

# SILVER CITY

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**Re:** Ordering copies of "The Untold Story", a history of Silver City

**From:** John Keeseey, Diane Foreman Gladieux, and Susan B. Merrill (authors)

**To:** Interested Members of the Silver City Community and the Public

### "The Untold Story" of Silver City (Tulare County, California)

by John Keeseey, Diane Foreman Gladieux and Susan Merrill

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#### Description

Silver City, a private in-holding presently within Sequoia National Park, has been around since 1874, but very little information about it is contained in history books dealing with Tulare County or Mineral King. Now the citizens of Silver City have compiled a 100-page history of their community that they call "The Untold Story", with over 50 illustrations, a bibliography, index and historic timeline from 1874 to the present time, comparing Silver City with events in Sequoia Park, on the Mineral King Road, and at Mineral King.

The Mineral King Road is perhaps the most important historical event in the history of Silver City. Some of Part I that concerns itself with the road will be familiar to Mineral King enthusiasts, although more emphasis than usual is given to John Meadow's camp down by the river, the U.S. Army Cavalry camp at Weisher's Mill, and the proposed State Highway 276 to access the Disney ski resort.

Part II concerns itself with how Silver City got to be a private in-holding within the Park. New information about the original U.S. patent for the land and its subsequent transfer to other owners is documented, including Frank Blain's subdivisions, Jim Mehrten's buildings, and Walter Wells' Kaweah Han. The histories of the Silver City Dancehall, the Church of the Sequoias, and the Silver City Store are included. The right-of-way of State Highway 276 through Silver City cabins is covered, as is the proposed development of Silver City during the Disney years. The colorful history of Silver City organizations, including the Service Club, the Mutual Water Company and the Homeowner's Association, is recounted in human terms.

Part III, comprising about a third of the book, describes the present community and its cabins,

including interesting anecdotes and histories of several families who have been there since the beginning. In many ways it captures the real history of Silver City as a constantly changing collection of intriguing and adventurous people. It is all an "untold story" that needs to be told.

The "Synopsis" of a new book about Silver City history is attached. The book will contain many more contributions than were available in the draft copy distributed over Labor Day weekend; it is about 100 pages in length. To be available for distribution by Memorial Day weekend, order requests for copies must be submitted by February 1st and payment by March 10th.

By selling additional copies to Silver City cabin owners for \$20 and to the public for \$25, the Silver City Service Club hopes to underwrite the cost of printing and binding an estimated 75 copies and still be able to offer one copy for \$10 (under cost) to each Silver City cabin owner. For example, Sue Merrill plans to order 9 copies, one for the cabin and 8 for family members, so  $\$10 + 8 \times \$20 = \$170$ . Other members of the Homer cabin who order books will pay \$20 each.

Here is the order information so that we can get an accurate count of books requested.

	<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Shipping</u></b>	<b><u>Extension</u></b>
One book per cabin	1	\$10.00		\$10.00
Extra books requested.		\$20.00		
Public books		\$25.00		
Total Cost				

Please send the orders by February 1st to Sue Merrill by email, phone or snail mail above, and then payment to Sue at the above address by March 10, 2009. If the books can't be picked up at Sue's Silver City cabin or Sue's house in Visalia, shipping will cost \$5 for each book ordered.

We hope you hear from you soon.