

Dear Mr. Givoni

Bayside Calif.
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Thanks for the Maps - rec'd on the 6th - and I've been studying them - Several old land marks are not on this one - old Bryan Mine 1898 - later Inyo - Cozo - just off old Cozo road - up from Junction Flat. and Cozo - Keyes - just off old Cozo road 1 mile - south - 10 miles from Cole Springs
Mecham Camp - 1909 - 1914. named for Bill Keyes - partner with my father-in-law - Bill had it located and sold to an Oakland outfit - John W. Mott & Co. including J. G. Mecham in 1909. original locator and named Cozo - Keyes Gold Mining Co. - a camp was set up and shaft sunk - on The Mustang Group - Mott was a former member of the State Legislature & Recorder of Alameda Co. - a Company was formed & stock sold. Also The Monte Cristo Group. Machinery was shipped from Oakland to Mojave and hauled from there by team. - just one more mining prospect to fold up - as so many did "up home" - a trace of gold - hopes high - camps set up - some with mills - worked a few months & shut down - Vandals then were unknown. so property was not disturbed & stayed for years as last worked. Bill Keyes was a partner with Walter Scott and in 1908-9 he & Mecham prospected through Nevada & Death Valley & then came to Phillipsburg (my home) & on over 10 miles to Keyes claims. Cozo Keyes was worked 5 years off and on - water was hauled - dream ended - "pin pulled" and one more abandoned mining Camp - I saw so much of it growing up - I've never had faith in mines! The Bryan Mine - (Inyo - Cozo) was located in 1898 - incline shaft sunk - worked off & on by other locators and in 1907 sold to an outfit who named it Inyo Cozo Gold Mining & Milling Co. - they came from Tacoma -

Seattle Wash. Frank Howard (Howard Ranch on map) was the locator at that time & we found the people & buyers and completed the deal for him - soon after he "pulled up stakes" in a hurry and left for parts unknown - last we heard he had died in Arizona - never too highly thought of! had the mail & stage contract from Darwin to Ballarat 1906 - - 1909 Sept. a cloud burst took out Shepherds Canyon completely - he made one trip on horseback with the mail - almost impassable - & he quit - so we had no mail until 1910 - finishing his 4 yr. contract & changing to Brown from Millsapugh - even these days those fellows in Wash D.C. have no idea of a country like ours - or back in the 1900's either! So my mother - Jessie N. Fowler took over the end of the contract to July 1st 1910 & I "carried" the mail on horse back - well enough of ancient history - very close in my heart - no place could be finer to grow up in than "my home" country and to know those fine "old timers" - So thanks again for the maps - old ones I did have - my sons "borrowed". Best wishes and have a nice Easter & weather fine - April is an uncertain month & we know snow on Easter in Darwin. I hear via "the Grape-Vine" Vandals have found the Santa Rosa and hauling it off piece by piece - and what they have done to Panamint Springs is heart breaking - that lovely place that Bill and Agnes Reid built from the ground up in 1937 or so. Adios for now - "Keep your powder dry" - "This goes as she looks". Thanks for receipts for Bulletin - I sent Dick his. Elizabeth L. Decham
"Elm"

Cool here and drizzling off & on - typical Easter weather!