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REUNION TO BE HELD IN BISBEE ON JULY 3-4, 2010

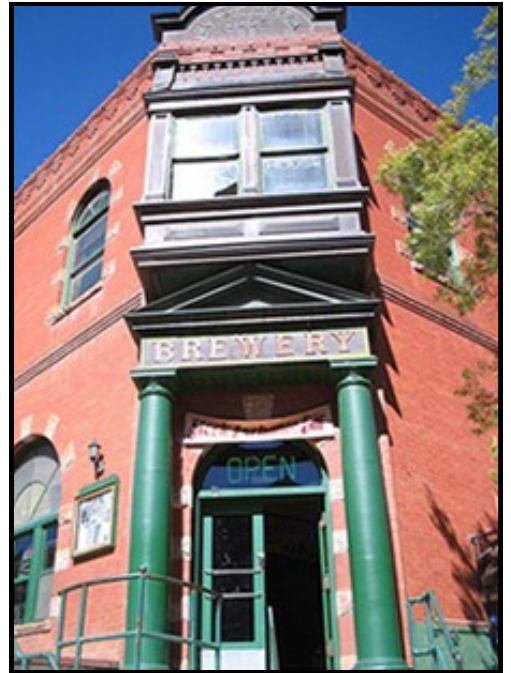
Bisbee, Arizona, with its Old West ambiance, has again been voted favorite place for our family reunion, planned for the 4th of July weekend. New family association President, Mike Sutherland, has found a better location for our meetings and dinner—a restaurant setting on the ground floor of the old Bisbee Stock Exchange building. Yes, there was once a stock exchange here, the only one in Arizona ever used and affiliated with the NYSE, from 1914 to 1964.

At noon on Saturday, July 3rd, a lunch and business meeting will address some issues important to all the family. We're hoping to be able to report some progress on acquiring the rights to our Wells Pioneer Family Cemetery, which to date the State of Arizona is still denying us.

We also are working on re-issuing the Wells Book. To do this we need representatives from each line of the family to help. The first goal is to get the present book uploaded onto the internet so everyone will have access to it. Then there are 2 areas of work that must be done: first to add any important historical data, family pioneer stories, etc. and amend or add any historical genealogy discovered. One line of the family who weren't in the original edition of the book also wants to be added. Then the next area of work will be to update current genealogical information for those families who want an expanded version of the Wells Book.

We will meet at the same place for dinner Saturday night. It is easy to find the building—see photo. Use the same big parking lot as previous years—just east of the Convention Center. Directly north, the first building on the right side of Brewery Gulch is the Stock Exchange building, now with a sports bar up the stairs. The restaurant entrance, on Brewery Gulch road, will be well marked for the reunion.

One of the reasons for moving the reunion from Douglas to Bisbee was to give all age groups something fun to do: Kids love exploring all the back alleyways, parks and mysterious stairways throughout the old town; young adults like the Brewery Gulch saloons with live music on weekends; health nuts are challenged with the Great Bisbee Stair Climb of 9 sets of stairs with 1,034 steps; and for everyone: great antique stores, bed and breakfasts, gift and specialty food shops and a wide range of restaurants.



July 4th Activities

If you arrive in Bisbee on Friday, July 2, you might want to sign the kids up to go on the GHOST TOUR at 7 PM. This is a spooky walking tour through Old Bisbee's streets, stairways, and alleys after dark on an adventure to discover and learn about ghosts that haunt this 125 year old town.

For family members who want to visit the Wells Pioneer Cemetery together, we can coordinate a time. There will be maps for those who haven't been to the cemetery in awhile.

The City of Bisbee has numerous activities planned for Sunday July 4th:

- 8:30 AM COASTER RACE a 2 mile race down through Bisbee Canyon, in the middle of town, for kids in age groups 9—16.
- IRON MAN RUN — Time to be announced
- 1 PM PARADE and Watermelon eating contest in nearby Warren
- 2 PM HARD ROCK DRILLING CONTEST on Brewery Gulch
- 4 PM MUCKING CONTEST on Brewery Gulch

Note from the Minutes found of an early family association meeting:
“Flagpole was installed at cemetery in 1948.”

CEMETERY DUES

Folks: please send in your dues: \$35 normally covers cemetery dues and newsletter costs. This year, with the economy the way it has been, we need the dues to help cover reunion costs: renting the restaurant space, tables, serving supplies, and food for both the lunch and dinner.

For those of you who plan to attend, we need a head count for providing adequate food so we would really appreciate you emailing wellsgazette@aol.com or calling Rhonda McHaley 801-897-3752; or Sheila Cottrell at 520-615-4155

Please send your dues in the enclosed envelope. **Thank you** for your input and support!