

# WEST WORD

Old Colorado City Historical Society

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## JANE ROOT QUINBY PIONEER RESIDENT OF COLORADO CITY

### ARTICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST FROM THE OCCHS ARCHIVES

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**Founding Member and Donor of Land for the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.**

Jane Root was born in Westfield, (Hampden) Mass., on August 11, 1823 to Brainard and Anna Maria (Bancroft) Root. Her family migrated to Illinois, where she married Rodney Quinby on October 16, 1845 in Warren County. Rodney was born in 1822 in Springfield, (Sullivan) New Hampshire to John and Mehitabel (Marrot) Root. His family had also migrated to Warren County, where his brother, Ivory, became a prominent lawyer and a judge. Both families were living in New England prior to the Revolutionary War.

In the 1850 census for Warren County, Illinois, Rodney is a farmer. However, by 1864-65, he is listed in the Monmouth, Illinois Business Directory as a Boot and Shoe Manufacturer and Dealer.

The family moved to Trinidad, Colorado about 1868 and to Colorado City about 1875, according to Jane's obituary. The move may have been made for health reasons as Rodney was listed as an asthma sufferer in the 1880 Colorado census. In the early Colorado City directories, Rodney's occupation was a wool grower. He became an active investor in Colorado City real estate and went into partnership with William A. Love in developing the Love & Quinby Addition to the west side of Colorado City. At the time of his death on November



Jane R. Quinby - age 42

*Photo: Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum*

25, 1887, his probate records show the ownership of 108 lots in various blocks in Colorado City plus a half interest with William A. Love in land that had not yet been platted.

In addition to being actively involved with the First Baptist Church of Colorado City, Jane continued with the family's real estate investments with the help of her son, Horace B. Quinby. Horace B. married Lucy Redmon on October 5, 1880. This marriage ended in divorce. When Jane died on May 19, 1907, at the age of 83, having been an invalid for many years, her children, Rodney R. and May were living with their mother in Paris, (Bourbon) Kentucky. A notice in the El Paso Democrat of September 16, 1916 states that Rodney R. married Eileen A. O'Connor of 414 West Bijou Street. They married in Oklahoma City where Rodney was

employed by the Burrough Adding Machine Company.

Horace B. initiated a suit in October 1883, against the Town of Colorado City to regain the property on which the first City Hall was built, including improvements worth an estimated \$2,000. He alleged that the town had failed in its agreement concerning the purchase of the lots and that they had abandoned the property. This suit dragged on for several years and he eventually lost. He was in jail on January 15, 1915, because of his inability to pay the costs ordered by the court, when his house on Lincoln Avenue was badly damaged by fire. He moved to Penrose, CO on his release from jail.

Rodney and Jane Quinby are buried in the Monmouth Cemetery in Monmouth, Illinois.

*by: Jan Knox*



Horace B. Quinby

*Photo: Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum*

# From the Board

## The President's Report.....

It is snowing as I write this note to you. It seems like the summer went by very fast, and we are now thinking about Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Season. My family and I had a good summer, and I hope that each one of you had a good summer also.

I was sad to hear of Kay Arnold's death. She was a fine lady and a tremendous asset to our Society. I visited her in the last month a couple of times, and she was her usual smiling self and busy planning for the next day. Please see page 7 of this West Word for a tribute to Kay.

We held the Third Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl the last weekend in September. The weather was beautiful, and the event was well attended. The Society made over \$650, and it will be used wisely. I want to thank all the members and volunteers who made this event a success. I can only say to everyone, "If you haven't attended this event, make your plans to do so in 2001.....You don't know what a treat you are missing!"

We switched to winter hours at the History Center on October 1st. The Center will be open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Board felt shorter hours of operation were justified since the daily visitors to the Center in the winter months are much fewer.

I would like to call your attention in the newsletter to the update on the Adopt-a-Book Program. Your support in helping the Society preserve our rare books that are in need of repair will be greatly appreciated. There is also the announcement of a Time Capsule Project. The details on this project will be in the November West Word, but begin thinking about how you can help us with this project and also what items should be placed into the capsule.

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Westside Innkeepers will host the annual Holiday B&B Home Tour. The innkeepers graciously open their beautiful homes for this tour, and the proceeds are given by them to the Society. Please make your plans now to purchase your tickets and encourage your neighbors, relatives, and friends to purchase their tickets to support this outstanding event. Last year, the Innkeepers presented the Society with a check for around \$4,000 which was used as the matching funds in our grant to produce the Walking Tour Guide. I want to thank the Innkeepers for their generous support of the Society.

We have reviewed the final copy of the new Walking Tour Guide, and it is excellent. We hope to have it available for purchase in the bookstore in early December.

Happy Halloween and  
Until Next Month,

*Gordon*

## The Treasurer's Report.....

Our Budget projections are holding pretty accurately through September for several categories. Our basic running Maintenance costs, which includes utilities, telephone, security, insurance, and the copier are running a little over \$500 a month. We are, however accumulating much 'deferred maintenance' on the outside of our building, which must be done. Our interest from the Endowment fund amounts to \$3,500 toward the maintenance, so we require \$2,500 income to fully cover our running maintenance.

Our income from memberships is not doing what we

budgeted - at least \$4,000 income from all classes over the year. We appear to be headed toward \$3,500 or less.

And, as I have written here before, we are approaching the time when we must pay for the printing of the 3,000 Guide Books that is nearing completion, before we begin realizing an income from sales of the books.

We may not have sufficient reserve cash to meet that obligation, and will not be reimbursed from the State of Colorado until we have paid all costs.

The Book store is slightly ahead of projections, so Betsy Evans has been able to transfer \$500 to our general account from her proceeds.

Our 1999 books balanced, and our annual IRS filing was made in good order, which cost us \$250 in accounting fees.

*Dave Hughes*  
Treasurer

## Noteworthy --- Notes ---

In the August and September West Word, we announced the Adopt-a-Book Program. OCCHS has a fine collection of historical books in the library at the Center about the rich history of Old Colorado City and the Pikes Peak Area.

Our first book, the Polk 1910 City Directory, has been rebound and it is now in excellent condition for many years to come. This book was rebound with a gift from Gordon and Becky Gray and was presented to the Society in memory of OCCHS member Ray Campbell who died earlier this year.

For \$35, a book will be rebound with a new cover and spine. It will be re-sown or glued, as necessary, and the spine will be embossed with the title of the book. This will give a "new life" to the book.

Please consider "adopting" a book. This can be done by individuals or by an entire family in memory of a loved one. What better way to help the Society preserve the history of Colorado City.

Donations can be sent to the President, OCCHS, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

ANNOUNCING THE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT - What is this project? Who will be participating? What will go into the capsule? When will it be buried? How can I participate?

In future West Word newsletters we will be telling you more about this exciting project that is being sponsored by your Society AND how each of you can participate. Be thinking of what you might put into a time capsule that will be opened in 100 years. It might be a letter to descendants in your family. If so, start putting your thoughts down on paper of what you want to tell people who will be living in the year 2100.

The Drive for Bricks is on again.....we want to fill the patio with bricks that have been engraved through donations from our members and community people. The cost is only \$100 and it is a lasting memory to you and your loved ones. Please contact Bev Disch (719-634-5023) if you are interested in buying a brick.

## BROKE GROUND FOR THE MILL

*Colorado Springs Gazette*  
October 6, 1900

### President Burns of the Portland Mine Put a Shovel in the Soil and a Great Enterprise Will Blossom

Ground was broken yesterday for the new chlorination mill of the Portland Gold Mining company, situated west of this city in Bear creek canon. With simple ceremonies, but in the presence of a distinguished company of Colorado Springs mining men, President Burns turned the first spade of earth.

It was a beautiful October afternoon, such as most of the western states are co-heirs to with Colorado, and the sun hung a great globe of fire on the top ridge of the old Peak, as Mr. Burns seized the spade and turned to address some suitable words to the little company. It was an impressive occasion and all present felt it to be such.

Carriages had conveyed the guests to the scene, and those present were President Burns, Hon. Irving Howbert, William A. Otis, John W. Proudfit, Nelson B. Williams of the Isabella company, R. P. Davie, C. V. Turner, Thomas Burns, William P. Bonbright, Capt. Emerson, Judge Miller, Judge Gunnell, William Lennox, E. W. Giddings, J. A. Sill, J. S. Tucker, William S. Jackson, Frank G. Peck, secretary of the Portland company, J. R. Bischof, H. H. Dorsey, G. W. McElhiney of Mexico, E. E. Rittenhouse, B. F. Webster, A. G. Sharp, W. J. Chinn, W. J. Mathews and H. S. Rogers. The engineers and workmen stopped their work and gathered about the scene.

Grasping an old grade, Mr. Burns stood and made a few remarks. He spoke of a dozen years ago, when A. R. Holden came to this city and made a proposition to put in a smelter. An indignation meeting was held to oppose the project, as the people then were not in favor of permitting a change in the character of the place as a health resort; but things have changed since. He referred to the great gold camp and to the pretty city of which we are all so proud. In conclusion, he spoke of the hope the company has for the mill's success. Then he turned a spade of earth and formally declared the work begun.

Mr. Irving Howbert, vice president of the company, next turned a spade of earth. Mr. Burns called on a number of the gentlemen for remarks. Mr. W. S. Jackson spoke in a very beautiful strain. He had no doubt that this was the beginning of an enterprise far reaching, and one of the largest in this county. He hoped that it would be as successful as the Portland company itself had been. He spoke of the kindly feeling for the projectors and wished them every success.

Judge Gunnell spoke eloquently of the men who went into the Cripple Creek district and made it what it is. It is the camp above all others where the men of small means have succeeded. He is happy that he has been associated with the Portland people and the others who pioneered the great camp.

Mr. William A. Otis proposed three cheers for the members of the Portland company, for the projectors of the Cripple Creek District road and the city of Colorado Springs. It was given with a will.

The success of the enterprise was drunk in Manitou champagne and then the gentlemen inspected the site of the proposed mill. While they were thus engaged, the excursion train on the new road came by and the passengers saluted the crowd.

This new mill is being built by the Portland company and will treat its ores exclusively. They have purchased what is known as the Thomas ranch, the house on which is distinctly visible from the lower part of this city. It is the old Howbert ranch. Mr. Irving Howbert's father owned the ranch many years ago, and 20 years ago Mr. Howbert sold it to Thomas for \$4,500. This year, he bought it back for the Portland company and paid \$25,000 for it. The land comprises 160

acres and carries with it what is known as the Howbert and Wellsly water right in the stream that passes through. This right is No. 3. Yesterday, the Portland company made another purchase, and secured the Stubbs and Miller water right, which holds the right to four cubic feet of water. It is believed that the company has insured itself a water supply sufficient for its needs in all time to come.

The first thing that the Portland company has started to do is to prepare a water supply. A big ditch is being dug and the Bear creek channel is to be turned into this. It will carry the water higher up on the south slope of the hills. The object of this is two-fold, to give a larger dumping ground and to carry water to a big reservoir that is being constructed. There are already two small reservoirs on the land that were formerly used for ice ponds. The new reservoir is to have a capacity of 30,000,000 gallons of water and with the old reservoirs, the company will be able to store 50,000,000 gallons. The reservoir is being constructed under the superintendency of Engineers Durfee and Wall of this city.

The cost of the new mill is to be \$350,000, including cost of the land. It is to be a chlorination mill, with a capacity of 300 tons of ore a day. That is only half the size of the mill in the future, however, as already the company is planning for an enlargement and are laying out the grounds with the expectation of doubling the capacity almost immediately. This is justified by the present outlook for the great mine.

The very latest appliances known to the chlorination processes are being ordered for the new mill. Stern, Rogers & Co. Of Denver have the contract to supply the roasters, crushers, rolls, and all heavy machinery for the plant. The buildings of the new plant are all to be of structural steel and fire proof. It is to be absolutely automatic. From the moment, the ore is dumped into the bins, it will not be touched by hand until the waste rock goes to the dump.

As R. P. Davis wittily put it yesterday, they turn a lever in the mine at Cripple Creek and President Burns stands down at the lower end of the mill buildings and catches the \$20 gold pieces as they come out. The mill will be built in terraces so that the ore in its different processes of treatment will be gradually lowered.

Of course, the reader understands that the mill is along the right of way of the new railroad. There will be an iron trestle 30 feet high on which the cars with ore will run to the mill. Under this trestle are the ore bins and the ore will be dumped or shoveled off into them. The bins will be shaped like hoppers and the ore will run by gravity from them into the crushers. Here is the process in brief: the ore goes first to the crushers and is broken up. Then it drops one step to the dryers and after that it goes down lower to the roasters. The next step down is to the cooling room. Next it is raised to the highest point in the plant, to the chlorination barrels. After precipitation, for fear that all the gold has not been extracted, the ore is sent to the concentrating tables. All that is left after that goes to the waste dump. The gold in precipitation and concentrated is of course collected into bricks. It is seen how nearly automatic, the process is to be made. It will be an immense saving in the cost of treatment.

A feature of the mill that the citizens generally will appreciate is that there will be little smoke about the new mill. A contract has been made with the Colorado Springs Light, Heat and Power company to supply electricity. Every bit of machinery is to be operated by electricity, and the only fires about the places will be those in the roasters. Another thing that the company has looked out for carefully is to supply itself with plenty of pump room. Some of the mills built in late years, have been faulty in this.

It is hoped to have the new mill ready for use in about six months. It marks an era in the upbuilding of this city, and yesterday is a day that Colorado Springs people in the future will look back on with pride and pleasure. All honor to the enterprising Portland management.

abstracted by Jan Knox

**--- FROM THE BOOKSTORE ---**

A Colorado writer, Jim Fergus, is a monthly columnist for Sports Afield magazine. He has written for many national magazines and newspapers. He lives in northern Colorado.

In my opinion, he has written one of the most fascinating historical fiction books that I have had the pleasure to read.

The title of the book is puzzling; for it is called "One Thousand White Women. The Journal of May Dodd." I didn't have a clue, but I'm not giving it away. You will have to read it.

The best description comes from our very own Colorado Springs Gazette and I quote.

"The best writing transports readers to another time and place, so that when they reluctantly close the book, they are astonished to find themselves returned to their everyday lives. "One Thousand White Women" is such a book. Jim Fergus so skillfully envelopes us in the heart and mind of his main character, May Dodd that we weep when she mourns, we shake our fist at anyone who tries to sway her course, and our hearts pound when she is in danger."

I thoroughly agree with that assessment of his work. His knowledge of the American West and its native people is awesome. It's strikingly original. You'll love it!

Don't forget there are many other good books and pamphlets, and Leland's new book, which I have not yet seen or read and they are all in the bookstore at the Center.

With the holidays approaching, what better gift than to give a book, large or small, historical or fiction. They come in many sizes, varied subjects, but all interesting and informative.

Browse around next time you are at the Center. I bet you will find just what you want and need.

*Review by: Agnes Johnson*

### *Book Signing*

You won't want to miss the opportunity to have OCCHS member, Leland Feitz sign his new book, *A Pictorial History of Colorado Springs*. The book is available in the OCCHC bookstore for \$6.95 plus tax. It is a wonderful review in pictures of Colorado City and Colorado Springs.

Leland will be at the monthly OCCHS meeting on Friday, October 13th from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. to sign his book.

What a wonderful opportunity to pick up a copy for yourself and for those special holiday gifts and have them signed by the author.

## **Newspaper Headlines from the Past**

*Extracted by Gordon Gray*

### **Red Light District Old Town's Biggest Fire**

Some old timers were talking about the fire that burned the Old Town Row, the Colorado City red light district, which thrived forty years ago. It was almost a full block of frame houses on the north side between then Sixth and Seventh streets on Washington Ave., now Cucharras St., and between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Streets.

The fire occurred about two o'clock in the morning and every house was burned. There are two two-story brick houses and one one-story stone house in the block now. They were built soon after the fire.

Jesse Lowderman, a Colorado City night policeman, and Byron Hames, one of the early saloon men of Old Town, got into an argument about the Row and fire. Jess told Byron if he did not shut up he would lock him up. Both have been dead many years.

Not one of the Old Town saloon keepers is alive. Following the dry election in 1912, some of them opened places in Ramona. Byron was one of them.

*(Colorado Springs Independent September 2, 1948)*

### **New West Side Church On Pioneer Property**

The new West Side Bethany Baptist church will be built on the A. Z. Sheldon pioneer home property at Colorado Avenue and Twentieth Street. Work has already been started on the basement. The building will be 55x110 feet, of brick, at an estimated cost of \$105,000. The present church has been in use about 60 years. The membership is given as nearly 600.

The Sheldon home is one of the attractive pioneer residences of old Colorado City. There is half a block of ground and a stone home in the mansion class. Mr. Sheldon and Anthony Bott, another Colorado City pioneer, and others came west from eastern Kansas in 1859, the year Colorado City was established. In 1860, it was reputed to have had 300 houses and was second in importance to Denver. In 1861, Colorado Territory was duly constituted by Congress and the move to make Colorado City the first capital was started. While there were some early meetings here, the move was blocked by Governor Evans, who lived in Denver.

The Anthony Bott home is two blocks west of the Sheldon home on the same side of the street on West Colorado Avenue.

*(Colorado Springs Independent February 17, 1949)*

# West Side Memories

## TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

### One Hundred and Twenty-five Years Ago October 1875

The Utes are still encamped on Bear The Creek, awaiting the arrival of others of their tribe, to see whether they will be strong enough to go out upon their annual fall buffalo hunt. They state that a large party of Cheyennes and Arapahoes are already on the range awaiting their arrival. There is a possibility of a live time out there yet, when the Utes and their traditional enemies meet each other.

(C.S. Gazette 10/2)

General U. S. Grant, President of the United States, together with quite a number of distinguished ladies and gentlemen, arrived in Colorado Springs at noon of Wednesday last in a special train over the D. & R. G. Road. The General's traveling party proper, comprises the following names: Mrs. U.S. Grant; Col. and Mrs. Fred Grant; Ex-Secretary of the Navy, A.E. Borie of Philadelphia, wife and daughter; Col. O. E. Babcock, Private Secretary to the President; Governor Thayer of Wyoming; and Lieut. Chase, 3<sup>rd</sup> U. S. Cavalry. The party were accompanied during their Southern Colorado trip, by Gov. and Mrs. Routt, Gov. and Mrs. A. C. Hunt, Miss Latham, Hon. Henry M. Teller, Col. C. B. Lamborn, Major Henry McAllister, Jr., Major Wm. Wagner, W. W. Borst, Capt. DeCoursey, the Hon. J. C. Wilson, Hon. J. B. Chaffee, and Judge Moses Hallett. Upon arriving at Colorado Springs, a warm reception awaited the President. He and his party were drive to Bacon's Exchange, Sanders' four grays stepping proudly in front of the President's carriage. Bacon's Exchange was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers in honor of the Nation's chief, and the dinner served to the travelers, was all that could be desired. After dinner, Gov. Routt introduced the President to our people, who had assembled in great numbers around the Hotel. The President made no speech, but he had a hearty grasp of the hand for hundreds of men, women and children who passed before him. The President expressed great surprise at the remarkable recent growth of Colorado.

(C.S. Gazette 10/9)

I was very much gratified a few days ago with a visit I made to the newly erected works of the Colorado Springs Plaster of Paris Company, on the Fountain, where that stream passes Colorado City. On the south side of the Fountain, near the works, and also in the Garden of the Gods, about a mile to the northwest, there are extensive deposits of gypsum of very pure and excellent quality, whiter than any other deposits I know. The gypsum is mined and hauled to the mill in blocks as large as can be conveniently handled. It is then passed through a powerful crusher which reduces it to about the size of chestnuts, and from that down to dust. An elevator then carries it to a large bin on the floor above, directly over a run of 3 1/2 feet French burrs, to the bottom of which it flows through an ordinary feeding sack, as wheat is fed in a flouring mill, and ground at the rate of three and a half tons per hour. From the stones it is again elevated into another large bin over the calcining boiler, into which it is fed in successive charges. This boiler is eight feet in diameter and five deep, round, and has a revolving shaft passing up through the center, which carries, near the bottom, horizontal arms to stir the boiling plaster. No water is used in the calcining process, yet the ground gypsum boils violently as it gives off its watery and gaseous properties, so that the term boiling is correctly

applied to this part of the process. A furnace about three feet wide, and deep enough to take cord wood, beneath the boiler furnishes the necessary heat. When sufficiently calcined, the plaster is again elevated to the upper floor, whence it passes through a bolt into a large chest. It is then finished, and ready for barreling. Then, and not till then, is is "Plaster of Paris." In the mine, and in a crude state, is it gypsum; simply ground, as it is used as a stimulant to the soil, usage warrants us in calling it "plaster," but to make it Plaster of Paris requires the extra process above described. We might as well talk of a sheaf of flour, or a mine of steel, as to call crude gypsum, whether in the mine or out of it, "Plaster of Paris." I have seen some casts made of this Plaster of Paris, and in no city of the East have I seen anything to surpass it for whiteness and smoothness, and I think it has a reasonable degree of hardness.

(C.S. Gazette 10/16)

Last Saturday morning at about one o'clock, no alarm of fire was given, but such of our citizens as happened to be on the lookout at that hour saw the bright flames bursting from the top and sides of the old deserted wooden calaboose, situated in the rear of the Railway and Colony offices, and opposite the East end of the "Gazette" corner lot. The Hook and Ladder and Babcock boys were soon on the ground, and worked nobly to extinguish the flames. This, however, was found to be a difficult matter. This old calaboose, as our citizens will remember, was formerly a "Colony Cabin," built of a single thickness of plank. Prisoners were formerly incarcerated therein, only to escape the first dark night. Every time a prisoner escaped, another layer of plank would be nailed over the entire outfit, until finally the structure was about 25 layers of plank in thickness. Between these layers many openings and hollow places were left, and in these the fire seemed to secrete itself, to burst out in full flame the moment the water was taken off. The Babcock engine, after discharging its cylinders, was found to be out of order, or else no other "charges" were ready, or something of that sort, we don't know exactly what, but the machine was soon found to be useless, although for the short time she was in service, she did good work. So the Hook and Ladder boys took hold, and with axes and buckets of water, soon hacked and drenched the fire into some sort of control. After this was accomplished, hooks and chains were attached to the building and it was pulled down and speedily put out entirely. During the fire, we observed on top of the calaboose, with the flames all around him, our friend Mr. Robt. F. Weitbree, who, with axe in hand was making the chips and shingles fly to good effect. As we wended our way home from the fire, three conundrums occurred to us: 1<sup>st</sup>--Why have we not a bell or some other sort of fire alarm? 2<sup>nd</sup>--Why is not our Babcock engine always ready for service? 3<sup>rd</sup>--Who set the calaboose on fire, and is this not a matter for investigation at the hands of our Town fathers?

(C.S. Gazette 10/23)

Mr. Greenway, who has charge of the ditches, desires that all persons will take out dams they have erected therein. These dams collect the falling leaves and the ice-crusts we have now in the mornings, causing overflows and damage to the ditches and streets. We trust that Mr. Greenway's request will be complied with.

(C.S. Gazette 10/30)

The usual hop of the O. B. J. Club was held at Bacon's Exchange on Thursday evening. Although the weather was stormy, there was a large attendance, and dancing was kept up till half past twelve. The music furnished by Downing's band was good and every one seemed to enter heartily into the enjoyment of the evening.

(C.S. Gazette 10/30)

West Side Memories are compiled by: Jan Knox

# Kay Arnold

1921 - 2000

Our good friend and a Charter member of OCCHS, Kay Arnold, died September 27, 2000 at a local care center in Colorado Springs.

Kay was born October 18, 1921, in Louisville, KY, to Martha and Dwight Powers, who are deceased. She was married to Wilbur F. Arnold, who is deceased.

She is survived by two sons, Gregory S. Pierce, of Johnson City, TN and Michael McK Pierce, of South Colby, WA; a daughter, Kathy Atherton Paradise, of Colorado Springs; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on October 7th at the All Souls Unitarian Church in Colorado Springs.

When the tiny nebulas of committed and determined Westsiders met to form the Old Colorado City Historical Society, Kay Arnold was one of that group.

From that time until last week her same commitment and dedication remained through years of health and service until stricken with cancer.

When we were so few, Kay wore many hats. From board member to committee heads, to serving on community committees as our representative, to what ever was necessary she'd pitch right in and pursue the job to completion.

Competent, able, one could always count on Kay. She was a pillar of strength to our organization.

Whether yard sales or Territory Days - whatever the occasion, Kay supplied predacious amounts of various meals, cookies and sandwiches. I've seen her make gallons of lemonade (and it wasn't watered down) for cabin days.

Her program, "AuntK A." portrayed her love of pioneer characters and their lives.

Her interest was maps which she used to show the expansion and migration to the west along the rivers. These she gave to our museum.

Her research and program on the Sand Creek Massacre brought Indian's whose ancestors were involved in the event to listen and question.

If you have read the recent CS Independent interview by Katherine Easterburn while Kay was at Pikes Peak Hospice, it reports how she faced death with the same grace and calm as she faced life.

Kay's only wish was to have a brick in our patio to recognize that she was a member.

I will miss our long association and her smile.

Agnes Johnson

*The Society has started a fund to raise the money to purchase a brick in Kay's name and honor. Contributions can be made at the Center (please place your contribution in an envelope marked with your name and "Kay Arnold Memorial".) You can also mail your contributions to the Center to the attention of Gordon Gray, President.*

*The week of Kay's death, the Colorado Springs Independent newspaper ran a cover story article about "Going all the Way, Dying a Good Death Becomes a Topic of Public Discussion - Finally". This article featured interviews with Kay. It is well worth reading. Limited copies are available at the Center.*

*The following is the text of a note that was recently received from Kay and it was her request to publish it in a future West Word.*

"To all my friends at OCCHS. Thank You....thank you. Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others can't keep it from themselves. Thanks for everything."

From AuntK A

Kay's friendly smile, cheerful attitude, and always a thought on how we could promote the heritage of Colorado City and the success of the Society will be greatly missed. We will have her memories and always be thankful for all she did to help make the Society what it is today. In Kay's firm words, "Remember this new year of the Millennium is not two thousand but 'Twenty Hundred!!!" We will miss you Kay.

Gordon Gray, OCCHS President

## Welcome NEW Members

Please welcome the following as new members to OCCHS. We are pleased you have joined our Society.

**John & Pat Wright**  
1126 Pando Lane  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

**Dooley Arts**  
2627 W. Colorado Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

**Mr. & Mrs. Don Bymaster**  
13 First Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
*(President's Challenge New Member  
by Leland Feitz)*

**Bernadeen's**  
2409 W. Colorado Avenue - #A  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904  
719-447-8844  
*(President's Challenge New Member  
by Gordon Gray)*

**John & Cassie Armstrong**  
3420 Hideaway Place  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918  
719-590-8694

**Martha J. Jones**  
1314 S. 25th Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904  
719-636-9029  
*(Presidnet's Challenge New Member  
by Dianne Hartshorn)*

**Muriel F. Dunkley**  
P.O. Box 698  
Cascade, CO 80809  
719-684-9164

## October OCCHS Monthly Meeting Friday, October 13, 2000

Our October program will be presented by Gary Renville, the new Director of Education for the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. He was a school teacher and in administration for over 10 years. He has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Oregon State University and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Columbia University. Gary has over 15 years experience leading 4-H young groups in projects ranging from camping, to performing arts, to agriculture and farming. Gary will also be bringing some of the items from the Mining Museum, which is located on the east side of I-25, opposite the north entrance to the Air Force Academy.

In addition to Gary's program, which will start just after 11:00 a.m., OCCHS member, Leland Feitz will be available from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. to sign copies of his new book, *A Pictorial History of Colorado Springs*. This outstanding book is available for sale in the History Center Bookstore. Leland will also sign any of his other books which you may already have purchased, most of which are also available in the book shop.

So, come early for morning refreshments, served from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., the book signing, and a very interesting program to start off our 2000-2001 program year.