



VAIL Preservation Society

Connecting Community Through Local History

Preservation is not just bricks and mortar. Its true importance comes through its power to bring people together, building relationships and community as we work together to preserve our stories and cultural resources.

1915 Marsh Station Section Foreman House

- 1910 El Paso & South Western (EP & SW) Railroad begins planning an expansion and surveys from Benson to Tucson are conducted.
- 1912 The EP & SW had observed the plague of annual wash outs experienced by the SPRR and stayed out of Cienega Creek. They spanned the creek with a 536-foot steel bridge at the Irene crossing. By October the track surfacing gang was at Vail heading towards Tucson.
- 1914-1918 Trains Nos. 7 and 8 called the Copper City Special carried passengers between Lewis Springs and Vail. The South Line was the EP & SW line.
- 1915 Section Foreman house constructed for the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad at Marsh Station.
- 1924 EP & SW is purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Locals recall it being painted the traditional yellow with brown trim with the wood shake shingles on the roof painted green.
- 1927-1954 Jesus Guillermo Haro, Marsh Station Section Foreman, his wife Luciana, and family live in the house.
- 1964 The house is purchased and moved to Rita Station by Mr. John Dewey.
- 1969 The house is moved to Ross Acres (Kolb & I10) when IBM expands and purchases land from Mr. Dewey.
- 1990s-2012 Many notice the grouping of railroad buildings at I10 and Kolb Road and wonder exactly where they come from.
- 2012 Maxie Allen discovers the name of the building's owner. Vail Preservation Society and Vail Unified School District begins working together to bring the building back to the Vail area. Research discovers the history of the six buildings.
- 2013 The building is purchased by the Vail Preservation Society. On April 15, 2013 it is moved to the Esmond Station K8 School site and placed next to a section of 1880s rail bed.

2013-2019 Cienega High School Construction Technology students work with preservation experts to rehabilitate the building.

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