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## Leadville, Colorado 2014



I picked up a postcard of Leadville in the 1880s. Well, I found the close enough spot of that old photo to replicate the same image in 2014! (The poles with the cross bars are called “10 pins”, and they are telephone lines! There are 10 pins to hold wires on each cross bar.)

### On The Cover

The name of the cat on the cover is Panda. I have featured her many times since I started the de Stolfe Journal Candid. Please read my Editorial on page 3 to find out more about her.

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## Summer Wind Down

Well, the count down is on! I have about a month left at my summer job before the museum closes for the season. My official end date is September 29, 2014. However, I am likely to continue for another week or two into October to work on some other projects and finish up some loose ends.

While most of the country is probably still warm with summer, Leadville on the other hand has shown signs of fall already. Being at 10k feet, the climate is inherently cooler. Most of the summer stayed in the 70s, but part of August into September has shown to be much cooler where many days are in the 60s or 50s and in the low 40s or 30s at night. In addition, the second half of summer here has had a fair share of scattered showers almost daily. I've even seen a light dusting of snow at the very tops of the mountains on the cooler days.

My time here at the job this summer has proved to be very beneficial and a good experience. But of course, as this job is soon to end, I'm on the active hunt for a permanent museum job. I have my sources I check regularly and will see what I find as new postings are available. Sometimes, it's a waiting game.

Some sad news on the Colorado Springs front, my dad's cat, Panda, suddenly and unexplainably died on August 6, 2014. She was a quirky fat cat that I often called a fuzzy snowball. She was all white with three black splotches on her head and an all black tail. I suppose she was a mostly white tuxedo cat, but we really have no idea what kind of cat she was. We also don't know exactly what her age was, but we think she was about 9 years old. That we know of, she had one previous elderly owner who also had another cat. Dad adopted Panda from Petsmart about three years ago. Of course, she will be greatly missed. See a modified photo collage of her on page 10. This is the nearly same collage I included in the January 2014 issue.



Above: This is Panda just after Dad got her.  
Below: This is me with Panda in early 2013.



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Psalm 119:89-96

↳ Lamed

“<sup>89</sup> Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. <sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. <sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants. <sup>92</sup> Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. <sup>93</sup> I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life. <sup>94</sup> I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. <sup>95</sup> The wicked wait for me to destroy me, But I will consider Your testimonies. <sup>96</sup> I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.”

# Saddle Break Reads

## Quick Notes

### Last Days at Summer Job

My summer job continues until the end of September with a possibility of overflowing a week or two into October.

### Leadville Temps

The temperatures in Leadville this time of year average 50s and 60s for the high and low 40s or 30s for the lows. Quite nice!

See more historic ads on pages 5 and 6!



### Over the Postoffice.

Brisbois says those intending to have Photographs taken by him for the Holidays must call early and make their appointments, if they wish to secure a sitting. Also come in the morning, so as to avoid the rush in the afternoon. He has also the largest stock of Picture Frames in the city, of every size and description, Cabinet, Panel, for every size made, Velvet, Plush, Gold and Ebony. Also large Frames of every size and pattern.

**CHAS. MATER,**  
**PIONEER GROCER!**  
 Carries the Largest Stock West of Denver. Buys Direct from First Hands.  
 HONEST WEIGHTS.  
**SELLS AT LIVING PROFITS!**

**AMERICAN Tea Co.**  
 — DEALERS IN —  
**T**  
 Fine Teas, Coffees, Spices, Etc  
 We have just received a choice lot of the finest Teas and Coffees ever brought to Leadville, which will be offered at prices that are sure to please. Our stock is all fresh and selected with the greatest care, while our prices are always the lowest.  
 We are selling the best Java and Mocha at 40c per pound; less from 25c. to 31 per pound.  
 Special prices to hotels, restaurants, boarding houses and the trade.  
 Coffee roasted every day.  
**C. B. JORDAN & CO.,**  
 122 East Sixth Street.  
 TELEPHONE CONNKTION.

**COWBOYS**

Ever feel this way? "GOT 'IMI!"

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[www.twitter.com/rgdestolfe](http://www.twitter.com/rgdestolfe)

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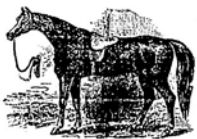
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# Classifieds

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**NEW CUSTOM**  
**Boot and Shoe Shop**  
**FIRST-CLASS CUSTOM WORK.**  
**SAISFACTION GIVEN.**  
**REPAIRING NEATLY DONE.**  
**G. A. JONES, Prop'r.**  
 810 1/2 East Sixth Street.

**NEEDLES, STEELE & CO.**  
  
**LIVERY!**  
 Feed and Sale Stables.  
 Heavy Draft Horses Always on Hand and For Sale.  
**BOB-SLEDS AND CUTTERS!**  
 Telephone Orders for Carriages, Sleighs and Transfer Promptly Attended to.  
 Office and Stables, Rear of Clarendon Hotel.

**GOLD MEDAL, PARIS, 1878.**  
**BAKER'S**  
**Breakfast Cocoa.**  
  
 Warranted absolutely pure Cocoa, from which the excess of Oil has been removed. It has three times the strength of Cocomixed with Starch, Arrowroot or Sugar, and is therefore far more economical, costing less than one cent a cup. It is delicious, nourishing, strengthening, easily digested, and admirably adapted for invalids as well as for persons in health.  
 Sold by Grocers everywhere.  
**W. BAKER & CO.,** Dorchester, Mass.

  
**Leadville Undertaking Co.,**  
 206 HARRISON AVENUE,  
 Undertakers. Embalming and Shipping a Specialty.  
 H. W. HALLETT, Manager.

**A. S. BLAKE**  
 No. 111 East Fourth St.  
  
**LIVERY**  
**Saddle Horses, Carriages,**  
**SLEIGHS,**  
**SINGLE AND DOUBLE RIGS.**  
 A Complete Line of Livery. Orders Sent to any Part of the City. Telephone Connection.

**STAR HOTEL**  
 BICKS OF LIVE, COLO.,  
**MRS. LOUISA GOODALL,**  
 Proprietress.  
 The Star Hotel is recommended to the traveling public as the only **First-Class Hotel** in Hot Springs. Special attention paid to the wants of all guests, and terms reasonable.  
 Buses run to and from all trains free of charge. News depot in connection—Leadville and Eastern papers for sale.

**LEA & PERRINS'**  
**SIGNATURE**  
  
 is now printed in **BLUE**, diagonally across the **OUTSIDE** wrapper of every bottle of **LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE**  
 The Original and Genuine WORCESTERSHIRE, as a further protection against all imitations.  
 Agents for the United States: JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, N. Y.

Ranch Eggs, per dozen, = \$ .15  
 17 lbs. Granulated Sugar, 1.00  
 All Package Coffee, - - 1.00  
 56 Bars Denver Eagle Soap, 1.00  
**J. A. Ames Mercantile Co.,**  
 Tel. 125. Cor. Seventh and Alder Sts.

**HOTEL WINDSOR**  
**RATES REDUCED**  
**FOR THE WINTER.**  
 Room and Board per Day, - \$2.00  
 Room and Board per Week, \$8.00  
 AND UPWARDS.  
 Day Board, - - - \$7.00  
**THE BEST BEDS IN THE CITY!**  
 From 25c, 50c to \$1 per Night. Liberal Reductions by the Week.  
**J. P. HOLDEN & E. A. FOX, Prop'rs.**

**Over 6,000,000 PEOPLE USE**  
**FERRY'S SEEDS**  
  
**D. M. FERRY & CO.** are admitted to be the **LARGEST SEEDSMEN** in the world.  
**D. M. FERRY & CO'S** Illustrated, Descriptive & Free Seed Annual For 1897 will be mailed **FREE** to all applicants, and to last season's customers without ordering it.  
 Invaluable to all. Every person using Garden, Field or Flower SEEDS should send for it. Address **D. M. FERRY & CO.** WARREN, MICH.

**THE POWER BEHIND THE BRUSH**  
  
 What is it—brain or brawn? Do you clean by main strength or do you use labor savers? Do you use the best labor saver? If you are undecided which is best try  
**GOLD DUST Washing Powder**  
 THE N. E. F. FRANK COMPANY, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

**HARDWARE!**  
**STOVES!**  
 You Can Save Money by Purchasing your new STOVES, etc. from **A. O. Marsh**  
  
**STOVES!**  
 You Can Save Money by Purchasing all your **HARDWARE** from **A. O. Marsh**  
 We have the Largest Stock and Best Assortment of Stoves in the City, and Prices Cheaper than Ever Offered Before. I have a Full Stock of House Furnishing Goods, Builders' Hardware, Miner's Supplies, etc. In connection with stove I have a tin-shop in which I manufacture tin, copper and sheet-ironware. Tin roofing and jobbing specialties. Give me a call, and I will convince you that I mean business. Respectfully,  
**A. O. MARSH.**  
**517 Harrison Avenue. LEADVILLE, COLO.**

**EVERYTHING THAT IS NEW IN SEEDS IN RARE PLANTS**  
  
 is offered and described in our **CATALOGUE No. 96**, which this year we send out in an illustrated cover. The Catalogue is replete with new varieties of the choicest flowers and vegetables, many of which can only be obtained from us; and contains, besides, 2 beautiful colored plates, and very full instructions on all garden work. Altogether it is the best ever offered by us, and, we believe, is the most complete publication of its kind ever issued. Mailed on receipt of 50 cents (in stamps), which may be deducted from first order. Please be sure to order Catalogue by the number.  
**PETER HENDERSON & CO., 35 & 37 Cortlandt St., NEW YORK.**

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**IVERS & POND**  
 NOW LEAD THE WORLD THE CHOICE of 100 COLLEGES of MUSIC  
 THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY HAVE PURCHASED 200 IVERS & POND PIANOS



**PIANOS**

Bargains in Other Makes  
**E. C. BROWN,**  
 206 East Sixth.

## FRESH SALT FISH

We have a large and select Stock at Prices to suit all purses.

### FRESH FISH.

4 lbs. Fresh Herring	.....\$ .25
Mackinaw Trout, per lb.	..... .11
White Fish, per lb.	..... .11
Salmon, sliced, per lb.	..... .15
Salmon, whole, per lb.	..... .12½
Halibut, per lb.	..... .15
Fresh Oystere, per qt.	..... .40

### SALT FISH.

Fat Family Mackerel, pails.	.....\$1.00
Small Family Mackerel, 8 for.	..... .25
Large Fat Family Mackerel, 4 for.	..... .25
10 Large Herring.	..... .25
Swedish Herring, per lb.	..... .16
Halibut and Salmon, per lb.	..... .10

Fresh stock of Smoked Fish, consisting of Fancy White Fish, Halibut and Finnan Haddie. Strictly fresh Ranch Eggs, per doz. 15c. California Oranges, from 15c to 50c doz. California Lemons, per doz. 20c. We make a specialty of Shipping Orders. Complete Price List on Application. NO. 2039 TAKES THE GRAPHPHONE.

**MONARCH GROCERY,**  
 609-611 Mar. Ave. E. J. VAN CAMP, Prop.

506 1-2 HARRISON AVENUE.  
 NEW STORE! NEW STOCK!

## Boston Boot and Shoe House

Is now open with the Best Assorted Selection of

**BOOTS, SHOES,**  
 -AND-  
**Gents' Furnishing Goods**

Mr. B. Kraft is one of the old timers in this camp, and would respectfully solicit the trade of friends, acquaintances and the public in general. His prices will be found the lowest, and bona fide bargains can be had there.

506 1-2 HARRISON AVENUE,  
 B. KRAFT, Proprietor.

## Garson's Stage, Mail and Express Line!

Shortest and Best Route to "Go"

Twin Lakes, Everett, Independence, Aspen and Glenwood Springs.



Direct connection with Eastern Trains at Granite, meeting the morning coach from Leadville at Twin Lakes. Stage leaves both the Leadville and Arvon coaches at 4 o'clock a. m. GENERAL OFFICE. 119 HARRISON AVENUE.

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**PHENIX RESTAURANT,**  
 304 Harrison Ave.  
(CLARENCE HOTEL BUILDING.)  
 For the Finest Oysters, Steaks or Chops in the City.  
**GAME IN SEASON.**  
 Everything First-class and at Popular Prices. Private Dining Rooms for Ladies.  
**OPEN ALL NIGHT.**  
**KEELEY & STOCKER, - - Proprietors.**  
22-NOTE—This is the only restaurant in the city that has private dining rooms in connection.

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(Successors to Munser & Hornard)  
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**Horseshoers**

All Kinds of Manufacturing and Repairing  
 Horse-shoeing a Specialty.

**120 East Fourth Street.**

**ICE CREAM!**  
**Ice Cream! Ice Cream!**  
 GUARANTEED STRICTLY PURE

At 30c. a Quart, or \$1.20 per Gallon


DELIVERED TO ANY PART OF THE CITY

Orders for Balls, Parties and Picnics Solicited and Promptly Executed.

Confectioneries, Tarts, Cakes,  
 Fresh Every Day, and First-Class  
 in Every Respect. Give us a call.

**The Capital Bakery!**  
 516 HARRISON AVENUE.  
 Second door from the corner of Sixth street.

**DR. PRICE'S**  
**CREAM**  
**BAKING POWDER**  
 MOST PERFECT MADE  
No Ammonia, Lime, Alum or Phosphates.



SCENE IN FRANCE  
 CATHARINE GRAPES  
 FORMULATING CREAMY TARTARIC DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER.

**DR. PRICE'S**  
**SPECIAL**  
**FLAVORING EXTRACTS**  
 MOST PERFECT MADE

Dr. Price's Extracts, Vanilla, Lemon, Orange, Rose, Almond, Etc., prepared from the true fruits, flavor deliciously.



Since it is one of the Departments of Dr. PRICE BAKING POWDER COMPANY'S MANUFACTORY, THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, bearing Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts.

**A Horse Falls in a Ditch.**  
 A delivery team, belonging to C. E. Rothe & Co., met with an accident, on the avenue, yesterday. The horse slipped and fell into the ditch, corner of Third, his frantic struggles drawing quite a crowd. Willing hands soon extricated the quadruped with but little damage.

# Summer Job Projects

I am now 3/4 of the way through my summer job. So far, my experience with this job has been nothing but positive! The main purpose of this job was to redo the Temple Israel website and to act as docent (“gallery sitter”) for the summer. My first month was more of getting acquainted with everything, then the last two months have been working on the website and on other graphic design projects as we saw need. I have recreated the trifold brochure, recreated an exhibition guide, created a new street sign (shown right), and made some new postcards (shown below). The image at the bottom shows what the new website looks like. It should be live in probably a couple of weeks. Earlier in the summer, I planted a garden in front of the museum (as I showed in the June 2014 issue), and I continue to document more histories as I come across them. In the month I have left I will be processing some new artifacts, retooling parts of the current exhibit, and working on a new exhibit.

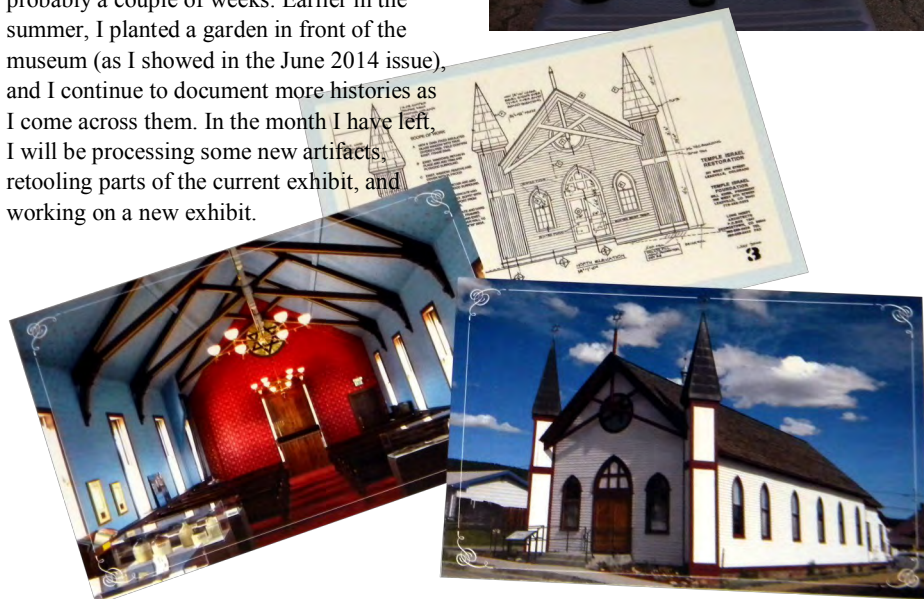


# Architectural Progression

Leadville is full of old structures that line the alleys and are also in some obscure spots. This photo of a current garage probably used to be a miner’s house, since the structure also has windows and a regular door. In looking at this building, you can see evidence of the original building and also know that it was resided at one time.

The current siding consists of clapboards in a relatively modern, classic form. However, underneath that, you can clearly see the original siding of box and strip with a whitewash. The strips were clearly removed in order to put the clapboard siding.

Box and Strip was a mid 1800s method of butting boards vertically and covering the seams with smaller strips of wood. Often times, this method was the structure of the wall, meaning no studs. Then the whole structure was whitewashed or painted some color. Of course, this construction type was not the most tight of methods. In winter, snow would drive through the cracks, and in summer, bugs could certainly crawl through.



*This building is half a block from Temple Israel on 4th Street.*



# A Night At The Opera House

All throughout the summer, the Tabor Opera House held various performances of music, plays, comedies, and the like (I featured photos of the opera house in the June 2014 issue). An event on Saturday, August 23, 2014 was the last one for the 2014 season. The event was Irish music featuring Irish dancing.

I decided to make a night of it. First, I went over to Quincy's Steakhouse for dinner and had a nice sirloin, potato, and salad. Then, I walked over to the Opera House about half a block away. The place was packed! Tickets were only \$15.00 and probably half of the town was there. Most people were dressed either in evening clothes or in historical outfits. The opera House has old seats, which seemed to be for people of a different era; they were quite narrow!

The focus of the evening was with the performers (although some beforehand talking happened). The group is called F.E.A.S.T. and play Celtic music (among other types as well). The group consisted of a violinist, two violists, a bassist (electric and acoustic), and cellist, a pianist/keyboardist, and an awesome percussionist. In addition to the music, two ladies called Champion Dancers danced various Irish jigs throughout the evening. Another lady came out a couple of times to sing. The evening was about 2.5 hours with a short intermission.

The weather this particular day was quite cold and it played a theme during the night. (Also, the opera house has no heat! The box by the keyboardist is an electric fireplace!)

The whole evening was great and I can see why this group came again to perform!



# Leadville Boom Days

The largest event in Leadville every summer is Boom Days. This year, the event was the weekend of August 1-3, 2014. The weekend is full of various activities and events. The main area of activity is in the area around the county courthouse along Harrison Avenue and 5th and 6th streets. Many, many booths were all around with more food booths than there are restaurants in Leadville! In addition, many of the booths were various crafted goods.

Boom Days was based on mining. Every year, they brought a big boulder, painted it some color, and put numbers on it. The numbers were for drilling holes, the basis of the particular competition. They also had other mining related events.

Another popular event is the burro race. There are men's and women's burro races. In both, the person must walk the burro with a rope the length of the course. The burro wears a 35 pound pack. For the men's race, they must walk 21 miles up to Mosquito Pass and back, while the women's race walks 15 miles and loop around Bald Mountain. They even sell tickets for people to guess the winning time. I bought a ticket and was three minutes off from the winning time.

Boom Days includes many other smaller activities over the three days like a parade, motorcycle competitions, pancake breakfasts, saloon girl races, boardwalk competition, and run/walks. No doubt, it was a fun weekend!



Above: The main point of Boom Days has to do with mining. A main part of the weekend is the miner's competitions. One event is drilling holes and how fast. Every year, they get a boulder, paint it some color (this year, it was pink), and put numbers on it for the drilling. This location is just half a block down from the museum.

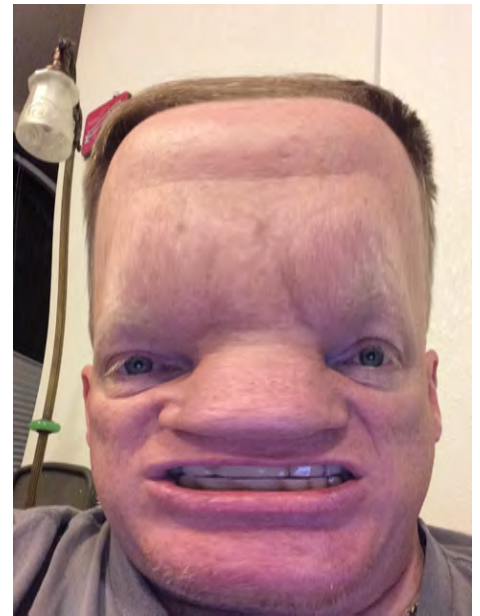
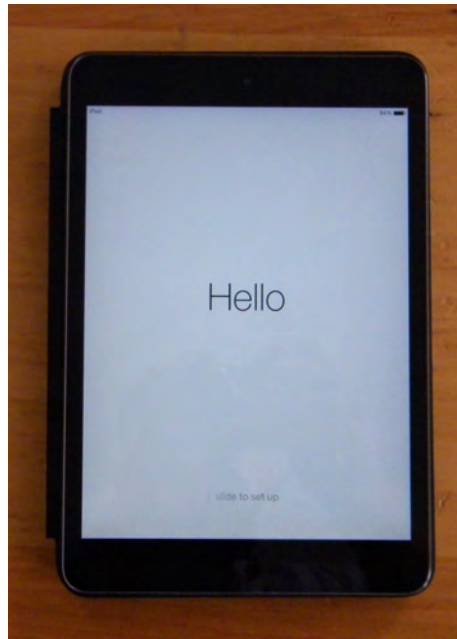
Right photos: Various photos of the burro races. The men have a different path from the women and all the burros must have at least 35 pound packs.

## A New “Toy”

I recently obtained a new iPad Mini! I decided on a mini with more memory than a larger one with less memory. This device now gives me a little more flexibility and versatility for my business and well as for general use. I can download apps on the iPad that I can't get on my iPhone or on the computer. The camera has great resolution for stills and video.

The unit has a bunch of fun things, but many of the apps are quite powerful and easy to use. Here are a few iPad specific apps that are quite unique.

- Photo Booth — To the right are a few crazy, fun images you can do with this app. They are meant to simulate a fun house sort of photo booth.
- iMovie — This app is really exciting for me because now I have an easy ability to take videos and edit them together into a preview or into an actual film. At the bottom is an image of my first film about making a pizza. You can see the one minute preview on my Facebook page: [See video](#)
- Garage Band — I expect to spend some more time with this app! This app allows you to make music with a variety of instruments, each with its own set of adjustments. I'm certain that I'll probably create some compositions with this app!
- Camera — This is a simple app that uses the built in camera to take photos and video. The resolution of the iPad Mini is awesome and the video is clean and smooth. The Photo Booth photos use the camera as does the video below.



## Miscellaneous Photos Around Leadville



*St. George Episcopal church across the street from Temple Israel.*



*A squirrel I found in the trees at the Evergreen Cemetery.*



*The view a few block northwest of downtown Leadville.*



*The view a few block northwest of downtown Leadville.*



*The view a few block northwest of downtown Leadville.*

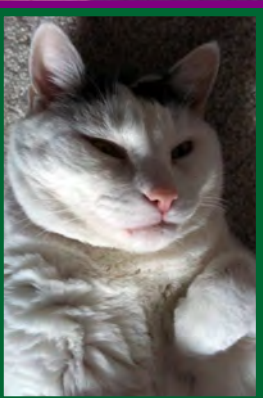
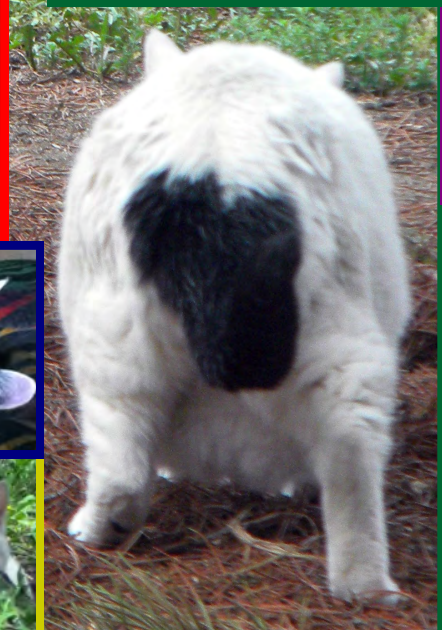
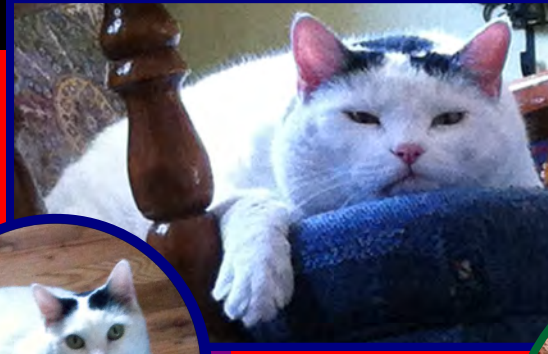


*A bumble bee liking these flowers.*



*No clue what kind of bug this is.*

RIP Panda 8.6.2014

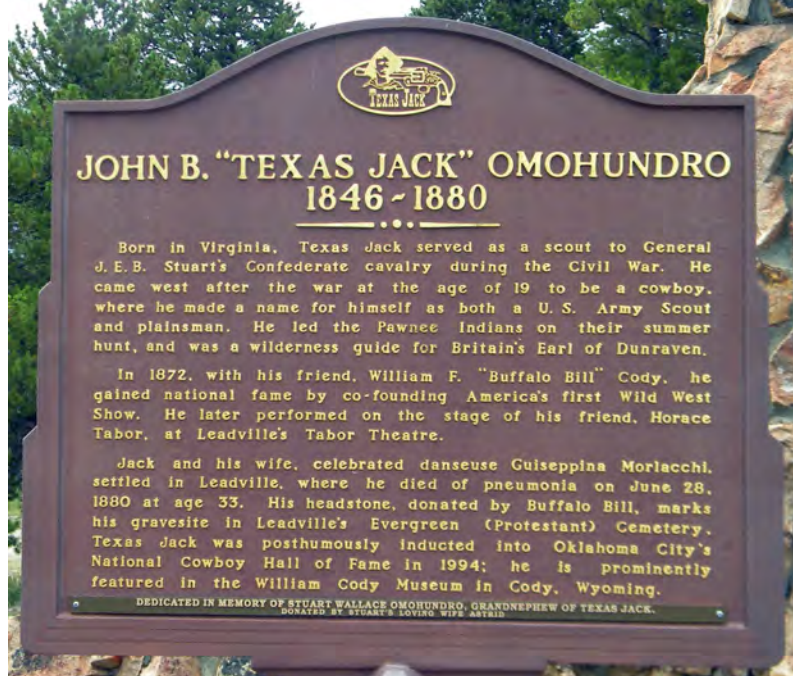


## Leadville Cemetery: The Final Resting Place of Texas Jack



*John Baker  
"Texas Jack"  
Omohundro*

*(July 26, 1846  
– June 28, 1880)*



*The above plaque has written:*

*John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro  
1846-1880*

Born in Virginia, Texas Jack served as a scout to General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate cavalry during the Civil War. He came west after the war at the age of 19 to be a cowboy, where he made a name for himself as both a U.S. Army Scout and plainsman. He led the Pawnee Indians on their summer hunt, and was a wilderness guide for Britain's Earl of Dunraven.

In 1872, with his friend, William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, he gained national fame by co-founding America's first Wild West Show. He later performed on the stage of his friend, Horace Tabor, at Leadville's Tabor Theatre [the Tabor Opera House].

Jack and his wife, celebrated danseuse Guiseppina Moriacchi, settled in Leadville, where he died of pneumonia on June 28, 1880 at age 33. His headstone, donated by Buffalo Bill, marks his gravesite in Leadville's Evergreen (Protestant) Cemetery. Texas Jack was posthumously inducted into Oklahoma City's National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1994; he is prominently featured in the William Cody Museum in Cody, Wyoming.

[Read more about Texas Jack on Wikipedia](#)

*The above photo shows the grave site of Texas Jack in Leadville.*

*The first grave marker just was a marble slab with J.B.O.*

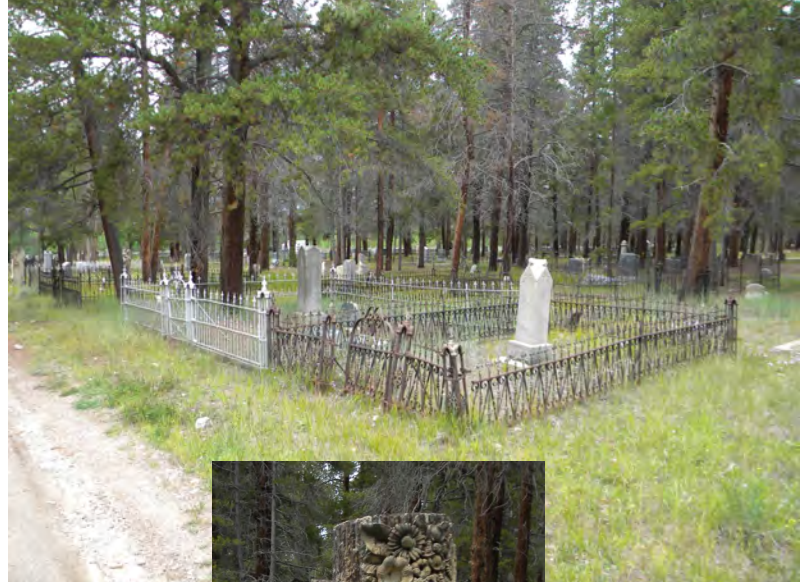
*Appalled, Buffalo Bill paid for a larger, nicer monument to be put at the grave site.*



# Leadville Cemetery: Old Tombstones

Anytime you go to a cemetery older than the 20th century, you will find some interesting grave markers. In the 1800s, grave markers were commonly wood, with the more expensive markers made of some sort of stone. Sometimes, a group of plots will have a wrought iron fence around them (like with a family plot).

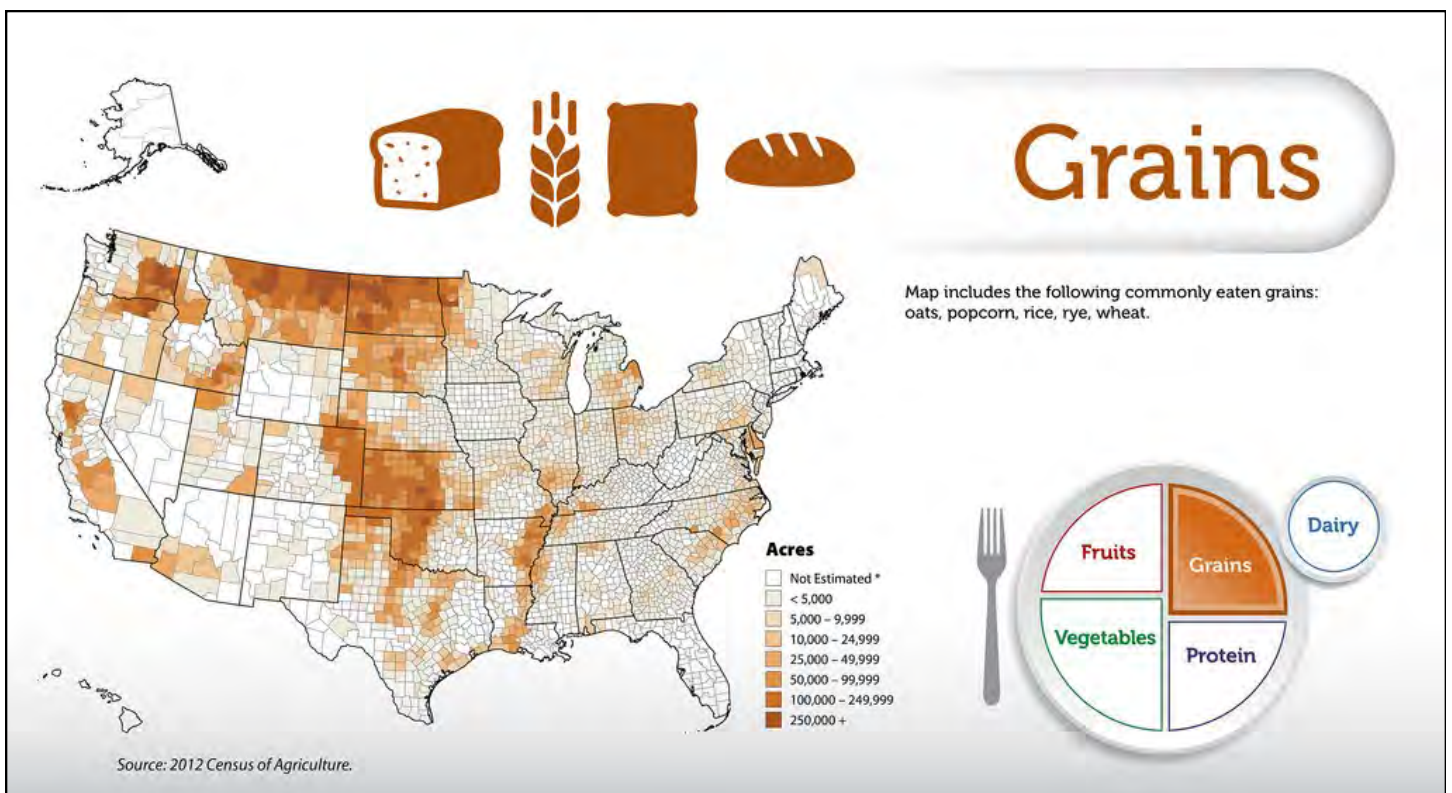
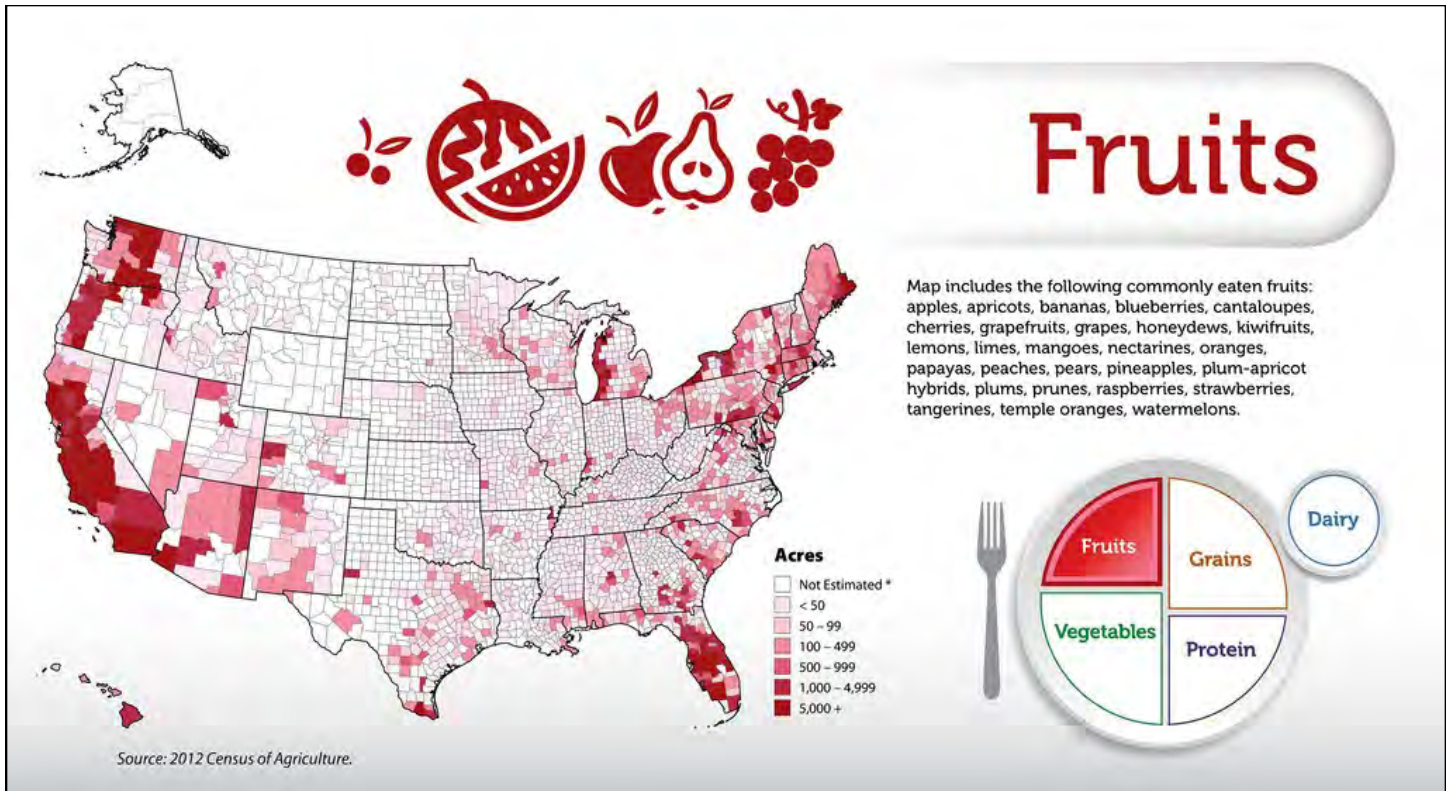
The Evergreen Cemetery in Leadville is subdivided into privately owned sections. (The Hebrew Cemetery, part of where I work, is one privately owned section within the Evergreen Cemetery.) As you walk around, you can see a variety of grave sites from the very understated to the grandiose. Many of the much older graves have small wood markers like these shown below. Some of them are still in fair shape, while others are just about gone.



# Where our Food Comes From

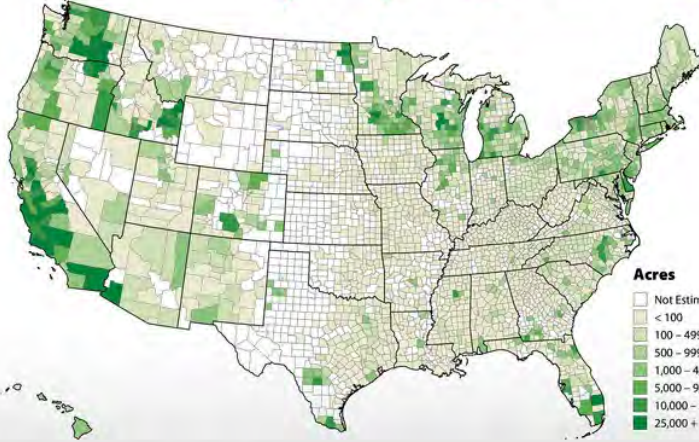
I came across a website that really breaks down where food in the United States originates from.

The [United States Department of Agriculture](#) produced these maps of very interesting statistics based on location.





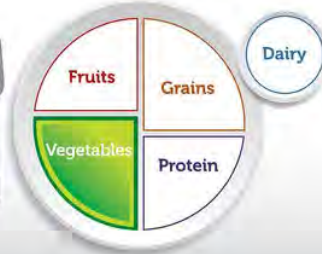
# Vegetables



**Acres**

- Not Estimated \*
- < 100
- 100 - 499
- 500 - 999
- 1,000 - 4,999
- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 24,999
- 25,000 +

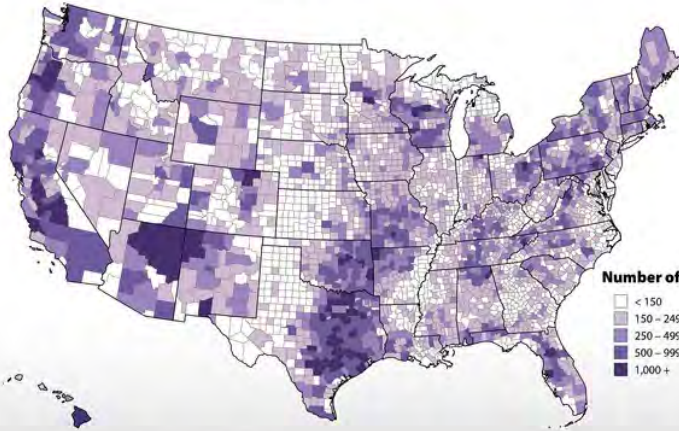
Map includes the following commonly eaten vegetables: artichokes, asparagus, avocados, bell peppers, green lima beans, snap beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbages, carrots, cauliflowers, celery, cucumbers, pickles, eggplant, escaroles, endives, lettuce, okra, onions, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, spinach, squash, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, watercress.



Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture.



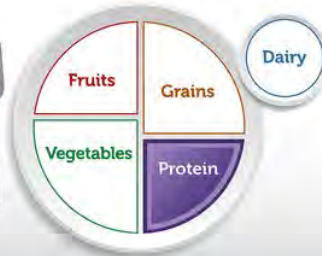
# Protein



**Number of Farms**

- < 150
- 150 - 249
- 250 - 499
- 500 - 999
- 1,000 +

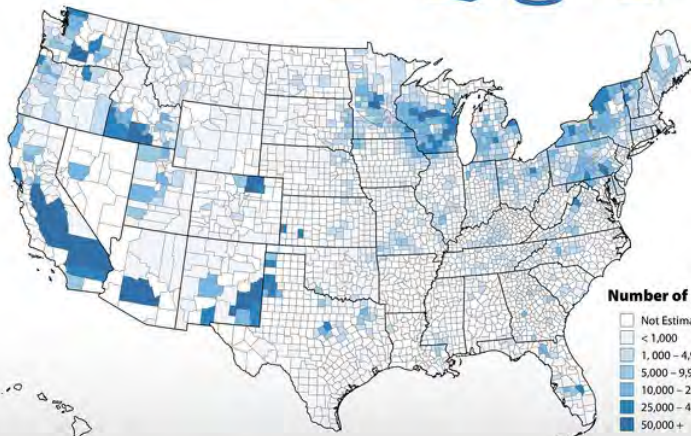
Map includes the following commonly eaten proteins: chickens, cattle and calves, ducks, geese, hogs, sheep and lambs, turkeys, eggs, lentils, almonds, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, peanuts, pecans, pistachios, sunflower seeds, walnuts, catfish, trout, other food fish.



Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture.



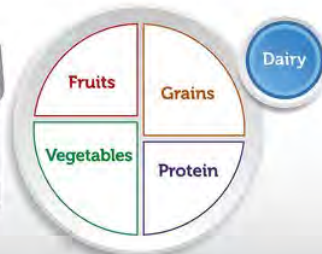
# Dairy



**Number of Milk Cows**

- Not Estimated \*
- < 1,000
- 1,000 - 4,999
- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 24,999
- 25,000 - 49,999
- 50,000 +

Map includes the following commonly eaten dairy item: milk.



Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture.

# The Chicken Ranch: A Bagnio of Texas

*Note: the following article will not appeal to everyone, and I make no reference to the good or bad aspects of the article's subject other than it is a historical topic.*

From Wikipedia

The "Chicken Ranch" in La Grange, Fayette County, made famous by the Broadway musical *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, was perhaps the oldest continuously running brothel in the nation. Institutionalized prostitution in La Grange can be traced back to 1844, when a widow, "Mrs. Swine," brought three young women from New Orleans and settled in a small hotel near the saloon. Mrs. Swine became the first madam and began a tradition of interaction with the community and local lawmen that lasted almost 130 years. She and the girls and women who worked for her carried on a lucrative business, using the hotel lobby for entertaining and a room upstairs for services, until the Civil War, when she and a faithful prostitute named Tillie were run out of town as Yankees and traitors. After the war prostitution continued to operate in conjunction with the saloons in La Grange, but no official records were kept. By the end of the nineteenth century, prostitution had moved out of the hotels and into a red-light district on the banks of the Colorado River. There Miss Jessie Williams (born Faye Stewart) bought a small house soon after her arrival from Waco in 1905. She continued the custom set by her predecessor of good relations with the law and ran the only respectable house on the banks of the Colorado River; she admitted politicians and lawmen but excluded drunkards. Through her connections she learned of an impending crusade against the red-light district, sold the house she owned in Waco, and bought two dwellings and eleven acres outside of the city limits of La Grange and two blocks from the road to Houston. This became the location of the Chicken Ranch.

Read more on the [Texas State Historical Association website](#).



*This is a replica token, front and back, of The Chicken Ranch in La Grange.*

*Here's what's left of the Chicken Ranch building.*

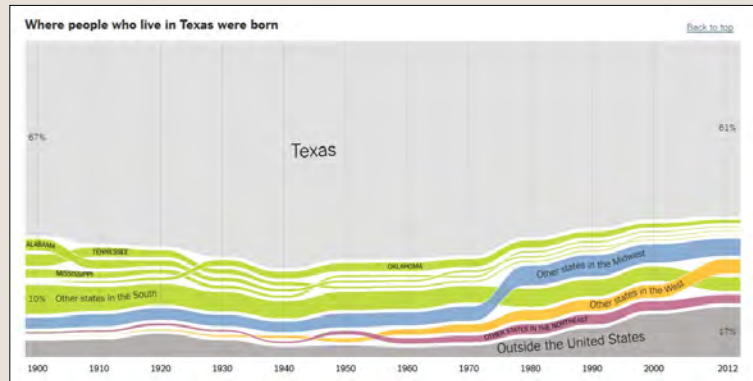


# In the Next Issue

*The next issue is the September 2014 issue.  
Here's a preview of topics to come.*

## > Residential Shifts in a State

Ever wonder about how the population in a state shifts over time? Some interactive maps comprehensively show just that over a period of 100 years.



## > Mid Century Transition

I found a bunch of "historic" photos at an antique shop from the 1930s through the 1950s showing ag life of the time.



## > Conversation on a Ranch

Remember the Typical Conversation on the Family Farm page in the June 2013 issue? Well, coming up is the Ranch version!

## > Fall Colors

I will be going on a tourist train later in September from Leadville to see the fall colors of the area. The colors are mostly going to be the yellow aspen trees. Photos to come.

# Back Page Literature

## Road Train!

*I wrote and submitted this article for the Summer 2013 issue of the Ranch Record magazine. Like with so many other articles I submitted, this one was published. However, this was the last one they have asked me to write. It has been over a year now since this article was published.*

*Photos by Joanne Lane, Australia*

In the land “down under” far from the United States, a unique form of haulage exists to streamline the transportation process. This method is a multi-combination vehicle, or Road Train. Basically, a road train is a specialized system of freight transportation involving a truck on steroids pulling two or more very heavy trailers attached in one of many configurations. While this method exists in Canada, Mexico, Europe, and parts of the United States, usually by other names like Long Combination Vehicles, Extended Length Vehicles, or turnpike trains, Australian transport companies use this method extensively, especially through the dry, desolate regions of the Outback.

While early variations of multi-combination vehicles existed even in the late 1800s with steam traction engines, the modern road train in Australia started with Kurt Johansson, an Australian. After transporting twenty stud bulls over 200 miles (320 km) to property in the Outback in the 1950s, the landowner challenged Johansson to find a way to make the process more efficient by transporting one hundred head instead of a mere twenty head. After two years, Johansson presented a trucking system he named Bertha involving an ex-Australian Army International Diamond T980 truck equipped with a flat bed and two additional trailers that he installed a self-tracking steering system in each to more easily maneuver through the narrow roads and creek crossings. Since then, many manufacturers designed and created trucks with the ability to pull extreme tonnage, such as Kenworth, International, Whites, Volvo, Scania, and Mercedes-Benz, with a favorite being a Mack with a 500hp V8 engine for its power and reliability to withstand the terrible, harsh driving conditions.



*Driver Edward Duff checks his cattle at the Kirkimbie cattle station in the Northern Territory.*



*Close up of a road train truck.*

Road trains can move more goods at one time in one haul more efficiently than with several single vehicles. If several of these outfitted trucks and trailers traveled together, they would resemble a long rail train and can haul an immense load of products. Besides general goods, the most common items freighted this way are ores, livestock, and fuels. Trailer arrangements can be complicated, but one common arrangement is a triple road train, which is a truck pulling three identical length trailers. The number of tires in one of these triples is ridiculous, a whopping 62 tires, with a Gross Combination Mass of 104.7 tons, over 209,000 pounds! Road trains can only travel certain roads and must drive no faster than 56 mph (90 kph), with some areas at 62 mph (100 kph). These roads have large horizontal signs that specify the maximum train length allowed on the respective road.

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## Road Train!



*A road train in the big Outback*

The maximum overall dimensions of a road train is typically just over 8 feet (2.5 meters) wide (including mirrors), a total length of 175.5 feet (53.5 meters) depending on the laws of the particular state or territory, and a height of 14 feet (4.3 meters), with cattle crates allowed to be 15 feet (4.6 meters). Cattle crates are specialized trailers to haul livestock that have two decks that run the entire length of the trailer. The top deck is mostly open to the sky except for the structural frame of the trailer, while the bottom deck has a solid ceiling from the floor of the top deck. The driver can load each deck independently with separate doors and hatches in the back and along each side. Above the upper deck upon the structural frame of the trailer is a catwalk that runs the entire length of the trailer so the driver can watch the livestock while loading or to inspect the livestock when at a road stop. While these trailers will hold most any livestock for transport, manufacturers do make a specialized triple deck trailer just for pigs, which is basically the same but with less vertical space in between each level. The benefit of a road train for moving cattle is that the cattle generally maintain a good

weight and muscle mass from the less stressful conditions and arrive at the destination much faster as compared to droving across the harsh elements of the Outback.

Since the Outback is a harsh, open space, driving needs to be in a paced routine of travel and rest. A road train that goes from Adelaide in South Australia to Darwin in the Northern Territory, a distance of over 1800 miles (over 3000 km), will take a minimum of 33 hours just for the drive time if traveling at the speed limit of 56 mph (90 kph). Needless to say, a driver is not likely to travel that long in time or distance without stops for food or rest. With over 103 thousand Australians working as full time truck drivers according to a 2006 Australian census, some level of regulation is inevitable. Drivers of road trains must have a Multi Combination (MC) license due to the extreme weight loads of road trains. General Australian labor laws after 2008 reforms require that within a 24-hour period, a person driving solo must have continuous, stationary rest for seven hours either apart from the vehicle or in an approved sleeper berth within the vehicle. A

driver must also take a stationary break of at least fifteen minutes every five and a half hours. In addition, the laws require 24 hours of continuous, stationary rest away from the vehicle for every seven days of work.

While labor laws are strict enough for regulating human labor, livestock regulations add another level of complexity. The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry maintains extensive and detailed regulations of the loading, transport, and unloading of various livestock including alpacas, buffalo, camels, deer, emus and ostriches, goats, pigs, poultry, and sheep, as well as for cattle and horses. One example of these regulations is for transporting cattle over six months old. They can only be off water for no longer than 48 hours. For longer travel times, they must have a spell of rest for 36 hours before traveling again. These time blocks of travel and rest are significantly shorter for calves and pregnant or lactating cows, but the blocks alternate more frequently. The Department also dictates the stocking rates of livestock in the trailers based on the size and weight of the animals. For example, an 1100 pound (500 kg) steer must each have a minimum floor space of about a 3 foot by 4 foot space (1.23 square meters) in the trailer.

While the regulations are strict and specific, the benefit of road trains still proves better. A triple road train full of 1100 pounds (500 kg) steers equates to 24 steers per deck according to regulations. With six total decks of 24 steers each, that equals 144 steers, or a total of over 158,000 pounds (72,000 kgs). If a conservative rate of 137.4 cents US/kg (150 cents AU/kg) for sales of cattle applies, the total load of steers has a relative worth of over US\$217,000 (AUS\$108 thousand). Even with expenses of fuel, salaries, and so forth, the income gained from a larger load of cattle at one time is obvious, which is why road trains maintain steady use in Australia for the transportation of livestock.



*Loading the road trains with cattle at the Kulkimbie cattle station in the Northern Territory.*