

~~Photographs~~ Darwin. Sat. Feb 7th 1976

Dear Mr. Irwin - Flasher's Foto - Pomona. Calif. (Los Angeles was a slip of the pen!) I don't know if still in business in Pomona Calif. - in the 1900's they took pictures for Post Cards from Mojave on into Mono Co. - 1908 old Coyote Holes - stage & freight Station - long gone - Little Lake - Blanca Peak - Lone Pine - Mt. Whitney - on up the valley - in Darwin 1908-10 when we knew the photographer, Forbes & all his camera paraphernalia - he also was there in 1930's & took pictures of The Darwin Lead & Silver mines & Development Co! ¹⁹¹⁶⁻¹⁹²³ now Anaconda - descended from the original ^{"The Hill"} Doerence 1875 - located Nov 1874. "Luckefin" 1875 located - our few old timers left in Independence & other towns may have some of the old post cards. - put out a call! If Flasher's are still in business in Pomona Calif. - you should be able to locate them, it was a well known outfit in the "old days" so we old Darwinites "The Hill" was the common term - up to the late 1910's the original smelter & slag dump of The Doerence Mine

was still on "the hill" above town and the original houses up at the incline shaft sunk in the early days - up & around the hill from the smelter - I wrote a story of Darwin for Dorothy Bragen when she was director - should be on file with my story of Millsbaugh - The Beginning & The End. - in 1900's we school kids all 5 of us! - would explore all the old mines around Darwin - the Dejevie Smelter and The Lucy Jim's which was in the Darwin Wash just down from town, ^{west} & both then were still intact & machinery all waiting to be fired up - tho hadn't been worked for since the early '80's - several little furnaces were around - but progress has ruined every thing and the little that was left Anaconda destroyed. Briefly should remember when some of the pictures were taken by Frasier's men. Good Luck!

Sincerely
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