



*Welcome
to
Paradise*





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LOVED HUSBAND FATHER AND AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER





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OSCAR ANSIL OLNEY

PFC US ARMY

WORLD WAR II

FEB 1 1919

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IN LOVING MEMORY
JOHN LEWIS SCHALL
NOV. 16,
1882













BABY · BOY · GURNETT
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Baby Boy Gurnett
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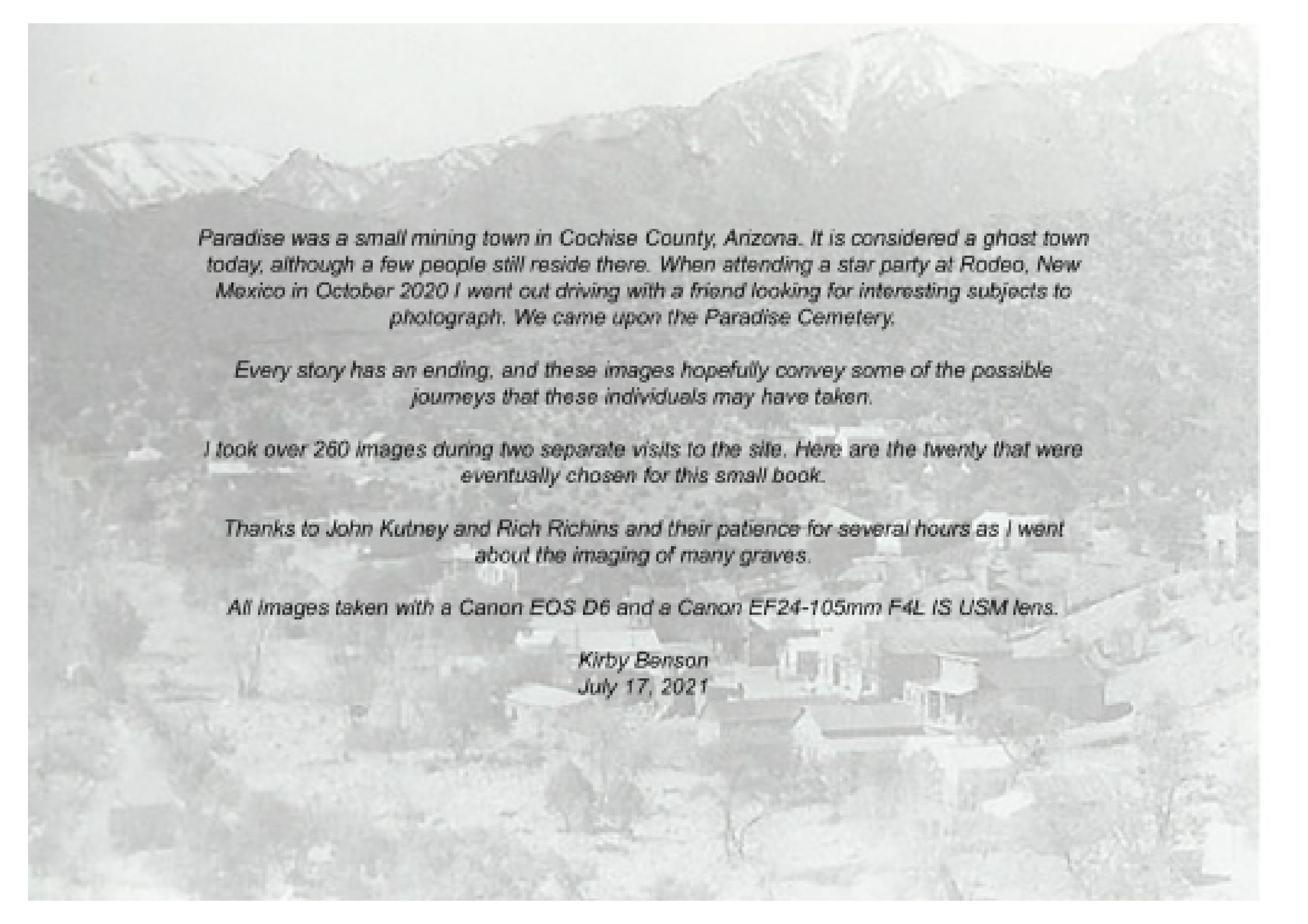
VINCENT DANIEL ROTH
BORN FEB. 12, 1924 IN PORTLAND, OREGON
DIED JULY 27, 1997 IN PORTAL, ARIZONA

IF THEY ASK FOR ME
- SAY: HE HAD SOME BUSINESS...
IN ANOTHER WORLD
SORAN



MEXICAN CHILD
1928



An aerial photograph of a ghost town, likely Paradise, Arizona. The town is situated in a valley, with several buildings and structures visible. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with some snow or light-colored rock patches. The overall scene is desolate and historical.

Paradise was a small mining town in Cochise County, Arizona. It is considered a ghost town today, although a few people still reside there. When attending a star party at Rodeo, New Mexico in October 2020 I went out driving with a friend looking for interesting subjects to photograph. We came upon the Paradise Cemetery.

Every story has an ending, and these images hopefully convey some of the possible journeys that these individuals may have taken.

I took over 260 images during two separate visits to the site. Here are the twenty that were eventually chosen for this small book.

Thanks to John Kutney and Rich Richins and their patience for several hours as I went about the imaging of many graves.

All images taken with a Canon EOS D6 and a Canon EF24-105mm F4L IS USM lens.

*Kirby Benson
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