



# ELDORA HIGH COUNTRY©

Newsletter of the Eldora Civic Association

February 2010

The ECA Mission is to improve civic conditions to promote a feeling of good fellowship and sociability, to maintain the historic fabric, and to establish and maintain a reasonable balance between preservation and use of the natural environment in the Eldora Area.



Eighth Street Mailboxes on Eldorado Avenue

Photo by Diane J. Brown

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Audrey Godell, Everett Colburn

History – Diane Brown, Earl & Barbara Bolton

Eldora Road Cleanup – Pete Birkeland, Earl Bolton

Nominations – All board members

Social – Fran Sheets, Audrey Godell, Pete Birkeland

Transportation – Audrey Godell, Greg Massey

Interested members are invited to participate on committees!

## Calendar of Events:

Friday, February 5, 2010 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Friday, March 5, 2010 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Friday, April 2, 2010 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to May issue of Eldora High Country

Friday, May 7, 2010 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Friday, May 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM – ECA Board Meeting at the Birkeland Cabin (775 Klondyke)

Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM – Eldora Road Cleanup – Meet at the Bolton Cabin (502 Eldorado)

Thursday, July 8, 2010 – Date for determination of eligible ECA Voting Members

Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM – Annual Business Meeting - Brown/Hallock (2478 Eldora Road)

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM – Eldora History Night at the Goldminer Hotel Clubroom

Sunday, August 15, 2010 – Eldora Community Picnic on the Bolton Greens (502 Eldorado)

Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 2:00 PM – Annual Member Meeting - Donahue Garage (1075 Eldorado)

## Eldora Civic Association

Minutes for ECA Board Meeting on Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Audrey Godell's Cabin  
Present were Diane (teleconference/speaker phone), Audrey, Pete, Fran and Sue Birkeland, guest. Everett was absent.  
Diane called the meeting to order at 7:20. The ECA Mission Statement was read.

**The Minutes** (Fran) from November 13, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

**Financial Report** (Audrey). The report will be finalized by the end of the weekend.



### Committee Reports:

#### **ELDORA ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION PLAN:**

The document will be modified and changed by updating sections with new existing information. Otherwise, the document will remain basically the same. Because the EEPP is part of the County Comp Plan, any amendments to the document will require final approval by the County Planning Commission with ratification by the BOCC for the new document to be adopted. County staff has agreed to help us accomplish this effort by contributing staff time to the process as well as gathering some of the information to be included. They will help with the process of preparing the update for Planning Commission and ultimately County Commissioners' approval. Dave Hallock is generously donating his time to help shepherd this process, which will require 1-2 years to complete. It will officially begin this coming summer when Dave returns to Eldora. The EEPP is being updated at no cost to ECA. The Board made a motion to accept the process of amending the EEPP. The Board moved that Dave Hallock update the EEPP with help from County Staff. The motion was seconded by Audrey and unanimously approved.

**ELDORA LAND PRESERVATION FUND:** Currently there is \$22,033.43 in the account. \$420 was paid in taxes and \$54 paid in licensing fees. We received a refund of \$50 for a deposit paid at the time the ELPF sales tax account was established. The sales tax license is being retired because we aren't selling items any more. Any new ideas for things that can be sold at the Gold Miner, such as long-sleeved T-shirts and caps? Also, we need to produce a new calendar for 2011.

**NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the February newsletter is January 15, and for the May newsletter April 15 is next deadline. Diane is working furiously to produce the next copy in February.

**SKI AREA:** Pete spoke with, and plans on meeting with, the ski area's General Manager, Jim Spenst. The ski area is planning on making changes in upcoming years, which will be presented to the public in three meetings to be held on February 2 in Nederland, Feb. 7 in Boulder and Feb 9 at the ski area in the Indian Peaks Lodge from 3-7 PM. These dates are still tentative, as a vegetation person and hydrologist need to be present. Spenst wants community input. The board will try to notify the community via email.

**HISTORY:** History night will be held at the Goldminer. Frandee Johnson suggested that local artists display their work that night. They are being contacted. Suggestions are welcome.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Audrey (as private citizen) has been working to figure out needed improvements, particularly at the east end of Eldora. The speed limit signs, particularly at the curve as you enter Eldora, are confusing. It would be nice to lower the current speed from 40 mph to 35 mph on the highway just west of the Y-turn to the ski area. It's currently 25 mph at Marysville. The "reduced speed ahead" and 25 mph signs both need to be moved further east for ample warning. The current yellow 35 mph sign isn't readable. The County has said they will revisit the request. On the west end of Eldora, skiers and visitors seem to be uncertain where they can legally park on the road. This needs to be clarified by the County as well. The Board approved asking the County to change the sign just west of where the Shelf Road comes down to the main road from 40 to 35 mph, and the 25 mph sign should be moved east of the Marysville curve. Audrey has permission of the ECA Board to make this request of the County. Pete and Audrey agreed to speak with the County to clarify these issues, including the questions concerning legal parking along the road at the west end of Eldora. Audrey briefed the Board on some ideas that Liz Ivey has for traffic control in Eldora. The Board agreed that for now Audrey should follow up on the one that involves asking the Nederland Visitor Center to tell people going through Eldora to follow the 25 mph speed limit signs carefully to avoid being ticketed.

**Old Business:** Formal motion was made (see above) regarding updating the EEPP. (Refer to November 13 minutes.)

The ECA board will write a letter to the County offering support and encouragement to the Commissioners regarding the use of the new road vacation guidelines, thanking them for what they did to create the guidelines and encouraging them to follow them. The letter will be approved by the Board prior to being sent.

**New Business:** The Boulder Creek Watershed Initiative sent the ECA a flyer. We do not know if this is relevant for Eldora. What are they doing? Fran will contact them and invite them to our meeting in Eldora on May 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Fran Mandel Sheets



**AMENDMENTS TO BOULDER COUNTY LAND USE CODE**  
**Addressing Vacations of Mapped Roads and Rights-of-Way Within the Eldora Townsite**  
**Approved by Boulder County Commissioners November 3, 2009**

Exhibit A: Article 10-101 Vacations of Mapped Roads and Rights-of-Way in the Eldora Townsite

A. For purposes of this Section 10-101, the Eldora Townsite is the mapped Townsite recognized in Section 4-806.A.1. of this Code, as shown on the corresponding adopted zoning map.

B. The purpose of Section 10-101 is to provide opportunities for property owners to come into compliance with county regulations, facilitating access and clear title to properties, and fostering flexibility for potential development, while preserving the rural and historic character and environmental resources of the Eldora Townsite, all in accordance with the Land Use Code and Comprehensive Plan.

C. The Board shall consider the following factors as favoring a vacation request:

1. Is necessary for access or to clear title to land.
2. Resolves long-standing structural encroachment into the rights-of-way.
3. Allows the applicant to apply for a compliant onsite wastewater system and/or a well to serve an existing development if there is no reasonable alternative location,
4. Facilitates road and rights-of-way exchange if the applicant is requesting vacation of mapped rights-of-way, and the actual constructed road is located elsewhere on the applicant's property; in that case the County may require dedication of the property under the traveled way to the County as a condition of vacating the mapped rights-of-way. Alternatively, if the applicant is requesting vacation of mapped rights-of-way, and the actual constructed road is located elsewhere off of applicant's property, the County may vacate the mapped rights-of-way so long as the traveled way is kept in public use.
5. Creates an opportunity to provide for development that is more consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code.

D. The Board shall consider the following factors as disfavoring a vacation request:

1. Facilitates new development contrary to the Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Code.
2. Facilitates new development that has a negative impact on historic, archaeological, cultural, scenic, or environmental resources such as wetlands, riparian areas, and plant or wildlife habitat.
3. Facilitates unsafe development in a natural hazard area.
4. Prevents access to County-owned lands.

E. The Board shall not approve a vacation within the Eldora Townsite if:

1. The vacation will leave any adjoining land without access to an established public road.  
Colorado State Statute 43-2-303{2}(a)
2. There is a current or foreseeable public need for the property. The evaluation of whether there is a current or foreseeable public need for the property should be made with reference to the stated purpose of preserving the rural and historic character and environmental resources of the Eldora Townsite.
3. The rights-of-way have been identified as facilitating access to Middle Boulder Creek, public lands or private properties, and are among the following rights-of-way: the section of unimproved road between the west end of Eldorado Avenue where it turns north to, and including, Middle Boulder Creek; the alley between Eldorado Avenue and Spencer Avenue west of 11th Street; 11th Street north of Klondyke Avenue; 10th Street south of Spencer Avenue; 8th Street south of Eldorado Avenue to, and including, the portion that intersects with Spencer Avenue; 1st Street north of Klondyke Avenue; 6th Street north of Washington Avenue including all of Pearl Street; 6th Street south of Bryan Avenue; 5th Street south of Eldorado Avenue; 4th Street north of Huron Avenue; 3rd Street south of Eldorado Avenue; and 1st Street south of Eldorado Avenue. However, partial vacations of these rights-of-way may be considered if they meet any of the factors in Subsection C.
4. The rights-of-way are necessary for the ongoing maintenance of existing accepted roads.

F. In any vacation approval, the Board may impose reasonable terms and conditions to address the purpose and factors stated in Subsections B. through E. above, including but not necessarily limited to preserving a public interest in the vacated land through reservation or grant for utilities, access, or other legitimate public purposes; specifying how title to the vacated area is to vest in accordance with Part 3 of Article 2, Title 43, C.R.S., as amended; approving partial vacations, or the vacation of less area than proposed in a vacation request; and limiting use of the vacated area for setback, building, fencing, or other land development or land use purposes. No additional rights-of-way will be maintained by the Transportation Department as a result of any action on a vacation request under this Section 10-101.



⇐Mark Goolsby and Hollie examine the metal plaque at the 10-stamp Phoenix Mill on the south flank of Tennessee Mountain. Photos by Robert Goolsby



Cables secured to the ground↑

Robert Goolsby & steam hoist at the Norway Mine at Lost Lake⇩

**Mining was almost an addiction like gambling. It was very hard and unrewarding work. There was always that mother lode around the corner. I never did hear about anyone hitting the mother lode. Black lung disease was the real reward.**

**Michael McCoy**

In the depths of winter one's mind sometimes wanders to the possibilities of summer. This issue of the Eldora High Country may give new purpose and destination for hikes to be taken once the snow melts away. Meanwhile settle back and enjoy reading about an interesting piece of Eldora's history. Many members of our community, past and present, have contributed to the historical content of this newsletter. For their efforts we are all most grateful.

Everyone uses products that come from mining. Every piece of metal we own, from electrical wiring to jewelry to automobiles, came with the necessity of digging up and polluting large areas of land. However, after reading about mining and its impacts on people and the environment, it makes sense to re-examine our ingrained habits and consider using less, recycling what we no longer use and making a smaller footprint on the land. What we do, or don't do now, will make a dramatic positive or negative impact on the generations who follow us.

Diane J. Brown  
Editor, Eldora High Country





Brock's work is cut out for him!⇒



All the trees are wind harps.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



↑Please let me in now!

Der Wind,  
der Wind,  
das himmlische Kind!  
(German for heavenly child)



Aspen nesting hole provides winter shelter for birds on cold nights.⇒



### Eldora Weather Report - January 13, 2010

By John "Brock" Brocklehurst

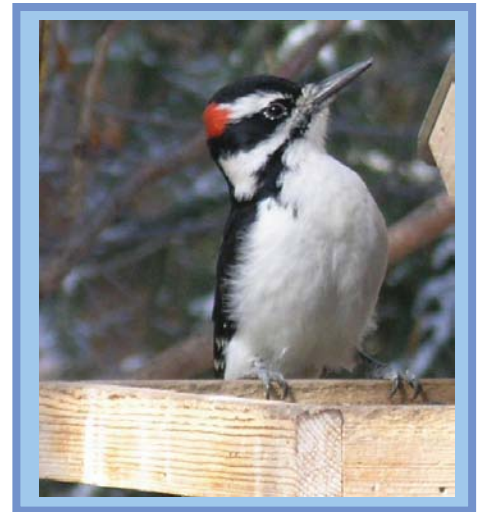
The first measurable snow fell October 8, 2009 on a cold foggy day followed by another two feet the final week of October. November and December were both very windy with a total of thirty-one days with wind speeds above 40 mph. Wind chill dived to minus 55° Fahrenheit the third week of November.

The day of Marc and Laura Fishers' superb community Christmas party on December 12 the wind reached 77 mph and Christmas Day was a cruel one with a top wind speed of 57 mph.

So far in the New Year we have had five days of wind speeds exceeding 50 mph., contrasted with the current five-day magical spell of balmy windless days and clear blue skies.

Our bird visitors have this winter consumed ninety pounds of sunflower seeds and given us hours of entertainment highlighted by a huge flock of gray-crowned rosy finches, which move from the Fishers' feeders to ours.

Eldora's total snowfall this winter is 64 inches.



Male Hairy Woodpecker↑



There is always something deeply exciting, not only in the sounds of winds in the woods, which exert influence over every mind, but in their varied waterlike flow as manifested by the movements of the trees, especially those of the conifers. John Muir



## Happy Valley Happenings



↑Eldora Coverlet in antique trunk.

Stop by the Goldminer Hotel to take a peek at the newly renovated clubroom, beautiful antiques and at the same time, shop for Eldora coverlets, fleece vests, long-sleeved T-shirts or note cards. Scott and Carol have taken over the sales of ELPF merchandise and will donate the profits to the ELPF, while collecting sales tax on all sales. Prices are:

Historic Eldora Coverlets.....\$50.00  
 Eldora Fleece Vests.....\$40.00  
 Long-sleeved Eldora T-Shirts.....\$20.00  
 Sets of Note Cards.....\$10.00  
 Shipping is, of course, extra.

More inventory will be added next spring. Be sure to take advantage of this new window of opportunity!



↑Specially ordered and historically correct windows were installed in October 2009 at the Goldminer Hotel Clubroom.



### Eldora History Night to be held at the Goldminer Hotel August 11, 2010

Join Scott Bruntjen and Carol Rinderknecht for a talk about historic preservation and renovation of historic buildings. Frandee Johnson, whose family once owned the Goldminer, will be on hand, too. And an art show with local artists is in the works to make the evening even more special.

### Eldora Land Preservation Fund

The ELPF account at Mutual Bank of Omaha in Nederland now has \$23,033.43. If we can find a suitable property and a willing seller, we are ready to partner with Boulder County for another acquisition.

#### DONATIONS TO THE ELPF:

In memory of Elizabeth Christian & Edward Edison:  
 Ed & Eleanor Busch

In memory of Lee Evans:

Dave Hallock & Diane Brown

Amy Hoffman

Philip Rouse Family

General Donations:

Balancing Rock LLP

Experimental Aircraft Association

Charles Fletcher & Richard Rivers

Theresa Hannon & Dennis Merrill

Ron & Cindy Leever

Bruce & Ann Marron

For Ellie pup: Diane Brown

Philip & Louise Rouse

A full page of 2009-10 donations will appear in the July newsletter.



The Goldminer Hotel circa 1927 with Rocky Ledge Cabin in background. Left to right the two women are Ora Gross and Clara Nipher. The children are Billy Gross (10), Eugene Gross (7), Nancy Gross (4) and a girl whose name is lost to memory. ↓



## Happy Valley Happenings

### Eldora High Country Subscription Rates

Our newsletter is what most of the yearly ECA income is spent on. Printing and postage keep getting more expensive, which means more must be spent in producing the newsletter. ECA runs on a pretty tight budget with very little left over at the end of the year. Therefore, as reported in the July 2009 newsletter, the Board of Directors voted to increase dues based on whether members receive a hard (paper) copy of the newsletter or an electronic (computer) copy of the newsletter. It costs very little to produce an electronic newsletter, and it saves paper, ink, and volunteer hours spent in stuffing and sealing envelopes, adhering mailing labels and stamps and carrying heavy boxes of newsletters to the post office.

We are happy to provide a paper copy of the newsletter to those who prefer it, but it does cost more. Please refer to the membership form for the appropriate rates to suit your needs.

### Falling Trees:

#### A hazard when traveling in the forest

- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dense patches of dead trees. They can fall without warning.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow down trees. If you are already in the forest when the winds kick up, head to a clearing out of reach of any potential falling trees.
- Place tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if trees fall.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road, rather than on a spur or one-way section. If trees fall in the road, you may be trapped.
- Bring a chainsaw to remove fallen trees from roads in case you become trapped.
- Do not rely on cell phones for safety, as there is no coverage in many areas of the national forest.

Source: US Forest Service



### Gross Dam To Be Enlarged

Current estimates project that 60% of the aggregate needed for the enlargement will be produced at Gross Reservoir. The remaining 40% will be transported to the site from existing gravel pits along the front range. During the final design phase of the Gross Reservoir enlargement, Denver Water will look at the possibility of producing more of the aggregate onsite. Lastly, all of the concrete and fly ash will need to be transported to the site regardless of the amount of aggregate produced on site.

Scott Franklin, Moffat EIS Project Manager  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
9307 S. Wadsworth Blvd.  
Littleton, CO 80128



### Bridge Report from Jean Kindig

Kyeshong Bridge is nearing completion! The expenses have been huge.

Here are a few of the items that help make this bridge comply with Boulder County regulations:

Armor Steel Beams (last forever!) \$3300

Engineers/Flood Assessment \$2000 (David Love & Associates)

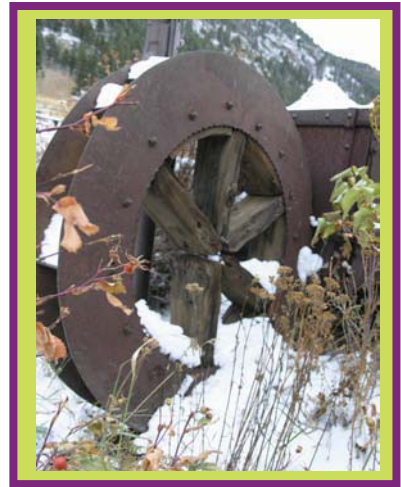
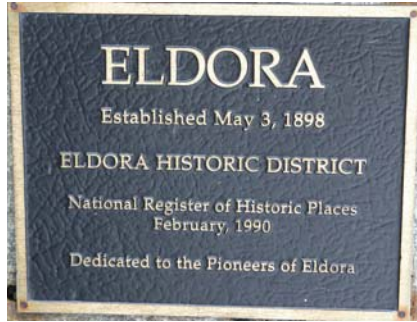
Structural Engineering \$625 (Ray Rizzo, Bluefin Engineering)

Please contribute to:

**Kyeshong Bridge LLC** - Account # 6778, Mutual of Omaha Bank, P. O. Box 69, Nederland, CO 80466



**The Eldora Pioneer Monument**  
 502 Eldorado Avenue  
 Information supplied by Earl Bolton



↑ This ore bucket came from a mine in Nederland. It was used to lift ore from a mineshaft and also to lower miners down into the shaft. Once they reached the bottom, tunnels branched from there. Another ore bucket was donated to ECA by Margaret Frazier. It is now located in front of the Goldminer Hotel.

An old water wheel was donated to the Eldora Civic Association by Margaret Frazier years ago. It was stored at the Goldminer, but they could no longer keep it, so Matt Phillips loaded it up and he and Earl Bolton set it up at the monument. There once was an old mill across from the Fishers, which was torn down for lumber during WWII. The mill was not very impressive and was in pretty bad shape when Earl was a boy. Kids used to explore it. Earl remembers the water wheel was horizontal instead of vertical like water wheels usually are.



↑ This ore cart came from the Mogul Mine and was donated by Binx Rugg.



↳ Bolton Cabin & Gazebo

↑ This vertical tool is an air driven drill for drilling into the rock inside the tunnel to make holes in which to place dynamite. It was donated by Binx Rugg.



## EARLY ELDORA PIONEERS

Excerpts from Happy Valley: A Promoter's Paradise By Donald C. Kemp and John R. Langley - 1945

First Camp of Happy Valley Placer Company On the Site of the Penrose Lodge - 1892



In about 1883 John H. Kemp came into the then unnamed Eldora valley on a hunting trip. At the time he had been engaged in mining activities for about ten years in Central City. Kemp was impressed with the mineral indications, as well with the scenic beauty of the locale. He made annual trips thereafter and then on September 5, 1891 Kemp and several other men from Central City located the Happy Valley Placer. The project, after a vain struggle against technical difficulties, which lasted through several years, was abandoned insofar as placer operations were concerned in about 1899, though the Happy Valley Placer was a promoter of the Eldora townsite project for several years beyond that date.

On June 17, 1889 John A. (Jack) Gilfillan and D. C. Dwinell staked out the Clara Mine high up on Spencer Mountain. More miners began to filter into the area, and the spring and summer of 1892 saw several important mining discoveries. On May 2, 1892 the Village Belle was discovered by M. D. (Doc) Morrison, B. F. Spencer, D. Grant, A. Frazier and William Campbell. This was followed on May 20, 1892 by Charles H. Firth's location of the Bird's Nest Mine on Spencer. And on July 18, 1892 Firth and James T. Phillips located the Enterprise Lode on Spencer Mountain. The Terror Mine on the east end of Spencer Mountain was staked on April 10, 1893 by N. F. Hart, E. O. Shepperson and Otto Victor. The Norway Lode was staked on March 6, 1897 on Bryan Mountain by O. J. Olsen. (The Norway is one of the amazing few still remaining in original family ownership.)

Together, these discoveries touched off an intense mining boom that lasted little more than a decade. In the late 1890s Gilfillan was also instrumental in drilling and managing the Mogul Tunnel on Spencer Mountain. Adjacent camps soon sprang up along Middle Boulder Creek. About three miles northwest of Eldora, on the North Fork, was Grand Island. And two miles west, near the confluence of the North Fork and the South Fork, was Hessie, named for the wife of the first postmaster of that new village. Downstream a mile, in Sulphide Flats, Sulphide town started with a store or two and a few cabins. It was the boast of those living there that theirs was the better located of the two places, and besides, a development company had built a large hotel – the St. Julian – near O'Neil's Lake (now Sulphide Lake). No other town in the district had a lake!

However, the rosy dreams of greatness, permanence, or whatever the hard sponsors of these budding communities entertained, went glimmering, as oft the best laid plans do; and today Eldora alone remains of the four villages. Grand Island has disappeared completely. In Hessie but one or two cabins are standing. The site of Sulphide is part of a big pasture. And aside from waste dumps on the hillsides, with here and there a tumbled-down shaft house, or caved-in tunnel portal, there is nothing to indicate the once thriving mining activities from which the area derived its being.

The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904

### Eldora: Boulder’s Greatest Camp

Twenty-two miles southwest of the City of Boulder, on the Middle Boulder Creek, and only nine miles from the Continental Divide, lies the mining camp of Eldora, which, for the amount of capital invested and the actual work done, can make the best prospective showing of any of the camps in Boulder County. We are not saying this as the mere peddling of hot air, but as the result of a careful investigation of the resources of the various camps of the county.

All that is needed is the enlistment of capital and the enlistment of the experienced and practical operator who understands the mining of the low grade and refractory tellur-sulphides of this section, which are so like the Cripple Creek ores in their nature as to fool a person at the first glance when specimens from the two camps are placed side by side without any distinguishing mark.

The Eldora Miner - September 16, 1899

The city officials took possession of their new quarters on Eldorado Avenue, opposite the post office, Thursday morning. The Sunshine Library will occupy the front half with a free library and reading room. City Clerk Little will be located in the rear of the front room, while Police Judge Naylor will preside over the police court in the back room.



R. H. B. Little at home in Eldora - 1904 ↑  
Courtesy of the Billingsley Collection



⇐ The Gold Miner Hotel in 1898



**Classic 4-Star Movie on Mining:  
“The Treasure of the Sierra Madre”  
starring Humphrey Bogart 1948**

The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904

The leading hotel of the camp, and until recently the only one, is the Gold Miner Hotel, which is run by Mrs. S. A. Martin. Mrs. Martin is very popular with the people of the camp and is one of the foremost workers for the interests of the camp, and is always looking for the opportunity to make things pleasant for the home people and for the stranger within the gates. If there is an entertainment to be given, or a dance to be held, it is always Mrs. Martin who is looked to as the organizer. Mrs. Martin makes her hotel home-like and cheerful for her guests and her table is the best in the mountain hotels. Mrs. Martin has been a resident of Eldora for six years.

The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904

R. H. B Little is the manager of the Girard Gold Mining and Milling Company, operating the Senator Tillman group of claims on Eldorado Mountain, and has held various offices of trust at the hands of the citizens of Eldora, and will enter upon his second term as mayor of the town this coming month.

Mr. Little is a native of Rock Island, Illinois, and is considered a capable and efficient mining man and a good businessman. He is energetic and progressive in every way and is doing all in his power to advance the best interest of the municipality.

Happy Valley – A Promoter’s Paradise by Donald C. Kemp and John R. Langley:

Mrs. S. A. Martin was one of the early time restaurant operators. She arrived in camp when the excitement began, and remained for nearly ten years. “Ma” was rather plump in build, and decidedly sharp of tongue, especially toward those whom she disliked.

Tourists were a sore trial to Ma, even though she was largely dependent on their patronage for a living. When her ire was roused by some hapless newcomer, she was prone to erupt with a verbal volley, which, though picturesque, would not always pass the censor. On one occasion a group had gotten in bad and Ma was “on the prod.” Snorted she: “Some more of god’s mistakes; comin’ in camp with a dirty shirt an’ a dollar bill; and they won’t change either one all the time they’re here!”



The Eldora Miner  
March 17, 1900

Mr. J. A. Gilfillan, manager of the Mogul Tunnel, is so elated over the assay results of the Mogul strike that he is willing to show his faith in Eldora sulphide ore by wagering \$500 with any man in the state that he can produce a ton of ore out of the Mogul that will beat in value any ton of sulphide ore in the state, taken at the depth of 900 feet.

The Eldora Record - May 14, 1904

One of the greatest tunnel enterprises of Boulder County is the Mogul Tunnel, which cuts the greatest and richest veins on Spencer Mountain at Eldora. Over 6,000 feet of work in tunnel and drifts has been accomplished, and there have been openings in the tunnel at depths of from 600 to 1,000 feet, ore shoots that were exposed on the surface and in every instance the veins have proved to be wider and richer at depth than on the surface.

The Mogul Tunnel is the greatest tunnel property that the writer has seen in his trip over the county, and there can be no question as to its value as a method of transportation and mining, and as a means of relieving the mines of Spencer Mountain of their water, and the water problem is one of the chief difficulties of the district. Those properties on the mountain that have been cut by the tunnel are now perfectly dry.

**Happy Valley – A Promoter’s Paradise** by Donald C. Kemp and John R. Langley

Great Mines such as Leadville, Creede, other famous camps, even Caribou, proved to be entirely absent at Eldora, however. Such mines as were at first prominent and gave rich promise in their surface diggings became leaner and leaner as a rule with depth. In many, the veins pinched out altogether; in others, the ore values became so low that continued mining was impossible.

The practice of salting – dishonest, nefarious, as old as mining itself, occurred in more than one Eldora mine during the Boom excitement. Several properties were developed thus, far beyond the status of mere prospects. Methods employed followed a familiar trend, and all had one object: that of filling the promoter’s treasury at the expense of hapless sucker-stockholders. Many times were worthless assay samples “needled” to show high values by the simple process of mixing valueless rock with rich ore stolen from some other location.

But, even as the Boom began: gradually, slowly, in the early 1890s, gathering momentum toward the great climax of 1898-99; so, as gradually it began to subside. The low-grade highly refractory ores were too expensive to mine. One by one the mines began to close down. Eldora, after all, was just the little man who wasn’t there! By the year 1904 when the railroad was completed into the Camp, mining had dwindled to only a fraction of its former activity. The railroad, its promoters hoped, would be the panacea which would cure the ailing mining situation in Eldora. Was not Spencer Mountain a mountain of ore? Were not thousands of tons of it to be had for the mere digging? Surely, with the ore bins of the great Mogul Tunnel located right at the road’s terminal, and cheap haulage thus made available from portal, to smelter and mint, how could conditions do other than improve? But they didn’t improve. They became steadily worse. Since mining didn’t pay, the railroad couldn’t. By 1917 mining had ceased, except for small sporadic attempts from time to time, in one property or another, none of which were successful. Apparently mining in Eldora was not in the cards.

Silver, Gold and Black Iron by Donald C. Kemp

The most promising among the many Spencer Mountain properties were the Enterprise, Village Belle, Virginia, Terror, Bonanza, Clara, Gold Coin and Bird's Nest. Eventually mining would be carried on from the Mogul Tunnel, but until the Mogul bore was completed, ore was hoisted to the surface from the shafts.

The Enterprise, located high on the western point of Spencer Mountain, was sunk to a depth of one hundred feet by Firth and Phillips, the discoverers. They then leased the mine to a Colorado Springs group, who formed a corporation operating under the name of the Eldora-Enterprise Gold Mining Company. In the deal Phillips and Firth were enriched by a fifty-thousand dollar cash payment for the mine and an equivalent amount in company stock. The new company installed a pump, an air compressor to power the machine drills, steam hoisting equipment and other accessories; then began systematic development with a fifteen-man crew. The shaft was sunk to two hundred feet, and ore was blocked out, with expectations of a daily production of fifty tons upon completion and placing in operation of the Bailey Mill. The company claimed to have some fifteen thousand tons of ore reserve carrying gold averaging twenty dollars per ton. Daily shipments of twelve-ton lots of fifty-dollar ore were hauled to the Kelton reduction plant in Boulder; three four-horse wagons were constantly employed in the operation.

## The Enterprise Mine on Spencer Mountain



↑Pick axe found long ago at the Enterprise Mine

Eldora Echo – July 12, 1935

Miners Start Work Upon Enterprise:

The Enterprise Mine, formerly one of the richest paying mines in the Boulder District, located on the top of Spencer Mountain south of Eldora, has again been opened for construction work. The Enterprise is owned by Mr. William T. Harpel, mayor of Eldora, and is being leased by Mr. A. A. McCoy, Mr. E. M. McCoy, and Mr. Norman A. Parker.

Several loads of ore have been taken from the Enterprise and the Gold Dust, the mine 75 feet lower and to the east of the Enterprise, for testing.

In 1892 the Enterprise was recorded with a 96 inch vein, the ore running at 66 ounce silver and gold 2 ounces to the ton.

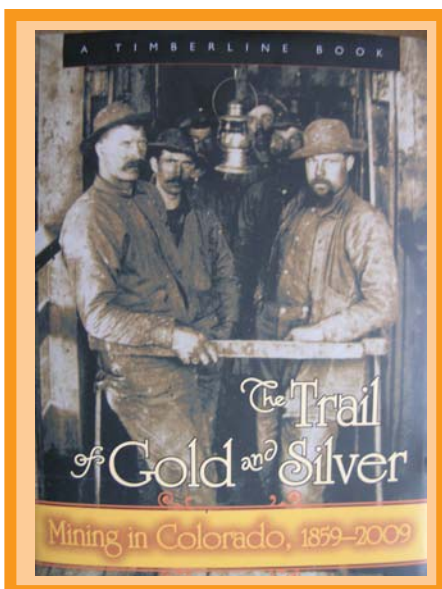
## The Trail of Gold and Silver – Mining in Colorado, 1859 – 2009

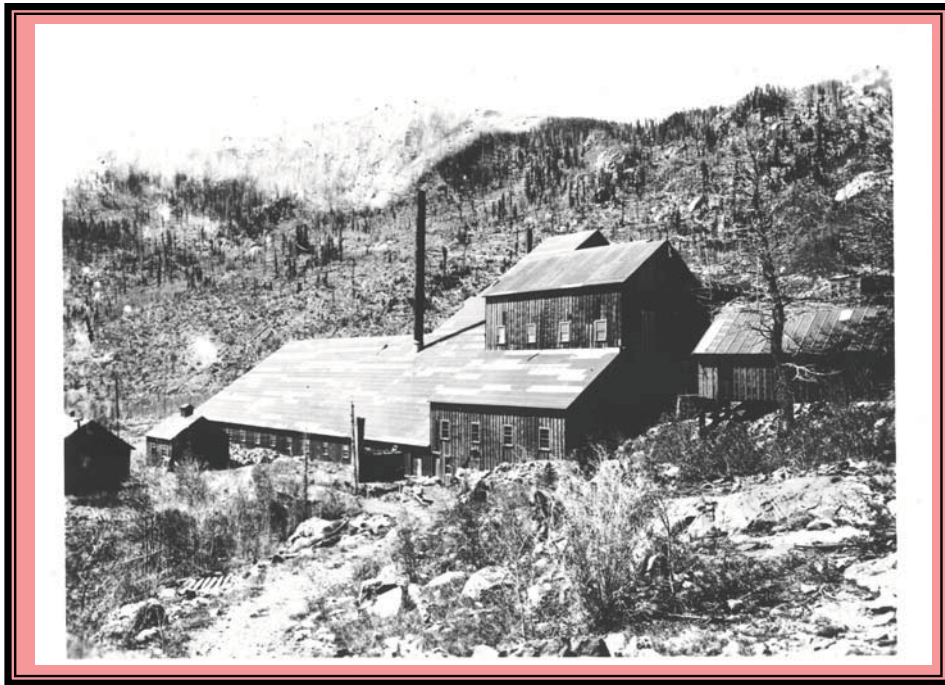
Duane A. Smith has a new book published by the University Press of Colorado that is a fascinating read. It was the inspiration for this issue of the Eldora High Country. Though it only mentions Eldora briefly, it



provides an understanding of the history of mining in the West, and in particular in Colorado. In the book Smith details the trials and tribulations of hopeful gold seekers, the inflated hype of promoters, the impacts of mining and the unprecedented influx of white settlers on Native American people, as well as on the environment.

“Wherever they prospected and mined, the miners faced medical and health problems, ranging from bad drinking water to accidental shootings to mining accidents. Miners, often poorly fed, badly clothed, inadequately housed, and working long hours in wet conditions, fell victim to a host of maladies. The altitude affected some, particularly those who rushed high up into the mountains where exposure to the elements might be deadly. Bad water, bad food, and bad whiskey did in others. Many complained of rheumatism, blaming the altitude and the dampness of mines.”





### The Bailey Mill Bust

↵ The Bailey Mill at the west end of Bryan Avenue circa 1915  
Photo courtesy of William F. Gross Collection

There was Bailey's Mill at the west end of town. That was great sport to go in there and climb all around the rafters and chuck rocks at the pack rats. We didn't know it as Bailey's Mill as kids. We used to call it Harpel's Mill because, I think, Mayor Harpel owned it at that time.

William F. Gross

### Silver, Gold and Black Iron by Donald C. Kemp

In the late fall of 1898 Neil B. Bailey, president of the Bank of Eldora, began construction of a large ore reduction mill a mile west of Eldora at the foot of Ute Mountain. The mill employed the chlorination treatment process, was designed to treat 75 tons of ore daily, and cost \$75,000. The main building was 228 feet long by 100 feet wide. Water to turn the 100 horse-power Pelton turbine which activated the mill machinery was drawn from a log cribbing dam 1200 feet up the creek west of the mill and carried from there in a wooden flume to the penstock above the mill. A steel pressure pipe delivered the water to the turbine. Mill machinery included a 200-ton per day crusher, three sets of fine-grinding steel rolls, an elliptical roasting furnace in which to oxidize the ore, chlorination barrels, and precipitating troughs. There were an electrical generating system and considerable accessory equipment, including a blacksmith shop and a fine assay laboratory.

Misfortunes dogged Bailey from the time the mill began operation in the summer of 1899 until the project failed and was forced to close down a few months later. Contributory factors were several: Bailey, a promoter, knew nothing about metallurgy, particularly as it applied to the ores from mines of the Eldora region. Then came the staggering news that Bailey's main financial backer in New York City had perished with his entire family in a fire.

### The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904

The Bailey Mill has had a checkered career and has been a monument of mismanagement and extravagance in promotion. It owes its inception and promotion to the enterprise of N. B. Bailey, who came to Eldora a few years ago and concluded that here was a good field for the exercise of his peculiar genius. Whatever else may be said of N. B. Bailey, he certainly put up a finely constructed mill, and, had he possessed some other qualifications in the line of business management, the history of the mill and of Eldora might have read far differently than it has. Be that as it may, litigation arose, and the mill, after a successful start on the ores of the Enterprise Mine, was shut down and placed in the hands of a receiver and allowed to lay idle. For the time a watchman was kept on the premises, but during the past eighteen months the mill has stood without a caretaker, and the property was sadly neglected and run down when the present company obtained a bond and lease on the same from the court.

The mill has a 150-ton roll crusher, an Allis-Chalmers elliptical roaster and a complete set of barrels for chlorination solution and a superb electrical plant that was calculated not only for the purposes of the mill, but for the lighting of the town by electricity.

Shot in the arm on November 18, 1899, Bailey died a few days later.

**The Eldora Miner** – September 16, 1899: Mr. Bailey went to Denver yesterday morning and from there will probably go to New York. On his return, Eldora will again hear the shriek of the Enterprise whistle.



## THE ROSEBERRY MINING COMPANY AND THE BLUE GOOSE MILL

### Eldora, Colorado

before 1919 ⇒

(That was the year the railroad stopped running.)

In the lower left hand corner of the picture stands the mill that Roseberry Mining Company operated. It was known to old timers as the Blue Goose Mill or the old gray mill.

Courtesy of the William F. Gross Postcard Collection



I found these papers on the Roseberry Mining Company in an old roll top desk that was in the tin shed at the Burton cabin west of Slushers. The roof of the shed had leaked on the desk for years. I was excited as I went through the drawers in the old oak desk, and found some ore in a secret back compartment. I believe that shed was an office for the Roseberry mining operation. The timbers under the cabin were bolted together with the same hardware that you see if you hike up the tram route from the old mill at the east end of Bryan up towards the Terror Mine. My research indicated there was an operation that was more recent, if you read the prospectus, a copy of which I gave to Earl Bolton. I have had many special moments when I find old papers in the cabins I have owned and let slip away. I thoroughly love discovering historic artifacts left in state during renovation projects. That cabin and property the Burtons purchased from me were special. Tarry Slusher said he watched it come in on a flatbed truck when he was a boy. Matt Phillips



⇐ The hexagonal ore bin and the tramway leading to it, which are pictured in the Roseberry mining prospectus, still stand today on Spencer Mountain as a testimony to the history of mining in Happy Valley.

Photo by Dave Hallock

The door to the laboratory/assay office building at the Blue Goose Mill was open, and all of the glass laboratory equipment and chemicals were on counters or shelves in the building. We had been warned to stay away from the black pool of “water” by the lab, so we did not play with or handle any of the lab contents. Lee S. Evans

I remember the mill at the east end of town when it was operating. It was painted gray – we used to call it the old gray mill. I can remember distinctly one day going down there. The people operating the mill would pull out the forceps and pull out the crucible and show us the molten gold in the crucible as they pulled it out of the furnace. That really impressed us. William F. Gross

# The Roseberry Mining & Milling Company

PRESENTS

## A Picture Prospectus

### OF ITS DEVELOPMENTS AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES

Since the days of '49 mining has meant something to all of us, but just how important it is or just how much it means to each of us is something very little realized by the average man. As a matter of fact Mining is a big vital thing of utmost importance to us all in every day life; one of the basic industries of the world, perhaps the second in importance. The fact that its importance as an industry makes a mining investment the most profitable of all investments when the company is founded on honesty and square dealing.

Mining was practiced, in a crude form, even before civilization. Products of the mines are indispensable parts of the human life, have been so for years past and are becoming more so each day.

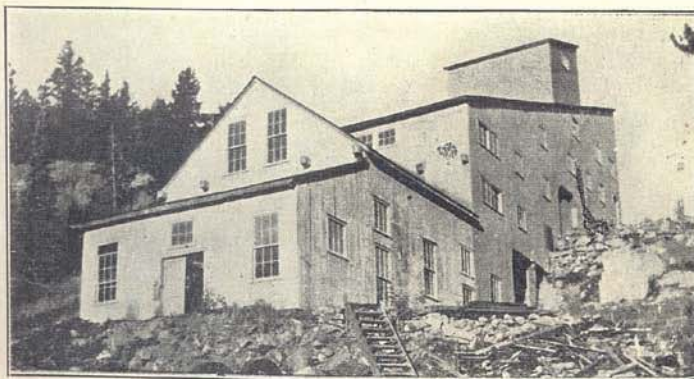
Mining is a very old industry. We have all heard of the vast fortunes that were amassed years ago in the Klondike, California, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado. But few of us realize that the opportunity today is many folds greater than in the olden days.

Mining profits were the foundation of many vast fortunes, to say nothing of the thousands of comfortable fortunes of less magnitude. In the days when these fortunes were amassed mining was in its infancy compared with today. Dumps containing millions of tons of low-grade ore were discarded in those days because of the small value, only the "HIGH-GRADE" could be disposed of at a profit. This low grade ore will make millions of dollars profit by the modern methods used today. With new development, new methods and devices of today the mining industry has been reborn and present unlimited possibilities to those who have the courage to help finance the operation of this vital industry.

Contrary to the idea of many, mining is less hazardous from an investment standpoint than any other business and the profits are unlimited. Profits made in mining are clean.

Roseberry is no longer a prospect. It's a real mining company with substantial buildings, modern equipment and millions of tons of ore awaiting reduction. It is our aim to build a great producing organization that will show the west what can be done through persistent and intelligent development of Colorado's mineral wealth. Our ultimate success has been earned by persistency, hard knocks and utmost faith in our proposition by those in charge.

This picture prospectus is sent you to show what has been done in developing our property and we hope it will prove to you that your faith in those who have the construction and development in charge has not been misplaced. We have utmost faith in Roseberry and feel that you who have made it possible will be amply rewarded and that not in the far distant future. We have kept faith with you by devoting our every energy to building up and making possible our wonderful plant.



Our mill. Here is where the ore goes through the milling equipment and will have the Gold, Silver and Vanadium extracted.



Portal of mine, trestle, upper ore bin, or bin No. 1 and tramway loading station. This bin holds seventy-five tons of ore.



Tramway loading station, and bottom of ore bin No. 1 at mine. Also shows part of engine used to run air compressor now used at mine.



Using air drill in our mine. This man is working near where we recently struck ore that assayed \$2,800.00 per ton.



One of our stockholders examining another part of our mine. Here he helped take out ore that assayed \$400.00 per ton.



## Special Notice To Investors

The majority of Roseberry stockholders are people of moderate means, some of whom have sacrificed luxuries and, in some instances, necessities of life, to make the investment, feeling that their small contributions would eventually bring them the things they sacrificed with manifold returns. These people have faith in the proposition, as well as the men who are at the head of it. They know that their officers are men of integrity and honesty, who have the interest of the Company at heart and absolute faith in the Company's eventual success.

Every cent received goes into the development of the properties. It's not a promotion proposition to profit from stock sales. Every investor is assured an honest run for his money.

It's one of very few chances to invest money with honest people in an honest proposition that will bear the closest investigation. Investors in Roseberry are assured a *Square Deal* in a proposition that is now on the threshold of *Success* with unlimited possibilities of earnings.

One GOOD MINING INVESTMENT is worth a lifetime of savings.

Our advice is, buy Roseberry now, while you have the chance.

We reserve the right to reject all orders for stock received after we are financed, or for any other good cause.

*Make all remittances payable to*

## The Roseberry Mining and Milling Company

GAS AND ELECTRIC BUILDING

Denver, Colo.

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Bankers Interstate Security Co., Denver, Colorado

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Vice-President	C. J. ZILLGITT
Secretary and Treasurer	D. I. MCCARL
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer	W. L. DIVET



A considerable sum has been spent in purchasing and installing equipment, purchasing building material and developing the mine to date.

### NOT YET, BUT SOON

We are not yet a producing company. But just as soon as we have the odds and ends cleaned up in the installation of the milling equipment, we will be ready to go onto a production basis.

### OUR MINE AND ORE SUPPLY

Our mine has produced, while developing to the present stage, ore that has assayed from a few dollars in gold and silver to \$8000.00 per ton. Recently we made two rich strikes in different locations in our mine. In one place we found ore that assayed \$2800.00 per ton in gold and silver, and in the other strike we uncovered ore that assayed \$400.00 per ton in gold and silver. Engineers report and assays show that our ore contains from one-half to two per cent Vanadium—in other words, from 10 to 40 pounds of Vanadium per ton. The present price of Vanadium is around \$1.00 per pound. Experienced miners and engineers estimate that we have millions of tons of ore containing Gold, Silver and Vanadium on our property. Approximately 3000 tons of this ore has already been mined and lies in a dump ready to be treated when the mill is completed.

### HIGH GRADE ORE, AND YET WE NEED MONEY

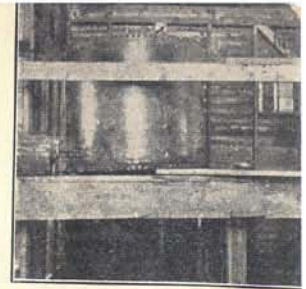
High-grade ore, as a rule, does not exist in large bodies. Streaks or stringers of high-grade run thru the low-grade or milling ore. We are located a long distance from a smelter, which would necessarily make the marketing of high-grade ore very expensive. We have decided to rush our mill to completion before doing any more mining. When the mill is operating we will run thru the low-grade ore, which contains these streaks of HIGH-GRADE, and in this way will eliminate the high cost of shipping HIGH-GRADE, and at the same time make the returns from our operations more profitable.

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY

In this prospectus we have tried to show you where and how your money has been spent up to this time. We need a few thousand dollars more to complete the installation of the milling equipment and meet the expense of starting the mill. The opportunity is offered you NOW to furnish a portion of the money needed to place us on a production basis. After our mill has started operations it will be too late. Act now, while the opportunity is offered.

### THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN INVESTMENT WITH US

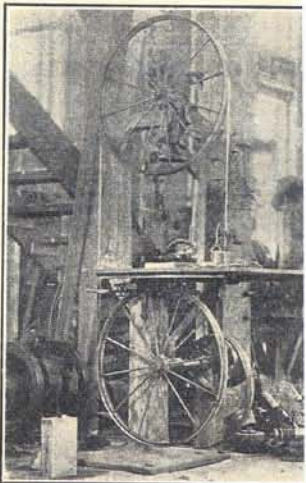
We estimate our milling ore to average \$9.00 or better per ton in gold and silver alone. Our estimates based on actual facts and figures of the cost of modern methods in mining and milling is \$3.00 per ton. Our mill is designed to treat fifty tons per day. Ore averaging \$9.00 per ton would give us a net profit of \$300 per day. Figuring on a basis of 300 working days per year our profits would be nearly 200% on a \$50,000 capitalization. Mr. Shep-person, an experienced miner, who opened up our property years ago, estimates the milling value of the low-grade ore to be from \$10 to \$12 per ton in gold and silver only. In above figures we have not taken into account the high-grade ore and Vanadium content. The possibilities are unlimited.



Showing part of second floor first floor of mill. On these cyanide tanks will be installed.



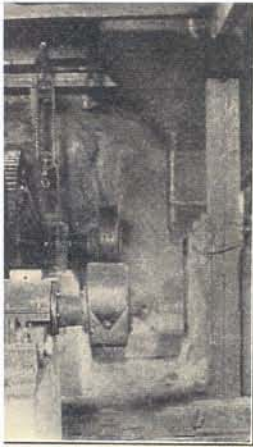
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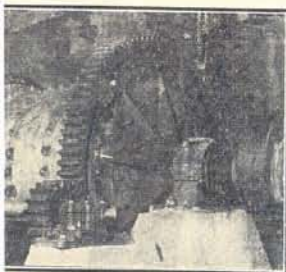
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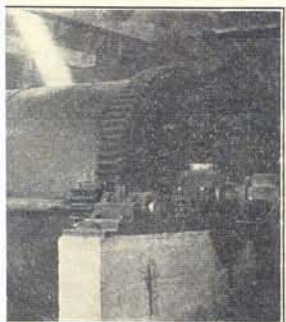
The blacksmith shop. Here we forge work.



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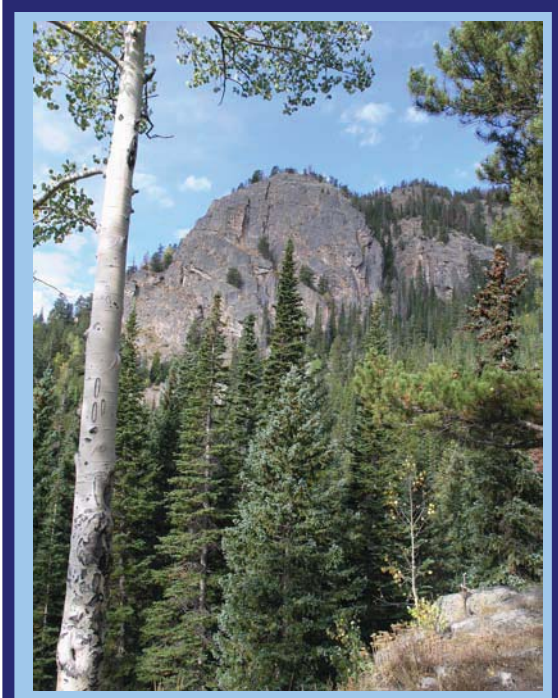


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on third floor of mill. Ore le mill to this machine. From the cyanide tanks.

## THE PROSPECTS FOR CHITTENDEN MOUNTAIN



Chittenden Mountain and Eagle Rock

Notes on Eldora by Jack Langley 1973-74:

The Denver Group Tunnel up near what used to be Grand Island is a plumb straight bore 1600 feet into Chittenden Mountain, but like so many others, it's just a hole in the ground. Perhaps the last work done on it was by Jim Bunting and I. Assessment work. We cleaned out some rotten timbers from a drift and put in new ones. We had a day or so more to put in on the job and decided to look over the rest of the main tunnel. We hadn't gone far when Jim stopped and said, "Look there." If there ever were ghosts in a mine this was it. The tunnel being straight, the lights from the portal cast our shadows on a sheet of white mold that entirely covered a set of timbers. If we moved an arm or body, the shadow moved its right arm, etc.



All that glitters is not gold.  
William Shakespeare

Antique toy goat and cart  
from Howe estate; toy burro  
from Eldora yard sale⇒

The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904

The Big Six Mining Company is the owner of some valuable claims on Chittenden Mountain, at Eldora, the development of which is planned by means of a cross-cut tunnel that will open the veins so that the ore can be easily mined and transported to market. The two claims that are being opened are the Hidden Treasure and the Granite Cliff, situated on the northern slope of the mountain, facing on the North Fork of the Middle Boulder, in close proximity to the valuable holdings of the Denver Tunnel Company.

The Hidden Treasure vein is 6 to 10 feet wide of solid ore, with a rich pay streak in the center and crossing over onto the hanging wall of high grade about 8 inches wide. The Granite Cliff is about three and a half feet wide with a pay streak about 4 to 6 inches wide. The company contemplated the erection of a small power plant and mill at the mouth of the tunnel, as indicated in the engraving by the cross. This engraving is made from an old crayon sketch, made in 1899, by Mr. H. Sutherland, the locator of the claim.

This property has been lying idle for lack of interest on the part of the eastern stockholders, and Mr. Griffith has personally paid for the development work, or the greater portion of it, out of his own funds, and the assessment work has been kept up each year, and there are no contests as to the title of the ground.

The property is opened by a number of prospect shafts and open cuts on the surface showing the width of the veins, and by the main cross-cut tunnel which starts on the side of Chittenden Mountain, about 100 feet above the creek, and the company owns clear down to the creek, with plenty of dumping ground and in a location where there is easy access to the wagon road. This tunnel has been driven by hand for a distance of 175 feet, and the rock is now so hard that it is advisable to put in a compressor plant and drive the tunnel by machinery. It is estimated that a plant sufficient for this purpose can be put in position for about three or four thousand dollars.



## Mining Mishaps

Al Bolton's News Clippings

November 10, 1935

### Youth killed in 100 ft. Fall in Mine Shaft

Robert Whetstone, 22, was fatally injured in a fall of 100 feet in the Clara Mine near Eldora Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He had been working at the mine since late last August. The mine is on Spencer Mountain about a mile and a half from Eldora.

He was being hoisted on a bucket when the gear pin of the hoist slipped, releasing the cable. George Rath, operating the hoist, had tendons of his hand severed when he grabbed at the cable, trying to hold it.

Otto Horne, the only other employee of the mine, was standing at one of the levels waiting for the bucket to be lowered when he heard the slipping of the cable and jumped back into the tunnel.

Mr. Rath climbed down the ladder to join Mr. Horne, who had gone to the sump of the mine. Horne was sent for help. Emery Olsen, Charles Marshall, Al Bolton, Harold Lilly, and Bart Scott responded and they managed to get the body out of the mine by wrapping it in canvas and hand-hoisting it to the surface. Whetstone died about a half hour later. His left side was badly crushed and he suffered other injuries. He never regained consciousness.



The Village Belle Mine on Spencer Mountain  
2009 Photo by Dave Hallock

### “From Happy Valley to the Mountaintop”

by Lee S. Evans

Dick Roberts, Greg Rath, their mothers and two sisters became my especially good friends. They lived for several months in the cabin that had belonged to Mrs. Oatman (Gladys Harlow's mother) on the hill immediately west of the Kemp cabins.

Greg and his father had started opening up the old Bird's Nest Mine up the tramline west of the Blue Goose Mill, but it was an ill-fated venture. Greg's father, Mr. Rath, was killed when the winch failed as Greg was lowering him down the shaft in a mine bucket.

The Lethal Legacy of Mining:  
Dynamite  
Blasting Caps  
Deep water-filled mining shafts  
Unstable buildings  
Jars of Mercury  
Cyanide Eggs

In retrospect, it is really amazing that we, and other children and adults, were not killed by some of the things left behind by miners in mine and mill buildings. Lee S. Evans

One found a lot of interesting objects in some of the mills, such as the pretty glass egg I brought home to Mother to use in chicken nests. It did look just like the glass eggs we used in the nests. It turned out, however, that this was a “cyanide egg” used to leach out gold from crushed ore in the big redwood cyanide tanks in the mill!

And, then there was that heavy pint jar of mercury in the Bailey Mill. You could make a penny look just like a pretty dime by smearing it with mercury. It had been used on the shaker tables to help extract gold, or so they hoped. One time when we went back in the mill, someone had dropped and broken the jar. The contents were scattered around the sand floor in big globs, so there probably still is severe mercury contamination of the soil near where the lower level north entry door was located.

Lee S. Evans “From Happy Valley to the Mountaintop”

## The Episode of Mr. Langley's Mine Car

By Michael McCoy

I have to think back to the time around 1954 when Robert Goolsby and I made Monkey Island our home away from home. There are many stories that surround Monkey Island.

Where was Monkey Island and why was it called Monkey Island? Well, the island is no more, but was located just south of the Rugg pasture. Middle Boulder Creek had a diversion that cut between the Bolton's and Marron's houses and then continued on until it went through a series of beaver ponds and rejoined the main creek just east of the Mogul dump. The landmass in between was referred to as Monkey Island because we thought that it was shaped like a monkey (arms, head and legs). Binx dammed the diversion where it came off Middle Boulder Creek, which dried up the system joining the island to the pasture. This changed the pasture from a lush deep grassy area with wetland fringes and willows to a dry area that could be developed for housing, which is what happened.

Robert and I decided that we would devise a transportation system around the island and thought that mine cars and tracks would be the best way to go. There were two places to get mine cars. One was the Mogul Tunnel and the other was an old mine that Jack Langley had an interest in above my house and north of the Caribou Road.

We decided to remove the stop on the end of the mine car track at the Langley mine and shove the mine car off the end and down the mountain. Kids always think things through and have great judgment and never think anyone will know the difference.

Everything went as planned, but we did not expect the mine car would come hurtling down the mountain at such a high rate of speed and so out of control. Well, it did just that and I could see this 300 pound hunk of steel heading for our pretty little house and Robert and I were kind of thinking how that mine car would look to my mom as it came through the back wall of our shed, through the kitchen and came to rest in the living room. That was kind of a scary thought for a couple of kids trying to set up an innovative transport system around the island. We watched in horror as the mine car made its way down the mountain and finally came to rest on the east side of our house and the west side of Bill and Kathy Pierson's house, then Kay and Bill Pierson senior's house.

It was a real relief that all the private property was spared and that we were spared the grief into the bargain or at least that is what we thought. There was no way we were going to move that hunk of steel without my dad's help and that meant we would have some explaining to do. We did our best but if you have ever tried to move a mine car through soft soil, it is next to impossible, at least for two kids.

**Mike & Dinky May watch as Hollie tests the tramway.**



Mothers always know when something out of the ordinary is going on and that certainly happened. Mom came out and looked over the situation and pretty much knew what had happened, even though we told her that the mine car had been there for several weeks and no one had noticed it until now. That didn't hold much water and she said that dad would take care of it when he got home from work.

Dad came home and got the whole story and I mean the whole story. Not the one about accidentally giving the mine car a little shove and it accidentally came down the mountain. No. It was about the removal of the stop and pushing it over the end of the dump and you know the rest. Dad told us that the next step was talking to Jack Langley. Jack was always a little gruff around us and we knew that this might not be a very pleasant experience, but dad made it clear to us that it was our responsibility to go see Jack and get this cleared up and remove the mine car. We made our way up to Mr. Langley's house and went into the details, no more trying to use alibis, and to our surprise he did not react like we thought he was going to. He said, "Well, boys you saved me lots of work. I always wondered how I was going to get that mine car safely down that mountain."

My dad was Abram Armstrong McCoy and his brother, my uncle, was Earnest McCoy. Dad was president of the Colorado Mining Association as I remember but I don't remember the date. He died in 1961 and to be honest we never did agree on the impacts that mining has on the environment. We had some heated discussions about it long before there were any real environmental laws like the NEPA of 1968. The 1872 Mining Act has never been amended since it was written over 100 years ago. There have been many attempts to amend the act but the special interests are too strong to allow it.

At one time Dad and Harvey Craig supplied all the mines in Boulder County with mining equipment, so I grew up around the mining community in this area, which was primarily tungsten. I think between mining and WW II Dad died an early death at 54 years old. Joe Smith, who some in Eldora may have known, was very involved in the mining industry. Dad and Joe owned the Wolfstongue Mill in Nederland at one time. Dad also re-did the dumps at Caribou or went in and took the silver and other minerals that could be extracted due to new technologies.

### More on Mr. Langley's Mine Car and Mining in Eldora

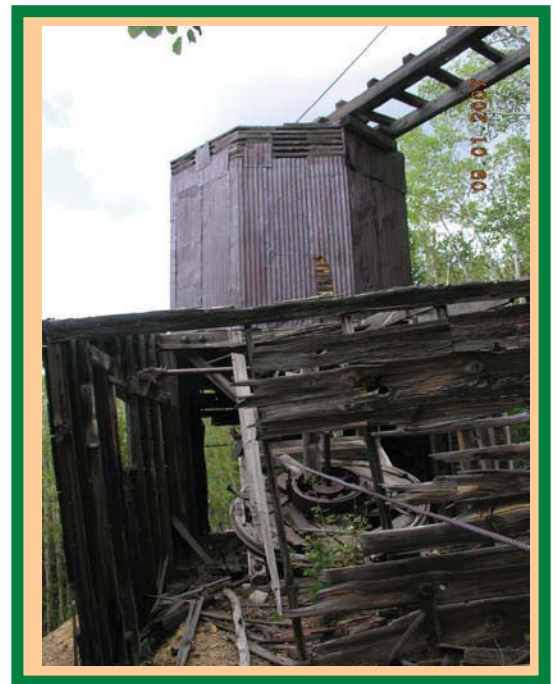
By Robert Goolsby

As I recall, as soon as we shoved the mine car off the mine dump, the top came off. It is still up at the mine above the Caribou trail. Then came the hard work. That dolly would not roll on the wheels at all so we had to end-over-end it all the way down. It took hours!! When we got to Mick's cabin we had intended to try to get some tracks from the Mogul--there were piles of them lying around--and make a circle in his yard to run the thing on. About as soon as we got it there, Mr. McCoy asked where it came from and we told him and he told Mr. Langley who came down immediately and did thank us. As Mick said, he said he was wondering how he was going to get the thing down off the mountain.

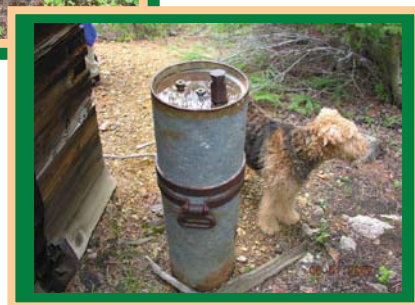
Later on we attempted to retrieve another mine car dolly from the creek below the Mogul but Mick wrenched his back so badly that he had to wear a back brace for years after that. Don't know what ever happened to that car. Guess Binx probably got it.



The hexagonal bin below the Terror Mine. ⇒ The tramway leads to the top of the bin. All photos by Robert Goolsby



↑ Hollie checks out old mine equipment on the slopes of Spencer Mountain. ⇒



A couple of years ago I had an interesting conversation with Ray Conklin who had worked as a miner up on Spencer Mountain and also ran the Gray Mill at the east end of Spencer. So Mick and I decided to trace the tramline down the mountain from the Terror Mine to the mill site. Surprisingly, it was a place neither of us had ever explored. There is a lot of interesting mine machinery scattered down the mountain. I had intended to ask Mr. Conklin the next year to describe the use of the stuff I took pictures of, but unfortunately he died before I could.



⇔Mark Goolsby looks over the remains of a boiler near Lost Lake. Water was heated by coal or wood and channeled through pipes to make steam to run the hoists and drills as well as the stamp or ball mills.

⇓The building has fallen down around this old ball mill. When Robert Goolsby was little, there were all different size iron balls scattered around it and down the mountain side. Some were carried home almost every year when they went to Lost Lake. Usually the big ones were dropped on the way down because of the weight!



Mine photos by Robert Goolsby



Bunchberry found at Lost Lake by Audrey Godell ↑

The mine hoist Mark Goolsby is checking out originally had a cable reeled up on it. ⇓



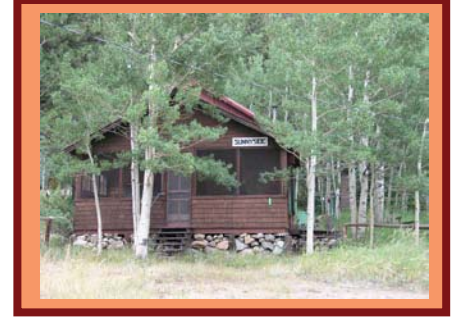
There are pictures in the Eldora CD/DVD photo albums showing horse drawn wagons bringing these unbelievably heavy, massive pieces of equipment to the mines. Much like the miners, horses and mules suffered horribly from the ordeal, as evidenced by horse skulls with bullet holes in them found near mines. Horses and burros were also harnessed to pull turnstiles and were forced to walk in endless circles day after day for long hours until they finally wore out and were shot. A few lucky burros were turned loose when miners left Eldora and happily spent the remainder of their lives as free ranging ferals. Children loved to ride them around Eldora in the old days.

## The Hornback Family

Sunnyside Cabin (411 Huron) ↓  
Charles, Verne & Clara Hornback

By Charles (Charlie) Eugene Hornback  
Grandson of Charles and Clara Hornback

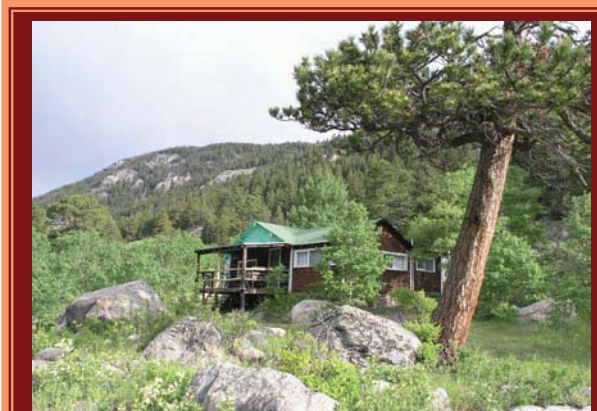
Mrs. Tomblin sold Sunnyside to Charles Hornback in 1903. Charles sold to Robert and Margaret Hughes in 1904, who sold it to Mary Annie Cox in 1905. The Millikins bought from her in 1926 and they added a porch, which is seen in the current photo. The Goolsby family has owned the cabin since 1946. ↓



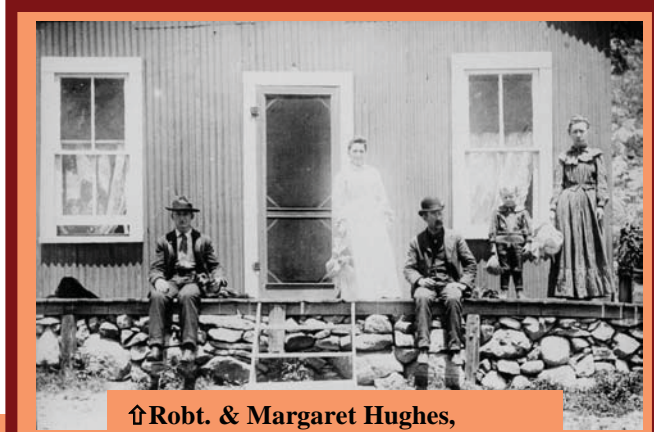
The Hornback family dates back to 1901 in Eldora history. Charles and Clara Hornback (Charlie's grandparents) originally came from El Dara, Illinois. Charles had decided to follow the mining game and had moved west with his bride to Blackhawk, Colorado, where he worked in a stamp mill. While in Blackhawk, their son Verne E. Hornback was born in 1899. For some reason, they decided that Eldora was a better place to live than Blackhawk and moved to Eldora in 1901. Charles Hornback worked in the Mogul Mine, and other mines in the region. He and Mr. Harpel patented two mines. Clara Hornback started a grocery store and eventually had the post office. Charles died from complications of a mining accident in 1914. Clara then spent part time in Eldora and the rest in Illinois raising twin daughters Charlene and Clarene.

Verne (Charlie's father) was in Eldora most of the time and lived with Mr. Harpel who taught him most of what he knew about mining. He worked in many of the mines around Eldora and Nederland. Verne married Elsa Axelson in 1926. They had three children: Charles Eugene, Verne Quentin, and Elsa Loraine.

Verne and Elsa built our present cabin at 315 Eldorado Avenue in 1931. Verne also built several cabins in Eldora, and did repair work on many of the cabins in Eldora. (He and Jack Langley worked together much of the time.) The family moved to Boulder in 1943, because Verne, who had developed silicosis from his days of working in the mines, had trouble breathing at the Eldora altitude. He died in 1947. Through the years various family members have spent time at the cabin, which they still own.



↑ The present day Hornback Cabin at 315 Eldorado



↑ Robt. & Margaret Hughes,  
Charles, Verne & Clara Hornback



Foxes often  
den under  
Sunnyside.



## A Look at Nature “Impacts of the Mining Era”

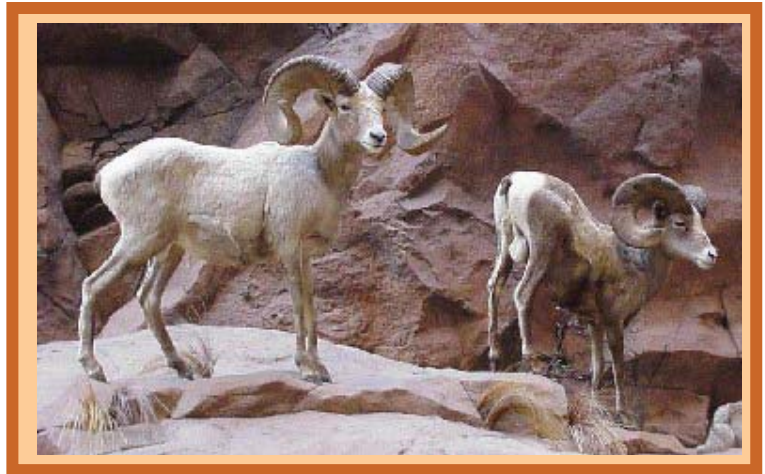
By David H. Hallock



In keeping with one of the themes of this issue, let's take a look at some of the changes that occurred to wildlife and plants during the mining era, the 1859 to around 1910 time period, in western Boulder County. Many of these changes were due to the cumulative impacts of human settlement of the area during the mining era, so it was not just the miners but also ranchers, farmers, market hunters and town builders that contributed.

The need for food along with fears and cultural attitudes led to the removal of some animals. Elk were virtually wiped out of Boulder County by 1900 due to over-hunting. They were reintroduced between 1913-1917, as animals from Yellowstone National Park were brought down and let loose near Lyons, Boulder and Tolland. Grizzly bear and wolf were extirpated. There is a photograph taken by Alfred T. Wheeler, the first caretaker of the City of Boulder Watershed, of a wolf in a leg-hold trap. Accounts indicate that the deer population around Boulder was decimated. And it is probable that there were reductions in the populations of other game animals, including rabbits and grouse.

Bighorn sheep were once common. Along with elk, they were considered to be the main species hunted by prehistoric people who utilized the communal game-drive systems found in the Indian Peaks. In the 1870s bighorn sheep were regularly seen on excursions in Boulder Canyon. They succumbed to disease and over-hunting and were wiped out of the county. Herbert N. Wheeler, the first Forest Supervisor in Boulder County, writes



in his autobiography that the last few sheep of the Mt. Audubon area were taken by Stapp of Stapp's Lake fame. Bighorn sheep were reintroduced in 1980, with 19 being placed in the North St. Vrain Canyon. Occasionally, they are seen at other locations in the county. Two young rams were seen just above Eldora on the road to Caribou several years ago.

Forests were heavily impacted during the mining era. This was a time of increased timber cutting and fire. There were heavy demands on the timber resources for fuel, mine props and town construction. Sawmills were present at Woodland Flats and up the North Fork. The wood was used to build Eldora and was also shipped to Boulder and Central City. Also during this period catastrophic fires had an equal, if not greater, impact than logging on the forests. Many of these fires were intentionally set by humans so as to better expose the rocks to the observation by prospectors. Tice in his 1872 book entitled *Over the Plains and on the Mountains* writes that though this practice was outlawed in most mining districts, in 1871 in Boulder County there were 51 indictments for illegal fires.

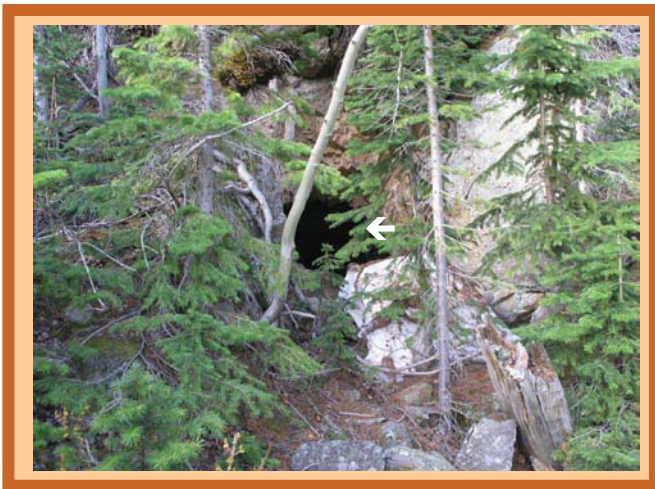
The best-known fire of our area is the 1901 fire that burned an estimated 70,000 acres and is the largest recorded fire in Boulder County. The fire began on Woodland Mountain, located several miles west of Eldora. Newspaper accounts state the fire began on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The cause of the fire is uncertain, though the *Daily Camera* reported that a careless prospector was the cause and that many in Eldora knew the guilty party but would not say who it was. Westerly winds moved the fire toward Eldora. The fire spread to Guinn and portions of Bryan Mountain. It also spread to the south flank of Chittenden Mountain, burned some of the timber near Jasper Lake, jumped over much of the North Fork, burned up



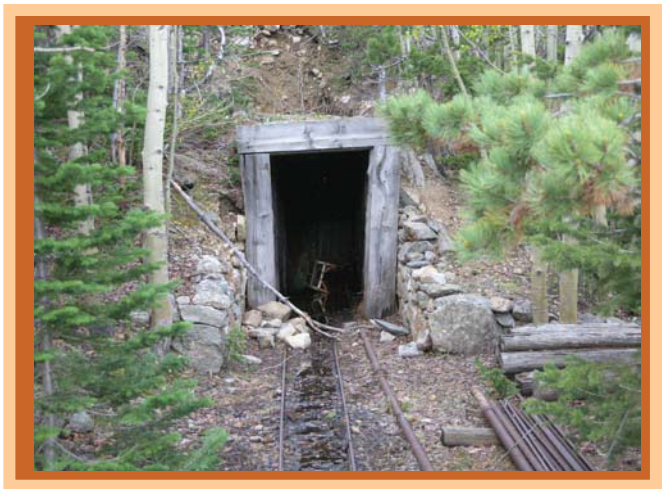
Mineral and Klondike Mountains, and the west part of Eldorado Mountain. It made it to within ½ mile of Eldora. People in town had to deal with heavy smoke; many helped fight the fire while some left with what possessions they could take. Several times the winds shifted from the west to a mild breeze out of the east, which calmed the fire down, but then the strong western winds would reappear and activate the blaze. The fire lasted over two weeks and was eventually put out by rain. Additionally, when the fire got to the top of Mineral and Klondike Mountains, it ran out of fuel in the Caribou area as most of the wood had been cut by miners or destroyed in an 1879 fire near Caribou Hill.

Of note, the 1901 fire was NOT the fire that burned Spencer Mountain. The origin and date of the fire is unknown. Don Kemp and Jack Langley, in their book *Happy Valley*, write, “Tradition states that the forest fires which destroyed the forest growths on Tennessee, Spencer, Ute, and part of Eldorado Mountains, long years ago, were started by Indian hunting parties.” Early photographs of Eldora prior to 1901 also indicate that Spencer had already burned. Of course we can’t rule out early prospecting parties as the origin, which had been visiting the valley since around 1859. The year 1859 was one of the big fire years throughout the Front Range, coinciding the beginning of the Colorado gold rush with a very dry year.

Streams were also heavily impacted during the mining era. Placer mines worked the streambed for gold deposits, and Eldora had its origins with the Happy Valley Placer Company. Stream banks were denuded. Sediment, chemicals and heavy metals increased in the waters making it more difficult for fish and other aquatic organisms to survive. And if large game was over-hunted, it is likely that the streams were over-fished. Originally, greenback cutthroat trout were the only fish found in the cold waters of Middle Boulder Creek. The impacts of the mining era, combined with the introduction of rainbow, brook and brown trout, contributed to the greenbacks being extirpated from the creek.



This mine hole is a potential den for wildlife.



↑ Mine portals such as this provide refuge for bats.

One of the saving graces of mining is that it comes and it goes. After the resources are extracted, the miners move on. The land and animals have an opportunity to recover. Some animals may even benefit from the mine holes left behind, such as bats.

Spencer Mountain Mine  
Photos by Dave Hallock



Grate covering a mine shaft ⇨



## ELDORA SWEETHEARTS

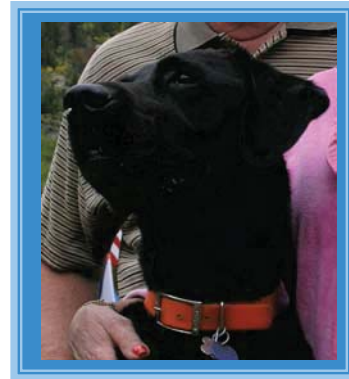
## ♥ Nick and Mary Jane Newens ♥



Having met as blind dates at Nick's college roommate's son's Bar Mitzvah in Memphis, Tennessee, we were married in 1985. Two years later after camping in Golden Gate State Park (first camping ever for MJ), we discovered Eldora and a cabin for sale. MJ said she would NEVER spend weekends at that old cabin in the town that used to be....

I promised her she would never have to go camping again if we bought the cabin at 698 Klondyke. That changed her mind completely. Now after 22 years of ownership, I cannot keep her away from Eldora on free weekends, and never again camping!!!

⇌ Mary Jane and Nick Newens sit with their Black Lab "Grigsby" on the deck of their Eldora cabin.



## ELDORA SWEETHEARTS

## ♥ Fran Mandel and Payson Sheets ♥



An archaeological project was being organized in 1968 at the University of Pennsylvania, to take place at a Maya site in El Salvador. Payson was a graduate student at Penn, and was pleased to get on the project. He arrived with five other male graduate students in January 1969. They were there a month getting the excavations and survey going, and getting very eager for the six undergraduate female students from Pitzer College in California to arrive. When Fran hopped off that VW bus, it was love at first sight for Payson, as there she was, cute as a button, with her Nikon F single lens reflex camera. And, boy, did she know how to photograph; she was the official photographer for the project, and many of her photos have been published in books and articles.



**Fran and Payson experiencing love at first sight in El Salvador where they met in 1969**



The two became radicalized by realizing the destructiveness of international big business to the lives and fortunes of the urban and rural poor of Central America, and they have done the best they can to make life better for at least a few people and a few families.

Pai has a chicken bone.....



Still in love after 40 years

Fran and Payson



....Emmy does not!



They lived together in southern California while Payson wrote his dissertation and Fran finished her classes. Then they moved to Fresno for a couple years. When a teaching position opened in 1974 at CU Boulder, Payson applied, and was fortunate to get the job. He keeps doing his teaching and research there, and is an admitted failure at retirement as he is enjoying both of those activities more than ever before. Fran continues her work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner for Boulder County. They have two daughters, both grown up and happy. Kayla finished a special graduate program in genetic counseling, and is now employed in Miami, Florida. Gabi is applying to graduate schools, after spending a few years in southern California teaching yoga and pilates.

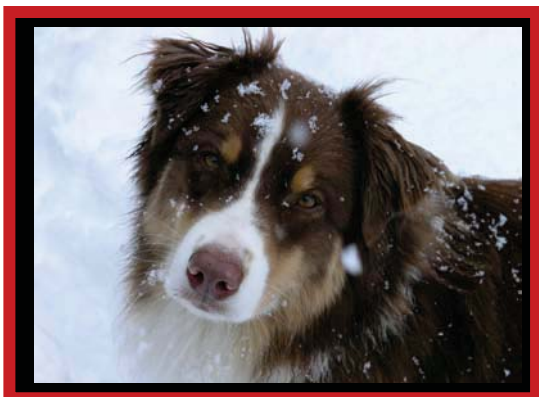
Payson's parents first bought three lots in Eldora before WW II, and after the war began building their cabin. They did all the work themselves, bit by bit, with the help of Payson's uncle. Fran and Payson inherited it, and immensely appreciate the ambience of the valley, and their treasured portion of it. What a pleasure to escape the hustle of the Front Range for peaceful weekends, or weeks during the summer. And their dog Emmy and their parrot Pai enjoy it at least as much.



“Heart of Gold” by Neil Young  
Harvest Album 1972

I've been a miner for a heart of gold.  
It's these expressions I never give  
That keep me searching for a heart of gold  
And I'm getting old.

I've crossed the ocean for a heart of gold.  
I've been in my mind, it's such a fine line  
That keeps me searching for a heart of gold  
And I'm getting old.



Love is the Jester

Jack of Hearts

“Easy Silence” by the Dixie Chicks  
Taking the Long Way Album 2006

I come to find a refuge in the easy silence that you make for me.  
It's OK when there's nothing more to say to me.  
In the peaceful quiet you create for me  
And the way you keep the world at bay for me.

## ELDORA SWEETHEARTS

### The Perfect Storm



Dale and I agreed early on there was no room on our dance cards for a wedding march. But when it came to quitting my teaching job – not without a ring! Dale wanted one, too, so two cheap rings. We could upgrade if things worked out.

The forecast promised a warm September afternoon, brilliant aspen and spotless sky-- the perfect wedding day. Now we all, including Dee, my 85-year-old mother, trudged up Mineral Mountain behind our Eldora cabin.



## Dale and Frandee Johnson



The Wedding Couple↑



Helping each other navigate the steep slippery route, we couldn't see a thing. The first snowstorm of the season was trying to bury us! We arrived at a small aspen grove, surely ablaze with color under the snow. My father's ashes had been scattered in this place where his grandchildren played under his watchful eye. Now snow fell in torrents with not a breath of wind. It was magical, exhilarating -- a benediction!

Dale was handsome in a sweater and navy sport coat with long johns under his best pants. I wore a filmy dress I'd had for 25 years with new French heel shoes dyed to match and held a bouquet of delicate blossoms. I nearly froze! My friend Dennis emptied his guitar of snow every few minutes, while Dale's son and my three daughters read passages and snow avalanched off the umbrella we commandeered from a guest. When we turned around after the ceremony, we beheld our friends huddled in puffy parkas, snow piled on their heads like mushrooms just poking out of the snow. The reception was at the cabin. We were packed inside like fans in a mosh pit, with food from The Place Upstairs in Nederland.

When Boulder Canyon was closed, people began staking out places to sleep. We had 50 guests, plenty to eat, an outhouse and two beds.

Finally the canyon reopened and we all drove down safely. Dale and I couldn't get to our house on Flagstaff Road above Boulder, so we spent our first sanctified night at my mother's house in Boulder where we pushed together twin beds in the guestroom adjacent to Dee and her cat Dusty. Dale is allergic to cats. That made for an entertaining wedding night, launching our life of marital bliss.

We still wear our cheap rings and while friends celebrate 50th anniversaries, this September will be our twenty- fifth. How is it possible? Must have been something in that perfect storm!



Heart to heart, we'll hold together.  
Hand in hand, we'll find the way.  
Side by side, day by day, as one.  
From "The Ballad of Sally Rose"  
by Emmy Lou Harris



## A Tribute to Lee S. Evans

March 1, 1917 – November 7, 2009

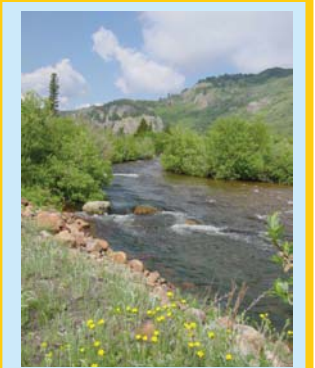
⇐ Lee Evans on his horse Redbird near Jasper Lake in 1936. Don Kemp, who was riding with Lee that day, captured the moment with his Leica camera.

The wagon that brought 2-year old Lee Evans to Eldora in 1919 rests on a meadow at the Arapaho Ranch. ⇓



Lee Evans, a lifetime resident of Boulder County, was a third-generation resident in the Eldora area. His grandfather, William J. Lee, ran cattle above Eldora in the 1890s. Lee began spending summers in Eldora as a toddler in 1919 with his mother, Jennie Lee Evans, after his father, Samuel Evans, died in the influenza epidemic. During the summers his mother ran a milk and saddle horse business and when Lee grew old enough, he was an immense help to her. Winters were spent in Louisville. Despite formidable odds – the loss of his father and the depression years – Lee received an undergraduate degree at CU, and worked toward a PhD at Northwestern University. He was a full professor at DU and later ran very successful consulting and seminar businesses with his wife Virginia whom he married in 1969. Lee is survived by his wife Virginia, three children from a previous marriage, Joe, Kayla and Tamara, along with seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1946 Lee purchased the Arapaho Ranch from Public Service Company of Colorado. On December 18, 1987, Lee Evans and his family, in collaboration with Colorado Open Lands, a non-profit land trust, signed away the right to develop up to 680 houses on the one-mile square ranch. They also gave up all rights for annexation, subdivision, mining and farming. Lee said, “ We think there’s a need for a place for wildlife and not just for people. The concept of a love of the land is a difficult one to convey. It’s been a love of mine since I was a child. I’m trying to encourage others to do the same thing we did here.” The Arapaho Ranch is a significant refuge for a large Boulder County herd of elk as well as other native fauna and flora, including over 162 species of birds and over 365 species of native plants. Lee’s vision for the Arapaho Ranch was a gift for all of us in Eldora to behold every time we walk, bicycle or drive along Eldora Road as we pass by on our way to or from Happy Valley.





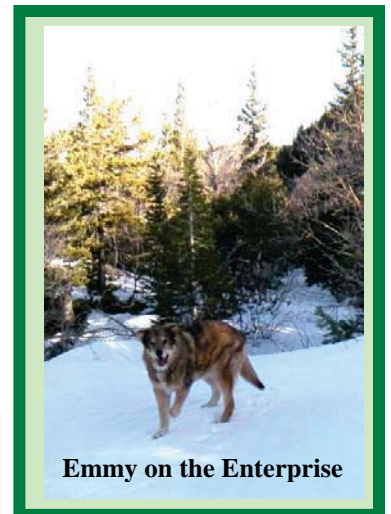
### Indian Peaks Eldorado Gold

AKA: Elle, Ellie Belly, Elderberry, Ella, L.L. Bean  
November 28, 1994 to September 21, 2009



Elle, a beautiful red merle Australian Shepherd, brought joy to our lives for almost 15 years. She loved her favorite toy, Bullwinkle the moose, tennis balls, sticks and most of all water and snow. She hiked all over the Eldora high country, a constant companion to her favorite people and her Aussie buddy Huck. She was well loved by our many cats over the years. Always a lady, she retained her pride and dignity, even into her declining years when she needed our help getting up stairs and steeper parts of the gentle trails we took her on. She taught us to use hand signals and body touches when she lost her hearing, and to feed her softer food as her teeth wore down. She never forgot her manners and gave a soft woof when she needed to go out. We will never forget her.

Diane Brown & Dave Hallock

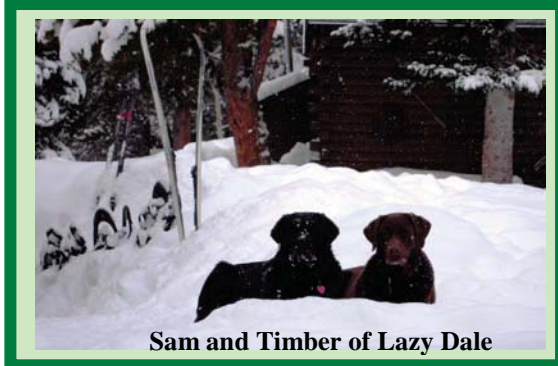


Emmy on the Enterprise



Huckleberry of Cloudy Ridge

### ❄️ ELDORA SNOW DOGS ❄️



Sam and Timber of Lazy Dale



Maggie of Tree Tops

We aren't house proud. If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the doorframe, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine of worn spots on the chair. We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes. We don't. If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friends than in immaculate sofas. Shoes can be replaced, but heroic retrievers are timeless. Without our dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things. Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence. They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history. On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-too-short lives of our dogs. - Paul Fersen

The Eldora Miner  
March 17, 1900  
Eldora had a great deal of excitement Wednesday – four dogfights delighted the kids, and some of the old folks, too. Trouble was narrowly averted between the owners, as nothing on earth will make two men fight quicker.

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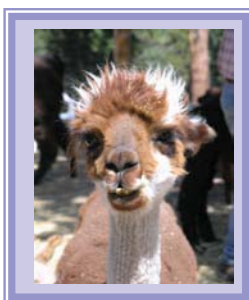
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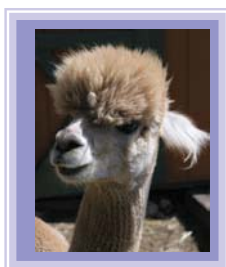
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