

ANDERSON BROTHERS SUPPLY CO.
SIX COMPANIES, INC.
CONSTRUCTION OF HOOVER DAM.

THE SIX COMPANIES, INC., MADE A CONTRACT WITH THE ANDERSON BROTHERS SUPPLY CO., AS SUBSISTANCE CONTRACTORS, TO FEED AND HOUSE ALL THE SINGLE AND UNATTACHED MEN WHO WOULD BE WORKING ON CONSTRUCTION OF HOOVER DAM. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH IT WAS KNOWN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AS "BOULDER DAM", THE DAM WAS RE-CHRISTENED "HOOVER DAM" SEPTEMBER 17, 1930, (BEFORE CONSTRUCTION WAS STARTED) BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, HONORABLE RAY LYMAN WILBUR, AND THEN LATER, OFFICIALLY NAMED "HOOVER DAM" BY THE 80th CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE QUESTION IS OFTEN ASKED, "WHO WERE THE SIX COMPANIES"? THE SIX COMPANIES, INC., AND THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROFIT AND/OR LOSS RESULTING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, WAS: W. A. BECHTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, AND HENRY J. KAISER, OAKLAND, CALIF., CONTROLLING THIRTY PERCENT; UTAH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, OGDEN, UTAH, TWENTY PERCENT; MACDONALD AND KAHN COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, TWENTY PERCENT; MORRISON-KNUDSEN COMPANY, BOISE, IDAHO, TEN PERCENT; J. F. SHEA COMPANY, PORTLAND, OREGON, TEN PERCENT; AND THE PACIFIC BRIDGE COMPANY, PORTLAND, OREGON, TEN PERCENT. THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SIX COMPANIES, INC., WAS NOT FRANK - BUT PATRICK J. CROWE. ASIDE FROM THE DORMITORIES MAINTAINED BY THE ANDERSON BROTHERS SUPPLY CO. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SIX CO'S., PROVIDED 700 HOMES IN BOULDER CITY, BOTH OF A PERMANENT AND (THEN CONSIDERED) TEMPORARY TYPE. RENTAL FOR AN UNFURNISHED TWO ROOM HOUSE WITH A LARGE SLEEPING PORCH WAS ~~RENTED FOR~~ \$19.00 PER MONTH, WHILE A THREE-ROOM COTTAGE WITH SLEEPING PORCH RENTED FOR \$30.00 PER MONTH. EACH HOME WAS SUPPLIED WITH ELECTRICITY AND WATER, BATH AND SANITARY FACILITIES. THE SLEEPING QUARTERS IN THE DORMITORIES FOR MEN, BUILT BY THE SIX CO'S., AND OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ANDERSON BROTHERS SUPPLY CO., CONSISTED OF SINGLE ROOMS FOR EACH MAN, 7'8" by 10' WITH 8'7" CEILINGS, FURNISHED WITH ADEQUATE FURNITURE AND BEDDING. EACH ROOM HAD A WINDOW AND WAS VENTILATED WITH BOTH HOT