

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON
MARCH 15, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.**

EARL MEAD — CHACO CANYON

- An Anthropologist and Historian with a specialization in the American Southwest. He studied under the late Dr. William G Buckles at Colorado State University, Pueblo, where he participated in the Old Dallas Historical Archaeological Program at Ridgeway, Colorado. He also did historical archaeology at South Pass City, Wyoming and at Bodie Historical Townsite, California.

He has been in Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation for over thirty years working in the private sector as well as with the National Park Service at Mesa Verde National Park and the USDA Forest Service.

Mr. Mead has served on the Advisory Committee to the Colorado State Archaeologist and on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

His program "An Overview of the Archaeology of Chaco Canyon," will focus upon the history of research as well as current theories about the cultural center in Northwest New Mexico. He will also propose a group trip to Chaco Canyon for June. *Continued on Page Two*

**Earl S. Mead and
Chaco Canyon**



**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church,
801 Sheridan Avenue, Cañon City
2:00 p.m. – Public Welcome**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We always accept donations in any amount, and are very grateful for any Memorial gifts you may wish to give - this is our pledge to you - good programs, historic interest in the landmarks of the County, and scholarship awards that will help some young person attend college.

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SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZERS IN FREMONT COUNTY

An article in the October 31, 2002, issue of the Cañon City Daily Record entitled "Confederate Flag to Fly in Greenwood Cemetery" read: "The existence of a Confederate memorial in Greenwood Cemetery is unique in Colorado, especially since the Civil War Union veterans of Cañon City paid for the memorial in the 1890s. The Union veterans also provided honor guards for the deceased Confederate veterans when there were no more Confederate veterans left to provide the honors."

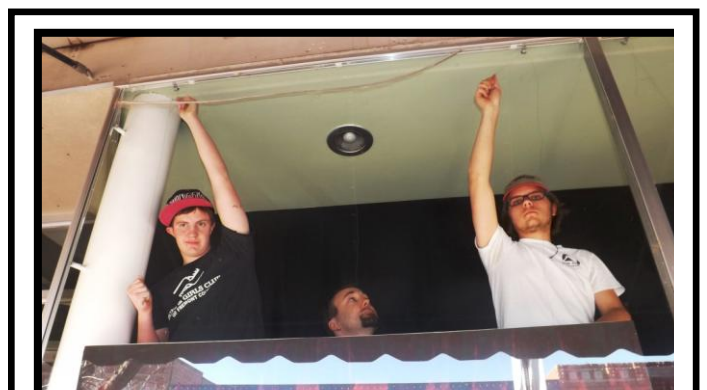
It would appear that the War was over in Cañon City by the 1890s, unlike many other areas where that War has never ended.

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- 1: Spirits by fireplace with sign
- 2: Brick with date and MM
- 3 Linda, Dee and Ed – ready for festivities
- 4 Spirits and Doug Dotson
- 5 Lisa Sudts tallying contents of capsule
- 6 – Hole in the Wall
- 7 –Spirits outside Library
- 8 Mountain Masonry – Michael Madone preparing

Canon City Geology Club
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Program lineup for 2015

March 9

Loretta Bailey and Dan Grenard - Local Fremont County Quarries

A guide to our famous former quarries, including the Mica Lode, and some that continue to operate today, with some specimen minerals for show

April 13

Lou Taylor - *Amphicoelias fragillimus*

A 9' partial vertebra from quite possibly the largest animal to ever live on earth was excavated in Garden Park in 1877 by Oramel Lucas. Could an animal 190' long and weighing 135 tons have existed?

May 11 - TBD

June 8

Amy Luther - Louisiana State University

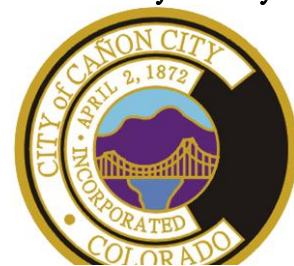
**MARCH 9, 2015
CCGC MEETING**

**Loretta Bailey and Dan Grenard
Local Fremont County Quarries**



Dan Grenard and Loretta Bailey talk about the quarry stone in the WALL

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We are always open to your input. The bylaws will be updated in the next two months, as well

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Scholarship applications are available at the Pueblo Community College Fremont Campus for local students to apply for \$1500.00 in 2016 and 2017 school year.

The Scholarship is named "Mary McNamara" Scholarship in honor of a long time active member who was an advocate for educational programs, and left a memorial for the use exclusively for students (interest on that account has been such that we do not have to use the principle.)

If you know of a student who is attending PCC next year, and has an interest in History, Geology, Environmental science, or any related subjects such as

SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZERS IN FREMONT COUNTY

In September and October of 1861, various articles appeared in the Cañon City Times regarding efforts to recruit volunteers for the Civil War. It appears that the Cañon City Times stopped publication late in 1861 and no newspapers were published in Cañon City from then until 1872. What occurred during those years is not recorded, except as written from memory years later.

Three companies of volunteers from Cañon City joined the Union Army. There were some Southern sympathizers in this area but they were outnumbered by those who favored the Union. Some of the men who intended to join the Confederacy passed through Cañon City on their way to Texas from the mining camps to the north. Reports indicate they usually crossed the Arkansas River on the First Street Bridge to rendezvous at Asa C. Chandler's ranch south of Cañon City. Leaving from the Chandler ranch, the Southern volunteers proceeded to Mace's Hole; that name was changed to Beulah in 1876, from there they moved on to Pueblo to connect with others who intended to join the South.

It is believed that the town of Chandler was named for Asa Chandler. However, the Government Land Office records show a George C. Chandler to have been in Fremont County in 1875 but not on Chandler Creek as a homestead. The first reference to Asa C. Chandler in this area appeared in the Cañon City Times of October 27, 1860. The article stated: "A. C. Chandler and lady arrived from Denver this week. He reports several families en route for this place, and others about to start." An article in the Cañon City Daily Record on February 23, 1972, about the town of Chandler indicated Mr. Chandler settled on Chandler Creek in 1861. He was described as a Southern sympathizer who furnished a sanctuary for Confederate recruits. The article also stated that he left Chandler to fight with the Confederate Army and never returned. However, an article in the Cañon City Record of May 27, 1899, stated: "Our old friend, Asa C. Chandler, on Saturday brought us some fine specimens of the forwardness of his ranch . . . Mr. C's farm is one of the finest in the neighborhood...." Whether this was Asa Chandler, Sr., or possibly his son, also named Asa C., is not known.

Information about Mr. Chandler is scarce.. He and his wife, Martha, are shown on the 1860 U.S. census in Denver, Arapahoe County (then Kansas). His age on that census appears to be in error since it is inconsistent with the 1870 and 1880 census records. In 1870, he and his family appeared in Pinos Altos, Grant County, New Mexico. In 1880, they appeared in Eastland County, Texas. They were not on the 1900 census. From the information available, it appears that Mr.

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Chandler was probably born about 1832 in Missouri. We found three military records for Asa Chandler: Confederates, but there was not enough information for us to determine which of them, if any, was the Asa Chandler from the Cañon City area.

Mr. Chandler and his wife had several children: Asa C., Robert Lee, Francis O. (female), Jackson D., and Laurie B. all these children, except the youngest, were born in Colorado. Laurie was born in New Mexico.

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(Researched and written by Nate and Barbara Hobson, December 2007. Information gathered from files in the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center.)



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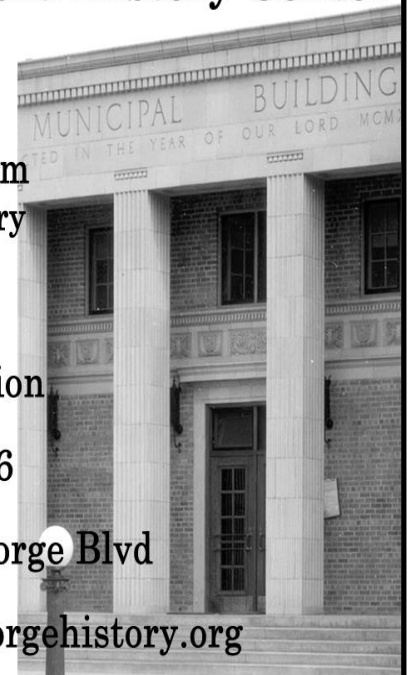
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