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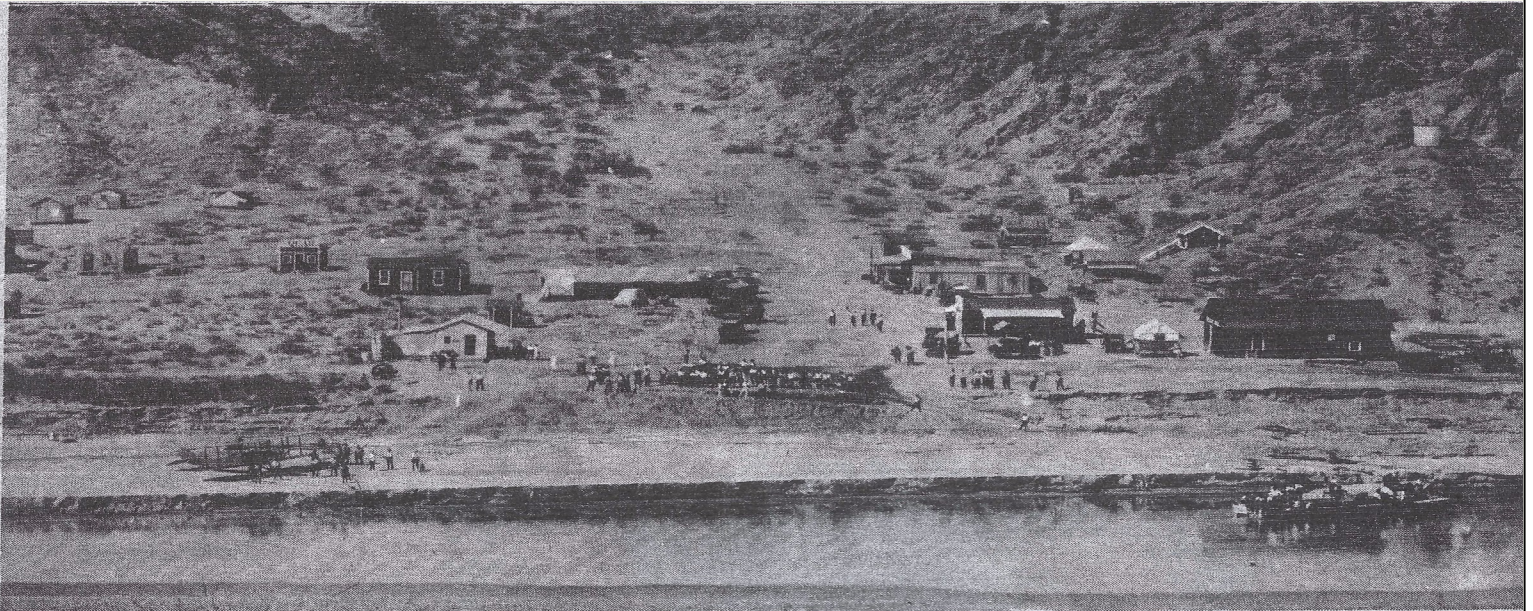
COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

In light of what is happening up river at Lake Mead, it makes me think about what lies under our very own lake - Lake Mohave. I have included in this edition excerpts from the Las Vegas Age newspaper from 1921 about Tri-State in Clark County Nevada.

Not only was Lake Mohave created when Davis Dam was built, but the small mining town of Tri-State was covered by the water that filled the lake.

October 3, 1969

Mohave County Miner



Above photo was taken in 1921 and shows Tri-State, Nevada. Tri-State was a small settlement directly across Colorado River from what is now Lake Mohave Resort. Miners in the river range reached it by ringing an iron gong in a mesquite tree on the Arizona side of river. Proprietor came across and picked them up in his boat. The place had a bar and offered complete mining camp entertainment facilities. Note biplane on beach, lower left.

MOHAVE

YESTERDAY

JULY 2, 1921

“TRI-STATE” IS NEW CLARK COUNTY TOWN

Location is Nevada Side of the Colorado River Opposite the Katherine Mine

A new town was born this week which promises to grow into a very healthy city as time goes on. It has been named Tri-State and is situated on the Nevada side of the Colorado river opposite the famous Katherine mine town on the Arizona side of the river.

The promoters of the new town are James Cashman of Searchlight, A.G. Cushman of Nevada, and Edward Shaw of Kingman. They are already laying out plans for an active champaign this fall when surveyors will be on the ground to plat off the lots, locate sites for a water works plant and also a light and heat generating plant.

The mines on this side of the river near the location of the new town are the Homestake, Lucky-Prince and the Katherine Extension which is equally as rich on this side of the river as it is in Arizona.

A good road will be constructed from Hiko Springs to the river by Clark county. The road from here to the Nevada line is in good shape and with a little [con't on page 2](#)

Tri-State - con't from page 1

work between the California line and Hiko Springs a fine road can be built at a nominal expense. Needles as a matter of course will be materially benefited by the new town as it is the railroad point and the distance will be cut considerably to the Union Pass country and points in Nevada.

A ferry will be installed and maintained by the townsite company. Messrs. Cashman and Cushman were here last evening and met with a large number of our citizens and it is needless to add that our business men will do all they can in the matter of establishing first class road connections between here and Tri-State, or to help in anyway possible in getting the new city on its feet. - Needles Nugge

AUGUST 20, 1921

TOWN OF TRISTATE HAS SIGNS OF BOOM Mines Making Good With Development, - Much Building Activity Is Anticipated

Conditions at the new town of Tri-state on the Nevada side of the Colorado river across from the Katherine mine, indicate much activity during the next few weeks.

Mining men are beginning to reach the camp in considerable numbers, attracted by the big ore developments recently made on some of the nearby properties. Already there are a general store and an eating house in operation and travelers are well cared for.

The ferry over the Colorado river is running regularly and automobiles are crossing. The roads in that section are generally in good shape and travelers have no trouble in making the crossing.

The new road being constructed from Seachlight to the Katherine mine makes the camp easily accessible from this side and saves the necessity of making the long detour by way of Needles to reach the district.

The townsite company announces that it will begin the sale of lots soon. It is estimated that there will be not less than twenty businesses housed in Tri-State by September first. Application has been made for a post office and assurances have been received that it will be established soon.

The Katherine mine is working sinking the shaft to the 700 level. The ore shoot on which they are sinking is 1,300 feet long and according to estimates by engineers contains ore of a value of \$20,000,000.

The Gold Chain, located a short distance east of the Katherine is crosscutting its ore body. The crosscut is now in 40 feet and all in high grade milling ore.

The Lucky Prince will start work in its property about September first.

The Homestake mine has been bonded to San Francisco mining men.

September 24, 1921

TRISTATE TO BE CHRISTENED TODAY The New Town on The Nevada Side of The Colorado The Scene of Gathering

County Commissioner James Cashman says that everybody will be given a royal welcome at the Tristate christening which occurs today at the new camp in the Katherine district on the Nevada side of the Colorado River. A regular old-time celebration has been planned which will include all the spectacular features which usually characterize similar festivities.

There will be an auction sale of lots and it goes without saying that there will be a barbeque where everybody will be expected to eat his fill. The evening will be devoted to dancing.

An interesting feature will be a race between the "Robert E Lee" and the "Natches", the two automobile ferry boats on the Colorado. Bob Hausler also expects to be there with an airplane to give the visitors a birdseye view of the camp and surrounding country. The hotel will be crowded, so "bring your own blankets" is Jim's advice.

October 1, 1921

OPENING AT TRISTATE PROVED BIG SUCCESS

Visitors From California, Arizona and Nevada Enjoy
Mining Camp Hospitality

A big crowd and a fine, old-fashioned, mining camp hospitality marked the opening celebration of the new town of Tristate, near the southern point of Clark county. Visitors were present in large numbers from Kingman and other Arizona points; from Los Angeles and other sections of California, with an especially large and enthusiastic delegation from Las Vegas.

Among the visitors from this city were Harley H. Harmon who was the principal speaker of the day, Sam Gay, R.E. Lake, E.E. Smith, O.J. Smith, W.F. Rector, Fred J. Pearce and others.

The new town is the center of an important mining district which is giving every indication of being about to stage the next great mining boom, for which the west has been waiting for some years. Many men prominent in the mining game were present and took occasion to look over the district and they are practically a unit in pronouncing it one of great merit. The Nevada Katherine, owned by James Cashman and Ed Shaw, gives promise of becoming one of the greatest producers in Nevada according to experts.

A number of the Vegas people continued their journey by auto to Kingman for the purpose of inspecting that thriving camp.

Editors note: From other sources I have read it appears that Tri-state developed quickly to accommodate the miners and their families that worked the Katherine District mines with multiple buildings including a store, boarding house, as well as a school district that ran from 1921 - 1924. It, as well as Katherine, faded quickly in late 1928. More information about Tri-State can be found at <https://www.forgottennevada.org/>

WORD PUZZLE

Tri-State Nevada

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Answer key in next edition

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Colorado River Historical Society Museum is seeking volunteers.

If you enjoy history and want to learn more about the area, the society needs you. This is a chance to meet area visitors from all over the world and form friendships with a wonderful group of volunteers. Many of our volunteers are part-time residents and retirees.

Hours are flexible and duties are as easy or challenging as you would like.

Examples of volunteer activities:

- Docents
- Handyman
- Gardening/General clean-up
- Historical research
- Archive media organization

EVENTS CALENDAR

No events are planned over this summer, but keep tuned in for our upcoming events in the Fall.

Patron Event:

We have a special event planned for our patrons to thank you for your support. We are lucky that Bullhead City has such wonderful people that care about this town and our history. Author of Bullhead City (Images of America) Shirin McGraham will share stories from her book. We will have a delicious lunch and a special gift of her book, personally signed, provided in thanks for the Patron's contribution to the Museum.

October 22, 2022 - Saturday 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Annual Meeting:

November 14, 2022 - Monday 10:00am - 11:00am

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. I know it's probably the hottest one we remember for a while. Please be sure you drink lots of water and be safe while you're in the sun.

We were hoping to see a few more people at the Museum this year but because of the heat and people enjoying the river or the lake we probably actually had fewer people coming to the museum so we have changed our hours and now we are going to be Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 to 2:00 with last entrance at 1:00 p.m.

We are pursuing new memberships and new ideas for fundraising so if anyone out there has ideas please contact me, and I will pass all the information to the fundraising committee 928-219-2582.

We are hoping in the Fall to have some very good programs and interesting new things at our beautiful Museum. Thank you everyone for being a part of our organization and see you again next month Happy Days.

Your president,

~Karole

COMMITTEES UPDATES

From The Desk of Our Curator:

A recent addition to our collection, a beautiful military sword typical of those used by the officers during the operation of Fort Mojave.

Thank you to donor Michael Paul, who says he was told by the Fort Mohave Junior High School teacher who gave it to him that the sword was owned by the last commander of Fort Mojave. Currently we do not have the provenance to support this information, but we'll attempt to locate supporting documentation.

~Carla Lucas



Seeking Donations for Our Collection

We are looking for any artifact that is pertinent to our Tri-state area. This includes, but is not limited to, photographs, family histories, military activity, Davis Dam, Native Americans, steamboats, ranching, fossils, explorers, highways, historical maps, churches and service clubs, businesses, and mining.

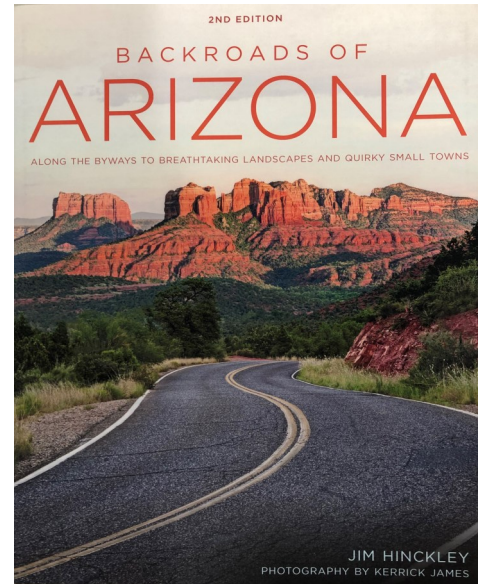
- ◆ We cannot accept an artifact with stipulations on it such as it must be displayed in a particular way or time period.
- ◆ We do not accept loans.

Give us a call at the museum if you have an artifact or historical item you would like us to consider.

We are actively seeking local historic photographs and Mohave Valley Daily Newspapers before 2010.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Come see our extensive inventory of books about the history of the Tri-state area. Here is a wonderful example.



Backroads of Arizona guides you into the heart of Arizona's sunny beauty and fascinating history. In this thoroughly updated edition, you'll find twenty-five driving tours and adventures that take you off the beaten path to stunning landscapes and breathtakingly beautiful vistas. Marvel at the multicolored hues of the Painted Desert and the jaw-dropping majesty of the snowcapped San Francisco Peaks. Wander into a sky-high forest of regal ponderosa pines and quacking aspens near Flagstaff, scan the deep blue waters of Lake Havasu on the western border, and feel dwarfed by the incredible Grand Canyon. With scenic drives in all corners of the state, *Backroads of Arizona* offers insight into Arizona's rich history, from Spanish conquistadors seeking the legendary cities of gold to the Wild West shootout at Tombstone's O.K. Corral.

Price: \$25.00



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Mission Statement

The mission of The Colorado River Historical Society shall be to operate a museum to promote interest and knowledge concerning the history of the Lower Colorado River area, most specifically the Tri-state area.

*** * * * MUSEUM FUNDRAISER * * * ***

The historical society is currently in the midst of a fundraising effort, the monies of which will be used for construction of the next phase of the museum. This addition will store our archives and collections not presently displayed in the museum.

These items are currently stored at the Davis Camp site. Mohave County has generously renewed our lease on that building for an additional, expiring in July 2023. We are in need of a new home for these artifacts, which require multiple storage racks. The Historical Society also stores various other supplies and tools in this facility.

In the coming months the museum’s Fundraising Committee will be using a variety of methods to raise money for our building fund. In the meantime if you are interested in assisting us with a donation it would be highly appreciated. Your contribution may be tax deductible, please confirm with your tax consultant.

It takes a village and we are counting on you to help us make this a reality.

