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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Trestle

Last NL had some photos from Art Londos about the Swans and so, this week are some of his photos about the trestle in McGill. The first is a beautiful picture of an ore train from Ruth pushing a line of ore cars onto the trestle.

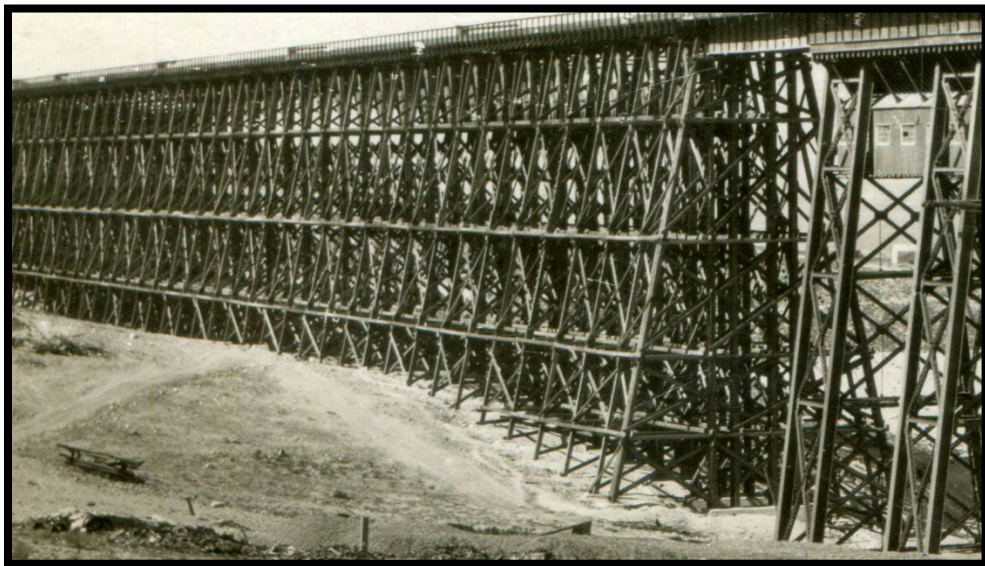


The trestle was built in 1907-08. The reason for it, was to get the ore cars on the top of the mill, so they could be dumped into the storage bins. The ore in the bins was gravity fed into the crushers.

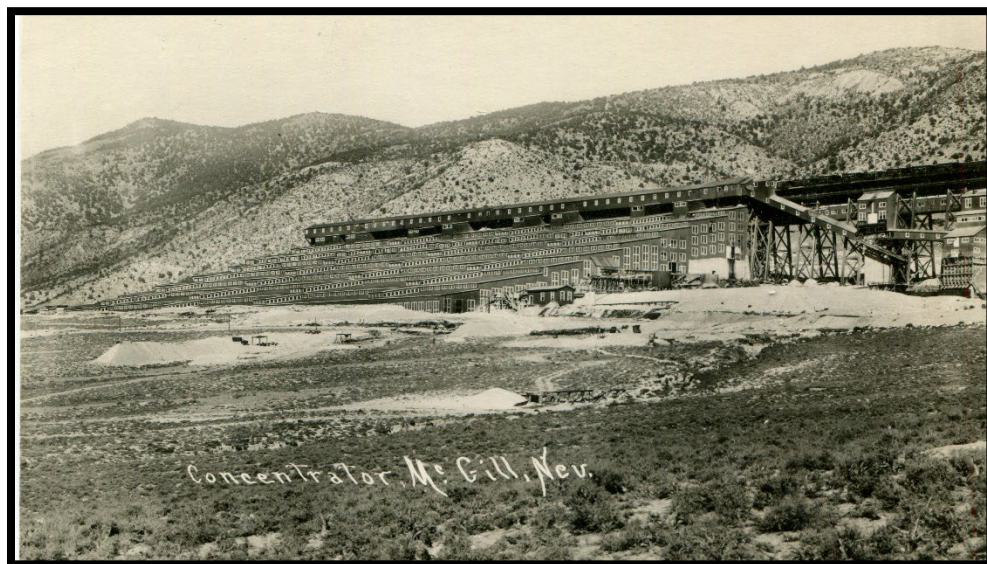
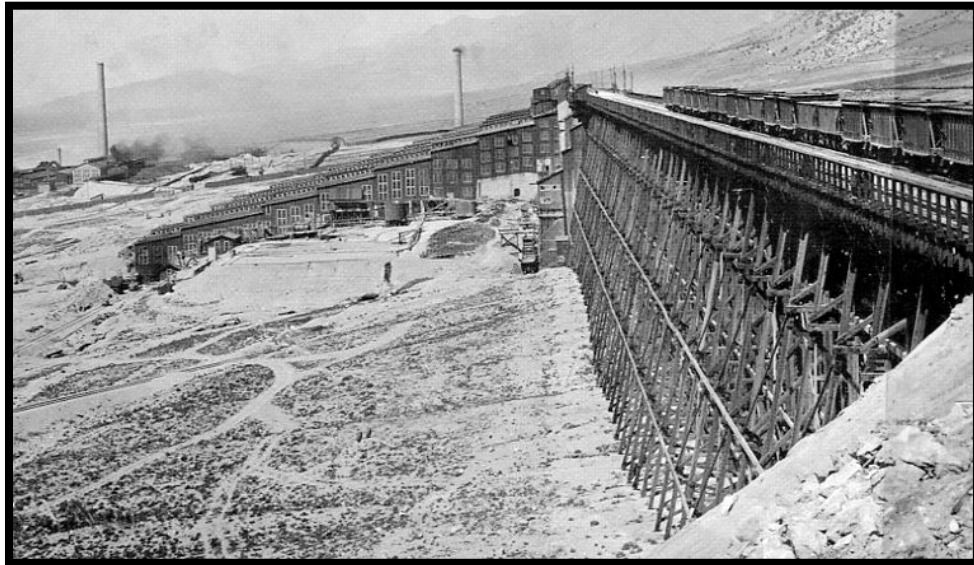
Here is an early photo of the beginning of the trestle, taken in August of 1907.



The mounds of dirt are from the holes that will be used to build up cement foundations for the many tall timbers used to hold up the twin set of tracks on the trestle. It was the tallest 2 track trestle in the world at that time. It is amazing how they could build such structures in those days.



These next two photos. Show how the trestle helped get the ore cars over the top of the mill, so they could be dumped into the bins.



The mill burned down in 1922, but the trestle did not burn. The trestle was torn down and the timbers used to facilitate building a new mill.

Old Photo



When McGill people were finally connected with the rest of the world.