



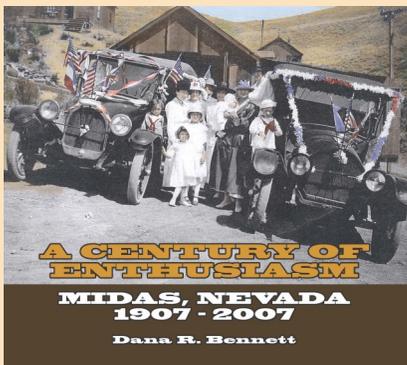
Tidbits about Midas, NV

- Gold was discovered in 1907 by James McDuffy and sons.
- The first name for the new town was Gold Circle, but the U.S. post office rejected it.
- The surrounding mining district is still officially named Gold Circle.
- In 1920, 105 people lived in Midas.



If you recognize this badge, please contact FOM.

Projects for 2021



Midas Books Are Available!

Published to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Midas in 2007, *A Century of Enthusiasm* chronicles the people and events that punctuate the history of Midas. Filled with many historic photographs (including one of Silver Tip), the book may be purchased at these Nevada businesses:

- Sundance Books in Reno (121 California Avenue)
- The Midas Bighorn Saloon in (where else?) Midas

Or directly from FOM. Call, email, or stop by!

New Acquisitions

Two very rare items found their way home to Midas in 2020.

From the Estate of A.W. Hansen came a 12-page letter written in 1927 to his bride from her friend, Margaret Watson.

Miss Watson, the new Midas principal and teacher, wrote that Midas shared the questionable morals of other mining camps: “gun and knife fights to say nothing of drunkenness goes on continually.” She described the old saloon in which she and the other teacher lived and mentioned that 100 men were working at the cyanide mill.

The Midas Cemetery needs our attention. The fences are falling down; the main gate needs to be re-installed; and weeds have begun to take over. This year’s plans include extensive fence repairs and better weed management. We also hope to utilize ground-penetrating radar to identify grave locations.

This work will require substantial amounts of labor and materials. FOM will apply for grants and solicit contributions from several sources. If you can donate time, funds, or

This letter offers a glimpse of Midas life when it was booming, and FOM is grateful to the Hansen Family for saving and then sending the document to FOM, nearly 100 years later.

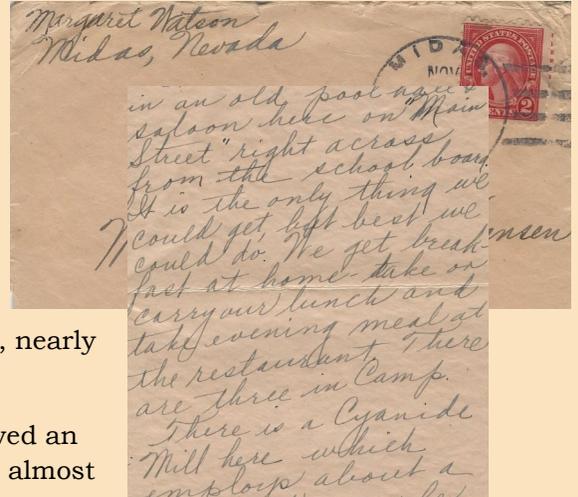
Another family saved an old matchbook for almost 60 years before it came back to Midas. Karmen Setty’s father found it on his car seat after giving an unknown woman a ride from Golconda to Midas c. 1942. This matchbook advertised one of Midas’s more notorious businesses.

Unbelievably rare, it still

materials (such as fence posts, barbed wire, or a jackhammer), please contact Dana at FriendsofMidas@gmail.com.

Another significant project for the next year is a refresh of FOM’s 10-year-old website, FriendsofMidas.org.

Also planned is to increase FOM communications through email. For example, when cemetery work is scheduled, the planned dates can be shared by email. Anyone willing to donate time could then plan accordingly. **Please include your email address in your membership renewal!**



In 1927, Miss Watson noted 45 students in the Midas School

has matches! Many thanks to Karmen for donating this remarkable treasure!



Silver Tip’s Midas home. This woman is unidentified.

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Main Street, looking south, 1979. The building on the left was a bar operated by Bill Vest c. 1960.

FOM is always looking for photos of Midas, like these donated by Elizabeth Neuens (right) and the late Ray Wittkop (left).

Please contact FOM if you'd be willing to share your Midas photos, especially from the 1950s through 1980s.



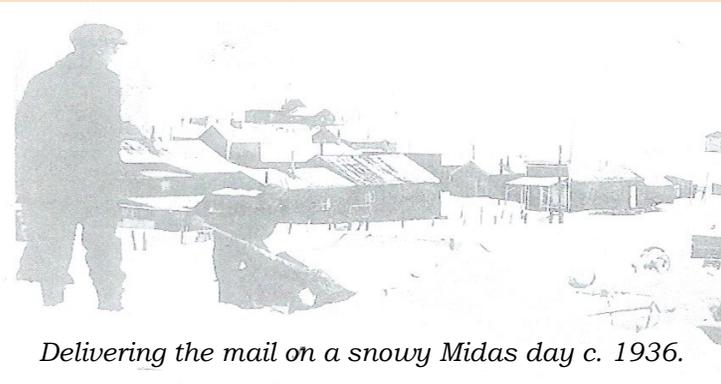
Midas Bar, c. 1975. Bob and Ida Unger owned it at the time.

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