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HARVEY ANWAY AND THE FORT

By David Hughes

Once again the Old Colorado City History Center and its Web Site have helped unearth new history about the earliest days of Colorado City's existence.

We received an email from a Mrs. Joanne James, asking whether we knew where a 'Fort' - might have been in Colorado City around 1865.

That a story had been passed down from her great grandmother that Harvey Anway came to Colorado City, traded a team of horses for a 'hotel' which doubled as a fort, and operated it for several years.



"Joanne James - Great Great Granddaughter of Henry Anway Beside State Historical Marker at Anway Fort Site"

Yes we did. In fact at 2816 West Pikes Peak, today, there is a granite marker with bronze plaque erected by the State Historical Society in 1936 in front of an old house that stated it was the location of 'The Fort' where women and children hid out during Indian raids in both 1864 and 1868.

What we did not know was how Harvey Anway came to possess the Fort/Hotel or anything about him or his family.

Mrs. James was thrilled at the e-mailed News. She said she had a manuscript written by her great grandmother Ella Anway in 1937 which told of the exciting times her family, and Harvey Anway's family, descended from Welsh immigrants, had traveling through the West seeking their fortunes. In one short section, it told of Harvey Anway coming to Colorado City in 1865 with his family, which included an 11 year old son John Anway, whom Ella later met and married. And of Harvey trading his team of horses for the 'hotel' and operating it for several years. She had a family picture of Harvey. So she came to our History Center from out of town, gave us a copy of the valuable manuscript, and we made a copy of the pictures of Harvey and John Anway, which accompanies this story. They are now part of our collection.

In turn we showed her 'The Fort' on West Pikes Peak, and marker in front of it. We told her how, on September 3d, 1868, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians went on the warpath. They killed, scalped, and mutilated 17 year old Charlie Everhart, and the 8 and 12 year old Robbins Boys tending their family's cattle near today's Shooks Run.

All the women and children of tiny Colorado City slept in 'The Fort' for protection then while their men stood guard. The 'fort' was a two story roomed structure, but with a palisade of 10 foot high logs around it then. Some of its rooms had also been used from time to time, as a 'jail' for lack of one in Colorado City. One accused murderer was held there in 1866 until a local Vigilante mob pulled him out

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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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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 Month Meeting
October 11, 2002
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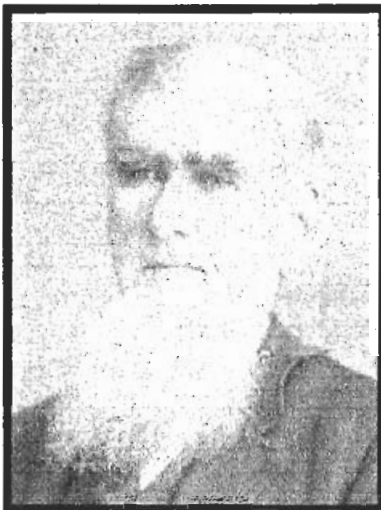
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and hanged him behind Faulkner's general store.

We showed Mrs. James the manuscript by Hattie Hedges on our web site, (<http://history.oldcolo.com/history/research/docsmanu/trouthat.html>). Hattie, another Colorado City pioneer girl gave an eye witness account in 1933 of coming to Colorado City as a very young girl, and staying in Anway's Fort during the Indian dangers.

Hattie vividly described the trauma of being brought by her mother, and with her older sister, to the log 'Cabin,' now in Bancroft Park, where the two dead and mutilated Robbin's boys and Charlie Everhart were laid out that black day, still bloody and scarred from being speared and scalped, with their eyes shot out. It was a fearsome sight the young girl never forgot.

Irving Howbert, who was a young man in Colorado City then, describes the 1864 and 1868 events in his 'Indians of the Pike's Peak Region' which had a profound influence on Colorado City and its attitudes toward the hostile Indian tribes of the region. Yet the famous Chief Colorow, of the peaceful Ute Indians often came to Colorado City and stayed quite a while.



"Harvey Anway - Hotel/Fort Owner 1868"

ence on Colorado City and its attitudes toward the hostile Indian tribes of the region. Yet the famous Chief Colorow, of the peaceful Ute Indians often came to Colorado City and stayed quite a while.

All this happened three years before Colorado Springs was founded, and two years after Civil War General William Sherman visited Colorado

City and refused the entreaties of a delegation of Colorado City folk for Federal military protection against the Indians. He stated there 'were no hostile Indians' around. So they took matters into their own hands and defended themselves. Fortifying one of the earliest hotels was one of those measures. Howbert also reported the shoring up of the log fortifications of the Anway hotel-fort

again in 1868.

So it was clear how important Anway's Hotel/Fort was in young Colorado City's history.

We now have the interesting manuscript about the travels, prospecting, and encounters with Indians of the Anway family, as well as their years in Colorado City during its earliest and most dangerous frontier times.

And we know a little bit more about 'The Fort's' proprietor 138 years after Harvey Anway unhitched his team of horses after a long trip with his family across the plains, and traded them on the spot for a hotel. A place which would come to have a very exciting history and make an indelible impression on the Anway's and their descendents.

President's Message

The fall season is upon us with the Aspen leaves turning yellow early this year because of the drought. Our Center is moving to winter hours - 11 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Jan Knox has arranged interesting programs for our monthly meeting which are always the second Friday morning from 10 am to 12 pm. October 12th Don Moon, from the Red Herring Players, will portray Teddy Roosevelt during his trip to Colorado Springs in 1912.

Then in November our monthly meeting will be an open house to welcome Dr. Michael Olsen as our new archivist. He will be presenting his program Myths and Realities of the Santa Fe Trail. We are delighted and amazed at all he has accomplished in a short time. Come out and greet him at our November meeting.

Remember our next major fund raising event is our annual Band B tour on the first Sunday in December. We will need a lot of hosts and goodies for this. Thank you, volunteers, you make our museum go.

Bev Disch, President of Old Colorado City Historical

WESTSIDE MEMORIES

compiled by Jan Knox

Fifty Years Ago
(Colorado Springs News)
October 1952

Huge crowds are expected to greet President Truman when he comes to Colorado Springs next Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7, for an hour's visit on his whistle-stop tour. The Truman special is due to arrive in Colorado Springs at 3:40 p.m., remaining until 4:40 p.m. Leonard Sutton, Democratic county chairman, says it is planned that the Camp Carson army band will play for about half an hour prior to the President's arrival. Mr. Truman will speak from the rear of his special train at the D&RGW station here. He will be greeted by a welcoming committee of civic leaders and party officials and candidates. Among those in the Truman part is daughter, Margaret Truman. The President is expected to deliver here one of the hard-hitting talks for which he has become famous, and similar to one he gave her during the 1948 campaign. The Truman Special will leave here via the Rock Island for Limon, where a top will be made from 6:40 to 7:10 p.m. and the Chief Executive will speak. From there, the next stop will be in Denver. 10/3

Married Sept. 25, 1892, in Liberty, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Heaston of 2309 W. Cucharras, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Thursday, with a family reunion and an open house, many friends extending congratulations. Mr. Heaston is 84 years old, and Mrs. Heaston is 77. Mr. and Mrs. Heaston moved southeast of Ramah in 1920 where they farmed until 1945, when they retired and moved to Colorado Springs. They have six children, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. 10/3

Reading from a script, without off-the-cuff remarks, a serious-mannered President Harry S. Truman, told crowds that came to the Rio Grande station in Colorado Springs Tuesday afternoon that while it was true he once though General Eisenhower qualified for the presidency, he was wrong, and that the Republican candidate's recent betrayal

of former principles he once professed make him unfit for that high office. 10/10

A flaming success--red hot with fun--that'll be the Firemen's Ball to be held in the Colorado Springs auditorium this Saturday night, Oct. 11, with the evening's entertainment due to start at 9 o'clock. Bobby Beers and his snappy orchestra of Denver, often heard over KOA, will furnish music for the dancing. Most attractive redhead will be chose by audience applause in the Flame Girl contest, the winner to receive a trophy and a bouquet of roses from Ripley Florists. A number of pretty red-headed girls have entered this contest and will appear in evening gowns.

The evening's master of ceremonies will be Wes Bradley of Radio Station KRDO. Grand prize to be awarded some lucky person will be a television set given by George Doty. A big crowd is expected to attend from all parts of the Pikes Peak region. 10/10

A mysterious explosion blew a Rio Grande freight locomotive apart and killed four men seven miles south of Littleton, Colo., Sunday morning. The more than 60-car freight train was on a routine trip from Denver to Pueblo and was chugging thru the nearly level farm country south of Littleton when the explosion occurred. The force of the explosion ripped the engine apart, tossing the boiler and cab high into the air, and splitting the undercarriage in two. Three of the driver wheels remained coupled to the tender, but the front end, including the cattle guard, pilot wheels and three other driver wheels, continued down the track for nearly a mile. None of the freight cars were derailed or damaged and stayed on the track. 10/10

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HAPPY



HALLOWEEN

Tribute to the Englerts

The children of Kenneth and Lorene Englert wrote a wonderful eulogy for Kenny printed in the Gazette Telegraph Sunday September 1st.

Except for close friends and family it is unlikely many residents of Colorado Springs know just how important the quiet, nearly invisible, volunteer work he, and his wife Lorene, who died in 1983, did, that contributed to the historical revitalization of Old Colorado City which some of us undertook 26 years ago.

For Kenny and Lorene were amateur historians, who loved to study, visit, and report on forgotten Colorado towns. In fact they were members of a little known 12 person 'Colorado Springs Ghost Town Club' which was active as far back as 1946. Lorene did very fundamental research into the earliest history of the original Colorado City. This was at a time when nobody in greater Colorado Springs cared one whit about this faded blue collar side of town and its 'old' buildings. And no local academic historian or professor stooped to study or teach the incredibly rich and separate history of this little patch of ground between Manitou and downtown Colorado Springs.

Kenneth was the President of the then regional Historical Society, and persuaded deceased William Thayer Tutt to move the 1859 Cabin to the capitol grounds of Denver from the Broadmoor golf course, during the rush to the Rockies Centennial of 1959, and then back to Bancroft Park making it city property, thus saving it for posterity. Thayer Tutt knew how important that cabin was - he told me that personally in 1976 while gladly funding its first restoration in 1977, before our historical society was founded.

Some local people value history, while others tear it down. The children of Kenny knew what was lost when downtown Colorado Springs was destroyed in the 70's. Kenny and Lorene's work helped save Colorado City from the wrecker's ball.

After three local, now deceased, westsiders, Luther McKnight, William Ellis, and Leroy Ellinwood, approached me at the outset of the Colorado Centennial in 1976 and asked if I would 'do something' for neglected 'Old Town' during the celebrations of statehood, I agreed, but confessed I knew too little of its separate and real - not phony — underlying history to do much. They helped educate me. And Lorene, before she had to move to California for her health generously gave me her papers - the first recorded plat of Colorado City, research on the oldest buildings in El Paso County, and a little box in which she had patiently recorded the ownership and transfer of every block and lot of Colorado City from the day it was founded August 12th, 1859 to 1876. Priceless.

I was also able to get from them 10 log timbers they saved from the original 1859 'Cobb Grocery' building (2701 West Colorado) when it was torn down in 1959. Some still had bullet holes in them from the shootouts when the building was a saloon.

These gifts are now the property of the Old Colorado Historical Society, and are the absolute foundation of the authentic history of 'Old Town' which is so enjoyed by locals and visitors alike with its modern vitality and celebrations - and our History Center. Few realize Colorado Avenue would just be another dull modernized commercial strip if it hadn't been for the quiet volunteer work of Kenny and Lorene half a century ago. Work that today's unheralded volunteer historians are continuing in the same spirit that knows our future is shaped by our past.

Dave Hughes

GHOSTIES AND GOOLIES
AND LONG LEGGED BES-
TIES AND THINGS THAT
GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT



From the Bookstore

By Agnes Johnson



With towns and cities facing water restrictions, farmers needing water in order to harvest their crops, cattlemen forced to sell prize cattle for lack of grass and little money to buy the high-priced hay, wells dry and the persistent lack of rain or snow for at least three years, represent a bleak future; the book by Marion R. Cody titled *"A Guide to Colorado Rivers"* is especially timely, although it was published in 1991.

The author is a native of Colorado. As a child, with her doll and grandmother she traveled frequently by train from Colorado Springs to Texas Creek. At the stop at the bottom of the Royal Gorge, one conductor would always say, "shall we see if your doll can swim the river?" Where the river went and how far, and where she would find her doll became a persistent thought through the years.

She was able, after retiring from teaching, to pursue her long held interest. In five years she traveled to every river and noted the impact of the river on the people of that area.

So many rivers have their origin in Colorado that the state is often referred to as the "mother of rivers". Six major river basins are found in Colorado. They are the Colorado, North Platte, South Platte, Republican, Rio Grande and the Arkansas. Seventy-eight additional rivers contribute to the basins. The book is divided into three parts, the "Rocky Mountains", the "Plains" and the "Plateaus". There are black and white photos of many of the rivers. She shows how the rivers aided the settlement of the West and the effect they have on the thirteen states west of the Mississippi that rely on Colorado water.

Part 1, the Plains constitute the eastern part of Colorado until it reaches the foothills, 150-mile to the west. The basin is called the "Republican Valley". It was named for the home of the great herds of buffalo and the Pawnee Indian tribe, during the

30's and the dust bowl. The map on page 2 diagrams the Republican River and its tributaries.

Part 2, describes the rivers of the Rocky Mountains. They divide the state as well as the rivers. West of the Continental Divide the streams all flow to the Colorado River. East of the Divide, to the Rio Grande, or Mississippi drainage. The Front Range and the Back Range are divided by North, Middle, and south Park and the San Luis Valley. The North Platte begins in North Park and has five tributaries. This river is 618 miles long but only 25 miles are in Colorado. Pioneers followed this river for the Oregon Trail and the Mormon-California. Forts were built along the river to protect and aid settlers.

Maps and descriptions of the South Platte River begin on page 9. The Big Thompson, one of the tributaries begins in Rocky Mountain National Park and the famous Trail Ridge Road lies in that basin. The Arkansas River basin begins above Leadville on Mt. Arkansas. It passes six of Colorado's highest mountain peaks. One of its famous canyons is the Royal Gorge. It flows east to Pueblo and on to the Mississippi.

Part 3, is the Colorado Plateau also known as the 'canyon lands'. The Colorado River begins in Rocky Mountain National Park. It carves many beautiful canyons; the most familiar is the Grand Canyon, in Arizona.

One of the rivers, the 'Frying Pan', has an interesting story of the origin of its name.

A chart on pages 52-54 names the river, its drainage, its length, also the miles in travels in Colorado. You'll find this information helpful and informative. To further understand the terminology, a glossary is on page 54.

For now and the future this book is an important reference and I truly recommend it for your reading.

One Hundred Years Ago
(Colorado Springs Gazette)
October 1902

An important change in the schedule of the Colorado Midland road was announced yesterday, the early morning trains to the Cripple Creek district being cut off. It was announced that Midland train No. 1, leaving Colorado Springs at 3:10 a.m. and No. 7, leaving here at 8 a.m., will be discontinued, the order being effective Sunday. Train No. 9, which leaves here at 11:20 a.m. will be a through train after the others are discontinued. There will be no delays at Cascade or Divide or anywhere else, and trains will run right on through to the district. It is known as the Cripple Creek Flyer. The reason for the discontinuation of the two trains is the approach of winter. The 11:20 train will make up for the change in view of the fact that it will not be delayed anywhere on the route. 10/2

It is reported that there was a narrow escape from a serious accident at the famous Midland crossing in Ute pass yesterday, where the fatal Wilson accident occurred several years ago and that what came near being an accident yesterday was due to the fact that the gong which is placed at the crossing does not ring. Two men who were driving up the pass in a carriage reported that when they came to the sign erected by order of the county commissioners and listened for the bell, in obedience to the warning, there was no sound. They proceeded and were within only a few feet of the track when a locomotive whistle was heard very close at hand and a passenger train shot out of the cut and across the road ahead of them with no warning whatever from the bell. Had they been a rod further along than they were, they would have been struck by the train and as it was the came near being dashed out upon the rocks by the horse which was terrified at the sudden appearance of the train and made a frantic effort to get away from the danger. "It would be supposed," said one of the men who had this thrilling experience, "that after the wreck at Cascade and the two or three at Divide and the washouts and landslides that the Midland has had this summer, they would try to protect themselves by having this danger signal in working order, whether or not they care anything for the lives of the persons who have to take the chances of crossing their tracks. They certainly should either put this bell into such shape that it will ring when a train approaches or take down the sign that directs persons driving up the pass to stop and listen for it." 10/2

Gambling is said to again be in progress in Colorado City. It is pretty sure that a number of faro games are being operated right along. In fact, the smoke from the flames of the gaming paraphernalia which was burned by Sheriff Gilbert under order from Judge Cunningham of the district court, had hardly died away before the click of the chips was heard about Colorado City. When the sheriff seized the roulette, and faro tables, he did not secure the actual wheels, which are the most valuable part of the table. Neither did he secure any of the other small appurtenances to gambling, such as cards, chips, etc. and so the town was not entirely lost to the gamblers. The gambling is understood to be conducted very much under cover. 10/3



Events Coordinator's Corner

5th Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl:

The 5th Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl was held September 7th & 8th bringing in over \$300 with approximately seventy people attending this event. We did not reach our 2001 total attendance, but feel we had a good turnout. Taking a ride in an old fashioned horse & buggy through the cemetery as well as hearing old time fiddle music being played by Jody Adams was new for 2002. The Gazette covered the 5th Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl with a featured article and nice photo in the Gazette's Monday Metro Section. We had hoped for an article in the Gazette's Sunday edition, but are still pleased the History Center's event received coverage with a nice photo in the Metro section.

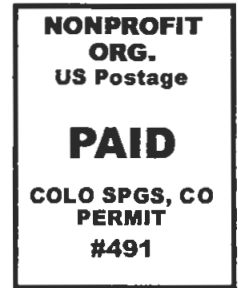
Please drop by the Center to see all the photos OCCHS took during the 2-day event. Thanks to King Sooper who donated the sodas & waters for our volunteers and for OCCHS sales. Thanks to everyone who volunteered as guides, ticket takers, the historic participants and all who came out to enjoy the day!

8th Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour:

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour scheduled for Sunday, December 1st, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Once again we will include bed and breakfasts from Manitou Springs, Downtown Colorado Springs, and the west side. Be ready to volunteer to help out at one of these lovely B&B's when asked! (If you have a favorite one you would like to be located at, please give Pat at call at 473-8684 to make arrangements now!) Tickets will be \$10 again when purchased in advance and \$15 at the door. Following the tour, Refreshments,

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Entertainment & Door Prizes will once again be available at the Old Colorado City History Center. Start to make your plans and invite your friends now! Remember this is one of our biggest fund raising events for the year and help us to make it a Great Success!

The program for October will be Don Moon, local actor and historical reenactor and member of the Red Herring Players, as President Teddy Roosevelt, talking about his trip to the Springs in August of 1902.

The program for November is our own History Center archivist, Dr. Mike Olson, talking about Myths and Legends of the Santa Fe Trail. Bev is also planning an Open House sort of event to welcome him that day. You can get all the details from her.

There will be some new B&B's to view this year.

Rocky Mountain Lodge & Cabins will be joining the tour. They are located up Ute Pass at 4680 Hagerman Avenue, Cascade, Colorado. The lodge was built in 1936 as a vacation home and sets on 2 1/4 acres with easy access to the highway. They have five elegantly furnished bedrooms all with private baths. An outside hot tub can be used both in summer and winter. You will want to be sure to add this to your tour this coming Christmas.

Springs Cottage B&B located in Manitou at 113 Pawnee Ave, will also be a new entry this year. The main house was built in 1881 to welcome guests to the first resort town West of the Mississippi. The cottages were built in 1884 & 1885 because of the success of the main house. A true delight and a definite must see on the B&B tour this year.