

Big Lew Bartholomew

Seymour Cunningham to Dr. McGill, May, 1939

Bud Story, Charles Martin, Charles Anceny and Cunningham came **Back** from hunting and camped near Twin Cabins. Big Lew then was living in one of the cabins. The hunters had been up in Burnt Fork Country, had elk, deer, sheep and bear, and two gallons of whiskey left so started to celebrate. A hawk sailed overhead and they started to shoot at it with a Winchester. They shot a lot but hit nothing. Big Lew hated whiskey. He came out and said "You fellows can't shoot, you're drunk." Cunningham said, "Yes, Big Lew, but it's better to be drunk than crazy. We are drunk today, but tomorrow we will be sober, but you will still be crazy."

Big Lew got out the logs for the present Rising Sun Camp.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm Lythe to Mrs. Sam Wilson, March 11, 1939

Lew Bart located at different places, but never proved up on a homestead. Ran a saw mill for a while and later confined himself mostly to prospecting.

Mr. Benson to Dr. McGill 8-29-39

Lew Bartholomew squatted on Karst's place. Later shortened his name to Barth. (p. 31)

Lew Bart was born July 26, 1865 in Jefferson County Eastern Ohio, near Roseville. His family name is Bartholomew but Lewis shortened it to correspond with western brevity. p.34

Lew Bart bought sawmill from Tom McGillis in 1903.

Lew Bart operated a sawmill at the Nine-Quarter-Circle with Frank Blanchard, Sam Kratcher and Jimmie Kratcher. This mill with the engine is still at the Nine-Quarter-Circle ranch. At that time they sawed some lumber for Soldier Station across from the present Gallatin Ranger station. The soldier station was later burned down. The station was located on Specimen. (p.35)

Tom McGillis built the cabins two or three miles above Lemon's camp on the west side of the river. He logged for ties with Sherman Lute. These ties were stacked on the present Lemon Ranch. Lew Bart had the job of putting these ties in the river for Dick Dean. (p. 37)

Dorothy Michiner, to Dr. McGill August 25, 1939

Lou Bart or Big Lou as he is commonly known came to the Gallatin in 1889 and lived on Greek Creek that year in a cabin built by Albert Greek (see George Sterling at Gateway about Albert Greek) That winter he, Lou, killed 35 deer for the market, ~~But~~ Bert Stillman was his partner here. He squatted on the present Karst

place in 1900 and lived there until 1903 when he sold out to Charlie Oliver for \$375.00. Here he trapped and hunted and had a sawmill. He enlisted in 1898 at Helena and spent a year and a half in the Spanish American War. For five years he ran a sawmill at Greek Creek, he sold this sawmill to Herman Lute. Lew Bart traded a crippled cow for the squatter's right on the Lemon place and lived there for three and one-half years, which with his year and a half enlistment should have given him the title to his place but Bert Stillman contested his right to prove up. Lou Bart asked what he would have to do to get a title to this land and was told by Mrs. Love, land agent in Bozeman, that he would have to go back and live on the place five years. Lou told them they would have to shoot him and bury him there to get them ~~xxx~~ (him) to spend five more years on that place. So he gave it up. According to Lou Stillman followed him around the hills for twenty years.

Lou Bart moved to the present Michiner 120 acres in 1932. He mined on the Park Line with Cross and Lund at the ~~Ex~~ Apex ~~mine~~ mine, ~~drove~~ drove two tunnels, one 200 feet and the other 250 feet. This mine is just above the present Gallatin Ranger Station. Bart gophered a good many holes up and down the Gallatin.

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