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## Keith's corner/McGill News

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### Tent Living in McGill—Part 2

I found some other photos of the tents in McGill. This one shows the location of the tents in relation to the copper smelter. It was taken on June 4, 1908, probably from the railroad junction below McGill. It is June 4 and there is still snow on the hills above McGill. Guess there was no global warming back then either. The large mill trestle is visible.





This is an enlargement from the previous photo. You can see the trees at the McGill ranch (now the swimming pool area) at the extreme left. I don't know what the large white tent is on the right. It is not where the Club 50 was located. It appears to be about where the sewer ponds are now. There was a good spring close to that area.

I found a reference about the original pipeline. It reported that for the first few months the people would not drink the water as it was filthy. The copper company at the time was the Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. or NCC. They provided clean water from the springs at the McGill ranch. I remember a clear cold spring above the pool. About half way between the pool and the highway. The stream flowed down to the pool's NE corner. There was a little foot bridge over it. We used to get the best watercress at the spring and sow the stream. The water was very cold.

NCC also provided weekly garbage pickup and furnished outhouses and maintained them. This was all done at no charge to the folks in the tents. Life would have been intolerable without these amenities.

## McGill News

I have been getting some stories of relatives that lived in the tents in McGill in 1906-10. I want to build up a file on all the folks that ever lived in McGill. I think that to build such a file would require some guidelines. Such as, limit each person's personal history to one page. The info would contain their birthdate\death date , when they lived in McGill and if they worked at the copper company or a business in McGill. List of siblings etc etc. By limiting the size to one page for each person we could put them in order in large binders . The Elko Museum does this and it is very nice to look thru. Other sets of binders would be on churches, organizations, schools, sports and several other areas. So dig out your family histories and stories that have been handed down. Let's make a good showing. Send to [barbqr35@gmail.com](mailto:barbqr35@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 1315, McGill, Nv.

Have been getting a lot of interest in the Drugstore T-shirts and hats. They will be available by July 1.

I just finished applying for a new grant for the Drugstore to secure the outside of the building. It has been neglected for a long time. Need a lot of dirt moving in the back of the place. The dirt slopes down toward the back door allowing water to get into the building. Some of the tin sheeting is rotted at the base. Needs cleaning and painting. Will know if it is approved on June 28 and then hopefully we can start repairing/replacing in July.

PS

Want to give a shout out to Teresa Stewart and her Bristlecone Tribune. She put my Newsletter on the McGill Heritage Center I wrote a few months back and I got some results within hours. Buddy Sampson told me on the phone that he has some stuff on baseball and some details on the Clubhouse. This is what I am hoping to get more of.

## Old Photo



I found this postcard the other day. It was from a trip my family took in 1944. There was a shop in the tree. Not too far away was another tree that was cut out so that cars could drive thru. These trees are so mammoth. Some long term memories.