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The McIntosh Family

by Shirley Herd Ewing

Margaret McIntosh
1865-1936

Margaret, Mrs. James McIntosh, was related to the well-known Zang family of Denver who owned the Zang Brewery. According to *The Colorado Springs Independent*, April 2, 1931, she was the daughter of Phillip Zang and the niece of Adolph Zang. She was born in Germany and moved to the States in the 1800's and was often referred to as "a cultured and refined lady." She enjoyed the opera immensely and was invited by the Zangs in the late 1890's to be their guest every night of the famous Grau Grand opera Company of Denver.

In 1900, James and Margaret embarked on a 6-month trip abroad. In April they stopped en route at Columbia, Missouri to visit their son Paul who was attending school there. Then, they were on to New York where they boarded a ship bound for Germany. In Germany they visited friends, then proceeded to tour the Rhine country, the home to some of Margaret's relatives. Then they went to Munich, followed by a few weeks at the Paris exposition. They were gone from April to September.

Margaret was a "well-respected" and "estimable wife" who with James "have shown their faith in their adopted town and today (the opening of the new McIntosh building) our citizens will show their approval of our most illustrious citizens."

NOTE:

The last issue of West Word told the story of pharmacist James McIntosh. This month his family is featured.

According to one excerpt, "For the citizens of Colorado City, being in the presence of J. McIntosh and his devoted wife is a great honor."

The McIntosh's had two children: a son Paul James, born 1883, and a daughter Anna, born in 1887. Anna died of "pestilence," a serious infectious disease, in April, 1891 at age four. "Mr. McIntosh's sweet little girl was buried yesterday. The grief-stricken parents have the profound sympathy of the entire community," commented a newspaper. She was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery in the McIntosh plot.

Her death must have had a profound impact on James McIntosh because he was diagnosed with a "...severe illness and temporary threatened insanity," commented a local paper after her death on May 16.

Another story appeared regarding McIntosh's health that was more optimistic: "Dr. Ammerman has every reason to feel proud of his successful treatment of Mr. James McIntosh, during his late severe illness and threatened insanity. A Dr. of the insane asylum, came up last week, at the invitation of

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MISSION

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society is a nonprofit volunteer organization established to recognize the historical significance and unique culture of original Old Colorado City and early El Paso County which includes the present and future history of today's greater Westside neighborhood.

This organization perpetuates the preservation and display of artifacts and archival materials, encouragement of research, education of the children and the community, through the membership and the operation of the Old Colorado City 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	\$ 25	Business	\$ 75
Family	\$ 35	Lifetime	\$250

Funds from a Lifetime membership are placed into an Endowment Fund to be used only for projects 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

The OCCHS Monthly Meeting & Program is held each month, except June, July, and August. The History Center opens half an hour before the meeting for refreshments and visitation. Everyone welcome.

WELCOME ~ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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Dr. Ammerman, and visited the patient. This doctor informed Dr. Ammerman that he was pursuing the right course, and that he could suggest no change of treatment whatever. He told the Dr. to keep right on as he doing." May 16, 1891

At this same time this notice appeared in several papers, another notice accompanied it: "To the public: Having engaged the services of Mr. E. Frazer of Denver, in the conducting of my business, I wish to announce that my store will continue to be conducted in the same first-class manner which has characterized my business during the past years." Respectfully, Jas. McIntosh, Druggist" May 16, 1891

*Paul McIntosh
1883-1966*

As a nineteen-year-old, Paul must have incurred many gambling debts

because his father placed an article in a 1902 newspaper saying he would not be responsible for his son's debts. Paul graduated from school in Columbia, Missouri, became a dentist, and in 1925, lived in the McIntosh building before he moved to Boulder City, Nevada, then on to Phoenix, Arizona where he practiced dentistry.

McIntosh Family Finale

James was the oldest druggist in Pikes Peak region when he died and a pioneer of Old Colorado City where he lived for more than 50 years. He had been ill for about five years, was partially blind and fractured a hip in a fall in June, 1933. He never fully recuperated and died at age 75 in a local hospital. He was interred at Evergreen Cemetery in the McIntosh plot near Anna.

Margaret's health had been bad for several years and she was in a sanitarium at the time of her husband's death. As the gravestone indicates, she was buried next to James at Evergreen Cemetery. Dr. Paul McIntosh came from Boulder City, Nevada to attend the funeral of his mother.

When "Dr. Paul J.", as his gravestone states, died in 1966, he was buried near his parents in Evergreen Cemetery. He was survived by his wife Mrs. May I. who was later listed as a manager of the building. May I. died in 1975 and also is buried in the McIntosh plot.



*A Tribute to James McIntosh
September, 2015*

excerpted from an article by
Ray W. Turner,
noted West Side historian

'James McIntosh proprietor of the Colorado City 'Pharmacy' has sometimes been called the 'father' of the 'New Town' of Colorado City. When he settled here, the only houses in the 'Olde Town' village were a log shanty near what is now the heart of the city and two rude buildings on the opposite side of the street. In the following years, he served the citizens of Colorado City in a professional manner and helped to make the old town a new, modern and progressive town.'



**Poem from the Colorado City Argus (date unknown)
provided by Ray W. Turner**

The Telluride and Standard Mills
Are good to have around
Also Jimmy Burns' Portland
Makes a very pleasant sound,
But when it comes to blowin'
Right there the thing it stops,
There's nothin' like the whistle
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

It's music to the merchant's ear,
Likewise the workman true,
Who is always on the lookout
For most any job to do -
He's an honest union workman
Who don't care for Kansas crops,
But listens for the whistle
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

Manitou has her mineral waters
And Colorado Springs her golf,
But we have got the mills and shops
And they're what brings the stuff,
Brass bands and soda concerts;
High-balls, and sweet pops
Ain't like that morning whistle
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

"Men may come and men may go"
And some are hard-up at times;
Some will lose their steady jobs,
And do not have the dimes,
But Old Town loves her working boys;
Makes 'em commissioners or cops,
So they can hear the whistle
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

Then don't get discouraged, boys,
Work along the best you can;
And remember this all the time;
"We love a manly man,"
The Union mill and smeltermen;
The railroad boys and cops -
They all like to hear the whistle
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

Our enterprising businessmen,
Are all interested in
The daily toilers in our town,
For that's where they get the "tin."
We all love honest workingmen -
Right here this discourse stops.
We want to hear the whistle,
At-the-Old-Midland-shops.

“TALES, TREES, AND TREATS “

OCCHS Hosts Holiday Open House

December 5, 2015 was a festive Saturday afternoon when over 200 Society members and members of the public enjoyed holiday goodies and hot wassail! Many had not seen one another for awhile and said that they enjoyed the updated exhibits. The decorated Christmas trees sold by silent auction added holiday color - each perched on top of one of seven display cases. The 'Charlie Brown' donation tree brought in welcomed year-end donations. The planning committee was pleased that so many members attended. We thank you! The committee members were Sandy Hanzlian, Roberta Hardy, Doris Hendrix, Joanne Karlson, Miki Knudson, Marge Knorr, Marilyn Lee, Susie Schorsch, and Sharon Swint.



And, a BIG THANKS to all those members and OCCHS friends who participated in a variety of ways...decorating the room and the silent auction trees, 18 people baking cookies + delicious candy, calling the telephone tree, promoting media, serving as hosts and hostesses, taking photos, and dressing in period costume to answer questions about Old Colorado City history. These members included Kay Atteberry, Betty Baker, Leslie Bergstrom, Tom and Carol Daniels, Bev Disch, Merle Ellis, Charlease Bobo Elzenga, Pam Gluck, Doris Gustafson, Don Hansen, Carolyn Hatch, Dave Hughes, Kenyon and Therese Jordan, Travers Jordan, Werner Karlson, Leo Knudson, Terry Lee, Kathy McBride, Dave and Lynne Murray, Tom Schorsch, John and Carole Stoody, and Dave Swint. And special "thanks" to the three authors who were signing their books - Gordon Anderson, John Anderson, and Kay Esmiol. Westside restaurants, Cucuru, Front Range BBQ, and Thunder and Buttons, added their support as well.



Committee members evaluating this event agreed that next year they would plan an open house event for the members and public, perhaps in early summer, but also host the annual Holiday Tour again the first weekend in December. Last minute cancellations of participating locations for the 2015 Holiday Tour resulted in this quickly planned open house event. Since the open house was not a fundraiser, there will need to be some fundraising in early 2016 to meet the yearly budget. Please join in helping with some of these events in 2016. We had fun!

Joanne Karlson



2015 Year End Treasurer's Report

Suzanne Schorsch

As the Treasurer for OCCHS this year was exactly what I wished to see financially. We had a budget that was based on our financial history and we stayed within that budget. In fact, we spent about \$400 under budget. We planned on events and where our money was coming from, also based on our financial history, and those plans brought in more than expected. Bottom line, the Historical Society was able to put \$5,000 in our savings account this year. That money will be earmarked to go toward a new roof that we know is an upcoming expense.

Our big success this year was of course OUR VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS. You are the people that are supplying Colorado Springs with a place on the WEST SIDE to enjoy our local history.

Our monthly programs bring in new members each time, keeping our membership over 300. Membership brings in one forth of our finances. The bookstore workers had a record year, turning \$5,000 over to the main account and saving another \$3,000 toward future publications. If you would like to see further breakdown of this past year's finances, please do not hesitate to call me and set up an appointment.

WHAT WE SPENT	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET
Maintenance			
Building Repairs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,121.41\$	3,000.00
Utilities	4,000.00	3,373.77	3,500.00
Janitorial	900.00	944.81	1,000.00
Security	530.00	910.00	1,000.00
Insurance	3,000.00	3,014.00	3,000.00
Accounting	600.00	500.00	600.00
Telephone	2,200.00	1,998.93	2,200.00
Dues	370.00	561.00	600.00
Office Supplies	1,100.00	1,012.77	1,000.00
Collections/Display	900.00	1,090.97	900.00
Promotion Advertise	1,200.00	1,034.50	1,200.00
Newsletter	2,500.00	1,839.80	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 20,401.96	\$ 20,000.00
WHAT WE TOOK IN			
Fundraising Events	6,200.00	7,824.82	7,000.00
Membership	5,500.00	5,410.00	5,500.00
Donation Box	300.00	613.02	500.00
General Donations	1,000.00	2,262.23	2,000.00
Bookstore	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bequest	2,800.00	3,040.00	
City Works II		1,276.16	
TOTAL	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 25,426.23	\$ 20,000.00

NOTICE:

The Annual Membership Meeting which was scheduled for January 8
was postponed due to weather.

**The Annual Membership Meeting will now be held
February 12 at 5:30 P.M.**

Presidents' Letter

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and we wish all of you a very happy 2016.

Looking back, 2015 was a very successful year for your Historical Society. Our annual Territory Days brought in hundreds of residents to see the Lincoln Country train show, listen to the history of Old Colorado City told by costumed docents in the Garvin cabin, and to visit our museum. Founder's Day welcomed the performance of the Legendary Ladies to a full house of members of the Society and the community.

Two new events were added to our fundraising efforts. Sharon Swint and Leo Knudson partnered with the Old Colorado City Merchants Association to present the very popular Tunnel Tales. There are already requests to have this event repeated in 2016. Susie Schorsch turned the old cemetery crawl into Haunted Histories. A moonlit Fairview Cemetery was the scene of a series of historic performances as attendees were guided from grave to grave by ghostly lanterns. There are calls for a repeat performance.

Many of you attended our Holiday Open House in December. It was a great time for members to visit, savor tasty treats, and enjoy the museum. Miniature trees were creatively decorated to portray the themes of several of our display cases.

Thanks in part to the sale of John Wesley Anderson's very popular book, *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pike's Peak Region*, the bookstore had a banner sales year. We'd like to thank our dedicated bookstore volunteers for their time and commitment to the Society.

Our building has a number of new updates thanks to the efforts of the volunteers on our Maintenance Team. Many safety issues for the building have been addressed. If it's broken, the maintenance crew gets it fixed.

As we leave the Board, we'd like to thank all of you for supporting us and your Historical Society. Because of the inclement weather, we cancelled the January meeting for the safety of our members. The scheduled election of new Board Members will take place at the February meeting. We hope that you'll welcome the new members to the Board of Directors.

Betty and Kathy

The Old Colorado City Historical Society's Board of Directors meets regularly the
second Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the

Old Colorado City History Center, unless otherwise announced.

Interested visitors are always welcome at the Board meetings.



**The next Board meeting will be February 8
at 1:00 P.M. at the Old Colorado City History Center**

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February / March Calendar

Friday, February 12
5:30 P.M.

Annual Membership Meeting - Election of new members to the Old Colorado City Historical Society's Board of Directors.

Friday, February 12
6:00 P.M.

Program: "**Harlan-Wolfe House and its connection to the Pikes Peak Gold Rush**" presented by Tim Scanlon. Wolfe was a participant in the Pikes Peak Gold Rush and settled on Cheyenne Creek adjacent to the Howbert homestead. His ranch was divided into lots starting in the 1880's. The Harlans were neighbors. The patriarch owned a brick yard, and his sons and grandsons worked as masons. Edna Harlan Rodabaugh donated the house and remaining land to the City in recognition of its historic significance.

OCCHS members free, others \$5.00

Friday, March 11
11:00 A.M.

Program: "**Chief Manitou: Outbound Journeys**" presented by Bob Cronk. When Bob and Carolyn Cronk were first exploring Pedro's Cave in Williams Canyon, they asked "Where's Pedro?" They were told that not much was known about him, and there were no photos. Bob's quest led to the revelation of the colorful and best loved character, "Chief Manitou." Bob's presentation traces Pedro Cajete, his family, and descendants from the time he arrived in Colorado Springs in 1906 through his years of selling trinkets to tourists. Bob's book, *Chief Manitou: Outbound Journeys*, will be available for purchase.

OCCHS members free, others \$5.00

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