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time's weathering of the underlying bedrock, to turn the ground beneath our feet into soil. Plants & microorganisms blanket this rich matter, binding it with roots, and eventually rotting it richer.

The Appalachians are hairy with life. And this life constantly works along with



harder to ignore time, written in clear lines along the horizon. My first weekend in Green River I went out to watch a cow, strung from a bulldozer's

In the desert there is no biological camouflage teeming over the surface and its

bucket, get slaughtered. We got there a bit late, the cow, already killed and hung had its uppermost two legs stripped of hide. As we watched and chatted, short work was made of the remaining hide. Later research would reveal that the cow's head was regularly made, along with pig's feet, into mock turtle soup. This was on a railroad restaurant menu in Colorado, that likely served similar food to that found in the Palmer House before the advent of the dining car. Once the head and hide were removed, an electric hand saw was used to split the cow lengthwise, along the spine. Now a truck, the bed tarped and canvassed was backed under the cow, once the carcass was in position, the two halves are cut in half, rendering the parts manageable for a strong person, with a bit of manhandling. The meat is aged in big pieces and then carved up into steaks and such because it develops a film as it ages that must be removed for best tasting meat. Green River exists because it is a fordable point, in the right conditions not a hard

length, and my fordable point was in a molasses cookie recipe from a backburnered project of Jo Anne Chandler's and an eighth grader's essay. "Along with the narrow gage [sic] railroad came the Chinese. These Chinese worked on the section on the narrow gage [sic] railroad. The little houses built on the south

swim for a horse or ox. I spent the first couple weeks of my time walking the river's

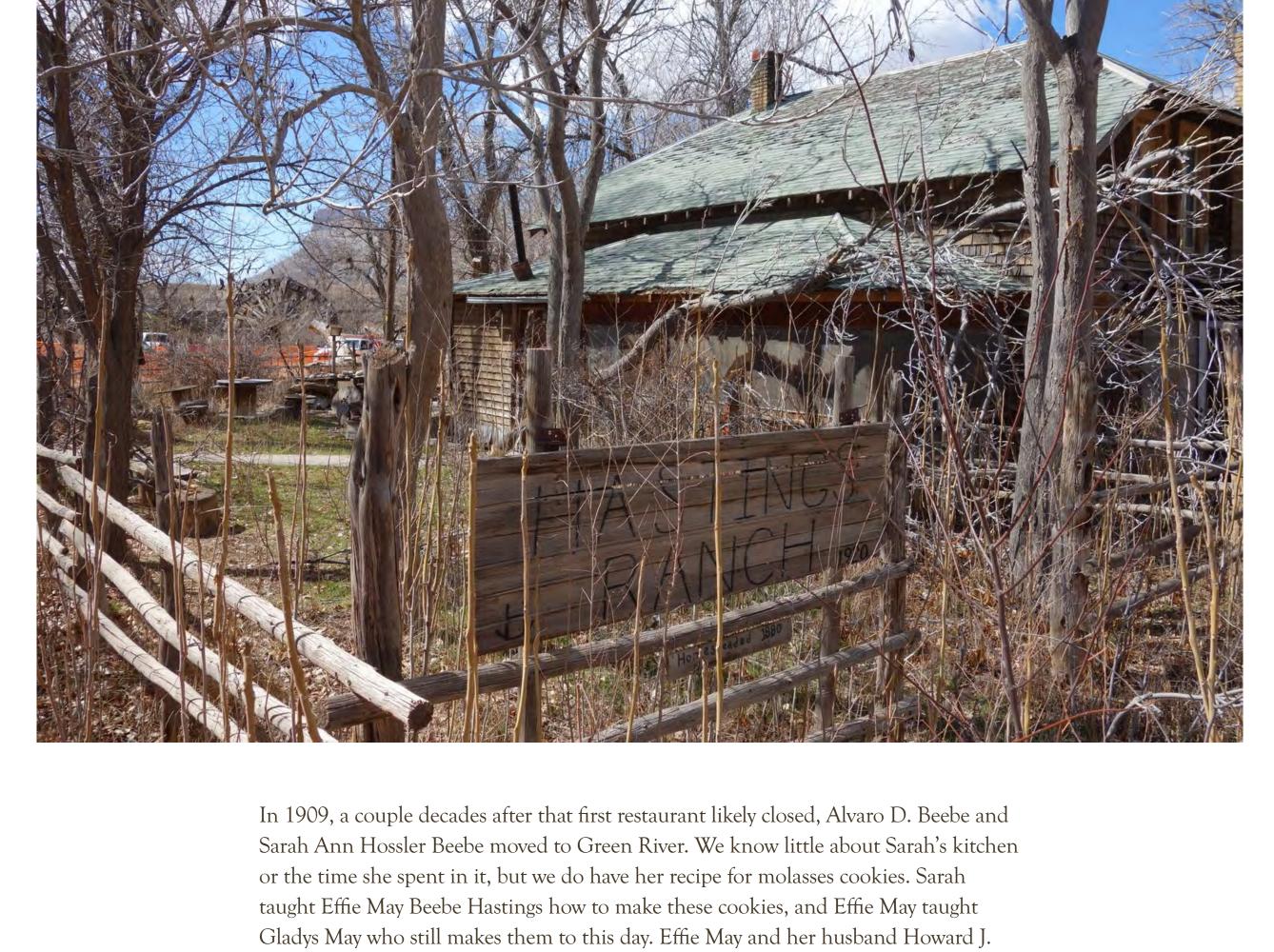
of the railroad tracks form what is known as Chinatown... The first restaurant was owned by a Chinaman. During this time, the Chinese made a lot of liquor." Lawrence 'Larry' Harris assembled his second place eighth grade history essay from his father's memories in 1935.

South of the tracks and east of the hill once peppered with dugouts is the former site of the Palmer House. Scattered across the sand are bits of patterned and colored

glass, fragments of china, mystery materials fused together by fire, and a whole inventory of discarded cans, bottle caps and other stuff. Beneath our feet lie answers to almost endless questions if we only knew to ask them. One of these questions, unanswered in living memory or the myriad papers in the Green River Archives is the name of that first restaurant or the Chinese man who owned it. In the 1880 Census for the area, Blake (Green River's name at the time) is not mentioned and the people listed for this part of Emery County are all white. The 1890 Census was burned to make room on overfull shelves. By the 1900 Census there is one Chinese man and eleven Japanese people in Elgin and Green River and they are all railroad laborers, unlikely to own a restaurant. This sentence from Larry Harris' essay is the only record of this restaurant we could find in the Green River Archives. This first restaurant is remembered only in a

the town had a single restaurant. This restaurant, without a name, or an owner, highlights how easily history is lost to us. Generally we have better memories of businesses, especially once taxes and licenses are imposed. What we have very little evidence of is the daily lives of the people living in Green River.

single sentence, at least as the first restaurant. Other sentences mention a time when





Hastings bought Effie's parent's ranch in 1927. The ranch is still in use, but the house

has been nearly unoccupied since Howard and Effie passed away in 1980.



to replace it.

3 plastic bowls

Schilling Turkish Leaves (Laurel) Schilling Indian Curry Powder Schilling Ground Jamaica Ginger

Schilling Medican Ovegano Leaves Schilling Parsley Fla Kes Schilling Fancy Imported Papvika

Schilling Fancy Imported Rosemany Leaves Schilling 50850n-All (Scasoned Salt)

Schilling Lemon Peel Schilling Instant Minced Onion

Schilling Ovange Peel

1 sm glass mixing bowls

2 md glass mixing bowls

I smplastic mixing bowl

2 md plastic mixing bowls

I plastic dinner plate

I plastic container

I Blender pitcher w/ lid

15 disposable plastic lids

Special Value Oat Bran container

Splastic lids

I metal pie plate

Imd plastic lid

I plastic serving bowl w/ lid

7 glass pie pans taloie pans

2 metal pie pans I glass lid

7 plastic lids

Hower blender

2 metal bread pans

119 punch pitcher

I disposable to-go container

Western Family Margarine Container (2)

I metal/plastic storage container

Greisho Crushed Pineapple Lucky Leaf Cherry Pie Filling

Country Crock Margarine Container

I tupperware salad bowl

I ceramic mixing boul

8 single-use pot pie pans

I ceramic serving dish

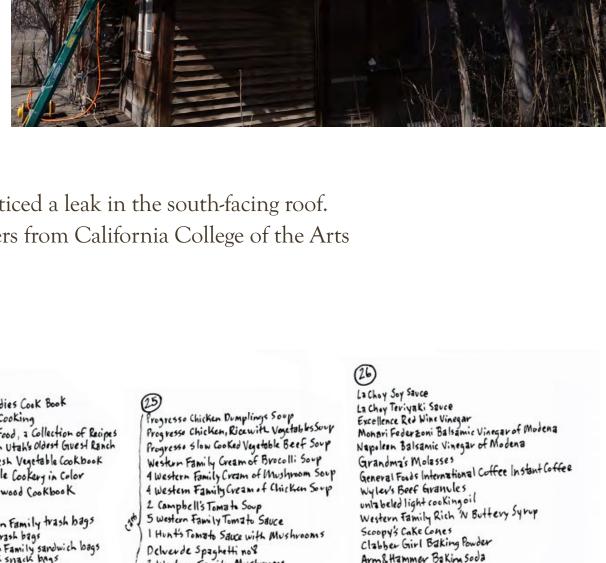
I empty icecream quart

I md wooden salad bowl

I single use breadpan

I glass mixing bowl

I glass baking pan



Crixo Vagetable Shortening

smoke alarm steel container w/ 5 bays plastic cocktail tray

McCormick's Imitation Vanilla

GE Toastr Oven

I wood/metal whisk

I metal/bristles bottle cleaner

2 steel/wood carving forks

1 steel/plastic steak Knives

1 stellwood paring Knife

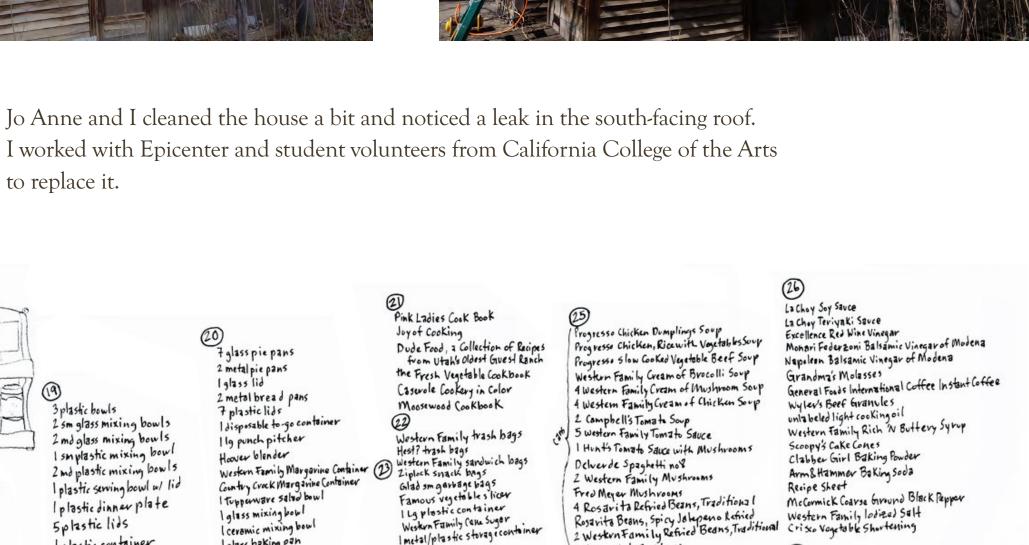
Stal/plastic sliding Knife Steel strainer /skimmer spoon

1 plastic fork

I wood/steel Knife

I wood/catensteal caningfork I sausagefunnel, plastic

I pair plastic satadutensils



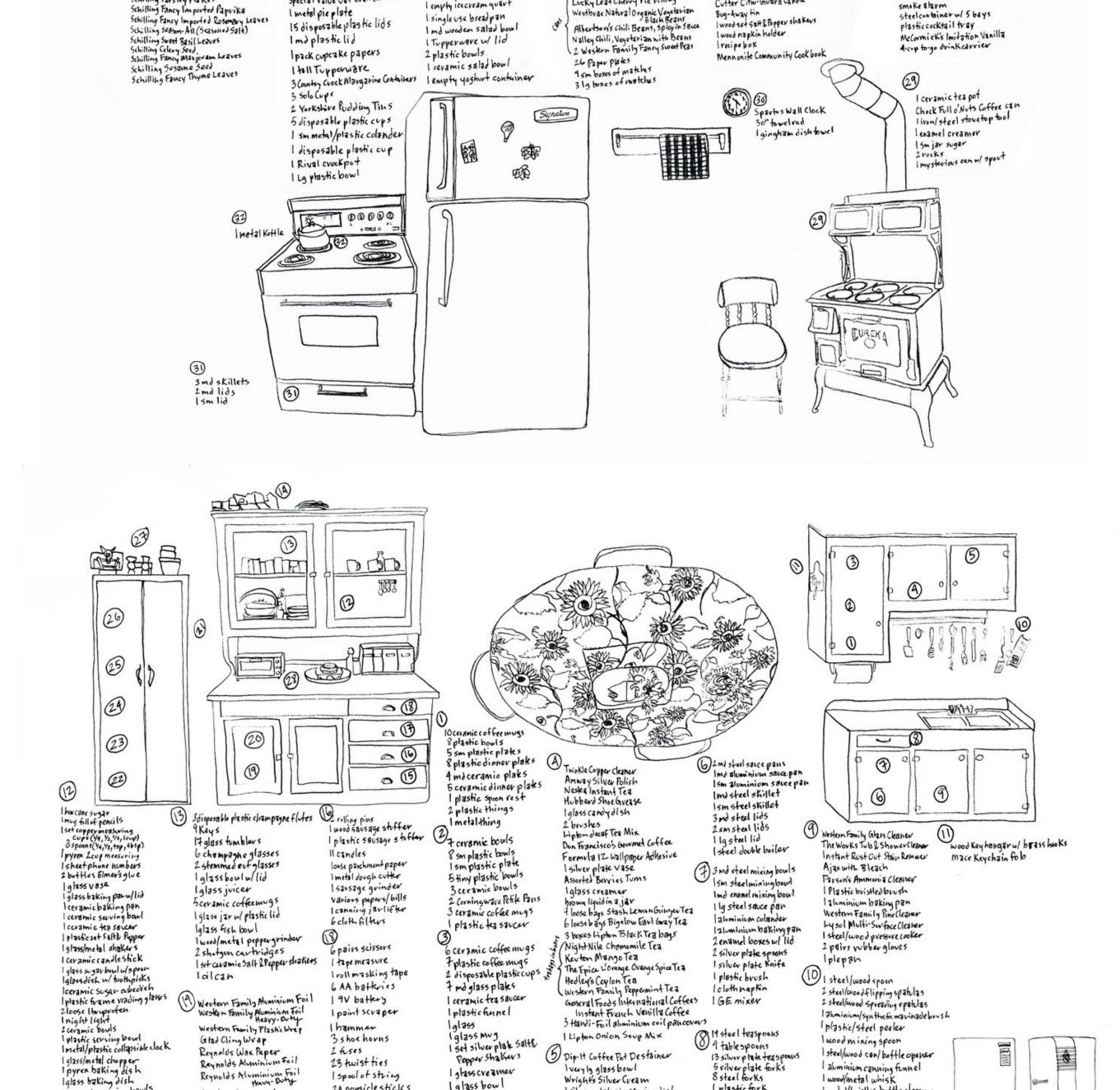
Geisha whole oysters

Cutter Citro-Guard Candle

I wood napkin holder

I wood set 52H& Pepper shakers

Bug-Away tin



We've lost the history of the first restaurant, but at least we can eat molasses cookies.

Wright's Silver Cream

2 disposable pie plates

I steel cake cover

I silver plate pie serving dish

1 glass creamer

1 glass bowl

Inightlight

1 spool of string

20 styroform plates

(B) empty?

17 14 dish towels

19 placemats

20 popsiclesticks

I roll medical tape

I pair needle-nose pliers

2 cevamic serving bowls

3 cevamicserving platters

I ceremic Jengen's lotion bottle
I glass bottle wy cloth to p
I copper/plastic tongs
I steel/plastic metal beater
I metal/plastic spaghetti scooper

8 ceramic plates I ceramic vegetable dish