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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER - 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME**

LAWRENCE R. (LARRY) GREEN

"The Iron Bridge at Milepost 166.5"

Native Coloradoan, born in Colorado Springs, raised in Manitou Springs.

Married to Pueblo native Margaret A (Pearson) Green

1970 Graduate of Southern Colorado State College, BS in Broad Area Social Science, dual major History-Anthropology (Historic Archaeology) minor in Geology, also earned Secondary Teacher Certification in the Social Sciences.

Two seasons of field experience in Historic Archaeology working with Dr. William G Buckles. Southern Colorado State College.

First season: 1975 at Ten Mile Canyon, between Frisco and Copper Mountain, Colorado Archaeological clearance for the Colorado Department of Highways Interstate 70 route. Work included documenting the original Denver & Rio Grande Blue River Branch and the Denver, South Park and Pacific High Line right of ways.

Second season: 1976 was with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's Mount Elbert Fore Bay Project. I served as project photographer and oral historian. Focus of the work was to clear the right of way for the Mount Elbert Conduit between Turquoise Lake and the Fore Bay. Included Pre-historic and historic aspects.

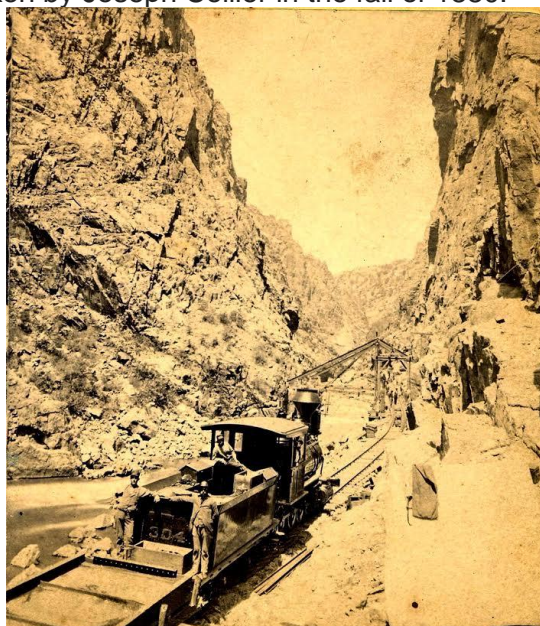
1980 Graduate of The Colorado College with a MA in Southwestern Studies. Thesis topic "Railroad Place Names related to the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad in Colorado 1980".

2010-2020 Volunteer Historic Researcher for the Pueblo County Historic Society.

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Attached is my favorite image of the bridge area taken by Joseph Collier in the fall of 1880.



**NOTE:
WE HAVE CHANGED OUR PROGRAM VENUE TO
THE STEEPLE EVENT CENTER, 7TH AND
MACON, IN CAÑON CITY.
FELLOWSHIP ROOM
2:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**OUR PRESENTER: LARRY GREEN
Bridge at Milepost 166.5**

In the fall of 1878, A. A. Robinson, Chief Engineer for the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, invited C. Shaler Smith, a noted bridge designer-engineer, to visit the Royal Gorge in the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas. The visit was to examine a bridge site that provide a perplexing challenge. Robinson, a highly talented engineer in his own right, had worked out a possible solution for the location. He hoped that Smith would take his ideas and turn them into reality. One might ask, with all the engineering talent at Robinson's hand why was the design turned over to Smith: The answer is quite simple, up until this time the only bridges on the Santa Fe were wooden in construction. Interestingly the bridge would become the first iron bridge constructed on the Santa Fe.

Smith gladly accepted the challenge. He returned to his St. Louis office and drew up plans for the bridge. When presented to Robinson, he was highly impressed. Smith's plans for the bridge were so complete that he was able to negotiate a design-build contract from Robinson.

Smith was a consulting engineer with the Edgemoor Bridge Company located in Delaware. He arraigned for the company to prefabricate the components for the bridge and have them shipped west. Upon arrival in Pueblo the parts were transferred to narrow gauge equipment and forwarded to the bridge site.

Construction on the bridge began in the fall of 1879, utilizing the temporary wooden trestle that had been placed to allow track laying to proceed to the west. As the bridge's prime contractor, Smith was required to provide the men, tools, supervision and expertise in the erection of the structure.

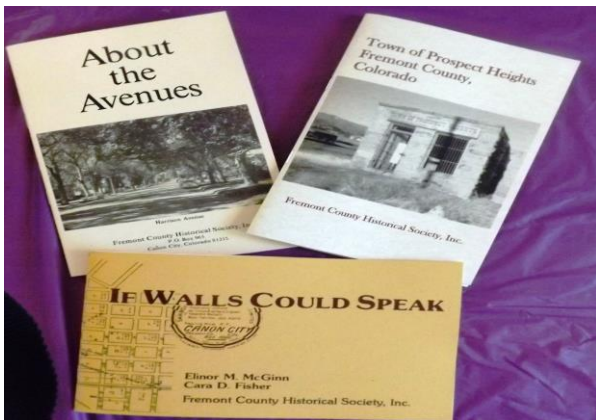
We do not have an exact completion date for the structure, but late October or early November 1879 are indicated by some sources. Total cost for the bridge is tabulated below. A bit of explanation is required for the cost listed under Advance. It is to cover the rise in prices that took place between the period the bid was made and when accounts were settled. The advance was part of the legal solution imposed by the U. S. District Court.

C. Shaler Smith Company	\$16,100.66
Freight on 220,730 pounds @ 50 cents per hundred	\$1,030.65
Freight on 1 car load of cylinders	\$100.00
Freight on 1 car of tools used in Construction \$100 each way	\$200.00
Extra Work-Lost Time	\$1,273.26
Freight on 123,000 pounds of Oak	\$615.00
Inspection by Engle, from Kansas City	\$43.00
Advance in bid of \$16,100.66 at 25%	\$4,025.17
Total	\$23,460.74

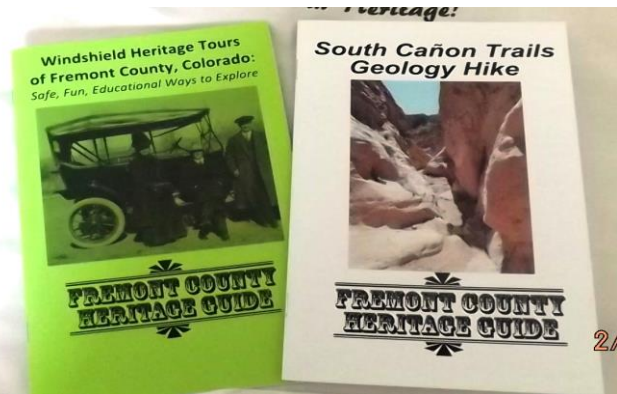
Cost in today's money \$638,312.97.



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



The old books



The New Books

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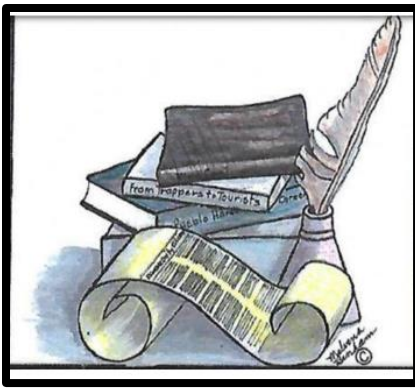
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2020 to Jan. 1, 2022.

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

Fremont County Historical Society, P.O. Box 965, Cañon City, CO 81215

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We invite you to visit the Florence Historical Archive to enjoy the wonderful display of their recent programs and projects. Pictures tell stories!

The Florence Historical Archive has a website:

www.florencehistoricalarchive.org

Lots of information, pictures and helpful ideas are also on their Facebook page at: Florence Historical Archive

(PHYSICAL ENTRANCE IS THROUGH THE POLICE DOOR ON WASHINGTON STREET)

THE FLORENCE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE IS PRESENTING PROGRAMS AT THE BELL TOWER IN FLORENCE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF FREMONT COUNTY.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come on over at 3:00 p.m.!



Part III September 12

The Reminiscences and Legacy of Edwin Biehl Lobach by Margaret Storm

Some Early Land Claims -1862 forward

Herrington, McCumber, Rockafellow, Tanner, Toof

by Melvena Benham, Dorothy Cool, Martie LaCasse

Part IV – October 10

Yugoslavian, and other Eastern European Groups and their Cultures by Sylvia Andrews

Family Truck Farms of Brewster by Martie LaCasse

How the Village Grew; a Jigsaw Puzzle Map designed by Millie Wintz

HISTORY BELONGS TO **EVERYONE**

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS-- PRICES VARY.

CAÑON CITY AREA

1. FREMONT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2. ARTIST'S GALLERY
3. J & J STONES AND MINERALS
4. ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER
5. PROSPECT HEIGHTS JAIL (SUMMER)
6. COLORADO MUSEUM OF PRISONS
7. ANY BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY
8. AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE

FLORENCE AREA

1. FLORENCE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE, INC.
2. FLORENCE PIONEER MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER
3. SPIRIT RIDERS ON MAIN STREET

WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY

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

Our self-guided tour booklets and the historical guides are available at the Prospect Heights Jail each Saturday afternoon in the summer. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and the door clangs shut at 4:00 p.m. Public welcome! DONATIONS ACCEPTED.



We are so fortunate to live in a place where neighbors and friends can gather in groups, enjoy the company of like-minded people and discuss the world with a feeling of safety and truth. The Fremont County reputation of being an excellent retirement community has been well taken by many people, who now are able to follow their particular interests in an atmosphere of acceptance and cooperation.

We are so privileged to live here, to have neighbors who watch out for us, and a government that is neither repressive nor overseeing our daily lives. The opportunities are endless for exercise and information, including the historical and paleontological wonders of the area. I hope you all can appreciate the great lives we can live in Fremont County now and in the future because of the past.

Carol McNew, Editor, Fremont County Historical Newsletter.

ROYAL GORGE **REGIONAL MUSEUM**
& HISTORY CENTER

612 Royal Gorge Blvd.
Cañon City, Colorado

Open 10am - 4pm
Wed. - Sat.

museum.canoncity.org
719-269-9036

Paul and Karen Austin/Owner
2625 E. Main, Cañon City, CO 81212

719-275-5055



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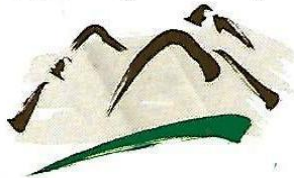
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