



Fish Lake Valley Heritage Museum

Located next to the Esmeralda RV Park

**Open Weekends and Holidays from
Memorial Day Weekend
thru**

Labor Day Weekend

(Or call 775-752-3200 for private tours)

*Walk thru vintage buildings and equipment - Miner's cabin,
Mercantile, Post Office, Gas Station, Bunkhouse, Tack room
and*

Authentic Period Chuck Wagon!

Story from the book:

“The Unsung Heroes of Esmeralda”

by Herschelle and Genevieve Hanson

*Stories as told by Esmeralda Co old timers to the
Hanson's in the 1950's and 1960's.*

The Desert Canary

.... Along with “Bar Flies”, a city bred burrow would make the rounds of the saloons. Goldfield being the metropolis of Nevada in the early 1900's Reno and Las Vegas did not arrive on the scene until later years.

Said burrow, mascot of the town, would make the rounds, and when admitted, would sit on his rear on the floor and wait for his bottle of beer as the drinks were setup. As the day or evening wore on, our friend the burrow would really get drunk. Unsteadily he'd make his way to the street and lay down in the gutter to sleep it off. His hair became extra long, and of course dirty. He would become very impatient of not admitted immediately and so he presented himself at a saloon. Turning around he would kick the door with his heels. This would, of course, get immediate action. Admitted, he would proceed as before, till he could hold no more. Incredible as it may seem, we feel the desert canary should have a place in the hall of fame, or at least among the unsung heroes.

Look for another interesting story from our history next month.