



# The Goldfield Historical Society

## Newsletter, Goldfield, Nevada

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We ended 2024 with 199 members. We really appreciate everyone's support. And a very warm welcome to our new members:

Big Horn Outback Explorers, NV

Andrew Flagg, NV

Goldfield Main Street, NV

Scott Hooker, CA

Craig Stotenburg, CA

**Dues are due** - Don't let this be your last issue of the newsletter. Our dues run from January to December. Our members are our most important asset - we need all of you. If you've already renewed, thank you and if you haven't, would really appreciate your taking the time to send in your renewal. You can either renew on line at [www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com) using Paypal or through the mail - P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013. We don't have a renew button on line but check your level of membership and use Paypal - the system will let us know.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we're running the half price offer for new members only. A new **individual** member can sign up for \$10 and it'll be matched. Or, you can sign a friend up for \$10 - makes a great gift! There are only 10 offers.

**High School Update** - The State grant for our FY 23-24 project (metal cornice/eave replacement) has now been funded. The final plans/specifications are completed and have been reviewed with the Structural Engineer and Contractor. They have been sent off to the State Historic Preservation Office for final approval and funding agreement to release funds to us. If all goes well, work will start in the Spring.

State approval has been received for the restoration of eleven exterior windows on the West side of the High School building which will allow that work to start—weather permitting. This is being funded by the **Centerra** grant that was received late last year.



The picture on the left shows the high school in November 2023 and the one above in August 2024. What a difference 9 months makes!

## Donations—

We want to acknowledge all donations given during the membership renewal process

### \$5-\$50

**Bishop  
Clauser  
Coleson  
Grimsley  
Kenzevich  
Keyes  
Marsh  
Meek  
Miguez**

### \$51-\$100

**C. Brownell  
J. Brownell  
Laub  
Norden  
Starn  
Vandelden  
Walker**

Received \$130 from **Mr. W.G. Hohlt**

Received \$150 from **David & Karen Cullens.**

Received \$300 donation from **Kim Henrick.**

Received \$350 from an **Anonymous** donor

Received \$520 from **Patty Karlen**

Received \$1,000 from **Andrew & Rosemary Baudino**

**Jim & Gloria Geil** made a \$100 donation for **Kim Henricks birthday!**

**A BIG THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT!**

**Officers for 2025—** The following are the officers for the Goldfield Historical Society for 2025:

President: **John Ekman**

Vice President: **Steve Foutz**

Treasurer: **Edie Koepnick**

Secretary: **Brenda Gleffe Fann**

Directors: **Larry Bennett,**

**Sydney Martinez**

We appreciate your dedication and willingness to lead us through another year. Thank you all very much.

**Kim Henrick** has purchased scans of 33 images from the Stimson collection of Goldfield from the Wyoming State Archives (WSA). She has generously donated these to the Goldfield Historical Society. We're able to use them on our website, digital newsletter, paper brochures and flyers. The use agreement is that we don't use them for profit. All images published digitally must be set at 96 DPI. **Credit line should say "J. E. Stimson Collection, Wyoming State Archives."** The WSA would also like free copies of any publication where these images are used. Thank you so much for researching and taking care of acquiring these photos for our use.

Kim provided us with the interesting article in last quarter's newsletter about Joseph Stimson. And you'll find on the next page, another informative article written by her.

## **Goldfield Historical Society Website—**

**Edie Koepnick** has posted a new article for the website. It's a personal, private memoir about Nellie Madden Lindsay (1872 - 1964). Nellie wrote this as a gift to her three grown daughters in 1950. She wanted them to know more about her life and times as a youngster and young woman during the early gold rush days in Nevada. Chapter 6 is about her time in Goldfield when it was a tent city. Her great grandson, **Craig Stotenburg**, (one of our newest members) gifted the memoir and photos to the Society. What a treasure! Thank you Craig.

It's a very interesting read—take a look. And a big thanks to **Teresa Madsen**, the webmaster for the Goldfield Historical Society website. She does a great job. **Edie Koepnick** is the liaison to the website. She provides the information to Teresa. They make a great team. There are many websites that I've viewed that have a lot of outdated information in them. We are very lucky that ours is not one of them. A big thanks to both of them.

**Nevada Land Trust—**As reported in the last newsletter, the Nevada Land Trust has purchased the Gans-Nelson Fight Site/LV&T railroad yards. They're planning a trip to Goldfield soon to discuss plans, together with Our Story, Inc. They plan to develop the property centered around telling the story of the Gans-Nelson Fight, and turn the site into an interpretive center.

## Joseph Elam Stimson Visits Goldfield in 1905, Part 2

by Kim Henrick

In the 4th-quarter 2024 issue of the Goldfield Historical Society newsletter I shared 12 photographs from the Joseph Elam Stimson photograph collection held at the Wyoming State Archives. Stimson took 33 photographs of Goldfield in 1905 and captured scenes never before seen and added his unique perspective to the collection of famous images by other early photographers. His "Adobe brick yard" image (# 864) is important for several reasons. Adobe (or 'dobe as it was sometimes written in the early days) brick structures were a significant step up from tent living and a product which could be made locally, which was important since shipping materials to Goldfield was very costly. Beyond the practical uses of locally-made adobe bricks, there is also the present-day fascination with the few surviving adobe structures.

By the time Stimson arrived in Goldfield (probably early 1905) there were plenty of adobe stories:

"In order to settle a small bet Tuesday, two Goldfield gentlemen made a tour of the camp and counted 69 'dobe and frame buildings under course of construction. Does any one doubt the growing propensities of this great gold camp?" ((Goldfield News and Weekly Tribune (*GNWT*), 07/15/1904 page 1))

"There are two yards busy making 'dobe bricks, and their product has been engaged for buildings, as soon as they are in proper condition." (*GNWT*, 08/12/1904 page 3)

"Columbia Brick Co., Columbia, Nevada. We make the best quality of 'dobe bricks. Price, \$10 per thousand...J. J. Moss, Goldfield Agent." (*GNWT* ad, 09/02/1904 page 4)

"The Goldfield Brick company is now an assured success. The first kiln of 80,000 brick was turned out a few days ago." (*GNWT*, 04/28/1905 page 3)

Along with the Stimson image is an illustration from an 1880 Victorian mechanical engineering book showing a "pug mill" or "clay mill" similar to the device shown in the photograph. The illustration is courtesy of the Alamy stock photo company. I will leave it to Goldfield's many historians to decide which brick business this image shows. Both the James Parks' 1907 and 1909 Goldfield township maps show a brick yard east of Blake Avenue, but the brick yard in the 1909 map is shown a few blocks north of the 1907 map brick yard.

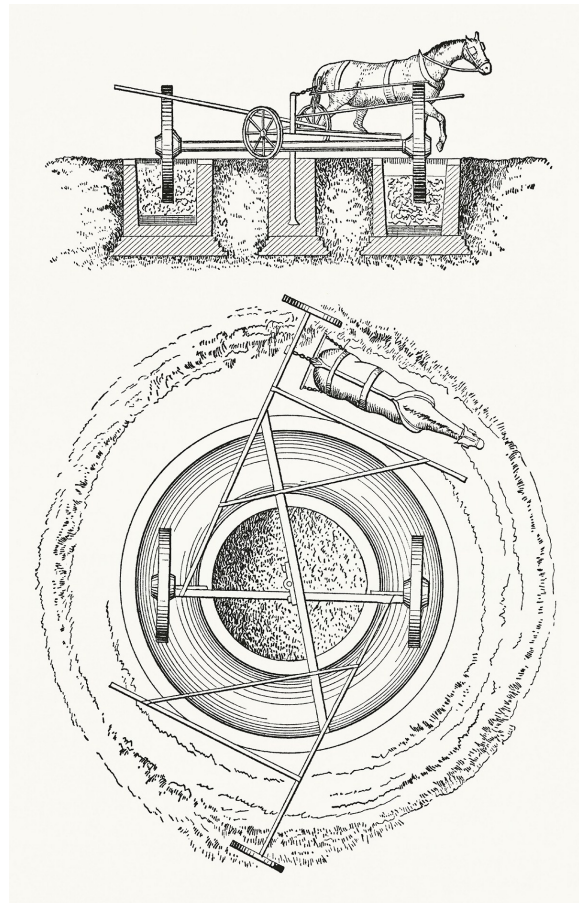




Photo by Bob Younger

**KGFN**—The former Colorado & Wyoming Railroad caboose that arrived in Goldfield in September is being outfitted to be the new radio station studio. Carl Brownfield and others have been working diligently to prepare it for the move which is expected to happen in April. Bob Dewhurst has finished painting the Radio Goldfield sign on it and it looks great. It really stands out and is a great addition to Goldfield.

**SPRING FLING**

Gather 'round, folks! On Saturday, April 19 at 2pm, join us for crafts, snapshots with the Easter Bunny, yummy snacks, and hot dogs (just a \$5 donation). Colvin Town Square and Community Center await!

**SATURDAY - APRIL 19TH**

**GOLDFIELD HISTORIC BUILDING BOOZE WALK**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 19, from 5pm to 7pm for a spirited stroll through the Historic Building Booze Walk in Goldfield! Spots are as rare as a unicorn, so buzz us at [goldfieldgazette@gmail.com](mailto:goldfieldgazette@gmail.com) for deets. Latecomers to the party can meet at Colvin Town Square. Stops include Goldfield High, Mozart Tavern, Roaring Camp, Shell Station, and more!

**Spring Fling**— So hello to Spring on April 19th. Lots of activities to participate in and enjoy the day. If you're passing through town, plan to stop. If you're a local, join in the fun.

**Goldfield Main Street**—This group has accomplished quite a bit since coming on line. As mentioned last time, they are making improvements to the Colvin Town Square which includes a covered seated area, trash cans and trees.

Their website is up and running and has great information about what is happening in Goldfield. [www.goldfieldmainstreet.org](http://www.goldfieldmainstreet.org). They also received a grant to publish a monthly newsletter—the Goldfield Gazette which you can sign up to receive on their website.

**Monthly Meeting**—The next meeting of the Goldfield Historical Society will be on April 8, 2025 at 7 p.m. Please attend if possible.

Please let me know if your e-mail or address changes, so that I can update the membership list and you'll continue to receive our newsletter. For those who continue to receive a printed newsletter, if you can provide an e-mail address we would appreciate it as it would save us money on postage to send you the newsletter by e-mail.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at [jesie@pacbell.net](mailto:jesie@pacbell.net).

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