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January 27-28, 1990 Lake Powell, Utah Hole-in-the-Rock Commemoration

Trip led by Jack Root of Tucson, AZ. Eight chapter members met for this trip at Wahweap Marina. Sponsored each year by the LDS, it commemorates the 1879-80 trip by Mormons who traveled from Escalante, Utah to found a community at Bluff, Utah. To cross the Colorado River they had to make a way for wagons to go down a 1000 foot cliff to the water. There was also a stop at Rainbow Bridge.

The archives does not contain any photographs of this trip.

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April 7-8, 1990 Kingman to Sitgreave's Pass, Arizona Beale Road

Trip led by the Tompkins of Chandler, AZ, with guides Loren Wilson and Ed Edwards. Fourteen members met at the Mojave County Historical Society Museum and a lunch at the park across from the museum. We visited various places in Kingman where traces of the Beale Road can still be seen, finally arriving at Beale Springs on the west side of town. This spring was found on Beale's second road building trip across Arizona and was later the military site of Camp Beale Springs. Dinner that night at a local steak house became a celebration of Bob and Betty Lee's 50 years of marriage and Aubrey and Wilma Haines 44 years of marriage. The next day we viewed Beale Road sites between Kingman and Sitgreave's Pass with numerous places to see swales, road work and inscriptions. This pass is also the location of Route 66.



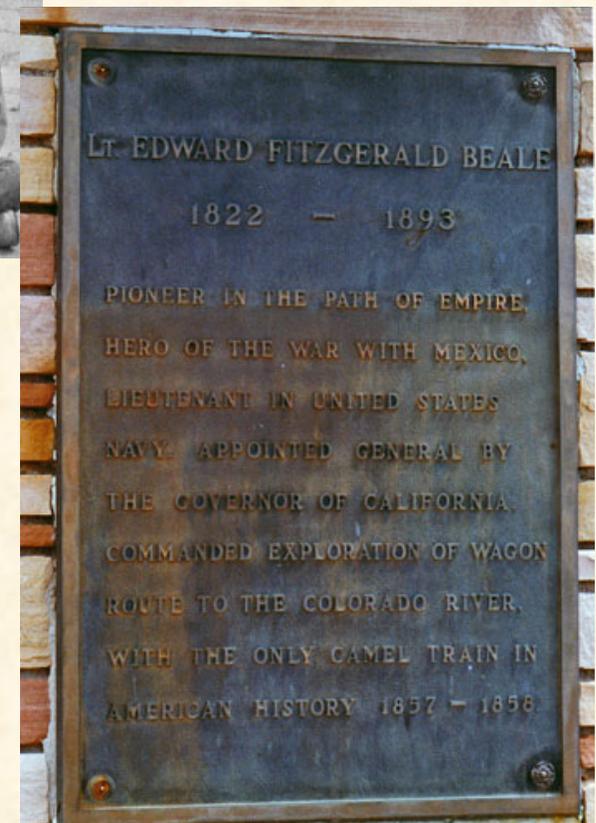
The Ethers, Lees and Haines enjoy their picnic lunch before the afternoon tour.



Detail of plaque on
Beale marker in
Kingman.

Group photo: standing - left to right: Bob Lee (the elder), Harry Reber, Aubrey Haines, Fiona Reed, Warren Wesler, Doyle Reed. Seated - left to right: Paul Eller Betty Lee, Mary Reber, Susan Doyle, Wilma Haines, Rose Ann Tompkins, Pat Etter, Harland Tompkins.

This marker is located in a park across the street from the Mojave County Historical Society Museum.





This vegetation trace of the Beale Road is located on the east side of Kingman. It runs diagonally across a square mile that had not been developed at the time of the chapter's visit.



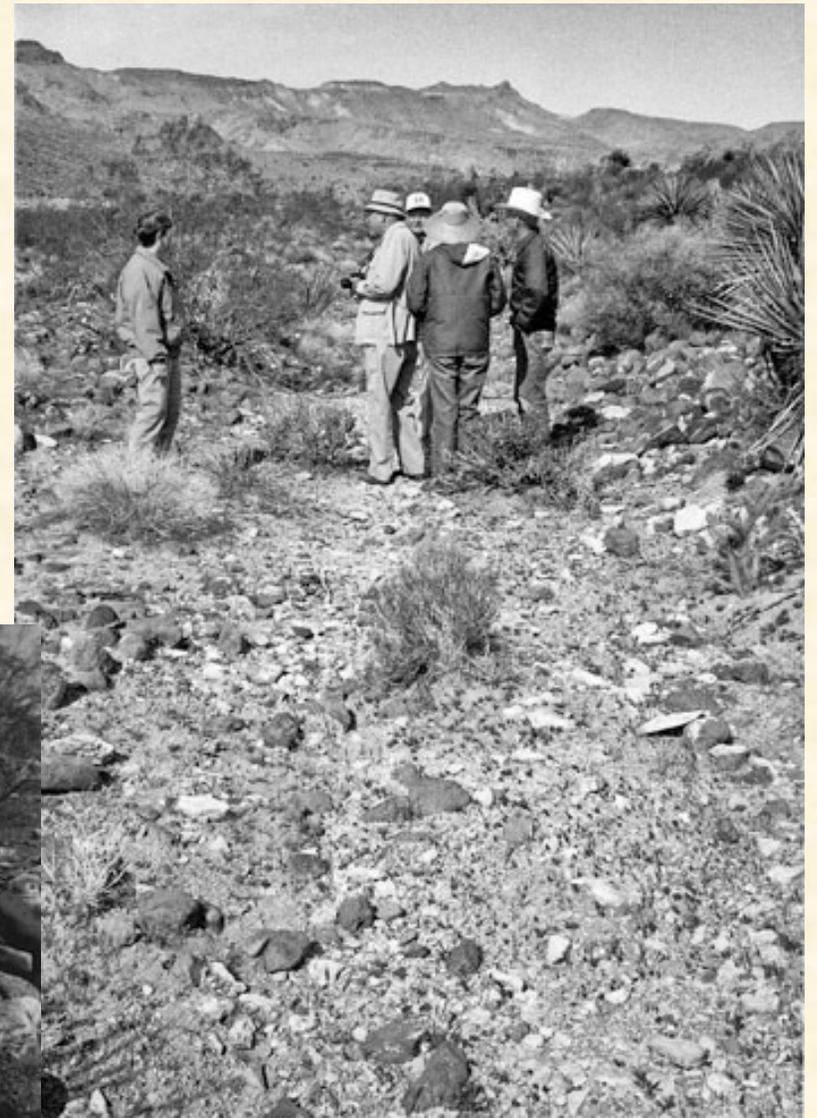
Although not part of the Beale Road, this deeply grooved ore wagon trace in a canyon in Kingman is quite spectacular.

The Beale Springs site is still lush with vegetation and many evidences of man's use of the site over the years.





The group met at the museum for the start of the second day of the weekend.



Here chapter members stand in the swale of the Beale Road, heading west towards Sitgreave's Pass in the background

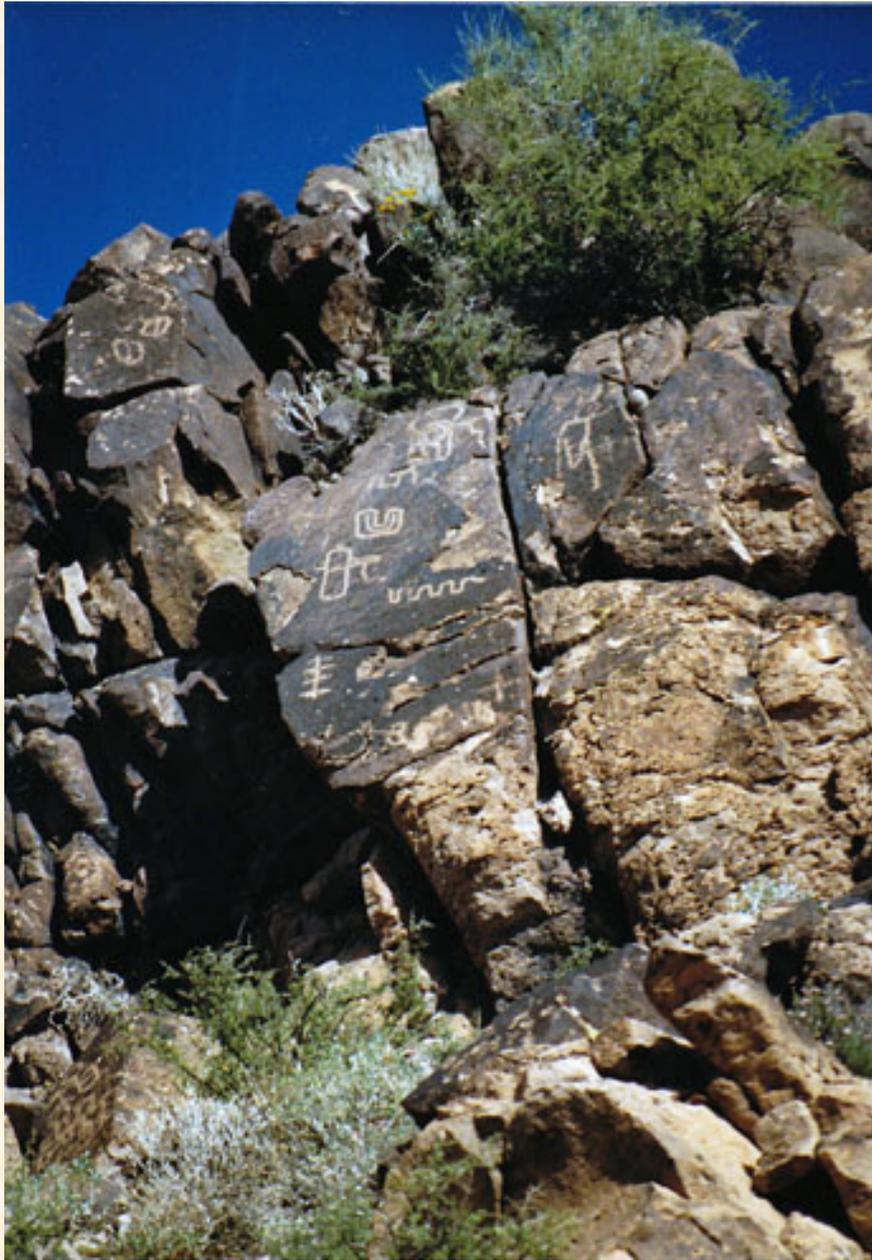


Going towards Sitgreave's Pass, evidence of road building shows up in places.



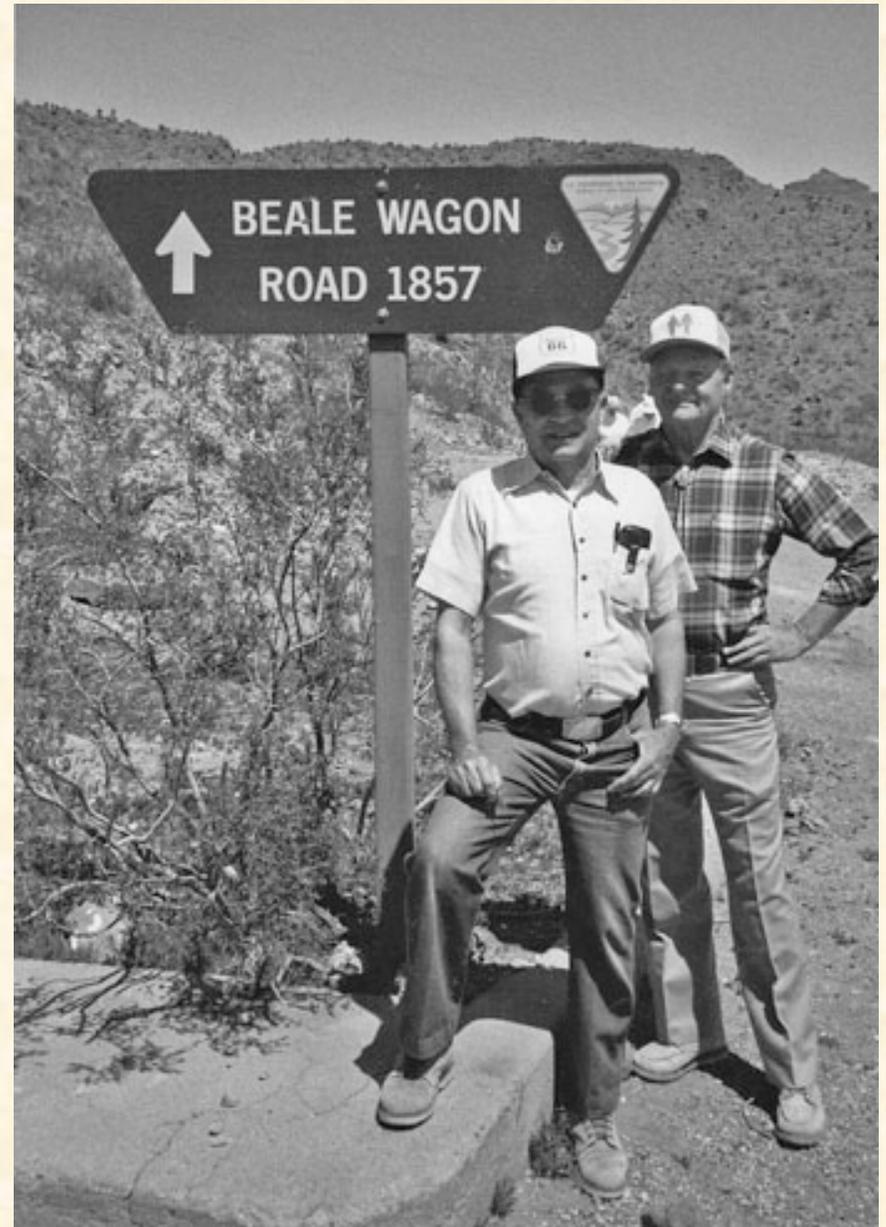
When the local guides were cleaning brush before our visit, in order to show road traces more clearly, these inscriptions were found.

They probably date from when Beale left some of his men to improve this portion of the road during his 1859 trip. The inscriptions are large and took time to do.



In the canyon east of Sitgreave's Pass, evidence of earlier visitors is seen.

Loren Wilson, left, and Ed Edwards (our local guides) stand at the Beale Road marker near Sitgreave's Pass.



June 16, 1990
Second Chapter Symposium
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society, Casa Grande Arizona

Program Chair, Harland Tompkins; moderators Bob Lee of Safford and Sherri Lee of Tucson. There were eleven presenters.

The archives does not contain any photographs of this event.

July 14-15, 1990
Third Planning Meeting
Mt. Lemmon, Arizona

The group met again at the mountain cabin of Bob and Sheri Lee to discuss the future directions of the chapter and set up the outings and meetings for the next year.



A visitor to the meeting.

Roots and Haines confer at the planning meeting while enjoying the deck of the Lee's cabin

THE FOLLOWING WAS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT TO THE OCTA BOARD

July 4, 1990

From: President, Arizona Chapter of OCTA

To: Board of Directors, OCTA

Subject: Annual Report, Arizona Chapter of OCTA

The Arizona Chapter is now in its third year of existence. We have 51 members from Arizona, New Mexico, California, Nevada, and Indiana. Our chapter was well represented at the Annual Meeting in Boise. In addition to participating in the COED and trail mapping programs, our members support various other OCTA activities such as the Archeology Committee and the *Overland Journal*. Our members include an OCTA officer and the Editor of the News from the Plains.

Chapter activities center around outings to study artifacts of the emigrant trails which passed through the southwest. Because of the long distances involved, some of our members are unable to attend our outings. To enhance their participation, we had a breakfast meeting at the Boise Convention for information exchange and socializing. Our newsletter, *Arizona Trails* acts as a thread to tie the entire group together. The activities for this year were planned during a mountaintop experience. We met at the summer home of Bob & Sheri Lee on Mount Lemmon, near Tucson, in July 89. Another such meeting is planned for July 90.

In September, our outing was a 4-wheel drive trip into Canyon de Chelly. Indian guides took us to places of interest which were not on the regular tours. In November, we visited Butterfield Stage trail sites in southern parts of New Mexico. In January, we visited the Mormon site of Hole-in-the-rock, now on Lake Powell. Our April trip included sites of the Beale Road in northern Arizona, in and around Kingman and in Sitgreave's Pass.

Many of our members are involved in historical scholarship of one form or another. To provide a forum for discussing these efforts, we sponsor a Trails Symposium during the hotter months in Arizona. This year our symposium was held at the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society. A copy of the Program is enclosed. As last year, we will publish a proceedings.

In addition to formal chapter activities, various groups of our members participated in other activities such as a Rendezvous over the Hastings Cutoff and trail oriented symposia in Santa Fe and in Casa Grande. One of the strengths of this chapter is the mixture of member participation in activities of the larger OCTA organization, participation in Chapter activities, and the stimulation of individual activities which relate to historical trails that can later be shared with other members.

Harland G. Tompkins

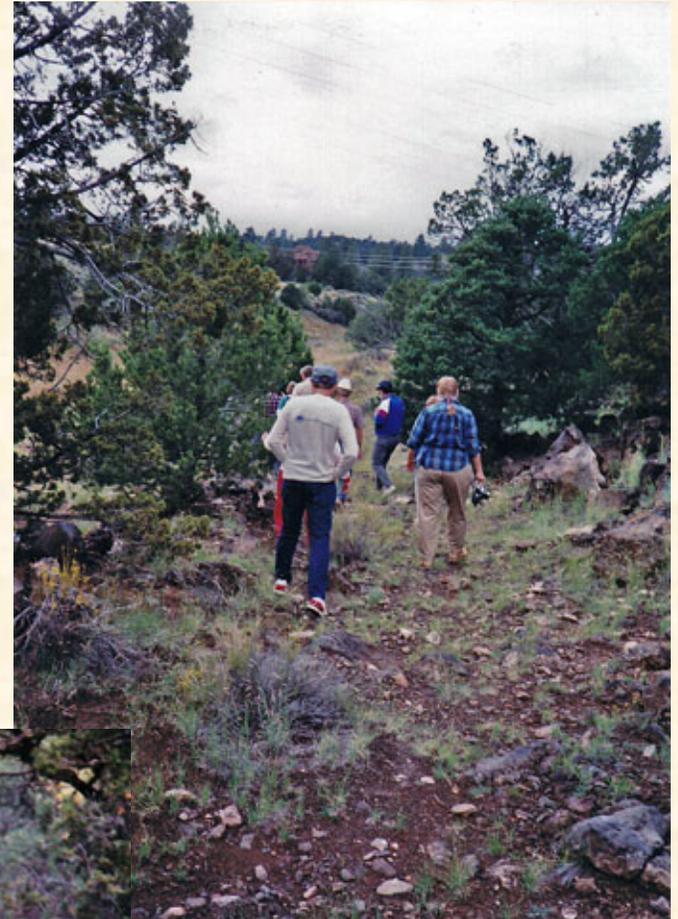
September 22-23, 1990
Flagstaff area, Arizona
Beale Road

Trip led by the Tompkins. Local guide was Jack Smith. Visits were made to Beale's Walnut Creek Campground, (now called San Francisco Wash), and the trail remnants, petroglyphs, and Indian ruins at Turkey Tanks. Emigrants called this latter area Cosnino Caves because of the small caves in the lava used by the Indians. Jack Smith had arranged for or some Civil War reenactors to meet us along the trail and demonstrate living in that era. The evening program was given by Jim Byrkit of Northern Arizona University about the Palatkwapi Trail. He had not heard about OCTA and promptly joined both. Bad weather the next day confined us to a visit to Museum of Northern Arizona.



Members gather along the Beale Road with two Union soldiers and guide, Jack Smith (in back in plaid shirt).

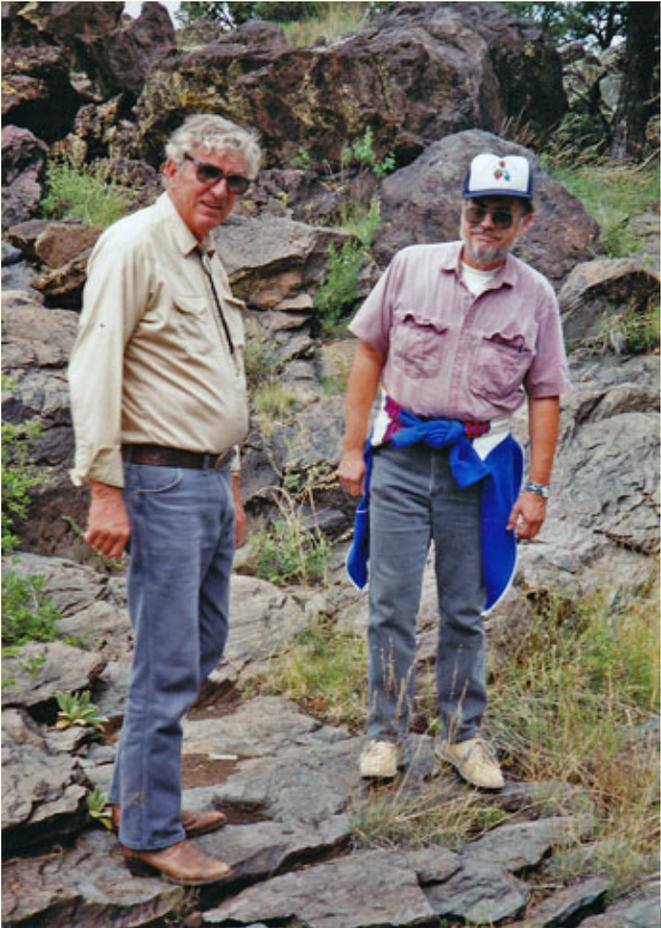
Harland Tompkins stands in shallow swale of Beale Road east of Flagstaff



Walking down a swale to the crossing of San Francisco Wash near Turkey Tanks

Susan Doyle and Paul Etter get a lesson in Union Army equipment.



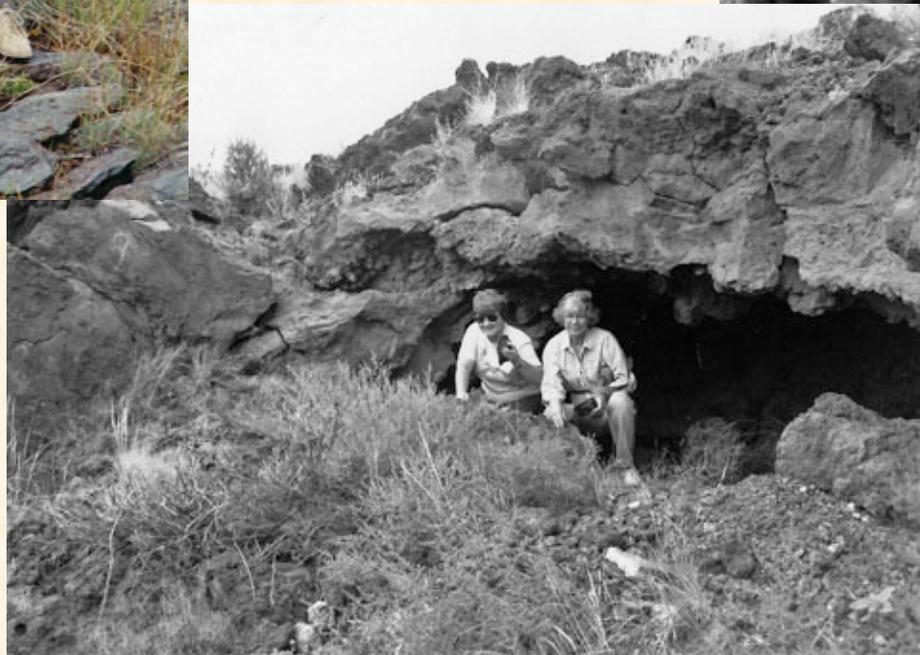


Paul Etter and Harland Tompkins stand in San Francisco Wash

Interesting footprint petroglyphs at Turkey Tanks.



Sherri Lee and Pat Etter at one of the caves not destroyed by road work.



November 9-12, 1990
Needles, California and west of the Colorado River
Mojave Road

Trip organized by Jack Root to have chapter join into a Friends of the Mojave Road gathering in Needles, CA. Several possible tours were available and chapter members could chose among them. CBs and 4WD was necessary, and groups of 25 vehicles made for rather long groups and lots of dust.



Tailgate social hour enjoyed by chapter members Harland Tompkins, the Roots, the Muellers, and the Lamsoms.



Just a few of a long line on a tour through the desert of the Mojave Road.



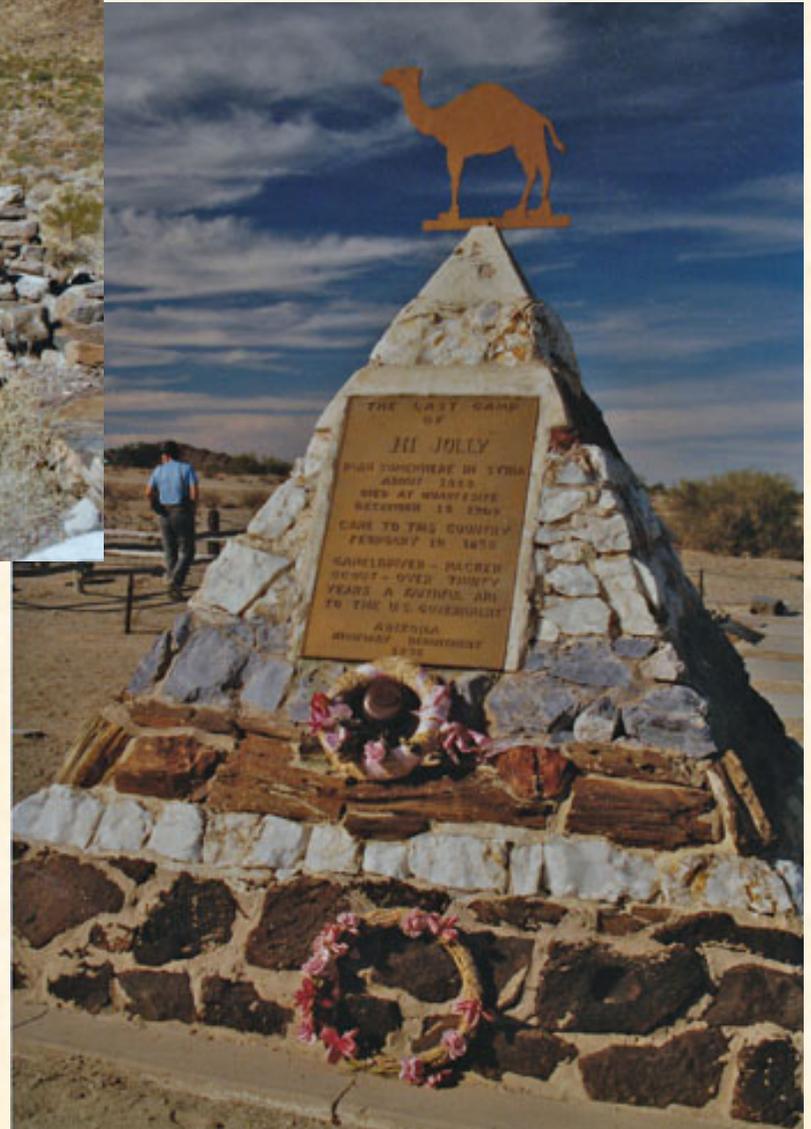
Looking east across the Colorado River at the ruins of Fort Mojave. The Beale Road crossed the river here.



From the same spot as the above photo, but looking west from the Colorado River. This is Piute Canyon and the route of the Mojave Road, no longer driveable.



Ruins of Fort Piute



Monument to Haiji Ali "Hi Jolly" a colorful character and Arab camel driver for the Beale expeditions. It is located in the Quartzite, AZ cemetery.