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Cousin Jack's timber home in Arizona is memorial to early pioneers



The former home in Tombstone, Arizona, of Cornish miner Frank Garland and his wife, Julia, which is now a shrine to the early pioneers.

THE home of a Cornish miner and his wife who settled in notorious Tombstone, Arizona, in the last century is now a memorial to the early pioneers.

It was on a recent visit that David Fletcher, of Plymouth, discovered the "board and batten" house of Frank and Julia Garland, which still contains many family heirlooms.

By Barrie Bennetts

Research revealed how Frank Garland was one of the thousands of miners who, left jobless with the collapse of Cornish mining, joined the mass emigration to the States.

Arriving from Redruth in 1874, he mined in California, then moved to the new camp in Tombstone soon after its founding in 1878. He worked as a miner for the Toughnut Company and Tombstone Consolidated.

In August, 1892, his sweetheart, Julia, arrived from

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Cornwall. They met at the railroad station in Benson, 20 miles south of Tombstone, and were married by Judge Ohnesorgan.

This was the developing West. They went by stagecoach to Tombstone – home to some of the most notorous "rowdies" and of the famous Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday.

Mr Fletcher said: "The lure of the silver mines and the consequent establishment of numerous saloon bars and gambling houses ensured that there was never a dull moment on the streets of Tombstone."

By this time, Frank Garland had given up mining and was part-owner of The Music Hall saloon. He was a member of the Oddfellows, a volunteer fireman and played in the fireman's band.

Frank died at home in 1909, aged in his 60s. Julia survived him by 23 years and died in

July, 1932, aged 60. Their only son, also named Frank, was born in August, 1893, and spent his life at the house. He worked as a stable boy at the OK Corral, then became a miner. In later years, he supplied topsoil for many Tombstone gardens.

He died in December, 1958, aged 65, leaving his house to neighbours Ed and Nellie Manriquez, with the stipulation that the home should stay untouched.

Mr Fletcher said the couple gave him a fascinating insight into the life of this "Cousin Jack" and his family. The home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

He said the listing plaque read: "This home, which contains so many of the family heirlooms, well deserves to be a shrine to this fine family."



 The bedroom at the Garlands' home with original furnishings.

 A plaque records the history of the Fremont Street property in Tombstone.

