

"Old Trapper's Lodge" and graveyard^{ecemetery?} represent the lifework of John Ehn, 1897-1981 11
a self-taught artist, who wished to pass on a sense of the Old West, 15
derived from personal experience, myths and tall tales. 8

From 1941 to 1979, using his family as models, the "Old Trapper" followed 13
his dreams and visions to create "Boot Hill." 21

California State Landmark #939

DEAR SEYMOUR,

I THOROUGHLY APPROVE OF THE WORDING YOU
HAVE PRESENTED ABOVE. IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE AND
I AM PLEASED. ~~THE USE OF THE WORD "GRAVEYARD"~~
AND NOT "CEMETERY" IS MORE TO MY LIKING, AND
PROBABLY DADDY'S, TOO. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE I
WOULD CHANGE, BUT I WOULD LIKE THE BIRTH YEAR
(1897) AND DEATH YEAR (1981) INCORPORATED SOME PLACE
NEAR THE PLAQUE'S TOP, IF POSSIBLE.

AFFECTIONATELY,

THANKS VERY MUCH!

Rosemarie

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