

Visit to  
IDT-30  
Bonanza Creek Shelter  
Cabin 1, 8 ft  
(P.M. 4-8)  
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Sally Collins:

- No local schools have class history projects. The local historical society is the best focus for preservation projects.
- Buildings are deteriorating rapidly from snow falls.
- Towns still much care for their buildings.
- Difference between village = towns.  
No town is a town, just a collection of people who live together for convenience.

Meeting ended about 10:20 AM. We walked down to Manana for our Clubhouse meal.

10:42 AM - Registered in a Clean D-7 for Michael in Flat.

We flew up the Talkeetna River to 40' off the Creek along the Talkeetna - Flat winter trail. Down Brumage Creek, along the W. Fork Creek eventually back to P.M.

We spent the Brumage Creek Sled Run (IDT-030) from the

11:41 AM - Arrived at Flat

We met Mrs. Ann Williams & her husband Bill and Son Kepler. We spent time

talking to Mrs. Williams, who helped us get into. She facilitated our staying in the Filterton Tower, near the airport.

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3 PM - Registered Flat by telephone. flew up  
Flat Creek, up to Brumage Creek  
IDT-030 (and took photos of Brumage Creek  
) P.M. (also from the air, then on  
up to Moose Creek and down.

3:30 PM - We stopped at the Moose Creek Cabin  
IDT-031 - The roof has collapsed and the walls  
are in process of collapsing or falling in.

There are numerous metal barrels  
and the roof and east side  
of the cabin there are traps  
hanging from the N.E. corner. It  
had a plank roof. Several pits  
along near the cabin, no place for  
out houses. Fresh bear sign.

Large open area to the West and  
East; we found 1-2 small logs  
by foundation of small structure  
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- 3:55 PM. Dugout House Creek Hopping  
Shelter Cabin for Brangva Creek  
Shelter Cabin.
- ID# 030
- Wood frame cabin (see photos 16-20),  
and the room wooden entry porch  
to the east. Door from last house  
torn and toward pole frame  
cabin.
  - Cabin is in good condition; does not  
close. Window on south side only.  
Glass is broken out. On N.E.  
corner, Brangva Creek Creek is  
about 3-4 feet from cabin. Considered  
danger to cabin from river erosion.
  - Wood ~~for~~ plank roof w/ tar paper on North  
side. Most of tar paper has blown off. Wood  
shingles & metal pipe through roof,  
framed on south side.
  - Logs (2) on West wall of  
cabin entry. Long cluster of  
logs in entry way.
  - Pole log frame backs to East. See  
photos. Looks like it was an  
elevated cabin.
  - Log pile near South east corner.

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met first down at N.E. corner of entrance  
of cabin. Another down's south side of  
cabin.

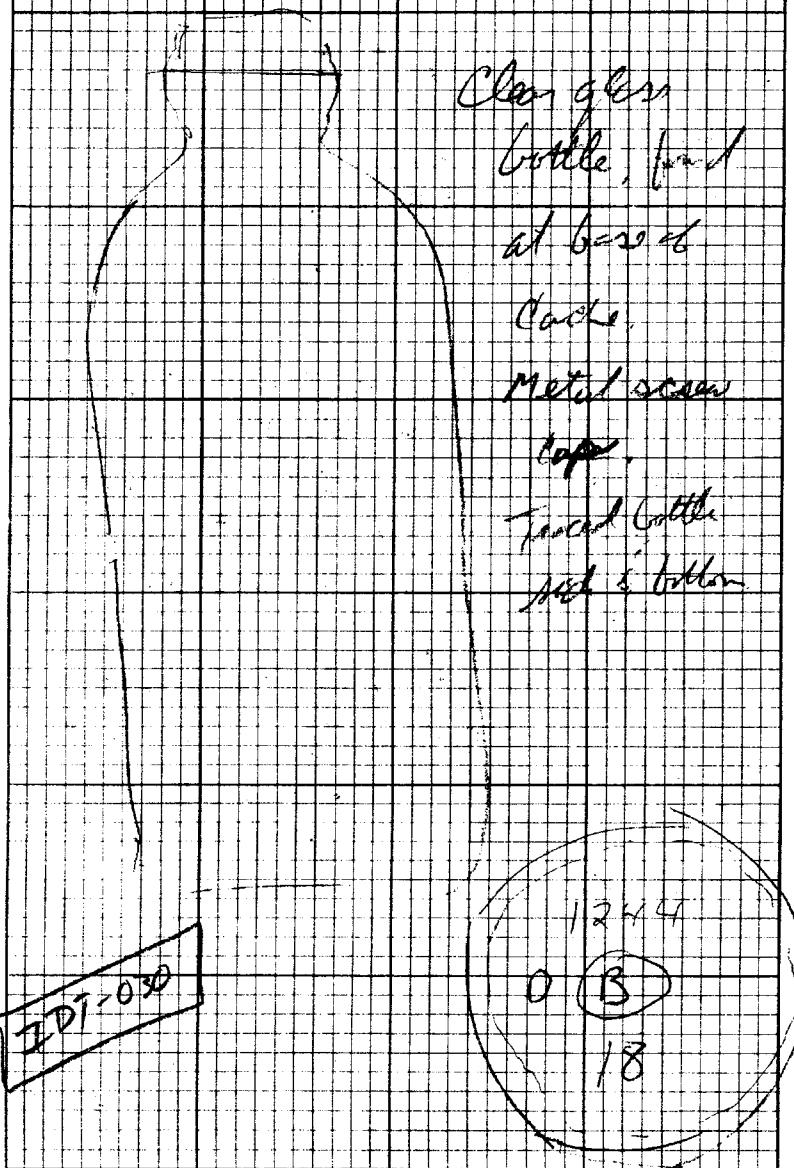
- East-west ridge line for roof  
~~comps~~ dropped later.
- Inside, there is insulation in the ceiling joists,  
wood stove - Cornell variety.
  - Wood frame bed; wood from the  
(Shed), another table, pole frame  
(old part)
  - Bench over bed; held by logs.
  - Coleman lantern
  - Rusty food stuffs (Ramen, etc.)  
10-yes) indicates recent use.
  - Program on Holland pipe logs  
in corner ~~on~~ ledge
  - Furniture: 2 log (one at west end, one  
at east end) sitting North-South
  - Cabin floor seats on the 2 log.
  - Cabin floor as wood plank
  - Press board is used to line inside  
walls. wooden shelves on walls  
w/ sticks, cups, etc.
  - Front (only) door is manufactured, w/ 5  
panels and a glass door knob.

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Artifacts outside include jars and glasses



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4:50 PM - We departed Sonoma Creek 5666  
Office for Flat by way of toll road.

5:00 PM - We returned to Flat.

Tom Williams gave me 3 or 4 great  
sides to the little red house we  
are staying in, courtesy of the full-timers.

Jules Schaffter, a Swiss cabinet  
maker, built the log house next to  
the air strip in Flat. He died,  
leaving no heirs. The cabin,  
which now belongs to the State of  
Alaska (on airport land), was  
taken off several years ago by a  
fire crew that stayed in the cabin,  
according to Tom Williams. Someone  
else took the fine cabinets out of  
the big structure.

7:30 PM - After dinner, we walked around Flat  
taking photos and looking at buildings that  
had been moved. Commercial structures and  
in flats; new standards for reuse of space?

		<i>Photo</i>
Poly # RB 91-01	18/13/91	
GC 36 PBAWOD - Gold Bend		[INH-RGB-91-01]
		Moda Col., Gold 400"
# 27 - Black Frame		
# 28-29 - Tachina 8/13/91 10-5349		
30 - 32 - Prairie Creek Mining Camp		[IDT-012]
		# 29 Lower Mining area
		30-32 Prairie Creek camp
* 33 - Box Canyon Creek Valley [INH-030]		
34 -	Prairie Creek Mine Valley, south off N. 100 E.	
* 35 - 36-36 A - Log structure at flat rock outcrop,		[IDT-032]
" 36 B - Donkey, forest & gully, 1100 8/13/91		

Roll # RB-91-02) Photo (INH-T-RGB-91-02)

- ASA 100 - Photo 35 1311
- \*0-3 TMAX-100 (Rural Road Flat City)  
8/13/91 - Bonanza Creek MPC cabin  
from 1/10th mile [IDT-030]
- \*4-6 Moore Creek Ridge Hwy Stable Cabin  
[IDT-031]
- \*7-9 F-100 on front of collapsed cabin.  
[IDT-031]
- \*8-10 Back of Moore Creek cabin, showing collapsed roof and partially collapsed walls.  
[IDT-031]
- 11-13 - Moore Creek Ridge Hwy stable cabin,  
various views. [IDT-031]
- 15-21 - Bonanza Creek Stable Cabin  
[IDT-030]
- 22-23 - Pole frame cabin to east of Moore  
Creek stable cabin. [IDT-030]
- \*24 Social Hall, flat city was built; 8/13/91
- \*25 Back side of commercial structure on  
Flat City Flat City
- \*26-27 Signs front structures on blocks in Flat City  
"M. of A. have been "Tomes and Wood"  
"General Merchandise" Flat City  
John Ford receipt book from 1933.
- \*28 Warehouse, Flat City
- \*29 Store or service station warehouse, Flat City
- \*30-31 2 story residence in Flat City. It is on temporary  
foundation; it has been moved.

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- #32-36 Dated 8/13/91 C5  
#36A Building under construction  
New road 2nd ASA C5 Park Production Gold 200  
RB-91-03) Coal Mine Flat City (INH-T-RGB-91-03)  
DA-24 - Edge of Flat City [IDT-005]
- 3A Wagon Wheel Dodge  
4A School building, Flat  
5A-6A 11' screen door 3 story residence  
7A Black Frame  
8A-12A 8/14/91 - Fleet for the telephone. [IDT-005]
- 12A-23A - Telephone, photos from the helicopter as  
we ascended. [IDT-001]
- 123A Telephone Air Force base, McCloud Branch (D-1)  
Analog and digital tally recording system [IDG-022]
- 124A 440 Creek (8/14/91)