

San Bernardino

The San Bernardino Courthouse.
Part 5 of 8: Hinkley, Barstow, Daggett.



San Bernardino County

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Hinkley

Hinkley became famous as a site where pollution produced by a power company affected nearly the entire community. It is a little desert town west of Barstow. Erin Brockovich, an attorney's assistant, led the fight which was successful. It made her famous and inspired the movie, *Erin Brockovich*. (February 2005)



Hinkley

I am always surprised that people still live here. Many houses are abandoned. Yet some folks are still here. I understand that the poisonous plume in the water table is still there. (February 2005)







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HINKLEY, CA 92347

HANDICAPPED ONLY PARKING ACCESSIBLE

UNDESIRABLE VEHICLES NOT TO BE PARKED IN THESE PLACES TOGETHER WITH OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT OWNER'S RISK







Hinkley

(February 2005)



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Barstow

Barstow is on Route 66. That is what made it famous.
(January 2002)



Barstow

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Barstow

Fort Irwin is near Barstow so a lot of military equipment passes through here. (January 2002)



Barstov

This is a Fred Harvey Hotel that has been restored. The space is being leased out. It was vacant on this trip. (January 2002)



Barstow

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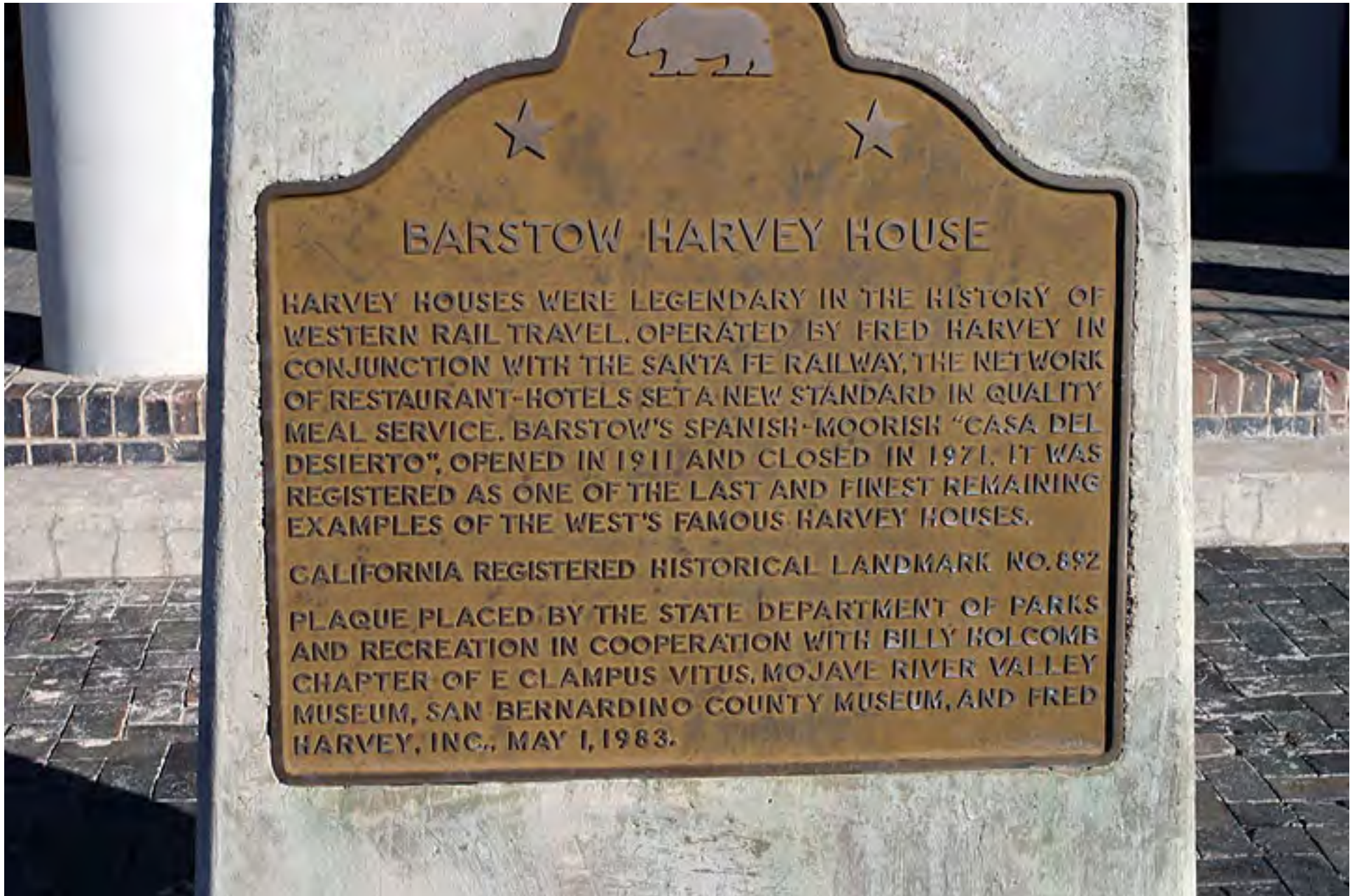
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BARSTOW HARVEY HOUSE

HARVEY HOUSES WERE LEGENDARY IN THE HISTORY OF WESTERN RAIL TRAVEL. OPERATED BY FRED HARVEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SANTA FE RAILWAY, THE NETWORK OF RESTAURANT-HOTELS SET A NEW STANDARD IN QUALITY MEAL SERVICE. BARSTOW'S SPANISH-MOORISH "CASA DEL DESIERTO", OPENED IN 1911 AND CLOSED IN 1971. IT WAS REGISTERED AS ONE OF THE LAST AND FINEST REMAINING EXAMPLES OF THE WEST'S FAMOUS HARVEY HOUSES.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 892
PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN COOPERATION WITH BILLY HOLCOMB CHAPTER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS, MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM, AND FRED HARVEY, INC., MAY 1, 1983.

Barstow

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Barstow

Historically the city has been a transportation hub for railroads and highways. Interstates 15 and 40 pass through the town. It has a population of 22,639. (February 2005)



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This old motel is built of railroad ties. (February 2005)



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Fort Irwin, a major Army base, is nearby as well as a Marine Corps supply base. (February 2006)



Barstow

Looking down over Barstow from the city hall. The old train station is in the lower center and I-15 to Las Vegas in the distance trailing away to Las Vegas. (February 2006)



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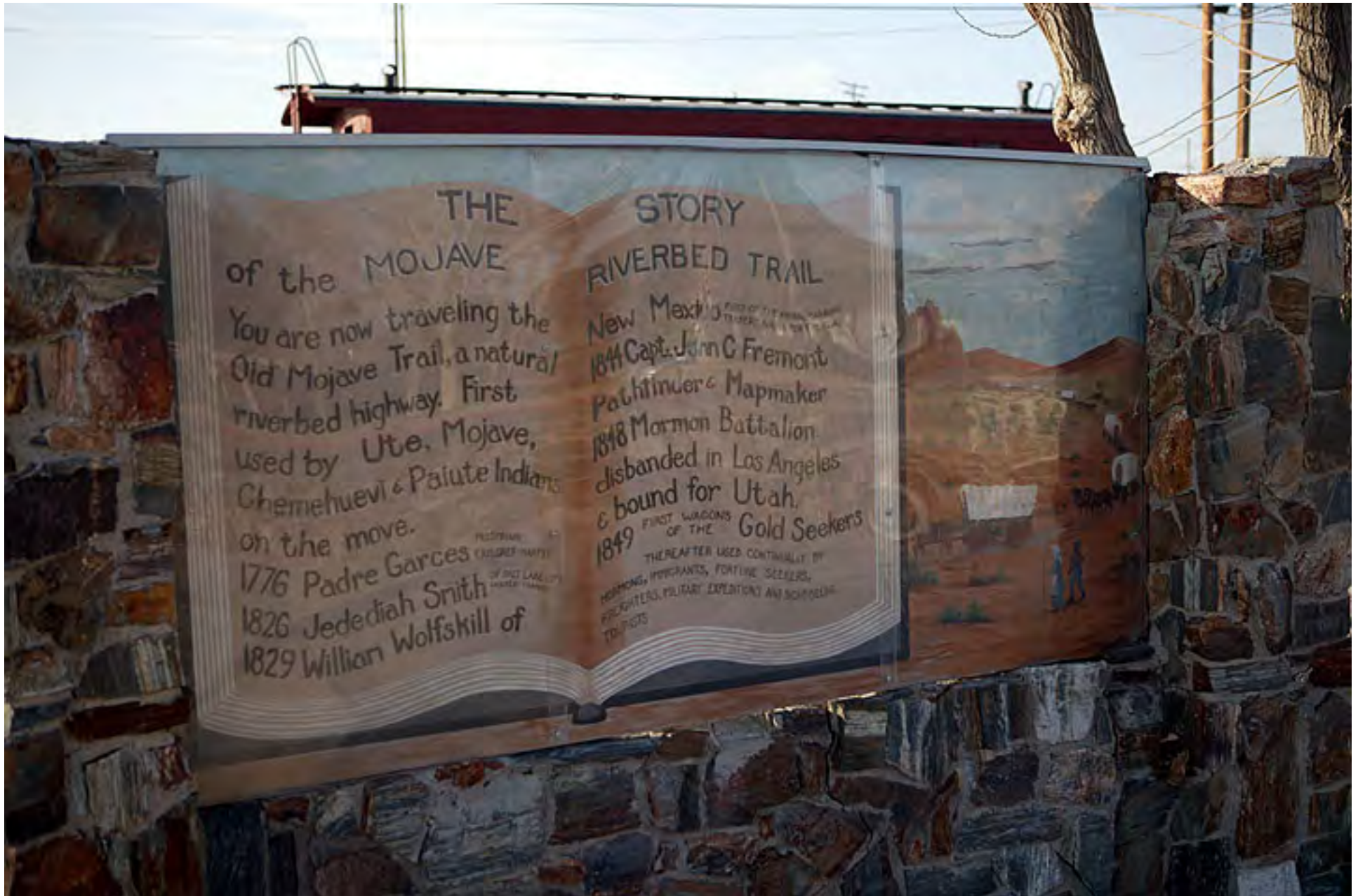
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Sunray Solar Plant

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Sunray Solar Plant

Just to the east of Barstow were two solar plants. Now there are none. A good idea gone awry, this scandal never made the headlines. (February 2006)



Sunray Solar Plant

These plants reflected the sun's rays off mirrors to a boiler. That heated water in the boiler and generated electricity. (February 2006)



Sunray Solar Plant

The solar panels that reflected sunlight to a boiler that generated the electricity are gradually being destroyed. (February 2006)



Sunray Solar Plant

These solar plants received tax breaks because they used solar energy. At night they use natural gas. Con Edison sued claiming this was unfair competition. The solar companies couldn't make a profit without the tax break so the plants closed. (February 2006)



Sunray Solar Plant



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Keck Solar Observatory

This solar plant was converted to a solar observatory. Keck is a Southern California industrialist whose foundation supports science projects.
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Reliant Gas Operated Power Plant

Reliant is a company that owns power plants to sell electricity to the grid. This plant was owned by Con Edison. (February 2006)



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