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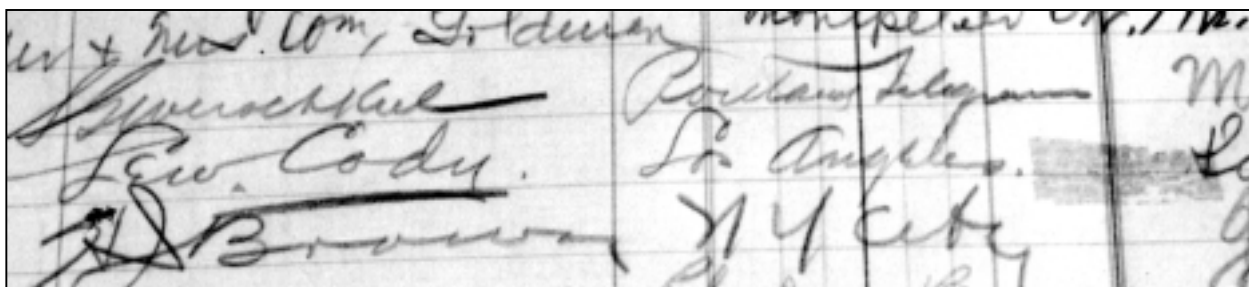
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HARRY JOE BROWN

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Signed guestbook: June 17, 1921



Names evident above: (This view repeated for Lew Cody)

S. Gwerschkeel (Sp?).....Portland, Telegram

Lew Cody.....Los Angeles

H. J. Brown.....NY City

Harry Joe Brown Vitae:

Profession: Director, producer, writer, cinematographer

Born: September 22, 1890 / Pittsburgh, Pa

Died : April 28, 1972 / Palm Springs, CA (82 years)

Age at Chalet: 30 years



Harry Joe Brown is in the middle of a stare-down between Ronald Reagan and tough-guy Jimmy Cagney.

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H. J. translates to Harry Joe

There are a number of reasons for concluding that the notable film director Harry Joe Brown produced the abbreviated signature H. J. Brown. First, Brown is in the company of actor Lew Cody, who would later appear in at least 5 films directed or produced by Brown. Second, a New York City address is most agreeable with movie making at that time. Third, Brown is known to have attended Syracuse University in New York, where he majored in law.

Harry Joe Brown started his career in film making as a crew member and one of his first assignments was as a chief engineer in charge of illumination and lighting for the production of Erik Von Stroheim's classic *Foolish Wives* (1922) Noting that Brown was at the Chalet in June of 1921, we see that he was very close to working with Stroheim at the time.

Brown has amassed an impressively long list of film credits as producer, director, and film crew, covering the years 1922-1967. The Internet/98 credits him with as many as 140 movies, making the transition from silents into talkies. By 1925 he was heading his own production company, for which he directed and produced numerous Western and action films - some featuring Ken Maynard, considered to be the first of the singing cowboys. In 1933 he gave up direction and became a producer of some major productions for Warner Brothers, Fox and other studios. In the late 40's and throughout the 50's he produced numerous Westerns with actor Randolph Scott.

During the course of Brown's long career, he directed or produced films that included many of the film greats of the time. A random list includes: Lawrence Olivier, Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn, Betty Grable, Shirley Temple, Tyrone Power, Buster Keaton, Randolph Scott, James Cagney, Lee Marvin, Larry Parks, Richard Boone, Dana Andrews, Lee Van Cleef, Ken Maynard John Derek, Dennis Weaver, Broderick Crawford, Dennis Weaver, and Constance Bennett. Chalet guests known to have worked with Brown are **Lew Cody**, **Jean Hersholt** and **Charlotte Greenwood**.

Other

- Brown was nominated for two academy awards as Producer - one in 1936 for *Captain Blood* (1935) shared with Hal Wallis and in 1939 for *Alexander's Ragtime Band* (1938), shared with Darryl F. Zanuck.
- Brown was married to popular leading lady Sally Eilers (1933-1943) and they had a son, Harry Joe Brown Jr., who became a screenwriter. The Internet/98 lists 68 films for Eilers from 1927-1950.
- Eilers was married to Western star Hoot Gibson for a short time before she met Brown.
- Brown was 5' 7 1/2" and Eilers was 5' 3".