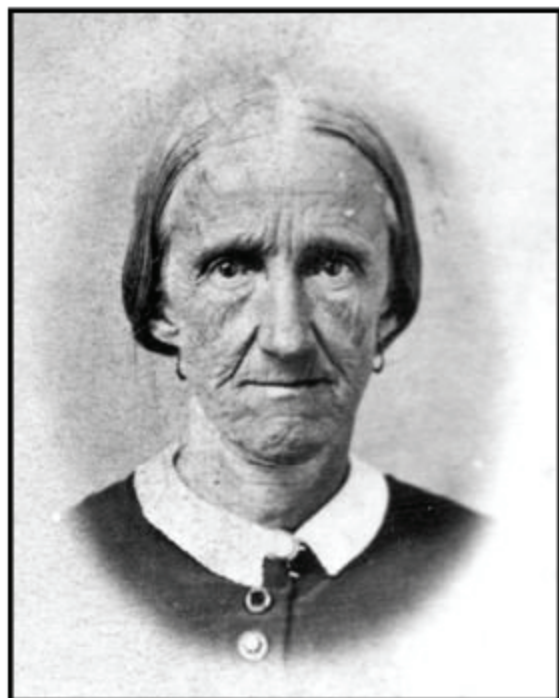


## The Lucy Maggard Women

By Dave Hughes

Once again our Society's Web Site has collected original history about one of the very earliest pioneers of Colorado City. Sharon Knapp, from tiny Superior, Montana, recently found our web site by slow dial-up modem. She is the great, great, great, granddaughter of legendary Lucy Maggard about whom we had very little information. Sharon has given us - via email with photographs - a fascinating account about the long life during turbulent times this Pioneer business woman



Lucy Ann Maggard - only known photo of her late in life

lived through, as well as glimpses of the lives of her equally interesting daughters.

We only knew that when Lucy came to Colorado City by 1861 she was the proprietress of the very small 'Central Hotel' - such as it was. When the newly elected Colorado Territorial Legislature convened in Colorado City on July 7th, 1862 her 'hotel' was actually only a two story log building built by her son-in-law, William Green Price. It was so small that the lawmakers had to sleep on the floor upstairs and meet in her kitchen.

Lucy was such a self-assured practical woman - unimpressed by the self-important male lawmakers - that she cleared them all out of her kitchen for meals. And she pressed the men to get wood for her fire, and water from Camp Creek before she would feed them, even though they included such important men as George Crocker who hiked down from California Gulch, and decided to camp outside, before being elected Speaker of the House.

The first lawmakers of Colorado Territory were so disillusioned by the accommodations that Colorado City had for their new government - and perhaps intimidated by no-nonsense Lucy - after only four days they voted to adjourn. On July 11th, 1862 they hightailed it back to Denver - where they remain to this day.

The competing 'El Paso House' - on the site today occupied by the Amarillo Motel, on the south-west corner of 28th and West Colorado - would have offered much better accommodations. But as luck would have it, it was not finished until 4 days after the lawmakers left town. So Lucy Maggard gets the blame - or praise, depending on your point of view - for ending Colorado City's bid to be the Territorial,

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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:

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

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Call Bev Disch or the History Center if you can help with -

- Memorial Weekend bake sale
- Territory Days host at Cabin or Museum
- June 19 Arts & Crafts in the Park
- July 6 Ice Cream Social
- August 14 Founders Day in the Park

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then later the State, Capitol. To the then town of Denver went that dubious honor.

Always the entrepreneur, Lucy abandoned her 'Central Hotel' and began, just days after the Legislature left, to operate the successful El Paso House just a block away!

These few things we knew. But what we did not know until now, was the story of where Lucy Maggard came from. She was born Lucy Ann Davis in New York State in 1814. Or that her husband, David Maggard, father of Lucy's four children, died in 1850 in St Joseph Missouri. Or why, and where she went after she left Colorado City in 1864.

We know now that she came across the dangerous plains from Kansas in 1859 with two of her three daughters and her son. One was Amanda - with her husband William Green Price. The other, unmarried Fidella, as well as Lucy's son, Jack. They first stopped in Auraria, now Denver. With the savvy she had accumulated earlier - perhaps from already having run a 20 bed Boarding House in Missouri in 1850 - she immediately acquired a one story building, added stories to it, and ran it as "The Tremont" hotel for at least a year before selling it and moving in 1861 to the more 'promising Colorado City'. Her third daughter, Catherine with her husband traveled separately, and went on up to Gregory Gulch and Central City where the big gold action was. Gold rush fever had infected them all.

Lucy had good reason to leave the Kansas-Missouri border region. Kansas, a border state was wracked with southern versus northern vigilantism and cross-border violence from the slave state of Missouri. When she was away for just three days near Lawrence, Kansas having left behind evidence in her home that she was a staunch abolitionist, it was burned to the ground. Like many others Lucy Maggard went further westward to get away from the eastern conflicts and looming Civil War.

Her descendent Sharon after ten years researching her family roots, concludes Lucy was afflicted also with 'wanderlust'

Everyone seemed to be moving in, then out, from Auraria to seek their fortunes elsewhere - some into the mountains seeking

gold, others, like Lucy, looked for places of growing opportunity. She chose Colorado City which had just won, on November 5th, 1861 the honor of being named the location for the Territorial Capitol. So Lucy Maggard, pregnant daughter Amanda with her husband William Price, 20 year old daughter Fidella, and younger son Jack, headed for Colorado City, 80 miles south.

The next documented information about Lucy came, not from what Sharon had uncovered, but from an advertisement in a very rare copy (only one original exists and we only have a copy) of Volume 1, Number 1, Edition of the Colorado City Journal dated August 1st, 1861. The same ad runs again on the front page of the November 28th, 1861, Number 18 issue. (I own one of only 4 originals, which I have loaned to the Society.) The ad is for the 'Central Hotel' on 'West Central Street, Near Fifth' in Colorado City, with Lucy Maggard, proprietor. That placed it near today's 2800 block about where Pikes Peak Avenue intersects 28th Street. That was right off the most direct route to Denver which ran up past Camp Creek through today's Pleasant Valley. Her ad stated that the 'Denver Coaches' start from 'this house.' And she bragged "The table always well furnished and prices moderate"

One thing we knew from several sources - Lucy Maggard put good food on the table wherever she ran a hotel. And she ran several of them - which repeatedly became her main source of income. She was a business woman from beginning to the end of her wanderlust life.

We have now learned from Sharon much more news about the Maggard family while they were in Colorado City. First of all Fidella married a Colorado City widower, William Garvin - (no relation to Dr. James Garvin who built the cabin that still stands in Bancroft Park). William Garvin homesteaded in today's Garden of the Gods. Theirs was the first recorded marriage, in Colorado City, New Years Eve 1861.

Fidella's married sister Amanda then gave birth to what the family all claimed through the years was the 'first white boy born' in Colorado City. And a girl, whom they named "Colorado."

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Fidella Garvin - circa 1870  
3d Daughter of Lucy

Now we know why Lucy was referred to in Colorado City references as "Mother Maggard"

Amanda with her 5 small children later moved a few miles north of Colorado City and settled on the 'Divide' between Denver City and Colorado City - today's Palmer Divide - from where her husband William engaged in freighting supplies along the front range.

The Ute Indians in isolated El Paso County locations like that always pestered Amanda - with implied threats - to feed them when she was alone with her very small children. She did, even cooking for them once. The nervous couple then moved onto Scott Kelley's ranch 6 miles south of Colorado City, but again, encountered Indians so frequently, they moved back into Colorado City.

Lucy whom all descendent branches of the family agreed was a very resourceful pioneer woman, got wanderlust again. She sold out her interests in Colorado City in 1864 and while

exactly, how and by what route, she travelled the next thousand miles is not known, she next appeared, in the new gold rush town of Virginia City, Montana. She had been married by then to a man named Coberly. Virginia City boomed and busted, so in 1866 she showed up on Flint Creek Montana. Coberly, sickened and died before 1870. Lucy had buried two husbands, but she still pioneered on.

Her unmarried son Jack, was still with her on Flint Creek. They lived the first winter in a small cabin he built, and in the spring put up a large log house so Lucy could make a living serving meals to travelers on the Old Mullin Road from Deer Lodge to Beartown. Lucy was always the business woman. But there they had an encounter with drunken Indians who harassed them. After Jack killed one, probably a Crow, he had to get far away, or risk being killed by the tribe. He left Montana for good. He ended up in Salt Lake City, but died of pneumonia at Fort Douglas, Utah at 28.

All the men in her immediate family died before her.

Finally Lucy Ann Davis-Maggard-Coberly herself, died in her daughter Fidella's home in Deer Lodge, Montana, Tuesday, October 4th, 1892 where she was buried. She was 77 years and 9 months old, having Pioneered and survived during the 1800's when the West, for all its dangers and troubles, opened up for all the Americans who followed.

We thank Sharon Krapp, descended from Lucy through her great great grandmother Fidella, for bringing yet new history to old Colorado City.



Sketch - Legislature ready to return to Denver - forever

## REMINDER – ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, May 14th at the History Center

10 A.M. Light refreshments

10:30 A.M. Business meeting. Elections. Reports. Volunteer recognition. Your attendance is important!



11:10 A.M. OCCHS member, Betsy Shoup and friends will present an illustrated program sharing historical highlights of the century-old El Paso County Pioneers Association.

### William Blackmore

William Blackmore was an English investor who had acquired Spanish land grant property in Southern Colorado. He became acquainted with General Palmer when Palmer wanted to run his D&RG railroad through this property.

General Palmer introduced Blackmore to the Pikes Peak Region, and Blackmore became involved in local development, owning property in Red Rock Canyon and contributing to the development of Manitou.

Blackmore's involvement in the American West is an interesting and far-reaching story. -- *Learn more:*

Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 P.M.

William  
Blackmore  
with  
Chief  
Red Cloud



Members & Friends

Mothers & Daughters

*You are invited to enjoy*

A Spring Afternoon Tea at the History Center

Saturday, May 8th, from 2:30 to 4 P.M.

- ~ Delicious tea sandwiches, desserts & specialties
- ~ English tea & book review
- ~ Historical vignette by Sarah Swint-Martinez
- ~ Tables of 4 or 6 for more intimate visiting
- ~ Lovely door prize drawing from Bennideen's

*Limited seating. Reservations required.*  
Members \$16. Non-members \$18.



Proceeds benefit OCCHS programs

## The U.S. Census:

Where We Were, Where We Are,  
and Where We're Going!

Phil McDonald, OCCHS Board member, researched this timely topic which he presented in an illustrated program to the membership on Friday, April 9th.

His comments included the following:

"2010 marks the 23rd time in our nation's history in which statistics will be gathered by the federal government through a decennial census. This process, mandated by the U.S. Constitution, has important implications for political representation and the dispensation of federal benefits. This presentation will

review the history of the census and, more importantly, will examine the governmental policy implications behind the numbers. We know that the U.S. is getting bigger, older, and more diverse. What will be the social and political consequences of this phenomenon? This is one of the many issues that we'll address as we go behind the numbers of the U.S. census."

The discussion following included topics from health care to changing demographics and what this may mean for our grandchildren as well as the definition of being "American". Thanks, Phil for stimulating our knowledge and perceptions...not just taking the census for granted.

**Table 3. U.S. Population, by Age Group: 1950-2050**

Age/year	1950	1975	2000	2025	2050
<i>Number (in thousands, rounded)</i>					
Total	152,271	215,972	282,339	349,666	420,081
0-19	51,672	75,646	80,560	92,038	109,158
20-64	88,202	117,630	166,718	194,105	224,217
65-65+	12,397	22,696	35,061	63,524	86,706
<i>Percent in Age Group (rounded)</i>					
0-19	33.9	35.0	28.5	26.3	26.0
20-64	57.9	54.5	59.0	55.5	53.4
65-65+	8.1	10.5	12.4	18.2	20.6

Source: CRS computations based on data in the U.S. Bureau of the Census, International Database, at [<http://www.census.gov/iph>].

## New Arrivals in the Bookstore

- Perfect gifts for Mother's Day.
- Many additional titles for newcomers to the Pikes Peak region.

*Extraordinary Women of the Rocky Mountain West* -the new PPLD publication

*Keeping Hearth & Home in Old Colorado* - a practical primer for daily living



## From the President's Desk-

As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers!" But the changing calendar also brings the return of our annual tea and then the following week, the annual OCCHS business meeting. Check the calendar on the back of your newsletter.

What better way to celebrate spring and Mother's weekend by gathering friends, neighbors, and daughters to attend a lovely tea at the History Center. It will be an English high tea featuring intimate seating at smaller tables, a historical vignette by Sarah Swint-Martinez, a book review by Susie Schorsch, and a door prize donated by Bernideer's - all OCCHS members. This is the first fundraiser in 2010 for the History Center.

The May 14th annual business meeting will precede the program with coffee and light refreshments starting at 10 a.m. The meeting includes election of five Board members, a review of the status of OCCHS business, and a time to honor those members who have contributed 125 hours and more of their time and talents at the History Center.

Then stay for a program presented by OCCHS member, Betsy Shoup, who will share the history of the hundred-year old El Paso County Pioneer's Association. This is a new program.

At the April Board meeting, various digitization and photography projects were presented and reviewed. The Tech Committee will be re-organizing under the leadership of Dave Hughes. Don Kallaus and others are looking at uses for the downstairs dark room and are working on digitization projects with our vast original photography collection. Next time you visit the Museum, be sure to look at the historic photo displays...new ones are being added.

We are sending our best wishes along to Liz Geiss, longtime museum exhibit volunteer, who is moving to Denver. And special "thanks" to all members who have volunteered at the History Center throughout the winter...you do make a difference!

Best regards to all,

*Joanne Karlson*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### APRIL 19, 2010 BOARD MEETING

First quarter of year

- Building maintenance looks high for this time of year but \$997.95 of this expense was re-imbursed by the insurance claim for the burned car.
- Membership receipts are very close to budget.
- First quarter expense includes \$1733 for property insurance.
- Expenses are greater than receipts for this quarter because we do not have any major fund raising events in the first quarter. We went into this quarter with a larger than normal bank balance to off-set these expenses. Overall expenses are close to budget estimates.

#### TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS

OCCHS Bank Account	\$ 5,907.19
Book Store Bank Account	\$ 2,355.72
Memorial Hos. Revenue Bon	\$ 50,715.00
Cal. Regents Revenue Bond	\$ 24,861.75
Edward Jones Bonds (Cash)	\$ 1,078.21
Fixed Endowment Savings	\$ 90,010.30
Earned Income Savings	\$ 10,988.98
Total Liquid Assets	\$114,520.44

- The total deposits for the Save the Westside Community Center is almost exactly \$6,000. The April 26, 2010 City Council meeting should confirm the contract with the Woodman Chapel as operator for the center for a period of three years. When this is confirmed we will present a check to the Woodman Chapel for the total amount of our donations. The Chapel has agreed that these funds will only go to support the Center. They have created a separate LLC "Westside Community Center" for this purpose. They have also agreed that in time they will erect a plaque or wall frame that gives thanks and recognizes the generous donations of all "Westiders".

Johnie E. Jackson, Treasurer  
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## MAY 2010 OCCHS CALENDAR

*~new programs ~new topics ~bring your friends ~come early for coffee~*

Tuesday, May 4  
7 P.M.

**"William Blackmore"** presented by Brook Cruz.  
An English investor and landowner, Blackmore was involved in the early development of the American West. Sponsored by Friends of Red Rock Canyon.

Sat., May 8  
2:30 to 4 P.M.

Annual Afternoon Spring Tea fundraiser returns with a new program and theme. Tables of 4 or 6 for friends or mothers and daughters. Reservations, limited seating. \$18 public, \$16 OCCHS members. Purchase tickets NOW!

Friday, May 14  
10 A.M. coffee  
10:30 A.M. meeting  
11:10 A.M. program

Annual OCCHS Business Meeting & Elections with Program: "Who Were the 'Pioneers' of the El Paso County Pioneers Association?" presented by Betsy Shoup and Board members. Come learn about their beginnings and continued longevity! Annual meeting includes elections.

May 29, 30, 31

Territory Days Festival on Colorado Avenue.  
OCCHS Bake Sale. Interpreters at Garvin Cabin and historical monument. Bookstore and Museum open 11 to 4. Historical activities sponsored by OCCHS and Rock Ledge Ranch at the 25th St. Plaza.

***Museum Hours: Tues. thru Sat, 11 - 4 Free Admission.***