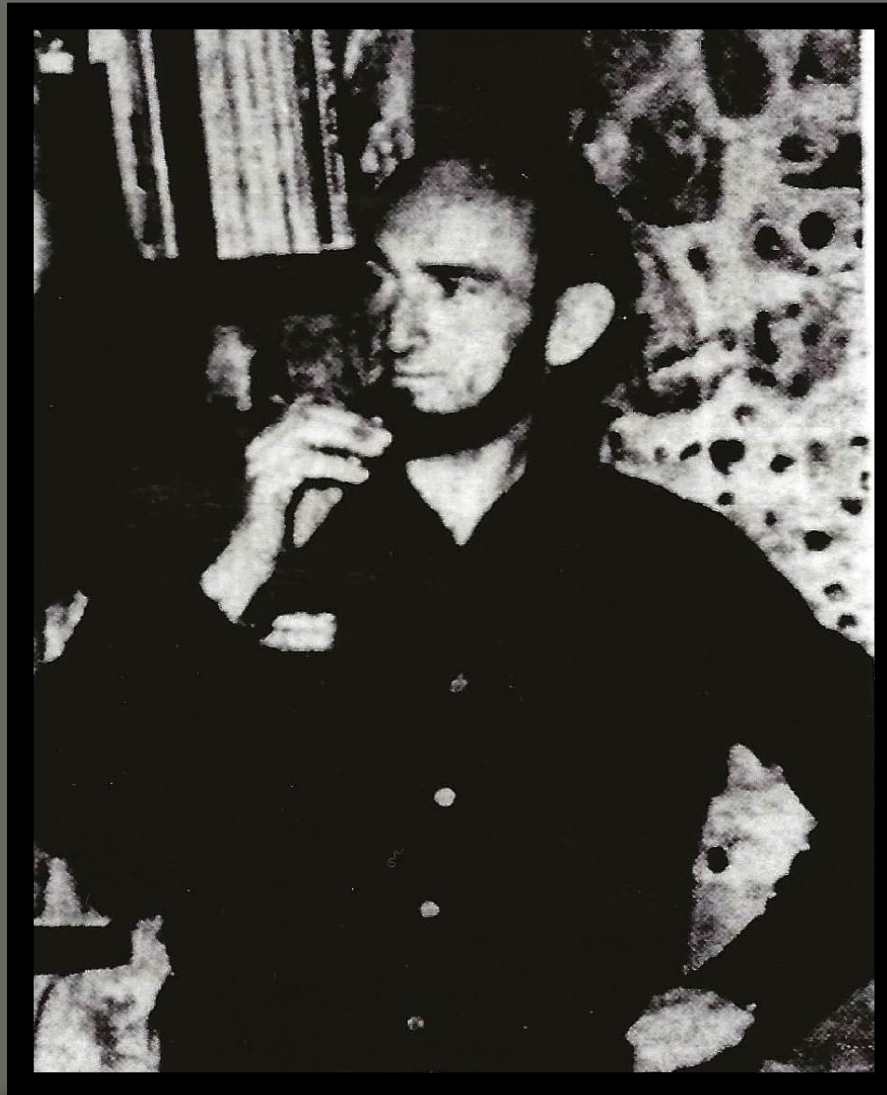


***Earl Linwood Francis – An Arizona Life-7/25/1931 – 8/15/1966***

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***Arizona Daily Star Photo by Bob Thomas- 1966)***



**The U. S. Federal Census of 1940 indicates Earl L. Francis was the only son of Earl and Mary Francis. Named after his father, young Earl had three sisters and was listed as an eight-year-old residing in Washington, D. C.**

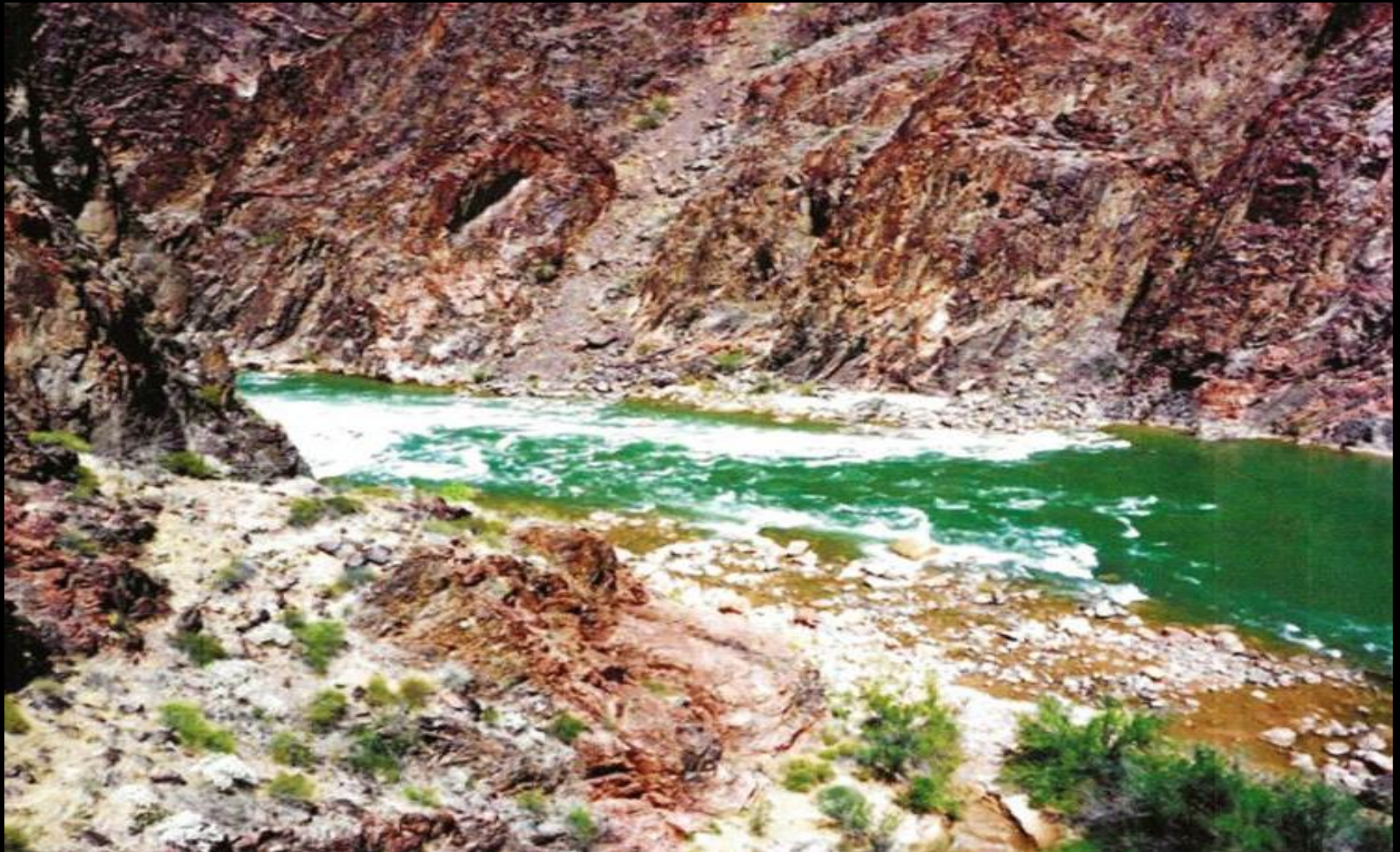
1940 United States Federal Cens

Kornell Williams	Head	0	M	W	79	W	W	7	1	Maryland
Byron Robert	Head	0	M	W	48	M	No	8	4	Maryland
Calton	Wife	1	F	W	37	M	No	H1	9	Maryland
- Charles	Son	2	M	W	19	S	No	H4	30	D. C.
- Doris	Daughter	2	F	W	17	S	No	H4	30	Maryland
Claggett John	Head	0	M	W	28	M	No	8	8	Maryland
- Jennie	Wife	1	F	W	30	M	No	C4	70	Maryland
Waldon Williams	Head	0	M	W	27	M	No	6	4	Illinois
- Hilda	Wife	1	F	W	24	M	No	H2	10	Indiana
- Mary Ann	Daughter	2	F	W	1	S	No	0		D. C.
Francis Earl	Head	0	M	W	32	M	No	7	7	Virginia
- Mary	Wife	1	F	W	31	M	No	8	8	D. C.
- Helen	Daughter	2	F	W	9	S	No	2	2	D. C.
- Earl L.	Son	2	M	W	8	S	No	2	2	D. C.
- Shirley	Daughter	2	F	W	7	S	No	1	1	D. C.
- Betty	Daughter	2	F	W	5	S	No	0		D. C.
Russell Kenneth	Head	0	M	W	25	M	No	H2	10	Maryland
- Madeline	Wife	1	F	W	21	M	No	H1	9	D. C.
Brookley John	Head	0	M	W	47	M	No	8	4	Maryland
- Claudia	Wife	1	F	W	43	M	No	H2	10	N. Carolina
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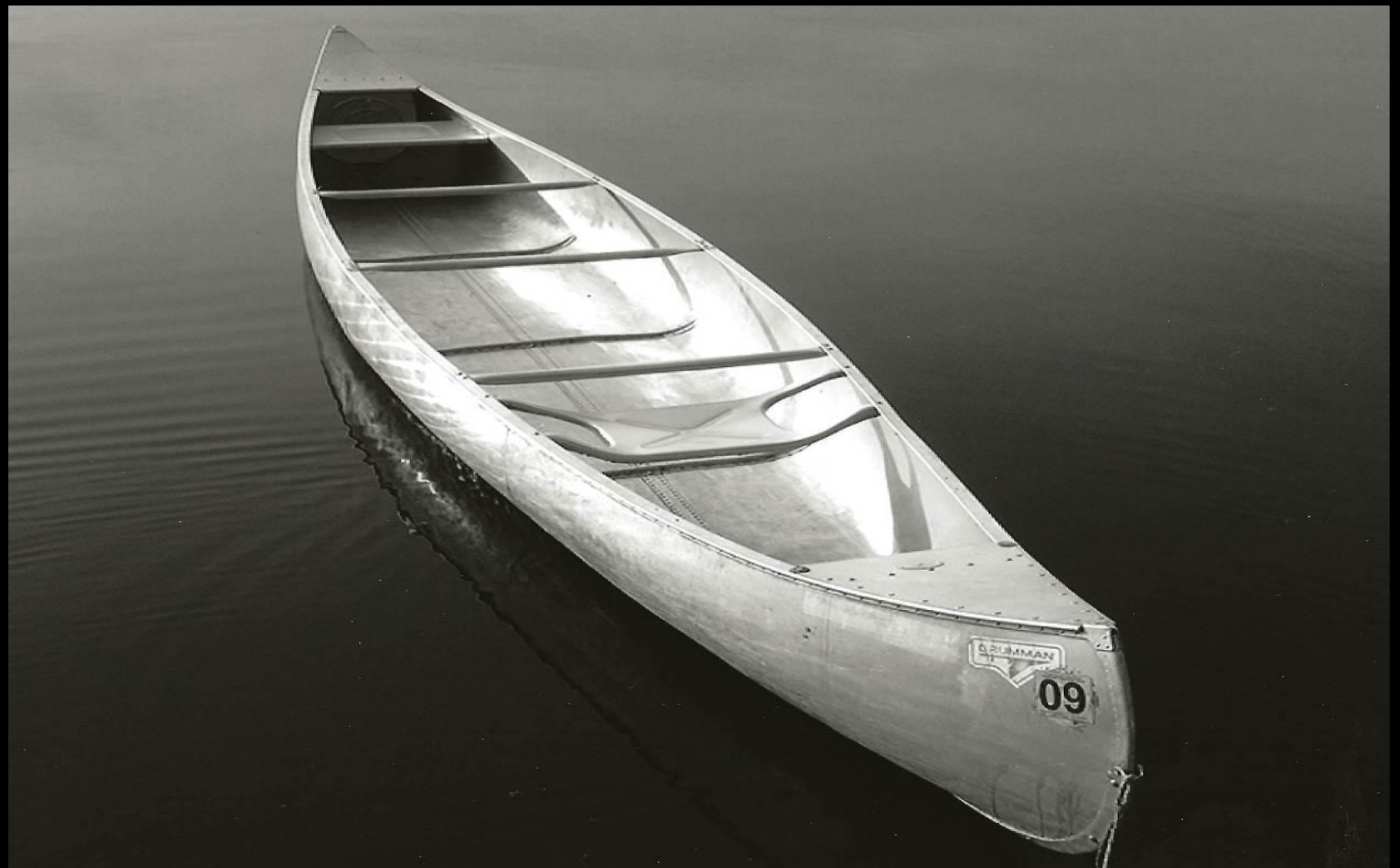
***Earl L. Francis had his first reported encounter with Arizona officialdom at the Chicago Store at 105 W. Congress St. in Tucson, AZ. He broke a store window with the heel of his cowboy boot in order to get at watches and cameras in May of 1953. He told the court "he was fouled up" and was given a suspended sentence. (age 22)***



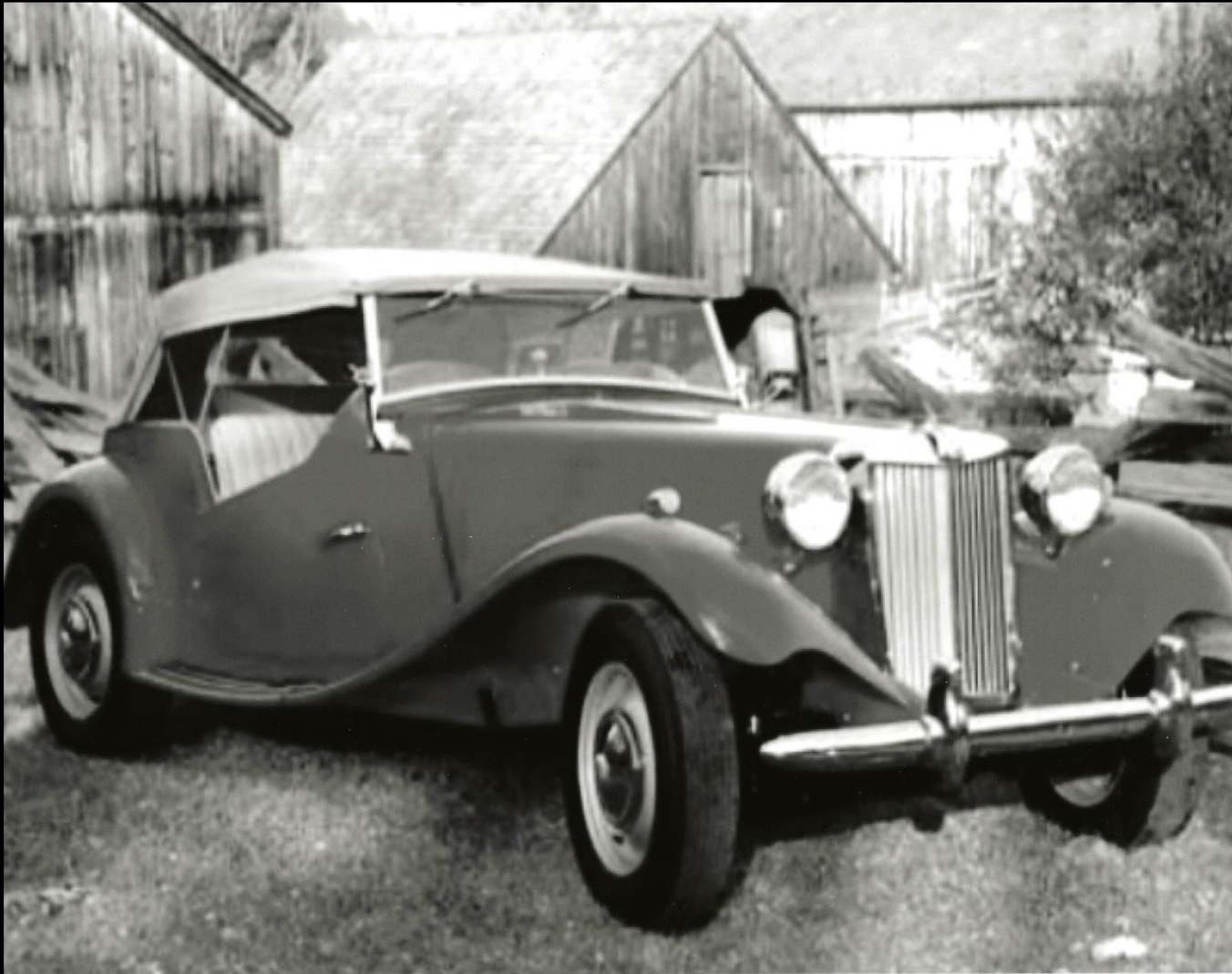
***The Sockdolager Rapids of the Colorado River, where Earl L. Francis lost his canoe and supplies, but saved his dog "Cadillac". Both Earl and his dog floated, hiked, and swam over nine miles in three days and were rescued by Phantom Ranch employees at the nearby bridge. May of 1959. (age 27)***



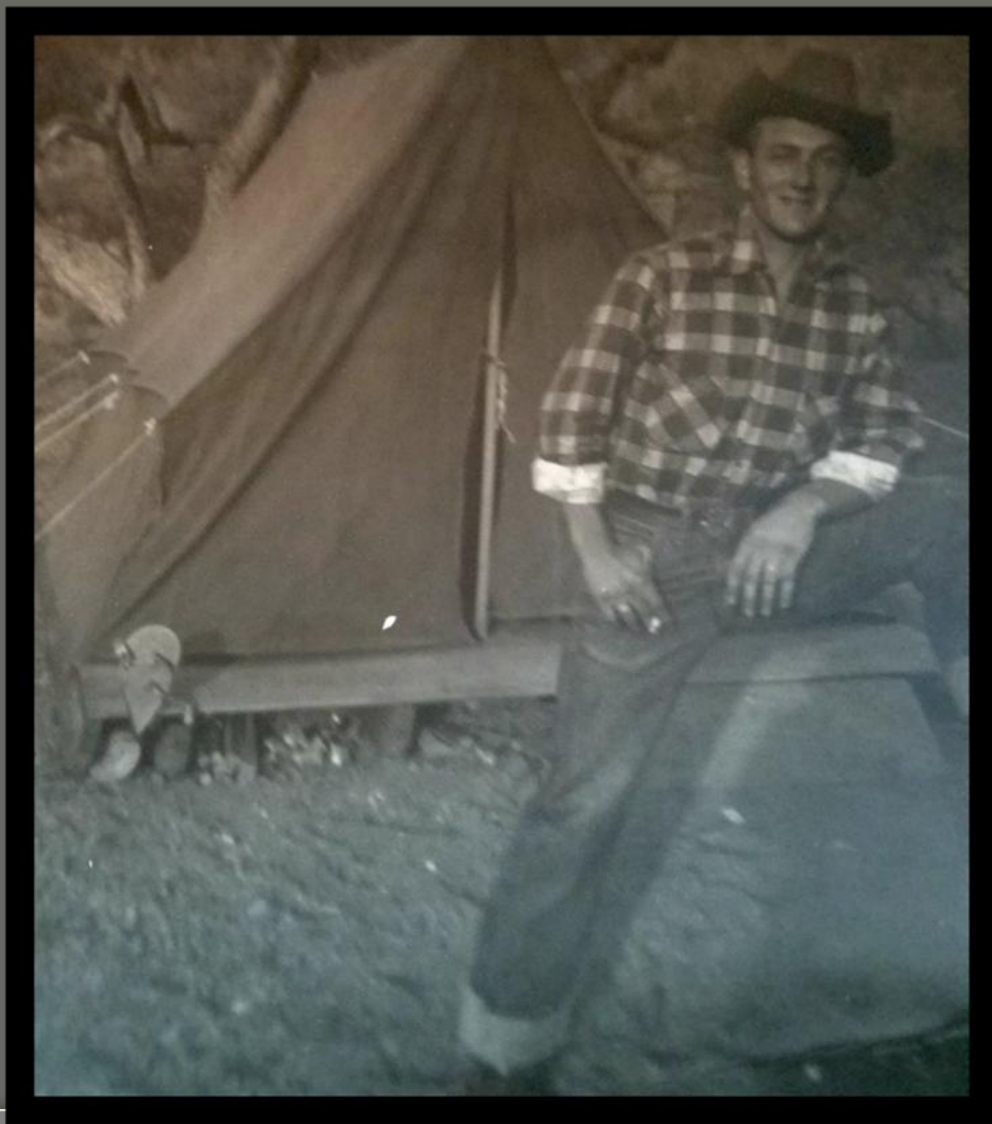
*A seventeen-foot aluminum canoe such as this one was used by Earl L. Francis in his attempt to complete a journey down the Colorado River of Arizona's Grand Canyon. It took Earl two days to hike and carry his recently purchased canoe up and out of the Grand Canyon after his rescue. May of 1959. (Age 27)*



***A 1950 British built MG sports car such as this one was offered for sale in Tucson newspapers for \$250 by Earl L. Francis at the COD Ranch in Oracle, AZ; then owned by Elna Huggett and her daughter Wilma. August of 1962. (age 31)***



***Earl Linwood Francis, (without beard), posed in front of his wooden platform with his tent; likely at his mining claim near Oracle, AZ  
(Courtesy of Traci Lemaster)***

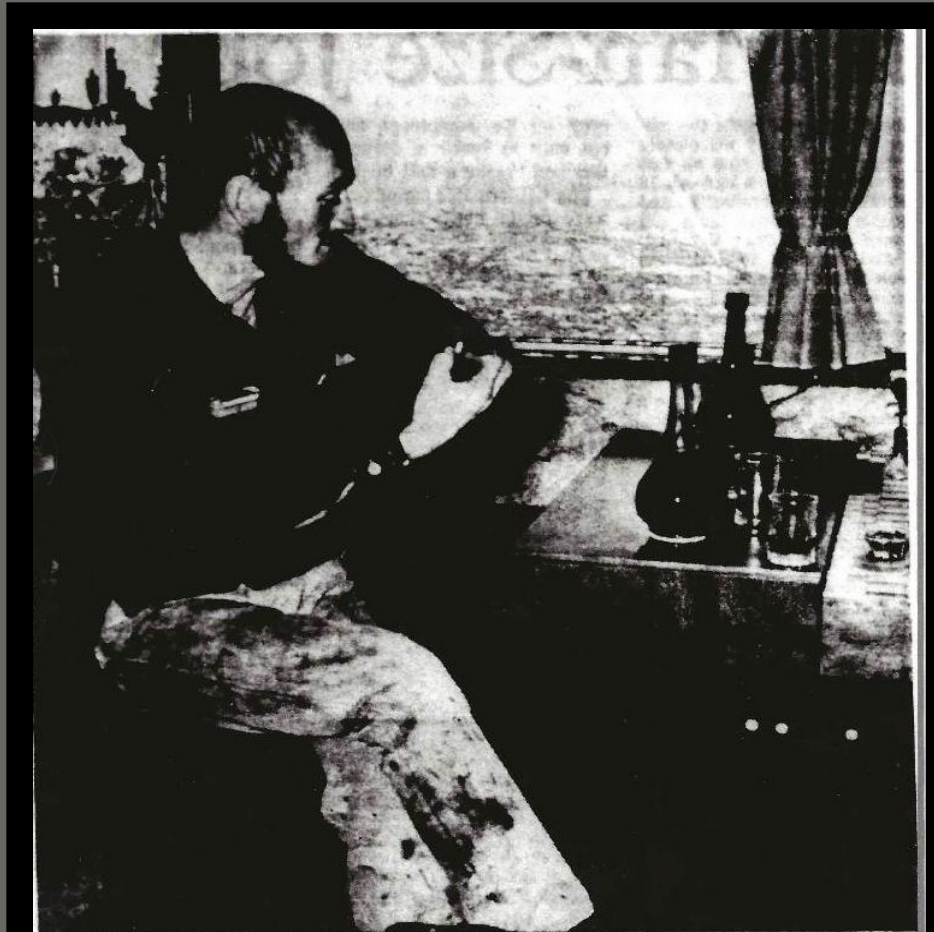


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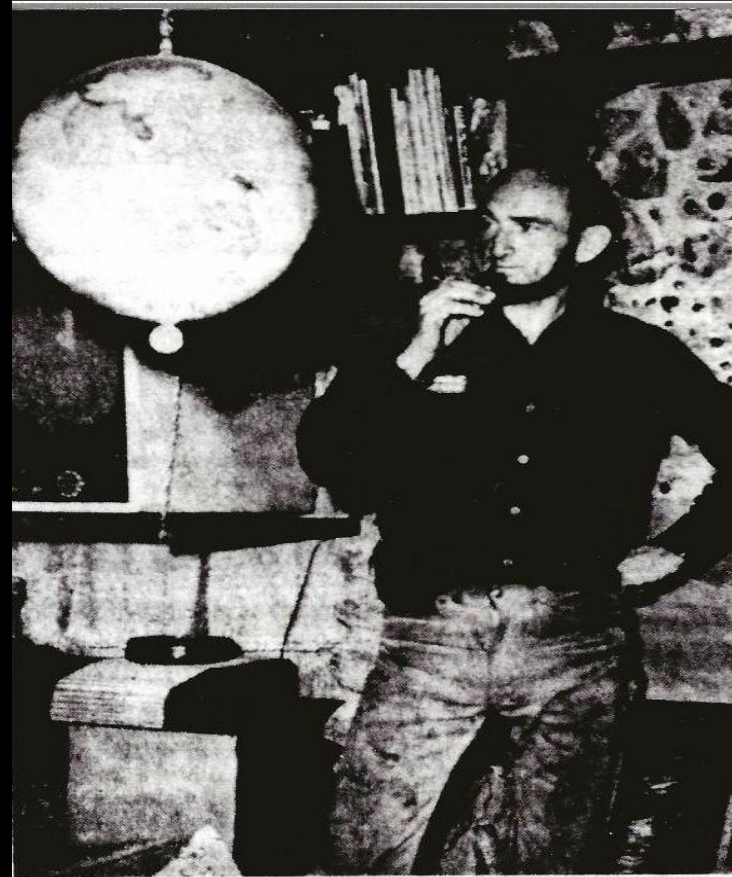


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***(Arizona Daily Star - 2/21/65) (age 34) Photo by Bob Thomas***

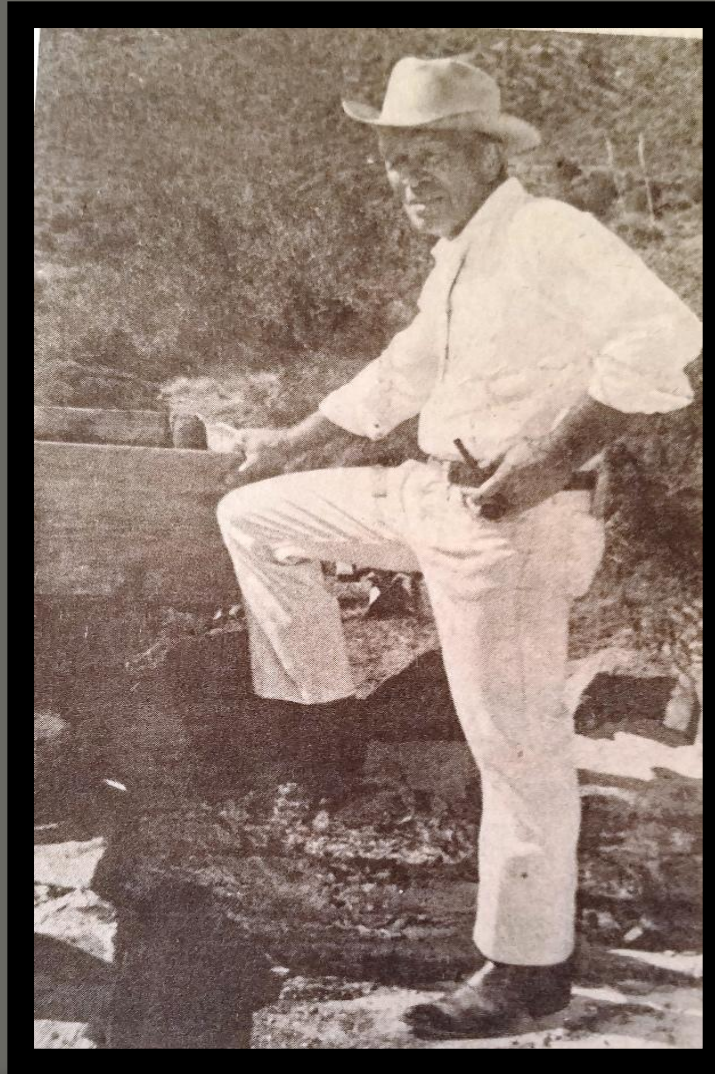


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***An out of focus snapshot of Earl Linwood Francis (on left),  
and his dog “Cadillac”, with three unidentified visitors at his cabin  
on his “Triangle Dot” mining claim.  
(Courtesy of Oracle Historical Society)***




***Les Nauman, owner of High Jinks Ranch located southwest of the cabin built by Earl Francis, reported hearing the sound of the Dynamite blast which killed Francis on August 15, 1966. He also reported his discovery of Earl's wallet hidden behind a picture frame on the fireplace mantle at Nauman's High Jinks Ranch.  
(from article by Kem D. Mansager - San Manuel Miner - 8/22/74)***



**Arizona Driver's License**  
**Expires - "1968"**  
**Earl Linwood Francis, Age 34, Oracle AZ**  
**(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)**

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CORRECTIONS)

ARIZONA OPERATOR'S LICENSE					LICENSE NUMBER
MR. MISS MRS.	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME		<b>L 91790</b>
	EARL	LINWOOD	FRANCIS		
STREET ADDRESS					EXPIRES <b>1968</b> ON YOUR BIRTHDAY RENEW WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR
CITY OR POST OFFICE					
BOX 505 ORACLE ARIZONA					
SEX	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	COLOR HAIR	COLOR EYES	
M	140	5'6"	BROWN	HAZEL	
DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF ISSUE			
MO. 7	DAY 25	YEAR 31	JUN 7 1985		
This License Issued Subject to Restrictions Noted					
CORRECTIVE LENSE		SIGNAL LIGHT			
LEFT SIDE R.V. MIRROR		AUTOMATIC TRANS.			
OTHER RESTRICTIONS					
X <i>Earl L. Francis</i> (SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT) <i>Dave H. Campbell</i>					
HIGHWAY DEPT. SNPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES					

**Arizona State Game and Fish Commission**  
**Arizona Fishing License "1966"**  
**Earl L. Francis, Oracle, AZ**  
**(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)**

STATE OF ARIZONA  
 GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
 ORIGINAL

No refunds. Not transferable. Seasons and bag limits subject to change. Keep informed.

**RESIDENT**

DATE OF BIRTH 7/25/31  
 Mo. Day Year

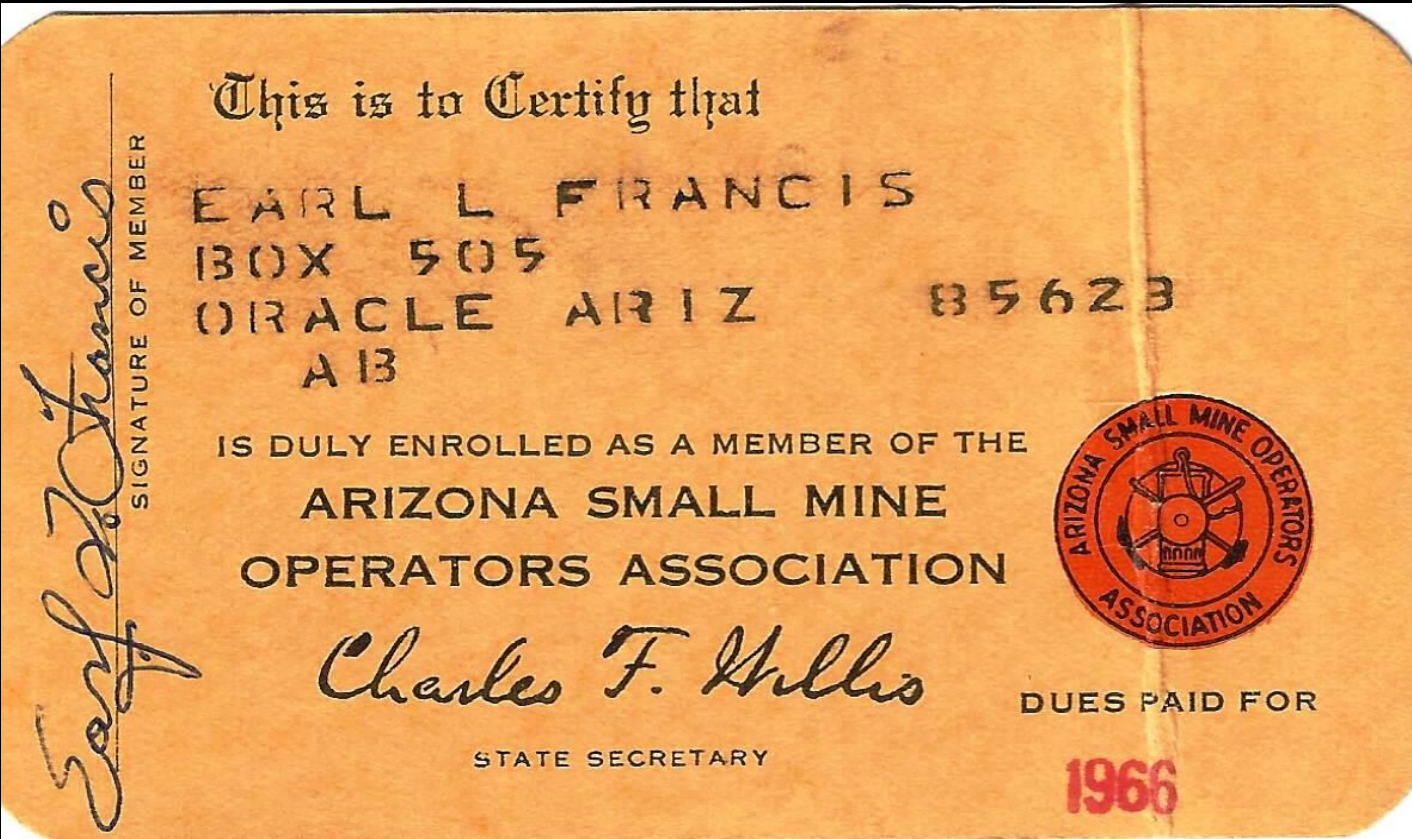
**074452**  
 1966

Are you a citizen of the U.S.? Yes Have you been a bona fide resident of Arizona for one year immediately preceding the date of this license? Yes How Long? 13 Yrs. Mo. Place of Birth Washington D.C. VALID 1-1 TO 12-31-66

This certifies that <u>Earl L. Francis</u>		Sex <u>M</u>	Deer Tag No.
Street Address <u>Box 505</u>		Weight <u>140</u>	Turkey Tag No.
City <u>Orinid</u>	State <u>Ariz.</u>	Height <u>5 Ft. 6 In.</u>	Javelina Tag No.
Has Been Issued Letter <u>A</u>	Amt. Paid \$ <u>3.00</u>	Color Hair <u>Brn</u>	Bear Tag No.
Dealer <u>Mrs E.H. Anderson at CBL</u>		Color Eyes <u>Hazel</u>	Archery Deer Tag No.
Date <u>5/11</u> 196 <u>66</u> By <u>RBS</u>		Age	Archery Javelina Tag No.
I hereby certify that the above answers as to citizenship and residence are true. My privilege to purchase this license has not been revoked by the Commission. X <u>Earl L. Francis</u> Signature of licensee at time of purchase		#	\$1.00 Fee for DUPLICATE of Original License. Enter below the number of the Original License.  If Military Per Section 17-337 ARS, check here ( ) and copy.  I.D. No.
Class A Resident General Fish 01 \$3.00	Class G Resident General Hunt 03 \$5.00		
Checked By		Punch Only Here For Duplicate	

**MINIMUM FINE FOR OBTAINING LICENSE BY FRAUD OR MISREPRESENTATION \$50.00**

**Arizona Small Mine Operators Assn.  
Membership Card – Dues Paid for “1966”  
Earl L. Francis, Oracle, AZ  
(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)**



## ***Newspaper Article; March 24, 1965; (Arizona Daily Star)***

***The Arizona Small Mine Operators Assn., of which Earl Francis was a member, held a meeting with federal officials to discuss inconsistent application of 1872 mining laws used to determine validity of claims.***

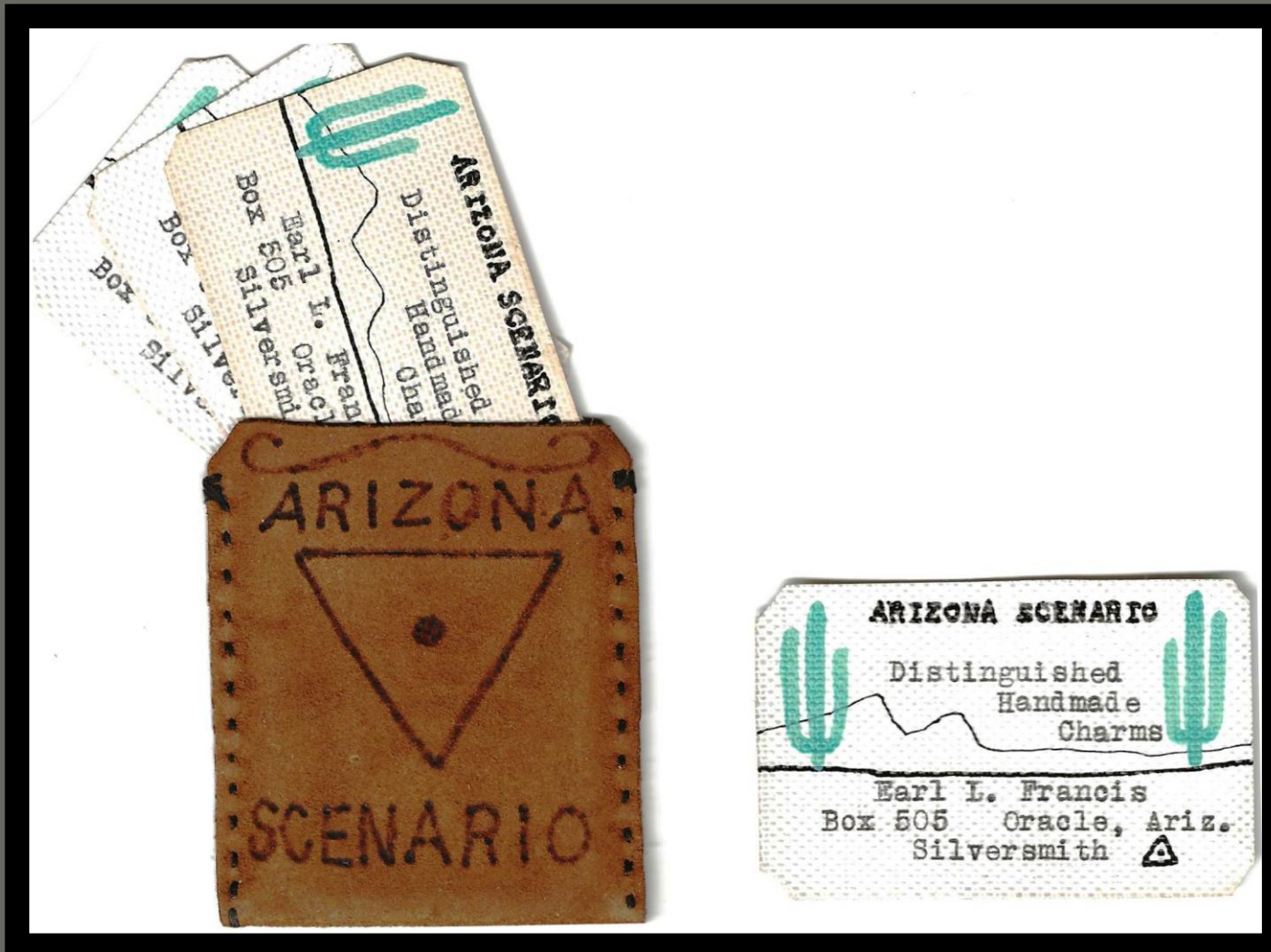
- ***The issue was the “extremely flexible” marketability test for determining the validity of claims.***
- ***The “prudent man test” (that a claim need not be commercial but should justify a prudent man in spending time and money to develop a paying mine), “is gradually being supplanted by a test for marketability – and the marketability concept needs to be re-examined by the government”***

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***These issues, as were reported to have been discussed, were the overriding concerns and concepts facing Earl Francis in determining the validity of his Oracle area mining claims. Earl held that he was indeed a “prudent man” and by earning \$30 dollars a month from his claims, he did therefore have a viable gold mining claim.***

- ***The regulations in force at the time of his dispute with the various federal agencies relied heavily on the “marketability” concept as opposed to the “prudent man” concept previously utilized for claim validation.***
- ***Hence, his claims were deemed invalid, additionally he was ordered to remove the cabin he had constructed and vacate the federal lands.***

*Handmade leather card case with “Triangle Dot”,  
from the wallet of Earl L. Francis,  
with group of his “Silversmith” business cards.  
(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)*



***Top to Bottom...Handmade Items by Earl Francis;  
Christmas Card, Silver Bracelet Charms, & Business Card.  
As currently displayed at Acadia Ranch Museum  
(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)***



*Painting of San Xavier Mission by Night*  
*By Earl Francis*  
*From table top surface of cabinet*  
*(Courtesy of Traci LeMaster)*



***Floral still life by Earl Francis attached to door of cabinet  
he constructed from wood salvaged from wooden fruit crates.  
As currently displayed at Acadia Ranch Museum  
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***(Caption)--- “This is the Earl Francis home which he built himself after hauling all the materials up a high hill – mostly on his back. The stone section in the foreground was his bedroom; the portion with the wide windows was the living room.***

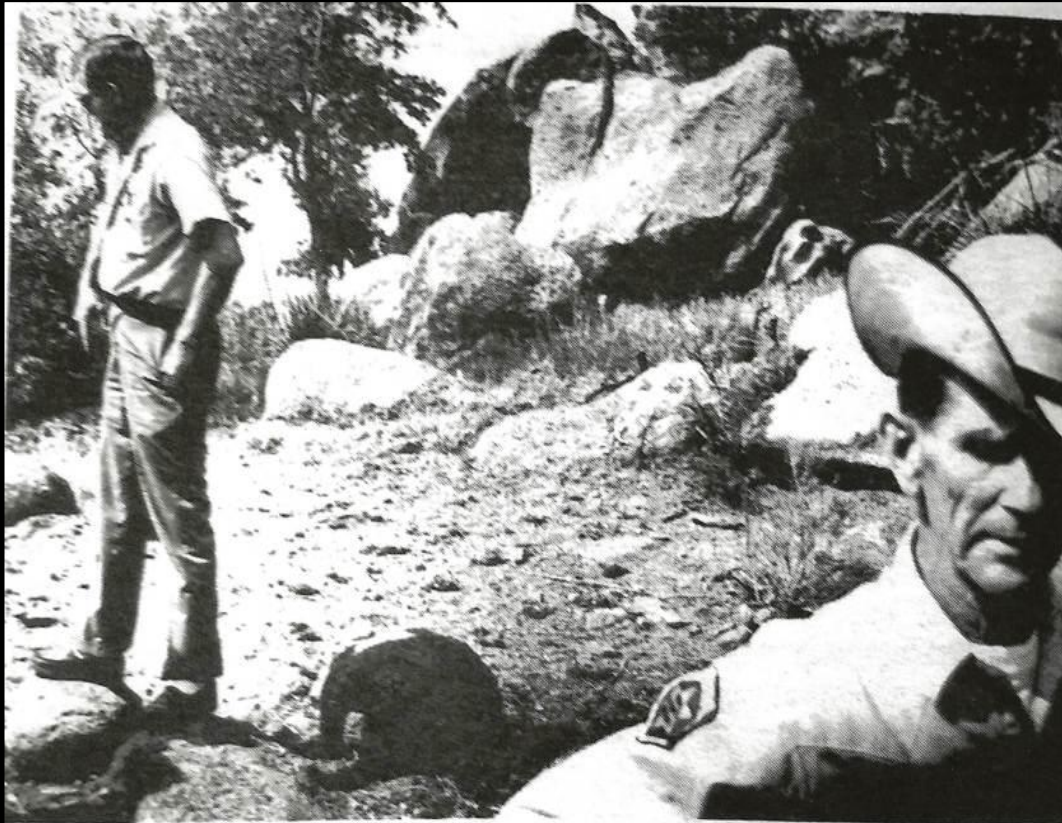
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***(San Manuel Miner – August 1966)***



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(Miner Photo)

***(Caption)--- “This is all that was left of one of Francis’ boots after the blast which claimed his life. The other boot was never found. The largest of the remaining pieces of clothing was about the size of a pants’ pocket, and the largest portion of the dead man himself was smaller than half the size of that torn chunk of leather above.”***

***(San Manuel Miner – August 1966) (Age 35)***



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(Miner Photo)

*A painting such as this was reportedly found among the  
personal effects of the late  
Earl Linwood Francis*

**? = LIFE**

***Francis Lane in Oracle, Arizona extends from “American Ave.”, north to “New Highway 77”, a distance of about one quarter mile. The intersection is marked by the locally famous “Rusty Tooth”. (at the dentist’s office)  
Is Francis Lane named after Earl L. Francis?***



***The green “Forest Service” gate on the south side of Cody Loop Road is the access point to Twin Ponds Road, and then to the westward trail to the top of the regional landmark known as “Francis Mountain.”  
The appearance of this area has been altered by the Cody Fire of 2025.***



# The Death Certificate of Earl L. Francis

Of the boxes filled in by the medical examiner, numbers **18A** and **23A** stand out.

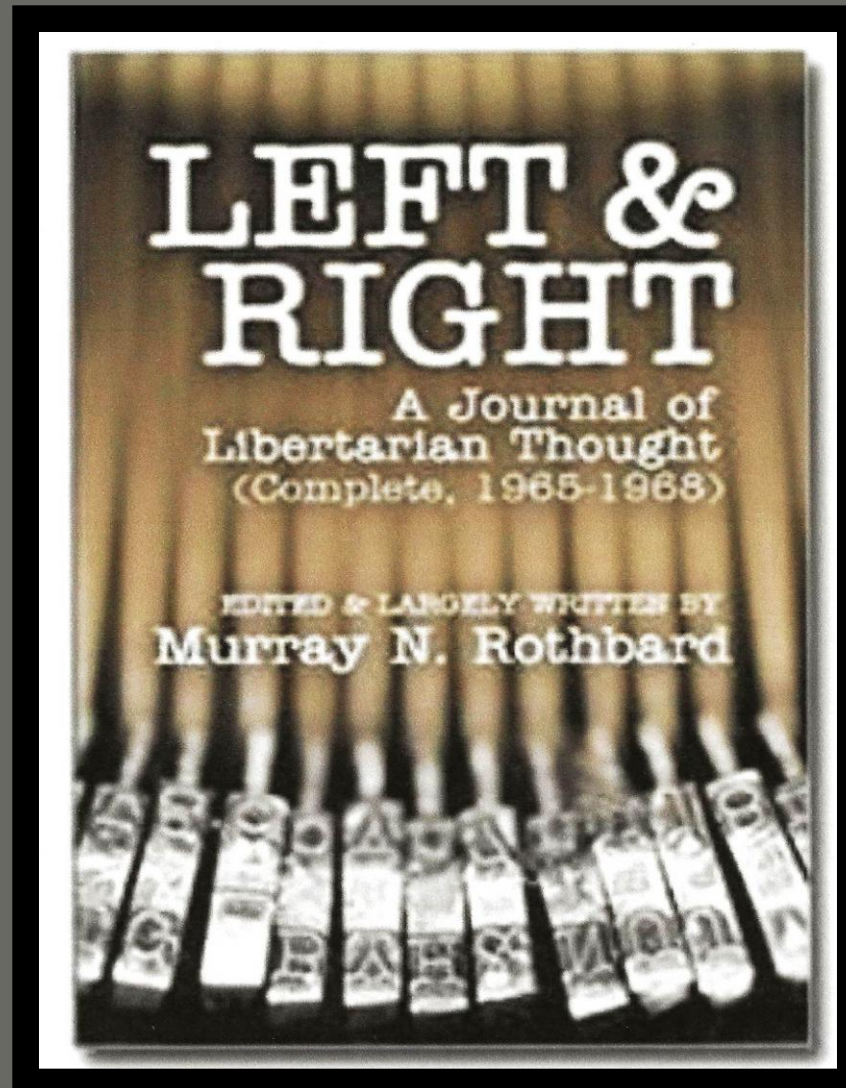
**#18A, Disease or Condition Leading to Death - Dynamite Explosion!**

**Interval Between Onset and Death - Immediate!**

**#23A, Suicide - Blew self with Dynamite!**

ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS				STATE FILE NO. <b>8867</b>	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
AUG 25 1966 BIRTH NO.		ADDRESS OR LOCATION		REGISTRAR'S NO. <b># 23</b>	
1. PLACE OF BIRTH DEATH A. COUNTY <b>Pinal</b>		B. LENGTH OF STAY IN ARIZONA <b>10yr 10 yrs</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (WHERE DECEASED LIVED, IF INSTITUTION; RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION) A. STATE <b>Ariz.</b> B. COUNTY <b>Pinal</b>	
C. CITY OR TOWN <b>Oracle</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> IN CITY LIMITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS		C. CITY OR TOWN <b>Oracle</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IN CITY LIMITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS	
D. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>2 1/2 mile S. of Oracle</b>			D. STREET (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION) E. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? ADDRESS <b>2 1/2 Mi. S. of Oracle</b> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) A. (FIRST) <b>Earl</b> B. (MIDDLE) <b>L.</b> C. (LAST) <b>Francis</b>			4. SEX <b>Male</b>	5. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	6A. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) <b>Never Married</b>
6B. NAME OF SPOUSE		7. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH DAY YEAR) <b>7 25 1931</b>	8. AGE (IN YEARS LAST BIRTHDAY) <b>35yrs.</b>	IF UNDER 24 HRS. MONTHS DAYS	9A. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DURING MOST OF LIFE EVEN IF RETIRED) <b>Prospector</b>
9B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) <b>mining</b>	10. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) <b>Washington D.C.</b>	11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>	12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (YES, NO, OR UNKNOWN) (IF YES, WAS OR DATES OF SERVICE) <b>Yes Unknown</b>		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>Unknown</b>
14A. FATHER'S NAME <b>Earl H. Francis</b>		14B. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <b>Virginia</b>	15A. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Mary Thompson</b>		15B. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <b>Washington</b>
16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>			ADDRESS <b>Coolidge, Arizona</b>	17. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH DAY YEAR) <b>August 15 1966</b>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), (C).  THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE MODE OF DYING, SUCH AS HEART FAILURE, ASTHENIA, ETC. IT MEANS THE DISEASE, INJURY, OR COMPLICATION WHICH CAUSED DEATH.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH (A) <b>Dynamite Explosion</b>			INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>Immediate</b>
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATING TO THE DISEASE OR CONDITION CAUSING DEATH.		DUE TO (B) _____			
DUE TO (C) _____		DUE TO (C) _____			
19A. DATE OF OPERATION		19B. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION.		20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I EXAMINED THE DECEASED ON <b>Aug. 17 1966</b> TO <b>5:17 PM</b> THAT I LAST SAW THE DECEASED ALIVE ON <b>Not seen alive</b> AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT <b>5:25 PM</b> FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.					
22A. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		DEGREE OR TITLE <b>M.D.</b>	22B. ADDRESS <b>Florence, Ariz.</b>		22C. DATE SIGNED <b>8/17/66</b>
23A. ACCIDENT (SPECIFY) <b>SUICIDE</b> <b>Blew self with dynamite</b>		23B. PLACE OF INJURY (E.G., IN OR ABOUT HOME, FARM, FACTORY, STREET, OFFICE BLDG., ETC.) <b>2 1/2 miles S. of Oracle (Hills)</b>		23C. (CITY OR TOWN) (COUNTY) (STATE) <b>ORACLE PINAL ARIZONA</b>	
23D. TIME (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR) (HOUR) OF INJURY <b>8 - 15 - 1966 5:35 PM</b>		23E. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23F. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?	
24A. CORONER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		24B. ADDRESS <b>409 ESSER RD. KEARNY, ARIZ</b>		24C. DATE SIGNED <b>8-16-1966</b>	
25A. BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL <input type="checkbox"/>		25B. DATE <b>8/18/66</b>	25C. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Greenwood crematory</b>		25D. LOCATION (CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY) (STATE) <b>Phoenix, Ariz.</b>
26A. DATE REC. BY LOCAL REG. <b>8-18-66</b>	26B. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	27A. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		27B. ADDRESS <b>Coolidge, Ariz.</b>	
28A. EMBALMER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		28B. EMBALMER'S CERT. NO. <b>335 335</b>			

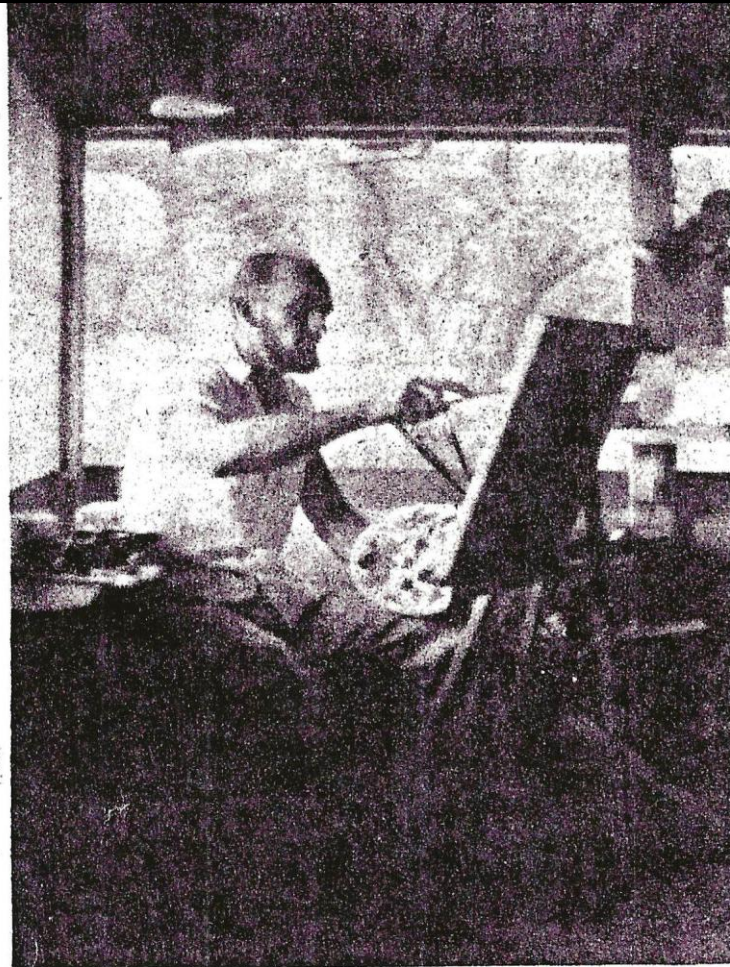
*The death of Earl Francis was reported nationally in newspapers across the nation. The regional weekly newspaper, The San Manuel Miner, reported receiving telephone inquiries from reporters from around the country. This led to “editorial” reports in political publications such as “Left & Right.” – “A Journal of Libertarian Thought.”*



*The below is an excerpt taken from the politically focused volume titled "Left and Right" – "A Journal of Libertarian Thought" "1965 – 1968" written and edited by Murray N. Rothbard.*

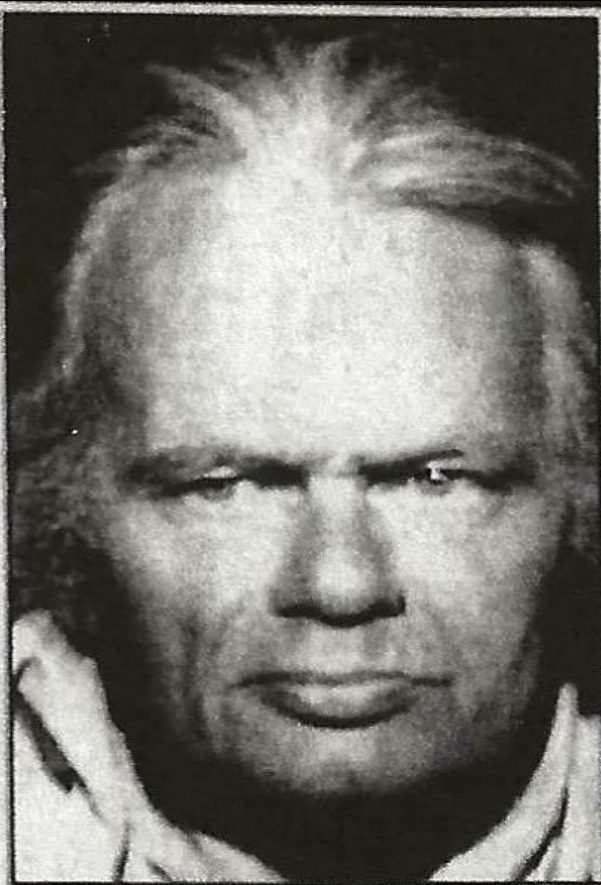
Technically, Earl Francis' death must be marked as a suicide. But in actuality, he must be marked another lonely martyr of individualism at the hands of the burgeoning State. In effect, Earl Francis was murdered by the government of the United States of America, and it is at the very least incumbent upon every American who loves liberty to see to it that he does not go to his fiery grave unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

*(From article by Kem D. Mansager - San Manuel Miner – October 3 , 1974)  
(Caption) --- “In the mountain home he built for himself near Oracle,  
Earl takes up palette and brush.”  
(Photo Prior to August of 1966)*



**IN THE MOUNTAIN** home he built for himself near Oracle, Earl takes up palette and brush.

*In August & October of 1974, Kem D. Mansager wrote 2 articles for the San Manuel Miner based on his memories and on interviews with individuals who knew Mr. Francis. The author, then age 29, was the son of Dewane Mansager, editor of the newspaper. Young Mansager's name was absent from regional newspapers until December, 1995, when at age 50, he was reported as "wanted" on arrest warrants based upon credible threats to execute the Santa Claus at various shopping malls in Tucson, AZ. (Arizona Daily Star – 12/16/95) Age 50*



**Kem D. Mansager**

***Young Traci LeMaster, at the formal unveiling of the mountain top memorial dedicated to her great uncle, the late Earl Linwood Francis.  
(circa early 1970's)  
(Note the dark cover cloth resting on the top of the Granite boulder)***



*The “Memorial” plaque placed at the site of the death of Earl Francis. Creators of the memorial are presently unknown, but were likely true friends who wished to remember him in death as well as in life. The last line of the text gives the definitive name to his mountain top home. --- “Francis Mountain.”*



# ***Francis Mountain Memorial A Direct Transcription***

***EARL FRANCIS***

***HIS LIFE ENDED ON THIS MOUNTAIN. HE COULD  
NOT BEAR TO SEE HIS HOME DESTROYED HIS  
FAITH IN FELLOWMAN AND ALL THE THINGS HIS  
FLAG SO PROUDLY FLOWN. STOOD FOR BY ORDER  
OF GOVERNMENT PERSONEL. HIS MOTTO COULD  
WELL HAVE BEEN. "LIVE AND LET LIVE". AND  
HIS LIFE THE GOLDEN RULE. ALL FOUND HIM  
LOYAL; GENEROUS; INDUSTRIOUS; AND SELF RELIANT;  
MAY HIS SOUL FIND TRANQUILITY IN  
ANOTHER PLACE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS  
FRANCIS MOUNTAIN.***

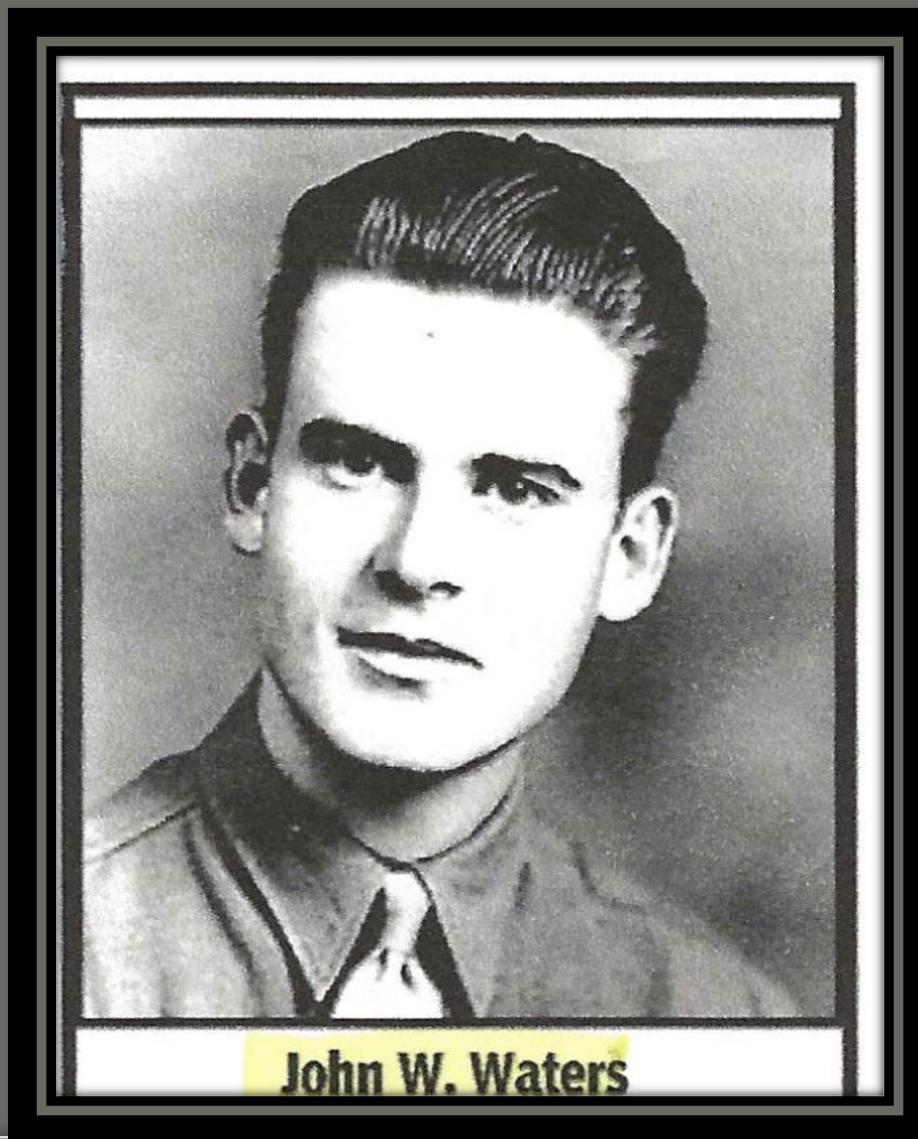
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*Photograph from A Related Obituary*

*Arizona Daily Star...(9/7/2014)*

*John W. Waters*

*Coronado National Forest District Ranger (August 1966)*



## ***John W. Waters;***

***He was the official who was tasked with communicating governmental regulations and decisions to Earl Francis.***

***born 8/30/1923....died 12/10/2014***

***Age 90***

***“John served his country in the Army Air Corp. as a B-17 Fortress waist gunner in WW II.”***

***“He worked for the US Forest Service for 30 years.”***

***“He was the Ranger for the Catalina Mtns. in Tucson for 10 years.”***

***“After retiring in Prescott, AZ he volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 22 years,”***

***“and was a founding member and sang in the choir for Prescott Community Church”***

***“He helped the Community Food Bank for many years as well.”***

***Epilogue – (a personal observation!)***

- The break in with an arrest at the Chicago Store -***
- The canoe trip and a rescue on the Colorado River -***
- The home built and then lost on the Coronado National Forest –***

***Each event resulted in contact with governmental officialdom.  
The nature of these actions by Mr. Francis suggests to me...***

***“Manic Depression” now referred to as “Bi-Polar Disorder” ;***

***-- Definition --***

***A mental state with periods of a deep depression and/or  
an unusually elevated mood;  
lasting from days to weeks or even months”.***

***“Individuals exhibiting such an imbalance often feel abnormally energetic and  
happy, or very irritable and depressed.”***

***“Additionally, they often make impulsive decisions  
with little regard for the consequences”***

***Such as...Standing on a Case of Dynamite with a Burning Fuse!!!***

***End of Presentation***

***Thank You!***

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