

Mr. Irwin.

Soon after this picture was taken Henry Heitman opened his own saloon - The Black Metal Saloon - cornered across the street with Pardner - "Partner" Martin Etchaverry - In the Darwin store picture center was the "pot bellied" stove set in a frame filled with sand. The ceiling lights were carbide and the tanks - like present day propane tanks, used water with the carbon and were rather tricky in handling and were kept outside & gas piped in. In my letter of Dec 5th mailed I wrote Silas H. Reynolds death as Dec 31st 1918 - should be 1917 - record - correct for records, he was born on the family ranch by Owen's river, between Pine Pine and Independence. he was our 5th district Supervisor - drove a fast team of corvets & buggy and made the drive from Independence to Darwin in record time of 7 hours. As for tattoos, few of the Panamint Indians did, in my time. Or the Coso Indians - Years ago a Death Valley girl had a dot on forehead & later a Saline Valley girl 3 stripes on chin III - they were friends and neighbors and we did not ask why or the meaning or customs & their privacy - at least I could not.

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~~off~~ Darwin General Merchandise Store
Established by Charles Anshony. 1876-77.

- #1 - page - Left standing John Nixi #1
(Indian) George Gregory #2
Charlie Bradford #3
? with Mexican hat #4
next a miner #5
Jim Paquette with
hat on back of head #6
our teamster
Miner, standing by Joe #7
Joe? the coloured man #8
? #9
with feet in bar chair #10
Shotty Gardner, a
teamster with freight outfit
who hauled from Keeler.
Francis Carberry #11
with bottle & glass.
Martine Eichaverry #12
Domirgo Eicharren
with arm on bar #13
Henry Heitman standing
on bar with bottle #14
Amos Hancock behind bar
"bar hop" from Pine Point #15
seated in shadow by stove #16
McPherson
In bar chair - miner #17
next face a miner #18
man with whiskers, miner #19
Theodore Petersen #20
next standing with cigar
Silas H. Reynolds #21

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William "Bill" Longhrey

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miner

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Alex Rouna by stove pipe

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couple names will not come to mind.
just hanging on the fringe!

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William Longhrey
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Alex Rouma byatovejeje. #24

a couple names are hanging
on the fringe of my mind, but
won't come through. and 2 or
3 faces are not clear enough
to recognize - the important
ones are all good and made
up our male population in 1900's
and the years from 1900 to
1979 are many and even I
can not remember every name!
These men are all my Darwin
old timers and no finer ones
will ever again be.

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Nov 7th 1941 Pearl Harbor Day. may we never
forget.