

IN THEIR OWN WORDS
The Fraser Letters Highlight the Challenge
of Early Mining in Borderland Arizona

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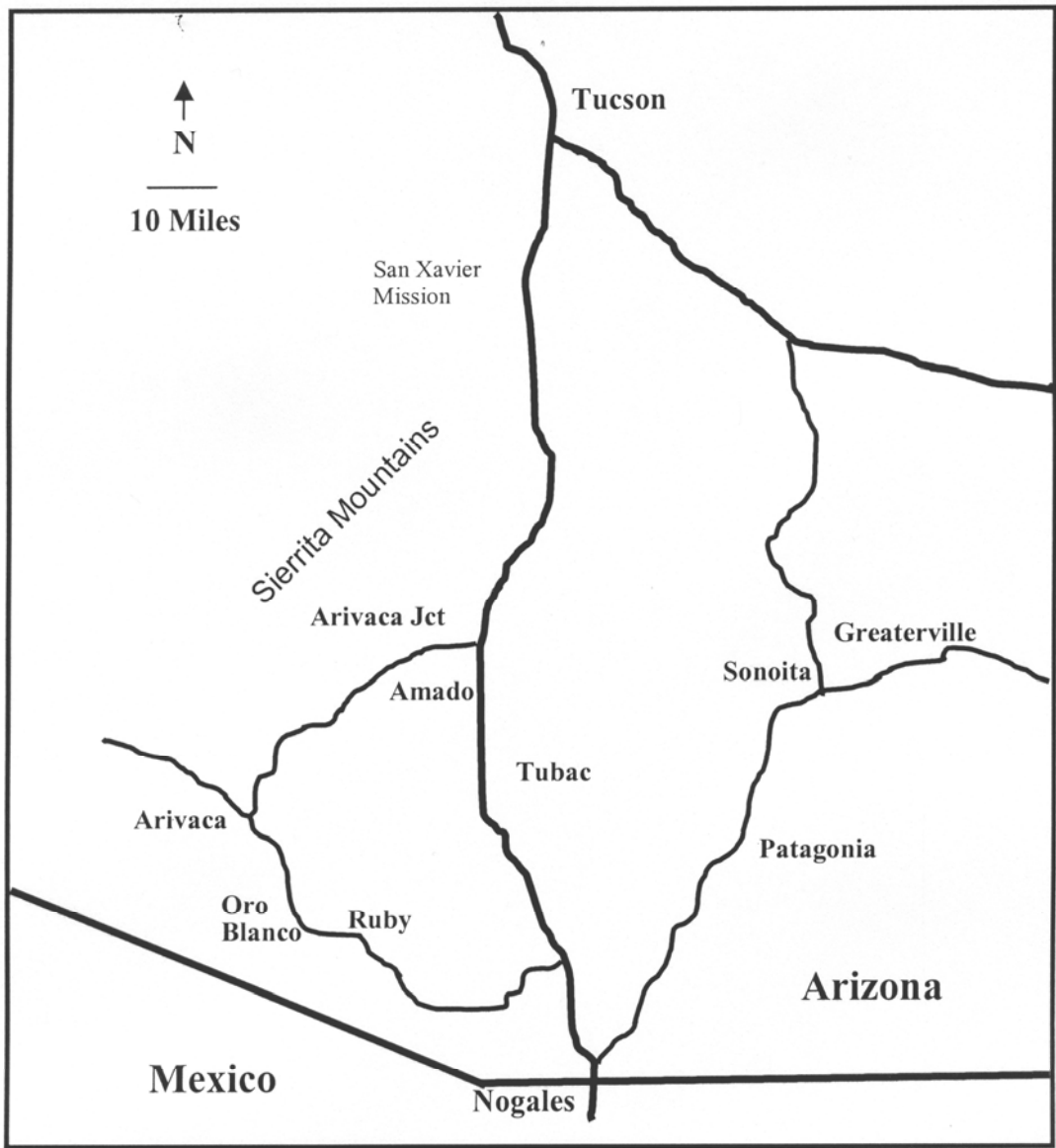


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South-Central Arizona



(Map by Al Ring, 2006)

Fraser's' Los Alamos Home



circa 1910

Ines Mining



circa 1910

Fraser Family at Los Alamos



circa 1918

Jack's Love Letters



Al Fraser at Los Alamos Mine



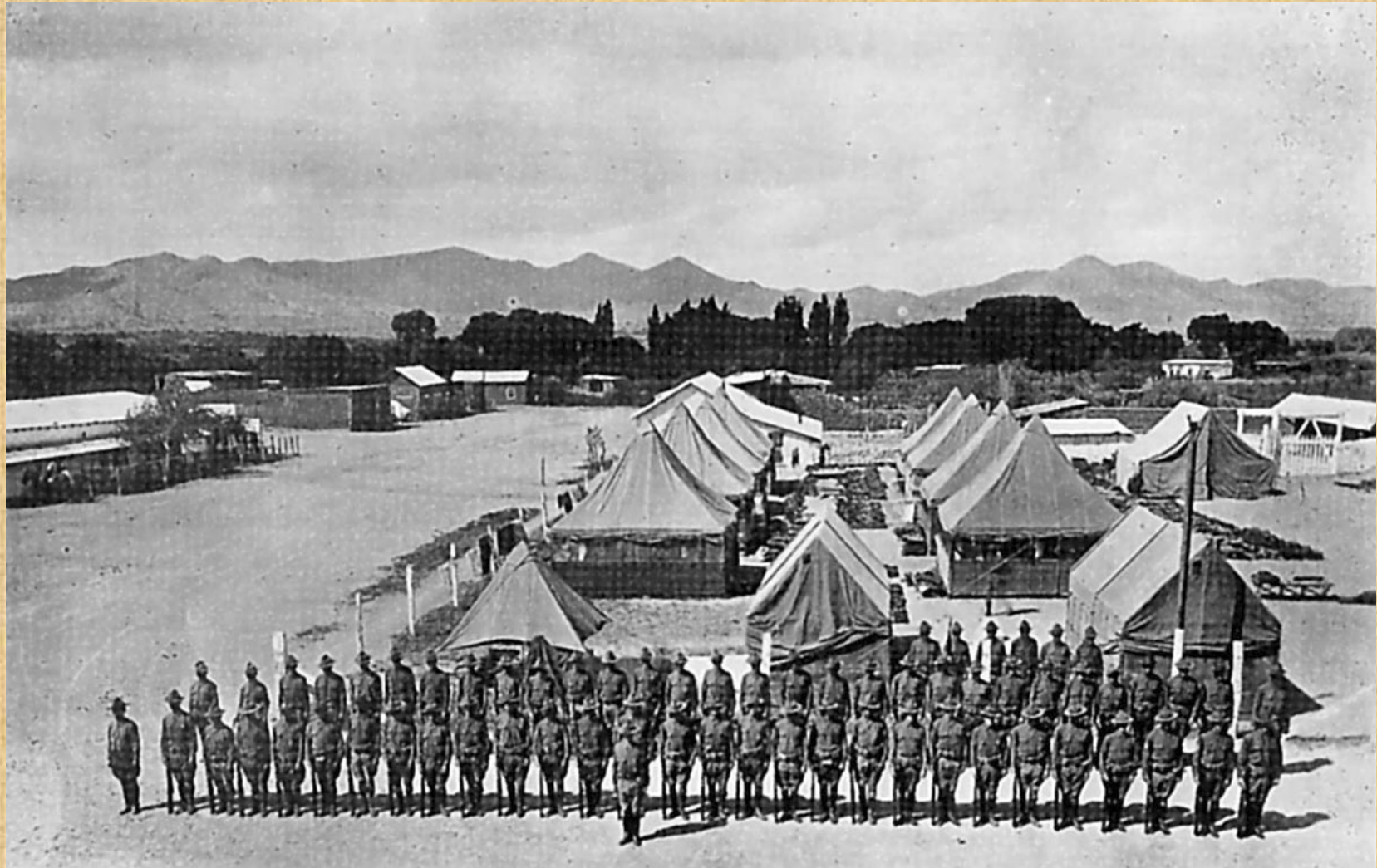
circa 1910

Ruby's General Store



circa 1920

National Guard Troops in Arivaca



circa 1918

Fraser Kids with 10th Cavalry Troopers



circa 1918

The Fraser Family in San Diego



circa 1925

Conclusions

- * Gold fever can dominate the lives of a man, his family, and his community**
- * A loving family can achieve a satisfying life together under very trying circumstances**
- * Danger signs are often ignored or rationalized as groundless**
- * Tough life experiences build personal strength to meet future challenges**

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Ring Brothers History

Ruby, Arizona
Mining, Mayhem, and Murder

Welcome to the Ring brothers website. We are brothers Bob and Al Ring and the purpose of this website is to share our research on the mining history of south-central Arizona, family genealogy, and the "projects" that have resulted from our work. These projects include books, history papers, newspaper columns, and an extensive collection of historical materials, including thousands of old photographs. We produced some of these products with our "partner" Talia Pfimmer Cahoon. Just "click" on the appropriate icon on the left (books) or right (projects) to find out more about what we've been up to. One thing you can count on - our research and writing will continue and we will periodically update this website.

Bob Ring is retired from the aerospace industry, where he worked for 35 years as both a technical contributor and a manager. He completed his aerospace career as a Senior Fellow at Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson. Bob is a Professional member of the Society of Southwest Authors.

Al Ring was self-employed in Louisville, Kentucky for over 34 years, first in a retail business, then in sales and contracting companies. He also consulted for, or managed, several real estate offices and found time to volunteer as a firefighter. In 2004 Al published *St. Matthews Firefighters, 94 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*.

Natalia "Talia" Pfimmer Cahoon is a second-generation Tucsonan who lived in Ruby as a youngster, during the mining camp's heyday in the 1930s. She is a retired teacher and has been conducting historical tours to Ruby for Pima Community College since 1994. For more information on Pima Community College's educational tours of Ruby, call 520-206-3952 or visit <http://www.pima.edu/seniorstudies/>

Sparked by family genealogy research, we are long-time investigators of the history of mining in Arizona's south-central borderland.

ST. MATTHEWS FIREFIGHTERS
94 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky

We are regular participants at Arizona History Conventions. We've presented papers ranging from the history of Warren, Arizona, a suburb of Bisbee, to the mining history of Oro Blanco and Ruby. At the 2005 Convention we took part in a Roundtable Discussion, "So You Want to Write a Book: Self Publishing Arizona History."

Since October 2003, we have written a bi-monthly newspaper column, "Along the Ruby Road," for the Green Valley News & Sun. The column highlights the colorful history of the Oro Blanco Mining District, with emphasis on the mining ghost town, Ruby.

In July 2005, we self-published our first book, *Ruby, Arizona - Mining, Mayhem, and Murder*.

We are currently exploring publishing opportunities for our second book, *Frontier Lady of Letters - the Heroic Love Story of Inez Frazer*.

Frontier Lady of Letters
The Heroic Love Story of Inez Frazer

Do you have any related documents, photos, or personal histories that you could share with us? If so, please contact: AlRingringat@comcast.net

From left to right:
Bob Ring,
Al Ring,
and Talia Pfimmer Cahoon
at a book sale and signing for *Ruby, Arizona - Mining, Mayhem, and Murder*.

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