

FRIENDS OF MIDAS 2008

MIDAS NOTABLES & CHARACTERS

Louis Reymond was 52 years old when he collapsed on the trail between Midas and the Elko Prince Mine on September 21, 1932. A mining engineer and native of Switzerland, Reymond moved to Midas from Tonopah in 1916. In Goldfield and Tonopah, he participated in the design and construction of a miniature mine which was displayed at the Mines and Metallurgy Building of the 1915 San Francisco Panama-Pacific Exposition. After moving to Midas, it was reported in area newspapers that he made \$17,000 in 1917 working the tailings of the Elko Prince Mine. In addition to being a pilot and one of the earliest owners of an automobile in Midas (1918), Reymond was President of the Gold Circle Buick Mining Company. Byron Wilkerson remembered that Reymond lived just north of DeLong's place and was popular with the town's children because he always had a funny story to tell. He often played his violin for the entertainment of the children. On May 27, 1920, the *Nevada State Journal* described him as "one of Gold Circle's most popular and successful miners" when it reported his wedding in Winnemucca. "The happy couple received the congratulations from their many friends, who wish them all kinds of good luck, and are now settled down in the cosy (sic) house up the canyon which Mr. Raymond (sic) has owned for some time." By 1930, however, Reymond appeared on the census detail for Midas without a spouse. Two years later, Frank Macy, in his capacity as coroner recorded Reymond's death as due to natural causes. According to Desda Warren Wood, an adolescent at that time who resided with her family in Midas, Reymond had tuberculosis and it had hemorrhaged. At the time of his death, his personal property reportedly consisted of an Edison phonograph, 150 records for said phonograph, a six tube radio, a suitcase and some old clothes. Frank Macy was ordered by Elko County to sell the personal belongings for \$40. Frank Macy received \$5 for his services and Elko County applied the balance to cover a portion of the funeral costs. Louis Reymond is buried in the Midas Cemetery. Some of the information recorded on his death certificate was provided by Victor Reymond of France. What do you suppose happened to the house, car, and violin? Read about many of the other Midas notables and characters in *Century of Enthusiasm, Midas, Nevada 1907-2007* by Dana Bennett.....Ask for it at your favorite bookstore or call 775-529-0302.

QUALITY TREES IN MIDAS

Towering cottonwood trees have long been the trademark of Midas. Interspersed among those cottonwoods are too few beautiful spruce, pine and other colorful quality trees. Thanks to the participation of the Midas Volunteer Fire Dept., Midas Bighorn Sheep, Western Nevada Supply, Elko County, Friends of Midas and a few individual donations, there is now \$8000+ in the coffers to plant additional quality trees in the canyon. Trees will be planted throughout Midas under the supervision of "Mr. Treeguy", Gerry Miller of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Those property owners who are willing to cover the cost, provide for proper watering and care, may buy trees through this program. Contact FOM at friendsofmidas@yahoo.com or 775-529-0302 or 520-744-8765.

GRANT RECEIVED

Friends of Midas received a grant from the Nevada Museum Association to assist in the purchase of a program to digitize the archives. Used by many museums, the PastPerfect program has been purchased and is presently being implemented. Hundreds of photographs, documents and items which have been acquired will be properly preserved. A laptop is needed for the portability required for PastPerfect instruction. An additional fee to install PastPerfect on the laptop will be required. \$1000 will cover the equipment and required fee. Can you help?

BRING YOUR ATV, CAMEL, MULE, HORSE, WHEELBARROW, DOG, WHATEVER AND JOIN IN THE PARADE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JULY 4TH....RAFFLES, POTLUCK LUNCH WITH FREE HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS, KIDS GAMES, HORSESHOES...WIN SILVER DOLLARSTHE MIDAS VERSION OF NEVADA BIGHORNS UNLIMITED IS THE BEST OF ANY WILDLIFE EVENT IN NEVADA.....PLAN ON AN EARLY WEEKEND IN AUGUST OF FUN AND FOOD FOR A VERY WORTHY CAUSE.HALLOWEEN POT LUCK WILL BE SATURDAY EVENING: OCTOBER 31, 2009.....ALWAYS A GOOD TIME IN MIDAS.....

Friends of Midas qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization. Memberships and donations may be deductible for federal income tax purposes. Please consult your accountant.

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A fully restored vintage gas pump (1929) has been placed next to a structure which advertises appliances, supplies, lanterns and fuel. A restored "curbside pump" (1928) has also been acquired and will be placed here to replicate a kerosene dispenser. A vintage assay office is also planned. Donations of vintage gas station equipment, assay equipment, chemistry glass and other appropriate items have been received...more are needed...can you help?

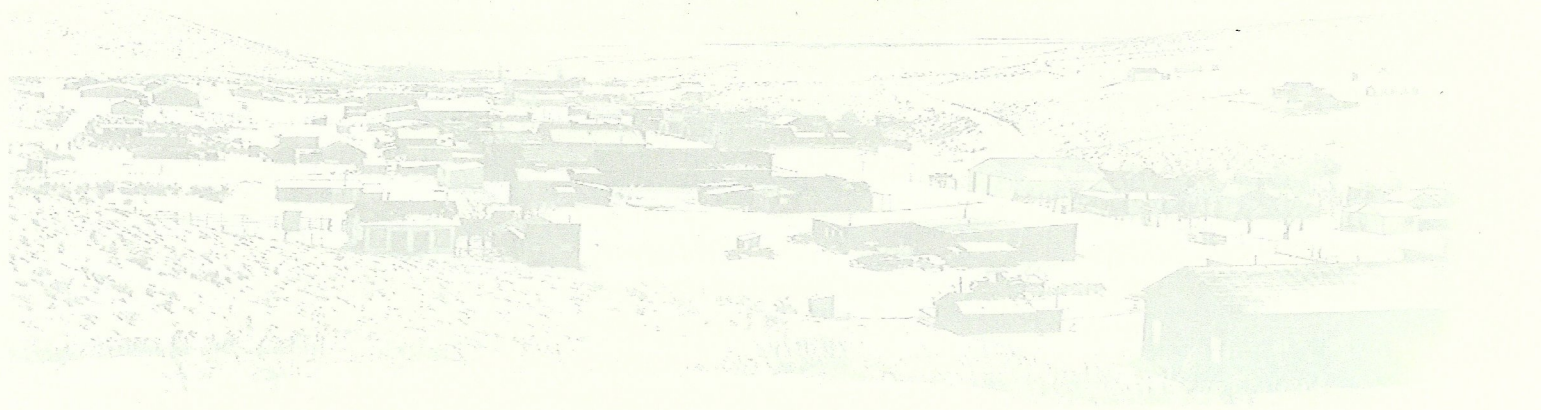
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This blacksmith shop display is located in the park. It is presently used as storage for landscaping & maintenance equipment. It is planned that a wagon repair and harness shop will be built next to it. *Andy Richards designed and painted this sign.*

