Longstreet Liked The Amargosa

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REMEMBERS OUTLAW—Bob Tubb and frieNDs are pictured here on the Amadeus Ranch on the Amargosa. He recalls that Jack Longstreet commanded neighborhood respect, town of Longstreet some 40 miles from Tonopah, he led them for a steep price.

RETIRED GUNMAN—Longstreet was one of Nevada’s most notorious renegades but in his later years he appeared quite settled. He is shown here with his wife, Fannie, right, and visitors at a Nevada mining camp, probably Belmont.

Dr. Robert and Karen War was a friend of the Amargosa. He was a former horse thief, murderer, and robber, but nothing so bad as to prevent his quiet retirement on the Amargosa.

Jack Longstreet settled at the stone cabin once owned by Aaron Watters, one of the early discoverers of borax. In the early 1890’s prospectors and freighters flaked across the Amargosa desert on their way to the camps of Death Valley and to Tonopah and Goldfield. Longstreet established a way station and a rancho. Those who stayed there often paid an unexpected price in loss of possessions and livestock. The sight of the green proprietor and his hardware convinced most they did not pay to argue about a few missing items. Longstreet prepared.

In his 93 years of life Andrew Jackson Longstreet did nothing to damage his reputation as a horse thief, murderer, robber and gunman. So sometimes he found little to do in Ash Meadows and bled out as a gunfighter or horse rider.

Tobacco and Fannie along to the battle of the Johnson mine in 1898 in Pahrump Valley when together with notorious gunfighter Phil Foote, Longstreet was forced to take possession of the mine by force. There was much shooting and a running gun battle. Longstreet and his men, several of them wounded, took cover in a mine shaft. From was shot through the long and after a short time Longstreet decided to throw in the towel. Although a gun, he was a gun of considerable fame. Longstreet was always careful and experienced enough to know there was no point in trying to win a losing battle.

As the battle was over and lost, Jack Longstreet pushed Fannie out of the smoke first. He was cut off by the vigilantes?

Jack Longstreet, one of Nevada’s most notorious outlaws was over 70 when he settled on the Amargosa. But little Bob Tubb could not pluck up the courage to blurt out, “Which ear got cut off by the vigilantes?”

“Around those cold grey eyes and saw those snarls on his face and somehow I couldn’t ask,” Tubb recollected. “It’s just as well. Jack was kind of touchy about his ears.”

Longstreet’s companions in Texas went as guests to attend a necrotic party, but because he was only 14, Jack was left off with a capped ear, two-and-told to head West. He did promptly, to Nevada.

It was in the early 1870’s when Longstreet first turned up in the Nevada area of Nevada. Disposing of Alexander Dry, he took over his ranch on the Upper Muddy. Longstreet’s activities in the area did not endear him to other residents. When another outlaw, Black Jack Kelley horsewhipped him in the streets of St. Thomas, Longstreet moved to the less populated and