

Frame Cabin on Bonanza Creek

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A relatively recent frame cabin is located on Bonanza Creek approximately 3 miles southwest of Ruby Creek Roadhouse site near the fork in the trail (Plate C-44). This site does not correspond with any known historic site location, but the cabin does closely resemble the one on the Hunter Trail that was apparently built by the Road Commission. 2

Flat

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The town of Flat was photographed during aerial reconnaissance (Plates C-45 and C-46). Time did not allow detailed examination of the existing buildings however.

Flat, also known as Flat Camp, Flat City, and Flat Creek, is located on Otter Creek 8 miles southeast of Iditarod. The mining camp became active in 1910, grew into a town by 1912 and by 1917 surpassed Iditarod as the regional population center (Polk's Gazetteer 1917-18:323). Plate C-47 shows Flat as it appeared during its heyday.

A number of hotels and roadhouses were operated in Flat over the years. Mr. and Mrs. George Mutchler ran a hotel there in 1917 (Cadwallader, n.d.:10). In 1923, Polk's Gazetteer (1923:298) listed three hotels and their owners: Grand Hotel - Mrs. George Mutchler; Flat City Hotel- Mrs. Gunning; and Snyder House - Maud Earl.

Peterson Tape #1, Side A

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BONANZA CP. AEL CABIN

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(In helicopter - hard to hear) ARC Cabin. Trapping is ongoing at this time.

Two ^{TRAPS} cabins were hung around the backside of the structure. Location of Ruby Creek Cabin #1 at directly straight off the mouth of Ruby Creek where it empties into to Bonanza, approximate, directly across from Bonanza from the mouth of Ruby Creek. All that remains is about one-half of the large road-house foundation. The rest is eroding into the river. Total ruins. Alvin Agloff, Prince Creek, he is about 50 years old, reports that there were two structures that have over time Ruby Creek first developed at that site. Some years later moved approximately seven miles upstream. Was destroyed, in ruin and then was moved three miles back down and rebuilt at ARC relief cabin which burned, I believe in '50.

July 11, 1980, off McGrath late at 1430 hours due to weather. We will make runs to Talkotna, and I will be talking to Warren Magneson and ^{EP} Pete Anderson. Arrived back at McGrath at 5:30, 1730 hours from Talkotna. I had the opportunity to talk to ^{EP} R. Anderson, whose age is approximately 45, for considerable length of time. An old-timer by the name of Jack Miller stopped in. He used to run old McGrath Roadhouse. The one that is existing and the one that burned down prior, that was on the same site. Existing structures made up of components of the military base. He has returned to the country after 21 years. Went to talk to Warren Magneson; however, he is laid up with a back alignment, taking care of himself. He didn't feel much like talking, perhaps we will try again some other day.

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halfway

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type #1

STEVE PETERSON
JRAL NOTES

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ARC Cabin change notes to show that traffic is on going at this time.

RUBY CR
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