

Butte's America: A Portfolio of Photographs

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In my work I become engaged in the coming in and then the going out, the coming in and the going out of making photographs, even with things and subjects that know me.

In the process of these pictures I travel to this foreign land; like all outsiders after arrival I feel an urge to belong. But American culture often defines us with the question, "Where were your parents born? Where are you from?" and I utter inwardly, "If you're from here you can't be from there." So I travel to this place, with each trip arriving an outsider, but with each departure I leave in a small way distantly connected to the things and these people in this place I've come to know as Butte's America.

The coming in and the going out I suspect will reoccur here for a time.

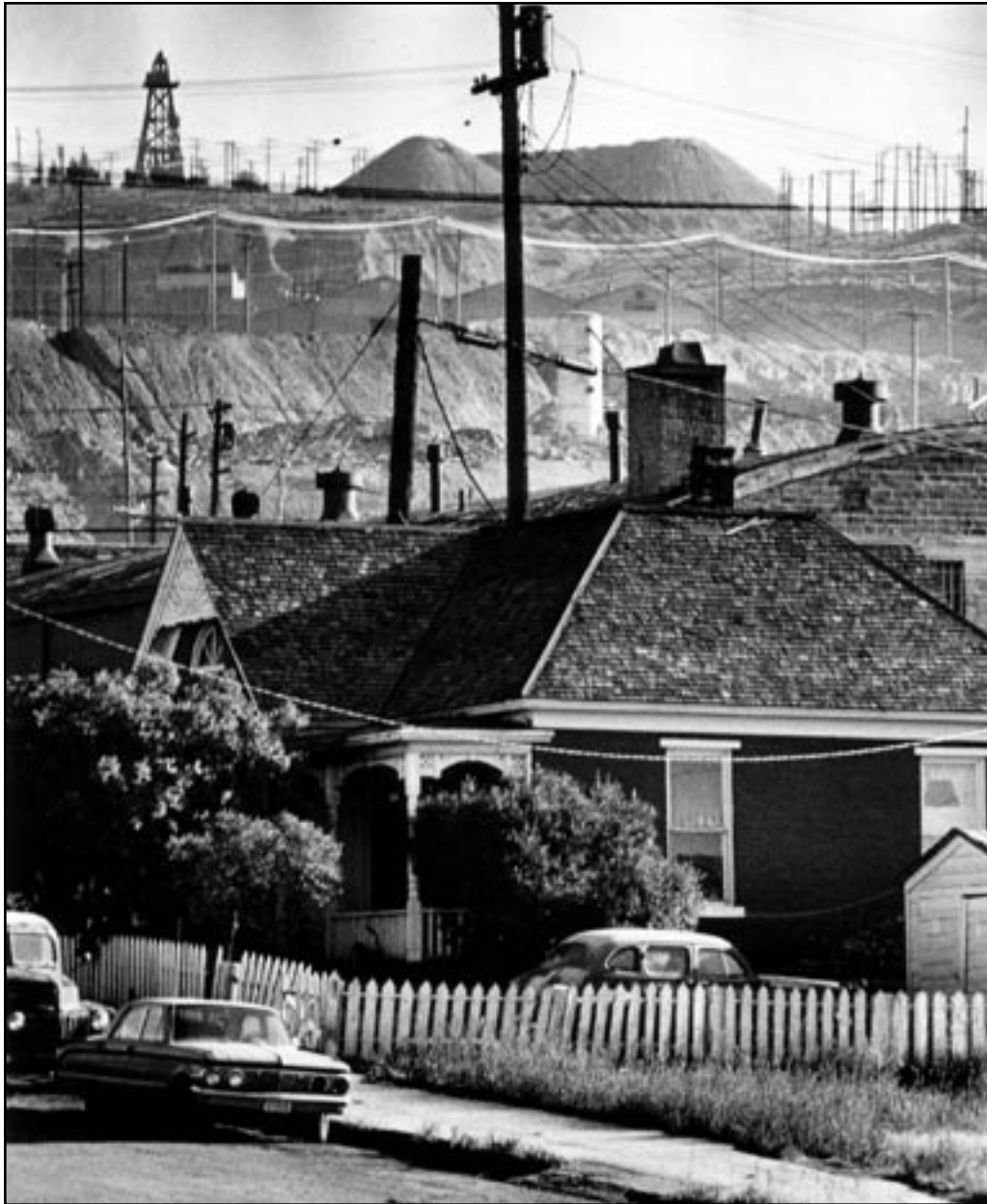
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