

Guajalotes, Zopilotes, y Paisanos

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Snake Mine. Date Unknown. Owned by Nick Galles and father-in-law Henry Davis Stocker

Feature Article: Hillsboro and Animas Mine Districts

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Comments and News

New Web Page! We're extremely pleased to announce that Hillsboro Historical Society has a web page and is on Facebook. Take a look at the page at hillsboronmhistory.info. Kudos to **Penny McCauley**, who designed the web page and set it up online, and connected us with Facebook.

Changes at the Museum Shop.

Our museum shop is moving into the entrance space next door. This will place the museum shop and the education center in direct proximity and give us more room for displays. We are also taking over the smaller office space to the rear of the hallway. This will provide badly needed space for files and archives. It can also serve as a reading room for individuals wanting to access our files.

Heritage Days. The Labor Day weekend activities were a resounding success. **The Fountain Murder Trial** re-enactment played both days to sell-out crowds, and everyone, including the actors, seemed to be having fun. All of the comments we've heard were complimentary. Everyone involved in the play can be proud of themselves. Some of us are still amazed that we really pulled it off. For those that aren't aware, a Fountain Trial re-enactment had been a dream of Sonja Rutledge from the very beginning of our

historical society—and probably before. She believed we could do it, and we did!

In addition to the play, we had excellent attendance for **Karl Laumbach's** presentation on the **History of the Fountain Murders**, **Michael Farmer's** discussion of **Early Day New Mexico Lawyers**, and showing of **Among the Dust of Thieves**—a movie about events surrounding the murder itself. Rumors are that the play will become an annual event.

Passings. **Stretch Luna** brought our attention to the June 17 death of Felix Madrid in Washington State. Madrid was one of the last natives of *La Vecindad de la Gente*, better known now as Happy Flats. Madrid was a member of one of the three founding families.

Feature Article. Our feature this issue was written by Hillsboro Resident **Joe Diel**.



Joe was born and raised in Oklahoma. He moved to New Mexico in 1960 to accept a professional position at New Mexico State University. His education is in physics and mathematics and his work experience includes engineering, teaching, biomedical research, and configuration and management of computer systems and networks. He retired in 1997 and moved to Hillsboro in 2006. This project was largely a result of the fire last summer which shut off hiking in the Black Range. Forced to explore the hills east of town, Joe discovered that there had been a lot of mining activity here over the years. His curiosity led to article below, which explores the range of that activity.

Hillsboro and Las Animas Mining Districts

by Joe Diel

Description. Hillsboro Mining District is located in the Animas Hills northeast of Warm Springs Canyon. The three largest peaks in the Animas Hills are Animas Peak, Empire Peak and Black Peak. They surround the area known as Copper Flats. The mining district extends roughly four miles north from Percha Creek and about four miles east from Warm Springs Canyon. It is approximately 15 square miles in area.

Las Animas Mining District lies to the east of the Hillsboro Mining District. It extends about four and one-half miles north from Percha Creek and about six and one-half miles east. It is roughly triangular in shape and covers about 14 square miles. It consists of the eastward and southward drainage from the Animas Hills from Dutch Gulch at the north to Wick's Gulch at the south and including Hunkidori, Gold Run, Little Gold Run and Greenhorn Gulch, which lie between the two.

The two mining districts are sometime combined and referred to by either or both of the names. I have mapped the entire area with the exception that Las Animas Mining District extends approximately three miles further east along Dutch Gulch. This map is a modified USGS map based on the version published by National Geographic with its Topo! Software package. In addition to the topographical and other features from the USGS maps, the map contains the names of most of the major mines in the Hillsboro Mining District along with most of the major placer mining locations in Las Animas Mining District. Names of certain other features not named on the USGS map have been added. Examples include Slapjack Hill, Jones Hill, Dutch Gulch, Hunkidori, Gold Run and Little Gold Run creeks. The information added to the USGS map was obtained largely from *The Geology and Ore Deposits of Sierra County, New Mexico* by George T. Harley, which I shall refer to below as "Harley". Additional information was obtained from the MyTopo.Com website and from personal observation of the region. [Ed. note: The map does not reproduce well at our small scale. A copy can be acquired via the author at josephhdiesel@gmail.com or viewed on the Hillsboro Community Library public computer].

Mining history. I know of no detailed history of mining in this area. The following two tables, however, give an idea of the types of activity in the area and the degree of success of these efforts over various time periods. The tables are expanded from tables in Harley in two ways. The estimated values of production given in the original table are based on the price of the minerals extracted, primarily gold, during the time it was extracted. The price of gold at that time was \$20.67 per troy ounce and that of silver averaged about \$0.40 per ounce (footnote, p. 60, Harley). Current prices are around \$1,249 per troy ounce for gold \$19.55 per ounce for silver (market prices on 7/4/13). I have added a column to the table giving the estimated current value of the minerals recovered based on a ratio of 60:1 since most of the value of the minerals produced was the value of the gold. Harley's book was published in 1933, but the activities of prospecting and production have continued to the present. I have added estimates of the results of this activity up until 1985 based on data from a United States Department Of The Interior Geological Survey Report by D. C. Hedlund, published in 1985.

I can find no record of any gold or any other mineral production in the mining districts after 1943. I do know that there have been and still are people who do recover some gold in the area, but the amounts I have heard of are very small. In spite of the lack of commercial exploitation over the last 70 years, individuals and mining companies continue to prospect and file claims up to and including this year.

Current status. The evidence of this continued interest is the large number of mining claims markers that are

to be found in this area. I have spent the last few months finding and recording those markers over a large part of the Hillsboro Mining District. The area I have covered goes from Warm Springs Canyon on the west to the east edge of the land held by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which is about one-half mile east of Black Peak and includes Wick's Gulch. It goes from Highway 152 on the south to just north of Black Peak on the east to the north border of the BLM holdings on the west, or about half a mile north of Empire Peak. The total area enclosed is about 6.4 square miles. Within that area, I have not recorded the locations of most of the markers south of Wick's Gulch, which are numerous. The number of markers I have found and recorded to date is 359. The earliest verifiable date of the markers I have found is 1948 and the latest ones are in 2013. I am sure that the listing is incomplete even within the areas covered since I have not made a systematic search and many of the markers are hard to find.

There are a large variety of markers. The oldest one I found was a simple cairn with a tobacco can holding the identifying information buried inside. The date, 1948 and the last name of the signature, Paxton, were about the only writing that was readable on the waxed paper wrapped paper note which is badly deteriorated. The most common of the later ones up to the 1970s were cairns holding up wood posts with metal tags attached to the posts with nails. The tags generally contain the name of the claim—usually a name and number—and the relationship of that marker to the claim, e.g., the northeast corner. A given marker might have from one to four such labels fastened to the post, and the same location might have markers or labels from a number of claimants, for example for a claim made in the 1960s and another one made after the year 2000. Another common type of marker, mainly in the 1970s, is a two inch iron pipe driven into a hole drilled into the ground. These normally have iron labels indicating that they are 10 foot deep discovery holes and list the claim, owner and date. The markers after the 1970s tend to have posts that are white PVC pipe since it is much easier to locate from a distance. The information on the claim is either attached to the pipe—e.g., an aluminum tag riveted to the pipe—or a claim form enclosed in a re-sealable plastic bag or vial shoved down into the pipe. There were a large variety of other types of markers, many of which had no identifying information associated with them.

I have created two listings of all of the markers found. The primary one is a text file with the location (latitude and longitude to the closest 1000th of a minute) and a complete description of the marker and its label or labels. The second one contains the location, name and type of marker in a spreadsheet file for ease of rearrangement by sorting on any of the fields defined. It often contains “guesses” about various characteristics, such as the date or owner, based on secondary data. The basis of these guesses is usually a similarity in name or appearance to other markers for which I have a recorded a date. For example, the various markers with the name “Empire” and a number are all assigned to the owner Fingado and a date of either 1963 or 1970 since I have dated markers by this name for those two dates. For convenience and in an attempt to gain some feeling for the succession of exploration I have divided up those markers for which I know or can reasonably guess a date into 20 year periods starting in 1940.

I only managed to find one of the older markers where I could verify the date and another that appeared much the same, but the labeling information was long gone. There are probably more of these, but they are very hard to identify since the label containers are buried within the cairn. The one I found that was from 1948 was near the top of Wick's Gulch. The other was in Ready Pay Gulch. There are others that could possibly be included, but this type of notification was used up through the 1960s so I have not included them.

Those that I have classified as being in 1960-1979 are much more numerous. There are 126 of them. About half of them belong to Fingado Mining Corporation (or Donald G. Fingado) and most of the other half to the Inspiration Development Co. These markers are mostly located on or near Empire Peak or in or near Wick's Gulch. They include a large number of markers for discovery holes.

There are 45 markers in the category 1980-1999. They belong to Gold-Silver Exp, Harold S. Bright III, or Wentzel, et al in approximately equal numbers. There are several where the labels are missing, which, from their appearance, probably belong to one of the first two owners. They are all located in Wick's Gulch, Ready Pay Gulch, or on the ridge between them.

Those markers that can be identified with reasonable certainty as being placed after the year 2000 are widely spread, the only area not represented is northwest of Empire Peak. There are 76 of these and the vast majority of them were placed by J&D Mining Corporation LLC in 2010. Other owners represented in this period include Tipton, et al, Littrell, Davis, et al, Green et al, and New Mexico Mining Corporation (NMMC). Except for the last one, the owners are individuals or small groups of individuals.

The markers for which no date have been assigned are extremely variable. There are a large number of them that must be fairly recent because they use PVC pipe as markers. Cairns holding up wooden posts are also represented in this group in large numbers. Fifteen markers with unknown dates appear to be survey markers rather than claims markers. For most of the remainder, the claimants appear to have used most anything that came to hand such as bars taken from equipment, old rock drills, and what looks like an axle from a cart, none of which are labeled in any way.

Of the four claims that can definitely be said to be active now, I have witnessed people working two, and gold is being found, both by them and by individuals working in unclaimed areas of BLM land in these mining districts. If you would like to have your own claim to work, the process is simple. All you need to do is locate a likely area, stake it out and file a claim. The area allowed for a lode claim is 600 by 1500 feet (20.87 acres) while the area for a placer claim is variable but limited to 20 acres per claimant up to 160 acres. Fees are adjusted accordingly. The largest placer claim that I have seen is a quarter section (160 acres). The claim fee is \$189 for the first year and there are conditions for expectation of production, but BLM normally takes your willingness to go through the claim procedure and pay your fee as adequate proof that the claim meets those expectations. If you want to hold your claim for more than a year, you have to file for an extension every year and pay the \$140 fee, although the fee, but not the filing, is sometimes waived for individuals. What you get for your money and effort is an exclusive right to prospect and mine your claim—the land itself is no longer sold (patented) as of October 1, 1994 and other people can use the same land for other purposes. If you don't want to go to all that effort and you still want a claim there is an active secondary market and you can probably buy one on eBay.

If you expect to profit from your claim, however, the effort has just begun. Even at the height of production during the late 19th century the highest gold content in a shipment of ore was rarely over 2 troy ounces of gold per ton of ore even in the high grade portion of the ore. The average was in the order of 1 ounce per ton or slightly less. Anything much less was not considered economically recoverable and was left in place, used as back-fill or dumped in the tailings. The work and infrastructure required to remove the gold and other valuable minerals from the ore was and is extensive (and expensive). Placer mining is, or at least can be, less complex, but the yields are even lower. A rich find during that same time period yielded about 0.2 ounces per cubic yard (about 1.3 tons).

Notes:

1. The two listings of claims markers discussed above are not a part of this paper, but are available in electronic format from the author at josephhdriel@gmail.com. Copies are also available on the public computer at the Hillsboro Community Library. The listings will be updated as additional markers are found.

2. The weight of a cubic yard of sand given above is from a personal measurement using sand taken from the stream bed in Warm Springs Canyon just above the Highway 152 culvert.

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List of Sierra County mines by name, latitude, longitude and USGS Map name. <http://mytopo/findamap/states/newmexico/county/sierra/features.cfm.htm>

The National Geographic software, Topo!, used here can be obtained from: <http://shop.nationalgeographic.com/ngs/product/topo!-state-series/topo!-new-mexico>

Mining Claims, BLM publication, revised 11/05, p. 13ff. This publication can be found at: http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wo/MINERALS__REALTY__AND_RESOURCE_PROTECTION_/energy.Par.28664.File.dat/MiningClaims.pdf

Estimated Value of Production of the Hillsboro District,
1877 to 1931, Inclusive (Table p. 142 Harley)

Placer	Value based on prices in		fraction	
	1933*	2013**	of type	of total
Rattlesnake placers	\$40,000	\$2,000,000.00	2%	1%
Wicks Gulch	\$100,000	\$5,000,000.00	5%	1%
Luxemburg	\$2,000,000	\$100,000,000.00	91%	29%
Miscellaneous	\$60,000	\$3,000,000.00	3%	1%
Placer total	\$2,200,000	\$110,000,000.00	100%	32%
Lode Mines				
Empire-Bickford	\$1,000	\$50,000.00	0%	0%
Garfield-Butler	\$40,000	\$2,000,000.00	1%	1%
Biglow	\$5,000	\$250,000.00	0%	0%
Mary Richmond Group	\$600,000	\$30,000,000.00	13%	9%
Bonanza Group	\$700,000	\$35,000,000.00	15%	10%
Rattlesnake group	\$1,500,000	\$75,000,000.00	32%	22%
Opportunity group	\$670,000	\$33,500,000.00	14%	10%
McKinley-Sherman-Caballero	\$21,000	\$1,050,000.00	0%	0%
Ready Pay Mine	\$10,000	\$500,000.00	0%	0%
Wicks Group	\$150,000	\$7,500,000.00	3%	2%
85 Mines	\$50,000	\$2,500,000.00	1%	1%
Chance-Christmas-Feeder-Extension	\$6,000	\$300,000.00	0%	0%
Sternberg-Copper King group	\$8,000	\$400,000.00	0%	0%
Happy Jack	\$6,000	\$300,000.00	0%	0%
Tripp-Homestake	\$50,000	\$2,500,000.00	1%	1%
El Oro-Andrews	\$200,000	\$10,000,000.00	4%	3%
Miscellaneous	\$728,000	\$36,400,000.00	15%	10%
Lode Mines Total	\$4,745,000	\$237,250,000.00	100%	68%
Total	\$6,945,000	\$347,250,000.00		100%

* Gold: \$20.67/troy oz, Silver: \$0.40/oz (Footnote, p. 60, Harley)

** Assumes a ratio of 60:1 for current value : value used by Harley

Time period***	est product	current value	fraction
prior to 1904	\$6,750,000	\$337,500,000.00	90%
1904-1910	\$45,000	\$2,250,000.00	1%
1911-1931	\$150,000	\$7,500,000.00	2%
1932-1943****	\$532,000	\$18,984,800	7%
total	\$7,477,000	\$366,234,800	100%

***information from Harley for 1931 and earlier and from Hedlund through 1985

****all placer gold: assumed price of gold in 1932-1943: \$35 per troy ounce.

Society Reports

The July to October Minutes were consolidated in one report:

Financial Reports. The Financial Reports submitted by **Susan Binneweg** noted the expenses associated with opening and operating the Museum Gift Shop and the expenses in promoting and producing the Fountain Trial Reenactment. The HHS realized a profit from the weekend events of \$4,173.27. This amount more than covered the costs of converting the Percha Creek Traders space for use as a gift shop and Education Center and the costs of rent, insurance and utilities to date.

The Board approved Susan's proposal to invest HHS funds in a laddered and restricted CDs and the transfer of \$2,500 in operating funds back into the money market.

Insurance. Susan and Harley reported that the HHS now has liability insurance for the Museum Gift Shop and Education Center. The Board will explore possibilities for content insurance.

Hillsboro Welcome Sign. The Board approved a motion made by **Jamie Lee** agreeing that **Sue Bason** retain the right to the commercial use of the art work she completed for the Hillsboro welcome sign. The HHS will retain the right to the design for non-commercial and fund raising purposes, e.g., promoting events sponsored by the HHS. The Board noted the many compliments it has received on the sign.

Fountain Murder Trial Reenactment
The Reenactment Weekend was a great success, with sold out performances both Saturday and Sunday. Special thanks to members **Brian and Nikki O'Dell** for the wine basket raffle benefiting the HHS; Catherine Wanek for opening the Sheriff Murphy House to weekend events.

Walking Tour Guide. **Matilde Holzwarth** and **Patty Woodruff** completed the new **Historic Hillsboro Walking Tour Guide**, and we are regularly seeing people wandering around town with the guide in hand. Great job, Matilde and Patty!

Additional Members. The Board will send a letter to ticket holders to the Reenactment who provided their names, inviting them to become members of the Historical Society.

Education Center. The first exhibit in the HHS Education Center, "New Deal Public Art of New Mexico, a Traveling Photographic Exhibit," continued through September 30 and was returned to the National New Deal Preservation Association. The exhibit was well received. Books associated with the exhibit remain for sale in the Museum Gift Shop.

The Board discussed the possible purchase of a power point projector and screen for use at HHS sponsored lectures and exhibits at the Education Center. The Board will address the issue again once it has information on costs.

The Board agreed to seek member volunteers to serve on a Program Committee for the Education Center. This would entail planning lectures, special events and/or exhibits. The Board is considering "The Apache Wars in Southwest New Mexico" as the Education Center's Winter exhibit. We are continuing discussions with the Silver City and Geronimo Springs Museums on materials they might loan for the exhibit. Members with an interest in, or information and expertise to share on, the Apache Wars and the Buffalo Soldiers, or generally interested in chairing or serving on a Program Committee, should contact Robin Tuttle at 575-895-5187.

The Board indentified the following items needed to furnish the Education Center:

Cabinet to display exhibit items,
Narrow table to place exhibit information,
Bench or easy chairs,
9 x 6 or 8 x10 rug,

Members who have these items to donate or lend should contact Harley Shaw at 575-895-5385.

HHS Museum Gift Shop. The Board approved and purchased a cash register and an I-Pad for taking credit card sales. Susan demonstrated the use of the system and will also held a training session for volunteers at the shop. Susan has secured a Sierra Country-required business license for operating the shop and the non-taxable transactions

certificate available to the HHS as a 501(c)(3) entity.

Although the fire and especially heavy monsoons this summer limited visits to Hillsboro, the gift shop made a reasonable number of sales during its first months of operation, generating a gross profit on sales of \$ 786.96.

Susan Binneweg and **Barbara Lovell** inventoried all of the shop items and entered them on the I-Pad. This will enable real time accounting of sales and a running account of inventory. Susan is developing a manual for shop operations including instructions on the use of the credit card machine.

The Board expressed its appreciation to member Ruth Miller for staffing the gift shop every Friday. Harley, Sonja and Barbara have been staffing the shop on Saturdays and Sundays. It would be very helpful to expand the staffing to the membership.

Members willing to volunteer for 2-3 hours shifts on a continuing or sometime basis should contact Sonja Rutledge at 575-895-5326.

Fire Truck. Harley reported that the engine from the operable fire truck has been removed and will be installed in the non-operating, historic truck, as a first step to a complete renovation.

HHS Newsletter. The Board accepted with appreciation **Stretch Luna's** offer to mail out the quarterly HHS newsletter.

Webpage. Harley agreed to check with the member developer on the status of the HHS webpage. The Board expressed its interest in completing the project and going online.

Black Range Museum. Barbara expressed an interest in an inventory and scan of the fronts and backs of photos in the Black Range Museum collection in order to upload them to CDs. Harley noted that some of the collection is available on CDs.

Peltier Event. The Board is considering an event at the Education Center to display and offer for sale the two **Leonard Peltier**, and two other paintings donated to the HHS. This will

require sufficient lead time to place ads in local and regional publications. At the earliest, the

event would be held in mid-November. Another possibility is to hold it in conjunction with Christmas in the Foothills.

Elections. The Board discussed the use of a Nominations Committee to identify potential vacancies on the Board and individuals who might be nominated to fill them.

Interesting Hillsboro Links

<http://hillsborohistory.blogspot.com/>.

Hillsboro blog maintained by Craig Springer. Lots of good stories about our area.

<http://www.blackrangevineyards.com/>. Up and running in Hillsboro!

<http://www.aldosattic.com/>. Fine bird prints and literature of nature.

<http://www.blackrange.org/TheBlackRangeRag/TheBlackRangeRag.html>.

Created by Robert Barnes. Local history and natural history with lots of links to other sites.

<http://www.hillsboronm.com/>. Community events.

<http://www.blackrangelodge.com/>. Historic bed and breakfast with accommodations in the pines.

<http://barbershopcafe.com/>. Restarurant and store.

Museum Shop and Educational Center.

Hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11am to 4pm.

Phone: 575-895-3321.

We are seeking people who would be willing to work at the store, possibly allowing us to expand our hours. We need tables, chairs, and other furniture items. Cabinet to display exhibits. Narrow table to place exhibit information. Bench or easy chairs. 9 x 6 or 8 x10 rug.

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Hillsboro Historical Society
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
January through October 2013

	HHS	Museum Shop/Exhibit ...	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Fundraising Revenue	5,672.00	0.00	5,672.00
"Around Hillsboro" Book Revenue	126.24	59.00	185.24
Bullocks Revenue	391.50	0.00	391.50
Donation Revenue	524.25	0.00	524.25
Membership Dues	1,125.00	0.00	1,125.00
Museum Shop Sales	0.00	2,631.71	2,631.71
Total Income	<u>7,838.99</u>	<u>2,690.71</u>	<u>10,529.70</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
Credit Card Fees	0.00	0.69	0.69
Fundraising Expense	765.64	0.00	765.64
Purchases	0.00	195.25	195.25
Freight in	0.00	38.06	38.06
Commissions	0.00	1,464.64	1,464.64
Total COGS	<u>765.64</u>	<u>1,698.64</u>	<u>2,464.28</u>
Gross Profit	7,073.35	992.07	8,065.42
Expense			
Advertising & Promotion	0.00	5.00	5.00
Cash Short/(Over)	0.00	(10.36)	(10.36)
Licenses & Fees	10.00	50.00	60.00
Equipment	0.00	484.00	484.00
Exhibit Expense	0.00	344.31	344.31
Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	425.00	425.00
Hillsboro Sign Project	1,048.68	0.00	1,048.68
Insurance	0.00	428.00	428.00
Labor	0.00	150.00	150.00
Materials	0.00	497.50	497.50
Newsletter Expense	314.59	0.00	314.59
Office Supplies Expense	36.48	56.21	92.69
Postage & Shipping	12.88	0.00	12.88
Rent Expense	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	45.00	45.00
Security Deposit	0.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies	0.00	128.61	128.61
Telephone Expense	0.00	252.59	252.59
Utilities	0.00	33.26	33.26
Total Expense	<u>1,422.63</u>	<u>4,289.12</u>	<u>5,711.75</u>
Net Ordinary Income	5,650.72	(3,297.05)	2,353.67
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Dividend Income	70.96	0.00	70.96
Total Other Income	<u>70.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70.96</u>
Net Other Income	70.96	0.00	70.96
Net Income	<u>5,721.68</u>	<u>(3,297.05)</u>	<u>2,424.63</u>

Hillsboro Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2013

	<u>Oct 31, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash on Hand	55.00
Cash - Citizens Bank	1,779.97
Cash - White Sands FCU Checking	5,273.22
Cash - White Sands FCU Savings	45.00
Cash - Money Market Account	27,603.91
Total Checking/Savings	<u>34,757.10</u>
Other Current Assets	
HHS Inventory	164.90
Total Other Current Assets	<u>164.90</u>
Total Current Assets	34,922.00
Fixed Assets	
Historical Items	74.30
Antique Fire Trucks	5,337.47
Total Fixed Assets	<u>5,411.77</u>
Other Assets	
Organization Costs	103.00
Total Other Assets	<u>103.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>40,436.77</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	38,012.14
Net Income	2,424.63
Total Equity	<u>40,436.77</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>40,436.77</u>



George T. and Ninette Stocker-Miller House. Built 1894. Designed by Ninette Stocker-Miller, who engaged builders Nicholas and Peter Galles. Blocks were poured from the Hillsboro Smelter slag. The wood for the home came from the razed photography studio of J.C. Burge in Kingston, so says an 1894 contract between Miller and Peter Galles. George Miller, an avid photographer, bought out Burge--studio and negatives--according to historian Richard Rudisill, author of *Photographers of the New Mexico Territory* (Museum of New Mexico Press). The house was restored by Delores and Ernest Springer. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and now owned by Craig and Felicia Springer.

MEMBERSHIP

OUR MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON A FEBRUARY 1 TO JANUARY 31 ANNUAL BASIS. ANY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS WE RECEIVE AFTER NOVEMBER 15 WILL BE CONSIDERED 2014 MEMBERSHIPS VALID FROM FEB 1, 2014 TO JANUARY 31, 2015. .

The Hillsboro Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and share the history and historical artifacts of the Hillsboro, Kingston and Lake Valley communities in New Mexico. Its membership comprises supporters and volunteers who may choose to participate in many aspects of the Society's mission including fundraising, collection and conservation, oral histories, education and interpretation, special events and programs. Member benefits include the Historical Society quarterly newsletter, priority registration for lectures, summer programs and field trips, and an invitation to our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. Dues are \$25 annually for individual or family and \$50 for business memberships. Please mail this completed Membership Subscription, along with your check made payable to **Hillsboro Historical Society, P. O. Box 461, Hillsboro NM 88042.**

Member Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

Volunteer interest _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ annual (from Feb to Feb) individual or family membership

Enclosed is \$ _____ annual (from Feb to Feb) business membership that includes ad in newsletter

Additional Donation \$ _____ Gift Membership \$ _____ for _____

Newsletter sent (check one): Digital by email _____ Hard copy mailed _____

We prefer to send the newsletter via email. If we have no email address for members, we will mail them a hard copy.