

# Murl Emery

Historical, Hysterical Pioneer  
of the Lower Colorado

## Desert Riverman

The Free-spirited Adventures of  
Murl Emery

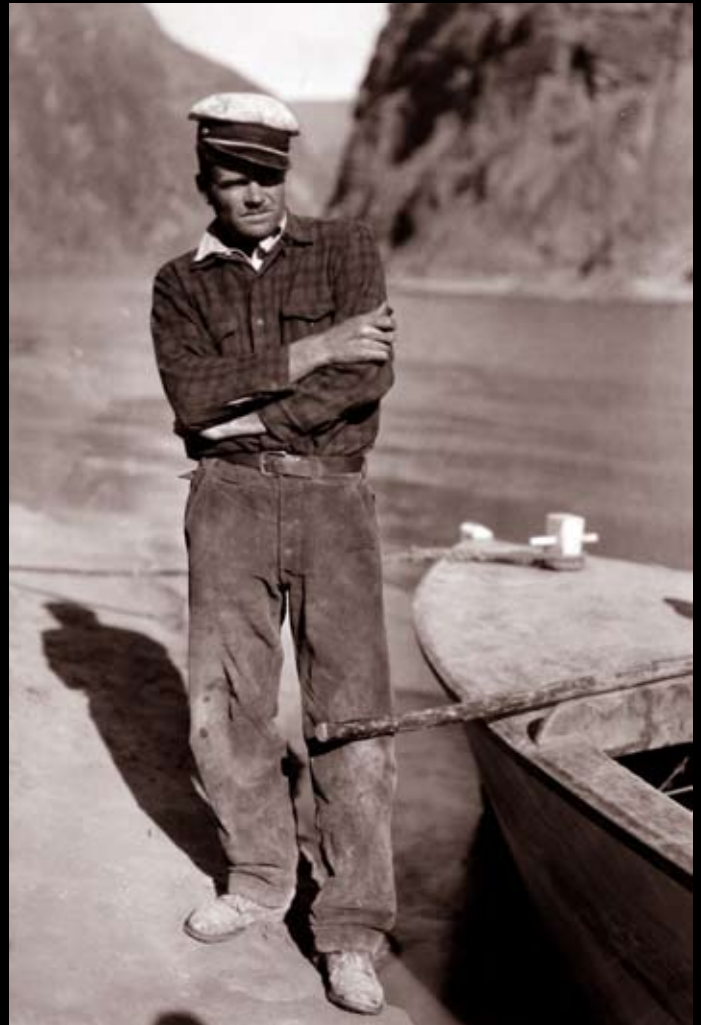


Robert S. Wood

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**B**ORN AND RAISED in the parched desert country of the lower Colorado River, Murl Emery came to know the currents of the muddy river as no other man. He worked as a beaver trapper, cattle rustler, bootlegger, house mover, storekeeper, ferryman, prospector, cowboy, truck driver, inventor, miner, river freighter, aviator, mechanic, fishing fleet operator—and became the lead boatman during the construction of Hoover Dam.

But Murl Emery was never one to sit still, never one to take anyone—himself included—seriously. In later life, he meandered from beachcomber, to desert philosopher, storyteller, advisor to scientists and congressmen, desert detective, dude wrangler, devilish troublemaker, showman, powder monkey, consummate kidder, defeated politician, museum curator, joker, incorrigible vagabond, homesteader, and self-styled “Old Goat.” Emery was a fixture for years in Boulder City, Nelson, and surrounding areas, where he alternately entertained and infuriated fellow residents.

Brad Dimock, who recently edited and published Robert S. Wood’s biography of Murl Emery (available at the event), will portray Emery’s remarkable and hilarious life in words and images. Don’t miss this priceless slice of local history.