

Statement made at the dedication of the State Hospital cemetery January 21, 2011
by Sue Silver, Historian and Cemetaryian

Mineral County Pays Its Respects

to

Dan Hanley

Born in Michigan in 1876, Mr. Hanley was a resident of Rawhide in 1936. He worked for the Public Works Department of the county.

Edward W. Jaycox

A native of California, Mr. Jaycox was committed to the state hospital in March of 1937. The week prior to his commitment, he had been confined in the County Jail under observation. Mental disease may have been something he struggled with and had caused problems in his life prior to his being committed from Mineral County as, in 1930, he was an inmate of San Quentin State Prison in California.

Charles F. Jorger

Mr. Jorger was a native of New Jersey, the son of German-born parents. In 1900, he was living and working in Chloride, Arizona, but by 1910, he was a resident of Hawthorne. In December of 1930, "Shorty" Jorger was one of the last residents of the old town of Aurora and claimed to be its unofficial mayor. It was in this year that Henry Boerlin, once Sheriff of Mineral County, brought him from Aurora to live at Hawthorne. In 1930, Shorty Jorger was retired and in 1937, shortly before his commitment, he became one of the first recipients of the new federally mandated old age pension entitlement in Mineral County.

He was committed to the state hospital in 1939 and died in 1942, at nearly 90 years of age.

Charles J. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy was a resident of Mina and an employee of the Mina Water System. In 1937, in addition to his regular payroll, Mineral County paid him for work in repairing the Mina Jail and for the care of indigent persons.

John A. Jungberg

Mr. Jungberg was a native of Sweden, and immigrated to the United States in the mid-1880s. A miner by occupation, he was enumerated in the 1900 census as an inmate at the Colorado State Insane Asylum at Pueblo. In 1910, Jungberg was living and working at the new boom town of Lucky Boy on the old Bodie Toll

Road, south of Hawthorne. By 1920, he was living at Pactolus in the Omco census precinct, where he mined for gold.

May these former residents of Mineral County Rest in Peace.

Date: 12-26-2010

To: The Nevada Legislature that designated an area on the grounds of Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services for a historic cemetery.

The Friends of Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services Cemetery, who are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and memorialization of the historic hospital cemetery located in Sparks, Nevada.

From: Tressa Remic and Dianne Smail

Regarding: Francisco Guido

Francisco Guido, was an Italian immigrant From Caserta, Italy. At age 42, he arrived in America on April 5, 1905 (EllisIsland.com). He was living with his daughter Rosella and her family in Jeannette, Pennsylvania around 1910-1913. He was supposed to go back to Italy, as his wife Theresa was very sick. Theresa died in Italy at the age of 45 around 1913. Somehow he never made it back to Italy he ended up in Nevada. The asylum contacted his daughter as to his whereabouts. The family did not have the means to travel. Rosella never saw her father again. The asylum also contacted her when he died in 1948.

My 87-year-old mother Tressa has been wondering about her missing grandfather for many years. She was born in 1923 and never met her grandfather Francisco. It was a Saturday 09-19-10 and we were sitting in front of the laptop. I typed in some searches for her and came

up with Friends of Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services Cemetery. From there I found the email link to Carolyn Mirich.

Carolyn Mirich took it from there. Carolyn is one tireless worker. She was able to contact the appropriate people to help with the search. I had no idea that the graves were being exhumed. Her night and day correspondence shows her deep dedication to this project.

Susan Searcy at the Nevada State Archives was able to locate and send us the commitment papers.

Arline Laferry from the Historical Society was able to send us newspaper accounts from the Elko Independent that told the short story of why Francisco was committed.

Elko Independent Sept 6, 1917 “An Italian in a demented condition was brought here from Carlin Tuesday and will be held in the county hospital several days in the hope that he will recover. He had a ticket to Chicago, and it is believed that he got off the passenger train and did not get on again. If he does not improve in a few days he will probably be examined by the insanity board”

Elko Independent Sept 11, 1917 “The Italian who was brought up from Carlin several days ago in an insane condition was committed yesterday afternoon. He was examined by Doctors Eby and Langan.”

Dennis Cassinelli Nevada author and historian was involved in the exhumations and reinterments. He mailed us the copper grave marker that was placed on Francisco's grave when he died in 1948.

There were 23 e-mails from Carolyn in regards to Francisco Guido. I printed them for my mother to read. She cried when she realized all the work that "The Friends" put into this endeavor. She has found closure at 87 years old knowing that her grandfather Francisco Guido was not lost and forgotten. It is an honor for Francisco Guido to be recognized as one of the 800 names on this New Memorial Marker at the Historic Hospital Cemetery.

Thank you for caring about these "Lost Souls." God Bless You All!

Sincerely,
Tressa Remic and Dianne Smail
Raleigh, North Carolina