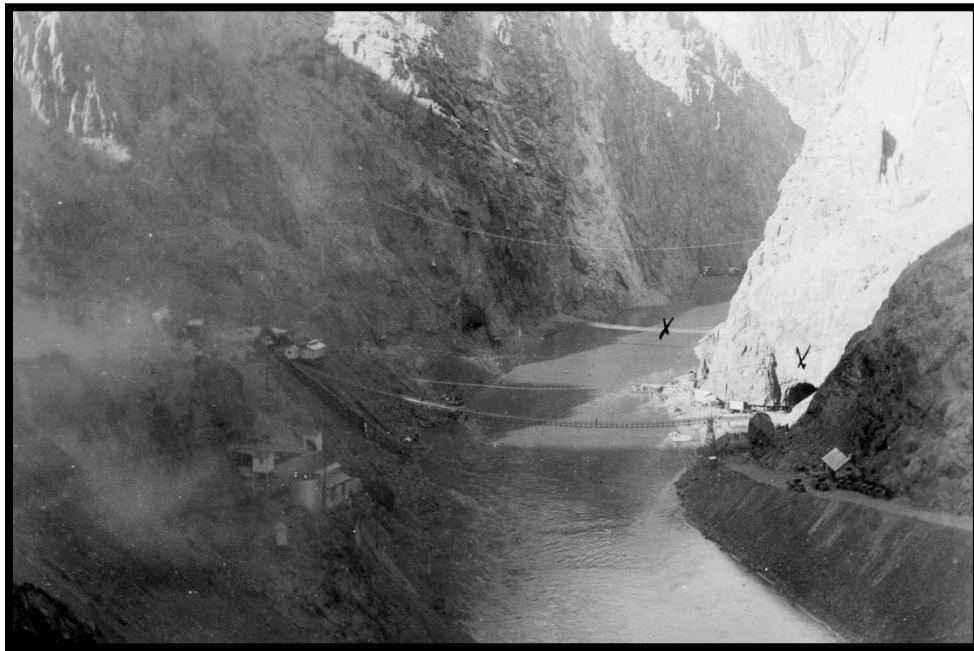
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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

October 7, 2022

### Boulder Dam Construction

Boulder/Hoover Dam is a beautiful structure on the Colorado River near Las Vegas. It was built in the 1930s as a project to put people to work during the Depression. Here is a photo of the location of the dam.



During this period the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, (later Kennecott) was allowing their workers to work 2-3 days a week, so that they could stay in the area and have a place to live. Many of them also went to Boulder City and worked a few days a week on the new dam. My father and his brother in law, James Lee did this. The above photo has a note on it saying—I walked across this footbridge to work every day. That in itself would be rather exciting.

They worked for an outfit called, Six Companies. This was a group of 6 large construction companies, put together by H. Morrison with the help of Frank T. Crowe, who was the construction boss.

The six companies and their per cent of the project are---Kaiser-Bechtel 30%, MacDonald-Kahn 20%, Utah Construction Co, 20%, Morrison-Knudsen 10%, Pacific Bridge Co. 10% and J. F. Shea Co. 10%.

Here are the credentials my father, Earl Gibson used on the job. The first is a card from the paymaster that he needed to get his paycheck.

NAME	<i>Earl Gibson</i>	No.	<i>H316</i>
<p>This is to advise you that Six Companies Inc., has withheld from your salary the amount of poll tax which the State of Nevada claims is payable to it by you. Six Companies Inc. will hold this amount of poll tax for your account until a final determination of the question of whether or not the State of Nevada has authority to levy this poll tax upon you. In the event it should be determined that the State of Nevada has no right to collect said tax, the amount so withheld will be paid by Six Companies Inc. to you, but in the event it should be determined that said tax is due the State of Nevada the amount withheld will be used by Six Companies Inc. for the payment of said tax.</p> <p>In withholding said tax Six Companies Inc. is not in any way acting for the State of Nevada or as the agent or other representative of Clark County, Nevada, or the Assessor of Clark County, Nevada.</p>			
Boulder City, Nevada		<i>APR 25 1932</i>	1932.
Nº	1033	SIX COMPANIES INC.	
		By	<i>J. M. Zeller</i> Paymaster

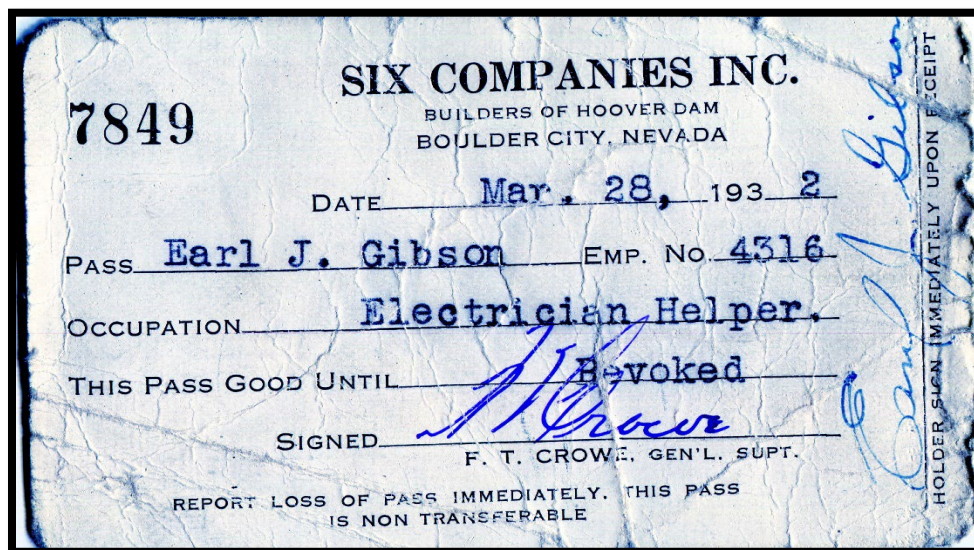
This card is proof that he passed a medical exam and was fit to work.

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TO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:		
Please examine	<i>Earl Gibson</i>	
for employment as	<i>Electric Helper</i>	
EVERY EMPLOYEE NOT REPORTING TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER EMPLOYMENT WILL BE DISMISSED		
		<i>Allyd</i> Timekeeper.
TO TIMEKEEPERS:		
Result of examination	<i>OK</i>	
		<i>W.D. Orr</i> M. D.
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This next card was his pass to go on the work site. It was signed by the superintendent of the project, F. T. Crowe.



Frank T. Crowe had a very interesting part in getting the dam built. Not only in being the overall boss of construction, but in getting the project started. I will have more next week on the interesting background of him and the forming of the Six Companies.

## McGill News



There is a rumor that this bldg.. has been purchased and may be turned into a B&B. A recent auction sold it and all the equipment of Hasting's Safety Industries Co.

## Old Photo



This photo will give you an idea of the magnitude of the size of the dam. It is 725 ft. high and one of the tallest in the world.