

JANUARY 1997

SADDLE MAKING IN COLORADO

Rancher, teacher and author Don Bailey will present our next program this Friday, January 10th, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of the Uintah Gardens Shopping Center). He will present the history of the early saddle-making industry in

the Territory and State of Colorado using some of his collection of over 200 saddles.

With the responsibility of running a 4,000 acre cattle ranch and teaching farm management and biology in Limon, Don still finds time for his true loves of playing cowboy and collecting saddles.

He was born and raised in Karval and received his first saddle at the age of eight from his father. He still has it. He became serious about collecting about 1981 and now has a much envied collection. His collection includes saddles from a large variety of saddle makers. Each is unique in its own way.

Don's book **Saddle Strings** covers saddle making in Colorado from the 1850's through the early 1900's. He describes 106 Colorado saddle makers, including some from Pueblo when it was considered the saddlemaking capital of the world from 1880 to the 1921 flood. It also includes old photos, letters, invoices, saddle ads and lists the names of 1,100 saddle makers. Eighty-five percent of the research was done by the late Jim Wright. After Wright's death, Don received permission from his widow to finish the book.

In the book's forward, Jim wrote "Saddle and harness makers have been neglected by historians. Life in the West in the 1870's and '80's revolved around the horse. No single piece of equipment was as important to the cowboy as his saddle."

In 1985, Don Bailey converted a barn on his ranch into a museum for saddles and other cowboy artifacts. His collection now goes well beyond saddles. He has displays of bridles, spurs, stirrups, chaps, barbed wire, military tack, wood pulleys and Western paintings. He even has a

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES



The three fashionable West Side women are Cora Templeton Bussey, Emma Faulkner Reid and Alice Love Dunn. The ladies posed for this unknown photographer in the early 1900's. The image, copied from the original courtesy of A. Eleanor Dunn, is now a part of the Old Colorado City History Center Archives.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th DAY OF EACH MONTH.

MISSION

The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, preserve pictures, and keep alive the unique culture and spirit of West Side Colorado Springs through education of children and the community and through the eventual establishment of a History Center at One South 24th Street.

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are welcome at any time. Renewal Memberships are due on the anniversary date of the initial Membership. Members receive the *West Word* newsletter, local meetings and programs.

Annual memberships classifications are as follows:

Individual	\$20	Business	\$50
Family	\$25	Corporate	\$250
Lifetime	\$150		

Funds from a Lifetime Membership are placed into a Perpetuity/Endowment Fund to be used only for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the membership. Only the interest will be used for current expenses. We welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

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MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July and August. The public is welcome; reservations are not required.

Reservations ARE required for the luncheon following the meeting. Luncheon cost is usually \$5 per person.

Please phone Margaret Gould at 390-8960 by the Wednesday prior to the meeting. If you find you cannot attend, be sure to cancel before 5:00 PM Wednesday or send someone in your place, as you will be charged for the luncheon reservation.

MEETING THIS MONTH

JANUARY 10, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 701 N. 20th Street
 (JUST WEST OF UINTAH GARDENS)

NEXT MEETING - February 14th



ROLL CALL

GENERAL MEETING 11/8/96
32 members and 5 visitors signed in

Betty Baker	Olive Langston
Beulah Butler	Bev Millett
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David Hughes	Joanne Karlson
Paul Idleman	Jeanette Maas
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TREASURER'S REPORT

From January 1, 1995 to November 30, 1996

REVENUE	
contributions	6,959.00
memorials (place in endowment)	135.00
grants	4,500.00
services	1,102.00
memberships	2,630.00
life memberships (place in endowment)	50.00
interest/dividends	3,465.00
fund raising events	3,054.00
Book & Gift Shop	2668.00
cost of sales (inventory, etc.)	-1645.00
gross profit	\$23,618.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	
accounting services	700.00
promotion/affiliations	281.00
depreciation	6,872.00
insurance	1,549.00
landscaping	1,583.00
licenses/fees	25.00
maintenance/repairs	304.00
office supplies	242.00
postage/freight	240.00
printing - newsletter	2,049.00
printing - office	83.00
program expenses	278.00
telephone	151.00
utilities	1,649.00
total operating expenses	\$16,006.00

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 1996 Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Tour was a great success. All of the B&B's looked wonderful and the History Center is starting to feel comfortable hosting large groups of people. Our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to its success, particularly to **Betty Baker** who coordinated the bed and breakfast inns with the Society. The five Bed & Breakfast Inns involved did a wonderful job of putting this event together. A full report will appear in next month's *West Word* after Betty receives the final tally.

The impressive exhibit on Old Colorado City history that greeted the members of the B&B Tour at our History Center was put together with a herculean effort by **Dave Hughes**. All tour participants who returned to the Center for cookies and punch were suitably impressed with this example of the kind of exhibit the History Center was designed to house. My favorite display item is the girl's basketball uniform from the Colorado City High School in Bancroft Park. We urge any of you who haven't seen this exhibit to get right down to the History Center.

Sandy Knox recently laid the patio bricks. As you know, we have been engraving bricks with the names of the donors or to someone designated by the donor. In the near future, we will be placing a time capsule under the bricks. There are still blank bricks in the patio that can be engraved.

The donation to the Old Colorado City Historical Society for an engraved brick is \$100. The money goes directly into the endowment of the Society. Sandy will be happy to have more bricks engraved for all those interested.

Some time ago we submitted a grant application, written by **Sandy Knox**, to the Colorado Historical Society to restore the choir loft on the west wall that was removed from the church many years ago. We received notification that the proposal was accepted. However, the state did not award us the total cost of the restoration. The restoration will cost over \$28,000 and almost all of that expense will be covered by the grant. We must make up the relatively small difference. If you have a particular interest in this project and wish to help restore the balcony, make your check out to OCCHS and give or send it to **Beverly Disch**, our Treasurer. We will acknowledge contributions to the restoration in future issues of *West Word* and when the new choir loft is dedicated.

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is growing and, as it grows, so does the volume of paper work. We desperately need someone expert in file management to take over the organization of our records. **Paul Idleman** has done yeoman service in this regard, but we need his

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Many items illustrating the different periods of Old Colorado City history are now on display at the History Center thanks to OCCHS member, Dave Hughes. It was difficult to pull things out of our archives since we just recently resumed the accessioning and we're still re-discovering what we have and where it's located. Dave supplied many of the items displayed from his own impressive collection. Dave designed each section to illustrate a certain characteristic of Colorado City's history (i.e. agriculture, schools, businesses, Midland Railroad, gambling, etc.) Dave has done a wonderful job and everyone is encouraged to visit our first display.

photos by Paul Idleman

FOR YOUR INTEREST

1996 HARVEST FAIR REPORT

The Harvest Fair—Crafts and Bake Sale held on November 8th, 9th, and 10th in our History Center was a big success for a first time event. Eighteen very talented people showed a wide variety of items. They were so pleased with the Center and the number of customers who came and they are looking forward to working with us for more events in 1997. We will again have a crafts fair as part of our 1997 Founders' Day, possibly a 2-day event in August. The 1997 Harvest Fair will be November 14th, 15th, and 16th. We are also considering sponsoring crafts fairs in Bancroft Park on the Saturdays of June 21st, July 19th and September 20th. Please remember that we reserve one table for our own member-crafters to sell their items at no charge for the space. A big thank you to all of our members who baked such yummy items for the Bake Sale. We took in just under \$280. Thank you very much also to those of you who helped at the Bake Sale and in the Book-Gift Shop. The Harvest Fair netted the Society \$679. In addition, we also sold over \$100 in books and Gift Shop items.

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collection of Roy Rogers toys and a kid's Roy Rogers saddle. His guest book reveals the names of many people from near and far who have delighted in his museum.

The process of collecting old saddles and western artifacts has turned into a worldwide business for Don Bailey, as well as a hobby. Some of his best customers live in Europe. It's a business that Bailey takes immense pride in and a business which allows him to play the part he's fit for: the part of a Colorado cowboy.

Saddle Strings is available for \$20 plus tax in the History Center Book-Gift Shop and will also be available for purchase at the January meeting.

Following the program, lunch is available for \$5.00 per person. Reservations for lunch are due by 5:00 p.m. January 8, 1996. Call Margaret Gould at 597-5905, for lunch reservations only.

by Jan Knox

O.C.C.H.S. COOK BOOK

The cook book project had to be put on the back burner for a while, but **Kay Arnold** would still like to receive your recipes with stories about where they came from. If your family has resided on the West Side for a long time, we would also be interested in including your family history. **Jan Knox, 689-2355**, is available to assist with family research. Send your recipes and informa-

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MARY JANE RUST



Photo by Jim Simbark, courtesy of Mary Jane Rust

At our November 8th, 1996 program, Mary Jane Rust, co-author and photographer for the book, Faith in High Places, gave a slide presentation based on many of the photographs taken for the projects. She educated and entertained us and instilled the desire in many of us to travel and see some of these historic Colorado country churches. Mary Jane and co-author Jean Goodwin Messinger's second book, Historic Churches of Colorado Springs, will be published in January and will include our own History Center. Faith in High Places is available now for sale in our Book & Gift Shop for \$16.95 plus tax.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

tion to: O.C.C.H.S. , Attn: Recipes, 1 S. 24th St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319. The deadline is July 1, 1997. That may seem like a long time in the future, but it will really be here sooner than we think. There is quite a bit of work to get a cook book ready for printing. We are hoping to have the cook book published in time to start selling them at Founders' Day in August.

O.C.C.H.S. BOOK-GIFT SHOP & MUSEUM

We have a start on our museum displays with several cases of items arranged by Dave Hughes for the B&B Open House on December 1st, 1996. About three-fourths of the items are from Dave's own collection and the rest belong to the Society. We now have flyers delivered in the community stating that we are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday. Volunteers are needed to work in the Book & Gift shop and to provide information regarding the Society and our History Center to visitors. If you can help, please call

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time and talents for other tasks. Do we have a retired office manager in our membership who would like to volunteer some time on a weekly basis to organize and maintain our files?

We also need volunteers to help with other important tasks associated with the Society and its History Center. Please contact me after the January meeting or by telephone if you can help.

Jan Knox, chairperson for the Book & Gift Shop, now has our History Center's Book and Gift Shop open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. She still needs more volunteers to help run the shop on a regular basis. Contact Jan at 689-2355 if you want to help. You can also contact Jan and let her know of any books and items you would like to see carried in our shop.

I urge all of you to visit the History Center after the January meeting to see the fine exhibit mounted by Dave Hughes. It's good to see the history of Old Colorado City finally coming alive.

by Robert Heinich

Bev Disch, 634-5023 or Jan Knox, 689-2355. This Spring, we hope to increase the number of hours we are regularly open and more volunteers will be needed then. We are also open both by appointment (call any of the executive officers at the numbers listed in *West Word*) and when Jean Christopher or Bev Disch give one of their Old Colorado City walking tours to groups of five or more people. We think you will be very pleased with what we have to show you in our Center. This is just the start, so drop by some Saturday.

CORRECTION:

Oops, we goofed! In the October-November issue of *West Word*, Elaine B. Mellott was incorrectly listed as Jane Mellott in the photograph of her presenting Paul Idleman with the \$500 grant from the Timberline Questers. A big thank you to Elaine for her work in getting us the grant and a big apology for the error.

by Jan Knox

ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLED

The security system for The Old Colorado City History Center was installed during the second week of November.

The ability for us to have the system was made possible by receiving a grant from Norwest Bank. Sandy Knox wrote the grant. Thank you, Norwest Bank! Your devotion to our community is most appreciated. Action Security put in the monitoring system at no charge. Kirt Bell of Action Security was most accommodating and coordinated the project with Betty Baker. The only cost we will incur is a very minimal monthly monitoring fee.

We are close to being able to accept historical donations. The committee has been formed and will work every Tuesday at the History Center. We will appreciate any photographs, artwork, artifacts, family history and West Side stories and antidotes that you would like to bequeath or share with our History Center. This insures that the legacy of Old Colorado City will remain for generations to come.

by Lucille Cunningham

WHEN ANTHONY BOTT WAS A SCOUT

In December 1908, *The El Paso County Democrat* published its "Pioneer Edition". The only Democratic newspaper in El Paso County had been published for almost twenty years and they were looking to expand their commercial printing division. The paper's publishers, Ed. C. Starrett and I. A. Snyder printed this special edition as a *specimen of the work* they were prepared to turn out. They had the foresight to convince many of the pioneers who settled this area to document their recollections. Stories were written by Major Henry McAllister, John Potter, Irving Howbert and Melanchton Beach. Many settlers were interviewed including one of Colorado City's founders, Anthony Bott. Presented here, extracted from *The El Paso County Democrat*, Anthony Bott remembers his Indian experiences from those early days. Our thanks to Dave Hughes for supplying us with the original copy of *The El Paso Country Democrat* from his own collection.

Anthony Bott, of Colorado City, is the oldest inhabitant of El Paso County. He first settled under the shadow of Pike's Peak in 1858, leaving a comfortable home in Buffalo, N.Y., to share the fortunes and misfortunes of the gold hunters in the West. He did his first prospecting along the foot of the mountains within a radius of a few miles from where Colorado City now stands.

At this time there was almost constant warfare between the Indians of the mountains and the Indians of the plains. The latter were made up of several tribes, the Arapahoes, Cheyenne and

Kiowas being the most numerous. They were all deadly enemies of the short, sturdy Utes who live in comparative security in the mountain valleys, surrounded by the strength of the hills.

The Indians who roamed the prairies were taller and more gaunt than the Utes, but they were no better fighters. It was seldom they ever ventured over the range at Breckenridge, for the Utes were too numerous and too well skilled in mountain fighting to render safe such a move on the part of the allied tribes. South Park usually formed the last battle ground when the Utes became hard

pressed. If they were defeated there they would retreat across the range, where they were safe from pursuit. After the Whites settled at the foot of the mountains, thus guarding the passes, the Red Men in the hills were doubly secure from molestation and consequently made numerous sallies from their mountain fastnesses, not always confining their attacks to enemies of their own race. But the early white settlers of the region had far less trouble with the Utes than with the other tribes. They lived in dread, however, of attacks from mountain and plain. The little settlement at Colorado City was protected by rude forts and a large stockade, within which the families in the neighborhood took refuge when the Indians made their raids.

An important feature of pioneer life was scout duty. Mr. Irving Howbert, of Colorado Springs, was then a brave, fearless boy, and was recognized as one of the best scouts in the region. He was a prominent member of all the expeditions against the Indians undertaken by the settlers about Colorado City.

Anthony Bott also did a great deal of scout duty and he tells the story of his Indian experiences of those early days as follows:

"It was in the spring of '59 that the first trouble with the Indians, within my recollection, occurred. The Utes surprised some prospectors near Central City, and killed several of them. I can recall the name of one of them — Kanada. This happened in the Gregory Gulch country not far from where Idaho Springs now stands. The miners raised enough money to organize a company of scouts, who were sent against the Indians. After some lively skirmishing, the Utes skipped out when they discovered that the Whites were well armed.

"They usually roved in small bands, except when they came down to the plains to give battle to the Arapahoes, Kiowas and Cheyennes. One of their biggest fights took place on the present site of Denver, another near the Divide at Palmer Lake. Sometimes the Sioux would come down here anxious to fight any or all the tribes in their neighborhood. In '58 the Comanches, too, while

on the war path, settled for a time to the south along the banks of the Arkansas.

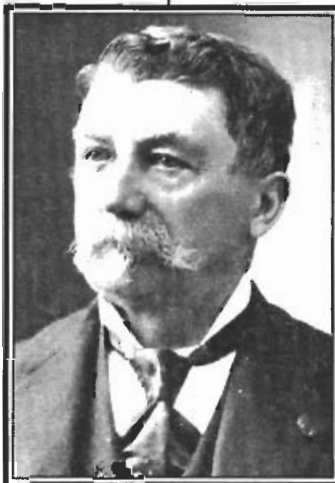
"In the fall the Indians did most of their fighting, as their ponies were in good condition then and the weather was fine. In order to protect ourselves here at Colorado City, we built a circular stockade of trees, 12 or 15 feet high. Into this the women and children would go for protection when a raid was feared. Fellows like me had to do the scouting. Irving Howbert was one of the best scouts we had, and he was just as fine a lad in those days as he is a man now.

"In 1864 the Arapahoes and Cheyennes got ugly. After murdering a number of Whites between here and Denver, they swooped down on us and killed several boys and men who were herding sheep and cattle on the outskirts of our village. Irving Howbert and I, with four companions, started out after one of these roving

bands of Arapahoes and came upon seven of them not far from Monument, where they had planned to clean out a ranch. We captured the entire party and started back to Colorado City. The Indians were on their ponies and we covered them with our guns. They rode ahead of us. As we came to a dip and a turn in our road, the Indians suddenly gave a whoop and started off in the darkness. We turned loose on them and brought several to the earth, but three or four managed to get away, and we were unable to follow them in the dark.

"It was in '68 that we had our worst trouble with the Redskins. For a long time I went out with a scouting party every night. A band of these marauders had stolen 150 horses and mules from a ranch two miles this side of Edgerton. We organized a party of about forty to go after them. Over thirty of our little company started out just before dark while the owner of the stolen stock and I, with six other men, followed them that night. The main body had pursued the Indians several miles too many as it proved, for they walked into a trap set for them by their wily foe.

"The Indians divided their force, the larger division driving the stolen cattle and mules out



Anthony Bott

on the plains while the smaller hid behind a mound until our main body had passed. Our comrades were not long in discovering that they had been corralled and made for a little knoll just east of Bijou creek, where they could defend themselves. They hastily dug shallow trenches, using sticks, stones, knives and any implement that came to hand. It was dark. The Indians began firing from all sides. Many of our men fell wounded under this murderous, circumjacent fire and after a short time all their horses were killed, as they were easy marks, even in the dusk, and the trenches afforded them no protection.

The Indians feared to rush the mound, thinking they could easily capture the little band eventually without exposing themselves to any danger. It was a tight place for our men. The trenches were so shallow that all hands were forced to lie perfectly flat. But they managed to fire their guns often enough to keep the Indians at bay. But the situation was growing desperate and something had to be done. Daylight would disclose the weakness of our position and the game would be up.

"It was decided that one of our party should try to steal through the circular line of the Indians under cover of darkness and an unusually lively fusillade.

"This dangerous undertaking fell to the lot of a fellow half scout, half desperado, and a pretty bad sort on the whole. Finding a small trench worn by the rain on one side of the little butte where his companions were entrenched, he wormed his way down on his belly, while those above him blazed away for all they were worth. If an honest man had attempted that feat he would have been killed a dozen times over, but that fellow got off without a scratch.

"He escaped the watchful eye of the enemy, broke through their cordon

and, before morning was far advanced, had returned with reinforcements and the Indians fled. The little party of eight, of which I formed one, came upon their trail and followed them for two days. But we were too small a force to offer battle and no opportunity to recapture the cattle and mules presented itself. We returned to our homes and were glad to find none of our men had been killed, although several were badly wounded. It was the day of our return that the massacre occurred in which four or five men and boys were killed along the little creek which now winds its way through Colorado Springs."

TROUBLE WITH INDIANS

by David Spielman

The massacre in Colorado Springs that Anthony Bott refers to is also documented in the same issue of The El Paso County Democrat. In a lengthy story concerning the Indian troubles during those early days, pioneer David Spielman continues the story begun by Bott.

After I came to Colorado City (April 1865), I was deputy sheriff under Aaron Mason, during his term of office and afterwards I was a deputy under Brown, and when he resigned later, I was appointed sheriff by the county commissioners and served during the remainder of the term.

After I had been in Colorado City a year or two, I took up a ranch on Monument creek and had my cabin about a quarter of a mile above where the Van Briggles Pottery works now stands.

I was living there when the Indian trouble in 1868 came on. It was right after harvest. On account of many Indian scares that had amounted to nothing, I had become careless; I had packed a gun around with me for three years and I was sick and tired of it. The continued reports about Indians made my wife uneasy, and she said, "If you are determined to stay on the ranch, let me move over to Colorado City and you can stay here and take care of things." I said, "All right."

At that time David Wright was a partner of mine. I told him to yoke up the oxen and take the family to Colorado City, where there was a fort. That morning a herder by the name of Smith, with Johnny Stone, was herding my cattle and some belonging to neighbors. I told the boys they had better keep the cattle on the west side of the Monument in the gulch, as there might be Indians around. I then went to

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see Mr. and Mrs. Everhart, who lived just west of the Rio Grande bridge over the Monument, just above the passenger depot in Colorado Springs, and I talked with Mr. Everhart about the Indians

and told him it would be safer for his son, Charlie Everhart, to take his cattle to where mine were and let the three boys take care of them together. He said he had heard so much about the Indians that he was getting tired of it and didn't want to hear any more about it. I went home, and after Wright had gone to Colorado City with the last load, I laid down in my cabin on a lounge behind the door with a *New York Tribune* in my hands and soon went fast asleep with the paper over my face. I had lain there probably an hour when I heard a racket at the door; I jumped up and looked out

and there was Robert Love. He said, "Have you been in the house all the time?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Didn't you see the Indians?" I said, "No." He then told me to climb on top of the house and I would see them. I did so, and sure enough, there they were on the other side of the creek, going as hard as they could go.

Love said that one of the Indians had gotten off his horse and looked into the cabin, but the door being open; not seeing anything, he thought the house was empty, and there I was asleep behind the door at the time! I said, "Hold on a minute until I get my pony, and I will go with you to town." I had bought a pony from A.M. White the day before. I went out and found that my pony was gone! The Indians had taken him. After I found that the Indians had taken my pony, I started out to walk to Colorado City alone, Love having gone across the Monument and down that way. I had just come to the brow of the hill, going over to Colorado City, when I found our oxen,

and I said to myself, "They have surely got Wright this time." I went on a short distance further when I met Judge Stone, Ora Bell and one or two others. Judge Stone asked me about the

boys; he was afraid they had both been killed. I told him where they were and that I thought they were all right. He said, "You had better go to town at once; the report has gone on ahead of you that you were killed."

Bell and Stone had not gone more than one hundred and fifty yards when they came to the boys, who had heard of the Indians and were headed for town. I soon heard that Charlie Everhart had been killed and that the Indians had also killed the Robbins boys and had shot Baldwin, the sheep herder. It appeared that Charlie Everhart saw the Indians coming and started for home as fast

as his pony could go, but the Indians caught him near where Judge Lunt now lives, on Cascade avenue. At the first shot he fell off his horse; the Indians then ran a spear through his body and scalped him, taking every bit of hair off his head except a little fringe just above his neck.

Ben Spinney, John Hall, and, I believe, Anthony Bott, and myself got a team and started out to bring in the dead and wounded. We drove out from Colorado City on the main road and crossed the Monument near the present D&RG freight depot and then went due north. We found Everhart lying there on the prairie dead, scalped and with a number of arrows sticking in his body. We returned to Colorado City and found the other dead and wounded had been brought in. David Wright, from the top of the hill on the west side of Monument creek, saw the Indians kill Everhart, and then abandoned his ox team as too slow and ran into Colorado City and gave the alarm.



David Spielman

WEST SIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

ONE HUNDRED & THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — December 1861

* The Capitol having been at last definitely located at Colorado City, speculators are busy at work. We have before us a certificate of "Colorado City Capitol Extension," which represents an interest in the addition of that name; embracing a considerable tract of ground on the north and east sides of the original town. It is a little singular, but nevertheless true, that the Capitol location is in such a position as to benefit the addition about as much as it does the original plat, and we can see no good reason why the former is not equal to value to the latter.

* We are glad to report that preparations are being made for the establishment of a through mail route from Denver to Santa Fe, by way of Colorado and Canon Cities, and Fort Garland. The announcement will be hailed with pleasure by the people through the Southern portion of Colorado, and the whole of New Mexico. It will also bring Santa Fe nearer to the States than it has ever before been, so far as mail facilities and the transportation of passengers is concerned, and thereby prove a great advantage to our sister city of the plains. There will also be greater safety to both passengers and mail on this route, than on the old one, and we shall look for the diversion of nearly all the through travel and business, between the States and Santa Fe, by way of Denver. Heretofore, it has been almost impossible to transmit a letter or anything else between here and Santa Fe, and the new arrangement will be a vast benefit even to the people of Denver.

ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — January 1872

* At a session of the Ninth Legislature, Mr. Crowell (of Colorado Springs) introduced H.B. No 37, an act to enable the county commissioners of

El Paso county to levy a tax of two mills on the dollar, for the purpose of building a jail.

* The general offices of the Denver & Rio Grande are being moved to Colorado Springs, the southern terminus of the road.

* At Colorado Springs yesterday (1/25/72), the thermometer was minus eighteen degrees at 7 a.m. The weather moderated rapidly in the forenoon and in the evening was quite pleasant.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO December 1896/January 1897

* A Grand Leap Year Masquerade Ball will be given at Miller's hall, Colorado City, Thursday night, December 31st, under the auspices of the Colorado Midland band.

* Marshal Clark is to be congratulated on the capture of safe blowers who have for a long time been a terror to this part of the State. He has been camping on their trail ever since the Manitou post office was burglarized in November and notified Postmaster Snyder that he had the men wanted as soon as he had the gang landed in the El Paso county jail.

* C. D. Trowbridge is erecting a neat fence in front of his new residence on Colorado avenue and otherwise improving his property.

* John F. Williams, an 18-year old lad, was killed Thursday afternoon in the Colorado Philadelphia Reduction works, by being smothered with gas in one of the tanks. Williams was cleaning the tank as usual, but on coming out of it, struck his head and fell down into the bottom of it and was suffocated in the four inches of residue before he could be rescued. The doctor was called but was unable to revive the boy. The young man is the son of S. F.

Williams, who keeps a candy store on Colorado avenue, this city. The family has lived here since July last, coming from Tampa Florida. The boy had been employed at the works since the construction began and was steady and reliable. He was a member of the Methodist church and the only son of his aged parents, who were prostrated by the suddenness of his death. The funeral was held at the M.E. church this afternoon.

* Married, at residence of the bride's parents in this city, on Friday afternoon, January 1st, Edward W. Rettiger and Miss Grace E. Husted, both of this city. Rev. G. Reid of the First Baptist church officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Husted pioneers of this county, and the groom is a young man of good habits and sterling integrity. The Iris extends congratulations.

* The five new locomotives which have been built for the Midland railroad by the Baldwin locomotive works, of Philadelphia, will arrive in this city sometime between the 7th and 10th of January.

* The police of this city received a substantial reward in the shape of a \$10 bill for finding a bull pup, the property of a Colorado Springs dog fancier.

* For sale or trade for good mining stock, a 7-year-old pedigreed Hambletonian stallion. Gentle and well broke, a fine roadster. Inquire of C. B. Phay.

* An informal meeting was held at the town hall in this city last night, the result of which will in all probability lead to placing West Colorado Springs, Colorado City and Manitou, under one vast sewer system.

* Justice of the Peace Faulkner has moved his office to the front room of the Iris building, where he is prepared

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to meet all demands required of his official position.

* The Town Trustees met on Wednesday evening, allowed the regular monthly bills, and transacted considerable other business of importance. Policeman Noys was laid off as was also James Trout, the city teamster. Dull times was assigned as the reason for reducing the police force and winter weather makes constant sprinkling unnecessary.

* Wednesday night about 10:30 a fire was discovered in a room in the rear of the second story of the Goth building, located on Colorado avenue opposite the Bancroft school building. Marshal Clark soon had out the fire company and the flames were soon under control. A big hole was burned through the floor and ceiling. How the fire started is now known. The entire floor was vacant and the outside door locked. Damage about \$50.

* A good supply of opossum meat is in the market and the inhabitants of "darktown" are consequently happy. James Love has about completed a modern two-story frame house at the corner of Lincoln avenue and Fountain street. The structure has ten rooms and is a great improvement to that part of town.

* Isabella Woodward, the 12-year old daughter of Belle Deimer was sentenced to the State Industrial school for girls for one year by Justice Faulkner Wednesday. Constable Moyer took her up to Denver Thursday morning.

* The great event of the season among the colored people of this city, Colorado Springs and Manitou was the benefit ball at Miller's hall Thursday night. The wing and buck dancing contest was won by Mr. James Thomas of this city, Mr. Riley More, of Colorado Springs was a good second. Mr. James Mosby and partner were awarded the cake in the cake walk contest. The result of the various contests was most gratifying to our colored popula-

tion, as it established their claim of being more accomplished and graceful than their brothers and sisters in the adjoining towns. Competent judges are loud in their praise of the "rag" dancing of Mr. Sherman, also of this city. The judges were Messrs. Skelley, Madden and Marshal Clark.

* Henry M. Teller, was elected United States Senator by the Colorado legislature on Tuesday. As usual, his cultured admirers hissed when any man saw fit to oppose "the man without a party."

* The city fathers are to be commended in refusing to grant permission for the erection of more shacks on Colorado avenue. The owners of vacant lots should not be allowed to endanger good buildings, erected by men of enterprise, by putting up or allowing such buildings to be put up on their property.

* The Denver Herald questions "Why not retain the name of El Paso for the west end of the county and let the people of Colorado Springs and the balance of the eastern end of the county hunt up a new name?"

* A Santa Fe freight train loaded with sheep ran off the track on the Glorieta mountains in New Mexico last Tuesday and 2,300 sheep belonging to C. B. Reynolds of Raymond, Nebraska, were killed. The neighboring inhabitants gathered to the number of 500 or more and had a big free barbeque.

* Colorado Springs residents are greatly agitated over the proposition of purchasing a steam roller for the streets of that city. We don't believe they need the machine as that city has more "high and heavy rollers" than any town of its size in America.

* The case of H. B. Quinby vs. The Town of Colorado City, which came up in the district court Wednesday, was continued until February 26th. This is the case wherein Quinby seeks to recover the lot on which the old

town hall stands, claiming that the town forfeited the same when they failed to use it for town purposes. Should Quinby win the suit the city would lose the building which cost \$5,000. It is hard to tell how the suit will terminate but many are inclined to think that the men who engineered the scheme whereby the hall was located at that point would be compelled to foot up the loss to the city whether Quinby wins or not.

* At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the town of Colorado City Monday night, the town clerk was instructed to report at next meeting on the probable cost of a suitable box for the preservation of the old records of the town. A resolution was adopted instructing the police committee to investigate a rumor concerning the occupants of a residence on a prominent street by immoral persons, and if the report was true, the marshal was to abate the nuisance.

* George Hamel & Sons have completed their new bakery and will be ready for business Monday morning. The firm have just completed a modern oven, behind the Hamel residence on Colorado avenue, and have secured the service of an up-to-date baker. The salesroom is located first door east of Ott's grocery and market. A wagon will be run and orders solicited in all parts of the city and La Vergne. The proprietors are old residents of this city and hope for a fair share of the patronage.

* FOR RENT—Two rooms with board, \$5.00 per week. Mrs George Stout, near old city hall.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 1921/January 1922

* Michael Mahon, 85, died last Wednesday at Sherlock, Calif. He was a resident of Colorado Springs (1803 Washington St.) for 35 years. A railroad blacksmith, he worked for the Midland railroad shops for 25 years,
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retiring about eight years ago. He left here a year ago to visit his son in California. Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church Tuesday with burial in Evergreen cemetery.

* **FOUND**—Five gallons of moonshine whiskey on Mesa road about nine o'clock last night. Owner please call at police headquarters and identify property. Inquire for Chief Harper. The booze was discovered by two lads who immediately reported their find to the police department. Officers Wraith and Bright went to the scene and in the name of Volstead "took charge of the find." Chief Harper would like to carry on a running conversation with the owner.

* The purchase of two lots at Twenty-first street and Colorado avenue as the site for the proposed West Side St. Mary's church was completed last week. It is hoped to start the church by next year.

* Hundreds of skaters took advantage of the excellent condition of the ice on the Monument Valley park lake to skate out the old year Saturday night. The ice is in the best of shape, and skating will be permitted unless there is a rise in temperature that makes the sport hazardous. Skating has been allowed from 7:30 o'clock in the evening for the past week. The unusually warm weather so far this winter has prevented a long season of skating, but the ice now is in wonderful condition

* J. H. Nelson was elected president of the West Side Commercial club, at their annual meeting yesterday. The work of the year was reviewed and plans for 1922 outlined. New improvements will be made in the West Side camp grounds, with a number of additional buildings to be constructed in time for the summer tourist travel. Indorsement of a West Side Athletic association with a proposed membership of 300 was announced with Dr. D. H. Winternitz chairman, and C. B. McDonald, Martin Drake,

John Javine, Jr., Superintendent Banker, the Rev. A. W. Luce and Lowell Mills as members. The committee will outline a program of organization for the coming year and arrange competition schedules with Manitou and Colorado Springs teams, in all branches of sport.

* As a result of a letter written by Irving Howbert asking the appointment of men representing the First Colorado Cavalry Volunteers and the Second Colorado Cavalry Volunteers, Governor Shoup has been unable to find any war veterans eligible, and it is believed that the regiments have been wiped out. The two men representing those units, along with Mr. Howbert representing the Third Colorado Cavalry Volunteers and Richard Roe of Denver, McLain's Battery of the Civil War, have died. They were a committee to correct the list of battles on the bronze tablet in front of the main entrance of the capitol building in Denver. The Soldiers' monument was unveiled in July, 1909, after being erected through the efforts of the Colorado Veteran Association, composed of surviving members of the Colorado troops who served during the Civil War in the Federal army. Chapter 219 of the 1921 session laws calls for the appointment of a man from each of the four organizations. It now rests with the attorney general to determine what course can be pursued regarding the vacancies.

* Gladys Robison, 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Robison, 2028 W. Colorado avenue, died January 8th. Funeral services this afternoon at 2:00 from the George E. Blunt funeral parlors. Rev. A. N. Butler officiating. Burial in Evergreen cemetery.

* Alma Gluck, noted soprano, arrives in Colorado Springs this afternoon over the Rock Island railroad, for an extended visit at the Broadmoor hotel. She will be accompanied by her secretary and maid. Her husband, Efrem Zimbalist, will join her later. (Note—they are the grandparents of

actress, Stephanie Zimbalist, of the old "Remington Steele" TV series - jek)

* The late Hardy Epperson, whose burial will be held from the Law parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon, was one of the early pioneers of the region. He was descended from a prominent English family that played an important part in the early history of the colonies. Coming to Colorado in a prairie schooner in 1873 with a caravan of more than 150 wagons, Epperson sought out Park county and settled there. Establishing cattle raising as a business, the pioneer became one of the first and foremost residents of the county. A few years ago he moved to Manitou and established a tourist camp, which he has been operating since.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 1946/January 1947

* City street and highway departments have had real problems of late, largely due to the big snow last month, the biggest difficulties being with oiled roads and streets, where tire chains did much damage. It is surprising to even motorists what holes can be dug in oiled surfaces. The thoroughfares have been repaired as fast as possible. If motorists would dodge the newly-repaired places, as they do pedestrians, scooters, baby buggies, canines and the like, until the repaired places got dried, there would not be as much litter on the pavements and the mended places would last longer.

* Colorado Springs Fire Company No. 1 was called north of the D&RGW Station where they extinguished a blaze of a flat car loaded with creosoted telephone poles. Little damage was done to the poles, but the car ahead, load with candy bars, was damaged. Three youths were in district court Friday on the charge of robbery of a West Side filling station. When the mother of one of the boys was called to the witness stand by an attorney, Judge Meikle said to her: "The case is recessed until 10 o'clock tomorrow,

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and don't come back into the court room dressed as you are now." She was wearing a tight-fitting white sweater and red slacks. Judge Meikle was quoted as saying that he considered the woman whom he thus reproved to be unsuitably dressed to appear in court. The woman wore a blue and white dotted dress Saturday. The boy was granted probation.

* A deal was closed last week whereby C. E. Deahl, wealthy oil man and banker of Panhandle, Texas, purchased of John G. Bock of the West Side, the J. J. Ranch of 2,300 acres 18 miles south of La Junta, on the Purgatoire river. Mr. Deahl already owned 30,000 acres adjoining the ranch. John Bock lived on the J.J. ranch from 1907, when he came from Pennsylvania, until coming to Old Town in 1923. He will soon move to Manitou Springs, where he recently bought the Creighton stone building on Manitou Ave.

* While Colorado City's free parking lot does not draw the trade one would expect, due partly to absence of a front entrance, it at least points the way to a solution of Colorado Springs' acute parking problem. Since the problem is plainly a matter of so many cars and so few parking spaces, the installation of parking meters in no way reduces the number of cars nor increases parking space. It simply shunts more and more cars into side streets and byways.

* A matter that is being advocated by some members of the West Side Commercial club is the placing of a policeman on foot in the West Side business district. One matter needing attention on the West Side is the reckless way youngsters ride bicycles on sidewalks in the business district. Such actions are dangerous, keep the people dodging, and if not stopped some elderly person is liable to be seriously injured. There is a city law against such actions, but the juveniles do not care, and will continue, unless stopped by police.

* Four-engine trains on the Midland Terminal railroad should be good evidence that the Cripple Creek mining district is not only staging a come-back but is doing it. The daily up trains now have three to four engines, which is a good reminder of bygone days here again.

* What became of the front license plate holder is a problem vexing many car owners. Because only one plate was required during the war, and it on the rear of the car, the front holder was removed by most owners, as it was not ornamental. With the return to two plates this year, a lot of car owners are wondering where the front plate-holder can be found.

* A record of every veteran who dies or is buried in El Paso county will be kept in a "Graves Registration" book at the court house, it was stated by the United Veterans Council of Colorado Springs. The book, which has been brought up to date as nearly as possible is on file in the county clerk's office. Oliver Dutcher, Spanish War veteran has been designated to supervise the keeping of the books and has donated his time and work for several months.

* Mrs. D. V. Gore, 2411 West Colorado Ave., recently purchased the H. Bullington's five lots on Park Ave. Application has been made at the clerk's office for a building permit of a structure for an art studio with living quarters. Miss Betty Thomas will operate the studio. Mrs. Gore and Miss Thomas plan to live in the apartment.

* With the recent retirement of Frank Priess, the plumber, Dr. C. S. Morrison is now the oldest man in point of years of service in business on the West Side. Except for the time he spent in service in the 1917-18 World War, when he was a captain in the medical corps, he has been a practicing physician here for half a century, his office being in the present location in the McIntosh block practically all that time. There are some residents who

have resided here as long as Dr. Morrison, but are not now in business. He came from Fayette, in the Show Me state (Missouri).

* The Boys' Physical Education department at West Junior high school has at its motto "Every Cowboy an Athlete." Our ideal is being approximated this year as every boy is assigned to a team. There are 42 basketball teams playing at West Junior this year. West Junior is proud of the showing of its athletes at the Senior high school. Three ninth grade boys are on the High school "B" team: Marvin Bales, Bill Weinacht and J. W. Owens. Former West Junior boys who are playing on the High school first team are Merle Bales, Johnny Britain, Jack Hartman, Ronald Lincoln, Jamie Spahr, and Bobby Peats.

* The suggested changes in fire station No. 5, on the West Side, to accommodate the National Guard, was referred to City Manager Mosley at the city council meeting Monday. The second story of the fire station was arranged for military purposes some years ago. The fire station building was originally the Standard Mill club house, erected about 40 years ago, when lights never went out in the mill.

* The Colorado Springs Mineralogical society, of which Carl Mathews is president, is the latest of many Colorado Springs organizations to pass resolutions backing the movement to designate Gen. William J. Palmer as the Colorado man to be honored by a statue in Statuary Hall in the national Capitol in Washington.

* An old-timer in Colorado City was on the West Side Tuesday. It was Guy S. Boyd, of Manitou Springs, who has been associated with the Cave of the Winds for many years. Over 40 years ago, Guy was a deliveryman for the I.A. Foote grocery, where the Cross & Son store is now. Mrs. Boyd was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kinsman, pioneer residents of Colorado City.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Shave and a haircut - Two bits.

The Palace Barber Shop, (2)516 1/2 Colorado Ave, was photographed about 1900. Barber John Gillespie is shown on the far right in the photograph below left. Copies from the original photographs of the Palace Barber Shop are now in the History Center Archives thanks to the Muskwinski family. If you have photographs, but don't wish to part with them, please consider allowing the Old Colorado City History Center to copy them for our archives for use by historians and researchers.



Photographs from the OCCCHS History Center archives

Work is progressing on the cataloging and archiving of the thousands of photos we have been given. **Ray Campbell, Patty Joy, Cindy Estes, Edwina Foreman, Jan Knox, Bev Millett, Ken Kramer, Paul Idleman** and **Bob Heinich** all attended the excellent accessioning workshop given by **Sharron Uhler** at the Pioneers Museum. We will have work sessions nearly every day, beginning in January. The work groups may consist only of two people at times. If you can help with this very important project, please call **Paul Idleman** at 633-7803 or **Jan Knox** at 689-2355.



LOCAL VIDEO TO AIR ON HISTORY CHANNEL

OCCHS member Paul Idleman was thrilled to learn that his video documentary on 19th century photographer, William E. Hook, has been accepted for broadcast on A&E's History Channel. "*Kind Nature's Scenery To Portray - The Life and Work of William E. Hook*" was written, produced, directed and edited by Paul in 1995 for the Pikes Peak Library District.

The Community Video Center of the Pikes Peak Library District had talked with Paul in 1993 about video taping his lecture on Hook. After seeing Ken Burns' PBS "*Civil War*" series, Paul felt that there were better ways of presenting Hook's story than just video taping his lecture. Hook's entire life could be told with his own photographs. Idleman had spent over 16 years researching Hook, locating over 1500 of his images.

The work was a labor of love for Idleman, who is a professional photographer and graphics artist. With valuable assistance from Thelma Williams, owner of the only known collection of Hook glass negatives, and OCCHS members George White, Ivan Brunk, Joyce Johns and Ed Bathke, Paul located two of Hook's great-grandsons and did extensive research in England, Wisconsin, Canada, Colorado and New Mexico to document the life of the pioneer adventurer and viewist.

Video Librarian Magazine rated the program with a Four-Star - Editor's Choice.

The 29-minute video production is rich with Hook's photographs. The narration is complemented by John Stevens, former General Manager for KCME Classical FM station, as the voice of William Hook.

The documentary premiered in February 1995 at a reception to open an exhibit of Hook's photographs at Penrose Library. The Library District has purchased the exhibit of 55 enlargements and is making it available to others wishing to show it.

The History Channel is broadcast to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Guam and the Caribbean. We'll notify you later in *West Word* when we know when the program will air. "*Kind Nature's Scenery To Portray*" is also now available through the History Center Book & Gift Shop (see page 14).



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