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Photos by the Graeme family

Need something to do while sitting at home? Here is information about a most interesting website. Richard Graeme and his two sons have made it their life's work to collect Bisbee minerals and history and they have a website about Bisbee. It is bisbeeminingandminerals.com.

I recommend that you spend some time looking at it. The collection of historical photographs is extensive and the write-ups on the history very detailed. One paper under geology is on the "Forgotten Caves of Bisbee"; you will need a little time, as it is 178 pages long. If you look at the mineral gallery or minerals by species you can get an idea of some of the minerals that made Bisbee famous. Under type minerals, minerals first found there, is a good story about how Richard Graeme in 1959 went miles underground and found the first specimen of graemite. Under post mining minerals are photographs of some unusual things, chalcantite stalactites and stalagmites from floor to ceiling, chrysocolla stalactites, native copper deposited on mine timbers, and much more.

The website has about 2,500 pages and new material is always being added. The Graeme's deserve a lot of credit and our thanks for preserving so much about this great Arizona location.

One of the amazing caves found while mining at Bisbee



Bisbee Mining and Minerals website by the Graeme family



Copper sulfate (chalcantite) post mining stalactites

