



# Clark County Museum

## Giles/Barcus House

**Built: 1924**

**Style: Cottage**

**Moved: 1985**

**Opened for exhibit: 1992**

**Restored time period: 1960s**



Goldfield, located about 180 miles north of Las Vegas, was a large mining boomtown from 1903 until the early 1920s. At its peak in 1906, it had a population of 20,000, served by five banks, two daily and three weekly newspapers, two stock exchanges, three railroads and four schools.

Edwin Schofeild Giles, his wife Edith Corliss and their daughter Edith, moved from Colorado to Goldfield in 1907. Ed was a mining engineer, consultant and surveyor. Their living quarters ranged from a wagon to a tent to various hotels and houses until acquiring this 26' by 24' cottage in 1928.

Many homes in Goldfield only had an outhouse for toilet facilities. By 1924 when this home was built with a bathroom with indoor toilet, pedestal sink and shower which made it quite modern.

When Edith Giles Barcus (daughter) moved to Las Vegas in 1955, she couldn't leave her home behind. She had it moved to the corner of Hacienda and Giles Street where it served as the "Odd Shop," an antique store. She made provisions for this house to be donated to the museum upon her death. Major assistance was provided by the Clark County Museum Guild.

