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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
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**RE: HIDDEN HILLS SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION, 11-AFC-2
NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept the following submission into the public record regarding potential cultural resources in and around the area of the proposed Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating System.

Given the level of difficulty experienced regarding my last submission to the California Energy Commission with "[Preliminary Comments, Technical Analysis and Recommendations](#)"⁽¹⁾, as well as the fact that it was altered via the rendering of the color photos, maps, etc. to black and white drawings that made them effectively moot, I would greatly appreciate being notified of any similar intent by the CEC to alter this submission and afforded an opportunity to remedy whatever shortcomings it may have that would prevent its exact reproduction from being made available to interested parties, the public and the community at large prior to its online publication.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cindy MacDonald

(1) <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B5bOOC-l3HjrYjV6ZkhWVZSbS1uX2dFdVFzYzNsUQ/edit?pli=1>

CULTURAL RESOURCES

NATIVE AMERICAN

TO CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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QUE HOE
1889 – 1919
NEVADA'S LAST
RENEGADE
INDIAN
HE SURVIVED ALONE

1. QUE HOE: NEVADA'S LAST RENEGADE INDIAN

Background

The photo on the cover is a memorial marker to Que Hoe (pronounced Key Ho), Nevada's Last Renegade Indian, placed at the edge of Cathedral Canyon by Roland Wiley.

The following story is what was passed on to me regarding Que Hoe, a brief description of his life as a "renegade", his demise and what happened to his remains after Roland Wiley secured them. I cannot verify this story but consider it reasonably credible for two reasons. First, it was relayed to me by someone who had various close relationships with local tribal members over many years and two, they took me to the spot where one of the said events supposedly occurred and I was able to obtain photos.

The Story

Que Hoe began to build a reputation in the area as a vicious killer of white settlers. He killed indiscriminately, often in brutal and savage ways and without mercy; women, children – anyone who crossed his path ended up dead and often times, he actively hunted the white invaders.

As his savage reputation grew, he earned the admiration of the local tribes, who considered him somewhat of a hero. He also climbed to a "Most Wanted" status by law enforcement and they spent several years and many posses trying to track him down – but somehow, he always managed to evade them. Finally, a posse was successful and cornered Que Hoe enough to wound him - but again, he slipped through their fingers and disappeared into the desert.

His body was found in a cave in the Lake Mead area and somehow, Roland Wiley managed to acquire his remains. He brought Que Hoe to Hidden Hills and buried him – not at Cathedral Canyon where the memorial marker is placed, but near the ranch in the soft soil of the hills. He fenced the gravesite off to prevent it from being disturbed.

When the local tribes discovered that a "white man" had Que Hoe's remains, they raided the gravesite and spirited Que Hoe away. Where he finally rests, only they know.

The photo on the right is alleged to be where Roland Wiley buried Que Hoe. The story goes that this hole is all that remains after local tribes removed him from the site.

With respect to how Roland Wiley obtained Que Hoe's remains, that part of the story was never made clear. However, some online research found a detailed [story](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2350982)⁽¹⁾ of what happened to Que Hoe between his discovery in the cave and how Roland Wiley eventually obtained his remains.

While the unverified story of Que Hoe's last journey is certainly interesting in and of itself, there is another reason for sharing it.

According to the person who shared it with me, the reason Wiley buried Que Hoe at Hidden Hills is because it had been where local Native Americans use to bury their dead prior to abandoning the area due to white settlement and water sources drying up. The hills and canyons were considered sacred and so, it is quite possible that there is other remains buried in the area.

(1) <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2350982>

2. NATIVE AMERICAN BURIAL GROUNDS

Background

On July 4, 1955, the Las Vegas Review Journal ran a story titled, "Hunting Season Preview". This article described the Hidden Hills Ranch area and even promoted the Ranch as a "game preserve". In the section titled, "Saddle Horses", a description of Native American resources in Hidden Hills were described as follows: *".....and many interesting Indian relics, fireplaces, ancient houses, bake ovens, and a century old Indian burial ground."*



Source: "Hunting Season Preview: Second Year of Las Vegas Hunting Attraction", Las Vegas Review Journal, July 4, 1955.

Las Vegas Review-Journal 13
Monday, July 4, 1955

BASEBALL

Stocks, Tee Post Wins; More Tonite

Class AA League baseball fans will have a chance to see Cashman Cowboys and the Henderson Merchants in one practice session at the Cashman lot, tonight starting at 6 o'clock before the Las Vegas Cubs return against the Merchants in a loop game also at the same starting time Tuesday evening.

Last night, the Las Vegas Stocks climbed over idle Nellie and into a second-place deadlock with the Cowpokes with a 11-9 verdict over visiting St. George. The runners up now have identical 1-1 records while pacesetter Dayrow is 3-1. In the second of a twin bill, Ted Construction of the Class A League, jumped out of the cellar by posting a 2-7 decision over Henderson Lake Motors.

Jim Dunn came out to relieve starter Louie (Whitney) Ford in the fourth and picked up his third victory against no names. After wobbling through this frame, he set down the next eight men to face him in order, save on them on strikeouts.

St. George came on like the Dragon of old in the first, clubbing Ford for three runs only to lose it 4-3 in the last of the home inning. Dick Dole's two-tally trip being the big smash for the Stocks. The winners saved it up in the second, Joe Jaramilla hit the

HUNTING SEASON PREVIEW

Second Year of Las Vegas Hunting Attraction

By CURT DAVIS

Thousands of pheasants, six weeks old, were placed in the new 400 foot alfalfa runways at the Hidden Hills Ranch the latter part of last month. The young birds, hatched from the hardest, fastest-flying strain of ring-necked pheasants in America, will be turned out into the five hundred acres of shooting area on the Hidden Hills ranch prior to and during the forthcoming hunting season.

NEVADA HISTORY

Now in only its second year as a recognized pheasant hunting paradise, although Nevada history records the meeting of General John C. Fremont and the Paiute Indians on the same site just one hundred and eleven years ago and the beginning of the present ranch and game preserve as such. 75 years ago by the Young family, the Hidden Hills Ranch has gained added stature through the many advantages it has over other locations as an outstanding sportsman's haven.

The natural terrain and cover, without considering the separate fields of cultivated grains, are without parallel or comparison for pheasant hunting anywhere in the Southwest, and probably anywhere in the United States.

PHEASANTS GUARANTEED

First, and foremost, an annual membership in the Hidden Hills Ranch, Airport and Game Preserve entitles the holder, or rather guarantees the holder, twenty hardy, fast-flying pheasant in season. They may be shot in one day, or a few at a time throughout the season from October 15 to December 31. The shooting is not artificial in any way. It is real field hunting with plenty of wild conditioned birds which provide fast moving targets. The terrain gives varied cover which makes interesting hunting. The pheasants fly from one field of cover to another when flushed, and the fields can be hunted continuously.

Anyone not getting his quota while hunting the terrain of his choice, cultivated or beautiful natural areas, will be supplied from the extra pheasants in the newly constructed runways. Additional birds, over the original twenty, may be hunted by members at ten dollars per pheasant.

DOGS NOT NECESSARY

A hunter at Hidden Hills Ranch does not need a dog to find or flush game, but a well trained retriever is valuable to get wounded birds, and aid in finding shot birds. Only well trained dogs that are under control at all times can be used.

SADDLE HORSES

There are several fine saddle horses available at the ranch the year around for free use by members and their families. And there are many miles of good bird trails through some of the most beautiful scenery in the entire west, or for that matter, anywhere. These views include great rolling hills, box canyons, many miles of tree covered ravines, many interesting Indian ruins, fireplaces, ancient houses, boulders, and a century old Indian burial ground.

MEMBERSHIP FEE



Bill Wright, well known Las Vegas sportsman and newspaper advertising executive, is pictured here during one of his frequent visits to the Hidden Hills Guest Ranch.



Source: "Hunting Season Preview: Second Year of Las Vegas Hunting Attraction", Las Vegas Review Journal, July 4, 1955.

Note: Many additional photos of the above article are available upon request.

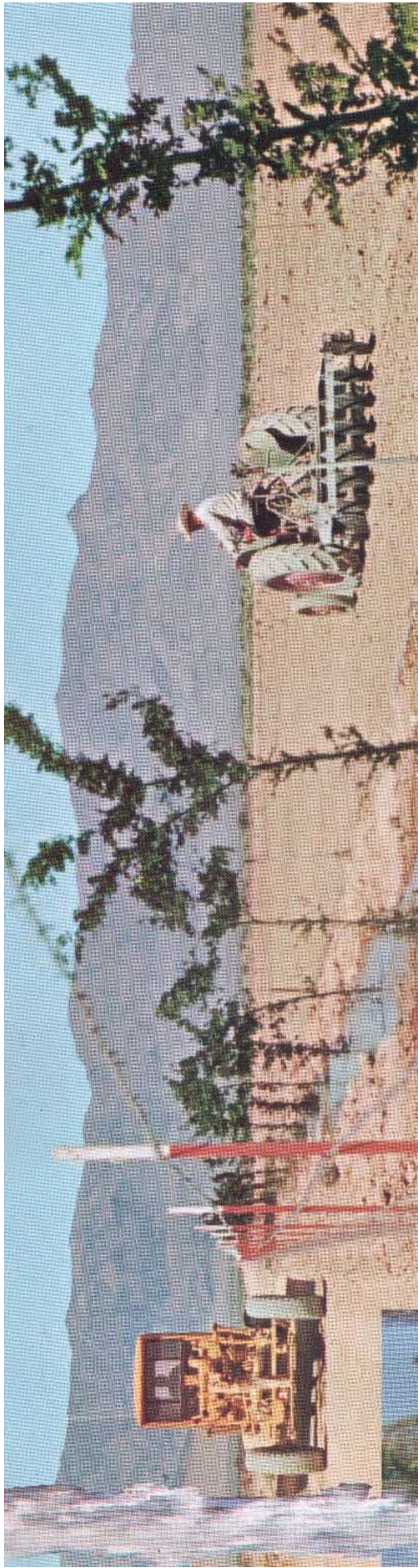
3. INDIAN RUINS

Background

There is also one other small piece of Native American cultural I wanted to share. In the Land Use/Development portion of my comments, I included an attachment of an electronic copy of a brochure that was created to sell Hidden Hills Ranchos – but left one of the pages out because it showcased a "Indian Ruin" found at Hidden Hills. I am going to include this last page at the back, just so there is a "full copy" of the brochure available but also wanted to add a close up of what this Indian Ruin looked like when the brochure was made – and what it looks like today.

One of the many Historical Landmarks along the "Path of the Pioneers"—dated about 1820 — old adobe Indian ruins.





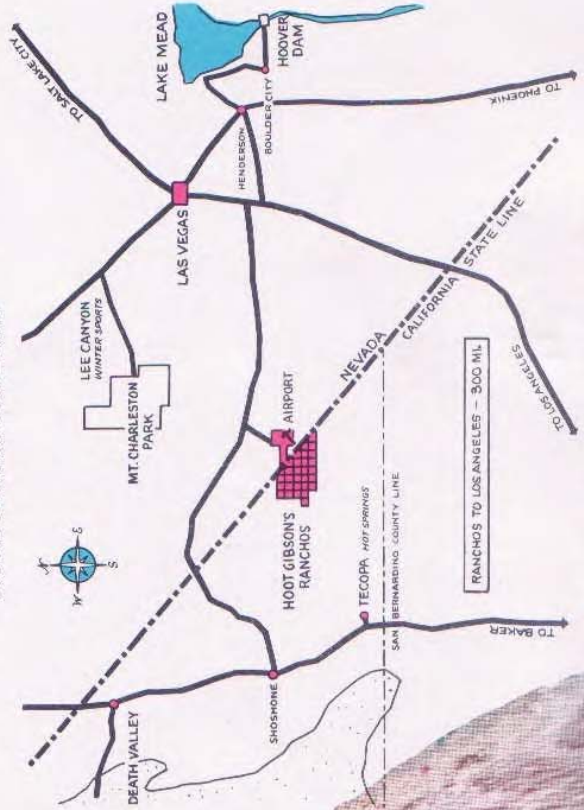
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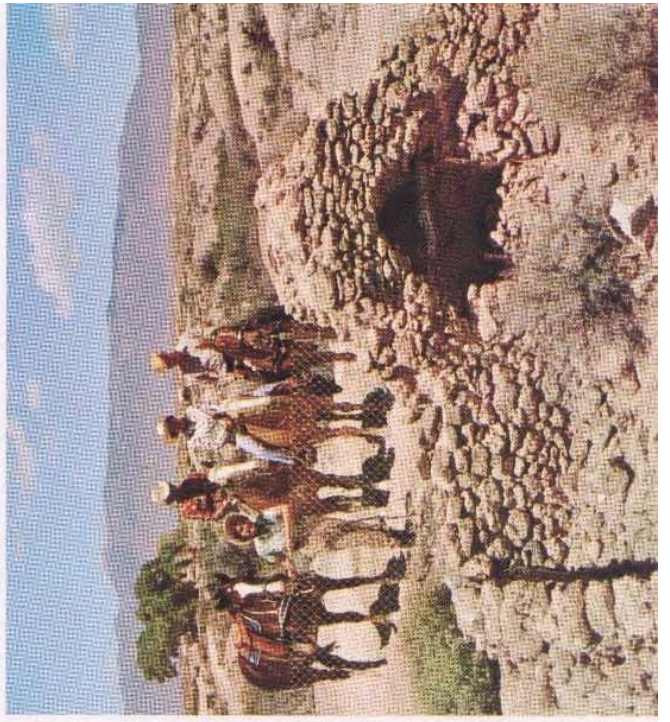
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All photos taken on famous Hidden Hills Ranch.