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The Finley House is situated about 100 yards from where the stamp mill of the Hermosa Mining Company formerly stood and the building may have been originally used as an office. The threeroom building was constructed of brick from the main stack of the smelter at the famous Mowry Mine a few miles away. Brick construction was unusual in the territorial period. At some later date, two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a bath were added with adobe walls.

The brick walls of the house are 18" thick. The windows have stone quarry lintels and sills. Each of the three original rooms has a fireplace. On two sides of the house there is a porch with beams of hand hewn California redwood, probably shipped from Truckee along with the lumber for the mill.

The house is in good usable condition but has no water at present.



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The Harshaw district was regarded as a desirable area by the Sobaipuri, who inhabited the place pre-historically, by the Apache, who succeeded them, and by the Spanish and Mexicans who scattered through the area in the 18th and 19th centuries. Spanish missionaries planted peach trees and Mexican families settled and remained in the canyon until the present time. The canyon, named Durazno (peach orchard), was midway between the Jesuit missions of Guevavi and Suamca. The Spanish were well aware that the area was rich in silver, but the Apache menace prevented large scale development.

In 1857, three years after the Gadsden Purchase, a detachment of the First Dragoons was established at Fort Buchanan, thus affording some protection for prospectors, and several mines were opened. In the 1860s, however, the region declined for a variety of reasons. The Civil War had caused the withdrawal of troops, easier strikes were discovered in the northern part of the territory (Prescott), and the complex ores of the Patagonia area required a modern transportation system if development was to be economically feasible.

The ghost town of Harshaw and the mining district in which it is located were named after pioneer David Tecumseh Harshaw (1825-1884), who first came to Arizona in 1861 with the First California Infantry. He returned to Arizona in 1873 to raise cattle in the San Pedro valley but he was also interested in prospecting, at which he had some modest success. With a partner, he worked the rich strikes on Harshaw Creek for a time and then sold out in 1879 to some San Francisco investors. Soon after, the claims were bought by Boston capitalists, and the Hermosa Mining Company began a large scale development of the David Harshaw retired from mining and spent his last area. few years on a small ranch and stage station at Davidson Springs, but the town which sprang up around the Hermosa Mining Company mill was named after him and so was the district. Harshaw was an excellent location for a stamp mill. There was an abundance

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Significance - James Finley House

of water and timber, the roads were reasonably good, the Southern Pacific was just completing its line into Tucson, and there were about three dozen mines in the district which could supply the mill. The twenty-stamp Hermosa mill was the largest in the territory when it was built in 1879.

The Finley house, as it was later known, was apparently built at the same time and was perhaps occupied by a company official during the town's brief boom. By the spring of 1881 the decline had already set in, and in November operations were temporarily suspended except at the reduction mill. Early in 1882 the mill was closed, and the company moved its operations to some new claims in Sonora. Other mines in the district continued to support the town on a greatly reduced scale until in 1885 when the mill was sold, dismantled, and shipped away.

About this time James Finley of Tucson bought the old Harshaw Mine and built a new mill which began operation in 1890. In 1893 the Hermosa Company leased the mine from Finley and remodeled the mill but ran out of capital before ore was reached. The demonetization of silver, occurring in the same year, plus the building of the railroad through the town of Patagonia eight miles north, spelled the end of Harshaw as a real town.

Although the mine was purchased from the Finley estate after he died in 1903, it was never developed further. Harshaw, which had once had a main street of nine blocks and a population of over 2000, became a ghost town. The townsite is now part of the Coronado National Forest.





