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THE SHORT LINE

The
Gold
Camp
Road
By
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Ellis

My family moved to the Gold Camp Road in 1944, and Gold Camp Road history

gradually seeped into my life. The road got the name "Goldcamp Road" in 1940 because the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and the town officials of Cripple Creek and Victor promoted that name which they thought would, "prove highly beneficial ... as it calls attention to the most famous gold field of Colorado and the entire United States." But, for another ten years or more, my father called it "the Corley Road." And, he told about a man named W. D. Corley who bought the bankrupt Cripple Creek



St Peters Dome on the Short Line

Short Line Railroad and made its roadbed into a toll road, the Corley Mountain Highway, which he operated from 1924 until 1939.

Even my earliest experiences living on the Gold Camp Road harkened back to an earlier time. With World War II gas

rationing, tour limousines

were temporarily replaced by horse drawn wagons in which tourists rode slowly by in the open.

When our family drove the Gold Camp Road in the '40's and '50's there were still over a dozen buildings at Rosemont, including Rosemont's historic hotel. Aside from Bear Creek Canyon, this was the most populated area along the Gold Camp Road. Everyone on the Gold Camp Road from Colorado Springs to Rosemont, and possibly to Clyde, had the same

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MISSION

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society was founded as a volunteer organization to recognize the historical significance and unique culture of original Old Colorado City and early El Paso County. This spirit is perpetuated through the preservation of artifacts and archival materials, encouragement of research, education of the children and the community, through the membership and the operation of the History Center at 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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 10, 2004
at the History Center



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1 South 24th Street
(the corner of Pikes Peak & 24th Streets)
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FREE ADMISSION

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

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RODEO HONORS HUGHES

The August 64th Pikes Peak Rodeo Parade in downtown Colorado Springs honored Retired Colonel

Dave Hughes for his being named a 2004 West Point 'Distinguished Graduate.' They invited him to ride in the Parade as the Grand Marshal. There was a little humor in their uncertainty before they invited him, whether 76 year old Dave could handle a horse at all and at that age! He pointed out he grew up with horses on the Hughes ranch (with the Lazy T/O brand) east of Kiowa and even, as a teenager rode in the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in 1945! Heck yes he could ride!

He declined their invitation to provide a horse from the Air Force Academy stables, and got his own mount – a big, black, beautiful Morgan from a stables next to the Garden of the Gods – which has operated since 1937.

He would pay for the use of the horse, saddle and bridle, horse trailer, truck, and stable wranglers to get it to and from the Parade area. 5 hours of work by 3 men.

But he also was determined to wear his splendid black military style coat with West Point crests as buttons, one brace of medals – including the Distinguished Service Cross and three Silver Stars, his Custer era black cavalry officer's Stetson instead of his customary white

cowhand Stetson, and on the hat, a set of gleaming crossed sabers with the number '7' above them on the hat front – the very officers insignia he had worn on his collar in the Korean War in the 7th Cavalry Regiment.



Photo by Tom Hendrix

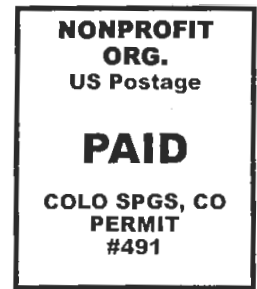
But he went further. He strapped on a valuable 1861 Union officers Cavalry Sword from his personal collection that was used in Colorado during the Civil War, possibly at the Battle of Glorieta Pass.

Well, the Parade went off well, and many of the 20,000 who watched commented to him and the wranglers what a great looking horse he rode. In fact it outshined the rather small horses loaned to the two Generals from the Air Force Academy and Fort Carson who rode behind the Grand Marshal.

The stable was so pleased at the praise their horse got, they donated the whole effort.

And a Colonel from Fort Carson asked if he could bring all his officers from the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment which is going back to Iraq again to the History Center and get a lecture from Colonel Hughes on Colorado City and its role in the Civil War and combat leadership!

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President' Message

We've had a busy summer with a number of events. Tuesday Nights in July program were well attended. Many thanks to Joanne Karlson and her volunteers for putting this together. Founder's Day was very successful with fun events, live music, picnics and square dancing -- a real old-fashioned two day gift to the community in conjunction with the Westside Library's Carnegie Day Celebration. Many thanks to our volunteers who made all those yummy goodies for our bake sale in the cabin.

We have been given Dr. Harold Herold's pharmacy artifacts collection of more than eleven hundred items that was appraised at over \$67,000. Mrs. Marrietta Herold had the collection sent to us from another museum. We plan to have a media event accepting this magnificent collection from her. Liz Geiss is planning on exhibition on a revolving basis to display this collection in our center.

Do support our 7th annual Cemetery Crawl Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29th from 2 to 5 pm at the

Fairview Cemetery on 26th Street. Ask all your friends to come visit with Laura Belle and the other pioneers.

So we are in the swing for the coming fall season, remember our general meetings beginning again on the usual second Friday, September 10th. Our program will feature Jane Mannon the manager of Community Affairs for the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Co.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Bev Disch

The Society would like to thank Bette Ann Henderson for the wonderful work she has done on our herb garden. The garden looks wonderful. THANK YOU Bette Ann