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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON MAY 16, 2021
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER - 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME**

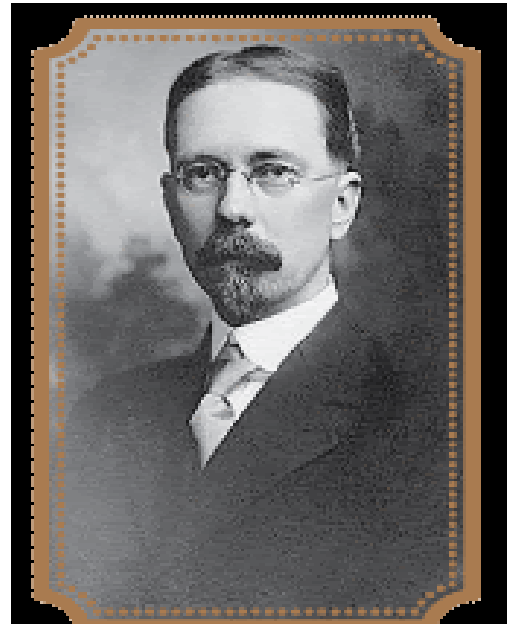
ASHLEE SACK PRESENTS HARDY



We are pleased to have Ashlee Sack present the history of one of our most famous and active pioneers. Guy U. Hardy came to Cañon City to recover from tuberculosis at an early age. He immediately went to work for local businessmen, eventually purchased the Daily Record Newspaper, and was active throughout his life in our town, county and the State of Colorado. The story of this unusual citizen is one of dedication and community service.

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**NOTE:
WE HAVE CHANGED OUR
PROGRAM VENUE TO THE STEEPLE
EVENT CENTER, 7TH AND MACON IN
CAÑON CITY. VIRUS PROTOCOLS
ARE IN PLACE.**

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ASHLEE SACK

A transplant (just like her historic muse - Guy U. Hardy), Ashlee has found the "center of her heart's geography" (Bryce Andrews, *Badluck Way*) in Cañon City. She moved from California in 2004 to work as a whitewater raft guide at Echo Canyon River Expeditions, where she subsequently met her husband, Ben. From that time, Ashlee worked as a middle school teacher at Florence Middle School, and has worked for FAR since 2015. Her greatest joy is to have adventures with her husband and two young sons.

FCHS - Open Saturdays 1 to 4 in the summer

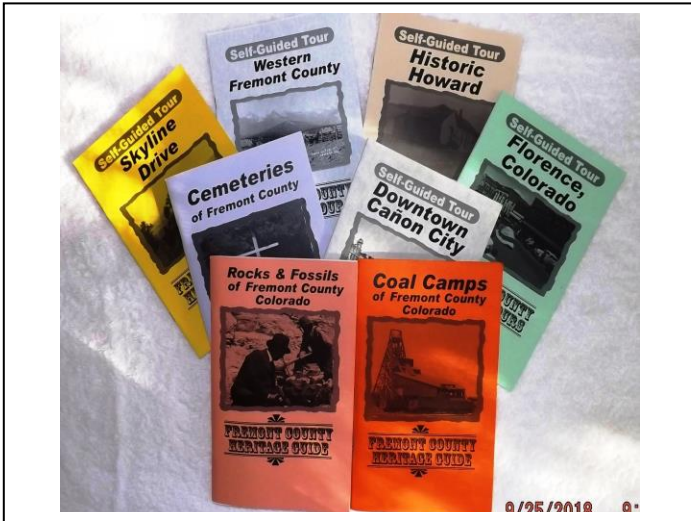


GUY U. HARDY: The story of a gentleman from the East who improved our lives by his efforts both in the City and County. He recovered from tuberculosis after coming to this town, he married a local girl, and he raised his children here.

At the turn of the century, the federal government began establishing national parks and reserves.

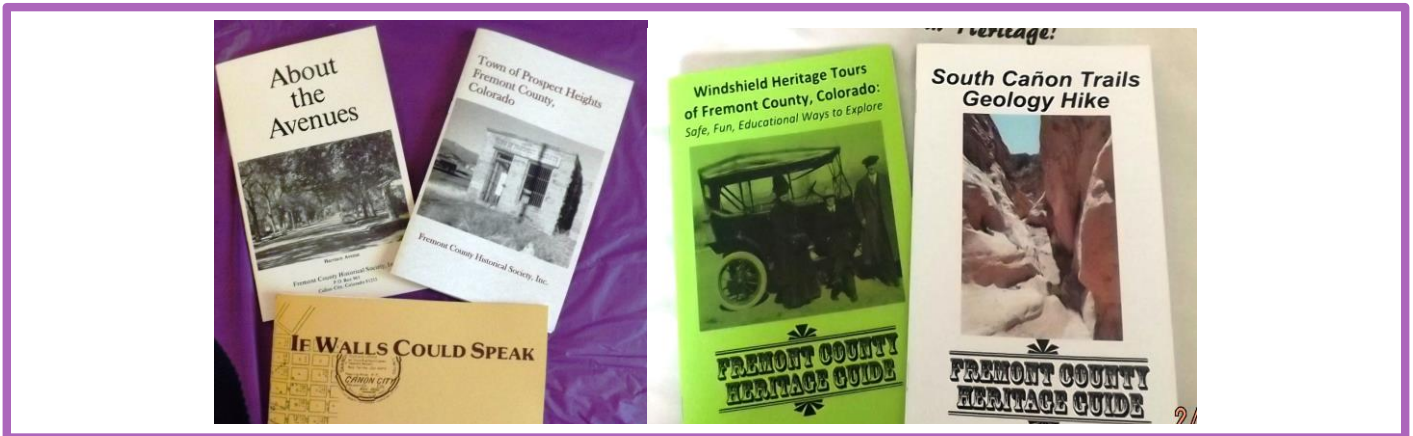
In Cañon City, Guy U. Hardy fought for the establishment of three City parks: Temple Canyon Park, Red Canyon Park, and the Royal Gorge Park. Through his vision, foresight, and financial contribution to the cost of the effort, Hardy succeeded in winning these iconic properties for our community...though he never received public acclaim. The Illinois native, who served as post master, business owner, publisher of the Daily Record, Chamber of Commerce President, and Congressman, made many significant contributions to our area – those we enjoy today. The Daily Record building (pictured below as it is now) still stands as a memorial to a life.






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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. The new Prospect Heights Town book is also available at retail outlets in Cañon City & Florence. These have been added to the library of Fremont County Historical books published in the past four years by the Historical Society - Titles are: Cañon City, Skyline Drive, Florence, Howard, Windshield Tours, South Cañon Trails Geology Hike and Western Fremont County. The Guide books for Rocks and Fossils, Cemeteries and Coal Camps are also available online at www.fremontheritage.com/fchs



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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.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
 We are so pleased we have had new members join us this year - we are hoping you will continue. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2020 to Jan. 1, 2022.

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Group	\$25.00
Lifetime	\$150.00

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BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING RETAIL AND MUSEUMS SOURCES - PRICES VARY.

CAÑON CITY AREA

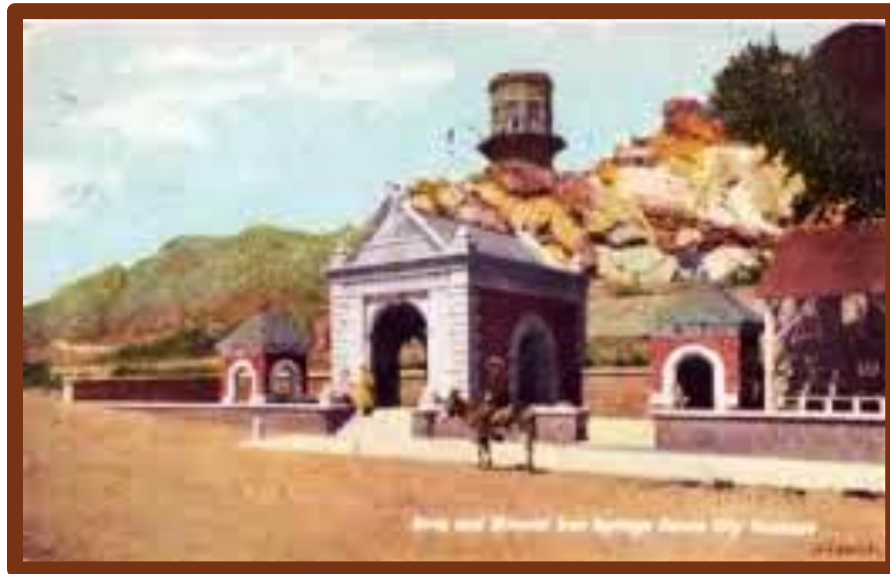
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WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY

1. RIVERSIDE CAFÉ, HOWARD
2. COTOPAXI STORE
3. BIG HORN CAMPGROUND
4. BIG HORN LIQUOR (COTOPAXI)



THE PAVILION AT SODA SPRINGS: Soda Springs at the edge of town. The edifice was removed when construction of the four lane highway (Highway 50) as it went around the end of the “Hog Back” as they called Skyline Drive before there was a Drive! This iconic picture was taken from a post card sent to a local person, and it is preserved for us to admire the construction of a wonderful part of Western Cañon City.

The Guard Tower at the upper center part of the picture is still visible today and is being considered for renovation and reconstruction. The Department of Corrections will finance the very much needed improvement, and we will be certainly supportive of this effort on their part.



Cañon City is full of relics of the past and we can find them everywhere, if we just look. Each building is unique and has native stone and other local building materials, such as brick, terra cotta, lumber and design which contributes to the historic district of 81 buildings in downtown Cañon City.

The picture at the left a small structure found on a building, in an alleyway In the 600 block, off Main Street, and was an absolute necessity back in the beginning of our beautiful city.

Do you know what it is? Can you guess how it was used? Do you know the importance of our mineral assets we take for granted most of the time? Just a little teaser for you to do research, or ask Grandpa about what he remembers from the times gone by. cmc

OUR BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IS FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, IF NOT THE NATION WE ARE HAPPY TO AGAIN HAVE THE PARADE ON MAY 1, 2021 TO CELEBRATE OUR FRUITFUL PAST!



ABOVE: LIBRARY TIME CAPSULE AND RENOVATION
BELOW LEFT: ST. CLOUD TOUR -LOWER RIGHT FLORENCE BIRTHDAY PARTY.



Spirits of the past will be appearing in the Parade for Blossom Festival. We are so happy to be representing the past for those who wonder how it used to be.

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The Florence Historical Archive has a website at www.florencehistoricalarchive.org
Lots of information, pictures and helpful ideas are also on their Facebook page at Florence Historical Archive. Visit their offices at 600 W. 3rd (off of Washington) in Florence, CO.
(Entrance is through the police door on Washington)

Golden Age Council, Inc.

Cañon City Senior Activity Center
728 Main Street, Cañon City CO

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THANK YOU!

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