

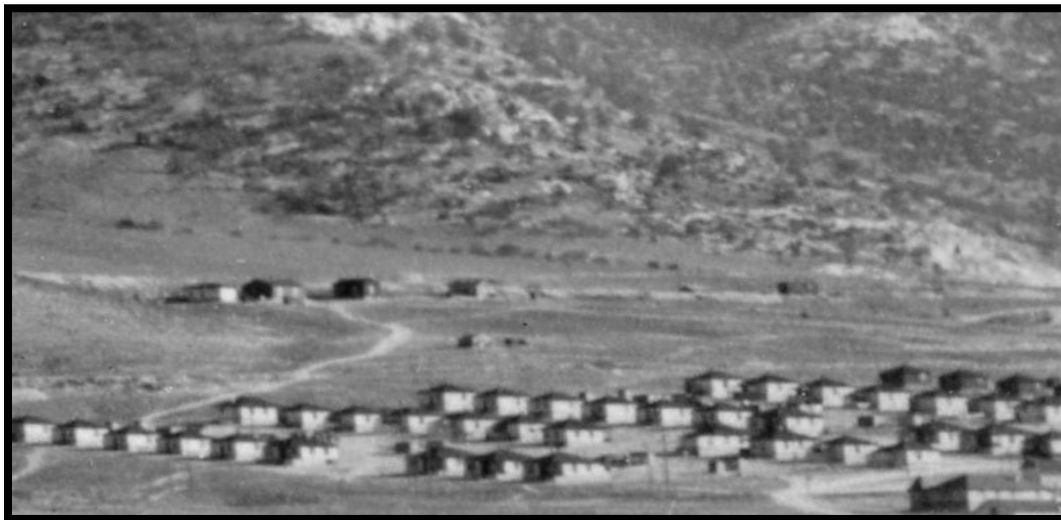
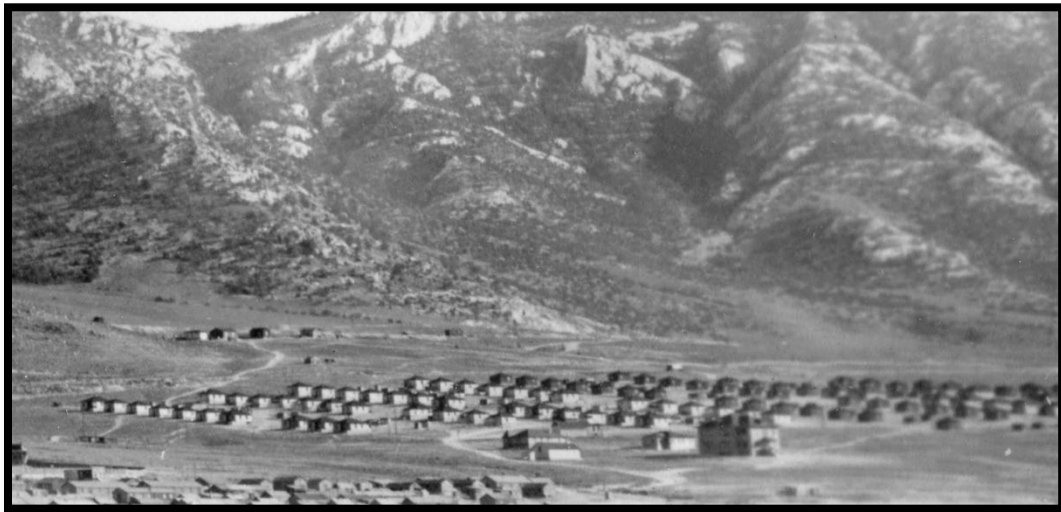
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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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McGill Suburb—Canon Siding

Canon siding is a little know former suburb of McGill. There were several houses there when I was growing up in McGill. The houses were right below the ore train tracks above McGill. A 1909 photo and enlargement.



My Uncle and Aunt, Louis and Norma Dunton lived up there in the house closest to the “cut”. It was a red clapboard house with white window and door trim.



Aunt Norma Dunton with son Richard in 1940, by their Canon house.

I assume it was a Nevada Northern house in the early years. Maybe it housed members of an ore train crew. I surmise this on the fact that there was a stairway from behind the Dunton house up to the ore train tracks. We urchins were not allowed to go up the stairs. Here is a photo of the railroad tie steps and the cute little McGill heathen at the bottom with a puppy.



We youngsters were not allowed to go up the steps.

There was, also, an outhouse in the backyard. My cousin, Larry and Richard Dunton told me they used the outhouse until 1940 when they got inside plumbing. In 1941 they moved down to # 25 on E row in townsite.

Old Photo



The last thing I can remember was this Easter 1940, little picnic. We had a tin can with some goodies, like cookies, apples and a bottle of Coca-Cola. There wasn't any grass at the houses in Canon, so we hiked down the hill a short distance and found an abandoned anthill. It was like being on a sandy beach. Had to make do in those days.

These young gentlemen are, l-r, Paul Gibson, Larry Dunton and yours truly. My other cousin, Richard (in photo above), was too little to go with us.