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B&B Tour 2003

Ninth Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour
Sunday, December 7th and 14th, 2003 from 2-6
p.m. visit our web site @<http://www.historytour.info> Tickets can be purchased at
the OCCHS Center, The Hearthstone Inn, Holden
House Bed and Breakfast Inn, Cheyenne Canon Inn
or The Inn at Cascade.

Memories of past Holiday's awaken anew each
year helping us plan and celebrate the Holiday Sea-
son with our own special traditions.

We hope the Annual B&B Holiday Tour for
the OCCHS has become one of the traditions that
you and your family & friends count on to start your
Holiday Season!

The Ninth Annual Bed and Breakfast Holiday
Tour has been expanded to a 2-day event Sunday,
December 7th and December 14th, 2-6:00 p.m.
This year's tour is reflective of Christmas in the
Rockies and has been expanded to include historic
homes converted into inns in Colorado Springs,
Cascade, and historic Manitou Springs. As the
number of holiday activities in the Pikes Peak re-
gion starts to mount, be sure to mark your calendars
early for what we at the OCCHS hope has become a
treasured tradition for both family & friends of the
History Center and our local community!

This year's tour presents a unique opportunity to

glimpse inside these area landmarks combining a
sense of history and a worthwhile holiday event into
an early Christmas present you can share with loved
ones. As the number of innkeepers participating in
this annual event has grown over the years, enjoying
the lovingly restored properties in their holiday rega-
lia has also become a race against the clock. We
hope to enhance your enjoyment of this Annual Tra-
dition by offering a two-day event. Your tour ticket,
still priced at only \$10 (in advance) and \$12
(purchased at the door) will entitle you to visit all
the B&B's on the tour and participate in one or both
dates.

December 7th's Tour Date will include historic
Manitou Springs and Cascade. A true Rocky Moun-
tain Christmas will be enjoyed when visiting the
Rocky Mountain Lodge & Cabins located at 4680
Hagerman Avenue in Cascade. This rustic log sum-
mer home was built in 1936 and is elegantly fur-
nished with oak, leather & antique furniture. Inn of
Cascade is a wonderful adobe recently opened to the
public as a Bed and Breakfast. Eastholme in the
Rockies, an 1885 Victorian property on the National
Historic Registry with spectacular mountain scenery,
will delight the senses with the many custom decora-
tions and custom painting techniques.

Manitou Springs features the Blue Skies Inn,
located on the historic Briarhurst estate and designed
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th 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 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
November 14, 2003
At the History Center



Explore the REAL History
 at the
**OLD COLORADO CITY
 HISTORY CENTER**

1 South 24th Street
 (the corner of Pikes Peak & 24th Streets)
 (719) 636-1225

FREE ADMISSION

Old Colorado City History Center encourages you to attend its events, meetings, and projects. Please call 636-1225 for information

Summer Hours
 (June – September)

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after the 1874 carriage house with custom artist-painted & fanciful decorations, the historic Gray's Avenue Hotel, Rockledge Country Inn and The Peacock Bed & Breakfast. Visions of Sugar Plums will certainly be dancing in your heads after viewing these lovely restored Victorian properties.

December 14th's Tour Date will include Our Hearts Inn, just 2 blocks from the OCCHS Center and Museum. Pat has custom stenciled this 1895 home featuring the original patterned plaster walls and a separate 1940's cottage. Many family antiques fill the rooms and custom stenciling enhances the 9-ft ceilings and even the floors. Visitors and guests are always amazed at the extent of Pat's stenciling! Cheyenne Canon Inn, located near the entrance of Seven Falls, offers magnificent views and has a very unique history the innkeeper will be happy to share. The Crescent Lily Inn, Hearthstone Inn and Room at the Inn are located in the downtown area and are wonderful examples of turn of the century charm of Queen Anne Victorians with grand wrap porches. Decorated in traditional Victorian Christmas style, these beautiful homes glow with seasonal hospitality (two offer restaurants open to the public).

The Historic Westside of Colorado Springs also includes the Holden House built in 1902 by Isabel Holden, widow of a wealthy Colorado Springs businessman. The Holden House 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn opened in 1986 as the first Westside B&B and is the oldest in our community still operated by the original innkeepers, Sallie & Welling Clark. The Wedgewood Cottage is also located on Pikes Peak Avenue. Wedgewood Cottage is an 1899 Victorian home whose converted front portion has become a warm and welcoming suite featuring a sitting room, two fireplaces, bedroom and bath with "heart shaped" Jacuzzi tub.

The Victorian period brought forth in Colorado a style of houses that are still loved today. Victorian architecture, gingerbread and the varied & unique colors they are painted have many still referring to these homes as "Painted Ladies." Victorians enjoyed extravagant entertaining and meals consisting of as many as nine courses. Although the extravagance of this past Victorian Era is gone, these Victorian homes are now happy to play host to the many who enter for a unique Bed and Breakfast experience.

The Bed and Breakfast innkeepers participating in the Ninth Annual Holiday Tour invite you to come visit as we Celebrate the Holidays by opening our homes to the community. According to Bev Disch, OCCHS president, the B&B tour is an important fund-raiser and helps the society accomplish annual projects for the History Center & Museum.

Please mark your calendars for December 7th and December 14th and plan to enjoy one or both tour dates with a friend or family member. The Holiday tour will end at the Center where refreshments will be held. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Center, The Hearthstone Inn, Holden House Bed & Breakfast Inn, Cheyenne Canon Inn or The Inn at Cascade.

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REMEMBERING OLIVE LANGSTON

by Paul Idleman

A special lady and friend of the Old Colorado City History Center passed away in September. I first met Olive Langston in May of 1984. A good friend of mine had asked me to photograph his "adopted grandparents" for their wedding anniversary. I met Olive and Vern Langston and spent a few hours one afternoon with them, taking pictures at the same stone bridge over Cheyenne Creek in Cheyenne Canon where they were married 50 years before. The photos would mean a great deal to Olive after Vern died about a year later. That day would also mean a great deal to me, because Olive became my dear friend for the next 17 years.

After several visits, I began to hear some of Olive's stories about growing up in Colorado. One day, she pulled out a manuscript about her life that she had written at the insistence of her daughter, Linda. I asked Olive if the History Center could "desktop publish" her memories. She agreed to allow us to print her 15-page book, *HOME-STEADING IN EASTERN COLORADO*, and sell it in the museum's Book & Gift Shop with all proceeds going to the History Center.

Olive Walker Langston came to Colorado in 1913 at the age of two and grew up on the family homestead 30 miles southwest of Hugo in Lincoln County, near a place that would eventually become known as "Punkin' Center". She wrote of her many fond memories of life on the prairie, like 5-day covered wagon trips to the Arkansas River for a load of apples and riding their horses 3½ miles to Miss Gilmore's class at Amy School. She remembered, with wonderful detail, the methods of farming and ranching in those still pioneer times; as well as home life miles from any neighbors. Still, there were activities with the neighbors like school games, Sunday School parties and, eventually, dances held in neighbor's homes. Later on, in the 1930's, they went to barn dances held within a 30-mile radius. Olive wrote, "Oh, we really had good times."

Olive was a teacher, first in several one-room country schools, then at Prairie Grove and Elbert County. That may explain her devotion to

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WESTSIDE MEMORIES

compiled by Jan Knox &
Arlene Casey

COMMUNITY CENTER IS ASSURED WEST SIDE

Meeting Last Night Results in Approval of Plans for Remodeling Old Standard Club Building

A community Center, equal to any in the state, will soon be established on the west side at the Standard club building, according to plans now under way. The old building was purchased by the city for a fire station and in the plans for remodeling the building for this purpose it is proposed to utilize the second floor for club rooms where civic bodies may gather. A banquet room has been provided for in the plans, and shower baths will be installed on the first floor. The plans for the structure were outlined to the members of the West Side Community club last night. . . . Work on remodeling the structure will start within a short time Commissioner Payton told the members.

In making plans for the summer activities, the members last night proposed to have a series of lectures on health and hygiene and the care of children.

March 13, 1920,

Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph

WEST END CLUB TO BE ON PERMANENT BASIS

The formation of a permanent West End Community club and the establishment of a community center in the old Standard club building are the plans now before the people of West Colorado Springs. The election of P.J. Hamble as temporary chairman and Mrs. W.F. Bradley as temporary secretary of the club took place last night and at the meeting next Thursday night the club is to be placed on a permanent basis.

March 20, 1920,

Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph

CAN'T GET BIDS FOR REMODELING CLUB BLDG

Council Advertises Work for West End Community and Fire House but Contractors Too Busy

The city council is in a quandary over the problem of getting the required alterations and improvements made in the old Standard club building at Colorado avenue and Twenty-ninth street. Tho the city had advertised five different days for bids on the work, when council convened today, which also marked the five-day period required by law before the bids could be opened, Commissioner Edgar Payton of the Department of public works and property reported that no bids had been submitted.

Various reasons are assigned for the failure of the contractors to bid on the job, which it was estimated would cost at least \$3,000. Perhaps the chief reason is the tremendous amount of building work which is now in progress and which has swamped local contractors to the point where they cannot accept more work. Another reason is the fact that builders prefer at the present time to pass up work which is to be done under a contract owing to the fluctuating prices of building material.

The council took no action on the affair, so that the West End fire station may have to remain in its present inadequate quarters for some time.

April 16, 1920,

Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph

5,000 NEW VOTERS IN SPRINGS ALONE

Registration Total for City is 15,000;
Precincts 37 Gets Largest Number New Names

Four less than 15,000 voters are registered in Colorado Springs for the general election of November 2. Veteran political workers at Republican headquarters said this morning---that the registration was by far the largest in the history of El Paso county and indicated a lively interest both in the local and national campaigns.

. . . Prior to the primaries of September 14 the registration in the city was 9,468. (40 precincts were broken down with the unofficial report of registration.)

October 1920

Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph

Two Residences Sold

Latta and Harpole report the sales today of two residences. The house at 1615 North Weber street, owned by Susie Persinger, was sold to Hattie Stewart for \$4,400 and the residence at 621 East Willamette avenue was sold to

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REMEMBERING OLIVE LANGSTON

document so many things that have proven to be invaluable knowledge for young students discovering our local heritage. She worked over two years on her manuscript as a labor of love for her family, friends and, finally, all who were interested.

Olive remembered a saying given to her by Miss Ella Gilmore of Colorado Springs, her first school teacher. "Count that day lost who's low descending sun has seen no worthy action done." Olive lived by those words all her life and enjoyed life to the fullest. Even when suffering the loss of her husband, health problems and rapidly failing eyesight, she always kept busy and was always happy to see you.

She impacted so many lives, including mine. And, through her love of heritage and writing, we can thank Olive for helping us to preserve the history of those early times. She will be dearly missed.

B&B Tour continued

Visit our web site new this year at www.history/tour.info. Each participating B&B will have tickets on hand for purchase day of the tour as well.

Once again, the expanded tour dates this year are:

Sunday, December 7th, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with B&B's located in Cascade and Manitou Springs.

Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Colorado Springs area B&B's will be featured.

The ticket price allows you to participate in one or both tour dates at a cost of \$10 in advance (by December 6) or \$12 at the door the day of the tour. All proceeds from The Ninth Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour will benefit the OCCHS.

Questions or comments, contact?

Pat Fejedelem
9th Annual Holiday
Bed & Breakfast Tour
Sunday, December 7th and 14th, 2003 2-6 p.m.

HOLIDAY BED & BREAKFAST TOUR TO BENEFIT OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORY CENTER December 7th and 14th

In conjunction with *National Bed & Breakfast Open House*, Pikes Peak area Bed & Breakfast (B&B) Inns will participate in the *Ninth Annual Victorian Bed & Breakfast Holiday Tour* on two different dates: *Sunday, December 7th and Sunday, December 14, from 2-6 p.m.* The tour, sponsored by the *Old Colorado City Historical Society*, will benefit that non-profit organization and its history center with all proceeds donated to the society. This year's tour includes beautiful and historic homes lovingly converted to bed and breakfast inns and the Old Colorado City History Center museum. The participating properties are located in: Old Colorado City historic area, downtown Colorado Springs, historic Manitou Springs and Cascade.

Start your holiday season with a peek inn-side bed and breakfast homes and a museum decorated for Christmas in the Rockies. Varied decorating styles range from High Victorian, Victorian Country, Colorado Lodge, and Cottages. You're invited to visit and see the "Season's Best", professionally and personally decked out to celebrate our season, our area and our local history center.

Built in 1890 as the First Baptist Church of Old Colorado City by well-known architect, Walter Farquhar Douglas, the restored Old Colorado City History Center contains a museum, research library and bookshop.

On December 14th, gift drawings from Old Colorado City Merchants and Bed & Breakfasts will be held at the Old Colorado City Historical Society's History Center. Refreshments will also be provided. The Center is located at 1 South 24th Street.

For more information:

Website: www.historytour.info

Email: inns@historytour.info

Call 471-3980 or 473-8684

*COST: Tickets \$10 per person (Advance-purchased before December 1st) \$12 (At the Door) *Limited Quantities - Prices are for All Ages Purchase Tickets in Advance: OCCHS, 719-636-1225, 1 S. 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904*

This year's tour includes beautiful and historic homes lovingly converted to bed and breakfast inns and the Old Colorado City History Center museum. The participating properties are located in or near Old Colorado City Historic District, Downtown Colorado Springs, Historic Manitou Springs and Cascade at the foot of Pikes Peak. Varied decorating styles range from High Victorian, Victorian Country, Colorado Lodge, and Cottages. You're invited to visit and see the "Season's Best", professionally and personally decked out to celebrate our season, our area and our local history center.

... from the Front Porch Swing

Splicing through the crisp autumn air are the annoying sounds of progress. You know, the lumbering heavy moving equipment and the noisy trucks with their piercing back-up beeps. But I take some encouragement from the perspective that here in Old Colorado City, this is evidence of a progress to the past.

The Historical Society has begun the establishment of a permanent home in Bancroft Park for our beloved cabin. This important monument has been a doctor's office and drugstore, a Chinese laundry, the El Paso County Seat, the Post Office, Claims Office, Telegraph Office, and a meeting place for the first Territorial Legislature. It was used as an antique shop and a decorative cabin on the Broadmoor golf course before it was dismantled and transported to Denver in 1959 to celebrate the Rush to the Rockies Centennial. Welcome Home, Honey – you belong front and center in our town.

Next on the near horizon is the renovation of our original Carnegie Library. I've visited quite a few of these historic buildings in other small towns, and most of the time they have been remodeled to keep up with the practical demands of a growing library. But in the process, the beauty and historic value has been sacrificed. Not here in our town - a citizen committee has begun the job of saving the building with private fundraising. Once the structural base of the building is restored, work will begin to preserve the exterior and eventually the interior will be renewed and enhanced to reflect the 1904 original architectural details. The Colorado State Historical Society has already given a generous grant, to be matched by the end of 2004.

We'll soon begin to see and hear the process as the foundation of this 100-year treasure is upgraded in preparation for the massive two-and-a-half million-dollar preservation project. I'll put up with the inconvenience, the noise and the clamor. It's progress to the past.

by Bettyann Henderson

FUTURE O.C.C.H.S. PROGRAMS

November 14, 2003: Tim Scanlon, Senior Planner, Historic Preservation Specialist for the City of Colorado Springs (topic will be announced in the next West Word)

NO DECEMBER MEETING: BE SURE TO TAKE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO THE ANNUAL BED & BREAKFAST TOUR

January 9, 2004: Cynthia Becker, author of a new book "Chipeta, Queen of the Utes" will talk about Chipeta. Mrs. Becker's book will be available for sale and she will sign them.

February 13, 2004: To Be Announced

March 12, 2004: Kathleen Norman will give a talk about historic Lake City, CO. Her book on Lake City is finished but not published at this time. Mrs. Norman is the author of our Old Colorado City Walking Tour book.

April 9, 2004: To Be Announced

Banana Pumpkin Bread

This is a moist, tasty breakfast bread perfect with jam, margarine, or even cream cheese. Best of all, it's low in fat! This recipe has been scaled to make: 12 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1-1/3 cups canned pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup raisins

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 9x5 inch loaf pan.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the mashed banana, eggs, oil, pumpkin, honey and sugar. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, pie spice and cinnamon, stir into the banana mixture until just combined. Fold in the raisins and walnuts if desired. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean. Cool loaf in the pan for 10 minutes before moving to a wire rack to cool completely.

Own a Piece of History

Wouldn't it be wonderful to own a piece of history that dates from the earliest days of Colorado City? Well, your Society is doing something that will make a piece of history available to you. The historic log cabin, now located in Bancroft Park, is the oldest structure from the Colorado City days. It dates back to 1859 and your Society is in the process of renovating the building with the help of a grant from the State Historical Society. During this renovation, and previous renovations, original logs from the building have been removed. We have taken two of these logs and sliced them into one-inch pieces. Each log cut will be engraved with the following:

"This crosscut, removed during repairs, came from an original log of the historic cabin erected in Colorado City in 1859, now in Bancroft Park.

Certified True – Old Colorado City
Historical Society, June 2003"

These log mementos will be offered as a limited edition to members of the Society and other historians. The logs will be numbered and will be issued in a limited set of 100. With each log, the purchaser will receive a parchment Certificate of Authenticity, signed by the President of the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

The logs have been cut and are in the process of being engraved. We project that we will be able to mail completed logs and certificates in the December timeframe.

We are currently taking orders for the logs. The cost for each log is \$25 (no discounts), plus \$5, if the log is to be mailed.

To place your order, please complete the order form below and mail it to OCCHS, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Your check should be made payable to OCCHS. For credit card orders, please furnish the information requested.

Order Form—Own a Piece of History

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____

Number of log mementos ordered _____ @ \$25
 each \$ _____

Mailing fee \$5 for each log ordered
 \$ _____

Total amount
 \$ _____

Payment: _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____

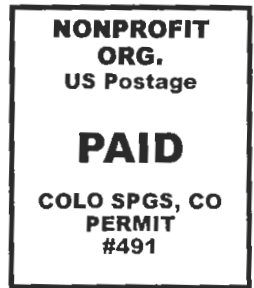
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OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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L.T. Wilson of Oakley, Kan., by Mrs. D.F. Kirsl, the consideration being \$3,500. (*The 2003 Market Value according to the El Paso County Assessor of 1615 N. Weber Street is \$129,760. The 2003 Market Value of 621 E. Willamette Avenue is \$118,800.*)

April 16, 1920, Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph

Because of time constraints and a very busy schedule Jan Knox has turned over the editing chores of West Side Memories to Arlene Casey who will be submitting her column to West Word from now on. We appreciate all the time and effort Jan has put into the research to bring us a glimpse of what was happening in our community over the past hundred years or so. Thanks Jan -

Merv Editor of West Word.

In Remembrance

Olive Langston

August 23, 1911 - September 26, 2003

At age 2, Olive moved with her family and homesteaded in Eastern Colorado. She was the author of "Homesteading in Eastern Colorado" which can be purchased in our bookstore. She loved the mountains, camping and traveling. We extend our sympathies to her family.