

MILES MAHAN

Little is known about Miles Mahan. He will not give out any facts concerning his past other than references to the people he met while employed in the carny business.

In 1956 he retired to play golf and write poetry. He bought two and a half acres in the desert and constructed a three hole golf-course. Along the front of his property he erected signs of poems which describe the colorful characters he knew from traveling with carnivals: people such as the mountaineer Chuckawalla Slim and Cactus Pappy, King of the Hoboes.

Interspersed with these signs are commercial ones that Mahan has rescued from garbage heaps. Indeed, the name of his environment, Hulaville, derives from one such found sign: a giant Hula girl. In May, 1981, Hulaville was named as a California Historical Landmark #939. Miles has produced one book of poetry in 1978, and another collection of poems is being readied for the press.