

# FREMONT STREET MAIL



**March 8, 2022**

## **Roundup Foreman's Trumpet**

**Liz Severn**

On Thursday April 7, 2022: **Nancy Sosa** will speak on notorious *Brunckow Cabin*, reputed to be the “bloodiest cabin in Arizona.” Mining engineer Frederick Brunckow and his associates were murdered there by their Mexican laborers. Other murders followed. The public is welcomed to this free event. There will be an optional no host pre-meeting **dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant** on Allen Street. Nancy will be available to sign her book.



May 5, 2022: Jan Cleere will speak on Legends of the Past: Arizona Women Who Made History. She'll be available to sign her several books.

June 2, 2022: Mike Mihaljevich will speak on The Photos of Charleton Watkins.

July 7, 2022: Bill Cavaliere will speak on The Early Settlers: A Colorful Past.

August 4, 2022: Matt Greenway will speak on Empire Ranch.

September 1, 2022: Jon Donahue will speak on Frederick Remington, Artist of the True West.

## **Recorder of Marks and Brands**

**Gary Smith**

**Pre-meeting dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Longhorn.**

**Dues are due. \$20 for 2022.** Those who don't pay will be dropped in April.

David Grassé joined the Corral and will submit his book on Chacón for the Co-Founders Award.

Doug Hocking will submit his article on Faro and Monte for the “Coke” Wood Award.

No one was interested in submitting for the Philip A. Danielson Award for best presentation.

Bill Cavaliere's poem will be submitted for the Fred Olds Cowboy Poetry Award.

**How the Chips Fall**  
**Charlie Eyster**

As of February 3, 2022:

Accounts have been reconciled.

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

80 Ranch Hands

We have in Checking - \$1,208.05

We have in Savings - \$1014.73

February Expenses: \$30.28

February Income: \$170.25

**Trail Boss's Whip**  
**Iлона Smerekanich**

**Trail Ride to Slaughter Ranch, April 23.**

SADDLE UP for an April 23rd Trail Ride to the John Slaughter Ranch, Bring a brown bag for a picnic lunch. Meet at the Schieffelin Hall parking lot, departing at 10:00 A.M. for the ranch.. It's about a (2) hour drive. As always, carry water and wear comfortable shoes.

**Amerind and Fulton House Tour:** June 25th (Saturday). (2) tours, 10:30 A.M. and 12 noon. 20 people maximum, 10 people per tour. The tour includes the Fulton House and the Museum. Amerind members are free, adults \$12, seniors \$10. We have the option of a brown bag lunch at the picnic grounds, 2:00 P.M. One group of 10 will visit the Fulton House while the other visits the museums of art and history.

I'm working on a repeat visit to Mescal in October or November.

**Sheriff's Star**  
**Doug Hocking**

My feelings are a little hurt. Not to worry, I can't afford to dwell on it as sheriff. I had asked the Posse to look at the *Border Vidette* and suggest articles that we might submit for the "Coke" Wood Award for Best Article, and someone said: "Well, you wrote most of them . . ." I'm sure they meant well, but here's the problem.

Lots of excellent authors have written for the *Border Vidette*. I've been using my connections to get them to submit articles. I hope someone besides me is reading them. Please do read them. We have had articles by nationally recognized and renowned authors and subject matter experts. They deserve some recognition from us.

He was of course referring to the *Fremont Street Mail* and unfortunately was correct that I've been doing most of the writing. Each member of the Posse has a spot that they ought to be writing. This, the Sheriff's Star, is mine. I'd be happy if it were the only thing I was writing. I invite all Ranch Hands and all the members of the Posse to submit material to the various departments. This isn't meant to be closed. This is an Open Door. The cut off each month is the day of the Campfire, the first Thursday of the Month. Word.doc preferred and .jpg.

I published an article in the *Border Vidette* by an English author (yes, we are known around the world). My personal feeling was that he was mistaken on certain items. I was told that I shouldn't have published it. It is important that we did and here's why.

Years ago, as a Research Assistant for a well-known Professor, I had to answer Peer Review issues on the articles he had

submitted for publication. When one submits to an academic journal or university press, their material is sent to other experts in the field for comment as to things that need correcting and whether it was worthy of publication. This is peer review. All of the comments that I saw were to the effect that “this doesn’t support my thesis.” In other words, the process was being used to suppress new ideas and to suppress academic freedom.

The policy of the *Border Vidette*, until the Corral says otherwise or appoints a new Ink Slinger, is to accept all reasoned arguments. We will publish reasoned rebuttals as well. I would like to see someone write a rebuttal to the arguments in the article mentioned which I think was mistaken on several points. I would submit the rebuttal to the original author for additional comments and publish both. I cannot do it myself as I feel that would be abusing my position as editor.

### Deep Thoughts on History

There are different kinds of history writing. Some write popular history interpreting the work of more rigorous historians for a wider audience. This can be very good introducing the public to our history. It requires good writing skills and is often the realm of newspaper writers with relaxed research habits. Unfortunately, we often find errors repeated and enhanced as the new writer misunderstands what was written or unintentionally embellishes by making assumptions based in anachronisms. Part of learning to interpret the past is learning a period – its roads, its towns, its customs, its dress, its economics, and its technology.

Doing more serious history, one takes it upon himself to be the highest authority on the subject. Repeating the work of others implies that you have researched their work, looked

at their sources and reviewed their logic. The historian is saying that he has investigated their work and vouches for its accuracy. The historian should not “take it on faith” because the other is “an authority.” The only time one really wants to quote from a secondary source is when the earlier researcher has brilliantly expressed an interpretation or has had access to sources that cannot at present be reviewed.

Even the best historians will make errors. An anachronism will slip in, as will the occasional logical error. Both happen to all historians. Therefore we go back to primary sources reviewing their logic and interpretation.

One of our Corral Ranch Hands, Gerald Ahnert, is currently challenging an established historian, an historian who is “the expert” on the 1862 Confederate invasion of Arizona. Before his work we knew little. Before he wrote in 1995, the rock cairns at Dragoon Springs were understood to be graves of three Overland Mail employees and of Union soldiers who had garrisoned the old station during the Civil War. With the release of his 1995 history, it was written that four Confederate soldiers killed in an 1862 fight with Apaches were buried here. Overland Mail employees buried here were forgotten as the Sons of the Confederate Veterans turned the station and its graves into a shrine to Confederate war dead.

Ranch Hand Ahnert has tracked down the historian’s sources and discovered that he misquoted them. The sources say that three Confederate soldiers were killed in a fight at the mouth of the canyon near Dragoon Springs. The historian had misquoted the source writing “four” and “buried” instead of three and killed. It’s an important distinction because it overlooks the three Overland Mail employees, we already knew were buried there in two graves.

(Why two graves? The third wasn't dead yet when they buried the other two, or the three would have shared one grave.)

Mr. Ahnert has gone on to find additional sources that show that Donaldson, one of those assumed to have been buried there, was slain by Apaches the day prior miles to the west of Tucson many miles from Dragoon Springs.

I think the historian saw four graves, and not knowing about the Overland Mail murders, misremembered his sources turning three into four and "killed near" into buried at. It happens to the best of us. The heroes we know to be buried there are forgotten supplanted by others. It would be nice to remember those that died tying our nation together with transcontinental mail service.

### Blast from the Past

*This is the incident that led to the dissolution of Cochise's Chiricahua Reservation, which became Cochise County.*

*Arizona Weekly Citizen, 15 April 1876*

"The Chiricahua Outbreak"

Saturday, April 15 [so events unfold Monday, 10 April]

The Apache Fiends Loose - The Culmination of a Foul Wrong - Innocent Settlers Murdered and Pillaged - Necessity for short and Sharp Work

The people of Tucson and all southern Arizona were rudely awakened from the pleasant dream of peace, in which they have been indulging for more than three years past, by the receipt of news last Monday morning

that a band of Chiricahua Apaches had left their reservation, had already murdered several settlers and were marching toward the San Pedro settlements. Knowing from past bitter experience the dare-devil and blood-thirsty nature of the Cachise Apaches it was no wonder that this news sent a thrill of horror through every heart in Tucson. The news flew like wild-fire. Those who had friends or relatives in exposed localities in the threatened region, being the most interested, were the most excited. Mr. Samuel Hughes who has had his family at Camp Crittenden for some time on account of their health, lost no time in making ready to go to their rescue and bring them away from danger. He first put a messenger on a horse and sent him to Crittenden to warn those there, and then to go farther down the valley toward the Huachuca mountains to apprise he settlers of their danger.

As the news of the outbreak settled down to reliability the order of bloody occurrences appeared thus: A Mr. Spence, who had been for some time in the employ of N.M. Rogers at Sulphur Springs, some 26 miles west of the Chiricahua Agency, was at the agency on business and left there for Sulphur Springs on Friday morning, April 7. On the night of the same day, shortly after midnight, an Indian arrived at the agency bringing the intelligence that both Rogers and Spence had been murdered at Sulphur Springs station by two Indians, - Pi-on-se-na and his nephew, name unknown. As we get the account, it says "the Indians were crazed with whiskey and Pin-on-se-na had just before this last outrage killed two of his sisters." An hour or so after the arrival of the Indian, Mr. Brosler, who had just gone down to Sulphur Springs to see Mr. Rogers, arrived and corroborated the sad news. He found the body of Rogers outside of the house. Subsequent developments led to the conclusion that at the time of the killing Rogers and Spence were sitting out in front

of the house, The Indians rode up and fired upon them, instantly killing Rogers, where he sat. Mr. Spence managed to get inside the house and secure a Henry rifle, but before he could use it he was a dead man.

At the first it was supposed at the Agency that only a small band of the Indians were on the war-path, but this was either a mistaken idea or the insurrection spread like a contagion, soon embracing all the Indians on the reservation, except a chief known as Towza, or Kah-Cheez, a son of old Cachise, and a few followers. Immediately upon receipt of the news at Camp Bowie, Lieutenant Henely, with Company H, 6th Cavalry, was ordered out in pursuit our dispatches published elsewhere this force overtook the Indians on the 12th, engaged them and after the loss of one soldier, and finding the Indians in large numbers, withdrew and returned to Bowie to prepare for more effective pursuit.

Next it would seem, the murderous Apaches proceeded towards the San Pedro settlements, coming out below the junction of the Babocomari creek with the San Pedro, about 15 miles above San Pedro Crossing, among the ranches of Messrs. Brown, Lewis, O'Brien and others. This was evidently last Saturday morning, the 8th instant. At Mr. Lewis ranch the proprietor was in his fields with a Mexican boy, at some distance from the house, irrigating the land. Looking toward the house he suddenly saw there some 7 or 8 Indians and he and the boy started towards them when the Indian fired, instantly killing Lewis and riddling the boy's clothing with bullets. The boy escaped into the brush and ultimately found his way to San Pedro Crossing. Mr. Theo. Brown's ranch a short distance from Lewis', was the next scene of this hellish work. Mr. Brown was also on that morning, irrigating his fields, when he was fired upon by Indians and severely wounded in the leg, but he escaped into the brush and

concealed himself. There he laid suffering through the whole the the ensuing night and until he was found the next day by a party of settlers who had left San Pedro upon the report which was brought in by the Mexican boy, hitherto referred to. Mr. Brown was brought to San Pedro Crossing and at last accounts was doing well and likely to recover. Mr. J. O'Brien, who was reported among the killed, when the first news was brought in, and who had a ranch in the vicinity, is not mentioned in the later news and is believed to be safe. The Indians seemed to be well supplied with provisions, as they took none from the ranches which they raided. At Brown's house there were four sacks of flour but they were left untouched. Why should they carry flour or provisions from distant ranches when their great father's storehouse at Chiricahua has bread enough and to spare? At the houses, the Indians broke all the shot-guns they found and carried off all the needle-guns. Mr. Lewis had four fine American horses; these the Indians took. Mr. Brown had four large mules, but they were loose and as the Indians couldn't readily catch them, they were left. It is strange they didn't shoot them.

This report of the San Pedro killing is made up from the statement of Mr. Burgess, of California, who was en route to the Rio Grande but returned here yesterday morning, after reaching San Pedro Crossing and learning the state of affairs. Speaking of the apprehensions for the safety of a man sent by Mr. Ohnesorgen on Sunday, to Sulphur Springs, and also of the two men known to be at the Bronkow Mine, Mr. Burgess says these had all since come in to San Pedro. Mr. O. Buckalew, who returned from San Pedro Thursday evening substantially reports the same as the above.

From the latest reports, at this writing, (Friday evening,) the exact results of this

Apache outbreak are: The re-entry of the old Cachise Apaches upon a life of murder and depredation; the killing of three citizens, and wounding of another; the successful resistance against an armed force in pursuit and consequent encouragement and confirmation of the Indians in rebellion; the unrestrained presence in southern part of our Territory of a large band of incarnate fiends, ready to swoop down upon every exposed settlement. And their is a full and complete antidote at hand. It is the San Carlos Indian soldiers, to the number of several hundred, to be well armed and sent out, bucked up and aided by, and used in conjunction with the United States troops in this part of the Territory.

A letter from Camp Bowie, dated April 12, says: The scout which left here on Saturday morning under the command of Lieutenant Henely, consisting of forty men of the Sixth Cavalry, accompanied by Agent Jeffords, two citizens, and four Indians, returned here about nine o'clock last evening. The party went directly to Sulphur Springs, buried Roger and Spence, left a guard at the station and proceeded after the Indians. They struck the trail at once and followed the Indians about eighty miles, resting only two hours on the road. They came up with the enemy strongly posted on a ridge in the San Jose mountains, on the east side of the San Pedro, about fifteen miles this side of the Sonora line, The position taken by the Indians was such that they could not be dislodged, being completely covered by the rocks, so that none of them were seen during the engagement while they kept up a terrible fusillade on their assailants who were obliged to retreat from their unseen foes, with the supposed loss of one soldier, named Gardner, who was missing but subsequently came into Sulphur Springs. The horse of one of the citizens was killed. Towza, son of old Cachise, and the few Indians accompanying him with the

soldiers were reported to have shown much bravery during the fight. Towza stood up on a rock in the thick of the firing and made a speech to the foe. He proved himself of great value in brining the command up so quickly with the Indians and giving valuable information in regard to their haunts. Lieutenant Henely is said to have shown much coolness and personal bravery, in the most exposed positions. He had some close calls. The Indians were well armed and well supplied with ammunition, having so much that they left a considerable quantity at Sulphur Springs station. The sooner this thing is stopped the better for all concerned, and the only way to do this is to push in additional troops here and with them send Apache scouts and plenty of them. The more of the latter, the better. Mr. Ochoa left here on Sunday for Grant and we are in hopes that upon his representations the commanding officer of that post will at once send out troops. So much depends upon prompt and energetic action. Towza's band is encamped near here and he will go out again as soon as he can get any following and support.

Prompted by an appeal from the San Pedro settlers, through a letter from Mr. Wm. Ohnesorgen of Tres Alamos, the minute men of Tucson held a meeting last Monday evening to organize an effort to extend aid and protection to the exposed settlers in the vicinity of the Apache outbreak. They called a public meeting in the court-house and elected worthy officers thereof, but immediately afterwards the very spirit incarnate of speech and motion making seemed to take possession of the assemblage which so disgusted the minute men and defied all restraining power of the officers of the meeting that everybody left in disgust. Except the [ ] Leatherwood's corral and settled down for the night to business. A traveller passing the corral, in the early dawn of the next morning, says he saw one of them

standing before a very solemn and judicial looking jack and saying, "I (hic) call (hic) for the previous (hic) question."

## Poetry Corner

### C-Rap

By Jeff Carson

After watching the Super Bowl Half time show,  
 It left me a bit confused.  
 I didn't understand the language,  
 Or the vernacular that was used.  
 I didn't understand the message,  
 Right from the very start.  
 And it makes no sense to me,  
 Why you'd grab your private part.  
 But the crowd seemed to love it,  
 And I'm sure they're paid quite well.  
 So it kind of got me to thinkin '  
 And I decided what the hell!  
 I think it's time we cowboy poets,  
 Crank it up a notch.  
 We could dance around like gangstas,  
 And grab a hold of our crotch.  
 We could write baffling lyrics,  
 And leave their mind in a fog.  
 We could maybe take some lessons,  
 From that fellar snoppy dog.  
 And all you cowgirl poets,  
 Could wear your underwear and boots.  
 Or something about as scantily,  
 As your natural birthday suits.  
 We may be a new sensation,  
 An alternative to gangsta rap.  
 We'll create a whole new genre,  
 And we'll call it Cowboy CRap!

## Call for Input

**Here are some of the Departments of the Fremont Street Mail to which you are invited to contribute:**

**Blast from the Past** (a piece of interesting history or an old newspaper article) If you find something good, send it to the Ink Slinger.

**Poetry Corner** (Cowboy and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Poetry especially if you wrote it) We'd like to see some of yours and this counts as publication for the Fred Olds Award.

**Deep Thoughts on History** (Philosophy of how to do history) If you have thoughts on how to do history, send them in.

**Tidbits from History** (small items stumbled upon that answer some question) There are all kinds of things out there.

**Tombstone Epitaph** (a story from the Epitaph) We try to pick one from the current month, but we don't have the morgue for all early editions.

**Places to Visit** (Interesting museums, parks and places) Which places do you like.

**Hollywood Trivia** (fun stuff from the TV and Movies)

**Corral Members at Large** (stories from Ranch Hands who have visited or hiked to some place of historical interest, or received recognition or participated in telling the world about Frontier History)

**Photo Album** (Photos submitted by Ranch Hands)

**Local Events** (flyers and notices of events of historical interest in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico)

Departments of the Border Vidette

**Long Articles** (about the Frontier West, with special attention to the local area; reprints are acceptable if the author has the rights)

**Short Articles** (little stories that might otherwise be lost or forgotten; some bit of history the author has stumbled across)

**Reviews & Book Reports** (both long and short, history and historical fiction about the Frontier West)

**Recommended Books & Articles**

**Timelines**

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at [dhocking@centurylink.net](mailto:dhocking@centurylink.net) or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

Photos, historical tidbits you've found, Corral news, news of places to visit and events of historical interest. You can have fun mining old newspapers for stories at:

**Our website and how to get there:**

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>

What you'll find there:

The Fremont Street Mail (monthly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremont-street-mail>

The Border Vidette (quarterly):

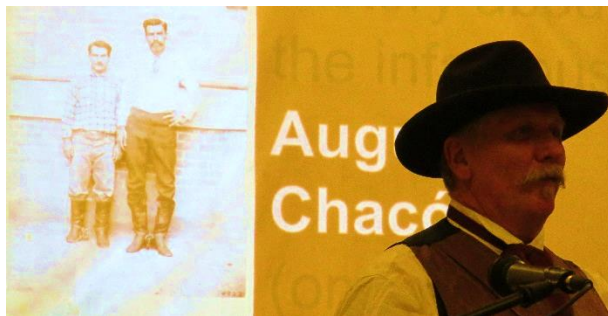
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-border-vidette>

Our Scrapbook:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

## Last Campfire

David Grassé, author of three books with a fourth on the way, spoke on **Chacón: Arizona's Most Notorious Outlaw** and did a great job of explaining how a man, blamed for a robbery he probably wasn't involved in, was named in the press over and over again as the culprit in many crimes he was not involved in until he became Arizona's most wanted man and greatest serial killer.



## Tombstone Epitaph

*Tombstone Epitaph*, March 3, 1888

Wm. Dickson and R. Ross, two miners from New Mexico, now in the city, were on the train robbed near Stein's Pass last week. They consider it a disgrace that the trainmen, seven in number, should have allowed two men to hold them up, as they could easily have been stood off. Several passengers volunteered to assist the conductor, but backbone seemed to be lacking. One of the robbers was plainly seen, and neither wore masks as reported. Mr. Dickson describes one of the robbers as follows: A man of medium size, about 35 years old, light complexion, light moustache, with stooping shoulders.

## Highwaymen

Huachuca Station, Feb. 21, 1888.

Editor *Star*: - News of a highway robbery near Elgin station on the Babacomari, was brought here to-day by Louis Bodeker.

On Sunday night a party of men under the lead of Eduardo Lopez, held up a Mexican near Elgin. They ordered him to dismount, which he did, and one of the robbers then mounted and rode off with the horse and saddle of the victim.

Lopez is a hard character, having heretofore got away with horse stock under circumstances which would warrant his conviction and imprisonment, as follows:

On September 4th or 5th last year, Lopez came to the ranch of Louis Bodeker, and claimed that he had a man under arrest near by, that he wanted to borrow from Mr. Bodeker an extra horse to take the criminal before an officer in Cochise county. Mr.



Bodeker loaned his own private saddle horse to Lopez, which Lopez rode off and never returned.

Lopez has a brother living in Fronteras, and his mother lives in Bisbee. Eduardo Lopez is a good looking Mexican with a black moustache. In the interest of good government it is hoped that he may be arrested and convicted for some of his foul offenses.

## Out and About

### Camp Rucker Visit

By Charlie Eyster

Spent a wonderful February day visiting Camp Rucker in the Chiricahua Mountains. Camp Rucker has a history tied to Tombstone. It was at Camp Rucker on June 25, 1880, that 6 mules were stolen and resulted in the Earp's brothers assisting in their recovery. However, that did not occur even though the mules were found on the McLaury ranch being rebranded. This led to the McLaury's and the Cow-boys initial encounter with law enforcement in the area.



The Camp was founded in 1878 and was closed in 1880. It was built about 40 miles south of Fort Bowie. Apache's including Victorio and Geronimo were claimed to have attacked or visited the site. The Camp was used as a base for protecting ranchers from

Apache's raiding in the area. It proved to be too remote and too costly to supply and was closed.



Camp Rucker is the site of Tombstone's Michael Grey's ranch where he used "squatters claim" to obtain the land after the military abandoned the Camp in 1880. Michael Grey was a shady character as he led the very unsavory 'Tombstone Townsite Company' and became one of Tombstone's 'Justices of the Peace.' His ranch grew to about 22,000 acres used to raise sheep and cattle.



The trip to the Camp took about 2 hours from St David. The final 23 miles after leaving Highway 19 was on dirt road. The road was easy to travel on and well maintained. Even passed a road grader at work as we traveled to and from the Camp. There are no facilities around Camp Rucker and the signs directing you to the historical site are nonexistent. With no cell service in the area, I recommend using the offline Google Map feature after mapping directions while online. The Camp was a very easy hike around the remaining



Camp buildings, but with cattle roaming the site – watch your steps!



**We're really hoping some of you will start submitting stories to Out and About concerning your travels, adventures, and activities. Thanks, Charlie!!!**

**Odd Bits**

On February 19, 2022, the Cochise County Historical Society unveiled a monument to the 32 men who received the Medal of Honor (Indian Wars) for an action against Cochise and his Chiricahua Apache warriors. That is the largest number ever awarded for a single day's action. The site of the Battle of Chiricahua Pass is within sight of Camp Rucker. Cochise County Corral Ranch Hand Margaret Bemis unveiled the plaque. Ranch Hands Bill Cavaliere, Craig McEwan, Gary Smith, Karen Peitsmeyer, Charlie Eyster, and others were on hand.



Bill Cavaliere, president of the Cochise County Historical Society and Cochise County Corral Ranch Hand shows off the plaque.

**Coming Events**

March 10 – Noon – Brown Bag in Willcox\* – **Becky Orozco *Diary of a Woman Near Servos, Arizona.***

March 12 – **Tubac St. Gertrudis Day & de Anza Day**, Tubac

March 12-13 – **Tucson Festival of Books**, the Mall at University of Arizona, Tucson

March 13, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, **Vigilante Sunday** Downtown Tombstone

March 17, 5:30 pm – Zoom Event – **Grant Wheeler and Joe George, Cochise County Cowboys Extraordinaire**, Third Thursdays History - Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480893765?pwd=MGpZcTIVcDYyc2lSc2c0UGVEUXNPOT09> Meeting ID: 844 8089 3765  
 Passcode: 790164

March 19-20 - **Tombstone’s Wild West Days**

March 19 – 7pm – Zoom Event - **Salon & Saloon Lecture Series: Tom Jeffords – Friend of Cochise, Doug Hocking**, Presidio de San Augustin, Tucson

March 26 – **Power from the Past**, Mescal

April 2–3 - **Schieffelin Days 2022**, Tombstone

April 7 – Noon – Brown Bag in Willcox\* - **Thatcher Rodgers *An Ancient Frontier: A Transborder View of Casa Grandes***

April 6-9 – **Arizona-New Mexico History Convention**, Las Cruces, NM

April 8-10 - **Tombstone Rose Festival**

April 15 – 17 – **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Willcox West Fest & Chuck Wagon Cook-off & Ranch Rodeo**, Quail Park Arena, Willcox

April 16 – 2pm – **The Black Legend: George Bascom, Cochise, and the Start of the Apache Wars, Doug Hocking**, Tubac Presidio Park

<https://saintdavidheritage.org/events/>

<https://tombstoneweb.com/coming-events/>

April 23 – **Trail Ride to Slaughter Ranch**, Cochise County Corral.

<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

May 12 – Noon – Brown Bag in Willcox\* – **Jan Cleere *Military Wives on the AZ Frontier***

<http://sonoitafairgrounds.com/labor-day/>

<https://visitwillcox.az.gov/local-events>

May 28- 29 - **Wyatt Earp Days 2022**

<https://www.mescalmovieset.com/upcoming-events>

July 22-23 - **St. David Pioneer Days**

<https://www.tubacpresidio.org/events>

July 23 – **National Day of the Cowboy**, Empire Ranch

<https://tucsonpresidio.com/calendars/>

September 2-5 – **Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**

\* Brown Bag lunch in Willcox at the Palace of Art and Theater on Railroad Ave.

September 3-4 - **Showdown in Tombstone 2022**



**Chiricahua Regional Museum**

127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643  
520 384-3971

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 4-6th, **Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**, "Best Little Rodeo in Arizona", Sonoita

Oct 1-3 – **Rex Allen Days**, Willcox

? **Wild Bunch Film Festival** Historic Willcox Theater

**Hollywood Trivia**  
**Deputy Sheriff Nevada Smith**

October 21-23 - **Tombstone Helldorado Days 2022**

Who was the first *elected* sheriff of Cochise County who was also involved in the Bisbee Massacre?

October 26-30 – **Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous**, Tombstone

Jerome L. Ward was the first elected sheriff of Cochise County. Johnny Behan had been appointed.

Sources:

<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/calendar/>

Richard Boone played the part of Paladin, a gentleman gun for hire, in “Have Gun – Will Travel.” If you wanted to hire him for a job, in which city and which hotel would you find his office, assuming it hadn’t burned down?

**Places to Visit**

**Fort Davis, Texas**

Fort Davis in Jeff Davis County is named for the man who was our Secretary of War from 1853 to 1857 (before it was the Dept. of Defense). He was a hero of the 1847 Battle of Buena Vista. I wonder when we’ll erase his name.

Fort Davis was built in 1854 by 6 companies of the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. The site is surprisingly beautiful in a small, green mountain range in the middle of the waste that is southwest Texas. In 1858, the San Antonio-San Diego Mail Line, the Jackass Mail, established a station here. The Overland Mail began sharing the site in 1859. Today the fort is a museum with restored homes and barracks.



Bachelor Officer Quarters



Officers’ Quarters and Hospital



Officer Quarters



Officers’ Quarters and Cliffs



Barracks



**Announcements**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480893765?pwd=MGpZcTlVcDYyc2lSc2c0UGVEUXNPUT09>

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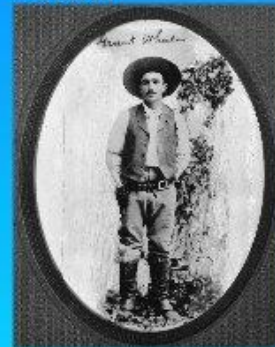
# Third Thursday History

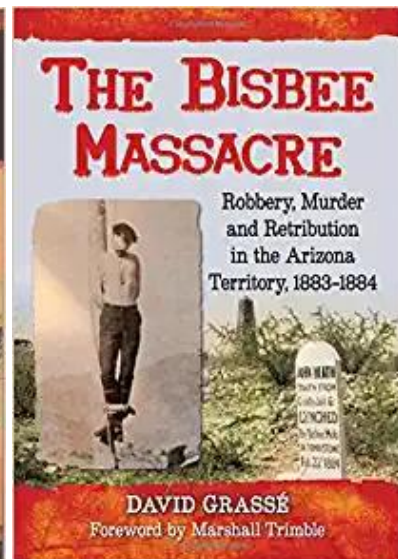
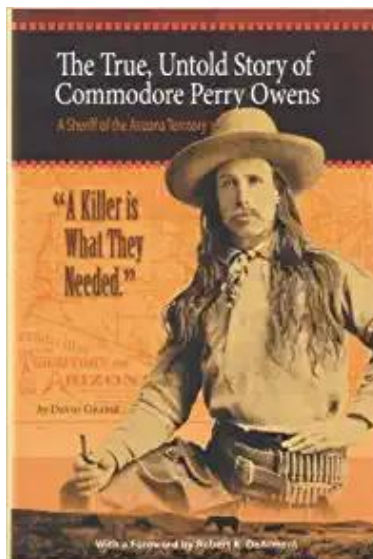
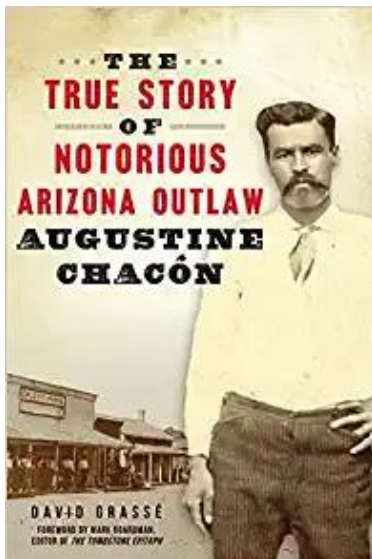
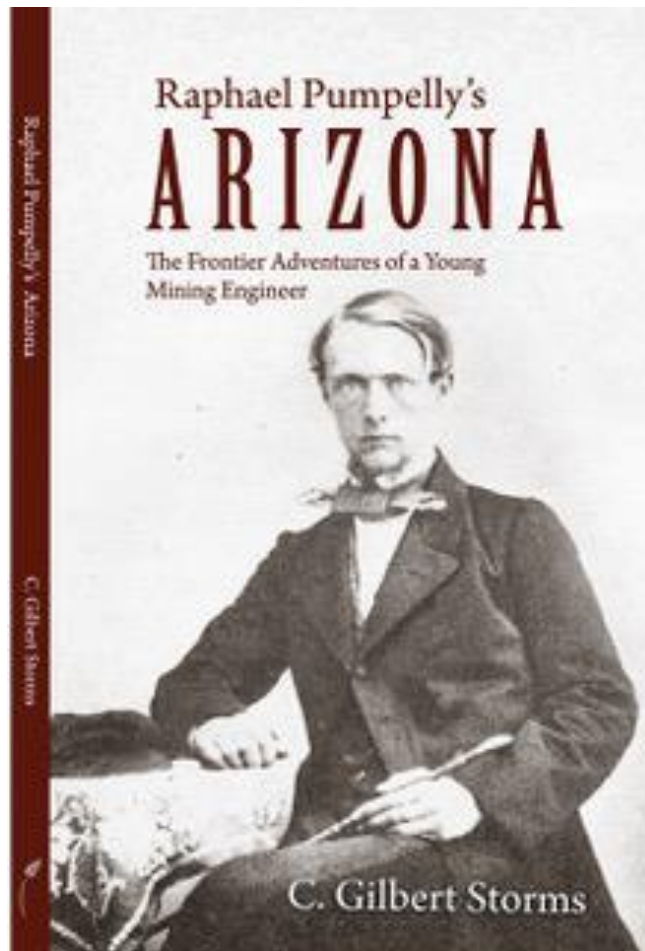
*Grant Wheeler & Joe George:  
Cochise County Cowboys  
Extraordinaire  
They Cowboy'd, Rodeoed  
& Robbed Trains*

The Gadsden Purchase was made and the Southern Emigrant Trail acquired as a route for a railroad. Once built, Cochise County Cowboys found it a convenient venue for acquiring ill-gotten wealth. Grant Wheeler and Joe George were two who excelled in everything a Cochise County Cowboy should.

Author Doug Hocking's history of railroad robberies along the southern corridor has been acquired for publication by Globe-Pequot.

Thursday, March 17, 5:30 Mountain Standard Time and Pacific Savings Time, 6:30 Mountain Savings Time, 7:30 Central









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**March 2, 2022**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE**  
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## Presidio Museum March Events

Tucson residents and visitors looking to get out and enjoy our beautiful spring weather in March will find a variety of events at the Presidio Museum.

On **Saturday, March 5 at 6:30 pm**, the **Teodoro Ramirez Troubadour Concert Series** welcomes **Mark Guerrero**, whose songs have been recorded by artists such as Herb Alpert, Trini Lopez, Chan Romero, and his late father, Lalo Guerrero, known as the “Father of Chicano music.” Mark’s recording of his song “I’m Brown” is currently featured in the Grammy Museum exhibit “Songs of Conscience, Sounds of Freedom.” In addition to his own concerts, Mark has performed with Redbone, Eric Burdon, El Chicano, Tierra, Lalo Guerrero, and many others. In this concert, he will be playing his original music and the music of his father, Lalo Guerrero. **Tickets for the concert are \$25 per person** and can be purchased ahead of time at

<https://tucsonpresidio.com/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=292> or at the door.

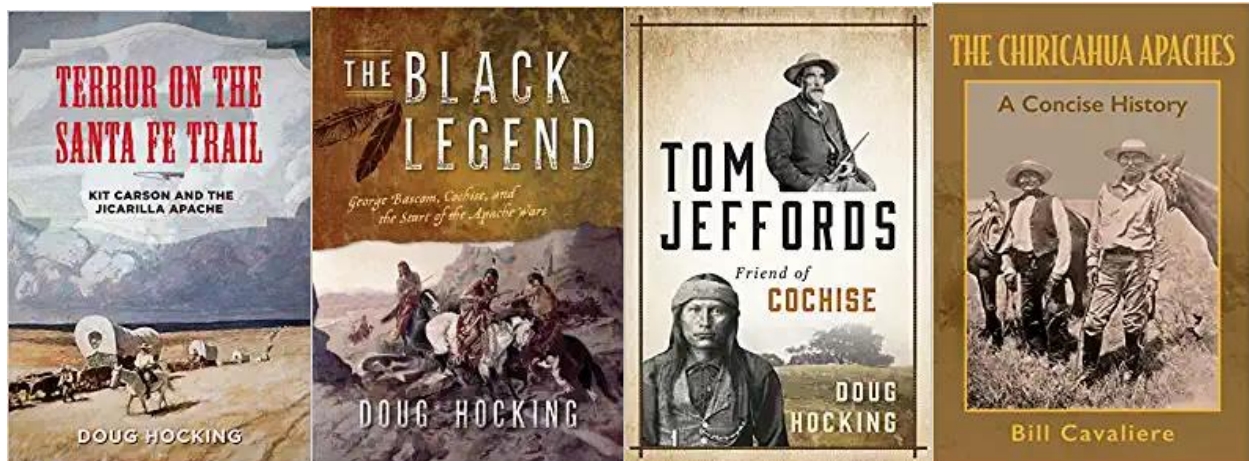
This month’s **Living History Day** will focus on **Crime in Arizona from New Spain to Statehood**. Held on **Saturday March 12, from 10 am to 2 pm**, the event includes a special activity called “**Solve the Murder Mystery Using History**.” Attendees will discover when they arrive that someone in the Presidio Museum has been “murdered.” Clues to solve the murder will be presented at many of the re-enactment stations. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet a re-enactor portraying **Atanacia Santa Cruz Hughes** who will tell the story of her sister Petra Santa Cruz whose husband Hiram Stevens attempted to murder Petra and then kill himself. This presentation will occur at 11:15 am and 12:45 pm. **Lectures** will be held throughout the day on the following topics: **The Six Legal Executions in Tucson** (at 10:30 am), **Women Misbehaving** (at 11:45 am), and **Tales from the Territorial Coroner** (at 1:15 pm). **Buffalo Soldier** re-enactors will also have a display on the **Wham Paymaster Robbery**, in which eight soldiers were wounded and the payroll was stole. Living History will also include our traditional activities such as blacksmithing, soldier drills and the firing of a four-pound bronze cannon, children’s games, and tastings of handmade tortillas. This event is included in admission, which can be purchased at the door.

A **Colcha Embroidery Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, March 19, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Attendees will learn the history of colcha embroidery and see some examples before beginning your own peahen project by learning the long and short colcha stitches. Your finished product will be large enough to make into a cushion or put in a frame (material size is 14" x 14"). Enough yarn will be provided to complete the peahen and flower with stem. An instruction booklet, needle, and needle threader is included. Participants will also draw out a pattern to take home to work on. **The cost of the workshop is \$85/person for non-members and \$75 for Presidio Museum members**. Pre-registration is required at <https://tucsonpresidio.com/calendar/colcha-embroidery-workshop/>.

The Museum’s **Salon & Saloon Lecture Series** will feature **author Doug Hocking discussing Tom Jeffords – Friend of Cochise**. Hocking tells the true story of a man who headed west drawn by the lure of the Pike’s Peak Gold Rush in 1858; made a life for himself over a decade as he scouted for the army, prospected, became a businessman; then rode alone into Cochise’s camp to negotiate the peace. While the myths surrounding these events may have clouded the truth a bit, Jeffords was almost as brave and impressive as legend had it. **This lecture will be held on Zoom ONLY on Saturday, March 19 at 7 pm.** Pre-registration and payment of **\$5 fee is required to receive the Zoom link**. Pre-register at <https://tucsonpresidio.com/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=293>.

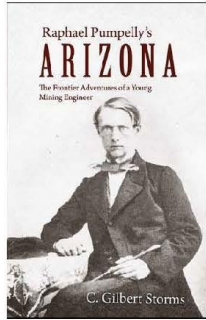
The **History in the Field Youth Workshop** in March focuses on **Archaeology**. Held on **Monday, March 28, from 4-6 pm**, the workshop will show attendees how archaeologists work via a series of hands-on activities that include artifact analysis and map making. **Attendees must be 9 years or older to attend, and the cost is \$5/person.** Pre-registration is required at <https://tucsonpresidio.com/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=287>, and adult chaperones are required to register and attend with their children.

The Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Museum is located on the northeast corner of the original Presidio at 196 N. Court Ave. The Presidio Museum is a reconstruction of the original Tucson Presidio built in 1775. Docent tours give visitors a glimpse of what life in the Presidio was like for soldiers and other residents. Additional highlights include an original 150-year-old Sonoran row house and a 2,000-year-old prehistoric pit house. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6-13 and free for children five and under and Presidio Museum members. The Presidio Museum is managed by the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation, a not-for-profit entity whose mission is to guide and aid in the interpretation of history at the Presidio San Agustín through research, education and living history experiences.





**Raphael Pumpelly's Arizona**  
 The Frontier Adventures of a Young Mining Engineer



History / Biography & Autobiography  
 Trade Paperback  
 5.5 x 8.5 inches  
 152 pages  
 Publication Date: February 2022  
 Suggested Retail Price: \$10.95  
 Author: C. Gilbert Storms  
 ISBN: 978-1-62787-903-3

**Available from Amazon.com and all major online book retailers**

**THE BOOK**

Raphael Pumpelly came to the mountains south of Tucson, Arizona, in 1860 as a young mining engineer looking for adventure. He was just twenty-three years old and a recent graduate of the prestigious Royal Mining Academy in Germany. During his time in the Southwest, Pumpelly learned how to mine silver in Arizona and how to survive in the lawless environment of the borderlands. He met miners, ranchers, soldiers, bandits, Mexican revolutionaries, and raiding Apaches in a territory where there was no law enforcement and no effective military force to oppose the attacks of hostile Indians. After he left Arizona, he became an internationally renowned geologist, a consultant to foreign governments on geology and mining, a pioneering researcher in geoarchaeology, and a professor of geology and mining at Harvard. But it all began in Arizona. An adventurer and a talented storyteller, Raphael Pumpelly's accounts stand alongside the best American pioneer writers. With lively prose and vivid detail depicting the people and events shaping the Grand Canyon State, his writings have been an invaluable resource for historians of Arizona in the chaotic years between the Gadsden Purchase in 1854 and the start of the Civil War. Raphael Pumpelly's Arizona explores how life used to be on the western range and is a must-read for anyone interested in one of the last places to be modernized in America -- Arizona.

**THE AUTHOR**

C. Gilbert Storms lives in Tucson, Arizona, where he researches and writes about Arizona history. He taught American literature and writing for twenty-nine years at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and spent eight years as a technical writer. He holds a PhD in English and is the author of *Reconnaissance in Sonora: Charles D. Poston's 1864 Exploration of Mexico and the Gadsden Purchase*.

# BROWN BAG

## ARIZONA HISTORY

Come and enjoy presentations on Arizona history at the Palace of Art and Theater in downtown Willcox! Co-sponsored by Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society. This is a walk-in event! Anyone is welcome and no registration is required!

FREE ADMISSION



### THE HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 80 IN 1926

*Dive into the history of highway 80 and how it helped transform the surrounding area and communities into what we know today. Learn how this historic highway planned and constructed in the sparse frontier.*

Speaker: Bob Nilson February 10th, 12:00pm at The Palace

### DIARY OF A WOMAN NEAR SERVOS, ARIZONA

*In 1912, 22-year-old Susie Cundiff arrived in the Sulphur Springs Valley with her father and brother to establish a claim on a homestead. She left behind a diary of her time there. Her great-neice will tell her story.*

Speaker: Becky Orozco March 10th, 12:00pm at The Palace



### AN ANCIENT FRONTIER: A TRANSBORDER VIEW OF CASA GRANDES

*The growth and establishment of Paquimé as a regional polity during the late thirteenth and fourteenth centuries had a tremendous impact on communities several hundred kilometers away. Join our speaker as he investigates its development and historical trends often obscured by the contemporary U.S.-Mexico border*

Speaker: Thatcher Rodgers April 7th, 12:00pm at The Palace

### MILITARY WIVES ON THE AZ FRONTIER

*When the U.S Army ordered troops into the Arizona Territory in the 19th century to defend and establish settlement, many men brought their wives and families with them. Join us and learn these women's stories through their letters and journals detailing the daily struggle of the untamed frontier.*

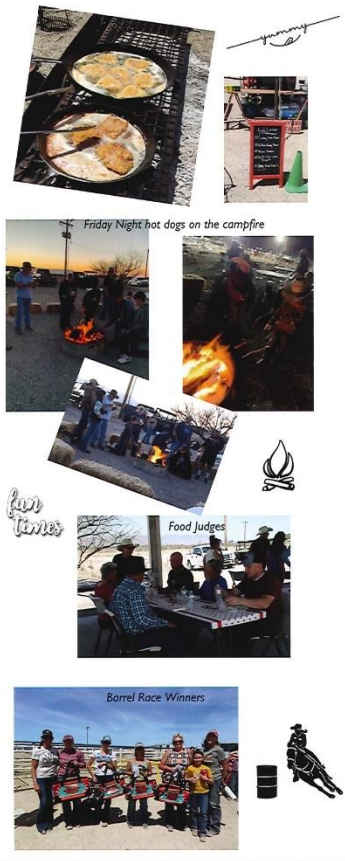
Speaker: Jan Cleere May 12th, 12:00pm at The Palace



**DATE HAS BEEN SET**

**Willcox West Fest**  
*Ranch Rodeo*  
 &  
*Chuck Wagon Cook-Off*

**APRIL 15, 16 & 17, 2022**



**Willcox West Fest**  
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 Willcox, AZ 85644  
 willcoxwestfest@gmail.com



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 &  
*Chuck Wagon Cook-Off*  
 Willcox, Arizona

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 15, 16 & 17**  
**2022**

**Vendors - Food**  
**Ranch Rodeo - Dancing**  
**Campfire - Chuck Wagons**  
**Family Fun Weekend !**

Tax Purposes 501 (c) (3), charity organization

Contact Information  
 (Chuck Wagon) Ron 505-220-5842  
 (Sponsors & Vendors) Cheryl 520-384-4688  
 (Rodeo) April 520-507-0308  
 (Rodeo) Jan 520-678-5396



### 2021 RANCH RODEO

Hatchet Ranch, Hachita New Mexico  
2021 Ranch Rodeo Champions



Box Bar Ranch, Willcox Arizona  
2021 Jr Ranch Rodeo Champions



Top Hand  
Carson Lee, Spur Ranch



Wild Horse Race  
1st Place Team Tres Sanchos, Pruitt New Mexico  
2nd Place Team Gently Used, Prescott Valley, Az



### CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

2021

Cowgirls Forever, Desert Hills Arizona



Reed Family Chuck Wagon, Queen Creek Arizona



Gummer's Camp chuck Wagon, Pima Arizona



Double K Chuckwagon, Mesa Arizona



Bruce Tingle  
Willcox, Arizona

EZ Cattle Company, Sonoita Arizona



### 2021 VENDORS





The Cochise County Corral Membership 1

Membership Form May 2021



## The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you to join a fun, informal group of people

**Every First Thursday of the Month  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
At Schieffelin Hall  
On Fremont Street  
Dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant**

*Membership Benefits:*

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western Frontier History
- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – Fremont Street Mail – Quarterly journal – Border Vidette. [www.CochiseCountyCorral.org](http://www.CochiseCountyCorral.org)
- ❖ **Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021**



**Membership only \$20 per year**  
(Feel free to visit a few times before you join)

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Yes, I would like to become a member of the Cochise County Corral  
Membership \$20 - %Doug Hocking, 6567 E. Barataria Blvd, Sierra Vista 85650

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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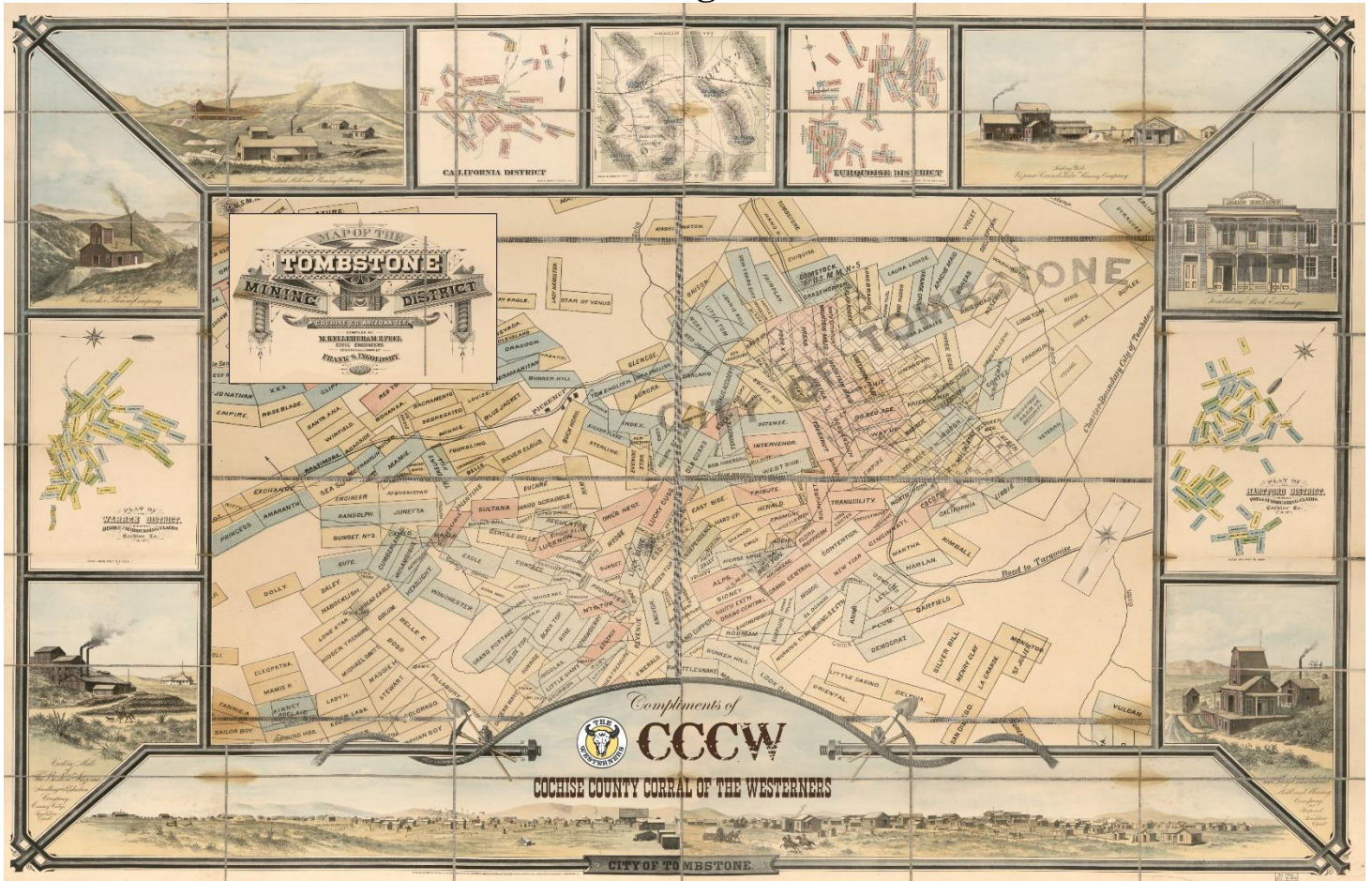
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The Cochise County Corral meets at Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ  
Information contact: Sheriff Doug Hocking ([doug@doughocking.com](mailto:doug@doughocking.com)) or Nevada Smith at (520) 642 7601

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**Send Completed Application and check for \$20 to:  
Cochise County Corral % Sheriff Doug Hocking, 6567 E. Barataria Blvd., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650**

## Map of the Tombstone Claims And Surrounding Communities



Done on heavy paper, 11 inches by 17 inches

**Only \$5**

**Get yours from Charley, Keeper of the Chips, or Jon  
At the next meeting**