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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON NOV. 17, 2019
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
801 SHERIDAN AVE., CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME

QUARRIES AND KILNS THE STORY OF THE MINERAL WEALTH OF WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY.



THE CHARCOAL KILNS AT COALDALE IN THE LATE 1800'S AND EARLY 1900'S BUILT BY HARP AND MANNED BY SAWYERS, BURNERS, AND 24 HOURS A DAY: DAY LABORERS WHO LOADED IT OUT AND PUT CHARCOAL IN WAGONS TO BE TAKEN TO THE RAILROAD A QUARTER MILE AWAY.

The stories that were told and the large number of tons of blocks of stone that were mined and quarried out of the mountains in Western Fremont County is a tale of economic and social adjustment for many of these farming communities. We will hear the story of the struggles and triumphs of these pioneers and their descendents.

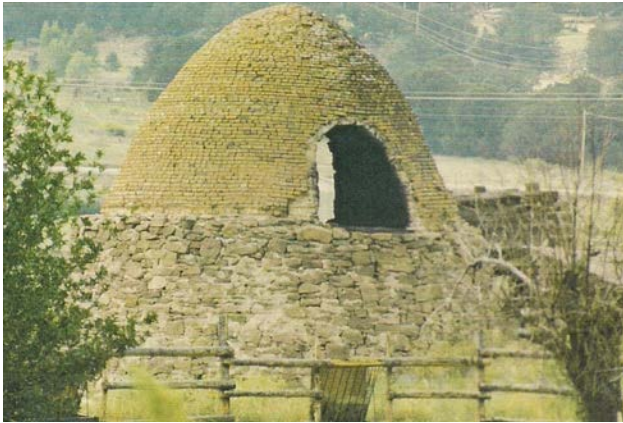
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BETSY DENNEY CHAIRMAN, FREMONT COUNTY HERITAGE COMMISSION



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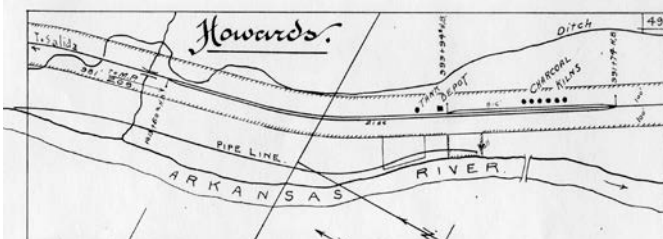
HOWARD KILNS



The kilns at Howard which were positioned next to the railroad tracks. These kilns burned night and day for many years.

They were bulldozed by the railroad for "safety reasons" in the late 1950's, but this picture, taken by Mable Kneivel, has survived to show us how they looked when in use.

Below: This is the railroad map of the rail crossing and area around it at Howard - showing the kilns as black dots lined up along the tracks on the upper right-hand side.



PRIOR TO DEMOLISHING BY BULLDOZER, ONE OF THE HOWARD KILNS

CALCITE: A CF&I TOWN



The Calcite story was told in the tons of limestone taken from the mountains to the south of Howard and shipped on a spur of the D&RG Railroad to Pueblo.

POWERHOUSE AND GALLOWS FRAME AT
FREMONT MINE, COPPERFIELD 1909



THE EXTENSIVE MINE WORKING NORTH OF COTOPAXI LASTED LESS THAN 6 YEARS, BUT THE PROMOTERS ADVERTISED IN THE EAST THAT THIS WAS A "TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY" FOR INVESTORS TO MAKE MONEY.

THE PRISONERS AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY BUILT THE MASSIVE WALLS AND BUILDINGS FROM THEIR QUARRY.



THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING IN DENVER



The granite quarry, south of Cotopaxi, owned by different people at different times was a major contributor to the State Office Building - Civic Center Historic District In Denver, Co The granite was quarried at the site in large blocks, and shipped to the stone dressing warehouse in Denver where it was dressed, polished and cut to size. The total weight of granite used in the building was 45,469 cubic feet.

The total cost of the building in 1921 was \$1,494,375.



Betsy Denney, chairman, as part of the duties of the Heritage Commission, presenting its annual report to the Fremont County Board of Commissioners in November 2018.



The City of Cañon City is pleased to print the Fremont County Historical Society Newsletter as a contribution to the Society. Thanks for all you do for Fremont County History.



LEFT: The quarry at Kerr Gulch shipped tons of Rhyolite (marble) to large building sites throughout the West.

RIGHT: The huge blocks of Wellsville travertine were dressed and used as building materials in many of the public buildings in Colorado and beyond.



Updated books for the history buff: *If Walls Could Speak* and *Along the Avenues* by Cara Fisher and a reprint of the *Prospect Heights Town Book*.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2020.

- Individual \$15.00
- Family \$20.00
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- Lifetime \$150.00

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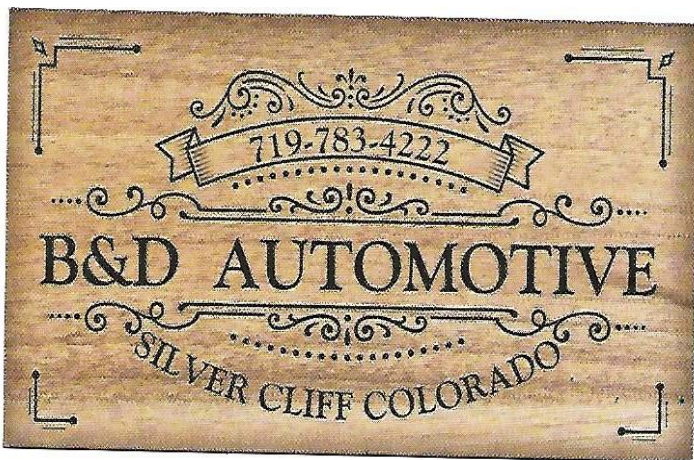
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The display by the Florence Historical Archive at Fremont County Administration Building is a "must see." The diorama was installed the first week in October and depicts the railroad history of the eastern part of the County - from Portland, Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad to the outskirts of Cañon City. The oil derricks, coal towns, tipples and depots are attention getting, and awe inspiring. We urge you to visit this display when you are in the County Building at 612 Macon Avenue, Cañon City.

Pictures by Debbie Wands Bell, County Commissioner



ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

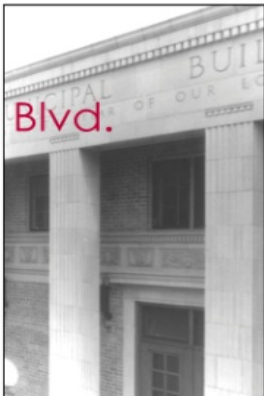
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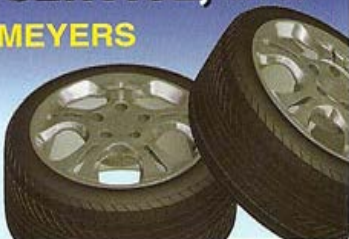
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