

P-BAR RANCH: HISTORY & GENEALOGY

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- 1848 Mexico cedes vast SW land to US: point ranch changes name to "P-Bar", where the "P" presumably refers to the "Pemberton" name.
- 1850 to be CA, CO, NV, UT, WY, most NM, AZ
- 1850 NM Territory est'd (NM & AZ)
- 1853 Gadsden Purchase adds to AZ, NM
- 1856 **John Calvin Robbins (JCR)** born: 1917 **Bob Lincoln** (RCL) is born, AZ: mother **Irene Robbins**, born 1895
- 1860 30-family wagon train from TX: 1931 **LFB** marries Delsie Dee Journigan
- Cole** family moves to CA, OR, AZ 1935 **LFB** purchases P-Bar ranch, all leased, now 22,000 acres in size; 1st ranch house is at the old Pemberton site (now in MMP).
- Chilson** family moves to CA, AZ 1938 **LFB** killed; **Delsie** inherits P-Bar, marries **CCR**; **Ben Robbins** & **Bob Lincoln** help with ranch.
- Ben Cole** & **Sarah Chilson** marry: Children incl. **Pinkley, Emma**
- 1861 Civil War
- 1862 Pinkley "**Pink**" **Cole** is born
- 1863 AZ Territory est'd
- 1865 **Emma Cole** is born 1944 B-24s collide/crash near ranch, then worst AZ aviation disaster.
- Ft McDowell est'd 1946 2nd ranch house, "Add's well", completed, 4 mi S (on present day hi school site), named for Addison Day, who financed it, becomes new P-Bar HQ and home.
- 1870 Phoenix is founded
- Stoneman Military Rd est'd
- 1871 Maricopa Cty organized
- 1872 Apache Cochise surrenders
- 1875 **JCR** settles in AZ: 1955 **Delsie** sells P-Bar to Bob Evans for \$45K, family moves to Phx.
- marries **Emma Cole** 1956 Fred Eldean buys Evans' 22,000 children incl. **Ben, Irene, Dick. Globe, AZ** prosperous businessman leased P-Bar acres + Evans' 4540 deeded acres, adds acreage from Gisela, AZ farmer 'til 1898. Sunflower & Tempe, AZ rancher. Moore's Pasture (X2) lease on the N end: totals 33,000 acres. hires Geo. Hunt, later Governor. P-Bar interim: leased by Emmett Ryan, Hank Hurlbut, others (?)
- 1881 Southern Pacific RR crosses S AZ
- 1883 Santa Fe RR crosses N AZ
- 1886 Apache Geronimo surrenders 1964 Page Land & Cattle Co (Fred Eldean, pres.) swaps CA land holdings for deed to 6800 acres of P-Bar lease land, giving 11,300 privately owned acres at the S end of P-Bar; most of rest becomes McDowell Mtn Park (eventually 21,099 acres).
- 1890 Ft McDowell military post closed
- 1900 Charles Richard "**Dick**" **Robbins (CRR)** is born, AZ: mother **Emma Cole**; father **JCR**
- 1902 Lee Barkdoll (LFB) is born, AZ: mother **Irene Chilson**, b 1881
- 1912 AZ Statehood est'd
- Delsie** Dee Journigan is born
- 19?? Henry Pemberton allegedly 1968 Deeded third of P-Bar sold to McCulloch for FH development.
- homesteads ranch on Stoneman Wash (USGS maps suggest btwn 1906 & 1919), drills 1st well, sells to "**Pink**" **Cole** in early 1920s, ranch passes on to "Pink"'s son **Bill Cole** (former Tempe mayor) & co-owner Clayton Whitehead (also Tempe) after 1970 Fountain Hills founded, 12/15.
- "**Pink**" dies in 1926; at some 1976 Add's Well ranch house, now decrepit, rebuilt by **Dick Robbins** for use as 1st Fountain Hills Arts & Crafts Center.
- 1979 Add's Well buildings demolished.
- 1989 Fountain Hills incorporates 12/5
- 1997 Alan Cruikshank & FHHS arrange monument to commemorate P-Bar.

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[Photo of Delsie & Dick Robbins, circa 1955]