Mt. Starr King
1931-1982
The Peak Registers

Original Pages with Transcriptions and Comments
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Preface

What is a peak register? It’s like a guest book at a wedding. Visitors to the summit sign their names and perhaps make a comment or two. Why would one want to waste time on a book of signatures? We have reasons: Some guests wrote interesting things, additional information on some of the ascenders has been added in this book, and one sees facts which may have a general interest. The reader familiar with California rock climbing will see names that have a place in the history of Yosemite rock climbing and elsewhere in the Starr King registers.

The skeptic may also ask, with so many peaks is there anything special about Mt. Starr King and its place in climbing history? Starr King is located near Yosemite Valley and, being a relatively inaccessible summit, was a target of early climbers. The appeal of the peak has endured through the years and generation after generation has climbed it. As techniques improved, new and more difficult routes were put up. The approach distance is such that the climbs are remote and not overrun. Finally, the climbs result in a true mountain summit, something which many Yosemite Valley rock climbs do not realize. Roped climbing was used for about 95 percent of the ascents in the register books.

The Sierra Club placed a loose leaf sign in register on Mt. Starr King in 1931. It was replaced in 1937 with a bound book. Of those who climbed the peak, about 1364 entries were made in the registers from 1931 through 1981. The registers were removed by Mark Spencer\(^1\) around 1992 and given to Robin Ingraham\(^2\) who sent the originals to the Bancroft Library in Berkeley. I understand that two newer registers are now on the peak and cover the period 1981 to the present (2011).

In September 1970 the Sierra Club Board of Directors designated The Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley as the official depository for

\(^1\) Author of *Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs* with Shirley Spencer.

\(^2\) Robin Ingraham, mountaineer, graphic designer, photographic artist, and peak register preservationist had an article in the National Geographic Adventure magazine and Sierra, the Sierra Club publication, about saving old peak registers.
the club’s archives. The large collection of records, photographs and other memorabilia known as the “Sierra Club Papers” is thus permanently protected. If one wishes to see the Starr King Registers in person, one may visit the library and request the Sierra Club Peak Register for Mt Starr King, CATALOG RECORD BANC MSS 71/293 carton 17. Alternatively, one may purchase a copy of the microfilm of the files or download this book.

I ran across the registers when researching a biography of William Kat, my grandfather and the man who climbed Mt. Starr King more times than anyone else as recorded in these two registers. After the biography was complete, I decided the registers would have general interest, especially if associated with events and accomplishments of the lives of the people who had made their jottings. I felt I was competent to make this effort because I had been a rock climber with ascents at Yosemite Valley and Tahquitz Rock as well as having practiced bouldering at Stoney Point near Chatsworth and Indian Rock in Berkeley. In a quick scan of the register I recognized a number of names, many of some fame in the world of Yosemite rock climbing.

The registers have surprises. For example, an argument was held about who climbed the peak in the early days. The greatest number ascenders in winter, not necessarily an easy or safe thing to do, came not from the mountaineering elite, but from mass outings of students from a small college. Some lonely men left notes asking others to contact them – guaranteed not to get much of a result considering the average number of ascenders was about 27 per year for the 51 years of the registers, and the average number of women was four! Famous climbers, physicists, mathematicians, authors, and several who had been or would be incarcerated made the climb. An interesting group, to be sure.

Social change was evident in the registers. Early register entries had no references to drugs, gross humor or impolite language, so one has something to anticipate in reading. The register is an historic document, and nothing was deleted from the actual pages. However, I retained editorial control over the transcription and did not render some gratuitous profanity. I alert the reader in those cases.

In a few places I made this book a personal writing by putting in remembrances and comments. I cross referenced names to a list of first ascents in Yosemite Valley at the Yosemite Climbing Association’s web site which was compiled by
Ed Hartouni. Many who climbed Mt. Starr King were climbers of note. I focused on the Yosemite Valley area when looking to see what else a person who ascended Mt. Starr King may have done, for Yosemite is viewed by many as the litmus test for rock climbing. There were also those without Yosemite credentials who climbed Starr King and went on to other mountain areas of the world. And some died on climbs, both in Yosemite and elsewhere.

The character of the climbers who made it up Mt. Starr King has been rounded out using the Internet as a reference, and searches produced surprising results of interesting careers. I wish I could have said more about everyone who signed in, but it is hard to find information that can be pegged to a name unless there are clues in the entry. For example, Bill Hooker put the initials for the American Alpine Club and the Harvard Mountaineering Club by his name, so I could find out a lot about him. His partner was Fred Smith, but without other information it was impossible to find out more about him as there are many Fred Smith’s to be found on an Internet search. Women often change their names when they marry breaking the trail of identity for the casual researcher, so additional information about them may be impossible to find.

I spent more time on the early entries because this is a book of history, and as time fades the older information becomes harder to find.

One might view this as a stream of consciousness book about the register. Everyone wasn’t treated the same, because on any particular day I felt differently than the day before. The registers should be considered a work of fiction to some degree. No one swore to tell the truth when he or she signed the register and added comments, and some did not.

Finally, if you find errors or have information that you think should be in the book, send it to me and I will take appropriate action.

Bill Amborn
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West Linn Oregon
December 1, 2011
The stories about Starr King are not so much the actual climbs, but the people who made the climbs - Mark Goebel
This book is dedicated to the memory of William Kat, early Yosemite climber,

and to those who have made it up the peak and those who will make it up the peak one day...
Climbing is dangerous. Climb at your own risk.
You can be seriously injured or killed in this activity.
How to Read This Book

This book is designed to be read with each register page facing its transcription for easy back and forth. If you are reading it on a computer, set the view for two pages.
Statistical Tables and Graphs

Tabulations of facts about ascents of Mt. Starr King, as stated in the entries, for the 51 years of the registers reveal interesting trends and behavior. For those who wish to go directly to the tables, they are listed below:

1. Number of Climbers Ascending Mt. Starr King by Year………………..49
2. Number of Ascents by Month of the Year………………………………85
3. Percent Climbs by Route Taken on the Dome…………………………95
4. Percent Climbs by Approach Taken………………………………………110
5. Number of Ascents Per Climber………………………………………125
6. Number of Ascents by Party Size………………………………………157
7. Ascents by Gender………………………………………………………..359

The tables and graphs are scattered through the book to fill blank pages.
A Short History of Mt. Starr King

Mt. Starr King, 9081 ft., from the Glacier Point Road in a thunderstorm

Tectonic plates bumped and one slipped under the other. The earth’s crust crinkled upwards and plutons, giant bubbles of magma, formed and ascended slowly in the general uplift beneath the overlaying sedimentary rocks. The plutons cooled to granite, and through the ages the overlaying soft rock surface was rubbed clean by wind, water and ice revealing the granite domes of the Sierra Nevada. Eons pass.

Humanity in large numbers descended on California for gold in 1848 and explored everything over the next few years looking for the intriguing yellow metal. The
Yosemite area, first visited by organized travel in 1855, became widely known for its beauty. One visitor was Thomas Starr King, a Unitarian minister in San Francisco who was struck by the beauty of Yosemite and coined a phrase, “Yosemites of the soul” to describe the best and most beautiful of man’s inner feelings. Starr King campaigned for Lincoln for President and Stanford for governor of California. He was an anti-slavery unionist, and after his death a peak was named for him near Yosemite Valley, Mt. Starr King.

Although not visible from the floor of Yosemite Valley, Mt. Starr King presents a striking view from the road to Glacier Point. The peak is also visible from Half Dome if one hikes the trail to the top. Mt. Starr King was considered inaccessible by early geological surveys, so naturally the question was who would climb it.

The First Ascent

George B. Bayley and E. S. Schuyler were the first, ascending Mt. Starr King by the northeast side in the summer of 1876, according to the historical record.³ Their route went up the left hand skyline of the dome where the trees reach the highest point as seen in the photograph on the preceding page.

The second ascent was made via the southeast saddle in 1877 on August 23rd by George Anderson, James Hutchings and J. B. Lembert. Anderson was the man who pioneered the first ascent of Half Dome, close to where the cables run today, and he and his party were surprised to find evidence of someone having been on the summit of Mt. Starr King before them. The next day the peak was ascended again by Anderson and Hutchings who brought Mrs. A.L. Sweetland and S.A.Walker with them. The Anderson route approximates the right hand skyline from the obvious saddle between the lower two domes, again as seen in the photograph on the preceding page.

No published accounts of ascents of Mt. Starr King between 1877 and 1931 are known. In 1931 interest revived in climbing the peak, and the Register Committee of the Sierra Club, a conservation organization formed in 1892 by

³ Mountaineering Notes by Francis Farquhar, pp 115-118, Sierra Club Bulletin, February, 1932. Farquhar wrote a well researched article about the early history of Mt. Starr King.
John Muir and others, placed a book on the summit so those who climbed could record their ascents.

*Are Sierra Club Peak Registers Managed?*

Registers are placed in a wild, unsupervised environment, so they may be damaged by weather, vandalized, taken, or pages torn out for souvenirs. Here is what some said about treatment of the register in the register itself:

- **Dec 31, 1963** Some dolt left the register box upside down so the book is soaking wet…

- **1973** Please don’t rip out pages containing famous climber’s names...

To be fair, the 1963 entry does not mean the people in the preceding entry in the register are dolts. Someone else who did not sign the register may have left the box improperly secured. The effect of wetting the book was to make entries of many peak ascenders difficult to read. The 1973 entry says a person with knowledge of the register noticed pages missing. Another type of activity that might be classified as register abuse is the entry of bogus names. Although Janus is a surname, if it is associated with the first name of Hugh the combination raises suspicion.

If a peak register is filled, then it may leave the summit. The disposition of registers is something of a mystery to many climbers. The Board of Directors of the Sierra Club voted to place the club's historical records with The University of California’s Bancroft Library in 1970. The first donation included some summit registers. The Bancroft says registers continue to be added to the collection by club members and other individuals. On the other hand, I was told the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club has a policy as of this writing to donate retired registers to the library at the University of California at Los Angeles. The ultimate disposition of a register may be a matter of luck, and, as noted in an entry in the Mt. Starr King Register, a matter of frustration to some peak ascenders who wonder what happened to that great old register they saw before or heard about:

- **9/6/80 1:20 PM.** Great register. Nothing is worse than the Sierra Club continually taking down the registers to god knows where…
A note on a folder indicates that the registers in this book were given to the Bancroft Library in 1992 by the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club, ten years after removal from the peak. As mentioned in the Preface, The registers were removed and ultimately sent to the Bancroft Library about 1992 by Mark Spencer who said, “Mt. Starr King is probably one of the few peaks that has such a select and intact register history. I checked my copy of the register and did not find anything different than what you were provided [by microfilm from the Bancroft Library]. When I removed the register, Robin Ingraham photocopied the entire book, sent the copies to me and must have sent the original to the Bancroft, where you found it.” Ingraham has a web site which has information about register preservation at http://robiningraham.com/summitregisters.html

All register pages quoted or reproduced here are from a microfilm roll of the Mt. Starr King Register, Sierra Club Mountain Registers and Records, BANC MSS 71/293c, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley. Each page contains its own dates if a specific reference is required. The quality of the reproduction reflects what was on the microfilm. The microfilm size is 35mm and I scanned it more or less the way one would scan slides.

**Recorded History - the Registers**

The format of this book puts hand written entries from the register on one page, and the same information transcribed into typed text on facing page. In addition to the register itself, footnotes and additional text are also included.

We begin with the first register, a loose leaf notebook, place by three climbers, Eldon Dryer, Warren Loose and Judd Boynton on July 4, 1931.

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4 Author of *Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs* with Shirley Spencer.
The Loose Leaf Register
1931-1937
The Sierra Club

Register Box No.
Deposited on summit of
Date
The altitude of this summit is feet.

THOSE VISITING THIS POINT ARE INVITED TO
REGISTER THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES
AND DATE OF ASCENT

It is particularly requested that nothing be written in this Register except
the date and the names and addresses of those making the ascent.
If there are features of your trip that are of general interest, The
Sierra Club will be very glad to receive an account of the same by
letter.

The Sierra Club has placed this Register at this point in order that you may
record your ascent and in order that the Club may collect data regarding
the number of people that make this climb and the locality from
whence they come.

Penciled records are less apt to become illegible than ink. In case the
pencil attached to this register has become lost, will you not kindly
put one in its place.

Please show your appreciation of the purposes and efforts of The Sierra
Club by using care in replacing this Register in the box, carefully
securing the cover, and restoring the box to the spot from whence
taken. Your assistance in preventing damage to or removal of
this Register by any thoughtless or malicious person, will aid the
Club in its efforts.

Any communication regarding this box or its contents, particularly if the
Register is completely filled, will be appreciated by

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To explore, enjoy and render accessible the mountain regions of the Pacific Coast, to
publish authentic information concerning them; to enlist the support and co-operation
of the people and the Government in preserving the forests and other natural features
of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
Eldon Dryer placed the Sierra Club register with Warren Loose and Judd Boynton on July 4th, 1931. They carried the aluminum metal box with them to the summit along with loose leaf register sheets and the title page we see above.

Two paragraphs of the title page are noteworthy:

“It is particularly requested that nothing be written in this Register except the date and names and addresses of those making the ascent. If there are features of your trip that are of general interest, The Sierra Club will be very glad to receive an account of the same by letter.

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In hindsight one might take exception to the request that users only put names and addresses in the register and refrain from making other comments. As you read the register, you will look forward to comments – and wish for more. Regarding uses of the collected data, nothing was associated with the register file from the Bancroft Library, and I never saw anything in Sierra Club publications through the years. Perhaps this book will fulfill that intended use.

The next page is the first entry written by Eldon Dryer about the time of the placement of the register box. Dryer wrote what he believed was the history of ascents of Mt. Starr King.
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54 years

June 25, 1913

Warren, Texas

Eldon Dyer
815 E. Columbia, Pomona, Calif.

Second Party To Claim

Resided from North East side

Entry by Dyer

entry by Capt. Anderson
1877 Capt. Anderson \
1877 Mr. Hutchings / First party to climb Starr King
1877 Mrs. Hutchings / Climbed by southeast aided by iron key
Three others / bolts driven into granite
54 years
(Invention of rubber soled shoes)
6/25/31 Warren Loose⁵, R2 Box 333 Fontana Calif
6/25/31 Eldon Dryer⁶, 815 Columbia Pomona Calif
Second party to climb. Ascended from North East side. Used Keds to gain our traction. Found no records except cairn built by first party.

(Entry by Dryer)

(Found parts of flag pole erected by Capt. Anderson)

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Loose and Dryer were proud of their ascent on June 25, 1931 and made contact with a park ranger naturalist who wrote it up for Yosemite Nature Notes⁷:

For 54 years Mt. Starr King, towering 9081 feet into the air, just three miles south of Half Dome has defied the attempts of mountain climbers to attain its summit, but this summer two daring youths Warren Loose of Fontana, Calif. and Eldon Dryer of Pomona, Calif. made the ascent with

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⁵ Warren Loose’s other ascents of Starr King: July 4, 1931, July 12, 1932
⁶ Dryer also ascended Starr King on July 4, 1931
⁷ Yosemite Nature Notes, Volume X August 1931 Number 8, Ascents of Mt. Starr King by C. C. Presnall, Junior Park Naturalist
the aid of rubber-soled shoes. Within a month several others also made
the climb.

The first ascents in 1877 were made from the southeast side with the aid
of eye bolts and ropes, but all the ascents this year have been made from
the northeast side. Loose and Dryer carried a rope which was used in a
body belay\textsuperscript{8} at the most dangerous point. A later party found that patches
of inner tubing sewed to trouser seats were a great aid. At best, the climb
is a hazardous one, due to the lack of hand or footholds on the smooth
slope, which is a little steeper than the cable climb on Half Dome,
although less than half as long. Anyone contemplating this climb should
be sure his nerves are steady and should not attempt it alone.

EARLY ASCENTS

In 1877 the mountain was climbed by George G. Anderson, who was the
first man to climb Half Dome. He assisted four others to the summit of
Starr King: J. G. Lambert, J. M. Hutchings, S. A. Walker and Mrs. A. L.
Sweetland. They found two monuments on top, indicating previous
unrecorded ascents, and inserted a flagpole to mark their own
achievement. Remains of this flagpole were found by Loose and Dryer,
who made a permanent record of all ascents in the Sierra Club register
which they deposited on the summit. Mr. Hutchings, in his book "In the
Heart of the Sierras," states that the two men who built the monuments
were George S. Bayley and E. S. Schuyler. He also claims that his wife
and daughter Florence were assisted to the top by Mr. Anderson, but this
is not mentioned in his manuscript which is on file at the Yosemite
Museum.

THOSE WHO'VE DONE IT

The following list of ascents of Mt. Starr King previous to August 1,
1931, is complete in so far as we can learn at present:

\textsuperscript{8} The writer is probably referring to the shoulder belay, a technique which lost
credibility later in the 1930’s and was replaced by the hip belay.
1877 (?)—George S. Bayley and E. S. Schuyler.


June 25, 1931--Warren Loose and Eldon Dryer.

July 3, 1931- Harry Hopkinson⁹.

July 4, 1931—Warren Loose, Eldon Dryer and Judd Boynton.


July, 1931—A Sierra Club member, name not yet known.

We see Dryer’s comments about the history of ascents of Mt. Starr King were incorrect. At best theirs was the third ascent. And then Francis Farquhar wrote a well researched piece in the February 1932 Sierra Club Bulletin which left no doubt that George B. Bayley and E. S. Schuyler were the first ascenders, agreeing with the Yosemite Nature Notes, but setting the year as 1876. Farquhar’s article included text published by John Muir in August 1876 as well as a quote from James Hutchings’ journal, presumably written near the time his ascent with Anderson: “The entire area of the summit is only about 100 ft. by 75 ft. Two monuments erected gave evidence of someone having ascended this peak before us. We erected a flag pole, put up a flag, painted by J. G. Lambert—for our party.” Bayley and Schuyler preceded Anderson and Hutchings.

The other item mentioned by Dryer is the invention of rubber soled shoes. One might think rubber soled shoes were an innovation that took place close to 1931.

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⁹ Dryer gave the name as H. Hopkins. There are many Harry Hopkins and Hopkinsons in Los Angeles for the 1930 census, so this may remain unresolved.
which made more frequent ascents of Mt. Starr King possible. However, rubber soled shoes were in the process of development as early as the late 1800’s. As time went on the U.S. Rubber Company came up with a shoe they first called Peds, but due to trademark issues an alternative name of Keds was selected and mass-market as Sneakers in 1917. The shoes were called Sneakers because every other type of shoe made noise when one walked, except moccasins. If one wonders what type of shoes were in vogue for mountaineering before rubber soled boots, a common type of footwear for the mountains was leather soled and heeled boots which had hobnails protruding from the bottoms. These gave excellent traction in the forest and on snow, but on Yosemite rock were not effective.

Dryer’s assertion of second ascent was sure to generate a dispute. As mentioned earlier, Francis Farquhar wrote his article for the February 1932 issue of the Sierra Club Bulletin which clearly stated the first three ascents. In response to Dryer’s assertion of “second ascent”, Richard Leonard made this comment in the register referring to recent history:

6/28/32 … I have heard of at least two climbs before 1931.

Believing what Dryer had written and without having read Farquhar’s article, Boynton made a rebuttal to Leonard:

July 7, 1932 Judd Emery Boynton, 2800 Buena Vista Berkeley Calif
It is not true that this dome has been climbed prior to 1931 by anyone except the Anderson party. I have met several who have claimed to have climbed, but they never could answer questions put to them, and finally admitted they hadn’t.

In answer to Boynton, Leonard gave these particulars a year later in their slow motion argument:

June 10, 1933 …Mr. Vandervoort of Menlo Jr. College has been up twice around 1913 to 1916. Willard Grinnell of Berkeley claims an ascent around 1925.

http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blshoe.htm
Farquhar’s article makes it impossible to rebut the ascent of Bayley and Schuyler which means Boynton and Dryer were wrong on at least one count, and therefore suspect on others. We may conclude that ascents made before the register was placed would be in the order below based on the written record which includes Leonard’s comments, for Boynton did not say who he had interrogated:

1. Bayley, Schuyler, summer 1876
2. Anderson, Hutchings, 8/23/1877
3. Anderson, Hutchings, Sweetland, Walker, 8/24/1877
4. and 5. Vandervoort, 1913-1916
6. Grinnell, 1925
7. Loose, Dryer, 6/26/1931
8. Hopkins, 7/2/1931

The reader will note I give credence to Richard Leonard and Francis Farquhar. To understand their position in the climbing world, the following comes from the Sierra Club web site:11

The use of the climbing rope energized the climbing community. A young law student named Richard Leonard organized a climbing club that practiced at Cragmont Rock in Berkeley; this group became the Rock Climbing Section of the San Francisco Bay Chapter [of the Sierra Club]. A similar section was formed in the Angeles Chapter. Soon members of the rock climbing sections were training for difficult technical ascents in Yosemite and at Tahquitz Rock in southern California.

A new generation of Club rock climbers appeared, including Leonard, Eichorn, David Brower, Raffi Bedayan, Morgan Harris, Bestor Robinson, and many others. Although Club members did not introduce the use of the rope to American climbers, they perfected its use, promoted safety in the sport, and raised the standards for technical climbing. By the mid-1930s they were pioneering routes up spires, walls, mountains, and towers previously thought unclimbable.

11 http://www.sierraclub.org/history/origins/chapter6.asp
In 1934 Eichorn, Leonard, and Robinson climbed the Cathedral Spires in Yosemite, using pitons for the first time in the Sierra. The Club's Committee on Mountain Records began to compile a climbing guide to the Sierra, and the Sierra Club Decimal Rating System, developed at Tahquitz Rock by the Angeles Chapter Rock Climbing Section, soon became the American standard for determining the difficulty of rock climbs. The Club's Bulletin had been devoted primarily to literature about the exploration, enjoyment, and conservation of the Sierra; under the editorship of Francis Farquhar it also became the premier American mountaineering journal.

You will see many of the above names in the register as we go along.

In 1938 at age 30 Richard Leonard became a member of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club and held that position for 35 years. The introduction to the Bancroft Library oral history interview with Leonard was written by Francis Farquhar who was also a President of the Sierra Club.

Famed early climbers Charles Michael and his wife Enid went up with a third party to climb Starr King in 1926. They were unsuccessful, perhaps owing to footwear. Enid wrote of the experience for the Stockton Record, and it is included in The Joy of Yosemite: Selected Writings of Enid Michael, Pioneer Ranger Naturalist edited by Fernando Peñalosa who gave permission for its use here:

In the year 1915 Mr. Michael and I, when cutting cross country from Wawona to Lake Merced, came over Merced Pass and down Illilouette Canyon and at the Clark fork we took an old sheep trail which led us close to the south base of Mount Starr King. Having passed a short way beyond the dome we turned to look back and from where we stood it appeared that one might walk up the southeast slope of Starr King to the summit. On this occasion there was no time to attempt the climb, but we thought at some future date we should like to try it. During the early part of September 1926, we were spending a few days at Glacier Point and Starr King stood large and splendid, apparently very near. One afternoon

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12 Other books about Yosemite by Fernando Peñalosa include Yosemite in the 1930’s: a remembrance and, Shirley Sargent: Yosemite Historian.
while we were looking at it, William Facio, the manager of the hotel, came by.

“You were looking at Starr King,” he said, “it is a beautiful peak.”

“We were thinking of walking over and trying to climb it,” Charles remarked.

“By all means try it,” said William, “if anyone can do it, you can. We went over there last year to try and climb it. You see that little dome, that pebble in front of Starr King, we went onto the top of that. It was 9:00 o’clock when we got there and we built a fire and made lots of smoke so that those left here could see where we were. Then we went across the little valley that lies between the pebble and Starr King and came right up to the peak. When I stood there so close I could touch it. I said, ‘Oh, you beautiful Starr King.’ It seemed to me the most wonderful thing I had ever seen. Then we followed right around to the mountain at the edge of the trees and the brush. This brought us to a second dome connected to Starr King by a saddle and it was here we started up. We did not go far—it was too steep—and I said, ‘I might get up but how would I ever get down?’ I tell you what you should have, a pair of corrugated rubber pants and rubber pads for your elbows and your hands, then if you got up you might get down.”

“How did you return?” I said to William.

“We went around by Mono Meadows. It was endless; don’t come back that way.”

The following day, September 7, 1926 we left the hotel at 6:00 a.m. and with us was one of the students at summer’s nature school, a Mr.
Hershler. The Eleven Mile Trail down to Illilouette furnished an easy start for the walk to Starr King and crossing the stream a short distance above the bridge we headed up the slope taking the direction that we expected would bring us to Starr King. A long walk up the slope through the forest at length brought us out onto an open ridge. At our left was the “pebble,” and across a little valley the great dome of our hope rose boldly before us. Dropping a little we followed a saddle between the “pebble” and our ridge and came into the little valley. And now we could almost touch the bare and polished cliffs of Starr King. This close approach was more awesome than reassuring. Clean and flawless and supporting no living thing, in graceful and uniform curve, the vast side of the dome swept from the valley in which we stood.

“There is no climbing it from this side, that is plain enough to see,” Charles said.

“We hope it’s different on the other side,” I ventured.

“On some other side, at least,” said Mr. Hershler.

The little valley terminated in a pass which opened out into Starr King Meadows. Evidently the native mule deer had used this pass for years; trails from Illilouette converged here, and there were many parallel trails that were plainly worn by daily use. The tread of numberless seasons had cut them deep into the sand of the pass. They might have been cattle or sheep trails and the best of
them were as good as man-made trails. Yet there was no human footprint—the trails led into a wild country far from trails and seldom visited by man. Hundreds of deer, we thought must have passed this way every day, albeit, now not an animal was to be seen. The passageway of invisible herds was impressive on this quiet morning and in the forest that closed about us the only sound was the soft sighing of the wind in the red firs and mountain pines.

“The way has certainly opened out easily before us,” said Charles, “what luck, perhaps fate is tempting us on.”

“This easy course may be a bait,” observed Mr. Hershler, and we laughingly agreed with him.

“You talk silly,” was Charles’ comment, “when we get to the other side we’ll walk right up.”

“We hope so, oh we hope so.”

We worked around on the northwest side of the dome that is heavily forested for quite a distance up the slope. Before long we came to the upper limit of trees and onto the bare wall of the dome. Here the approach did not look so forbidding and we had a mind to try the mountain, from this side. We kept on, however, working around the mountain, clinging to our original plan of trying the southeast side, the approach that had interested us so many years ago. In the course of half an hour we reached the southeast side of the mountain and here we saw for the first time the saddle that connected Starr King with a second hump. The arrangement of the greater and lesser domes linked by a saddle is reminiscent of the great Half Dome and its lesser dome.

We at once turned our attention to the wall of the mountain and started to walk up just as Charles said we should. The granite, steep and bare of vegetation, was yet somewhat lumpy and Charles said, “We can walk pretty steep granite as long as it is rough as this is.”

The desirable roughness, we became painfully aware, thinned out as the wall stiffened its back and settled into a pitch of increasing steepness; no longer able to stand upright, we were forced to our knees. So, hitching and crawling upward, we made a ledge some fifty feet from the starting point in the saddle. Ranging about fifteen feet above was a portion of a great granite shell. Through the ages many of these shells or layers had lifted up from the surface and slid away to the base of the dome. The portion of the latest one to peel off lifted a wall-like ledge
above the granite some five feet through and extended 100 feet or more up the slope. It seemed to us that if we could reach this wall-like edge of the great shell fragment, we might be able to work up along it.

“I’m going to try for the wall,” said Charles, “and somebody should stay behind and try and catch me in case I start sliding.”

Neither Mr. Hershler nor I made any move to go farther. Squatting on the narrow ledge we anxiously watched Charles’ progress. Cautiously, using both hands and feet, he advanced, and much relieved were we when he reached the edge of the shell and got his arms over the top of the wall. He could look over the top of the wall and found it to be steeper than the portion of the slope where he was. Then up along the edge of the shell he worked his way for perhaps fifty feet. The wall was sleek and offered no hand holds, the pitch of the granite was awful and I could see that each step put him in a more dangerous position. Mindful of his right leg that was broken less than a year ago and is not yet as good as the left one, I became extremely anxious for his safety and commenced to ask him to return. Presently he decided that to go farther involved too great a risk and he turned about. In returning, the hazard was far greater than when going up—when walking up a steep slope the weight is on the feet; it is not so walking down; the weight is back, and when one is compelled to bend the knees and when it become still steeper one is compelled to sit down. Charles came carefully down, supporting himself the best he could by the sheer wall and arriving at the head of the open space, fifteen feet above us, he sat down.

“I don’t think I can stick to this,” he said, “be ready to stop me if you can.”

Mr. Hershler and I braced ourselves on the narrow ledge and waited. Charles commenced to move down, and watching keenly I could see that each time he tried to stop his feet slipped as though on a greased surface. Yet he was able to check his progress and in a few minutes was safe on the narrow ledge. We decided then that it was best to return to the saddle and from here ascend the lesser hump that we might look the mountain over. When seated on the hump we could see that the slope was more gentle on the south side. Below this more climbable slope lay great cliffs, however, and to reach it seemed not impossible. Masses of shell fragments that had weathered off still lay on this side. The concentric layers of granite that had been flaking off and sliding away from all sides.
of the dome save the south side had not broken away from the summit of the dome. Here five or six concentric layers each appearing four or five feet thick had remained in position to form a crown. From our position the summit was visible and had there been a man-made monument of any size we could have seen it.

“Surely,” said I, “if any one had ever scaled that peak he would have left a monument. There are plenty of scattered fragments to erect a large one.”

“Nobody ever climbed this peak from this side without mechanical aid,” said Charles, “the angle of acclivity is as great or greater than that of Half Dome where the ladder goes up.”

“Had I had a corrugated seat for my trousers I would have more confidence about climbing up, as then my mind would be easy concerning the return.”

“It is better not to have too much confidence when considering such a climb as this. There is a slim chance that one might get to the top, but no chance at all of getting down—even William’s corrugated rubber trousers wouldn’t make it safe. I am quite satisfied to quit on this peak and I feel certain that it has never been climbed from this side without the aid of ropes and pegs.”

Charles had never quit on a mountain before and he seemed to be tickled that he had found one too difficult to climb and when I accused him of feeling pleased over our failure, it was true and it was good to have one peak in the park that defied a human climber. Charles could afford to feel gleeful inasmuch as he has a number of first ascents to his credit and two the Minarets and the Devil’s Crag, two peaks of which he made the first, and up to this time the only ascents. While I, with no first ascents on my calendar, could hardly sympathize with Charles, I looked longingly at the summit so plainly to be seen with its careless litter of stones.

I think success would have been more agreeable to Mr. Hershler than failure, too. At any rate, no audible sounds of joy came from him and presently he proposed that we walk to the other side and try it, as it was still early in the day.

Following this suggestion we retraced our steps and arriving on the northwest side of the peak we gave it our consideration. One thing in favor of this side was that the trees climbed much higher than on the
other. The last tree was a crouching fir and from this a rough ledge led up for about thirty feet. We took this ledge that had an almost vertical trend and this brought us onto a comfortable horizontal ledge.

“This seems to be a good stopping place,” I said.

“Oh, we can go farther, I am sure,” said Mr. Hershler, with an indefinite wave of his arm.

“That’s fine,” I said, “you demonstrate.”

“Oh, that is easy,” said he and started on while Charles and I watched. After about ten feet had been accomplished he paused and looked about.

“Can’t you go on?” said Charles.

“It’s too steep right ahead of me but over there is a crack with grass in it, if one could get up that perhaps one could work over and reach the next grassy crack.”

Charles walked up the granite to the crack in question. “It’s a bad place,” he said, “the crack breaks the wrong way, but I’ll try it.”

Charles was able to climb up beside the crack. However, the next few steps, leading from this position to the second crack were very bad. A square spike was stuck at the top of the crack where Charles was. “Some fellow,” he said, “got up this far and then stuck in this spike, tied a string to it and prayed that it would hold while he slid down. Now I’ll see if I can make it back without the string.” He took the spike and turning about commenced to dig into the crack. In this way he was able to make a little niche in which to cling and let himself down a short distance. Then again he dug out a finger-hold and came down a little farther. It was all he could do to make it, and it was with a big sigh of relief that he stepped onto the good foothold at the bottom of the crack.

“Don’t do it, Mr. Hershler, it’s too bad, remember you have a wife and child at home and it’s better to walk home than be carried on a bough.”

Mr. Hershler was not resigned; he said that he thought somebody might do it sometime. Nevertheless he consented to turn back with us and choosing a new route, we walked back to Glacier Point.

A few days after our return home from Glacier Point, Charles met Willard Grinnell.

“Last year I went over and climbed Starr King,” said Willard. “It’s hard to believe,” said Charles, “which side did you go up?”
“The northwest side, it was easy. I had a girl with me. She slipped and that scared her and she refused to go farther. I ran up and down three times to show her how easy it was—there’s nothing to it.”

Since that time two mountain climbers have been to see Charles. Both had been over to try Starr King. Neither had succeeded, albeit both thought they would return some other time and climb it. Last year a man said that he had climbed the peak with his little girl. All this is interesting. To Starr King is long walk from any place of overnight’s entertainment, and it is pleasing to know that the next individual who successfully scales Mount Starr King, will erect a monument of such size that it can be seen from below. This will lend courage to others, who like me, have an ambition to conquer the peak.

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From this point forward, each register page will be displayed accompanied by the same information in type and additional information, usually footnotes. The intent is to make the document easy to read, for one’s eyes may tire from pages with faded handwriting in different styles.
Mt. Starr King from space (Google)
Fourth of July 1931
Judd  Boyten 2000 Buena Vista  Berkeley
Eldon Berry
815 E Columbia
Pomona Calif.

7/23/31 Warren London 8225 Summerville Orig.
Up North Slope (45 minutes)
7/22/31 Wi. Front "Yard" 2136 Grant St. Berkeley Calif

Up with Algot (5 minutes on granite)

7/22/31 12 am  Bledsoe  W 16 16 at first ledge on granite
8:30 m 11 miles 12 minutes  Used Cape del Pecho Balderich

Went down chimneys up Capt. Anderson's Route
without pegs in 15 minutes. Top at 2:45 P.M. Fred

Bledsoe 7/22/31

Aug 19/31
Ralph G. James  2001 Allston Way  Berkeley
7/23/31 Albert E Petterson  U.C. 2311  Berkeley Calif
7/19/31  Olwen Williams  YMCA  Berkeley  Calif

Sept 10 1931 C. A. Boyten Harwell Park  Naturalist

Trekking. I came up with Carl
there with Ranger Naturalist
Fourth of July 1931
7/4/31 Judd Boynton\textsuperscript{13}, 2800 Buena Vista Berkeley Cal
7/4/31 Eldon Dryer\textsuperscript{14}, 815 E Columbia Pomona Calif
7/4/31 Warren Loose\textsuperscript{15}, R2 Box 333 Fontana Calif

7/23/31 Up North Slope (45 minutes)
John Emlen\textsuperscript{16}, 36 W. School Lane Phila. Pa
7/23/31 W.T. Frost “Jack”, 2136 Grant St. Berkeley Calif
Up North Slope (25 minutes on granite)

7/24/31 12:30pm EP Woodruff – Woody, Box B Manteca CA
Left Carl Hill age 16 at last ledge on granite. Down on N. side in 12
minutes (used crepe sole basketball shoes) skirted dome climbed up Capt.
Anderson’s Route without pegs in 15 minutes. Top at 2:15pm. Found
wooden wedges used by Capt. Anderson on way up. One wedge is in
crevise in rock about 60 feet from South saddle. EP Woodruff 7/24/31

Aug Ralph A. James, 2001 Allston Way Berkeley Calif

7/9/31 Albert E. Peterson, 2526 Dwight Way Berkeley Calif. U.C. Zool.\textsuperscript{17}
7/9/31 Owen L. Williams\textsuperscript{18}, YMCA Berkeley Calif

Sept 10 1931 C. A. (Bert) Harwell\textsuperscript{19} Park Naturalist, Yosemite. I came up with
Carl Sharsmith Ranger Naturalist [continued on next register page].

\textsuperscript{13} Boynton’s other ascents: July 7, 1932, July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, July 6, 1935
\textsuperscript{14} Dryer also ascended Starr King on June 25, 1931
\textsuperscript{15} Warren Loose’s other ascents of Starr King: June 25, 1931, July 12, 1932
\textsuperscript{16} Emlen and Frost were naturalists in training at the Yosemite School of Field Natural
History. Wilfred Frost was a San Francisco minister’s son.
\textsuperscript{17} Peterson was a 30 year old medical student at U.C. Berkeley
\textsuperscript{18} Owen Williams, U.C. Student, was also on the first ascent of the El Capitán
Chimney route with Ethel Mae Hill and Gordon Patten on October 9-10, 1937. Sierra
Club Bulletin, February 1940, p. 54. Williams also climbed Starr King on July 3,
1936.
\textsuperscript{19} Charles A. Harwell
Who were Dryer, Boynton and Loose? The first recorded ascent of Half Dome outside of the cables was in 1931\(^\text{20}\) by Dryer and Boynton, so they were tested friction climbers. At this time Boynton was a college student in Ontario, California (Claremont Colleges are located there) as probably were Dryer and Loose by their addresses, and all three were likely Yosemite Park and Curry Company summer employees. How they were engaged to place the peak register is unknown.

Judd Boynton, 21 years old at the time of the ascent, came from an interesting family and was interviewed regarding his mother’s dance activities for the oral history project at the Bancroft Library in Berkeley. The interview is fascinating reading for the student of history, dance and the Bohemians, but it does not touch on mountaineering.\(^\text{21}\) He had training in dance and was probably strong and had excellent balance. The address he wrote in the register is that of the “Temple of Wings”, at that time the large Boynton family residence and location of his mother’s dance studio. It was far up the Berkeley hills on the north side of the University of California campus and within a short distance of both Cragmont Rock and Indian Rock. The Temple had no doors and the family would sleep on mattresses which were gathered up and moved to the side so Judd’s mother could teach dance there during the day.

Dryer was 18 at the time of the ascent. Later in life he owned patents and had a Malibu address, so he was probably a successful man. Warren Loose, 20, came from Mono County, California east of Yosemite National Park.

With the preliminaries over the race begins! Emlen and Frost climbed the dome in 45 minutes, Woodruff in 25 minutes, and then 15 minutes. As register entries go on, references to quickness of ascent will be found, not only of ascending the granite dome but also including the approach from either Yosemite Valley or the Glacier Point Road.

Woodruff climbed the summit dome by both routes within a couple of hours while leaving his partner waiting at the base of the northeast side. Woodruff used crepe soled shoes for friction climbing instead of Keds. Both shoes give good adherence

\(^{20}\) Sierra Club Bulletin, February 1940, p. 53

\(^{21}\) http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/collections/subjectarea/artslit/music_dance.html
to the rock for friction climbing. New crepe soles are slightly sticky. The dates on this page are scrambled, and the likely explanation is that a blank area was left on the page and later filled in.

Mt. Clark from Mt. Starr King
recorded so far in this log to Frances Kangaroo for Sierra Club records.

Please report at Museum, Yosemite the record of your climb. Carl and I are on our way to Mt. Clark with climb in "poe manana", see the red rock 1 mile N of Clark on Clark ridge? About 10G. sediment rock there. We are taking in specimens of that rock.

Safe journey down!!

Carl "Shammick" milk - Bert !!

(Comm. over next blank page for panorama.)
[Harwell and Sharsmith’s 9/10/1931 entry continued]

We will send ascents recorded so far in this book to Francis Farquhar for Sierra Club records. Please Report at Museum, Yosemite for the record of your climb. Carl and I are on way to Mt. Clark will climb it “por mañana” [by tomorrow]. See the red rock one mile north of Clark on Clark ridge? About 10 acres sedimentary rock there. We are taking in specimens of that rock. Safe journey down!!
Carl Sharsmith – with – Bert H. (turn over next blank page for panorama)

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The National Park Service was formed in 1916, and Yosemite was part of its jurisdiction. Staff were assigned to investigate park features in order to interpret them for visitors. Harwell’s entry indicates that wind, water and ice did not completely scrape the softer overlaying rock from the granite. A small patch of sedimentary rock remained on a granite ridge at 9,000 feet above sea level. This was geological documentation that the park area was once covered by sedimentary rock and therefore at a much lower elevation. The mountains were uplifted as a block and then glaciated to remove all but a trace of the original covering. In the 1960’s we would learn plate tectonics caused the uplift.

Harwell became park naturalist in 1929. He resigned in 1940 to take a position with the Audubon Society. Sharsmith, a seasonal ranger, took time while on the summit to identify the surrounding peaks for later visitors by drawing panorama profiles to the north and east.

The summer of 1931 was Sharsmith’s first year of employment while he attended school at U.C.L.A. Sharsmith graduated in 1933 and continued his education at Berkeley where he received his PhD.22 Sharsmith’s name appears in Richard Leonard’s 1933 notes on members of the Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section in Berkeley.23 Sharsmith worked as a seasonal ranger for 25 years after graduation and later while employed as a professor at several universities during his career.

22 Wikipedia is a good start for information about Carl Sharsmith
23 Yosemite Climbing Association at http://yosemiteclimbing.org/
Sharsmith’s First Panorama. The order of peaks is as follows:

Top row - Half Dome, Mt. Hoffmann, Tuolumne Peak, **Sawtooth Range, Matterhorn Peak, Finger Peaks**, Clouds Rest, Tenaya Peak, Mt. Conness, Cathedral Peak, Echo Peaks, Coxcomb and Echo Ridge.

Middle row - : **Mt. Dana**, Rafferty Peak, **Mt. Gibbs (Red), Mammoth Peak (Kuna Crest)**, Vogelsang Peak, Parsons Peak.

Bottom row – Simmons Peak, Mt. Florence, Mt. McClure, Mt. Lyell, sedimentary ridge, Rodger Peak.

The sedimentary ridge was the goal of the rangers. The bolded names refer to darkened areas on the drawing which are in the far distance.
Sharsmith’s Second Panorama. The annotations for the Clark Range are, left to right, sedimentary ridge, Mt. Clark (see page 40), Gray Peak, Red Peak, Merced Peak. The sedimentary ridge is the location to which the rangers were headed.

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On Anderson and Hutchings’ ascent of the peak in 1877, Anderson used homemade moccasins which had been soaked in turpentine (paint thinner) to make them sticky and therefore better for friction climbing, that is, climbing where the rock is of relatively low angle but there are not many holds. Although an ingenious idea, the turpentine may have made the feet burn a bit. On June 22, 1932 (next page) Louis Petroff, tried another means of adhesion: Pine sap. One would imagine the stickiness would prevent falling or sliding down, but it may have made moving up difficult. As Petroff said, “Used sap (rosin) from yellow pine on hands and shoes to stick! It stuck!” Although Petroff says he is Bulgarian, he appears on the voting rolls in Los Angeles in 1928. Petroff’s partner, Bob Swenson, went barefooted to get better traction on the granite. If one could control it, feet with slight perspiration would work best. These interesting techniques have been obviated by the climbing shoes and boots of today.
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Up North face, I have heard at least 2 climbs before 1931.

July 7, 1932

J. H. Brown, Bryson
2000 Buena Vista, Berkeley, Calif.

It is not true that this done was never climbed prior to 1931 by anyone except the Anderson party. I have met several who claimed to have climbed, but they never could answer the questions put to them, and finally admitted they hadn’t.
1932

6/22/1932  Louis Petroff, (Bulgaria) USC student Los Angeles Calif. Climbed together with the undersigned. Climbed from the north side. Used sap (rosin) from yellow pine on hands and shoes to stick! It stuck!

6/22/32  Bob Swenson, 1170 W Acacia St. Stockton, Calif. Climbed barefooted; member of the Kodiak Patrol

6/28/32  Robert D. Ray, Scout Naturalist, Berkeley Calif
6/28/32  H.B. Blanks, Scout Naturalist, CCC, Berkeley Calif

[Leonard writes] Up North face – I have heard of at least two climbs before 1931.

July 7, 1932  Judd Emery Boynton, 2800 Buena Vista Berkeley Calif. It is not true that this dome has been climbed prior to 1931 by anyone except the Anderson party. I have met several who have claimed to have climbed, but they never could answer questions put to them, and finally admitted they hadn’t.

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The initials CCC refer to the Cragmont Climbing Club, founded by Richard Leonard in March 1932 and named for the park in north Berkeley where many early Sierra Club rock climbers practiced. The climbers from Berkeley formed the vanguard for ascents in Yosemite at the time, and a number of climbers gave

24 Four Eagle Scouts of the Kodiak Patrol-Jack Dozier, 18; Bill Dozier, 18; Thomas Mann, 18; and Bob Swenson, 17, all Eagle Scouts from Stockton, climbed Clyde Minaret from the east on Aug 2, 1933 the same day Walter Starr disappeared.
25 Leonard’s other ascent was on June 10, 1933
26 The Ray family lived on Colusa Avenue in Berkeley, a short walk up Solano Avenue and the Indian Rock Path to the local climbing practice area at Indian Rock.
27 Herbert Blanks was also on the first ascent of the West Face of the Lower Brother on 10/21/34 with Boynton Kaiser and Elliot Sawyer. Sierra Club Bulletin, February 1940, page 54. The trio also made the second ascent of the Higher Cathedral Spire. Blanks lived within a quarter of a mile of Indian Rock Park in Berkeley.
28 Boynton’s other ascents: July 4, 1931, July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, July 6, 1935

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CCC as their affiliation. The same initials for the Depression era also commonly refer to the Civilian Conservation Corps, a job creation organization of the Federal Government. However, this organization was not formed until after Franklin Roosevelt became President in January 1933. All designations of CCC in the Mt. Starr King register appear to have been associated with the Cragmont Climbing Club as the addresses of climbers putting CCC by their names are from cities on the east side of the San Francisco Bay.

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The registers give us a chance to say something about climbers and climbing by compiling data from the entries. The first chart is of the number of people who ascended Mt. Starr King by year from 1931-1981. The data is graphed on the next page.

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The data seems to make little sense in some areas, and this is because social events, World War II, the Korean War, the environmental movement, the Bicentennial, the 100th year anniversary of the first ascent, the increasing popularity of rock climbing - each has had an influence. In a couple of years register pages were removed which cut the count of climbers. By how much remains a mystery.

The legendary drug plane crash at Lower Merced Pass Lake in the winter of 1976-77 led many climbers to hike the trail out of Yosemite Valley to Lower Merced Pass Lake. The trail goes by Mt. Starr King which I hypothesized might have led some of the climbers who salvaged dope from the Lockheed Loadstar to make a side trip. It does not appear to be the case as two Sierra Club groups added 34 people to the total for the year, and they were not up there for the weed.

The lowest years are centered on World War II and the Korean War years, and the highest year is the Bicentennial.
To a good climb up that first stretch of granite slope, but the pines were worth the climb several times over.

July 12

Miss Wynto 280 Buena Vista Ave Berkeley only

A great climb and am glad I made it. More power to you.

July 12

Warren Street

Well, here we are, blistering sunburn, a fall Miss Wynto and Miss Wynto ought to be proud of their achievement. Shield and second won in 54 years, respectively. To gain this top of this rock pile.

Personally it looks the same without sunburn to me. We climbed north slope about 11 a.m. from...
July 7, 1932  Jean L. Husted\textsuperscript{29}, 1145 Wellington St. Oakland Calif. It’s a good climb up that first stretch of granite slope but the panorama was worth the climb several times over.

July 12, 1932  Miriam Boynton,\textsuperscript{30} 2800 Buena Vista Way Berkeley Calif. A great climb and am glad I made it. More power to you.

July 12, 1932  Warren Loose\textsuperscript{31}. Well here we are, blisters sunburn and all. Miss Boynton and Miss Husted ought to be proud of their achievement, third and second women in 54 years, respectively, to gain the top of this rock pile. Personally it looks the same as last summer to me. We climbed notch slope, about four hours from Valley (Yosemite).

\textsuperscript{29} May be spelled Jeane in other documents. She also climbed Starr King on September 2, 1933.

\textsuperscript{30} An older sister of Judd Boynton (July 4, 1931, July 7, 1932, July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, July 6, 1935).

\textsuperscript{31} Warren Loose’s other ascents of Starr King: June 25, 1931, July 4, 1931
6/10/33  Robert Robinson  “  Ann Alps Club  Oakland
4/10/33  Harry E. Van Alen  Appalachian, Inc. Club  Portland
6/10/33  Lewis F. Clark  Dinner Club - CCC  Alameda, Calif.
9/10/33  Nicholas Varela  “  Ann Alps Club  Oakland, Calif.

Up the rock gully from the
Willow Creek side (south) to the notch at
the face of Capt. Anderson's route. An
easy climb up this route to summit.
We will go down the north face,
towards the Valley, then make the traverse.

Mr. Van Buren of Mills College has been in Japan around
1913 to 1916. Will be remined

Hobley claims an ascens around
1915.
1933

6/10/33 Richard M. Leonard\textsuperscript{32}, Sierra Club-CCC Berkeley Calif
6/10/33 Bestor Robinson\textsuperscript{33}, Sierra Club Am Alp Club\textsuperscript{34} Oakland
6/10/33 Henry S Bens, Appalachian Mt Club Hartford Conn
6/10/33 Lewis F. Clark\textsuperscript{35}, Sierra Club – CCC Alameda Calif
6/10/33 Oliver Kehrlein\textsuperscript{36}, Sierra Club, Am Alpine Club, Oakland Calif

[In Leonard’s hand] Up the rock gully from the Illilouette side (South) to the notch at the base of Capt. Anderson’s route. An easy climb up this route to the summit. We will go down the north face, towards the Valley, thus making the traverse.

Mr. Vandervoort of Menlo Jr. College has been up twice around 1913 to 1916. Willard Grinnell of Berkeley claims an ascent around 1925.

Sierra Club

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Richard Leonard and Bestor Robinson are on this climb together. In 1934 they would join Jules Eichorn for the first ascent of the Cathedral Spires, milestones in Yosemite rock climbing. Robinson was also with Brower on the first ascent of Shiprock.

In a rare bit of luck, Michael Rettie found old photographs made by Lewis F. Clark at a garage sale in Alameda,\textsuperscript{37} and Michael graciously gave permission for them to be used here. First, Lewis F. Clark at home in Alameda, a desperate looking character who one day would be the President of the Sierra Club. He has a bandana and a Sierra Club cup on his belt, and in his hand he is holding a day pack.

\textsuperscript{32} Leonard’s other ascent was on June 28, 1932
\textsuperscript{33} Bestor Robinson had a distinguished life both in the mountains and out. Wikipedia has an article on him.
\textsuperscript{34} American Alpine Club, a national organization dedicated to mountaineering.
\textsuperscript{35} Clark also ascended the peak on May 29, 1934.
\textsuperscript{36} Kehrlein was honored by the Sierra Club for his work in organizing outings by having an award named for him, the Oliver Kehrlein Award for Outings Leadership
\textsuperscript{37} The story is on Supertopo.com
Second, a shot of three people at Cragmont Park in Berkeley. Richard Leonard is on the right, the two on the left are not identified.
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Sept 9, 83: Kenneth May - Party from annual Berkeley outing of Rock Climbing Section of the Sierra Club Nord Face.

Elliot Swaner (Party of 6/10/33 described as stated)
July 24 1933  Judd Emery Boynton, Berkeley Cal. Third ascent
U of C Richard Dyer-Bennet Berkeley Cal. Psi Upsilon My first ascent
U of C Lyn R. Wright Delta Tau Delta Oakland Cal.
U of C Alan McCharles Berk. Cal.

Sept 2, 1933  Kenneth May CCC Party from annual Berkeley outing of Rock
Climbing Section of the Sierra Club. Nord Face.
Elliot Sawyer CCC, Berkeley (Party of 6/10/33 descended as stated).
Jean L. Husted CCC U.C. Oakland Cal

We see Boynton (July 24, 1933) is making multiple ascents, up to his third, and
Jean Husted is on her second, although not so annotated. The September 2, 1933
entry by Jean Husted giving “CCC” as her affiliation is the last “CCC” to be seen
in the register. In 1975 Leonard stated that the CCC was disbanded in 1932 and
merged with the Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section (SCRCS), but he was off
by a year based on both Husted’s entry and his own of June 10, 1933.

The next register page is difficult to read, but it is one of the best entries written.
It is of a young man roaming about on his own and climbing a route isolated from
any possible help in the event of an accident and doing so in questionable
footwear. But he had a guardian angel…

38 Boynton’s other ascents: July 4, 1931, July 7, 1932, July 15, 1934, July 6, 1935
39 The University of California at Berkeley is often abbreviated U of C or U.C.
40 Wright also ascended Starr King on July 15, 1934, Jul 20, 1937, June 25, 1955,
41 McCharles lived about a mile south of Cragmont Park in Berkeley. His other
ascents of Starr King: June 11, 1934, July 15, 1934, July 1, 1935, July 6, 1935,
42 Sawyer was also on the first ascent of the West Face of the Lower Brother on
10/21/34 with Boynton Kaiser and H.B. Blanks. Sierra Club Bulletin, February 1940,
page 54. The trio also made the second ascent of the Higher Cathedral Spire.
43 Husted’s other Starr King ascent was on July 7, 1932.
44 http://www.archive.org/stream/richardmountain01leonrich#page/n69/mode/2up
July 13, 1953

Carl J. B. H., Age 21

321 South 7th St, Richmond, Va.

My name is Carl J. B. H. and I am 21 years old. I am a high school student and I live at 321 South 7th Street in Richmond, Virginia.

I was born on July 13, 1932, and I have been a student all my life. I am about 6 feet tall and weigh 180 pounds. I have blonde hair and blue eyes.

I enjoy playing basketball and football in my spare time. I am also interested in music and经常会 play the guitar.

I am looking forward to my future and I hope to one day attend college and become a teacher.
Carl J. Richofsky U.S.B.P.R. 321 South 7th St Richmond Calif
Evelyn Howard my precious guardian angel was with me in spirit. My time [on the dome] was around 35 minutes. I took that ledge slab around to the north and was I blue. I almost lost my nerve as I slipped and slid approximately twenty feet, not fast but was my face red. I marked my route in blue heel. This summer in May I did Half Dome and was it raining but the top it was like dear old S.F. fog. I came down a canyon that can be seen from here. Just to the left of the Dome on the left. Very steep at times. I climbed onto trees to get down. Came out near Vernal Falls on the North side. I used Tennis shoes to climb this. They were borrowed from Brad Claussen, Eagle Rock, Calif (Stanford). He wears tens and I fives so one shoe would of been enough. Try Mt. Talbot or Mt Rose at Tahoe. Write to me please. I tried Half Dome, Ledge Trail, El Capitan, Eagle Peak, Yosemite Falls, North Dome, Basket Dome, Sentinel Dome, Vernal, Illilouette, Nevada Falls. All along the rim from the top of Bridalveil Falls to Sentinel Dome. It’s very windy at times. I thought it would blow me off the granite face. Happy Landing. Carl Richofsky. U.S.B.P.R.

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U.S.B.P.R. stands for the United States Bureau of Public Roads, a forerunner of the Federal Highway Administration. In 1931 the U.S.B.P.R. had a camp at 7,000 feet on Bridalveil Creek in Yosemite National Park to make a survey for a modern paved road to Glacier Point. The camp was a small affair consisting of five tents, two for living, one for office work, and two for the mess facilities, dining, cooking and storage. The improvement of roads and facilities was high on the list of activities for the Park Superintendent, Charles Goff Thomson.

The public record shows that Carl J. Richofsky was born in 1907. Carl R. Richofsky was born December 15, 1938, and his mother’s maiden name was given as Howard.

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<td>Victor Lague</td>
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The above party of 3 have completed a 2 week hike and present trip thru the south section of the Park. Including Buck Camp, Royal Arch Lake, Cathedral Lake, Glacier Pt., via Merced trail to Attaway creek, to Breuer Lake, via Snowy Creek to Smith Lake, by Coast Trail, via Lembert Dome to top of Half Dome in one day by way of the Waterfall Lake and Merced Lake. Carried a backpack load of Red Fir bunk to top of Half Dome that night and had a fine fall of our own. Witness to this is fair face push over man at Glacier Pt.

In making our ascent of Stein we came up the South East slope, probably the one used by Capt. Anderson, but he did not know it at the time. The climb was not as bad as one makes it sound, although we must use strategy. We used the ordinary rubber equipment and shoes with exceptional results. Hour to go down by the North slope. We wish someone Durantee were.
The Firefall, a Yosemite tradition started in 1872 and ended in 1968, consisted of burning embers being pushed off Glacier Point. In the following entry the climbers mention that they made a special Firefall from Half Dome before coming over to scale Mt. Starr King.

9/15/1933  Roland Heath, 1245 Oak St San Francisco Calif  
Paul Sikora, 3510 18th St San Francisco Calif  
Victor Sagues, 339 Folsom St San Francisco Calif  
The above party of 3 have completed a 2 weeks knapsacking trip thru the south section of the park. Including Buck Camp, Royal Arch Lake, Ostrander Lake, Glacier Point, via Merced Trail to Ottaway Creek, to Breeze Lake via Fernandez Pass to Isberg Lake by Post Peak Pass, from Isberg Lake to top of Half Dome in one day by way of the Washburn Lake and Merced Lake. Carried a knapsack load of Red Fir back to top of Half Dome that night and had a firefall of our own. Witness to this is fire fall push over man at Glacier Pt. In making our ascent of Starr King we came up the South East slope probably the one used by Capt. Anderson but we did not know it at the time. The climb was not as bad as one makes it sound although one must use strategy. We used the ordinary rubber composition sole shoes with exceptional results. Now to go down by the north slope. Oh for Jimmie Durante’s nose.\(^\text{46}\)

\(^{46}\) Jimmie Durante was a comedian who was known for his prominent nose. Why one would be wishing for this at the moment is an interesting question.
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<td>5260 Storer (Seattle)</td>
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Above party of 6 came up through route from SE castle, using 2 ropes of 120 feet each. For safety, grounding same route from camp on plateau south.

July 15, 1934 Sunday

Judd, Emery, Boynton, fourth ascent, Berkeley, Calif.

L. Ramer, 4th ascent, AT A

Sum of Calif. - 36

The house hangs high on the

Alan J. McCharles - 3rd ascent

UC - 36

No ropes.
1934

After the preceding two pages of chatty entries, the humorless ask that climbers follow the rules:

PLEASE DO NOT USE MORE SPACE [THAN] NECESSARY

5-29-34  Lewis F. Clark\textsuperscript{47}, Sierra Club, American Alpine Club, 1349 Bay St Alameda Calif
5-29-34  Jerome Cramer, 2528 Broadway San Francisco Calif
5-29-34  Charles W. Mors, Sierra Club, 1912 Rose St Berkeley Calif
5-29-34  Adrian A. Wahlander, Sierra Club, 320 Armington Berkeley Calif
5-29-34  Dean Morrison, Mountaineers (Seattle), 80 Post San Francisco Calif
5-29-34  Edward L. Ramer, 1912 Rose St Berkeley Calif

Above party of six came up Anderson’s Route from SE saddle using two ropes of 120 feet each for safety. Descending same route to our camp on plateau to north. Fog coming in.

6/11/34  Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{48}, 2568 Hilgard Berkeley Calif, UC ‘36, second ascent – alone

July 15, 1934  Sunday
  Judd Emery Boynton\textsuperscript{49} fourth ascent Berkeley Calif
  Lyn R Wright\textsuperscript{50} Delta Tau Delta Univ of Calif – ’36  The Goose hangs high Oakland.
  Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{51} – 3\textsuperscript{rd} ascent U.C. – 36 no ropes

\textsuperscript{47} Clark also ascended the peak on June 10, 1933
\textsuperscript{49} Boynton’s other ascents: July 4, 1931, July 7, 1932, July 24, 1933, July 6, 1935
\textsuperscript{50} Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, Jul 20, 1937, June 25, 1955, October 13, 1956, June 1, 1957, June 21, 1958 and June 25, 1960.
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7-19-34 W.B.Augustine, Yosemite Nat’l. Park (Forest Technician)  
   (Out type mapping\textsuperscript{52} so climbed this en-route)  
7-19-34 Ted Plair, National Park Service Berkeley Calif  

7-20-34 Holbrook K. Newell, 1605 Argonne Stockton. “Flamo” (Std Stn\textsuperscript{753} INC-V2 31’32’33’34)  
7-20-34 J.Adrian Palmquist, UC ’34 Berkeley Calif  
   Up north 15 minutes – our flag – no ropes nothing (Bud) Looking for a steel bar!  
   FLAG HOISTED ON 7/20/34 BY “FLAMO” & “BUD”  
   Is it still there?  

7/29/34 Yes\textsuperscript{54}  

\textbf{1935}  
7/1/35 Clyde Lane\textsuperscript{55} (girl) N.C. ’35 1222 8\textsuperscript{th} Ave S.F. Calif  
   Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{56} (4\textsuperscript{th} ascent).  1\textsuperscript{st} party this year. UC ‘36  

7/6/35\textsuperscript{57} Helen McDonald U.C. ’36 Pinole Calif. First climbing with ropes.  
   Clyde B. Lane (second ascent). Flag is still here.  
   Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{58} (5\textsuperscript{th} ascent)  
   Judd Boynton\textsuperscript{59} Berkeley Calif. Fifth ascent.  

\textsuperscript{52} Type mapping refers to determining the vegetative cover of an area.  
\textsuperscript{53} Standard Oil (Chevron) gas station in Yosemite Valley.  
\textsuperscript{54} The names for this entry, “Yes”, are on the following page in the register.  
\textsuperscript{55} A sometimes American naming tradition is to make a child’s first name the maternal family surname and the last name that of the paternal family surname. Some come out well, but others lead to possible confusion. Lane also climbed Starr King on July 5, 1935.  
\textsuperscript{57} This entry is duplicated on the next page of the register because the signers realized they were out of date order. The dates present an interesting problem.  
\textsuperscript{58} See 7/1/1935 on this page.  
\textsuperscript{59} Boynton’s other ascents: July 4, 1931, July 7, 1932, July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934
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<td>Schwarzmann</td>
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<td>T.H. Jackson</td>
<td>5937 Shehman Rd.</td>
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**July 5, 1935**

Butt Big Carien on Summit Top.

J. B. Gregory 5th ascent
Helen McDonald 1st ascent
Clyde B. Ryan 2nd ascent
Don A. crafts 3rd ascent
August 11th, 1935

Climbed from southeast saddle—took our time and liked it—

David R. Brown, Res. S.
Lawton, Wash. Yosemite, Ca.
Robert B. Henders, Stanford, Wash.
7/29/34  B.M. Wolfe, 2082 Lime Ave Long Beach Calif.
7/29/34  H.O. Collier III, 333 Diana St Fresno Calif

8/15/34  Everett Schwarzmann, 5669 Pryal St Oakland Calif
8/15/34  Geo. J. Jackson, 5937 Shafter Ave Oakland Calif

July 5 1935 Built Big Carien [sic] on Summit Top
    Judd Boynton 5th Ascent
    Helen McDonald 1st ascent
    Clyde B. Lane61 2nd ascent
    Alan D. McCharles 5th ascent

August 11th, 1935 Climbed from southeast saddle – took our time and liked it.
    David R Brower,62 RCS, SC
    Jack Tarr, Yosemite and Tacoma Washington
    Robert B. Sanders63 Stanford and Pasadena Calif
    Up south and down north routes.

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David Brower makes his first appearance in the register on August 11, 1935. Brower would become the first salaried Executive Director of the Sierra Club and be involved in conservation and climbing activities, including writing and editing climbing guides. Brower’s autobiography For Earth’s Sake: The Life and Times of David Brower is must reading. Brower and Leonard wrote the first Climber’s Guide to the High Sierra, including a section on Yosemite Valley in the February 1940 Sierra Club Bulletin. Mt. Starr King was included and the two original routes were described.

60 Duplicate entry – see prior register page.
61 Lane also climbed Starr King on July 1, 1935.
62 Brower’s other ascents: August 18, 1935, March 9, 1937, July 27, 1937
63 Other ascents of Starr King on August 18, 1935 and August 16, 1936.
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8/17/35  Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{64} UC ’36 – 6\textsuperscript{th} ascent
8/17/35  Ruth Stage 1\textsuperscript{st} ascent UC ’36  1929 Vine St  Berkeley Calif

8/18/35  Up north route from Little Yosemite. Down by Anderson route, since we found it good coming up last week.
Dave Brower\textsuperscript{65}, Berkeley – Yosemite
Robert Sanders\textsuperscript{66}, Pasadena & Stanford
William B. Newby, Glendale – Yosemite

Sept 9 1935  Sierra Club RCS party
  1. Raffi Bedayan\textsuperscript{67} RC San Francisco Party in Yosem.
  2. Don M. Woods, San Jose
  4. Peter Grubb RCS
  5. Torcom Bedayan SF RCS

1936

6-31-36\textsuperscript{68}  Alan D. McCharles UC ’36 – 7\textsuperscript{th} ascent. Visibility dense – wind strong – damn chilly

7-3-36  Ethel May Hill, College of Pacific Stockton Calif.
7-3-36  Owen L. Williams\textsuperscript{69} (2\textsuperscript{nd} ascent) Stockton Calif

1937

3-9-37  Dave Brower\textsuperscript{70} Yosemite RCS SC
        Joe Specht Yosemite
        First winter ascent.  5 ½ hours on skis from Glacier Point Road to saddle at south. Snowing.

\textsuperscript{65}  Brower’s other ascents:  August 11, 1935, March 9, 1937, July 27, 1937
\textsuperscript{66}  Other ascents of Starr King on August 11, 1935 and August 16, 1936.
\textsuperscript{67}  Raffi Bedayan later was a maker of carabiners. He also changed his name to Bedayn.
\textsuperscript{68}  See note for August 17, 1935, above. For the purposes of this book, this ascent is considered to have been on June 30, 1936.
\textsuperscript{69}  Williams also climbed Starr King on July 9, 1931.
\textsuperscript{70}  Brower’s other ascents:  August 11, 1935, August 18, 1935, July 27, 1937
71
8-9-36 Wm Kat, Yosemite Cal
8-9-36 Dan Gribhan, Yosemite Cal

8-16-36 Wm Kat
8-16-36 Robert B. Sanders, Stanford U I can’t help adding 3rd ascent. Honi soit qui mal y pense

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(The committee on Mountain Records was revived 6/10/33 by the discussion herein of the records on this peak. Richard M. Leonard)

William Kat was a carpenter who went to work on building the Ahwahnee Hotel in 1927. He fell in love with Yosemite and stayed on in building maintenance with the Yosemite Park and Curry Company until 1946 when he retired. These are his first recorded entries at age 61, but he may have had earlier ascents. He said he climbed Mt. Starr King 19 times.

71 Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
72 Ibid
73 Other ascents of Starr King on August 11, 1935 and August 18, 1935.
74 The Latin reference is the motto of the Order of the Garter which is translated as “Evil be to him that evil thinks”. In this context it could mean “if you think this ascent is of little consequence, so are you”. Sanders was almost 22 at this time.
75 This statement refers to the discussion Leonard and Boynton had about the history of who had climbed the peak.
REGISTER
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MT. STARR KING
Yosemite
National Park
MOUNT STARR KING
Register Placed
May 29, 1937

by
Sierra Club
Rock Climbing Party
1. Nevil M. Ruge
2. Wilmer Davis
3. John Wett-Allen

1973
Please don't cut out page containing famous climbers' signatures.
and thank you.
Mount Starr King  
Register placed  
May 29, 1937

By

Sierra Club  
Rock Climbing Party

1. Neil M. Ruge  
2. Muir Dawson  
3. DeWitt Allen

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1973

Please don’t rip out pages containing famous climber’s names. Nelson and Salathè are gone.

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1937

Two members of the climbing party placing the register, Dawson\(^76\) and Allen\(^77\), later had rock climbing first ascents in Yosemite Valley. Ruge lived on Cragmont Avenue in Berkeley in 1935 and was an active Sierra Club mountaineer. He was on the first ascent of an un-named peak in 1934 that was subsequently named Mt. Ansel Adams.

The 1973 note indicates that pages containing the records of the ascents of John Salathè and Anton Nelson, famous names to be sure, had gone missing, and of course other names disappeared from the register, too. No entries from 1950 and 1954 are in the register, and either year may be the time period covered by the missing pages. Based on the handwriting and the year, 1973, the author of this note was probably Chris Denney\(^78\) who made nine ascents of the peak in this register.

\(^76\) First ascent of Split Pinnacle, Sierra Club Bulletin, February 1940, p. 59  
\(^77\) First ascent of Kat Pinnacle in 1940 (named for William Kat whose name we see in these registers). A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley, Steve Roper, 1964, p. 36  
\(^78\) Denny made an ascent of Starr King on July 21, 1973.
May 27, 1937

Sewick Club Rock Climbers Section

1. W. Kenneth Davis  RCS - SC
2. Hermann T. Ulrich  AAC, HMC
3. Will M. Hall  RSC

1. Kenneth L. Aborn  SC - RCS
2. R.H. Flanders  RCS
3. Paul Lucas - RSC - RCS

June 7, 1937

1. Bob Buxton  SC, RCS
2. Bill Riggs  SMG, RCS, UCLA
3. John N. Burch  S.C.
4. Miss, from Beal-Point, California

July 18, 1937

D. L. Babenroth, Leonia, N.J., AMC
Granville P. Ashcraft, NPS-USC-EFE
Bob Godwin - U.C.
Verlin G. Baysinger-Pekin, Illinois

(And fine climb on a fine day)
May 29 1937  Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section  
1. W. Kenneth Davis RCS-SC  
2. Hermann F. Ulrich, AAC, HMC  
3. Birs M. Hall RSC  
   1. Kenneth D. Adam SC-RCS  
   2. Nick A. Landers RCS  
   3. P Lucas SC-RCS

June 7 1937  1. Bob Brinton SC RCS  
2. Bill Rice SMS RCS UCLA  
3. John P. Burch SC  
3 hrs from Glacier Point. Looks like rain.

July 18, 1937  D.L. Babenroth, Leonia N.J. AMC  
Granville P. Ashcroft  NPS-USC Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Bob Godwin U.C.  
Verlin G. Baysinger – Pekin Illinois (a fine climb on a fine day)

Kenneth Adam and W. Kenneth Davis, both Bay Area rock climbers, were on the first ascent of the Royal Arches route with Morgan Harris in 1936, a classic climb in Yosemite Valley.80

Bob Brinton and Bill Rice were a pair of Southern California rock climbers who developed their skills at Tahquitz Rock near Idyllwild, then came north to Yosemite to climb. Both Brinton and Rice had first ascents at Tahquitz in 1936, Brinton on the Piton Pooper and Fingertip Traverse, Rice on Angel’s Fright and the Fingertip Traverse (with Brinton and two others).81

80 See also May 27, 1944 and May 21, 1957  
July 23, 1937

To Dan Langford -

Didn't use my hands and

came up on one foot.

Aug. 23, 1937

Harris & Sine - and

Berkeley, Calif. - D.P.A. 36 A.M.
July 20, 1937  Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{82}  U.C. ‘36 7\textsuperscript{th} Ascent
Jack Schafer  U.C. 39 Sigma Chi
Lyn R. Wright\textsuperscript{83}  U.C. 38 Delta Tau Delta  3\textsuperscript{rd} Ascent
To Dan Langford on the day he makes it, “Congratulations”
July 23 – 1937  Dan Langford U.C. Alpha Sigma Phi Class of ‘38
Alan D. McCharles\textsuperscript{84}
To McShafe – Didn’t use my hands and came up on one foot.
Aug 14, 1937  Frederic A. Brand, 490  3\textsuperscript{rd} Ave S.F. Cal.  U.C. ‘39
Aug 22, 1937  Harris F. Shaw Jr. – and barefooted too –Berkeley Calif D.P.O.
‘36\textsuperscript{85}
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{86}, Yosemite
Carl P. Jensen SC RCS
Thomas L. Johnston CCHC

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The August 22\textsuperscript{nd} entry with William Kat and Harris F. Shaw continues on the next register page to include Carl P. Jensen and Thomas L. Johnston, so they are shown above to keep the party intact. The annotation by Johnston’s name is CCHC which stands for the Camp Curry Hiking Club, an ad hoc summer organization. In all likelihood Shaw and Jensen were also summer employees of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Carl Jensen became a talented climber who was on the first ascent of Jensen’s Jaunt\textsuperscript{87} at Tahquitz Rock in 1938 as well as that of Pulpit Rock\textsuperscript{88} in Yosemite Valley in 1939.

\textsuperscript{83} Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, June 25, 1955, October 13, 1956, June 1, 1957, June 21, 1958 and June 25, 1960.
\textsuperscript{85} The meaning of the abbreviation D.P.O. is unclear.
\textsuperscript{86} Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
\textsuperscript{87} A Climber’s Guide to Tahquitz Rock, Wilts and Wilson, 1956, p. 28
\textsuperscript{88} A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley, Steve Roper, 1964, p. 183
8/22/37
24. Carl Denson, SC Res.
5. John Thompson, SC HC
26. Aug 29, 37 Work at Yosemite
27. [signature]
28. 7/7/38

1938

July 7, 1938
Attained summit at 11:30 A.M.
Clear with haze over valley. Plenty of snow on crest and Clark Range.
Sierra
Hikers
Assoc.

28. P. S. Olson, Riverside, Calif.
29. Franklin Dugas 629 Gayley Ave., Westwood, Calif.
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George Robert Hudson, UCLA
91. Fred Hudson, Los Angeles, Calif.
Aug 29 37  Wm Kat[^89], Yosemite
J. Fritsch, Yos

1938
July 7 1938  Attained summit at 11:30A.M. clear with haze over valley. Plenty of snow on crest and Clark Range. Sierra Hikers Assoc.
P.S. Olson, Riverside Calif.
Frank M. Dwiggins, Theta Chi U.C.L.A. 29 Gayley Ave. Westwood Cal
George Robert Hudson[^90], UCLA 2919 Lyric St L.A.
Fred Hudson[^91], Los Angeles Cal. John Marshall High School

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On August 29[^9]th William Kat accompanied Jules Fritsch up the peak. Fritsch was a Swiss-German hired in 1928 by the Yosemite Park and Curry Company as part of their development of cross country ski touring and ski mountaineering in the park[^92], well before the official opening of Badger Pass in January 1936 and the general shift to downhill skiing. The first ski hut was a cabin on the west side of Mt. Watkins. Mary Curry Tresidder recalled, “Plans for Snow Creek Cabin were drawn by Eldridge T. Spencer, with Dr. Tresidder poring over them and making suggestions. We had a book of pictures and plans of Swiss mountain huts, I remember, which we referred to. Bill Kat did a good deal of the work on the cabin, and Dick Michaelis, later the caretaker there, and Jules Fritsch, the little Swiss ski instructor, also worked on it.”[^93] Kat also worked on the ski facilities in the Badger Pass area. He spoke German fluently, as well as his native Dutch, so he and Fritsch were a good fit. Fritsch, the subject of a well known Ansel Adams photograph, was caught skiing down Lembert Dome in Yosemite making a single, swooping track on an otherwise unbroken snow slope. Fritsch did serious ski

[^89]: Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
[^90]: George Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 28, 1939, July 19, 1940
[^91]: Fred Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 28, 1939, June 11, 1941, August 24, 1947
[^92]: Yosemite’s Innkeepers by Shirley Sargent, p.109
[^93]: Yosemite Nature Notes, Volume XXXII, Number 2, February 1953
mountaineering and winter ascents of Sierra peaks. Kat used snowshoes for his winter outings.

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If one wants to avoid the crowds, what are the best months to ascend Mt. Starr King? The register has dates for most ascents which include the month, or allow one to deduce it:

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The month of January 1976 had 56 ascents. A group outing from Westmont College was the cause. Absent this anomaly, the total for all January’s would have been 13, and the best months to avoid the crowds would have been November through February. The register entries do not say if the reason for the outing in January 1976 was the Bicentennial, the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first ascent of the peak by Bayley and Schuyler, or mere happenstance. The chances of meeting anyone on Mt. Starr King in January are slim.
The month of October stands out as a seeming anomaly, but October is one of the truly glorious months for climbing in Yosemite, even with its shorter days.
July 10, 1938.

Fred Kelley (solo) R.C.S.

3 hrs. from intersection Mono Mts. trail + Glacier Pt. road, via southern saddle.

Traversed, SE - NW; also NW - SE.

July 21, 1938

Wm. Hart, Yosemite.

David Zalako - apo

U.C. almost good, more work between one, almost hit bear.

Alexis W. Byrne

I love life.

7.20. John Emmanuel?

J. Stanford Y.

I am so lucky now I can
July 10, 1938  Fred Kelley (solo) R.C.S.  4 hrs. from intersection Mono Mdws trail and Glacier Pt. road, via southern saddle.  Traversed SE-NW also NE-SW

July 21 1938  Wm Kat, Yosemite
  David Zealor – a poor U.C. med student - more ways than one. Now let’s eat.
  Alexis W. Byrne, U.C. almost med student. I love life.
  John Emanuel, Stanford U. I am so shaky now I can hardly write. I hope we get down.
  Alfred Kubo, Interlaken Switzerland, VENI VIDI VICI!!!!

08/03/1939  Have had a hard time getting those four boys up but made it and got down again OK. Wm Kat

Although the page ends with Alexis Byrne’s entry, the rest of the party and a later comment by William Kat from the next page are included for the sake of continuity. The note by Kat was dated a year later and written when he was, apparently, on the peak alone. Kat often took a few others with no experience up the peak, and, as the writings of the four young men above show, it was a thrill. Kat, 63 on this ascent, greatly enjoyed the company of the young summer employees in Yosemite. A photograph of Kat and the four young men of the July 21, 1938 ascent is on the following page. The photo also shows that the “big carien” built by Judd Boynton and partners on July 5, 1935 is still there. The page after the group photo has an enlargement to show the detail of the register box.

94 Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.  
95 Emanuel’s other ascent of Starr King was on September 3, 1938
96 “I came, I saw, I conquered,” from Caesar’s Conquest of Gaul
97 See note for 7/21/1938 for his other ascents.
July 27, 1937\textsuperscript{98} Ascent by SE ridge – 4 hours from Glacier Point
Morgan Harris\textsuperscript{99} – SC RCS
Dave Brower\textsuperscript{100} – SC RCS
Joe Brower SC RCS\textsuperscript{101}
Jeane Barnbrook – U.C.L.A.

August 10, 1938 Dr. C.R. Wylie Jr.,\textsuperscript{102} Ohio State University. Came up alone via SE Saddle. Nice climb - nice view.

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Morgan Harris had fourteen rock climbing first ascents in Yosemite Valley. Surely his greatest accomplishment was the first ascent of the Royal Arches route, a climb for which he was the driving force.

C.R. Wylie was a mathematician and poet. You never know who will show up climbing solo on Mt. Starr King! Aside from his poetry, his books also include 101 Puzzles in Thought and Logic, Advanced Engineering Mathematics, Foundations of Geometry, and Introduction to Projective Geometry. His poem “Paradox” is quite good. Wylie neatly boxed in his entry, something only one other person did in the registers. Is this a turn of the mathematician’s mind?

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\textsuperscript{98} The year may be in error as the month and day appear in correct order with the preceding and following entries.
\textsuperscript{99} Harris’ other Starr King ascent was on May 21, 1957
\textsuperscript{100} Dave Brower’s other ascents: August 11, 1935, August 18, 1935, March 9, 1937
\textsuperscript{101} Dave Brower’s younger brother. Dates of his other ascents: June 29, 1939, August 4, 1940, July 10, 1941
\textsuperscript{102} Clarence R. Wylie. His books are still available on the secondary market.
Sept 3
Johnny Emanuel
3:50 A.M.
and time up. Last
casey this time. Going
t o try it on one leg
next time.

Sept 3, 1937

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casey this time. Going
t o try it on one leg
next time.
Sept 3, 1938  Johnny Emanuel\textsuperscript{103} Stanford U.  Second time up.  Lots easier this
time.  Going to try it on one leg next time.
Fred A. Pellagrino.  First time up – a real thrill – Makes Glacier baby’s
stuff.  Occidental College, Princeton N.J.
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{104}, Yosemite

1939

May 29 1939   Sierra Club RCS
Dorothy Markwad\textsuperscript{105}, San Jose
John A Dyer\textsuperscript{106} RCS Leader Berkeley
Ray L’Esperance RCS SF
Ray E. Montrose Sierra Club
B.E. Gigas, S.C. Chapter
Robert Board – Sierra Club – Loma Prieta (Los Gatos)
Fred Toby RCS SF
Harvey Mielenz, Bay Chapter
Harvey Dowling RCS Burlingame
Harry Meyer RCS Sierra Club Long Barn Calif

The comment by Pellegri
so on September 3rd, “makes Glacier baby’s stuff” refers
to hiking (or scrambling) the Ledge Trail to Glacier Point from behind Camp
Curry.  The trail has long been closed.  It was difficult to maintain and a number
of accidents took place on it, including fatalities.

Regarding the May 29, 1939 entry, Richard Leonard wrote an article in the
February 1940 Sierra Club Bulletin about rock climbing by 37 club members in
Yosemite where on page 118 he said,

\textsuperscript{103} Emanuel’s other ascent of Starr King was on July 21, 1938
\textsuperscript{104} Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936,
August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939,
July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940,
May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
\textsuperscript{105} Also climbed the peak on October 29, 1942
\textsuperscript{106} Dyer also ascended Starr King on May 31, 1941
Mt. Starr King. – On May 28, under the generous leadership of Dorothy Markwad and John Dyer, ten members of the trip were able to enjoy the extensive view from this formerly “inaccessible” summit.

Mount Clark. – Many enjoy general mountaineering and wilder and higher country rather than pure rock climbing in the valley. Thus on a four day trip Lester Ferris, Ben Hall, Stephen Hall and Tom Morley ascended Mt. Clark from Washburn Lake, and also reached the summit of Mount Starr King on their return.

Leonard’s article is partly corroborated by the register in the May 29, 1939 entry, although one of the two is off by a day. However, the names of Lester Ferris, Ben Hall, Stephen Hall and Tom Morley are nowhere in the register. This raises a question about the integrity of the climbers, the integrity of the register or Leonard’s understanding of what happened as it was reported to him. Of course there is no answer, but it may be as simple as the climbers not signing the book.

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The route used by climbers is sometimes mentioned in register entries. The two original routes were the NE (Bayley and Schuyler’s first ascent route from 1876) and the SE (George Anderson’s route from 1877). Other routes were put up later, but the two original were the most popular. For climbs where the route name was given, these are the percents:

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<td>Southeast (Anderson 1877)</td>
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Anderson’s route has the advantage of being warm and dry more than Bayley and Schuyler’s. However, for some winter ascents climbers found they could virtually walk up the snow to the summit on Bayley and Schuyler’s route. The other routes are rock climber’s routes, and information about them should be sought from a guide book such as *Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs* by Mark and Shirley Spencer.¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁷ Mark Spencer has had nine ascents of Mt. Starr King, one in the period covered by this book on July 13, 1980.
Harry Meyer - Long Beach, Cal.

June 29, 39.
By the judge. will succeed by
diagonal crack on N. face.

J. B. Gurnyer. S.C. R.C.

July 14, 1939:
6hrs. from Camp Curry via Fernland
Nevada Falls. Left 41/30 AM. Arrived
10:30, up North-East Crack.

Everett H. Peck
Wm.ckett
Stanford U. '35; Yosemite

July 16, 1939.
4 1/2 hrs. from Happy Isles
Robert P. Allen. U.C. '34
Santa Club - Yosemite Field School '36
Salo
June 29 ’39  By SE Ridge. Will descend by diagonal crack on N. face.
   Joe Brower\textsuperscript{108} SC RCS
   Ester Ray SC

July 14, 1939  6 hrs from Camp Curry via Vernal and Nevada Falls: Left at 4:30A.M. arrived 10:30, up north-east crack.
   Everett H. Breed, Stanford U ‘35\textsuperscript{109}
   Wm Kat\textsuperscript{110}, Yosemite

July 16, 1939  4 ½ hrs from Happy Isles.

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In order to train naturalists for the park, Dr. Harold C. Bryant, C. M. Goethe and Loye Holmes Miller started the Yosemite School of Field Natural History in 1925. The school had many alumni who went on to work in Yosemite and other parks.\textsuperscript{112} C.A. “Bert” Harwell was the Director of the school at one point (see his ascent of Starr King on September 31, 1931) and Carl Sharsmith attended the Field School. Robert P. Allen wrote a short article outlining some of the research done by the Field School for the 1953 Sierra Club Bulletin.

\textsuperscript{108} Dates of his other ascents: July 27, 1937, August 4, 1940, July 10, 1941
\textsuperscript{109} Breed was optimistic. He graduated in 1936 and went on to earn an MBA in 1940. He served as a naval officer in the North Atlantic doing convoy duty in WWII.
\textsuperscript{110} Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
\textsuperscript{111} Allen ascended Starr King also on June 25, 1959.
\textsuperscript{112} www.yosemite.ca.us/library/guardians_of_the_yosemite/superintendents.html
JULY 28, '39.

Climbed north face via Nevada Falls from camp Curry; approaching storm with a few drops all ready.

George R. Hudson
2514 Lyric St., Los Angeles (UCLA)

Mary Louise Koch
2514 Lyric St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Certain to worth the few difficulties. Hope my feet carry me back! Eileen Fuller, L.A.

Fred Hudson, L.A.,
Second time up.
Sierra Club member.
July 28 ’39 arrived 1:00 climbed north face via Nevada Falls from Camp Curry; approaching storm with a few drops all ready
George R. Hudson\textsuperscript{113}, 2519 Lyric St Los Angeles (UCLA)
Mary Louise Koch, Feet a little raw but had lots of fun climbing. Los Angeles Calif
Eileen Fuller, L.A. Certainly worth the few difficulties. Hope my feet carry me back.
Fred Hudson\textsuperscript{114}, L.A. 2\textsuperscript{nd} time up. Sierra Club member. John Marshall High School

\textsuperscript{113} George Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 7, 1938, July 19, 1940
\textsuperscript{114} Fred Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 7, 1938, June 11, 1941, August 24, 1947
July 29.
Phoebe Russell, R.C.S., S.M., S.C.
Hava Brandt Pinnick
Wm. R. K. Yosemite

Chet Fennell Yosemite

August 13
Ralph Elliott, Bridgman
Herbert Wycher, Yosemite
Wm. R. K. Yosemite

1940

July 19, 40

From Happy Dales in 5 1/2 hours; left at 12 o'clock noon and hope we will get back to trail before dark.

George P. Hudson UELW
2019 Lyric St., L.A.
July 29, 1939 Phoebe Russell\textsuperscript{115}, RCS SM SC
Nora Brandt, Riverside
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{116}, Yosemite
Chet Fennell, Yosemite

August 13, 1939 Ralph Elliott\textsuperscript{117}, Burlingame
Herbert Wetzler, Yosemite
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{118}, Yosemite

1940

July 19, ’40 From Happy Isles in 5 ½ hours; left at 12 o’clock noon and hope will get back to trail before dark.
George R. Hudson\textsuperscript{119} U.C.L.A., 2519 Lyric St LA

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In 1966 William Kat wrote the following about his trip up Mt. Starr King with Elliott and Wetzler on August 13, 1939:

Herbert Wetzler, a lanky six-foot four inch Texan, a student of a southern college, and a summer clerk at the accounting office of the Curry Company in Yosemite Valley, was full of fun and had a great hankering to do some mountain climbing. But he wouldn’t dare to climb by himself, so he asked me if he could go along with me which suited me fine. The next Sunday we two and another summer helper, Ralph Elliott,

\textsuperscript{115} Russell also climbed Starr King on May 30, 1941 with her sister, Elizabeth Lewis. Phoebe Russell and Elizabeth Lewis were the cousins of Ruth Dyar Mendenhall, an early climber of note in southern California. The two ladies joined the Sierra Club in 1938. Ruth married John Mendenhall and they climbed peaks and technical rock climbs at Tahquitz. See “Woman on the Rocks, the Mountaineering Letters of Ruth Dyar Mendenhall”.

\textsuperscript{116} Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.

\textsuperscript{117} Elliott’s other ascent of Starr King was on July 26, 1940

\textsuperscript{118} See note 78

\textsuperscript{119} George Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 7, 1938 and July 28, 1939
drove to Glacier Point and with our rucksacks, climbing rope, water and food, started the trail which led us to a canyon where we crossed the Illilouette Creek and proceeded to the Anderson route at the southeast saddle of Mt. Starr King. This was really a nice climb over boulders and slick slopes where a little friction climbing was a revelation to Herb, who, laying flat on his belly crawled like a huge lizard. We made the saddle in fair time but now the actual climb started. I showed the boys how to handle the ropes and gave a few little instructions on how to behave if one should slip or should get in distress.

I started the first steep smooth wall and went up to where there was a place to stand. Of course we were all three roped together and I made my first belay station without difficulty. Next there was about eight feet of the smoothest rock so I crawled and, reaching out, caught a little unevenness to help pull myself up and I was then able to reach a rock where I could belay to help the boys up to where I was with room enough for all. The boys did all they could to climb the cliff, but wound up climbing the rope that I held secure around a protruding upright rock. Then came the real test for we had to traverse a two-inch wide line of rock, harder than the granite rock of the dome. Here a slip would be fatal, for the steep, smooth slope went down hundreds of feet. I went ahead and walked the line (the proper name is dike). The dike runs horizontal about thirty feet where there is a good place to belay. After I and the rope were secured the boys followed but were really scared. However, I had spanned a half-inch rope from the upright rock to where I was and so made a handrail. All got safely to the next station. Now it was going up again very steep, but, by laying on the right side with footrests and handgrips on the sinuous edge of an overlaying shell, we all got up nicely.

Herb declared, —I‘ve never felt happier in my life.

We now came to a niche where there was room for six. We rested there after the last strenuous climb and then crossed a soft, wide, slick slope by friction climbing. We were now under a huge overhanging slab, which had cracked off from the mountain and gave us a chance to climb out in the open sunshine. The rest was easy going and on the top we signed our names on a hidden climbers‘ registration book. I asked the boys how they liked being on top of Starr King where hardly anyone ever comes. They were as happy as kids can be.
After scanning over the horizon, pointing out the various peaks, we spotted a niche where the careful Mr. Anderson had piled a small supply of firewood sticks in the year of 1877 - two years after the year I was born.

We went down exactly the way we came up with only one difference. Going up I had the lead, going down I was the last to belay for the boys‘ safety.

Following this adventure Kat and Wetzler went on another to White Mountain just south of Mt. Conness where Wetzler accidentally knocked a rock down a chimney which hit Kat and cause him to fall a good distance. He broke his neck, had a fracture at the base of the skull and other points, broke his shoulder and foot. He was not expected to live but he pulled out of it. In fact, he was back to work within two months, and he climbed Mt. Starr King twice the following summer.
1st mountain climb I actually completed - broke my 2 best fingernails

Gerald E. Yangpola
Los Angeles City College
3511 Effe S.F. - L.A.

July 26, 1940
Ralph Elliott - Burlingame Cali.
Armin Williams
110 B.P. - very clear...the
Coast range visible in the distant range

Robert W. Ward
Downey, Calif. Compton, J.C. 35
There are scores for some "too Man".

Mom Hax Yosemite

August 4, 1940
From Glacier with my mom
W. Used Joe Brown 50C
Chet Fennell
Yosemite, Calif. J.P.
July 19, 1940  1st mountain climb I actually completed – Broke my 2 best finger nails!!  Gerald E. Ganopole\textsuperscript{120}, Los Angeles City College, 3511 Effie St L.A.

July 26, 1940  Ralph Elliott\textsuperscript{121} – Burlingame Calif.  Second time but not last Armin Williams.  11:30 – very clear, the Coast Range visible in the distant haze.
Robert W. Ward, Downey Calif.  Compton J.C. ’35.  There are scares for some “Yea Man”
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{122}, Yosemite

August 4, 1940  From Glacier in 4 ½ hours via N. crack.
Joe Brower\textsuperscript{123}, SC RCS, Berkeley Calif Y.L. [Yosemite Lodge]
Chet Fennell, Yosemite Calif G.P. [Glacier Point]

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\textsuperscript{123} Dates of his other ascents:  July 27, 1937, June 29, 1939, July 10, 1941
\end{flushright}
Sept 7, 1940

Completed running at 6:30 P.M.

Went to 7 Star Keg Doc at 2:40 P.M.

I don't believe this is not Oct 59

R. Buchanan

G. D. bowl, super. O. C. F. 3/51
Sept 1, 1940    Traverse SW to N
Sterling Cramer¹²⁴, Yosemite
Jules Fritsch, Yosemite
Don Buchanan, Yosemite
Wm Kat¹²⁵, Yosemite

Sept 1, 1940    A hurried Ascent  Completed morning shift of dishwashing at
Camp Curry at 1:00pm. Left Happy Isles at 1:50pm. Reached top of
Nevada Falls at 2:40 pm; base of Starr King Dome at 4:10; and summit at
4:30 pm. I have an evening shift of dishwashing starting at 7:30pm. So
here I go………………
R.D. Olson¹²⁶, Sierra Club Riverside.

I don’t believe this. Phil Arnot Oct 59.
I still don’t believe it. Phil Arnot July ‘62

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The climb by Kat on September 1, 1940 included three others who comprised a
group of residents. Cramer was the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer of
the Yosemite Park and Curry Company.¹²⁷ Normally people high in the company
kept away from mountaineering at this time, but Cramer had his office in the
Ahwahnee and Kat had his workshop there and they had a friendship. Jules Fritsch
we have met before, the little ski instructor from Switzerland. Don Buchanan was
a prodigious hiker and scrambler who made more than 20 ascents of Half Dome
by going directly up from Mirror Lake to catch the cable route.¹²⁸

¹²⁴ Also ascended Starr King on August 8, 1943.
¹²⁵ Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936,
August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939,
July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940,
May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
¹²⁶ Olson also climbed Starr King on June 26, 1941
¹²⁷ Yosemite’s Innkeepers by Shirley Sargent, p.114
¹²⁸ Sierra Club Bulletin, February 1940, p. 51
Although the Olson’s time on September 1st was hard to believe for Phil Arnot, Olson’s times were reasonable for someone in excellent physical condition. He probably slept well after his evening shift.
Climbers of Mt. Starr King sometimes noted which approach they used to get to the base of the granite domes. The easiest approach is probably from the Glacier Point Road, although in some seasons it may be hard to cross Illilouette Creek. The other popular approach is from Yosemite Valley. A small number of climbers end up at Mt. Starr King by coming down from the higher country, sometimes from Mt. Clark.
Devotion Day May 30, 1941

(Clawson Route from Millil)

Elizabeth Lewis, Bo. Faubena
Phoebe Russell, R.E.S., Sierra
Wm. P. Yosemitc. Club
Cloudy and starting to snow!

May 31, 1941

Millen Shayer, R.C.S. 50. (24) 90
John Dyen
August 1, Joseph Mother Jacob Chapter
Allen Shayer, R.C.S. 50. (24)
William A. Horstall, S. F.
Tom Julies, Oneon Lade 5C
Charlotte Lowes Bay Chapter
Glenn L. Weber
Randall Rice
Leonard Siney, Bay Chapter, Sierra Club
Florence Radd, Bay Club
Arthur Davey Mother Jacob
Ray Lander Bay Chapter

June 11, 1941

Fred Hudson - L.A.
3rd ascent via N. slope
a very clean and warm day with few clouds.
1941

May 30, 1941 Decoration Day\(^{129}\) (Anderson Route from Glacier Point)

Elizabeth Lewis,\(^{130}\) So. Pasadena
Phoebe Russell\(^{131}\), RCS, Sierra Club. Cloudy and starting to snow
Wm Kat\(^{132}\) Yosemite

May 31, 1941 Merlen Thayer, RCS Sierra Club, So. Calif
John Dyer\(^{133}\), RCS
Auguste Frugè\(^{134}\), Mother Lode Chapter Sacramento

Allen Strauss, Loma Prieta
William A. Horsfall,\(^{135}\) S.F.
Tom Julles, Mother Lode SC
Charlotte Lewis, Bay Chapter
Glenn L. Weber, Bay Chapter
Randall Rice
Eleonore Jinno, Bay Chapter Sierra Club
Florence Rata, Bay Chapter Sierra Club

Arthur Davey, Mother Lode Chapter Sierra Club
Ray Lesperance, Bay Chapter Sierra Club

June 11, 1941 Fred Hudson\(^{136}\) L.A.. 3\(^{rd}\) ascent via N slope. A very clear and warm day with few clouds.

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\(^{129}\) Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, the day on which flowers were placed on the graves of deceased veterans.

\(^{130}\) Elizabeth Lewis and Phoebe Russell were sisters from Southern California

\(^{131}\) Russell also climbed Starr King on July 29, 1939.

\(^{132}\) Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.

\(^{133}\) John Dyer was on the first ascent of the Direct Route on Washington Column in 1940. Dyer also ascended Starr King on May 29, 1939

\(^{134}\) August Frugè, was a conservationist and a longtime director of the University of California Press.

\(^{135}\) Horsfall was on Richard Leonard’s list of Rock Climbing Section members of the Bay Area Chapter of the Sierra Club, and he was on the first ascent of the Illilouette Fall West Side route. A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley, Steve Roper, 1964.

\(^{136}\) Fred Hudson also climbed the peak on July 7, 1938, July 28, 1939, August 24, 1947
June 26, 1941

Climbed by N.E slope -
1 R.D. Olson, S.C. Los Angeles
4 hrs. 5 min from Happy Isles.
"Cloudy and misty all around,
done, can't see over,
1st ascent and a good one
Bob Tiffen, Oakland #1
#3 Dry Soggin's Colven.

Thu., July 10, 1941
Jo. Brewer, S.C.
Julie M. Taylor, S.C.
WM. Met, Yosemite
1st ascent for Wm. Kott as a
Sierra Club member.

Thursday, July 24, 1941
Soft happy sky, 7:00 AM. Arrived at noon.
Scattered cumulus clouds in all directions.
Jerry Bensopole - 2nd ascent: L.A. City College
Walked upon my hands blindfolded this time?
Bill Herman - Hollywood
Rode my bike up - guess
I'll coast down on the handlebars!
June 26, 1941  Climbed by N.E. slope.
   R.D. Olson, S.C. Los Angeles.  4 hrs 5 min from Happy Isles
   Bob Griffin Oakland Cal.  Clouds and misty all around dome, can’t see
   over.  1st ascent and a good one.
   Ty Scoggins, Colusa

July 10, 1941  Thurs.
   Joe Brower, S.C.
   Jules M. Eichorn, S.C.
   Wm Kat, Yosemite.  1st ascent for Wm Kat as a Sierra Club member

July 24, 1941  Thursday.  Left Happy Isles 9:00am.  Arrive at noon.  Scattered
   cumulus clouds in all directions.
   Jerry Ganopole.  2nd ascent L.A. City College.  Walked up on my
   hands blindfolded this time (?)
   Bill Herman.  Hollywood.  Rode my bike up.  Guess I’ll coast down on
   the handlebars!

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137 Olson also climbed Starr King on September 1, 1940
138 Dates of his other ascents:  July 27, 1937, June 29, 1939, August 4, 1940
139 Eichorn was one of the great early climbers whose first ascent of the Higher
   Cathedral Spire with Richard Leonard in 1934 presaged a shift to technical climbing
   in Yosemite Valley.
140 Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936,
   August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939,
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   May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
141 Ganopole’s other ascents of Starr King:  July 19, 1940, August 2, 1941, August 9,
   1941, June 30, 1943
Aug. 2, 1941

Amonged N. slope - thru from Happy Dales. Plenty of fun getting party sup. 4th member, Colleen Budgen, waiting at base.

Jerry Hanopole - 3d ascent - I.A. City College.

Just the thing to develop the skills of you, Jeanni, Jeanne, Sue John, Marshall High.

Wesley W. Williams
U.C.L.A. - O X

How did I do it?

Aug. 9, 1941

Thru from Happy Dales.

Jerry Hanopole - L.A. ought to name this place after me by now.

2, Chuck Rogers - Illi, State College - B.K., 1st attempt at climbing - failed.

September 3, 1941

J. Dan Webster, Newark Calif. - 1941
Field School of Natural History
4 1/2 hours from Camp Carry

1942

May 30, 42

& to Jane Smith
Bill Nick雷斯, 5c No. Hollywood, Calif.
Aug 2, 1941  Ascended N. slope.  5 hrs. from Happy Isles.  Plenty of fun getting party up.  4th member. Colleen Gudagno waiting at base.
Jerry Ganopole142.  3rd ascent LA City College
Jeanne Few.  John Marshall High.  Just the thing to develop the calves of your legs.
Wesley W. Williams.  U.C.L.A. Sigma Chi.  How did I do it?

Aug 9, 1941  3 hrs from Happy Isles.
Jerry Ganopole – L.A. ought to name this place after me by now.
Chuck Rogers.  Fresno State College B.K, 1st attempt at climbing – not bad.

September 3, 1941  J. Dan Webster143, Newark Calif – 1941 Field School of Natural History.  4 ½ hours from Camp Curry.

May 30 ’42  Ethel Jane Smith
Bill Rice 144 RCS SC.  North Hollywood

142 Ganopole’s other ascents of Starr King:  July 19, 1940, July 24, 1941, August 9, 1941, June 30, 1943
143 Webster wrote about the life zones of the Hetch Hetchy region in Yosemite as a student at the Yosemite School of Field Natural History:  Nature Notes for November 1941, http://www.yosemite.ca.us/library/yosemite_nature_notes/.  Webster became a professor who published works about parasitology.  Webster also ascended Starr King on July 15, 1942.
144 See June 7, 1937 for more information about Bill Rice
May 30, 1942

Milton Zucknick — May 30, 1942
Malcolm Spick — Pasadena, Calif.

July 13, 1942 — 4 horses from Corry
Jim Sheppard — Eastman Realty
Bob Daniels — Oct.
Russell Barnecut — S.F.U.C. A.D.E.
Head Dish washer at Camp Curry Cafeteria

July 15, 1942
J. Dan Webster — Newark, Calif.
and the "Dreamy Lynnon".

October 29, 1942
Cloudy — cold — shucked from saddle — killed
Dorothy Markwad — San Jose
Douglas Masterside — Avenue Park, N.Y.

1943 — See!

June 30 — Jack Beaumont — Jerry
(S.C. R.C.S.)
pulled me up all the way.
No near left either joystick — go
Jerry Gangola — how do we get
May 30, 1942 Milton Frinck
Malcolm Smith. Pasadena Calif

July 13, 1942 4 hours from Curry.
Jim Sheppard\(^{145}\), Sigma Chi, Toast man Curry Kit. U.C. ‘46
Bob Daniels. Coffee man Curry Cafe
Russell Barnecut S.F.J.C. Alpha Delta Epsilon. Head Dishwasher at
Camp Curry Cafeteria

July 15, 1942 J. Dan Webster \(^{146}\)– Newark Calif. And the “Greasy Spoon”.

October 29, 1942 Cloudy. Cold. Climbed from saddle. A little snow
Dorothy Markwad\(^{147}\), San Jose
Douglas Whiteside\(^{148}\), Avenill Park NY

June 30, 1943 See!
Mark Beaumont SC RCS – Jerry pulled me up all the way. No feet left
either, just stumps.
Jerry Ganopole\(^{149}\). How do we get [see next page]

\(^{145}\) Also climbed the peak on June 28, 1944
\(^{146}\) On this date Webster is an employee of the Curry Company. Webster also
ascended Starr King on September 3, 1941.
\(^{147}\) Also climbed the peak on May 29, 1939
\(^{148}\) Whiteside also ascended Starr King on June 1, 1946.
\(^{149}\) This is the last recorded entry by Ganopole for Mt. Starr King. In 1948 he was on
the first ascent of a variation to the established route up Lower Cathedral Spire with
Raffi Bedayn, Paul Estes, and Roy Gorin. A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley,
Steve Roper, 1964, p. 158. Ganopole’s other ascents of Starr King: July 19, 1940,
July 24, 1941, August 2, 1941, August 9, 1941
Aug 8 43
Stewart Camer
Yosemite
California
Born in
Cleveland
Ohio age 12

Margaret Wilson
Yosemite Nat'l Park
California
Sunday-Aug 8 1943
Went out the same morning
Won't have 17th trip to Yosemite
Sterling S. Kramer
Yosemite
Back down? The spikes are in the wrong way. Ellen B. at base. Not enuf rope for 3, & too short to get her.

Aug 8 1943  Stewart Cramer, Yosemite California born in Cleveland Ohio age 12
Margaret Wilson, Yosemite Nat’l Park California Sunday. I wore out my pants coming up
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{150}, Yosemite 17\textsuperscript{th} trip to here
Sterling S. Cramer\textsuperscript{151}, Yosemite

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I was fortunate to contact two people who went up Mt. Starr King with William Kat. One was Stewart Cramer. Here is the text of a letter he wrote in February 2009 in reply to my questions:

I am the Stewart Cramer age 12 who climbed Mt. Starr King in 1943 with your grandfather, and that is my name as it was then in the log at the summit. My father’s name appears below your grandfather’s name. Here are the answers to your questions:

[What route did you take up Mt. Starr King?]
1. We left the Glacier Point road and crossed Illilouette Valley to begin our climb.
[What do you remember about the climb?]
2. I remember much friction climbing near the top. Your grandfather was quite adept at friction climbing.
[Do you have any other recollections of William Kat?]
3. He had his own way of doing things – a “local character.” About three years before, your grandfather and my father and I climbed the Gunsight-Bridalveil Notch. Possibly a summer later (1942), I was climbing the talus in the lower ½ mile of Indian Canyon (Humo was

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\textsuperscript{151} Also ascended Starr King on September 1, 1940.
the original name of canyon and creek) and on the way back to the Valley floor, where the creek banks are mostly loose dirt and gravel, I saw a coat folded up, and a hat placed upon it – sort of Tyrolian, and I recognized the hat as what I would see your grandfather wearing, so often. Something told me to leave it in place. When I got home I told my parents what I had seen on the bank of the canyon. My father made a phone call and right away learned your grandfather had just arrived at the hospital that morning. He had a broken leg. Probably, as I was returning home, a hospital maintenance man had walked back up the canyon and retrieved his hat and coat. I don’t know any details about how your grandfather got down from the canyon, or why his hat and coat were left behind.

The reference to the broken leg gives the reason for no climbs up Mt. Starr King in 1942 by William Kat.

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The “Lovers Leap” drawing was on one of the last two pages of the book. I moved the drawing to be near Stewart Cramer’s entry. Perhaps drawn surreptitiously at the time of his ascent, it is a 12 year old boy’s art work. The name “Tony” and “?” may have been added later in a different hand.
May 22, 1944
Kenneth D. Adams (Sc)
Kenneth S. Henderson (USN, Seattle)

June 28, 1944
Jim Sheppard, UC - EX-USN
2nd trip up - 15th consecutive year to Yosemite.

Two girls, a Fellow at Base
they say, they can't make it.

Hot Sunny day - Some scattered
clouds - Still plenty of snow to Etna.

July 16, 1944
Paul de Pfyffer, age 10.

Ralph de Pfyffer, 7.16.44
7/16.44
From Kaht, Yosemite (70)
18th trip up here, this is my
farewell trip to Stan King.

Reynard Wells, 7-16-44
Richmond, Calif., 1st trip
Left 6:17 A.M. arrived 10:17 A.M.
James D. Farella, 7-16-44
Baybank, Calif., 1st trip but it won't be the last.
May 27, 1944  Kenneth D. Adam\textsuperscript{152}  SC
Kenneth S. Henderson USN, Spokane

June 28, 1944  Jim Sheppard\textsuperscript{153}  UC Sigma Chi USN 2\textsuperscript{nd} trip up – 15\textsuperscript{th} consecutive year to Yosemite. Two girls and a fellow at base they say they can’t make it. Hot sunny day. Some scattered clouds. Still plenty of snow to the east.

7/16/1944  Paul de Pfyffer  Age 10
Ralph de Pfyffer
Wm Kat\textsuperscript{154}, Yosemite (70). 18\textsuperscript{th} trip up here. This is my farewell trip to Starr King

7/16/1944  Kenneth Wells, Richmond CA 1\textsuperscript{st} trip, left 6AM arrived 1PM
J. D. Lanella, 17 yr old, Burbank Calif. 1\textsuperscript{st} trip but it won’t be the last

In October 2008 Paul de Pfyffer wrote the following about his ascent in 1944:

We went from the valley up the mist trail to the top of Nevada falls then up to Mt. Starr King. Mr. Kat led my father and I up the mountain. As I remember, Mr. Kat knew the way very well and we had no trouble in climbing Mt. Starr King.

My parents lived in the valley. I don't really remember much of the climb except a few places were a little scary to me; also Mr. Kat thought that I was the youngest climber to climb Mt. Starr King at that time.

Paul’s father, Ralph de Pfyffer, was one of the Swiss ski instructors hired by the Yosemite Park and Curry Company around 1928. By this time he was in charge of the photo lab for the Curry Company where he would remain.

\textsuperscript{152} See also May 29, 1937 and May 21, 1957
\textsuperscript{153} Also climbed the peak on July 13, 1942
\textsuperscript{154} Kat’s recorded ascents of Starr King were on August 9, 1936, August 16, 1936, August 22, 1937, August 29, 1937, July 21, 1938, September 3, 1938, July 14, 1939, July 29, 1939, August 3, 1939, August 13, 1939, July 26, 1940, September 1, 1940, May 30, 1941, July 10, 1941, August 8, 1943, July 16, 1944.
William Kat shows his age as 70, but he was 69 years of age. He had a habit of counting the day he was born as his first birthday. He also says it is his farewell trip, and it is the last register entry for him. In 1960 he was clear that he had climbed the peak 19 times. The register only has 16 entries for him, so he may have made climbs and not signed in. However, for our purposes here, the register is the controlling document.

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The vast majority of climbers reached the summit of Mt. Starr King once, others several times. In all we saw 1364 ascents in the registers made by 1146 different people. The following table tells the tale:

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The number of people who made multiple ascents, 128 (in bold type), accounted for 9 percent of the climbers; however, this small group made 25 percent of the ascents! Interestingly, the data when graphed create a beautiful curve, the kind of plot that would excite Dr. C.R. Wylie (See his ascent on August 10, 1938). How is it that motivation, interest in climbing and the ability to do a climb add up to a beautiful curve? We wait for the doctoral thesis on this combination of the mental and physical.

The honor roll of those with more than 3 ascents:

- William Kat
- Alan D. McCharles
- Chris Denny
- Lyn R. Wright, Dave Willis
- George Whitmore
- Judd Boynton, Gerald Ganopole, David Lunn
- Dave Brower, Joe Brower, Bruce Cooke, Ken Boche, Jeff Barton, Fred Hudson, Ray Jewell, Howard Lewis
Douglas Macnair  
San Francisco, Calif. 1945  
July 24.

Sierra Club Party - June 1, 1946  
24 in party to saddle from Glacier Point. 9 to top. Returning by way of Nevada Falls trail.
1. Dorothy Kinkade
2. John C. Hoogland
3. Bernice Bogue
4. Karl Blegen
5. Helen Rudy
6. Dorothy Hilt
7. Douglas Whitehead, Fremont
8. John Hart
9. Bob Bear

1946-Aug. 25
Gerhard Bakken, Jr.  U.C.L.A.
6812 Vista Ave. Huntington Park, Cal.
Came up alone on north face
Ronald Mook 11 U.C.L.A.
2A 43 Cal. E.
Up South face partly by remote control
1945

July 24, 1945  Douglas Macnair, San Francisco Calif

1946

June 1, 1946  Sierra Club Party.  24 in party to saddle from Glacier Point.  9 to top.  Returning by way of Nevada Falls trail.
   Dorothy Kinkade
   John C. Hoogland
   Karl Boyer
   Bernice Boyer
   Helen Rudy
   Dorothy Hill
   Douglas Whiteside155, Yosemite
   John Hart
   Bob Bear

1946-Aug.25  Gerhard Bakken, Jr.  U.C.L.A., 6812 Rita Ave, Huntington Park Cal..  Came up alone on north face.
   Ronald Moak, ex UCLA, LA 43 Calif.
   Up South Face partly by remote control

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The Sierra Club group took a different overall route than others by starting from Glacier Point and ending in Yosemite Valley. The nice part is that the hike is mostly downhill.

155 Whiteside also ascended Starr King on October 29, 1942.
We laugh and holler and scream with joy because we were here before Wilroy.

Aug 24, 1947
Fred Hudson
Ann Robertson
Bill Palmer (U.C.L.A.)

Came from Mono Meadows Trail along the side of false Stair Trail. Reached top about 2:15.

Aug 30, 1947
1st solo ascent
1st ascent w. fake.
Jeffrey Armadillo Sr.
1947

A ubiquitous bit of graffiti found during and after World War II was “Kilroy was here.” This graffiti phrase was not found in the register by the party ascending on August 24th 1947, and so the poem:

We laugh and holler  
And scream with joy  
Because we were here  
Before Kilroy\textsuperscript{156}  

[In the hand of Bill Palmer, below entry]

Aug 24, 1947  Fred Hudson\textsuperscript{157}  
Jim Robertson\textsuperscript{158}  
Bill Palmer\textsuperscript{159} (U.C.L.A.)  
Came from Mono Meadows Trail along side of false Starr King.  
Reached top about 2:15

Aug 30, 1947  1\textsuperscript{st} solo assent [sic] \textsuperscript{[later comment]} Not so, see earlier, W Face  
\textsuperscript{1\textsuperscript{st} assent [sic]}  
Jeffrey Armidillo Sr.

\textsuperscript{156} From Wikipedia: James J. Kilroy, an American shipyard inspector, may have been the man behind the signature. During World War II he worked at a shipyard where he was said to have written “Kilroy was here” to mark rivets he had checked. The idea was to prevent the erasure of chalk marks showing where a riveter ended his shift. Some riveters discovered they could receive extra pay by erasing the previous worker's chalk mark and chalking a mark farther back on the same seam, giving themselves credit for some of the previous riveter's work. Kilroy stopped this practice by writing "Kilroy was here" at the site of each chalk mark. At the time, ships were being sent out before they had been painted, so when sealed areas were opened for maintenance, soldiers found an unexplained name scrawled. Thousands of servicemen may have seen his slogan on ships and Kilroy's omnipresence and inscrutability sparked the legend.

\textsuperscript{157} Fred Hudson also climbed Starr King on July 7, 1938, July 28, 1939, June 11, 1941
\textsuperscript{158} Also climbed Starr King on June 9, 1951.
\textsuperscript{159} Palmer also climbed Starr King on September 3, 1949
1948

June 26th, Climbed via northeast ridge.
Richard Lemon, guide.
Keith A. Bruce

1949

Aug. 27, Kenny Cooke, Oakland
Bruce Cooke, Oakland
Raining slightly, but fairly warm.

Sept. 3, Finally made it
Webb Counter 3 W. Los Angeles
Bill Palmer 2nd Time

Via Glacier Point and Mono Meadows A.K.A. H.S.
1948
June 28, 1948  Climbed via northeast ridge
Richard Lemmon\textsuperscript{160}, Sierra Club RCS
Keith A. Brueckner\textsuperscript{161}

1949
Aug 27, 1949  Kenyon Cooke\textsuperscript{162}, Oakland. Raining slightly but fairly warm
Bruce Cooke\textsuperscript{163}, Oakland

Sept 3 1949  Webb Coulter\textsuperscript{164}, W. Lost Angeles U.C.L.A. Finally made it
Bill Palmer\textsuperscript{165} 2\textsuperscript{nd} time W. Lost Angeles U.C.L.A.
Via Glacier Point and Mono Meadows  4 ½ hrs.

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Bruce and Kenyon Cooke were brothers who grew up in Oakland, Bruce the elder
by about five years. Bruce was well known in Bay Area rock climbing circles.
He is next in the register in 1964, once for a solo climb and a second time with his
brother Kenyon and Kenyon’s son.

\textbf{PAGES MISSING.}
The climbing year of 1949-1950.

Entries from September 4, 1949 to July 22, 1950 are missing. An entry in this
register on July 25, 1965 refers to an entry by Anton (Ax) Nelson dated October
23, 1949. Nelson’s fame on the Lost Arrow was too much for a souvenir hunter to
ignore.

\textsuperscript{160} Richard Lemmon became a Professor of Chemistry at the University of California
\textsuperscript{161} Breuckner received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California,
Berkeley, in 1950 and had a distinguished career.
\textsuperscript{162} Kenyon Cooke’s other ascent was on October 12, 1964
\textsuperscript{163} Bruce Cooke’s other ascents: September 7, 1964, October 12, 1964, June 27, 1966
\textsuperscript{164} Coulter was on the water polo team at UCLA in 1948-1950.
\textsuperscript{165} Palmer also climbed Starr King on August 24, 1947
July 22. Beautiful clear day.
Some climb. I am still shaking.
I am so scared. Don't have Mountain like. this back home.
Leroy Williams Jr. Virginia Tech '52
101 Park St.
Christiansburg, Va.

May 19, 1951 - Absolutely perfect day.
John Mount S.A.C.
Vogel SAC
Hugh Bennett SAC

May 19-1951 same perfect day

Nicky Bostick
Maryanne Steineke
Betsy Crowder
Maryanne Steineke

June 9, 1951
Roger A. Mann (General, N.Y.S.C.O.A.)
Richard G. Robertson (53 yrs), Berkeley
Bob Dolan (Richmond)
Jim Robertson (2nd Ascent), Berkeley
Stu Robertson-Berkeley [C.C.O.D.]
1950
July 22 [1950]  Beautiful clear day. Some climb. I am still shaking I am so scared. Don’t have mountains like this back home. 
Leroy Williams Jr. Virginia Tech ’52. Iol Park St, Christionsburg Va.

1951
May 19, 1951  Absolutely perfect day.
  John Mowat S.A.C.\textsuperscript{166}
  B Vogel SAC
  Hugh DeWitt, SAC

May 19, 1951  same perfect day
  Neely Bostich, Stanford Alpine Club
  Marian Steineke, Stanford Alpine Club
  Betsy Crowder, Stanford Alpine Club
  Maxine Steineke, Stanford Alpine Club

June 9, 1951  Roger A. Mann (Geneva N.Y. (C.C.D.R\textsuperscript{167}.)
  Richard G. Robertson (15 yrs) Berkeley
  Bob Dolan (Richmond)
  Jim Robertson\textsuperscript{168} (2\textsuperscript{nd} ascent ) Berkeley
  Stu Robertson Berkeley (C.C.D.R.)

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For more information about the S.A.C., see "The Stanford Alpine Club" by John Rawlings, CSLI Publications, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, CA. It is a 194 page volume which gives an excellent history of the S.A.C. It is well illustrated and indexed and has photography edited by Glen Denny\textsuperscript{169}. A short history of the SAC in Yosemite Valley is in “Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rock Climber” by Steve Roper, 1994. Mowat was on the first ascent of the Southwest Arete, West Side, of the Middle Brother in Yosemite Valley with

\begin{footnotes}
\item[166] S.A.C. stands for the Stanford Alpine Club.
\item[167] Camp Curry Dining Room
\item[168] Robertson also climbed Starr King on August 24, 1947
\item[169] Glen Denny climbed Starr King on June 30, 1965.
\end{footnotes}

Marian and Maxine Steineke were the daughters of Max Steineke, an oil geologist in Saudi Arabia in the 1930’s. The two girls lived in Dhahran for two years, 1937-1939 and are shown in Images of America, Early Los Altos and Los Altos Hills on page 88 standing on a hill overlooking King Saud’s encampment. The entire family was outdoors oriented, skiing, hiking, camping. Maxine received a MS from Stanford in 1953 and Marian a BS in 1954. The girls are also mentioned in Discovery! The Story of ARAMCO Then by Wallace Stegner, as well as in many other articles on the Internet.

At Stanford Beatrice Vogel made some of her own pitons at the Engineering School’s metal shop. She earned her PhD in arachnology from Yale, and was also involved in the fight for gender equality – see Chapter 7 of Liberty and Sexuality – The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe V. Wade. Vogel accompanied Warren Harding on the first ascent of the Harding Route on Glacier Point Apron, west side in 1957 in Yosemite Valley.

These little blurbs I put in hardly do justice to the lives people led, but perhaps will assist the curious reader in finding out more.
SEPTEMBER 13, 1952
Joe Fitechen - Sierre Club
Jesse F. Bales - U.C.L.A.
Gordon D. Seele - C.I.T.
Up S. Slope without incident.

OCTOBER 12, 1952
VIA S.E., SADDLE & FACE,
JOHN C. OHRENSCHALL,
S.C., R.C.S., SAC, CAL,
James M. Carl - his son broke leg.
Sierra Club. RES applicant.
This is good enough for me.

BEAUTIFUL, WARM DAY.
3:15 P.M., FROM NEVADA
Falls this morning, either
This is minimum 5th class,
OR I'M A POOR CLIMBER -
PROBABLY LATTER.
1952

7/13/52  Good exercise – Beautiful thunder clouds – should be drenched soon
Frank H. Zander – Oakland
Alalacohn Clark – Palo Alto
H.C. Whisler

September 13, 1952  Joe Fitschen – Sierra Club
   Jesse F. Baley – U.C.L.A.
   Gordon D. Seele – CIT\textsuperscript{170}  Up S. Slope without incident

October 12, 1952  via SE Saddle and face
John C. Ohrenschall\textsuperscript{171}, SC RCS, Sacramento, Cal
James M. Carl, Mother Lode Chapter Sierra Club. RCS applicant. This is good enough for me.
Beautiful, warm day. 3:15pm from Nevada Falls this morning. Either this is minimum 5\textsuperscript{th} class, or I’m a poor climber. Probably latter.

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Joe Fitschen participated in four major first ascents\textsuperscript{172} in Yosemite Valley and climbed in many areas, especially Tahquitz Rock, so not much more need be said here except a snippet from a 1956 Tahquitz guide\textsuperscript{173}, “This route (Fitschen’s Folly) commemorates Joe Fitschen’s 170 foot fall from the slabs above the friction route.” He survived! Lucky for me as in 1962 he assisted in rescuing me

\textsuperscript{170} CIT is the California Institute of Technology from which Seele would later obtain a degree in Geochemistry. See also September 4, 1977.
\textsuperscript{172} http://www.yosemiteclimbing.org/content/yosemite-timeline
\textsuperscript{173} Climber’s Guide to Tahquitz Rock, Wilts and Wilson, 1956, p35. Fitchen’s Folly is the route, with Fitschen misspelled.
and a climbing partner in Yosemite when my partner was bitten by a rattlesnake on a route up Sunnyside Bench near Lower Yosemite Falls.

Joe sent this account of his Starr King adventure to me, and it was not, as said in the register, “without incident”:

Gordon Seele was sitting on the summit of Alta Peak when my mother and I arrived. Gordon was sixteen and about to be a freshman at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He was alone, while I was with my mother, but then I was two years younger. We hiked down together and exchanged addresses and phone numbers when we got to the cars. Differences in age were more crucial than differences in sex or anything else in those teen years. A bullying type might form a small gang of younger kids, or a guy having a little trouble with girls of his own age might see if he seemed more mature and sophisticated to a girl a year younger. Maybe this was more of a west coast phenomenon where it was more unusual than in the east for students to skip grades. Maybe it was more common then than now, but being in a certain grade in school was like being on an island. After that differentiation came social class, rather crudely defined, then religion. Race was not much of a factor since apart from a few Asians there was only one race in Glendale.

The difference in our ages didn’t seem to matter to Gordon, perhaps because he didn’t feel socially at ease with the older students at Caltech. Perhaps he just wanted someone to hike with. In any case, he could usually borrow his parents’ car, and my mother trusted him, so Gordon and I went on a number of day hikes in the local mountains. Even snow in the winter didn’t stop us. We would plow through it to some summit, certainly aware of our soggy boots and soaking jeans and cold fingers and ears and toes but not really bothered by it all. Just being in the snow was a novel and stimulating experience for a southern California kid.

The following summer, Gordon started talking about a more serious climb. He had a friend, Jesse, who wanted to climb Mt. Starr King, a cone of a dome tucked away behind Half Dome in Yosemite and a few hundred feet higher in elevation. None of the Sierra Clubbers I talked to knew much about it. Getting to the summit wasn’t just a hike. At one time
in the nineteenth century it was regarded, along with Half Dome itself, as one of the three remaining “problems” in the Yosemite region. Jesse’s mother wanted to spend a few days hiking in Yosemite, so late in the summer the four of us drove up to the Valley in her Nash. This was my first trip to Yosemite, and we surely drove through the tunnel and stopped to take in that magnificent view, and I surely saw El Capitan and the Cathedral Rocks rising like guardians at the gates and a little farther on Sentinel Rock and then, rising a mile above the head of the Valley, Half Dome and Clouds Rest. I saw, in short, a large part of my future, but I remember none of it. My mind was on Mt. Starr King. Gordon, Jesse, and I hoisted heavy packs and started up the Mist Trail past Vernal Fall and Nevada Fall. At the top of Nevada Fall, Jesse, who seemed to know where he was going, headed off the trail into the woods. We found large patches of underbrush. We found mazes of downed trees. We found that we could not see very far through the trees and could not be sure we were going in the right direction. We staggered on. We had estimated it would take a few hours to get to the base of the dome, but we didn’t find it until late afternoon.

Jesse, who paraded some expertise in the higher levels of mountaineering, told us how earlier alpinists would coat the base of their boots with pine pitch in order to get a better grip on the smooth granite. We considered the technique, but decided it was more trouble than it was worth, and the route didn’t look that steep. Jesse, expecting difficulties, had brought along some equipment to aid our ascent. He pulled from his pack 100 feet of quarter-inch manila rope. When I became more involved with real climbers I found that the lore of those days was rife with tales of young lads heading up to the cliffs with coils of clothesline, so we were relatively well equipped. (Still, mothers should hide the clothesline as well as the cleaning supplies and pistols used for self-defense. Uncounted numbers of our youth have been killed, or even maimed, because they foolishly relied on clothesline. Parachute cord is not much better and should exhibit product safety warning labels. All the same, even life is hazardous and may lead to death.) Jesse also produced a few Star drills and some eye bolts. You drilled a hole, he explained, put the bolt in the hole, and then threaded the rope through the hole in the bolt. Jesse didn’t have, nor seem to know about, pitons, carabiners, standard 7/16-inch
nylon climbing rope, or expansion bolts. As luck would have it, such equipment wasn’t necessary for an ascent of Mt. Starr King and wouldn’t have been useful since none of us knew even the rudiments of placing pitons or using the rope to belay another climber.

The next morning, with spirits high, we tackled the peak eager for success. The route was not very long or very difficult, but I remember thinking more than once that it would be best not to slip and fall. Taking note of this, however, is a long cry from being afraid of falling. Because of some quirk of neuronal wiring, exposure without fear equals exhilaration. This heightened state is probably a legacy of the prehistoric hunters. Fearful hunters did not survive. Exhilarated hunters not only returned with full bags but felt like going out again. Too simple a theory, perhaps, but the better climbers I know are in one way or another exhilaration junkies—not daredevils, not thrill seekers, but looking for that rush that’s often equated with freedom.

The granite slabs rising in a smooth line to the summit looked steeper than they actually were, the effect of foreshortening that the experienced mountaineer is accustomed to. Such an experienced climber could probably walk up these slabs with his hands in his pockets, but I didn’t know enough to trust my feet, and consequently I clawed at every available crack or handhold and was elated to find the occasional small ledge on which to rest. My heart pounded like a woodpecker and I panted like a hound. All of this made it seem like an even greater adventure.

In due course we stopped while Jesse drilled a hole (oh, the shame of it in retrospect). The point of this bolt placement was not to promote our safety. Rather, Jesse also had brought along an eight-millimeter movie camera, and he used the rope, doubled through the bolt, to support him while he moved out on the smooth face to be in a better position to film our desperate progress. He repeated this process several times as we got higher, so important was it that our feat should be duly recorded (who knows what visions now occupy the compressed files of innumerable video cams). Higher, the angle lessened, and we strolled up to the summit where we found a register stashed in a cairn. We signed our names, and while reading through the accounts of previous ascents I came across a
note someone had written earlier in the summer. The climber had left the Valley in the morning, hiked up a trail different from our route, ascended a steeper route on the other side of the peak by himself, and had arrived on top at two in the afternoon which left him plenty of time to get back down to the Valley well before dark. We were late into our second day and would not return to the car until the afternoon of the third day. We had succeeded in turning a day’s ramble into a three-day siege. Suddenly, our achievement seemed to lack finesse, style, skill. There was more to this climbing game than we had dreamed.

Climbing down is sometimes more tricky than climbing up, so we used the doubled rope through the bolts as a hand line on the steeper sections. I guess we had a bit of luck since the bolts stayed in the holes. We could easily have removed them by pulling out on them, but the tension from the rope and the low angle combined to keep them in place. Sometimes innocents get away with things; sometimes they don’t.

I’m not sure when I last saw Gordon, but I don’t remember any specific trips with him after that one. I was going on more and more Sierra Club trips, and I found that if the back packing and peak bagging were arduous enough my mother was not interested and would let others act in loco parentis. Perhaps in his second year at Caltech Gordon was adapting to the social scene, was able to make friends with the older students, and was becoming more self-conscious about hanging out with someone two years younger than himself. It was a friendship I would have liked to last longer.

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Joe’s method of ascent is not to be emulated, and the warning must be repeated:

**Climbing is dangerous. Climb at your own risk.**

**You can be seriously injured or killed in this sport.**
THE CLIMB HAS JUST BEGUN.

MAY 30, 1953 - N. E.
SLOPE COVERED WITH SNOW.
UP S. E. SLOPE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

JOHN C. OHRENSCHALL
S. C. R. C. S.
Mary Ann Cortell RP + CO
Rosenite SAC SC
Norah Staley Luciva Club
H. C. King H. M. C. A.A.C.
J. Davis SC RCS
The climb has just begun [and a small drawing accompanies]

1953

- John C. Ohrenschall,174 SC RCS
- Mary Ann Corthell175, YP&CC
- Norah Straley176 Sierra Club
- H.C. King HMC177 AAC
- J. Davis SC RCS

By the year and the companions, J. Davis is probably Jack Davis178 who participated in four first ascents179 in Yosemite Valley. This entry highlights a problem of looking up people with common last names and no complete first name. Jack Davis’ first ascents were the Northwest Ledges on Cloud’s Rest, the Northwest Buttress of Middle Cathedral Rock, the East Buttress of Middle Cathedral Rock, and the North Face Traverse of Middle Cathedral Rock.

174 Ohrenschall also climbed Starr King on October 12, 1952 and June 26, 1962.
175 Mary Ann Corthell made the first ascent of John’s Other Chimney with John Ohrenschall in Yosemite Valley. A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley, Steve Roper, 1964, p. 167. Her name would become Mary Ann Matthews, but she was also known as Corky. She was a Stanford graduate and active in the Stanford Alpine Club. See also her July 15, 1966 and her July 21, 1967 entries in this register.
176 Norah Straley was on the first ascent of the East Face of Ragged Peak with Warren Harding and Ray Alcott on August 16, 1953.
177 Harvard Mountaineering Club
178 Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rock Climber by Steve Roper, 1994 p. 58
179 http://www.yosemiteclimbing.org/content/yosemite-timeline
June 30, 1953

8PM - Started. 10AM - Perfect day - up N. Slope -
Frank de Saussure - UCHC
Phil George - Alameda

Comfortable climb. Wearing appropriate summer attire.

July 11, 1953

Wonderful trip except I am terribly thirsty - Can't wait till we get to snow bank where the fruit juice is hidden.

Many thanks S.C. Mr. and Mrs. Jenam S.C.

Goddam! What friction!

P.E. Herriman
(Nevada Women's Marching & Chowder Society)

Phil George - Alameda
June 20, 1953  3pm  Started 10am from Gl. Pt.- Perfect day – up N. Slope
Frank deSaussure, UCHC¹⁸⁰
Phil George, Alameda
Comfortable climb wearing appropriate summer attire!

July 11, 1953  Wonderful trip except I am terribly thirsty – Can’t wait till we get
to snow bank where the fruit juice is hidden
Margy Fischer  SC
Alice Jensen UCHC SC  Me too!
P.E. Merriman (New Asmolian Marching and Chowder Society).  God!
What Friction!
Phil George, Alameda

¹⁸⁰ UCHC is the University of California at Berkeley Hiking Club. Frank deSaussure
did a lot of mountaineering, including rock climbing, in California, the Northwest, and
British Columbia. He is listed as Warren Harding’s partner in Wikipedia on the first
ascents in 1954 of North West Books and the Left & Right Water Cracks, Lembert
Dome, Tuolumme Meadows, CA.
July 29, 1953

Started at Glacier Point at 7:40 AM and came by way of SW saddle. The friction is nice even with rubber lug soles on. Brought a beginner with me as second man. Did a good job. Weather good and got to camp at 1:45 PM. Must go back to blister, rest tomorrow. Hatreds to thank of going back to work.

Leader: Ralph Edgrim Sutton 122 Middlefield Rd.

Palm Alto and RCS of Toma Priesty Chapter of Sierra Club

Beginner: John Oakmen Shore Acres Houston, Texas

We're glad they made it!!

Attn: Mrs. Ralph
July 29, 1953  Started at Glacier Point at 7:40 AM and came up by way of SW saddle. The friction is nice even with rubber lug soles on. Brought a beginner with me as second man. He did a good job. Weather good and got to top at 1:45 PM. Must be back to blister rust\(^{181}\) tomorrow. Hate to think of going back to work.

Ralph Edwin Sutton, Leader, 1221 Middleford Rd Palo Alto, and RCS of Loma Prieta Chapter of Sierra Club
John Ochsner, Beginner, Shore Acres Houston Texas

We’re glad they made it!! attn Bay, Ralphpie

\(^{181}\) Blister rust is a fungus that attacks pine trees. An intermediate host for the fungus is the gooseberry bush (genus Ribes). Control refers to a project in many public forests where the gooseberry bushes are eradicated by spraying a chemical similar to Agent Orange.
Aug 18 1958

Left Glacier Point at 7:00 am, arrived here at 11:15. Complete friction on peton. Scrambled up prop. out of me.

Checker at Camp 16 Store Yosemite Park

Paul Houston

Same party - Employee in Village Store - got dirty pants - LACC - Forestry Major - Gary Smart

Same party as above. I think if was a pretty good climb.

Jack Stitt
Aug 13 1953  Rod Houston - Left Glacier Point at 7:00 arrived here at 11:15. Complete friction – no piton – scared the crap out of me. Checker at Camp 16 Store Yosemite Park Gary Smart. Same party – employee in Village Store – got dirty pants – LACC – Forestry major Jack Stitt. Same party as above. I think it was a pretty good climb.
Oct 6, 1953
Dave Hammack  Tom武装
George Larimore  RCS
via N/E face
without incident & water

10 October 53
up NNE slope after
attempt on NNW slope
(very interesting pitches
around there)

George W. Whitmore  S.C.
Eric Kinchman  R.C.S.

10/13/53
Ned English
Oct 6, 1953  Dave Hammack, Loma Prieta RCS
    George Larimore, Loma Prieta RCS
    Via NE face without incident and water

10 October 53  Up NNE slope after attempt on NNW slope (very interesting pitches around there)
    George W. Whitmore, SC RCS
    Eric Kirchner, SC RCS

10/13/53  Ned English

1954

PAGES MISSING.
The climbing year of 1954

The last entry on this page is from October 13, 1953. The entry on the following page is from May 21, 1955. Considering the number of climbs normally made in a year, it is likely that pages were removed here containing 1954 entries.

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182 On June 2, 1951 David Hammack was on the first ascent of a class 4 Middle Brother route named From Michael’s Ledge with Ronald Hahn, Anton Nelson, and John Salathé A Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley, Steve Roper, 1964, p. 71
5-21-55
Descended from the SE saddle—pole ascent
Dick Markham
San Carlos, Calif.

5-29-55
Started from Mono Mds. at 12:30 p.m., attained summit Utg South face. (Tehhipite Ck.)
George Sessions S.C. R.C.S. Fresno
Richard Caldfwood S.C. R.C.S. Fresno (edit)

Ralph Richardson
Tell Trip: It is good luck on getting down — June 15, 1955

6-21-55
John Megram
John Henneberger - NPS
SE Saddle
1955

5-21-55  14:10  Ascended from the SE saddle – solo ascent
          Dick Markfin, San Carlos Calif

5-29-55  Started from Mono Mds. At 12:30 p.m.  Attained summit via south face
          George Sessions, SC RCS (Tehipite Chapter)
          Richard Calderwood SC RCS Fresno Calif

June 15, 1955  Ralph Richardson.  Solo trip.  It is Good Luck on getting down

6-21-55  John Merriam
          John Henneberger – NPS
          SE Saddle

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George Sessions went on to participate in six first ascents in Yosemite Valley. Calderwood had five in addition to spending some time on the Nose of El Capitan with Harding as the first ascent unfolded. In 1960 I picked up Calderwood as a partner on the first ascent of Coonyard Pinnacle on Glacier Point Apron, the pre-eminent location for friction climbing in Yosemite Valley. He was a solid climber and a good companion. He later taught rock climbing at a Junior College in Fresno.

185 Also climbed the peak on June 17, 1958
187 Calderwood’s first ascents:  Arches Terrace, Phantom Pinnacle Left Side, Coonyard Pinnacle, Hangover Buttress, Juliette’s Flake Right Side, First free ascent of Arches Terrace.
June 25, 1955
From Glacier B.C.

John Stagner - joint leader
Lyn R. Wright
Florence Richmond
Blaine Charles (9th ascent)
Clarence Richmond

Oct 22, 1955
Mono Mts at 9:30 AM
Summit via north slope 1955 21st
Dale Doreotte - TADPH + USAF
Richard Sheffield
San Diego R.C.S.

Two weeks expected up in

Bill Tewen - R.C.S.
Heb White - Lynbrook, New York
June 25, 1955 From Glacier Pt.
  John Yeager\textsuperscript{188} \textbackslash
  Lyn R Wright\textsuperscript{189} / Joint Leaders
  Florence Richmond\textsuperscript{190}
  Alan McCharles\textsuperscript{191} (9\textsuperscript{th} ascent)
  Clarence Richmond\textsuperscript{192}

Oct 22, 1955 Mono Mds at 9:30 AM. Summit via NW slope easy 4\textsuperscript{th}
  Dail Doucette, Tehipite Ch & USAF
  Richard Sheffield, San Diego RCS
  Two preons [sic] expected up in the near furtle [sic]

  Bill Feuerer\textsuperscript{193} RCS
  Herb White\textsuperscript{194}, Lynbrook New York

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This is a reunion for McCharles and Wright who were last up together in 1937. McCharles is done now, but Wright will have three more ascents after this one.

Bill Feuerer attained enduring fame in the climbing community as “The Dolt” for his climbing equipment. As a rock climber and student at UCLA I frequented his shop, The Dolt Hut, on Sawtelle Blvd in Los Angeles from 1959-1960. Bill was a slow talker but not a dolt. He was on the start of the El Capitan Nose project with Harding in 1957, and one prominent ledge on the route was named “Dolt Tower” after Feuerer. He is listed on five first ascents in Yosemite Valley, The Arrowhead Arete, Lower Cathedral Rock North Buttress, The Footstool Right

\textsuperscript{188}John Yeager also ascended Starr King on June 1, 1957 and June 21, 1958.
\textsuperscript{189}Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, Jul 20, 1937, October 13, 1956, June 1, 1957, June 21, 1958 and June 25, 1960.
\textsuperscript{190}Florence Richmond’s also ascended Starr King on October 13, 1956.
\textsuperscript{192}Clarence Richmond’s also ascended Starr King on October 13, 1956.
\textsuperscript{193}Feuerer also ascended Starr King on May 30, 1971
\textsuperscript{194}White also ascended Starr King on July 1, 1956.
Side, Penny Pinnacle East Arete and Rixon’s Pinnacle West Face. He is also listed for a first free ascent of the Overhang Route on Lower Cathedral Rock. All except Rixon’s (done with Tom Frost) were climbed with Mark Powell. The reader is directed to Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rock Climber by Steve Roper for a wealth of detail about Bill Feuerer.

Another statistic that can be found in the registers is the distribution of the number of climbers in the parties that ascend the peak.

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| **Totals**     | **453**          | **1363**           |

A party size of “1” means the climb was a solo endeavor, no ropes and essentially done third class. A party size of 23 means a group ascent by an organization such as the Sierra Club’s Sierra Peaks Section. Plotting the two variables, party size and number of parties ascending the peak, we get a beautiful curve in which only
parties of nine stand out as anomalous. Why people sort themselves so neatly into groups of differing sizes, solos climbers aside, is an interesting question for the psychologists who concern themselves with risk and its mitigation.
5 Nov 55
From Pentland face
C.P. N face. May
near 6000 ft. Pitch handy
in learning.
72.50

1956

June 9. Bill Keasbey & Don Goodrich: We found this thing only after a bit of wandering in the brush. Came from camp on Clark Fork. A perfect day, but the guide should mention that pitons are essential for anchoring on the S.E. (regular?) route. Water!

+ 12 June 1959
Mr. Comello

Going down on our roller skates.
5 Nov 55  From Mono trail and Glacier Point Rd & up N Face. Max use of existing pitons – rain in morning
F. L. Davenport,
Zyal Clark

1956

June 9, 1956  Bill Keasbey, UCHC
Don Goodrich, UCHC
We found this thing only after a bit of wandering in the brush. Came from camp on Clark Fork. A perfect day but the guide should mention that pitons are essential for anchoring on the SE (regular?) route. Water! Going down on our roller skates.

† 12 June 1959 Mt. Conness [This annotation was probably written by Krehe Ritter when he was on Mt. Starr King on July 8, 1959 and regards Don Goodrich]

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Don Goodrich participated in seven first ascents in Yosemite Valley, including the slab Pinnacle on the Glacier Point Apron named for him, Goodrich Pinnacle, Dinner Ledge, Lower Brother Middle West Face, Obscurity Traverse, Point Beyond, Rixon’s Pinnacle East Chimney, Monday Morning Slab Right Side, and Goodrich Pinnacle Left Side. As the cross annotation placed near his entry indicates, Goodrich was killed on the 1200 foot southwest face of Mt. Conness when he pulled a loose block of rock off and fell. A memorial plaque was placed near the wall, and his name endures on the climbs of and to Goodrich Pinnacle. Krehe Ritter was on the Mt. Conness climb with Goodrich.
June 24, 1956
Ken McKeen and Dick Marchin
2:00 PM. From Glacier Point.

June 28
Bart Hooley 11:20
Max Allen 10:31

Hooley a fast hiker.

JULY 1 , 1956 11:30 PM
Presidio of Monterey
Alpine Club
Herb White, Livermore, N.Y.
Chuck Aniguie, Fermi Falls
(Minnesota)

and we have 250 miles to hitch back this afternoon, yet!!
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    Max Allen    10:31
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July 1, 1956  Presidio of Monterey Alpine Club
    Herb White\textsuperscript{195}, Lynbrook N.Y.
    Chuck Argue, Fergus Falls Minnesota
    And we have 250 miles to hitch back this afternoon, yet!!

\textsuperscript{195} White also ascended Starr King on October 22, 1955.
July 30 - 1956

Ascent via North East Face
1. George Sessions
2. Dennis Wills
Fresno
Sierra Club R.C.S.
Perfect Day!!

Oct. 13, 1956
Clear, sunny, warm
She Rockmonds - Clarence - Ho
Slick - Leader
Jim Roughton - Leader
Helen Kemmety
Sierra Club Not Rock Climbing

May 31, 1957
Kenneth D. Adams, Sc., A.A.C.
Morgan Harris, SC R.C.S

June 1, 1957 - from N.E.
Nice snow - Wet rock climb
Very warm on top. Time from
Glacier Point 1½ hrs.
Vernon Jones - R.C.S.
July 30 1956  Ascent of North East Face  
   1. George Sessions\textsuperscript{196}  
   2. Dennis Wills  
   Fresno Sierra Club RCS. Perfect day!!

Oct 13, 1956  Clear, sunny, warm  
   The Richmonds – Clarence (Leader) – Flo\textsuperscript{197}  
   Roseann Lenel  
   Lyn R. Wright\textsuperscript{198} (Leader)  
   Helen Kennitzer  
   Sierra Club NOT Rock Climbing Section  
   \textbf{1957}

May 21, 1957  Kenneth D. Adam\textsuperscript{199}, S.C., A.A.C.  
   Morgan Harris\textsuperscript{200}, SC RCS

June 1, 1957  From NE. Nice snow – wet rock climb. Very warm on top. Time from Glacier Point 6 1/2 hours  
   Vernon Jones  
   Ron Smith\textsuperscript{201}  
   Angeles Chapter Sierra Club RCS

\begin{itemize}
\item Sessions also climbed Starr King on May 9, 1955, May 30, 1959 and July 25, 1965.  
\item The Richmond’s also ascended Starr King on June 25, 1955  
\item Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, Jul 20, 1937, June 25, 1955, June 1, 1957, June 21, 1958 and June 25, 1960.  
\item See also May 29, 1937 and May 27, 1944  
\item This was a 20\textsuperscript{th} anniversary climb for Harris. He was last up the peak on July 27, 1937. Adam was also on the peak in 1937, and he had an intervening trip up in 1944.  
\item R. Smith was on the first free ascent of The Consolation at Tahquitz Rock in the 1950’s, but it is impossible to know if this is the same person.
\end{itemize}
January 1, 1952
Chuck Edwards - Dr. Loomis
Bruce McRitchie
John Yeager
Kate Yeager
Dick McRitchie
Sue Wright

June 8, 1957
Dave Rearick from S.E.
John Barry

August 3, 1957
Merrell Olson, Henry Benton, wild students of C.H.E.
Used ropes and lashing
Rilers on S.E. Face. Warm
Day, no water. Caught wind
Start club dues to install
Drinking fountain, Mr. Bowen.
June 1, 1957  Chuck Edwards – In lead
  Bruce McIntosh\textsuperscript{202}
  John Yeager\textsuperscript{203}
  Kate Yeager\textsuperscript{204}
  Dick McIntosh
  Lyn Wright\textsuperscript{205}

June 8, 1957  David Rearick\textsuperscript{206}
  John Gary
  From S.E. Saddle

August 3, 1957  Merrel Olson
  George Burton
  Med students at C.M.E. Used ropes and existing pitons on S.E. face.
  Warm day, no water. Ought to use Sierra Club dues to install drinking
  fountain, Mr. Brower!

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Dave Rearick had six first ascents in Yosemite Valley, the first ascent of the
Diamond on Long’s Peak in Colorado with Bob Kamps, as well as being a
climber of note at Tahquitz. He was also a legendary building climber at Cal
Tech.

\textsuperscript{202} Also climbed the peak on June 25, 1960
\textsuperscript{203} John Yeager also ascended Starr King on June 25, 1955 and June 21, 1958.
\textsuperscript{204} Kate Yeager also ascended Starr King on June 21, 1958.
\textsuperscript{205} Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, Jul 20, 1937,
\textsuperscript{206} Rearick also climbed Starr King on October 7, 1967.
Sept. 1, 1957 10:20 A.M.
Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club
1. Delmar Janson
2. Jack Rushin
3. Maggie Lawson (Gt. Britain) guest

March 2, 1958
Bill Dunmore (up NNE route on skis)
Dick Steenmark (skis off 800' down)

June 16, 1958
N.E. Route, 3 clay pits, melting snow, much of rock wet,
Bill Doolittle 900' up, Redwood Calif., New York City,

June 17, 1958
John Maxwell
Raining hard
Raining hard

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Sept 1, 1957  Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club
   Del Mar Janson
   Jack Rankin\textsuperscript{207}
   Maggie Lanson (Gt. Britain) guest

1958

March 2, 1958  Bill Dunmire\textsuperscript{208}
   Dick Stenmark
   Up NNE Route.  On skis.  Skis off 300’ down

June 15, 1958  NE Route,  I climbed with 5 pitons.  Melting snow, much of rock
   wet.
   Bill Doub\textsuperscript{209} Piedmont Calif
   Nancy Carlson New York N.Y.

June 17, ’58 John Merriam\textsuperscript{210}
   Rocky Reinhart
   Rainy, Hail.  4 pitons

\textsuperscript{207} Warren Harding was introduced to climbing by Jack Rankin, a CalTrans Engineer
   and lifelong Sierra Club member.  Rankin also climbed Starr King on August 9, 1966.
\textsuperscript{208} First Ascents in Yosemite Valley:  Harris' Hangover, Phantom Pinnacle Left Side
   (Regular Route), El Cap Tree Regular Route, Lower Cathedral Rock Overhang
   Bypass, Middle Cathedral Rock Northwest Buttress, El Capitan East Ledge Traverse
\textsuperscript{209} Doub also ascended Starr King on September 17, 1964
\textsuperscript{210} Also climbed the peak on June 21, 1955
June 21, 1958
Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee Trip

Shirley Herlekin
Lindan Herlekin
Larry Williams - leader
Magdalena March
Lyn Wright
John & Kate Young
Alan Steen - leader
Walt Hartsough
Frank Hubbard
John Dorsey - leader

June 22, 1958
Jack Maling
George Mowat
Jack "Pothead"
Jack "Weebles"

Sept 24, 1958
Clifford Deal
came up South Face blaster point highest left slashes found 7:10 AM.
at sea level 11:05 AM.
June 21, 1958  Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee Trip
Shirley Hertlein
Norman Hertlein
Larry Williams – Leader
Magdalene Heil
Lyn Wright
John Yeager
Kate Yeager
Alan Steen – Leader
Walt Hartgough
Frank Hibbard
John Dorsey – Leader

June 22, 1958  Jack Maling
George Mowat
Joan Luce Stauffer
Jack Weicker

Sept 6, 1958  Clyde E. Deal, Came up south face.  Glacier Point Hotel.  Left Glacier Point 7:40 A.M. arrived summit 11:05 A.M.

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211 Cattle ranchers today.
213 John Yeager also ascended Starr King on June 25, 1955 and June 1, 1957.
214 Kate Yeager also ascended Starr King on June 1, 1957.
215 Maling was a member of the Stanford Alpine Club.
216 George Mowat had his MS in Geology in 1954 from Stanford where he was a builderer.
217 Also a member of the Stanford Alpine Club.
218 First ascents in Yosemite Valley: The Footstool Left Side, Parkline Slab Right Side.
May 9, 1959
R. Stein - Occidental Pota. Club - Fred A.
S. Neice - Sierra Club
M. L. Mead - South Face

May 30, 1959 via South
Gary West (age 13)
Merle Egley SCRC
George Sessions SCRC

Irving Smith (Age 16)

June 25, '59
Southeast face

Peter Allen (age 16)

Kerry Allen

Robert Paul Allen " 54 (lake)
("The Old Man") 2nd ascent Oct 13, 1954

July 4, 1959

Ray Van Arden, Chinklake
Bob Sherron
1959

May 9, 1959  R. Stein\textsuperscript{219} – Occasional peak gang, Palo Alto
    S. Neice – Sierra Club
    Mono Meadows - South Face

May 30, 1959  via south
    Gary Hunt (Age 13)
    Merle Alley\textsuperscript{220} SCRCs
    George Sessions\textsuperscript{221} SCRCs
    \(\dagger\)Irving Smith (Age 16)

June 25, ’59 Southeast Face
    Peter Allen (Age 16)
    Perry Allen (Age 14)
    Robert Paul Allen (Age 54) (Abe) The old man. 2\textsuperscript{nd} ascent – 1\textsuperscript{st} on 7/16/39

July 4, 1959  Ray Van Aken, China Lake
    Bob Stirton

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I added the cross next to Irving Smith’s name in the transcription. He died less than a year later, March 19, 1960 at age 17, when he was descending into “The Notch” to make a climb of the Lost Arrow in Yosemite Valley with Gerald Dixon. Dixon ascended Mt. Starr King on April 29, 1960, the month following Smith’s death.

\textsuperscript{219} Stein also climbed Starr King on October 8, 1966.
\textsuperscript{221} Sessions also climbed Starr King on May 9, 1955, July 20, 1956 and July 25, 1965.
6 July 1959
Raul R. Johnson Jr.
Stan E. Kavan

8 July 1959
Steve Roper, SCRCs
Terry Ritter, UCHC, SCACs
4 hours from Glacier Point road
via South Face - Class 3

12 July 1959
up from N.E. side 4th class
1st 4th. Class climb.
weather: partly cloudy, warm
Grant View hope to make
a repeat. (11 a.m.)
Doug Peterson (leader), Sic
Bob Hackamack. Sic inspection

30 August 1957
Via. W. Face -
Geil & Al Baxter
6 July 1959  Paul R. Johnson Jr.
    Stan F. Kahan

8 July 1959  Steve Roper SCRCs
    Krehe Ritter UCHC SCRCs
    4 hours from Glacier Point Road via south face – class 3

12 July 1959  Up from N.E. side.  4th class.  1st 4th class climb.  Weather; partly
    cloudy, warm.  Grand view.  Hope to make a repeat. (11 pitons)
    Doug Peterson (leader) SC Knapsacker
    Bob Hackamack. SC Knapsacker

30 August 1957  via N. Face
    Gail Baxter
    Al Baxter

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Steve Roper’s name is known to climbers around the world for his guide books
and other writings. Two of his books are a must for the reader of this register:
Camp 4 - Recollections of a Yosemite Rockclimber and A Climber’s Guide to
Yosemite Valley (red or green). The books give excellent history of much of the
times covered by the Starr King registers. Steve lived in Berkeley at the time of
this ascent and was a frequenter of Indian Rock and other Bay Area climbing
locales when I was in Berkeley. Our names are linked in Yosemite by our first
ascent with Tom Naylor of Nevada Flake, a slab resting on the cliff to the right of
Nevada Falls. And so in March 2007 I sent a copy of the register page to Steve
and he replied with a description of his second climb of Mt. Starr King in 2002,
43 years after his first:

    September 16, 2002: David Cook and I are off to Mono

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222 Ritter’s Yosemite First Ascents: Lower Arch Traverse, Penny-Nickel Arete, Split
    Pinnacle East Arete, Goodrich Pinnacle Left Side, Goodrich Pinnacle-Coonyard
    Traverse. First Free Ascent: Circular Staircase,
223 Baxter’s Yosemite First Ascents: Middle Watkins Pinnacle, Upper Watkins
    Pinnacle

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Meadows Trailhead on the Glacier Point Road, then a one-hour hike with huge packs down to a campsite on the opposite side of Illilouette Creek, which we had been unable to cross in July 1998. Easy this time, with good rocks keeping our feet dry.

September 17, 2002: Off at dawn for Mt. Starr King, which I hadn't climbed since July 8, 1959. The approach, also with huge packs (rope, rack, 8 quarts of water, clothes, food etc.) was strenuous, with some deadfall, a bit of Manzanita and interminable steep slabs covered with ball-bearing grit. It took probably three hours to gain the 2,500 feet to the top of the lower, middle dome. Here I saw an amazing sight at this remote place at this hour on a weekday in mid-September: two 35- to 40-year-olds gazing upward at the main dome. They turned out to be brothers named Strickland who had a rope and a rack but were staring at what looked like a nasty route. They decided to watch us.

We raced up the route in less than 20 minutes, Cook leading the "hard" section, a 30-foot 5.3 corner. I led off from his belay spot (the route above doesn't go up a nasty- looking, right-slanting slot but rather goes out left and up easy friction) for about 100 feet to the unroping spot. The summit was five minutes away. Great views of Half Dome and the Tuolumne area. We descended with the rope off poor anchors, usually using a hand line but two stretches with short rappels. The two brothers were impressed, saying they would forego the experience. "We don't have your confidence," one brother said. This made our day, naturally.

Back to camp around 1:30 p.m. with very tired legs.

September 18, 2002: Off near first light. The three-mile journey out was very hard on the legs and took probably 90 minutes (a 1,000-foot elevation gain). Back in Oakland by 1 p.m.

Roper’s write up contains valuable advice. First is the Illilouette Creek which can run so high in spring and early summer that crossing it may be impossible or dangerous. A register entry on August 6, 1967 indicates that a climber drowned on the return of a July 4, 1967 trip up the peak. The second piece of advice is that the approach to the Anderson route contains unsure footing in places as well as the possibility of running into Manzanita thickets. Finally, the difficulty ratings of the route vary from Third Class to Fifth Class, depending on the climber and the day. Friction climbing is usually on low angle rock, but it sometimes is hard for one to become adjusted to the lack of positive holds.
Oct 11, 1959
Carlson Alpine Club
Left Nevada Falls 6:45 AM
Climbed north face (class 5)
On top 11:30 AM (first 2)

Phil Annot Redwood City
Jack Lindley Mt. View
Harry Farwood Belmont
Dave Wing San Carlos
Jim Day San Carlos

Oct 15, 1959
Jim Wilson Livermore
Fred Martin Livermore

31 April 1960
Up north face on marginal snow conditions
(4 bolts for protection
and crapped points on daggers)
Ice axes essential under these conditions to judge depth
and quality of cover.
Angelo Whitmore
Fresno
Oct 11, 1959  Carlmont Alpine Club.  Left Nevada Falls 6:45AM climbed north face (class 5) on top 11:30 AM (first 2)
Phil Arnot, Redwood City
Jack Lindley, Mt. View
Harry Pancoast, Belmont
Dave Wing, San Carlos
Jim Day, San Carlos

Oct 18, 1959  Jim Wilson, Livermore
Fred Martin, Livermore

1960
31 April 1960  Up NNE face on marginal snow conditions (4 bolts for protection – and rappel points on descent).  Ice ax essential under these conditions to probe depth and quality of cover.
George W. Whitmore, Fresno

Aside from assigning 31 days to April, Whitmore’s ascent highlights a problem that has plagued the Yosemite rock climbing community, the placement of unnecessary bolts which scar and alter the rock permanently. Mt. Starr King had been climbed by people alone and in tennis shoes as a reading of this register shows. Other winter ascents of the peak were made without bolts, including the first in 1937. Whitmore could have done as the climbers did on November 6, 1971, declare “No guts” and go around to the Southeast route.

224 Mt Starr King ascents on October 15, 1961, July 7, 1962
225 Lindley’s other Starr King ascent was on October 15, 1961
Sunday 15 May 1960
George Wallach, S.C., S.S. Berkeley,
Manuel Thiebaux, Berkeley

From S.E. Saddle

29 March 1940
S.E. Saddle
Jerry Dixon 
FRENO

May 29, 1960
Northwest Side

Amel & Pat. Glenn
L.A. Chamber of Commerce

Dec. 10, 1960

Nov 25, 1960
St. John's Bay Chapter, Montgomery, Linton

James V. Wickens (SCPS)

Luc Wright, 1st Sec., SC

Warren C. Hard

Sharon Backman S.C.

Lavere Hewitt S.C.

Frank Pachter S.C.

Bruce A. Theobald S.C.
May 15, 1960  Sunday
George Wallerstein, SC, SPS, Berkeley
Martial Thiebaux\textsuperscript{228}, Berkeley
From SE Saddle

29 May 1960  SE Saddle
Jerry Dixon\textsuperscript{229}  \  Fresno
BethD--ling\textsuperscript{230}  /

May 29, 1960  Northeast Side
Arvel Gentry
Pat Gentry
LA Chapter Sierra Club RCS will descend by SE saddle

June 25, 1960  Sierra Club Bay Chapter Mountaineering Section
Frances J. Wolcott\textsuperscript{231} (SCRCS)
Lyn Wright\textsuperscript{232} Mtrng Sec SC
Warren E. Cade, SC
Sharon Bachman, SC
Diane Westman, SC
Frank Sacherer, SC
Bruce A. McIntosh\textsuperscript{233}, SC

Having finished his second year in college, and with mostly old timers and ladies, Frank Sacherer makes a humble ascent of Mt. Starr King to begin a climbing

\textsuperscript{228} Thiebaux also climbed Starr King on August 1, 1964
\textsuperscript{229} Dixon’s first ascents in Yosemite Valley: Ahwahnee Buttress, Hangover Buttress.
\textsuperscript{230} Name unreadable.
\textsuperscript{231} Wolcott also ascended Starr King on May 13, 1961
\textsuperscript{232} Wright also ascended Starr King on July 24, 1933, July 15, 1934, Jul 20, 1937, June 25, 1955, October 13, 1956, June 1, 1957 and June 21, 1958.
\textsuperscript{233} Also climbed the peak on June 1, 1957
career which would see him become one of the greats in Yosemite rock climbing history. I was privileged to have known Frank for a year or so and did many climbs with him in Yosemite in the fall of 1961. Frank is given a good write-up by Steve Roper in Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rockclimber. Frank died in 1978 on The Shroud in the Swiss Alps. He was working as a theoretical physicist at Cern at the time and was buried in a small cemetery in Chamonix. In May 2010 his ashes were returned to the United States through the efforts of Janice Sacherer, and after a ceremony were cast to the winds in Yosemite National Park.

By now we have all but forgotten about William Kat who made so many ascents of Mt. Starr King in the 1930’s and 1940’s. But he was not entirely done with the mountain. On page 34 of The Ahwahnee, Yosemite’s Classic Hotel, Shirley Sargent has this: “Kat … remained with the [Yosemite Park and Curry] Company until his retirement in 1946. At 88, he made his 20th ascent of Mount Starr King and lived until the age of 97…”

Sometimes authors get it a little wrong, and that’s forgivable if it makes a better story. In this instance the author made two errors: William Kat was born June 20, 1875 and was within a week of being 85 years old in 1960 when he and I, his 18 year old grandson, set out to climb Mt. Starr King for what he told me would be his 20th ascent. The second error is apparent when one does not see our signatures in the register. This is what really happened….

We walked over to the store and purchased food for the hike and climb. I let Grandpa do all the shopping to ensure that he would get what he, a vegetarian, liked. Nuts, raisins, bread, and chocolate were picked. I grabbed a can of tuna and a pack of mincemeat so I wouldn’t starve. With that done, I was to meet him at 5:00 am and we would head out. Of course, for me to get there at 5:00 I had to be up earlier so I could walk the mile or two across the Valley from Camp 4 to the Housekeeping area.

303 Thirty three first ascents or first free ascents are attributed to Sacherer in five seasons, a stout record for the time, or any time.
At 5:00 we started out in the coming light, past the aroma of burning trash at the dump that used to be a little ways from Camp Curry and the multitude of bears hanging around it. We went up the mist trail to the top of Vernal Falls in the still morning air and then continued on the foot trail to the top of Nevada Falls which we reached about 9. We weren’t fast, but it seemed we did OK. At the top of Nevada Falls the trail is on the left side of the river, but we had to be on the right side to go up to the peak, so we immediately were hiking cross country trending ever up. We needed to gain about 3000 feet to get to the summit dome. Above 6000 feet walking uphill can be hard work if one is not fit, or if one is 85. We slowed dramatically as the elevation increased, and at about 8000 feet I suggested perhaps it was too much and we should go back as Grandpa was breathing heavily and resting every ten steps. I was carrying all the gear, climbing rope, food, water, so he was unencumbered. I was in top condition and was just idling along and so got a lot of great views of the side of Half Dome you normally don’t see as we made our way up the slope. Red snow plants peaked out of the soil.

Grandpa would hear none of turning back, and above 8000 feet continued with ten small steps, then rest, ten steps, then rest, with the rest times getting longer as we went up. It was excruciatingly slow, and I could tell by the sun that time was beginning to move against us as we needed to be get back down to the Valley before dark. In our favor was the fact that June has the most daylight, but even so going down can be difficult when one is tired.

Finally we reached the base of the summit dome on the Northeast side. We had no watch, but by compass, a stick, and a circle drawn in the dirt I figured it was about 3pm, although it was probably later. We had been going for at least 10 hours, and we only had five or six hours of light left. I again suggested that we go back, but Grandpa said, “No, let’s give a try.” As I looked at him I noticed his face was a bluish hue, and at that moment I realized I had made a terrible error in bringing him up that far, and we were perhaps going to be in trouble. So I said that the route looked to tough for us, and that he was too tired. Grandpa said not to worry, I should just climb up and he would not climb, but go hand over hand up the rope. I looked at his hands, incredibly thick and tough from a life of carpentry, and almost agreed, but then thought that if he lost his grip on the rope he would fall and he would surely die, if not from the fall, then from exposure in the night. So I said it just looked too hard for me, and I was afraid for something
bad going wrong if I fell. He looked at me and said, “I understand, Bill. We go down.”

We took a short break, finished the water, and Grandpa said we could get back faster if we went down a different way than we had come up. This is against the general rule of going down a different way unless it is known in advance, but he had been up there 19 times before, so I agreed. Instead of going back down to the main trail on the Merced River at the top of Nevada Falls, we would go down a steeper but shorter looking route down the northwest side of the peak toward Illilouette Creek where we would pick up the trail to the top of Nevada Falls.

As it turned out, we ended up in an extensive talus slope covered with Manzanita bushes. Manzanita grows and then partly dies so the branches are inflexible and tear at your clothes as you bushwhack through them. The slope was mostly rubble and footing was not good. We went slowly, even with gravity on our side. It is often the case that a steep descent is as difficult as the ascent, or more so if one is tired. We reached the trail by the creek as light was fading in the canyon and headed toward the Merced River. I had Grandpa lead the way so he could set the pace at whatever was comfortable, and it was a good thing, too, as I had to shout at him a couple of times as he started to walk off the trail. It was then he told me his vision wasn’t so good in the twilight and dark, and that I should lead the way. I later learned he was becoming blind in one eye. I hoped for a moon to light up the night, but there was none. That night would get so dark you could see the Milky Way with a glance.

I started to lead the way slowly, constantly glancing back, and again he walked off the trail. I told Grandpa that it was no good; we were going to have to stop. But he said, “No, you get a stick and you hold on to one end, and I will hold onto the other and you will lead me down.” The next time he walked off the trail holding the stick while I was still on the trail, he walked on the other side of a tree and almost knocked us both over. We agreed to stop for the night.

The first problem I had to address was water. It was difficult to get down to the crashing stream at the bottom of the canyon to get some and then climb back up in near dark over granite covered by slick pine needles. That done, I had to get a fire going. I thanked my lucky stars I had tossed matches into my pack, just in case. It was hard finding sticks to burn in the dark, and I had to do plenty of work to
kick out a barrier around where the fire was to be so as not to set off a forest fire, although the thought occurred to me that might have gotten us some help. I asked Grandpa if he wanted me to run down to the Valley and get help, but that really made him testy, “No, I will walk out tomorrow.” So we began the night, first with finishing the only food left, the bread which we toasted over the fire, then with trying to stay warm. As the night went on, Grandpa who had only a shirt and sweater was shivering and making noises and I was worried so I put my sweatshirt on him and spent the night in a t-shirt. I rotated sides every so often and kept the fire going all the time, hot on one side, frozen on the other. We spent the night at about 6500 feet in the open, and it wasn’t warm. Of course we were lucky that the night was not really cold and there was no wind.

With the first light we began the walk down to the Valley and made it by about 9 a.m., another four hours on the trail. I left Grandpa at his housekeeping cabin and caught the bus for my summer job. I got all kinds of flak from my Mom and Aunt who asked what had been going on in my mind to make me take Grandpa on the trek. Apparently he was told by the doctor not to leave the Valley floor due to his heart. What could I say? No one told me.

During the summer up in Idaho at the Forest Service Camp where I worked I got a letter from Grandpa with just a couple of sentences where he thanked me for accompanying him up Mt Starr King, and he said that he was sorry that he couldn’t make it.
August

August 13, 1960

Sierra Peaks Section
Angeles Cty., Sierra Club.
NP south face class 4

John W. Robinson
J. T. Lusk

Andy Smelro, South Nevada

(201) 1010

Frisch Jenson, Redman

My 100th qualifying Sierra
Rock Climbing since we left town

la sierra mi sa sono qui di
dolore, Dolce qui face il mio
cuore.

Fruit Camp, Cimna da Pisticia.

9 Aprile 1961

 Gods Whitmore

SE saddle
(still class 5)
August 13, 1960  Sierra Peaks Section Angeles Chapter Sierra Club
Up south face class 4
John W. Robinson, Newport Beach
+Graham M. Stephenson235, Los Angeles
Andy Smatko,236 Santa Monica
Tom Ross, Onion Valley
Frede Jensen My 100th qualifying spire.
P … duvise I … safe down a Sierra pass and on guai … dolore che qui grace il mio cuore. Frit ef… Cino da Pistoia237

1961

9 April 1961 Geo Whitmore238
Rani Pyle239
SE Saddle (still Class 5)

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235 Died in an October 1976 climbing accident on Dunagiri in the Garwhal Himalaya of India. From the web site of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Stephenson also climbed Starr King on July 4, 1967.

236 In 2001 Smatko received the Sierra Club’s Francis P. Farquhar Award for his achievements as a mountaineer and author of mountaineering books. Since 1953, Smatko made more than 1,800 ascents in the Sierra Nevada. He prepared the Mountaineer’s Guide to the High Sierra, which was published by the Sierra Club in 1972, and also helped revise the 1954 book, A Climber’s Guide to the High Sierra.

237 I recall a Frede Jensen at U.C.L.A. in 1958-60 who was a prolific peak bagger, and this is undoubtedly he who has just finished climbing 100 peaks on the Sierra Club’s Sierra Peaks Section list. He leaves a quote under his name in Italian, but I am unable to completely make it out (part may read in translation, “with trouble and pain that here graces my heart… Cino da Pistoia [the author of the quote, a 13th century Italian]”). In 1991 Frede Jensen received an award for creative and scholarly research at the University of Colorado for work in French and Italian, and he has many published works. Sierra Club web site.


239 The first name is difficult to read and may be incorrect.
May 13, 1961
First official trip being club S.F. Bay
Chapter: Montgomery Section

from Flerite Falls

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I friends Walt and 

Bryce Smith, May 13, 1361

through the swamp Sept. 13, 1361

A beautiful day, excellent climbing weather. I'm having a

OCT 15, '61

Bruce Morris, Carnmont
Alpine Club 10/15/61
May 13, 1961  First official trip Sierra Club SF Chapter Mountaineering Section from Illilouette Falls. Snow and ice covered wet and sloppy. Horrible! Frances J. Wolcott\textsuperscript{240} SCRCS SC Mountaineering Sec.
Rey M. Smith first ascent of Starr King
Joseph F. Troy, Jr.  SCRCS San Francisco

1 June 1961  North side, beautiful day, excellent climbing however I’m kicking myself for not bringing a rope on such wonderful rappelling terrain SE side.
Jerry B. Sepi

Oct 15, 1961  Bruce Morris\textsuperscript{241}, Carlmont Alpine Club
[the rest of the party is on the following page]

Carlmont is a section of Belmont, California, a town down the peninsula from San Francisco. This is the second mention of the Carlmont Alpine Club, the first being on October 11, 1959. By the entry on the following page we see that the club was associated with the Carlmont YMCA. Bruce Morris got a taste of rock climbing, and it grew on him. I noted a Bruce Morris associated with 34 first ascents in Yosemite Valley from 1977 to 1989 and sent an e-mail to him to see if he was one and the same. He replied, “Yes, that was me and I was just 14, out of 8th grade, and starting as a freshman at Aragon High School. My mother read about the Carlmont Alpine Club which was run by Phil Arnot in Belmont and signed me up for my first climbing trip with the group. We drove up from Belmont, slept in the Valley, then hiked up to Star King Meadows. The next day, a Sunday, we climbed Mt. Starr King, hiked out and drove back to the Bay. … Up until 1961, the only mountaineering I'd done had been with my dad: Lembert Dome and Mt. Lassen I think. Made a solo ascent of Mt Dana in August 1961 too. So Mt Starr King was my first "technical" climb with ropes and rappelling gear. Can still remember going into Starr King Meadow with Phil [Arnot] and the gang.” His mother was advanced in her thinking.

\textsuperscript{240} Wolcott also ascended Starr King on June 25, 1960
\textsuperscript{241} See also June 7, 1970.
up north face
RDE 5 Carlmont 9469
Phil Amat Guide
Jack Friend
Joe Zucca - Pride-o-Belmont
Steve Hippe - San Carlos
David Loom - San Carlos
Joan Causs - Redwood City
Sally Timby - San Carlos
Rick Dale - Belmont - 3rd Try
Jean Timby - San Carlos
Renee - San Carlos - 1st Try
Jean Timby - San Carlos - 2nd Try
Paul Banker - Belmont
Paul Banker - Belmont

Mary 30 1962

John Wolf
Chris Denny

From J.P. Hotel
Camped below west chute of S.E. Saddle,

Summit at 10:30 via chute and
Phil Arnot\textsuperscript{242}, Guide
Jack Lindley\textsuperscript{243}
Joe Zucca – Pride-o-Belmont
Steve Higbee, San Carlos
David C. Lunn\textsuperscript{244}, San Carlos
Joan Gauss – Redwood City
Sally Timby – San Carlos
Rick Dale – Belmont, third try
Jean Jimky – San Carlos
Johanna Lunn – San Carlos
Per Sandberg, Menlo Park
Steve Wallace – Belmont
Paul Backus, Belmont, 2\textsuperscript{nd} try

1962

May 20, 1962 Jim Wolf
Chris Denny\textsuperscript{245}
From G.P. Hotel.  Camped below west chute of SE saddle.  On summit at 10:30 via chute and the saddle route.  Cold and cloudy, considerable ice and some snow blowing around now although the sun is shining also – really a beautiful day.  View to east obscured by storm.  (We think the SE saddle route is 5\textsuperscript{th} also, George)

\textsuperscript{242} Mt Starr King ascents on October 11, 1959 and July 7, 1962
\textsuperscript{243} Lindley’s other Starr King ascent was on October 11, 1959
\textsuperscript{244} Lunn’s other ascents of Starr King:  July 7, 1962, June 7, 1970, June 9, 1973, January 14, 1974
The saddle route, Coffy and cloudy, considerable ice, and some snow-drifting around now although the sun is shining also, really a beautiful day. I view to east obscured by storm. We think that S.E. saddle route is also, George.

May 20, 1962
3:30 PM. S.E. saddle route.

David MacDonald
Hermae Reiss – Sundog
Robert McElroy MD, Kansas

June 10, 1962

Ed Buryn – Mike McMillan
SE Saddle – 1st pitch is 5th in our estimation. Finest view imaginable.
David MacDonald  
Hermann Reiss, Swabia\textsuperscript{246}  
Robert McElroy MD, Kansas

June 10, 1962  Ed Buryn  
Mike McMillan  
SE Saddle.  1st pitch is 5\textsuperscript{th} in our estimation.  Finest view imaginable.

\textsuperscript{246} Swabia is in southwestern Germany which abuts Switzerland to the south and France to the west.
JUNE 26, 1962
— VIA N.E. SIDE —

JOHN OHRENSCHALL, BOULDER, COLO,

GOOD VIEW TODAY: HIGH SIERRA TO
THE EAST, COAST RANGE TO THE WEST.

JULY 7, 1962
via North Face
class 5 & pitons for
safety. Good conditions.

Marvelous view AND
NO MOSQUITOS ! ! !

phil Arnot (3rd ascent) Redwood
City
Sheldon Arnot - San Marino
David Gunn - San Carlos

Carlbront Alpine Club

Hello Phil
Jim Henderson
10-6-66
June 26, 1962 via N.E. side
  John Ohrenschall\textsuperscript{247}, Boulder Colo. Good view today: High Sierra to the East, Coast Range to the West.

July 7 1962 via North Face. Class 5, 8 pitons for safety. Good conditions. Wonderful view and NO MOSQUITOS!!!
  Phil Arnot\textsuperscript{248} (3\textsuperscript{rd} ascent) Redwood City
  Sheldon Arnot, San Marino
  David Lunn\textsuperscript{249}, San Carlos
  Carlmont Alpine Club

[note written below entry] Hello Phil – Jim Henderson 10-6-66\textsuperscript{250}

\textsuperscript{247} Ohrenschall also climbed Starr King on October 12, 1952 and May 30, 1953.
\textsuperscript{248} Mt Starr King ascents on October 11, 1959 and October 15, 1961
\textsuperscript{249} Lunn’s other ascents of Starr King: October 15, 1961, June 7, 1970, June 9, 1973, January 14, 1974
\textsuperscript{250} Correct date was October 8, 1966
Aug 4, 1962

- Via N. Face -
3 Pits. 8
Bring your own Bottle
Party & Fellows, 1 Girl.
Other Fellow had to
be treated for lacerations
on head from Wino Bottle.

We didn’t have Communio.

Robert & Ramsoms
Carolee Petersen
Bob Korte

Look Man was having
a ball.

October 28, 1962
Warm, sun, no wind. Up
S.E. face from saddle.
Herb Hultgren
Jim Wilkerson - Iowa Mountainers
Cal Ohrinback
Bob Ohrinback

Gruße aus der Schweiz.
Aug 4 1962 via N. Face. 3 pitons. Bring your own bottle Party. 2 fellows, 1 girl. Other fellow had to be treated for lacerations on head from wine bottle. We didn’t have communion. Robert F. Rasmussons Carolee Petersen Bob Korte Weeeeeeereee. Look man, were having a ball!


251 The names Hultgren and Wilkerson are associated with high altitude medicine. Both were MDs. Hultgren was professor emeritus of medicine at Stanford University.

252 Carl Dreisbach also ascended Starr King on January 2, 1969
MAY 31, 1963

17 to James Runyan
12 to Reed Runyan

Burt and Ken Runyan, Rhonda Runyan, Richard Runyan, Lula Runyan
Very enjoyable trip.

Caddy M. Smith

17 x Roger Smith
6 base of mountain
ages 2 & 2 1/2 yrs.
Daddy
Lupus

June Smith - Good Cond.

JUNE 14, 1963

From Glenn Prouts 56 miles
Magazine route. Beautiful views
Rick Runyan
Barbara Lilly

June 18, 1963

From Happy Isles via Merced Falls Lyda & Walt
Larry Hearn
Sister Ida
May 31, 1963  Age 11 ½ Janise Turney
    12 ½ Reed Turney
    Bert Turney
    Gen Turney
    Glendale Sierra Club RCS and Sierra Peaks [Section].
    Very enjoyable climb.
    Carolyn M. Smith
    Scott and Roger Smith got to base of mountain ages 2 and 2 ½ yrs.
    Daddy babysat.
    Jim Smith – good climb

    Rich Gnagy²⁵³
    Barbara Lilley

June 18 1963  From Happy Iles via Nevada Falls. Excellent view.
    Leroy Kelm, Boise Ida.

²⁵³ Rich Gnagy and Barbara Lilley participated in several first ascent of 5th class routes on Sierra peaks.
July 5, '63

Howard Lewis, San Jose
Daniel Pigache, Mountain View

Note: Daniel Pigache is visiting this country from Paris, France. Is a member of the Genève Universitaire du Montagne de ski (GUMS) (he wrote that, I didn't). It's a mountaineering & ski club, anyway. The climb today was the first for both of us, and we did use some pitons. Great climb -- cool wind & many clouds.

[Signature]

December 31, 1963
Some dust left the register box upside down, so the book is somewhat askew. Climb by standard East ridge route, snow on only a few holds. Neil Bostick SAC

Lew Mayhew

Ski conditions good

Memorial Day, May 30, '64
Howard & Pat Lewis
Al & Helen Timmons
Greg McGibbon
July 5, ’63 Howard Lewis, San Jose
   Daniel Pigache, Mountain View
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Dec 31, 1963 Some dolt left the register box upside down so the book is soaking wet. Climb by standard east ridge route. Snow on only a few holds.
   Neil Bostock, SAC
   Lew Mayhew
   Ski conditions good.

1964

May 30, 1964 Memorial Day
   Howard Lewis
   Pat Lewis
   Al Timmons
   Helen Timmons
   Greg McGibbon

255 Blame it on the French
256 A Stanford graduate who would become a Silicon Valley executive
257 A distinguished education professor at Stanford
May 31, 1964
Don Monk Via North route
Ron Buerstedt CMOC

June 6, 1964

Beautiful weather, cold, clouds, mit sunshine, rain, wind, great climb.

Bill Fausbutter
Pete "Sam" Overmire
Billie Eagerblade-EB5

[Signatures]
May 31, 1964  Don Monk Via North Route
   Roger Bierstedt CCMC

   Bill Faulhaber259
   Pete “Sam” Overmire
   Billie Eagerblade – EBS
   Francis J. Walcott260

259 Faulhaber’s other Starr King ascent was on August 17, 1968
260 Francis Walcott’s Sierra Club papers, 1954-1972, are at the Bancroft Library.
MARMOTS!

JUNE 27 VIA SOUTH FACE
DAVE FRENCH
Randy Lawrence
Paul Porter

JUNE 27 VIA NO. FACE ROUTE
CRAIG HOLDEN
Dick Irwin
Jerry Leonard

August 1, 1964
Martial J. Thiebaud
James Q. Denton

Splendid day

6 SEPT 1964
Solo with one arm from saddle... spooky
The descent should be even spooky
ERIC BECK

9/7/64
Bruce Cook - Oakland
6th Route
June 27 via south face.
Marmots!
Dave French
Randy Lawrence
Paul Porter

Via No. face route
Craig Holden
Dick Irvin
Jerry Leonard

August 1, 1964 Martial J. Thiebaux
James Q. Denton
Splendid day.

6 Sept 1964 Eric Beck. Solo with one arm from saddle. Spooky. The descent should be even spookier.

9/7/64 Bruce Cooke, Oakland. Both routes.

Beck was not joking about climbing with one arm. He broke his arm in a fall on Middle Cathedral Rock, and to fix it, steel pins were inserted. I posted a question on the Supertopo.com climber’s forum and Eric replied, “Wow, what a trip into the past. This was a 2 day trip to bag Starr King and Mt Clark. I was in mountain boots. The descent was indeed scary, backed up and down several times

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262 Holden was on the first ascent of Middle Cathedral Rock North Buttress
263 Irvin was on the first ascent of Spireview Point. He also ascended Starr King on July 12, 1969.
264 Thiebaux also climbed Starr King on May 15, 1960
265 Bruce Cooke’s other ascents: August 27, 1949, October 12, 1964, June 27, 1966
266 Camp 4, Recollections of a Yosemite Rockclimber, p 162
before committing to the moves. … How do we survive the bright ideas of our youth?” Another forum responder said, “I remember his arm in a cast with a right-angle bend at the elbow. When eating fried chicken, he could not lick his fingers.” That was real torture!

Eric Beck was one of the outstanding rock climbers in Yosemite Valley having participated in eleven first ascents from 1962 to 1971. He and I were on a rope together for my first multi-pitch climb at Tahquitz in March 1959, White Maiden’s Walkaway.

Bruce Cooke first appears in this register for his August 27, 1949 ascent with his brother Kenyon. Bruce is a well remembered climber for his times at Indian Rock in Berkeley and elsewhere. A route was named after him in the Tuolumne Meadows area, The Cooke Book on Daff Dome. “I will never forget Bruce Cooke - in his 60's then - wheeling up on his bike, lacing his shoes and cranking off one arms [pull-ups] from a fist jam in the tree in the Pit [at Indian Rock in Berkeley] before gracefully floating up all kinds of problems others flailed upon.” – Rick L.267 Tom Higgins also has information about Bruce Cooke at his (Higgin’s) website, and Kenyon Cooke’s family wrote a short piece for the 10th Mountain Division in which Bruce and Kenyon served in WWII:

Brothers Kenyon K. and Bruce B. Cooke had enjoyed mountaineering and climbing in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, and it was this experience that led them to the 10th Mountain Division.

Kenyon joined first, after completing a semester as a geology major at U.C. Berkeley. Bruce followed, after securing permission to leave his job as a blacksmith at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. They trained at Camp Hale and Camp Swift. Kenyon completed ice climbing school at Mt. Rainier. When they shipped out on the USS West Point in January, 1945 headed for combat, Kenyon left behind his bride, Audrey, and their unborn child.

With their respective units, Kenyon and Bruce were soon engaged in the successful battle to take Mt. Belvedere. This was followed

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by an intensely fierce and exhausting fight for Mt. della Spe. Then it was on through the North Apennines and the Po Valley. The end of the struggle came with the German surrender on May 2, 1945. From the battlefield, Kenyon had written a poem for his bride titled “Night on della Spe.” In it, he wrote of the horrors of war and his dreams of home and future:

(that the sounds of mortar and gunfire)…
“Would cease forever and we all would know
The joy of living, free from fear
Not having to listen – for what would we hear?
A woman laughing, a baby’s cry!”

Kenyon and Bruce were among those fortunate who returned home on the Marine Fox in August, 1945 to fulfill those dreams and tell the remarkable tale of the 10th Mountain Division.

Upon his return home, Kenyon wrote of his experiences while they were still fresh in his mind. This account has been published as Chapter 4 in Good Times, Bad Times, and many of the pictures he took appear throughout the book. While in Italy, Bruce wrote a letter to their parents describing his experiences. This letter is also contained in the book.

Bruce was awarded the Bronze Star for his attempts to save the life of a fellow soldier. When he came home, he returned to work at Mare Island and Hunters Point Naval shipyards. Bruce was a blacksmith, philosopher, sharp-shooter, poet, and cyclist, but his passion was climbing. A world-class climber, he completed over 750 climbs between 1941 and 1982, mostly in the Sierras. Several of his climbs were first ascents, and many were solo. But he also enjoyed climbing with Kenyon, Kenyon’s children, and his many friends. This tough guy with a heart of gold opened the world of mountains to his family; their majesty and beauty surpassed only by his courage and wisdom. While he had no children of his own, he was a beloved inspiration to Kenyon and Audrey, and all of his nieces and nephews.

Kenyon returned home to his wife Audrey, and three month old Kathleen. As time passed, the family grew to include Laura, Cecile, Janice, Kenyon, Karen, Virginia, Michael, Marjorie, Joseph, Marianne,
and Rosalie. A baby cry, indeed! Our father took us camping and backpacking. He taught us to climb and fish. He made us laugh and took us to see “where this road goes”. A man of impeccable character, by his example he taught us the meaning of integrity, honesty, tolerance, loyalty, love, and the value of family, home, and work. He instilled in us a deep appreciation of the values and principles for which he and Bruce, and their fellow soldiers had sacrificed so much. Retired Senior Pilot Plant Operator for Shell Development, Kenyon was married to his sweetheart Audrey for 52 years. Together they raised 12 good people, and had 26 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Kenyon and Bruce told us their stories, took us on adventures, and opened our hearts and minds to the wonders they knew. They gave us themselves, gave us our world. We are very grateful and proud that Kenyon was our father, and Bruce was our uncle.

The Cooke Family
17 September 1964
Garrett De Neve S.A.C.
Bill Damb Standard 5,000 Club
North Face, Cl. 4, from Nevada Fall Camp

Oct. 10, 1964
Up from southeast enjoyable climb
Awhel M. Emb. Stan. Club
Manhattan Beach, Cal.
Ruth Karim W.L.A.

Oct. 12, 1964
Penyan Paul Cooke 12
Penyan R. Cooke
Bruce Cooke East face
17 September 1964 Garrett O. Bell, S.A.C
Bill Doub\textsuperscript{268}, Stanford, Sierra Club RCS
North Face Class 4, from Nevada Falls Camp

       Arkel M. Erb, Sierra Club Manhattan Beach Cal
       Ruth Karimi, W.LA

Oct 12, 1964 Kenyon Paul Cooke 12
       Kenyon K. Cooke\textsuperscript{269}
       Bruce Cooke\textsuperscript{270}
       East Face

Cooke says “East Face” which indicates a first ascent, although credit is given to others in Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs,\textsuperscript{271} the most widely used guide book for the area. Of course Kenyon Paul is Kenyon K.’s son.

\textsuperscript{268} Doub also ascended Starr King on June 15, 1958
\textsuperscript{269} Kenyon Cooke’s other ascent was on August 27, 1949
\textsuperscript{270} Bruce Cooke’s other ascents: August 27, 1949, September 7, 1964, June 27, 1966
\textsuperscript{271} Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs by Mark and Shirley Spencer p. 138. Credit for the first ascent is given to Roebig, Schroeder and Distler in July 1969. They were unsure if they were first and even put a question mark after the claim.
1965 CLIMBING SEASON

Eric Band  Lodi, Calif.  16 June 1965
Dave Riggle  "  "  "  June 65
John Baird  "  "  June 65

June 30, 1965
From S. saddle
Penny Carr
Allen Denny

July 11, '65
S.E. saddle route - beautiful
cloudless sky
Larry Nelson
Marty Scott
June 16, 1965  Eric Burr, Lodi Calif  
            Dave Riggle, Lodi Calif  
            John Bard  

June 30, 1965  From S. Saddle.  
            Penny Carr272  
            Glen Denny273  

            Larry Nelson274  
            Marty Scott  

272 In 1963 Penny Carr graduated from Stanford and was on the first ascent of Moby Dick Center Route in Yosemite Valley. She died a suicide within a year of this Starr King climb.  
273 Glen Denny had 16 first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He was one of the few who carried a camera around, and ultimately published a book with his photographs, “Yosemite in the Sixties”.  
274 Nelson’s other Starr King ascent was on August 9, 1966
July 25, 1965

2½ inches from Happy Sales.
2½ inches from zenith to all north & sky.
2 drops rain at noon.

Wait 85 years for this.

Jack D. Kirk, Dean

Petty C. Lamache
Auburn, Maine

II. Illegiticum non carboburum
Appalachian M. Club.

George S. Sessions, Univ. of Chicago
1st time in 9 years. Mountain Club.
July 25, 1965  5 ½ hours from Happy Isles.  2:10 PM Massive cn’s\(^{275}\) from Zenith to all north ½ sky.  2 drops rain at noon.  Waited 35 years for this.

Jack G. Kirk, Mariposa Calif.  (The Dipsea Deamon [sic] – see Ax Nelson Oct 23, 1949)

Pete C. Gamache, Auburn, Maine.  “Illigiticum non carbonundum”\(^{276}\)

Appalachian Mt. Club

George S. Sessions, University of Chicago\(^{277}\) Mountaineering Club.  1\(^{st}\) time in 9\(^{278}\) years.

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Jack Kirk’s entry is primary evidence that pages were torn out for the 1949-1950 climbing season, and one of the climbers whose entry is missing was Anton (Ax) Nelson (see the page beginning June 28, 1948).  No mention of Salathé is made, so where his entry might have been is still a question.  Jack Kirk also has two other comments of interest, “waited 35 years for this” and “Dipsea Deamon”.  The thirty five year wait probably refers to the first change in handicapping the Dipsea Race which went from Mill Valley over the mountain to Stinson Beach.  The race organizers finally changed the handicapping from a somewhat arbitrary basis to a clear cut age related basis.  Jack Kirk first ran the race in 1930, so this entry is 35 years later, just when the change was made.  He won in 1967, so it worked for him!  Since he is connecting this to Anton Nelson, there may have been a competition.  Unfortunately, we are missing Nelson’s entry.  Kirk was known as the Dipsea Demon for his outstanding performances and the longevity of his entries.  Kirk ran in 67 consecutive races from 1930 to 2002.  There were a couple of years when the race was not run in the Depression and three in World War II.  Kirk’s last run was at age 95.  A movie was made of him and the race, *The Dipsea Demon.*\(^{279}\)

\(^{275}\) Cumulonimbus (thunderstorm) clouds

\(^{276}\) Don’t let the bastards grind you down.  A popular, grammatically incorrect, pseudo Latin phrase.

\(^{277}\) Sessions was involved in the field of Ecology.  Also climbed Starr King on May 29, 1955, July 30, 1956 and May 30, 1959.

\(^{278}\) Correct number is 7, according to the register.

\(^{279}\) Information about Kirk came from the Marin Independent Journal, various articles.
July 25, 1965

Windy, easy ascent

John Payne, Sc.

Jeffrey R. Smedberg, Sc.

Our contribution to world literature

Seville Dair Dago
Tousin Busses Inaro
Nojo Deems Trux
Summit Cousin Summit DuX
July 25, 1965  Windy, easy ascent.
  John Payne, S.C.
  Jeffrey R. Smedberg, S.C.  Our contribution to world literature:

  Seville dair dago  
  Tousin busses inaro  
  Nojo dems trux  
  Summit cowsin summit dux

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This is a spoken dialect exercise:
  Seville dair dago  See Willy there they go
  Tousin busses inaro  Thousand buses in a row
  Nojo dems trux  No Joe them’s trucks
  Summit cowsin summit dux  Some with cows in [side] some with ducks
SEPT. 3rd 1965

 PARTY OF 5 from
 VAN NUYS, CALIF.

 CONSISTING OF VALLEY COLLEGE
 STUDENTS:

 1. Mike Mouno
 2. Bill West
 3. John T. Styer
 4. Bill Davis
 5. Tim Haaton

*leader
Sept 3rd 1965  Party of 5 from Van Nuys Calif. Consisting of Valley College students:
  Mike Moreno\textsuperscript{280}
  Bill Wirt, Leader
  John F. Goyer\textsuperscript{281}
  Bill Davis IV, Phi Delta Psi
  Tim Haslan, Phi Delta Psi

\textsuperscript{280} See also July 1, 1967.
\textsuperscript{281} Goyer’s other ascent of Starr King was on July 1, 1967
Bill Hooker
Fred Smith

Via S. Notch

About 25 Sept 1965
AAC, HMC

Oct 30, 1965
Mel Wright Los Altos
George Detzel Menlo Park
Via S. Co.
Clear and dry!

Oct 31, 1965
4 Witches, 2 Hobgoblins
The Witches 2 Appled
on Mt. Stann Kind

Het Het!
About 25 Sept 1965  Bill Hooker\textsuperscript{282}, AAC, HMC
Fred Smith
Via s. notch

Oct 30, 1965  Mel Wright\textsuperscript{283}, Los Altos
George Oetzel\textsuperscript{284}, Menlo Park
Via S. col, clear and dry

Oct 31, 1965  4 witches, 2 Hobgoblins  The Witches Sabbath on Mt. Starr King
Hee Hee!
[preceding two lines written to be read using a mirror]


\textsuperscript{283} Mel Wright is a PhD holder who worked at the Stanford Research Institute. Wright also ascended Starr King on October 8, 1966.

\textsuperscript{284} Oetzel was a PhD holder in Electrical Engineering whose thesis was published in 1964. He worked in the Stanford Research Institute for a time. He was an original member of the 1975 “Homebrew Computer Club” which also boasted Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple, as a member.
Apr. 9 '66 via S. Face

Larry Nelson, S.C. SACTO
Chris Hoecker, S.C. SACTO
Mark & Edith Ray Sr. (Sr. 1960)
April 9, 1966
Jack Rankin SCR
Adolf Baur DAV
via north side, nice climb
lot of snow, ice & water,
was kinda slippy in spots.

May 14, 1966
from SE saddle
Bob Summers SCR SCR
Monfred Kosi DAV
Dick Brown SCR SCR

This is a most beautiful
Sierra day. Bright sun, cool
breeze, a few cumulus decorating
the sky. After an hours rest
who should appear but Bill Serville
solo, with lovely a happy
reunion. — SCR.
Apr 9 '66 via S. Face
Larry Nelson\textsuperscript{285}, S.C. Sacto
Chris Hoepker, S.C. Sacto
Mark McGilvray, S.C. Sacto

Jack Rankin, SCR\textsuperscript{286}
Adolf Baur, DAV\textsuperscript{287}
Via north side. Nice climb, lot of snow, ice and water, was kinda slippery in spots

May 14, 1966 From SE Saddle
Bob Summers,\textsuperscript{288} SCRCs
Manfred Kosi, DAV
Dick Brown SCRCs
This is a most beautiful Sierra day. Bright sun, cool breeze, a few cumulus decorating the sky. After an hour who should appear but Bill Scoville, solo, with Kelty. A happy reunion. RCB

As footnoted in Rankin’s previous ascent of Mt. Starr King, he introduced Warren Harding to climbing. Adolf Baur was a German alpinist who who went on numerous trips with Rankin. On Supertopo.com this was written: “As I recall, he (Harding) came to several "dynamic belay practice" sessions Jack (Rankin) held at some property he had down in the Sacramento River bottoms. We'd hoist a 200 lb concrete block up a tree using rope wrapped around a washing machine agitator bolted to Jack's car wheel. The belayer would request slack be let out (say, 20 feet of white Columbia) and the block would be dropped. The belayer used a hip belay with a leather butt patch and gloves. Smoke was produced, the belayer most often upended, and the lesson, in those days, was "the leader must not fall!" Times have certainly changed!” [Storer]

\textsuperscript{285} Nelson’s other Starr King ascent was on July 11, 1965
\textsuperscript{286} Rankin also climber Starr King on September 1, 1957
\textsuperscript{287} Deutscher Alpenverein, the German Alpine Association.
\textsuperscript{288} First ascent in Yosemite: Snow Creek Slabs with Ken Boche.
Bill Scoville 1966
San Jose, California

Transversing domes S. to N.
Solo w/ Pack - Grand
Weather - May 14, 1966
Quite a happy surprise to find my
Fellow SCRE group napping on
the summit.

June 27, 1966

Party led by Bruce (Chiricahua)
Coder S. Herrero as commander
Kellogg left at camp.
Also E. Face R.

July 3, 66

Wm. Witchman
Menlo Park

Bob Vailz
Atherton

From SE Saddle
May 14, 1966  Bill Scoville289, SCRCs, San Jose California
Traversing domes S. to N. solo with pack.  Grand weather – May 14, 1966.  Quite a happy surprise to find my fellow SCRCs group napping on the summit.

June 27, 1966  Party led by Bruce (clutchrock) Cooke290.  S. Herrero291 as companion.  Kelty’s left at camp.  Also E. Face Route

July 3, 66  WM Wichman292, Menlo Park
Bob Vaile293, Atherton
From SE Saddle

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Bruce Cooke, age 47, calls himself “clutchrock”, a reference to his hand strength no doubt.  Cooke was an iron worker at Mare Island and still engaging in what is mostly a young man’s sport.  Relating to about this time a comment was posted on Supertopo.com regarding Cooke, “I am not sure how old Bruce was then, but he was an old guy compared to any of us. At Indian Rock, he would do one of the overhanging routes without using his feet, just letting them dangle while he did a succession of pull-ups and quick grabs to the next hold.”  [DrDeeg]

290 Bruce Cooke’s other ascents: August 27, 1949, September 7, 1964, October 12, 1964
291 Steve Herrero had three first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
292 In 1968 Wichman was a PhD student at Stanford in the field of Computer Science.
293 Bob Vaile was head of the Physics Department of the Stanford Research Institute from 1955 to 1970.
15 July 66 - Ventura Chapel

Mary Ann Matthews (nee Guildhall)

Word Allison - Sgt. at Arms
Mitchell Cotton - Philosopher
Marcell Sedlecky - Architect
Joelle Craigie - Don Mother
Nigel Moppett - Juvenile delinquent
Tom Morris - Abandoned - Class I

27 July 66

Brian Mulloney - Berkeley
Don Wilson - Lafayette
SE Col. to summit in two easy class 4 patches
15 July 66 Ventana Chapter S.C.
Mary Ann Matthews (nee Corthell) [unreadable] LEADER294
Ward Allison, Sgt. at Arms
Mitchell Cotton, Philosopher
Marcel Sedletzky295 – Architect
Joelle Craige – Den Mother
Noel Magstead – Juvenile delinquent
Tom Morris296 – abortionist Class V <--- My Dad. William Morris July 1975297

27 July 66 Brian Mulloney, Berkeley
Don Wilson – Lafayette
SE Col to summit on two easy class 4 pitches

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294 One blacked out word could be read. Her other ascents: May 30, 1953 (as Corthell), July 21, 1971
295 See also July 21, 1967.
296 See also July 21, 1967.
297 See entry for Bill Morris on July 5, 1975
Oct. 8, 1966 - Clear + Dry
Sierra Club
Lena Prietz Mountaineering Trip
MEL WRIGHT Los Alcos
Lowell & Smith Palo Alto
First Day
Leo A. Woroshiloff Monte Sereno
R. Stein Palo Alto
Jim Henderson Belmont
Keith Thomassen Palo Alto
Bill Rausch Palo Alto
Bill Hooker Palo Alto
Dave Stevenson Palo Alto
Stephen D. Swedlund Belmont
James K. A. Harrel San Anselmo
Bill Bercyessa Los Altos, Calif
Alan T. Watervan Stanford, Calif
Jim Cook San Jose
Bruce C. Johnston Stanford
Pat Buchanan Palo Alto
 teléfono Hill San Jose
Oct 8, 1966  Clear and dry. Sierra Club Loma Prieta Mountaineering Trip  
Mel Wright, Los Altos  
Lowell F Smith, Palo Alto  
Lisl Day  
Leo A. Woroshiloff, Monte Sereno  
R. Stein, Palo Alto  
Jim Henderson, Belmont  
Keith Thomasssen, Palo Alto  
Bill Rausch, Palo Alto  
Bill Hooker, Palo Alto  
Dave Stevenson, Palo Alto  
Stephen G. Svendsen, Belmont  
James K.A. Harral, San Anselmo Cal.  
Bill Berreyesa, Los Altos Calif  
Alan T. Waterman, Stanford Calif  
Jim Cook, San Jose  
Bruce C. Johnston, Stanford  
Pat Buchanan, Palo Alto  
Apflanes Hilli, San Jose

298 Wright also ascended Starr King on October 30, 1965  
299 Lisl Day came to the U.S. as a teenaged refugee from the Nazi takeover of Austria. She later went to Palo Alto where she was employed as a legal assistant for many years, and where she pursued her lifelong passions of singing, skiing, swimming, mountaineering and rock climbing. SFGate.com  
300 Near Campbell, California  
301 Stein also climbed Starr King on May 9, 1959.  
302 Rausch also climbed Starr King on April 29, 1972  
303 Hooker also climbed Starr King on September 25, 1965 and March 28, 1970.  
304 Cook also ascended the peak on August 20, 1971.
OCT 21, 1966
Jim Kujan
Richard Daleman
40 mm on climb, one day
(2 hrs. 45 min.)
road trip from Xerces ST.

June 13, 1967 John Wallevin
July 1, 1967 EASY CLIMBER
EXCEPT FOR SNOW. MUCH Nicer
MUCH Nicer in July than in Sept.

John T. Luyer

July 1, 1967
SECOND TIME AROUND HERE
LOVED IT TWICE AS MUCH! HOPE TO MAKE IT LATER, WHEN I RETURN FROM VIETNAM. (LEAV- ING 1ST OF Aug.)

Michael A. Moreno
U.S.M.C.

July 1, 1967
This was my first attempt
at climbing—I was scared
but the reward was well worth
the effort.

Jack Stuarter
1967C3B
Oct 21, 1966 Juris Krisjansons\textsuperscript{305}  
Richard Doleman\textsuperscript{306}  
45 min on climb, one day round trip from Glacier Pt (2 hrs. 45 min.)

1967

June 13, 1967 John Wilkinson

John F. Goyer\textsuperscript{307}  
Michael A. Moreno\textsuperscript{308} (U.S.M.C). Second time around here. Loved it twice as much! Hope to make it later, when I return from Vietnam (leaving 1\textsuperscript{st} of Aug.)  
Jack Stuster\textsuperscript{309} (UCSB) This was my first attempt at climbing – I was scared but the view was well worth the effort.

\textsuperscript{305} Krisjansons had first ascents in the Tetons with, among others, Yvon Chouinard. He had a career in rocketry at Ohio State University.  
\textsuperscript{306} Doleman was on the first ascent of Edge of Night in Yosemite Valley and the East Face of Mount Hoffman.  
\textsuperscript{307} Goyer’s other ascent of Starr King was on September 3, 1965  
\textsuperscript{308} See also September 3, 1965.  
\textsuperscript{309} A Dr. Jack Stuster later worked for Anacapa Sciences in Santa Barbara
July 4, 1967
Sierra Club - Los Angeles
Sierra Peaks Section
1. Bill Hart
2. Ennis Schrader
3. Dick Beach
4. Rick Aleshire
5. Bob Crayon
6. John R. Harms (Harry)
7. Dick Tali
8. Charles Rugger
9. Graham Phelps

July 21, 1967 Ventura Chapter SC
Mary Ann (Sandy) Matthews -
Marcel Sedletzky
Al Kandlbinder
Vince Torras
H. Stanley Hilbert (Chaplin)
Dale Wilson
Tom Moore
Helen Sedletzky
Walt - L.P.H.S.
A tragic accident took place on a trip into the Clark Range which included Mt.

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310 Stephenson also climbed Starr King on August 13, 1960.
311 “Leader” is again blacked out as on the ascent a year ago. Her other ascents: May 30, 1953 (as Corthell), July 15, 1966
312 An Architect and teacher at U.C. Santa Cruz. See also July 15, 1966.
313 Kandlbinder Peak, named for Dr. Alfred Kandlbinder, an original member of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, stands at 4,653 feet. There is no trail directly to the summit but one can, with some skill of scrambling and perhaps a little bouldering, gain the summit from the Ventana Double Cone.
314 See also July 15, 1966
315 Los Padres High School
Starr King on July 4, 1967, above. Bill Oliver of the SPS graciously furnished the trip report from the Sierra Echo, July 1967, page 15:

CLARK RANGE TRIP - July 1-4. 1967 .................. Bill Hunt

Thirty-seven Sierra Peaks Section [of the Sierra Club] members and guests set out from the Mono Meadows trailhead in Yosemite National Park at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 1. That very warm day was spent backpacking about 12 miles to a campsite at 8,800 feet on Ottoway Creek a mile below Lower Ottoway lake. The next morning at 7:00 A.M 27 climbers departed for Merced Peak and a long day of climbing. Twenty-six gained the summit of 11,726 foot Merced, most of the climb being on very wet fairly soft snow.

After this climb most of the group traversed the ridge to Ottoway Peak, a non-list peak a third of a mile to the north, while some returned to camp. After a lunch in the warm sun, the 19 remaining climbers made the ascent of 11,699 foot Red Peak, and from there 7 hardy souls continued on to 11,574 foot Gray Peak. Four others, including the leader, continued on the ridge to the west of Red Peak climbing peaks 11,300' (approximately) and 11,109’, and the others returned to camp.

On Monday an early backpack to a campsite on Illilouette Creek was made. From there 10 set out for and 9 reached the summit of 11,522' Mount Clark, an impressive 3rd class peak. Three others, under the leadership of John Peckham, climbed Gray Peak on Monday from the same campsite on Illilouette Creek. By Tuesday the climbing group had dwindled to 9 climbers and these all successfully gained the spectacular summit of 4th class Mount Starr King.

Upon return to the trailhead on Tuesday evening July 4th, the group was shocked to hear that on the previous day Don Minter316, son of Alvan Minter, had fallen off the log that crossed Illilouette Creek and had been swept away. Both Don and his father had made the climb of Merced Peak and were with those hiking out a day early when the accident happened. The leaders and all those participating on the trip were saddened to hear of this tragedy.

316 The public record shows that Donald Minter died in Mariposa County on July 3, 1967.
Donald Minter was almost 16 years old at the time of his death. This event underscores the hazards of crossing Illilouette Creek.
22 July 1967

Sue Baxter
Tony Garnier

Approached from Mono Meadows--
Quite a feat considering we
weren't able to sleep the night before.
... went through Milkwood into
the Rutsy Mountains to sit upon
granite throne...

Aug 6, 67
Antelope Valley YMCA Y's
Hikers Club.
This climb is dedicated to
the memory of the boy
from the July 4, 67 Sierra Club
climb who was killed in a
stream crossing on the return
to Glacier Point.
Wally, Henry, Bob Borek Jr
Bruce On
Paul Hungerford AVHS Rules
Roger Bell
Jim Leigh
Ken Primmer
22 July 1697  Sue Baxter  
Tony Qamar  
Approached from Mono Meadows. Quite a feat considering we got no sleep the night before. …went through Mirkwood into the Misty Mountains to sit upon granite thrones.  

Aug 6, 67  Antelope Valley YMCA Y’s Hikers Club. This climb is dedicated to the memory of the boy from the July 4th 1967 Sierra Club climb who was killed in a stream crossing on the return to Glacier Point. 
Wally Henry  
Bob Boeker, Jr.  
Bruce Ayn  
Paul Hungerford AVHS  
Rules  
Roger Bell  
Harold Lynan  
Jim Leigh  
Ken Primmer  

317 A reference to geography of the world created by J.R.R. Tolkien in The Lord of the Rings.  
318 See the previous register page for the details of the fatality of Donald Minter.  
319 Antelope Valley High School
Sept 9 1967
Sierra Club Tempeite Chap
D W Toner (155-2475)
Jerry Cote
Chris Denny (yes, the S E saddle route to 5th Cliffs, Desert)
Bill Souther
Fetipite Chapter Sierra Club.
Up the SE saddle route from Mono Meadows.

Sept 28 1967
Milton G Armstrong, (Valley Center, Calif)
An extremely rewarding climb.
Thunderstorm in early afternoon clearing to 50% cloudiness during ascent. Visibility unlimited.
Magnificent panorama all around the horizon. How fine it is to heed Muir's advice — to "climb the mountains and get their good tidings..."
Sept 9, 1967    Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter
D.W. Tomer$^{320}$ (NSS 2985)
Jerry Coe
Chris Denny$^{321}$ (yes, the S.E. Saddle route is 5th class, George)
Bill Sorenson  $^{322}$– Tehipite Chapter Sierra Club. Up the SE Saddle route
from Mono Meadows

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$^{320}$ Darrel Tomer was a member of the National Speleological Society (NSS)
$^{321}$ Chris Denny’s other ascents of Starr King: May 20, 1962, July 7, 1968, October
1974
$^{322}$ Bill Sorenson’s Yosemite Valley first ascents: The Crack Center Route, The
Cracker Southwest corner, Teeter Tower, Direct Direct Route. Sorenson also climbed
October 7, 1967
David and Judy Rearick
Boulder, Colorado.

OCT 29, 1967
WEATHER CLEAR AND WARM.
LOOP TRIP FROM GLACIER PT.
SOLO CLIMB

JERRY TINLING S.F.

Down Fischer 2nd week in
November 1967 - Stoned.

May 25 '68
Chuck Kroger 75AC from
Pauli Livermore

MAY 30 '68
Bill Nelson - Woodside
Alan Gillespie - Stamford

I bet um my cat liked
this climb.
Oct 7, 1967  David Rearick
  Judy Rearick
  Boulder Colorado

  Jerry Tinling, S.F.

November 1967  John Fischer 2\textsuperscript{nd} week in November – stoned

May 25 ’68  Chuck Kroger\textsuperscript{325} SAC
  Pauli Livermore  SAC
  from Happy Isles

\begin{center}
\textbf{1968}
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May 30 ’68  Bill Nelson, Woodside
  Alan Gillespie, Stanford.  I bet Wm Kat liked this climb.

I was fortunate to contact Dr. Gillespie, and he sent some details about his climb to me:

\begin{quote}
\begin{itemize}
\item Rearick had six first ascents in Yosemite Valley: Camp 4 Terror, Inconsolable Buttress, Pulpit rock East Face, Via Aqua, Rixon’s Pinnacle East Chimney, West Corner Half Dome. He also climbed in other areas, Tahquitz, Colorado. The diamond on Long’s Peak was one of his first ascents of note. In 1959 Rearick earned his PhD in mathematics from Cal Tech. I remember him from Tahquitz and the Riverside County campground where he would recite Lewis Carroll poetry and walk on his hands (not at the same time). Rearick also climbed Starr King on June 8, 1957.
\item Tinling climbed all over the Sierras for many years. On June 13, 1994 he signed the register on Mt. Gould, 13,005’.
\item Yosemite first ascents by Chuck Kroger: Nickel Pinnacle East Face, The Heart Route on El Capitan. At Stanford he majored in geophysics and in his senior year was president of the Stanford Alpine Club. He was the first person to climb four routes on El Capitan in Yosemite in a single season (1968-69).
\item Yosemite first ascents: Shadyside Bench, with Alan Gillespie
\item Gillespie became a professor of Geology at the University of Washington. Yosemite Valley first ascent: Shadyside Bench with Bill Nelson
\end{itemize}
\end{quote}
This date was probably the second shot at it. I remember trying to climb it in 1965 when I was 17 and my lifetime list was Bear Creek Spire. I think my brother was along. Both he and Bill were older and more experienced which is probably why they sent me up. I remember working a friction face and then retreating to a crack system, ending on a small ledge, way below the summit. But the friction was novel to me then, and we retreated.

By 1968, Bill and I noticed that we hadn't ever made it up Starr King, so we set out late from the Bay Area and hiked down to Illilouette Creek in the dark, by Braille. Next morning, we had to wade the creek, nearly chest deep, so Bill actually belayed me across, and vice versa. I threw my boots across with the socks stuffed in them, so they'd be dry for the climb and the hike back out. But one sock blew out in transit and got soaked. Higher up, my lead, again, but this time I think we just did friction the whole way up the SE route, or most of it. At least that's how I recall it now. It was a drop-dead gorgeous day, and probably that's how I inspired our message [regarding William Kat], although I don't remember writing it.

Actually, a few friends from school had a similar experience with Illilouette Creek in the winter, when one tried to throw his skies across. One ski made it, the other slid back the opposite snowbank into the creek and was lost. There's a long story about their trek back out.

Again it seems that the most perilous part of the trip up Starr King is Illilouette Creek. It can be avoided by coming up from Happy Isles or by waiting until late August when the water level has gone down.
May 31, 1968.
Howard Pat Lewis
Conrad Grunke
Lama Prieta, R.C.S.

Left Laurie at the tent.
Hope we can find it again.
Did a lot of cross-country, rather than follow the
lengthy trails - beautiful
day. Snow very low this year.

June 14:
French Nevada Boulders
John Tibo

Fucking long walk; but worth
it. Superb view from the
sawteeth to Merced Peak.
from Miller's; no comment.
May 31, 1968  Howard Lewis\(^{328}\)
   Pat Lewis\(^{329}\)
   Conrad Grundke\(^{330}\)
   Loma Prieta R.C.S..  Left Laurie\(^{331}\) at the tent.  Hope we can find it again. Did a lot of cross country rather than follow the lengthy trails – Beautiful day.  Snow very thin this year.

June 14 1968  From Nevada Falls
   Ernest Millburn
   John Gibbons
   Fucking long walk but worth it – superb view from the Sawteeth [sic] to Merced Peak.  From Millburn: no comment

\(^{330}\) Grundke’s other ascent of Starr King was on May 30, 1971
\(^{331}\) Lorrie (Lorraine) Grundke.  See May 30, 1971 for her ascent (not left at the tent).
7 July 1968 - NE Side

Beautiful ascent up flowered crack under hazy skies. Pleasant except for bothersome flying ants on summit. Hazy but tremendous view. Will descend by SE Saddle over fifth class section called min 4th by guide.

R. Allyn Daroyan (2d Lt, USAF)
My second Yosemite [Tehachapi Chip rock climb]! Great!! Sierra Club
Chris Denning, Chairman of Tehachapi Mountain Club Section
Kurt Jensen

9 Aug. 1968 - NE Side

Chris Price (of Reed College)

Bill Faulhaber Aug 1968

Bill Fuller 9/17/1968

9 Aug 1968  NE Side
Chris Price (of Reed College)

Aug 17 1968  Bill Faulhaber
Bill Fuller

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332 A phenomenon indicating the expansion of a single ant colony into several colonies.
333 R. Allyn Saroyan became a scientist working at the Livermore Laboratories.
335 Sorenson also climbed Starr King on September 9, 1967 and June 16, 1979.
337 Faulhaber’s other Starr King ascent was on June 6, 1964
September 28, 1968
Jerry Halberm
GARY LUMIS

9/22/68
CAMERON SUTTLES
2019 CHANNING WAY #3
BERKELEY, VIA SE. SADDLE

Ronald A. Hahn, Sierra
MT View Cal.
Bill Martin - SAC - S.C.
Los Altos, Calif.

Dave Smith, Sierra Club
331 W 5th St.
Carrizo City, Nevada
"My warranty has run out"

Oct 5, 1968
Howard Wilson
1761 Pine St.
LIVERMORE, CAL.

Ray Jewell, Stanford City
September 28, 1968  Jerry Halpern
        Gary Lukis
        Cameron Suttles, 2019 Channing Way #3 Berkeley  via SE Saddle
        Ronald A. Hahn, Sierra Club Mt. View Cal.
        Bill Martin, SAC S.C., Los Altos
        Dave Smith, Sierra Club, 331 W. 5th St, Carson City Nevada, “My
        warranty has run out”

Oct 5, 1968  Louise Wilson, 338, 1761 Pine St. Livermore Cal
        Ray Jewell, 339, Livermore Calif.
        NE route class 4?  *!?!*

338 Wilson also ascended Starr King on October 6, 1968
339 Raymond Jewell has written a number of articles in Physics. Jewell’s other ascents
10/6/65 SIEPRA CLUB
EAY CHAPTER RCS TRIP
1 PM. WEST CIRRUS CLOUDS
10-10 M.P.H. WIND NORTH 6 KTS

H. J. Allen
Mary Anne Mark (Staford)
Louse Wilson

To Jewel — a little ‘aer in the
yesterday’s meeting

E. N. Singh, Sidhu. My
Drew off to Ray Jewel for
making it so easy for me.

Why its not ready to
storm so very.

Carl Dreisbach, Palatine
John Fischer Sr.
Jan. 2 1969
10/6/68  Sierra Club Bay Chapter RCS Trip.  1 pm overcast with cirrus clouds.  
Wind north 6 knots.  SE route  
Bob Mark\textsuperscript{340}  
DeWitt Allen  
Mary Anne Mark\textsuperscript{341} (Stanford)  
Louise Wilson\textsuperscript{342}  
R. Jewell\textsuperscript{343}.  A little easier than yesterday’s route.  
Rajurnam Singh Sidhu – My turban off to Ray Jewell for making it so easy for me.  
Why it’s about to storm so we go.  

1969

Jan 2 1969  Carl Dreisbach\textsuperscript{344}, Palo Alto  
John Fischer S.F.

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Look at this!  De Witt Allen was one of the three climbers who placed this book register on the peak on May 29, 1937. Thirty one years between ascents!  Allen also had three first ascents in Yosemite Valley: Kat Pinnacle by the Tyrolean Traverse, Washington Column Direct Route, and the North Face of Church Tower.

\textsuperscript{340} Also climbed the peak on April 11, 1970.  
\textsuperscript{341} Also climbed the peak on April 11, 1970.  
\textsuperscript{342} Wilson also ascended Starr King on October 5, 1968  
\textsuperscript{344} Carl Dreisbach also ascended Starr King on October 28, 1962

Chris Price

and

Tom Findley

it's 12° F and windy

and clear

SATURDAY A.M.

JUNE 14, 1969 Bluebird meal

PETE BANKO, the ubiquitous bushwacker, from SE saddle. I am not looking forward to the descent. At least I didn't come up yesterday.

[Handwritten symbol]
Jan 29, 1969  Chris Price\textsuperscript{345}
   Tom Findley
   It’s 12 degrees F and windy and clear

June 14, 1969  Bluebird weather
   Pete Banko,\textsuperscript{346} the ubiquitous bushwacker, from SE saddle. I am not
   looking forward to the descent. At least I didn’t come up yesterday.

\textsuperscript{345} See also August 8, 1968. He is a Reed student, and the likely reason he pops up in
   Yosemite is that his parent’s home was in the Stockton area. This would have been the
   semester break.

\textsuperscript{346} Banko drew the unilateral nuclear disarmament symbol on the left side of the page.
   It is also known more generally as a peace symbol.
21 June 1969

I wish to climb Starr King

today carry with us the

memory of Thomas C. Grantham

who tragic motorbike accident

Friday the 18th of June took

from us a real fine, well-liked

fellow rockclimber. Tom, who

would have been with us today,

would have enjoyed this great,

exciting climb.

Franklin L. Meyers

Don Armstrong

Donald Huesler

Leonard Hall

Climbed North Face Route.

Used 3 piton to protect class 4

delay 8 mas. Up about 11:30 AM.
21 June 1969  We who climb Starr King today carry with us the memory of Thomas C. Grantham\textsuperscript{347}, whose tragic motorbike accident on Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th} of June took from us a real fine, well liked fellow rock climber. Tom, who would have been with us today, would have enjoyed this great, exciting climb. Franklin J. Meyers\textsuperscript{348}  
Don Anderson  
Robert J. Grainger  
Donald Huebner  
Leonard Hall  
Draley R. Olson  
Climbed the north face route. Used 3 pitons to protect class 4 belay stances. Up about 11:30 am.

\textsuperscript{347} Died in Los Angeles County on June 13, 1969  
\textsuperscript{348} Listed on the Sierra Club’s Sierra Peaks Section as a qualified mountaineer in 2006. That’s staying power.
July 5, 1969

U.S. North Face

Larry Goldstein
Lee Hamen
Arlene Blum
Dick Millman
Ray Poole

East Face

Tom Nelson
Ken Offer
J.P. Wise
July 5, 1969 via north face
Larry Goldstein
Les Wilson\textsuperscript{349}
Arlene Blum UCHC\textsuperscript{350}
Dick Hickman
Ray Jewell\textsuperscript{351}

\textsuperscript{349} Wilson had 13 first ascents from 1961 through 1965 in Yosemite Valley.
\textsuperscript{350} Dr. Arlene Blum is a biophysical chemist and renowned mountaineer. She was awarded the Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Award in 1982.
\textsuperscript{351} Jewell’s other ascents of Starr King: October 5, 1968, October 6, 1968, April 11, 1970, and December 5, 1974.
July 12, 1969 12:00
Prima RCS

Omori

Ozaki

Buenos Aires

J. Kuizenqa (South)

Jock Evin

Dell Folk

Burton Frenzen, Richard

Steve Bass

Cly Colofaros

Mon July 21 '69

John Robie

Tom Distler

Ron Schroeder

East Face 5.6

1st?

Thundersstorm approaching
July 12, 1969 12:00. Via SE Saddle. Loma Prieta RCS
M--- Omori
--- man Goldfarb
--- Grayson
Dirk J. Kuizenga\textsuperscript{352} (South Africa)
Dick Irvin\textsuperscript{353}
Joel Falk
Jim Murray\textsuperscript{354}
Barton Huntly Richardson
Steve Beach
Eli Goldfarb, Los Altos

July 21 ’69 Mon
John Roebig
Tom Distler\textsuperscript{355}
Ron Schroeder
East Face 5.6 1\textsuperscript{st}? [added by an unknown party] No. Done by Bruce Cooke and companions 1964
Thunder storm approaching.

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Roebig, Distler and Schroeder are listed as the first ascenders of this route in Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs and in Ed Hartouni’s list on the Yosemite Climbing Association website. However, based on the register, Bruce Cooke along with his brother and nephew did the first ascent of the East Face on October 12, 1964. To Roebig and party’s credit, they put a question mark after their claim.

\textsuperscript{352} Dr. Kuizenga worked at Stanford in the physical sciences, specifically microwaves.
\textsuperscript{353} Irvin also ascended Starr King on June 27, 1964. Irvin was a climber of note in the Stanford Alpine Club, along with Mowat and Clinch, who climbed in many mountain ranges of the world. He died in 2006. The American Alpine Journal had an obituary for him by Nick Clinch in the 2007 edition.
\textsuperscript{354} Also climbed Starr King on May 21, 1977, July 19, 1980.
\textsuperscript{355} Distler’s other ascent of Starr King was on March 28, 1970.
26 Oct 69

26 Oct 69

via S. Popple

Tahquitz Chapter, Sierra Club

Terry Whitmire, President

Darrell Wood

Ben Lee Russell

March 26, 1970

Can see clear to Kennedy Mine.

Solo climber had nice time

meeting old friends.

Clark & gay again.

A little too much snow to climb

them again though.

David Fing

28 March 1970

North face — wonderful snow climb.

Glen Cowden, LPRCS

Bill Hooker, "MAC"

Tom Distler

Kurt Schietter

Blessed year — God's work.
26 Oct 69 via SE Saddle. Tehipite Chapter Sierra Club
George Whitmore\textsuperscript{356}, trip leader
Chris Denny\textsuperscript{357}, climbing leader
[Name unreadable]
Douglas W. Moincy
Ben Lee Dewell

1970

March 26, 1970 Can see clear to Kennedy Meadows. Solo climber had nice time
meeting old friends Clark and Lyell. A little too much snow to climb
them again though.
David Fisck

28 March 1970 North face – wonderful snow climb
Alan Cousins LPRCS\textsuperscript{358}
Bill Hooker\textsuperscript{359}, LPRCS, AAC
Tom Distler\textsuperscript{360}
Elinor Distler
Beautiful view. God’s country

\textsuperscript{356} Whitmore also ascended Starr King on October 10, 1953, April 30, 1960, April 9,
\textsuperscript{357} Chris Denny’s other ascents of Starr King: May 20, 1962, September 7, 1967, July
\textsuperscript{358} Loma Prieta [Chapter of the Sierra Club] Rock Climbing Section
\textsuperscript{359} See also September 25, 1965 and October 8, 1966.
\textsuperscript{360} Distler’s other ascent of Starr King was on June 21, 1969
11 April 1970
NE snow slopes
Bangtaan Ski Touring Section
Ken Dowell
Mary Anne Mark
Timothy J. Freck
Lori Freck
Bill Hooper
Bill Pournig (leader)

May 30, 1970
First ascent west face
6 pitches of fifth class 5.8
Ken Boche, MAC, SD
Lea Panza
Beautiful climb, beautiful
day, beautiful view!

June 7, 1970
Ascent via NE slope
Frank & Janis Svanquist
11 April 1970  NE Snow slopes.  Bay Chapter Ski Touring Section
Ray Jewell
Mary Anne Mark
Timothy L. Tredly
Bob Mark
Lotte Kamen
Bill Hoover
Bill Powning
George Bloom (Leader)

May 30, 1970  First ascent of southwest face. 6 pitches of fifth class 5.8
Ken Boche, AAC, S.C.
Lee Panza
Beautiful climb, beautiful day, beautiful view.

June 7, 1970  Ascent via NE slope
Frank Sarnquist
Janis Sarnquist

362 Also climbed the peak on October 6, 1968
363 Also climbed the peak on October 6, 1968
364 Hoover also climbed Starr King on March 25, 1979.
365 Called the West Face in Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs.
366 Boche had 20 first ascents in Yosemite Valley, several of them pre-eminent friction climbs. The dates of his other ascents of Starr King: September 5, 1970, June 14, 1972, June 5, 1980.
367 Rock climber, mountaineer and physician – all of note.
Jan 26, 1976  Ginny was on top!

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This entry is far out of date order. It belongs with the Westmont College Wintertrek II. See page 374.
Ervin:
Beware!!
SC the tour
climbed up in snow
Nice & come Mt Clark!

Tony Gromme
Bruce Morris
Jodi Backshiner 1st climb
Gordon Danielsson
John Ramm, Pato Ates
David Lunn
Liana Nair Spinks

7 June 1970 David Lunn and Bruce Morris guided us up – first climb for most of us. Tony Gromme Jody Buchalter 1st climb Gordon Danielson John Karon, Palo Alto Liana Nair Spinks

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368 This entry is probably associated with the April 11, 1970 Sierra Club Ski Touring ascent.
370 See also October 15, 1961
371 Associated by publications with the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center
372 Recent graduate from Carlmont High School
373 PhD in Mathematics from Stanford.
June 15, 1970

Wendell Taylor
Paul Taylor: Age 11

Colin McGlibery

From SE Saddle
Our first (YCG) Class 4
Climb

June 15, 1970

Steve Smiler
with Brian
my climb, threatening weather
from Ouray for the next.

June 20, 1970

Chris Denny

Joan Denny—first record 14+ (and she found a carabiner at
the base of the N.E. gneiss crack).
Warm, slight breeze, scattered
clouds—and both children home
with the babysitter: Freedom!
June 15, 1970  Wendell Taylor\textsuperscript{374}
    Paul Taylor\textsuperscript{375} age 12
    Colin McGlibery
      From SE Saddle
      Our first (YCG) class 4 climb

June 15, 1970  Stu Langdoc\textsuperscript{376}
    Dick Berry
    Nice climb.  Threatening weather.  From Ostrander Rocks this AM

June 20, 1970  Chris Denny\textsuperscript{377}
    Joann Denny – first roped Mtn. (and she found a carabiner at the base of the N.E. grass crack)  Warm, slight breeze, scattered clouds – and both children home with the baby sitter: Freedom!

\textsuperscript{374} Wendell Taylor also climbed Starr King on July 16, 1973.
\textsuperscript{375} Paul Taylor also climbed Starr King on April 24, 1976.
\textsuperscript{376} Stu Langdoc is today active in Castle Rock State Park (California) trails and preservation (source: Fred Glover).
July 20, 1970 3:22 pm
climbed from South Saddle
Thunderstorm camp

Art Westby
David Cosby
Jerry Keating
Rob Reel
Ellen Fletcher

July 4, 1970
where are all the crowds?
Barke + Nancy Zane

July 18, 1970
climbed from South Saddle
Hazy day. Beautiful views

for拥有
Roger Rour
Stamford
(June?)
July 20, 1970 3:22pm  Climbed from south saddle, thunderstorm coming
  Art Westy
  David Cosby
  Jerry Keating\textsuperscript{378}
  Rob Reed
  Elton Fletcher

July 1, 1970  Where are all the crowds!
  Burke Zane\textsuperscript{379}
  Nancy Zane

  Pe Asboe–Hansen\textsuperscript{380}
  Roger Route,\textsuperscript{381} Stanford

\textsuperscript{378} Keating is a noted climber of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club
\textsuperscript{379} Burke Zane’s other ascent was on July 14, 1971
\textsuperscript{380} Asboe-Hansen is a name from biochemistry at Stanford, but the first name does not match so I am reluctant to make the conclusion definite.
\textsuperscript{381} PhD in physics, worked at Stanford. He also climbed Starr King on June 19, 1971.
SEPT 5 1970
FIRST ASCENT
NW FACE
III 5.9
KEN BOCHE
MARY Bombo
BEAUTIFUL CLIMB
DARK NOW.
Sept 5 1970  First Ascent NW Face
Ken Boche\textsuperscript{382}
Mary Bomba\textsuperscript{383}
Beautiful climb. Dark now.

\textsuperscript{382} The dates of his other ascents of Starr King: May 30, 1970, June 14, 1972, June 5, 1980.

\textsuperscript{383} Other first ascents in Yosemite Valley: The Cow Left, Marginal
Sept 19, 1970
Jay W. Miller Res. So.
Robert Paternostre, CofTech

Sept 20, 1970
Nice day but a little
too windy

Jeff Sonni
Cliff Anderson 1st Peak

Digo [illegible]

October 13, 1970
Art de Leeke
Diana Dei Heiman
Roy Magnuson

Oct. 30, 1970
J. Richard Hechtel
Redwood City
Herbert Rickert UCSB
Tim Hodgson Oct 31
First time rock climbing
Dream Castle
Sept 19, 1970  Jay W. Wiley RCS SPS  
Robert Patenaude\textsuperscript{384} Caltech

Sept 20, 1970  Nice day but a little windy.  
Jeff Simori, San Diego  
Cliff Anderson 1\textsuperscript{st} Peak, San Diego  
Rita Reed, San Diego

Oct 13, 1970  Art de Goede\textsuperscript{385}  
Diana Dee Heiman  
Roy Magnuson\textsuperscript{386}

Oct 30, 1970  J. Richard Hechtel\textsuperscript{387}, Redwood City  
Herbert Rickert UCSB  
Tim Hodgson.  First time rock climbing.  Didn’t even slip

\textsuperscript{384} He received his PhD from Cal Tech in 1972  
\textsuperscript{385} This group appears to be associated with the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club.  The SPS web site has information about the peak from member trip reports at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/default.htm  
\textsuperscript{386} Magnuson’s other Starr King ascent was on October 4, 1975  
\textsuperscript{387} Richard Hechtel was awarded the Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Award in 1985, and his daughter, Sibylle, became quite a rock climber with participation in three first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
Oct. 30 - 1970
John Somerville
"Nice day... fer somethin"

Oct. 30 - 1970
Richard Gabriel
climbed for a friend
who couldn’t make
it - tried it.

Oct. 30 - 1970
Jay Simoneaux
Hot Damn - Nice!
Oct 30, 1970  John Somerville. “Nice day fer somethin’”
Richard Gabriel. Climbed for a friend who couldn’t make it - Judi
Jay Simoneaux. Hot Damn – Nice!
IN MEMORIAM

"Teri Chapman"
"Gene Gentry"
"Al Hunt"
"Mark Aiko"

S.F. route
Steve de Keijzer
Lyn Scalante
Kassie Chambers
Alex McKinley

This climb can be blamed directly on KAREN KARI, who chickened out at the last minute! (well, actually, she had a cold)
11/1/70 Alex Lindsey Junior Museum Alpine Club. SE Route
Steve de Keijzer
Lynn Bialoskurski
Roseanne Chambers
Chris Valle-Riestra

“In Memorium”
“Teri Chapman”
“Gene Geary”
“Al Hunt”
“Mark Aho”

This climb can be blamed directly on Karen Karl who chickened out at the last minute. (Well, actually, she had a cold.)

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The “In Memorium” group is likely those who did not make it all the way. One person in the group, Teri Chapman, had an ascent on June 22, 1977.

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388 Graduated from the U.C. Boalt Hall
Wed Dec 30
Hi George

11 April '71 10:35 AM
Perfect spring conditions so made ascent of N Face in summer climbing uniform of jockstrap/scanties, sombrero and crampons.
Jack Pettigrew
Rene Pettigrew
Al Cooper (no sombrero)


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Dec 30 1970 Wed. Hi George K.389
Mike Mendes

1971

11April ’71 10:30 AM. Perfect spring conditions so made ascent of N. Face in summer climbing uniform of jockstrap/scanties, sombrero and crampons.
Jack Pettigrew
Rona Pettigrew
Al Cooper (no sombrero)

389 The only George K. in the register is George Keshey who climbed Starr King on July 5, 1971.
April 28, 1971

We reached summit about 9:00 a.m. Climbing was easy, but very beautiful lots of rock and ice on the way to cockpit. Would hope to have a good trip. The weather was clear and warm.

Jack Klasnik

Cal P. Sivendian

Dynamite Bros.

MAY 30, 1971

THE DOLT STRIKES AGAIN
April 28, 1971  We reached summit about 8:00 o’clock A.M.  Climb was easy but very beautiful lots of snow and ice on our way to Clark Range. Now hope to have a good trip. The weather is clear and warm.
Jack Klasnik
Carl P. Amundson III
Dynamite Bros.

May 30, 1971  The Dolt\textsuperscript{390} Strikes Again

\textendnote{390}{Feuerer also ascended Starr King on October 22, 1955}

The May 30, 1971 solo climber in threatening weather signs himself “The Dolt”. He is William (Bill) Feuerer who also made also made an ascent of the peak on October 22, 1955. He was probably in Yosemite Valley for the Memorial Day weekend to hawk his equipment as the new climbing season unfolded and made a quick dash up Mt. Starr King. Sadly, within seven months this great manufacturer of climbing gear was dead at age 39, a suicide by hanging on Christmas Eve 1971. Bill was a slow speaking, gentle person, and so became nicknamed “dolt” by another climber. It stuck and he named his business after it. Even today the Dolt and his equipment are legendary in the rock climbing community.
May 30, 1971

Leader: Conrad Grundke
Lorrie Grundke, Greg Lewis
Pat (Dusty) Lewis, Howard Lewis
Snow coming down as we came up the last pitch. Bad party below has retreated.

June 5, 71

Vern Mure, Boy Capt. RCS
Solo from South col.
Finally able to enjoy some good climbing weather. Maybe summer is here!

Fearless leader: BPH Memorable day: June 19, 1971
We came from Palo Alto
Sarah Mannix
Charlie Sinclair
Lindsey Clark
Patty Green
Roger Route
May 30, 1971  Leader Conrad Grundke
Lorrie Grundke
Greg Lewis
Patty (Dusty) Lewis
Howard Lewis
Snow coming down as we came up the last pitch. Bad. Party below has retreated.

June 5, 1971  Vern Mohr Bay Chapt RCS. Solo from South Col. Finally able to enjoy some good climbing weather. Maybe summer is here!

June 19, 1971  Memorable day. We came from Palo Alto
Roger Route, Fearless Leader
Sarah Mavis
Charlie Sinclair
Lindsey Clark
Patty Green

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Because the date of the climbs for Conrad Gundke’s party and that of The Dolt (previous page) were the same, I was curious to know if they climbed together. I was able to contact Conrad and he had these comments.

This was an annual, "first climb of the year" outing for us. It was not a group Sierra Club outing in 1971, although the two families were Sierra Club RCS members from San Jose. I always enjoyed leading the climb since it was easy and allowed us to get our wives up to the summit.

Howard Lewis wrote a climbing book, "You're Standing on My Fingers", a family record of their climbing activities. I don't recall if it

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391 Grundke's other ascent of Starr King was on May 31, 1968
394 See also July 18, 1970
395 Also climbed Starr King on May 21, 1977
included much from the Sierras since Howard and his family came from the New York area and much of the book was with reference to the Shawangunks.

As I recall, there was no one else on the Southeast face in 1971, however, when you are on the summit you cannot see any of the alternate routes so someone could have been there without the other party being aware of them. We were not aware of any other climbers on the peak while we were there.

Conrad also sent along a photo looking down the climbing route.

I bought a copy of Howard Lewis’ book on the secondary market, and it was a fun read. Lewis presented an accurate picture of packing and climbing in the 1950’s and 1960’s. After the dedication he had a quote, “The charm of mountain

396 Under the name of H. Warren Lewis published in 1969 in Berkeley by Howell North Books.
climbing lies not in the climbing, in success, nor in failure, but in the great range of emotions provoked through these physical experiences. – Frank Smythe”

The characters in the book include Howard, Dusty (wife), Greg (son) and Dee (daughter) plus others mentioned along the way. Some in this register were Dave French, Bill Scoville, and Fred Beckey. Contrary to Grundke’s assertion, the book is not mostly about the “Gunks”.
July 3, 1971

Don Jorgensen
Car M'Leod

Jim Beavers
out of Seattle, Wa

Stan King keeps
the pattern of a
mighty fine (so far)
run about the
country. Off to
Mt. Clark.
July 3, 1971  Don Jorgensen
Cam McLeod
Jim Beavers
Out of Seattle, WA.  Starr King keeps the pattern of a mighty fine (so far) run about the country.  Off to Mt. Clark.
July 5, 1971
Sierra Peaks Section
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
Scheduled Trip
Tom Cosgrove, Leader
Gordon Macleod, Asst. Leader
Barbara Macleod
Tom Anderson

GEORGE KESKEY
Dr. Shindo

July 12
Hot Shot! 110°F
Out of three meals
one was quite good
Tom and Henry waiting at bottom
Tom, climb in 12 days, troll
and retire, a Sunnyside Ranch.
I think I'll go take a look my
companion won't come to the
top till I get my way down.

Dorothy Borden
Jerry Murphy
Up N. Side got climb, get quite
Good day hot lemonade
(This is quite a log).
Jim Padd
The grind
July 5, 1971  Sierra Peaks Section, Sierra Club, Los Angeles Chapter Scheduled Trip  
Tom Cosgrove, Leader  
Gordon McLeod, Ass’t Leader  
Barbara McLeod  
Tom Annlus  
George Keshey  
Don Thibodo  

July 12, 1971  110 degrees F.  Hot Shit!  2 out of 3 made it.  The other with possible frostbite waiting at the bottom.  4\textsuperscript{th} climb in 12 days, Lyell and Ritter and Sunnyside Bench\textsuperscript{397}.  I think I’ll go take a bath, my companion won’t come to the top till I put my arm down.  
Grivel Brothers  
Jerry Murphy\textsuperscript{398}  
Up N. side, good climb, good ---, good day, hot lemonade (this is quite a log).  
Jim Dodd, other grind  

\textsuperscript{397} Sunnyside Bench is an area to the right of Lower Yosemite Falls  
\textsuperscript{398} Murphy also climbed Starr King in July-August 1972 and on April 24, 1977.
July 14. Porter & Alexander: FORSYTH PIG. It's DADDY.

I'm thirsty.

If you could only know how much work they showed.

July 14. 71
Burke Zone - climbing steak the report. 7/15/71

FRANK "17 hunks of HERREY Ries.

Chris Denny - 6th ascent
August 7, 1971
Bill Hatcher
John Elezarian

9-5-71
I LUV TRAVELING.
STEWARDB CAMEY THIS PAM TO SURVEY FOR POSSIBLE SHIP-
NING CABLES FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LEE MINING. AND TO SECURE
WORKING JURISDICTION, THE
July 14 71  Peter + Plougher + Forsyth
  Dig it daddy
  I’m thirsty. If you could only know how much I want some snow.
  Brian Zane
  Burke Zane399
  Climbing heals the spirit
  Frank Herrera “A hunk of rock”

August 7, 1971  Chris Denny400 – 6th ascent
  Bill Hastrup
  John Eleazarian

9-5-71  I.L.W.U. traveling steward climbed this peak to survey for possible
  shipping canal from San Francisco to Lee Vining and to secure working
  jurisdiction. The steward’s name is Russ Lamson – He was helped by
  three men from P.M.A – The view from here is grand – but can’t see a
  great future for deep ocean shipping at this time. For the P.M.A –

399 Burke Zane’s other ascent was on July 1, 1970
400 Chris Denny’s other ascents of Starr King: May 20, 1962, September 7,1967, July
  1974
Steward's name is Ross Lamson - he was helped by three men from P.M.A. - the view from here is grand - but I can't see a great future for deep ocean shipping at this time for the P.M.A. -

9-5-71 - Nothing going to do today so what'll we do? Lively now. C. Weatherbird

Mary Malliett

Bill Clyde
Bay Chute, R.C.S

9-5-71
Up from the valley (Happy Isles) in 2 1/2 hrs.

Bullshit Ned Gillette

9-11-71 Via S.W. Saddle must have just missed him Kit. Mike Sherrick
Natalie Sherrick
Weather here's better than Alaska.
9-5-71 Nothing else to do today so what the hell – why not?
C.G. Wastenbruul
Larry Malliett
Bill Clyde
Bay Chapter RCS

9-5-71 Up from the valley (Happy Isles) in 2 ½ hours. [following this] Bullshit
Ned Gillette.

9-11-71 via SW Saddle. Must have missed Wm Kat!
Mike Sherrick
Natalie Sherrick
Weather here’s better than Alaska.

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Regarding Ned Gillette’s entry, someone took exception to his recorded time from Yosemite Valley to the peak summit. However, Gillette was a collegiate cross country champion and an Olympic athlete and quite a fantastic adventurer, mountaineer, skier, and so on. One needs to be careful in making judgments. Gillette was killed by bandits in Pakistan. His career was so well covered that there is no lack of information to be found about him on the Internet. “Gillette's extraordinary string of adventures included the first one-day ascent of Mount McKinley (in 1978, with Galen Rowell), the first American ascent of China's 24,757-foot Muztagata (1980), and the first telemark ski descent of Argentina's Aconcagua.” Outside Magazine, November 1998

401 Mike Sherrick was on two first ascents in Yosemite Valley, and they were good ones: the Northwest Face of Half Dome and the Sacherer Cracker. Mike and I were together on the first ascent of Mt. Senyala, a sandstone peak near the Havasu Indian Reservation in Arizona.
Last night above Nevada falls some bears ripped off our food. Hope they enjoyed the chocolate jerky. Only thing we've had to eat today is some real sconcey trail cookies and some (ugh) soybeans.

Waiting for Alpenglow

good art

Marc Dille
Ken Hure, (I think it was Ken Burger)
Turkey Tech, Turlock, CalIF.

We can't wait for some food. Thank you for the sucker found in the register, we will leave some delicious soybeans.
Undated  Last night above Nevada Falls some bears ripped off our food. Hope they enjoyed the chocolate jerky. Only thing we’ve had to eat today is real scongy trail cookies and some (ugh) soybeans. Waiting for Alpenglow. Good art
Marc Dilley
(I think it was Ken Burger)
Ken Huie
Turkey Tech, Turlock Calif.
We can’t wait for some food. Thank you for the sucker found in the register, we will leave some delicious soybeans.

\[\text{Dilley also ascended Starr King on June 23, 1973}\]
\[\text{California State University Stanislaus at Turlock California}\]
11/6/71

Come down mono tail head. Tried north side, full one knew. Mo quit.

Conway south route.

Beautiful day.

Doug M. E.

Mike R.

2 Feb. 1972

Don Sherr, Santa Rosa, Calif.

West Valley College Song

A small shot from Badger Pass.

Dave Whittaker, Corvallis, Oregon

Westmont College - So Fine!!!

John Nichols 2-2-72

NVC. George Santa Rosa, Ca.

If you look at clouds rest, (North)

You will see our route below.
11/6/71  Came up from Mono trailhead.  Tried North side, full of snow, no guts.  Came up south route.  Beautiful day.
Doug McLean
Mike Riley

1972

2 Feb 1972  Don Stoner, Saratoga Calif.  West Valley College Gang via snow shoes from Badger Pass.
Dave Willis404, Corvallis Oregon, Westmont College – So Fine!!!
John Nicholas, WVC, Gearys Saratoga, Ca
If you look at Cloud’s Rest (North) you will see our route below.

WISH BECKY WAS HERE

MIKE PECK

Ted Herman

4-29-72

Fucking OUTRAGEOUS

Santos 4-22-72

WHAT it is, I know what

it is its cool Jordan Kilis

4-22-72 RAUGHER. You in a

bag you got to bug out. Just don't

look at my coolness.

4-29-72  Tim Duffy

Steve Brewer

Carl Schoder

Will Speigelman

Louise Wilson Rausch

Fat Bremer

Bill Rausch

From saddle, Fine weather
Undated  Wish Becky was here.
   Mike Peck
   Ted Herman

4-22-72  Santos
d  Fucking outrageous
   Gordon Kulis.  What it is, I know what it is it’s cool
   Plaugher  You in a bug you got to bug out.  Jus don’t lose your coolness.

4-29-72  Tim Duffy
   Steve Brewer
   Carl Schoder
   Will Spiegelman
   Louise Wilson Rausch
   Pat Greene
   Bill Rausch
   From saddle.  Fine weather.

\footnote{Santos’ other ascent was on June 22, 1972}
\footnote{Kulis’ other Starr King ascent was on June 21, 1972}
\footnote{Plaugher’s other Starr King ascent was on June 21, 1972}
\footnote{This appears to be an outing of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club}
\footnote{Steve Brewer and Jim Bridwell climbed Cerro Torre in 1979 - Climbing Jan/Feb 1980, Supertopo.com.  This was hard core mountaineering.}
\footnote{Rausch also climbed Starr King on October 8, 1966}
STANFORD ALPINE CLUB
5-28-72
via East Face
Peter Dunsmuir
Darien Hopkins
Roger Seckney

We think of you Bob out there in Pongo Pongo!

6-3-72 Climbed via SE Saddle
nice weather but thunderstorm approaching
Lloyd Brown
HARRISON SMITH ESO
Hugh Stanton

6-4-72 Climbed by
North Face
Bob Carlson
Bob Young
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA
FAIR WEATHER
5-28-72 Stanford Alpine Club via East Face
    Peter Dyson
    Darien Hopkins
    Roger Gocking\footnote{Roger Gocking was active in the Stanford Alpine Club in the 70's and did a couple of first ascents in the Sawtooth Ridge and elsewhere in the Sierra Nevada (Source: Fred Glover).}
    We think of you Bob over there in Pongo Pongo\footnote{Probably refers to Pago Pago, American Samoa}

6-3-72 Climbed via SE saddle. Nice weather but thunder storm approaching.
    Lloyd Brown
    Harrison Smith Esq
    Hugh Stanton

6-4-72 Climbed by North Face.
    Bob Carlson
    Bob Young
    Berkeley Calif. Fair weather
June 4, 1972
Tehipite Chapter - Swing Club
Overcast, thunder!

Christopher Denney - 7th ascent
Michael Swilich
Paul Leavitt
John Passmann
Mark Alley

Said good

5th ASCENT
THE CLEAN MACHINE
S.W. FACE 7 bolts 4 mats 5.8

1st pitch II 5.8
700 feet 3 pitches?
June 14, 1972
Ken Boche

Tim Harrison
ARMSILLO ROCK GROUP
VALPARAISO YOUTH SECTION
June 4, 1972  Tehipite Chapter –Sierra Club.  Overcast, thunder!
Christopher Denny\textsuperscript{413} – 7\textsuperscript{th} ascent
Michael Svilich
Paul Leavitt
John Rasmussen
Merle Alley\textsuperscript{414}
Isabel Good

June 14, 1972  1\textsuperscript{st} Ascent
“The Clean Machine”
S.W. Face  7 bolts, 4 nuts 0 pitons
4 pitches II 5.8
700 ft of 3\textsuperscript{rd}  ?!
Ken Boche\textsuperscript{415}
†Tim Harrison\textsuperscript{416}, Armadillo Rock Group, Vulgarian Youth Section

\textsuperscript{414} Also climbed Starr King on May 30, 1959.
\textsuperscript{416} First ascent of Anchors Away in Yosemite Valley. Tim Harrison’s death was in Yosemite Valley in October 1973 when a bolt hanger came off to which he was anchored. He and his partner fell to their deaths. Harrison is still remembered in the climbing community for, among other things, his unusual method of hitch hiking with a trailer he pulled along. (Supertopo.com).
June 14 (I'm not sure that's right - it is Friday though), 1972
Did a lot of thinking about some of the moves coming up the S.E. saddle route - came from the west, tearing my legs apart in some bad brush. Back to L.A. tomorrow - it's been a good week. Look at the pretties some more, and then split.

Steve Patchett, UCLA

June 21 It's a nice day again, it has been for 6 days, Dig it, Daddy Gordon Kilcoyne Rig it, Daddy, I laugh again.

Kevin Nelson for the first time

June 22 What a trip! At we came up right after you Gretchen Samborski

Well here I am again, Eighty not quite as spaced as last, time still far out.

Steve Patchett
June 14 ’72  (I’m not sure that’s right – it is Friday, though)417
Did a lot of thinking about some of the moves coming up the S.E. saddle route – came from west, tearing my legs apart in some bad brush.418
Back to L.A. tomorrow – it’s been a good week. Look at the pretties some more and then split.
Steve Patchett UCLA

June 21 1972  It’s a nice day again. It has been for 6 days. Dig it Daddy.
Gordon Kulis419
Plaugher again420  Dig it Daddy
Kevin Nelson421 for the first time.

June 22 1972  What a trip. We came up right after you
Gretchen Sambo & Eight
Well here I am again not just as spaced out as last time still far out.
Stan Santos422

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417 June 16, 1972 was a Friday
418 In all likelihood referring to the Manzanita on the southwest approaches to the domes.
419 Kulis’ other Starr King ascent was on April 22, 1972
420 Plaugher’s other Starr King ascent was on April 22, 1972
421 Nelson’s other Starr King ascent was on May 25, 1974
422 Santos’ other ascent was on April 22, 1972
30 June 1972 or thereabouts
Bill & Pat Burke, NCSC

July 1, 1972

D I. Harto, SPS

Duke Valboe

On Tracey

Doug Mantle

Bob Melnyk

Paula Rapaham Sr.

George M. Hustace 1381

July 8 (?), 1972

Slept N. Front on the way to Mr. Clark. Slightly cloudy, a good day to die.

Mark McInerney

(Mark McInerney - a little study)
30 June 1972 or thereabouts
Bill Burke
Pat Burke
UCSC

July 1, 1972  Vi Grasso\textsuperscript{423} SPS
Dave Wallace /7\textsuperscript{424}
Ed Tracy
Doug Mantle\textsuperscript{425}
Bob Herlihy  SPS/2 + 1
Paul A. Lipsohn Sr.
Jon Hardt\textsuperscript{426}
George W. Hubbard 38

July 8(?), 1972  Soloed N Face on the way to Mt. Clark.  Slightly cloudy, a good
day to die.\textsuperscript{427}
Mark McPherran.  A little shaky.

In addition to his Angeles Chapter awards, Doug Mantle has also been recognized
by national Sierra Club with the Francis Farquhar Mountaineering Award in 1994.
He has climbed the highest mountain on each continent, including Everest in
1992. In his role of outings leader, he has been a sterling motivator and trainer,
making major in-the-field efforts to develop new leaders and to assist his fellow
mountaineers in attaining their goals.

\textsuperscript{423} Grasso’s other ascent of Starr King was on August 11, 1974
\textsuperscript{424} This is the first entry in this register where a small peak symbol over a number
appears for a member of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club.  It signifies, in
this case, that this ascent is the 7\textsuperscript{th} peak on the SPS list for this climber.  In the
transcription here forward I bracket the number thusly, /7\, to show the peak symbol.
\textsuperscript{425} Mantle’s other ascents of Starr King:  October 4, 1975, August 7, 1983.
\textsuperscript{426} Other Starr King ascents on August 11, 1974, August 26,1977
\textsuperscript{427} From a line in the 1970 movie “Little Big Man”, starring Dustin Hoffman.
August 4, 5:00 PM by S.E. Saddle; pleasant day with haze and slight cloud cover. Christian L. Straight from St. Maria, Calif. and D. Miller 10-82 & DICK WILKINS

8/20/71 Frank Rosinoff

8/20/71 Had to bivouac on the Northwest Col. - Severe snowstorm - lost 1/4 of our party of 15. Charles White, Minn. View, Calif.

Jim Cook, San Jose

13 Sept 72

Michael D. Zolman

Joanne Acero
August 4, 1972  5:00PM by SE saddle; pleasant day with haze and slight cloud cover.
Christian L. Straight from Sta. Maria Calif. and  [later] Hi Christian!!
Dick Wilkins

8/20/71 Frank Lovinfosse

8/20/71 Had to bivvy on the Northwest Col – Severe snowstorm – lost 14 of our party of 15
Charles Wyatt  Mtn View Calif
Jim Cook 429, San Jose

13 Sept 72 Michael D. La Lane 430
Joanne Cross

428 Murphy also climbed Starr King on July 12, 1971 and April 24, 1977.
429 Cook also ascended the peak on October 8, 1966.
430 La Lane’s other Starr King ascent was on October 17,1973
Sept. 20th 1972
Alton Stone - New Hampshire
Paul Yewell - Massachusetts
N. C. O. B. S.
By N.E. Route - extremely enjoyable
clean cool - some high clouds.

Oct. 13 1972 12:00 Noon
J. Bradley Schmitt, Green S.C.
James H. Smith, Georgetown
Up S.E. Route in rainy weather. Hope we can get off
before the STORM hits.

What it takes to climb Starr King!

"The twospheres"

Where is Joe O'Flaherty?
Sept 20th 1972  Alton Stone, New Hampshire
   Paul Yewell, Massachusetts
   N.C.O.B.S.
   By NE Route. Extremely enjoyable, clear, cool, some high clouds

Oct 1 1972  12:00 Noon
   J. Bradley Schmitt\footnote{431}, Garden Grove S.C.
   James H. Smith, Georgetown. Up SE route in rainy weather. Hope we
   can get off before storm hits. [ART WORK] What it takes to climb Starr
   King! Where is Joe O’Flaherty?

\footnotetext{431}{See also July 11, 1974}
May 28 '73 12:00 noon
Jean & Rick Abbott part
of 205 East face
"Fred" is with us, but he
won't hatch for a few months.
We needed extra rope to tie
around Jean's big belly.
(don't all ropes
before & protection, not capacity)

June 7 '73
Dan Waterman skis via
the most desolate route possible - "UDE'

6-9-73 David Linn
Mike Gravina
Suzanne LeDrew
Sherman Gravina
Celeste Fendell
Jim Smith
Brent Harris

June 10, 1973
Jim, Bevoli, Freans
Tournians, Libowtus
1973

May 28 ’73 12:00 Noon
Jean Abbott
Rick Abbott
Party of 2.5. East Face. “Fred is with us, but he won’t hatch for a few months. We needed extra rope to tie around Jean’s big belly. Done all nuts (Refers to protection, not mentality)

June 7 73 Dave Waterman. Solo via the most devious route possible. “WDFA”

6-9-73 David Lunn⁴³²
Mike Gravina
Suzanne LeDrew
Sherman Gromme
Celest Fendell
Jim Smith
Brent Harris

June 10, 1973 Jim Beanahi, Fresno
Tevenians Laboratories

June 16, 1973

"Jolly John Talborsky. No Roxie done in softer leather." VGE

Jerry Tauffman.
It's 32°, I'm wearing shorts, I'm freezing, wish I brought a rope, hope we get down.

June 23, 1973

Ascent via East Face 57
Lightning about to strike.
Better get off a nice climb.

Ken Berger
Marc Dilley

July 9, 1973

Gaston: "Emilio, you forget the dubs?"
Emilio: "Wee wee. Gaston, but I breeng dee carabiners."
June 16, 73 “Jolly John Gallansky”. No rope. Done in sofa loafers. UGC George Kauffman. It’s 32 degrees, I’m wearing shorts, I’m freezing, I wish I brought a rope, hope we get down.

Ken Berger
Marc Dilley

July 9 ’73 Gaston: “Emilio, you forgettin dee dubees!”
Emilio: “Wee wee Gaston, but I breeng dee carabeeners.”

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433 Marc Dilley is a well known climber and photographer of the North Cascades. Dilley also ascended Starr King in September or October 1971 (undated entry)
434 Refers to famous alpinists Gaston Rebuffat and Emilio Comici. Identity of writer(s) unknown.
Glenda suck it!

KMA, YMF, SMD

Wendell and Minn Lou Taylor
32 Edgemont Cir. Walnut Creek CaliF. - July 16, 1973

July 21, 1973
N.E. Flower filled eadock
Chris Donohoe of Kazoomb
URMAS FRANOSCH

Miles Grant

We bolted the register so it won't be turned over to soak in the winter. The second hole is drilled. Use another bolt in it if you have a spare.
[Gratuitous profanities not transcribed]

July 16, 1973 Wendell Taylor
Mina Lou Taylor
32 Edgemont Cir. Walnut Creek Calif.

July 21, 1973 NE Flower filled crack
Chris Denny – 8th ascent
Urmas Franosch
Miles Grant
We Bolted the register so it won’t be turned over to soak in the winter. The second hole is drilled. Use another bolt in it if you have a spare.

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435 Wendell Taylor also climbed Starr King on June 15, 1970.
437 It was on this ascent that Chris Denny also made the remark at the beginning of the register asking climbers to not remove pages of the register for souvenirs.
438 Franosch had 12 first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He is a well known Telemark ski expert at Mammoth Mountain. Franosch’s other Starr King ascent was on October 12, 1974
Sept. 3, 1973
Ascended via E. Face, removed two old pins (by hand) which were sitting in the cracks.

Dave Atkinson Camp
Oscar Dunfee, Berkeley

Oct. 14, 1973
Fast climb after hike from Mono Meadow. Beautiful day.

Peter Schubart · Berkeley
John McMurry · Santa Cruz
Larry Blaszczak (in spirit)
John Musser
1st Peak
Tallahassee, Florida

Oct. 17, 73
Michael & Patrice
Elizabeth A. Bibby (representing Segments Hill shop and "De Flamingo")

Oct. 22, 73 My hands are practically frozen, but we made it.
Kurt Water 3rd from Rite & Riddle Woodside, Cal.
Sept 3, 1973  Ascended via E face; removed two old pins (by hand) which were sitting in the cracks.
Dave Altman\(^{439}\), Camp 4 Yosemite
Alan Durfee\(^{440}\)

Peter Schubart, Berkeley
John McMurry, Santa Cruz
Larry Blaszczak (in spirit)
John Musser, 1\(^{st}\) peak Tallhassee, Florida

Oct 17, 1973  Michael La Lane\(^{441}\)
Elizabeth A. Bibby (representing Degnan’s Gift Shop and “De Flames”)

Oct 22, 73  My hands are practically frozen, but we made it.
Kurt Rieder\(^{442}\)
Rik Rieder\(^{443}\)
Both from Woodside Cal.

\(^{439}\) Dave Altman had 8 first ascents in Yosemite Valley
\(^{440}\) Alan Durfee is a professor of Mathematics at Mt. Holyoke
\(^{441}\) La Lane’s other Starr King ascent was on September 13, 1972
\(^{442}\) Kurt Rieder had 1 first ascent in Yosemite Valley.
\(^{443}\) Rik Rieder had 13 first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
Oct. 27, 1973

John Muir

Nice registry for historians. Warm, clear, some cloud on route.

George Anderson
Open Station
Big Meadows
Yosemite, California

Nice summit for contemplatives. Warm, clear, some snow in meadows.

1974

Ravenswood High School

E. Bogotich

January 14, 1974

Plenty of snow cramponed right up. Randy Sexton

Marg. Rosmore

Can see the coast range

Jane Tracy

Fer Gates
Oct 27, ’73 John Muir
George Anderson
Opim Station, Big Meadow, Yosemite California
Nice summit for contemplatives. Warm, clear. Some water in mortars.

1974

January 14, 1974 Ravenswood High School, East Palo Alto
Plenty of snow, cramponed right up.
Randy Sexton, Redwood City
Margi Rusmore – can see the Coast Range
Jane Tracy
Fer Gates

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Whoever made the October 27, 1973 entries with Muir’s and Anderson’s names had a knowledge of history as the Opim Station was a post office in Big Meadow which only lasted about a year beginning in 1882. George Anderson, the second ascender of Mt. Starr King, had a cabin in that locality. The statement “some water in mortars” refers to the natural pot holes on the lower dome coming up the southeast route (Anderson’s).
Victor Kress

David Lunn - such an enjoyable job!

Mike Morris

Bt Witt March 74
AA Backman ""
JF Storm ""

May the 15th 1974

Nancy Nelson - 2nd time

High

Herb Nelson - "finally"

Paul Roehl - 5-26-74

May 29 1974

Bill Sonnen 3 Palo Alto
Martha Coulton
George Whitmore 3 Kingsburg
Frances Whitmore
Con’t from last page
Victor Kress
David Lunn\textsuperscript{444} – such an enjoyable job
Mike Morris

March 1974 BK Witt
AA Backman
JF Sturm

May the 25\textsuperscript{th} 1974 Wendy Rosin
\textbf{HIGH}
Kevin Nelson\textsuperscript{445} – 2\textsuperscript{nd} time. Dig it Daddy #2

5-26-74 Bill Heiman\textsuperscript{446} “Finally”
Paul Roehl\textsuperscript{447}

29 May 1974 Bill Sommers, Palo Alto
Martha Coulton, Palo Alto
George Whitmore\textsuperscript{448}, Kingsburg
Frances Whitmore, Kingsburg

June 12, 1974 Came up the east face. Never found the route, but did easy 5\textsuperscript{th} to here.
Sierra Slim (Bruce Slayman)
Frank Fiveleven (Alan Bartlett\textsuperscript{449})
Long Live the SLA (Sierra Liberation Army). Our first goal is to exterminate the Yosemite Institute – Founders of the Screamers.

\textsuperscript{444} Lunn’s other ascents of Starr King: October 15, 1961, July 7, 1962, June 7, 1970, June 9, 1973
\textsuperscript{445} Nelson’s other Starr King ascent was on June 21, 1972
\textsuperscript{446} Heiman’s other Starr King ascent was on April 10, 1977
\textsuperscript{447} Roehl’s ascents were on April 10, 1977, July 17, 1977.
\textsuperscript{448} Whitmore also ascended Starr King on October 10, 1953, April 30, 1960, April 9, 1961, October 26, 1969 and April 29, 1979.
\textsuperscript{449} Alan Bartlett participated in nine first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
up the southeast face
had a good time, beautiful
day. Hi Linda R.

Mark Carver 6/20/74
Point Loma College S.D.

Got sure does mighty fine work
Love it - Daisy Businot 6/20/74

6/20/74 Beautiful?
Came all the way with
shin splints, ouch, but
worth it for sure

Peri Jerreente
Tom Jerreente

7-5-74
Helena Jackson
Santa Rosa

Doug Dunham
Berkeley

(also with shin splints!)
Neophyte climbers (our
first "big climb") came up NE
6/20/74 Up the southeast face. Had a beautiful time, beautiful day. Hi Linda K.
Mark Carver, Point Loma College S.F.
Daisy Cuisinot. UCB. God sure does mighty fine work. Love it.
Peri Turrentine. Beautiful! Came all the way up with shin splints. Ouch.
But worth it for sure.
Tom Turrentine

7-5-74 Helena Jackson, Santa Rosa. (Also with shin splints!) Neophyte climbers (our first “big climb”).
Doug Dunham, Berkeley. Came up NE

450 Professor at U.C. Davis
crack with enuf equip, for an army of climbers. After we got over being scared we had a lot of fun climbing. Saw a humming bird on the summit. We could hardly ask for a better day, and hope yours is at least as good!

7-11-74
young, healthy & happy
Made a Shade ascent up S.E. face Sun energy!! Visited an Machine to be alive...!! Fish & Aspening

Starrk naked on Starr King.
2nd ascent via S.E. face. Beautiful day after 3 days of winter, 360° view.

Good Weather

Climbed totally "clean"
crack With enuf equipment for an army of climbers. After we got over being scared we had a lot of fun climbing. Saw a hummingbird on the summit. We could hardly ask for a better day, and hope yours is at least as good!

7-11-74 Young, healthy and happy. Made a nude ascent up SE face. Sun energy!! And I’m so glad to be alive.
Leslie Appling
Starrk naked on Starr King. 2nd ascent via S.E. face. Beautiful day after 3 days of winter. 360 degree view.
Brad Schmitt. Climbed totally “clean”

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I was concerned that Ms. Appling might, at this later stage of her life, object to her entry being made available to others, so I contacted her, and asked if it was OK. She replied in the affirmative and also said,
Hi Bill, that brought a smile to my face!
I have no problem with that entry being included.
Shoes, harness and shades - a great way to climb!

451 In a list compiled in 2007 by Ed Hartouni (Supertopo.com) of first ascents nationwide in rock climbing by all female teams, Leslie Appling had three. The list contained only 23, so she has to be counted as one of the most adventurous female climbers – as her attire on Starr King would suggest.

452 See also October 1, 1972
July 13, 1974
Bob Pauw, Riverside, Calif.
Tom De Roo, Wyckoff, N.J.
Curf De Roo, Grand Rapids, Mich.

1st Ascent SSW Face
-from 30' chain'd stump at base
-friction up 150', to vertical well pass on right and friction up to
-summit II class 4 or low class
-very little protection available
-all not ascent

-great Lunch--sardines
-crackers (crumbs)
-Climbing all summer:
-Rockies, Tetons, Cascades...
-at least we didn't have to open
-the sardine tins with our ice
-axes this time!
Bob Pauw, Riverside Calif
Tom De Roo, Wyckoff N.J.
Curt De Roo, Grand Rapids Mich
1\textsuperscript{st} ascent SSW Face. From 30’ charred stump at base friction up left
250’ to vertical wall, pass on right and friction up to summit. II Class 4
or low class 5. Very little protection available. All nut ascent.
Great Lunch – Sardines & cracker (crumbs). Climbing all summer!
Rockies, Tetons, Cascades…
And at least we didn’t have to open the sardine tins with our ice axes this
time.
August 9, 1974

No ropes, scared shitless up NE face. Looks like thin line of the mountain right now — John Bevan

S.P.S.  
John Kerr - 26th June

Vi Hens (or good on the 1st).
Bay of Islands
John Roth s.e. M1
Al Toering s.e. Sierra Dome Section
Betsy Sowers
La Petitjean
Betsy Kahler

Selena Holladay

George R Davis

Walter Faber

Rich May
August 8, 1974  John Bevan  No ropes, scared shitless up NE face. Looks like I’m King of the Mountain right now. Right on!

August 11, 1974  S.P.S.  
Jon Hardt\textsuperscript{453} – 2\textsuperscript{nd} time  
Vi Grasso\textsuperscript{454} (as good as the first!)  
Roy L. Ward\textsuperscript{455}  
John Roth S.C. /4\  
Al Toering. Sierra Domes Section  
Betty Sowers  
Lu Petitjean  
Betty Kabler  
Delores Holladay  
Jon Hardt  
George R. Davis\textsuperscript{456}  
Walton Kabler\textsuperscript{457}  
Rich May

\textsuperscript{453} Other Starr King ascents on July 1, 1972, August 26, 1977  
\textsuperscript{454} Grasso’s other ascent of Starr King was on July 1, 1972  
\textsuperscript{455} Ward also ascended Starr King on July 21, 1975  
\textsuperscript{456} Davis also ascended Starr King on August 30, 1981  
\textsuperscript{457} Kabler’s other Starr King ascent was on August 8, 1976
My mom
Mary Richardson
David F. Burdett
Patricia J. Saviagood
Jon Pettijohn 63
178 to go!
Joseph Young 457
worn
Bernie Pettijohn
Earl Keeler 45

Aug 13/74
from Saddled
Name: Tony

Paul Dunes Aug 11/74
Saratoga, Calif.
N.E. face, hate Manzanita

Steven Klimowski with
Statham Valley, N.Y., P.D.
Duane McRuer was a graduate of Cal Tech with a Masters Degree who became known as the father of aircraft control systems. He was also an avid mountaineer and contributor to the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, which he joined in 1962. He played a major role in creating the Leadership Training Program for the Sierra Club. He was the Chair of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club in 1976. He climbed all 297 mountains contained on the SPS list by 1985, and by 1997 had visited or climbed the high point in all fifty states, save one, Mount McKinley in Alaska. He also climbed all of the 97 mountains contained on the Sierra Club’s Desert Peaks list twice. He was awarded the Sierra Club's Oliver Kehrlein Award for Outings Leadership (1997) and the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Lifelong Service Award (1998) among many other honors. Duane continued to climb peaks well into his eightieth year. His energy, endurance, and knowledge of geology made him a favorite and inspirational companion to all who accompanied him on the many hiking trails and climbing routes here in California and across the United States.\footnote{This writeup about Duane McRuer was lifted in part from the website, http://www.ccst.us/news/2007/2007070202mcruer.php Much was written by Doug Mantle who climbed the peak on July 1, 1972, October 4, 1975 and August 7, 1983}
Dear old student Boney
brought me up here for my
2nd classic heat experience.

I can fly.

Lynn Hammond
6/21/74

B. Johnson

October 12, 1972
Chris, Donna. SE saddle,
with ascent for fun, not the
Ellen Scarby. Angel Camp
URMAS FRANOSCH

Rob Frick & Russell Kohler
NW Face somewhere
8/21/74  Dear old patient Beverly brought me up here for my 3rd climb. Neat experience. I can fly.
Lynn Hammond
B. Johnson

Ellen Searby, Angels Camp
Urmas Franosch

Rob Frick
Russell Kohler
NW Face somewhere

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Urmas Franosch made the following comments about this venture to Mt. Starr King:

    Our ascent was definitely in 1974, not 1972.
    Ellen Searby, who climbed with Chris Denny and me, is an interesting person with a long history in Yosemite. She was close friends with Warren Harding and was at the top to greet him on the first ascent of the Nose of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley. When I knew her in the mid 70's she was an avid cross country skier and member of the Yosemite Nordic Ski Patrol with Chris and me. She spent summers flying around solo in the Alaska bush in a single engine plane. The last I heard about her was that she was growing wine grapes near Sebastopol, CA.
    Chris Denny is a remarkable person. He was a mentor to me and numerous other young wannabe climbers. His patient and encouraging

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459 Beverly Johnson was a party to nine first ascents in Yosemite Valley. She was one of the truly great female climbers. She died in a helicopter crash on April 3, 1994 in Nevada. This ascent is the first all female ascent of the peak, coming two years after the passage of amendments to title 9 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act which gave women more chances to excel in sports.


461 Franosch’s other Starr King ascent was on July 21, 1973
instruction and passion for the mountains had a lot to do with my decision to pursue a life of climbing. Back then we felt that reaching a summit, inaccessible by other means, was a more worthy climbing objective than just climbing up some face to an anchor. I chuckle now when I think of the arduous approaches we endured just to climb to the summit of some obscure pinnacle. With Chris I climbed Sentinel Spire, The Block, Split Pinnacle, The Rostrum from the notch, Pulpit Rock, as well as the east face of Mt. Whitney.

I can't overstate the influence Chris had on the course of my life. I credit him with inspiring me to follow a healthy life, when I could easily have gone in other directions. Growing up without a father, Chris gave me valuable tips that I would have missed during a crucial time. I remember he told me once that bowling alleys were good places to pick up women. That one I never did follow up on!
October 19, 1974
Ala W. Rodak
Jim Murphy
Paul Bunyan  Oct. 19, 1974
E.  Barntts.

Bart O’Brien, East Face
A fine route of three pitches. This is my first
October peak and a fine
one at that.

November 30, 1974
Easy ascent from saddle,
beautiful t-shirt weather, with
a view of the coast range. Hope
everyone has as good an ascent
as ours.

Dave Chapman
Duane Allman
Dave Whitt
October 19, 1974  Alan W. Rabak
Jim Murphy
Paul Burich, E. Face Rte.
Bart O’Brien⁴⁶², East Face.  A fine route of three pitches.  This is my first
October peak and a fine one at that.

November 30, 1974  Easy ascent from saddle, beautiful T-shirt weather with a
view of the Coast Range.  Hope everyone has as good an ascent as ours.
Dave Chapman
Duane Alleman
Dave Willis⁴⁶³

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⁴⁶² One first ascent in Yosemite valley
⁴⁶³ Willis also climbed Starr King on February 2, 1972, September 26, 1975, January
NOV. 30, 1974

Jurgen Schlicker
It feels good to be alive.

Jim Graydon
DENIS WAESPI

Rocco Pomplico
Climbed from the saddle
on Dec 15 1974

Ray Jewel
Tom Forester

May X

Mike Fandel

Dave Hitchcock

JUNE 15TH 1975

CLAYTON B. WARDLE

Mel Jameson

Framo
Nov 30 1974  Jurgen Schlicker.  It feels good to be alive
   Jim Grayden
   Dennis Waespi

Dec 5/74  Rosso Rompino. Climbed from the saddle.
   Ray Jewell\textsuperscript{464}
   Tom Felts

\textbf{1975}

May X  Mike Fandl
        Dave Hitchcode

June 15, 1975  Clayton B. Wardle
               Mel Simons, Fresno

The Karma Kids.
F.M. Grant (Nick Crighton) Smokey
F. F. Fed (Robert Graham) Darrel
June 14, 1945
Boo, putting up with stuff, doo doo doo, you'll see.
June 16, 1975  The Karma Kids  
F.M. Quad (Michael Clause) Sacramento  
F.R. Fed (Robert Graham) Oakdale  
SE Saddle. Now putting off to Mt. Lyell. “We don’t do shit!”

Undated  Glenn Huggins. Please write 96 Wessex San Carlos CA 94070  
Climbed up North Wall. No hardware so I was shocked to find biners and pitons up my route. First came up damned Manzanita on south then passed notch between this and east knob. Left Virginia ----- . Plenty of thunderheads. Snowed heavily Thursday. Please tell me about anything interesting. That’s my Swiss Army knife down by scrawny trees below piton
June 22, 1975  Afternoon

Tim & Terry McNamara
(L.A) (A:i:my)
would like all of you
later day people to kindly
remove your diapers and
pitons and give your
regards to our brother
Pat who didn't make it.

CAME OF THE SADDLE
NO AID. WE ARE
GETTING STONED AND
READING THIS BOOK.
STASHED SOME POT
BY BOOK HOLDER
SEE YOU TOMORROW
ON MT. HOFFMANN
June 22, 1975  Afternoon
Tim McNamara, (LA)
Terry McNamara, (A^2, MI)
Would like all of you later day people to kindly remove your diapers and pitons and give your regards to our brother Pat who didn’t make it.

Came up the saddle no aid. We are getting stoned and reading this book. Stashed some pot by book holder. See you tomorrow on Mt. Hoffman.
June 28, 1975

Shelton Moonawa

June 28, 1975

Joyce Kiel

First Climb

Tren Baretet - Salvent, Co.

Bill Schuler - Bull Shift

Leah Muson

Bill Morris

Beautiful climb escaped all of holiday wannabes' crowd

July 5, 1975

S & saddle: 9:43am

Clear & warm

My dad is Tom Morris, 66
June 28, 1975  
Sheldon Moomaw
Joyce Kiel. First climb
Tren Bartlett – Silverado CA
Bill Schuler – Bull Shit

July 5, 1975  Leah Muson
Bill Morris. Beautiful climb escaped all of holiday’s valley summer crowd. Clear and warm 9:45 AM. My dad is Tom Morris ’66 ‘67

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July 21, 1975 10:45 AM
Super Weather
Cuno Ranahan 5/15 1/28
Ray A. Reed 2nd time

July 27, 75
Best Climb this year
Don Robertson
Rich Ramos
Don lead the hard parts
I prussicked S.E. saddle

Sept 21 1975
Bill T. Russell
Don T. Russell
July 21 1975  10:45 AM.  Super weather.  
  Cuno Ranschau, SPS /128\  
  Roy L. Ward\^2\textsuperscript{nd} time

July 27, 1975  Best climb this year.  
  Don Robertson  
  Rich Ramos  
  Don led the hard parts and I prussicked\textsuperscript{469}  SE Saddle.

Sept. 21 1975  Bill T. Russell\textsuperscript{470}  
  Dave T. Russell

\textsuperscript{467} As the number 128 indicates, Ranschau was an active mountaineer in the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club. He also climbed Starr King on August 1, 1980.  
\textsuperscript{468} Ward also ascended Starr King on August 11, 1974  
\textsuperscript{469} The prusik knot was invented by an Austrian mountaineer, Karl Prusik, 1897-1961. It served as a method of ascending on a rope before Jumar and other ascenders.  
\textsuperscript{470} Bill Russell had 14 first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
Sept 21, 1975

SE Saddle
Bill Hauser, AAC
Dan Dobbins, Sacramento

26 September, 1975
Ascent from Half Dome via tyrolean traverse on 4 miles of monofilament line shot from a water pistol.
Dave Willis, Corvallis, Oregon
Lois Loomis, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Sept. 28, 1975
Pam Sullivan (alias Blackledge)
threatens to escape with our water if we do not descend to the SE Saddle soon.
Adios escaladores, caballeros, senoritas!

Bud Rice
Alex Moad
Sept 21, 1975  SE Saddle  
    Bill Hauser, AAC  
    Dan Dobbins, Sacramento

26 September 1975  Ascent from Half Dome via tyrolean traverse on 4 miles of monofilament line shot from a water pistol.  
    Dave Willis, Corvallis Oregon  
    Lois Lorentzen, Detroit Lakes, Minn

Sept. 28, 1975  Pam Sullivan (Alias Blackledge) threatens to escape with our water if we do not descend to the SE saddle soon.  Adios muchachos, caballeros, señoritas!  
    Bud Rice  
    Alex Moad


\[472\]  Lorentzen’s other Starr King ascents were on January 2, 1976 and January 26, 1976.
Sept 28 - 1975

J. Harris Sacramento
D. Wallace Richmond

Oct 2nd 1975
J. P. and Eva de St. Croix
Rich Tobin

Too much smoke from
"let burn" fires to make a fine view. But nice climb?

Oct 4, 1975
Doug Mantle - 2nd time
Mark Chebel
Barbara Magnesson
Ray Magnesson 2nd time

East Face Rt. 5.7 II Oct 16, 1975
Will Cenjenko
& John R. Waltman
1st technical climb. Blood on one hand and one arm only
Sept 28, 1975  J. Harris, Sacramento  
D. Wallace, Richmond

Oct 2\textsuperscript{nd} 1975  J.P. de St. Croix\textsuperscript{473}  
Eva de St. Croix  
Rich Tobin  
Too much smoke from “let burn” fires to make a fine view. But nice climb!

Oct 4, 1975  Doug Mantle\textsuperscript{474} – 2\textsuperscript{nd} time  
Mark Goebel\textsuperscript{475}  
Barbara Magnuson  
Roy Magnuson\textsuperscript{476} – 2\textsuperscript{nd} time

Oct 16, 1975  East Face Rt, 5.7 II  
\textdagger Will Crljenko\textsuperscript{477}  
John R. Waltman – [my] 1\textsuperscript{st} technical climb. Blood on one hand and one arm only.

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Mark Goebel: My first climb of Starr King on 10/4/75 was with Doug Mantle, and Roy & Barbara Magnuson. In July of 1975 Doug, Roy, I, and others had successfully summited Mt McKinley/Denali. Doug, Roy, and Barbara have climbed all the peaks on the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club list. Doug has completed the list at least 6-7 times and still continues to re-climb the list.

\textsuperscript{473} One first ascent in Yosemite Valley, Tangerine Trip  
\textsuperscript{474} Mantle’s other ascents of Starr King: July 1, 1972, August 7, 1983.  
\textsuperscript{475} Goebel’s other ascent of Starr King was on July 3, 1979  
\textsuperscript{476} Lowdermilk’s other Starr King ascent was on October 13, 1970  
\textsuperscript{477} One first ascent in Yosemite Valley, True Grit. Died in an avalanche in 2005 - Supertopo.com
FIRST CLIMB

AT 11:30 A.M., SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7, 1975, FROM
THE SOUTH EAST SADDLE.
WE HONOR THIS CLIMB ON
BEHALF OF THE NATION’S
200TH BIRTHDAY AND
OUR HOME TOWN,
MARTINEZ, CA.
100TH BIRTHDAY.
THIS WILL BE A DAY TO
REMEMBER!
DUNCAN A. SCHAEFER
JAMES D. LINDLEY
12/7/1975  First Climb at 11:50 AM Sunday December 7 1975 from the Southeast Saddle. We honor this climb on behalf of the Nation’s 200th birthday and our home town, Martinez, CA 100th Birthday. This will be a day to remember!
Duncan A. Schaeffer
James D. Lindley
BICENTENNIAL CLIMB

January 2, 1976

First Ascent of the New Year;
via South East Saddle Approach
Jeff Barton - Grand Marais, MN
Dan Price - Winterroc 1976
Lois Borger - MN
Dave Willis
Pammy Parks - Dick Savidge

January 12, 1976 - Westmont College
Ascent via SE Saddle approx
Melting snow on friction point
Beautiful sunny day, a bit winy
First Climbing experience for:
Tim Koopmans - Watsonville Co.
Ken Bickett - Winterroc

Thanks Dave Willis & Jeff
Barton for your patience
Craig McLeod - Santa Barbara

LAWRENCE HENRY CATES
Jan 12, 1976 - Woodside, Calif.

Pamela Helfrich
Jan 12, 1976 - Marina, California
Westmont College
January 2, 1976  Bicentennial Climb!  First ascent of the new year via southeast saddle approach.
Jeff Barton\textsuperscript{478}, Grand Marais, MN
Dan Price\textsuperscript{479} – Wintertrek 1976
Lois Lorentzen\textsuperscript{480} - Wintertrek 1976
Dave Willis\textsuperscript{481} - Wintertrek 1976
Nancy Parks\textsuperscript{482}
Dick Savidge\textsuperscript{483}

January 12, 1976  Westmont College, Wintertrek I
Ascent via SE saddle approach. Melting snow on friction point.
Beautiful sunny day, a bit windy. First climbing experience for:
Tom Koopnans, Watsonville Ca
Ken Prickett, Huntington Bbch Cal.
Thanks Dave Willis and Jeff Barton for your patience.
Craig McLeod, Santa Barbara
Lawrence Henry Cates, Woodside Calif.
Pamela Helmick, Marina California, Westmont College

Wintertrek was organized by Dave Willis at Westmont College in order to introduce others the wilderness. It was no mean feat getting his group of people up Mt. Starr King in January, and not without risk had the weather turned. However, the years of 1976 and 1977 were extremely dry, to the point of water rationing in many towns in California, and this certainly worked in Wintertrek’s favor. Westmont College is a Christian liberal arts college in Santa Barbara with

\textsuperscript{478} Other ascents on January 12, 1976, January 24, 1976 and January 25, 1976
\textsuperscript{479} See also January 13, 1976
\textsuperscript{480} Lorentzen’s other Starr King ascents were on September 26, 1975 and January 26, 1976.
\textsuperscript{482} See also January 12, 1976
\textsuperscript{483} See also January 12, 1976 and January 13, 1976
an enrollment of about 1400 students, and it is a testament to Willis’ drive that he got such a group out in the wilds in winter. Willis today works for conservation causes in southern Oregon. The next eight pages of the register are from Willis’ Wintertrek. Some of the entries are quite touching as they are from neophytes with no previous connection to the granite domain.

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The registers give information about the increased participation of women in the activity of rock climbing and peak bagging. Year by year statistics of women climbers of Mt. Starr King are not informative as the numbers are too small. In order to be able to spot trends, the data has been summarized at the 10 year level:

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The post World War II decades show a significance increase in the participation of female climbers on Mt. Starr King, decade by decade, in the number of female ascents.

The first all female team to climb the peak was on August 21, 1974 by Bev Johnson and Lynn Hammond. The first solo climb by a female climber was on September 7, 1976 by Celia (no last name given).
Kent Partridge  
Westmont College  
Larry Manning

I'm writing because my hands are shaking but I think I'm happy to be here.

Dave Willif

It still looks like I'm the best-looking guy to be here.

Lowell John Rose
Westmont College
Where the hell is El Sobrante?

3rd time in a week?

Nancy Forbes

Jeff Barton
Grand Marnier

Dick Sevidge
Kent Partridge, Westmont College
Laura Manning. I’m writing weird because my hands are so shaky but I think I’m happy to be here.

Dave Willis

Lowell John Rouse, Westmont College. It still looks like I’m the best looking guy to be here. Where the hell is El Sobrante?

Nancy Parks. 2nd time in a week? 3rd’s a charm.

1/12/76 Jeff Barton, Grand Marais Mich
Dick Savidge

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485 See also January 2, 1976

486 Other ascents on January 2, 1976, January 24, 1976 and January 25, 1976

487 See also January 2, 1976 and January 13, 1976
WINTER TRACK I

(Westmont Still)

— JAN 13, 1976 —

Beautiful day

-Ralph E. Byrd-

What’s the Bleep is El so brave

-R. Dale Sandburg-

Jan 13, 1976 from Santa Barbara

John Want Lucid all, Costa Mesa

Mary clinic, listener wants more

-Ein Ray- Jan 13, 75 Deek Kansas

Wanted to winter track II will make it

Hit locks. What a clinic!

Bless could only see me now.

Karen Clark- Seattle, WA.

I can see clear to the

Why? Jan Edmundson college

I love it! Karen McCarthy

1-13-76
Jan 13 1976 Winter Trek I. Beautiful day.
Ralph E. Byrd. What the bleep is El. Sobrante. I wanna come back.
Thanx Lord.
R. Nils Sandberg from Santa Barbara
John Mark Ludall, Costa Mesa. Loved climb, first ever, want more.
Jim Roy, Derby Kansas. I wonder if Winter Trek II will make it.
Owen Clark, Seattle WA. Hot rocks – what a climb. If you could only see me now.
John Bearss, Westmont College. I can see all the way to the City.
Karen McCarthy. I love it.

13/76. Seen is beautiful from

Dave Miles
Dick Savidge

Daniel J. Price

Jan. 24/76. Winter Trek, Westmont College

Ma & Rose Chang - Chula Vista, Ca.

Jana & Tina Muller - Colorado - (S.)

What a climb & view - for my finest ascent
It makes me want more -

Sorry to beat you up Dave
Jan 13/76  Wintertrek Westmont College
   Daniel Martin Solis. Eagle Rock Calif. It sure is beautiful from up here.
   Dave Willis 488
   Dick Savidge 489
   Daniel J. Price 490

Jan 24/76  Winter Trek, Westmont College
   Don Chang, Chula Vista CA
   Tina Mullins – Colorado – (C.S.). Sure is comparable simply outrageous
   Randy Baron, L.A. CA. What a climb and view – for my first ascent, it
   makes me want more. Sorry to beat you up, Dave.

488 Willis also climbed Starr King on February 2, 1972, November 30, 1974,
    September 26, 1975, January 2, 1976, January 3, 1976, January 12, 1976, January 24,
489 See also January 2, 1976 and January 12, 1976
490 See also January 2, 1976
Almost as rough as the high risers in New Jersey.
A lot prettier sight though.

Dan Leisy

1-24-76 Barbara Currie
don't believe it. It's
beautiful! What a
climb
1-24-76 I hope I can
get down from
here. Liz Guerra

Praise the mighty
I made it up. I
don't think I'll ever do
it again! Judy Anderson

D. Willis
1/24 Wheaton, Illinois

Jeff Barton Grand Marais MN 1/24
Dan Leisy. Almost as huge as the high risers in New Jersey. A lot prettier though.
Barbara Currie. Downey, CA. I don’t believe it. It’s so beautiful! What a climb.
Liz Guerra. I hope I get down from here.
Judy Anderson, Wheaton Illinois. I made it up. I doubt if I’ll ever do it again.
D. Willis\textsuperscript{491}
Jeff Barton\textsuperscript{492}, Grand Marais, MN

\textsuperscript{492} Other ascents on January 2, 1976, January 12, 1976 and January 25, 1976
Jan. 25, 1976

Winter Trek II - Westmont College

(Farmer Fred) Santa Barbara

Fred MacIntosh - first ascent up Starr King was great, so clear you could see the coastal range. Came up S.E. saddle via skateboard, leaving to catch the face of Half Dome before the sun goes down.

1/25/76

Dana Spencer - another member of Westmont’s Winter Trek. Randy, you may have beat me up, but did you climb up the west face on a one-handed handstand? I did. Time for lunch, boys, do I have sardines, well people, I love you all, Bye for now.

January 26, 1976

We made it! - Lloyd to develop those calves! It’s too beautiful up here. Worth the tired body.

Mary Jane Terrone
Jan 25, 1976  Wintertrek II – Westmont College, Santa Barbara
Fred McIntosh (Farmer Fred) – 1st ascent up Starr King, was great. So clear you could see the Coastal Range. Came up SE saddle via skateboard, leaving to catch the face of Half Dome before the sun goes down.
Dave Spencer – another member of Westmont’s Wintertrek. Randy, you may have beat me up, but did you do the West face on a one-handed handstand? I did. Time for lunch. Boy, do I hate sardines. Well, people, I love you all. Bye for now.
Mary Jane Ferrone. We made it – way to build those calves. It’s so beautiful and peaceful up here – worth the tired bod.
John Allen Hemmeland, Jr. - Hands down up but well worth the fabulous view. First of line to scale a mountain. What a Banana!

This is the warmest race I've ever been in. No hard Dan his coat spell stuff he let his body be much of goes with help.

-Marcia Reiner - Wintertube II

Please God. It's a beautiful Sunday excursion - no sweat! has hurt like hell, feel like I'm in heaven. Never hurt so bad from last Monday's fall. But I have never felt like I've accomplished so much. God is good and I feel great. Homebaby! Go for it! baby cakes! Fly like a eagle! and be free.

right on Westmont
John Allen Hammerland, Jr. – Hands torn up but well worth it. Fabulous view. First of line to scale a mountain. What a Bonanza!

Matt White. This is the warmest time I have had up here. Too bad Danheiso can’t spell puff he left red box too much I gess.

Marcia Rainer – Wintertrek II. Praise God!! A beautiful and sunny excursion – no sweat! Ha,. hurt like hell, feel like I’m in heaven. Never hurt so bad from last days fall but I have never felt like I accomplished so much. God is good and I feel great. Home baby! Go for it baby cakes! Fly like an eagle and be free! Right on Westmont
1-25-76 Sharon Gohl from Glendale Calif. with Westmont's II Winter Trek! what a beautiful Sunday and great climb! Awesome! we can see the coastal range. What a way to celebrate your B-day, Carol, wish you were here! Happy Birthday-Sis.

Jeff Barlow Gram Marq, no 1/25
R. Craig Squire "On top 1/2476 of the world!" Definitely one of the high points in my life. (next to Holly Homburg and the Stuttgart Steppers, that is)

C. Daniel Van Noppen Newbury Park, CA. "Speechless"

1-26-76 What a beautiful world Lord!

Robyn Nolteinger
Tai-chung, Taiwan
1-25-76 Sharon Gohl from Glendale Calif with Westmont’s II Wintertrek! What a beautiful Sunday and great climb! Awsome! We can see the coastal range. What a way to celebrate your B-day, Carol, wish you were here! Happy Birthday –Sis!
Jeff Barton493, Grand Marais MN

1/26/76 R. Craig Squire “On top of the world” Definitely one of the high points in my life (next to Holly Hornberg and the Stuttgart Steppers, that is.) C. Daniel van Noppen, Newberry Park CA. “Speechless”
Robyn Holsinger, Taichung, Taiwan. What beautiful world Lord!

493 Other ascents on January 2, 1976, January 12, 1976 and January 24, 1976
- 26-76 - Wow! Never thought I would do something I like this. Praise God. I did it! Thank Him for the strength. What a view! What a feeling.

Cheryl Anne Berry
Fremont, IA.

1-26-76

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Paul Hoffman

When I come again with you who ever you are. Hi Charlie.

Erv doing his bicentennial climb? Charlie Green

LOAD LORENZON
DAVID WILLIAMS
Cheryl Anne Berry, Fremont CA. Wow I never thought I would do something like this. Praise God I did and I thank him for the strength. What a view. What a feeling.

Paul K. Hoffman. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” Praise his name!

Charles Irwin. When I come again with you who ever you are. Hi Charlie I love you doing his Bicentennial climb?

Lois Lorentzen

David Willis

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494 Lorentzen and Willis’ names are spelled correctly here to correct an attempt at humor by whoever wrote them. Lorentzen’s other Starr King ascents were on September 26, 1975 and January 2, 1976.

B. B. Brian - 1/26/76
Colorado Spgs., Colo., -

Command only believe I made
it. Its too beautiful to
describe! (Almost as nice as
Colorado Rockies!)

3/14/76 Gene White, AAC
Chris Jones, AAC
R.D. Caughrón, AAC

In the year of little snow

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76

ate mescal
started from
camp NE
climbed
1/26/76 Bev Brian, Colorado Spgs., Colo. Can hardly believe I made it. Tis too beautiful to describe! (Almost as nice as Colorado Rockies!)

3/14/76 Gene White, AAC\textsuperscript{496}
   Chris Jones,\textsuperscript{497} ACG
   \textasteriskcentered R.D. Caughron, AAC
   In the year of little snow\textsuperscript{498}.

3/21/76 Ate mescal started from camp NE climbed [see next register page]

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\textasteriskcentered Mr. Raymond David Caughron, Energy Management Consultant from Berkeley, CA, USA was found dead by two members of the Swiss Expedition on 26th April 2002 at the altitude of 7200 meters (Makalu La). Due to bad weather Mr. Caughron was forced to bivouac on 25th April 2002 at Makalu – La (7200m). Mr. Caughron was buried at the same spot where his body was found.

R.D Caughron, was one of the twelve member International Makalu 2002 Team led by Piotr Pustelnik permitted to climb 8463 meter high Mt. Makalu I during the spring season of 2002. A sad day in the mountains... Everest.com

\textsuperscript{496} Gene F. White led a remarkable life, intellectual, social, outdoors. He died in 2009, and a beautiful “In Memoriam” article about him is in the 2009 American Alpine Journal, pages 381-382, written by his partner on this climb, Chris Jones.

\textsuperscript{497} Assuming this is the same Chris Jones, he has two first ascents in Yosemite Valley.

\textsuperscript{498} A severe drought afflicted California in 1976.
down through saddle around found non-hard bare ascent along snow grant N.W. righteous!

March 22, 1976

injured w/out protection on west slope yesterday. Began ascent on N.N.W. snow bank but waited until this a.m. to ascend w/ an ice axe for protection. The King hath reaped humility respect from me & allowed my ascent. 'A Fine Fine Dome'

Robert Butler, La Jolla, California

Very mild winter with little snow remaining particularly on S. facing sides.
down through saddle around found non-hardware ascent along snow granite NW Righteous!

March 22, 1976 Injured without protection on west slope yesterday. Began ascent on N.N.W. snow bank but waited until this A.M. to ascend with an ice axe for protection. The king hath reaped humility & respect from me & allowed my ascent. “A fine, fine dome” Robert Butler, La Jolla California. Very mild winter with little snow remaining particularly on S. facing slopes.
March 22, 1976
N. N. W. Snowfield
Interesting.

Tom Seals
La Solla CA.
P.S. Tom Gilmore, Bob Butler, & Me on to Clark today.

March 26, 1976
Bowen Wong & Cliff Neighbor snuck up the NW slope no aid holding our breath all the way, special thanks to Tom, Bob & the other guy who gave us extra gas to melt snow.

Leggo my ear Aunt Polly!

March 28, 1976
Solo descent of N.E. Snow Slope, loose drifting snow from last nine's late snow fall, where's the summit joint?

Herb Davis
   Tom Souls, La Jolla CA
   P.S. Tom Gilmore, Bob Butler and Me on to Clark today.

March 26, 1976  Bowen Wong
   Cliff Neighbors
   Snuck up the NW slope no aid holding our breath all the way. Special
   thanks to Tom, Bob and the other guy who gave us extra gas to melt
   snow. Leggo my ear aunt Polly! 499

March 28, 1976  Solo ascent up N.E. slope, loose drifting snow from last nites lite
   snow fall. Where’s the summit joint?
   Herb Davis

499 *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain – aunt Polly lifts Tom by his handle, an ear. The
   reference here seems oblique.
3-29-76
From SE saddle - Bob Rubin
Berkeley
4th class? Mike Scherer
Berkeley
More like 5.5! Doug Mortimer
shit UC Berkeley

4/24/76 Any women interest in
decending a climbing partner
Pual Taylor 3rd classed
evry enjoyable no people
or anything to screw the
day up Smoke on Paul Taylor
32 Edges of walnut cracking

Even though bug larvae
may be in my brain
LSD would be quite tasty
Mike Lazago
3-29-76 From SE saddle
Bob Rubin, Berkeley
Mike Scherer, Berkeley 4th Class?
Doug Mortimer, UC Berkeley. More like 5.5
^ Shit

4/24/76 Paul Taylor. 3rd classed. Very enjoyable no people or anything to screw the day up. Any women interested in becoming a climbing partner get a hold of Paul Taylor, 32 Edgemont, Walnut Creek CA 94596. Even though bug larvae may be in my brain LSD would be quite tasty.
Mike Lazaga

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500 Paul Taylor also climbed Starr King on June 15, 1970.
5/14/76  Kathy Brockman +
BOB Harrington
WEST FACE ROUTE! NEAT
But it's getting dark & I
must get back to camp-
no time to write- Had
a swell day.

5/15/76  Hayward, Cal.
Very nice. Tried
more before in bad
conditions. 3rd time
is a charm.
Russell Hodgson

5/15/76  Hayward Cal.
my first ascent and
a good one at that.

Dan Hoff
5/11/76 Kathy Brockman  
Bob Harrington  
West face route! Neat. But it’s getting dark and I must get back to camp – no time to write. Had a swell day.

5/15/76 Russell Hodgson . Hayward, Cal. Very nice. Tried twice before in bad conditions. 3rd time is a charm.  
Dan Hoff, Hayward Cal. My first ascent and a good one at that.
5/19/76

EAST FACE - CLEAR + BEAUTIFUL

MARK SPENCE
San Carlos, Calif

SCOTT BRODT → B.G. Ohio

John H. Lakay
S.C

Terry, Montana

5/26/76

WEST FACE - 7 or 8
5th CLASS PITCHES OF GOOD CLIMBING - BEAUTIFUL
WISH I HAD A DOOR

ERRETT ALLEN
Mike (old) Conbett
5/19/76 East face. Clear and beautiful.
Mark Spence, San Carlos Cal
Scott Brodt, B.G. Ohio
John H. Lakey\textsuperscript{501}, S.C., Terry, Montana

5/26/76 West face – 7 or 8 5\textsuperscript{th} class pitches of good climbing – Beautiful. Wish I had a doob.
Errett Allen\textsuperscript{502}
Mike (oid) Corbett\textsuperscript{503}

\textsuperscript{501} John Lakey had 15 first ascents in Yosemite Valley.
\textsuperscript{502} Allen had no listed first ascents in Yosemite Valley, but he was one of the hard core. He also ascended Starr King on October 10, 1979.
\textsuperscript{503} Mike Corbett had 12 first ascents in Yosemite Valley. Oid was a nickname. He did two ascents of the dome on this date, May 26, 1976. His other ascent of Starr King was done on October 10, 1979.
BACK AGAIN — THE 
SAME DAY — UP THE 
EAST FACE — NOT 
AS NEAT AS WEST 
FACE.

ERRETT ALLEN
Mike (old) Corbett

SOMETIME IN JUNE 76
Chuck Pratt — Hi Lois & Jeanne

SO SOMETIME JUNE 76
WILSON & WUASAUMA

June 21st
Jeanne Walter, IN
Lois Alexander 3 spirit
Bill St. John
Back again – the same day – up the east face – not as neat as west face.
Errett Allen  
Mike (OiD) Corbett

Sometime in June 76  Chuck Pratt – Hi Lois and Jeannie

Also sometime June 76
Wilson & Muiashima

June 21st 1976  Bill St. Jean
In Spirit: Jeanne Walter, Lois Alexander

504 He also ascended Starr King on October 10, 1979.
505 Corbett did two ascents of the dome on this date, May 26, 1976. His other ascent of Starr King was done on October 10, 1979.
506 Chuck Pratt, one of the all time great climbers in Yosemite Valley, had 46 first ascents there. He apparently knew that a couple of young ladies were on their way up Mt. Starr King in the following days and thought of a sly thing to do – make a run up the peak and leave them a message. As the register reveals, Pratt’s effort was for naught as the ladies did not make the climb.
JUNE 76

dig it!

July 2, 1976
Climb- NE FACE 3RD CLASS - like the friction, fairly hot day, about 95°
Michael Campana

July 10, 1976
Vagmachen Mountaineering Club
Evel Weis
Danie Campbell
Mary Ann Dalvashuck
Pete Atkinson
Fred Camphausen
Barbara Robers '73
June 76 Joe (Mountain Goat). Dig it!

July 2, 1976  Michael Campana. Climb the NE face 3rd class – like the friction.
    Fairly hot day about 95 degrees.

July 10, 1976  Vagmarken\textsuperscript{507} Mountaineering Club
    Eve Uigo
    Dan Campbell
    Mary Ann Galbraith
    Pete Ackerman
    Fred Camphausen, China Lake Mrg
    Barbara Reber /93/

\textsuperscript{507} Vagmarken is Swedish and may mean “road signs” or “markings”.
ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER FIRST ASCENT

Wandered up NE slope
Tim Schiller - Fresno, CA
& Dave Aldrich - Syrecuse, NY via Cambridge, MA
Far Eastern Tiddlywinks and Mountaineering Ass.
his scored again
... dedicated to Jeffre Lang who is still stuck at MIT but will make it here some day.

Clear day, nice, calm, bit a bit of haze.
July 24, 1976

Aug 8, 1976
few days - beautiful clear weather.
you can evermore keep my eye on my wife & attached baby below with they could see this right, etc.
leader Walter Martin
assistant Ron Jones
One hundred years after first ascent
July 24-1976    Wandered up NE slope.
    Tim Schiller – Fresno CA
    Dave Aldrich – Syracuse NY via Cambridge MA
    Far Eastern Tiddlywinks and Mountaineering Ass. Has scored again.
    …dedicated to Jeffro Lang who is still stuck at MIT but will make it here someday.
    Clear day, nice, calm, but a bit of haze.

Aug 8, 1976    Fine day – beautiful clear weather. You can see forever. Left my wife and 4 month baby below wish they could see this sight RJ
    Walton Kabler\textsuperscript{508}, leader
    Ron Jones, assistant

\textsuperscript{508} Kabler’s other Starr King ascent was on August 11, 1974
Richard J. Labrecque

Nick Ross

Merry Sue, me &

Mary Lou, me &

Nan Sten, me &

Chuck, me &

Harry, me &

Jack, me &

Kendal, me &

Leo Kennedy

Ken Anderson

Thomas K. Fry (CSUNLCAMS)

Sally Fry

Harold, me &

Bob Ayers, 525

I was here in the
year of 19 hundred 76.

Gordon D. Smith

Aug. 8, HA
The month of August, 1976 marks as close as one might guess to be the 100th year anniversary of the first ascent of Mt. Starr King.
Even my Thoughts must be important. What I do must travel pretty far, I can't even step on a blade of grass, without the troubling of a star.

Bob Nicholson
San Jose, 1976 Aug 8

Breakfast was a box of Wheat thins! Ellen Caldwell
Cupertino, CA Aug 8, 1976

Life is a happy hour!
Gail Hall
Saratoga, CA 8/8/76

Fantastic!
Steve Mantel
Los Altos, Calif. 8/8/76

Love it
Paul Johnson
San Jose, CA 8/8/76
Aug 8, 1976   Bob Nicholson. San Jose Even my thoughts must be important. What I do must travel pretty far, I can’t even step on a blade of grass, without the troubling of a star.\textsuperscript{511}
Ellen Caldwell, Cupertino CA. Breakfast is a box of Wheat Thins.
Gail Hall, Saratoga CA. Life is a happy hour!
Steve Martel, Los Altos Calif. Fantastic!
Rita A. Johnson, Sunnyvale CA. Love it.

\textsuperscript{511} This appears to come from the poet Francis Thompson, “All things by immortal power, Near or far, Hiddenly To each other linked are, That thou canst not stir a flower, Without troubling of a star” .
8/11/76

West Face on a beautiful sunny day. Granite, sun and the love to rock climb a beautiful combination in such a high place.

Roy Gillam
Jake M. Hertel

Aug. 17, 1976 (100th anniversary)
Mike DePastie via west face in semi-threatening weather
AND...

Lisa Campbell Good luck
L. Campbell The south face of the column they did it!
M. DePastie Later that day via the east face - rather uneven.

Carrying on the Army tradition we left work at the Wawona Hotel yesterday to return to work today at 300. Clear and sunny slept on the slopes. Hello kids.

9/5/76
8/11/76 West Face on a beautiful sunny day. Granite, sun and the love to rock climb a beautiful combination in such high place.
Roy Gillam
Jane M. Hertel

Aug 17, 1976 (100th Anniversary) Via west face in semi-threatening weather. Good luck Tony and Paul on the south face of the Column. They did it!
Mike De Patie
L. Campbell
Later that day via the east face – rather uneventful.
Mike De Patie
L. Campbell

Undated512 Carrying on the Curry tradition we left work at the Wawona Hotel yesterday to return to work today at 3:00. Clear and sunny, slept on the slopes. Hello Pou, 9/3/38513

512 This entry has no names associated with it and is undated. It appears to be in proper order, so sometime in August, 1976 is assumed. The reference to 9/3/1938 is a mystery - only one ascent on the peak was made that day by Kat, Pellegrino and Emanuel.
513 This reference is not clear. Three names appear in the register for September 3, 1938: John Emanuel, Fred Pellariso and William Kat. None appear for March 9 (European date notation). Emanuel is the name for the Messiah and pouvoir is power, so perhaps this is a religious reference.
"Just to dace beneath the diamond skies..."
Aug 23, '76 Dave Ansel

Aug '76 - P. Gleason.

North Torrance Mountain
8.28.76 Richard L. Hudson
Jon Burgasser
Joe Burgasser

Sept 5 - Josie Prendergast
San Francisco
12:10 and clouds + storm to the east.

Sept 5, 1976 - 36 years and one day old - not bad for an old man!

9/5/76 - looks like rain (2:10)
We boogied up - delightful

Mikey Wellborn - Carmel
Jack Holmaren - Carmel
Frances Cholewa (Venice, Ca.)
Aug 23, ’76 “Just to dance beneath the diamond skies…”
    Dave Ansel

Aug 76 P. Gleason

8-28/76 North Torrance Mountaineers
    Richard L. Hudson
    Jon Burgasser
    Joe Burgasser

Sept. 5 Josie Prendergast, San Francisco. 12:10 and clouds and storm to the east.

Sept 5th, 1973 36 years and one day old – not bad for an old man.

9/5/76 Looks like rain (2:10). We boogied up – delightful.
    Mikey Wellborn, Carmel
    Jack Holmgren, Carmel
    Frances Cholewa (Venice, CA)

\[514\] A slight change of a line to “Hey Mr. Tambourine Man” by Bob Dylan.
9/7/76 Notice[ed] the rock & thought
I'd run up one of my waybacks
Quite a bit more than I expected
Beautiful! Celine

Oct 11 1976: Beautiful month
This has been, I'm so glad I
live here! Starr King is great.
More congratulations to Tony
Of the previous page * on
his ascent of the direct route
On half dome 10-6-76 With Al
Bard. And I am most elated
to report the death of Bob Lack
On 10-6-76 on the south face
Of Mt. Watkins 😔 He was an
excellent climber. Mishie you
must see this place! Love all
must go it's cold!

Rita
Whitney
(I have yet to
climb Mt. Whitney)
9/7/76   Noticed the rock and thought I’d run up on my way home. Quite a bit more than I expected. Beautiful!
       Celia

Oct 11 1976 Beautiful month this has been, I’m so glad I live here! Starr King is great. More congratulations to Tony of the previous page * on his ascent of the direct route on half dome 10-7-76 with Al Bard. And I am most grieved to report the death of Bob Locke\textsuperscript{515} on the south face of Mt. Watkins. He was an excellent climber. Mishie you must see this place! Must go it’s cold! Love all,
       Rita Whitney (I have yet to climb Mt. Whitney!)

\textsuperscript{515} Refers to Bob Locke. In his honor a climb was named in Yosemite Valley, “Bob Locke Memorial Buttress”
Upon a brief reading of this register, I'd say I'm entitled to some sort of record ascent, considering my handgrips. The plaster full length leg casts never really bothered me till I got on that 3/4th class friction out of the saddle. But the fourteen stitches in the bottom of each foot and the ping pong ball tumor in my Laurinus maxima cernuum proved me nuts the entire 2 1/2 hours it took me to get here from Wawona. Now these facts alone should plead my case, so I won't mention the fact that I haven't slept for two days and eaten nothing but melissa for just as long.

And in closing I'd like to say that even the most insecure fisherman hasn't got an inch on many a mountaineer when it comes to lying through his teeth.

Steven Sereca
Ahwahnee waiter
Perpetual sarcasm

10/3/76
10/13/76  Upon a brief reading of this register I’d say I’m entitled to some sort of record ascent, considering my handicaps. The plaster full length leg casts never really bothered me till I got on that 3\textsuperscript{rd}-4\textsuperscript{th} class friction out of the SE saddle. But the fourteen stitches in the bottom of each foot and the ping pong ball tumor in my laudius maxima cerrabellum drove me nuts the entire 2 ½ hours it took me to get here from Wawona. Now these facts alone should plead my case, so I won’t mention the fact that I haven’t slept for two days and have eaten nothing but Melissa for just as long. And in closing I’d like to say that even the most insecure fisherman hasn’t got an inch on many a mountaineer when it comes to lying through his teeth.

†Steven Sereda, Ahwahnee Waiter, Perpetual Sarcast

Michael Brocato furnished this information to me about Steven Sereda in 2012: Steve died in an accident near Cloud's Rest on August 17, 1979. No one witnessed Steve's death. He was on a solo backpacking trip to Cloud's Rest and did not return as scheduled for work in the valley. The investigating Rangers think he was free climbing and fell off some overhanging rock.
Hope Mark makes it up. Left him sick down on the S.E. saddle.

Upon such a great view, and exciting climb too.
What more can I do? Than drop my jaw, striken with awe, and frown about going back down!

Joseph Gisondi
10-15-76
(AGUARD OF STEVES)

Awwwdo! Rock dancin' on King beneath the azure, but for a tequila stomach I need a cure, sure.

Mark Swift
10-15-76 (FRIEND OF STEVE JOE'S)

Eric Simpson
Doug Keeley
27 Nov 76
10-15\textsuperscript{th}-76 Hope Mark makes it up. Left him sick down on the SE saddle.
Upon such a view
and exciting climb too
What more can I do?
Than drop my jaw,
Stricken with awe
And frown about
Going back down
Joseph Gendron (a friend of Steve’s)

10-15-76 Awooooo! Rock Dancin on King beneath the azure, but for a Tequila stomach I need a cure, sure.
Mark Bright (a friend of Steve and Joe’s)

27 Nov 76 Erik Simpson\textsuperscript{516}
Doug Keely

\textsuperscript{516} Also climbed Starr King on September 8, 1979
Dec. 28, 1976

Mid-afternoon. Warm day (yet I am now cold). Cirrus clouds at all points of the compass. Ascended the NE Face — very aesthetic!
The Lord has been with us all day — praise His Name!

Bob Cooper — Newport Beth, Calif.

OxOB

Rob Auten — Sangamon, Ill.

A Reg Reiswig — San Juan Capistrano. My first climb — came up the NE face — was told that it was a low 5th class climb — I'm afraid of heights by the way.
Dec 28, 1976  Mid afternoon, warm day (yet I’m now cold). Cirrus clouds at all points of the compass. Ascended the NE face – very athletic. The Lord has been with us all day – Praise his name!

Bob Cooper, Newport Bch, Calif
Rob Auten, San Gabriel CA
Reg Reiswig, San Juan Capistrano. My first climb. Came up the NE face – was told that it was a low 5th class climb – I’m afraid of heights, by the way.
1977

Feb 13, 1977

I was looking for snow and ice, but no dice. Our main problem has been finding water. The sky is clear and the air feels about 70°F. We used the S-E Ridge.

Doug Mansur, Mt. View, Calif.

Dan Mansur

February 20, 1977

Came up from SE saddle. Windy, and the clouds look threatening. Dubious about our 100 ft. rope on the rappels down. My first multi-pitch lead.

Barbara Greene Berkeley, Calif.

Very exciting hope we beat the storm down! (2 women team!)

Pete Bohy, Berkeley

Jim & Carrie Hanschett 2/20/77
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Very exciting hope we beat the storm down (2 woman team!)
Pat Bohng, Berkeley

2/20/77  Jim Hanchett
Cathy Hanchett
3/6/77

Climbed up southeast face. Very windy & iced up. Got off route on 2nd pitch. But we made it.

John Barbella
Stan Williams

San Jose Car

Paul Roehl with broken finger

Rose Herman Apr 10 1977
"We be dragons"
3/6/77  Climbed up southeast face. Very windy and iced up. Got off route on 2nd pitch, but we made it.
John Barbella\textsuperscript{517}
Steve William\textsuperscript{518}

Apr 10, 1977  Paul Roehl\textsuperscript{519} with broken finger
Bill Heiman.\textsuperscript{520} “Here be dragons”

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Some register entries have skeptical comments about the handicaps other climbers have alleged. Paul’s story is that he and a climbing partner were on the way up the Glacier Point Apron to climb Coonyard Pinnacle. While they were on Monday Morning Slab, Harry Daley Route, a rock fall began from above on Glacier Point which included a block of granite which was of “freight train” size. To avoid death, Paul unclipped from his anchor and jumped over the west side of Monday Morning Slab to seek shelter in the open book. The problem was that he picked up speed so fast in leaping that his fall became uncontrolled, so he grabbed for a small ledge, arrested his fall and waited for certain death. In the process of reaching out and grabbing the small ledge Paul said he “felt like Batman but broke a finger.” The giant boulder hit where his belay stance had been and wiped out the bush and destroyed all trace of his pack. He concluded with “I loved climbing on the apron but there was always occasional rock fall. We were on our way up to Starr King within the hour with the finger nicely taped up.” No rock fall on Mt. Starr King - nothing is above it. Paul said in another place, “Starr King is a great place... distant yet close by, a beautiful hike culminating in beautiful granite. First time I went up there it felt almost mystical; signing the very old summit register felt like an honor, an act of communion with so many great climbers that had also been there.”

\textsuperscript{517} Barbella had eight first ascents in Yosemite Valley
\textsuperscript{518} William had three first ascents in Yosemite Valley
\textsuperscript{519} Roehl’s ascents were on May 26, 1974, July 17, 1977.
\textsuperscript{520} Heiman’s other Starr King ascent was on May 26, 1974
Mexican Climbing Team
New route on S.W. face
Follows Varlos Lft. facing S.W.
April 15, 77
Claudius Maximus Eectus
General Harmon Beruski
Kennel Kickback saying

"Where's the Muff"
Damn it Claudius you forgot the Rainier's

24 April 1977
Mt. Hamilton Hiking Club
Blair Aydome

Faith Thompson - My 1st Mt.
Jerry Murphy - My 2nd
(NO ITS NOT -) See July 1974
ITS A VERY WINDY DAY

5/18/77
E. & W. Faces solo Warm

B. Read
April 15, 77 Mexican climbing team - New route on the S.W. face – follows large left facing flake.
Claudius Maximus Erectus
General Harmond Beruski
Kernel Kickback saying, “Where’s the muff”.
Damn it Claudius you forgot the Rainier’s

24 April 1977 Mt. Hamilton Hiking Club
Blair Aydelotte
Faith Thompson – my first Mt.
Jerry Murphy - My 2nd (No its not – See July 1971 and July 1972)
It’s a very windy day.

5/15/77 E. and W. faces solo. Warm and clear.
B. Read

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521 This name is an alias for Claude Fiddler, a climber with four first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He did not reveal the other true names, so they will not appear in the index. Fiddler is also a co-author of several climbing books.
522 Murphy also climbed Starr King on July 12, 1971 and in July-August 1972.
523 Ben Read had one first ascent in Yosemite Valley. Ben Read was also on an American Alpine Club exchange group to the old Soviet Union in 1978 – American Alpine Journal 1979 –where he participated in several first ascents.
21 May 1977

W. Howard Freedmich

Dik Kruizenga (USA?)

Robby Addison

Charlie Sinclair

Jim Murray

Paul Zorabedian

Sure is an interesting book

Ph. Ibert Desenne June 77

Leaping lizards!

12 June 1977 - Up for the northeast

Following in my father's footsteps: Ron Hano Uhrig

My first climb: even! Ron Duffin

What a difference to the Alps

Paul found Berchtesgaden

W-Germany.
21 May 1977  W. Howard Lowdermilk\textsuperscript{524}  
Don Kuizenga (USA!)  
Bobby Addison  
Charlie Sinclair\textsuperscript{525}  
Jim Murray\textsuperscript{526}  
Paul Zorabdian

June 77  Philbert Desenex.  Sure is an interesting book.  Leaping Lizards!\textsuperscript{527}

12 June 1977  Ron Harris-Warrick  Up from the northeast.  Following in my father’s footsteps\textsuperscript{528}.  
Ross Duffin.  My first climb ever!  
Paul Bayer  Berchtshad – W. Germany  

\textsuperscript{524} Lowdermilk’s other Starr King ascent was on July 19, 1980  
\textsuperscript{525} Also climbed Starr King on June 19, 1971  
\textsuperscript{526} Also climbed Starr King on July 12, 1969, July 19, 1980  
\textsuperscript{527} “Leaping lizards” an exclamatory phrase put into popular use by the newspaper cartoon strip “Little Orphan Annie”.  
\textsuperscript{528} Ronald Harris-Warrick’s father was Morgan Harris, one of the great early climbers in Yosemite. See entries for Morgan Harris dated July 27, 1937 and May 21, 1957.
6/22/77 - Came up with Face
Sure seems earlier than S.F.
Beautiful day fine dining

Rich Holloway - H.S.U. Arcata
Mike Hodgeson - U.C. Berkeley

June 25/77 - Broadway Alpine
Nothing to it! Hope MacDonald
Greasely went good to be here

Terry Chapman

July 9, 1977
Robert S. Lim
Sanataqua, Ca.
John Wiley, member, the Potatoes
Scott Hewett
- Saratoqua, Davis, Berkeley
"the human ping-pong ball

Chris Yager
Davis, Ca.
6/22/77 Came up West Face. Sure seems easier than 5.8. Beautiful day, fine climb.
Rich Holloway. H.S.U. Arcata
Mike Hodgson, U.C.B. Berkeley

June 25, 1977 Breakaway Alpine Club
Hope McDonnell. Nothing to it. Incredibly good to be here.
Lois Frisch
Teri Chapman

July 9, 1977 Robert S. Lim, Saratoga CA
John Wiley. Member, the Potatoes
Chris Yager, Davis Cal

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529 Humboldt State University
July 9 (new 14 year)
Unscheduled VAGMARKEN Trip
Eric Delano
Wendell DeLano 35
Hordon Smith
We are the wake
walk acids—
(yet) don't forget it!
By the way,
Those who pass through
the portals of insanity
And return
Know Reality

* Foot Note to SPS
Hi Greg V.
That one inch INSIGNIA
Is good for RAPPELLING
O is that rappelling?
July 9, 1977 Unscheduled Vagmarken Trip
Eric De Lano
Wendell De Lano /35\ (New 14 year old phenomenon)
Gordon Smith\infinity symbol\ still counting
We are the cake walk kids – don’t forget it! Those who pass through the portals of insanity and return…know reality GS
Footnote to SPS. Hi Greg V. That one inch webbing is good for rappelling or is that repelling

\footnote{Vagmarken is Swedish for “Road Signs”}
\footnote{Smith also climbed Starr King on August 8, 1976.}
JULY 10

24 PEOPLE
3 HRS.

OFFICIAL GENUINE

CHUCK STEIN - LEADER - 2ND TIME
GENE MACK - ASS'T COR.
BILL BIRNBAM - LEADER

Aug. Vernon - 881

Paul Parsons
Sandra Parsons

Michael A. Kohn

Jon Z. Inskeep
Jen Z. Inskeep

JOHN MACK
MARK SMAL

Ed Oemberg

Ernie Popacich
Michael Akerman

Felix - 123 Yoki Power, Inc.

Rob Mack

Bob Mason 1397

John Neffman
Mary Bihl
Allen Conrad
July 10  24 people 3 hrs.
Official Genuine All American Communist S.P.S. Trip
Chuck Stein 532 – Leader 2nd time
Gene Mack – Asst. ldr /66/
Bill Birnbaum – Leader
Greg Vernon /56/
Paul Parsons
Linda Parsons /2/
Michael A. Stein 1
John Inskeep /3/
John Mack
Mark Conrad
Ed Omberg
Chuck Pospishil
Richard Akaure
Ed Lubrin
Don Bartell /128/ Yeti Power
Rob Mauk 533
Bob Mason
John Hellman /139/
Mary Bihl
Allan Conrad

532 Stein also climbed Starr King on August 8, 1976.
533 Also climbed the peak on July 3, 1979
Steve Mauk
Jim MacIey
Mary Ombreg

12 July 77
Theresa Rutherford
Jim St

July 17, ?? I like this book!
Chris Whitworth
Paul Rehl
John Nevill Joyner

I came here with the guys above who said I couldn't be pulled within
so I won't. But I came here with the ghosts of Max, 
Sidney, David, Clyde, Harding etc.
So I'm happy anyway

Jeff Van Middlesburt
July 17, 1977
Jeff Van Middlebrook sent the photo on the following page. It was taken on Starr King on July 17th, 1977. His comments:

“That's me on the right in the photo, with the short-short running shorts and dark blue T-shirt. I don't recall if the photo was taken at the summit of Starr-King or at the base. Paul Roehl took the photo.

The other three guys to my left were John Joyner and Chris Whitworth, both of whom signed the register. The guy on the end was Bill Farrel

A year after this photo Chris fell 400 feet off the Glacier Point Apron to his death when his rope somehow came out of his harness as he was leading a hard pitch.”

534 Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section trip led by Paul Roehl. Roehl’s ascents were on May 26, 1974, April 10, 1977, July 17, 1977.
535 No evidence in this register that Muir, Starr, Clyde or Harding made it up Mt. Starr King. Only Eichorn on July 10, 1941.
July 17th 1977 on Starr King
Blue Face - with preceding group.

Red Canoe July 30, 1977
I'll drop in to meet you.

ANDAHL CORPORATION
1ST ASCENT 30 JUL 77
MIKE REED
Howard A. Landman (HAL 9000)
If 470V/6's weren't air cooled I never would have made it! P-1536

UP YOURS BIG BLUE!
July 30 – 1977  Bob Cone.  I’ll spend nite next time.

30 Jul 77  Amdahl\textsuperscript{536} Corporation 1\textsuperscript{st} ascent
Mike Reed
Howard A. Landman (HAL 9009)\textsuperscript{537}
If 470V/6’s weren’t air cooled I never would have made it.  P-1536
Up yours Big Blue!\textsuperscript{538}

\textsuperscript{536} Amdahl was the only serious competition with IBM (Big Blue) in the mainframe computer market at the time of this register entry. IBM computers required chilled water to cool them whereas Amdahl came up with a method of air cooling its processors, thus the reference to 470V/6’s being air cooled.

\textsuperscript{537} The initials of Landman, HAL, were also the name of the computer in the 1968 movie 2001, A Space Odyssey. Landman changed the numbers of the movie model, HAL 9000, to suit himself as HAL 9009.

\textsuperscript{538} Today Amdahl is but a faint memory and IBM marches on.
26 Aug 77
Joe Vasilik
M. Martin
Ann L. Cavaliere
Herman Andrews
Kevin Miller
Claire Beckman
Don Hand
Frank McDaniel
Carl Byington

Sept. 4 1977 3:00
Mike Henninger
Gordon Seele
Also climbed Sept 13, 1952

15 Oct 77 warm perfect day
Bob Boyles
Herb Buehler
Hal Winton

20 November 1977
Alan Baldwin
Andy Barker
26 Aug 77  Joe Vasilik
   M. Marlin Clark
   Ann L. Cavalieri
   James R. Cavalieri
   Geivor Vilsson
   Claire Beckinen
   Jon Hardt
   Frank McDaniel
   Carl Byington

Sept 4, 1977  Mike Henninger
   Gordon Seele.

15 Oct 1977  Warm, perfect day
   Bob Boyles
   Herb Buehler
   Hal Winton

20 Nov 1977  Alan Baldwin
   Andy Barker

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539 This was a Sierra Peaks section of the Sierra Club climb.
540 Other Starr King ascents on July 1, 1972, August 11, 1974
541 Seele also climbed Starr King on Sept 13, 1952 with Joe Fitschen and Jesse Baley.
May 20 1978
12:00 Late, cast

Sheila Fishburn - lots of snow this year!

Flan Fishburn

First of the year
1978

May 20, 1978  Bob Fishburn. Lots of snow this year!
Stan Fishburn. First of the year

June 2, 1978  Stephen Lyman. First ascent North Face, solo. A marvelous view of a part of God’s creation! Warm, sunny day… Beautiful!
[a drawing of Half Dome from the summit of Mt. Starr King. This view is not visible from Yosemite Valley]
June 10, 1978

Excellent view, still lots of cars, fine climb to E Face
Bruce Maxwell
Jerry Bock

JUNE 18, 1978
BILL SANDERS
RICHARD AGNOS

July 2 1978

ERIC MYNE

John Bedi
Wilson Bros. Make Another Conquest, 2078
June 10, 1978  Bruce Maxwell
    Jerry Bock
    Excellent view, still lots of snow, fine climb NE face

June 18, 1978  Bill Sanders
    Richard Agnos

July 2, 1978  Eric Myne
    John Bedi
    Wilson Bros’ make another conquest.
August 28, 1978
Doug Loving
Jim Bragman

9-20-78
Found a nuta thanks whoever, we will make good use of them. Spliff time.

Dail Willts
Janet Willts
Dare Field
Chuck Willts

78-10-8
Carl Heller
Bob Joy
Mike Renta
Dennis Burge
Chris Osterman
Occasional
Peaks
Gong
China Lake, CA
August 28, 1978 East face.
  Doug Lorima
  Jon Sleighband

9-20-78 Found 2 nuts – thanks whoever. We will make good use of them. Splifl
  time.
  Gail Wilts
  Janet Wilts
  Dave Field
  Chuck Wilts

78-10-8 Carol Heller, Occasional Peaks Gang
  Bob Joy, Occasional Peaks Gang
  Mike Rentta, Occasional Peaks Gang
  Dennis Burge, Occasional Peaks Gang
  Chris Osterman, Occasional Peaks Gang, China Lake CA

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Chuck Wilts was a rock climber, writer, and professor at Cal Tech. He had first
ascents at Tahquitz Rock and four such in Yosemite Valley. His wife, Ellen,
accompanied him on two of the first ascents. The Cal Tech website had this:
“The Doctoral Prize named after Charles H. Wilts has been instituted by his
Caltech colleagues and was endowed by his friends, students, and colleagues as a
lasting tribute to the scientist, the teacher, and the man he was. The mark of his
science was excellence. His teaching was rigorous and his demands were high,
but attainable when his own path of exactitude followed. Most of all, it is the man
that the prize wants to honor. He loved nature enthusiastically, had a disarming
personal simplicity with an engaging smile and laugh, and possessed an
unbending integrity and rectitude he placed above any concerns for fame, power,
or profit. He deeply respected his fellow men. The Charles Wilts Prize is awarded
every year to one EE graduate student for outstanding independent research in
electrical engineering leading to a PhD.”
Reynolds number ~8000 at Nevada Falls
Oct 21, 1979

Beautiful (4th Class?) climb.
Visors approach from Happy Isles.
Amy Boyer (en latitude 38)
Storkey Tier (Puckin “A”) P.P.Y.C.
This climb dedicated to Carol Koda
who became a mother a few short
days ago and couldn’t be with
us. Nowshahr Expeditionary
Forces on top at 4pm.
Dick Dillon - Capitola, CA

March 25, 1979 - 2:30 pm
up from Salt saddle
Nathan Hoover 1979 JOPC

Thomas Aström Sweden
Dougie Norris Livermore

serves as
137 yrs Sierra Club
Bill Hoover (2nd Ascent) SASAC Tesla Cal
Vicky Hoover SAS 1981
Amy Boyer (from latitude 38)
Stroker Ace (Fuckin “A”). D.P.Y.C. This climb dedicated to Carol Koda who became a mother a few short days ago and couldn’t be with us.
Plowshares Expeditionary Forces on top at 4pm.
Skip Allan – Capitola CA

1979

March 25, 1979  2:30 pm up from south saddle
Nathan Hauer /187\ JOPC
Jim Watters
Thomas Astrom, Sweden
Douglas Norris, Livermore
Frances Hoover /134\ SPS Sierra Club
Bill Hoover (2nd ascent) Tesla CO
Vicky Hoover SPS /189\ 

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542 The Reynolds Number comes from Fluid Mechanics. In this case the writer is saying that the Nevada Falls are really full and thrashing and crashing. A number of 4000 indicates a fully turbulent liquid, so 8000 is off the scale.
543 The spelling here may say that the writer was an engineer. He can write about fluid mechanics but cannot spell “vicious” or “approach”.
544 The 38th parallel goes through San Francisco as indicated by a plaque in the San Francisco Civic Center. Or perhaps she is from the Demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.
545 The name of a fictional racing driver from a 1971 book, Stand On It. The Burt Reynolds movie came out in 1983, six years after this register entry.
546 Plowshares was often used to denote a peace movement.
547 Bill Hoover also climbed Starr King on April 11, 1970.
Justine Konior from Fresno, Calif. with Siena Club outing. Happy I made it to the top, made it in snow with an ice axe. April 29, 1979

Tom: Kaloos I still love you, I hope you can read this some day.

Justine Konior

I hope no one thinks I'm crazy.

Nancy Collins April 29, 1979

Nancy I agree it's beautiful up here.

George Whitmore - Fresno

(Justine, Nancy, George, and Doug via snow on N. side - very easy, rope not needed)

Darwell Apr 29-79

Fine snow & view
April 29, 1979  Justine Konior from Fresno Calif. With Sierra Club outing. 
   Happy I made it to the top. Made it with snow and an ice axe. Tom 
   Kallos I still love you. I hope you can read this someday. Justine Konior. 
   I hope no one thinks I’m crazy. [added at right] I think your crazy 
   Nancy Collin. Beautiful up here. 
   George Whitmore\textsuperscript{548} – Fresno. Nancy I agree it’s beautiful up here. 
   (Justine, Nancy, George and Doug via snow on N. side – very easy, rope 
   not needed.) 
   D.S. Harwell.\textsuperscript{549} Fine snow and view.

\textsuperscript{548} Whitmore also ascended Starr King on October 10, 1953, April 30, 1960, April 9, 1961, October 26, 1969 and May 29, 1974. 
\textsuperscript{549} Douglas Scott Harwell, probably a grandson of Charles A. “Bert” Harwell (September 10, 1931 ascent). D.S. Harwell was born in Fresno, California, the town to which C.A. Harwell relocated when he left the Park Service.
They laughed!!! Said no way to slippery fish bait, I said up S.E. saddle from Happy Isles gotta get back in time to party in the valley .......... 500h woooooo one too many puff of the killer red leb. I wonder how my Marshall would sound up here.

Alan Dunsmuir
Sunday May 27 1979
Cupertino Calif

June 13, 1979
Via NNE from Mono Meadows
Don Palmer
Beautiful, Hazy Day
Kyle Atkins Soulsbyville

June 16 1979
From Saddle
Bill Sorensen
Bob Dryer

June 13, 1979  Via NNE from Mono Meadows.  
   Don Palmer. Beautiful, hazy day.  
   Kyle Atkins. Soulsbyville

June 16, 1979  From SE Saddle  
   Bill Sorenson\(^{551}\)  
   Bob Dwyer

\(^{550}\) Swanson had nine first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He is also mentioned in Secor’s guide to *The High Sierras: Peaks, Passes and Trails* as well as the American Alpine Journal. 
\(^{551}\) Sorenson had four first ascents in Yosemite Valley. He also climbed Starr King on September 9, 1967 and July 7, 1968.
July 3, 1979
Sierra Peaks Section
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
Ld. Dale Vandalsem
Asst Ld. Norm Bohn

Mae Church 2 x AAC
Jef Lott
June Kane
Betty Cameron 2nd time
Rob World
Jae Clark
Shawn O'Hanlon '81
John Raskin '68
Jackie White Van Deelen
Cynthia Kemery

Roland Pesante, No. 1
Bradbury, CA

Roy & LaVerne
Dagh Cameron

Kern–Kaweah Sierra Club Trip
July 7, 1979
Dick Banner, Leader
Gary L. Landers, Asst.
July 3, 1979  Sierra Peaks Section, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
   Dale Van Dalsem, Ldr.
   Mark Goebel\textsuperscript{552} 2x AAC
   Lex Rohn
   June Lane
   Betty Cameron 2\textsuperscript{nd} time
   Rob Mauk\textsuperscript{553}
   Jane Clark
   Sheri O’Harah /8\textbackslash
   John Backus /68\textbackslash
   Jackie White Van Dalsem
   Gisela Kluwin
   Roland Pesante, Bradbury CA /40\textbackslash
   Roy E. Schumann
   Cliff Cameron
   Alba Hal

July 7, 1979  Kern-Kaweah Sierra Club Trip
   Dick Banner, leader
   Gary L. Landers – Asst.

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Mark Goebel reported the need for proper foot gear: “My second climb of Starr King on 7/3/79 was with the SPS. I wisely brought along a pair of running shoes for the friction climb up from the SE saddle. The trip leader was unable to lead it in his heavy mountain boots, but I was able to in my soft shoes, and then belay the others up.”

\textsuperscript{552} Goebel’s other ascent of Starr King was on October 4, 1975
\textsuperscript{553} Also climbed the peak on July 10, 1977
July 19, 1979
Charlie (Murray) Murray
Mark Snyder
Lee (Dad) Snyder (51 yrs old Young)
Climbed from Mono Parking Area and slept overnite on top. First people to sleep on top Starr King. We think someone has been here before us, probably Norman Clyde.

Wild Bill Higgins Aug. 4, 1979
We’ve been after this sonuvabitch for 2 years and oh! it feels so good!!

Sept. 8, 1979
George Sinclair
Erik Simpson
Climbed E. Face via 5.8 variation - nice day - no H2O

Sept. 23 or 25, I’m not sure
Lisa Durrett
luck day found 3 nuts
July 19, 1979  Charlie Murray
Mark Snyder
Lee (Dad) Snyder (51 years young).  Climbed from Mono parking area
and slept overnight on top.  First people to sleep on Starr King.  We think
someone has been here before us.  Probably Norman Clyde.  

Aug 4, 1979  Delitey Higgins
Wild Bill Higgins
We’ve been after this sonuvabitch for 2 years and oh it feels so good!!

Sept 8, 1979  George Sinclair
Erik Simpson
Climbed E. Face via 5.8 variation – nice day – no H2O

Sept 23 or 25, not sure  Lissa Dunstan.  Luck day found 3 nuts.

554 This is one peak Norman Clyde never got to, or if he did, the page which held his
name was removed from the register.
555 Also climbed Starr King on November 27, 1976
556 Lissa Dunstan married her climbing partner, Lloyd Johnson (See next page for his
entry)
NICE DAY - GOOD VIEW - NO SNOW
NO BUGS (ANOS) - CAN SEE 360
PERFECTO - SMOKER GOOD - EAT FOOD -
HAVE FUN - CLIMB MOUNTAINS
MAKE WOOPIE -

I MISSED IT 2 YEARS AGO,
NOW, IN HERE! O-ROCKY ROCK!

LLAU A. JOHNSON

Oct 10 1979

Hugh Janus
Jesus Dragon
Buster Hymen
Rocky Cliff
Chuck Deer
Enrico Allen
Mike (old) Corbe tt
Nice day – good view – no snow. No bugs (almost) – can see 360 degrees perfecto – smoke dope – eat food – have fun – climb mountains! Make Woopie. I missed it 2 years ago, now I’m here! O-boy rock!

Lloyd A. Johnson. Dead head!!

Oct 10 1979 Hugh Janus
Yerasis Dragon
Buster Hymen
Rocky Cliff
Chuck Debeer
Errett Allen
Mike (Oid) Corbett

Allen and Corbett are probably the only names that represent people, although one never knows (for a counter example, see the entry for Claudius Maximus Erectus on April 15, 1977).

Allen did two ascents of the dome on May 26, 1976
Corbett did two ascents of the dome on May 26, 1976.
16 Oct 79
Tom Kimbrough
Anne (Cooking) Bumgarn Madison, Wis.

June 5 1980 (Boh1 Ascent)

Brian Smith - Bum deal 2 months
Stoked - Surfs up tomorrow
Peace, Love & Many Bongs!
Waiting for the 8.0 Earthquake

Smarti:
Stoking on sparkling;
Incredible effects!
Stoking on sparkling;
Almost as good as sex!

Larry Troupe (In spirit)
Fellow Boh1
(alias Snake)

This is Bitchen Ass!
Hope we see a quake;
So beautiful - GODS COUNTRY

Boh1's
ps: Sequoiq
19 Oct 79  Tom Kimbrough\textsuperscript{560}  
Ann (Coolidge) Bunn, Madison Wisc.

1980

June 5, 1980  (Official Bohl Ascent)  
Brian Smith.  Stoked.  Surfs up.  Bum deal 2 months no mares.  Peace Love and many bongs!  Waiting for the 8.0 earthquake  
Shakti:  
  Stoking on Starr King  
  Incredible effects!  
  Stoking on Starr King  
  Almost as good as sex!  
Larry Troupe (in spirit).  Fellow Bohl (alias Snake)  
This is bitchen ass!  Hope we see a quake.  So beautiful – Gods country  
Bohls A.S.  Sequoia

\textsuperscript{560} Two first ascents in Yosemite Valley
6/5/80
For health, strength, beauty, challenge
Thank you God!
out of Transition zone + on top!
Tel e li

6/5/80
Jagged peaks, snow laden slopes
Granite Domes, The Sierran High.
Mahogany.

June 5-80
Peace love music, Banana
the infection spreads!
David Gross.

Sewing Institute does it all?
(and more) joy in

Charlie Casey 6/5/80

Dorie Gross

Ken Boule - good to back with daize
Fine people, good view + good memories
of other times here! Gere Neil!
6/5/80  For health, strength, beauty, challenge Thank you God. Out of transition zone and on top.
Telè li

6/5/80  Jagged peaks, snow lain slopes
Granite Domes, The Sierran High
Mahogany

6/5/80  Peace love and many Bongs – his infection spreads!
David Gira

6/5/80  Sierra Institute\(^{561}\) does it all! (and right)
Jay

6/5/80  Charlie Casey
Dorie Gross
Ken Boche\(^{562}\) – Good to [be] back with these fine people. Good view and good memories of other times here! Berg Heil!

\(^{561}\) Sierra Institute referred to here is a natural history program run by Humboldt State University in California. Some ascenders here preferred to use “camp” names, e.g., Mahogany, Jay.

\(^{562}\) The dates of his other ascents of Starr King: May 30, 1970, September 5, 1970, June 14, 1972
what a great day
for the 4th of July

Curt Schneider
Jackson, CA

July 13, 1980
Mark Spencer (Solo)
Galt, California

The descent is going to be spooky!

July 19, 1980
W. Howard Freidmann

Beth Norton
Jim Murray
7/4/80 What a good day for the 4th of July
Curt Schweizer
John Henslaken
Redding CA

July 13, 1980 Mark Spencer563 (Solo) Galt, California – NE face from Mono Mdw. The descent is going to be spooky!

July 19, 1980 W. Howard Lowdermilk564
Chris Keemchuk
Beth Norton – Northampton MA
Jim Murray565

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Mark Spencer contacted me and sent in some photographs of later ascents and registers. They do not fit in this book here, so I have included them as Appendix 2. Mark and Shirley Spencer566 are the authors of the climbers guide to Southern Yosemite Rock Climbs.

563 Eight first ascents in Yosemite Valley
564 Lowdermilk’s other Starr King ascent was on May 21, 1977
565 Also climbed Starr King on July 12, 1969, May 21, 1977
566 Mark Spencer has had nine ascents of Mt. Starr King, one in the period covered by this book on July 13, 1980.
JULY 20, 1980
WALT SHIPLEY, "THE BEARS ARE EVERYWHERE." DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN HOLD OUT UP HERE, 2 DAYS FROM CURRY.

John M Fisher - Back to the Valley of Bears - Bye - Fish via the west - will descend to the SW ??

July 20, 1980
Mike Cohen & John Glorwasy, S.F. Lots of fun, but hardly what I call 426 class! But then, "chacun a son gout."

Aug 1, 1980 Angeles Ch SpS trip
• OR: Cuno Hanseh
• Ass: Don Spahr

Michael Marcum 155
Pete Yamabata
Bob Emmerick
July 20, 1980  Walt Shipley, “The bears are everywhere.” Don’t know how long we can hold out up here, 2 days from Curry.
John M. Fisher – Back to the Valley of Bears – Bye – Fish. Via the west – descend to the SW.

July 20, 1980  Mike Cohen
John Glokowsky – S.F. Lots of fun, but hardly what I would call 4th class! But then “Chacun a son gout” [Everyone has his taste]

Aug 1, 1980  Angeles Ch. SPS trip.
Cuno Ranschau /2X\ Ldr
Don Sparks /145\ Asst
Michael Lair, Ventura /155\ 
Pete Yamagata /62\ Forthban Alpine Sec., Mother Lode Ch.
Bob Emrick

567 71 First ascents in Yosemite Valley - Shipley was at it from 1967 to 1993.
568 One first ascent in Yosemite Valley.
569 Ranschau also climbed Starr King on July 21, 1975.
570 Yamagata is a serious peak bagger with over 1300 ascents. He has a good website with photographs at www.petesthousandpeaks.com/
Great register. Nothing is worse than the Sierra Club continually taking down the registers to god knows where.

Impressive view of Clark range.
Hope I make it back down.

Tommaso
Mussu

Sept. 22, 1980
Don Reid
Nita Torres

N. E. Crack
Nice place to watch
The moon.

Oct. 11 80
Scott Keit H
Solo My God Love!
Be with you.

December 30, 1980
Mark Blanchard
Johnny Krejci

Skied from Badger Pass Area to Trail on Glacier Point Rd., Walked the rest.
Came up from saddle. We brought our cameras, but forgot our bermudus shorts and Hawaii shirts, when does winter
9/6/80  1:20 PM.  Great register.  Nothing is worse than the Sierra Club continually taking down the registers to god knows where.  Impressive view of Clark Range.  Hope I make it back down.
Tom Maso, Merced Lake

Sept. 22, 1980  Don Reid
Nita Torres
NE Crack.  Nice place to watch the moon.


December 30, 1980  Mark Blanchard
Johnny Kreijei
Skiied from Badger Pass Area to trail on Glacier Point Rd.  Walked the rest.  Came up from saddle.  Brought our cameras, but forgot our Bermuda shorts and Hawaii shirts.  When does winter [continued on next page]

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Nita Torres’ recalled another Yosemite hazard, hornets that nest in the ground: “Somewhere during the first two miles, I stepped on a ground hornet’s nest and the little bastards stung me in a couple of places. Ouch! One of the hornets flew under my Vuarinet sunglasses and I thought I was going to get stung in the eye. I was screaming (like a girly girl) and Reid rescued me by quickly pulling off my glasses. The rest of the trip was fun. Loved the remote feeling. We ran into no one. Reid took me up the easy route, gorgeous views, fire burning in the distance, beautiful moon. Oh the sweet memories.”

572 One first ascent in Yosemite Valley.
Start. It been 70o all day, le couche de soleil était formidable.

Fred Beckay 2
Rick Nolting 5 10m

Anthony Walton + Ray Echols carried two para kites up + we're taking off to land at Mono Meadows.

Sunday 24 May, 1981 Igor Ilyich Axakowsky, Niceville FL 32578

Monday May 1st 1981
August west end party reach summit with much ado about nothing. Long live wilderness to hell with WATF and RAYGUN. Lovely day.

James C. Quinn June 1, 1981

GLAD To Be Here! Hope to be back

A beautiful day, a beautiful view and experience to reflect on always

Stony Point Sierra NEAC Institute

Eat The Rich Running Club
It been 70 degrees all day. Le couche de soleil etait formidable. [The sunset was amazing]

1981

Jan 10, 1981 5pm
Fred Beckey
Rick Nolting

Undated  Anthony Walton
Ray Echols
Carried two para kites up and we’re taking off to land at Mono Meadows.

May 24, 1981 Sunday.
Igor Ilyich Axakowsky, Niceville FL 32578

June 1st, 1981 August West and party reach summit with much ado about nothing. Long live wilderness, to hell with Watt and Raygun. Lovely day.
James C. Quinn. Glad to be here! Hope to be back.
Lansing, A beautiful day, a beautiful view, an experience to reflect on always. Sierra Institute. UCSC Eat the Rich Running Club.

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573 One of the all time great mountaineers from the Pacific Northwest, Beckey has made perhaps more first ascents than any American climber and has a peak named for him in Alaska. He has also authored several books. Beckey and Nolting were together on a 1983 expedition to a peak in China – American Alpine Journal 1983.

574 The use of various types of parachutes and gliders is not generally permitted in wilderness areas today.

575 Watt and Raygun refer to the Secretary of the Interior at the time, James Watt, and President Ronald Reagan. Watt was the enemy of environmentalists, and “Raygun” refers to the President in a manner suggesting that the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as “Star Wars”, was not the writer’s favorite topic.
WHERE ARE THE ALTOIDS? Patty Ryan
June 1, 1981

Kate Havlen
June 1, 1981

Erica Hendrick
June 2, 1981
Sierra Institute

Annette Emig

Mary Boyd Finch Boudreau

Deborah Austin / Santa Cruz

Nicholas "Pierre" Wallenstein

Mark C. Takano "I got the Altooids, gang!"

JULIE-ANN

JUNE 10 1981

1st Official Mazama Climb

Benno Hollong Jon Maybell
Liz Zimmerman Steve Reeck

Bill McColl and
Where are the Altoids?!! Patty Ryan June 1, 1981
Kate Havley
Erica Hendrick, LeConte Field School
What is the peak at 61 degrees on your compass? Where are you now?
Are you sure – Question 4

June 2, 1981 Sierra Institute
Annette Emig
Mary Boyd Finch Boudreau
Geoffrey Austin Santa Cruz
Nicholas “Pierre” Wallenstein, Esq.
Mark C. Takano “I got the Altoids, Gang”
Kip Sieger

June 10 1981 1st Official Mazama\textsuperscript{576} Climb
Brian Holcomb
Jon Maybell
Liz Zimmerman
Steve Reeck
Bill McClelland

\textsuperscript{576} A mountaineering organization in Portland, Oregon
June 17, 1981
Murphy’s Law Expedition
Summit - Rich Romero of Glacier Pt.
Base Camp - Anne E. Oregon

July 9, 1981
Joel Robinson
Tony Chasteen
Great view!

Aug 22, 1981 - Sat.
Daniel W. Malagrecki
Larry Machleder /591
Left Mtn. meadow @ 7:00 in tv
at 12:00 - glorious day!
Glorious day!

Aug 23
Wow my first peak w/sps
Doug Martel 3x

Geschurc
June 17, 1981  Murphy’s Law\textsuperscript{577} Expedition  
Summit – Rich Romero of Glacier Point Base Camp  
Ann E. Oregan

July 4, 1981  Joel Robinson  
Tony Chasteen  
Great view!

Daniel W. Mihaljevich  
Larry Machleder /159/  
Left Mono Meadow at 7 a.m. on top at 12:00 – glorious day! Glorious climb!

7 Aug 83\textsuperscript{578}  Wow my first peak w/SPS Jeb Busch  
Doug Mantle\textsuperscript{579}  3X

\textsuperscript{577} Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.  
\textsuperscript{578} Unable to determine correctness of date.  
\textsuperscript{579} Mantle’s other ascents of Starr King: July 1, 1972, October 4, 1975.
SPS Climb 8-30-81

Dave Perkins leader
John McDermott
Jody Titus
George P. Davis 2x First
Mimi Mary McPherson To3
R. V. Secor
Jack Kosheer
Vic Copelan
Lance Dixon O.O.P.C. Mt.

8/30/81 (we don’t)
CAMPBELL ALPINE CLUB

Daryn Dodge - solo led it from Y.V. on my
day off from the N.P.S. NO AID! fricition it to the top. Saw the people above
on the S.E. face below Stein King;
thought it was crazy. I’m begining
to think that was it!

Daryn Dodge Davis U. Student
Daryn Dodge CAMPBELL NAME
8-30-81 Dave Perkins leader
    John McDermott
    Jay Titus
    George R Davis$^{580}$ 2x Asst
    Mary McMannes Senior Emblem – Yippee! \'/103\
    R.J. Secor$^{581}$
    Jack Koshear
    Vic Copelan
    Lance Dixon J.O.P.L. \'/74\

8/30/81 Daryn Dodge, Davis U. student Campbell (home town)
    C.A.C
    (We don’t)
    Campbell Alpine Club
    Solo’d it from Yosemite Valley on my day off from the National Park Service. NO AID! Frictioned it to the top. Saw the people above on the S.E. Dome below Starr King; thought I was crazy. I’m beginning to think that too!

$^{580}$ Davis also ascended Starr King on August 11, 1974
$^{581}$ Secor is the author of "The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes and Trails", a climber’s guide.
July 17 82

Nice thoughts, nice view, nice clay.

Life is good.

Unaided solo

Carl Erickson
1982

July 17  82  Carl Erickson. Nice thoughts, nice view, nice day. Life is good. Unaided solo.
Hale Law: Suction Cups
Little Gem Suction Cups were illustrated in the 1955 Sierra Club Handbook, and the picture below was added here to give the reader a clue as to what the cryptic entry means:

LITTLE GEM SUCTION CUPS

For high-angle friction climbs. With the use of the Little Gem Suction Cups even the most difficult overhangs become child’s play.

CAUTION: Not suitable for use on sandstone.
5-17-90

Had to get into the original register.

John

Joel Hudson
1990

5-17-90 Had to get into the original register.

John Frome$^{582}$

Joel Hudson

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This entry was placed after the book had been superseded by a later volume, and was perhaps written on the last page where the art work was already in existence.

$^{582}$ Name difficult to make out.
Appendices

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Mark Spencer’s Photographs

From Mark Spencer’s ascents of Mt Starr King.

September 16, 2010 - Mark Spencer, Shirley Spencer and Dan Dion

The next pages are photos by Mark Spencer of later registers. I transcribed the pages and included names in the index, but the entries are not included in the statistical tables. Perhaps one day someone will photograph the entire registers on the peak for inclusion here.
May 13, 1982

Mark: Snow (10") + avalanches
Phone M's out. Don't come.
SE saddle. Snowline in
woods 7000'. Sorry

Shawn - will get back
to you. Dad is reading my
Mom & Dad's names.
I'm sorry. Marv is in.

Congratulations to Rick on 1st
Sierra Peak (83' & 2'1" grad).
My first Sierra Peak!
Can't believe I made it!

Much thanks to Ron Hudson,
Interim Leader. Hope the
Lunatics get here to read.

7/15 --

Rick Anglin

Credit: Mark Spencer
May 13, 1982  Much snow (10’?) and avalanche prone NW face. Did from SE saddle. Snow level in woods 7000’ and soft. 6 pm now – will get back after dark. Nice to read my Mom and Dad’s names 7/28/1939.
Ron Hudson /63\583
Congrats to Rick on 1st Sierra peak (83 BMTC\584 grad)

My first Sierra peak!! Can’t believe I made it! Much thanks to Ron Hudson, intrepid leader. Hope the Lunics get here to read this.
Rick Anglin

\583 Ron Hudson has been active in the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club for many years as a participant and leader of trips. His parents on the July 28, 1939 entry were George Hudson and Mary Koch. Fred Hudson was Ron’s uncle.
\584 BMTC stands for the Basic Mountaineering Training Course sponsored by the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. It was renamed the Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) around 1987.
NOV 6 1982

5 1/2 hrs from Happy Isles, to find the summit warm, sunny, and great views of snow covered peaks. It can’t be November but this is the Sierras.

Carl Hanke
Rick Hanke

Credit: Mark Spencer
November 6, 1982  51/2 hours from Happy Isles to find the summit warm, sunny and great views of snow covered peaks. It can’t be November, but this is the Sierras.
Carl Hamke
Rick Henke
The first registration...
Fascinating. Went up the
amusing. Enjoying rest on the satellite domes after
a trip up Salathe Wall and El Cap.
The rock, views, & lack of
climbers are refreshing after the
Valley search. Have done
2 routes on the larger dome to SW.
A 3 pitch 5.9 right being broke on
East & a 4 pitch 5.10d for
climb up under attack on wside.
Try them in the rock is solid
now.

From Addison
6/21/86 Happy Midsummer! We
just climbed the right
tafing flake system starting
at the bent lodge pole pine on the souther side and
6/20/86 The first register is fascinating. Wm Kat was amazing. Enjoying climbing on the satellite domes after a trip up the Salathè Wall on el Cap. The rock, views, and lack of climbers are refreshing after the Valley scene below. Have done two routes on the larger dome to SW. A three pitch 5.9 right facing book on E side and a four pitch 5.10 face climb up water streak on W. side. Try them – the rock is solid
Tom Addison

6/21/86 Happy Midsummer! We just climbed the right facing flake system starting at the bent Lodgepole pine on the southwest side and…
Veling slightly left, 6 full pitches (one 5.9, two 5.8 and the rest 5.7). Very nice route (may not have been done before?). Started at 6:45am and topped out at noon.

Tom Addison
Scott Pond

7/4/86
Tom Ferguson
Bob Ferguson
Jerry Brevig
Fred = Warren
Jeff = Warren

Credit: Mark Spencer
… veering slightly left. 6 full pitches (one 5.9, two 5.8 and the rest 5.6-5.7). Very nice route (may not have been done before?). Started at 6:45am and topped out at noon!

Tom Addison
Scott Pond

7/4/86  Tom Ferguson
Bob Ferguson
Terry Rivera
Bruce W. Turner (my first Sierra Peak)
Jeff Koepka (nervous)
Probable 1st ascent
7-5-86 South Face
8 pitches - low 5+
Tom Rogers Jan Turner
Bob Care Vic Madrid
Wayne Campbell
7-10-86 NOV-SOS TMD
(C N O INSURANCE THIS UP)
Dave Shier Max
Nancy Gordon 136
Class Speet
Dave R. 107
R.J. Secor 3x
15 St. Ives
T-16-86 Paul Murray
“no pain no gain”
It was a pretty easy climb and a lot of fun. It is a great crew and a little windy.

Credit: Mark Spencer
Probable 1st ascent
7-5-86 South Face. 8 pitches – low 5th.
Tom Rogers
Jan Turner
Bob Care
Vic Madrid
Wayne Campbell

7-10-86 Non SPS Trip (No insurance this yr)
†Dave Dykeman /222\585
Nancy Gordon /136\586
1 Class 5 peak
Dave Pertt /37\586
R.J. Secor586 3x
UJ Sayer /19\586

7-16-86 Paul Merritt “No Pain no gain” It was a pretty easy climb and a great view but a little windy.

585 Dave Dykeman died in September 1996 on Devil’s Crag in the Sierras.
586 Other ascents in the period covered by the book were on August 30, 1981 and September 1, 1986
These are only three people up here right now but 11 more coming up. 7/17/86
Robin plankinton Age 14

It is a pretty easy climb except for one part when I had trouble I am the 3rd one up here out of my group. It is so lovely here you can see every where, forever. From Mom to you.

Loves. Denver
age 11 July 17 86

Credit: Mark Spencer
7/17/86 There are only three people up here right now but 11 more coming up. Robin Plankington  Age 14

7/17/86 It is a pretty easy climb except for one part when I had trouble. I am the 3rd one up here out of my group. It is so lovely here you can see everywhere, forever. I am from Menlo Park. Laura Drexinage Age 11
August 17th ’87

Last year I went on the cap, this year we saw Sue King — good way to spend my B-day! Go Buckeyes!

Queen Schnebel

BACK AGAIN - WILL I EVER LEARN?

MIKE CORBETT
1987 - AUGUST

Aug 120 Sunny here -
but wouldn't view -
Connie climbed to
saddle -

Ice Station

Credit: Mark Spencer
August 17\textsuperscript{th} ’87  Last year I was on el Cap, this year Starr King – good way to spend my B-day.  
Go Buckeyes!  
Gwen Schneider

August 1987  Back again – will I ever learn?  
Mike Corbett\textsuperscript{587}

Aug 17  Sunny haze – but whadda view – Connie climbed to the saddle.  
Lee Stetson

\textsuperscript{587} Other ascents in the period covered by the book were on May 26, 1976 and October 10, 1979
September 1986
R. J. Secor - 4x
Rob Roy McDonald

Sept 18, 1987
Mark Spencer
- OAKHURST, CA
- VIA SE SABOTÉ T 5.5

Sept 19, 1987
Mark Spencer
- CUMBERLIDGE FROM
- A CAMP ON OF MINDO
- MEADOWS, CUMBRED S
- ROUTES ON THE DOME
- INCLUDING 2 NEW ONES.
- MOST OF THE CLIMBING
- WAS FREE SOLO WITH A
- SELF BELAY ON THE 5.8 5.9
- PITCHES. A TPIQ IS ON
- THE FOLLOWING PAGE...
September 1, 1986
R.J. Secor\textsuperscript{588} – 4X
Rob Roy McDonald

Sept 18, 1987
Mark Spencer\textsuperscript{589}
Oakhurst CA
via SE Saddle II 5.5

Sept 19, 1987
Climbed up again from a camp east of Mono Meadows. Climbed five routes on the dome including two new ones. Most of the climbing was free solo with a self belay on the 5.8 and 5.9 pitches. A topo is on the following page--->
Mark Spencer

\textsuperscript{588} Other ascents in the period covered by the book were on August 30, 1981 and July 7, 1986
\textsuperscript{589} One ascent in the period covered by the book on July 13, 1980.
10-87 BEN SCHIFFRIN
RAN OVER FROM MONO
MDWS - 1 HR 43 MIN.
NICE DAY

10-17-87
Fred Feldman
Marianne Balog
Mammoth Lakes CA

11-9-87
Lynn Murphy - Cit. of World
Kerry Andersen - Berkeley
Steve White - Berkeley

1 hr from summit of Half Dome!
Yeah!

Credit: Mark Spencer
10-10-87 Ran over from Mono Meadows. 1 hr 45 min. Nice day
Ben Schifrin

Hi Ben! Dave 10-90

10-17-87 Fred Feldman
Marianne Balog
Mammoth Lakes

Trundle Masters

11-9-87
Lynn Murphy – Citizen of the world
Kerry Andersen – Berkeley
Steve White – Berkeley

1 hr from summit of Half Dome! Yeah!
Feb 7, 1988 fr. SE match
Gus Benner
RD Cag Stream
L. D. Wilson
Jerry Bock

3/12/88
Leni V Reeves, Claus Calkins
Brian West - Seal Beach

May 21, 1988
Aaron Schuman
E. Miya
Rock of Age Hours
for Retired Hackers
Well into the
cl乌克s - Well
How do we get
down - 1-9 mm
Rope ...

Credit: Mark Spencer
Feb 7, 1988    From SE notch
Gus Benner
R.D. Caughron
L.D. Wilson
Jerry Bock

3/12/88  Lenni V Reeves, Clovis Cal
Brian West – Seal Beach

May 21, 1988
Aaron Schulman
E. Miya
Rock of Age Home for Retired Hackers.
Well, interesting in clunkers. Well how do we get down - 1 – 9mm rope...

590 One ascent in the period covered by the book on March 14, 1976.
591 One ascent in the period covered by the book on 10, 1978.
592 “Clunkers” refers to the wrong kind of shoes or boots for friction.
We hope!
Oh - deceit
Once again
Did it will
Peace & S.

Only 3 years & 8 months later. Exactly from
my last visit. So nice to
be back, but my
partners aren't doing
too well on this thing.

Oh well.

Walter Flint - apr 5/24/88

Credit: Mark Spencer
... to be continued
We Hope!
Oh – Defeated once before. Did N and will descend S

5/24/88 Only two years and eight months later (exactly) from my last visit. So nice to be back, but my partners aren’t fairing too well on this thing! Oh well.
Walter J. Flint – Yos.
USE PENCILS ONLY - PENS WILL BLEED THROUGH PAPER WHEN DAMP

Please keep Entries Brief

Fill other register first!

Sierra Bear

Credit: Mark Spencer
Use pencils only – pens will bleed through paper when damp

Please Keep Entries Brief

Fill other register first!

Sierra Bear

Inside cover to the fourth register. First entry on 10/1/1990
MT. STARR KING 9,092

OCTOBER 1, 1990
MARK SPENCER - YOSEMITE, CA
RAN UP FROM THE GLACIER POINT ROAD
AT MONO MEADOWS IN 1 HR 40 MIN.
CLIMBED UP FROM THE SE SADDLE - S.S.
B.F.D. | B.S.

BULLSFURT
I DID IT IN 23 MIN.

AUGUST 9, 1991

JOHN LAWLER - SAN JOSE, CA
FROM MONO MEADOWS VIA
SE SADDLE ON WAY TO
TRaverse CLARK RANGE

KEITH HAMAN  Aug 9, 1991
Nashville, TN. Also going
to Clark Range (Beautiful Scenery)

Credit: Mark Spencer
Mt Starr King
9,092

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October 1, 1990 Ran up from the Glacier Point road at Mono Meadows in 1 hr 40 min. Climbed up from the SE Saddle 5.5.
Mark Spencer

B.F.D.!
B.S!

Bullshit
I did it in 1 ~23 min

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August 9, 1991 From Mono Meadows via SE Saddle on way to Clark Range
John Lawler, San Jose
Keith Harrah, Nashville TN. Also going to Clark Range (Beautiful Scenery)

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593 One ascent in the period covered by the book on July 13, 1980.
594 Unknown person or persons taking exception to Mark Spencer’s time up the peak.
7-22-95

L.Y.V. Rangers - Foot Patrol
Don't Think we Can't Find you
Mike Gratz

Kevin Flynn

7/25/95

Hey Buddy! Nice View
Eh? Good for you, no meat!

LAMP Yosemite Institute
Mountaineer On, Buddy!

Hans Manske Yi

Enjoyed last night's stay at
the bottom. Julius Kessler

Credit: Mark Spencer
7-22-95 L.Y.V.\textsuperscript{595} Rangers – Foot Patrol and don’t think we can’t find you!
Mike Grate
Kevin Flynn

7/25/95 Hey Buddy! Nice view, eh? Good for you, no meat! LAMP Yosemite Institute. Mountaineer on, Buddy!
Hans Manske YI
Enjoyed last night’s stay at the bottom.
Julius Kessler

\textsuperscript{595} Little Yosemite Valley.
7-26-95 Opie\textsuperscript{596} climbs N. Face barefoot.

\textsuperscript{596} Perhaps a name to be associated with Peter and Iona Opie of children’s literature fame?
Mark and Shirley Spencer

Climbed the south side, nice to finally be at the summit of the dome I drew in our guidebook! Beautiful sunrise on Half Dome! Last time we tried to get up here, we got turned around by a storm. Sharing another adventure with our great friend Dan Dion!

Sept. 16, 2010
Sept. 16, 2010  Mark and Shirley Spencer
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Dan Dion

597 One ascent in the period covered by the book on July 13, 1980.
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