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Tule Springs Preservation Committee

Non-Profit Advisory

to

Floyd R. Lamb State Park

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Tule Springs Preservation Committee

Floyd R. Lamb State Park Advisory

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Dear Fellow Nevadan,

The members of the Tule Springs Preservation Committee would like to introduce themselves and provide some information to help you understand why the committee was formed. We are a non-profit organization incorporated in September of 1999.

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This committee is an advisory group to Floyd R. Lamb State Park. The purpose of the committee is to provide volunteer services, facilitate fund raising efforts and carry out historical research for the park.

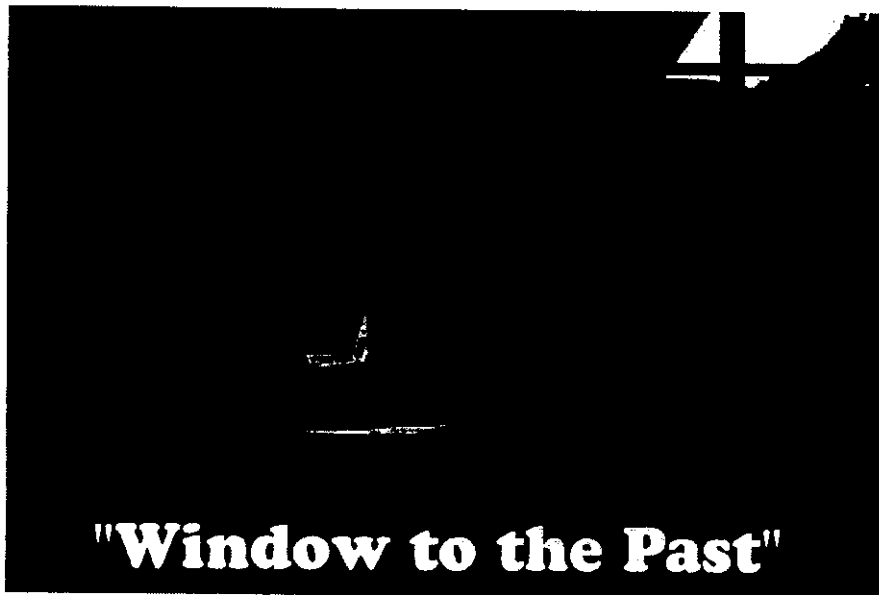
Some of the dreams we have for Floyd R. Lamb State Park are the restoration of historical buildings at the park and a visitors' center, obtaining grants for archaeological and paleontology studies, carrying out historical research on the families that have lived on or near the property, bird studies, and compiling research for information and educational materials to be made available to the public.

We have much work to do! We hope that you will join with us as we come together as a community to preserve our history and plan for the future of the park.

Sincerely,

The Tule Springs Preservation Committee

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"Window to the Past"

Mormon missionaries, who settled in the Las Vegas Valley in 1855, were said to have used Tule Springs as a camping spot on their way to the mountains in the northwest searching for timber. In 1869, Lieutenant George Wheeler of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made a reconnaissance through Southern Nevada to investigate the feasibility of building a railroad through the area. Wheeler made a map of the region which showed Tule Springs on what he called a "good wagon road." Tule Springs was also noted on an 1886 map, which showed a road leading to the Kyle Sawmill past Tule Springs. Most of the traffic on this road was limited to prospectors from either Arizona or Eldorado Canyon on their way to the Groom District or Hiko.

In 1904, freight teams were regularly hauling loads up to Rhyolite and Tule Springs was a watering place along the way. Early issues of the Las Vegas Age carried advertisements for the Bullfrog Stage, which went by way of Tule Springs to its first overnight stop at Corn Creek.

The mining activity created a need for a railroad, and the Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad was founded in 1906. It bypassed Tule Springs, although eventually it had a stop called Tule to the northwest of the spring area. At one time before 1906, one enterprising man established a tent-hotel at Tule Springs.

The first non-Indian to settle permanently at Tule Springs was John Herbert (Bert) Nay. Bert and his wife Rebecca Young Nay moved to Tule Springs around 1910 and filed for the water rights in 1916. According to Phil Benson in a 1986 edition of his Southern Nevada Times, the family first lived in an old abandoned adobe house.

We are not sure just how old the "Old Adobe" at Floyd R. Lamb State Park is. Relying on Phil Benson's article we can say with some certainty that the building is at least 91 years old.

The "whole" story of this building and the families that were associated with the park are worthy of telling. We are excited at the prospect of educating the public about the park history.

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