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Buried Treasure

By Susie Schorsch

History has always had ways to be known. Early man told tales to their families and friends and oral history was born. These tales were passed down through generations, some truths and some fantasy. Many ended up as fable, myths, legends and parables. Families reunions are today's oral history. Each time we get together with family and friends, old stories are told, and, as in the fishing tale, the fish can get bigger and bigger. The story may be tainted, but the truth of family love prevails.

Written language also became a way history was known. First, only the educated and wealthy were able to acquire written texts, but with the invention of the printing press, common man could read and remember. Of course, written history just like oral history can be changed, revised, and presented in a way that the writer wants us to remember. It is fallible, but truths can be unburied. For example, today's children will commonly tell you the main reason the Civil War was fought was to free the slaves. Freeing the slaves was the most important outcome, but states rights and individual rights versus the growth in our federal government are often forgotten. Do we remember slavery as one of the biggest sins of our nation or the fact that our nation freed slaves as one of the positive highlights of our nation, when many nations then and even today still have slavery. It depends on how this history is told orally and how it is written.

Another way we keep history alive is through pictures. In 1800 Thomas Wedgwood made "sun pictures" by placing opaque objects on leather treated with silver nitrate, but the image deteriorated rapidly. In 1834 Henry Fox Talbot created the permanent (negative) image using

paper soaked in silver chloride and fixed with a salt solution. In 1837 Louis Daguerre created images on silver-plate copper, coated with silver iodine and "developed" with warm mercury. For this he was awarded a state pension by the French government in exchange for publication of methods and rights of French citizens to use the Daguerreotype process. From 1855-57 direct positive images on glass and metal tintypes were popular in the US. History in pictures became the norm when Matthew Brady and his staff covered the American Civil War exposing over 7000 images. "A picture can say 1000 words" is evident as you see the face of President Lincoln change over the time of the war.

In 1900 the Kodak Brownie was introduced, paving the way for common citizens to record through pictures the people and places they knew and loved. Pictures still today are the most treasured possessions of a family.

Old Colorado City Historical Society also has a wonderful collection of "treasures". Many pictures that have been donated to our society to keep, restore, and then share with the public. Over the years we have been storing photos in acid free boxes and slowly we have been cataloging and putting these pictures on the computer in digital form. If you look at the "red" wall in our museum, you will see some of the efforts of our Archive Department over the last year. My favorite picture is of a line of Victorian ladies, standing in a field on a summer's day. If you could look at the original, it is dark and discolored, small and hard to even see. If you look at the restored picture, you can clearly see

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF EACH MONTH

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:

Student	\$15	Lifetime	\$150
Individual	\$25	Business	\$50
Family	\$30	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.

WELCOME TO OCCHS!**~ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS**

Sherry Bennett

Dorothy Borst

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Pamela Cole

Art Crawford

Cynthia Estes

Patricia Fejedelem

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John Timberlake

Gymnasium named for Dave Hughes

At the Westside Community Center's open house on June 26, Dick Siever, the center's director, announced that the gymnasium in the Westside Community Center was being named in honor of our own Dave Hughes.

For more information on the open house, see the July 1 *Westside Pioneer*.

A special thank you to the members of the Goodwill Community Participation Group.

by Barbara Barbaro

These dedicated folks show up at the History Center almost every Tuesday afternoon to help keep our grounds clean, our plants pruned, and our flower beds weeded. They also work inside the Center sweeping floors and vacuuming. Typically, there are five to six workers who come along with their supervisor, Tish Wyche-Gayle,

and they spend an hour each week, often in inclement weather, to volunteer their services. History Center volunteers Jan deChadenedes and Judy Willey arrange for the work to be done and work right alongside them. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the entire Community Participation Group team and to Jan and Judy!



Members of the Goodwill Community Participation Group and OCCHS volunteers preparing to spread wood chips in the flower beds and herb garden: L to R: Tish Wyche-Gayle, supervisor; Judy Willey, OCCHS member; Goodwill volunteers John Ford and David Musgrave; and OCCHS member Jan deChadenedes

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the faces of these ladies and almost read what is on their mind by their expression. History restored.

Our Archive Department, working with professional photographer, Don Kallaus, is in the process of making more photography from the past available to you. This is possible due to the wonderful gifts of photography that have been given to Old Colorado City Historical Society.

We have over the years received many photographs and photographic collections. One collection, accompanied with a generous financial donation came to us courtesy of Shirley M. Bonds, owner and operator of Peerless Graphics. Peerless Graphics was a print service located in our own Westside from the 1940's to the 1970's. This company, that had been located at 2526 West Colorado Avenue, was responsible for publishing much about Colorado, Colorado Springs, the old Westside and the history of Colorado City.

The collection is made up of 261 photo negatives, the majority black and white. These negatives had to be digitally reproduced and printed in a size that could be easily viewed. Many images from

this collection are copies of known regional photographs, yet there are many originals. It is these original unknown images that have us very excited. It is the Historical Society's hope that we can print a number of these pictures for the general public to enjoy.

So, starting in August, we have chosen three beautiful landscape images to make available to the public for purchase in our bookstore. The subject of the three scenics are very representative of the Pikes Peak region and can be purchased singly or as a set. Don Kallaus will handle the special printing. They will be archival mounted, fine art silver gelatin black and white prints from the original negatives, toned for richness, suitable for framing. They will be on display in the bookstore. Please come by see them.

They will be reasonably priced and the proceeds from the sale of these pictures will go



toward our continued efforts to make available to the general viewing public this wonderful collection of historic photography that makes up the OCCHS Photographic Archive.

We thank you ahead of time for helping us with our buried treasure.



*Photos from the Peerless Printing Collection
Information on the history of photography from <http://photo.net/history/timeline>*

In Memoriam **Orville Kenelly**

Orville Kenelly died May 24th at the Veterans' Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Kenelly played important roles in establishing the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

Mr. Kenelly was a member of the OCCHS Board and served more than three years as the Society's treasurer (1985-1989). He contributed museum items from his personal collection, and as an attorney was instrumental in encouraging Mary Dunning Rymer to contribute family items from early Colorado City.

But his most direct contribution was in handling legal details when Luther McKnight promised OCCHS ownership of a priceless collection of Colorado City artifacts and photographs and a cash bequest totaling more than \$100,000. This donation from McKnight's estate supplied the bulk of the fund used to purchase the former Colorado City Baptist Church which became the OCCHS History Center.

Mr. Kenelly was born (1933) and educated in Louisiana, getting his law degree from Tulane University. He came to Colorado Springs in 1958 with his wife Lillian Shadler Kenelly. The couple had two daughters, Allison (Mrs. Toby) Houston of Aurora and Lainie (Mrs. Tim) McDonald of Colorado Springs. Other survivors include two sisters, a brother and five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Kenelly moved to Green Valley, Arizona in 2003.

Besides OCCHS, Mr. Kenelly was active in a number of area organizations including Civitan, Isaac Walton, Civil Air Patrol, Masons, Shriners, Goodwill Industries, and County and State Bar Associations.

Ralph Conner

You're Invited to **FOUNDERS WEEKEND** with 2 Great Events!

Sat. Aug. 14th
Old Colorado City
FOUNDERS DAY

1859 - 2010 151 Years Old!

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
BANCROFT PARK
24th & W. Colo. Ave.
Colorado Springs 80904



◆ **FOUNTAIN CREEK BRASS BAND**

12:30 p.m., 30 piece band playing early 1900's music

◆ **COLORADO SPRINGS VICTORIAN SOCIETY**

19th Century dance demonstrations with audience participation

◆ **ROCKY MOUNTAIN GUNSLINGERS**

Re-enacting early Colorado City life

◆ **HISTORIC WALKING TOURS**

Conducted by the Carnegie Library Staff

◆ **GOLD PANNING**

◆ **COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

◆ **ARTS & CRAFTS IN THE PARK** 30 booths

◆ **1859 DR. GARVIN CABIN** special displays

◆ **OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORY CENTER**

open with special displays, prize drawings



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FRIDAY AUGUST 13th, 6 - 8 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE & ART SALE
OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORY CENTER

2 S. 24th Colorado Springs 80904 Proceeds to benefit the Old Colorado City Historical Society

Oil Paintings by Jack Ekstrom **ALONG THE HIGH ROAD**

toward the famous Battle of Glorietta Pass with stops along the way from TAOS to SANTA FE



Frank

President's Report

By Phil McDonald

Greetings to all of our OCCHS members! I hope that you all are enjoying a happy and satisfying summer and that your plans include travel to some of the many historic sites in our area. As usual, the OCCHS is the center of action for a host of seasonal activities. As you know, the Saturday arts and crafts exhibits, formerly located in Bancroft Park, have been downsized and moved to our property. I assisted with taking down the exhibits on Saturday, July 3 and the new arrangement seemed to be working quite well. Many thanks to Jo Cervone for insuring a smooth transition to the new venue.

Joanne Carlson's "Tuesday Nights in July" is off and running. A good time was had by all at the July 6 Ice Cream Social and I was gratified by the nice turnout of 40 or so folks for my presentation on "Frontier Forts of the Southwest." A substantial turn-out is expected for Richard Marold's impersonation of Nicola Tesla which will take place on July 20.

The date of our next Board of Directors meeting has been changed to Friday, July 23. Two special guests will appear at this meeting. Shirley Bonds, a generous contributor to the OCCHS, will be thanked by the Board for her goodwill and support of our society. The Board will also hear a short presentation by representatives from Colorado Preservation. They will be explaining the process through which the OCCHS may apply for grants to preserve endangered buildings with historical value.

The Board of Directors of your society is working hard to continue offering a rich variety of programs for your education and enjoyment. I'll see you at the next one!

Bookstore Announcements

The new book "Images of America - Woodland Park" is now available in the Museum Store. It was put out by the Ute Pass Historical Society and the Pikes Peak Museum. It is part of the Images of America series

JUNE, 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

We lost a little ground on our deficit this month, but we also prepaid a lot for the upcoming Founders Day event. Over all we are close to our budgeted expenses and income. July has a number of events that should help us to achieve budget and Suzie has done a marvelous job with the Bookstore and next month we should have a nice transfer of funds from the profits of the Bookstore. We have also received a nice return on our Fixed Endowment Fund. The cash portion of our Edward Jones Investment Fund is now over \$3600. The Total of the Endowment Fund now exceeds \$95,000.00. The remaining summer events should have us exceeding our budgeted figures.

TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS

OCCHS Bank Account	\$ 4,656.44
Bookstore Bank Account	\$ 5,482.51
Memorial Hos. Revenue Bond	\$ 50,860.50
Cal. Regents Revenue Bond	\$ 25,944.25
Edward Jones Bonds (Cash)	\$ 3,639.09
Total fixed Endowment Funds	\$ 95,019.18
Earned Income Savings	\$ 11,108.38

Total Liquid Assets \$120,157.18

Johnie E. Jackson, Treasurer
Old Colorado City Historical Society

printed by Arcadia Publishing and contains about 200 photographs of Woodland Park and its surrounding areas. It gives an introduction of the people, places and industries that have given Woodland park its distinct character. The book cost \$21.99 and as always, a 10% discount is given to all OCCHS members.

"Lightning in His Hand: The Life Story of Nikola Tesla" by Hunt and Draper has been republished by the Pikes Peak Library District. The OCCHS bookstore has obtained copies of this book to sell to go along with our Tuesday Night Lecture series where Richard Marold, author and portrayer of historical characters, will present his program on Nikola Tesla.

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August at the Old Colorado City History Center

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Saturdays, Aug. 7, 21, 28 Arts & Crafts on Pikes Peak Avenue & S. 24th St.,
except Aug. 14th. Vendors join others at Founders Day activities in
Bancroft Park.

Friday, August 13 Summer Art Show & Sale at History Center featuring paintings by
6 to 8 P.M. OCCHS member, Jack Ekstrom. Refreshments.
Proceeds benefit OCCHS.

Saturday, Aug 14, Founders Day events in Bancroft Park,
9 A.M. to 3 P.M. 12:30 Fountain Creek Brass Band concert.
Bring your friends and enjoy Victorian Society dancers, walking
tours, booths with Arts & Crafts, gold panning and more, Displays
and talks in Garvin Cabin and prize drawings at History Center.

Sunday, Aug 29, Fairview Cemetery Crawl annual fundraiser.
10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Historical vignettes portraying life (and death!) from earliest
Colorado City days.
Contact History Center for tickets and more information.
Last tour begins 2 p.m.

Looking forward - Fall is around the corner with the first fall program
on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m.

Museum Hours: Tues. thru Sat., 11 - 4 Free Admission. ~ Donations greatly appreciated