



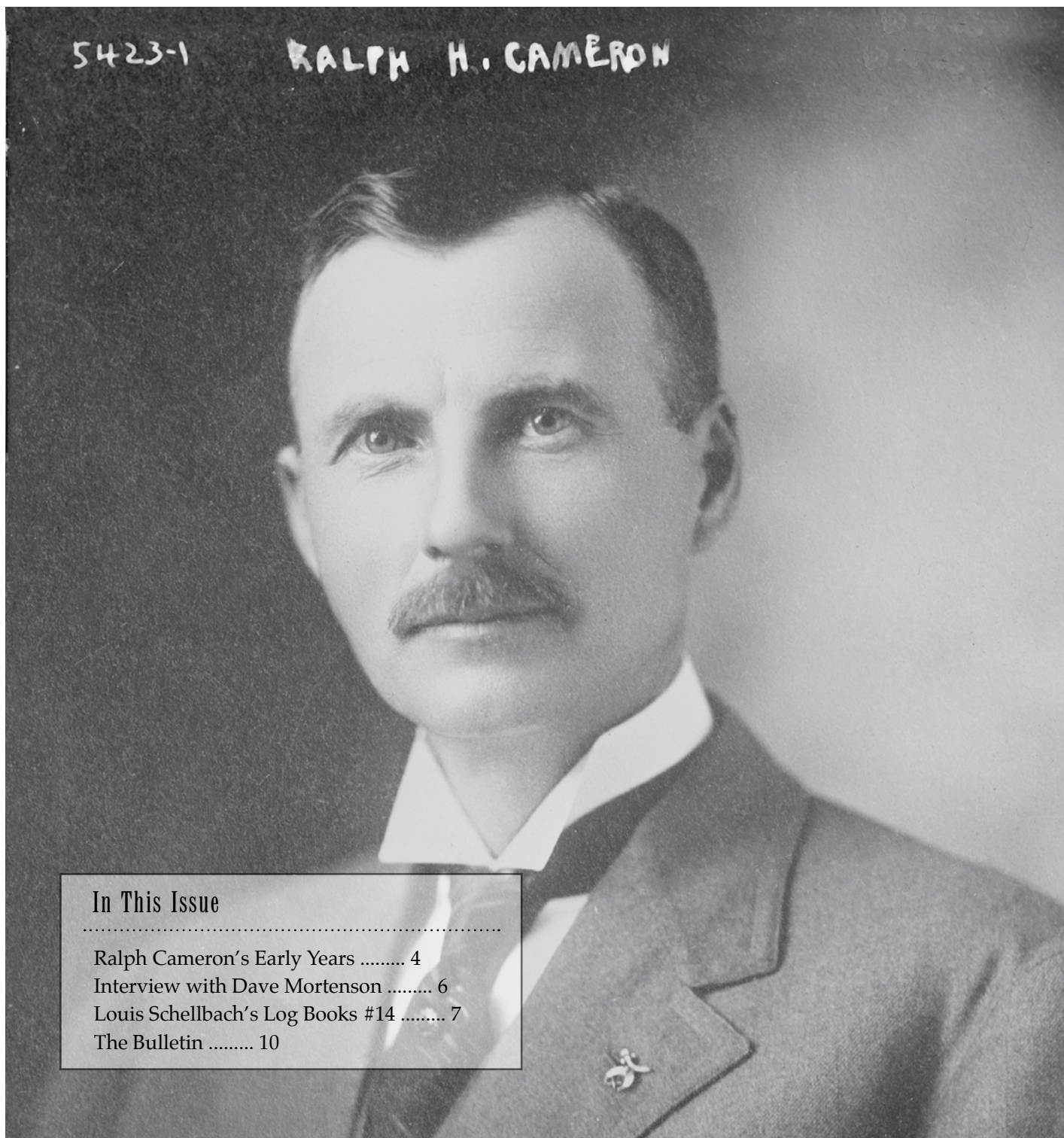
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President's Letter

In each issue of the *Ol' Pioneer*, the President of the Grand Canyon Historical Society writes a letter to the membership. For the last few years, I've enjoyed reading the letters written by our outgoing President Wayne Ranney. As required by our By-laws however, Wayne is now "termed off" of the Board after completing two three-year terms. Thus, at our December meeting I volunteered for and accepted the responsibility that the Board entrusted to me to be your new President. I do this with assurances that Wayne would make himself available as a mentor and advisor to me and to give constructive critiques.

In this edition of the 'OP you will find two President's letters. Wayne has written an "outgoing" letter to the membership and in it you will find what this organization has meant to him during his five years leading the organization. The GCHS has grown and improved under his leadership and to all who have worked with him as volunteers and members, please when you get the opportunity, thank him.

This February 26th is the 99th Anniversary of the Grand Canyon National Park. We are already well along in planning our 2019 Grand Canyon History Symposium. The theme will honor 100 years of this most amazing National Park. I know many of you will want to attend this 5th History Symposium. Mark your calendars and begin planning as we, in coordination with the National Park Service, plan the Symposium for **Wednesday Feb 20th through Sunday Feb 24th**.

Here are some proposed general items to know about the 5th Grand Canyon History Symposium: (Note that throughout the year we will provide additional details.)

- Members of the Grand Canyon Historical Society will once again enjoy early registration privileges, likely in December, 2018. **Renew your membership now so you can register early.** Renewal notices were emailed to members on December 19, 2017.
- On that Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the South Rim there will be morning presentations and afternoon tours or activities. We will be expanding the number of sign-up opportunities for attendees to participate, learn and enjoy the Grand Canyon.
- There will be a social reception on Wednesday Feb 20 with early symposium registration.
- We will have special evening presentations on Thursday and Friday.
- There will be a social reception on Saturday evening Feb 23.
- Sunday Feb 24 may be used to add more tours and activities, depending on demand.

As a special addition to the next symposium, we will be asking each attendee to give us information about what year they first saw the Grand Canyon and ask them to submit a very short write up of their memories of that seminal event. We will place "your year" on your name tag! For me, it was 1957 and I was nine years old. I remember my father telling me, "No. You can't go down the Bright Angel Trail!" Also, he did answer my question on who was "Kilroy"? I saw his name carved everywhere in the old log walls of the campground bathroom. Perhaps if my father had said yes to me on going down the trail, I might not have spent the last six decades hiking in the canyon!

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In the past I always had to travel from California or Washington State to reach the canyon for hikes and river trips. Now my wife and I live three miles from Arizona in Kanab, Utah. Like many who think of the Grand Canyon as their special place, I look forward to working with the amazing volunteers, supporters and members of the Grand Canyon Historical Society. We love the short commute!

Dave Mortenson
President

(Outgoing) President's Letter

by *Wayne Ranney*

Well, that certainly went by fast! Six years ago, I was invited to serve on the Board of the Grand Canyon Historical Society and one year later I took over as President from Erik Berg. I cannot believe that I now find myself handing over this position, much as Erik did at the end of 2012.

Ten years ago, after our 2nd History Symposium in 2007, the members who worked so hard to make that event such a success were thoroughly exhausted and ready for *anyone* to step in and take over the reins. At that time, the Board met only once a year, symposia were held every fifth year, and the *Ol' Pioneer* was printed just twice a year and as a 12-page black and white publication. The Society appeared to drift toward its possible end. That is, until a few hard-working folks stepped up to revive the organization – Keith and Nancy Green, George and Susan Billingsley, Dan and Diane Cassidy, Lee Albertson, and John Azar come to mind. Erik Berg later brought professionalism and a calm leadership in helping to stabilize the Society.

Today, the Society's importance and relevancy are well-recognized in the Grand Canyon community. The Board now meets four times a year, plans are in place to hold symposia every three years (through at least 2022), and the *Ol' Pioneer* has evolved to include color photographs and has expanded to be 16-20 pages in length. Our Oral History Project now records some of the personal histories at Grand Canyon. The Society played a major role in supporting and assisting the Park archeologists in achieving the National Historic Landmark designation of the TWA/United plane crash site and is still working closely with surviving family members. All of these successes are made possible by the implementation of our Strategic Plan, developed and implemented in 2013 that guides the governance of the organization. We have matured since 2007 and I am happy to say that we are as vibrant and important to the Grand Canyon community as it ever has been in our 34-year existence!

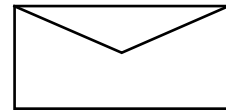
But none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many individuals who have kept this passion for history alive through their **volunteerism**, whether it be serving on the Board of Directors, a Committee, working at our symposia, conducting oral histories, or any of the other activities we promote. Our scholarship, thanks to the generosity of you, our members, was awarded to three individuals in 2017!

I am pleased that Dave Mortenson has agreed to serve as the President of the Grand Canyon Historical Society in 2018. I trust that Dave will serve this organization well and that the future maintenance and growth of our many activities is assured. Haley Johnson will be our Vice-President bringing energy, enthusiasm, and excitement to that position. Jack Pennington and Brian Blue have agreed to remain on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Being President of the GCHS for these past five years has been

a worthwhile and rewarding experience. But as with anything in life, there comes a time when the old ones need to step aside and allow others with fresh ideas and new perspectives to be involved in leadership roles. I know we are in great hands going forward! And for the last time as President, I thank you for your membership and encourage you to become a more involved member of the Grand Canyon Historical Society. Thank you!

Check it out! We have a new mailing address!



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Ralph Cameron's Early Years

by James Darrow

Anyone with a taste for Arizona history, and especially Grand Canyon history, is likely to be familiar with the outlines of Ralph Henry Cameron's career in Northern Arizona. It makes for a crowded and controversial resume: founder of a dry goods store in Flagstaff in the 1880s; interests in sheep, cattle and mining ventures; developer and toll collector of the Bright Angel Trail, and hotelier at the South Rim (until he was outmuscled by the Santa Fe Railway and the Fred Harvey Company); Coconino County Sheriff, and later Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors; Territorial delegate to Congress and, after statehood, United States Senator; persistent filer of mining claims seeking to regain control of the Bright Angel Trail; equally persistent, and ultimately unsuccessful, litigant asserting those claims all the way to the Supreme Court; early advocate of hydroelectric dams in Grand Canyon; and namesake of the town of Cameron.

Less familiar are Cameron's origins and early life. He was born October 21, 1863, in Southport, Maine, 2,700 miles distant from Flagstaff. His great-grandfather Daniel Cameron and his wife had emigrated to Southport from Scotland in the latter half of the 1700s, when Maine was still a province of Massachusetts.

The town of Southport is an island, about 12 miles around by boat. It lies barely 100 yards from the mainland. If you lay your right hand on a table, palm downwards, fingers together and thumb cocked slightly apart, your hand forms a rough and ready map of the island. On this map, your fingers point north, and the tip of your middle finger is called Cameron Point. The open sea is to the south, just below your wrist-bone. The Sheepscot River is to the left of your thumb, and the closest mainland, the Boothbay peninsula, is just

to the right of your little finger. The space between your thumb and forefinger is Ebenecook Harbor, where Daniel Cameron settled.

Like the rest of Maine, Southport was heavily glaciated in the last Ice Age. The ice left behind thin soils, scattered granite boulders and plenty of exposed bedrock (or "ledge" in local parlance). Together with a short growing season, the rocky soils made farming a challenge; the early settlers, and the following generations of coastal Mainers, made their living on the sea.

Daniel Cameron was no exception. He became the captain of a fishing schooner based in Ebenecook Harbor. Daniel's son Daniel Junior built a wharf on the west side of Pierce Cove, a small cove at the south end of the harbor (near the intersection of today's Route 27 and Ebenecook Road). Around 1810, the family built a small house near the same site. The house, pictured on page 5, is a classic New England salt box, with clapboard siding and a center chimney serving fireplaces in multiple rooms on the ground floor and the second story.

Daniel Junior's son Henry was born in 1826. He married Abigail Jones and, like his ancestors, made a living as a fisherman and captain of his own schooner. Their son Ralph was born in 1863 in the Cameron house on Pierce Cove (which was known to the family as Cameron Cove).

Ralph Cameron attended the local public school, and from age 10 he supplemented the family income by serving as a mail carrier for West Southport. At age 13, he signed on as one of the crew of the schooner Waterfall, working the cod fishery of the Grand Banks, off of Newfoundland. He continued working on Grand Banks schooners for five years.

Cameron then signed on to work for a time on a mackerel-fishing schooner based in Gloucester, Massachusetts, until one night the schooner

was accidentally rammed by another vessel in Provincetown Bay, just as he was about to turn in to his bunk. The wrecked schooner was adrift for four days before the crew was rescued by another vessel.

In later days, Cameron used to say that he had been educated in the school of hard knocks, but this particular knock persuaded him that he had had enough of seafaring. He made his way to Boston, where he found work for a year in Hovey's department store, selling ladies' goods. He then heeded a doctor's advice to head west for his health. Intending to settle in California, he travelled by train and spent time in Albuquerque, then Winslow, finally alighting and settling in Flagstaff in 1883. He was later joined there by two of his brothers, Niles and Bert.

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The house on Pierce Cove remained in the Cameron family until the early 20th century, when it passed into other hands. In 1988, the owner donated the house to the Southport Historical Society, and it was moved a couple of hundred yards up the hill from its original site to become the Hendricks Hill Museum.

In 1953, Cameron, who had remained in contact with friends and family on Southport, was planning a return visit to the island. The Southport citizens were ready to welcome him with a hand-carved wooden key to the town, but while en route from Arizona he died in Washington, D.C. of complications after a heart attack. The key, never presented, is now in the collection of the Hendricks Hill Museum.





Above: The Hendricks Hill Museum in Southport Maine is a local history museum today but in 1863 it was a private residence having the distinction of being the birthplace of Ralph Cameron. The house was built in 1810 just after the Cameron family emigrated from Scotland. Photos by James Darrow, August, 2017.

Left: Ralph Cameron was on his way back to Southport Maine to visit family when he died in Washington DC on February 12, 1953, after complications from a heart attack. The hand-carved wooden key shown here was to have been presented to Cameron upon his arrival and is today on display at the Hendricks Hill Museum in Southport. Photo by James Darrow.

Interview With Board President Dave Mortenson

At the GCHS Board meeting in December 2017, Dave Mortenson who was elected by the general membership to serve his second three-year term, volunteered for and was elected as Board President by the Board of Directors. *Ol' Pioneer* decided it would be a good time to interview Dave so GCHS members and supporters can know more about their new President.

Ol' Pioneer: Why are you so interested in the Grand Canyon and its history?

Dave Mortenson: I think most people discover the Grand Canyon as part of a vacation, education or employment opportunity. For me, I was "formally" introduced at age nine by my father Brick Mortenson and P.T. "Pat" Reilly in 1957. Pat and my father worked at Lockheed Aircraft and they ran the Colorado River in the 1950s on their vacations. On their 1957 river trip they had to abort their river trip at Phantom Ranch due to the highest water anyone had ever run on the Colorado. Leaving their boats at Bright Angel beach, they hiked out and my father quickly came home to the Los Angeles area to take my mother, older brother, sister and me back to visit the Grand Canyon. We joined up with Pat and his wife Susie while visiting amazing places that introduced us to this fascinating area and its people who told amazing historical stories.

OP: What did you see and who did you meet?

DM: My first view of the Grand Canyon was at Toroweap where I met Ranger John Riffey. Then we went to North Rim followed by a visit to Lees Ferry. Reilly told me the history of the ferry crossing and people like John Wesley Powell, John D. Lee, Norm Nevills, Doc Marston and others. We hiked into the Crossing of the Fathers in Glen Canyon to see what was to be flooded by the dam, then



made our way to the South Rim and saw the sights. I was told the stories about the Kolb brothers, the early settlers, miners and entrepreneurs. Then we drove to Flagstaff to visit Harvey Butchart, followed by a stop at Temple Bar on Lake Mead where we motored up the lake to the Grand Wash Cliffs, entering the western end of the Grand Canyon.

OP: That was an amazing introduction to the Grand Canyon. When did you return?

DM: Often and for the next sixty years! I did my first GC hike in 1961, off the Great Thumb Mesa to visit Key Hole Bridge, which had been discovered by Pat Reilly. I ran the wild Colorado River for the first time in 1962 before it was dammed. On the river I met Martin Litton, Georgie White, Don Harris and photographer Bill Belknap. For the most part, I completed week long hikes in the remote western Grand Canyon on an almost annual schedule. This continued even though I lived in California until 1981. Then moving to the Pacific Northwest near Seattle, I mastered the 2600-mile round trip drive to reach the Grand Canyon. In 1997,

while hiking along the river, a chance encounter with Tom Martin gave me the opportunity to return to private river running in January 2001 when I joined a 30-day rafting trip with Tom. I've now completed six private 25-day trips and another is scheduled for this October.

OP: Did all this Grand Canyon activity influence your academic and professional life choices?

DM: Yes and no! Academically, I worked my way through college and got an AA degree in Photo Journalism from a junior college. My love of taking Grand Canyon photos was a huge motivation. I received a BA in Geography focusing on the physical rather than the social studies and fell in love with historical geography. Later, I achieved a Masters degree in Urban Planning and found my true calling as a generalist. I volunteered to go into the Air Force in 1971 during the Vietnam War era. I was commissioned and became a navigator flying primarily for 10 years in the reserves on C130s in Air Rescue. We did do a few search missions over the Grand Canyon and a lot of training flights in the canyon before it became regu-

lated. While in the reserves, I went to Graduate School and then worked for the BLM as a planner, drawing up a land use plan for the California Desert. Moving to the Pacific Northwest, I worked for the Washington State Legislature for 10 years and then had a successful business as a political consultant until retirement in 2012. For me the Grand Canyon helped me keep my sanity in the high stress, long hours and fascinating professional careers.

OP: You are known for your western Grand Canyon hikes. What is your interest in replicating historic Colorado River boats?

DM: First, let me clarify that I'm neither a boat builder or a boatman. But I am able to get others to build and row boats down the river with me as a passenger. Brad Dimock was my motivator to attempt this crazy idea. In 2011, we launched three rep-

licas of the boats my father, Pat Reilly and Moulty Fulmer rowed in 1955. We ran these historic replicas and were able to research and document these early private river runners, their adventures and their crafts. On later trips, we ran replicas of the two first Oregon built hull dories and the last Cataract style boat built. At the last History Symposium, many enjoyed seeing replica boats and talking to their builders.

OP: So how did you get involved with the GCHS?

DM: Simply put – I joined the GCHS because of my love of Grand Canyon history. I was honored to be a presenter at the 2nd and 3rd History Symposia. After the 3rd gathering, I talked with Board members and offered to help with the 4th Symposium held in 2016. So in 2014, I joined the Board and at the first meeting they needed a co-chair so I volunteered

since retirement gave me the time and interest to pursue it.

OP: You're a self-identified "Grand Canyon nut!" How does your family handle this interest?

DM: Simply put, we have always done non-traditional family vacations. My wife Pam for 49 years of marriage has been on backcountry hikes and several river trips. She suggested we retire to the Southwest and we found a place in Kanab, Utah surrounded by red sedimentary rock. Our two children both began hiking in the western Grand Canyon when they were 13 years old. They have both rowed through Grand Canyon. Finally, our only grandchild, Natalie, who is half Japanese and lives in Japan has done three river trips. She is the fourth generation of Mortenson Grand Canyon "nuts!"

Louis Schellbach's Log Books: Part 14

by Traci Wyrick

Tuesday Oct. 1, 1946

Schulz reported in for duty after his two days off. Schroeder at Yavapai. Placed a finder on broken No. 8 telescope. At work on corresp. Gave B.A. talk at 8:00 p.m. To Bryants for reception of Mr. & Mrs. Kitteredge, Supt. Yosemite Nat'l Park.

Wednesday Oct. 2, 1946

Checked m/s on two sets of Kodachromes sent to Bryant for correction. They to be used commercially in sets. Bill Bowen brought in an entomologist who wished to see the study collection. He was from the Bureau of Entomology, U.S. Nat'l Museum. Treated some specimens showing dermestids at work. Placed fresh host plant in rearing jars of larvae on pinyon pine.

Friday Oct. 4, 1946

Assisted the Life magazine people with photographs at Yavapai this

a.m. and gave the station talk. To Rotary luncheon at noon. Attending correspondence. Letter from U.S. Nat'l Museum (J.F.Gates Clarke) that the *Depressaria* reared in 1942 was new, and that it was named *Depressaria Schellbachi*, after me. The paper giving the description will be out in a month or so. Another record for the Park. The moth reared from the flower head of *Lomaterius MacDougalii* proved to be *Sparganothis incondi-*

tana (Wlsh.) and not a *Depressaria*. Wednesday Oct. 9, 1946

Staff meeting in a.m. Received paratype specimens of *D Schellbachi* from U.S. Nat'l Museum for collections. Working on book sales for Sept and find the amount \$40.00 short. Something must be radically wrong. Will continue to check and locate. Grater from Zion in. Saw meteor shower this evening, very spectacular. The Gibcobini-Zinner comet.



Depressaria Schellbachi

Family: Oecophoridae
Locality: Shoshone Point
Wing span: 21-24mm.
Forewings are reddish ochreous, overlaid with fuscous. Hindwings are whitish, shading to dark fuscous at the margins basally.

Photo by Tim Wyrick, courtesy of Grand Canyon Collections Museum

Sunday Oct. 13, 1946

In p.m. out to airport with youngsters. Don Lou had his first air plane ride over the Canyon. Day off.

Monday Oct. 14, 1946

On duty at Yavapai. Schulz day off. Received 2 books for library: "Pollen Analysis" by Erdtman and "Hayfever Plants" by Wodehouse. Signed Sept. monthly report. A green-tailed towhee was killed flying into plate glass window at Yavapai. Made a study skin of it- catalog no. B-499. Evening lodge lecture then to Community Bldg. to meet family at Church concert.

Tuesday Oct. 15, 1946

Yavapai duty. Lodge in evening. Heard from Garrison that my assistant Schulz was to be given the Lassen N.P. post. Russell Grater of Zion N.P. to go to Rainier N.P. and that McHenry of Washington was to get Yosemite N.P. post. This will leave me in the hole again. Made up 2nd half of Sept. book sales deposit.

Thursday Oct. 17, 1946

Yavapai duty. Lodge in evening. Paula at the Bright Angel impressed me on the making of Halloween posters for the Community Frolic Oct. 31st.

Saturday Oct. 19, 1946

Day Off. Working with Don Lou on building a photo printing box. To movie in the evening with Don.

Thursday Oct. 24, 1946

Yavapai duty. Schulz down B.A. trail to Indian Gardens for seeds of single leafed ash for Forestry Service (Vogelsang). Another genus added to herbarium for the Park, No. 58 Zygothylaceae. The plant *Kollstroemia californica*, Genus: *Kollstroemia*. Collected by me near back of naturalist workshop, G.C. Village and determined by Dr. Kearney. A specimen of one of the meteors that fell during the shower of Oct. 8-9-10 was turned in. It fell on Mormon Flat, near Kaibab Trail on Oct 9th and was still warm when picked up by Robert A Roberts, one of the trail crew camped in that

place. Evening meeting of Community Council and then to B.A. to deliver Lodge talk at 8:00pm.

Monday Nov. 4, 1946

On duty at Yavapai. Small attendance in a.m. Got out notice for discontinuing 9:45 a.m. talk for season. B.A. lodge at 8:00 p.m., small attendance. Weather cold. Charged rain gauge with winter solution.

Tuesday Nov. 5, 1946

Election Day. Both Ethyl and I cast ballots at 11:00 a.m. Yavapai duty. Seven in attendance at 9:45 a.m. talk. Fred Harvey truck left road and turned over at 1:15 p.m. near Yavapai junction. Reported it to Headquarters. Five in attendance at the B.A. talk at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Nov. 6, 1946

Shop Duty. Schulz at Yavapai. Attended correspondence. No staff meeting. Got out notice to discontinue B.A. talks in evening on Nov. 9th for the season. Yavapai closed Nov 11th, Legal holiday. Read Flavell's diary on his 1896 trip down the Colorado River and thus Grand Canyon. A typed copy in the vault at Headquarters. Received from Mrs. Chas Michaelio, of 290 New Jersey Ave, Collingswood N.J., on Sept. 26th 1946.

Received yesterday from S.W. Mon. Assn, 20 copies of AZ Nat'l Mon. at a 1.80 each on consignment. A group of scientists of foreign academics of science, 27 in number, due in tomorrow. They are sponsored by the Nat'l Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. A letter from Dr. Norman Hines of U. of CA., asked that we take care of 4 geologists, F.J. Alcock of Canada, R.S. Allen of New Zealand, Pentti Eskola of Sweden and Olaf Holtedalh of Norway. I am to contact them on the morning train and bid them welcome and offer them the opportunity to see as much geology as possible.

Junior Audubon Bird Club of local school under their teacher, Mrs. Isabel C. Buse, in to go through the study collections at 3 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 7, 1946

Yavapai duty by Schulz. I had to take out foreign geologists. Full day. Dinner with them at El Tovar in evening.

Saturday Nov. 9, 1946

Day off. Evening to Rotary Jamboree at El Tovar and B.A. Les Arnbergers' in as house guests. Took them and the Schulz's as my guest to the Rotary dinner and dance.

Monday Nov. 11, 1946

Armistice Day. Holiday. Day off. Yavapai closed. Arnbergers left for home this a.m. At Workshop.

Friday Nov. 15, 1946

Shop Duty. Ordered bulletins from Edwards Bros. Attended rotary luncheon. Morning talks at Yavapai discontinued for season. Schulz at Shop. D.F. Lunsingh Scheurleer, Govt advisor for Museums, Mr. Tom Koot, secretary of the Ryks Museum, Holland, on grant from Carnegie to study museums and small museums in U.S. Spent afternoon with them on museum problems.

Tuesday Nov. 19, 1946

Yavapai duty. Schulz day off. A copy of letter to Director of Region 4 from Director of Region 3 calling off transfer of Schulz to Lassen N.P. He wants him to remain at G.C. On ranger-naturalist efficiency rating reports.

Wednesday Nov. 20, 1946

Staff meeting in a.m. Don Lou had an accident this a.m. on his bike by knocking down Sally Schulz. Hence Paul took off the rest of the day to take her down to the hospital to be examined. No bones broken. I took over Yavapai. Paul took the Yavapai office door key with him and I could not get in to turn off lights. Tried to contact him during evening but he had not returned. Heard that he will stay over until tomorrow.

Friday Nov. 22, 1946

Attending corres. and writing up specifications on Cornell insect cabinet. Attended rotary and operated 15

m.m. sound projector. Phil Porquet services this 3p.m. and buried in G.C. cemetery. To Flagstaff with family and took Lou Garrison. Bryants returned from vacation.

Monday Dec. 2, 1946

Schulz day off. Yavapai duty. Attended rain gauge. No barber at B.A. again. Found mail I had prepared the past week had not been typed by Walt. M. so finally had to take it to Hubb's man to do it.

Tuesday Dec. 3, 1946

Yavapai duty. Schulz day off. Received "The Sinagua" a summary of the archeology of the region of Flagstaff AZ, by Harold S. Colton, Museum of N. Az., for reference library. Charlie Steen in at Yavapai. Asst. Chief ranger, H.L. Bill is to be transferred to Rainier N.P. and promoted to Asst. Superintendent.

Wednesday Dec. 4th, 1946

Attended Staff Meeting in a.m. Asst. Supt Garrison seems to have positive ideas on what constitutes a Central Interpretive Unit and Museum. After all the study of many years of the problem, a new man now comes in and thinks he knows. At work on monthly report in p.m. Several visitors to Shop. Had to conduct them through.

Thursday Dec. 5, 1946

Yavapai duty. Schulz packing fungi specimens to be sent to Dr. Alexander H. Smith, U of M (University Museums) Ann Arbor, MI., for determinations. Prepared letter of transmittal. Farm Bureau convention delegates in on special trains. Some 1700 of them I understand.

Friday Dec. 6, 1946

Schulz at Yavapai. I at work on monthly report and Nov. book sales deposit. Yesterday, H.L. Bill, donated volumes 1944, 1945, 1946 of Journal of Forestry to reference library. Fixed camera case in evening. Rotary luncheon.

Wednesday Dec. 11, 1946

Attended Staff Meeting in a.m. Brought up the matter of rehabilitation of Yavapai for the winter and the problem of Yavapai parapet exhibit cases. Asked for Schulz's relief on his off days during my annual leave starting Dec. 16 - Jan 2, 1947. Supt and Asst. Supt will relieve him by opening station at 9a.m. and giving the 1:45p.m. talk, and closing down at 5p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Thursday Dec. 12, 1946

Yavapai duty. Cutting stencils for Lookout Studio and cutting and binding Christmas story Kodachromes for Community Xmas program. Evening at Workshop taking photos of meteoritic fragment for science service.

Sunday Dec. 15, 1946

Day Off. To Shop for a short while and consulted with Schulz on Plant checklist m/s and going down B.A. trail to Colorado river trailside exhibit. Finished drawing for Xmas card.

Christmas Day, Wed. Dec. 25, 1946

A good spirit prevailed and the youngsters had a good time. Gifts were a bit more abundant. The book on the Puma for ref. library was received. During the week, worked on the editing of the plant checklist and index and also drew the cover for same. It is now ready to take down to Mrs. Carol Jones for making corrections. Received the Smithsonian Annual report for the Ref. library. While on AL [Annual Leave], went to the Shop and office at odd times to attend to various things. Weather cold and started snowing day after Christmas. Sky overcast for most of Xmas week and turned very cold the last days of the year. New Year's Eve spent at a party at Garrison's home. John Davis and family arrived this p.m. "How Old is the Colorado River?" by Chester R. Longwell, appeared in the American Journal of Science, Vol. 244, No. 12, Dec. 1946 p. 817. This is an important geological paper as it attempts to bring up to date the controversy on the age of the G.C.-- definite commitments made however.

NEW NAMES NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED:

(If anyone has information on names with a question mark, please contact Traci Wyrick at tntwyrick@juno.com, or the editor, Mary Williams, at info@marywilliamsdesign.com.)

Bill Bowen & Mrs. Bowen—Bill and Gertrude Bowen. She was the treasurer of the G.C. Natural History Association.

Paula (?) of Bright Angel

Lunsingh Scheurleer—(1911-2002)

He was director of the Dept. of Sculpture and Applied Arts in Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam and government advisor for the museums.

Robert A. Roberts (?)

Vogelsang (?)—Forest Ranger

Ton Koot—(1907-1986) He was secretary of the Rijks museum in Holland, and a famous writer about Amsterdam's history. He was a monument activist and museum expert.

Isabel Buse—Grand Canyon school teacher

Sally Schulz—Assistant Park Naturalist Paul Schulz's daughter

Flavell—George F. Flavel wrote "The Log of the Panthon," the account of the 1896 river voyage from Green River, WY to Yuma, AZ.

Mrs. Thurman (?)

Phil Porquet—correct spelling: Poquette (Part 2. He and his wife, Em, were managers of Phantom Ranch.

B. B. McGinnis—McGinnis Uniform Co. of Merced, CA. The owners first name is Alvord. Schellbach's uniforms came from here.

Dr. Allen—AZ State College professor.

Walt M. (?)—typist?

Harold Colton—he wrote "The Sinagua," about a distinctive prehistoric culture. In 1916, he and his wife, Mary Russell Ferrell Colton, began the first modern investigation into Sinagua archeology when they initiated a survey of the ruins surrounding Flagstaff. The Coltons founded the Museum of Northern Arizona in 1928.

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Centennial History Symposium Save the Date!

The Centennial Grand Canyon History Symposium is tentatively scheduled for **February 20-24, 2019**. Watch for more details throughout 2018.

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Election Results and 2018 Board

GCHS members elected five new/continuing board members to serve a 3-year term (2018-2020). They are: Margaret Hangan, Jill Chappel Hough, Kristen Luetkemeier, Dave Mortenson (2nd term), and Jack Pennington (2nd term). Congratulations and thank you to all who ran.

Outgoing board members are: Kathy Farretta, Amy Horn, Wayne Ranney, and Jon Streit. Thank you all for your significant contributions to GCHS!

Ron Brown is stepping down from the Board before his term's end with Haley Johnson agreeing to serve out Ron's term. Thank you for your service Ron. Tom Martin has turned over the Oral History reins to Kristen Luetkemeier. The Society is indebted to Tom for his dedication to initiating and contributing to the Oral History program. Thank you Tom!

At the December 9, 2017 Annual Board Meeting in Flagstaff, the Board was approved.

2018 Board Officers & Committee Chairs are:

President - Dave Mortenson

Vice President - Haley Johnson

Secretary - Jack Pennington

Treasurer - Brian Blue

Membership - Karen Greig

Hall of Fame Award/Research Grants Scholarship - Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair - Wayne Ranney

Oral History Chair - Kristen Luetkemeier

Outings Chair - vacant

New and Continuing non-officer board members are:

Dick Brown, Margaret Hangan, Jill Chappel Hough, Donelle Huffer, Arnie Richards, Doug Rickard, Frank Romaglia, and Slim Woodruff.

Board Meeting Summary December 9, 2017

Submitted By President Wayne Ranney

The Board of the Grand Canyon Historical Society met in Room 200 at the NAU Cline Library on Saturday, December 9, 2017, with 11 Board members in attendance and one participating by phone.

More than half of the discussion during the three-hour meeting involved the initial planning of the 5th Grand Canyon History Symposium that will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the creation of Grand Canyon National Park (to be commemorated on February 26, 2019). Co-Chairs for the Symposium, Dave Mortenson and Slim Woodruff, outlined a proposed schedule of events for talks, field trips, tours, keynote speakers, and oral history sessions. This symposium will likely be held in the days immediately ahead of the actual Centennial date.

Other business discussed by the Board was the ratification of the recent Board election and the election of officers for the Board (see related article), the acceptance of a Conflict of Interest Policy for all Board members, the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and amend the By-Laws, and the acceptance of numerous policies developed and forwarded by Treasurer Brian Blue. These include a donor acknowledgement policy, a Reserve Funds policy, a password retention policy, and bill paying policy. The Treasurer has done an excellent job professionalizing and streamlining many of our financial responsibilities and functions.

The Board also voted to meet quarterly in the 2018 calendar year in order to better coordinate with the various committees and their Chairs in the run-up to the 2019 Symposium. Six years ago, the Board met once a year and moved to twice a year in 2013. The increase in the number of Board meetings reflects the increased activity that the Board is responsible for. In the last four years, we have seen the establishment of a flourishing Oral History Program, a decrease in the number of years between History Symposia (from five to four to now three), and a professionalization of Board duties and responsibilities. Dues to the Society have remained the same (at \$25) since 2012 with an increase in the amount of color included in our flagship publication, the Ol' Pioneer. The Society membership has remained fairly stable in this time period but activity in the Society has grown.

Seeking Nominations for 2018 Pioneer Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Grand Canyon Historical Society Pioneer Award. The Society wants to honor/recognize a living individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of and knowledge about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

The individual should have made a significant contribution in areas such as the natural sciences, photography, river running, backcountry hiking, history, Park Administration, art, etc. – any area that advances the knowledge of the Grand Canyon.

Past recipients of the Pioneer Award and their knowledge of the Grand Canyon can be found at the Grand Canyon Historical Society web site at www.grandcanyonhistory.org

When submitting a nomination provide sufficient detail such that a non Grand Canyon enthusiast can judge those nominated:

- Does the individual nominated have a significant understanding of and knowledge about a specific area(s) of interest (see paragraph #2 above)?

- Is the individual nominated recognized as an “expert”?
- What credentials does the nominee have?

The Pioneer Award is presented to the individual at the Historical Society Annual picnic at the South Rim.

To make a nomination, submit the individual’s name, their accomplishments, and/or contributions (submitted as an email attachment or surface mail) by **March 1, 2018** to:

Wayne Ranney, Pioneer Award Chair
628 N. Apollo Way
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001
Phone: (928) 779-1596
email: wayneranney17@gmail.com

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The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Karen Greig at thebulletin@grandcanyonhistory.org.

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Charlie Steen—he was the first National Park ranger assigned to Tonto National Monument in 1934. In 1960 he published “Excavations at the Tonto Cliff Dwellings”. This book is the earliest detailed report of architecture and artifact observation at the ruins.

Dr. Alexander Smith—Alexander Hanchett Smith (1904-1986), an American mycologist known for his extensive contributions to the taxonomy and phylogeny of the higher fungi, especially the agaries.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:

Wing—(part 12 & 13) His full first name is Kitteridge.

Carswell—(part 12) His first name is Dave.

Look for the start of 1947 in a future issue of *The Ol' Pioneer*.

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Zoroaster Temple in late afternoon light as seen from the Tonto Trail between the Grandview and Bright Angel areas. Photo by Wayne Ranney



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