

# Historical Survey of Page Springs Road

I am Denise Domning, a multi-published author and farmer who only moved to Page Springs Road six years ago. Over those few years I've absolutely fallen in love with this road. At the prodding of a friend I decided to write a book about this amazing place and its history. You'll note by the questions below that I'm not interested in exact dates or facts, although they are important and I'm sure the Cornville Historical Society will make sure I watch my "P"s and "Q"s. What I really want is to know what it felt like to live here in each of the past decades.

First, thank you for your willingness to share your memories and experiences with me. What I'm looking for is what it felt like to live here. I'm also interested in the stories you heard your parents and grandparents tell about their experiences along the road. I intend for this book to be organized by decade, so I'm hoping you can use the following questions to help spur your memory of each ten year period. Also, I'd love to have copies of your photographs to include in the book as well. I'm happy to make copies for you and return the originals.

My preference is to sit down with you for a personal interview, but if that's not possible, you can write out your answers and return them to me via US Mail or email. It's not necessary to answer any or all questions: they're provided only to help jog your memory. Again, to the best of your ability and if at all possible, try to organize your memories by decade.

Thanks again and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

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## Survey Questions

What did the road look like over the decades?

If the road changed appearance, do you remember when this happened? What was the new look, for example did the curves or slope change?

What did it feel like, smell like, sound like, to walk or ride along the road in each decade. What mode of transportation did you use (horse, bike, wagon, car)?

Do you remember what it felt like for the seasons to change? Do you remember the feeling of each season? Were there any special events or smells or sounds that you recall for each season?

What types of trees, bushes, grasses do you remember seeing? Has the foliage changed over the decades and how?

Were the cliffs and rock walls the same as they are now, or have they been altered? If so, when?

Were you aware of any natural or man-made caves or other features?

What wildlife did you see while living here? Include everything from scorpions to mountain lions.

Of all the varieties of animals, what frightened you or your parents most? Which animals did you enjoy the most? Which did the most economic damage?

Were there water seeps or Indian ruins or other natural artifacts here when you first arrived that disappeared over the years and are no longer here? If so, when were these discovered and where were they located?

Growing up, what was the thing that most scared you about the road? (This can include watching a parent leaving along the road.)

What was the most exciting thing that you recall happening in each decade that you lived here?

Did you fish or swim in the creek? Did you use the creek for anything other than recreation and fishing? If so, what?

What did you do for fun, for example did you play mostly with siblings or organize games with other children along the road? What were the games and/or sports that you remember playing?

Who were the neighbors and families you remember living along the road during the time you lived here? If they moved, can you remember when they moved and why? Do you recall where they moved to?

What sort of social interactions and gatherings between neighbors do you recall along the road over the decades? Did these events include music, dancing, food? If there was food, who provided it?

While you and your family lived here, what did your parents or you do for a living?

If you farmed, what did you grow in each decade? How much acreage did you use to grow your crops?

If you ranched, how many head did you raise in each decade and how much acreage was involved?

How did you and your family live, e.g. did you consider yourselves "dirt-poor" or well off?

What size was your house? When was it built and how was it constructed? Who built it?

How many children were there in your family?

What did you eat and did you grow what you ate?

Did anyone in the family brew their own alcohol? If so, what?

Were there store-bought clothes or homemade?

Where did you go to school and how did that change from decade to decade?

How did you get to the school--walk, bike, take a school bus, etc?

Did your home suffer any damage from weather, floods, wild fires or other acts of God while you lived in it? This includes damage from the smelter smoke. If so, when was it damaged?

Did you have electricity, phone service, and mail delivery when you were young? If so, in what year did these services begin? How was did the mail reach your home, for example by a neighbor with a car or on horseback? Was it delivered by someone hired to deliver it or did one neighbor pick up all the mail for the road when in town?

Were there home-based businesses along the road selling some of what you or your neighbors grew or made? If so, what?

Also, do you recall any restaurants, churches or other more commercial establishments (as opposed to home-based businesses) along the road?

Please add anything else you'd like to share.