



Mission Statement:

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is a nonprofit volunteer organization established to recognize the historical significance and unique culture of the original 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, encourages research, and education of 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.

Preserving the Rich History of Old Colorado City Since 1976

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OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1985

JULY 1985:

“OCCHS Finances Healthy”

Supportive membership, money-making projects, and increased lifetime memberships strengthen the Old Colorado City Historical Society financially. Treasurer Ralph Conner states the money in OCCHS's bank account has enough funds to draw greater monthly interest.

“New Meeting Day Will Permit Larger Room for Luncheons”

The Society will meet on a new day beginning in the fall. Arrangements have been made to meet at the Trinity United Methodist Church on the second Friday of each month.

“Society’s Activities Add Visibility”

Members are doing personal research on Westside and Old Colorado City. On August 12, 1984, the 125th anniversary of Colorado City was observed in the "old capital" building in Bancroft Park. Dave Hughes, John Keller, and Kay Arnold organized activities.

“Programs Offer Big Variety”

Two programs dealt with the roles of women in Colorado's early history. In November 1984, Patti Grandel introduced the Anglo, Spanish, and Indian Women of Bent's Fort. In May 1985, Julie Jones-Eddy presented a slide-tape program with voices and family snapshots of early settlers in northwestern Colorado.

“Westside to Have Two Newspapers”

The Westside will be a "two-newspaper town" similar to Los Angeles, Colorado Springs, and other privileged cities. *The Westsider* is the “new” newspaper, while *Westside Story* continues to publish.

“Project Assembles' *Legends of Colo. Ave.*': May Be Published”

A committee is working on publishing a booklet based on "Legends of Colorado Avenue." The Westside Communications Council invited the Society to research people and events that helped make Colorado Avenue unique. Kay Arnold, Agnes Johnson, and Ralph Conner supplied a manuscript.

Obituary Announcement:

Ricky J. Cross, a member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society and of a pioneer Westside family, died July 3, 1985, at age 38.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1985:**“Westside Historian Mel McFarland Will Present' *Colorado Springs: the History In Pictures*' at Society's October Meeting”**

Mel McFarland, a Westside native, will present his program covering the Westside, Manitou, and Colorado Springs.

“Treasurer’s Report”**“Minutes of Our Last Meeting”****“Speaking of School...”****“Transition”**

Obituary Announcements:

Florence E. Edwards

Ricky J. Cross

Agnes Katherine Farrington

OCTOBER 11, 1985:**“Members Reminisce About School Days on the Westside and Across the Continent”**

Members recalled bad weather, good teachers, and small schools at our September “Back-to-School” meeting. Memories ranged from local schools to the east coast.

“Sons of Revolution Being Revived”

Carl Chilcott reported to members that the Pikes Peak chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is being revived.

“Springs Society Plans to Honor Local Writer’s Restored Home”

The former home of writer-historian Frank Waters, at 439 East Bijou, will be recognized with a historical plaque.

“Minutes of Last Meeting: Newsletter Will Put Absentees In Touch”

Members have voted to send the West Word newsletter to Old Colorado City Historical Society members who miss a particular meeting. Those who attend will receive their copy at the meeting.

“Treasurer’s Report”**“List of Contributors to Ricky Cross Memorial”**

NOVEMBER 8, 1985

“Mel McFarland Introduces Us to Region’s Past Appearances and Historic Surprises”

Mel McFarland recalls the famous catastrophe that began in the Denver, Texas, and Gulf Railroad railyards at Sawatch and Colorado—perhaps started by homeless people who lit straw to warm themselves.

“Thomas Van Camp Gives Society Valuable Record of Early Settlers”

Thomas Van Camp gave the OCCHS a reference book listing El Paso County Settlers before 1871.

“The ‘Wild West’ Illustrated from Neighboring Kansas”

A reprinted article from July 1886 from the Coolidge, Kansas newspaper of an eyewitness account of an incident deemed “lawlessness.”

“The D&RGW Knows: Colorado City Still Lives On!”

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:
James H. Hoskins

DECEMBER 13, 1985

“Members Hear a Book Review Recreating Experiences of an Early Woman Settler”

OCCHS member Kay Arnold, introduced the society to a woman who defied the social conventions of her day as a pioneer settler of Colorado City. Author, Jackie Masters, writes a fictional account of the Westside’s Sarah Elizabeth. The book, *Sarah Elizabeth*, was voted to be purchased and supplied within the bookstore.

“Whittier Students Study Westside History & Will Present Findings at a Future Meeting”

A group of 5th and 6th graders at Whittier School are exploring Westside and Colorado Springs's history. They will present their research at an OCCHS meeting soon.

1986

JANUARY 10, 1986

“Manitou’s Colorful History Brought to Us in Slide Presentation at Latest Meeting”

A slide show was given to OCCHS members by a Main Street Project volunteer highlighting Manitou's rich and robust history.

“You’re from Colorado City? So, How Many Wives Do *YOU* Have?”

Let friends and family know you are not from Colorado City, *Arizona*. The newly incorporated Colorado City, AZ, is home to excommunicated Mormons who continue to practice polygamy.

“Status is Renewed as Non-Profit Organization”

The incorporation of the Old Colorado City Historical Society was restored on December 17 after OCCHS learned it had been suspended on September 30, 1984, due to improper registration in 1984.

FEBRUARY 14, 1986:

“Bob Womack’s Story Is Told; Reprinted for Our Members”

Bob Womack passed away in January 1986. This month’s *West Word* will be an extended edition. It will give an in-depth look and serve as a dedication to Bob Womack’s life and contributions.

“Bob Womack: The Discoverer of Cripple Creek Gold?”

Transcript of talk given to the OCCHS on January 10, 1986, by Janis Edwards Knox

- First Mining District is Formed
- Too Many False Alarms?
- Womack’s Family’s Early History
- A More Sympathetic Portrait

“Whittier Historians Ready with Reports”

In March, the 5th and 6th-grade students at Whittier School will present their work and share it with the OCCHS program.

“Ed Berry Tells Us About Genealogy and St. Valentine”

Ed Berry will explain the significance of the dates and share the results of his study within genealogy. Including details of his great-grandfather, Joseph Bainbridge Lafayette Doyle, who came to Colorado as a mountain man in the 1840s.

“Ramona’s Short/Long Life”

“Mayor Responds to Letter on Museum”

Mayor Robert M. Isaac formally acknowledged the letter sent to him and members of the City Council protesting the possible name change for the Pioneer Museums.

MARCH 14, 1986:

“Dr. Robert Smith, Our Next Speaker”

Dr. Smith, a history instructor at Coronado High School, will present “*Weather in the Pikes Peak Region: The Historical View*” on April 11th.

“Old Colorado City Will Hear Music, Race, and Parade on St. Pat Day”

The annual Westside St. Patrick’s Day observance will be on Sunday, the 18th. The parade and performances will echo the early days of Colorado City.

“Whittier Historians Are Guests Today”

Seven 5th and 6th graders will share their research at Penrose Library. “Places” and “People” will be the theme.

“Ed Berry Enriched by Family History, But Not with Wealth”

Ed Berry followed his family history from the last invasion of England to his own thwarted effort to locate the “family fortune” in New Mexico.

-Noble or Commoner?

-The Two Families Join

APRIL 11, 1986:

“History, Weather – Topics of Today”

Dr. Robert E. Smith presentation.

“Progress of Old Colorado City Historical Society is Examined as New Membership Year is Starting”

It has been a busy year of varied programs, growing memberships, and loyal attendances. Necessary steps were taken to put out affairs on a more business-like basis. Perhaps the most noticeable new feature is our newsletter, keeping in touch with members who cannot attend meetings.

“Troublesome Westside Family is Reported About Frequently” – by Sarah Beatty, Whittier History Team

Sarah Beatty discusses a native of Old Colorado City, Mrs. A. Belle Diemer. In this historical account of Mrs. Diemer, Beatty focuses on 1893 – 1898 in Colorado City, when Mrs. Beatty’s arrests began until she died in an asylum.

**“Relic of Historic Jail Recalls Story of a ‘Refreshing Break’” – by Ken Gimpelson,
Whittier History Team**

Jails within El Paso County and Colorado City. Gimpelson also discusses the number of people held in jail cells and the reported number of escapes.

**“Details Given About Famous Pikes Peak Marathon Course” – by Patti Smith, Whittier
History Team**

A history of the Pikes Peak Marathon and a description of the race and the 26-mile trails.

MAY 9, 1986:

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:

M. Luther McKnight, 92, has passed away. McKnight came to Colorado City on May 8, 1899, with his family and was the oldest surviving employee of the Standard Mill. He was an active member within Old Colorado City.

“Earliest ‘Visitors’ Sought the Red River Here”

Dr. Robert Smith examines Lt. Pike’s 1806 journey in the newly acquired western territories from the Louisiana Purchase. Dr. Smith also discusses Lt. Pike’s failure that enticed Stephen Long’s expedition.

AUGUST 1986:

“Joyce Johns Talks About the Women”

“*The Women*” by Joyce Johns was inspired by the neglect of the early women settlers of the region, particularly those who were not social or community leaders.

“McKnight Bequest Benefits Society with Memorabilia & Finances”

McKnight’s enthusiasm for the Westside and its past leads to a generous grant supporting OCCHS.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1986:

“Bancroft Event Gives Society More Money and Visibility”

“Have Display Cases, Historical Materials; All We Need is Space”

OCTOBER 10, 1986:

“Absentee, Gift Memberships Also Supports OCCHS”

“Take a Nostalgia Trip on a Trolley”

John A. Haney will be presenting today, and he will show pictures of the Pikes Peak Trolleys.

“Voices and Views of East El Paso County Coming in November”

Prof. Michel Dahlin, from the University of Colorado Springs, collects tapes and photographs of residents whose homesteads are disappearing due to the military command project and support industries east of the city.

“Region’s Women Spied, Invented, Agitated: Early Settlers Included Share of Both Contributors and Characters” – by Joyce Johns

Research highlighting less prominent pioneer women in the Pikes Peak Region, such as: Frannie Wright McConnell, Emil (Rosa D.) Stocker, Dr. and Mrs. Henry K. Palmer, Virginia Donaghe McClurg, Katherine Lee Bates, and Dorothy Meirow. Details of William Palmer’s wife, Mary Palmer, are discussed.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:
Malcomb Keith Trapp

NOVEMBER 14, 1986:

“Dave Hughes Outlines Possible Computer Equipment Purchase”

Dave Hughes will provide his recommendations on how the computer might fit onto the Society’s operations now and in the future.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:
Lowell J. Mills

“The Local Trolley System Deserves Our ‘Fond Recollections’ of It!”

John Haney, the co-author of *Pikes Peak Trolleys*, presented a history of the local trolley cars. He states that despite the unquestioned success of the local trolley car, there have not been any streetcars in Colorado Springs since 1932.

DECEMBER 12, 1986:

“End of Rural Isolation Brought an End to an Independent Lifestyle”

Michel Dahlin, assistant professor at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, interviewed 30 families living in eastern El Paso County. These families have lived on homesteads isolated and self-sufficient since the turn of the century.

1987

JANUARY 9, 1987:

“President’s Letter” – by Agnes Johnson

“Pros and Cons Listed for Pioneers’ Museum’s Possible Name Change”

FEBRUARY 13, 1987:

“‘History’ of Water is Poulton’s Subject”

Curt A. Poulton will bring attention to one of the most significant issues facing arid Colorado -- the control of water.

“President’s Letter” – by Agnes Johnson

“Napoleon to Bates, Region’s Characters and History are Colorful” – by Gladys Bueler

Gladys Bueler gives a well-honed view of the region’s history.

-Stormy Progress of Prohibition

-The 1891 Discovery of Gold

“Who Doesn’t Like Wide Streets? Gen’l Palmer!”

General Palmer is admired for his decision to lay out Colorado Springs with wide streets. However, Palmer's quote suggests this was a “mistake” and that the “open space” might better have been used in parks.

MARCH 13, 1987

“Ute Pass Museum Plans Midland Railway Exhibit”

1987 is the centennial of the Colorado Midland Railroad, and the Ute Pass Historical Society is honoring the railroad whose shops and headquarters were in Colorado City.

“Westerns Hear Kenny Englert’s Telling of the History of Ramona”

History of the town Ramona, by Kenny Englert.

APRIL 10, 1987:

“‘Colorado Doctrine’ Set Precedence in Nation’s Water Rights Law”

Curt A. Poulton traces the history and evolution of Bear Creek’s water rights.

MAY 8, 1987:

“Belle Starr’s Appearance Makes Our Own History Day”

AUGUST 26, 1987:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: September 1962
- Fifty years ago: September 1937
- Seventy-five years ago: September 1912
- One Hundred years ago: September 1887

“OCCHS Board Visits Potential Museum Site”

Immanuel Missionary Church is considering selling its building and church at the southeast corner of Pikes Peak and 24th street (directly east of Bancroft Park). OCCHS board members met on August 6th to discuss possibly buying it for a museum.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1987:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1962
- Fifty years ago: October 1937
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1912
- One Hundred years ago: October 1887

“Colorado City Held an Interest in a Library From its Earliest Days”

Colorado City supported a library with such enthusiasm there were sometimes disputes over who should be in charge, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, the present librarian at the Penrose Public Library.

OCTOBER 9, 1987:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1962
- Fifty years ago: November 1937
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1912
- One Hundred years ago: November 1887

“Ute Pass Museum Spokesmen Give Words of Caution, But Show the Way to Success”**“Two Museums Open: in Adams and in Rio Grande Counties”****NOVEMBER 13, 1987:****“Council Keeps ‘Pioneer’ in City Museum’s Title”****“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1962
- Fifty years ago: December 1937
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1912
- One Hundred years ago: December 1887

“Maps Show Earliest Water Development”

Curt Poulton traced the history of water rights on Bear Creek. A map created based on his findings demonstrates the rights of the water source.

DECEMBER 11, 1987:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1963
- Fifty years ago: January 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1913
- One Hundred years ago: January 1888

“Druggists Were Vital in Colorado City’s Society”**“‘Extra Dose’ of Nostalgia: Colorado City High School’s Big Five-for-Eight 1914-15 Football Team Remembered”**

Josh Brewer Captains the Purple and Gold team to a successful season.

1988

JANUARY 8, 1988:

“Glassworks History Will Be Described Today”

Brenda Hawley, Assistant Director of Technical Services at Penrose Library, will tell the history of a brief but unique Westside industry, the Glass Factory – built in 1882.

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1963
- Fifty years ago: February 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1913
- One Hundred years ago: February 1888

“White House Ranch Enjoys a Lengthy History and an Active Present”

Kathy Read presents the White House Ranch's history from the 1600s through the twentieth century.

FEBRUARY 12, 1988:

“Interest in Trolleys Is Praised: Plans Advance”

John Haney, the Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway Foundation curator, notes several architects interested in reviving downtown recommend a trolley line in a central city mall.

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1963
- Fifty years ago: March 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1913
- One Hundred years ago: March 1888

“Significant Industry: The Colorado City Glass Company” – by Brenda G. Hawley

Brenda Hawley outlines the history of The Colorado Glass Company.

MARCH 11, 1988:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1963
- Fifty years ago: April 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1913
- One Hundred years ago: April 1888

“Rough Road in the Rockies Has Its Detours, But Humor and Perspective Give Safe Trip”

Hermina Kilgore discusses her book *Rough Road in the Rockies*, which chronicles the life of her and her family, starting under inauspicious circumstances amid the depression and building to relative ease and contentment.

APRIL 8, 1988:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1963
- Fifty years ago: May 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1913
- One Hundred years ago: May 1888

“One Hundred Years Ago: Run-Away Freight Cars Nearly Destroy Fountain”

On May 14, 1888, in the Santa Fe yards south of Colorado Springs, five freight cars were loose and rolled southward.

“Belatedly, With Death Came Appreciation for Colorado City Doves”

After nearly seventy-four years, Blanche Burton, best known as “Pioneer Madam,” finally receives a burial marker.

MAY 13, 1988:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: June 1963
- Fifty years ago: June 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: June 1913
- One Hundred years ago: June 1888

“Jackson’s ‘Ramona’ Is Big California Attraction”

“Ester Wickard Shares Her Interest in Hats – Adds Historic Angle”

AUGUST 12, 1988:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: September 1963
- Fifty years ago: September 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: September 1913
- One Hundred years ago: September 1888

“Keeping the Image Alive – Historic Colorado Avenue Preserved”

- Maude McClure, 2915 W. Colorado
- Bonnie Willinger, 3314 W. Colorado
- Philip Foster, 1414-16 W. Colorado

SEPTEMBER 9, 1988:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1963
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“Meetings Brief Us on Facilities for Genealogy and History Exploring”**“Transition”**

Obituary Announcement:

Fred P. Bochman

OCTOBER 14, 1988:**“Board Seeks Negotiation for Church as Museum”****“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1963
- Fifty years ago: November 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1913
- One Hundred years ago: November 1888

“Region Gave Consumptives Their Best Chance for Renewed Health”

Dr. Douglass McKay discusses how the Pikes Peak region became a haven for tuberculosis victims at the turn of the century.

NOVEMBER 11, 1988:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1963
- Fifty years ago: December 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1913
- One Hundred years ago: December 1888

“Ancient Indians and Penrose Home are Basis for Fine Arts Center”**“W.W.I. Veterans”**

A list of Colorado City or Westside citizens who served in World War I in military services, the Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., or the Red Cross.

DECEMBER 8, 1988:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1963
- Fifty years ago: February 1938
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1913
- One Hundred years ago: February 1888

“Stream of Newcomers and Visitors, One Era After Another, Characterize Region”

Rosemary Hetzler discusses the rapid growth of the Pikes Peak region beginning with World War II.

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JANUARY 13, 1989:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1964
- Fifty years ago: February 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1914
- One Hundred years ago: February 1889

“Family Wasn’t Home, But Our Visit with the McAllister’s was a Pleasant Interlude”

OCCHS members visited the home on 423 N. Cascade.

“Juanita Rabbit and Jose Jorray, Among Latest Denizens of Colorado City’s Tunnel System”

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:

Joseph R. Graham

FEBRUARY 10, 1989:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1964
- Fifty years ago: March 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1914
- One Hundred years ago: March 1889

“Ironwork is Revealing of Both Ancient History and Current Events”

Lee Pavlica reflects on his unusual vocation as an architectural blacksmith.

“Anthony Bott Planned Ahead to Assure Water for Fledgling Town” – by Curt Poulton

A historical account of local native Anthony Bott and a response to February 1889’s “water pipes were laid from the Botts system.”

“Fire Department History Finds Museum Location”

““Camp Saphead’: a Teenage Adventure”

MARCH 10, 1989:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1964
- Fifty years ago: April 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1914
- One Hundred years ago: April 1889

“History Day Scholars Tell of Successful Medical, Resort Enterprises”

Early Homestead on Pikes Peak leads the Palsgove family to run a halfway house.

APRIL 14, 1989:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1964
- Fifty years ago: May 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1914
- One Hundred years ago: May 1889

“You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby, and You’re Gaining Momentum!”

Lora Dalton presented the history of pioneer women.

MAY 12, 1989:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: June 1964
- Fifty years ago: June 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: June 1914
- One Hundred years ago: June 1889

“Garden of the Gods Serves Early Visitors as Register of the Rockies”

Mary Ann and Richard Gehling thoroughly researched the names inscribed on rocks within Garden of the Gods as far back as 1858.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1989:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

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- Fifty years ago: September 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: September 1914
- One Hundred years ago: September 1889

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement:

William C. Henderson

Frances E. Trapp

“Road Not Taken Leaves Behind Disguised Remainder of Showplace” – by David R. Hughes

David examines the evidence for the building located at 2732 W. Colorado Ave that he believes is El Paso county’s oldest building that dates to 1859.

- A Key Intersection
- Other Supporting Evidence
- Present-Day Clues

OCTOBER 4, 1989:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1964
- Fifty years ago: October 1939
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1914
- One Hundred years ago: October 1889

“Is Old Colorado City’s Status as Historic District Endangered by *Merchandising*?”

“Florissant Fossil Beds Monument Lies Just 40 Miles and Million of Years in Distance”

Ranger Jill Ludeman told the story of the land around us millions of years ago to account for the rock formations at Florissant Fossil Beds.

NOVEMBER 4, 1989:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1964
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- One Hundred years ago: November 1889

“McCandless Family Takes Bad Rap from Legend By Makes Proud Naval History”

Roseamae Campbell compares the lives of Cobb McCanless and Bruce McCandless II.

DECEMBER 1, 1989:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1964
- Fifty years ago: December 1939
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- One Hundred years ago: December 1889

“Hughes Argues City Isn’t Using Best Incentives to Foster Historical Preservation: *Westside Success Comes From ‘History Is Good Business’ Approach* – by David Hughes

David discusses the possible future of Old Colorado City’s unique character.

1990

JANUARY 1, 1990:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1965
- Fifty years ago: January 1940
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1915
- One Hundred years ago: January 1890

“We Returned ‘Home for the Holidays’ to the White House Ranch

“Japanese ‘Miracle’ Excites Trolley Fans”

FEBRUARY 1, 1990:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1965
- Fifty years ago: February 1940
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1915
- One Hundred years ago: February 1890

“Type Should Be Felt; It Should Reach Out and Grab Us Firmly”

“Mt. Manitou Incline Will No Longer Run”

MARCH 1, 1990:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1965
- Fifty years ago: March 1940
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1915
- One Hundred years ago: March 1890

“G. Chilcott Involved in Struggle Over Statehood”

“There’s More to See in Valentines than Shown in a Casual Glance”

Sharron Uhler, a Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum archivist, gives evidence about myths and facts about Valentine’s Day.

“1920 Song Has Modern Ring: A Dream of Past”

The Hen and the Cow lyrics, 1920.

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“Ute Pass Alters Name, Considers New Home at Divide”**“Charged With Murder? 92% of Patterson’s Clients Were Acquitted”**

Dr. Robert Smith discusses Thomas J. Patterson’s career handling civil and criminal cases.

MAY 1, 1990:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

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“Casual Surrender of Water Rights Blocks Finley Ranch Development”

Curt Poulton argues that Robert Finnley played a vital part in Colorado City’s history after he arrived in 1860.

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“Fire Destroys Colorado City Second City Landmark”

On June 18, 1990, a fire wiped out Colorado City’s second City Hall at 115-119 S. 26th street.

OCTOBER 1, 1990:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

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“Midland Corridor Design Gives Little Help in Guiding OCCHS Plans”

Chuck Miller, the Deputy Director of Community Development, shares news of the future Midland/Fountain Creek Parkway Corridor Plan

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement

Bessie B. Shantz

NOVEMBER 1, 1990:

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“Colorado Springs’ Attitude to Colorado City Revealed in Item”

“Old Manitou Springs Manages to Change While Remaining as It Has Always Been”

Harriet Seibel shows rare scenes of hotels, springs, residences, churches, and much more of Manitou Springs’ history.

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“Branding Cattle Proves to Have Romance for Rancer, Genealogist, and Historian”

Kathy Hinkley discusses the practical matter of cattle brands and their role as the heraldry of the West.

1991

JANUARY 1991:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1966
- Fifty years ago: January 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1916
- One Hundred years ago: December 1891

“William Palmer Built Glen Eyrie To Be Not Only Elegant But To Be Enduring”

When William Palmer built Glen Eyrie in the early 1900s, Palmer said he wanted it to look a hundred years old and to last a thousand years.

“Chaos In Country Paper Shows Pre-War Humor”

A newspaper clipping saved by Luther McKnight gives insight into life before World War I. Newspaper clipping: *Mixed Weddings*.

FEBRUARY 1991:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

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- Fifty years ago: February 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1916
- One Hundred years ago: February 1891

“Mountain Climbing Was a Cherished Way of Life to Inestine Roberts”

Bob Gaarder depicts the life of Inestine Roberts and her life leading up to the unusual circumstances of her death on Pikes Peak at the age of 88.

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- Seventy-five years ago: March 1916
- One Hundred years ago: March 1891

“Williamite Followers Held Strict but Unorthodox Religious Beliefs”

Henry T. Williams was an educated man from a distinguished family who pioneered tourism in the region and rubbed elbows with the rich and famous. Ralph Conner discusses how Williams established a religious sect embroiled in controversy, particularly because of the tendency of its young babies to die.

APRIL 1991:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1966
- Fifty years ago: April 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1916
- One Hundred years ago: April 1891

“Daughter Adds Opinion About ‘Roberts’ Program”

Inestine Roberts’ daughter, Helen Roberts Richman, adds comments to January’s program.

MAY 1991:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1966
- Fifty years ago: May 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1916
- One Hundred years ago: May 1891

“George Chilcott’s Life Reflects the Indomitable Spirit of the Pioneers” – by Carl Chilcott

A history of George Chilcott, one of the early Colorado pioneers, coming to Colorado in May 1859, when the Pikes Peak Gold Rush was gathering momentum.

- Flat Broke in Pueblo
- Congressional Accomplishments
- Struggle Over Statehood
- Additional Notes About G. Chilcott

JUNE 1991:**“Phase II: OCCHS Conditional Offer on Colorado Ave. Building for Museum is Accepted”**

This June edition of West Word is dedicated to the future museum on Colorado Ave.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement

Mary Schaeffer Tracy

SEPTEMBER 1991:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: September 1966
- Fifty years ago: September 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: September 1916
- One Hundred years ago: September 1891

“Building Fund Honor Roll”

OCTOBER 1991:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1966
- Fifty years ago: October 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1916
- One Hundred years ago: October 1891

“Financial Resources Appear Too Limited; Board Abandons Plans to Buy Schmidt’s”**NOVEMBER 1991:****“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1966
- Fifty years ago: November 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1916
- One Hundred years ago: November 1891

“Foundation Supports Our History Center, Will Likely Fund 10% of Suitable Project”**“Computers Breach National Boundaries, Overcome Time and Distance” – by Dave Hughes**

Dave Hughes discusses how computers store and spread historical information and can open new avenues to new “consumers.”

DECEMBER 1991:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1966
- Fifty years ago: December 1941
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1916
- One Hundred years ago: December 1891

“Our Railroads Opened the Rockies to Trade, Tourists, and Spectacle”

George White gave a presentation on early Colorado mountain railroads.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement
 Raymond F. Ziegler
 Emily M. Johnson

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JANUARY 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1967
- Fifty years ago: January 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1917
- One Hundred years ago: January 1892

“Texan Livens Riarubg Twenties at the Rate of Four Miles Per Peanut”

Bob Gaarder discusses how the Pikes Peak region focused on a bizarre project by Bill Williams, who pushed a peanut up the summit of Pikes Peak for three weeks.

FEBRUARY 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1967
- Fifty years ago: February 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1917
- One Hundred years ago: February 1892

“Museums Must Overcome the Limits of Experience and Language”

Bev Diehl discusses her experience and gives insight into the problems of setting up historical exhibits while also trying to grab the customer's attention regarding the displays.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement
 Madeleine Schaeffer
 Clarion Taylor
 Rowena Roberts

MARCH 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1967
- Fifty years ago: March 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1917
- One Hundred years ago: March 1892

“George White’s Crystals Conduct Us on a Colorful Worldwide Tour”

George White shares information on minerals in their natural state that vary in shape and colors.

“Transition”*Obituary Announcement*

Mary E. Rymer

Edgar “Ed” Doyle Berry

APRIL 1992:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

-Twenty-five years ago: April 1967

-Fifty years ago: April 1942

-Seventy-five years ago: April 1917

-One Hundred years ago: April 1892

-One Hundred Twenty-Five years ago: April 1863

“Members Want to Save Golden Cycle Stack”**“Spoons Show Us Old Familiar Scenes Through an Unfamiliar Medium”**

Ed and Nancy Bathke show pre-World War I spoons that became a fad, collector items, and souvenirs.

“Crew Must Rebuild the Incline Before They Can Destroy It!”**“Transition”***Obituary Announcement*

Lyman DeGeer

MAY 1992:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

-Twenty-five years ago: May 1967

-Fifty years ago: May 1942

-Seventy-five years ago: May 1917

-One Hundred years ago: May 1892

“Historic Preservation Produces Successes, Failures, and Potentials”

Colorado Springs’ city planners, Tim Scanlon and Chuck Brown, will hold a meeting asking what the city of Colorado Springs should do towards historic preservation.

SEPTEMBER 1992:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

-Twenty-five years ago: September 1967

-Fifty years ago: September 1942

-Seventy-five years ago: September 1917

-One Hundred years ago: September 1892

“OCCHS Board Makes Offer on Historic Baptist Church Across from Bancroft Park”

The board of OCCHS voted on August 22nd to offer to buy the historic church building at 1 S. 24th to house a Westside History Center.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement

Alice Eleanor Dunn

Robert E. Simons

Martin Woodbury Drake

OCTOBER 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1967
- Fifty years ago: October 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1917
- One Hundred years ago: October 1892

“ ‘H.H.’ Had a Troubled Life, But Eventually Found Peace In Colorado”

Gloria J. Helmuth reveals details of Helen Hunt Jackson’s life and how life tragedies impacted Hunt’s poems, travelogues, and works of fiction.

NOVEMBER 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1967
- Fifty years ago: November 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1917
- One Hundred years ago: November 1892

“We Examine Primary Sources to Get to Know A.Z. Sheldon and His Community”

Bev Diehl discusses A.Z. Sheldon, a distinguished Colorado City resident who arrived in 1860.

DECEMBER 1992:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1967
- Fifty years ago: December 1942
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1917
- One Hundred years ago: December 1892

“Sensible Tips Make it Easier to Preserve Old-Timer’s Oral History”

Julie Jones-Eddy teaches the “how to” and “why” oral history is essential.

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JANUARY 1993:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1968
- Fifty years ago: January 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1918
- One Hundred years ago: January 1893
- One Hundred Twenty-Five years ago: January 1868

“We’re Acquainted with Great Potential at Intergenerational Center”

Lucille Cunningham introduces the resources of the West Center for Intergenerational Learning Center.

FEBRUARY 1993:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1968
- Fifty years ago: February 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1918
- One Hundred years ago: February 1893
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: February 1868

“102-Year-Old Church Building Retains Simple Grandeur”

Before and after photos of the future home for OCCHS.

MARCH 1993:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1968
- Fifty years ago: March 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1918
- One Hundred years ago: March 1893
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: March 1868

“Hang in There a Little Longer, Historic Resources; Help is On the Way!”

Joan Frederick demonstrated how Colorado Springs is determined to protect our architectural, historical, and archeological treasures.

APRIL 1993:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1968
- Fifty years ago: April 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1918
- One Hundred years ago: April 1893

“Professional Cowboys (and Girls) Trace Their Roots Back to the Ranch”

Pat Florence, the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame curator in Colorado Springs, discusses how rodeos grew out of the needs of cattlemen doing business in the wide-open spaces of the West.

OCTOBER 1993:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

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- Fifty years ago: October 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1918
- One Hundred years ago: October 1893
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“What’s Happening So Far About Our #1 History Center?”**“If You Know Where to Look, Vestiges of Sangre de Cristo Pass Remain:**

Ed Helmuth discussed how he applied two adjectives to Sangre de Cristo pass: “first” and “forgotten.” It was used a hundred years before the famous Santa Fe Trail.

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- Fifty years ago: November 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1918
- One Hundred years ago: November 1893
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: November 1868

“Gift to Mankind from the Western Hemisphere: The Potato”

Baked, fried, scalloped, dried, boiled, mashed, fermented -- thousands of varieties and recipes, as told by Anna-Leah Hathaway.

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1968
- Fifty years ago: December 1943
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1918
- One Hundred years ago: December 1893

“The Insurance Industry Allows Us to ‘Read’ History”

Sanborn Fire Maps do more than help adjusters; they give historical views of properties and towns.

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JANUARY 1994:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1969
- Fifty years ago: January 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1919
- One Hundred years ago: January 1894

“Transitions”

Obituary Announcement
 Phillip Henry Castine
 Allen Robert Kinsman

“Printers Home & Museum a Site to See”

Details and images of the Union Printers Home.

FEBRUARY 1994:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1969
- Fifty years ago: February 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1919
- One Hundred years ago: February 1894

“They Work Their Fingers to the Bones”

Dr. Hanson, chairman of the Field Research Committee of Garden Park Paleontology Society, introduces local dinosaurs discovered in the Pikes Peak region.

MARCH 1994:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1969
- Fifty years ago: March 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1919
- One Hundred years ago: March 1894

“A Happy and Industrious Family”

Pat Ferish discusses Elise Chambers and her husband, who purchased the White House Ranch near the Garden of the Gods in 1874.

APRIL 1994:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1969
- Fifty years ago: April 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1919
- One Hundred years ago: April 1894

“A Road by Any Other Name...”

Doris Wolfe presented the history of the Short Line to Cripple Creek.

MAY 1994**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1969
- Fifty years ago: May 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1919
- One Hundred years ago: May 1894

“Mountain Men Are Never in a Hurry”

Paul Partridge describes the life of a Colorado-Mountain-Man who began to come to Colorado in the 1800s, well before the search for gold.

“Colorado City Marks 125th Anniversary of Tragic Indian Attack”

In September 1868, plains Indians raided white settlements – to steal horses, often causing death and damage. The county and Colorado City suffered the worst Indian encounter.

SEPTEMBER 1994:**“From the President’s Desk”****OCTOBER 1994:****“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1969
- Fifty years ago: October 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1919
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“Membership Continues to Grow with the Old Colorado City Historical Society”**“Melva Touchette Captures Our Imagination”**

NOVEMBER 1994:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

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- One Hundred years ago: November 1894

DECEMBER 1994:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1969
- Fifty years ago: December 1944
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1919
- One Hundred years ago: December 1894

“Buffalo Soldiers Intrigue Our Audience”

Captain Todd R. Laughman gave a Veterans Day presentation to honor the Buffalo Soldiers and other African Americans who impacted the development of our nation.

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JANUARY 1995:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: January 1970
- Fifty years ago: January 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1920
- One Hundred years ago: January 1895

“January Program: *Violence on the Frontier: East Meets West in American History*”

Dr. David Stephen Heidler will present at the next OCCHS meeting. Dr. Heidler will tie his case study to the 1818 Chesaw Incident in the First Seminole War.

“Miramont Restoration Inspiration for OCCHS” – by Marty Walker

“Colorado City Through a Woman’s Eyes”

A reprinted article originally published over 100 years ago within the *IRIS*.

FEBRUARY 1995:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1970
- Fifty years ago: February 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1920
- One Hundred years ago: February 1895

“Renovation Begins”

Renovations at the new OCCHS building begin.

“Brain Levine Visits OCCHS: Cripple Creek Historian and Author is February Speaker”

“Clashing Cultures Led to Chesaw and Sand Creek Massacres”

Dr. David Stephen Heidler will tie his case study to the 1818 Chesaw Incident in the First Seminole War.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement
Carl T. “Chilly” Chilcott

MARCH/APRIL 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: February/April 1970
- Fifty years ago: February/April 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: February/April 1920
- One Hundred years ago: February/April 1895

“Music on the Santa Fe”

Mark L. Gardner presented a history of the Santa Fe Trail and its international trade beginning in 1821. Gardner also performed various songs from several periods continuing through frontier life.

“The Ditch That Built a City”

Presented by Dr. Curt Poulton.

“Brian Levine Entertains and Educates Large Audience”

Guest speaker, Brian Levine, discusses his latest book *Cripple Creek: City of Influence*.

MAY 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1970
- Fifty years ago: May 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1920
- One Hundred years ago: May 1895

“The El Paso Canal”

Dr. Curt Poulton gave a brief history of the El Paso Canal. He used maps to illustrate early and present-day points. He was able to distinguish the location and types of flumes and ditches.

JUNE/JULY 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- One Hundred years ago: June 1895

“History Center Now Historical Landmark”

OCCHS members work to get building on the state register.

“Men in Garden of the Gods”

Richard and Mary Ann Gehling will present at the August meeting. They will speak of many individuals instrumental in the history of Garden of the Gods, including Billy Bryan and Fatty Rice.

“Transition”

Obituary Announcement
Arnold Martin Cunningham

SEPTEMBER 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: September 1970
- Fifty years ago: September 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: September 1920
- One Hundred years ago: September 1895

“September Program: *The Pikes Peak Region in the 1890s*”

Ed and Nancy Bathke presented at the monthly program. Their program featured photos, collectibles, memorabilia, and ephemera from the 1890s in telling the story of what it was like to live in the Pikes Peak region at this time.

“West Middle School Special Issue”

The September issue of *West Word* is dedicated to students from West Middle School who researched and submitted articles to be published in *West Word*.

- “Superstitions” – by Adrienne Hankins & Brandy Doan
- “Dances of the Old West” – by Teresa Eckert
- “A Peak In/A Peak at History” – by Matthew Merrill
- “Were They Rumors...or True?” – by Anna Miller & Michelle McGinnis
- “Naturally Yours” – by Katie Patton
- “Miner’s Believed in Tommy Knockers” – by Wendy Contreras

OCTOBER 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: October 1970
- Fifty years ago: October 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: October 1920
- One Hundred years ago: October 1895

“October Program: *Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trails*”

Walter Dennis will present at the next meeting. His program will be a presentation on the Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trails and their routes through Colorado during the 1860s and 1870s.

“Fairview is 100!”**“One of England’s Greatest Peers” – by Ralph Carr**

Former Colorado Governor Ralph Carr enjoyed writing elaborate stories to be included with his holiday greeting cards. This story was mailed to Carl in December 1948 and detailed a little-known story concerning the sale of Cripple Creek’s Independence Mine.

“Colorado City: The Gem of the Foothills”

NOVEMBER 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: November 1970
- Fifty years ago: November 1945
- Seventy-five years ago: November 1920
- One Hundred years ago: November 1895

“Jane Root Quinby: Pioneer Resident of Colorado City”

Jane Root, the founding member and donor of land for First Baptist Church

“Cattle Trails Along the Front Range”

Walter Dennis, manager of the Jimmy Camp Ranch, discusses the history of Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving.

“Walter Farquhar Douglas: Architect of Our History Center Building”

The Old Colorado City History Center, formerly the First Baptist Church of Colorado City, received its listing on the Colorado Register of Historic Places on June 14, 1995. It was not because of its age but because of its architecture: Walter Farquhar Douglas.

DECEMBER 1995:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: December 1970
- Twenty-five years ago: January 1971
- Fifty years ago: December 1945
- Fifty years ago: January 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1920
- Seventy-five years ago: January 1921
- One Hundred years ago: December 1895
- One Hundred years ago: January 1896

“Bed & Breakfast Tour A Success for OCCHS”**“January Program: *Lost Landmarks in the Pikes Peak Region*”**

Harriet Seibel will narrate many of the Pikes Peak area buildings that have been torn down for various reasons.

“Western Woman at ‘War’: Captain Hillman Speaks at November Meeting”

Capt. Beth Hillman uses the word *war* in a non-military sense to express Native American, pioneer women, and women in the military’s battles against the elements, prejudices, and other human beings.

“First Baptist Church of Colorado City: A Little History from Old Newspapers”

- October 13, 1889
- January 3, 1890
- January 24, 1890
- November 22, 1890

“Facts About Templeton Cleared Up: From the Gazette Telegraph – March 14, 1954”

A brief history of one of Colorado City’s earliest residents, Andrew Jackson Templeton.

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FEBRUARY 1996:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: February 1971
- Fifty years ago: February 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: February 1921
- One Hundred years ago: February 1896

“February Program: *Victorian Wedding Gowns*”

Rita Wilhelm, owner of Seasons Past Ltd., will present at February’s program. She will give an entertaining and informative talk about clothing fashions during the 1800s, particularly wedding clothes.

“Harriet Seibel Presents Many Fond Memories”

Harriet Seibel brought back memories of many buildings around the Pikes Peak region.

“A Life History as Told by Lowell J. Mills”

Lowell J. Mills recounts his life and memories of Colorado Springs and the Westside.

MARCH 1996:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: March 1971
- Fifty years ago: March 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: March 1921
- One Hundred years ago: March 1896

“March Program: *Battle of Glorieta Pass*”

Dr. Jeanne T. Heidler will present at the March program. Dr. Heidler will speak about the Battle of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico, and its tremendous impact on the fortunes of the Confederate States of America.

APRIL 1996:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Twenty-five years ago: April 1971
- Fifty years ago: April 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1921
- One Hundred years ago: April 1896

“Civil War’s Gettysburg of the West: The Battle of Glorietta Pass”

Dr. Jeanne T. Heidler stresses the importance of the Battle of Glorietta Pass to the Confederacy and how losing the battle may have affected United States history.

MAY 1996:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: May 1971
- Fifty years ago: May 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: May 1921
- One Hundred years ago: May 1896

“More Stories from Here Lies Colorado Springs”

Will DeBoer tells more stories of people who did not make the city cemetery book.

JUNE/JULY 1996:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: June/July 1971
- Fifty years ago: June/July 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: June/July 1921
- One Hundred years ago: June/July 1896

“History Center’s Future in Cyberspace” – by David Hughes

David Hughes discusses the subject of the World Wide Web and its potential benefits for the history center.

“Reading of Law” – by Ira Current

Ira Current discusses why the “No Trespassing” sign was put up on the property line at Glen Eyrie in 1924.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1996:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Twenty-five years ago: August/September 1971
- Fifty years ago: August/September 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: August/September 1921
- One Hundred years ago: August/September 1896

“An Old-Fashioned Sunday in Bancroft Park”

Founders’ Day in Bancroft Park, August 1996.

“A Peek into the Past” – by Dorothy Aldridge

In tribute to friend and fellow historian, here are a few of Dorothy’s memorable stories:

- “Gin Mill”
- “Fashions 1880s Style”
- “Walloping Winds!”
- “Resurrection Time!”

NOVEMBER 1996:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: October/November 1946
- Seventy-five years ago: October/November 1921
- One Hundred years ago: October/November 1896
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: October/November 1871
- One Hundred thirty-five years ago: October/November 1861

“Ice Colossus in the Colorado Rockies”

Darlene Weir Godat gives little-known facts on Leadville’s Ice Palace.

“Historic Colorado Churches”

Mary Jane Rust will present her latest book, *Faith in High Places*.

“Assignment – Colorado City”

A compilation of essays that were read at an entertainment given by the Colorado Immigration Bureau at Miller Hall in November 1896. The authors were all pupils at Bancroft school when they entered the Immigration Bureau’s competition. The essays are printed in full as abstracted from *The Colorado City Iris*, November 21, 1896.

“Vicinity of Pikes Peak”

Abstract from the *Rocky Mountain News*, August 27, 1859.

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JANUARY 1997:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: December 1946/January 1947
- Seventy-five years ago: December 1921/January 1922
- One Hundred years ago: December 1896/January 1871
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: December 1896/January 1871
- One Hundred thirty-five years ago: December 1861

“When Anthony Bott was a Scout”

Taken from *El Paso Country Democrat* in December 1908, Anthony Bott remembers his Indian experiences from the early days.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 1997:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: December 1946/January 1947
- Seventy-five years ago: February/March 1922
- One Hundred years ago: February/March 1897
- One Hundred thirty-five years ago: March 1862

“Westside Honors Leon Young”

Mayor of Colorado Springs, Leon Young, was honored for his work in bringing Old Colorado City back to prosperity and historical significance.

“The Hottest Town on the Front Range”

The original story is taken from the *Colorado Springs Independent*, October 3, 1946.

APRIL 1997:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: April 1947
- Seventy-five years ago: April 1922
- One Hundred years ago: April 1897
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: April 1872

“History Center Pioneer Hedy Lamarr”

“James P. Beckwourth Dies in 1867”

The original story is taken from the *Rocky Mountain News*, February 5, 1887

JULY 1997:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: May/June/July 1947
- Seventy-five years ago: May/June/July 1922
- One Hundred years ago: May/June/July 1897
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: May/June/July 1872

“Our History Center Opens for Business”**“Our Affair with the Midland Terminal”****“A Hanging in Colorado City”**

Transcribed and reprinted from the *Gazette Telegraph*, September 7, 1941.

AUGUST 1997: PIONEER EDITION, A Special History Center Grand Opening Edition**“Happy Birthday, Colorado City!”****“The Beginnings of the Old Colorado City Historical Society” – by David Hughes**

Just as Colorado City grew out of the Pike Peak or Bust gold rush of 1859, the Old Colorado City Historical Society grew out of the Pikes Peak or Bust '76 Bicentennial Celebration started in 1976.

“Historical Society begins with Luther McKnight's Love of Colorado City” –by Ralph Conner

Martin Luther McKnight was not yet five years old when he arrived in Colorado City in 1899 with his mother and father. For 87 years, Luther grew with Colorado City and Westside Colorado Springs until his death in 1986.

“The Early Days of the Old Colorado City Historical Society” –by Agnes Johnson

Agnes Johnson recalls events pertaining to the formation of the Old Colorado City Historical Society from 1981-1987.

“Luther McKnight and the Background on the Purchase of the Church” – by Orville Kenelly**“The Story of Phase II of our Society and the History Center” – by Lucille Cunningham****OCTOBER 1997:****“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: August 1947
- Seventy-five years ago: August 1922
- One Hundred years ago: August 1897

“A Glimpse of a Colorado Pioneer” – by Richard Current

Richard Current interviewed his neighbor, Mr. Love, in 1928 and submitted the interview and photograph to the *Gazette-Telegraph*. This is a reprint of the interview with Mr. Love.

“Four Wheels” –by Ira Current

The Pikes Peak Hill Climb was nothing compared to the daredevils who raced White Load Hill. This steep, straight stretch of road accelerated the vehicles to a breathtaking speed as the drivers headed into Pikes Peak Avenue.

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“A History of a Pioneer Family in Colorado Springs”

MARCH 1998:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: January/February/March 1948
- Seventy-five years ago: January/February/March 1923
- One Hundred years ago: January/February/March 1898
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: January/February/March 1873

“Reminiscences of the Early Days in Colorado” – by Hattie L. Hedges Trout

Hattie Trout delivered this transcribed speech to the El Paso County Pioneer Association on October 10, 1933. Written from memory, it tells of her early years in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region.

“Hermits in the Pikes Peak Region”

Local historian George White will discuss many of the reclusive and eccentric people who lived in this early since the 1870s.

“The History Center Master Plan: How Are We Doing?”

APRIL 1998:

“Election to the Board of Directors”

JULY 1998:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: Spring 1948
- Seventy-five years ago: Spring 1923
- One Hundred years ago: Spring 1898
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: Spring 1873

“Visit the Pioneers at Fairview Cemetery”

OCCHS sponsored the “Cemetery Crawl” at Fairview Cemetery.

“Cyanide” –by Ira Current

Back when buying sodium cyanide from Fred F. Koch’s drug store was easy as purchasing a pain reliever, a young amateur chemist named Ira Current discovered the importance of the deadly chemical in Old Colorado City’s history.

SEPTEMBER 1998:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: Summer 1948
- Seventy-five years ago: Summer 1923
- One Hundred years ago: Summer 1898
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: Summer 1873

“The Unsers in Colorado City”

Bobby Unser talks about his family’s history in Old Colorado City at OCCHS’s first annual membership banquet.

“Fairview Cemetery Crawl Scrapbook”

Images from the first Fairview Cemetery Crawl.

OCTOBER 1998

n/a: *FYI Newsletter*

NOVEMBER 1998:

n/a: *FYI Newsletter*

DECEMBER 1998:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: Fall 1948
- Seventy-five years ago: Fall 1923
- One Hundred years ago: Fall 1898
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: Fall 1873

“Traveling the Cherokee Trail”**“First Families of Colorado City: The Unsers”**

1999

MARCH 1999:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Seventy-five years ago: Winter 1924
- One Hundred Twenty-five years ago: Winter 1874

“Come Visit with Winfield Scott Stratton”

APRIL 1999:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: Winter 1949
- Seventy-five years ago: Winter 1924
- One Hundred years ago: Winter 1899
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: Winter 1874

“City Hall is a Bit Berserk on the First Day of April”

The Street Department Superintendent, James J. Murray, said no major street repairs would be made this year.

“Colorado Springs Honors Dave Hughes”

“Ramona: The Black Sheep of El Paso County” – by Jan MacKell

Today, no storefronts or evidence of evil-doing can be seen where Ramona once occupied. Still, the Ramona annex remains a historic and picturesque area.

“Nelson’s Camp” – by Ira Current

Frank Nelson, whose cabin and gold camp is located near the north end of Cheyenne Canon, at the foot of Mount Almagre, dug for gold around his property from 1906 until his death in 1944.

MAY 1999:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

- Fifty years ago: Winter 1949
- Seventy-five years ago: Winter 1924
- One Hundred years ago: Winter 1899
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: Winter 1874

“The Florissant Fossil Beds”

JUNE 1999:**“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

- Fifty years ago: 1949
- Seventy-five years ago: 1924
- One Hundred years ago: 1899
- One Hundred twenty-five years ago: 1874

“OCCHS Election Results”**JULY 1999:****“French History the Louvre”****“West Word Memories: From the Past”**

Selected articles from previous West Words 1985 and 1986.

AUGUST 1999:**“First Families of Colorado City”**

The family of Park and Anna Current, as told by Ira Current.

- Fowl Caretakers
- Vices and Desires

“A Glimpse of a Colorado Pioneer”

An interview that took place in 1928 with Mr. Love, who lived on the 3100 block of West Pikes Peak Avenue. Mr. Love arrived in Colorado City in 1868.

SEPTEMBER 1999:**“West Word Memories: From the Past”**

Selected articles from previous West Words 1988.

“Historic Manuscript Found!”

The story of A.B. Wade, whose manuscript was written in 1861, was recently discovered.

OCTOBER 1999:**“The Quarries of Red Rock Canyon”**

At the peak of quarrying activity in Red Rock Canyon, the quarries were a significant economic enterprise in the Colorado City area, with up to 500 people living in the canyon. The stepped walls of these quarries are perhaps reminiscent of Mayan temples.

“Bygone Days in the Pikes Peak Region”

A reprint of the article “The Disaster” featured in *The Gazette* on June 27, 1874.

NOVEMBER 1999:**“West Side Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”**

-One Hundred Twenty-Five years ago: October 1874

“Colorful ‘Prairie Dog’ O’Byrne”

The origin story of Thunder and Buttons.

DECEMBER 1999:**“Christmas Holidays in the Pikes Peak Region” – by Dave Hughes**

The explorers and pioneers in Colorado at Christmas time in the early 1800s through 1858 celebrated the season in many ways. There were diverse peoples, bringing with them their traditions and adapting them to the availability of things on the frontier.

“Growing Up in Colorado City” – by Gene Current

Gene Current reminisces about life in Old Town during the 1920s and 1930s.

“Anthony Bott Dies Exactly 58 Years After He Founded City”

A reprinted article published in *The Gazette* on December 13, 1916, outlines the life and accomplishments of Anthony Bott, who came to the region to find gold but built an empire.

“Remembering Ralph Hubbard”

Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora was a successful soap entrepreneur, popular writer, publisher, lecturer, and furniture manufacturer. The products of the craftspeople in his Roycrofters printing and woodworking shops were recognized worldwide.

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

-Fifty years ago: 1949

-Seventy-five years ago: 1924

-One Hundred years ago: 1899

-One Hundred twenty-five years ago: 1874

2000

FEBRUARY 2000:

“Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events”

-One Hundred years ago: December 1899 – January 1900

“Our Own Stories: My Family Home on Corley Road” – by Don Ellis

Mr. Ellis describes his childhood while his family built their home on Corley Road in 1944 into the 1950s.

“Arensdale School” – by Ira Current

The pride of Colorado City in the years after 1910 was the new Arensdale school built on a knoll where the red sandstone of the Garden of the Gods submerged to rise again as the stone in Red Rock Canyon.

“A Winter’s Climb to the Summit”

AdAmAn commemorated the year 2000 with a special climbing party with five members replicating the original “Frozen Five” climb up the steep and icy route of the Cog Railway tracks.

“Colorado City Enters the Twentieth Century”

As we advance into the 21st century, we look back at Colorado City’s outlook on the future as they entered the 20th century, as the *Colorado Springs Gazette* reported on December 31, 1899.

“Hedy Lamarr: Part of Colorado City History”

Hedy Lamarr was hailed as “the most beautiful girl in the world.” Later she became the raven-haired screen siren known for her exceptional beauty, which had been described by the legendary Hollywood columnist Hedda Hopper as “orchidaceous.” The Hollywood actress will be remembered mostly for her beauty, but it will be her intelligence that will live on at the Old Colorado History Center.

MARCH 2000:

“When Laughlin Shot Devlin in Colorado City: The *Rest* of the Story!”

Anyone who has read the history of Colorado City knows the story of the shootout between Jim Laughlin and Pat Devlin in 1860. It is one of the most legendary tales of the West. However, do you know the *real* story?

APRIL 2000:

“Walks With Grandfather” – by Anges Johnson

Anges Johnson reminisces of daily afternoon walks with her grandfather, Frank Ayres, to the beaver pond and the stories her grandfather would tell.

“The Orthographic Duel”

A reprinted article from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, April 17, 1875.

“West Side Memories”

-One Hundred years ago: February 1875 – March 1875 – April 1875

JUNE 2000:**“The First Territory Days” – by Dave Hughes**

Dave Hughes tells the *real* history of the first Territory Days – not the one in 1977, but the one in 1976, Colorado’s 100th anniversary.

“West Side Memories”

-One Hundred years ago: February 1875 – March 1875 – April 1875

JULY 2000:**“McKnight Bequest Benefits Society with Memorabilia and Finances”**

This article was originally published in the *West Word* in August 1986.

“West Side Memories”

-One Hundred twenty-five years ago: February 1875 – March 1875 – April 1875

AUGUST 2000:**“The Colorado City Fire Department”**

From the book *Fighting Fire in Colorado Springs* by Dr. Lester L. Williams.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: 1875

-75 years ago: 1925

“Remembering the West Side” – by Leland Feitz

When Leland Feitz moved to Colorado Springs in 1942, he first lived in the east part of town. He would then move to the north end. Fifteen years ago, Leland became a west sider and called this side home.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: 1875

-75 years ago: 1925

OCTOBER 2000:**“Jane Root Quinby: Pioneer Resident of Colorado City”**

This article was published in the *West Word* in November 1985.

“Broke Ground for the Mill”

A reprinted article originally published in the *Colorado Springs Gazette* on October 6, 1900.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years Ago: October 1875

NOVEMBER 2000:**“At Home for the Holidays” – by Sallie Clark**

The 6th anniversary of the Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Holiday Tour.

“Old Colorado City Thrives...with Facelifts and Faith” – by Gene Birkhead

The revival of Old Colorado City as a shopping and entertainment center continues to find both new and old businesses participating in the area's facelift. Private investment by long-term owners is essential to the ongoing restoration process.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: October 1875

-75 years ago: October 1925

DECEMBER 2000:**“Happy Holidays”****“Louise Geckler Koch”****“West Side Memories”**

-125 years ago: 1875

-50 years ago: 1950

2001

JANUARY 2001:

“The Secret Pile of Gold”

A brief history of the great Golden Cycle Gold Mill that operated from 1908 to 1948. The mill was located between 8th and 21st Street on the Westside of Colorado Springs. In the forty years the mill was operational, it produced around 150 tons a day of gold ore tailings that came down from Ute Pass from Cripple Creek.

“Pikes Peak United Methodist Church Celebrates...Seventy-Fifth Anniversary”

“West Side Memories”

- January 5, 1951: Death Comes to Harry Galbraith Veteran Writer, *Colorado Springs News*

-January 5, 1951: Weatherman Fizzles AdAmAn Fireworks, *Colorado Springs Gazette*

-December 29, 1950: AdAmAn Club to Raise Flag, Use Giant Mirror on Peak, *Colorado Springs Gazette*

FEBRUARY 2001:

“My Brother...Leonard Dittmore”

Gordon Dittmore tells the story and life of his brother, Leonard, who built a home located on Lake George in the 1920s.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: February 1876

-75 years ago: February 1926

MARCH-APRIL 2001:

“The Flower Excursion – Colorado City Style”

In the late 1800s, citizens within Colorado Springs started a new tradition worthy of the fashions of long-settled cities on the Eastern shore. It was called the Flower Parade. Carriages were decorated with spring flowers, ladies carried flowered parasols, and parades resembled the Easter Parade of New York.

“West Side Memories”

-March 7, 1926: Ancient Dates Carved in Garden of the Gods Rocks, *Annual Issue, Colorado Springs Gazette*

-March 7, 1926: West Colorado Springs, Past Year Responsible for Many Improvements, *Annual Issue, Colorado Springs Gazette*

-April 12, 1901: Sunshine to Follow in Wake of the Storm, *Colorado Springs Gazette*

MAY 2001:**“When Colorado City Went Dry, Ramona was Born to be Wild”**

The small town of Ramona, an enclave in what is now part of Colorado Springs’ West Side, was formed in 1913 with only one purpose – drinking.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: May 1876

-75 years ago: May 1926

JUNE 2001:**“Colorado City’s Early Start with Aid of Squabbling Denverites”**

Colorado City was the first town to be laid out and platted south of Denver, its first stake being driven on August 13, 1859. In the months immediately preceding, 26 residents of Denver were then squabbling among themselves to see whether it would be called Auraria or Denver.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: June 1876

-100 years ago: June 1901

JULY 2001:**“First July Fourth of the Twentieth Century”**

Original story from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, July 5, 1901: “Colorado City’s Big Celebration! Many thousands of people helped the Old Town honor Independence Day Appropriately.”

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: July 1876

-100 years ago: July 1901

-75 years ago: July 1926

AUGUST 2001:**“Colorado City: Colorado’s First Territorial Capital”**

Original story from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, September 20, 1906.

“West Side Memories”

-August 12, 1859

-October 20, 1917

SEPTEMBER 2001:**“Nostalgia, or is it getting old and tending to live in the past?”**

A Westside native gives his perspective on what it is like living on the Westside – the changes and his opinion on the changes that have occurred over the years.

“West Side Memories”

-125 years ago: September 1867

OCTOBER 2001:**“God Shed His Grave on Thee”**

A tribute article for the tragic events of September 11th.

“West Side Memories”

-75 years ago: October 1924

NOVEMBER 2001:**“A Grand Tour”**

The 7th annual holiday Bed & Breakfast tour will include 20 historic homes.

DECEMBER 2001:**“An Inn-Visiting Affair”**

A special holiday *West Word* edition dedicated to the upcoming holiday festivities that will take place for the 7th annual Bed & Breakfast tour.

2002

JANUARY 2022:

“A New Look at Old History: Anza’s 1779 Campaign Through Colorado City” – by Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes discusses the book *Anza and Cuerno Verde: Decisive Battle* by Dr. Wilfred Martinez. In this book, Dr. Martinez could track Anza’s 615-mile and 26-day march as he outflanked the unsuspecting Cuerno Verde, who had been raiding the Santa Fe and Spanish settlements of northern New Mexico.

“Westside Memories”

-January 1, 1902 edition of the *Colorado Springs Gazette*

“26th Street Landfill”

This article was reprinted from *The Red Rock Rag* by Don Ellis.

FEBRUARY 2002:

“Red Rock Canyon” – by Don Ellis

Don Ellis describes natural earth properties beneath Red Rock Canyon and its surrounding area.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: December 1901

MARCH 2002:

“Hearts of Gold? Colorado Painted Ladies: Who and Why” –by Nadine Gilman

In the heyday of the mining boom, the environment produced widespread prostitution in Colorado and the American West. In this article, Gilman supplies census statistics of male to female population in 1880 Leadville. Gilman also breaks down the three types of prostitution found within the gold miner communities.

“Westside Memories”

-125 years ago: March 1875

APRIL 2002:

“Red Rocks Canyon: Politics & the Red Rock Canyon” – by Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes writes an opinion piece for the *West Word* concerning Red Rock Canyon’s fate. Red Rock Canyon was listed for sale after the Zydeco expired without a deal. It fell through after the City of Colorado Springs refused to supply additional water to the property so it could be developed. This will result in consequences for our Westside and its fading Western values.

“Westside Memories”

-April 1875

MAY 2002:**“A Building on the Ave: Bricks, Beer, & Army Surplus – the Oldest Building in El Paso County”**

The 30-foot-wide building connecting 2730 and 2732 West Colorado Ave is the oldest building still in its original location in El Paso County. It was built in 1860.

“Westside Memories”

-125 years ago: May 1877

JUNE 2002:**“E-mailed History”**

In this article, five e-mailed letters present interesting fragments of history by fellow *West Word* readers.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: May 1902

JULY 2002:**“We the People: The Declaration of Independence”****“Westside Memories”**

-May 1902

AUGUST 2002:**“The Devil’s Rope” – by Merv Casey**

A history of Haish, Glidden, and Elwood. These three men changed Western development and are considered the inventors of modern barbed wire. Their inventions were instrumental in causing several internal “wars” in post-Civil War Western America.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: December 1901

SEPTEMBER 2002:**“Utes Along the Hogbacks” –by Don Ellis**

Native campsites are known to have existed along the hogbacks and in Red Rock Canyon. However, evidence of campsites in Red Rock Canyon have been obliterated by subsequent activity.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: September 1902

OCTOBER 2002:**“Harvey Anway and the Fort” – by Dave Hughes**

The OCCHS received an e-mail inquiry about a “fort” that was rumored to be in Colorado City around 1865. This rumor is true! At 2816 West Pikes Peak, there is a granite marker with a bronze plaque erected by the State Historical Society in 1936 in front of the location of the “fort.” The fort is now an old house where, between 1864 and 1868, women and children hid during Indian raids.

“Westside Memories”

-50 years ago: October 1952

NOVEMBER 2002:**“A True Original: John G. Bock”**

The story and life of John Bock, who migrated to Colorado from Philadelphia in 1907. Mr. Bock owned several buildings and properties throughout the Colorado City area, such as 3164 W. Colorado Ave, the old City Hall of Colorado City building, which he used as a historical museum, and 172 acres within the Red Rock Canyon.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: October 1902

DECEMBER 2002:**“A Holiday Tradition: The 8th Annual Bed & Breakfast Tour”****“Westside Memories”**

-100 years ago

2003

JANUARY 2003:

“A Rose by Any Other Name”

A brief historical account of the man who discovered Pikes Peak, Zebulon Montgomery Pike, and its original name, “Grand Peak.”

FEBRUARY 2003:

“Our Past, Our Children’s Future: Why Preserve Pieces of the Past” – by Gordon Gray

Local westsider, Gordon Gray, re-tells a story about a building fire on the block of 2400 Colorado Avenue that spread to several businesses. Gray also discusses how this event made him realize that over 100 years of history were going up in flames and the importance of preserving history and the westside historical buildings.

“Westside Memories”

-October 1902

APRIL 2003:

“The Saturday Knights: Colorado Springs 100-Year-Old Hiking Club” – by Leland Feitz

Every Saturday morning at 8:30, a group of men meet at the Van Briggles Pottery parking lot to carpool to a trailhead someplace in the Pikes Peak region; they are the Saturday Knights. This group is one of the oldest hiking clubs in Colorado, beginning in 1903.

“Westside Memories”

-100 years ago: October 1902

MAY 2003:

“The Antlers” – by Leland Feitz

Leland Feitz tells the story of the Antlers Hotel and when it first opened for business on June 1, 1883. The hotel was built in downtown Colorado Springs on the west end of Pikes Peak Ave. on land owned by the city’s founder, General William Jackson Palmer.

“Westside Memories”

-October edition

JUNE-JULY 2003:

“Controversial Charles Stockbridge”

This article recounts the history of the Stockbridge House, which was founded in 1879 by elected Mayor, Charles Stockbridge to function as a brewery in Colorado City’s red district, until the city was voted dry in 1913.

AUGUST 2003:**“The Other Side of the Tracks: Growing Up on the Other Side of the Tracks” – by Don Ellis**

Westside native Don Ellis describes his childhood and his memories of growing up in his “old neighborhood” -- the neighborhood around Midland School, the part of the Westside on the other side of the tracks.

“Westside Memories”

-Eight+ years ago: June 1921

SEPTEMBER 2003:**“Melancthon Returns!”**

Mr. Melancthon “M.S.” Beach, one of the most prominent founders of the original Colorado City comes back to life in this article that tells where M.S. Beach came from and how he got his start in Colorado City in the summer of 1859.

“Westside Memories”

-1921

-1971

OCTOBER 2003:**“Prominent People and Mills of the Past”**

In this article, various stories of people who lived in Colorado City and the surrounding area are during the Cripple Creek Mining District are told.

“Westside Memories”

-1921

-1946

-1971

NOVEMBER 2003:**“B&B Tour 2003”**

This *West Word* edition is dedicated to the upcoming 9th Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour.

DECEMBER 2003:**“Christmas Past”**

As Christmas draws closer, OCCHS thought it would be interesting to revisit how this phenomenon came to be, how and why one feels compelled to have our Christmas tree adorned with whatever one feels is necessary to put on the tree as a symbol of the celebration, for the Christians, to honor the birth of Christ on this day; however, it has not always been this way.

2004

JANUARY 2004:

“Our 1859 Cabin is Done!”

This article is dedicated to the “Old Log Cabin,” originally built in 1859 by Dr. Gavin as the new gold rush town started. The cabin was renovated and restored, estimated at around \$91,290, to preserve the 144-year-old Colorado City Cabin. The cabin now resides in Bancroft Park, next to the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

“Memories of Yore” – by Arlene Casey

A collection of newspaper articles from various publications regarding past Colorado City news reprinted for *West Word* readers.

FEBRUARY 2004

“Our Own Railroad: Early Days of Colorado Railroading” – by Mel McFarland

Mel McFarland provides evidence through his research of William J. Palmer’s determination to expand The Kansas Pacific Railroad to Denver, Colorado limits in the 1880s. This would impact the gold and silver rushes within the state, Colorado City, and the Ute Pass region.

“Memories of Yore” – by Arlene Casey

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MARCH 2004:

“A New Era”

The Hogbacks and Red Rock Canyon have played critical historical roles in the development of Colorado City from its very beginning. Now, much of the land in Red Rock Canyon and along the hogbacks has been acquired by the city of Colorado Springs as our new Red Rock Canyon Open Space. Through a series of public meetings on the master plan for Red Rock Canyon Open Space, there is an opportunity to influence how the physical evidence of its history is available to us all.

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APRIL 2004:**“An Era of Gentility: The Victorian Era in America”**

The Victorian era corresponds with the reign of Queen Victoria in England from 1839 to 1901. The period brought forth a style of beloved houses in Colorado, and many have become today’s bed-and-breakfast establishments. This article discusses Victorian architecture and Victorian traditions, values, inventions, and the invention of afternoon tea.

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MAY-JUNE 2004:**“A Nation Divided” – by Merv Casey**

Merv Casey writes his family connections to Carry A. Nation, who instigated the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). Casey recalls the stories of his grandmother, a WCTC member, and Carry Nation speaking together at rallies of the evils and “Demon Rum, tobacco, and several other forms of sin” taking over the nation and Colorado City before the 18th Amendment.

“Memories of Yore” – by Arlene Casey

A collection of newspaper articles from various publications regarding past Colorado City news reprinted for *West Word* readers.

JULY-AUGUST 2004:**“A True Treasure: The Colorado City High School” – by Dave Hughes**

An absolute historical treasure was given to the OCCHS by Mark Hampshire. It was a small cloth-bound book with brown threading, titled, *The Aristocrat*, dated 1915. This book is the only known publication about the tiny high school in Colorado City, which only existed from 1906-1917. This article and discovered gem give incredible insight into what life must have been like around the last two years of the separate existence of struggling Colorado City, which was dissolved in 1917.

SEPTEMBER 2004:**“The Short Line: The Gold Camp Road” – by Don Ellis**

Gold Camp has been described as not just a road but an entire experience with some of Colorado’s most spectacular and beautiful scenery and places. Don Ellis describes what life was like growing up on Gold Camp Road. Ellis also describes the railroad companies and the cutthroat competition to lay tracks down in the area for financial gain.

“The History of Fairview Cemetery”

A short history of Fairview Cemetery that has an estimated 12,000 people buried there.

“Rodeo Honors Hughes”

The August 64th Pikes Peak Rodeo Parade in downtown Colorado Springs honored Retired Colonel Dave Hughes. He was named 2004’s West Point “Distinguished Graduate.”

OCTOBER 2004:**“Glorieta Pass: Colorado City and the Civil War” – by Dave Hughes**

The historical impact the West, Colorado, and Colorado City had that influenced and shaped the Civil War has been neglected in most histories regarding the Civil War. This edition of the *West Word* is dedicated to the history of Glorieta Pass. Dave Hughes shares his research on The Battle of La Glorieta Pass and the events within Colorado leading up to the Confederate surrender in the Spring of 1865.

NOVEMBER 2004:**“Modern Mining: From Then to Now” – by Merv Casey**

Merv Casey gives an insightful perspective on how gold and silver were extracted from the mines by men who first trudged into the Rocky Mountains, compared to how mining is done today. This article also gives insight into the history of Colorado’s Gold Rush and the infamous miners who made the Cripple Creek-Victor District and Colorado City thrive.

DECEMBER 2004:**“Viewable History”**

The annual Bed & Breakfast Tour of Colorado Springs’ Victorian homes and architecture.

2005

JANUARY 2005:

“Our Digital Future: A Digital Future for Remembering the Past” – by Dave Hughes

Over the last eight years, OCCHS has transitioned to computer technology to write the West Word newsletter and creation of the OCCHS internet site. Computers also allow the preservation of history while also sharing the past. This article gives insight into the evolution of the historical society’s digital process and the challenges faced along the way.

- Genesis of the Website
- Payoff
- New Problems
- A Grant for Digitalization
- What is the Digital Vision?

FEBRUARY 2005:

“Carnegie’s Legacy: Carnegie Libraries – a Legacy that will Live Forever” – by Gordon Gray

This unique article gives a history of Andrew Carnegie, the benefactor of 2,809 libraries, of which 1,946 were located in the United States. Three Carnegie Libraries are located in the community: one in Colorado Springs, one in Colorado City, and the other in Manitou Springs. Gordon Gray investigates who Andrew Carnegie was, his family, his career, and where he got the money to build and donate over 1,900 libraries in the United States.

“Memories of Yore” – by Arlene Casey

A collection of newspaper articles from various publications regarding past Colorado City news reprinted for *West Word* readers.

MARCH 2005:

“A Grand Legacy: Creative People of Cripple Creek” – by Leland Feitz

Leland Feitz writes about some of the most creative and talented people from the Cripple Creek District -- the remote place on the back side of Pikes Peak.

“Memories of Yore” – by Arlene Casey

A collection of newspaper articles from various publications regarding past Colorado City news reprinted for *West Word* readers.

APRIL 2005:**“Van Briggie” – by Merv Casey**

Under the Uintah Hill was a locally owned pottery store, the Van Briggie Pottery Company. In this article, Merv Casey reflects on his fond memories of this store. He also gives a history of who Artus Van Briggie was and the company’s history.

MAY 2005:**“Where Were They? The Depot Mystery” – by Mel McFarland**

Mel McFarland analyzes a common misconception within the history of the Denver & Rio Grande depot – what was the *first* D&RG depot? The common answer uses a picture of the “Log Cabin” but is incorrect. The mystery about the first railroad station in the area is uncovered by investigating the sequence of events within the D&RG depot’s history.

“Returning the Horses” – by Lawrence (Duke) Van Wert**JUNE-JULY 2005:****“The Life & Times of Doctor James Garvin: The Itinerant Doctor Garvin, His Cabin and Colorado City” – by Dave Hughes**

Until 2005, OCCHS had no pictures or portraits of James Garvin, the young 27-year-old pioneer of Colorado City and the first doctor in the Pikes Peak region. The great-granddaughter of Dr. James Garvin stumbled upon OCCHS’s website and graciously donated and contributed historical information and photographs to help complete the history of the young pioneer. This article is dedicated to Dr. James Garvin’s life and accomplishments.

- Early Life
- Claim Club President
- Garvin’s Famous Cabin

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2005:**“Judge Stone”**

This article is a short synopsis of a book about the Stone Family written by Edmund Stone’s great-granddaughter. Edmund Stone and his family were among the earliest settlers of 1864 to Colorado City. Before moving to Colorado, Stone had been a constable and probate judge in Haynesville, Missouri. His old title followed him to Colorado City, where he was known as Judge Stone.

“Facts from Colorado City’s Notorious Past” – by Dave Hughes

OCTOBER 2005:**“The Cabin: Bancroft Cabin Was High Tech?” – by Dave Hughes**

In 1925, Colorado City Pioneer Irving Howbert published an article describing the Log Cabin (Bancroft Cabin), which had an early telegraph system installed inside the Log Cabin. Irving was taught how to use it – sort of. In this article, Dave Hughes reprints the article written by Irving in 1925.

NOVEMBER 2005:**“B&B Tour '05: The Grand Tour of 2005” – by Merv Casey**

The annual Bed & Breakfast tour.

DECEMBER 2005:**“Christmas Past” – by Merv Casey**

A Victorian Christmas history.

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JANUARY 2006:

“The Mountain People: Utes, the Mountain People” – by Jan Pettit

A short excerpt from Jan Pettit’s book, *Utes, the Mountain People*.

FEBRUARY 2006:

“Remembering Jim” – by Ira Current

A tribute article for a Colorado City native, Jim Wood, who was an active community member. This article looks at his life, family, accomplishments, and hobbies.

“A Unique Phenomenon”

Photographs of where Horse Alley and other Colorado City alleys used to be.

MARCH 2006:

“A Man for All Seasons: Prairie Dog O’Byrns” – by Dave Hughes

Prairie Dog O’Byrns and his two elk, Thunder and Buttons, have become icons and legendary in the history of Colorado City. This article is a biography of the iconic man and his infamous elk.

APRIL 2006:

“Duncan Lamont: From the Colorado City Pulpit” – by Mel McFarland

Over the years since OCCHS purchased and moved into the old church building, it has safeguarded Old Colorado City’s history. More interestingly, the building has its own history and contribution to the city’s history. It was home to one of the most influential preachers, Duncan Lamont, who played an active role in OCC’s and the mining district’s anti-saloon crusade during the dry movement.

MAY-JUNE 2006:

“Old Fashioned Tea Time: It is Tea Time, My Dear!!”

The 5th annual Victorian Tea & Fashion Show.

JULY-AUGUST 2006:

“Pike and His Peak: Which Mountain Did Pike Climb?” – by John Patrick Michael Murphy

Captain Zebulon Pike’s first attempt to climb the mountain known as Pikes Peak was a historic mountaineering triumph. Captain Pike and his three companions, John Hamilton Robinson and Privates Theodore Miller and John Brown, would be the first men recorded to climb the mountain. However, we know they were the first in recorded history to climb it, but which mountain was it exactly?

SEPTEMBER 2006:**“Sin City: Bars and Brass Rails – Ramona, Colorado” – by Sharon Swint**

Even among the west side residents, little is known of a town founded for one purpose—alcohol. Ramona, Colorado, was a town that sprang to life overnight and disappeared almost as fast. Colorado Springs became dry. However, just west of Colorado Springs, Colorado City was as wet as they came! Sharon Swint examines the short-lived town of Ramona, which significantly impacted Colorado City and the Springs.

OCTOBER 2006:**“A Colorado Original: Ross Lane” –by Leland Feitz**

In this article, Leland Feitz pays tribute to Ross Lane, who introduced Colorado Springs to Pepsi-Cola in the 1930s. Lane passed away in 1980 and is one of the city’s most respected businessmen, one of the nation’s most successful soft drink bottlers, and a member of the board of the Pepsi-Cola Bottlers Association.

NOVEMBER 2006:**“A West Side Memory: The Merri-Laine Restaurant” –by Leland Feitz**

Merrill Crocker owned one of Colorado Springs’ most popular restaurants and one of the west sides’ most successful businesses, Merri-Laine, located at 2411 West Colorado Ave. In this article, Leland Feitz looks at the life of Merrill Crocker, who served good food and good fun!

DECEMBER 2006:**“B&B Tour 2006”**

The 12th annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour *West Word* edition.

2007

JANUARY 2007:

“Our Past – Our Present” – by Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes, a Colorado Springs native, is most credited with spearheading and shaping the revitalization of the Westside of Colorado Springs beginning in 1976. The OCCHS has asked him to recount the campaign he correlated in 1976 with City planners to preserve the historical significance of Old Colorado City and assist businesses and homeowners.

FEBRUARY 2007:

“A Native Son: The Man of a Thousand Faces” – by Leland Feitz

Did you know Colorado Springs is home to a famous Hollywood movie star? Lon Chaney was born in Colorado Springs in 1883 to deaf parents. Chaney spent much of his boyhood on the west side at 509 West Bijou Street. His grandparents founded the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Chaney started acting at the local theater in town and eventually got his big break in Hollywood. He was featured in 150 Hollywood films -- all were silent films except his last debut. In this article, readers will learn about Chaney’s childhood and his impact on the film industry.

“That Was the Way It Was” – by Leland Feitz

Feitz gives a quick nostalgic note of what he remembers of Old Colorado City in the early 1940s.

MARCH 2007:

“Sophisticated? Colorado Opera Houses” – by Merv Casey

Between 1880 and 1920, no less than 143 Opera Houses were built in Colorado. Some were grand and spectacular, like the Tabor Opera House in Denver or the Wheeler House in Aspen. Our west side had an elegant opera house, now home to Meadow Muffins. Still, most were torn down or converted to other uses. This article looks back at popular opera houses in Colorado.

APRIL 2007:

“A Rich Heritage. Chasing Ghosts: An Iowan’s Odyssey Through Colorado’s Ghost Towns” – by Phil McDonald

Phil McDonald tells *West Word* readers his four favorite Ghost Towns in Colorado: Ashcroft, Independence, Crystal, and St. Elmo.

MAY-JUNE 2007:**“A Super Engine: Inspiration for General Palmer’s Railway?” – by Mel McFarland**

This article explores General Palmer’s fascination and inspiration for what almost became General Palmer’s Railway in 1871. General Palmer and his Welsh friend, Dr. William A. Bell partnered up in 1870 and began constructing a small British industrial railway; however, in 1871, Barron Steel arrived in Colorado, ending the British-style railway project for Palmer and Bell.

JULY-AUGUST 2007:**“A Blast from the Past: The Alexander Film Company”**

During the mid-twentieth century, the Alexander Film Company was the largest employer in Colorado Springs. Over 600 people worked for the company at the studio at 3200 North Nevada. An estimated 50,000,000 people saw Alexander's movie ads weekly while the studio operated. This article briefly describes the local studio and the Colorado Springs and Westside natives who worked for J. Don Alexander.

“One Hundred Years ago. What a Difference a Century Makes! U.S. Statistics for the Year 1907”**“A Walk Through Victorian Time...”**

A recap of the 6th annual Victorian Tea, where ladies and gentlemen enjoyed delicious Victorian refreshments.

SEPTEMBER 2007:**“Gone But Not Forgotten: The Half Way House Along the Cog Road” – by Sharon Swint**

The Half Way House was bought by Thomas T. Palsgrove in 1884. The cabin is believed to have been built before 1882 by the original owners, Edward and Manville. Palsgrove used the small cabin as an Inn for climbers and transients moving through the area.

“The Klan!” – by Olivia J. Blasé

This story is based on the real experience of Alma Butler, who is 94 years old.

OCTOBER 2007:**“The Ridges West of Town: Colorado City’s Early Quarries” – by Mel McFarland****NOVEMBER 2007:****“Controversy in Colorado” Colorado’s Indian Wars Revisited” – by Dave Hughes**

This article illustrates a series of events in Colorado City from 1864 through 1868, known as the Indian Wars.

DECEMBER 2007:**“Christmas Tour ‘07”**

2008

JANUARY 2008:

“A Family Remembered: The Jacob Schmidt Colorado Springs Saga” – by Dave Hughes

The history and life of Jacob Schmidt, who owned Colorado City Saloon and Beer Hall from 1890 until 1913.

FEBRUARY 2008:

“Bloody Bridles: Davis H. Waite and Colorado’s Experiment With Populism” – by Phil McDonald

The Populist Party, or the People’s Party, within Colorado, was short-lived – it lasted from 1892 to 1896. However, the impact during the four years was monumental. During the Populist Party years, elected People’s Party candidate, Govern Davis H. Waite, endured backlash from the miner population that would result in The Cripple Creek Strike of 1894. Govern Waite would not give in to the reform demands set by the miners, and the state endured a 130-day strike that would change the mining industry, labor history, and state politics.

MARCH 2008:

“Labor vs. Management: The Colorado City Strike” – by Paul Shepard

This article analyzes Colorado City's 1903 Labor Strike that required the National Guard to intervene.

APRIL 2008:

“The Past – as I Remember It: Neighborhood Stores and Miscellaneous Thoughts” –by Merv Casey

Merv Casey goes down memory lane of what the Westside and Colorado Springs were like as a child in the 1930s. Buildings, businesses, and neighborhoods have evolved or disappeared over the decades.

MAY-JUNE 2008:

“Bottles, Bottles, and More Bottles! A Fine Collection of Antique Bottles” – by Barbara Barbaro

A detailed account of whiskey, beer, soda/mineral water, and pharmaceutical bottles displayed within OCCHS, as well as detailed reports of bottles from establishments within Colorado City from 1859-1917.

JULY-AUGUST 2008:**“The Eleven El Paso County Courthouses” – by Dave Hughes**

El Paso County has occupied no less than 11 courthouses since it was established in 1861. Five were inside Colorado City before Colorado Springs stole the County Seat from it in 1873 and moved it 6 more times. The story of the moves reflects the politics and arguments over money that still accompanies county decisions.

SEPTEMBER 2008:**“Is History Bunk?” – by Dave Hughes**

Aside from the Old Colorado City Historical Society, other historical organizations have been within the Pikes Peak Region. The longest-lasting historical organization in the area is the “El Paso County Pioneers,” formally organized in 1896 by Irving Howbert. In this article, Dave Hughes describes the El Paso County Pioneers organization and several other historical organizations within the Pikes Peak Region.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Sandy Hanzlian”**OCTOBER 2008:****“A Short History of the Midland Dept at Divide”**

The Midland Depot at Divide operated from 1886 to 1949. It was a unique depot in its day, serving two railroads – the Colorado Midland and the Midland Terminal. The Midland Terminal and Colorado Midland railroads are a legacy of the Pikes Peak/Ute Pass Region and the Central Rockies.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Paul Shepard”**November 2008:****“The Election of 1908” – by Paul Shepard**

A detailed analysis of the 1908 Election and its effects on the nation and Colorado.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Jo Cervone”**DECEMBER 2008 – JANUARY 2009:****“Another 150 Years!”**

Old Colorado City will celebrate 150 years.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Muriel Dunkley”**“Changes on West Colorado Avenue”**

2009

FEBRUARY 2009:

“The Two Encampments of the 1st Colorado” – by Dave Hughes

In 1862, the very first Colorado Territorial military unit, organized at Camp Weld in Denver, marched 400 miles south over sparsely settled land to fight the Texas Confederate Army invading New Mexico. Then, when the battles were won, and the rebels were kicked back to Texas, the 1st Colorado had to camp out for two months in Colorado City. In this article, Dave Hughes examines the 1st Colorado Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War and their possible local camp location in Old Colorado City.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Chris Heinich”

MARCH 2009:

“The Two Midland” – by Art Crawford

History of the Colorado Midland and the Midland Terminal.

“Volunteer Spotlight – meet Curt Neeley”

APRIL 2009:

“Pioneer Paleontologist” – by Dave Hughes

The story of Charlotte Hill, born in 1849, who was recognized and honored as the prime mover in getting the rich Florissant Fossil Beds recognized and studied, leading to it being eventually designated a National Monument in 1969.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet *The West Word Newsletter* Team: Don Ellis, Bev Disch, Muriel Dunkley, Kay Attenberry, and Eloise Wynne”

MAY 2009:

“What is History For?” – by Mel McFarland

Mel McFarland reflects on various topics he has researched over the years of Old Colorado City’s rich and fascinating history.

“New Acquisitions at the History Center” – by Barbara Barbaro

The OCCHS acquired large amounts of archives and artifacts.

“2009 Historic Preservation, Inc. Award Honors Dave Hughes/Col. (Ret) David Hughes Biography”

JUNE-JULY 2009:**“The Colorado City Blacksmith Family” – by Dave Hughes**

The history of the Schweikhard family, Colorado City’s long-lasting family-owned and operated blacksmith shop from 1908-1944.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Don Kallaus”**AUGUST 2009:****“The Colorado Midland Band” – by Mel McFarland**

Before the Colorado Midland Band grew to its size and popularity in the late 1890s, it started off as a small band that started by the demand of citizens in Colorado City for musical entertainment. The Colorado Midland Band would eventually become one of the best musical organizations in the West.

“Shamrock Ranch” – by Dave Hughes, with Gary T. Wright

A brief history of Shamrock Ranch, the earliest Old Colorado City’s prime lumber supply. The ranch remains the largest underdeveloped property in the present-day Black Forest, covering approximately 4 square miles.

“New Acquisitions at the History Center” – by Barbara Barbaro**SEPTEMBER 2009:****“Fremont Forest Experiment Station (The Fremont Experimental Forest)” – by Eric Swab**

In 1908, the new U.S. Forest Service began establishing experiment stations to develop the science to support reforestation. Fremont was the 2nd station in the nation. In 1909, Carlos G. Bates and his co-workers conducted experiments to restore the Central Rocky Mountains’ forests devastated by wildfires and indiscriminate timber harvesting for construction, mining, and railroading. Bates is accredited as a pioneer by the U.S. Forest Service for his soil stabilization methods to reduce erosion.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Martha Lee”**“A Grand Founders Day” – by Dave Hughes****OCTOBER 2009:****“George Birdsall: An Unforgettable Leader in Colorado City and Colorado Springs” – by Barbara Barbaro**

Many leaders of the Pikes Peak Region started their careers in Colorado City. One of these outstanding leaders was George Birdsall. Some may have been more prominent, but none were more dedicated than Birdsall. He was symbolic of the public servant working for his community for little financial reward. He risked his life as a law enforcement officer. He volunteered his time for the betterment of the community for more than four decades.

NOVEMBER 2009:**“Henry Templeton” – by Dave Hughes**

The story of Henry Templeton. Dave Hughes describes Templeton’s life, career, family, and contributions to Colorado City.

“Recent Acquisitions at the History Center”**DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010:****“Our Sesquicentennial Year Was Splendid!”**

Old Colorado City turned 150 years old.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Dave Hughes”**“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Johnie Jackson”**

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2010

FEBRUARY 2010:

“Facing Flu” – by Ralph Conner

In 2010, the nation grappled with a new flu pandemic variant called N1H1, or the “Swine Flu.” Interestingly, from 1918 through 1920, the world dealt with a raging flu variant known as the Spanish Flu. In this article, Conner produces local Spanish Flu and Swine Flu statistics and lists prominent Colorado City and Colorado Springs citizens who died from the Spanish Flu.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Betsy Evans”

“Old Colorado City Plants Come Home” – by Geri Pegler

Local native Hal grew up in a now-vanished part of Colorado Springs in the early 1920s. He planted and grew Bearded Iris’ with his parents in their family garden. In the 1970s, Hal continued planting the Bearded Iris with his kids at his new house on Vermijo Avenue. In 2000, Hal’s daughter rescued her father’s Beared Iris’ from his home and replanted them into her new yard, eventually donating the flowers to OCCHS as a tribute to her father and grandparents.

MARCH 2010:

“Historic Buena Vista School” – by Dave Hughes

The historic Buena Vista School is, unfortunately, no more. The buildings were built over one hundred years ago, in 1900. Over the years, the school expanded to cater to the increase in children due to Cripple Creek’s gold rush. Buena Vista, the first school in the Pikes Peak region whose name reflected the region’s Spanish heritage, has a small history worth remembering.

“The Order of the Knights of Pythias” – by Barbara Barbaro

APRIL 2010:

“Meet Your Candidates: OCCHS Board Elections – May 14 Annual Meeting”

“Bicycles of Yesteryear”

Notes from the March 12th program given by John Crandall. Crandall owns the downtown Old Town Bike Shop, which used to be located at 2909 W. Colorado Ave in the Colbrunn building.

MAY 2010:**“The Lucy Maggard Women” –by Dave Hughes**

Before 2010, OCCHS did not have much information about Colorado City’s earliest female pioneers, the legendary Lucy Maggard. Thanks to Lucy’s descendants, who now reside in Montana, the historical society was able to piece together the life of Maggard that had been unknown for so long. In this article, Dave Hughes depicts the importance of Colorado City’s earliest Pioneer businesswoman, her life, and her family.

“The U.S. Census: Where We Were, Where We Are, and Where We’re Going!”

Phil McDonald analyzes the 2010 United States Census statistics.

JUNE-JULY 2010:**“Report from the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums Conference” – by Dave Hughes Sr.**

Dave Hughes and his son, Dave Jr., attend the annual Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums conference (CWAM) and reflect on the event.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Liz Geiss”**AUGUST 2010:****“Buried Treasure” – by Susie Schorsch**

A brief description of OCCHS photographs, or “treasures” on display and various photos preserved in the archives.

“In Memorium: Orville Kenelly”**SEPTEMBER 2010:****“Great Aunt Lu and the Midland School” – by Elaine McFarland Radney**

Elaine Radney tells the story and life of her Great Aunt Lu, Lulu McArthur, who was the custodian (“janitress”) of Midland School from 1926 until 1942.

OCTOBER 2010:**“What Ever Happened to the D&RG Ry’s Manitou Springs Depot?” – by Thomas E. Daniels**

After General William Palmer completed the Kansas Pacific Railway into Denver in 1870, he turned his attention south to fulfill his dream of building a railroad into southwestern Colorado. Gen. Palmer’s new business partner and eventually lifelong friend, Dr. William A. Bell would build the Denver & Rio Grande Railway (D&RG). Thomas Daniels outlines the D&RG depot from Colorado Springs to the Manitou depot, the buildings’ uses over the years, and a brief history of Dr. Bell.

NOVEMBER 2010:**Johnson's Ranch at Gloriet – Part I” – by Dave Hughes**

The remarkable tale and history of Johnson's Ranch, located next to the Sante Fe Trail in New Mexico. Anthony Johnson, the original owner of Johnson Ranch, would ultimately be caught in the middle of the most decisive western Civil War battles – the 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass. Part I is the story of the Johnson's Ranch as it relates to the Battle of Glorieta Pass.

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Kay Atteberry”**DECEMBER 2010:****“Johnson's Ranch at Glorieta – Part II” – by Dave Hughes**

Part II of this story describes how Rebel troops ransacked Johnson's Ranch, used it as a temporary shelter and re-supply, causing Anthony, his wife, and her family to flee the ranch. As the Civil War continued and tensions grew between the Union and Confederate for control in the western states and the Sante Fe, the victorious 1st Colorado Infantry Regiment drove Rebel forces out of the ranch and New Mexico. Anthony and his wife, Cruzita, could reclaim their ransacked ranch property.

2011

FEBRUARY 2011:

“Old Colorado City Historical Society and Mother’s House Publishing Present: Writers Rave”

“Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Judy Willey”

MARCH 2011:

“A Short History of the Red Peak Incline Railway Company in Manitou Springs” – by Thomas E. Daniels

APRIL 2011:

“Section I 6’s Historic Trails” – by Don Ellis

Don Ellis discusses Colorado trails on maps from the following books and publications:

- Geological & Geographical Atlas of Colorado and Portions of Adjacent Territories
- Shattered Dreams on Pikes Peak
- In Red Rock Canyon Land
- Crystal Park the Gem of Pikes Peak
- Mountain Trails of the Pikes Peak Region

MAY 2011:

“Pikes Peakers in the Civil War: The Battle of Glorieta Pass” – by Phil McDonald

In March of 1862, Glorieta Pass, New Mexico, was the site of a significant engagement in which an Army Colorado Unit fought against Confederate Texans. While no official battles during the Civil War occurred in Colorado, Coloradoans were not immune from the passions that seized their countrymen in the East. In this article, Phil McDonald examines the Glorieta Battlefield from March 26-28, 1862, including crucial military figures such as Major John Chivington, General Edward Canby, and Henry Hopkins Sibley.

JUNE/JULY 2011:

“An Original Fosdick Plat Found” – by Dave Hughes

The historical society has come to own the original 1860 Fosdick Plat Map. The map is the original design of Colorado City – all its blocks and lots, streets and alleys, and the earliest map of how to get to Colorado City and gold country from Kansas. This article examines the original Fosdick Plat created by Henry M. Fosdick, who was hired to survey and draw the plots of land in early 1859.

AUGUST 2011:**“The Fosdicks Across the Plains in ‘61” – by Dave Hughes**

In a continuation from last month's *West Word*, Dave Hughes examines Henry Fosdick's career, life, family, and influence across the Colorado region.

SEPTEMBER 2011:**“The Fosdick Plat: Part 3 – Growth and Decline” – by Dave Hughes**

In this conclusion, Dave Hughes discusses why Colorado City did not develop as a city in the elegant form radiating out from a “Central Square” laid out by Fosdick in his plat.

OCTOBER 2011:**“Concetta Forgione” – by Juliet Johnson & Don Ellis**

On August 4, 1911, human remains were discovered near a ravine in Golden, Colorado. The remains were identified as a woman missing for nearly a year from the local area, Mrs. Maria La Guardia. After a police investigation, three women well-known in Denver's Italian community were charged with Mrs. La Guardia's murder. Angilina Garramone was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. While Concetta Forgione and her daughter Stella were fined and sentenced to one day in county jail for their testimony against Garramone.

NOVEMBER 2011:**“The Gardiner Tents of Monument Park” – by Thomas E. Daniels**

Between 1907 and 1909, the Modern Woodmen of America (MWA) constructed a 1,000-acre tuberculosis facility north of Old Colorado City and the Garden of the Gods in an area known at the time as Monument Park. The MWA Sanatorium in Woodman Valley held 180 Gardiner Tents for tuberculosis patients.

DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012:**“Alva Adams” – by Betty D. Frudenburg**

This article is an excerpt from *Facing the Frontier – the Story of the MacGregor Ranch*, published in 2005: “Alva Adams Description of His 1871 Pikes Peak Climb.”

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FEBRUARY 2012:

“Fred Barr 1882-1840: Part 1” – by Eric Swab

The life and legacy of Fred Barr, who is credited with single-handedly building the famous trail from Manitou Springs to the summit of Pikes Peak that bears his name.

APRIL 2012:

“OCCHS Book is Now International!” – by Suzanne Schorsch

OCCHS member Merrilyn Caduff assisted with writing and publishing her mother, Jennie Lee Caduff, book *My First Trip to Colorado*. What’s more exciting is that the book has been chosen as the textbook for a group of international au pairs.

“A Casual Conversation with Bev Disch: A longtime OCCHS volunteer and past president” – by Barbara Barbaro

MAY 2012:

“Jimmy Burns and his Theater: Gem of the West” – by Thomas E. Daniels

The story of the downtown Colorado Springs theater, the Burns Theater, the fascinating tale of its construction, and the man who built it.

JUNE/JULY 2012:

“Pikes Peak Hill Climb...a Look Back” – by Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Educational Museum

In 1915, Spencer Penrose converted the narrow carriage road into the Pikes Peak Highway. A year later, on August 10th, the first Pikes Peak Auto Hill Climb was held. This article looks back at the famous motorcycle and automobile races by drivers such as Glen Shultz, Louis and Bobby Unser.

AUGUST 2012:

“Journey with Mel McFarland” – by Suzanne Schorsch

Mel McFarland, a Colorado native, discusses the history of Colorado City and the evolution of transportation from horses and carriages to the automobile.

SEPTEMBER 2012:**“Two Langmeyer Homesteads” – by Don Ellis**

John Langmeyer came to Colorado City sometime in the 1860s and had his two homesteads along Bear Creek. Together, these two homesteads encompassed 320 acres. More interestingly, Langmeyer’s second homestead included a mile of the Dakota hogback above Bear Creek, which became a source of stone for the “Bott and Langmeyer Building Stone.” By 1874, Langmeyer sold both homesteads to Anthony Bott for \$5,000. This article dives into the history of the homesteads and the Langmeyer and Bott partnership.

OCTOBER 2012:**“Colorado Midland Roundhouse Revisited” – by Jo Cervone & Tom Daniels**

The Colorado Midway Railway began construction in 1887 and was completed by 1888. What was once a booming and thriving railway soon became abandoned by 1948 due to the decline in railroad services. Over the years, the Colorado Midland Roadhouse has had many shops and occupants.

NOVEMBER 2012:**“OCCHS Goes High Tech” – by the NeoTreks Volunteers****DECEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013:****“Remembering the Amway” – by Phil McDonald**

There is a monument located at 2818 West Colorado Avenue. The memorial reads, “This marks the site of the old fort and stockade built by the pioneers of Colorado City used in defense against the Indians in 1864 and 1868 constructed of logs set on end.” Phil McDonald researched what the fort and stockade looked like. This article dives into McDonald’s findings of what the fort and stockade would have looked like.

2013

FEBRUARY 2013:

“The Great Bear Creek Flood” – by Don Ellis

Don Ellis explores how minerals have been mined and the stone which has been quarried, is our city’s landscape. Our mountains, canyons, waterfalls, and plains are all the product of virtually countless geologic events.

“Dana Rutzen – Archives Department Intern” – by Sandy Hanzlian

MARCH 2013:

“The John G. Bock Story” – by Don Ellis

This article is REPRINTED from the *West Word* Volume 17, Number 11: November 2002, with minor revisions.

The story and life of John Bock, who migrated to Colorado from Philadelphia in 1907. Mr. Bock owned several buildings and properties throughout the Colorado City area, such as 3164 W. Colorado Ave, the old City Hall of Colorado City building, which he used as a historical museum, and 172 acres within the Red Rock Canyon.

“In Memory – Virginia Cox & Leland Feitz”

APRIL 2013:

“The Idiotic Rock Formations of Woodmen Valley” – by Thomas E. Daniels

The northern and northeastern part of Colorado Springs, stretching from Woodmen Valley to Palmer Park, lie some of the most interesting monolith-type rock columns in the Pikes Peak Region. In this article, Thomas Daniels researches how the formations came to be, beginning around 50 million years ago.

MAY 2013:

“Alva Weeks – Colorado City Resident & Carver” – by Catherine Dymkoski

This article is an excerpt from family records compiled by OCCHS member Catherine Dymkoski, the great-grandniece of Nina Schmidt Weeks. Nina Weeks was married to Alva Weeks, who is the focus of this article.

“Sam Abell and the Boy Scouts of Tropp 66 – Part of OCCHS” – by Suzanne Schorsch

JUNE/JULY 2013:**“Start Your Engines & Fire Up Your Stove!!” – by Sharon Swint**

Long before New Mexico claimed the Unser family, they were Westsiders. Colorado City was home to various Louis and Marie Unser family members, beginning in 1909 when they arrived from Switzerland. The men started their racing career making runs up Pikes Peak, known by some as “Unser Mountain.” This article explores the life and careers of the Unser family.

AUGUST 2013:**“Exactly What is Brent’s Path: People Profile – Gene Brent” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

Gene Brent was instrumental in starting the West Colorado Springs Commercial Club, where he served as an officer in the 1970s and 1980s. This article is based on an interview with Gene Brent, discussing his life and career.

“Mayor Bach Presents Dave Hughes with ‘Inspirational Leader’ Award”**SEPTEMBER 2013:****“Henry Clay Childs: The Spiritualist Founder of Crystola, Colorado” – by David Martinek**

Henry Childs was a wealthy toy maker from Chicago in the 1860s, and he was also a spiritualist. In 1872, Childs and his wife, Catherine, settled in the Ute Pass area to a homestead in a valley known as Trout Park. Convinced gold was in his backyard in 1899, Childs and his fellow spiritualists established a new town to dig for gold. This town was called “Crysola” in honor of Childs’ belief in crystal ball gazing and spiritualism.

“Ramona” – by Sharon Swint**OCTOBER 2013:****“Pikes Peak Pumps” – by Eric Swab**

In this article, Eric Swab discusses artifacts along the trails of Pikes Peak that have drawn his curiosity: a gasoline power pump on the McNeil trail, a pump located beside the tracks of the Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway, and water tanks on the M&PPRY route.

NOVEMBER 2013:**“Holiday Tour – 19 Years & Counting” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

DECEMBER 2013:**“Jim Bates – AdAmAn Photographer & Historian” – by The Don Gang (Don Ellis, Don Kallaus, and Don Sanborn)**

The Don Gang commemorates the AdAmAn Club’s 50th anniversary (1972) in this exciting article. It discusses Jim Bates’ book, *The First Fifty Years*, which includes information on all AdAmAn Club members up through 1972 and many of Jim’s own photographs. Jim Bates made his first New Year's Eve climb with the AdAmAn Club in 1951 when he accompanied the club as a guest for an illustrated article in the General Motors Company magazine Friends.

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014:

“Ten Years of the Westside Pioneer” – by Don Ellis

For ten years, the *Westside Pioneer* has invited its readers to “Meet a Westsider” in one of its regular columns. The *Westside Pioneer* is a small, homegrown, family-owned business. The *West Word* now gave an opportunity to the family business to be interviewed in the *West Word*’s edition of “Meet a Westsider.”

MARCH 2014:

“Skiing on Pikes Peak Before World War II” – by the Don Gang

This article explores Colorado ski clubs assembled to ski the summit of Pikes Peak before World War II.

APRIL 2014:

“Skiing on Pikes Peak During and After World War II” – by the Don Gang

In part two, the Don Gang highlights Pikes Peak as a ski area during and after World War II.

MAY 2014:

“Mesa Cemetery and Pioneer Park” – by Shirley Ewing

In the 1800s, Revered William Howbert donated 20 acres to Colorado City, with 9 acres designated as a cemetery. However, many of the early graves were marked only with slabs of wood painted white, lettered with black ink, and enclosed by small picket fences. The ink soon washed off, fences fell, and graves were left unmarked and alone. Headstones were destroyed by environmental elements and roaming cattle. This article discusses the local movement in 1932 to improve the Mesa Cemetery.

JUNE/JULY 2014:

“Woodrow L. Ralston – Westsider” – by Tom Daniels

Tom Daniels was privileged to know “Woody” Ralston in the 1980s. Woody spent his entire adult life in Colorado Springs and always had fascinating stories to tell anyone who would listen. This article describes the life and career of Woody Ralston.

AUGUST 2014:

“Yes, Women Doctors Did Exist in Colorado Before 1880!” – by Doris McCraw

Doris McCraw gives a detailed account of local female doctors in the Colorado City region before 1880. Harriet A. Leonard, Alice G. Robbins, Clara Rowe, and Julia E. Loomis were some of Colorado City’s women practicing in the area prior to 1880.

SEPTEMBER 2014:**“Uncovering Mysteries at OCC History Center!” – by Joanne Karlson**

On August 4 and 7, Jane Crisler, a Denver historic structure architect, and Victoria Ryan, a Colorado Springs art conservator and experienced collections specialist, met with OCCHS. This activity was part of a 2014 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant awarded by the National Heritage Preservation non-profit organization.

“A Ticket to Tomahawk...the Rest of the Story” – by Tom Daniels**OCTOBER 2014:****“Lost History of Early El Paso County” – by Joanne Karlson**

Have you used the dog park, nature trails, or pavilions at Bear Creek Regional Park? If so, you would be walking through lost history. Long before it was a park, the El Paso County Poor Farm and Small Pox Hospital stood on what is known today as 21st Street and Rio Grande Street.

NOVEMBER 2014:**“Camp Vessey in Bear Creek Canyon” – by Don Ellis**

Some maps show a “Scout Camp” in Bear Creek Canyon just off the High Drive near the start of the Palmer Trail. If you go there today, you will find the chimney from a burned cabin and a few remains of the former camp. This was once Camp Vessey. Camp Vessey was built by the Rotary Club and named for well-known singer Bernard Vessey, but when it was built remains a mystery. This article goes over the history of Camp Vessey, Bernard Vessey, and when the camp may have been created.

DECEMBER 2014:**“20th Annual Holiday Tour: The History of Christmas”**

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015:

“Annual Holiday Tour 2015”

“New Year Action Plans for OCCHS”

MARCH 2015:

“How Thayer Tutt Saved Our Cabin” – by Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes tells the personal story of how he and Thayer Tutt, the grandson of Charles Tutt, teamed up to restore and move the 1859 Cabin that now resides in Bancroft Park.

APRIL 2015:

“The Bear Creek Toll Road” – by Don Ellis

In 1873, Edward Copley, William Allen, and Matt France incorporated the Bear Creek and Pikes Peak Wagon Road Company to build a trail and wagon road from the town of Colorado Springs up to Bear Creek. This newly constructed trail was to be routed by which men and materials reached the summit to build the U.S. Army Signal Service Weather Station.

MAY 2015:

“Glenn Wesley Murray” – by Don Kallaus

A lifelong Colorado Springs resident, Glenn Murray photographed people, the local environment, weddings, advertising, and the personal and social events of the day. His photographs are known to locals as traditional but carefully composed and artful. This article looks at the life and photographic career of Glenn Murray.

JUNE/JULY 2015:

“How to Beautify a Gravel Pit” – by Martha Putnam Simons

AUGUST 2015:

“Helen W. Stewart: Colorado’s High Altitude Hostess, 1893-1979) – by the Don Gang

No one person welcomed more people to Colorado than Helen W. Stewart. Helen, with her company H.W. Stewart Inc., operated many of the state’s leading tourist attractions, most notable, the Pikes Peak Summit, the Halfway House at Glen Cove, the Mt. Evans Crest House, Hidden Inn in the Garden of the Gods, and Buffalo Bill Museum, and Grave on Lookout Mountain.

SEPTEMBER 2015:**“A Conversation with the Cursor Cowboy (A *Westword* Interview with Dave Hughes)”**

This article is an interview with Dave Hughes for the *West Word* readers.

OCTOBER 2015:**“Peoples Bible College – Part I” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

Cucharras Street is most noted as the old “Red Light District” of Colorado City at the turn of the century. However, before the “District” existed, this area was home to the Peoples Bible College (PBC). In this article, Suzanne examines PBC and its evolution over the years.

NOVEMBER 2015:**“Peoples Bible College – Part II” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

Part II and the conclusion of the PBC history.

DECEMBER 2015:**“James McIntosh, 1853-1933: A Colorado City Pioneer” – by Shirley Herd Ewing**

James McIntosh moved to Colorado City in 1880 from Lanark, Ontario, Canada. This article reveals McIntosh's vital role in Colorado City with his pharmacy.

2016

FEBRUARY 2016:

“The McIntosh Family” – by Shirley Herd Ewing

In continuation of the last edition, this article features James McIntosh’s family

MARCH 2016:

“Pioneers in the Revitalization of ‘Old’ Colorado City” – by Dave Hughes

Dave Hughes gives readers a personal glimpse of the inspiration for his campaign in 1976 to renovate Old Colorado Springs. This article features forgotten pioneers throughout Colorado City’s history.

- Wes Colbrunn
- Don Bates
- Gene Brent
- Bob Speer
- Norm Clark
- Ed Schock
- Shirley Bonds
- Marian Busey
- Lucille Cunningham

APRIL 2016:

“Colorado College Park” – by Don Ellis

Colorado College was established in 1874, located on North Cascade. Within the first years of the school opening, it endured several turnovers among the instructors and presidents. By 1876, Rev. E.P. Tenney assumed the duties of President of Colorado College. By 1883, President Tenney successfully raised funds to expand the campus comprising the North Cheyenne Canon, the East Half of the South Cheyenne Canon, and the Headwaters of Bear Creek.

MAY 2016:

“The Massacre That Never Happened: Part 1 of 2 – The Gathering Storm” – by Fred Leich

In 1861, as the Civil War erupted, tensions were high in the Kansas and Colorado Territories. From 1862 through 1863, Colorado Territory Governor John Evans pleaded for additional military support against bands of Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Sioux. Gov. Evans’ requests were ignored. Rumors in 1864 began to spread that the Native Americans in the territory were banding together, putting differences aside, and working together for a common cause: purge the Great Plains of white men and allow all six tribes to regain their ancestral hunting grounds.

JUNE/JULY 2016:**“The Massacre That Never Happened: Part 2 of 2 – Elbridge Gerry to the Rescue” – by Fred Leich**

The conclusion to the 1864 Colorado massacre that never happened.

AUGUST 2016:**“Colorado City’s Laura Bell McDaniel” – by Roberta Hardy**

Laura Bell Horton Dale McDaniel, Colorado City’s Queen of the Tenderloin, has built a reputation that continues to intrigue modern-day historians, at least partly because she managed to keep much of her life private.

“The Founding of Colorado City”

This fascinating article is a reprint from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, August 12, 1910.

SEPTEMBER 2016:**“Haunted Old Colorado City Historical Society” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

This article explores human’s obsession with the afterlife. From Queen Victoria’s 40-year mourning of her husband to Victorian women observing a two-and-a-half-year mourning period and wearing all black, to people embalming and displaying the body, and people participating in ouiji boards and seances. However, most interestingly, did you know the OCCHS building is rumored to be haunted?

OCTOBER 2016:**“Small Businesses Help OCCHS: Our Summer Ambassadors” – by Joanne Karlson**

A look at the summer crafters who set up booths during the farmers market.

“Colorado City’s Traveling Bed & Breakfast” – Roberta Hardy**NOVEMBER 2016:****“Lessons Learned on the Westside” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

This special edition examines two extraordinary Westside families: the Huneke and Cook family.

DECEMBER 2016:**“The El Paso Club” – by Roberta Hardy**

The El Paso Club, originally located on the second floor of the Gazette building on Colorado Avenue and Tejon Street, is one of Colorado's oldest men’s clubs. Assembled in October 1877, it held its first meeting, comprised of thirty charter members who paid two dollars per month in dues and a five-dollar initiation fee.

2017

FEBRUARY 2017:

“Origin of the Contour Line” – by Don Ellis

Ever since Hayden’s survey in the 1870s of our region’s topography, it has been described by contour lines on topographic maps. Contour lines originated almost 100 years before in Scotland but even goes as far back as the American colonies.

“The Windstorm of 1900”

This article is a reprint from Judith Reid Finley in 1998, *Time Capsule 1900: Colorado Springs a Century Ago*.

MARCH 2017:

“A Blast From the Past In Two Parts – Part 1 of 2: A Town Full of Heros” – by Fred Leich

In 1888, Fountain, Colorado, was developing a railroad shipping center for the Midway to add to the booming railways in Colorado Springs and the tracks connecting into Kansas. However, on May 14, 1888, the 200 residents within Fountain were awoken by loud crash sounds and realized that the train depot was on fire. Locals rushed to the burning locomotive and train depot with buckets of water to put out the fire and look for survivors – all were unsure what had happened.

APRIL 2017:

“A Blast From the Past In Two Parts – Part 2 of 2: Aftermath – Inquest & A Case of Murder” – by Fred Leich

The conclusion to the horrific train crash that happened on the night of May 14, 1888, in Fountain, Colorado.

MAY 2017:

“Colorado City – No More” – by Suzanna Schorsch

This article examines how Colorado Springs and Colorado City locals felt about the annexation vote in 1917 that would combine the city limits of Colorado City with Colorado Springs.

JUNE/JULY 2017:

“First Baptist Church of Colorado City” – by Leo Knudson

Did you know the OCCHS museum building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places? The building was built over 130 years ago, initially as Colorado City’s Baptist Church, and has quite a unique story and fascinating history.

AUGUST 2017:**“In the Good Old Summer Time – Colorado City Style” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Colorado City’s children filled their summers with entertainment such as outdoor activities, crafts, and time with friends.

SEPTEMBER 2017:**“Turn of the Century – Death in Colorado City” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

The OCCHS annual Haunted Histories Tour is right around the corner. This article is dedicated to the festivities and remembrance of Colorado City residents buried at the Pioneer and Fairview cemeteries.

OCTOBER 2017:**“The Battle of Woodmen Valley – 1859” by Fred Leich**

In 1859, fifty years before Cedar Valley changed to Woodman Valley, a desperate all-day battle occurred there. The permanent inhabitants of the area, the Ute, fought a combined force of Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Sioux. This battle was unusual – typically when the two parties clashed, minimal numbers took part. However, this time, hundreds of Ute fought hundreds of Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Sioux.

NOVEMBER 2017:**“Portrait of a Colorado City Pioneer Family” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

John Nicholas Nye and Elizabeth Putnan Nye resided in Colorado City in the 1890s. This article examines John and Elizabeth and their family and influence in Colorado City.

DECEMBER 2017:**“The Teachout Ranch Ruins a Monument to Perseverance” – by Fred Leich**

The story of the Teachout Ranch is a testimony to the pioneering spirit, determination, and perseverance of those who first settled in the West.

2018

FEBRUARY 2018:

“A Truthful Obituary” – by Eric Swab

Captain Henry W. Howgate had a vital connection with Pikes Peak in the late 1800s, even though he may never have visited the mountain. In 1901, Capt Howgate passed away, but interestingly, his 1901 obituary depicted unusual life and personality characteristics.

MARCH 2018:

The Gehrung Family and Colorado City: Connecting the Dots/Filling in the Blanks” – by Suzanne Schorsch

This article examines the history of the Gehrung family store building that had been in Colorado City in the late 1860s. In addition to the building's history, the Gehrung family is explained.

APRIL 2018:

“The Gehrung Family, Part Two” – by Suzanne Schorsch

A follow-up article on the Gehrung Family.

MAY 2018:

“A Tale of Two Families” – by Fred Leich

At the Air Force Academy, nestled in the Douglas Valley forest, is a pioneer's cabin, the oldest existing building in Douglas Valley. About ten yards to the left of the cabin door are five grave markers, all bearing the last name “Capps.” This article is about the cabin and the Burgess and Capps families, who lived in Douglas County in the late nineteenth century.

JUNE/JULY 2018:

“The Oxford, the Templeton, and the Question of Tunnels” – by Suzanne Schorsch

The Templeton building has been one of the many locations rumored to have tunnels that once connected various seedier locations in Colorado City. This article looks at how the Oxford Club and the Templeton building may have been joined by tunnels.

AUGUST 2018:

“Gone But Not Forgotten” – Roberta Hardy

As the OCCHS's Haunted History at Fairview Cemetery approaches, this article recalls those early Colorado City days when families or friends were responsible for caring for the dead, and graves could be located in almost any convenient spot.

SEPTEMBER 2018:**“The First Snowfall” – by Eric Swab**

The story of the Cheyenne Mountain High School cabin and how the cabin became the school's property in the early 1920s.

“A Voss Vignette” – by Eric Swab**OCTOBER 2018:****“Long Road to the Short Line: Part I (1862-1896)” – by Don Ellis**

In early 1890 the Cripple Creek Mining District had 15 residents and one active mining claim, which had not produced any gold. By 1892, the District had 2,500 residents and 50 active mines, which produced over half a million dollars worth of gold. Railroaders realized that a railroad to the District might be warranted. On October 8th, the Midland Terminal was incorporated to build a railroad from the Colorado Midland's Divide depot to the Cripple Creek District.

NOVEMBER 2018:**“Long Road to the Short Line: Part 2 (1897-1901) – by Don Ellis**

The conclusion to Don Ellis' historical analysis of the plans to build a short line railroad from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek.

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019:**“In Memory of Don Ellis”**

This edition is entirely dedicated to the beloved OCCHS member, Don Ellis.

2019

FEBRUARY 2019:

“The Renaissance Man” – by Suzanne Schorsch

Luther McKnight was the benefactor whose bequest allowed OCCHS to purchase our residential building. Upon his death in 1989, he donated an extensive collection of Colorado City and Westside materials. From the artifacts he left, this article captures the man Luther McKnight was from the items he left behind.

MARCH 2019:

“The Renaissance Man, Part Two” – by Suzanne Schorsch

This article concludes last month’s edition dedicated to Luther McKnight.

APRIL 2019:

“William Gilpin: A Man with a Vision” – by Fred Leich

Colorado Territory’s first governor was William Gilpin, who only remained in office for one year. Nonetheless, his actions had the most significant impact on Colorado’s future.

MAY 2019:

“When the Rails Brought *Good Will*” – by Ken Valles

This fascinating article explores the Chapel Cars and their movement across the United States for almost 50 years beginning in 1889.

JUNE 2019:

“Cattle Branding – Colorado City Early Ranches” – by Suzanne Schorsch

Just after the Civil War, cowboys began to move large herds of cattle west through Kansas, Colorado, and beyond. To stop confusion or question the ownership when herds mingled, branding the animals with iron was the most prevalent way to determine ownership. This article explores the history of early cattle brands in Colorado.

JULY/AUGUST 2019:

“The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming!” – by Fred Leich

An in-depth history of The Claremont in Colorado Springs that was purchased by Blevins Davis from Russian Prince Zourab Tchkotous in 1949.

SEPTEMBER 2019:**“Fall” – by Leo Knudson & Suzanne Schorch**

A discussion over the *Evening Telegraph*, Fall 1912 edition.

“Member Obituary”

Joanne (Wood) Karlson

OCTOBER 2019:**“Forgotten Voices of Colorado City: OCCHS’ Oral Histories Collection” – by Ashley Affleck-Johnson (OCCHS Archives Intern)**

Ashley discusses her project while she has been interning at OCCHS. She shares some of her memorable cassette tapes that had been buried for years with stories by individuals from Colorado City and the Westside.

NOVEMBER 2019:**“They Were Only Passing Through” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

In the past, Colorado City was notorious for people who were only passing through. Frank Sr. and Inez Bonney and their children were one of those families who said they were “only passing through” in the early twentieth century.

DECEMBER 2019:**“Women of the Golden Cycle Mill”**

This edition summarizes an article in the *Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph*, Friday, November 1, 1918, and Saturday, November 4, 1918: WWI ENDS ONE WEEK LATER.

2020

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020:

“Small Town – The Reid Family” – by Suzanne Schorsch

In 1996, OCCHS received a photograph collection from the Reid family. The photographs were of the Reids and other unknown individuals from Colorado City. It was apparent they were somehow related to one another, but it remained unclear without much context to the photographs. However, a recent donation to OCCHS helped fill those gaps. An oral history interview cassette and its transcription by Ralph Conner helps us bridge the gap between the people in the photographs. This article examines how the Stone, Faulkner, and Reid families linked in the small town of Colorado City in the late 1800s and twentieth century.

MARCH 2020:

“Trolleys in Colorado City” – by Leo Knudson

Beginning in the late 1880s, trolleys became a part of the transportation system in both Colorado Springs and Colorado City. In this article, Leo discusses the three major phases of the trolley: horse-drawn years, electrical years, and the Stratton years and their impact on society.

APRIL 2020:

“Alfred Packer: Colorado’s Colorful Cannibal Part 1 of 2 -- Foul Play in the San Juan Mountains?” – by Fred Leich

Who was Alfred Griner Packer, and what did he do to get the nickname “C3” (Colorado’s Colorful Cannibal)? This article provides historical background on Packer, who was born in 1842, and his military experience post-Civil War.

MAY 2020:

“Alfred Packer: Colorado’s Colorful Cannibal Part 2 of 2 – Confessions, Trials, Sentences, & Forensics” – by Fred Leich

This is the conclusion to the last edition of the historical account of Alfred Packer and the horrific event that would forever change his life. Included are transcriptions of Packer’s confession and the forensic analysis that took place.

JUNE 2020:

“The Father of Colorado City – Part 1” – by Suzanne Schorsch

A look at the life and impact of Noel Bryon Hames, the “father” of Colorado City, beginning in 1880. Hames owned the Hoffman Saloon, the Hoffman Hotel, a restaurant, a pool hall, and a private bank.

JULY 2020:**“The Father of Colorado City – Part 2” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

This is the second part of the story of Noel Byron Hames, known as the Father of Colorado City. Hames owned the Hoffman Saloon, the Hoffman Hotel, a restaurant, a pool hall, and a private bank. This article continues with Christman Dinner as it was served in 1886 in Colorado City.

“Drinking and Gambling – Colorado Style!” – by Suzanne Schorsch

Facts about drinking, saloons, and gambling in Colorado/Colorado City in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

SEPTEMBER 2020:**“The Battle for Books” – by Roberta Hardy**

During coronavirus isolation, one of many unpleasant situations was being unable to visit a library. A similar challenge faced our predecessors in the early 1900s when two libraries vied for Colorado City’s readership! Researching the libraries’ history reveals not only the special place book repositories hold for most of us but also that contentiousness arose just as quickly in the 20th century as in the 21st century.

“Three A.M. Hurried Three Souls into Eternity” – by Suzanne Schorsch**OCTOBER 2020:****“The Great Husted Train Wreck of 1909: Part 1 of 2 – the Town & the Tragedy” – by Fred Leich**

The story of the 1909 train wreck that occurred in Husted, Colorado, a town which at the time was located 12 miles north of downtown Colorado Springs, on both sides of Monument Creek. The train wreck occurred near where today’s North Gate Blvd. crosses over Monument Creek on Air Force Academy property, east of the B-52 monument. In Colorado’s history, this wreck is called “The Great Husted Train Wreck of 1909.”

NOVEMBER 2020:**“The Great Husted Train Wreck of 1909: Part 2 of 2 – the Aftermath & Looking Back” – by Fred Leich**

The conclusion to the last editions recount of the August 14, 1909 train wreck that occurred in Husted.

DECEMBER 2020:**“Getting to Know the Board of Directors Nominees & Casting your Vote”**

This edition is dedicated to the nominees running for Board of Directors positions.

2021

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021:

“Volunteers are what make the History Center go Round” – by Ashley Affleck-Johnson

A volunteer spotlight on Claudia Deats Rodgers.

“2020: A Year in Review – Visitor Attendance”

MARCH 2021:

“Bancroft Park” – by Leo Knudson

The history of Bancroft Park.

APRIL 2021:

“OCC’s Quaint, Well-Traveled Cabin” – by Roberta Hardy

Today, the Garvin Cabin sits in the southwest quarter of Bancroft Park. However, the cabin has quite an exciting history; it has traveled many times and places within the state!

MAY 2021:

“The Summer Season in the Pikes Peak Region: Part One of Two” – by Suzanne Schorch

A look at how tourists spent their summers in the Pikes Peak Region in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

JUNE 2021:

“The Summer Season in the Pikes Peak Region: Part Two of Two” – by Suzanne Schorch

The conclusion to the last editions story of tourist attractions in the Pikes Peak Region in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

JULY/AUGUST 2021:

“The Victorian Era in Colorado” – by Danielle Baucom

The Victorian era stretched from 1837 to 1901. It was an era of modernization and change in America and Europe. After Colorado Springs was founded, it was nicknamed “Little London.”

SEPTEMBER 2021:

“Robert Ford: Old Colorado City Bad Boy – Part 1 of 3: The Making of a Bad Man” – by Fred Leich

Robert Ford, the man who assassinated Jesse James, has associations with Colorado City. This three-part story uncovers the story behind Ford and his connection to Colorado City.

OCTOBER 2021:

‘Robert Ford: Old Colorado City Bad Boy – Part 2 of 3: Bord Ford in Colorado, Walsenburg, Pueblo, Creed, and Colorado City’ – by Fred Leich

Part 2 of 3.

NOVEMBER 2021:

“Robert Ford: Old Colorado City Bad Boy – Part 3 of 3: The Final Days” – by Fred Leich

The third installment and conclusion of the Robert Ford story and his association with Colorado City.

DECEMBER 2021:

“Meet the OCCHS Board Nominees”

“A Tribute to Col. Dave Hughes”

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2022

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022:

“The Dark Side of Red Lights: Drug & Addiction in Colorado City” – by Jennifer Centric

An analysis of drug, alcohol, and gambling addictions happened in the West’s Red Light Districts in the 1800s.

MARCH 2022:

“The Gardner Girls and White Acres” – by Merrilyn Caduff & Suzanne Schorsch

White Acres, across the street from Red Rock Open Space, was once part of the homestead of John Langmeyer, brother-in-law to Anthony Bott. White Acres would later be owned for many years by W.C. and Pearl White starting in the mid-1930s. This article looks back at the life of Pearl and the Gardner family, who occupied White Acres.

APRIL 2022:

“The Current Kids: a Childhood on the Westside” – by Samantha Hogate

Park and Anna Current were recognized in 1999 by OCCHS as a “First Family of Colorado City.” The Current family, which included four children: Grace, Ira, Eugene, and Irma, were loyal members and volunteers to OCCHS and the Westside. Sadly, in 2017, the last Current child passed away. This article is dedicated to the four siblings – their childhood and life accomplishments.

MAY 2022:

“Park & Anna Current: Two Journeys to Colorado City”

Last month, the *West Word* explored the world of the Current kids and their childhood on the Westside. This month will highlight the lives of the people who made them who they were: their parents, Park and Anna Current.

JUNE/JULY 2022:

“Territory Days in OCC”

A look back at the 47th Annual Territory Days Celebration in May.

“In Memory of Betsy Evans”

AUGUST 2022:

“A Jewel in Our Midst” – by Fred Leich

The history of The Sisters of Saint Francis, which was founded in 1863.

SEPTEMBER 2022:**“An Odd and Eerie Colorado City” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

Next month is the annual Cemetery Crawl – this edition is dedicated to the odd & eerie history of Colorado City.

OCTOBER 2022:**“The Midland Terminal Remembered” --- by Jennie Lee Caduff**

This edition is composed of Jennie Lee Caduff’s (a Westside original family) memories from various papers of the last run of the Midland Terminal.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022:**“Pioneer Family Member Turns 100” – by Catherine Hughes Dymkoski**

A look at Jean Schmidt Hughes’ life and the influence of the Schmidt family within Colorado City.

2023

JANUARY 2023:

“Delinquency in Colorado City” – by Suzanne Schorsch

An exploration of children living in Colorado City in the late 1800s and early 1900s. From playtime, chores, and living in poverty – this article examines what life was like for children on the Westside before Colorado City was annexed in 1917.

FEBRUARY 2023:

“Never, Never Cross That Street!” – by Rae Cross

An excerpt from *The Colorado Old Times* newspaper published in March 1980 that was written by Rae Cross. Cross writes some of her memories of growing up in Colorado City.

MARCH 2023:

“Two 19th Century Women Homesteaders” – by Eric Swab

This short story is about two women, Clara Cassat (1857-1908) and Bertha Esther Bourne (1840-1929), who staked claims on land in South Cheyenne Canon.

“Great-Great Grandma Griswold’s First Wedding Proposal” – by Suzanne Schorch

In the 1990s, members of OCCHS interviewed visitors who stopped by looking for information about their families who had lived in or passed through Colorado City. Some of these interviews were recorded and recently converted into digital format. This article is a short excerpt from an interview of the Griswold family conducted by OCCHS volunteers.

APRIL 2023:

“Colorado’s Jekyll & Hyde – John Milton Chivington: Part 1 of 2: The Dr. Jekyll Phase” – by Fred Leich

John Milton Chivington began commanding the 1st Colorado Volunteer Mounted Rifles of the First Colorado Volunteer Infantry Regiment in 1862. On March 28, 1862, Chivington was catapulted into national prominence when he became the hero of The Battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico Territory. This edition explores Chivington’s part in The Battle of Glorieta Pass.

MAY 2023:

“Colorado’s Jekyll & Hyde – John Chivington: Part 2 of 2: The Road to Infamy Through Sand Creek – The Mr. Hyde of John Chivington” – by Fred Leich

The conclusion to John Chivington’s story and how his heroic actions at Glorieta Pass would be overshadowed by his horrific order to intentionally massacre women, men, and children at Sand Creek.

JUNE 2023:**“Colorado City Drug Store with Two Names and Two Locations, the Godfrey Building and Cross Drugstore: -- by Leo Knudson, Suzanne Schorsch, and Roberta Hardy**

The Godfrey Drugstore building is located at 505 Colorado Avenue (or 2506 Colorado Ave for present-day address), and the Cross Drugstore was located on the 2400 Colorado Ave block. This article examines both the Godfrey and Cross families.

JULY/AUGUST 2023:**“Sleeping on the Hill” – by Roberta Hardy and Amanda Long**

This edition of the *West Word* is dedicated to the upcoming annual Cemetery Crawl in August. A brief history of Fairview Cemetery and some of its early permanent residents.

SEPTEMBER 2023:**“Ladies Live on Through Memories” – by Suzanne Schorsch**

In 1998, OCCHS interviewed two ladies from Colorado City who lived through the Great Depression: Mrs. Ralph Effie Schweikhardt and Flora Bell Hall. This is a short transcription from their interviews.

OCTOBER 2023:**“Creation, Changes, Celebrations: A Current Picture of OCCHS”**

A short summary and history of when the *West Word* started and its purpose, followed by present volunteers at OCCHS.

NOVEMBER 2023:**“Pugs of Ramona” – by David Swint Jr.**

An excerpt from the book *Bars and Brass Rails: The Story of Ramona, Colorado* by David Swint Jr.

DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024:**“Winter Edition”**

Board members and a few volunteers reflect on holiday traditions and how they celebrate the holidays.