The Last Great American Gold Rush took place in the canyons and mountains that you see around you. It lasted during the first decade of the 20th century that prospectors, miners, promoters and entrepreneurs sought their fortunes. It began as a silver discovery at Tonopah in 1900. Then in 1902 gold was found 25 miles south, building Goldfield.

In 1904 more gold was uncovered on the edge of Death Valley establishing Rhyolite and Beatty. Only a few found their fortunes but for most it was a chance to re-live the old wild west!

**Esmeralda Street**

6) The Cook Bank, 1908. The tallest building in town. It had two vaults, marble floors, mahogany woodwork. The Post Office moved into the basement in 1909 and was the last business to leave town in 1919.

7) LV&T Depot, 1908. The Las Vegas & Tonopah RR was the first train to arrive in Rhyolite in 1906. Owned by Montana Mining Millionaire Williams Clark, the line ran until 1917 when it was abandoned and became scrap metal for use in World War I.

**Broadway Street**

4) In 1907 Rhyolite resident John Overbury returned from an European vacation and built one of the most modern buildings in the west, rising 3 stories and housing more than 25 elegant offices. It was fitting as Rhyolite’s population had peaked at more than 5,000.


9) 1906, possible “crib” in “red light” district.

**Colorado Street**

3) School, 1909. By the time this nice school was finished families were moving out and Rhyolite was becoming a ghost town. The roof tiles and windows went to the little school in Beatty (#17 on the Beatty tour).

11) Jail, 1907. The Judge’s office was in the front and six steel cells housed Rhyolite’s rowdier folk.

**Golden Street**

1) The strange statues are part of the Goldwell Open Air Museum.

10) Adobe Dance Hall and Saloon, 1905. The divisions of the ladies of the night “crib” rooms are evident.

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While Beatty has changed through the years there are still remnants of its wild west days! The town began as a supply center and railroad town starting in 1904. As a transportation hub with a steady source of water it became an important lifeline for the fortune seekers who ventured here for The Last Great American Gold Rush (1900-1913).

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