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Death in the Dentist Chair

by Troy Kelley

In Tombstone, AT, a town known for its wild and woolly nature, it took only a simple trip to the dentist to snuff out the life of one of the town's most promising citizens. Howard Ford Herring was the second of five children and only boy born to the prominent Herring family of New York and Arizona. His father William, a respected lawyer, once served in the New York legislature and was known as one of the fathers of Declaration Day. Lured west in 1880, William quickly established himself as one of the leading attorneys in Arizona. Staying behind in New York to finish school, Howard migrated to Tombstone in the early 1880s. There he finished his higher education and joined his father as junior partner in the law firm of Herring & Herring upon passing the bar in 1885.



Howard Ford Herring
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Deadly Dentist Paul B. Warnekros

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Howard commenced to immerse himself in all things legal. Within a short time, he was filling in for his father in legal proceedings. The TOMBSTONE PROSPECTOR remarked of the young man, "...his future was a most promising one..." and that Howard was, "...rapidly stepping forward in the ranks of the legal fraternity." The future indeed looked bright for Howard. However, any dreams the Herring family had for the

young man came crashing down in early November 1891.

Plagued with bad teeth for years, Howard was a regular customer of the various dentists in Tombstone. Such was the case on the morning of November 1st when Howard slid into the chair of Paul Warnekros. A forty-year-old native of Germany, Warnekros arrived in town in 1878. Starting as a clerk in a camp store, he gradually worked his way up

and became one of the largest merchants in town, even serving a stint as mayor of the town. By 1891, in addition to his many other enterprises, Warnekros was practicing dentistry from an office on Fremont Street.

About 10:00 AM on that fateful 1st, Howard strode the few hundred yards from his house to the dentist's office. The two men chatted idly about Mexican mining prospects as the dentist prepared a syringe to inject into his patient's gums. Howard had requested a strong sedative to deaden the pain he knew was forthcoming. In fact, one time, a few years earlier, Howard had to be physically restrained while having only one tooth extracted. This time five teeth needed to come out.

As was common in those days, Dr. Warnekros prepared a solution of liquid cocaine to inject into the base of the patient's gum. As he injected the first shot, Howard remarked that it made his heart, "flutter." The doctor thought nothing of the comment for, as the TOMBSTONE PROSPECTOR noted in its coverage of the incident, "...nearly all patients are similarly affected..." when given the shot. After extracting the first tooth, the dentist moved on to the next, each time injecting the powerful drug into the young lawyer's gums.

After extracting four roots, Dr. Warnekros turned to retrieve an instrument. While his back was turned, he heard a noise. Looking back at his patient, Warnekros observed the man on the floor in the midst of violent convulsions. Immediately, Warnekros began

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DISCOVER TOMBSTONE

THE FUNERAL OF JOHN BEHAN IN TUCSON AS REPORTED IN THE EPITAPH!

by Bruce Burnett



June 16, 1912 - Tombstone
Weekly Epitaph
**Funeral of John Behan,
Cochise Pioneer**

"The funeral of John Behan took place at Tucson on a Saturday, many Cochise pioneers paying a last tribute of respect by attending the funeral of the deceased. Behan first came to Arizona in 1863 and served as sheriff of Yavapai county and later saw him in like position in Cochise County. He also was superintendent of the penitentiary and was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, seeing service in the Cuban campaign.

In 1879 he came to Cochise County and became this county's first sheriff, an office which at that time was combined with tax-

collector and assessor. He was appointed by Governor Fremont. As sheriff he rendered conspicuous service against the bands of Mexican and American bandits who had rendered life dangerous and rather unprofitable along the Mexican border, and took an active part in suppressing the cattle war which was an outgrowth of the Wyatt-Earp feud in Tombstone.

The death of Behan marks the passing of another Arizona pioneer, who helped make history, and his demise causes a pang of deep regret among the many friends who knew him."

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THE POOL TOO TOUGH TO DIE!

We are thrilled to announce a beautiful partnership with the Tombstone Restoration Commission, Walter Ferguson Foundation and the City of Tombstone to restore the iconic City Pool!

Did you know that our pool located at the end of N 5th Street is the oldest operating municipal pool in Arizona, and now possibly even in the entire United States? Originally opened in 1883 and refurbished in 1924; which was over 100 years ago!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Walter Ferguson Foundation, who has graciously donated \$200,000 towards the restoration efforts, we are one step closer to preserving this iconic landmark for future generations.

This funding will specifically go towards revitalizing the pool itself, addressing issues such as resurfacing, fixing cracks to prevent leakage, upgrading plumbing and electrical systems, and restoring the pump room. Additionally, we'll ensure that the pool area becomes ADA compliant, making it accessible to all members of our community.

But we are not stopping there! Funding is still needed for the outer grounds of the pool, including lifeguard stands, equipment, lounge chairs, ramadas, and more. We've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from various organizations and individuals who want to get involved.

In the coming weeks, the City will be compiling a registry list for donors, as well as providing a donation QR code and details on locations where you can contribute. The Tombstone City Pool Facebook page will serve as a hub for transparency and keeping you updated on the progress of this exciting project every step of the way. Public Works has already started construction with the changing rooms and pump room. They will also continue with grading the perimeter throughout

the swimming season making the footprint larger and ready for ADA compliance. Then August 2024 the restoration of the pool will begin with a licensed pool contractor.

Mayor Escapule has always believed in keeping the pool free of charge as a vital resource for our residents and families during the summer months. With this restoration, the City of Tombstone aims to extend its availability beyond the summer months, benefiting our seniors, kids and all members of our community.

Wondering how you can be a part of the Tombstone City Pool Restoration Project? Many of you have been asking how you can pitch in to help; well here's your chance!

There is still have a lot of ground to cover in terms of funding, including lifeguard equipment, ADA accessibility features, outdoor furniture, and more. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

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Thank you for supporting the oldest working municipal pool in the state of Arizona and now possibly the country!

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Tombstone's "Big House"

by Rita Ackerman

Many buildings have come and gone since Tombstone's original boom of the early 1880s. One of the most notable was the Loma de Plata (Hill of Silver) on Empire Hill.

The palatial redwood structure was built in 1902 by Eliphalet Butler Gage as the company house of the Tombstone Consolidated Mining and Milling Company. The ground floor was graced with heavy beamed ceilings and there was hand rubbed woodwork throughout. Both floors had several fireplaces and there were fourteen rooms. Mrs. Maria Gage spent a lot of time adding her personal touch and requirements to the palatial home. The estimated cost was \$45,000. Quite a sum for those times and an obvious statement of Gage's faith in the future of Tombstone.

During construction the Gage's lived in Prescott, A. T. She went to San Francisco for surgery and died there on January 22, 1902. She never had the chance to live in the beautiful home she had put a great deal of effort into designing.

Gage did live in the house for a while. He pulled electrical current from the mining company's mill to electrify the home. It wasn't long before the company treasurer, Henry Kinsley, and family took up residence. One source said the house was remodeled in 1905 as the hospital of the Tombstone Consolidated Mining Company.

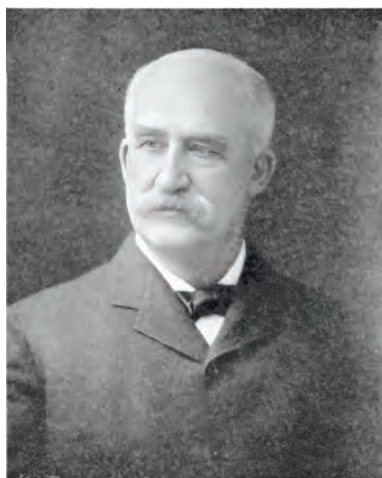


This may have been referring to the old company house as in 1907 the Loma de Plata was equipped with magnificent electric fixtures which doesn't sound like a hospital. Gage pulled electrical current from the mining company's mill to electrify the home.

E. B. Gage was born in Pelham, New Hampshire on October 2, 1839. He graduated from the scientific department of Dartmouth College in 1858. He later made his way to Arizona and became one of the biggest movers and shakers of the territory. In 1878, he became interested in Tombstone's Grand Central mine and became the superintendent the next year.

Gage spent time in Phoenix and Prescott but returned to Tombstone to head up a campaign to pump water from the mines bringing a second, although smaller, boom to the area. A

variety of setbacks ended the water removal program and the water reclaimed the lower levels in 1909. Gage retired the same year. He died in San Francisco in March 1913 and was described by the newspapers as a banker, mine



E. B. Gage.
Keith Davis Collection

owner, and railroad builder.

The Tombstone Development Company sold the property in 1943 to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Devere who planned to run it as a guest lodge.

The alarm of fire sounded in Tombstone after 11 p.m. October 9, 1953. By the time the fire crews arrived at the scene, the "Big House" was engulfed in flames and they could only turn their efforts to protecting surrounding buildings and other places in town as large cinders were blown down the hill by gusting wind and hot gasses. A small brush fire did call the firefighters back out before they were even able to clean their truck.

At the time the property was owned by Mrs. Anna Laura Nuckolls and Mrs. Maud M. Turner who had purchased it just a couple of years earlier and were running it as a guest house. Their loss was estimated at over \$75,000. Ironically, if the fire had occurred just one week later it would have been full of Helldorado guests.

For about fifty years the Loma de Plata was a Tombstone landmark that has since disappeared not only from the hillside but from the knowledge or interest of many who study the history of the old town.

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their plates of food. Anna Joanne was too little to have her own plate, so John fed her off of his. John gave her small pieces of his turkey. She took each piece, studied it well and popped it in her mouth. It was warm and juicy. She swallowed and begged for another. Only until the pie came that she wanted her own piece. She cried until John put a fork full into her mouth. Anna Joanne chewed, swallowed and wanted more. In the end, she had virtually eaten half of his pie.

The evening wore on. After supper, John and a few of the boys played music in the corner while the rest of the people were fed. Anna and the ladies worked hard washing the last of the supper dishes and roasting pans. They separated the plates, forks and knives and placed them into the proper baskets. After that, they were able to sit down, relax and eat what was left.

"I've never worked so hard in my life!" Inez Vickers said.

"I have," Anna said. "We had a lot of socials and gatherings in Tombstone. Each one is just

as hard if not more than the one before."

"There not much fun for the ones who work it," Julia complained. "I declare, my hands are so dry and cracked, I'm going to have to put a salve on them when I get home."

Lizzie Gleeson held up her hands. "So, will I." "I don't remember a time when I have washed so many dishes all at once."

John, Thomas Vickers, and John Gleeson walked over.

"How are you ladies doing?" John Gleeson asked.

"Much better now that I can sit," Elizabeth Gleeson said.

"Me, too," Inez Vickers added. "My back is killing me."

"You ladies worked really hard this evening," John said.

"Yes, they did, and might I say, the social was a big success," Thomas said.

"We raised a lot of money," Anna said. "It will really help the school and fire fund."

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TOMBSTONE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

by Don Taylor - Tombstone City Historian

Tombstone, Arizona was not the stereotypical mining camp in the American west. It grew exponentially from the beginning. The Territorial Legislature designated the community a “city” by 1881. These pioneers did have an abundance of gambling houses and saloons, but the popular focus was on establishing and maintaining a very high level of convenience and sophistication which would reflect the wealth of silver being produced here every day. Here are some early reports from the newspapers:

The Weekly Nugget – March 18, 1880

There are now 480 places of business and private dwellings erected in this city, and 21 new buildings in process of erection, including several blocks of stores. No town on the Pacific coast is improving with the rapidity of Tombstone.

The Tombstone Epitaph – May, 1, 1880

Fresh Oysters and Salmon at Shilliam’s

Shell oysters at W. Shilliam’s, Fourth Street

Fresh Salmon by Express last evening for Shilliam’s, Fourth Street, Tombstone

Weekly Tombstone Nugget – June 10, 1880

Edison’s Speaking Phonograph, which has caused so much excitement in the eastern cities, is now on exhibition at the old Pioneer News agency, opposite the Cosmopolitan Hotel. It will be on exhibition during the day and night, for the next four days. Ladies entrance on Fifth street. It is a curiosity and should be seen by everyone.

The Tombstone Weekly Epitaph – June 12, 1880

The PHONOGRAPH!
The PHONOGRAPH!
The PHONOGRAPH!

Only a few days more before the opportunity will be lost to hear the Great Phonograph now on exhibition day and night next to Dolan’s Saloon on Allen Street.

Schieffelin Hall was built as a tribute to Ed Schieffelin, Tombstone’s founder. It was the largest opera house between El Paso, Texas and San Francisco,



The Tombstone Municipal Swimming Pool after being reopened in 1924

Courtesy of the Author

California when it was finished. Other amenities were added like an ice factory, gas companies to provide business and street lighting, and telephones were installed in 1882. The only thing lacking was a natatorium, the Territory’s first swimming pool. This extravagance would be constructed by A.J. Mitchell and Otis Pring in the spring of 1883. It was built at the north end of Fifth Street on a flat at the bottom of the hill. L.W. Blinn, the lumber magnate and resident of Tombstone, provided the building supplies on terms. The project is referred to as a “bath house” in the *Weekly Arizona Citizen*:

Arizona Weekly Citizen – June 23, 1883

A NEW ENTERPRISE

The new bath house built by A.J. Mitchell and others at a cost of several thousand dollars, is perhaps the finest thing of the kind on the Pacific coast, and something that cannot fail to be appreciated by the people of Tombstone. It is but a few blocks from the center of the town on the north side. The building is 80 by 125 feet in size, and is built on the side of the hill, which affords the most perfect system of letting in and drawing off the water, which is furnished by the Huachuca Water company. On the inside of the building is constructed an immense reservoir or bath, as it is called, 110 by 60 feet in size. This bath is about three feet deep at the upper end and descends (the bottom) on an incline of forty feet, at the rate of about one foot in ten. At this point the bottom drops down six feet and extends on to the lower end

a distance of twenty feet further, making a grand plunge bath 40 by 20 feet and 14 feet deep. It will thus be seen from the formation of the bath that there is both shallow and deep water, so that those who cannot swim can occupy the shallow water at the upper end, while those more advance in the art, can take a plunge into the deep water below. There are sixteen dressing rooms – eight on each side, with a good board floor ten feet wide all around the reservoir, and a place where refreshments and mild drinks may be had at the bar neatly fitted up at the upper end. The reservoir is built of solid masonry and overlaid with cement with an escape at the bottom of the plunge bath at the lower end. The building is of wood partially covered with shingles, and the balance – the center – with canvas, in order to give plenty of light and yet keep out the rays of the sun. It was to have been opened on the Sunday following the date of this letter.

One item to note is the use of cement to seal the masonry construction. Many historic architects will say cement didn’t come into use in the west until the late 1890s. It was use frequently in Tombstone in the 1880s.

George Parsons was a Tombstone pioneer who kept a diary every day of his adult life. He didn’t find great wealth or fame in Tombstone, but he has given us a first-hand account of those early years. He attended the opening day of the “natatorium.”

Tuesday, June 19, 1883: Very hot day. Was greatly worried today about the water supply. It’s getting frightfully low. Hoped ardently for rain, but clouds are not sufficiently heavy yet.

Swimming tank or natatorium inaugurated today by Mitchell and Pring. Milton and I tried it, Harry too. Very exhausting. Octoroon tonight and I went in late and took Mrs. Walker home.

During the Victorian period, it was accepted that women were to be seen and not heard. That view was never applicable in Tombstone during those years. Women were prominent in business, politics and society. Soon after opening, it was determined that a day would be dedicated to allow women to use the pool and men were not allowed near the facility on those days. George Berry, an attorney and family man was chosen to be the lifeguard for women’s day at the pool.

Neither Mitchell nor Pring were good businessmen. Despite the popularity of the bath house and pool, they defaulted on their debt to L.W. Blinn. Parsons had other dealings with Blinn and mentioned the potential default in his diary.

Tuesday, April 21, 1885: Blinn offered me charge of swimming bath house this summer if he takes hold, as he probably will. Will go for any and everything now. Hope Cal business will carry me out of this before many months.

Between the national economic recession issues and the volatility of the silver market, the Tombstone bath house/ municipal pool would not reopen. It was abandoned. Parsons would leave Tombstone in January of 1887 for Southern California. Blinn remained in Tombstone, but did not chose to revisit this property as a business enterprise.

Tombstone’s first mining boom would end in 1889 after the Cornish pumps implemented by The Grand Central and Contention mines failed. One pump broke, the other burned and then the mines flooded. It would be eleven years before any interest in the Tombstone Hills would be generated again. In 1902 E.B. Gage returned to Tombstone after selling his gold mine in Congress, Arizona. This mining period would last until 1923. Frederick Bechdolt, a magazine writer, visited Tombstone in 1919 and his articles were published in The Saturday Evening Post through 1921. This created new interest in tourism for Tombstone.

Local businessmen formed The Luncheon Club in 1924 with the goal of making Tombstone

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The Winning Half of Herring & Herring

Sarah Inslee Herring Sorin

by Karen Mazzeo

Whoever said women are frail certainly never met Arizona's first woman attorney, Sarah Inslee Herring. Strong, bold and confident she exhibited a presence unlike any other in the courtroom. Persuasive and convincing no one dare cross her path as she could undeniably, "hold her own with the ablest members of the Arizona's bar." When she defended a client against the federal government her opening statement was a, "complete and mastery argument ... which in the end brought a victory for the defendant." An icon in Arizona she was by far incomparable to any lawyer in the United States.

Born on January 15, 1861 in Fremont Town of West Farms, Westchester County, New York, she was the daughter of Mary Inslee and well known lawyer Colonel William Herring. An extremely bright and scholarly young lady, she was the eldest of five children who included Howard, Bertha, Henrietta and Mary. Each day Sarah walked to the little red school house where she spent countless hours reading, working figures and reciting lessons in front of her teacher. She did well in school and, when she was old enough, took the teacher's examinations and passed with flying colors.

In 1876, her father moved to Arizona Territory to settle some legal matters regarding the death of his brother Marcus, a copper mining man who was living in Bisbee. Four years later in 1880, he sent for the family with the exception of Sarah and her brother Howard who remained in New York. Sarah continued teaching for two more years while her brother Howard finished high school. After Howard's studies were completed, they took the train to Tombstone in 1882, arriving just a few months after the OK Corral shootout. It was a very dangerous time for the family as her father was defending Wyatt Earp at the murder trial at the courthouse in town. Under the protection of armed guards, he was said to have worn his guns wherever he went.

Although known for its occasional "hellish" reputation, Sarah liked Tombstone very much. Full of European immigrants that brought much of their culture to America, the little western mining town had much to offer. There were

markets that carried only the best cut of meat and imported cheese, restaurants with delectable food served upon fine white table cloths and porcelain dinnerware, convenient laundry facilities, spotless boarding houses and the latest fashions from the east. A town of several thousand people, it definitely had anything anyone could ask for including its many brothels and saloons that well bred and respectable lady including Sarah distanced themselves from. But other than that, Tombstone was a wonderful place to live; a town where its citizens cared and looked after one another.

Sarah took a job as a teacher in the local school in town and for the next nine years she taught her little first graders who were funny, adorable and eager to learn. Sarah loved music and on the second floor of the school house there was a piano where she played and taught her little ones how to sing. It was a pleasure to spend her days with the children. Well liked and respected by everyone, she was an excellent teacher, school librarian as well as principal. Acting above and beyond the call of duty she educated each and every one of her students with patience, kindness and passion. Education was important and she wanted to insure that everyone benefited from the opportunity and love for learning.



Eight months later in November of 1891 her life drastically changed after her only brother Howard died during a dental procedure at the office of Dr. Warnekros. After administering cocaine into Howard's gums during a tooth extraction he went into spasms and collapsed. The news of his unfortunate death soon spread all over Arizona Territory as his story was printed in every paper from Tombstone to Phoenix. Howard who had earned his law degree had been working with his father in town but now with his seat empty Sarah took her place alongside her father. She resigned her position as teacher and applied to practice law that November. Taking her examination at the courthouse in the presence of family, friends and attorneys C.S. Clark, William Barnes and Allen English it was not surprising that she, "answered all questions propounded in an intelligent manner, and was warmly congratulated by the members of the bar." With her new found success she applied to NYU and in September of 1893 left Tombstone. Graduating a year later Sarah was ranked fourth in a class of 86 students. She returned home where she took her much earned place in the firm of Herring and Herring on Toughnut Street.

Unfortunately by the late 1890's, Tombstone was in a rapid decline. The silver boom had

all but ended leaving the town devoid of the economic stability it once had thrived on. As people began leaving in droves the fear that Tombstone would suffer the same fate as many mining towns in Arizona Territory compelled her father to relocate. So in 1896, the Herring family moved to Tucson. They were aided by a rancher from Pearce named Thomas Sorin who, while moving the family, took an immediate liking to Sarah. What was not to like? With blonde hair, blue eyes and brains to match she was the epitome of the perfect woman. They got along famously and two years later on July 22, 1898 they were married. Sarah and Thomas however did not have the typical marriage that many did. Theirs was more of a long distance relationship as Sarah spent her week in Tucson working with her father while Thomas attended to his mining operations. A slight inconvenience, it was a relationship that worked well. They met on the ranch on weekends and enjoyed their time together until the mad rush of Monday morning and the beginning of another busy week.

In 1904, Sarah and her father defended a client who was being sued by the federal government in a \$200,000 timber suit. Sarah made the opening speech followed by representatives for the government and lastly her father. After court adjourned an Irishman who had been in the courtroom walked up to her father and said, "That was an illigant speech yez made, but there was no need for yez to have said a wurrud after Miss Sarah spoke."

In 1906, everyone in Arizona Territory was a buzz when on April 16, Sarah was the twenty-fifth woman admitted to practice, "in the Supreme Court of the United States." A high and distinguished honor, she continued to work on case after case with strength and confidence. No one could out speak Sarah. She was well prepared and tackled each litigation in the most professional manner.

Sarah's father was emphatically proud of his daughter and continued to support her. After his death in July of 1912, she moved the law firm from Tucson to Globe so she could be closer to Thomas and the Sorin ranch. In November of 1913, she headed to the Supreme Court of Washington D.C. where she defended the interests of the

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appealing for visitors. One of the first items was a swimming pool. For over forty years debris, mud and rocks had washed down into the original “natatorium.” On June 27, 1924 the group announced its plan and the Tombstone Epitaph covered it on the front page:

LUNCHEON CLUB STARTS BALL ROLLING

Getting squaring behind the community Swimming pool and bringing the movement to a successful conclusion, the Tombstone Luncheon Club recently formed, scored its first victory to make Tombstone a better place in which to live. . . . The swimming pool question was next presented by H.D. Palmer, who reported the progress already made, with the result that the Club went unanimously on record in support of the movement and appointed a committee to meet with the City Council to see what could be done. A report of this appears in another column.

. . . Nearly 60 local business and professional men of the city attended Tuesday’s meeting, which was held at the Can Can Café.

SWIMMING POOL WILL SOON BE A REALITY

A first-class swimming pool for Tombstone will be a reality within the course of two weeks. This week, backed by the Luncheon Club, the City Council took steps to clean out and repair the old swimming pool at the north end of Fifth Street, which has lain idle for over 40 years.

Although the move to clean out the pool, which was filled was an estimated 300 tons of dirt washed in by floods for nearly a half century, was started last week by a few willing workers, but little or no progress was possible, due to the lack of funds.

At Tuesday’s meeting of the Luncheon Club, H.D. Palmer and A. M. Morris, who have been two of the leading factors for reconstruction of the pool, laid the matter before the members of the Club, asking co-operation. The Club went strongly on record in favor of the pool and appointed a committee to meet with the City Council in an effort to secure support.

A special meeting of the Council was called that night by Mayor Ivey, and the committee, composed of H.D. Palmer, A. H. Gardner, L.G. Fahnestock, J.F. Ross and C.L. Giragi, presented the plan to the Council, with the result that the Council instructed Street Superintendent Porter McDonald to investigate at once the possibility of repairing the pool and report back at the next regular meeting of the council in July.

Wednesday morning Mr. McDonald started with a crew of men and work of cleaning out the pool is well under way. By the time the council meets again the fill will have been removed and necessary repairs will have been estimated.

At Tuesday night’s meeting the council, following threshing out of the legal phase of the matter, announced themselves in favor of

setting aside a park to embrace the pool site. Petitions necessary are being prepared and will be circulated for presentation to the mayor and council at their next meeting when final action will be taken.

Mayor J. A. Ivey and Councilman R. V. Saunders, R.B. Krebs and R.J. Cornelius all expressed themselves in favor of the park plan.

U.S. Highway 80, “The Broadway of the Americas,” would open in 1926; Walter Noble Burns would publish “Tombstone: An Iliad of the Southwest” in 1927; William Breakenridge, former Deputy Sheriff of Cochise County under John Behan, published “Helldorado: Bringing Law to the Mesquite” in 1928 and in 1929 William Kelly, the owner and editor of The Tombstone Epitaph, developed an event to celebrate Tombstone’s 50th birthday, and called it “Helldorado.” Tourism was born and Tombstone has worked diligently to ensure visitors enjoy our history and the city we live in today.

Arizona’s first swimming pool has been a source of pride for Tombstone for the last 100 years. City officials have struggled at times to meet all of the health, safety and liability requirements to keep the pool open, but they have always met the challenge. Mitchell’s and Pring’s lavish brainchild has provided countless hours for generations of Tombstone families. The Tombstone Municipal Swimming Pool is not just an attraction and it is a legacy. ♥

Herring & Herring from page 7

United Globe Mines, a corporation where she was general counsel. The suit involved a man named James Work who alleged that two claims owned by the United Globe Mines belonged to him. Without the aid of a male attorney present, attorney Sarah Sorin from that moment on secured her place, “in national legal history.” Newspapers all over the country which included the New York Times recognized the feat this woman lawyer had accomplished; in the Women’s Lawyer Journal Sarah’s, “argument was one of the most brilliant ever presented to that court by a woman.”

In January of 1914 Sarah returned to Tombstone in order to settle some matters regarding her father’s estate. In April she was transported to the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Thomas remained by her side until her death four days later on April 30, 1914. She was only 53 years old.

In an era dominated by men, Sarah Herring Sorin accomplished what few women in the late 1890’s were able to achieve. A legacy in Arizona, she was admitted in 1985 to the Arizona’s Women’s Hall of Fame and in 1999, the “Arizona Women Lawyers Association created an annual Sarah Sorin Award.” From a Tombstone teacher to notable attorney Sarah was undeniably the winning half of Herring and Herring. I guess it’s true in saying there’s no limit to what a human being can achieve in their lifetime. ☞

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DAY TRIP FROM TOMBSTONE

↻ Faraway Ranch Tour ↻

by Janice

A few times a year the opportunity to walk through one of Cochise County's treasured homes occurs, and we didn't want to miss the chance to see the home, turned guest lodge, turned museum at the base of the Chiricahua Memorial known as Faraway Ranch. And with the summer's heat approaching, a drive into the mountain's cooler air makes an excellent day trip this month.

We have often stopped at the Faraway Ranch grounds and immersed ourselves in the remains of stables, stalls, and other out buildings; always imagining what life would have been like for the family that once called this legendary place home. Among the buildings that occupy this piece of ranch land is a large two-story home painted in hues of desert pink and topped with a Forest Service green roof that housed not only a growing family, but also, eventually, travelers from all over the world in search of a guest

ranch with the flair for the west while immersed in incomparable scenery.

The Faraway Ranch is more than a destination; it is a lesson in history that spans over 125 years. A history that began in Sweden, developed in Cochise County, and ended with a gift to all of us who now can visit this homestead nestled in the lushness of Bonita Canyon.

The year was 1881 and Swedish immigrant Neil Erickson found himself stationed at nearby Fort Bowie during the famous Geronimo campaigns. Far from his homeland and immersed in a dry desert life so unfamiliar to him, it was a delight to meet up with a fellow Swedish settler, Emma Peterson whose westward journey brought her to Fort Bowie where she opened the Fort Bowie Hotel and eventually became his wife.

Enjoying outings from the fort, Emma would find herself picnicking at what would



The Faraway Ranch House nestled at the base of the Chiricahua Mountains
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eventually be her home in Bonita Canyon. She was sure that this was the perfect place to live. Surrounded by tall trees, greenery, and plenty of water, she happily bought an old log cabin from a nearby rancher. She and Neil got married shortly after in 1887. This cabin was their first home, where they filled the space with love and dreams for their future.

Neil applied for a homestead permit and within the allotted time received a title for up to 160 acres of land. They cultivated a vegetable garden, planted an orchard, and even started a small herd of cattle.

The family needed more space as it grew, so they expanded the cabin between 1888 and 1890, building a strong rock room for defense.

The ranch house that stands today was built in two different phases as the need arose for expansions. The two-story board and batten house was built in the late 1890s with lumber readily available from the sawmill located in nearby Pinery Canyon. Neil noticed the traditional adobe brick building techniques in the southwest and decided to use this tradition to build his later additions with adobe bricks. The

home we see today on the tour has been constructed from a mixture of the original cabin, the addition of his protective rock room, lumber harvested from the nearby mountains, and sturdy adobe bricks.

Neil and Emma had three children, Lillian, Ben and Hildegard and as the years evaporated, the elder Ericksons were transferred to northern Arizona with the U.S. Forest Service and the children, now in their twenties, took over running the ranch. By 1917, the ranch took on a new enterprise which included offering meals and lodging for weekend guests, eventually becoming the foundation for the one-of-a-kind guest ranch which would introduce many people from all over to this spectacularly scenic "Wonderland of Rocks" where trails were blazed, and horseback riders were enchanted with scenery beyond compare.

Lillian, along with her husband, Ed Riggs, who also grew up in these mountains, became the caretakers of Faraway Ranch until Ed's passing in 1950, leaving Lillian, who by 1942, had become totally blind and with diminished hearing, to take responsibility for the running of the guest ranch until 1970, when she started to phase out the guest ranch operations.

Until then, it was under Lillian and Ed Rigg's administration that the Faraway Ranch operation eventually included a spacious central lodge, a bunk house for the cowboys, guest lodges, an ample dining room to serve the meals,

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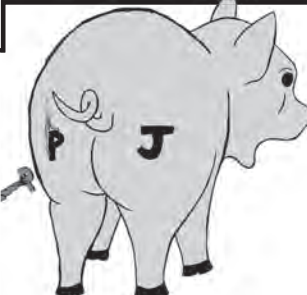
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many saddle horses for pack trips into the Chiricahua Mountains and even a swimming pool. Ed was a capable photographer, and he knew that those captured images would sell this place, for nothing could compare with their sculpted hoodoos appearing to march down the hillside and tall spires reaching towards the sky. But more than that, his efforts, or actually all of their efforts, eventually led President Calvin Coolidge to sign the proclamation establishing the Chiricahua National Monument in April 1924.

And it is this history, brief as I may have detailed it here, that has led to what we saw that day as we were treated to a guided tour of the inside of the home, the guest ranch and the private life of the family whose heritage clings to the walls inside this historic dwelling.

Our guide met us just outside the house and related to us his interpretation of the history that waits inside these desert pink walls. A fence secured atop a short rock wall surrounds the property where once children would have played, dogs would have scampered and guests would have enjoyed the evening's cool breezes while taking in the stunning views. The volunteer then directs us towards the house and offers us snippets of the home's history that are visible from the outside, including that swimming pool once thought to be an asset in this country but proving to be not as expected; standing empty of water but holding many a memory.

Next our guide unlocks the door that will take you back in time. We enter the kitchen and by all appearances, the homeowners

have just left. Biscuits in the oven, pies upon the table, and ham and potatoes ready to be prepared for the next supper. This nostalgic kitchen, complete with replica foods and all the utensils one would find in a ranch house kitchen, was a perfect representation of life inside this home. Here our guide offers us more of the home's history and explains the different time frames in which each of the then-new modern conveniences would have been added. He even pointed out the kitchen table where the young Erickson children would have held on to as they learned to walk brought vivid images of a family's home.

Next we are shown the rock room constructed allegedly to secure the family from any hostile attacks. Today this room houses many of the home's artifacts such as butter churns and an old milk separator.

The elongated dining room holds two large tables where guests would have been treated to hearty ranch breakfasts and delectable evening suppers. This room is also adorned with replica items of food and drinks that would have been served upon these tables. But one of the more intriguing and also historic items in this room is the brick fireplace. This is not just any ordinary brick fireplace, for it, amazingly so, holds a history related to a president's passing. The bricks that make up this piece were gathered not far from this ranch property. In 1885-1886, an encampment of Buffalo Soldiers were sent to Bonita Canyon to thwart the Chiricahua Apaches attempts to use the local water source, as well as guard the mail coming through, and protect the settlers and their livestock. It was while stationed here in Bonita Canyon that the regiment of black soldiers known as Buffalo Soldiers built a stone monument to the late President James Garfield, inscribing it with the memories of these black soldiers who served under him. After the troops departed when Geronimo surrendered in 1886, the stones

in this monument began to disappear, carried away by local residents, at least until Ed Riggs transported the remaining stones to the ranch house and built the fireplace that resides in this dining hall today. Names, dates and moments in history all recorded by soldiers grieving the passing of a beloved president. Today, it is a sight to behold as we realized the history encompassed within the bricks that served to warm the room.

The living area is furnished with pieces ordered and delivered from mail order catalogs. Even the large columns that occupy the room that afforded a sense of grandeur were obtained from catalogs so popular in that day.

A bedroom where Lillian spent her last years is on the first floor. Inside this room are items from her life, including the quilt on her bed - a treasured piece of art, indeed! This is the only bedroom on this floor with the others being at the top of a very narrow and well-worn winding staircase that is situated behind one of the closed doors. This part of the house was not part of the tour but can be seen from the outside while peering into the windows from the upstairs balcony.

Lillian was quite a woman. Her Swedish roots, along with her passion for the canyon she called home, kept her going through the many years she spent both blind and deaf. She had always kept a journal and when her sight left she taught herself to use a typewriter in order to continue with her journaling. She managed to learn Braille and even had playing cards fashioned with Braille dots, so she could continue with that pastime she enjoyed so much. Her life filled this house with many moments of joy and pleasure. She left an indelible mark on the history of this canyon, this ranch and especially this home. Her spirit can be felt throughout. Her presence will forever be among the Wonderland of Rocks!

The ranger-led house tours will take place each Saturday at

10:00 am and they last about 45 minutes. And each Saturday from 11:00 - 2:00 pm the Faraway Ranch house and exhibit building will be open for self-guided tours. A park ranger will be on site for more information. This schedule will last until August 29, 2024 for the season. You can obtain more information at their website www.nps.gov/chir or by calling (520) 824-3560.

While there, take the 8-mile drive up to the end of the road where sights from Massai Point can be observed, taking your breath away. Take a moment to realize and contemplate just how far away this place is. While researching this article, I was amazed to learn that Neil and Emma Erickson had no idea that within a few short miles, there was a bounty of beauty of volcanic rhyolite formations. In fact, it actually took about 40 years before Ed and Lillian Riggs, the caretakers of the ranch, ventured far enough away to witness the treasured landscape that enveloped them and then made it their mission to make the sculpted formations of the newly-found landscape accessible to visitors. It was through their efforts and eventually the CCC that horse trails were built up into the canyons along the best routes possible to the most spectacular views around. The guests at this ranch were eventually treated to horseback tours of what Lillian called the "Wonderland of Rocks."

After Lillian's death in 1977, the property passed to her brother Ben Erickson and her sister Hildegard Hutchinson. They sold the homestead land and buildings to the National Park Service in 1978, and today, thankfully, they have been preserved so that day trips such as this one can be enjoyed by all who visit Faraway Ranch in Bonita Canyon amongst the Wonderland of Rocks in the Chiricahua Memorial.

It may be Faraway, but not that far from Tombstone - about 80 miles and an hour and a half drive! You just gotta go! 🐾

THE IRONY HORSE

by Dusty Carr

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall

He also had a pretty good summer!

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SAY WHAT?

SHORT ROUNDS

by JERRY ATRICK

I try to not tell Dad Jokes...
...but when I do he thinks they're mighty funny.

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The Redundo Twins

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By Jan First

What was a more useful invention than the first telephone?

The second telephone!

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Dude! Wher'ya been? We missed yuh at lunch!

Well... I finally got the nerve up today and went for a ride!

Horseback?

Yes, indeed.... he got back an hour ago!

SMITH & WATSON

by Randy

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Death in the Dentist Chair from page 1

splashing water on his patient in a vain attempt to halt the disastrous turn of events. After a few frantic moments, the dentist abandoned his futile efforts and quickly ran to the nearby apartment of a friend to summon help. Within two minutes Dr. Isaac Hamilton was located and on the scene. Warnekros then sent a messenger to the Herring house to alert the family of the developing tragedy. A moment later, another doctor was at the office trying to, "...bring back a spark of life to the inanimate body," however it was too late. By the time members of the Herring family began arriving, the pride of the family was gone.

News of the tragedy spread like wildfire through the community. The Tombstone Prospector noted, "a gloom fell over the community." Hundreds attended the funeral, held in the city cemetery. As the paper noted, "...at the grave, the broken-hearted father, mother, and sisters of the boy they loved, told a story of suffering which words could not portray." Howard Herring, the future of a prominent family, a promising attorney, well liked by everybody, died at the age of twenty-seven.

The tragic death of Howard Herring had far-reaching consequences. Paul Warnekros was immediately arrested, posted bail and, according to some newspaper accounts, fled to Mexico until the grand jury investigation was over. He was never brought to trial for Howard's death. The event, however, effectively ended his dental career. Warnekros

managed to rebuild some of his damaged reputation, stayed in Tombstone for several more years, then retired to California.

By far, the most substantial development the death had was the profound impact on Howard's older sister, Sarah. With his only son dead, William had not only lost a family member but also a trusted business partner. This fact was not lost on Sarah who, partly to ease her father's suffering, gave up a promising career as a teacher to aide in the running of Herring & Herring. As noted in the 1896 HISTORY OF ARIZONA, Sarah "trained herself by arduous, patient study" and passed the bar only a year after her brother's death. In 1893, she became the first woman to practice before the Arizona Supreme Court and, in 1913, became the first women ever to argue a case unassisted by male counsel before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1922, some thirty years after Howard Herring's death, another sister, Bertha, visited his grave in Tombstone. While there, she oversaw the installation of a permanent stone to mark the grave. It simply read: Howard Ford Herring, July 18, 1864 – Nov. 1, 1891

In an amazing bit of irony, on the very day Bertha stood in the cemetery watching the new stone to memorialize her beloved brother being installed, the man who accidentally killed him all those many years ago died. ☹️

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