



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
P. O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date:

November 22, 2019

Person to contact/ID number:

Mr. Flammer #0203064

Contact telephone number:

877-829-5500

COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC  
% CARLA LUCAS  
PO BOX 1599  
BULLHEAD CITY, AZ 86430

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your letter dated October 18, 2019 requesting copies of your organization.

Your copies are enclosed.

If you have questions, you can contact the person listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen A. Martin".

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure:  
Your Copies

**Letter 5448 (12-2016)**  
Catalog Number 66555Y

District Director

Date: AUG 16 1985

Colorado River Pioneers Historical  
Society  
P.O. Box 8769  
Ft. Mojave, AZ 86427

Employer Identification Number:

86-0473992

Accounting Period Ending:

May 30

Form 990 Required:  Yes  No

Person to Contact:

EO Technical Assistor

Contact Telephone Number:

(214) 767-3526

EO:7213:4913:DAL

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

The box checked in the heading of this letter shows whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. If Yes is checked, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

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1100 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas 75242

Letter 947(DO) (Rev. 10-83)

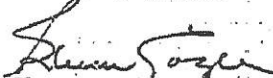
to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Glenn Cagle  
District Director

**Application for Recognition of Exemption**  
**Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

To be filed in the key district for the area in which the organization has its principal office or place of business.

This application, when properly completed, shall constitute the notice required under section 508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in order that an applicant may be treated as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and the notice under section 508(b) appropriate to an organization claiming not to be a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a). (Read the instructions for each part carefully before making any entries.) The organization must have an organizing instrument (See Part II) before this application may be filed.

**Part I—Identification**

1 Full name of organization <b>The Colorado River Pioneers Historical Soc.</b>		2 Employer identification number (If none, attach Form SS-4) <b>86-0473992</b>
3(a) Address (number and street) <b>Post Office Box 8769</b>		Check here if applying under section: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f)
3(b) City or town, State and ZIP code <b>Ft. Mojave, Arizona 86427</b>	4 Name and phone number of person to be contacted <b>602-758-2663</b>	
5 Month the annual accounting period ends <b>Year ends May</b>	6 Date incorporated or formed <b>12 Sep 1983</b>	7 Activity Codes <b>509 a 2</b>
8(a) Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form number(s), year(s) filed, and Internal Revenue Office where filed		
8(b) Has the organization filed exempt organization information returns? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," state the form number(s), year(s) filed, and Internal Revenue Office where filed		

**Part II.—Type of Entity and Organizational Documents (See instructions)**

Check the applicable entity box below and attach a conformed copy of the organization's organizing and operational documents as indicated for each entity.

Corporation—Articles of incorporation, bylaws.  Trust—Trust indenture.  Other—Constitution or articles, bylaws.

**Part III.—Activities and Operational Information**

1 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of magnitude. If a portion of the receipts is or will be derived from the earnings of patents, copyrights, or other assets (excluding stock, bonds, etc.), identify such item as a separate source of receipts. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

Dues, donations, book sales (reselling publications of the area), fees for admittance to proposed lectures, dinners, etc.

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2 Describe the organization's fund-raising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. (Include details of fund-raising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fund-raising committees, use of professional fund raisers, etc.)

No fund raisers have been held thus far. We plan to sell books, have dinners, etc. No fund-raising committees have been formed.

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 LOS ANGELES DISTRICT 7752100

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am duly qualified to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and I have examined this application, including the accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct and complete.

..... (Signature) ..... (Title or authority of signer) ..... (Date)

## Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

- 3 Give a narrative description of the activities presently carried on by the organization, and those that will be carried on. If the organization is not fully operational, explain what stage of development its activities have reached, what further steps remain for the organization to become fully operational, and when such further steps will take place. The narrative should specifically identify the services performed or to be performed by the organization. (Do not state the purposes of the organization in general terms or repeat the language of the organizational documents.) If the organization is a school, hospital, or medical research organization, include sufficient information in your description to clearly show that the organization meets the definition of that particular activity that is contained in the instructions for Part VII-A.

Within a 100 mile radius of our area, namely Bullhead City, there are many ancient and historic sites. We observe and hopefully will preserve something about them in our proposed museum. We have visited a number of these old towns, such as Oatman, approximately 20 miles from Bullhead City. Oatman is surrounded by abandoned mines and mining facilities. Nearby is the Old Milltown Railroad, leading out from the Leland Mine to haul ore to the Colorado River for shipment west. A few paces from Highway 95 lies an ancient effigy of unknown origin, some 30 feet long and not far away are the ancient Indian burial grounds. We have also researched Fort Mojave. Here in 1859 the famous mountain man, Joseph R. Walker guided Col. Wm. Hoffman and his company to that spot on the Colorado River, then known as Beal's Crossing, where they set about constructing Ft. Mojave. This military post was also a sanctuary for travelers going west over the old Wagon Road. This road lies in the shadow of a huge lava cone, called Boundary Cone, so named by Lt. Ives, as it straddles the 35th parallel. About 5 miles north of our city lies the Katherine Gold District mines where all that remains is the foundation and rusting iron tanks. Beneath the surface there is a labyrinth of passages that produced some 12 million dollars in gold and silver.

At present, we are few in number and have no means to project even a short term plan. Our long term plans are to promote enough interest and further research to gain donated land for a museum whereby we can display gathered or donated artifacts for public viewing, for tourists but mainly for local school children who have been brought into this community by their parents seeking work and who have no knowledge of the rich heritage the area offers.

## 4 The membership of the organization's governing body is:

(a) Names, addresses, and duties of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	(b) Specialized knowledge, training, expertise, or particular qualifications
Pres, Garnie Thornton, 1675 Avalon Dr. Riviera, Az V.P., Bronca Acuibb P.O.B 896 Oatman, Az Sec, Diana Deever P.O.B 1477 Riviera, Az Treas, Gini Sutherland P.O.B 9056 Kath. Az Dir, Joan Koch P.O.B 8765 Ft. Mojave, Az Guide, Ed Edwards P.O.B 415, Oatman, Az	Past Pres. of several organ. Owner of Oatman shop School Teacher Owner of local business High School Teacher Archeologist student

(Mrs.) Garnie Thornton, Pres., The Colorado River Pioneer - 608-758-3663  
 Historical Society

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 (c) Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," please name such persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

(d) Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See specific instructions 4(d).) . . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," please explain.

(e) Have any members of the organization's governing body assigned income or assets to the organization? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," attach a copy of assignment(s) and a list of items assigned.

(f) Is it anticipated that any current or future member of the organization's governing body will assign income or assets to the organization? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain fully on an attached sheet.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? . . . . .  Yes  No  
Is the organization the outgrowth of another organization, or does it have a special relationship to another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," please explain.

6 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? . . . . .  Yes  No  
If "Yes," please explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been rendered.

7 (a) What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain what stage of completion has been reached, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken.

We operate on dues only. We finance our field trips by members using their own cars at no expense to the club.

(b) To what extent have you used, or do you plan to use contributions as an endowment fund, i.e., hold contributions to produce income for the support of your exempt activities?

We wish only to perpetuate and promote the museum

8 (a) What benefits, services, or products will the organization provide with respect to its exempt function?

We feel the museum will be a public service to the community. Details of its operation, maintenance, liability insurance, etc. have to be formulated.

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 (b) Have the recipients been required or will they be required to pay for the organization's benefits, services, or products?  Yes  No

If "Yes," please explain and show how the charges are determined,
A small fee will have to be charged to pay the utilities

9 Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services or products to specific classes of individuals?  Yes  No
If "Yes," please explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

10 Is the organization a membership organization?  Yes  No

If "Yes," complete the following:

(a) Please describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

See attached membership application showing fees and dues.

(b) Describe your present and proposed efforts to attract members, and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

only local news items advising of our meetings

(c) Are benefits, services, or products limited to members?  Yes  No
If "No," please explain.

The public at large is welcome to share in our services

11 Does or will the organization engage in activities tending to influence legislation or intervene in any way in political campaigns?  Yes  No

If "Yes," please explain. (Note: You may wish to file Form 5768, Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation.)

12 Does the organization have a pension plan for employees?  Yes  No

13 (a) Are you filing Form 1023 within 15 months from the end of the first month in which you were created or formed as required by section 508(a) and the Regulations thereunder? (See general instruction B.)  Yes  No
???

(b) If 13(a) is "No," and you are claiming that section 508(a) does not apply to you, attach an explanation of your basis for this claim.

(c) If 13(a) is "No," and section 508(a) does apply to you, your exemption can be recognized only from the date this application is filed with your key District Director. Therefore, is it your intention that this application be considered as a request for recognition of exemption from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date you were formed?  Yes  No

Part IV.—Statement as to Private Foundation Status

1 Is the organization a private foundation?  Yes  No

2 If question 1 is answered "No," indicate the type of ruling being requested as to the organization's status under section 509 by checking the applicable box(es) below:

(a) Definitive ruling under section 509(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) check here  and complete Part VII.

(b) Advance ruling under section 509(a)(2) check here  170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or  509(a)(2)—See instructions.

(c) Extended advance ruling under section 509(a)(2) check here  170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or  509(a)(2)—See instructions.

3 If question 1 is answered "Yes" and the organization claims to be a private operating foundation, check here  and complete Part VIII.

(Note: If an extended advance ruling is desired you must check the appropriate boxes for both 2(b) and 2(c).)

(Mrs) Garnie Shorten, Pres: The Calinda Ritz Flowers, 602-758-2663
Historical Society

Statement of Revenue and Expenses, for period ending \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

Revenue			
1	Gross contributions, gifts, grants and similar amounts received . . . . .		
2	Gross dues and assessments of members . . . . .		
3	Gross amounts derived from activities related to organization's exempt purpose . . . . .		
	Minus cost of sales . . . . .		
4	Gross amounts from unrelated business activities . . . . .		
	Minus cost of sales . . . . .		
5	Gross amount received from sale of assets, excluding inventory items (attach schedule) . . . . .		
	Minus cost or other basis and sales expenses of assets sold . . . . .		
6	Interest, dividends, rents and royalties . . . . .		
7	<b>Total revenue</b> . . . . .		
Expenses			
8	Fund raising expenses . . . . .		
9	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) . . . . .		
10	Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule) . . . . .		
11	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule) . . . . .		
12	Other salaries and wages . . . . .		
13	Interest . . . . .		
14	Rent . . . . .		
15	Depreciation and depletion . . . . .		
16	Other (attach schedule) . . . . .		
17	<b>Total expenses</b> . . . . .		
18	Excess of revenue over expenses (line 7 minus line 17) . . . . .		

Balance Sheets		Enter dates	Beginning date	Ending date
<b>Assets</b>				
19	Cash (a) Interest bearing accounts . . . . .			
	(b) Other . . . . .			
20	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .			
21	Inventories . . . . .			
22	Bonds and notes (attach schedule) . . . . .			
23	Corporate stocks (attach schedule) . . . . .			
24	Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .			
25	Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .			
26	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) . . . . .			
27	Land . . . . .			
28	Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .			
29	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .			
<b>Liabilities</b>				
30	Accounts payable . . . . .			
31	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .			
32	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .			
33	Other liabilities (attach schedules) . . . . .			
34	<b>Total liabilities</b> . . . . .			
<b>Fund Balance or Net Worth</b>				
35	<b>Total fund balance or net worth</b> . . . . .			
36	<b>Total liabilities and fund balance or net worth (line 34 plus line 35)</b> . . . . .			

Has there been any substantial change in any aspect of your financial activities since the period ending date shown above?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," attach a detailed explanation.

Part VI.—Required Schedules for Special Activities		If "Yes," check here:	And, complete schedule—
1	Is the organization, or any part of it, a school? . . . . .		A
2	Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.? . . . .		B
3	Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution? . . . . .		C
4	Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or a medical research organization? . . . . .		D
5	Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged? . . . . .		E
6	Is the organization, or any part of it, a litigating organization (public interest law firm or similar organization)? . . . . .		F
7	Is the organization, or any part of it, formed to promote amateur sports competition? . . . . .		G



**Part VII.—Non-Private Foundation Status (Definitive ruling only)**

**A.—Basis for Non-Private Foundation Status**

The organization is not a private foundation because it qualifies as:

	✓	Kind of organization	Within the meaning of	Complete
1		a church	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)	
2		a school	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)	
3		a hospital	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)	
4		a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)	
5		being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety	Section 509(a)(4)	
6		being operated for the benefit of a college or university which is owned or operated by a governmental unit	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)	Part VII.-B
7		normally receiving a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public	Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)	Part VII.-B
8	X	normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions)	Section 509(a)(2)	Part VII.-B
9		being operated solely for the benefit of or in connection with one or more of the organizations described in 1 through 4, or 6, 7, and 8 above	Section 509(a)(3)	Part VII.-C

**B.—Analysis of Financial Support**

	(a) Most recent taxable year	(Years next preceding most recent taxable year)			(e) Total
		(b) 19.....	(c) 19.....	(d) 19 .....	
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received	1985.				
2 Membership fees received	210.00				
3 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity which is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513					
4 Gross income from passive sources (see instructions for definition)					
5 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 4					
6 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or expended on behalf of the organization					
7 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)					
8 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets)—attach schedule					
9 Total of lines 1 through 8					
10 Line 9 minus line 3					
11 Enter 2% of line 10, column (e) only					
12 If the organization has received any unusual grants during any of the above taxable years, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor, the date and amount of grant, and a brief description of the nature of such grant. Do not include such grants in line 1 above. (See instructions)					

THE COLORADO RIVER PIONEERS  
Historical Society  
Constitution  
ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1

The name of this club shall be The Colorado River Pioneers Hist. Soc., a non-profit organization and no part of its earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

ARTICLE II - Object

Section 1

The object of this club shall be to promote an interest in the early settlement of the Colorado River area, to record the oral traditions, to collect and preserve all available journals, maps, pictures, artifacts and other memorabilia or copies thereof, that they may be properly displayed for the public in a suitable location.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1

Membership in this club shall be open to any individual of legal age, interested in promoting the objectives of this organization, subject to the payment of dues or fees as stated in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1

The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall hold office for one year.

Section 2

The appointed officers shall be Parliamentarian, Historian, and Marshall.

ARTICLE V - Committees

Section 1

The President shall appoint a chairman for the following standing committees: Membership, Librarian, Publicity, Ways and Means.

Section 2

The President shall appoint such other special committees as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

Section 1

The club shall adopt such by-laws as may be necessary and may amend the same at any business meeting of the club, provided advance notice is given and the amendment has been read at a second meeting and then passed by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present.

Item # 1

COLORADO RIVER PIONEER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER 2184-2872 OPENED ON MARCH 19, 1984 IN AMOUNT OF \$215.00 AT VALLEY NATIONAL BANK HOLIDAY SHORES BRANCH, BULLHEAD CITY, AZ, 86430

DATE	CHECK NO.	TO	FOR	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT	SERVICE CHG.	BALANCE
3/19/84					\$215.00		204.00
3/20/84	1001	MOHAVE VALLEY NEWS	ADS checks	\$19.37	MISC. 11.00		
4/9/84	1002	LORNA LA MIEUX	81 COPIES	3.40	4.04		
4/6/84	1003	BRENDA SQUIBB	POSTAGE	5.00	14.21		
5/15/84	1004					3.81	157.98
10/9/84	1005						174.17
10/18/84	1006	HAZEL BOLTON	BOOKS	57.30		3.95	
11/14/84	1007	Oatman Chamber Commerce			48.50	3.73	219.92
10/18/84	1008	V. Sutherland	P.O. BOX RENTAL & KEYS	9.00			
10/18/84			LAB (PHOTO)	4.00			
12/11/84	1009	V. Sutherland		5.00	30.00	3.41	251.69
1/15/85							278.28
3/11/85					31.25	3.47	273.28
3/13/85					11.50		301.06
					32.50		312.56
							345.06

Signed Virginia Sutherland  
 Virginia Sutherland, Treasurer  
 March 24 1985

Section 2

Upon acceptance of said amendment(s) to the by-laws, the Secretary shall be instructed to immediately insert such amendments into the existing by-laws.

Section 3

The Constitution may be amended in the same manner as provided in the above section.

Section 4

The Standing Rules may be amended at any time by a 2/3 majority vote of those present without previous notice.

Section 5

These by-laws shall be reviewed each year and revised if necessary.

Section 6

This club shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Meetings

Section 1

The regular business meeting of this club is to be held on the second Monday of each month from September to May at a time and place convenient to all.

Section 2

Field trips or other social functions may be scheduled as the membership dictates.

Section 3

The elected officers shall be called the Executive Board and they shall meet during the week prior to the regular meeting to prepare an agenda and/or to attend to other responsibilities as may arise.

Section 4

A quorum for meetings shall be 1/4 of the recorded membership.

ARTICLE II - Dues

Section 1

An initiation fee of \$5.00 plus \$5.00 dues shall be due on presentation of membership application.

Section 2

The dues of the club shall be \$5.00 a year, payable at the first meeting in September of each year. Membership dues will be accepted only by the Treasurer or any elected officer.

Section 3

Failure to pay dues by first meeting in December shall constitute forfeiture of membership. There will be no pro-ration.

ARTICLE III- Duties of Ex. Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and they shall have supervision of the affairs of the club and shall make decisions compatible with the membership or shall bring recommendations to the members for approval.

#### ARTICLE IV - Duties of Officers

##### Section 1

The President shall preside at all business meetings and shall be chairman of the Executive Board meetings, shall issue the call for special meetings, appoint chairmen and shall be ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of those relating to nominations and elections.

##### Section 2

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and assume that office if it becomes vacated. With the assistance of the Executive Board she/he shall prepare the calendar of events listing activities, field trips, etc.

##### Section 3

The Secretary shall record the minutes of the business meetings as well as the Executive Board sessions and provide a copy for the President; shall keep on file all correspondence with copies of all letters sent and received and maintain a record of the names and addresses of all members of the club.

##### Section 4

The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the club, shall deposit them in an insured financial institution, shall make disbursements by a two signature check as directed by the club, shall be responsible for the collection of all dues, fees and debts owing to the club. The Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the club, the books to be audited at the close of each fiscal year by an auditor appointed by the Executive Committee and shall file all required tax reports. The Treasurer shall be chairman of the Finance Committee.

#### ARTICLE V - Duties of Chairmen

##### Section 1

The Membership chairman shall introduce all new members to the membership, shall provide them with a copy of the by-laws, a membership card and a roster of members.

##### Section 2

The Librarian shall have the care and custody of all research material and shall maintain a bibliography of suitable reading material and books which shall be made available on a loan basis to members.

##### Section 3

The Publicity chairman shall be in charge of all news releases of club activities to the press, shall keep copies for reference and for the historian.

##### Section 4

Ways and Means with the approval of the Executive Board shall be in charge of ordering, distributing and accounting for printed material for fund raising events and shall give a report to the membership of the progress and results.

ARTICLE VI - Elections

Section 1

Annual elections of officers shall take place at the May meeting and shall be by secret ballot. The new officers will assume their duties when the club resumes it's meetings in September. All records of the outgoing officers shall be transferred to the incoming officers.

ARTICLE VII - Dissolution

Section 1

In the event of any dissolution of the Colorado River Pioneers, it shall be the duty of the last President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary to surrender to the Mohave Museum of History and Arts, 400 West Beale Street, Kingman, Arizona, all records, books, minutes, accounts and any other property belonging to said organization within two months from the time of such dissolution.

Section 2

Any member of the organization having possession of property belonging to said organization and refusing to surrender the same, shall be liable to prosecution.

Section 3

All monies acuring from the sale of any property and all money remaining in the treasury shall be used to pay its debts and any surplus shall be turned into the treasury of the Mohave Museum of History and Arts as noted.

STANDING RULES

1. No subject of political or sectarian nature shall be introduced at the meetings of the club and no person shall be directly or indirectly endorsed or recommended for political office.
2. Suggestions for a procedural or other change in the club functions by any member, must be presented in writing to the Executive Board -prior to its next meeting-for consideration and discussion.

*Signed - Garmé E. Thornton,  
President of River Pioneers  
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## Historical Society plans hiking trip

Members of the Mohave Valley Historical Society will conduct a field trip Saturday in hopes of tracing the Mohave Milltown Railroad from the Old Leland Mine to the Colorado River.

The trip will cut around Bounding Cone and proceed down to the mill site and the reservoir, then to Willow

Valley and the old railroad station.

Interested hikers are invited to meet at the Mohave Community College parking lot at 9 a.m. dressed for hiking, with a sack lunch and plenty of water.

Persons with pick-up trucks are needed to drive the trail. For further information, call Joan at 758-1763.

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## Pioneers view historical sites

A group called the Colorado River Pioneers has been formed to learn more about the Colorado River area.

Edwards supervised a field trip for the group April 9. Ancient effigies, about 30 feet in length and enclosed in a chain link fence, were viewed not far from Highway 95.

Across the highway, fenced ancient burial grounds where early Indians cremated their dead also were viewed. The group traveled to the South Valley and saw where the Colorado River changed its course several years ago and is now developed with homes.

The field trip included a stop at Mohave Milltown Pumping Plant, near Spears Lake. All that remains is the foundation, an old stone fireplace, and some boiler parts. The ditches that brought the water to the mill are now overgrown with lush greenery.

Edwards continued the tour with a stop at the Adobe Ruins, located on the Cotton Land Company property. Ruth Blackburn, a resident of the area

since 1954, said the structure was once a two-story residence.

Also viewed were old railroad beds from a high mesa. Ore from the mines was hauled to the mill nearby, processed, and then shipped down to a smelter. While a lot of cash was invested, only about \$50,000 was realized from the operation.

The tour ended at Boundary Cone, an extinct volcano that is situated near the 35th parallel, the basis for its name.

Another field trip was planned last weekend. The group expected to visit Beale's Wagon Road and Little Meadows. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Joan Koch at 758-1763 or Jocelyn Benjamin at 758-2197.

At the April meeting, a letter written by L.J. Rose was read by Edwards. Rose was one of the few survivors of the 1858 Indian massacre of pioneers who traveled on Beale's Road to California.

The next meeting will be held May 19 at Mohave High School.

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# Fort Mojave established along Colorado in 1859

(Editor's note: Joan Koch, a member of the Colorado River Pioneers, offers her first column on historical landmarks in the North and South Mohave Valley areas. The Colorado River Pioneers is a group of local residents who study the history of the Mohave Valley area and also conduct field trips to historical sites).

Four miles south of Hancock Road, on the southeast corner of Highway 95 and Camp Mojave Road, a newly installed American flag on a small white frame building signals the reinstatement of a historic Arizona address — Fort Mojave.

Due east of this little white frame building, on the Mojave Indian Reservation, is a bluff overlooking the Colorado River where the remnants of the original Fort Mojave quietly succumb to the ravages of time and man. Now only creosote bushes stand and watch as lizards and scorpions traverse the walkways where sabers and spurs once rattled.

No one in the company was particularly happy that day in April of 1859, when the famous mountain man Joseph R. Walker guided Colonel William Hoffman and his company to that spot on the Colorado River then known as Beale's crossing. They found the land hot, dry and sandy, and its inhabitants unfriendly.

In addition, as one observer recorded, there "were about as many rattlesnakes as stones."

However, they set about building the fort they had been sent to build, and soon there were eight buildings listed on the military report for Fort Mojave: one hospital, two enlisted men's quarters, four officers' quarters and a guardhouse.

In the early months of Ft. Mojave, the Mojave Indians resented the military intrusion on their land, and there were several skirmishes between the soldiers and the Indians, some serious. In one attempt to drive out the intruders, the Indians overran the fort and trampled the post garden.

Because fresh provisions were expensive and had to be transported 250 miles from California, most of the troopers were suffering from scurvy, and eight had died of dysentery by the time fresh supplies arrived.

No attempt was made to replant the garden, but peace was finally established with the Mojave Tribe on Aug. 31, 1859, and thereafter many supplies were purchased from the Indians.

The post was dismantled at the onset of the Civil War when soldiers were called to more important duties, but by 1863 settlers in the valley were demanding protection from Indians and wolves, and Ft. Mojave was reactivated by two infantry companies commanded by Captain J. Ives Fitch.

Buildings were hastily reconstructed and for a while living conditions were uncom-

fortable and unsanitary, but improvements and additions over the years enabled the post surgeon in 1875, F. S. Sterling, to describe the buildings at Ft. Mojave as comfortable, well-ventilated, and well-lighted.

Martha Summerhayes, in her book *Vanished Arizona*, tells of sleeping on the "broad piazzas" of the post surgeon's quarters in 1874 and describes the "grey-white flat expanse" around the fort as "dreary enough."

The buildings were severely damaged by a tornado in 1880 but were repaired and used until the post was turned over to the Department of Interior in 1890 to be used as a school for Indian children.

The final military act of Ft. Mojave was the disinterment and removal to San Francisco National Cemetery of the 60 bodies buried at the Ft. Mojave cemetery. Those graves and

markers can be seen today by anyone visiting the National Cemetery in San Francisco.

Further improvements in buildings and grounds were made at Ft. Mojave from 1890 until the Indian school was closed in 1934. The cement walks around the perimeter of the grounds and the ruins of the pumping station that can still be seen at the site are the remains of those improvements. Nothing from the old fort itself has lasted.

When the school closed in 1934, the grounds and the buildings sat vacant and abandoned for another seven years. In 1941, the grounds were sold to Mabel LeClair on the condition she destroy the buildings. The land is now part of the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, and anyone wishing to visit the site should contact Tribal Chairman Minerva Jenkins for permission.



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THE KATHERINE MINE

The Katherine Mine lies dead and decaying. All that stands is an odd assortment of concrete pillars arranged as if in some forgotten graveyard and a foundation devoid of its formerly impressive structure. Scattered about are the rusting remains of iron tanks and other equipment used in the mining operation. Deep beneath the surface a labyrinth of passages are choked with water, rotten timbers, and if we imagine, the memories of miners long since departed.

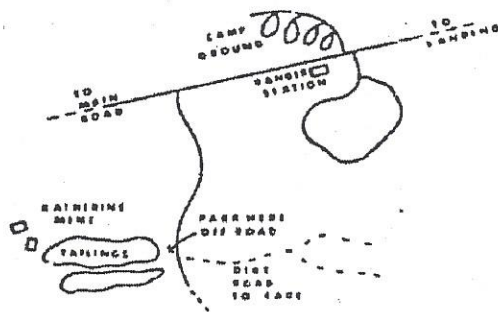
Gone are the sounds of the people who lived and worked here. Gone too, are the miners who labored with drill and hammer, sweltered in the summer heat and braved the steaming earth frequently below 900 feet. The miners worked in three shifts eight hours a day seven days a week, but many agreed that the Katherine Mine was better than most. Past and forgotten as well, are the raucous Saturday nights when many miners would cross the Colorado River by ferry and seek out the liberal establishments located on the Nevada side. Here they could enjoy all the pleasures a lonesome miner might desire or try their luck against the wheel of fortune. And, just as the mine slowly gave up its wealth, the miners too were separated from their riches as the night wore on. Some returned wiser for the experience.

John S. Baggs discovered the gold mine in 1900 and it was named in honor of his sister. The mine was sold in 1904 to the Arizona Pyramid Mining Company and so began a history of openings and closings under various operators. Although the ore was of respectable quality, the gold recovery process was laborious. The ore was brought to the surface and crushed into fine particles and mixed with water and a weak solution of sodium cyanide in large tanks made of iron or wood. The sodium cyanide combined chemically with any gold in the pulp to form a compound which completely dissolved in the water. To expedite this reaction, air was forced into the pulp at the beginning of the process. A series of the large wooden tanks were then employed to allow the sodium cyanide to most efficiently achieve its function of absorbing the gold into solution. Some of the hoops of these tanks can still be seen lying near the concrete ports upon which the tanks rested. Ultimately, the water was drained from the tanks and filtered. The wet pulverized spent ore or pulp was washed downhill toward the Colorado River and settled to form the obvious multi-colored tailings. The gold bearing water was diverted to an area where it circulated through zinc meshes. This caused the gold to separate from the sodium cyanide and coat the zinc. Silver, which is commonly found in conjunction with gold, was precipitated out at the same time. The gold-silver mixture was then refined and transported to Kingman for further purification.

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Faithful, yet never a bonanza, the Katherine Mine and mill proved capable of processing 300 tons of ore into 300 ounces of gold and a similar amount of silver in 24 hours. During its lifespan the mine produced some \$12,000,000 worth of gold. However, there were many bills to pay, the salary of 100 workers, fuel oil to power the generators, and large steel balls to crush the ore, to name just a few. Finally, World War II claimed necessary resources and labor for a higher priority. In 1942 the last ounce of gold was produced. No doubt at least a part of the precious product of the Katherine Mine lies as secure as ever in Fort Knox as if it had never been mined at all, but merely moved from one vault to another.

For the location of the Katherine Mine see map below. Please park clear of the roadway and observe the rights of property owners adjacent to the mine.



Use extreme caution in the mine area. There are such dangers as broken glass and irregular terrain at the site. The map below indicates the purpose of the structures once in use at this location. Today only their foundations and the supports for heavy equipment remain.

