

Living at Goldroad was a young lady named Lucille Hughes. She was living there with her family. Jack ~~xxxxxx~~ thought she was a good looking gal and managed to snatch her off from all the other young men who were courting her. They were married in Needles, Calif. Jack had worked for a short, short time in the Needles office when he first went to work for U.S. Smelting, but Needles was too darned hot so he couldn't stay. At time of marriage Jack 21 and Lucille 17

At that time, he said, U.S. Smelting had properties in Goldroad, Oatman, the Banner mine, Stockton Hill Mines and the mill and smelter at Needles. The company also had a mine a Chloride (don't know if that was in Calif. of Ariz.) and that was a lead zinc ~~x~~ operation.

Jack and Lucille Linck had four children. Lee Linck, now an engineer (grad. of University of Alaska) who heads Alaska Architectural and Engineering in Fairbanks; Helen Linck ~~xxxxx~~ Atkinson, an engineer who works for Golden Valley Electric now; Shirley Linck Carlson, married to Clarence Carlson of Fairbanks...Shirley a legal secretary for Bob Parrish; and Donald Linck, a medical doctor specializing in radiation treatment in the Bay area (but living in San Mateo).

Jack also considers his stepson Jim Moody one of the family, having married Alaska Stewart Moody when Jim was only about four years old (Alaska was a widow, her husband _____ Moody having died in _____)

All the Linck children were born in the hospital at Oatman with the exception of Shirley. She was born at the family home in Goldroad.

The Linck family left Arizong in 1925 and moved to Erueka, Colo. where Jack was ~~placed~~ placed in charge of the office at the Sunnyside Mine. He and his family lived there three years. While there Jack served on the Silverton School board and was chairman of that board when he left for Alaska.

Linck came to Alaska in March^{*} of 1928 for U.S. Smelting (he started with U.S. Smelting in 1913 when he ~~xxx~~ first went to Arizona and he stayed with the firm until his retirement on Jan. 1, 1958 in Fairbanks)

Linck came up before school started in Sept. 1928

43 years ↑

Manager of the Fairbanks Exploration Co. (the Alaska subsidiary of U.S. Smelting) when Jack arrived was O. J. Eggleston (Oliver Jones Eggleston). The manager before Eggleston was George W. Metcalf who helped organized the Fairbanks Exploration Co. A man by the name of Norman Steins preceeded everyone else and bought up properties (gold properties) and put the ground together for F.E. to dredge. Steins started his buying of properties in 1924, Linck recalled.

Following Eggleston as manager was Roy Earling and then James D. Crawford.

The year 1928 was the first year F.E. Co. dredged any gold. In 1927 the firm was busy building the power plant (now dormant and still standing on Illinois Street.... Golden Valley Electric bought it from F.E. Co. in _____)

In charge of construction of the plant, dredges and auxiliary buildings was George Rathjens.

Dredges built by F.E. Co. and their locations: ~~xxxxxxx~~

- Dredge No. 1there was no No. 1 Dredge
- Dredge No. 2. Goldstream, 10 cu. ft. buckets, moved later to Fairbanks Creek where it now rests.
- Dredge No. 3 Chatanika, 10 cu. ft. buckets.
- Dredge No. 4 ~~Rd~~ Pedro Creek, 4 cu. ft. (moved later to Chicken)
- Dredge No. 5 Fish Creek, 6 cu. ft. And Gilmore? _____
- Dredge No. 6 Goldstream and Sheep Creek
- Dredge No. 7 ???
- Dredge No. 8 Upper Cleary Creek, El Dorado Creek and then on to Dome Creek.
- Dredge No. 9 ??
- Dredge No. 10 Cripple Creek near Ester. Still ~~h~~ there. 10 cu. ft. buckets. Mined the richest ground of any the company mined. Property was owned by the Berry, Jesson and Hammit families who collected royalties from F.E. Co.

The Pedro Creek dredge (6 cu. ft.) was dismantled and shipped to Chicken for dredging there.

The Hogatza River operation (as of now) is the only dredging the company has going at this time. That dredge was purchased from Livengood Placers (it being a 4 cu. ft. bucket and on pontoons). It was dismat~~hed~~ and shipped by river to the Hogatza (way down the Yukon).

Linck family lived in the old Noyes house (now at the corner of Illinois Street and Minnie Street and presently owned and occupied by Fairbanks' only undertaker). Lincks occupied the basement and first floor. There was originally a third floor. Another family occupied the second floor.

Some of the people who worked for Jack in the manager's office (he was office manager) were Norma Clausen Smith, Mrs. Hertha Baker and Agnes Hering Schlotfeldt.

Besides taking charge of all the office procedures, Jack was responsible for looking after all the gold. "I think I weighed every ounce of gold we had while I was working for the company," he says. Doesn't venture a guess on the value of all the gold he handled. The gold was brought into the company headquarters from the dredges, put into a crucible and placed in a furnace where the quick silver was evaporated off (and captured somehow). The gold then was poured in molten state into bars that weighted from 90 to 100 pounds.

F.E. company ceased operations in . U.S. Smelting is now U V Industries Inc. (Jack thought it was called A V Industries).

Gold prospects in Fairbanks area not good, but Nome has some good prospects if the firm ever wanted to continue dredging.