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"The Roy Rogers Show" ran for six seasons on NBC, from 1951-1957.

- Most of its location footage was shot on the Iverson Movie Ranch in Chatsworth.
- Another filming location was Corriganville in Simi Valley.
- The famous Double R Bar Ranch gate from the TV show was set up at still another filming location — Disney's Golden Oak Ranch in Placerita Canyon, Newhall.
- Roy and Dale moved to their Chatsworth Ranch in 1955, and filming for a few episodes of seasons 5 and 6 of "The Roy Rogers Show" was at their new Chatsworth Ranch.

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- The inspiration for this presentation is a recent blog post by Chatsworth film historian Dennis Liff. This presentation will include discussion of:
 - Roy & Dale's Chatsworth Ranch at 9839 Andora
 - The location of the "Double R Bar Ranch" (which was not where Roy and Dale lived).
 - A fun look at Double R Bar Ranch merchandising.
 - Filming locations at the Chatsworth Ranch, that will soon be developed into 33 homes at the end of Andora.
 - A review of scene locations from the 1956 episode "False Faces" filmed at the Chatsworth Ranch, followed by watching the 22 minute episode.

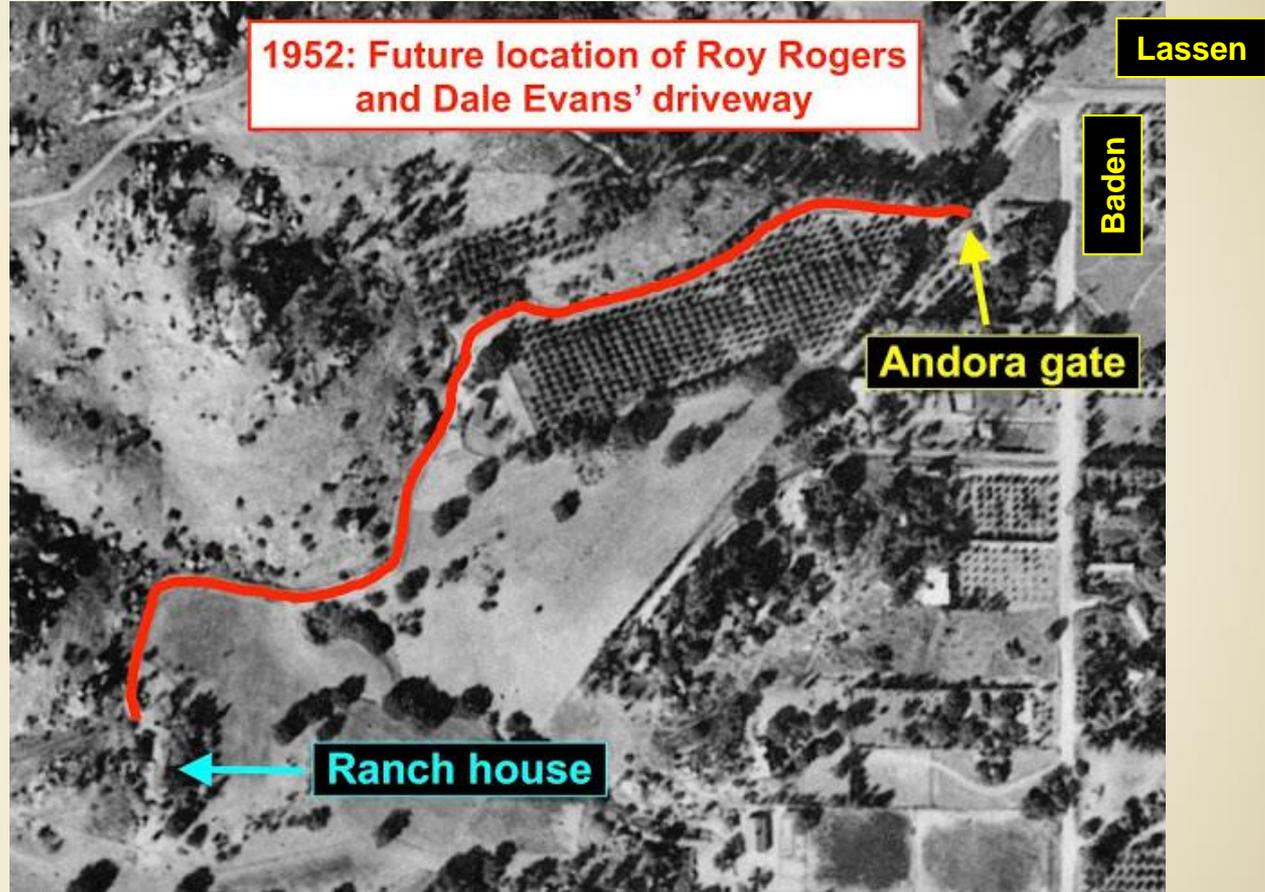
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Roy and Dale moved to Chatsworth in the summer of 1955, after filming 4 seasons of The Roy Rogers Show. Their ranch was at 9839 Andora.



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Roy and Dale hadn't bought the place yet when this 1952 aerial shot was taken over Chatsworth, but when they bought it three years later, it came with a significant drive from the Andora gate to the 1938 house.



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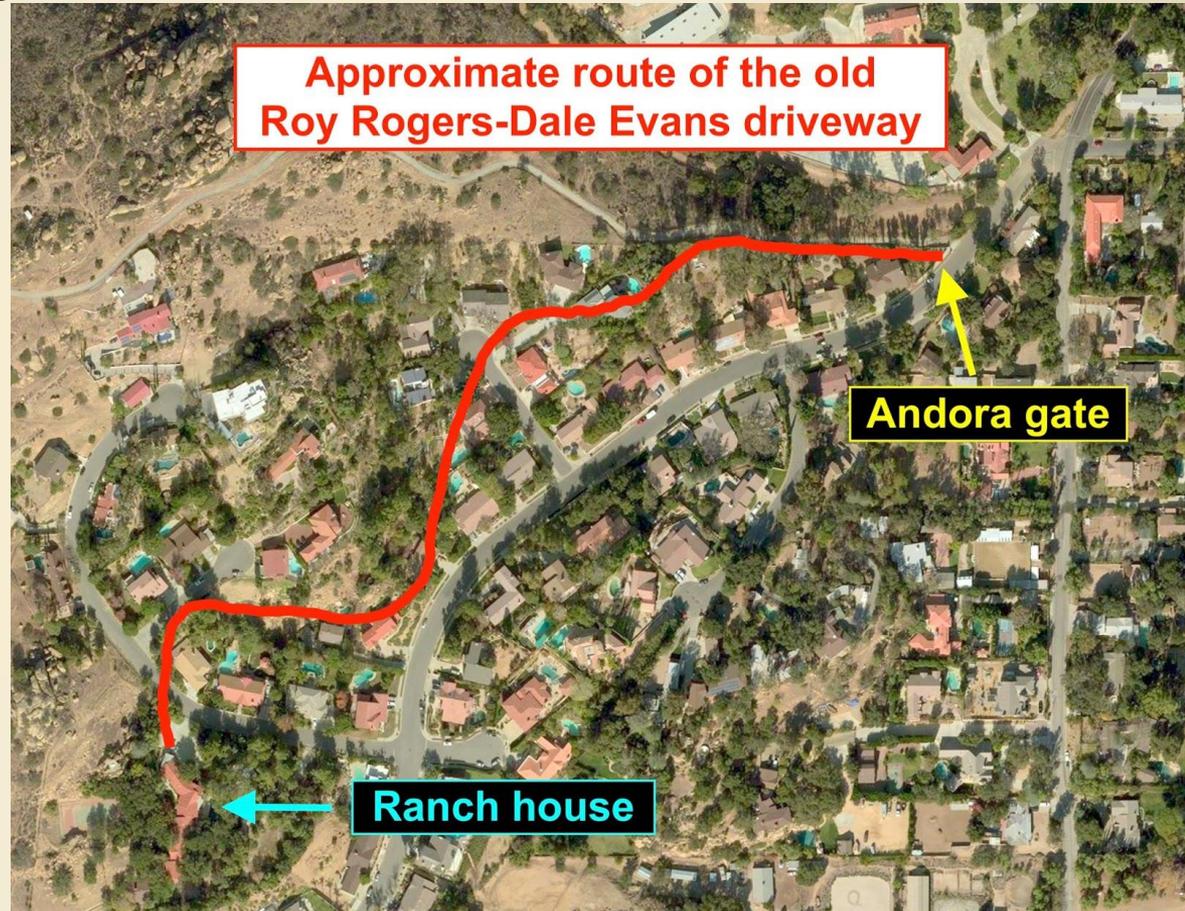
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Beginning in 1964, a portion of the former ranch property was subdivided and developed as Roy Rogers Ranchos.

The photo at right shows that the old driveway no longer exists.

The house where Roy and Dale lived remains intact, at 22801 Trigger St.



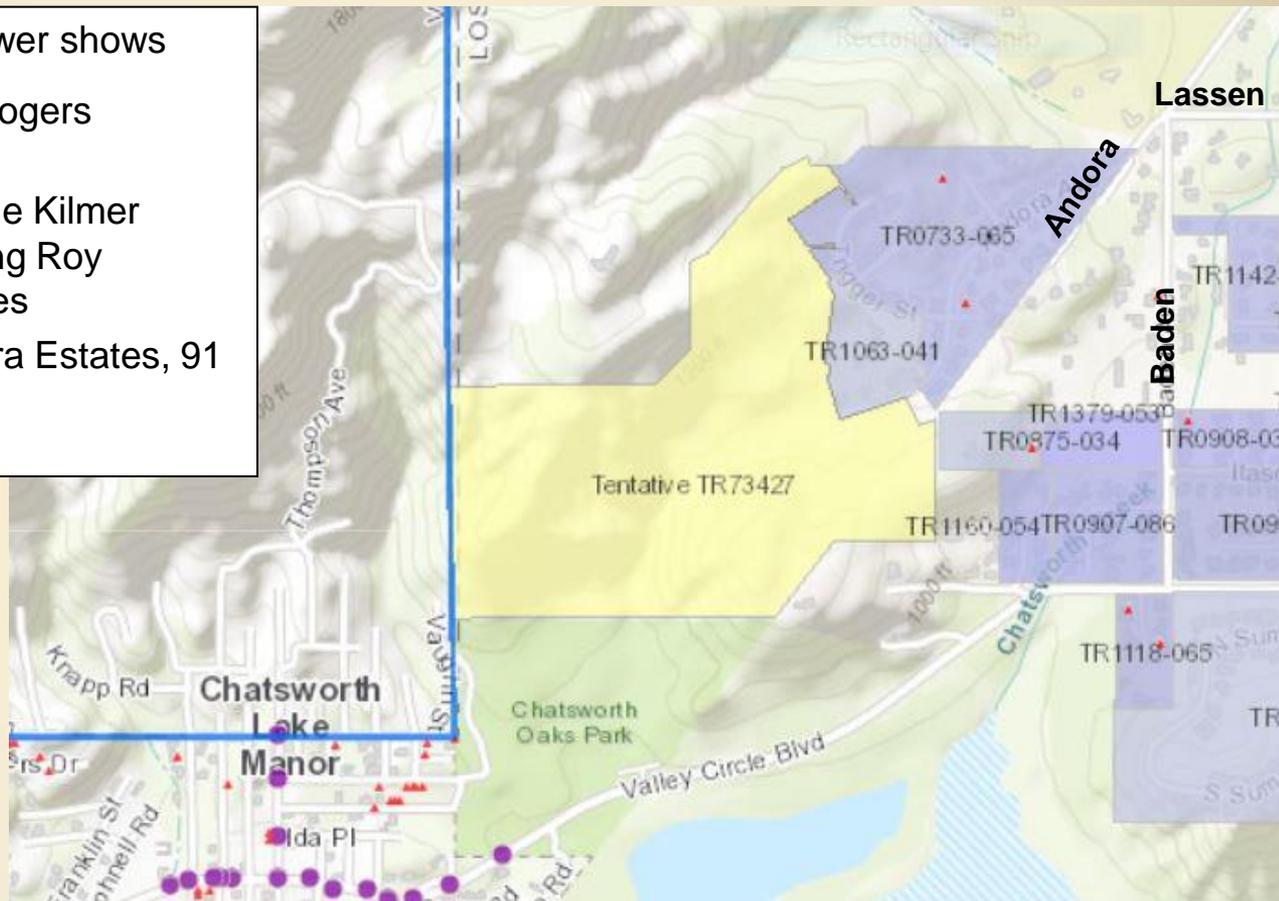
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- The April 1964 roping ceremony promotional photograph features (left to right on horseback) Robert Russell of Russcor Construction, Roy Rogers, and Councilman Tom Shepard.
- In the foreground are Dale Evans, below Tom Shepard at the right, and George Vincent, Chatsworth real estate broker, below Robert Russell.



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- Originally announced in 1963, the project was to include a natural lake-type swimming pool, tennis courts, and play area.
- The project also announced fully equipped barns and boarding facilities for horses, and that Rogers will maintain his family home on a seven acre estate in the heart of the project.

- The project was kicked off with roping ceremonies in April, 1964.
- In August 1964, tragedy befell the Rogers, as their 12 year old daughter Debbie was killed in a bus accident.
- In 1965, Roy and Dale sold the remainder of their ranch and moved to Apple Valley, Ca. near Victorville.

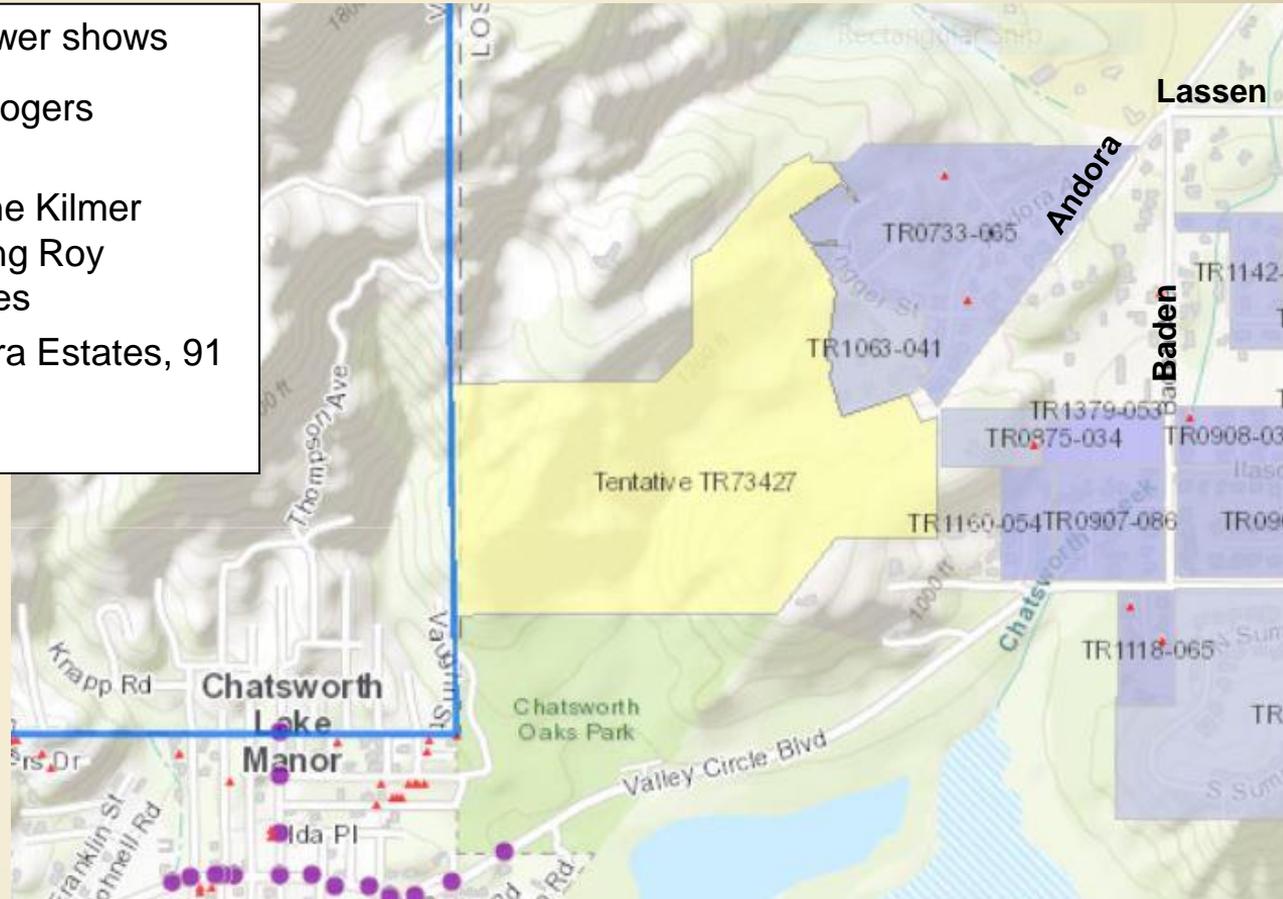
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1986 Tract TR1063-041 Document Detail (Eugene Kilmer subdivided the property including Roy Roger's house, 7 acres, 7 homes

- Eugene Kilmer, who is the father of actor Val Kilmer, lived in the Roger's house at the time.
- A crop of the document below identifies Eugene Kilmer as the owner (below)
- A crop of the document to the right identifies Bea Berman, past President of the Chatsworth Historical Society, as the Notary Public.

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 OF LOS ANGELES) SS
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Beatrice Berman
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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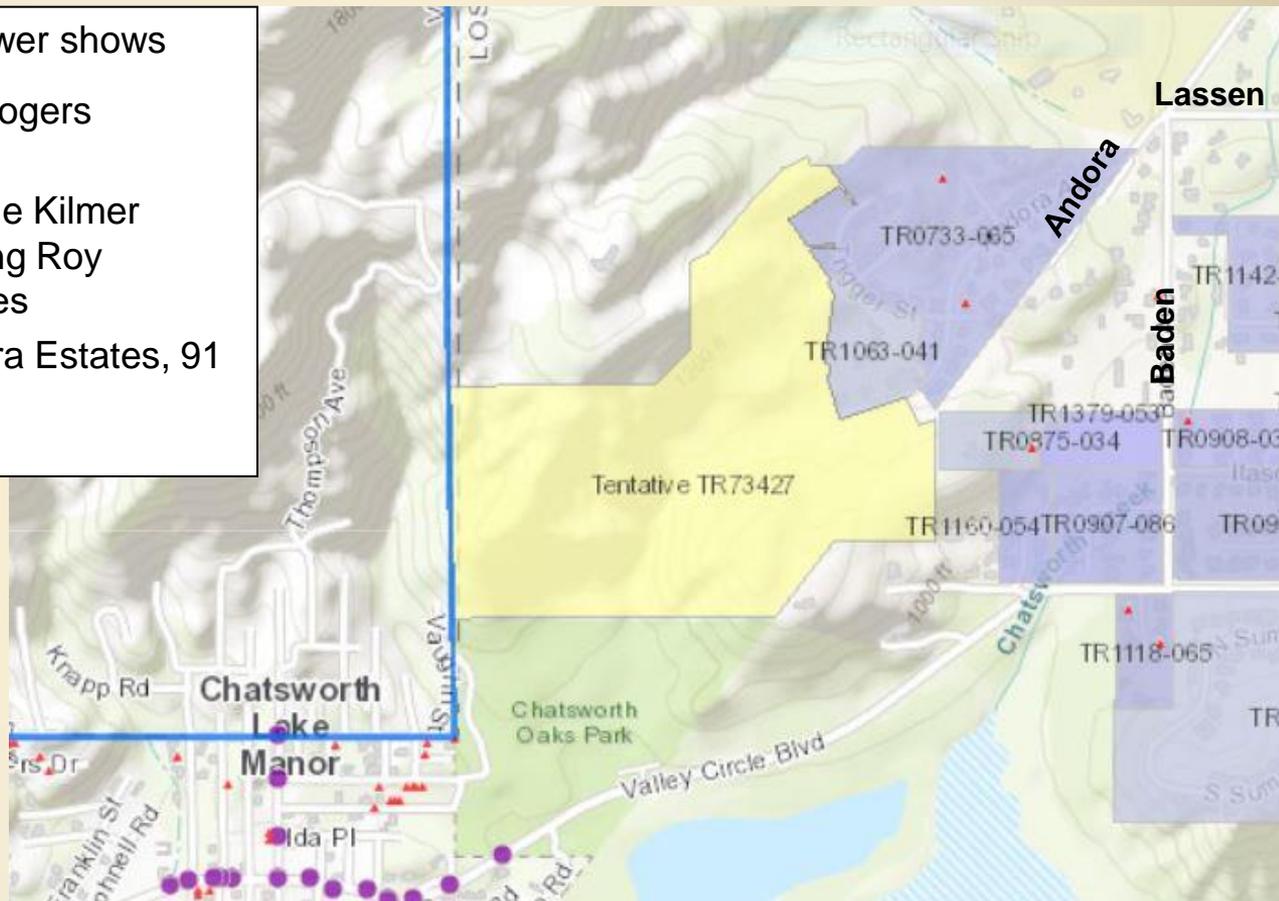
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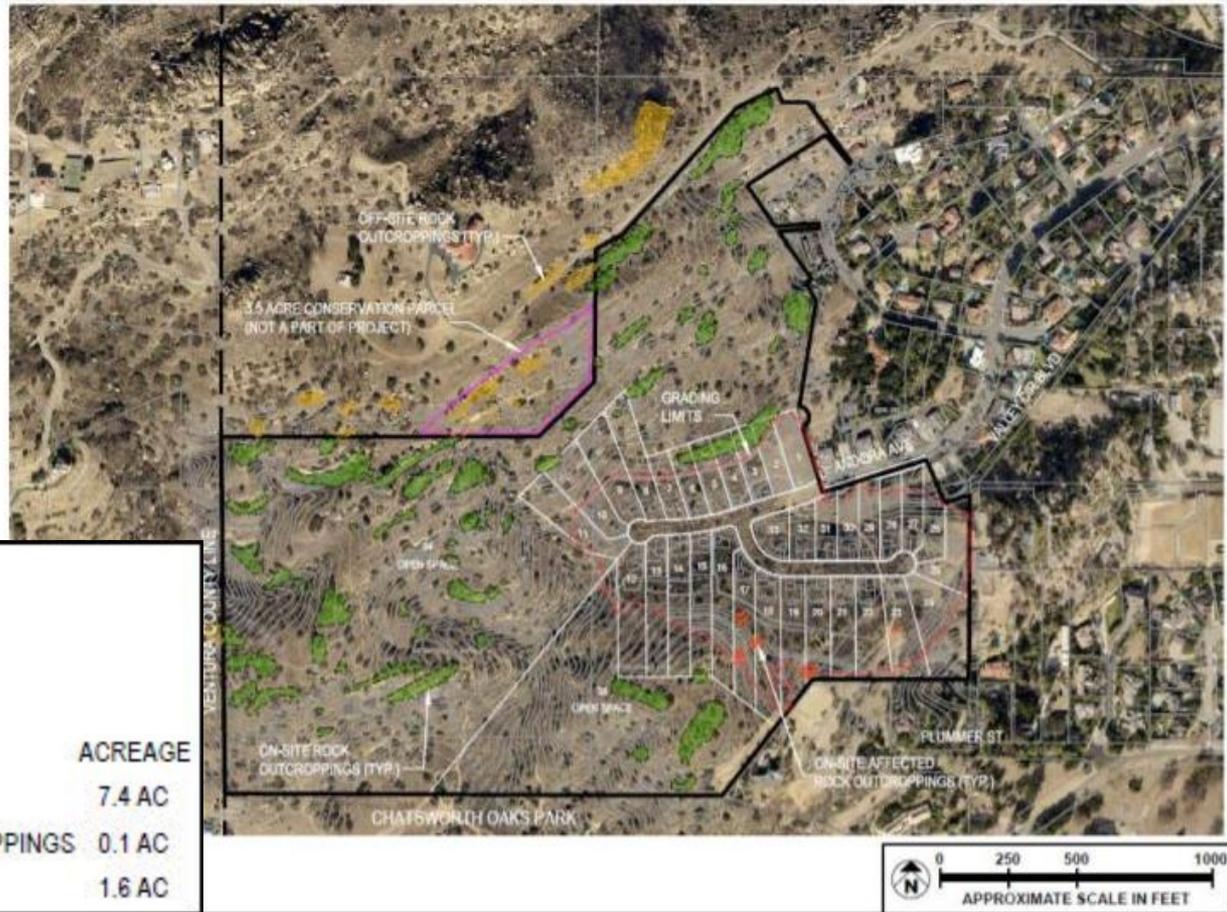
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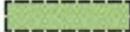
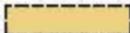


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Overview of Andora Estates development, identifying on-site rock outcroppings.

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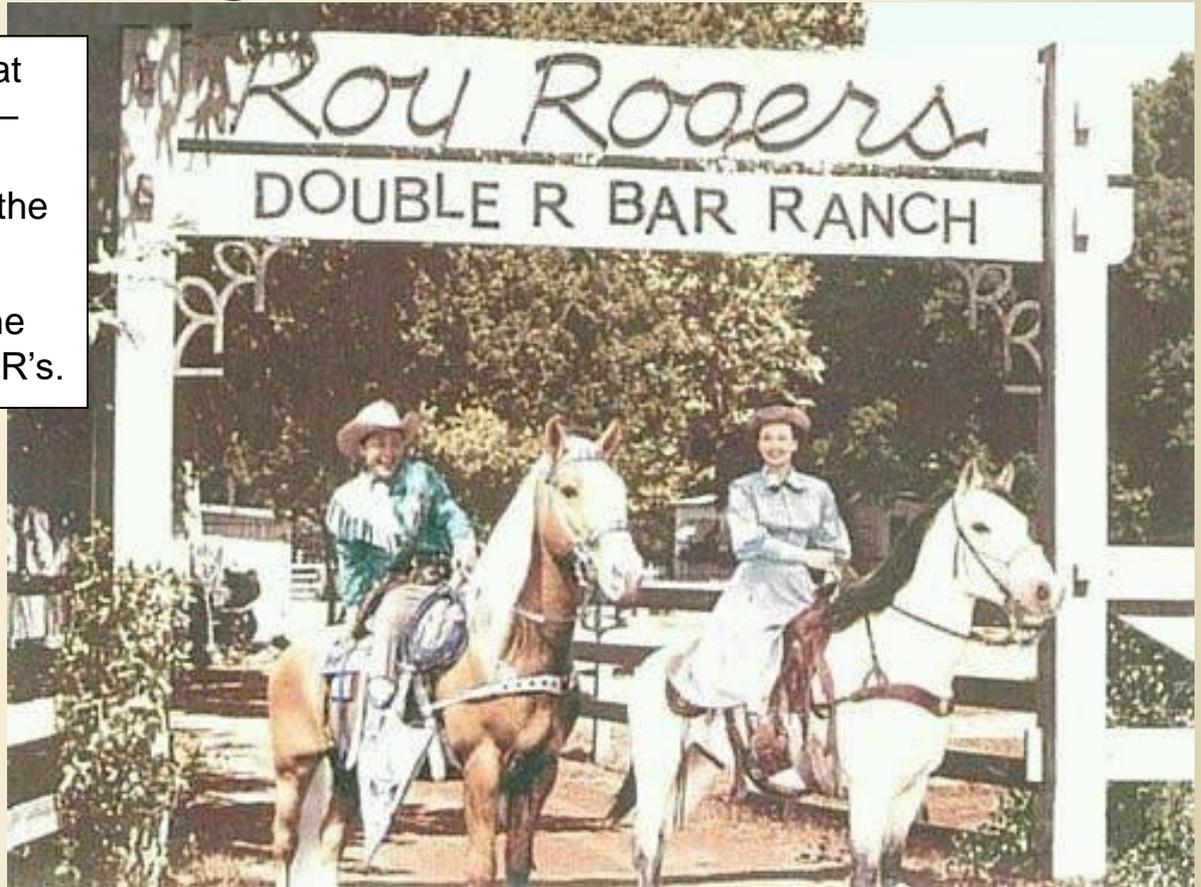


LEGEND		
	ANDORA PROJECT BOUNDARY	
	3.5 ACRE CONSERVATION PARCEL (NOT A PART OF PROJECT)	
AREA	DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE
	ON-SITE ROCK OUTCROPPINGS	7.4 AC
	AFFECTED ON-SITE ROCK OUTCROPPINGS	0.1 AC
	OFF-SITE ROCK OUTCROPPINGS	1.6 AC

“The Roy Rogers Show” gate at the Double R Bar Ranch

One "Roy Rogers Show" location that generated more interest than most — along with more confusion than any other — was a fictional place called the "Double R Bar Ranch."

Notice the brand in each corner of the sign. There is a “bar” under the two R’s.



Andora gate to Roy and Dale's Chatsworth ranch



Notice that there is no "bar" under the "two Rs" on their Andora Ranch sign.

“The Roy Rogers Show” gate at the Double R Bar Ranch

The End Credits at the famous Double R Bar Ranch gate, from the TV show was filmed at —

Disney's Golden Oak Ranch in Placerita Canyon, Newhall.



The filming site at Disney's Golden Oak Ranch



In addition to filming scenes at the famous Double R Bar Ranch gate, the 1953 episode "Phantom Rustlers" was mostly filmed at the Golden Oak Ranch.

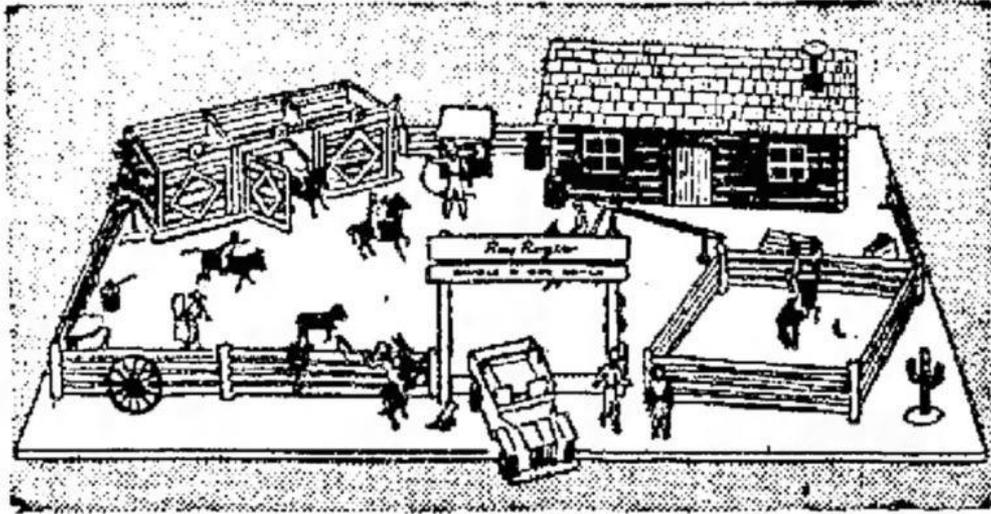
The filming site at Disney's Golden Oak Ranch



Walt Disney filmed "The Adventures of Spin and Marty" at the Golden Oak Ranch.

“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

By the mid-1950s, Roy Rogers and his TV ranch had become the focus of a massive merchandising operation, which might help explain some of the mythology surrounding the ranch..



Roy Rogers Double-R-Bar Ranch Sets

Use Sears Lay-Away Plan
A Small Deposit Holds Your Selection

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Lookie, that's excitement like you never did see in this here Happi-Time set. A bunkhouse, hosses with removable saddles, 8 cowpokes including Roy Rogers and lots more at this low price.

“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

The centerpiece of the Roy Rogers marketing empire was the Happi-Time Double R Bar Ranch playset.

The TV show had kids convinced that Roy and Dale lived on the Double R Bar, and the playsets flew off the shelves.



“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

Plastic versions of Roy and Dale on the Double R Bar

The marketers weren't about to pour cold water on any existing hype that might help sell playsets — for example by clarifying that Roy and Dale didn't really live on the Double R Bar.



“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

Plastic replica of the gate on the Disney location ranch

The myth about Roy and Dale living on the Double R Bar Ranch grew up with a generation of kids who were proud owners of the playset

- which came with a gate that looked just like the one on the TV show.



“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

Hot item on eBay



Double R Bar Ranch playsets remain a hot commodity today. This one was being offered for \$250 on eBay...

“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise



Double R Bar
Ranch lunchbox

“Double R Bar Ranch” Merchandise

At one time you could rock out on Trigger as long as you had a spare quarter.

Of course, the mechanical Trigger was also branded "Double R Bar Ranch" — and featured yet another rendition of the famous gate.



Filming Locations at the Chatsworth Ranch

Yellow line = approximate development outline

Blue circles = key rocks in the TV show



- 1 = oddball group of rock characters
 - 2 = Twin Towers
 - 3 = northwest of Roy's house
 - 4 = Rock full of holes
 - 5 = meadow rocks west of Andora
 - 8 = raccoon tail rock
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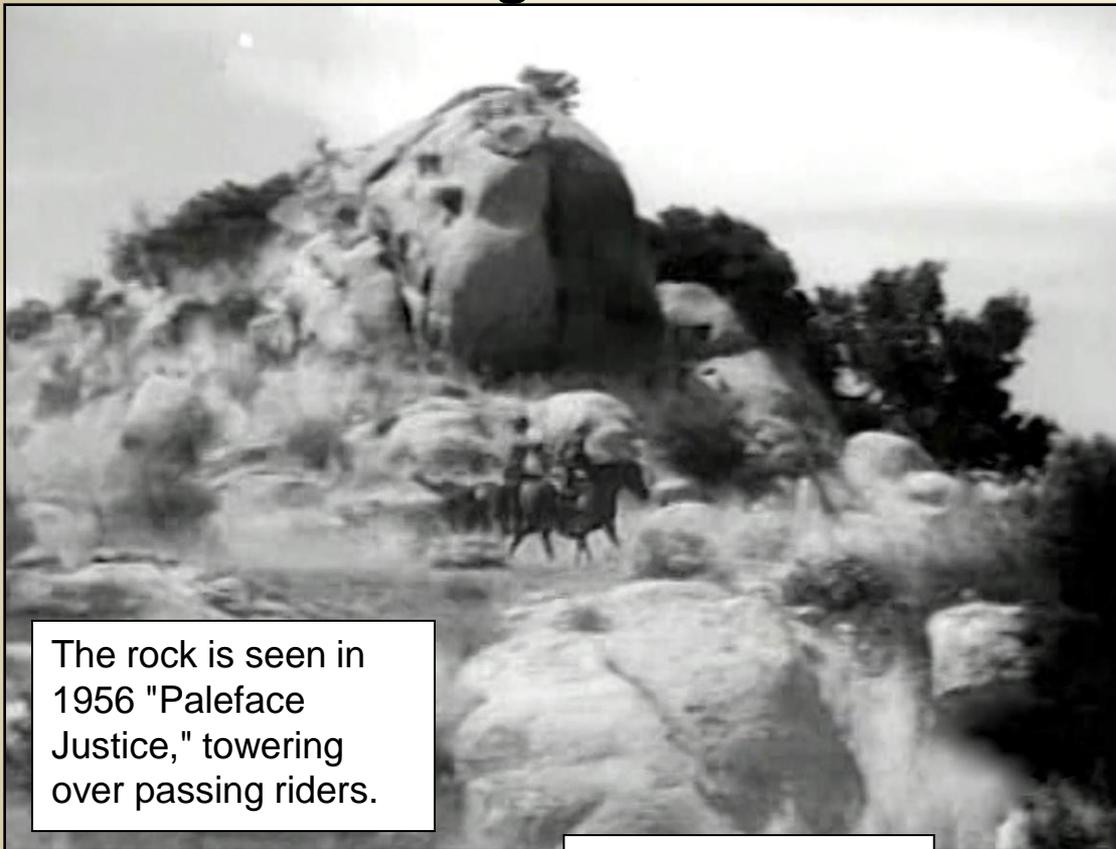
Roy with Sandy, left, and Dusty outside the family home in Chatsworth (Jerry England Collection)

A 2019 photo of the same rocks from iversonmovieranch.blogspot.com



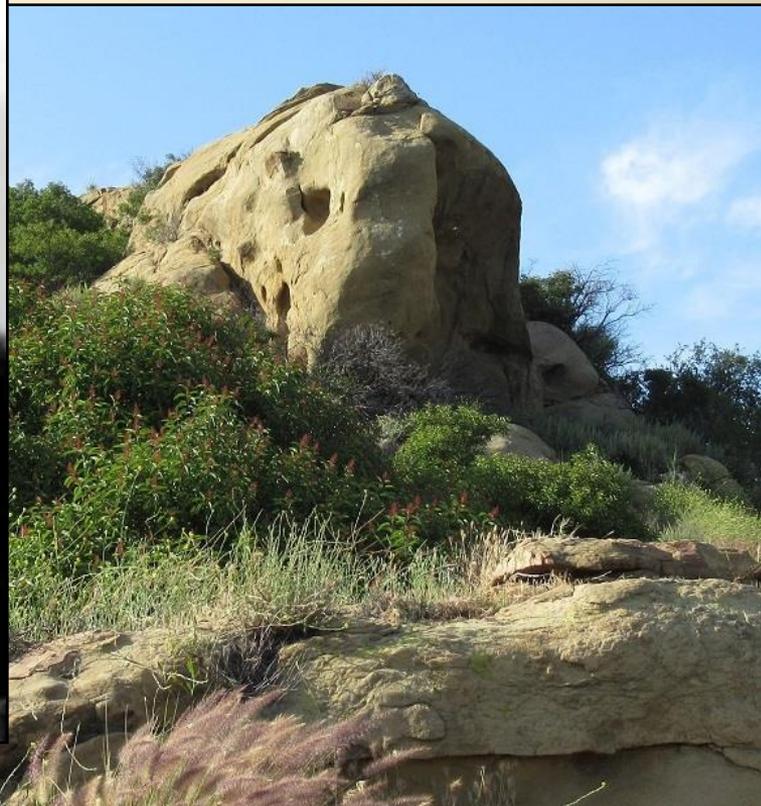
#1 = oddball group of rock characters (circled in red)

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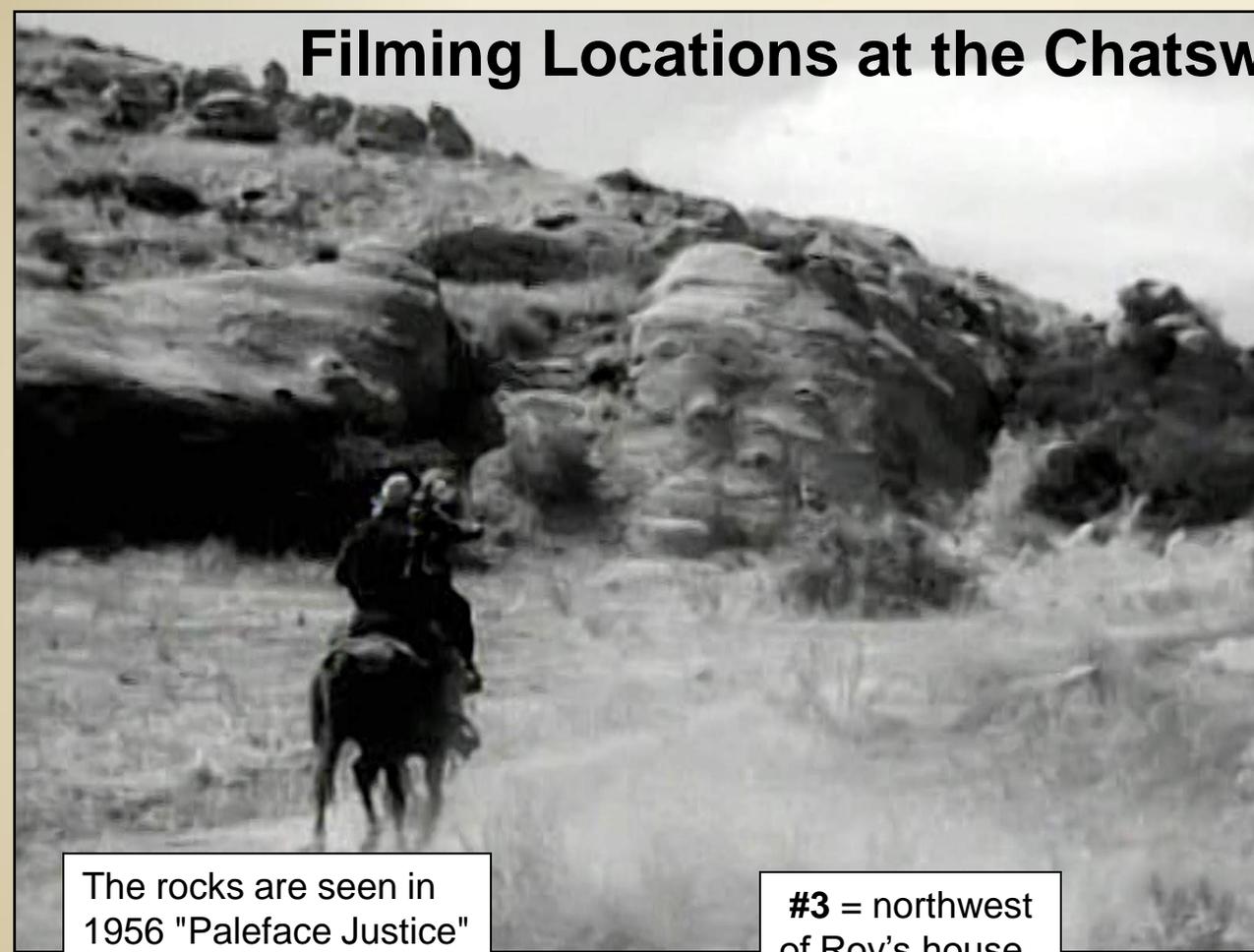
The rock is seen in 1956 "Paleface Justice," towering over passing riders.

A 2019 photo of the same rocks



#2 = Twin Towers

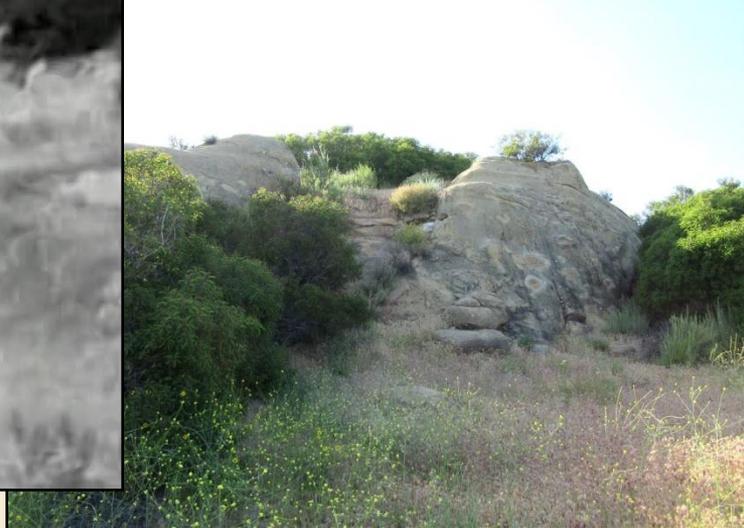
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#3 = northwest of Roy's house

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#4 = rock full of holes

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This rock grouping is seen in 1956 "Horse Crazy"

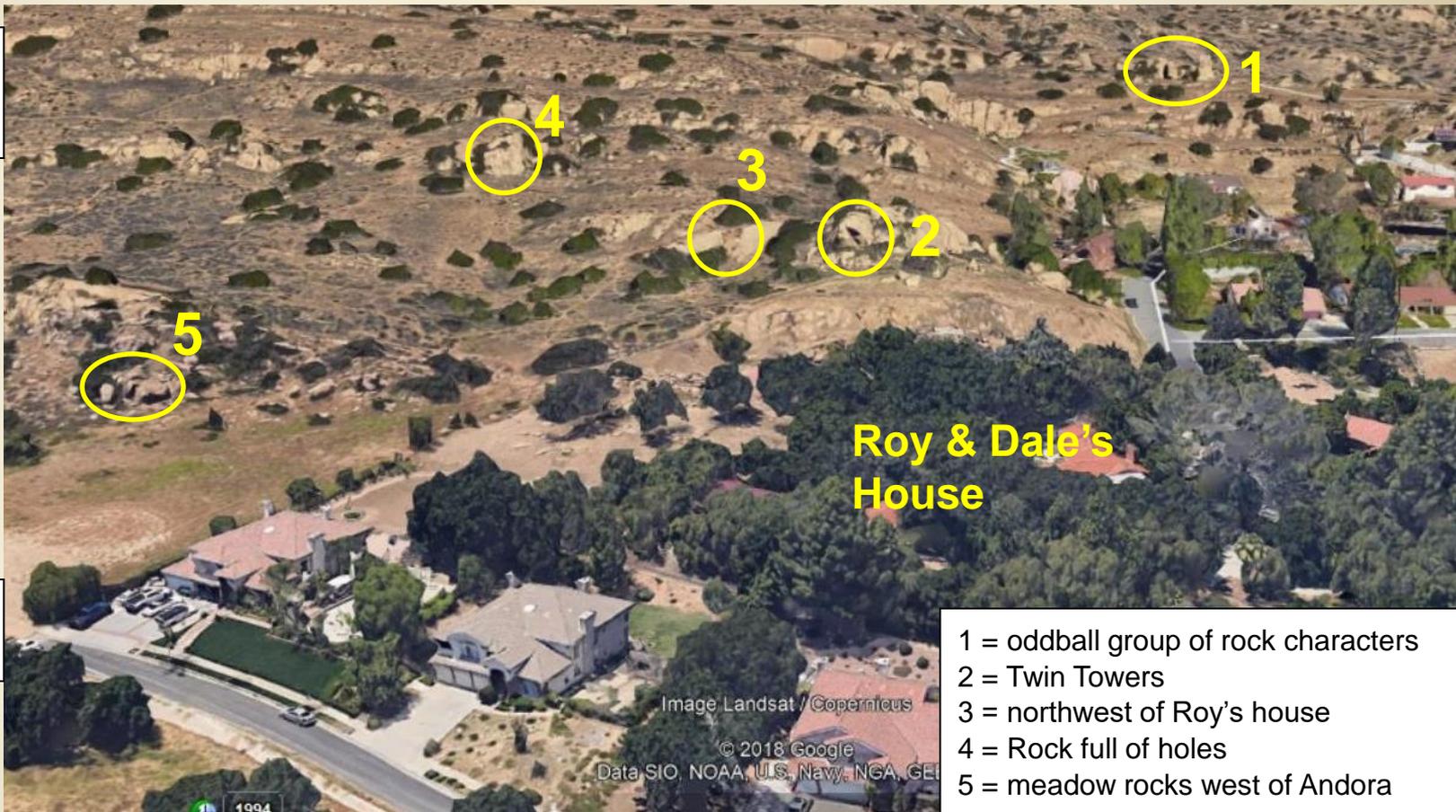
#5 = meadow rocks west of Andora

A 2019 photo of the same grouping of rocks



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Google
Earth 3D
view



End of
Andora

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#8 = raccoon tail rock
(upper right)

The rock behind Roy's
left arm is Rock No. 6
in the Location map.

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is seen in 1956
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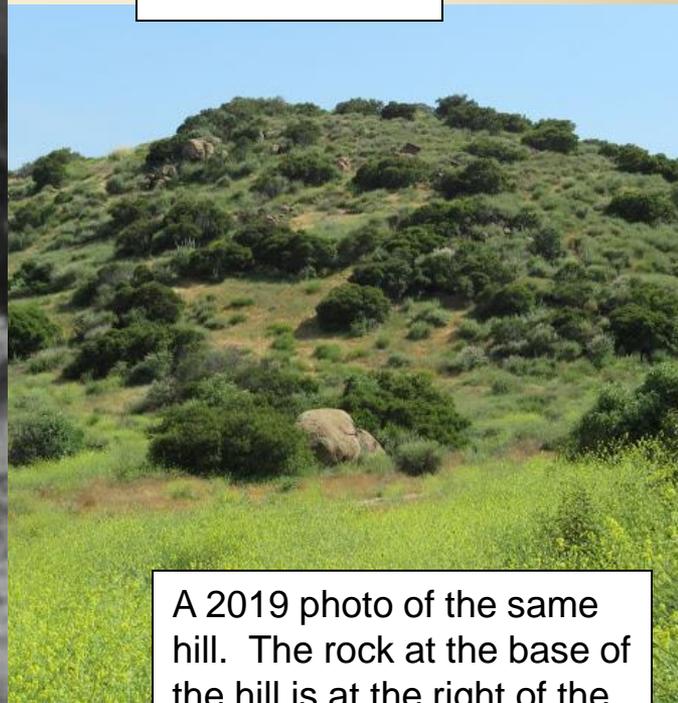
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The hill south of the meadow is seen in 1956 "Horse Crazy"

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Hill south of the meadow



A 2019 photo of the same hill. The rock at the base of the hill is at the right of the photo to the left

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A few scenes from 1956 Season 5, Episode 10, "False Faces" filmed at the Chatsworth Ranch



00min 38sec -- shooting at Indian burial ground in the group of rocks northwest of the Roger's house



00min 42sec -- Nellybelle with meadow and hill in background

A few scenes from 1956 Season 5, Episode 10, "False Faces" filmed at the Chatsworth Ranch



03min 52sec -- cresting the hill, matches the hills above Northridge and in the northeast corner of the Valley



06min 30sec -- Indian village, water in background.

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Location of Indian Village in 1956 False Faces

A few scenes from 1956 Season 5, Episode 10, "False Faces" filmed elsewhere



17min 33sec -- stone cabin at the
Iverson Ranch grove



21min 24sec -- Pat Brady scares Trigger
at the Ingram Ranch in Calabasas

**The Roy
Rogers Show**

Feb 5, 1956

Season 5
Episode 10

“False Faces”

22 minutes

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