

THE MESILLA FILES

CASE FILE NO. 5

The Enclosure

Case Number: MF-005

Classification: Top Priority Investigation

Status: Active

First Recorded: Estimated Late 1800s

Current Investigator: Dylan Carrillo

TRC Reference: CF-005

CASE SUMMARY

Throughout the archives of **The Mesilla Files**, one location appears more often than any other.

It is known simply as...

The Enclosure.

Descriptions differ dramatically, yet they all agree on one remarkable point:

The Enclosure exists somewhere beyond the Old Desert.

Whether it is a hidden settlement, an isolated civilization, another world, or simply an enduring legend remains unknown.

No verified map has ever identified its location.

WHAT IS THE ENCLOSURE?

According to historical accounts, the Enclosure is a small community surrounded by an immense and unforgiving wilderness known as the Old Desert.

The people who supposedly live there rarely leave.

Those who do seldom speak about it.

Many accounts suggest reaching the Enclosure requires passing through what later became known as **the Mesilla Veil**.

No modern expedition has verified these claims.

WHAT WE KNOW

Researchers have identified several recurring details.

- The Enclosure is described as a protected settlement.
- It is surrounded by the Old Desert.
- Travel outside its boundaries is considered dangerous.
- The Scorpion King is frequently mentioned in connection with the surrounding desert.
- Several journals imply the residents possess knowledge long forgotten by the modern world.
- Time itself may behave differently there, though no evidence has confirmed this.

The consistency of these descriptions across generations continues to intrigue investigators.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

1899

Father Miguel Serrano recorded conversations with a traveler who claimed to have "seen lights beyond the desert where no settlement should exist."

1936

Sheriff Tomas Ortega wrote:

"Several witnesses described a place protected by walls not built of stone."

No additional explanation accompanied the note.

1955

Howard H. Hunter became the first researcher to use the name **The Enclosure** in his field journals.

He believed it represented an actual location rather than a symbolic concept.

1968

Theodore Ray Mercer interviewed ranchers and prospectors who independently described hearing stories of "a town no map has ever shown."

Present Day

Dr. Thadius Malone proposes the Enclosure may represent a place that exists under conditions not normally experienced in everyday reality, though he emphasizes that this remains speculative.

THEORIES

Current working theories include:

- A forgotten settlement hidden within the Chihuahuan Desert.
- A military installation disguised through local folklore.
- A symbolic destination used in oral tradition.
- A community isolated for generations.
- A location accessible only under unusual circumstances.
- A place connected to the Mesilla Veil.
- An entirely fictional creation that became accepted as history.

At present, no theory has been verified.

RELATED CASES

The Enclosure appears connected to several ongoing investigations.

- **Case File No. 1 – The Mark on the Wrist**
 - **Case File No. 2 – Symbols in the Sand**
 - **Case File No. 3 – The Mesilla Veil**
 - **Case File No. 4 – The Lost Expedition of Captain Elias Voss**
 - The Old Desert
 - The Scorpion King
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PERSONS OF INTEREST

- Captain Elias Voss
 - Father Miguel Serrano
 - Sheriff Tomas Ortega
 - Howard H. Hunter
 - Theodore Ray Mercer
 - Dr. Thadius Malone
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Each documented references to the Enclosure while investigating separate mysteries.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION

The TRC Research Center is comparing more than a century of journals, maps, interviews, and field reports in an effort to answer several key questions:

- Does the Enclosure represent a real geographic location?
- Why do descriptions remain remarkably consistent despite being recorded decades apart?
- Is it connected to the Mesilla Veil?
- Why do references to Captain Elias Voss almost always appear alongside mentions of the Enclosure?
- What lies beyond its boundaries in the Old Desert?

At this time, none of these questions can be answered with certainty.

DYLAN'S NOTES

"If you asked me which mystery fascinates me the most, I'd probably say the Enclosure. Every major investigation eventually seems to point back to it. Some records describe it as a place of safety. Others suggest it's a prison of sorts, surrounded by dangers few survive. Whether it's real or simply a story that's grown over generations, I can't ignore how often it appears in the archives. That's enough to keep me searching."

— Dylan Carrillo

CASE STATUS

OPEN

The TRC Research Center is seeking historical maps, journals, photographs, family stories, or firsthand accounts that may reference the Enclosure or unexplained settlements in the deserts of southern New Mexico.

Every submission is carefully reviewed, cataloged, and preserved for future investigation.

TRC Research Center

Collect Everything. Verify What You Can. Question Everything Else.

The records have been preserved. The investigation continues.