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Dear Susan Anderson Huffman;

With the pictures of my house I am sending a book I wrote. It may help you to understand the place where my home is built and give you a better understanding of the kind of person I am.

My mother was the daughter of the first settler, (Jim Thompson) in Oak Creek Canyon. Her mother was the daughter of the first farmer (Abraham James) to live in Sedona, Arizona and to build a ditch from the creek to his farm.

My dad was born in Penal. It is now a ghost town near Superior, Arizona. His parent's moved to northern Arizona when he was six years old and moved to Oak Creek Canyon in 1896. He was then sixteen. He met my mother and they were married in 1903.

I was born a few miles south of Sedona where my mother was staying so she could send my older sister to school.

My husband, Ray McBride, and I were married in 1932. We lived in Clemenceau, Arizona until 1937, we then moved to Oak Creek and in 1938 we started our home at its present sight.

My husband worked away from home five days a week. I had time on my hands so I started terracing our hill-side farm. For years I just used used the rocks that were near, to build the walls but gradually I started picking rocks up wherever I went. I had built walls to level the yard, built a large fish pond, and numerous flower beds when my husband suggested that I put rocks around our old tar-paper house. That is what I did. I have had many people who look at our house say, we should put our house into some kind of club that would preserve it for future generations to see.

My husband passed away in 1979 and as I am living alone I would like to find more out about your organization.

Sincerely Yours.

Laura McBride

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