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Dear Mr. Dawson.

Enclosed are 4 pictures of Millsbaugh - information is on back 1910 and the larger one 1907 - the canon narrows a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up in back of the store P.O. & forks & ends. so camp was really at the head of Shepherd's Canon. Stout and Erwin were prospectors and stopped at camp and stayed several months - worked in the mine for us. both fine young men and took pictures on glass plates - so no films. please return when you have copies taken off and the post cards 1910 - that Gus Healing took when he came up for a few days - when I was carrying the mail on horseback. They had the store & P.O. in Brown we written of them earlier. Our first mill was of wood & "mysteriously" set on fire in 1902 - we saved the blacksmith shop. The cynide (plant) tanks were added when 2nd mill built & are in tailing pond - some of our rock walls still stand, the 2nd mill had no concentration table. put in the cynide plant instead - 4 large tanks were inside where Al Millsbaugh is standing in door. 1908 Summer we had a water spout & gravel & dirt piled up in back of the store building & around half way up window & fire place - we dug out enough to get in the door. My Grandmother and I were alone at camp that Summer. all clear? I treasure these & all my pictures. The Camp was a beautiful place. every thing kept in order - ground raked up. the tent by the store was a guest tent. the 2 down by the barn was the miners bunk tents - the trail up above the boarding house

was a sled road to send ore down from The Yellow Metal shaft. The grade at top of mill where ore bin is went on around to the tunnel entrance which ran in & met the bottom of the shaft for air shaft. miners only missed it by 4' - tunnel continued on - in all 1900 ft. now portal has been filled in and only dump marks the place. NOTS and now this Weapons Center Out fit have torn up every thing - holes on Junction Flat & filled in a couple of our shafts and run our grade on up to the top of the hill, some kind of observation look-outs is above the "Saddle" of the range up east from camp that looks down in to Panamint Valley - Irona way etc. I was "over home" the last time in 1970 Sept. and made me ill to see what they have done to my beloved old country. our boarding house at the Junction burned down and where John & Marie Carrickart made a garden spot in the '40s & his death July 19th 1945 ended it all - maybe just as well nothing is left that we knew & loved so many years. At least as long as it is in the bombing range will keep "strays" out - from doing more damage. They let hunters in once a year & that "upsets" me. Camp has returned to the wild - thick brush & only our mill boiler left in its solid masonry - in spite of the Jews efforts to get it out in the '40s when they were all over the country hunting guns & scrap iron - didn't leave so much as a horse shoe any-where, then Naval Ordnance Training Station. NOTS. came in and took over for their bombing range. Am I making sense! Any way take care of my pictures & return. You probably saw my big picture of Millsplough I gave to The Museum several years ago? A pause in our rain this morning as it builds up for more. Good luck on your article of Camp. I've asked Irvin to share with you & you with him. Sincerely,
Elisabeth P. McKinnon