

STATE OF ARIZONA HISTORICAL MARKER

Record of Historical Information
From
The Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus

Plaque: **Lost Dutchman Plaque #14**

Name of Plaque: **JEROME, ARIZONA TOO STRONG TO DIE**

Location of Plaque, **Jerome, Az., Downtown on Main St.**

Lat/Long: 34.7508N -112.1162W

Explain the Design of the Plaque and Base: **Bronze Plaque Mounted On A Stone Face Wall**

Date of Dedication: **04/08/1995**

President of Chapter at time of Dedication: **Ed "the Mayor" Smith, NGH#6**

Are requested Photos enclosed? Yes X/No__

Exact Wording of the Plaque:

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BY THE TIME MINING SHUT DOWN IN 1952, ENOUGH COPPER HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO PUT 13 POUNDS IN THE HANDS OF EVERY CITIZEN IN THE WORLD. GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION COVERED MINING EXPENSES.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JEROME BECAME ONE OF THE WEST'S MOST CELEBRATED 'GHOST TOWNS'. ALTHOUGH THIS IMAGE PERSISTED INTO THE 1970'S, JEROME'S POPULATION GREW IN THE 1960'S. BUILDINGS BEGAN TO BE RESTORED TO THEIR GRACEFUL PRE=1953 CONDITIONS, AND IN 1970 JEROME WAS DESIGNATED A NATIONAL LANDMARK.

TODAY, JEROME IS AN ARTS ORIENTED VILLAGE OF 500. A MILLION TOURIST A YEAR STROLL IT'S TWISTED STREETS AND GAPE AT THE 100-MILE VIEWS. WITH ITS RICH HISTORY AND TENACIOUS CITIZENS JEROME IS A TOWN TO STRONG TO DIE.

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