



## OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# WE THE PEOPLE

### The Declaration of Independence

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

**We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.** That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, having its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and tran-

sient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by

abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient suffrance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

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**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 establishment of a History Center.*

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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

Annual membership classifications are:

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

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**

OCCHS Monthly Meeting & Program is held at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July, and August. The History Center opens at 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting for refreshments and visitation. The program begins at 11 a.m. This meeting is free and open to the public.

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**September 13, 2002**  
**At the History Center**



*Explore the REAL History*  
 at the  
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1 South 24th Street  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

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He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the

People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended legislation.

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for

pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally, the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever:

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizen taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an

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# WESTSIDE MEMORIES

compiled by Jan Knox

May 1902

While handling a bottle yesterday afternoon, Mr. George Geiger, local agent for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, was quite painful if not seriously injured. The bottle blew up in his hands and the glass inflicted several deep and exceedingly painful cuts. Mr. Geiger fainted twice, and the services of a physician were necessary. 5/16

Real estate men are wondering what they will do in the near future for Colorado avenue locations, as most of the vacant lots are all taken up, either by options or downright sales. It is remarked that there are six new houses now in course of erection in one block on the avenue, and that there are at least a dozen more in the central portion of the avenue district. 5/16

Yesterday was a reminder that the tourist season was here in full force. Probably 25 carriage loads of sightseers passed through the city on their way to the attractions on our western border, and the suburban railway company handles a special carload of people which passed here about 4 o'clock. 5/16

The new Colorado City band held a business meeting Friday night and elected the following officers: President, H. J. Green; secretary, W. F. Bailey; treasurer, I. H. Lutz. After which they named the new organization "Pike's Peak Military Band."

They decided to give a musical and literary entertainment in Waycott opera house May 27. There will be dancing until 12 o'clock. The proceeds are to go to a band fund to buy uniforms. This band is composed of experienced musicians and will be ready for business in a very short time. 5/18

Two of the prettiest automobiles that ever passed through the streets of Colorado Springs, reached Strang's "automobiliary" on North Tejon street shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after making a record run from Denver to this city. The distance was covered in two hours and 54 minutes, beating the record established by W. B. Kelker by

about half an hour. The two machines which broke the record are Winton touring cars, and were both double the horse power of Felker's machine. The cars sell for \$2,100. They are run by gasoline, the tanks being in front of the driver and the engine underneath the bed of the car. One tank full of gasoline is sufficient to run one of the machines 150 miles over country roads. For a part of the way to Palmer Lake, the two machines ran a close race with a D. & R. G. train whose engineer pulled the throttle wide open. The train bested the autos after several miles, but it was neck and neck for a long time. 5/23

Many novel and interesting features will draw the crowds to the Book carnival tomorrow afternoon and evening, among which will be the Mother Goose and Maypole dances, special dances in costume and handsome booths, fortune tellers and other attractions. From 10 to 12 o'clock there will be general dancing, but during the evening there will be a minuet danced by several young ladies in costume. 5/23

The lack of rain in the lower part of El Paso county, in the neighborhood of and south of Fountain, makes the situation down there very grave for the ranchmen and cattlemen. It is stated that not a drop of rain has fallen south of Fountain this spring and the cattle ranges are so dry that many of the cattlemen are moving their cattle up this way or east to Lincoln and Kit Carson counties. Mr. Skinner of the Sinton Dairy company, stated that they had recently moved 300 head of cattle to its pasture east of this city due to a lack of grass in the neighborhood of Fountain. 5/24

A deed was file in the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon, conveying about four hundred lots in East Colorado City and a large acreage tract to Charles E. Brown. The property was conveyed by the East Colorado City Land and Improvement company, and the consideration is understood to be \$30,000. The property lies immediately northeast of the business section of Colorado City, about three blocks from the school house. The property is very well built up by

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## From the Bookstore

By Agnes Johnson



The book, *Healing Waters Sacred Springs*, by Joy Dunkin, is a study in part of the springs of Manitou. Ms. Durkin holds a Ph.D. in holistic health sciences.

We know that the Utes were frequent visitors to the springs and believed in the healing quality of the various waters found in that area, and thought them to be sacred.

The book provides a map of the location of some of the more familiar springs. She lists the mineral content of each spring with information from the Mineral Springs Foundation. There has been an attempt by that organization to acquire and restore the springs of Manitou.

Unfortunately one of the most commonly known and used is the Indian next to the curio shop on the way to Ute Past. It is now in private hands and no longer available.

It is interesting to learn that the mineral content varies in every spring, from soda, iron, lithium and Sulphur. Each have different percentages of the minerals.

The Wheeler Spring near the Post Office is no longer flowing. On information from the Manitou Chamber of Commerce I learned that the spring needs to be bored out. The cost of this drilling would be about twenty thousand dollars and the organization does not have the funds.

With the soda springs housed in the Spa building and the future of that building in limbo, another spring is lost to us.

The seven minute spring located in the gazebo near Memorial Park has been manipulated so that it no longer erupts every seven minutes but is a constant flow.

During the development of Colorado Springs

and Manitou, Dr and Mrs. Bell built Briarhurst. Dr. Bell was an associate of General Palmer. They used the Springs of Manitou as an enticement for visitors seeking the healthful waters and the Spa was a lively place during the summer.

Those were the days when tourists arrived by train and remained all summer. My grandparents came from Oklahoma since my grandmother liked the cool summer nights and the mountain air. When they became permanent residents, my grandfather drove us to the pump to fill five-gallon jugs with soda water. It mad the best lemonade I ever tasted. Alas, the pump was lost in the flood of Fountain Creek.

The author believes that the Irish Celts were first to understand the healing powers of water and that waters from below helped their own health. If the water was good then the health was good. She believes that water is the main source of health and modern medicine must return to healthful eating and healing waters rather than drugs to let the body heal itself.

### The President's Message

It's summer time and the living is easy. Schools out and there are fewer meetings. But here at the History Center we need more volunteers for the Bookstore and for the Old Fashioned Saturday at the Park on June 29<sup>th</sup>. So give some of your free time to the Society. Call me at home at 634-5023 or leave a message at the History Center at 636-1225. You all come through for territory days when we had to man the bookstore, the cabin and our booth on the Avenue for three days. We cleared about \$323 profit form out bake sale and about \$350-75 net from our other sales. So come on, the tourists are coming and we need you to help.

Thanks

Bev Disch,

El Jefe

## Events Coordinator's Corner



### June 29, 2002, Old Fashioned Saturday in the Park!

In cooperation with the Old Colorado City Merchants Association, OCCHS hosted a Fund Raising Event Saturday, June 29, in Bancroft Park. "Old Fashioned Saturday in the Park" included a Box Lunch, Cake Walk, Watermelon Eating Contest, Raffle, Children Activities & Local Entertainment! OCC Merchants donated the park and the local merchants donated various gifts for the raffle! Snow cones and pop com were available for general sale in the park as well as additional tickets for the Cake Walk & Watermelon Eating Contest. West side trivia & OCCHS membership forms were placed inside the "box lunch" to encourage interest as well as membership in OCCHS. Thanks to the Volunteers from OCCHS & the Colorado Springs Conservatory! Special Thanks to the Old Colorado City Merchants who donated gifts for the Raffle and from Pikes Peak True Value & Bagdadies Cafe!

Hope you visited Bancroft Park and enjoyed the "Old Fashioned Saturday in the Park" hosted by your History Center. It is our desire to use these Special Events to encourage membership and awareness of our museum to more of the Colorado Springs community. (Fund Raising Event income will be announced in our next newsletter.)

Upcoming Events: Founders Day & the Cemetery Crawl! Mark your calendars & plan to attend and enjoy the fun while supporting OCCHS!

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will be updating and publishing a new membership directory in the near future. To ensure that we have correct and complete information for all our members, please take a moment and review the following request and respond as appropriate.

1. If you do not want your name in the directory OR do not want your telephone number listed, please contact Bev Disch.
2. If your current listing is incorrect or incomplete, please contact Bev. If you do not have the directory that was issued in 1999, please call the Center and ask the volunteer on duty to read your information in this directory.
3. If you have an e-mail address and would like to have it printed in the new directory, please send Gordon Gray an e-mail with this request. In the subject line of the e-mail, please enter "OCCHS Update"

Bev can be reached at (719) 634-5023 or [bevdisch@aol.com](mailto:bevdisch@aol.com).  
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Thanks for your help and we expect the new directory to be available to our members in the first part of the summer.



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neat cottages as far as Thornton park. Thornton park, which is block 40 in the tract, was conveyed by the East Colorado City Land and Improvement company to Colorado City for park purposes, and the park is now being put in condition as fast as possible.  
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