A Gift for the Weary Traveler: The Harrison Spring on Palomar Mountain

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Water and the Old West

- Unpredictable rain in Southern California
- Heavy storms in the winter of 1861-62
- The Great Drought of 1862-65
- Cattle → Sheep
Nathan Harrison’s Memorial

“Nathan Harrison’s Spring/ Brought here a slave about 1848/ Died October 10th, 1920, aged 101 years.”
Vernon Irrigation Company v. City of Los Angeles (1895)

Harrison’s 1892 water claim

Pueblo Water Rights
Legal Struggles

Discussing Water Rights, A Western Pastime

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Father Junipero Serra

John D. Spreckles
Gift Exchange
The Search for the Spring
Ground-Penetrating Radar

Feature
- Circular in plan
- V-shaped in profile
- Approximately 5’ in diameter
- Depth of approximately 3’
Profile Maps

North Wall of NH103 and NH104

South Wall of NH103 and NH 104

East Wall of NH102 and NH104

East Wall of NH 101 and NH103
East Wall of NH101 and NH103
The Search Continues...