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Section 16's historic trails

By Don Ellis

The creation of trails, and even roads, in earlier times was seldom newsworthy and seldom recorded. I know the most about old trails from old maps. And, the representation of trails on maps was, and still is, often incomplete or incorrect. So, I am fully confident that this story will be incomplete and incorrect.

The 1877 *Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and Portions of Adjacent Territories* by F. V. Hayden showed one trail which passed through Section 16. This was the trail from Colorado City to Pikes Peak. The trail began at what today would be the corner of Colorado Avenue and 31st Street, proceeded south just east of the hogbacks to near the present intersection of S. 26th. Street and Gold Camp Road, then headed west, possibly through the gap in the Dakota hogback through which the Lion Trail (former landfill road) passes today. From there, the trail went southwest, passing through the southeastern portion of Section 16, to the mouth of Bear Creek Canyon. From there, the trail followed Bear Creek up through Jones Park, crossed over to Lake Moraine, and climbed to the summit of Pikes Peak. At that time, this was the usual route to Pikes Peak. Visitors to Pikes Peak usually took 2 or 3 days for the trip, spending a night or two at a hotel which had been built at Lake Moraine by Edward Copley in 1874. In his book *Shattered Dreams on Pikes Peak* (Pulpit Rock Press, 1989, 1994), Ivan W. Brunk quotes several historic descriptions of the Lake House and the trip to Pikes Peak. A June 1875 story reported, "The Bear Creek and Pike's Peak Trail is now open to the summit of Pike's Peak. The entire trip can be made on horseback, as the trail is in excellent condition. There is

good accommodations at the Moraine Lake House, where meals can be obtained at any hour. The hotel is furnished with good spring beds, and as there is a telegraph office connected to the house, rooms may be engaged on short notice by telegraph." Later, the Bear Creek Trail to Jones Park and Lake Moraine was a toll road for several years. By then, however, a different route had apparently replaced the trail through Section 16.

The Bear Creek and Pike's Peak Trail was a major trail; and Hayden's Atlas only showed major trails and major roads. There probably were other trails in Section 16 before 1877. John G. Bock's book, *In Red Rock Canyon Land* (privately published, undated) mentions a Gypsum Canyon road which was apparently used in the 1860's. Mr. Bock presents (probably fictionalized) stories involving the road. This road almost certainly went a short distance into Section 16.

Soon after he and others founded Colorado City in 1859, Anthony Bott began quarrying building stone along the Dakota hogback. This enterprise became Bott & Langmeyer Building Stone which operated a number of quarries and built roads to them. Four of the Bott & Langmeyer roads crossed the Dakota hogback, two just west of the Colorado-Philadelphia Mill, one in what is now White Acres, and one through the gap where the Lion Trail (former landfill road) is now. The road through this gap continued south on the west flank of the hogback and turned west into Section 16, becoming a trail. In the early 1900's, this trail

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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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Old Colorado City Historical Society Board Elections - May 13 Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of Bev Disch, Sandy Hanzlian and Barbara Barbaro has announced the following slate for election for a two-year term. The election will be held at the next annual meeting which is May 13, 2011 at 11.00 a.m. Those remaining on the Board are Dave Murray, Susie Schorsch, Tom Hendrix, Bev Disch, and Jan deChadenedes.

The nominees are:

Phil McDonald - Incumbent board member - For the past two years Phil has served as president of the Board and prior to that has served on the board in other capacities. He is a Pillar instructor-speaker, a college instructor, and a retired high school history teacher.

Sharon Swint - Incumbent board member - Sharon has served on the Board the past two years as secretary, and prior to that as a replacement member. Sharon currently oversees the oral history project and represents the Society on the Coalition of Pikes Peak Historic Museums.

Johnie Jackson - Incumbent board member - Johnie filled in mid-term last year for Dave Hughes as treasurer and has enjoyed learning about the Society through its financial side. Johnie's business acumen compliments the Society's focus and direction.

Jo Cervone - Jo handles all of the History Center's advertising and is our sound system expert. She has been a volunteer at the History Center for over ten years and has been involved in the planning and execution of nearly all of the Society's special events.

Two Membership Tours in April

Miramont Castle Museum

Thursday, April 21, 10:30 AM

Reservations required. A sign up sheet is in the Bookstore.

Bristol Elementary School History and Art Mural

Friday date to be determined

Limited to 10. Sign up at the History Center bookstore.

See information on back page calendar.

For more information, call the History Center bookstore - 636-1225

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extended through Section 16, following much the same route as today's Section 16 Trail.

Ivan W. Brunk's book, *Crystal Park the Gem of Pikes Peak* (Pulpit Rock Press, 1990) tells us that in August of 1904 General Palmer obtained a right of way for a trail from Bear Creek to Crystal Park; and on New Years Day (1905?) General Palmer's trail was officially opened.

So, by the time the USGS published its "Pikes Peak Special" map in 1909, both the Palmer Trail and the Section 16 Trail had been established; and all of today's popular Palmer Red Rock Loop, except for a short stretch near the present trailhead, is shown on that map.

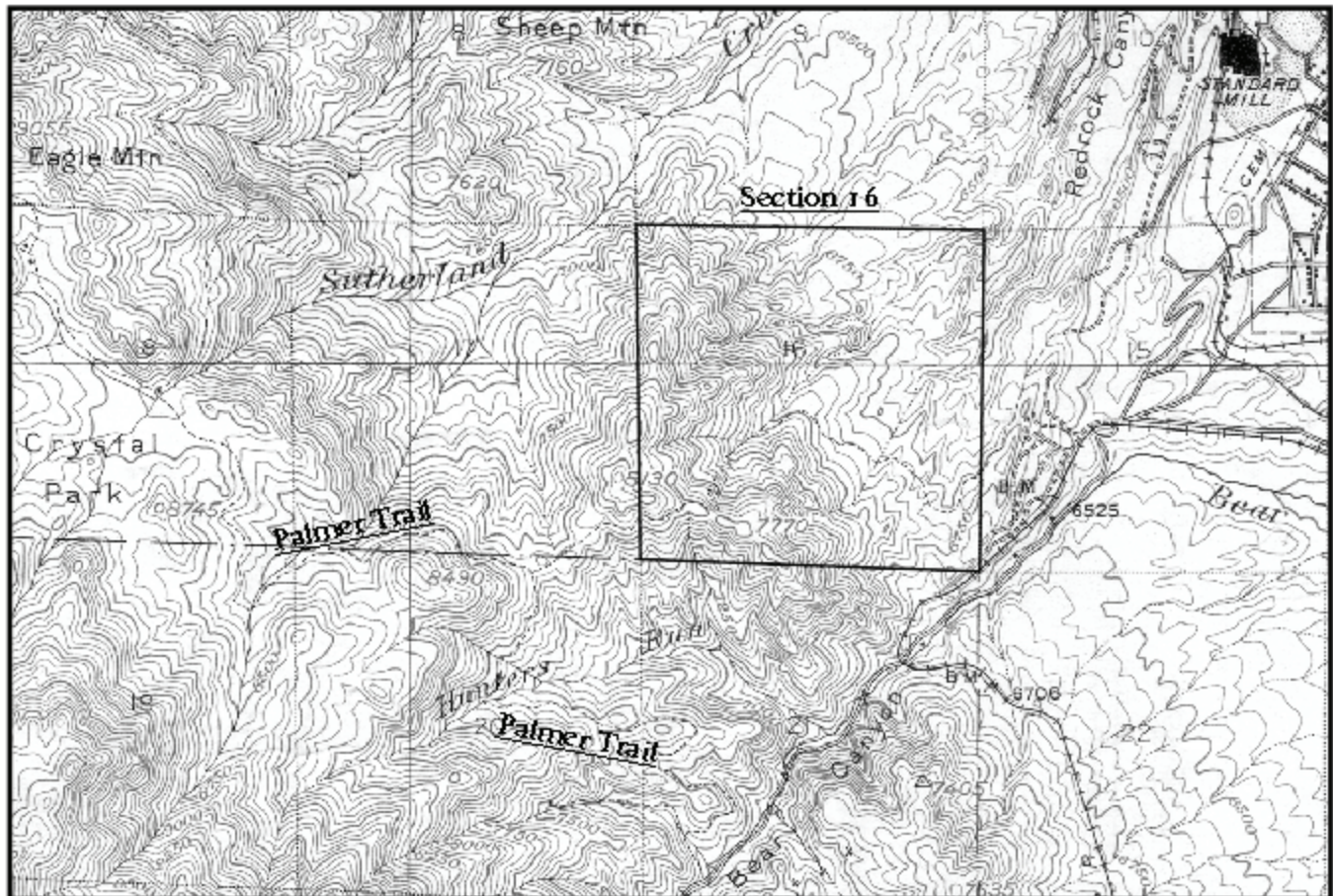
For several years in the late 1910's and early 1920's, The Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce distributed a map, *Mountain Trails of the Pikes Peak Region*. This map was prepared by Manly Ormes and showed another trail in Section 16. This trail connected the Section 16 Trail to the road up Red Rock Canyon. This trail was very steep in places, going straight down the fall line into Red Rock Canyon, and became

severely eroded. It continued to be shown on some maps at least up until the late 1950's. Today, it is abandoned, largely unused, and mostly overgrown.

For a short time in the 1950's white quartz was mined in Section 16; and a road was built to the mine. Where today's Section 16 trail crosses the mesa before starting up the upper Red Rock Canyon drainage, it follows this "Quartz Quarry Road," while today's Parallel Trail follows the much earlier Section 16 Trail. For a number of years, the "Quartz Quarry Road" was used by four wheelers and motorcyclists; and it was only with some difficulty that it was eventually closed to motorized use.

Shattered Dreams on Pikes Peak Crystal Park the Gem of Pikes Peak and reprints of *In Red Rock Canyon Land* are available at the Old Colorado City History Center Bookstore.

NOTE: This story, with minor modifications, is also being published in Friends of Red Rock Canyon's RED ROCK RAG.



Palmer Trail and Section 16 Trail (Palmer Red Rock Loop) as shown on the 1909 USGS "Pikes Peak Special" map, reprinted in 1944 as the "Manitou Quadrangle".



Bookstore Corner

by Susie Schorsch

April 2011 marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Civil War. Here in the United States there will be many celebrations and reflections of this event of our history. The Old Colorado History Center Bookstore is celebrating this event by carrying a selection of new books for both young and old regarding the Civil War.

It happened in the Civil War - by Michael Bradley - looks at true tales of the war. It looks at some of the lesser-known and unusual happenings that shaped the course of the war from learning of the Hunley, the first submarine to destroy a surface ship in warfare to the story of Little Sorrel, Stonewall Jackson's horse.

American Civil War 1861-1865, life of the Common Soldier - by Jeffrey Beard. - is a wonderful book for younger audiences. It looks at life of a soldier, what they ate, what they wore and what equipment they would have.

Best Little Ironies, Oddities & Mysteries of the Civil War by C. Brian Kelly - looks at the human element that occurred over the four years. The book explores ordinary citizens and the personal price paid during the war.

This Soldier Life - the Diaries of Romine H. Ostrander 1863-1865 - Tells of the life of Romine Ostrander in the Colorado Territory during the Civil War while serving in the First Colorado Calvary.

Glorieta Pass by P.G. Nagle - Set in the Civil War around the battle called the "Gettysburg of the West" this story tells of the battle for control of Glorieta Pass the route to Colorado's gold.

Stop by the bookstore and refresh your knowledge of the Civil war. Read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address or the Emancipation Proclamation.



TEST YOUR HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE!

The picture shown above is a photo of downtown Colorado Springs probably taken in the mid-1920's. But if you look at it, some things will seem a bit different than anything you've ever seen before. Yes, there are several mistakes in the picture as some enterprising photographer had fun in their photo shop after the picture was developed. Before you read the rest of this story, see how many mistakes you can find and where this picture was taken from. Have fun!

The picture was taken looking west on Pikes Peak Ave. at the intersection of Pikes Peak and Weber St. The most obvious errors are the four story buildings on the southwest and northwest corners of the intersection. The four story building on the NW corner is actually that of the Colorado Springs National Bank which in reality was located at 31 N. Tejon St. A fifth floor was later added on to the building while still the bank building. The unusual window arrangement at the front (2-1-2-1) is what identifies this misplaced building. On the SW corner is another four story building, but not much is shown as it's hiding behind the building in the foreground where the man is sitting. However, just enough of the windows are shown to identify it as the old Giddings-Kirkwood store which was located at 101 N. Tejon, right across the street from the Colo. Spgs. Ntl. Bank. Other obvious improbabilities are the two camels crossing Pikes Peak Ave. and the horse and sleigh on dry pavement. And how about the ten block long summit house on top of Pikes Peak? The building in the foreground on the left has not been identified and if originally downtown, is no longer standing. Please let us know if you recognize it. The trim around the top of the building is unique. Finally, the large radio antennae on top of the bank building is probably bogus. Although the first radio station in Colorado Springs (KVOR) went on the air in 1923, their transmitter/tower was located in the 2800 block of E. Platte Ave. This April Fools picture was found in the files of the Old Colorado City History Center. (Notes compiled by OCCHS volunteer-Tom Daniels)

Old Colorado City Historical Society President's Report April, 2011

Most of you by now know that Dave Hughes' wife Patsy passed away recently. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire OCCHS, I would like to express our collective condolences to Dave and his family for their loss. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Dave for all he has done for "Old Town" and the Society. From his role in organizing and driving the renewal of Old Town in the 1976 Centennial celebration to his pioneering internet ventures to his meticulous attention to relishing, preserving and sharing the unique history of our area, Dave Hughes has been a giant without peer. It is not a cliché to say that we wouldn't be where we are today without his herculean efforts. I salute you, Colonel.

In May we will be holding our annual meeting. I wish to use this occasion as a forum for recognizing the "foot soldiers" that make the day to day operations of our organization possible. I'm talking, of course, about our volunteers. These are the individuals who share their time and talents in organizing our educational programs, staffing and maintaining the bookstore, doing the building cleaning and repairs, collecting, maintaining and displaying our numerous artifacts, publishing our newsletter, and generating publicity for our events. Recently I visited with Barbara Barbaro and was absolutely amazed at the depth of her knowledge and intensity of her commitment to our organization. We are simply blessed to have committed individuals like Dave and Barbara serving the society.

Most essentially it is important for all of us to remember that this society is bigger than any single individual member. WE are a TEAM and our goal is to insure that the Society continues to generate new members, new volunteers, and new leaders. No single member can claim a monopoly on caring about the welfare of the OCCHS. We will move forward together.

Phil McDonald
President

Treasurer's Report, March, 2011

This February was typical for any February in that our expenses exceeded our receipts. However we went into this year in a better financial position than last year, so it is not that much of a problem. The bookstore has again exceeded sales over the past year. We has also purchased a digital projector for use in our monthly talks and events. It worked very successful for our last event.

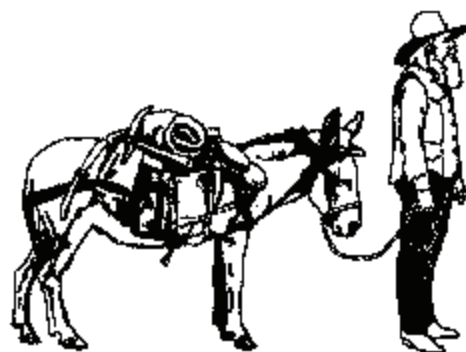
The Society would like all our members to know that in December, 2010, the Congress reinstated the IRA Charitable Rollover for the tax years of 2010 and 2011. Individuals who are 70 1/2 or older may make a charitable gift by distributing funds Tax Free (up to \$100,000) from a tradition IRA or a Roth IRA. The IRA Charitable Rollover continues through 2011. Note that this law does not include 401k or other Tax-favored funds. You must make the distribution directly to the nonprofit organization. If you make the distribution to yourself then the funds become taxable to you. Please contact your IRA plan administrator or financial advisor to help you with this gift.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OCCHS Bank Account	\$ 15,870.16
Bookstore Bank Account	\$ 2,979.03
Fixed Endowment Account	\$ 95,925.60
Earned Income Savings	\$ 11,460.67
Digitalization Account	\$ 7,758.20

TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	\$133,993.66
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Johnie E. Jackson, Treasurer
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April at the History Center

Friday, April 8
11 A.M.

Program: "The Conservation of Historical Art" Victoria Ryan, an art conservator, will present a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the detailed procedures to preserve old art pieces She has recently completed the work on a painting of George Washington by local artist, Charles Craig. This painting was originally hung in Washington Elementary School in 1893. Ms. Ryan will help you understand the difference between "conservation" and "restoration" which you may hear recommended on TV's Antique Roadshow.

Thursday, April 21
10:30 A.M.

Tour: Miramont Castle museum - Reservations required. A sign up sheet is in the Bookstore. Reduced admission for Members - \$6, Non-members over 60 yrs \$7, Non-members under 60 yrs. \$8 Payment cash or check to "Miramont Castle" due by April 19th. Tour will last about an hour. Parking is limited. Meet at History Center by 10:15 a.m. to car pool.

Friday, April - date TBD

Tour: Bristol Elementary School History & Art Mural - Limited to 10. Members and their relatives only, please. Free, but donation appreciated for printed information. Tour guide is one of the mural artists. Sign up sheet is already at History Center bookstore. The Friday date will be scheduled when at least 8 have signed up.

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