A Directory of their arrivals, removals, deaths, marriages, children, property, mines, and ranches, with names of old towns, mining camps, gulches, mountains, rivers, creeks, and other matters relating to the setting of their lives in the

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The following notes are very much abbreviated, condensed, made to fit into small space, then arranged alphabetically by sirnames. A complete index is to follow, as many other names occur within the text, also names of places in many parts of the world, but this work is reserved for a future volume for which I already have considerable material collected.

Old newspaper files, mining records, land and other public records, notes in cases at court, in wills, sometimes in marriage and death records, in cemetery statistics, and often old gravestones have yielded results. All of the prominent Histories of Colorado have been searched, as well as smaller and less well known publications. The largest number of Fiftyniners ever collected together before appeared in Hall’s History. I could not find more than a few hundred names in any of the printed lists.

I have increased our knowledge of these heroes by several thousand names, each with a tiny bit of history, often taken from several slips which represent excursions into a number of books or records. For instance, the birth date may be taken from newspaper, his arrival in Colorado from an old file of News or Herald, or some other ancient paper, and possibly the date of his death from a tombstone, and some facts about his children and heirs from his will, or a copy of it.

This collection might be called with propriety “The Roll of the Unknown”, for here they are placed with their fellows and voyageurs, among a few more famous ones who are perpetually being repeated in the histories so far published.

I hope that this list will be valuable for genealogical research, as so many of our finest old American names are here, as well as many which indicate an origin in the older world.

I love these Unknown Heroes, whose names I am giving to you today.

Denver, Colorado, December 25, 1926

HENRIETTA ELIZABETH BROMWELL
ABBEE, or ABBIE, G. S. (also given as G. H.), was elected Constable, Mar 1859, Arapahoe County, Kansas, at mouth of Cherry Creek. (RMN)

ABBRY (also spelled ABBIE), George, held and improved Denver lots on corner of McGaa and D. Streets. These were later, in Jul 1859, to John P. Slough of Leavenworth sold by Martin Field of same place. (Denver and Auraria Land Records, Liber A, old) Donation Lots were also given to George Abbey subject to building.

ABBOTT, F., name appears in list of members of McLeod & Company. (Organized for lumbering business at the Forks of Plum Creek, Oct 1859.) His claim was No. 27. (See under name of this Company.)


ABRIEU (also spelled ALREN, ABRIEN, ALREAN), Jesus, of Denver City, is entitled to eight lots, four select, and four draw lots. The select lots are the two lots where his house stands on McGaa Street, and two on Arapahoe Street adjoining lots of D. Bliss on May 12, 1859. Other land transactions gives name of Jesus G., probably the same, dates Jul 5. Larimer in his Reminiscences says: “Jesus Arrego was a Mexican, and very much a gentleman; had store on McGaa and H. or F. Street.”

ACKLEY, Mr., a musician, playing in Golden at the Christmas Ball in Loveland’s new Hall, 1859, mentioned In Western Mountaineer (old files) (possibly I found this name in RMN). Note: There was an L. N. ACKLEY postmaster in 1899 at Red Cliff, said to be a pioneer of May 28, 1859.

ADAMS & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, spring 1859. (RMN)

ADAMS, Daniel, of Auraria, grantor, lot 11, block 31 Auraria, Sep 28, 1859. (Liber D, p. 202, old)

ADAMS, J. N., is witness to deed in Auraria Dec 3, 1859, and on same paper is signature of W. A. Adams (see this name.)

ADAMS, N.A., arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek with M. W. Scott and 55 others, from New York, by Smoky Hill Route, Jun 4, 1859. (RMN)
ADAMS, Samuel, Esq., Attorney at Law, Auraria and Denver, (card in RMN) Jul 1859, also delegate or candidate for delegate to Congress summer of same, and mentioned as late of Des Moines, Iowa, also as the inventor of an amalgamator. Samuel Adams from Leavenworth, a miner, is mentioned as another visiting the diggings and placers. (There may be two of this name.)

ADAMS, W. A., witness with J. N. Adams to deed between Auraria Town Company and George W. Hightower, Dec 3. In a Directory of 1859 (Mss. copy of pamphlet, W. A. Adams is listed as a gunsmith with place of business of Cherry Street, Auraria Town. William A. Adams may be same (?) buys four lots of Auraria Town Company, Dec 3. This name is in list of old members of Auraria Lodge of 1859, and he is described as of Lodge No. 1 (Bodley Lodge) of Quincy, Illinois, and is a founding member of Auraria Lodge (Masonic)

ADAMS, W. H., arrives with four others from Tipton, Missouri, floating the Stars and Stripes from their wagon. They had a very fine team, and left for the mountains the next day. “Mr. Adams was for a long time one of the most efficient employes of the Pacific Railroad.” (RMN, Apr 29, 1859) Later in the year W. H. Adams’ name appears among the grantees of lots from Auraria Town Company, on Dec 3. (Four lots in blocks 230, 137, 184, 100.)

ADKINS (see also ATKINS) Charles B., name in list of arrivals in Denver Nov 15, 1858.

ADRIANCE, Rev. Jacob, Methodist Minister, residence Auraria in Jun 1859, mentioned in Directory of that year. In December he performed marriage ceremony for Michael Pott and Mary Jane Tittle in Golden City, and early in 1860 started a church there. He preached there in the Protestant Episcopal Church Feb 6, 1860. The following obituary of him appears in RMN near the time of his decease: “Rev. Jacob Adriance, born Aurelius, New York, arrived Denver June and was one of the earliest ministers. He preached to large crowds under the cottonwoods of Auraria, and through the gold camps of the mountains. He was Chaplain of the first Legislature of Jefferson Territory (in 1859). He died at Fremont, Nebraska, Dec 18, 1923.” A portrait of him is on page 717, Smiley’s History of Denver.

AICHELMAN, Frank, arrived with George C. Griffin, Thomas Donaldson, Andrew Hagus, and George W. Hazzard. (RMN in obituary of Mrs. George C. Griffin, during 1924).

AIKENS, James, of Boulder County, 1858. One of the discoverers of Gold Hill. James Aikens, may be the same, was member of the Golden City Town Company, 1859. J. B. Aikins was notary public in Denver, Nov 1859.

AIKENS. Samuel J., 1858 in October was in Boulder. The History of Boulder County gives record of him: Born Bloomington, Illinois, Dec 16, 1835, moved with parents to Ogle County, Illinois, to Atchison County, Missouri, in 1856, and in autumn of 1858
to the gold regions of Colorado. He was a prospector in the hills. He returned to Missouri and brought out the family, locating at Boulder. He followed placer mining, then located claim of 160 acres on Boulder Creek two and a half miles east of Boulder City. In 1868 bought a ranche of 160 acres on Dry Creek five miles east of Boulder City. Married in 1856 Miss Mary A. Burns.

AIKENS, Captain Thomas, arrived Boulder Valley Oct 17, 1858, accompanied by his son and a nephew. Captain Thomas A. Aikens (probably the same) was a pioneer of 1858 in Boulder City. Born Maryland, Aug 8, 1808, died on his farm of Boulder Creek 1878. He was reared on a farm, moved first to Franklin County, Ohio, then Ogle County, Illinois, to Atchison County, Missouri later, then to the gold diggings. He married, 1833, Miss Margaret S. Ross - five children. L. L. Aikens, born Illinois, Feb 18, 1840, Thurston W. Aikens, born Missouri, Feb 18, 1856. The other children are not given in Vickers' History.

AINSLIE & COMPANY, Express to Gregory Diggings. (RMN 1859)

AINSLIE, M. O., mentioned in RMN as their agent in Mountain City. He was representative to the Assembly from the Fourth District in this year.

AIR, William, member of mining company of Walker & Etc., at Mountain City, Gregory District, whose claim for 500 feet northwest side of the hill above (Gregory) Dry Gulch is recorded on p. 47, Gregory Record. His partners were W. S. Walker, F. R. Ford, J. S. Reams, and Ran. Carroll. (Members of Newport Tunnelling Company, Oct 3, 1859.)

AKIN (see also AIKENS) D. and J. Akin, arrived May 22, 1859, in wagon 7 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons, with J. B. Vandyke and others. (RMN)

ALBERTSON, Nathaniel, of Kendall Gulch, helped lay out Central City, 1859.

ALDEN, J. H., member of Red Wind Lodge No. 8 of Red Wing, Minnesota, was in 1859 a founding member of Auraria Lodge U. D. (From a list of Masons of Auraria Lodge, published in 1909 by Denver Lodge No. 5, on occasion of their semi-Centennial.)


ALDRIDGE, J., miner at Tarryall Diggings, mentioned in RMN 1859.

ALDRIDGE, T., mentioned as having left present of venison ham at office of RMN on Aug 6 (Denver).

ALEXANDER, Thomas, his obituary occurs in RMN Jun 1859. He died at Jim’s Spring, near Pike’s Peak, a few days before Jun 18, of bilious remittent fever. He belonged to Dr. Willard’s train. He was lately of Montgomery County, Missouri.
ALEY, J., his arrival from Iowa mentioned in list in RMN (spring) same. He came with D. D. Taylor’s company, May 17, 30 days from St. Joseph. (RMN)

James A. Aley, grantee, Hugh Emerson grantor, Auraria lot 5, block 11, Nov 15, 1859. (This may be same?) (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

ALFORD, N. C., 1859 pioneer, member of the Society and name in list of 1920 as living in Ft. Collins. Very prominent man. (Arrived Jun 15). (See Portrait & Biography Index for record of his activities.)

ALGER, William, miner in Clear Creek and Boulder Counties, 1859. He discovered the Alger mine Gilpin County. (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 379)

ALLEN & COMPANY, mining, Pleasant Valley, six men, spring, 1859. (RMN)

ALLEN & MANLOVE, mining, Russell’s Gulch, work two men. (list in RMN during summer of 1859 of mining companies etc. in mountains.)

Smith and Allen is another firm mentioned as at Russells.

ALLEN, A., and four others, arrived mouth Cherry Creek by Smoky Hill Route, Jun 3, 1859, from Randolph, Illinois. (RMN)

ALLEN, A. M., was witness Jun 8 of year, Denver City, to deed between Parkinson & Fisher, and was witness again in November. A. M. Allen & Company are mentioned in Mss. Directory of 1859 as grocers, on Ferry Street, Auraria. Andrew M. Allen received certification of his Denver lots Jun 19. (Liber B, p. 101) “Andy” Allen was a pioneer who ran up later the first (old) confederate flag. (RMN)

ALLEN, E. A., name in Arapahoe County Land Records 1859, Donation Lots. (“With intention to build.”)

ALLEN, George B., in Hall’s list of pioneers he is recorded as “Arrived Sep 1858. Born New York, May 17, 1825.” Lived Golden City (1890). He laid out town of Arapahoe in 1858, but left it in 1860 for the mountains. He was a member of the first Constitutional Convention for the Territory of Jefferson, a delegate from Auraria and Arapahoe. He washed gold near Arvada, in Clear Creek.

ALLEN, Henry (Col. Henry Allen), arrived with party from Council Bluffs, Iowa, at mouth of Cherry Creek, Oct 26, 1858. He was one of the original stockholders of Auraria City in this year. It is said that George Jackson took him into confidence about his great discovery of gold, and delivered to him his first gold dust at the mouth of Cherry Creek. J. D. Ramage, an Argonaut of 1858, writing in regard to the origin of Freemasonry in Colorado, (1909) published by Denver Lodge No. 5, states that in Allen’s cabin on Nov 3, 1858, occurred the first informal meeting of Masons in the gold regions. According to his recollection, those present were J. D. Ramage, Henry
Allen, William M. Slaughter, Charles Blake, Dr. Russell, Andrew Sagendorf and George Lehow.

Henry Allen was later Worshipful Master of Auraria Lodge U. D. of Kansas Territory being appointed by Richard R. Rees, Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas Territory. The first Lodge, Aug 15, room was on Cherry Street between 2nd and 3rd until the elegant new store building of Buddee and Jacobs was finished about the autumn of 1859 when the brethren went into the upper story and continued there until their Lodge was united with Denver Lodge, when they moved to the other side of the creek. (See front Vol. 2.)

Allen was the first regularly constituted postmaster in the Pike’s Peak region. The office in Auraria was at corner of 4th and Ferry Streets, opposite the new Masonic Hall. It is said that Allen had been postmaster in Council Bluffs before coming to the gold region. On Jul 8, 1859, the RMN publishes a notice from him that “Three cents postage will carry a letter to the States.”

He did some prospecting, for the RMN reports in May that he, “The Honorable Henry Allen,” is goldhunting in the mountains at the headquarters of Vasquez Creek. Earlier than this date, on Apr 7 or 14, he presided over a meeting of citizens, which he had called together in Auraria to consider the advisability of forming a new State. The RMN was not yet born, but it published a short account of the meeting in No. 1 of Vol. 1, later. D. D. Cook, L. D. Russell, Thomas Pollock and W. D. McLain, who was Secretary, were mentioned as delegates.

Allen was a delegate from Auraria to the first Constitutional Convention to form the State of Jefferson and this document was published in August, and it is a fine document as may be seen. Allen was later President of the first Territorial Council of the Territory of Jefferson, and his name appears signed to its published laws in Dec 1859. In the business world Henry Allen was President of the Minnehaha Town and Marble Company, incorporated in Nov 1859. He bought many Denver and, especially, Auraria lots, among them lot 2, block 65, (Auraria, Dec 5) lot 5, block 2, same, lot 1, block 64, and 40 or 50 more in different parts of Auraria.

His wife and two grown daughters arrived in July, same year, and on Aug 6 the RMN records that the Misses Kate and Lydia, daughters of Henry Allen, had visited the office to bring for the editors a very delicious iced sponge cake. The marriage later of Miss Lydia to John B. Atkins of Auraria was one of the earliest, if not the first one, ever recorded in the RMN Oct 16, 1859.

In a speech delivered by William N. Byers, Jan 7, 1899, he states that Allen died in California in 1865.

Thus passes one of the grandest of the Argonauts of 1858.

ALLEN, Mrs. Henry Allen, pioneer of Jul 1859. (See Henry Allen above)

ALLEN, H. M., grantee, Denver City Town Company grantor, Aug 23, 1859, lots in Denver City. (Index)

ALLEN, J. F., name appears as witness in Land Records of Sep 29, 1959 in Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 36 – mining claims.)
ALLEN, J. S., was mentioned in RMN as Territorial Representative elect from 5th District, 1859.

ALLEN, Josiah, grantee, (is of Arapahoe County) J. H. Binckley grantor, lot 4, block 50, Auraria City. (Index) Nov 1859. Another transaction in November mentions lot d, block 50, lot 11, block 34, and lot 4, block 183, all in Auraria.

ALLEN, Kate (Miss) grown daughter of Col. Henry Allen of Auraria, arrived with mother (and sister, later Mrs. Lydia B. Atkins) Jul 1859 (see under Henry Allen)

ALLEN, L. J., of Auraria or Denver, mentioned in RMN as a merchant handling gold dust. (List) Dec 5 he buys Auraria and farm lands.

ALLEN, Miss Lydia B., pioneer of 1859, sister of Kate, above. She married Oct 16 John B. Atkins of Auraria. The marriage notice was the first ever published in the Territory of Jefferson. (See under Atkins.) Certificate by Rev. George W. Fisher.

ALLEN, Robert E., buys shares in Denver Town Company, in this year. (In December)

ALLEN, S. F., witness in sale of mining claims, Gregory Diggings, Oct 3, 1859. (Could this be L. F.?) Gregory Record, p. 39.

ALLEN, SLAUGHTER & COMPANY, grantees Aug 29, 1859 from Charles Cavanagh, his claim on Vasquez Creek. Consideration $400. Firm composed of Henry Allen and William M. Slaughter, both of Auraria. (Cavanagh is of Arapahoe County)

ALLEN, William, partner of Z. M. Allen, claim McGinnis Lode, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, Oct 1, 1859.)

William Allen (may be another one) on Jan 19, 1860 files for record (Liber 1, Golden) as follows: “Know all men - - that William Allen has located a claim on Ralston Creek lying immediately between a claim located and recorded by J. C. Wall, and one located and recorded by William H. Allen, containing 160 acres. Located sometime last summer.”

ALLEN, William H., arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek Apr 14, 1859 in Capt. William Valentine’s party of six wagons. From La Salle, Illinois, 23 days out from St. Joseph. (The above note is from the Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859, the only copy ever published, yet I secured names and arrivals of eighteen pioneers out of this tiny number.)

(Well worth publishing wasn’t it?----------)

Wm. H., above, files claim for 160 acres for farming, ranching, and other purposes, Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory “Commencing at a stake about 40 rods from the bank of Ralston’s Creek, east about 80 rods, said tree has a small tree attached at its root. Located some time last summer.” William H. Allen files for record Jan 19, 1860. (See under William Allen above, a similar claim) (Liber A, Golden)
ALLEN, William L., farmer, also stock grower, arrived 1859, was in list of 100 days men for Battle of Sand Creek later.

ALLEN, Z. M. & COMPANY, grantors, mining claim on McGinnis Lode, Gregory Diggings. Recorded at Mountain City, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 23)

ALLISON, A. J., delegate to the first Constitutional Convention from Jefferson Precinct, and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Provisional Government of 1859. His obituary appears in the RMN of Aug 29, 1860 as follows: “At Cottonwood Springs has died Judge A. J. Allison, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Territory. Mr. Allison was returning to the States to see his friends and was expected to return after the Presidential Campaign. He was formerly from Indiana, but latterly from eastern Kansas, where his father now resides. The Judge was well thought of here by all classes, and as an impartial officer, and a good citizen and gentleman he did honor to his office here while he chose to hold it.”

ALLISON, T., of Adair County, Missouri arrived Denver City via Platte Route, May 10, 1859. (List of arrivals in RMN)

ALMY, Thomas J., arrived May 28, 1859, and in 1890 was living in Salt Lake City. Born Rhode Island Apr 7, 1836. (Name in list of Colorado Pioneers published in booklet about 1890, Denver.) Thomas G. Almy, probably the same, owns in Aug 1859 about 33 Denver lots. Another lot owner appears as Y. T. Almy, may be error in copying. Almy and Rogers in October appear as dealers in Denver lots. Almy & Fisher, or Fisher, Almy & Rogers appear in another place in records. May be one.

ALTAR, firm of Kernahan & Altar, mining in Russell’s Gulch in this year, mentioned in files of RMN.

ALVERSON, and a son, came to the gold region with Corbit Bacon and party, and went to Gilpin County in 1858.

**The first AMBROTYPE GALLERY in Denver was opened by G. Wakely from Chicago, opposite Apollo Hall, Denver City, Nov 1859. His advertisements appear frequently in papers of this year.

AMERICAN GULCH was in this year spoken of as near Galena Gulch.

AMES & COMPANY, mining, Pleasant Valley, working four men in summer and fall.

AMES, N. O., of Lurain County, Ohio, arrived in Capt. A. Hess’ pioneer train May 5, 1859, by Smoky Hill Route. 63 days on road, 12 days without wood, and 150 miles without water. Ames on Jul 27 describes himself as of Arapahoe County in a deed recording land. He buys of A. J. Williams two lots and building on Blake Street, Denver City for $1200, the building “now occupied as a bowling alley.”
AMOS Gulch (or AMES Gulch?) was a mining camp of this year.

ANDERSON, A., from Leavenworth, arrived May 28, 1859 by Express Route, with 18 other men. (RMN list)

ANDERSON, Garret A., of St Croix Lodge A.F. & A.M. (No. 56) of Wisconsin was a founding member of Auraria Lodge in 1859, his name appearing in an old list of members of that lodge.

ANDERSON, George W., his name appears in a pioneer list as of 1859. Arrived Jul 1.

ANDERSON, J. W., of Golden City, was a candidate for Associate Justice in the Provisional Government of 1859, Jefferson County.

ANDERSON, James, his name in Arapahoe County Land Records as filing claim for land for ranch purposes Jun 10, 1859. (Liber C, p. 229)

ANDERSON, John C., arrived May 28, 1859. Was a very prominent merchant, a leading character, married a Miss Scudder, and lived in a pretty one and a half story red brick house on the northwest corner of E. and Lawrence (14th and Lawrence.) He was later Colonel of the First Colorado Regiment and his wife (Eliza G.) was daughter of Hon. E. Scudder at whose residence they were married Sep 21, 1862. (RMN)

ANDERSON, Thomas G., born Clark County, Illinois, (another authority says Ohio?) on Aug 28, 1832. In his first appearance in the RMN, he comes to the office to bring and show a gold nugget from his claim near Russell’s Gulch, and is described as recently of Darwin, Clinton County, Illinois. In the pioneer list of Denver 1890 he is said to have arrived Jun 9, 1859, and this is probably correct. On p. 226, old Liber A, Arapahoe County Land Records, he first appears as grantee from Charles Nichols, lots 1-2, block 49 consideration $40 dated Sep 13, 1859. He always lived in Auraria, and built fine residence on Eleventh Street later on. A picture of his earliest home is in this work (see index of residences). He owned property near the Colfax Bridge across Cherry Creek, and sunk a well there and struck artesian water on Aug 14, 1883.

He and Joseph P. Farmer and Benjamin D. Spencer established the “Daily Democrat” in Denver in 1876, which was later bought by others and converted into the “Denver Republican.” (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 4, p. 149) Benjamin F. Zalinger worked as city editor of the Daily Democrat, but it was sold in 1879.

ANDERSON, William, was of the original Russell party from Lumpkin County, Georgia. Arrived it is said in 1857, but not certain to be a resident in 1859, though he may have been so.

ANDRE, F. L., arrived 1859 from Scioto County, Ohio (arrived Jun 15). Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. In 1899 lived at 3138 Humboldt Street, Denver. He was born Aug 2, 1835. He was in 1859 a partner of Edgerton & Company, and sells
claims on Gold Hill. Describes himself as a resident of Mountain City, Sep 26 of this year. (Gregory Record, p. 35) In October he locates ranche claim Jefferson County, on north side of Bear Creek. The land “runs from my cabin north” etc. 160 acres located and cabin built in Oct 1859 filed for record Feb 16, 1860. (Liber A, p.19) (Frank L. Andre)

ANDREWS, DUEGAN & COMPANY, mining, in Illinois Gulch during summer of 1859.

ANTHONY, J. S., member Kilpatrick & Company, operating claims in Gregory Diggings, Jun 20, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)

ANTHONY, J. W., arrived 1859, member Colorado Pioneer Society 1859, resident of Buena Vista 1898.

ANTHONY, Jeff., was a witness in Denver Jan 27, 1860, (may be a pioneer of 1859?)

ANTHONY, John, member of “Kansas Company” wagons arrived Mountain City Nov 2, 1858.

ANTHONY, John, arrived with “Plattsmouth, Nebraska Company” Oct 24, 1858.

ANTHONY, John H., witness to deed, Nov 14, 1859, Auraria.

**APOLLO Theatre, or Apollo Hall, Denver, erected 1859 on Larimer between E. & F. Streets (14th & 15th) by Charles R. Thorne, actor. Opens with Thorne’s star caste Oct 3. Mme Haydee or Mlle Haydee and sisters gave performances here to crowds of people. There was a grand opening ball at Apollo Hall on Sep 15. Tickets, including supper, were $15. An old invitation is pasted in back of the 1859 file of the RMN and committees are announced thereon. It seems to have been a great event.

APPLEGATE, H. W., name appears as grantor May 20, 1859, (Arapahoe County Land Records). In July he sells lots on McGaa Street between B. & C. (Liber A, p. 132)

ARAPAHOE BAR, this gold camp was situated about two miles east of Golden City site, though Arapahoe was prior to Golden, and included a town in 1859 of from 30 to 50 cabins, all packed with active miners. This was at east base of Table Mountain, and the number of cabins became 100 at the end of the year. The site is now included in the Wannamaker Ranche, it is said, and is on the north side of Clear Creek (then Vasquez Fork) and in 1924 it may be found between the tramway stations of Placer and Bluffs and large piles of rounded boulders and remains of old foundations can be seen, and numerous holes scooped in the face of the bluffs.

It was laid out as a town site in Dec 1858, and among its prominent residents was George W. Jackson from Georgia, Tom Golden, Jim Sanders, and J. H. Gregory, who named the place. It was often called “Arapahoe City” and seemed a rival of Denver. At the end of 1859 it is said to have had 200 voters, and large mining enterprizes;
Davidson, Breath and Company operated 25 sluiceheads here Dec 25, 1859, according to Mr. Broad of Golden who wrote a most beautiful tribute to the ancient town. McIntyre, Vance & McFadden, also B. F. Chase and C. W. Fisk, employed forces of men here in sluicing, and two ditches were made, also a bridge, and the place was a road centre. The last postmaster of Arapahoe was Asa Smith, in February 1860; after this time the diggings were abandoned, and the city soon went back to nature. We must not forget that when the Constitutional Convention preliminaries were being arranged two weeks before the arrival of Byers and his RMN, Arapahoe had seven delegates. Their names were, Fisk, Castro (who had most influence), Pollock, Cook, Cochran, and Davidson. The place also later had seven delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Auraria: they were George B. Allen, M. Chilcott, W. L. Crocker, M. Cook, Sam S. Curtis, J. R. Gould and Asa Smith. Only one of these, Cook, had attended the previous meeting in April.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, Kansas Territory: this was the real name of the gold country now in Colorado, in the years 1858-9. Later in time it regularly became Colorado Territory, but in the meantime a Provisional Government was formed, without authority, by the citizens, for law and order, and Arapahoe County, Kansas was named by them Jefferson Territory, and the name of Arapahoe was used as a county name under the new Territory, and included the district about Denver City much as it was for many years afterwards. There was always some friction between the persons who did not believe in the secession from Kansas, and those who favored it, and nobody seems to know, in any history, how the Territorial taxes of Kansas were ever collected, but when a delegate, who was elected later on under the new Government, went to Washington he was not allowed to take his seat and returned to Denver very much disgusted, it is said. So far as appearances on the ground went, the Territory of Jefferson was very much a fact.

ARAPAHOE DITCH COMPANY, incorporated in Dec 1859 to build ditch from near Golden City along Clear Creek (or Vasquez) to mouth of Ralston Creek. S. B. Allen and C. R. Harris were the leading incorporators.

ARAPAHOE EXPRESS, of 1859, left Arapahoe City for Auraria and Denver, Monday and Saturday of each week, and returned same days. Packages and freights and passengers were carried, and its advertisments appear in the old files.

ARAPAHOE LODGE (Masonic) appears in early issues of the RMN 1859 and its meetings are mentioned as taking place in Cherry Street, Auraria, and Henry Allen was the Worshipful Master. There is uncertainty as to whether this is a separate Lodge which did not flourish long, or whether it was re-named Auraria Lodge when they moved into their fine new quarters in Buddee and Jacobs’ second story.

ARBUCKLE --- this surname appears in Denver Land Records in this year and probably in part 2 of this work some matters can be shown. (Bromwell Index)
ARBUTHNOT & COMPANY, mentioned in papers of 1859 as mining in placers of Pleasant Valley, and working two men.

ARBUTHNOT, Samuel, born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Aug 17, 1836, arrived gold fields spring of 1859, mined in Gold Hill, Boulder City, Pleasant Valley and Russell Gulch, Gilpin County, later California Gulch, all until 1863, when he went to farming in Left Hand Creek, and took claim in Hay Stack Valley, and in 1880 was President of the Left Hand Ditch Company, organized in 1866. Clerk also of School Board. He married Mar 29, 1870, Miss Mary R., daughter of J. P. Johnson of Left Hand.

ARBUTHNOT, William, arrived 1859. Was born Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Aug 30, 1835; lived first in Iowa, then came to gold fields, mined in Gold Hill in Central City, and Boulder City, returned to Iowa but came back 1864, and in 1869 married, Aug 29, Miss Mary E., daughter of J. G. Bader of Left Hand, Colorado. He was a farmer once in Arkansas Valley.

ARCHIBALD, Albert W., member of Lawrence Party, 1858, and occupied 10th wagon. He was probably related to Mrs. Charles Holmes of this party, whose middle name was Archibald.

ARKANSAS ROUTE to the gold fields at mouth of Cherry Creek was by way of the Arkansas River, entering Auraria from the Divide from Pueblo as it is now called.

ARMOR, J., arrived Aug 17, 1859, lived Denver 1890 when list of pioneers containing his name was printed. Born Ireland Dec 27, 1826. John Armor helped lay out Central City in Kendall Gulch in the year of his arrival, and is possibly same as J. Armor above.

ARMSTRONG?, W. B., of Michigan, arrived Denver City in wagon 5 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons, Apr 22, 1859. In his wagon came D. Boyd, J. F. Makepiece, C. Wallace and M. E. Harrison, J. Smith and H. F. Rodman. (RMN)

ARNETT, Anthony, born on Rhine, in Alsace, near Strasburg, France, Jul 7, 1819. Arrived U.S.A. with parents, 1828, at 9 years. Son of Louis Arnett, whose father was killed in Napoleon’s wars. Lived Warren County, Pennsylvania, and took land, cleared it, built, but in 1835 emigrated to Chicago (one winter). Later preempted land in Illinois, below present site of Dixon, and in 1849 Anthony went to New York and sailed around the Horn to the California gold fields where he bought ranche, naming it “Rock River Ranche”, erected tent and kept pioneer hotel, owned pack train out of Sacramento. He returned by Isthmus Route, and in 1859 arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek, Jun 12. Went first to Golden, bought cattle and freighted. 1860 built hotel in Central City which he kept for a year, then settled in Boulder, owned and kept the Boulder House until 1864, built several wagon roads, and owned valuable property in Boulder. He contributed part of the ground for the State University, and gave five hundred dollars for erection of the main building in 1875. He owned the Brainerd Hotel in Boulder, and mining property in Gold Hill and Ward. His wife was Miss
Mary Graham of Rock River, Illinois, and he had four children. (Notes from the Denver Post, Sep 21, 1924, and from several undated newspaper clippings.)

ARNETT, Samuel, arrived and filed claim to ranche land described as follows: Nov 5, 1859 he claims one quarter section land for farming on the road leading from the Auraria Ford over the Platte River to Golden City, and being in a hollow or basin, about four miles from Platte, on each side of the road. (Liber A)

ARNETT, W. D., arrived mouth Cherry Creek, Jun 16, 1859. Born Ohio, Nov 6, 1828, was living 1907 and member Colorado Pioneer’s Association and in 1890 lived in Bear Creek. Was elected member of the first Constitutional Convention in 1859, a delegate from Illinois Central Diggings. He was later elected councilman in the first Legislature in 1859, and is several times mentioned in file of RMN for that year, once when an Express package was advertised for him. The following marriage is in RMN of Feb 5, 1866: William D. Arnett of Colorado and Miss Mary M. Dunn of West Liberty, Ohio, were married Jan 8, 1866 at West Liberty in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. L. I. Drake. The RMN comments as follows “Good for the Judge!” (Wm. D. Arnett, probably same, was in 1896 of Idaho, was previously of Denver and before that of Golden.)

ARNOLD, ---, firm of Murray & Arnold, Nevada Gulch. (RMN list, 1859.)

ARNOLD, Rice, was signed as witness in land deal, Denver City Oct 17, 1859, and was “of Montana County, Kansas.” (This was the first name of Arapahoe County, Kansas Territory, probably named so by the pioneers themselves, as most likely the county was too remote to have such interest taken in changing its name.)

ATHERTON, A. H., arrived from La Porte, Indiana (brother to Wallace.)

ATHERTON, Wallace, accidentally shot at Hill Difficulty, 15 miles from Auraria. He was formerly of Gennesee Forks, Potter County, Pennsylvania (1856), and of Milledgeville, Carroll County, Illinois. (RMN file, 1859)

ATKINS, John B., (also J. B., probably same) was Secretary of Auraria Town Company, also Secretary of the Capital Hydraulic Company, was married Oct 16, 1859 to Miss Lydia B., daughter Col. Henry Allen of Auraria. He is said to have been from Mt. Clemans, Michigan. He is granted four lots in Auraria by the Auraria Town Company Oct 29, of this year: lot 9 block 55, lot 9 block 24, lot 5, block 99 and lot 9 block 56. A month later, on Nov 30, he buys about 12 more lots, among them lot 4 block 1, and lot 3 block 65 (the last lot is next lot 2, block 65 bought by, or donated to Henry Allen, his father-in-law.) Possibly they may have lived here. (Ninth Street now, on west side street, about 132 feet from corner of Curtis (?))

J. B. Atkins was a notary public in Golden City Jan 1860, and certifies to signatures of deed between Abraham Jacobs and Wm. G. Preston.
ATKINS, W. W., (this may not be an arrival of 1859, though it was said when he died Mar 4, 1860 that he had been in the Territory for several months.) He died at Missouri City.

ATKINSON, Mr., statement made at old timers’ meeting: “The first brickyard was started in Sep 1859 near the old mint by Mr. Atkinson, who died about 1899 at Leadville: He was a Fiftyniner.”

ATWELL, John, arrived 1858 was shot, but not killed about Sep 1858, at Cherry Creek, Montana City by Vincent. The latter was required to give Atwell his house, and leave the country by the Lawrence Party.

AUBOCION?, Francis, mentioned in RMN summer of 1859, as travelling in the mountains and in South Park.

AUBREY, Suez, leading merchant, Denver City and Auraria City, 1859. Mentioned in RMN.

AUDLIM or AUDLEM or AUDLEY, John, buys Denver lots of A. C. McGrew May 14, 1859 and on Dec 26, same year, is grantor of lot in town of Arapahoe (Liber A) and Jan 6, 1860 buys of William P. McCarty his title to lot 9, block 37, Cheyenne St. Auraria.

AUGHE, Joshua, arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek, May 16, 1859 with Capt. Wilson Martin’s party, all of Indiana. (RMN)

AUGUSTUS, Isaac H., of Auraria, has Power of Attorney from William M. Badger of Auraria to collect his rents, etc., Sep 10, 1859. (Liber A) and Dec 6 he is witness to transfer of lots by A. C. Hune, etc. in Auraria.

AUGUSTUS, John H., was made Attorney in Fact to sell Auraria lots Oct 1859.

AULD, ---, (firm of Fenton & Auld, leading merchants, Denver or Auraria). D. Auld, was partner of J. W. Iliff and A. Fenton in the little 1859 Business Directory shown me by Mr. Sopris. They had store on Lawrence Street.

AURARIA, or AURARIA CITY, Denver City’s rival on the west bank of Cherry Creek, was the first regularly constituted post office under the United States Government in the Pike’s Peak gold district, it has been stated in Colorado history. There is an old map of the city, published by Fosdick & Tappan in 1859 in Smiley’s Colorado History, p. 445. Dr. L. G. Russell is said to have named it after his home town in Lumpkin County, Georgia, where gold diggings existed and were still being worked.

The town was surveyed and the Town Company formed in 1858, and a most bitter rivalry existed between it and Denver City on the east bank of Cherry Creek. Auraria, as may be seen, named most of her streets running north and south after the Presidents, while Denver’s Town company named theirs after themselves - a much
more selfish and vulgar performance. Auraria rejected the charter uniting her with Denver. The first Masonic Lodge, called Arapahoe Lodge was in Auraria, but must have included a number of Masons from Denver. It can easily be imagined that these members would want to start another Lodge on the other side of the Creek and they did so as soon as they had sufficient numbers. The fact that the name Arapahoe Lodge was dropped and Auraria Lodge established seems to me to indicate that the Masons from Denver tried to land the prize on the other side of the Creek and call it Denver Lodge, which they in fact did do a few years later, calling it Lodge No. 5 (for by this time several other Lodges existed in the mountains).

Fourth Street in Auraria (now Market, or Walnut) was the most valuable ground in the country in 1860, worth $1500 to $2000 a lot near the Creek. The RMN of Feb 8, 1859 has good description of houses in Auraria.

The Auraria Cemetery is mentioned in the Western Mountaineer of same year, but it seems entirely lost and forgotten, even by the oldest pioneers I have seen.

The following is an alphabetized list of Stockholders of Auraria in 1858: (Auraria had 200 inhabitants circa Nov 6, 1858.)

HENRY ALLEN   WM. McGAA
JOHN D. BAKER   WM. McKIMMONS
A. H. BARKER   WM. D. McLAIN
F. BORTROF   GEO. MANS
SAMUEL BATES   J. F. MASTERTON
E. W. BIGELOW   NICHOLAS MIGEL
CHARLES BLAKE   AUSTIN R. MILLS
GILES BLOOD   J. D. O'CONNELL
W. R. BLORE   JOHN F. PALMER
JOSEPH BROWN   JOHN PANDER
HAYMAN CHAPMAN   J. T. PARKINSON
H. B. CHUBBUCK   PHILIP E. PEERS
J. H. CLARKE   LOUIS PILCHER
W. H. CLARKE   J. H. PIERCE
J. N. COCHRAN   R. J. PIERCE
G. W. COFFMAN   THOMAS POLLOCK
WILLIAM COLE   A. H. RAMSDALE
JAMES R. COMPTON   WILLIAM REGAN
E. H. CONART   JAMES B. REED
J. CONNOR   J. W. REED
J. C. COTTON   JAMES RICHARDSON
JUDSON H. DUDLEY   SOLOMON ROE
H. EARLE   WILLIAM ROLAND
JOHN EASTER   S. M. ROOKER
W. R. ENGLISH   J. O. RUSSELL
THEODORE FETTS   DR. LEVI J. RUSSELL
WM. S. FOSTER   W. J. RUSSELL
GEORGE FULLER   ANDREW SAGENDORF
A. F. GRAETER   JAMES C. SANDERS
HIRAM B. GRAHAM  PHILIP SCHEERER
JOHN GRANFRED  JOHN J. SHANLEY
JOHN GRAVES  E. B. SHARPE
JAMES GORDON  W. M. SLAUGHTER
FRED GRIDER  ANDREW J. SMITH
THEODORE HERRING  JNO. SIMPSON SMITH
D. D. HOAG  W. A. SMITH
ROSWELL HUTCHINS  HENRY SPRINGER
CHARLES JOHNSON  W. STARRING
JOHN KANE  CHARLES M. STEINBERGER
FRANK J. KAST  F. B. STEINBUERGER
CHRISTIAN KELBER  MOSES STOCKING
JOHN KINNA  E. P. STOUT
NOEL LAJEUNESSE  MATTHEW TEED
JAMES LEE  LUKE D. TIERNEY
OSCAR E. LEHOW  H. TOZIER
MICHEL L’ESPERANCE  JAMES F. WRIGHT
WM. H. LONGSDORF  A. J. WILLIAMS
JAMES LOWRY  A. C. WRIGHT
***MC CASLIN  V. W. YOUNG
WM. A. MC FADDING

Arrangement and names of the Streets:- Running N.E. to S.W.:-

Front Street (next Creek, now 13\textsuperscript{th} St.)
Cherry " 12\textsuperscript{th} "
Ferry " 11\textsuperscript{th} "
San Luis " 10\textsuperscript{th} "
Cheyenne Avenue " 9\textsuperscript{th} "
Arapahoe Avenue " 8\textsuperscript{th} "
Washington Avenue " 7\textsuperscript{th} "
Adams Street " 6\textsuperscript{th} "
Jefferson " 5\textsuperscript{th} "
Madison " 4\textsuperscript{th} "
Monroe " 3\textsuperscript{rd} "
Quincy Street " 2\textsuperscript{nd} St.
Jackson " 1\textsuperscript{st} "

West of Jackson were:-
Van Buren Street
Harrison "
Polk "
Taylor "
Platte Avenue
Pierce Street
Buchanan "

Crossing these, and running almost northwest to southeast, ending at
Creek: These streets were numbered, Larimer Street being Fifth St. and Lawrence St. being then 6th St., Curtis was 7th, and so on.

A search through the oldest directories shows that many of the old names were in use up to 1872, but not later than that date.

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AUSTIN, George, certificate filed of ownership of his Denver lots by Denver City Town Company, Aug 23, 1859. (Liber A)

AUSTIN, J. W., arrived in Goldfields, mouth Cherry Creek Jun 14, 1859. Born Massachusetts Jun 4, 1832. Lived in Denver 1890, and in 1907 in Leavenworth. (List Members Colorado Pioneers’ Society 1907)

AUTOBIUS, Hon. Charles, first white man to settle in this region, now called Colorado. He was an intimate friend of Kit Carson and had a wonderful career. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, of French parents, he early entered the employ of the American Fur Company and did scout service all over the country. In Apr 1860, the RMN mentions him as living on a ranch on Huerfano River with large retinue of retainers, Mexican, American and Indian. In this mention his name is spelled Autabee. A long biography of him is in Denver Tribune, Feb 9, 1879. (If cannot find paper in regular files of Tribune, a copy exists in H. Bromwell’s files, Vol. 1, p. 132)

AUX, George, partner with C. J. McDuffee & Company, Mountain City & Gregory Diggings, mentioned in connection with claims on Hyatt Lode (Gregory Record, p. 21.) 1859. The Colorado Pioneers’ Society list of 1890 gives his arrival May, 1859, born Aug 11, 1837. Was living Colorado Springs 1890.

The following occurs in the files of Dec 1861: “Married – George Aux, soldier of the regiment, and Miss Minerva Swena, both of Camp Weld, Dec 22 at Camp Weld, by Rev. Kehler, Chaplain of the Regiment of Colorado Volunteers. (Colorado Republican)

(One of my notes taken without the reference states that George Aux had a log cabin in Mountain City in 1859.)

AVERY, M. A. & Willoughby, carpenters, of Denver and Auraria Cities in 1859 built Blake & Williams’ large building on north side of Blake Street near 15th Street (Denver Hall) and also many other buildings, (Bancroft, Vol 25, p. 373) mentions his building Denver Hall.

AYDELOTTIE, Thomas, was a member of Denver City Town Company Feb 23, 1859, and Aug 23 certifies that he owns lots 17-18, block 107, and lot 7, block 95 in Denver City. (Liber A)

AYERS, J., arrived Cherry Creek May 16, 1859, with party of Capt. Wilson Martin, all of Indiana. (List RMN)
BABCOCK ---, leader of an armed posse, which pursued Gorden in Jul 1859. (RMN)

BABCOCK, ---, mentioned in RMN file of 1859 as very efficient as a billiard expert.

BABCOCK, A. S., (resident of Littleton, Colorado) arrived Cherry Creek Jun 25, 1859. Was born Connecticut, Feb 29, 1838. (List of members, Colorado Pioneers’ Association)

BABCOCK, FISHER & COMPANY, mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats. (Mentioned in account of activities in mining camps, summer 1859.) (RMN)

BABCOCK, H. H., was “of Arapahoe County” Nov 1, 1859, for he is grantor of land “a mile and one fourth below toll gate on Gregory Road.” (Liber A)

BACKER, E. R., his signature as witness to transfer of deed, Denver, Aug 8, 1859. (Liber A)

BACON, Corbet, or Corbit, arrived gold fields 1858 according to the Tri-Weekly Mining Register of Oct 29, 1863, for it says editorially, “Corbet Bacon, our old 58 friend has returned from the States where he is now forming a company to work property owned by him in Missouri City.” Larimer, in his reminiscences, on p. 124 says: “--- Bacon, of Pontiac, Michigan, arrives Denver City, Jan 15, 1859, an old Californian, very clever, substantial looking man, has family in Michigan which he will soon bring out.” Another authority which I copied carefully at the time, but from which the part relating to the writer seems missing, says “Corbit Bacon, 1858 to Gilpin County from Pontiac, Michigan, 1858, arrived with small party consisting of James A. Weeks, Wilbur F. Parker, and Mr. Alverson and son. He began mining in Quartz Hill the following spring.” Bancroft, in Vol. 25, p. 395, says that Corbit Bacon erected a plank house with a shake roof in Denver, winter of 1859-60. He later went to Central City.

BACON, Lafayette W., arrived Jul 4, 1859. Born Pennsylvania, Jan 1, 1834, resident of Denver, 1890. (List of members, Colorado Pioneers’ Association published 1890) (Note: There is a G. W. Bacon in Denver Directory of 1866, but neither name of Corbet nor L. W. appears.)

BADDELET or BADDOLETTE or BADOLET, C., was an elected member of the Territorial Council of Jefferson, elected Dec 1859. (RMN)

BADDELET, Isadore, (of 1859) grantee, from J. H. Dudley, Denver lots, Oct 5, 1859. (Liber A, p. 242, old) Isadore Baddelet also owned 3-4 block 98, Denver in this year.

BADEN, town in 1859 existing at stone quarry ten miles west of Denver.

BADEN BADEN, town located by the Larimers in 1859, between Golden City and the Platte River. Was short lived. (May be same as preceding town.)
BADGER, William M., express package advertized for him in RMN, summer of 1859. Sep 10, 1859, he is grantor to J. H. Hughes, Denver lots, and on same date he gives Power of Attorney to Isaac Augustus to collect all debts and rents falling due from his buildings in Auraria. He describes himself in the paper as “Of the City of Auraria.” Oct 14, 1859, he is grantor of lot 8 block 8, Auraria. (Liber A)

BADGETT, ----, of the firm of Carpenter, Badgett and Company, mining, in Pleasant Valley, summer of 1859. (RMN)

BADOLET, Lewis, witness to deed, Oct 1859, Denver City. (Liber A) “Died, in Denver, at 4 o’clock p.m. Jun 22, 1874, of lung fever, Lewis Badolette aged about 55 years. The deceased was a Fiftyniner, and was well known in this city. He has been clerk of the Broadwell House for some time past.” Centralia, Illinois, papers please copy. (RMN, Jun 23, 1874) Miss Belle Steck (daughter of Judge Amos Steck) says Lewis Baddelet’s home southwest corner 16th and Arapahoe Streets where old Federal building stands, and had two story frame house. Mrs. Clayton boarded there and was very fond of Mrs. Baddolet, who had been a widow, and had a daughter Alice Scott (?) by former marriage.

BAGG, Charles L., name from list of Colorado Pioneers’ Association published 1907, given as arrived Jun 3, 1859. Lived Denver 1907, also 1920.

BAILEY, Charles F., arrived Cherry Creek with Capt. Henderson’s train (see) May 16, 1859. Capt. G. W. Henderson was of Cincinnati, Ohio, had small party. Bailey was of Indiana.

BAILEY, J. L., born Pennsylvania, Aug 15, 1835, arrived goldfields Jun 10, 1859. (List of members, Colorado Pioneers’ Association)

BAILEY, M. H., I have no notes of his arrival, but as he was elected Constable in Golden City, under the Provisional Government Jan 2, 1860, he probably arrived in 1859.

BAILEY, William, belonged to the “Law and Order League,” Denver, 1859. It was said later that he kept a hotel in Manitou.

BAIRD, C. C., this name appears without a reference, as pioneer of 1859.

BAKER, A., miner, from St. Louis, arrived Apr 23, 1859. (RMN) Was residing in Jefferson Trading Post and Diggings near Long’s Peak. (This may have been Addison Baker? It would have been better if the RMN had brought more capital letters to the mouth of Cherry Creek.)

BAKER, J. J., witness to deed in Denver City, Aug 4, 1859, and Oct 24, signs deed for T. H. Pimm to ranche claim on Clear Creek.
BAKER, James, the noted scout, settled on Clear Creek four miles north of Denver on Stock Ranche, where he had an Indian wife and children grown, in 1859. In 1890, he occupied a tepee on Snake River Fork of Yampa River in the northern part of Routt County, about 100 miles west of North Park. “He comes to Denver occasionally. He was most deeply attached to Major D. C. Oakes, who died in 1886, and since that time Baker has not visited in Denver.” (Clipping)

For facts relating to his life see the many Histories of Denver and Colorado, each contains data.

BAKER, John D., was a stockholder of Auraria City, 1858. He has several grants of lots – one on Mar 15 from William McGaa, 1859, another on p. 288 old liber A and certificate of his Denver lots is recorded in same volume, another in Liber E, p. 325, and one in Nov, 1859.

BAKER, Joseph, files claim Nov 11, 1859 to 160 acres on Ralston Creek near Grindstone Quarry. (This note probably belongs to the Golden City Records.)

BAKER, Ole C., had four Donation Lots (with promise to build) from Denver Town Company, Dec 3, 1858, and Mar 23, 1859, bought one lot on McGaa Street and one next Platte River, and another transfer occurred Jun 27, 1859.

BAKER, S. H., grantee, land claim on Gregory Road, one-quarter mile below Toll Gate. (Golden Land Records, Nov 1859)

BAKER, S. T., from E. McLauthlin, lots Denver City, Oct 1, 1859. (Liber A)

BAKER, William, came early in 1854 it is said to the region near Pike’s Peak, and in 1859 started to California, but stopped in Colorado and decided to remain. Preeempted 160 acres ranche land on St. Vrain Creek, near the foothills, where he ranched. Married, 1868, Mrs. Parmalia R., widow of Benjamin A. Franklin, the first white woman who settled on St. Vrain Creek. He was born Roane County, Tennessee, Dec 28, 1827. Lived in Fulton, then in Gentry County, Illinois, then Carroll County, Arkansas. In 1854 came overland through goldfields to California. Was living on ranche in 1880.

BALDWIN & FREEMAN, mining, six men, Russell’s Gulch. (Review of mining industries in mountains during summer of 1859. RMN)

BALDWIN, J. W., member of first Constitutional Convention from Illinois Precinct in 1859. (List in files of RMN)

BALDWIN, S. Y., member first Constitutional Convention in 1859 from Golden City. (Files, RMN)

BALDWIN, William, of Perryville, Ohio, arrived May 12, 1859, by Platte Route, 49 days enroute. Four companions. (RMN)
BALDY, George, arrived Sep 15, 1859, and in 1890 and later 1907 was a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana. Born Pennsylvania, Aug 26, 1839. (List of members, Colorado Pioneers’ Association)

BANCROFT, G. W., arrived Jun 15, 1857. Born in Missouri, May 12, 1832. Was of Denver 1890, and member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. (List)

BANE, ----, Banes’ Ranche was in 1859 a precinct mentioned in election returns. (RMN)

BANFELL, John. L., had four Donation Lots from Denver Town Company, 1858. (Liber A)

BANGLE, F. W., witness in Auraria, at transfer of Auraria lots. Dec 5, 1859. (Liber A)


BANNISTER & COMPANY, working nine men, Russell’s Gulch, mining, summer 1859.


BANTER, A., name in Capt. William Valentine’s list of arrivals in wagon train of six wagons, Apr 14, 1859. 23 days from St. Joseph. He is from La Salle, Illinois. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, list of arrivals in No. 1, Vol. 1, only copy)

BARA, Andrew, Oct 27, 1859, makes claim to one half section of land for a trading post and ranche, on Elk Creek where the Denver, Auraria and Colorado Wagon Road crosses said Creek. Recorded Nov 2, 1859 (either in Golden or Denver Liber A)

BARBER, William, vice president of the Rocky Mountain Debating Club, Denver and Auraria, 1859. (Mentioned in RMN files)

BARCK, Dr. ----, of Kansas Territory, arrives in wagon 10, of E. Doty’s Lightning train of ten wagons, May 22, 1859, accompanied by D. C. Farwell. (See under Doty for others of party.) (RMN files) E. W. Barck, name in list of members of first Constitutional Convention, summer of 1859 (RMN) delegate from Gregory Diggings. G. W. Barck (Dr.) is grantee from William Clancy, Aug 6, 1859, lots, Denver City, two “Draw lots” (Liber A, p. 24) and in August he is witness of deed, Denver City or Auraria and again at 7 o’clock p.m. is witness of deed between Perkins and Shafer to Fosdick & Cheever, Nov 1. In this signature he adds M.D. to his name. (G. W. and E. W. may be same name, as records are faulty in spelling of names, as copyists often misunderstand the original writing.)
BARDELL, Dr. Conrad, of Longmont, Colorado, in 1880. Born Switzerland, Aug 20, 1836. Came to United States with parents when young, lived in Madison County, Illinois, and in spring of 1859 arrived Colorado, mined in Russell’s Gulch, and in vicinity of Pike’s Peak, but when war broke out in Fall of 1861 returned to States and enlisted with 26th Illinois Regular Volunteers in the musical department. After this he returned to Switzerland, studied medicine one year, and received degree of M.D. and returned to Illinois, began practice in Vandalia, Illinois, then St. Louis, then health failing, he joined the Greeley Colony, and came to that place in Colorado. Later came to Longmont, then trips to Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, but returned Longmont. Married Miss Emma Barr of Carroll County, Missouri. Two sons. (History Boulder Valley Pioneers)

BARKER, Anselm A., arrived Oct 24, 1858, with Plattsmouth-Nebraska Company, was a stockholder of Auraria City in this year, and helped plan the town. Was member of the first Constitutional Convention 1859, a delegate from Eureka. Also member of the Constitutional Convention of 1876, a delegate from Denver. Was sergeant-at-arms of the Convention. Born Gallia, Ohio, Nov 23, 1822. He was a farmer, later a blacksmith. His arrival was with train of six teams and 15 men. Married in Ohio, Aug 7, 1843. Discovered Total Eclipse Mine and also located the Spanish Diggings. He did not bring his family to Colorado until 1860. His son, Lincoln Barker, is said to be one of the first white children born in Denver. In 1862, he went to ranching on Clear Creek (five years here), then Denver, blacksmithing. He mined at Gold Hill, and was once wounded by Utes, as mentioned in RMN of Nov 2, 1859, and later in the winter of this year the paper mentions his going to the States to get his family. He is said to have arrived with D. C. Oakes and Joseph Harper, meeting the returning Russell party enroute. He had lived a short time in both Iowa and Nebraska before coming to the Pike’s Peak region.

BARKER, B. A., grantor, to B. O. Russell, Sep 13, 1859, claim, mining, dated from Mountain City. (Gregory Record, Central City)

BARKLEY, W. G., grantee, Denver City lots, Dec 1859. (Liber A)

BARLETT & COMPANY, mining in Pleasant Valley, summer of 1859. (RMN)

BARLOW, W. C., grantee, R. E. Whitsitt, grantor, Apr 14, 1859, lot 8, south side Larimer Street between B. & C. Streets. Consideration $75. (Liber A)

BARNARD, H., farm claim on Cherry Creek adjacent A. O. Holcomb’s. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, Dec 1859)

BARNES, (of Covington & Barnes) arrived from Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana, 1859. (RMN)
BARNES & COMPANY, five men, mining, Pleasant Valley. (Review of mines and mining in RMN, summer of 1859.)

BARNES, C. B., leaves a haunch of venison at RMN office Aug 6, 1859, the result of his hunting trip recently.


BARNET, Henry, name appears as grantee in Land Records, Denver, Dec 21, 1859. Burdick & Rice were grantors. (Lots)

BARNEY, (brothers, B. A. & L. Barney – see following), buy lots 15-16, block 21 Denver City, Dec 1859. An advertisement of Barney Brothers, proprietors, Apollo Saloon & Restaurant appears in RMN in Dec 1859, but it may have been an experiment.

BARNEY, Bishop A., (one of the Barney Brothers, above) owned “select” lots in the first year of arrival. He had several transfers, one from Daniel Knight Oct 13. He was probably born in Vermont, as was his brother. The obituaries published by the RMN in 1859 were as meagre as they could very well be. The following is one of them: “Died, Bishop A. Barney, in Denver City, Jul 10, 1867, after an illness of 30 hours, aged 40 years. Funeral at Episcopal Church, Jul 11 at 11 o’clock in forenoon.” (RMN Jul 10, 1867)

BARNEY, Libeus, crossed plains in the first coach of the Denver & Pike’s Peak Passenger Line, May 7, 1859. After mining with brother Bishop A., who died early, he became a house builder, and erected hall in which the first Provisional Legislature met. He later farmed, also had grocery. (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 385) Another authority says: “Libeus Barney was born Bennington, Vermont, Aug 13, 1829. He ‘ran’ the Peoples’ Theatre.” He was once mentioned in RMN as Judge of Election. Was the author of a number of interesting letters written in 1859, which were printed in pamphlet form. They were written for his home paper in Vermont.

BARNEY, William, arrived Boulder Aug 1859, in company with Wellman brothers. (History Boulder County)


Barrett and Lucy Ann Castello were married at Catholic Church, Denver, Dec 13, 1865 by Rev. Father Machebeuf. Both of Fairplay, Park County, Colorado.”

BARRETT, Wesley, (could this be the same?) was mentioned in RMN as miner in Clear Creek and Boulder Counties in 1859. Bancroft in Vol. 25, p. 379, says that Wesley Barrett discovered the Barrett and American Flag Mine in Gilpin County.

BARRIGER, William, lived in old Wadsworth cabin (Arvada) before the Wadsworths owned it, according to Mr. William Allen of Arvada, a very early pioneer, who says that Barriger probably built it, and he is certain that he was an arrival of 1859. (?) This cabin has been moved into the Park in Arvada, and will be preserved as the only remaining log cabin in the neighborhood. (1924)

BARRON, J. W., pioneer of 1850, scout, guide, Sheriff of Elbert County, also station keeper, and stage driver for Holliday and Butterfield, also for the U. S. Express Company. Was born 1821. (RMN)

BARTHOLOMEW, C. A., arrived Apr 1859. Lived Breckenridge. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born Ohio, Jul 17, 1839. (List, members)

BARTHOLOMEW, N. G., of firm of Washburn, Miller & Company, mining at Mountain City in summer of 1859. This is mentioned in RMN and later mention is made of his departure for the States, where he takes boat from St. Joseph, Missouri (boat “Empire State”) bound for Tompkins County, New York.

BARTLETT, E. G., mentioned in RMN as Territorial Representative Elect from the 6th District. (1859)

BARTON, R., mentioned in RMN 1859 file as delegate from Illinois Central Diggings.

BARTON, W. W., This name appears in my list of Fiftyniners, culled from files, but unfortunately the reference has been lost.

BARTROF?, F., original stockholder of Auraria in 1858.

BASES, Samuel, (Bates ?) Dec 7, 1859, grantee, from Auraria Town Company 17 Auraria lots. (Liber D, old, p. 129)

BASFORO, H. O., arrived Cherry Creek 1859 walking most of way with ox team. Was associated with Byers in printing. (RMN) After ten years in Denver to Austin, Minnesota, where he published the Austin Register, and then returned to Denver. One son, Harry M. Basford (Denver) and a sister, Mrs. C. P. Knight, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and brother, P. D. Basford, of Beloit, Wisconsin. He died Denver Feb 19, 1924. (Clippings)
BASSETT, Alden B., pioneer 1859 living Del Norte, Colorado in 1920. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.

BASSETT, George C., grantee, lots in Auraria, Nov 1859.

BASSETT & GRIFFITH, firm, Denver, 1859. (RMN)

BASSETT, Peleg T., a Director of the Denver City Town Company and its Recorder in autumn of 1858, was shot and killed by John Scudder Apr 16, 1859, in Auraria. His administration notice appears in RMN May 28, 1859. The house where he lived in Auraria (with Alex Wood) was situated in lot 12, block 35. Administrator’s sale of same is noted. George N. Hill signs paper. (Liber D, old, p. 103)

BASSETT, W. H., in spring of 1859, Auraria Town Company gives him “Donation Lots in Auraria.”

BASYE? (Barye?), Harry, of Arapahoe County, grantee of lots in Auraria from T. H. Warren, Jan 12, 1860. Probably a ‘59 arrival.

BATCHELDER, D. J., of Mountain City, records his mining claim, Sep 7, 1859. Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record of 1859) Batchelder & Company Mining in Gregory Diggings Oct 1859. (Reference to them Gregory Record, p. 22, Central City)

BATES & COMPANY, Sluice mines, Gregory Diggings. 1859. (RMN)

BATES, George A., arrived with the “Kansas Company” wagons coming in to Montana City, Nov 2, 1858. (Another authority says he came with “Plattsmouth Nebraska Company” Oct 24, 1858.)

BATES LODE (mine, mentioned frequently in 1859.)

BATES, Samuel, of original Georgia, or Green Russell party, arrived 1858. Was original stockholder of Auraria City 1858. From Lumpkin County, Georgia.

BATES, William A., witness to signing of deed, Nov 9, 1859, Denver City lots.

BATES, William H., (may be same as above) was President of Jefferson Quartz Lead Company (1859) (Mammoth Quartz Lead Company another description, and is mentioned in RMN as returning from the States and has new Quartz Mill.) Capt. W. H. Bates is his name. In winter of 1859, Dec 3, he has grant from Auraria Town Company of lots in blocks 144-188-227-240. (Liber C, old, p. 120)

BAUGH & ELDER, storage and commission merchants, Ferry Street, Auraria, Kansas Territory.
BAUGH, F. M., of Baugh & Elder, Ferry Street, Auraria 1859. His signature is on deed as witness Oct 29, 1859, Auraria. Dec 14 he moves his auction and commission house further up Ferry Street.

BAUGH, J. H., born Missouri, Feb 6, 1832. Arrived Cherry Creek Jun 1, 1859, lived Longmont, Colorado at time of publication of Frank Hall’s Colorado History in which his name appears in roll of Pioneers.

BAUM, George F., 1858, to Cherry Creek included in party with George C. Schlier.

BAXTER, O. H. P., Pioneer of 1858, and was one of the locators of Pueblo. In Battle of Sand Creek, later he was a Captain. Was member Territorial Council at two sessions following. Lived Auraria 1859. Name signed to deed as witness on Mar 5.

BAYAUD, George D., farm claim located Dec 14, 1859. (Liber A)

BAYAUD, Theodore W., grantee, lots or lot 27, block 19, Denver City on Blake Street, consideration $200 dated Aug 8, 1859.

BAYAUD, Thomas J., said to have been very prominent among the arrivals of 1859. In the little Directory of that year he is mentioned as in the lumber business in Denver and Auraria. He owned a sawmill at Mountain City (the Excelsior Mill), had some land and real estate transactions, and proposed to bridge the Platte River in 1859. It had only a ferry at this time. He was Senior Warden and a founder of the Episcopal Church in Denver City, Feb 19, 1860. He was taken ill up Cherry Creek where he had made trip to look at sawmill, in company with old Mr. John W. Smith, and died soon afterward. He was a partner of D. S. Bentley in the building business, and they contracted to build frame houses, and Oct 24, 1859, one was taken to build. An interesting description is in the old record book (Liber C, p. 284). Bayaud Street in Denver is named for him, it is said.

BAYOU-SALAIDE, name of the "Tarryall Creek" placer mining district. It was a locality of salt springs, South Park.

BAY STATE Precinct, a political district near Denver City mentioned in 1859.

BEACH, Melanchton S., arrived 1859, and was “of Arapahoe County” and a Notary Public in 1860. He removed to Colorado City in this year and the 1869 file of the Canon City Times, Oct 13, speaks of a visit from him: “The scroll of years rolled back, and we stood once more on the banks of the Fox, our Alma Mater rearing her classic walls in the distance.” etc. editorial. (The file of Canon City Times is owned now by the Colorado University Library in Boulder.) In 1899 Mell S. Beach was of old Colorado City, and in 1907 of Delta, Colorado. His arrival is given as Jun 28, 1859, in one of the pioneers’ lists.
BEAL, (or Beale), Roger T., was a witness Denver, Sep 9, 1859, in deed between the Admr. of Edward Hay of Denver and P. Marcellus of Washington County, Nebraska.

BEAL or BEALL, S. W., “Gov. Beall was late of Wisconsin,” RMN making comment May 14, 1859. Later in Land Records it appears that Gov. S. W. Beall was given 14 shares of Auraria Town Company stock in consideration of his erecting building. He was delegate from Denver Jun 11, 1859, to the first Constitutional Convention. He was a party to sale of land on Platte River (Liber A, p. 161). In the Auraria Masonic work he was a founding member with others, of Auraria Lodge, autumn of 1859, being formerly member of Lodge No. 1 (Madison Lodge) of Wisconsin. As Hon. S. W. Beall he was candidate for City Recorder Dec 14, 1859. He was also referred to as Gen. Beall, and spoke at a meeting recorded in the RMN. The following firms appear in the records of this year: Beall & Edling, and Allen & Beall, who had grant from Denver City Town Company Aug 23, 1859. It is stated that Samuel W. Beall had been Lieut. Gov. of Wisconsin from Jan 1850, to Jan 1852.

BEALL, L. M., grantee of Donation Lots in Auraria by the Auraria City Town Company spring, 1859.

BEALL, R. L., witness, Denver City, sale of lots, Jul 28, 1859.

BEALL, Washington B., of Arapahoe County, Jan 11, 1860, conveys Denver lots. (Probably came in 1859, or was enroute.)

BEAMAN, Joseph S., (also given as Joseph D.?) Arrived May 26, 1859. (Record of Pioneers of Gilpin County) Died. Resided in Central City from early date, probably soon after arrival. Born Baden, Germany, had lived in New Orleans, St. Louis. Brewing trade. Later bottling soda and mineral waters. Lived in Denver, 1907.

BEAN, Bedard & Company, firm, their train expected soon (Cherry Creek Pioneer in Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859 - only issue).

BEANS, Isaiah, grantor of lot 8, block 9, Auraria City, to Joel Gottlieb, Oct 14, 1859. Another: Isaiah Beans, grantee from Levi Kime, Denver City lots, Oct 31. (The last transaction is in Liber B, p. 35). There is a transaction between J. Beans and Thomas Pollock lot 12, block 12, Auraria, Oct 15, 1859. (This may be Isaiah above.)

BEANS, R. C., had a ranche claim on the first creek south of Plum Creek 40 miles above Denver, on road to Colorado Springs Jan 1860, for in description of Thomas Smith’s claim it is said to be next that of R. C. Beans.

BEARCAW, Albert, a founder of the American Pueblo 1859, and member of the Town Company.

BEARCAW, Robert, a founder of Canon City in 1859. (Also spelled Bercaw).
BEATTY, William R., arrived Oct 1857. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association in whose printed list date was found. Born Ohio, 1838. Living Denver 1890 and later in 1920.

BEAUBIEN, Charles, in list of grocers of Denver, Directory 1859. Store on Larimer Street. This name Beaubien is also spelled Beaubon.

BEAUBON & MILLER, merchants of Auraria City mentioned in list in RMN as merchants handling gold dust.


BECK & COMPANY, firm, working eight men, mining in Pleasant Valley summer of 1859, as listed in several copies of RMN.

BECKER, A., Pioneer of 1858-59 at Boulder.

BECKER, John D., noted Boulder County Pioneer of 1859. Was born Belgium, Jan 13, 1827. Trade of carpenter and millwright, then emigrated U.S.A., 1855. Resided in Virginia, New York City, and Iowa City, Iowa, then emigrated Colorado, lumbering in the mountains. Then pre-empted 160 acres ranche land, South Boulder Creek dairying, then 1865 built Butte Flouring mill (Judge O. M. House being associated with him financially). Married Mary Dahen; had one son and five daughters (notes from a longer record in History Boulder County.)

BECKER, Theodore H., arrived Cherry Creek and Auraria City Oct 1859. Removed Mountain City Mar 1864. His name is in list of Gilpin County Record Book of Pioneers 1858-9.

BECKWITH, Fred C., arrived Denver City, 1859. Born on farm, Sullivan County, New Hampshire Jan 22, 1840. In 1858 he came west, and from Rockford, Illinois left in Apr 1859 for Pike’s Peak with ox-team. Arrived on site of Boulder in July, took up land claim in St. Vrain Valley, built home, kept store, etc. Had the town of Longmont located. In 1880 was associate editor of the Longmont Press, his brother’s paper. In 1865 he married in Bath, Maine, Miss Louise P. Fisher of Sagadahoc County, Maine.

BECKWOURTH, Capt. James P., celebrated mountaineer and Crow Chief, honors the RMN with a visit during 1859. He is said to have a mixture of several nationalities in his blood. Born in Virginia, he ran away to New Mexico, and was a famous guide and interpreter among the Indians. He died in 1867. Almost all the histories of Colorado are full of his memoirs. There is an appreciation of him at time of his death in RMN, p. 1, Feb 5, 1867. The following marriage notice is in the RMN of Jun 27, 1860: "Mr. James Beckwourth married Miss Elizabeth Lettbetter of Denver, Jun 21,
1860, by A. O. McGrew, Esq.” If not the Capt. himself, the similarity of names is interesting.

BEEBE, A., name appears in a list of Golden Pioneers. (Clipping)

BEEBE & COMPANY, three men, mining, Pleasant Valley, summer 1859. (RMN)

BEEBE, F. W., member of original Town Company of Golden, 1859. He is said to have laid out the platted Golden. Later was a well known hotel man of Idaho Springs and Manitou, owning the Beebe House, a fine hotel at the last place.

BEEBE, H., arrives from De Soto, Nebraska, in party with D. D. Stout and family, W. H. B. Stout, J. White, Alex Carter, Mr. Shields and family, John Binckley and family, George McKinsey, Sr. and Jr., and J. Donald, son, and Patrick McGinnalso, W. P. Wilmore from Rockport, Missouri, all via Platte Route, in company with the B. J. Stout party. (See) Arrived May 14, 1859, nearly all of them are from De Soto, Nebraska. (RMN)

BEHEN, Louis, grantee, with Isadore Strasburg, part lot 12, block 3, Auraria City, on San Luis and 6th Streets, Nov 28, 1859.


BELCHER?, Mr. ---, arrived Golden, Aug 1859, with party with Wellman brothers. (This may be same, or relative?)

BELDEN, S. M., of Mountain City, 1859, petitions to know why no votes were returned from his camp for Mr. Kehler and others, etc. (RMN)

BELFORD, U., arrived Nov 1859. Is in list of claimants for land for addition to Town of Golden Gate, “and they have laid a foundation for a house, etc.”

BELL, Clifton, resided Denver 1890, arrived Denver Jul 16, 1859. Born Apr 17, 1849. He lived at the Windsor Hotel in its palmy days and lost three beautiful young children in a few weeks’ time, they being buried in Riverside. The gravestones can still be seen, the sculptures almost obliterated.

BELT, ---, mentioned by Bancroft as member of the Town Company of the American section of Pueblo in 1859. W. M. Belt was a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention, and Dr. Belt received Donation Lots with promise to build from Denver Town Company, 1859.

BEMBRICK, B. F., grantor, lot 12, block 10, Auraria City, to J. J. Riethmann, Nov 2, 1859, consideration $200. He sells fraction of this lot to Luke Voorhees, same day.
BEMROSE, William, arrived Oct 5, 1859, lived Denver, 1890. Born Feb 12, 1836. (from list of Colorado Pioneers published by the Society circa 1890.)

BENDEM, M., witness Sep 29, 1859, to deed to ranche on Clear Creek near Denver City. (Liber A)

BENDER, J. (of Ohio) was buried in an earth cave—in at claim of Henderson and Gridley on Gregorie’s Lead, Jul 1859, but was not killed. (RMN)

BENKER, ---, a miner, was shot and killed by Indians on Clear Creek in early summer of 1859. (RMN)


BENNETT, A. (or Alexander). Governor A. Bennett was manager of the Grand Ball at opening of the Apollo House, Sep 15, 1859. He lived Denver City. Had several land transactions; one with James S. Lowrie, Sep 19, another with B. F. Jeffries, Sep 21, and with William McCuen Nov 2, 1859. He is mentioned in a list in RMN of merchants handling gold dust.

BENNETT, Mrs. Annie, certificate is issued entitling her to select lots 7-8 in block 98, Denver City, issued Sep 26, 1859. “Mrs. Annie Bennett P.E.W.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

BENNETT, Mrs. E. L., (a daughter of D. C. Oakes) came to Colorado in 1859, probably as a child. She was living 1881 in Denver and attended a Pioneers’ banquet at Windsor Hotel.


BENNETT, Hon. Hiram P., lawyer and Member of Congress. Arrived Auraria City, Oct 5, 1859. He was born Carthage, Maine, Sep 2, 1826. Had a common school education in Ohio. Emigrated to Iowa, and held a judgeship in western Iowa (1852). In 1854 removed to Nebraska Territory, was at once elected member Territorial Council. In 1858, re-elected to Nebraska Legislature, and made Speaker of House. After his removal to Colorado in 1859, he was elected to Congress, serving in the 37th and 38th from 1860 to 1864. (Note from Dist. Of Congress, Lanman, p. 27, 1866) In a list of Colorado Pioneers published 1890, Bennett is given as having been born in New York, Dec 1, 1822 (?) Another account of him says that he emigrated to Richland County, Ohio in 1837, and in 1839 to Andrew County, Missouri. Was admitted to the Bar in 1851, and in 1852 settled in western Iowa, and was candidate for Congress there against Bird R. Chapman.

In the early sixties he and Moses Hallet became partners, and earlier he was
Beverley D. Williams’ opponent for Congress in 1861, and defeated Williams who was a Democrat. Bennett lived in Auraria, and wished to raise a Union flag over his house. He had traded a lot in Golden City for this flag, and was very proud of it. He invited a large party and raised the flag, which had a fine effect on Auraria where much Confederate sentiment prevailed. (Auraria, it will be remembered was settled by Georgians only three years before, and many were still there.)

In the RMN of Nov 18, 1867 appears the following: “Died, Saturday, Nov 7, 1867, Sarah, wife of H. P. Bennett, age 39 years. The deceased was a kind wife and mother, and the possessor of all the virtues which mark the life of a true Christian.”

On Apr 20, 1869, the following was filed for record in Arapahoe County: “Hiram P. Bennett married Miss Clara M. Ames, Apr 16, 1869, by Samuel S. Spear, supplying St. John’s, Denver. (Land Records, Liber 17, p. 42)

From the RMN Sep 25, 1869: “Died in Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin, Mrs. Emily B. Ames, aged 65 years. She was mother of Mrs. H. P. Bennett and Mrs. C. H. McLaughlin of this city.”

Another item of interest, from files of one of the Denver papers of which the reference is lacking, “Died, Mrs. Melissa Bennett Nuchols, wife of Emmet Nuchols, was daughter of Isaiah H. Bennett (and born Bellevue, Nebraska, first white child born in Nebraska Territory) and was niece of H. P. Bennett of Denver, who educated her at Georgetown when he was in Congress. She came to Colorado in 1866, died in Denver May 15, 1874, aged 26 years.

Portrait of Hon. H. P. Bennett is on p. 418, Smiley’s History of Denver.

Judge Bennett died in Denver Nov 1914, aged 83 years. (Colorado Transcript, Golden.)

BENNETT, Homer, pupil in a private school in 1859. Auraria. John Bennett, pupil in same school with Homer Bennett.

BENNETT, J. W., accompanied by W. M. Crane, arrived in Auraria with 16 others, by Express Route May 28, 1859. Most of them were from Greenville County, Michigan. (Greenville Comp. Michigan list of arrivals RMN)

BENNETT, R., arrived with D. D. Taylor’s Company of 14 men from St. Joseph, Missouri. 30 days. His companions were: H. Emerson (Louisiana) M. B., H. and N., Earl, William Scoville, M. Godall, R. O. Chapel. The last six with R. Bennett were from Iowa. Wagon train. Taylor was from Massachusetts. Arrived Denver and Auraria May 17, 1859. (RMN list arrivals)

BENNETT, Samuel, pupil at private school 1859 Auraria, with Homer and John Bennett. This school was on east side Ferry Street between Larimer and McGaa (or Holiday) and was taught by F. B. Steinberger, and opened in Sep 1859 (see for list of pupils under the name of the teacher.)

BENNETT, William, late of Nebraska City, Nebraska, died at his residence probably in Auraria, Henrietta Bromwell [Editor]) Jan 13, 1860, in the 23rd year of his age. He was buried by the Odd Fellows in the Auraria Cemetery (?) with the honors of the
Order, he being member of Frontier Lodge No. 30 of Nebraska City, Nebraska Territory. (Another mention says Fremont, Nebraska.) “He was a fine character, and had lately emigrated to the gold regions, taking his station in the first class of society.” (RMN)

BENTLEY, Daniel S., originally from Rhode Island, of the Denver City Water Company is in 1859 member of the first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Eureka.

BENTON, W. G. Jr., lots conveyed to him Aug 23, 1859. (Denver)

BENTON, Walter S., of Golden, files claim for ranche land in Jefferson County, near base of mountains, south of Clear Creek 1-1/2 miles located on Jan 2, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A)

BERCAW, A. F., arrived in 8th wagon, Lawrence party, 1858. This party brought provisions to the goldfields.

BERGEN, T., (Morrison) arrived Cherry Creek Jun 23, 1859. Born Indiana Jun 8, 1820. Had home where Bergen Park is now laid out. In year of arrival he files claim for ranche land in Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory located in June of that year, and occupied by him as a home ever since that time. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A. p. 50) He died Feb 1891 and will probated Apr 27, Golden, Jefferson County. Widow, Judith R., daughter Sarah E. Bergen, daughter Mattie A. Bergen Greene, sons Charles T. and William H., daughter Judith R., watch and chain, Sarah E. has bequest of the Park property in Morrison, and the home, etc. (He divides property among them.)

BERKELEY, or BURKLEY, Mr. ---, arrived from Nebraska Territory May 5, 1859. (RMN)

BERKELEY, B. F., of Arapahoe County, buys lots and Aug 10, 1859, sold his farm claim near Old Spanish Diggings, four miles from Denver, on Platte bought of A. O. McGrew, to P. Evelyn Clark and later in year, Oct 6, J. M. Clark and wife (or J. F. Clark and wife?) deed him some property. (Liber A, p. 259)

BERRY, Mr., arrived from Nevada, Iowa, with family (list in RMN) summer of 1859.

BERRY, Louis W. (Lewis W.), arrived May, 1859. Born New York Dec 1, 1822, lived in Idaho Springs, 1890. (Pioneers’ list of 1890). Capt. Lewis W. Berry was born Brooklyn. Came to Central on arrival in goldfields, mined there, but in 1863 went to Montana to mine, but returned Colorado, 1865, locating at Georgetown, then Idaho Springs. He was a painter, and was appointed Master painter when in the Navy in 1853. He was raised to rank of Captain in the Mexican War, 1846, under Winfield Scott (General) and raised a company in New Orleans. In 1880 he owned considerable mining property in or near Georgetown.
BERTHOUD, Capt. E. L., Member of Golden City Town Company, 1859. Finished survey of Golden this year or early in 1860, was always most prominent in road construction and making of highways in dangerous parts of the mountains. Berthoud Pass named for him.

BERTOLETTE, John, stage driver, 1859, who drove the stage in which Judge Amos Steck arrived in the gold diggings of Cherry Creek. (Recollection of Miss Belle Steck.)

BERTOLETTE, John C., living in Deer Creek, 1890. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Arrived Denver May 5, 1858. Born Pennsylvania, Dec 13, 1837. Still living at Deer Creek in 1920. (May be same as John Bertolette above?)

BERTROFF, Fred, of Cherry Creek, 1890, arrived Denver and Auraria, 1858. Born Germany, Jan 31, 1832. (Hall’s History of Colorado list pioneers.)

BEST, Joseph H., member of the Boston Company of Golden City, 1859. Occupied old log house on Washington and 10th streets, Golden, for a storehouse for merchandise. George West afterward printed his paper in same building.

BETTS, Jake, arrived May 22, 1859 with the Lone Star Company, by Smoky Hill route, 39 days from Ft. Riley, 26 men in party, of wagon train. (RMN list of arrivals)

BEVERLEY, ---, of Connolly & Beverley, mining, in 1859 in Clear Creek and Boulder Districts. (RMN)

BEVERLEY, Mr. ---, miner, at base of the Snowy Range, 1859. (RMN)

BEVERLEY, J. R., father of J. M. and William H., arrived Colorado 1859 with J. M. Beverley, and was a member of the J. R. Beverley Company at Nevada Gulch, building Nevada Tunnell, etc.

BEVERLEY, Dr. William H., son of J. R., and brother of J. M. Beverley. Born Thornville, Perry County, Ohio, Jun 28, 1837. (?) Moved with his father and brother to Edgar County, Illinois, near Paris, thence in 1844 to Clark County, same state. Studied at the Marshall Academy. (This was a very fine school at this time kept by
Rev. Dean Andrews. H. P.H. Bromwell attended this Academy at about the same time. Henrietta E. Bromwell) and began the study of medicine with Dr. Gard of Martinsville, Illinois, with whom he remained one year, and subsequently two years with Drs. Fleming Rice Payne and Henry Rice Payne of Marshall.

He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, Graduate M.D. Spring, 1859 he began practice in town of Kansas, Illinois. After coming to Colorado he settled at Nevadaville, engaging in practice in 1860. Since which time he has resided there devoting attention to mining. He married Miss Katie A. Fristoe, Oct 28, 1861.

(History of Clear Creek and Boulder Valleys Colorado, p. 440, 1880, by O. L. Baskin & Company, Chicago.)

Note by Henrietta E. Bromwell: The record of Dr. W. H. Beverley is added to the notes relating to his father and brother, above, more to throw light on the family history, as he is said to have arrived in Colorado in 1860 and is not himself a “Fiftyiner.” However, I am sure I have heard it disputed and the affirmation made that he did come in 1859 late in December. (?) As he studied medicine with my Uncle Henry Rice Payne and great Uncle Fleming R. Payne in Marshall, Illinois during my father’s earlier days at Marshall Academy, I am myself willing to give him the benefit of the doubt, whatever other people may say about it.

BICKFORD, E., arrived May 17, 1859 in D. D. Taylor’s Company. 30 days from St. Joseph, Missouri. May be from Iowa as some of the party seem so to be. E. R. Bickford (probably same?) is grantee in Nov 1859, lot on McGaa Street, and is grantor Dec 26 to H. Hitchins of some Denver lots.

BIENCROFF, Thomas, pioneer 1858, brother-in-law of Stoefel. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. III, p. 268, for further information.)

BIGELOW? E. W., stockholder in Auraria Town Company, 1858.

BIGGS & COMPANY, (BEGGS?), mining in Russell Gulch, spring 1859 with five men.

BIJOU RANCHE, a station on the “Cut Off Road,” Julesburg to Denver, kept by “Col.” N. D. Morris. (Note in Sopris’ Manuscript Record.)

BILLOWS, John, arrived with Henry W. Hance & Company May 16, 1859. “He is of Florissant, Missouri…” (RMN)

BINKLEY, John, with family arrived May 14, 1859, via Platte Route with D. D. Stout and B. J. Stout’s parties, all inclusive, about 7 wagons. (RMN)

BINKLEY, John A., died Jan 26, 1924 in Denver. Born in Indiana. Was a freighter since 1858 to Park and Lake Counties, later in the cattle business. His eldest daughter, Kate, (now Mrs. Gorman), was born on corner of Arapahoe and F. Streets (Arapahoe & 15th Streets) (may be same as above?) The Trail, February 1924. Mary and John Binkley, husband and wife, were grantors of lots in Denver City, Dec 1, 1859. (Liber A)
BIRD, J. H., member of old Boston Company doing business in Golden City, 1859 and later. (See this Company) One of this name is also advertising sign painting in Golden paper, Dec 14, 1859.

BISHOP, N. G., arrived May 28, 1859. (List of arrivals in RMN)

BISSELL, Dr. C. R., elected County Judge, 1859, Arapahoe County, and later described in RMN as of Mountain City, Gregory Diggings. In the Gregory Record book in Central is the following: “C. R. Bissell is acting in stead of Thomas Cassell in filing Cassell’s claim, Sep 1859.”

BLACK, G. W., grantee in 1859 of lots from J. L. McCubbin, which he sells to J. W. Benedict Aug 4, 1860.

BLACK, Joseph, of firm of Black & Parsons, partners in Denver lots 9-10, block 47, Oct 15, 1859. This firm were grantees of these lots from John J. Smith on this date, consideration $150. (John Parsons)

BLACK, L. (or Lee M. Black), arrived from Kentucky May 22 1859, in wagon 3 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express of 19 wagons. (RMN) In a later issue this paper publishes, on p. 2 Aug 18, 1874, a very complete biography of his interesting career as follows: (abbreviated) “Lee M. Black, born Laurel County, Kentucky Oct 1830. Left home at age 17, without education or money, learned carpenter trade in Somerset, Pulaski County, lived Crab Orchard one year. Then returned to Laurel County and married Miss Curd, a neighbor. Lived next in Louden, seat of Laurel County. Here he built the Seminary. In spring of 1859 set out for Pike’s Peak, with a young man named --- Hackney. They, with three men, purchased outfit at Leavenworth. In the interior of Kansas they joined 45 other men, organized a company, and started by Smoky Hill Route. This route is noted for its difficulty and great suffering which often occurs. This trip took two and a half months, but they arrived in Denver City but soon left it for the mountains where he mined and was very successful, became a rich man in very few years.” (A very interesting article, too long for this work, but can be found in the files of 1874. It would seem from the article that the L. Black mentioned first above is not the same as Lee M. Black.)

BLACKHAWK, on North Clear Creek, derived its name in 1859 from a mining company named for a famous Indian Chief. This place was on one side of Mountain City, and Central City on the other.

BLACKSTOCK, William, grantee, Jul 12, 1859, from J. T. Parkinson, administrator of estate of P. T. Bassett, lot 12, block 35, and house, in Auraria, the same house where “Bassett and Alex Wood formerly lived.” (Liber A)

Another: grantee, consideration $1, Auraria Town Company. Grantor, lot 1, block 52, lot 3, block 344, lot 3, block 95, lot 3, block 34 to William Blackstock, Oct 31, 1859, consideration $1. J. D. O’Connell witness.
Another: William Blackstock, his heirs and assigns, grantee from Auraria Town Company Dec 10, 1859, the following Auraria lots, consideration same, lot 9, block 10, lot 2, block 18, lot 1, block 170, lot 1, block 140, filed for record Jan 20, 1860.

(Note: it has been said that there was an artist in very early times named Blakelock. An Exhibition of his work was held in Denver in 1918 or later at Brown Palace Hotel. The name of Blackstock is the only name resembling this, which I have found in the early records. If Blakelock lived here in 1859, his name is not in the files or records of land transfers.)

BLAKE, Charles H., (for whom Blake Street, Denver City, was named), arrived autumn of 1858, with A. J. Williams at mouth of Cherry Creek with four wagon loads of merchandise. He became a storekeeper, and handled gold dust. Was one of the original stockholders of Auraria City, also of Denver City. He invested in both Denver and Auraria lots, buying and selling. He had, May 6, 1859, a certificate recorded which proves his ownership of one original share in Denver City. This he transferred to A. J. Williams, Jul 30, 1859. He was witness Dec 1 in sale of a Clear Creek farm, and other records on Liber A, p. 18 of old give description of his Denver lots.

He was appointed by Grand Master Rees of Kansas Territory on Aug 15, 1859 to be the first Junior Warden of the New Auraria Lodge U.D. and he was elected Worshipful Master in 1861. (His portrait is on p. 25 of the semi-Centennial booklet of Denver Lodge No. 5, published in 1909.) Blake was a relative of A. D. Richardson, the author of “Beyond the Mississippi” and he was formerly a merchant dressed in broadcloth. When seen by Richardson in Denver in 1859 he was scarcely recognizable in buckskins, etc.

The Colorado Republican and Rocky Mountain Herald of Aug 17, 1861 has the following: “Married, Aug 14, 1861, Mr. Charles H. Blake and Miss Annie C. Steinberger, both of this City.”

Blake died at his ranche near Pueblo about Sep 20, 1894.

BLAKE, I., witness to transfer of deed, Auraria, Apr 8, 1859.

BLAKE, Joseph, witness to deed from J. H. Russell, to Fidelia Anne Farewell of Denver, Jul 29, 1859.

BLAKE & WILLIAMS, firm merchants in tent at first, said to be from Crescent City, Iowa. (Charles H. Blake, above, and A. J. Williams) Had first business on Cherry Creek, located on north side Wewatta, near Cherry (12th) in Auraria City.

BLAKELEY, H. E., resident Denver City, 1859. (Reference missing)

BLAKELIE, Jesse, grantor, lots in Auraria Apr 16, 1859. (Lot 9, block 35)

BLAKEY, R. B., claims in Prospect Lode, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 13)
BLANCHARD, Jerome, arrived Denver Jun 22, 1859 with Robert Rowe and Jewett Sheldon, in one wagon. Was offered an interest in Denver Town site for his team, but refused to sell. He was born in New York Jul 18, 1833, according to information in Hall’s History of Colorado. Lived in Denver 1907.

BLANTON, B. H., was a merchant, Denver City, Blake Street (Directory of 1859). He was a witness in transfer of Denver lots Nov 16, 1859, and mentioned in RMN as a merchant handling gold dust. He had a partner, or partners, for the firm was B. H. Blanton and Company.

BLEDSOE, Charles H., (of Summit County 1890), arrived Cherry Creek Dec 1858. Was born in Missouri Nov 17, 1842. Resided in Denver in 1907. (List of members Colorado Pioneers’ Society)

BLEDSOE, Malden, “of the County of Arapahoe” grantee, James S. White, grantor, lot 3, block 7, Auraria dated Jan 29, 1859. “On which there is a body of a log house.” Another: Malden Bledsoe (signs with a mark) grantor, lot 3, block 7, City of Auraria, Mar 8, 1859. “The lot is to be drawn by lottery at the first regular drawing of the Company.” To James N. Cochran. (House is “9 rounds high.”)

BLENNY, William E., witness to Joseph Merrivall’s deed, Oct 1859. He is “of Denver” and Nov 21 is grantee of Denver City lots from C. A. Cromwell.

BLENZ, A., witness at sale of Denver City lots, Nov 28, 1859.

BLISS, D., owned lots on Arapahoe Street, Denver City. Adjacent lots of Jesus Abrieu, May 12, 1859, mentioned in description of Abrieu’s property in the select and draw lots. David Bliss is grantee from Denver City Town Company Aug 23, 1859 several lots, which, on back of certificate are transferred to R. E. Whitsitt by D. W. Wright, in Aug 1860. Liber A, p. 185, old, has description. On Dec 4 he had Donation Lots from the Denver City Town Company, but the last seems to be dated 1858. So, he must have arrived in that year.

BLISS, F., name occurs with statistics of Golden City, 1859.

BLISS, G. W. (?), of Golden City, 1859, and name occurs as Auditor of Convention.

BLISS, Lucien W., was Secretary of State of the Provisional Government of 1859, and was also Secretary of the Council. He was a prominent man and promoter of law and order. In September of this year he took in the Vanover affair, unsuccessfully shooting at Vanover. He made his home in Golden generally. He had a duel with Dr. Stone during the year, after a dinner at the Broadwell House in Denver. On Dec 20 he withdrew his land claim for farming purposes situated in Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory. This description is in Liber A.

   Later, in 1860, he was Secretary Pro Tem and member of Golden Masonic Lodge.

BLOOD, Giles, arrived with the Lawrence Party in the 11th wagon in 1858. He was a stockholder of Auraria Town Company in this year, and grantor of Auraria lots in Dec 17, 1859, personally appearing before the Justice of Arapahoe County. He is said to have died before 1899.

BLOOD, Mrs. Lyman, of Jefferson County, had had one boy born in Gilpin County Jun 18, 1859, on Lawrence Street, Central City. His name is Carson D. Simpson. (Gilpin County Pioneers’ Record by the Secretary Chase Withrow of Central City.)

BLOOMFIELD, G. W., member Shiann Pass Town Company, organized 1859.

BLORE, William R., arrived Auraria Nov 2, 1858. Was one of the discoverers of the famous Horsfal Lode, in Gold Hill, which gave $10,000 in two seasons, with sluices. This was in Jun 1859. He was born Otsego County, New York 1833, of German descent. Resided as a child Erie County, Pennsylvania. In 1856, Nebraska (Sarpy County). After coming to Auraria he was one of the stockholders, assisting in laying out town, helping to build its first log houses. He mined and prospected in several places, but preferred Boulder County. Was President of the Gold Hill Mining Company, and several others. In three years the Horsfal Lode made $300,000. He had a ranche, which he sold and later was in the War, at the Battle of Sand Creek. He returned “to the States” and later, after returning, bought large ranche.

BLUE RIVER diggings, and BLUE FORK of the Colorado River were mining districts mentioned in the RMN 1859. (They may be the same.)

BLUNDELL, James, (J. Blundell & Company) from J. A. Chandler, RMN Oct 10, 1859, Denver City lots. Donaldson & Blundell was firm name of Missouri Flats and Illinois Gulch in 1859. Probably same man.

BLUNT, M. L. (Mark L.), was a member of the Old Boston Company doing business in Golden in 1859 and later. He helped print the Greeley Extra (RMN) during Horace Greeley’s memorable visit in 1859, and later in 1860 urged the Western Mountaineer while George West was absent in February in the States. He is “of Golden City” Jan 7, 1860 when he makes claim to land in Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory, description.

There is a marriage of which I have note, but without reference, but it must be the RMN. Mark L. Blunt and Miss Morella L. Clay, married by James McDonald, Justice of the Peace. All are formerly of Boston. The event occurred at the Jefferson House, in Golden City Feb 5, 1860 and a fine banquet was given by caterers Harvey & Wright, and Mr. West gave away the bride, the marriage being by the Episcopal service.
The Denver Tribune files of 1871 have the following: Mark L. Blunt married Miss Linda Stout, in Pueblo, Jul 2, 1871. (This could be a son or relative?) Mark L. Blunt died before 1901.

BLYNN, George, of Indiana, mentioned in spring of 1859 as arrived.

BLYNN, George, arrived Cherry Creek May 16, 1859, with party of Capt. Wilson Martin. All of Indiana. (RMN)

BOARD TREE BULCH in Gregory district mentioned in connection with names of Wood & Glass, on p. 50, Gregory Record of 1859.

BOBLETT, ---, mining company of Borton & Boblett, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, summer of 1859. (RMN)

BOBTAIL LODE, famous Gregory District lode. 1859.

BOCKIN, Bolivar, Grantee of claims in Gregory Diggings on New York Lead, Oct 4, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 50)

BOGART (or BOGERT), Walter, arrived Denver City spring of 1859. He is from Wilmington, Illinois. (May 12 RMN list) Bogart & Smith is a mining company working in mountains in same year.

BOGGS, Thomas O., of firm of Boggs & St. James, merchants of Auraria and Denver, provisions and hardware, and they handle gold dust. Store on Blake Street. He was a very prominent person; had a number of transactions in Denver and Auraria lots. Was grantee May 12, 1859, from Edward St. Vrain, 50 or more lots, consideration was $1,500. Again in September, about 40 more from same person. (Liber A) Oct 6, he and St. James were grantees from (McGuire, p. 186, & La Chappelle, p. 270, old paging.)

BOLDER (or BOLDUE ?) Joseph, of Denver, Aug 22, 1859, is entitled to four select lots, Denver City, same date. (Liber A, p. 194)

BOLINGER, ---, the companion of A. D. Gamble (Gambell) on his first trip back to Denver gold dust obtained at his claim in “Gambell’s Gulch” June 1859.

BOLTON, H., arrived Boulder District 1858. Was a miner, said to be from St. Louis.

BOND, S. F., arrived Jun 8, 1859 (died) name in list of members Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society.

BONNELL, J. W., arrived by Express Route spring 1859. Accompanied by W. McCrane and 16 others. Came by the Greenville County of Michigan. (RMN)
BONTING (?) Charles F., arrived from Ohio spring 1859. (RMN)

BOON, ---, firm of Vasquez & Boon, in 1859 occupied new building on Ferry Street, Auraria City. (RMN)

BOON, George H., arrived 1859, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and was living 1920 in Salida, Colorado.

BOONE, Col. A. G., was not a pioneer exactly, but an explorer and Indian interpreter who visited the site of Denver with Gen. William Ashley’s trading expedition to the Rocky Mountains. This was in 1824, and he was Secretary for the Expedition and in 1824 camped on the site of Denver with the company of more than 100 men, of whom one was Col. Louis Vasquez. They wandered as far as Puget’s Sound, meeting some of the Hudson’s Bay trappers near Salt Lake. Col. Boone came several times to the Rocky Mountains, but not to settle until 1860 when he established a store on Blake Street between F. & G. Streets. He was born in Kentucky, a grandson of Daniel Boone, Greensburg his native place, date of birth Apr 17, 1806. His parents moved to Missouri when he was age 16. His apprenticeship was in an Indian Agency in southwest Missouri where he was clerk. Died Denver, at residence of his son-in-law, B. D. Spencer, in Jul 1884. His other daughters married as follows: H. W. Jones, residence Pueblo 1884, John Barnes of La Veta, Colorado, Elmer Otis, Commander of Post at San Antonio, Texas 1884, and Charles Hobart, stationed in Montana, 1884. Jim Baker visited Boone the last day of his life.

Notes from Hall’s History Colorado, Vol. II, p. 249:
Mr. Edward L. Gallatin was an admirer of Boone, and always kept a life-sized portrait in oil hanging in his home on Logan Avenue, Denver.

BOONE, Hampton L., was with the Argonauts of 1858 at Montana City. He lived at Arapahoe Village before Montana was started. He appears in Arapahoe County Land Records and in 1859 was grantee from James McGargle of Auraria of one half share in Denver City. Jan 27 (Liber A, pg. 41) His name does not appear in the 1861, 1866 or 1872 Directories of Denver. (Nor later)

BOONE, Hopkins M., was a name in list of killed in the Battle of Apache Canon, New Mexico Mar 28, 1862, fighting for the Union flag. (May be relative of some of these above.)

BOOTH, J. M., arrived from Missouri spring May 28, 1859. (RMN)

BOOTH, R. C., mining in Nevada Gulch, 1859. (Item in RMN)

BORG, John, member of firm Davis & Company, Gregory Diggings, Sep 20, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 49)

BORTON & BOBLETT, mining partners, 1859, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats. (RMN)
BORTON, Louis W., (of Clyde, Kansas 1890), arrived Cherry Creek Jan 1859 (Jun ?). Born Ohio, Sep 1, 1832. (List Colorado Pioneers published 1890)

He was a member of the first Constitutional Convention from Illinois Precinct, and was a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court under the Provisional Government also in this year. (1859)

BORTON, Reuben, arrived 1859. Pioneer of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society. In list of year 1920 he was living at Marion, Illinois. He was at this place in 1890 also according to an earlier list. He arrived in June. Was born Ohio, Nov 7, 1822. He removed to Golden City and in Jan 1860, was Justice of the Peace there. The following is from Land Records in Golden (period of 1859) Reuben Borton files claim for farming lands, Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory, in Table Mountain Canon, at a point where the spur of the mountain runs to the creek line near Eli Carter’s claim. 160 acres, located and surveyed in Jan 1860.

Rueben Borton’s plat

W. N. 160 rods

E. S. 120 rods

S. 40 rods

Eli Carter’s claim

BORTROFF, Frederick, from Auraria Town Company some 24 Auraria lots. Nov 5, 1859.

BOSTON COMPANY, of Golden City, doing business as merchants. It makes statement recorded in Land Records, Liber A, p. 69, Sep 5, 1859. George West was President of the Company, and the following were members: James McDonald, L. Panton, Mark L. Blunt, J. McIntyre, J. H. Bird, Walter Pollard. The company built, in 1859, the Boston building, of logs, now weatherboarded and standing near 19th and Washington Avenue, facing west. The Western Mountaineer was published here in 1859 by George West, and later the Golden Transcript. The old house, once so important, still stands near some giant cottonwoods and other trees bordering a small watercourse. It was the home of Mrs. Clara Nichols for some time, but there is much anxiety to demolish it among the newer and more irreverent of the townspeople. Two stories high, it seems a huge affair to be of 1859, and being one of the few remaining log houses in the county, ought to be preserved.

BOSTON, H., mentioned in RMN 1859 as of Boulder Creek Diggings.

BOTT, Arthur, certificate of his Denver lots dated Aug 1859. (Liber A)

BOTTS, Anthony, lived Colorado City 1907. Arrived Oct 19, 1858. Born in Alsace, France. (These two could be the same party?)
BOUGH, George, arrived May 20, 1859. Member Gilpin County Pioneer’s Association. Name in Secretary’s book given to Colorado Historical Society, Denver, by Mr. Chase Withrow in 1924.

BOUGHTON?, M. V., grantee, Auraria Town Company Grantor, Jan 15, 1859 lots in Auraria. (Liber C, p. 83)

“M. V. Boughton from Nebraska City Camp (,) advises the Board of Directors of Auraria Town Company, that J. H. Russell would build his house by the time mentioned, etc.” (Recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, Nov 1859.) Mr. Boughton receives Donation Lots in Auraria and agrees to build. 1859.

BOULDER CITY AND COUNTY, gold was discovered here by a party composed of Charles Clauser, J. S. Bull, William Huey, W. W. Jones, James Aikens and David Wooley, Jan 16, 1859, according to Amos Bixby, competent historian of Boulder County. The Boulder City Town Company was organized spring of this year. The Wellman Brothers reported that it had 29 log houses in August, another says 50. “Boulder Diggings” it was called at first. Boulder County had the following citizens in its first year: Judge Townsley (of Iowa City), B. F. Langley (of California), A. Vennage and J. Ely of Iowa, H. Bolton, D. Becker, D. McCown, and J. W. Wainwright of St. Louis, and many others since famous.

BOULDER CITY, GOLD HILL, AND LEFT HAND WAGON ROAD COMPANY: incorporated Dec 1859, to construct toll road to Left Hand Creek.

BOULDUC (see Bolduc), Mr., merchant of Denver City, 1859, the first meeting to elect delegates to a Constitutional Convention was advertised to meet at his store in Denver, May 9, 1859. (RMN) (The Auraria electors were advertised to meet at Mr. Wooten’s store in Auraria City.)

BOUTWELL, James L., arrived Jun 8, 1859, lived Denver 1890. Was born New York Oct 27, 1821. (Pioneers’ list of members)

James L. Boutwell files land claim taken Oct 26, 1859, and was grantor Aug 15, 1860 to Davidson, Breath & Company (of the County & Territory of Jefferson). Mr. Boutwell, styling himself as “of the County of Jackson and Territory of Jefferson.” Said claim being situated in the county of Jackson and Territory of Jefferson, 6 miles in an easterly direction from Boulder, on Boulder Creek bottom, or valley, described as follows: James L. Boutwell’s land claim, 160 acres, beginning at a stake 80 rods below the lower corner of the Bluff Rock, known as “The Sandstone Rock” on Boulder Creek, thence running north one half mile, thence east, etc. This was sold Aug 13, 1862 in presence of I. H. Decker, Boulder City.

BOWEN, ---, arrived 1858. Started May 22 with Lawrence party in 2nd wagon. He is said to have been member of an expedition later to carry supplies westward to the miners.

BOWEN, L. L., was acting secretary of the Territory of Jefferson, 1859.

BOWERS & COMPANY, mining, Tarryall, three men. (RMN list of mining men.)

BOWERS & COMPANY of South Platte Diggings, 1859. (RMN list of mining men.)

BOWERS, George W., appointed County Judge of Park County (RMN) 1859 by Governor Steele, “until his successor is elected in Jan 1861.” (Dec 1859)

BOWERS, N. B., mining man, was president of the “Lyceum,” Tarryall, 1859. (Debating society)

BOWERS, W. B., files claim 160 acres, “beginning at northeast corner of George Daniels’ claim.” Surveyed Dec 28, 1859 by P. H. Sayer. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A)

BOWKER, W. H., arrived Jun 1, 1859 from Illinois with D. Pettijohn and R. Gibson.

BOWLES, J. C., was President of the Golden City Town Company in Oct and Nov 1859. He was always most eminent in Golden. (See Bromwell Index)


BOWLES, R. W., grantor, Oct 3, 1859 claim in Bobtail Lead, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory & Mountain City Record, p. 40).

BOWLEY, W. V., arrived from Elkhart, Indiana May 14, 1859, 39 days from St. Louis. (RMN)

BOWMAN, Joseph, member of J. W. Donnellan & Company in claims on McGinnis Lode, Gregory Diggings. Recorded at Mountain City, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 22)

BOWMAN, S. H., was a witness Nov 15, 1859, Denver City, sale of lots and again in December in sale of 160 acres land on Platte River between Glasscock & Haars.
BOYCE, G. P., of Chicago Creek Mining Camp was attorney for Pascoe Nov 1859. He wrote Editor of the Western Mountaineer from Chicago Creek bar, winter of 1859-60.


BOYD, Dr. E., of Springfield, Missouri, arrived by Platte Route, May 10, 1859. (RMN)

BOYD, E. D., and seven others arrived from Leavenworth, May 30, 1859. (RMN) He was surveyor for Denver City Town Company in December this year, and in 1859 director of occupations is of Buel & Boyd, surveyors, MaGaa Street, Denver. He was elected City Engineer in December also.

BOYD, Dr. E. H., is in summer of 1859 mining at diggings near Fort Independence, on Blue River, over the Snowy Range on Western Slope. (RMN)

BOYD, J. B. C., arrived May 1859, resided 1907 Arvada. Member Pioneers’ Society in 1907. Formerly lived in Golden City. Files location of a claim on Cherry Creek, south of T. P. Boyd’s line, for farming and other purposes, surveyed and staked Jan 12, 1860. (Golden Records, Liber A, p. 9)

BOYD, Joseph T., of Golden in 1859, resided there many years. Born Pennsylvania (Crawford County) 1840. Edw. N. Sewickly Seminary, graduated 1855. Emigrated Missouri farmer, teacher, prospector, later in Colorado miner. In 1860 locates land for ranching purposes, in Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory near northeast corner T. P. Boyd’s claim, on Ross’ line, near Clear Creek. Filed for record in Golden City, Jan 26, 1860. (Liber A, p. 10) He was 2nd Lieut. Company K, 3rd Colorado Cavalry, and member of the regimental Commissary Department. This regiment participated in Battle of Sand Creek. He held several important offices, was on Board of Managers of State Penitentiary at Canon City, and was chief Clerk of the Legislature in 1874. Was under-sheriff of Jefferson County 1878-80. Made campaign for State Senate in 1876, Allison H. DeFrance being his rival. There was a tie vote, and contest and Boyd lost. Had mining interests in Central City, Georgetown, and Gunnison County. Married Nov 16, 1870, Miss Mary, daughter of Robert P. Marshall of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Three sons. He is a Baptist and Republican in politics.

BOYD, R., (of New York), arrived goldfields with E. Doty’s Lightning Express train of 10 wagons, being in wagon 8, May 22, 1859. Others in wagon 8 were J. Rodenstein of Kansas Territory, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Scott of New York, and L. Rice of Kansas Territory. (List, RMN)
BOYD, Robert, of Greeley, arrived May 22, 1859.  (see preceding sketch) Born Massachusetts, Sep 21, 1837.  Was grantor, with others, of claim in Nevada Gulch, Sep 29, 1859.  (Gregory Record)

BOYER, William, arrived with Lawrence Party in 7th wagon, 1858.  Was Secretary of Montana Town Company in this year, and also of an expedition from Kansas to carry supplies to the goldfields.  This name is also given as William J. Boyer, and is probably same man.  He had Donation Lots in Auraria Town (from the Company) spring of 1859.

BOYLAN, John, arrival Oct 1858.  In 1920 lived in Blackhawk, and is member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society or Association.  Born Ohio Feb 3, 1840.

BOZARRE, Oct 4, 1859, certificate is issued for his Denver lots.  (Liber A)

BRACKETT, William, Associate Justice of Supreme Court (elect) 1859 under Provisional Government, Territory of Jefferson.

BRADFORD, Allen A., arrived Colorado 1859, settling in Central City, later Pueblo.  The following notes are from Lanham’s Dict. of Congress, 1866, p. 41: Born Friendship, Lincoln County, Maine, Jul 23, 1815 on farm. Had plain edic. And later emigrated Missouri in 1841 studied Law, admitted to Bar 1843. Clerk Circuit Court 1851, emigrated Iowa 1852. Judge 6th Judicial District, Iowa, resigning 1855. Then moved to Nebraska, member Territorial Council 1856-8. Then Colorado 1862, Judge Supreme Court Colorado, and later Delegate to 39th Congress.  Was member of the National Committee appointed to accompany the remains of Lincoln to Illinois.

The RMN Dec 23, 1865 reports that Judge Allen A. Bradford had been injured by being run over by a street car in Washington, D.C.

BRADFORD, R. B., was appointed Brig. Gen’l of Governor’s Staff by Gov. Steele of the Provisional Government of Jefferson Territory.  He is also in list of petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory (Masonic) for a Denver lodge, which was later founded.  He seems to be in real estate investments to some extent, and the R. B. Bradford Company of Auraria and Denver invested in several holdings.  They were merchants handling gold dust, said to be of Lafayette County, Missouri. They bought lots of Beverly D. Williams Sep 16, 1859, and are mentioned as having finished a store building of brick, 50 feet by 60, and three stories high, the largest yet in Denver.  (Libeus Barney letters) This building must have been at corner of Ferry and 5th Streets (Holliday and 11th now), for it is stated that the less part of it is to be used for the Post Office, which was at this corner opposite Masonic Hall.  (Still standing this last.)  R. B. Bradford was President of the Breckenridge Town Company in Dec 1859. He probably died in 1876 or 1877, as his estate is advertized and administrators are noted to be Larkin Bradford and Michael J. McNamara.  Petition I. 340 (Feb 13, 1877) Oath of Administrators, 3, p. 1, inventory $7,850.  See Liber I, p. 355 for claim of Larkin Bradford.  Riverside Cemetery, Denver, is place of burial.  (Robert B. Bradford was his name.)  Called Major Bradford.
BRADFORD, Thomas, Denver child, 1859, pupil of Steinberger’s school.

BRADLEY, J. N., is grantee from Jacob Harrington, Auraria lots 10, block 9, Ferry Street, Auraria, Sep 15, 1859. (Consideration $100)

BRADLEY, R. P., joins with J. N. Bradley, above, in purchase of lot on Ferry Street, Auraria Sep 15, 1859.

BRADSTREET, J. H., arrived May 18, 1859. Resided Denver in 1890. Was born Maine, May 6, 1832. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society 1890. (Booklet) He probably lived in Gregory Diggings for he was a member of the first Constitutional Convention from that place, 1859. He was signed as a witness in land transfers in Denver in October and November of this year.

BRAINARD, Thomas Corwin, Proprietor Brainard Hotel, Boulder, 1880. Arrived Jun 5, 1859. Born Poland, Mahoning County, Ohio, Feb 7, 1842 or 3. Ancestry – Irish and English. (His mother was a Twist family, an old one in Connecticut.) He lived Muscatine, Iowa, until came to Colorado with five teams, two wagons, and supplies by way of Platte River. Was freighter until 1861 from Denver to mining camps. Gilpin County married in May, 1861, Miss Anna McCleary who came also 1859 to Colorado with her parents from Trumbull County, Ohio and who settled on farm in Jefferson County.

BRANHAM, ---, was in 1858 living in Montana City on Platte.

BRANNER, ---, received Donation Lot from Auraria Town Company Apr 1859, on his agreement to build.

BRANTNER, Samuel, arrived Cherry Creek, May 1859. (or started in May ?) and arrived, having recently married in Shelby County, Missouri where he had lived one year. Born Washington County, Maryland Aug 13, 1820. Moved to Ohio with widowed mother. Was a cooper. 1852 went to California (six years). Farmed on Cherry Creek four miles above Denver in summer 1860. Bought ranche 15 miles down Platte River and claimed that his daughter, who was married in Dec 1879, was the first white girl child born in Colorado.

BRASSLER, Charles A., grantor, claim of Gratiot Lode, Gregory Diggings, Sep 29, 1859. Mountain City Record, p. 15. (Gregory Record)

BRAUCH, Harry, came to Colorado by ox team, 1859. Died, Denver, Dec 15, 1922 age 84 years. Hotel keeper. Two brothers came with him and went to Golden City and sold team and oxen. The brothers returned on foot to Minnesota, but Harry located in Golden. He was born Mamen, Luxemburg, Germany, and in 1853 returned for visit, and married Mary Gouraud, returned to America and in Minnesota farmed, then Le Moss, Iowa, and returned to Denver, 1894.
BREATH, S. M., of Nederland, 1881, arrived in Colorado Aug 5, 1859. (Clipping) He was partner in store in Boulder with William A. Davidson late in the year. He left Golden for Boulder and his name later is given to Breath’s Addition to that City. Breath was either a candidate or a member of Golden Lodge in 1860. (Masonic)

BRECKENRIDGE, a new town, just laid out before Dec 28, 1859 in Middle Park, upon the Blue River, 63 miles from Golden by the St. Vrain, Golden City and Colorado Wagon Road. R. B. Bradford, President of the Town Company.

BRENDLINGER, Hiram J., arrived Denver City 1859. Born Pennsylvania, 1825, removed to the city of Philadelphia clerk, etc. in 1850 went to California by Isthmus carrying tobacco, etc. After his coming to Denver he continued this business on Ferry Street, Auraria City, later on Blake near Cherry Creek. Erected several stores very large for those times. Member Denver City Council, 1861, from 1st Ward. Again 1862-3-4, and Mayor of Denver 1865-6. He was an extensive advertizer of his store in the RMN and other papers of the time. He was a member of the Legislature of Colorado Territory, 1864. He bought a number of lots at different times, and sold them again. One grantor was James B. Reed, another Leroy Hobbs and F. Y. Chappell. (Firm of Chapel & Hobbs)

BRENHAM, ---, owned claim on Platte near Cooper’s and Dougherty’s claims, before Jan 16, 1860, and must have been of 1859


BREWER, J. G., transfer of lot 3, block 1, Auraria City, with W. B. Brown, Nov 8, 1859.

BREWER, W., partner with J. G. Brewer, above, in transfer of same lot, Nov 8, 1859, Auraria.

BREWMELL & COMPANY, mining, summer of 1859 in Pleasant Valley. Six men working; amount of gold dust per week, $300. (List of mining companies operating in mountains, published in RMN summer 1859.)

BREWSTER, J. H., was grantee from Denver Town Company, Dec 4, 1858 of four lots. May 8, 1859, John H. Brewster was grantor of Denver lots to James M. Broadwell. In Feb 1860, he files other lots for record.

BRICE, James M. and Thomas J. Brice were of Georgia. Arrived at Mouth of Cherry Creek, May 16, 1859, by Arkansas Route, with Capt. J. B. Graham’s wagon train, which was a part of the “Russell Company,” all from Georgia and including P. Brice, John Satterfield, Y. C. Hawkins, according to account in the RMN.
BRIDGE, George, Denver lots drawn in his name by Morton C. Fisher, Sep 13, 1859. George A. Bridge, may be same, mentioned in The Trail, p. 24, October number, 1924. Arrived Cherry Creek, 1859, said to be the apprentice printer on the RMN conspicuous for being the very first one. He had sons as follows: George A. (of Englewood, Colorado, 1924), Joseph Francis, born Jul 24, 1867 on the Ennis Ranche near Pueblo, and died Oct 14, 1924, buried Dupont. This son married Emma Warehugh in 1904, at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Lived in Clear Creek District since 1904, and in Colorado since 1875; 2 children.

The widow of George A. Bridge, Sr., married 2nd --- Woodrow, and her children by this were: William R. Woodrow (Tolland, Colorado, 1924), Etta, married Henry Nienhuzer of Denver, and Mary married --- Wilson of Spokane, Washington, later perhaps of Seattle. C. F. Bridge of Topeka, Kansas is a brother of George A. Bridge, Sr., and Mr. James B. Elliott of North Platte, Nebraska is either a brother or brother-in-law. (?)

(The above account of family is condensed from the article in The Trail, mentioned first.)

BRIDGER, James, famous hunter, trapper, interpreter and explorer in the Pike’s Peak Territory, said to be discoverer of Salt Lake, very early in the century was wandering through the Rocky Mountains, and is said to have discovered gold in 1859 in the Black Hills while acting as guide and interpreter to an exploring party commanded by Capt. Reynolds. In Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. II, pp 221-222-223, this matter is told at length, and Jim Bridger knew so many of the Fiftyniners and camped so many times on the site of Denver that I am placing his name here, though a record of his career would require a volume.

BRIDGES, S. H., from Illinois, arrived Jun 2, 1859, by Platte Route in a company with two wagons. See under H. C. Reasoner for companions of Bridges on this trip.

BRIERLY, T. H., is grantee Apr 7, 1859, with J. D. Henderson and J. C. Sanders of Sanders Ranche. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859). He was a witness June 3, 1860, to deed to tract of land on South Platte River, five miles below Denver City, known as “Henderson’s Ranche,” “Where John D. Henderson now lives.”

BRIGGS, George W. (of Windsor, Colorado, 1907), arrived goldfields Oct 28, 1858, member Colorado Pioneers’ Association, or Society, in 1907, possibly later?

BRIGHAM, L. V., grantee Sep 1859, from Lewis Smith, farm claim on Cherry Creek five miles southeast of Denver, in Arapahoe County. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

BRIGHARD, M. D., partner and grantor with others in mining claim in Gregory Diggings, Sep 16, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 30, Central)

BRIGHT, Richard L., subject of the following notice in paper Dec 4, 1859: “R. L. Bright, who left for his home in Indiana some time ago, has returned with his family.”
Mrs. R. L. Bright was famous in office of this paper for rich mince pies. The following is in Jefferson County Land Records, Golden.

Richard L. Bright, John H. Wall, and John F. Kirby, filed for record Jan 13, 1860, land claim one half mile above the lower bridge which crosses Clear Creek in Golden City, each claiming an undivided one third.

BRINDLE, William, of the city of Le Compton, Douglas County, Kansas, Oct 1859, makes Wynkoop his attorney to represent him in his Denver City Town Company stock. He may have been a non-resident holder of stock in Denver Town Company.

BRINKLEY, John A., grantor, lot 4, block 50, town of Auraria, Nov 1859.

BRINKLEY, Mary L. E., “is entitled to lots 17, block 236, lot 11, block 114, lot 20, block 154, lot 17, block 312,” Denver City Records, Nov 21, 1859. (See also Binkley)

BRISTOW, Nicholas, (his mark) “holds claim on Vasquez Fork of Platte River, one and one half miles from town of Arapahoe, next claim of William G. Pfoutz, dated Jun 7 1859. On May 30, he sells to David Wall. Nicholas Bristo of Gregory Diggings, Oct 3, 1859, sells claim on Fisk Lead, in same diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 42)

BRITTAN, A., with R. W. Bowles and Myron Chase grantors of claim south of Gregory Diggings. (Sep 1, 1859) (Gregory Record, p. 40)

BRIZEE, G. W., probably of firm of Brizee & Wade, attorneys Gregory Diggings and Denver City, 1859. He was from Chicago.

BROADWELL, James M., is said to have arrived in Denver City March (another says Apr 2), 1859 with $11,000 in a buckskin bag. Also with him, he brought a small stock of dry goods and groceries. In the first number of the RMN Vol. I, p. 3, Apr 23, it is stated that he is having a large consignment of goods sent him from the East. Later, “Mr. Broadwell’s train, freighted with furniture for his large new hotel, has arrived in the city.” (Nov 1859) The Broadwell House stood corner Larimer and 16th Streets (then called Larimer and G. Street) where the old Tabor, now called Nassau, block was afterward erected. Broadwell was Alderman of Denver from 2nd Ward, 1862-3, and again (this time from 3rd Ward) in 1872-3-4. He kept the Broadwell House until 1870, perhaps later.

He was member of Denver Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A. M. in list 1862. Was born Illinois May 6, 1827. Removed to Santa Fe, New Mexico, then Las Vegas, and next to Cherry Creek, as we have stated. He was Acting Mayor of Denver at one time. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Died and was buried in old Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill, but later removed to Fairmont with others who had survived all their friends, and are there crowded together in a small space.

Broadwell was originally a blacksmith it is said, in Las Vegas, but was a storekeeper afterward. He raised thoroughbred horses at one time after retiring from
the hotel. Is said to have been coroner at time of the Hungate murders. He was an excellent citizen, bore a fine reputation and was very clever and bright. When he opened his beautifully furnished hotel he gave a Christmas Ball (1859), an affair which the News characterized as being very recherché.

In the RMN of Aug 15, 1874 mention is made of the visit to his father aged 79 years, an “Old Settler” of Illinois, Mr. John M. Broadwell.

Mrs. J. M. Broadwell was interred (Cemetery Record) Sep 8, 1884 age 42, block 6, lot 63, E ½.

Broadwell’s picture is published in the RMN Dec 5, 1899 on p. 8.

BROCKER, Franz Adolph, pioneer of 1858, was born Oct 19, 1838 (gravestone) in Neinkerchen, Hanover (notice of funeral). Died St. Louis, Missouri 1870. He was merchant of Denver, dealing in groceries, fine liquors, cigars, etc. Had store on west side of F. Street between Larimer and Holliday. He came to the U. S. at 16 years. Became an importer in St. Louis. Lived for a time in Leavenworth, Kansas. He built one of the first brick buildings in the city, a very good one; was highly esteemed and an excellent citizen. His body was brought to Denver and buried Capital Hill (Congressional Cemetery), afterward removed to Riverside. His funeral was very large, more than forty carriages besides the mourning coaches. Union Lodge No. 7, of which he was a member, attended the ceremony.

He married Amelia Louise Gehrunig, who was born in France, and married in Denver, Feb 10, 1863. On her monument in Riverside it says under her name at bottom of shaft, “Pioneer of 1858,” so it is likely that she is a daughter or relative of Dr. Gehrunig. (See) Brocker & Graves were mining together in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats in 1859.

BROOKFIELD, Alfred A., pioneer of Boulder 1858. Born Morristown, Morris County, New York (New Jersey?), 1830. (His father was a merchant) Removed to Nebraska City, 1856. Married there to Emma, daughter [of] George Lorton, and he was Mayor of this place 1857. Mined and prospected in Boulder, Gold Hill, and Gold Run. Was made President of Boulder Town Company spring of 1859, with Mr. Buckwalter as Secretary. His wife was first white woman in Boulder. He moved family there in autumn of 1859. After this he ranched near Valmont, and in 1865 moved to Ward District. Kept hotel, then bought Colorado House in Boulder.

BROOKFIELD, Mrs. A. A., (see Emma Lorton, daughter of George) was a pioneer of 1859. (See above.)
BROSANAN, Daniel, died Feb 21, 1868 in Denver. Said to be a pioneer of 1859. (Have not found any record of this?)

BROTCHA, Conrad, was grantee Jul 30, 1859, lot 2, block 33, Auraria. Consideration $200 (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A.)

BROTHERS, Thomas, discovered the Indiana Mine, Gilpin County, 1859. Thomas Brothers mining Clear Creek this year.

BROWN, “Aunt” Clara, colored, came as a cook with party arriving in the gold region in 1859. Born Virginia near Fredericksburg, a slave owned by Ambrose Smith who emigrated Kentucky, 1809. She was married at age 18 years, had Margaret, Eliza, Palina, Richard, and at death of her master, she and her children were sold and forever parted (1835). She was bought by George Brown of Russellville, who died 1856. His heirs freed her, she went to St. Louis, then Leavenworth, then Colorado to Auraria, but in short time moved to Gregory diggings or Mountain City. She returned to Kentucky and brought out all of her relatives. It was a very little while before she was worth $10,000. She lived corner 23rd and Arapahoe in a little cottage she built. Was member Presbyterian Church for 50 years, a most charming and fine old colored person. She lived Gilpin County 1886. (Above notes are from Vickers’ account.)

BROWN & COMPANY, mining, three men, Russell’s Gulch 1859. (RMN) Brown and Company possibly another (?) mining at Gregory Diggings. This last from DeKalb County, Indiana.

BROWN, Mrs. Ester, grantee, from Auraria Town Company lot 1, block 100, Dec 14, 1859. Consideration $1.

BROWN, F., his claim in Gregory Diggings mentioned, Gregory Record, p. 6, 1859.

BROWN & FELLOWES, grantors, ranche called “Eight Mile House” to T. M. Robinson, Jan 1, 1860. (Liber A, Golden) BROWN, Elias, living 1920, Denver. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived May 6, 1859. Born New Jersey. He mined in Gregory and Mountain City Districts for that year. (See under Jacob Thomas.)

BROWN, George and brothers, arrived May 22, 1859 from St. Louis, by Smoke Hill route, by Lone Star Company.

BROWN, George C., grantee from F. Y. Chappelle, Sep 3, 1859, lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A.)

BROWN, G. W., arrived Jun 15, 1859. George W. Brown was in this year of Auraria or Denver, and was candidate for City Commissioner, People’s ticket, and George W. Brown, probably same, was a delegate during year to a convention in Denver. RMN This last lived in Jefferson County. In Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber B., he
is grantor, to S. R. Brown, Sep 21 this year. G. W. Brown was delegate to first Constitutional Convention from Gregory Diggings, also in this year.

BROWN, Harmon, owns lot 9, block 70, Denver Nov 1859. ( Mentioned in Arapahoe County Land Records.)

BROWN, J., witness, land deal, Nov 12, 1859. Auraria City.

BROWN, J. H., in 1859 was Superintendent of construction of the section of the S. V. Golden City & Colorado Wagon road between Golden and Arapahoe village.

BROWN, J. P., member first Constitutional Convention, delegate from Eureka. (diggings) (RMN file of 1859)

BROWN, James, witness, transfer Auraria City lots, Dec 1859.

BROWN, Joseph, was of the Lawrence Party of 1858. Was one of the original stockholders in Auraria Town Company. He is said in history to have married the widow of William McGaa, a half-Indian woman. He was still surviving 1901 in South Dakota. There is record of his having bought lot 12, block 32, Auraria, Oct 1859.

BROWN, Joseph M., of Arapahoe County Jun 1859. Born Maryland May 6, 1832. He was pioneer of South Park District. Was with Sam Walker in Nicaragua 1855. Then came west, farmer and stock grower. (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 384)

BROWN, S. H., witness land transfer, Denver City 1859.


BROWN, S. W., grantor, to J. R. Ford & Company, claim on Prospect Lode, Gregory Diggings, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record) Samuel W. Brown was pioneer of South Park District in this year. Born Baltimore, Maryland, Dec 23, 1829. Removed [to] New York, was cabinet maker in Mexican war. Then California, next Chicago. He was with Walker in Nicaragua (see above, Joseph M. Brown) furnished supplies to army. Married 1857 daughter [of] John Perry. Olathe, Iowa, then Colorado. Located 500 acre ranche and settled there. His wife was of Johnson County, Iowa. (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 384)

BROWN, Simon, Claim 22 McLeod & Company plat (see) Oct 1859. Land entered on Plum Creek (now Douglas County, most probably).

BROWN, William C., arrived Jun 20, 1859 and lives Dec 1899 at Gardner, Huerfano County. (List of Pioneers from Record of Society published 1899.)
BROWN’S LODE, was in Russell District, 1859.

BROWNYARD, F. B., arrived 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living Ouray 1920. (Note: F. B. and T. D. may be one person?) Taken from different listings.

BROWNYARD, T. D. (of Ouray 1907), arrived Oct 15, 1859. (Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.) Name from list of publication of 1907.

BRUMBY, Martin, of Canon City, who came 1859, was later in the Battle of Sand Creek, a private. (List)

BRUMED (BRUME?) F. F., in list of 1859 petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory, begging dispensation to found a Lodge in Auraria City. (Seems to be misspelled name, Brunio, Brunee, etc.) F. F. Brunio or Brunee was delegate from Fountain to the first Constitutional Convention, same year. T. T. Brune (probably same) is a witness to deed, Denver City, Nov 1859. (Liber B, p. 6, old paging)

BRUSH, Jared L., arrived Jun 3, 1859. Born Ohio Jan 16, 1837. (Pioneers’ list) He mined with George A. Jackson in Clear Creek Canon in this year, and from 1860 to 1870 ranched on Big Thompson River. Was member Legislature, also Lieut. Governor of Colorado. In 1899 he was living in Greeley, Colorado.

BRYANT, George H., of Auraria City 1859, came from Michigan City. Was member and officer of Auraria Lodge A.F.& A.M. October this year, and elected Senior Deacon. Was also member 1861. He arrived in Auraria, coming across plains in January 1859, with Capt. Richard Sopris in a one-horse wagon, reaching end of trip in February. He is of Hughes and Bryant Nov 2, grantors to Buddee and Jacobs east 64 feet off of east end of lot 1, block 9 from Cherry Street 54 feet back ground fronting on Cherry and 5th Streets, consideration $100.

There was a family of Bryants in Nederland who were very early pioneers, probably related (?) In December of this year, Bryant & Hughes were advertizing in the Western Mountaineer of Golden, their hotel the Vasquez House in Auraria.

BUCEAHREDT, ---, Member first Constitutional Convention from Gregory Diggings. (From list in RMN file of 1859)

BUCK, Hiram, pioneer of 1859. Builder. Born Portage, Ohio Jun 8, 1836. New England parentage, reared on farm. Removed 1857 Wisconsin, until spring of 1859 when he crossed plains, and went to Gold Hill, Boulder County, afterward ranching on lower Boulder Creek and having threshing machine also. Was married Feb 1870 Mary Jane Jay of Polo, Illinois. (History Boulder Valley)

BUCK, Jacob, arrived Jun 15, 1859. Resided in 1907, St. Francis, Kansas. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. (Dates from list.)
BUCKEYE BAR, placers on Clear Creek.

BUCKEYE TUNNELLING COMPANY, on Quartz Hill.

BUCKLEY, ---, arrived 1859 (spring) from Omaha. (RMN)

BUCKLEY, H. C., was in 1859 Directory of Businessmen of Denver and Auraria, a clerk in the offices of the Express Company. (This Directory was a Mss. one copied by G. W. Clayton.) The firm of Buckley & Rice was composed of Henry S. Buckley (probably same) and William K. Rice, in Liber A, p. 179, old, is record of grant to them from W. H. H. Larimer (lots) and Sep 13 again, and H. S. Buckley was a witness in Auraria in Dec 1859 to sale of lots.

BUCKMAN, F. H., name in list of members of Gilpin County pioneers of 1859. (Record Book kept by Chase Withrow, given Colorado History Society.)

BUCKSKIN JOE DIGGINGS in 1859, much esteemed. Was near the Mosquito Range. Phillips mine was here.

BUDDEE, Albert, was in Denver and Auraria 1859, possibly earlier, but first mention in RMN is advertisement of an express package having arrived for him. He was one of the founding members of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A. M. (Square & Compass, p. 31, Apr 1895, Denver) and in list of members is reported as belonging to Herman Lodge No. 37 of Quincy, Illinois. There is a statement from a clipping that he was from Peoria, Illinois to Denver. His first land purchase seems to be in the late part of year; on Nov 2 he is grantee from Auraria Town Company of lot 5, block 169, lot 2, block 233, lot 4, block 144, lot 7, block 245. On Nov 8, he is grantor of lot 3, block 1. He is "of Auraria City" in this case also. He was a partner of Abraham Jacobs in merchandising, and their store building erected before Oct 1, 1859 on Ferry Street near corner of 4th (now Walnut) was one of the most elegant buildings in town, being described in RMN as "A finely finished frame building, 22 by 70 feet, two stories high, the front finished in superb style." This building was finished before Oct 15, 1859, because it was advertised in the paper after that date each issue.

The upper floor was occupied at once by the Auraria Lodge (see under Auraria) with Henry Allen as Worshipful Master, and continued to be used by them until Denver City succeeded in having a union with this Lodge and getting it away from Auraria, her rival. The store of this firm was under the Hall. They were Commission merchants, and in July had a branch established at Golden Gate City. A Stage line and auction business were carried on in this store, while no doubt the Masons had banquets and social centre above. The Post Office of Auraria was opposite this fine building, which still stands in same place, the oldest in Denver probably (see frontispiece).

BUDDEE & JACOBS (See under A. Buddee above.)
BUDDEE, Lucia, of Adams County, Illinois on Oct 12, 1859, money was paid in trust for her in Arapahoe County, also lots or lot 3, block 98 in Auraria. Not certain that she came in 1859, though she may have done so, and returned to States. (?)

BUELL, ---, surveyed Pueblo, 1859 (the new part).

BUELL, George P, of Buell & Boyd, surveyors, have office on McGaa Street in Directory of 1859, also in 1861. The RMN of December, this year, states that Buell is of the Consolidated Ditch Company, and is in the mountain surveying the branches of the Ditch through the mines, to be completed in January.

BUELL, or BUEL, John, also John L., spoken of as at Boulder City 1859, and entertains party at “The Pass” near this place.

BUETER --- & COMPANY, grocery store, Denver or Auraria, mentioned in 1859 file.

BUHLER, ---, arrived from Kankakee, Illinois (RMN)

BULKELEY, this name appears Feb 19, 1860 among others starting the organization of the Episcopal Church in Denver, but may have been an early arrival of this year, and not of 1859?

BULL, J. S., of Boulder Creek 1858, one of discoverers of Gold Hill. Col. J. S. Bull is mentioned in files of papers of 1859 as a resident of Boulder Valley.

BUNCH, Wiley, a miner of Gold Hill, mentioned in RMN, file, 1859.

BURCH, Miss Eliza, married to Mr. Charles Corbin at residence of J. J. Minter (Denver or Auraria) Dec 21, 1859, by Rev. G. W. Fisher. “All of Ohio.” (RMN) In the Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 320, old paging, this marriage is recorded.


BURDICK, Justis, files location of his farm claim on west side of Cherry Creek ten miles from Denver in Arapahoe County, Sep 27, 1859.

BURDICK & RICE were grantees of lots in Denver Oct 29, this year, from John C. Nelson. (Justis Burdick and William R. Rice, both of Denver, make deed to lots Nov 9, 1859.)

BURDSALL, Dr. Caleb S., born Cincinnati, Ohio, Jul 23, 1808, was there a druggist, vice president City Council, and arrived Auraria City May 18, 1859. He mined in Gregory Diggings, later practiced medicine in Auraria. Was surgeon of the 3d
Colorado Cavalry, and in the Battle of Sand Creek. His family came out in 1860; their home was in Auraria City, on corner of 4th and Cheyenne Avenue (now Walnut and 9th Streets). A very large yard full of cottonwoods, and a pretty, white, one and a half story frame house with rather high gables, and cut out decorations around the cornice, which with green shutters gave it a tasty appearance. He discovered the soda lakes near Morrison, and had a plant there in the seventies, with quite an equipment, drying beds and storage sheds, and was making soda but must have died before this project was successful, as the writer passed those lakes in spring of 1924 and saw nothing of the thriving little plant which she remembers as a child when Dr. Burdsall took her with her father to visit it, ending the day with a trip up Turkey Creek Canon after wild grapes. All are gone now, even the grape vines which then covered the ground along this creek. The following is from the Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 447: “The first experiments for the smelting of ores in Colorado were made by Professor Caleb Burdsall of Nevada District Gilpin County about 1862. He was quite successful, and continued his development of the facts in Denver.”

BURGARD, Bradford, witness to signing of description of mining claim by C. M. Miner, Mountain City, Aug 8, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 9)

BURGEN’S RANCHE, (see Bergen) near Bergen Park.

BURGHARDT, B. A., and David, grantors, Oct 3, 1859, claims S. E. of Gregory Lead, etc. Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 39)

BURGHARDT, H. J., was Secretary of the El Paso Claim Club, 1859, which was organized to devise means of holding land in absence of law, and land offices. Had its headquarters in Colorado City, 1859.

BURGHARDT, Mark D., “of Gregory Diggings,” records his claim in the Sterling Lead. (Gregory Record, p. 40, Sep 29, 1859)


BURLER, R. E., witness Auraria City land transaction Oct 4, 1859.

BURNETT, E. E., arrived May 28, 1859. (List of arrivals in RMN file 1859)

BURNETT, Henry, of Arkansas Valley 1859, came from Massachusetts it is said.

BURNSIDE, B., owner of claim 3, McLeod & Company pinery lands at fork of Plum Creek, Divide. Oct 1859.
BURPEE, John L., recorded Aug 3, 1859, Denver City, land sale to B. D. Williams of Danville, Kentucky, lots Nos. 15-16-, block 41, Denver City. (Liber A, p. 90)

BURROUGHS, Benjamin, was in 1859 the discoverer of the famous Burroughs Lode, Burroughs and Company, had Burroughs’ Tunnell also. (Gilpin County)

BUSH & COMPANY, 1859 in Russell Gulch, mining, six men.

BUTLER, ---, Mr., arrives, of firm of Long and Butler, (Missouri), spring 1859. (RMN)

BUTLER, ---, came Boulder in party accompanying the Wellman Brothers.

BUTLER, M. E., “of the County of Arapahoe, Territory of Kansas,” grantor of claim in Gregory Diggings, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record)

BUTTS, Anthony, of Denver, 1859, grantee, from Messrs. St. James and St. Vrain, two lots on Lawrence Street with log cabin 16 by 20 ft. also two draw lots donated by Denver Town Company, Apr 5, 1859.

BYERS, Frank S., arrived Auraria City with his mother, Mrs. W. N. Byers, Aug 7, 1859. Born Omaha, Nebraska 1855. His sister, Mary (once Miss Mollie Byers), married W. F. Robinson. She is also a Fiftyniner.

BYERS, Joseph, of Indiana, arrived Denver City in party of Capt. Wilson Martin, May 16, 1859. (J. D. Byers is also description of this pioneer.)

BYERS, William Newton, Editor and Publisher of the Rocky Mountain News, was born Madison County, Ohio, Feb 22, 1831. Son of Moses Watson Byers (born Washington County, Pennsylvania, farmer) and Mary Anne Brandenburg (of German family), the father of Moses W. being James Byers, and his father Andrew Byers. So the line runs, Andrew, James, Moses W., William Newton Byers.

The family lived at first on Ferry Street, Auraria City. Mr. Byers had arrived Apr 8, and Mrs. Byers (Elizabeth M.) arrived in August and was given a share in Auraria Town Company on her arrival. During the year Mr. Byers had several honors, was appointed 2nd Major of the Governor’s Guard by Gov. Steele, was elected Correspondence Secretary of the Chess Club, and represented Auraria Precinct in the first Constitutional Convention.

But he did not join the Auraria Lodge (Masonic) until Feb 2, 1861, though a visiting member before. In 1909 when Denver Lodge No. 5 celebrated its 50th anniversary (dating from the founding of Auraria Lodge in 1859) he was brought in to make a speech. The members had seemingly not seen him a great deal, and made the most of it while it lasted.

The following notice appeared in the RMN of Dec 20, 1865: “Died, at West Liberty, Iowa, Dec 18,1865, James Henry, infant son of W. N. and E. M. Byers, age 7 years, 5 months, 4 days.” (See Histories of Colorado by Hall, Stone, Smiley and others for his more complete biography. Portraits in most of these.)
CABLE, Rufus E., of Denver City, K. T., Jul 20 1859, grantor to Sylvester Hall of Pitts County, Missouri, lot 4, on northeast corner of D. and Arapahoe Streets, Denver City, consideration $50.  (Arapahoe County Land Records)  
Another transfer of lots is from Cable & Rogers.

CALDWELL, J. R., from Guilford, Illinois, arrived by Smoky Hill Route with twelve others, all left Leavenworth Apr 21, and arrived Denver May 29, 1859.

CALIFORNIA GULCH, (Leadville now stands here) was sought much in end of 1859, and Wolfe Londoner said that in 1860 had 15,000 (fifteen thousand) miners all working along one street, a very curious sight.

CALVERT, George, arrived Cherry Creek May 14, 1859 from Elkhart, Indiana.  39 days from St. Louis, Missouri.  (RMN)

CALVIN, G. W., was a founding member of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A. M. Oct 1859.  His home Lodge was Oriental No. 69, Iowa.  (Square & Compass, edited by L. N. Greenleaf, Denver, p. 31, Apr 1895)

CALVIN, J. B., was in 1859 a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention from Fountain City. (The convention met in Auraria.)

CAMERON, A., grantee from A. Jacobs, part of lot 11, block 4, Auraria, Nov 2, 1859.  
(D. Cameron?)

CAMPBELL, Mr. ---, a miner in South Platte Diggings.  Mentioned in RMN.

CAMPBELL, Allen G. (J?), of Arapahoe County, grantor Jan 6, 1859, Denver lots; another, grantee, Dec 4, 1859 lot 29, block 60, Denver.

CAMPBELL, Frederic, party to sale (of Colorado City lot) in Arapahoe County Jun 14, 1859.  On Jul 30, F. Campbell owns one select lot in Denver, 4th from southeast corner of E. & Blake, “formerly one of Madison Emery’s select lots.”

CAMPBELL, Hugh A., arrived Auraria May 20, 1859.  Member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association.  Born Adams County, Pennsylvania Aug 7, 1826, removed Darke County, Ohio in 1850 to California goldfields, overland to placers of Nevada County, California.  Here eight years.  Returned by isthmus to Ohio (New York route), came to Central City site with Jesse Trotter.  Opened miners’ supply cabin near where now Main and Lawrence Streets unite, calling it “The Central City Store.”  This, Hall says is the origin of the name of Central City.  Campbell discovered number of mines on Gold Hill and other places.  (Quartz Hill.)  He built the Atchison House, Denver.  Married Miss Mattie W. Whitsitt of Centreville, Ohio.  H. A. Campbell lived 1100 Grant Avenue, Denver, 1899.
CAMPBELL, J. B., name in list of arrival of 1858. (also J. M. Campbell was at Montana City 1858.) (same party?)

CAMPBELL, John, arrived May 12, 1859 with small party. (Spring list) From Wilmington, Illinois. (RMN)

CAMPBELL, John, had claim No. 26 in McLeod & Company lands in pineries near fork of Plum Creek, on Divide south of Denver Oct 1859. (Lands taken for lumbering industries.) (See under McLeod.)

CAMPBELL, Robert P., express package advertised for him in RMN of 1869 (1859), so if not arrived he must have started for the camp.


CAMPBELL, Thomas, owns Claim 10 in McLeod and Company lands, in pineries of Divide near fork of Plum Creek, Oct 1859. (See McLeod)

CANBY (CAMBY?), Robert, arrived Jun 8, 1859, name in list of members Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association.

CANON CITY, situated at gateway to the Canon of the Arkansas River, emigrants for the South Park had to pass here. A few cabins built in Oct 1859, these near the Soda Spring. A large crowd came the following year of 1860. Its townsite was “jumped” in the latter year according to Bancroft.

CANON, John, from Pennsylvania, arrived May 22, 1859 in Denver City with Lone Star Company, by Smoky Hill Route, 39 days on trip.

CANTRILL, ---, leader of a party of Indian traders who washed out gold on Ralston Creek near base of the mountains in Apr 1858.

CAPITOL HYDRAULIC COMPANY, organized Nov 30, 1859 to bring water from the Platte River six miles above Auraria by a ditch across the plains to that city, also to Denver and Highland. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

CARARELL, Raphael, grantee of two Denver City lots (to be drawn by William McGaa) dated Aug 17, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

CARBANOS, Charley (?), files record of his claim on Clear Creek near William Kenslers’ Oct 24, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 376)

CARLYSLE, William G. (or T.), had farm claim on west side of Cherry Creek, 10 miles from Denver, filed or located Sep 27, 1859. On Jan 14, 1860, he is grantor of lots to James M. Taylor. Arapahoe County Land Records.
CAROTHERS, U. S., mining in Nevada Gulch, two men, summer 1859. (RMN)

CARPENTER, Badgett and Company, seven men mining at Pleasant Valley (RMN list of files of summer 1859)

CARPENTER, Henry F., “late of St. Louis, Missouri” died at Gregory’s Point Nov 11, 1859. (Files)

CARR, Michael, “of Auraria”, grantor May 12, 1859, two lots in Denver City on north side of Arapahoe between B. and C., to Morton C. Fisher, consideration $35. Also same date for same amount of consideration, a lot on west side of St. Luis Street, Auraria City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

CARR, Stephen H., grantor to Kinna & Nye, Auraria lot 10, block 13, Nov 9, 1859 (trust deed). Another deed follows for three yoke of oxen, lost on a wager. On Dec 26, 1859, S. H. Carr, probably same, is grantee from J. H. Gordon, some Auraria lots.

CARROLL, this name is mentioned in RMN several places. Mr. Carroll comes in town from the South Park. “And Mr. Carroll, miner from placer diggings in South Platte is in town”, etc.

CARROLL, Ran., Member of Walker & Company, operating mines at Gregory Diggings. (See this firm) 1859.


CARROLL, William, member of Walker & Company (also called the St. Louis Tunnelling Company) operating mines at Gregory Diggings, 1859.


CARRUTHERS, Robert, on Jan 18, 1860 signs delivery of the Carruthers claim (land) probably must be of 1859 emigration.

CARSON, Christopher, (known as Kit Carson), famous scout and plainsman, and celebrated hunter. Born Madison County, Kentucky Dec 24, 1809. At that time this state was a wilderness and his parents original settlers living in a log cabin home. The following account of him is from Hall’s Colorado History. His father was a celebrated hunter. In 1844 Kit revisited his birthplace but returned to New Mexico, his home being at Taos, and became Fremont’s guide to Wind River Mountains. In 1845 he settled upon a ranche on the little Cimarron, which he shared with his friend, Richard Owens. But it did not last, for he was too much in demand as a guide for
many expeditions. He visited Washington, D.C. once where he was the guest of Mrs. Fremont. He tried settling again in valley of Rayado 55 miles east of Taos, but although he was with Lucien Maxwell, he was so much needed in the Indian wars of the time that this, too, was soon over.

He engaged in the wars Apaches with Col. Ceran St. Vrain of Taos, and later joined in fighting the Rebellion, was Colonel of the 1st Regiment, New Mexico Volunteers under Gen. Canby. He commanded at both Fort Union and at Fort Garland. He settled with his family in Bent County 1867, but was needed to accompany a party of Indian chiefs to Washington, D.C. accompanied by A. C. Hunt, took cold, returned to Denver, was confined to bed in old Planters’ Hotel on Blake and 16th Streets (on site of the present Witter Block), recovered enough to return to his home and died May 4, 1868. His wife had died a few days earlier. They were buried in the garden of Mr. C. A. Wright at Boggsville, but after exhumed and taken to Taos and re-interred. He is said to have had a Masonic funeral in Taos.

CARSON AND COMPANY, mining in Russell’s Gulch, five men, summer 1859.
(RMN)

CART, Mrs. J. M., a conveyance of Real Estate was made to her by J. D. Henderson, for Amelia Henderson Oct 18, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

CARTER, Alexander, arrived May 14, 1859 with party of D. D. Stout and family nearly all from De Soto, Nebraska, via Platte Route, with B. J. Stout’s party accompanying them. (See these names for his companions on trip.) (List of arrivals, RMN, 1859)

CARTER AND DAVIS, locate claim on Clear Creek near Golden City, Jun 22, 1859.

CARTER, Eli, of Golden, was a member of first Constitutional Convention 1859. On Sep 29, 1859, he and wife Jane E., “of the county of Arapahoe and Territory of Kansas” are grantors to Henry C. Powers, lot 10, block 32, in south side of Clear Creek in Golden City, “in the county and territory aforesaid” etc. (Liber A, Golden)

On Dec 8, he is grantor of Denver lots to E. D. Boyd, and is later appointed Clerk of District Court for Jefferson County (Arapahoe was its name under the Kansas government, Jefferson under the Provisional Government.) He advertized to issue writs. He was one of the petitioners in the following year to the Grand Lodge of Kansas for a dispensation for a Lodge in Golden City, which was granted. In autumn of 1859 he was elected Councilman from 3rd District. In and near 1860 he lived where the Golden dumping grounds are now located. He is Clerk of the Record Office in Golden 1860. The following is description and plat of his claim for ranching:

Eli Carter’s claim, (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber 1, p. 1) is for farming and ranching purposes, 160 acres, on south side Clear Creek “in what is known as the Clear Creek or Table Mountain Canon,” bounded by (here following description of a cottonwood, rock, etc.) surveyed and staked out Jan 5, 1860 by Thomas Dougherty.

Plat of Claim
Eli Carter’s Claim
NOTE: Jane E. Carter, wife of Eli Carter located claim next his, on Feb 1, 1860 “on
land lying on top of mountain where the wagon road crosses the top of the mountain.”
(Liber 1, Golden)

CARTER, H. J., was a member of Golden Town Company in 1859.

CARTER, J. W., actor at Apollo Hall Denver, another mention is of Mr. Carter, actor in
Thorne’s troupe playing Richard III. (Denver, 1859 theatrical performance.)

CARTER, John E., son of Eli Carter of Golden, died Apr 13, 1860, aged 18 years, 10
months, 1 day. Formerly of Richmond, Missouri (Leavenworth and St. Joseph,
Missouri papers please copy.) (Western Mountaineer, Golden, Apr 18, 1860)

CARTER, John E., (another) incorporated Dec 1859, the Clear Creek Lumbering
Company. (This could scarcely be the same, unless there has been a mistake in the
age of the one above.)

CARTER, John E., (this must be same as above?) claim for farm 160 acres, filed for
record Jan 10, 1860.

CARTWRIGHT, J. L., from Pettis County, Missouri and in 1859 was member of firm of
Jones & Cartwright, grocery, furnishings for miners and corral for emigrant wagons,
etc., on Ferry Street, Auraria City. This firm was an extensive advertizer in RMN in
1859.

CARTWRIGHT, Richard “Dick”, was of Arapahoe City, or Village, in 1858, and bought
Denver lots in 1859.

CASE AND CHAMBERS, were mining firm in Tarryall Diggings this year.

CASE, P. W., accompanied Byers and party to Denver Apr 1859.

CASEY, P. D. “Pat”, an Irishman who came to Gregory Diggings 1859 and “claimed”
the mine of Black & Hackney there, had his claim recorded, and made fortune of it.
(RMN, p. 2, Aug 18, 1874) The Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Sept 1, 1862, says:
“Pat Casey is now in the States, and he seems to have been very prominent in the
mountains, mining, making ditch up Chase’s Gulch, had largest Quartz Mill in the
Territory with 32 stamps, and while he was in the States Mr. O’Niel was representing
him.” Later the same paper says that he has purchased for $7,000 the Fitzgerald
Claim on American Flag Lode.

CASSIDAY AND SPILLARD, “These gentlemen leave for Cincinnati, Ohio 1859.”
(RMN file)

CASTELLO, C., name in Business Directory Denver (Mss. copied by Sopris) 1859.
CASTO. D. J., of Gregory Diggings, elected delegate to first Constitutional Convention, meeting Auraria, Jun 1859. (The name of D. B. Castro also occurs (of Arapahoe County), probably same party.) Dr. Joseph Casto, (probably same as above?) was very prominent in 1859, and later for several years. He arrived in goldfields with Byers party (J. J. Riethmann and others) spring 1859. (April) He liked site of Mount Vernon, and later organized the Mount Vernon Town Company, bending unusual efforts to promote it, dating all his newspaper correspondence from his new town, even while living and being Postmaster in Mountain City. Donation Lots were offered to persons who would build, and a Wagon Road incorporated to pass the place (The Denver, Auraria and Colorado Wagon Road) and he was its President. At this time he was Recorder of the County (Jefferson), but in 1864 went back to the States (to Illinois) and did not return until 1868 to his beloved Mt. Vernon, where he lived for a few years and was a Baptist preacher (according to the “Transcript”). He was in 1859 with Gregory when they discovered the Gregory Lode.

In 1872 he left Colorado for California and it is said died 1907. In 1859, while in Mountain City, he was Secretary of the Gold Miners’ Association, and in October, same year, filed claim for a quarter of a section of land for a Trading Post for his Wagon Road. This was in Platte Valley, five miles from where said Road strikes the river. Dr. Casto was also very prominent socially in select circles of Denver and Auraria, present at all banquets of prominence, etc.

CASTO AND WADE, was an auction and commission house, Mountain City, 1859.

CASTRO, KENDALL AND COMPANY, (mining in Gregory Diggings, mentioned in RMN as from Butler County, Iowa.) This firm (also spelled Casto, Kendall & Company) earlier than this seem to be the only firm in old Arapahoe Bar which advertized its activities in the RMN.

CASWELL (Casewell, Casselle), Thomas, files claim on Dubuque Lode, “supposed to be a continuation of the Gregory Lode,” in hill between Mountain City and the Lake Lode (or Lake), 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 9, Mountain City)

CATTERTSON, Dr., member of the Town Company of the American Pueblo, 1859. It is stated that his cabin was on 2nd Street. (Bancroft)

CAVANAGH, Charles, his claim of land for ranch purposes on Clear Creek, recorded Dec 25, 1859 (in Arapahoe County). In 1860 he sells to Fisher & Rogers for $500. Cavanagh is himself of Arapahoe County. (Liber D, p. 310, old)

Another claim he grants earlier than the above, on Aug 27, 1859 to Allen and Slaughter of Arapahoe County the claim near Merrivale’s – Ranche on north side Vasquez River (probably Clear Creek.)

CAVEN, “Buzz”, one of the Cibola Minstrels playing at Apollo Theatre, Denver, 1859. Later, Jan 4th at the grand reception to the Haydee Sisters given in Golden, his Quadrille Band was very admirably exhibited, and afforded great pleasure.
CAVENDISH, H., arrived from Quincy, Illinois, and called upon the **R MN** Jul 23, 1859.

**CEMETERIES** of 1859: In Larimer’s Reminiscences, p. 150, it states that the first cemetery was staked off “On the hill along the road up Cherry Creek” and called Mount Prospect, by William Larimer, Jr., and his father. This tract contained 320 acres. Gen. Larimer was President and Clancy Secretary. The former represented the Protestants, the latter the Catholics. According to this writer, the very first interment was Edward Hay, of De Soto, Nebraska, who had died of a cold contracted while hunting in the mountains. This may be Edward Hay who came in 1858 and had Donation Lots with intention to build, whose administration notice was advertised in **R MN** in Aug 1859, and later property sold.

The name “**AURARIA CEMETERY**” was used in the **Western Mountaineer** of Golden City in this year, describing place where a burial had been made, but this place seems entirely forgotten by all the pioneers living, that I have seen. Larimer says that an undertaker “beat them out of” their Cemetery during their absence in the States. This is explained by the **R MN** Feb 23, 1866, which states that “Larimer says that J. J. Walley has “jumped” the Cemetery, and is trying to get a patent on the ground for himself. It needs fences.”

**CENTRAL CITY**, (in 1859 characterized as “Eureka Precinct” in political circles). Located in what later was called “Gregory Gulch” at confluence of Eureka and Spring Gulches. (Hollister says that these gulches had, in 1867, a population of 10,000, and it had a very large population in 1859 of floating and transient persons.) Central was almost destroyed by fire in 1874.

Her burial grounds were reported in her paper of Sep 14, 1863, two places having been selected, one by the Catholics and another by the Masons, on the hill west of Central towards Nevada.

The General Cemetery now in use (1863) on the hill north of Central, is not regularly set apart, but was used by chance. “This ground will soon be needed for building” and so the **Tri-Weekly Mining Register** suggests a new general cemetery. Central City has always held a high place among Colorado cities, though now, 1925, almost depopulated, its good buildings boarded up and left to decay.

**CEPHAN, Alfred**, is joint owner of Denver City lots on Larimer Street “Where the plank house has been erected.” Jun 8, 1859. (**Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, old**)

**CHADBURN, ---**, this name I find among my other Fiftyniners, but with the reference lost off the slip.

**CHAFFEE, Archie**, in list of businessmen of Auraria and Denver in this year, from Mss. **Directory**. He was saloonkeeper and Restaurant proprietor on Blake Street, Denver City 1859.
CHAFFEE, James, Esq. was the orator on the occasion of celebration of the Fourth of July in Denver and Auraria 1859. The RMN gives a slight account of it.

CHAFFEE, L. E., of Arapahoe County was grantor of part of lot 5, block 11, Auraria City, Oct 28, 1859.

CHAFFEE, Orson A., deceased before Jan 27, 1860, his Administrator was William Smith, and his property was mortgaged in 1859. (Liber D, p. 55, old) He was grantee of lots in Denver Sep 19 before (Arapahoe County Land Records) (This could be the Archie Chaffee noted above.)

CHALLIS, A., from Missouri, arrived Mouth Cherry Creek May 28, 1859. (RMN)

CHAMBERS, Mr., miner of Tarryall Diggings, mentioned in RMN, files, 1859.

CHAMBERS, Capt. Clark, of Colorado Territory came Colorado 1859, was one of the party who made first discoveries in South Park, is mentioned in RMN as leaving for Wisconsin, later Aug (Apr?) 3, his obituary is published, a long one which will be copied into Portrait & Biography Index of this work. He died in Chicago, Mar 5, 1863 aged 33 years. He was wounded in the War between the States, and died of his injuries.

CHAMBERS AND COMPANY, mining, Nevada Gulch, four men (RMN, files, 1859)

CHAMBERS, George W., arrived Boulder 1859, mining, ranching, member of Legislature of Jefferson Territory. Born Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania May 9, 1826. Living 1880 in Boulder City. Had been druggist 1855 Jasper County, Iowa. Mined in Gold Hill, in 1880 owns Golden Crown and White Cloud mines at Gold Hill. Married Oct 12, 1848 to Eliza J. (Jones?).

CHAMBERS, Henry, of Chambers and Company, otherwise known as the St. Louis Tunnelling Company of Gregory Diggings, claims 500 feet on northwest side of the hill down Dry Gulch, and northwest from the Lake Lode. Recorded, Gregory Record, p. 47, Oct 3, 1859. Names of members of this company are C. G. Truck, R. Maxwell, (Marshall), William Carroll, William Chambers, and Henry Chambers above.

CHAMBERS, William, member of Chambers & Company above 1859. Gregory Diggings.

CHANDLER, Isaac, of Denver City sells lots on Arapahoe Street to James Blundell, on Oct 10, 1859. Before this, a certificate was issued to him on Aug 25 for his lots in blocks 74-110-111, Denver.

CHANDLER, J. A., in the Mss. Directory of 1859 he is mentioned as carpenter partner of Edw. A. Willoughby and W. H. Maine on Arapahoe Street, Denver. In December of
this year he is signed as witness of deed between Binkley and Riddlebarger, Denver. (The above is probably a brother.)

CHAPEL, R. O., from Iowa, arrived May 17, 1859 with D. D. Taylor’s wagon train with 14 men, enroute 30 days from St. Joseph, Missouri (RMN)

CHAPLIN, Albert, arrived Sep 17, 1859. Was “of Arapahoe County” in the following Jan 1860. (Land Records)

CHAPMAN, B. F., and Company, with four men, mining in Pleasant Valley, 1859 during part of summer. (RMN)

CHAPMAN, Hayman, arrived Cherry Creek Oct 20, 1858. Was an original stockholder in Auraria City in this year. May 14, 1859, he was grantor of lot 8, block 10, Auraria, also lot 12, block 65, 1860.

CHAPMAN, J. M., is grantee, lots on McGaa Street, Denver City, Dec 6, 1859. (Liber C, p. 133)

CHAPMAN, James, member Kilpatrick & Company, operating claims, Gregory Diggings, Jun 20, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)


CHARPIOT, Fred, arrived Nov 1859. Born France, Jan 1829. (Hall’s Colorado History) His restaurant occupied site of the present Fink Block in this year. (Old clipping)

CHARTER, of United Denver, Auraria and Highland, is agitated in 1859. (RMN, p. 2, Dec 14)

CHASE AND COMPANY (two men), mining, Nevada Gulch, summer 1859.

CHASE, B. F., successful miner of Arapahoe (Bar) has article on his mining work in that place. Has just located in Gregory Diggings. (Western Mountaineer, Dec 7, 1859) B. F. Chase & Company are prominent in corporation of a scheme for water in Denver, and in the Consolidated Ditch Company, sold later to the Falls Water Company.

CHASE, Edw., lived Golden City 1859, and with Ford Brothers and Ed McClintock had big tent for their business purposes when the town was formed. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. III, page 500.)

CHASE, FISK AND COMPANY, mining, Russell Gulch, 20 men. ( Mentioned in Western Mountaineer Dec 7, 1859)
CHASE, G. F., accompanied in 1859 to Colorado the party including the three Wellman brothers, who settled in Boulder County.

CHASE, George P., (may be the same as one above?) miner, stockraiser, ranchman, politician, freemason. Born Lowell, Massachusetts Aug 3, 1837. Parents removed to Maine. Both natives of New Hampshire. Then 1857 Iowa, and arrived 1859 Boulder County, Colorado. Was a promoter and originator of the Central City Toll Road. Married in Maine, Augusta, daughter of Isaac Staples. (1864) Deacon in Congregational Church, Boulder. (History Boulder County)

CHASE, Myron, grantor, Oct 3, 1859, claim in Bobtail Lode, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 40)

CHASE, Dr. W. A., arrived Denver with D. D. Taylor’s company of 14 men, wagon train 30 days coming from St. Joseph, Missouri. He is from Iowa and arrived May 17, 1859. (RMN)

CHASE, W. P. (same as above?) leaves Denver for Wellington, Ohio in 1859. (Worthington, Ohio?) (RMN)

CHASE, William, had Donation Lot in 1859 from Denver Town Company. (These were given with agreement to build.) (Land Records)

CHASE’S GULCH, mining district, near Gregory’s Diggings 1859.

CHATFIELD, J. W., of Leadville in 1881, mentioned in clipping as having arrived Jun 1859.

CHAZNEY, Joseph, grantor lot 11, block 7, Auraria City, Sep 1, 1859 (by power of attorney) Is this a non-resident?

CHEATLEY, William H., arrived Denver Nov 11, 1858. (Name from list of members Gilpin County Pioneer’s Society.) Chase Withrow was last Secretary, and the society now extinct. (1924) (Record book in library Colorado Historical Society)

CHEEVER, Charles G., arrived 1859, name in land deeds of that year. Residence Denver City. Was of Salem, Massachusetts. Was Deputy County Clerk. Owned, it is said, the Arapahoe and Essex Buildings. Was brother of David A. Cheever, and with their father took trip around the world with this brother in early years.

CHEEVER, David A., born Salem, Massachusetts, Oct 24, 1824. Arrived Denver Jul 6, 1859. He went also later, in his father’s vessel to the East Indies, then entered American Navy, engaged in Mexican War, and California 1849. Later went to Wisconsin, lumber business, then after reaching Denver entered real estate business. Was County Commissioner, Member Legislature and Postmaster of Denver. (The last about 1873.)
CHENEY, E. E., was Secretary of Illinois Town Company, Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory Dec 1859. (See under Illion)

CHENEY, L., pioneer of 1859, and in 1907 resident of Denver, and member Colorado Pioneer’s Society. In their list of 1907 he is said to have arrived Apr 8, a very early Argonaut.

CHENEY, P. B. (Parker B.), a founder and once most prominent in very many ways, widely known, and popular. He owned a ranch on Little Bear Creek, in company with George W. Weed, Jefferson County located Nov 1859. In the historical column of the Colorado Transcript, Dec 11, 1924 it is stated that Cheney died in San Francisco Nov 18, 1874.

CHERRY CREEK, was a nice white bed of soft sand when the pioneers of fifty nine first saw it, and it scarcely needed a bridge until after the famous Flood of ’64. People built houses clear across it, and lots were over the bed of it, selling as well as any other Denver or Auraria lots. The streams which fed the creek start on the “Divide,” but in the early years so little rain fell that they were perfectly dry where the bed comes to the Platte.

CHERRY CREEK DITCH COMPANY, was organized in May 1859, to bring water from a point about six miles above the mouth of the stream. This was intended for gardens especially, as wells could be made easily, especially in Auraria.

CHERRY CREEK PINERIES, on the Divide above Denver existed thick and beautiful in every direction on top of the hills, which far back from Denver have an altitude of about 8,000 feet. Persons soon found that lumber could be easily made from these trees, and the sawmill naturally came early in 1859 to the Divide, and timber claims were taken up. It was worked not only into planks, but very often made into handsome mouldings and sawed out decorations for houses for the more particular sort of the people. A few of the carpenters of 1859 were quite artistic in designing these, the store of Buddee & Jacobs being especially attractive, so says the RMN. This place was built before October.

CHERRY CREEK PIONEER, The, a newspaper which had only one number which appeared Apr 23, 1859, a rival to Byers’ enterprise. It was published by John L. Merrick, and a copy exists in the possession of the State Historical Society of Colorado. Although it seems to have accomplished little with its one number, yet the effort showed ability, and if nothing else had been published, we should be grateful for the following names of Fiftyniners arriving:

J. Swartout --- Libby L. Miley
E. Bowen G. Telfer N. Groole
G. Shepherd Jas. A. Strout P. W. Gould
These names have been separately listed under their letters. It seems unlikely that all these persons are from LaSalle, Illinois, most likely the Captain and a few of them are so.

CHESS CLUB, of Auraria and Denver, flourished in 1859, and is mentioned often in the RMN especially later in the season. Some of its members were: Mr. Byers who was President, F. Z. Salomon, J. H. Dudley and others. They met at the Vasquez House when it was launched, later it is advertised to assemble in rooms over the Fashion Saloon, corner 4th and Cherry (now Walnut and 12th Streets).

CHESTNUT, John G., grantee from Auraria Town Company lot 2, block 39, Auraria, Dec 16, 1859. (Probably a resident of Auraria.) J. M. Chestnut (may be same man) was partner of Dan Connoly on Blake Street in a Mss. Directory kept in this year.

CHESTNUT, Mrs. Mary, probably of Auraria, received deed from Auraria Town Company for lot 7, block 66, Auraria Dec 16, 1859.

CHICAGO CREEK BAR, or Diggings, was in a district near Idaho Springs of later days. Near confluence of the stream with Clear Creek, then called Vasquez Fork. It was first panned by Jackson and some Chicago miners who named it so, and in the first seven days they washed out nineteen hundred dollars. Jackson discovered it on Jan 7, 1859.

CHIETALY, grantee, lot 12, block 12, Auraria City, from Thomas Pollock. Consideration $100, Oct 15, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

CHILCOTT, George M., born Huntington County, Pennsylvania Jan 28, 1828. Lived in Iowa where he was Sheriff, then Nebraska, then May 1859 arrived goldfields. Was member first Constitutional Convention in this year, then went to Pueblo, where he worked on farm, later in Territorial Legislature. Several times, Registrar U. S. Land Office (1863) then his office was Golden. Finally elected to Congress (1867). He married Miss Jenny Cox (4 children) has one daughter. He died Mar 6, 1891 at St. Louis, Missouri. Buried in Pueblo.

CHILES, Henry Wilson, born Washington County, Virginia Nov 27, 1838. Parents removed to Iowa in 1842. 1857 he came Nebraska, then 1858 to goldfields; 1859 he was a factor in founding city of Boulder, helping lay it out. He returned to Iowa when war was declared and enlisted in Company C, 22nd Iowa Volunteers. Was before Vicksburg. Autumn 1866 returned to Colorado and lived in Mt. Vernon Canon or gulch, stockgrower (four miles from post office of Mt. Vernon). He married Harriet R. Hargus of Nebraska City May 15, 1866.
CHINN, Ed., of Golden, 1859, kept saloon here with Lark Taylor and Edgar Vanover. (Another account says it was a store?)

CHRISTIAN, G. F., mentioned as having mining claim preempted in Gregory Diggings Oct 3, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 47)

CHRISTIAN LODE, in Gregory Diggings, discovered by G. F. Christian, above, date of discovery not given. 1859.

CHRISTY, William, arrived Auraria via Smoky Hill Route, by Leo Express Company, of Leo, Indiana May 24, 1859. Seven men, trip 43 days out of Leavenworth. (RMN)

CHUBBUCK, Henry B., (H. B. & Harrison B. are found also, probably same, as it is unlikely that two of same initials would occur), was a stockholder in Auraria Town Company 1858. In a Mss. Directory of this year he is given as a butcher, with address on Ferry Street, Auraria. The firm of Chubbuck & Smith have a meat market on a street in Denver City according to another, but Henry B. seems to be a member of the first Colorado Pioneers’ Society, which met and formed organization in Jun 1866, and included only those of ’58 and ’59. He was one of the numerous Vice Presidents of this Society. He lived in Larimer County in 1866.

CHURCHILL, John A., arrived Cherry Creek in 6th wagon of the Lawrence Party 1858. He was a member of the Montana Town Company, in this year, an original stockholder later in St. Charles Town Company and also a Denver City stockholder, all in 1858. See Smiley’s History of Colorado (or Denver), p. 203, for his portrait.

CHURPEL (CHUSPEL ?), Frederick Y., in Arapahoe County Land Records, liber A, p. 134, such a name is mentioned in land transaction 1859.

CIBOLA HALL, Auraria City, “was on upper right hand corner of Ferry and 4th Streets (now 11th and Walnut) 22 x 90 feet, built by James B. Reed in Aug last (1859) was first occupied as a billiard alley, afterwards for theatre. Seats 250 persons. Occupied now by Cibola Minstrels.” (RMN, Feb 1, 1860, retrospective accounts)

CIBOLA HYDRAULIC COMPANY, organized Dec 1859 to construct dam in Clear Creek, four miles above Golden City and convey to that town, water by a ditch.

CIBOLA MINSTRELS, mentioned in the RMN of 1859 a good deal. They said to be talented fellows, and visited the camps giving shows. Their name probably derived from “The Seven Golden Cities of Cibola” famed among the Spanish conquistadors. (1540)

CLANCY, William, a director of Denver Town Company 1858, lived Auraria, later at Mountain City, and also at Hill Difficulty during 1858-9 (1856-9). He was a Catholic, and helped found the Cemetery Mt. Prospect near Denver. Larimer, in his
Reminiscences says that he was a member of Territorial Legislature of Nebraska before arriving in goldfields. He was a Democrat. Member of the first Constitutional Convention from Denver City. While in Gregory Diggings, Jun 14, 1859, he sells lots in Denver to Paulus Grosse. Sep 17, 1859, he is grantor to B. S. Peabody, Denver lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 71)

It is said that he followed the gold lure to Montana Territory soon after 1859.

CLAPPER & COMPANY, three men, mining in Nevada Gulch, summer 1859. (RMN)

CLARK, from Elkhart, Indiana, accompanied by J. S. Clark, arrived Denver May 14, 1859. Trip 39 days from St. Louis. (RMN)

CLARK, C. A., pioneer of 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. In both 1907 and 1920 he resides Louisville, Colorado. (Arrived Jun 14)

CLARK, C. B., of Mountain City, 1859, owner of quartz mill at Gregory Diggings, his partners are I. F. Vandeventer, George Sears, D. Curran, R. D. Thompson. (Also have shingle and saw mill here.) Clark is from Quincy, Illinois.

CLARK, David, arrived Denver City from Mt. Pulaski, Illinois Jun 14, 1859. The party consisted of N. M. Whittaker, W. C. Webster, A. B. Dement, M. L. Mathes, via Smoky Hill Route, 56 days from Leavenworth and 60 miles of it without wood or water. (At this time from 100 to 300 persons are daily arriving in Denver.) Went to Arkansas Valley. (RMN)

CLARK, Evelyn P., wife of J. M. Clark, of Auraria when they deed a property to A. C. Ford on Oct 8, 1859. They have many real estate transactions in this year. One description is of a ranch, 160 acres, east side Platte, about four miles from Denver, at or near what is called “The Old Spanish Diggings.” ---“The same property I bought from A. O. McGrew Aug 10, 1859.” Another transaction shows transfer of 80 or 90 lots, another gives the husband’s name as James M. Clark.

CLARK, J., accompanied by S. Clark, and T. Clark, arrived Denver from Warren, Indiana. Left Leavenworth Apr 21, arrived May 29 by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN)

CLARK, J. A., arrived from Illinois (RMN) Jun 2, 1859 by Platte Route, two wagons and seven men. (See under H. C. Reasoner for other members of party------accompanied by J. O. Clark.)

CLARK, J. H., stockholder in Auraria Town Company 1858.

CLARK, J. M., (Dr. James M.), husband of Evelyn P. Clark, of Arapahoe County Oct 6, 1859, convey lots to B. F. Berkeley, another conveys lots to Lewis N. Tappan. Dr. J. M. Clarke lives in Denver.

CLARK, J. O., came with J. A., above.
CLARK, Jo, arrived from New Orleans May 10, 1859 by Platte Route (40 days).

CLARK, John H., arrived before Jan 2, 1860, for he was a witness in a land transaction in Auraria on that date. In the Mss. Directory of Businessmen of 1859 in Denver and Auraria John M. Clark is said to be in livery business, associated with A. C. Hunt, 3rd Street, Auraria. John M. Clark is also a founder with others of Auraria Lodge in Oct 1859. He is of Blaney Lodge A.F. & A. M. No. 271, Illinois.

CLARK, J. S., arrived Denver with D. J. Clark from Elkhart, Indiana May 14, 1859. Trip was 39 days from St. Louis.

CLARK, J. T., arrived from Indiana (Warren, Indiana) accompanied by S. Clark 1859. (RMN)


CLARK, Col. R. W., of Golden City. (R. W. Clark & Company had sawmill) “He is leaving Golden this morning for goods, etc. to return in early spring.” (Western Mountaineer, Dec 21, 1859. (The above may be taken from the RMN, but I think not.)

CLARK, Rufus, and Lucinda F. Clark, are witnesses to signature of deed between Lincoln and Bickford, Nov 12, 1859. (Note: this is “Potato Clark”) Lived in Denver, near Littleton road. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. Arrived Jul 6, 1859.


CLARK, T., accompanied S. Clark, above.

CLARK, William, was member of jury to try case at Chicago Creek Bar in Jan 1860. Probably a Fiftyniner.


CLARKLER (?) H., witness, in Auraria, land sale, Nov 1859. (Land Records)

CLAUSER, Charles, was in Boulder mining in 1858-59, a very early pioneer. (See Portrait & Biography Index of this work for extended notes of him.)

CLAY COMPANY LODE, mining claim 1859. Gilpin County.
CLAY, H., with firm of Pim & Peers, Auraria (or Denver 1859).

CLAY, H. M. (probably the same as above), (of Douglas County 1890), member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Jun 10, 1859. Born Missouri Sep 27, 1836.

CLAY, Henry M., witness to deed, in Auraria, Aug 4, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

CLAYTON, George Washington, of Denver firm of Clayton, Lowe and Company (P. G. Lowe) doing business in 1859. He became wealthy, was in banking and other important interests, built one of the finest homes in Denver in the seventies. His early home on corner of 13th and (Glenarm or Welton?) was purchased by the Catholic Church, and the Academy of St. Mary’s was established in the house about 1863. This house was a frame, painted white, with green shutters, two stories in height, and when built was considered one of the finest in the city. The Church later built a large brick structure on the grounds but kept the old frame until they sold the block. P. G. Lowe is said in the RMN (an early date) to be a brother of the Mr. Lowe who was an aerial expert, and once planned a trip in balloon from New York to Europe. The following marriage record appears in RMN Oct 17, 1860: G. Washington Clayton married Miss Letitia E. Myers of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Rev. C. D. Cooper, Oct 12, 1860.

CLAYTON, Samuel, arrived 1859. Lived 37 years away from Denver, then came back for visit in 1899.

CLAYTON, T. W., claims 160 acres land situated on Bear Creek adjacent to a claim of Fred Kirschow, on the old Indian Pole Trail to South Park. Taken Aug 17, 1859. (Land Records)

CLAYWELL, Joel, (Job?) member of Kilpatrick & Company Gregory Diggings and Mountain City, Jun 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)

CLEAR CREEK, was the Vasquez Fork of the South Platte River before it had its present name, and before 1859 had another name. It had “diggings” all along in the gold hunting days.

CLEAR CREEK LUMBERING COMPANY (John D. Wall and John E. Carter) incorporated Dec 1859 to improve the stream with dams and chutes for driving timber.

CLEARLAND, G. W., delegate from the Illinois Central Diggings in 1859 to a convention in Denver or Auraria. (List in RMN)

CLEMENT, Benjamin, “of the Territory of Kansas” gives and assigns all property to his wife, Amelia Clement, for the benefit of their child Julia Clement, dated Jun 1, 1859,
recorded Jul 12, 1859, Denver, Colorado. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p.137)

CLEMO, T. H., a resident of Mountain City in Jul 1859, for he is one of the rescue party which went across the snowy range to find body of the murdered Kennedy in July of that year. The party, which had learned of his murder by Utes, consisted of Dr. Foot, G. W. Colvin, E. Dickenson, and J. Richardson, as well as T. H. Clemo, all from Mountain City, besides, from Spanish Diggings, J. Higginbotham, Hancock, Henderson, Triplett & Parks. (See under J. E. Kennedy, description of trip etc.) Clemo was a founding member of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A. M. in October of this year. In records of this Lodge his home Lodge is given as Lawrence Lodge No. 6 in Kansas Territory. His name occurs several times in Land Records of that year in Auraria where he seems to have lived, as well as at Mountain City. He seems not to have invested in lots, but several times was signed as a witness up to Dec 1859. Partner of Howland.

CLEVELAND, G. W., a director of (incorporator rather) the Consolidated Ditch Company Denver 1859.

CLEWELL, Eugene F., grantor, claim of or on Fox Lode, Gregory Diggings, Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 18) He is elected register of deeds in Arapahoe County, Oct 27, this year. The RMN announces his office to be over Mountain Boys’ Saloon, Denver City. In December of this year, he is witness to deed in Golden City, between John Morrison & G. N. Belcher of Golden, and has trial in Golden, attorney for the prosecution. He is a lawyer, in list of Denver attorneys of 1859. His name does not appear in the Directory of 1866.

CLINE, John W., was witness in Nov 1859, in Auraria at a farm claim transfer of deeds: for his biography complete see p. 381, Vickers’ History of Denver.

CLINK, Milo, resident of Denver 1859. (RMN, December)

CLINTON, Edw. F., pioneer of 1859, arrived Jun 25, died Apr 28, 1890. (List members Gilpin County Pioneers.)

CLINTON, S. F., in list in Hall’s Colorado History he is said to have arrived Jun 26, 1859. Born New York Sep 10, 1834.

CLISSINGER, Charles F., Mountain City, Oct 3, 1859, is grantee in a mine sale, gives one gold watch valued at 83 dollars, and agrees to pay $1,000. Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, pp. 17-18)

COAL CREEK DIGGINGS, were on Coal Creek 14 miles north of Golden City at base of the mountains. (1859)
COBB, E. W., born Boston, Massachusetts Nov 24, 1827. Clerk in foreign shipping house, 1st agent Adams Export Company in California in early day, two years Australia, returned 1857, then Denver 1859 (spring). Died before 1890. He was a petitioner from Auraria Lodge A.F. & A. M. to the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory for a charter, in autumn 1859 his home Lodge being given was Washington Lodge of Roxbury, Massachusetts. In 1859 he was in the insurance and banking business in Denver City, in grocery business, ran Elephant Corral, (one year) mined, and was appointed Chief of mineral department of the Surveyor General’s office. Oct 24 of this year he located farm claim near that of William Kinshelow.

COBB, Frank M., member of Lawrence party, arrived Jun 1858, left Lawrence, Kansas May 19, 8th wagon. Made ascent of Pike’s Peak while enroute, also left name cut in gateway of Garden of the Gods on trip it is said. (Probably obliterated by this date?) Born Minot, Oxford County, Maine, Oct 13, 1832. Reached Platte another authority says in September, laid out town of Montana, later helped lay out St. Charles and was stockholder in Denver City Town Company. He mined in Gregory’s and in Russells’, left Colorado later to enter the War, returned after its close, engaging in mining in Central. Lived 1410 Larimer Street 1899. He thought that 100,000 persons crossed plains in ’59, but 75,000 of them returned to the States.

COBERLEY, ---, settled in Douglas County (then probably unnamed) 1859. Had son C. H. Coberley, of Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County (1917), the latter educated Denver University, mining engineering assayer, 1917 bought the Pearl of the Valley Ranche of --- Nicholas. (W. 44th Avenue)


COBERLEY, W. D., born Illinois 1840. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. Arrived 1858. Lived Denver recently. The file of the RMN 1866 has the following: Married: W. D. Coberley and Miss Lottie Woodrow, at residence of bride’s father, by Rev. W. M. Smith, Jan 25, 1866.

COCHRAN, James, lots in Auraria, his goods and chattels noted Jul 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

COCHRAN, James N., (probably same as above) grantee, house and lot, in Auraria City by Molden Bledsoe, Mar 8, 1859. Later than this, on Apr 2 same year, with Y. R. Green, from William A. Smith, deed to house and lot 12, block 4, Auraria City, consideration $40 (on Cherry Street). He was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living Silver Cliff at one time, another time Piedmont. Arrived Aug 17, 1858, was stockholder in Auraria Town Company. Born Virginia Apr 10, 1826.

COCHRAN, John, miner, Russell’s Gulch, 1859. (Probably of Cochran & Company, ten men, at Russell’s, mining, summer 1859)
COFFIN, ---, had farm claim on Platte, nearly opposite Ft. Lupton, in Dec 1859.  
(Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 134, old)

COFFMAN, G. W., Stockholder Auraria Town Company 1858.

COLBURN, ---, arrived from Iowa Point, Kansas Territory, spring 1859.  (RMN)

COLE, Annie, of Arapahoe County, grantor, consideration $100, to C. A. Lawrence Oct 6, 1859, certain lots in Denver City.  (Filed for record Feb 20, 1860.)  (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 312, old)

COLE, George H., owns Denver City lots 1859.  (Land Records)

COLE, Luther A., of the city of Watertown, County of Jefferson, Wisconsin, gives power of attorney to Amos Steck to sell, etc. his lands and property in Denver Nov 7, 1859.

COLE, William, of Denver, Jul 2, 1859, grantor to John J. Smith, of St. Francis County, Missouri, certain Denver City lots (Liber A, p. 207, old)  William Cole was an arrival of 1858, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.  Born Jefferson County, New York Feb 16, 1836 or 7.  Was original stockholder of Auraria.  Salesman and merchant in Denver.  He was of firm of Cole, Williams & Company, later of Holladay, Williams & Company.  He contracted for government posts, later in cattle business.  Had several large ranches.  He married Miss Carrie E. Ireland, of Denver 1864.  She died 1866 and he married second Miss Georgia B. Hoskins 1870.

COLEHER, S. A., witness to signature, deed dated Denver Oct 26, 1859.

COLEMAN, F. M., witness deed to Auraria lots Nov 1859.

COLEMAN & LeFEVRE, had quartz mill at Eureka, 1859.  (File, RMN)  “Mr. Coleman, an old Californian, is mining near Gregory.  (RMN)

COLEMAN, P. N., of Golden, trial for property 1859.

COLLIER, David C., attorney, arrived Cherry Creek by Arkansas River Route Dec 5, 1858, having started in October.  Had first law office shingle in Denver 1859.  (On Larimer Street between B. & C. Streets)  He advertized in RMN quite a good deal, (card) but removed to Gilpin County after investigating mining camps of San Juan and other places.  After Central City appeared on the map he removed there, practicing law, wrote editorials for the “Tri-Weekly Mining Register.”  Later became its managing editor, and erected the building since occupied by the paper, with the upper floor used as a Masonic hall.  Frank Hall came in later with him.  He was also in 1862 Superintendent of Schools, Gilpin County.  He was County Judge of Gilpin County six years.  Was a Mason, a Knight Templar, and President of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association.
His notarial commission is in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, dated from LeCompton, Mar 12, 1859. (For county of Montana, filed Jun 1, 1859) Signed by the Governor of Kansas Territory H. Medary, and attested by Hugh S. Walch, Secretary of Kansas Territory. He edited the Register until 1873. In 1863 he was one of the editors of the “Common-Wealth.” In 1862 had home in Eureka. Jan 2, 1863 the Tri-Weekly Mining Register says: “Mr. A. Thomson, senior editor of the Register presents Mr. D. C. Collier with a fine broadcloth coat, silk velvet vest, and French cassimre pants, all black, of course.” (This item is quoted to show that they could dress when they wished, in the pioneer days.) William Larimer, Jr., in his Reminiscences refers to his acquaintance with Collier who, he says was a young lawyer from Wyandotte, and whom he had taken in as a companion in his cabin to live with him in 1859. Collier was present when the first meeting was held to establish an Episcopal church in Denver, Feb 15, 1860. He was born in Chatauqua County, township of Mina, New York, Oct 13, 1832, ancestors Scotch on father’s side, Plymouth stock on mother’s side. Emigrated Ohio 1852, graduated Oberlin College 1857, next move Kansas, and thus to Pike’s Peak. (His son was living in San Diego, California 1913, for he loaned the Colorado Historical Society during Prof. Smiley’s time for of the office of Historian he was collecting materials for Colorado history) his cherished file of the early numbers of his Gilpin County paper, The Tri-Weekly Mining Register of Central City, 1862-3.) He is said to have removed to San Diego from Colorado in 1895, practiced law there and was prominent, and died aged 67, Aug 11, 1898.

Collier is said to have built the first dwelling house on the east side of Cherry Creek in 1859.

COLLIER, J. D. (spelled Colier – possibly Colver?) grantee of deed of Mountain City, Sep 16, 1859. (Gregory Record, p.30)

COLLIER, John Z., of Blackhawk in early times. Arrived May 3, 1859, and died Dec 11, 1892 in Lawrence Kansas. Interred in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Was in mining business in Central City many years, and member of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association.

COLLIER, of Shorts & Collier, mining firm at Gregory’s Diggings.

COLLIER, Thomas, was witness Aug 7, 1859 to deed between Milton & Brown to mining claims in Gregory Diggings. (Gregory and Mountain City Record)

COLLIER, WARNER, & WILLIAMS, firm, 1859, Denver City.

COLLINS, H., was with Wells, Goldschmidt, Gerrish and others in petitioning the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory for Denver Lodge 1859.

COLMAN, KING AND COMPANY, 1859, working one sluice, Gregory Diggings. (RMN)
COLONA, name of town of fifty cabins, in 1859 situated near the present site of Ft. Collins. Established early in this year. The first organization was effected by Antoine and Nicholas Janisse, Elbridge Gerry (frontiersman) John Babtiste, --- Raymond, --- Todd, B. Goodwin, Antoine LeBeau, --- Randall, and Oliver Morisette. The town was later known as La Porte. (Colona was a precinct in 1859.)

COLONA, name brought in by Schuyler Colfax in Bill introduced in Congress Jan 6, 1859 to be the name of a Territory including the region later known as Colorado. This Bill was lost in Committee. (Was the date Jun 6?)

COLORADO, this name unknown to the Argonauts of 1858-59. --- Census of Colorado was taken in 1861 by Gov. Gilpin, (see The Overland Stage to California, p. 161.) showing a population of 25,329, white males over 21, 18,136 under 21, 2,622 females over 21, 4,484 females under 21, and 89 Negroes. Gilpin was the first Governor of Colorado Territory which was not created until 1861. (By Congress)

COLORADO CITY, was a political precinct in the 7th District, summer of 1859. Mentioned in statistics of the election for members of the first Constitutional Convention.

COLORADO PIONEERS’ SOCIETY or ASSOCIATION was organized first in 1866, Jun 22, and only arrivals of 1858-9 taken in at first, but it did not last long, and the work lagged until in 1872 another effort was made which resulted in a permanent Society. The last meeting was held in Cutlers’ Hall, Denver, and they extended the time to include pioneers of 1860. In Hall’s Colorado History a list of about 650 names seems to be all he could find among the various records.

COLOROW, Chief of the Utes: an excellent story of him (told by Wolfe Londoner) in RMN, p. 8, Dec 5, 1899.

COLVER, John D., (see John D. Collier) was mining in Colona 1859. He was a witness in Auraria City to deed in lot sale, Dec 5 same.

COLVIN, G. W. (see G. W. Calvin) of Mountain City Jul 1859, was member of rescue party leaving that place to bring back the bodies of Kennedy and Schank, killed by Indians. (See under Kennedy.)

COMBS, J. M., mentioned as resident of Auraria in 1859 file of RMN: advertized that he had lost a due bill.

COMLEY (CONLEY?), Charles, of Mountain City 1859, mentioned in (RMN)

COMPTON, James R., stockholder of Auraria Town Company 1858.

CONANT, E. H., was in 1858 a stockholder in Auraria Town Company.
CONE, John P., has in 1859 a steam engine for sale (advertized in RMN).

CONKLIN, ---, of firm of Prosser, Conklin & Co., mining, Russell’s ’59.

CONKLIN & BONESTEEL, formerly of Wisconsin, their quartz mill mentioned in RMN file of 1859.

CONKLIN, Edgar, was a witness to deed in Auraria Aug 1859, and during this year an express package was advertized for him in RMN. On Aug 22 same year he was grantee of land for ranche purposes on South Platte. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

CONKLIN, Theodore, Oct 31, 1859 grantor of claim on Luck Lead, on the hillside southeast of the Fields & Cotton Lead, and south of H. M. Griswold & Co.’s claim. Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 76)

CONLEY, J. N., of Clayton, Georgia arrived Denver City May 30, 1859, by Santa Fe Trail, a 60 day trip. (List in RMN)


CONOLEY, L., mining Oct 1859 in Gregory Diggings, in Simmons Lode. (Mountain City Record) p. 22, Gregory Record.

CONNOLLY & BEVERLEY, mining, Clear Creek and Boulder Valley camps. Mentioned in 1859 file of RMN, summer.

CONNOLLY, David, of Denver, arrived Jul 1, 1859. Born New York Sep 13, 1826. (Name in list of Hall’s Colorado History.) In the Arapahoe County Land Records 1859 he is grantee for consideration of $150 of lots 9 and 10 on corner of C. & McGaa Streets Sep 13, 1859. Denver.

CONNOR, J., was an original stockholder of Auraria Town Company 1858.

CONNOR, R. C., arrived from Georgia with Capt. Green Russell’s party June 1, 1859. This party went to Gregory, then up above Central.


CONSOLIDATED CITIES of Auraria, Denver and Highland, beginning of agitation for this in Dec 1859. (This was finally accomplished.)
CONSOLIDATED DITCH COMPANY, organized in Gilpin County to convey water to the mines in the dry gulches, taking it from Fall River, 1859. This was incorporated in November in Denver.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS of Territory of Jefferson and of Colorado (see Portrait & Biography Index of this work). The Constitutional Convention of 1859 met in Wooten’s Hall in Auraria, Apr 11 in this year. Many of the members passed resolutions recommending that the elected officers go on with their work of government without waiting for authority from the Governor of Kansas. Henry Allen opposed this course. The Proceedings of this convention are in file of RMN. In Aug 6 is record on pp. 1-2. The Constitution of the State of Jefferson appears on pp. 1-2 Aug 13, also pp. 1-2 Aug 20. Page 2, same issue, the memorial to Congress. The Nominations for the Provisional Government are on p. 1, Oct 20. June 11 issue also contains a record of Proceedings of the Convention. This Convention had two delegates from Taos (now in New Mexico). There were over 44 precincts, and several members to each one, Mountain City having 11 delegates, Auraria City only 9, and Denver City 9, while Gregory Diggings had 15. Golden City had 12. Thus, it may be seen what the population probably was in these camps.

CONTIS, Francis, notice of his death in RMN as follows: Francis Contis died June 6, 1859 of cancer of the stomach, on the route from Leavenworth, when approaching Denver. He was from St. Louis and aged 40 years. St. Louis papers please copy.

COOK, Albert T., died in Denver City aged 25 years. He was from Strawberry Point, Clayton County, Iowa. Buried in Mt. Prospect Cemetery. (Jul 15, 1859) file of this year, RMN (Albert ?)

COOK & BROTHER, mining, Nevada Gulch, five men, summer of 1859.

COOK, C. E., auctioneer, Denver, died Feb 1, 1863. (Suicide) He left a wife, -----. Tri-Weekly Mining Register.

COOK, Charles A., was the first Mayor of Denver, 1861-2-3. In Dec 6, 1859 he sold one half of original share in Town of Highland (share No. 22), drawn by George C. Nelson, etc.

COOK, Charles H., grantee, from Golden City Association Oct 21, 1859 lots on Washington Avenue, east side near Water Street (long description), also a second lot on Washington Street, west side.

COOK, Daniel D., in 1858 had Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company, with agreement to build hewed log house. He was a delegate from Auraria City in Jun 1859 to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria. Under the Provisional Government he was Sheriff of Arapahoe County (Apr 23, 1859).

COOK, G. A. & COMPANY, of Auraria or Denver 1859, mentioned in list in RMN as handling gold dust. Was merchant.

COOK, George W., was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived 1859. Living Denver 1920. Was member first Constitutional Convention 1859 delegate from Gregory Diggings. 

There may be more than one G. W. Cook, for one is member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Mar 6, 1859, lived Mountain City, and left for Iowa during the first year, as reported in paper.

G. W. Cook was a founding member of Auraria Lodge in October of this year, his home Lodge being given as Stanbury Point Lodge No. 30 of Iowa.

COOK, Marshall, was delegate from Arapahoe City to the first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859. He was also resident of Auraria. In 1858 he is noted as of Arapahoe City, or village, and in Mar 1859 served as Prosecuting Attorney. He owned lot 1, block 63, Auraria City, for in September, same year, he sold it to William Ennis for $150, which price would denote a cabin, as a vacant lot at that time was worth very much less. There is a record of his having Donation Lots with agreement to build, of the Auraria Town Company, and this may be one of them.

COOK, S. W., member and petitioner of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for a dispensation for Auraria Lodge 1859. (This may be a reference to G. W. Cook, see above?)

COOK, William, of Mountain City in 1859 Directory of Businessmen of that place. He was a blacksmith.

COOK’S CREEK, was where Jackson first located gold. A meeting of miners was held here at the Diggings, May 9, 1859. (RMN, May 14)

COOLEY, C. E., with his partner J. C. Steadman, are owners of share 45, one donation share in the capital stock of the Auraria Town Company to be drawn under rules and regulations, and certified to by the Auraria Town Company dated Jul 20, 1859. In November of same year this firm again buys Auraria lots.

C. E. Cooley on Feb 19, 1860 is with several others in taking steps at a meeting to start an Episcopal church, which became St. John’s Church-in-the-Wilderness. (Denver)

COOMBS, Robert, arrived Jun 8, 1859. Member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society, and was vice president of same. Lived Nevadaville.

Coombs and Company, four men were in 1859, summer, mining in Russell’s.
COONLEY and Company, seven men, mining, Pleasant Valley, summer 1859. RMN

COOPER, ---, associate of Bennett & Wyatt, 1859, sawmill in Cherry Creek pineries, set up on Divide about 30 miles south of mouth of Cherry Creek. This mill furnished it is said the first lumber brought to Denver (April 21) and used in Wooten’s small dwelling the first of frame, on west side of 10th Street (then called Ferry Street) between 4th and 5th Streets. (Larimer and Market) This building in 1901 was still being used as a stable.

COOPER, ---, of the firm of Heffner, McLain & Cooper, mining at Russell’s, summer of 1859.

COOPER, Hon. A. D., was a member of three State Constitutional Conventions, the first in 1859 (then a delegate from a precinct now included in Summit County), next in 1864, and then in 1875-6 to the one which prepared the Constitution under which we now live. He has been in State Senate 1865, later in 9th Territorial Legislature and in 1875 was of Fremont County. He was born Venango County, Pennsylvania, 1822, emigrated Kentucky, taught school, later moved Belleview, Nebraska, after coming Colorado mining, Summit and Clear Creek Counties. In 1870 settled down in Canon City. He was a Republican.

COOPER, C. S., of firm of Ming & Cooper, merchants Denver 1859. They had first store in Fountain City in this year.


COOPER, John W., lived Denver 1859. J. W. Cooper was a witness Sep 26 this year in Mountain City, to deed to claims, etc., (Gregory Record, p. 33) and in spring of 1859 J. W. Cooper was given Donation Lots by Auraria Town Company. Probably same party.


COOVER, ---, of firm of Foss, Coover & Company, mining at Russell’s 1859.

COPLEY, William, arrived 1858 with company carrying supplies to goldfields from Kansas, the Lawrence party, 5th wagon.

CORAVILLE, a U. S. Post Office discontinued Jul 1859.

CORBETT, Mr., the paper says that he is travelling in the mountains, and reports snow. (Winter of 1859)
CORBIN, Charles, name in list of pioneers given in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. II. He arrived 1859 and is recorded as having been born in Ohio 1832. From a clipping (dateless, but probably of 1899), it seems that Mr. also Mrs. E. Corbin came 1859, and in year 1899 lived at 1423 York Street, Denver. They “ranched on Platte at first, below Cherry Creek.” The following is copied from the Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 320, old: Charles Corbin, certificate of his marriage to Eliza Burch, Dec 21, 1859 filed for record Feb 1, 1860 (married by Rev. G. W. Fisher). Place not stated. In the RMN it says, Charles Corbin married Miss Eliza Burch, all of Ohio, at residence of J. J. Minter, by Rev. G. W. Fisher, Dec 21, 1859. Cleveland and Cincinnati papers please copy. “With the above we received a generous supply of wedding cake.”

CORBITT, T. G., from Bath, New York, mentioned in paper as being at Tarryall Diggings, a miner (placer) summer 1859.

CORKRIN (CORCORAN), J. N., witness in Auraria City, Mar 24, 1859 to signature of deed between John W. Smith and James T. Trent for 36 Denver lots, consideration $8,000.

CORNISH, O., grantor, mining claim in Gregory Diggings, Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 16)

CORRILL, Mr. (Carroll?), had camp near Denver 1859. (See Carroll?)


CORYDON LODE, was discovered in 1859 near Central City site, and was on mountain between Eureka and Nevada. It was worked considerably in 1860 and then abandoned, but in 1863 is again being operated by Messrs Johnson & Teller. Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Feb 25, 1863, Central.


COSGROVE & HODSON, mining. Four men at Russell’s Gulch. 1859. (RMN)

COSLEY & COMPANY, mining, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, two men.

COTTON, J. C., arrival of 1858 and original stockholder in Auraria Town Company.

COTTON, James, was witness land sale, Arapahoe County, Nov 27, 1859. (This is probably out of Liber A, old.

COURTWRIGHT. This name was associated with Charles Nichols in founding the City of St. Charles, on site of Denver 1858.
COURTWRIGHT, Jacob, of Mountain City was with mining business there for he is grantor of claim in Gregory District Oct 31, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 46)

COURTWRIGHT, Richard, in Arapahoe County Land Records is following: Richard Courtwright of the first part, Dec 6, 1858, lets contract for house in Denver City to be built of round logs, 16 x 16 at least 7 feet high, to have one door and chimney, and a dirt roof to show both ways. To be finished by the 1st of March, 22 lots in Denver City to be drawn out of Richard Courtwright’s shares in Denver City.

The parties of the second part are W. P. Preston and J. P. McPherson (to build). Richard Courtwright was a stockholder in Denver City Town Company in 1859, probably earlier.

COVALL (COVELL), John, in 1859 received a Judgment in Probate Court, Arapahoe County, against James W. Clark for $375. Dec 12, 1859 Clark’s lands and chattels fell into the hands of Kehler (Sheriff) Dec 31, and were sold to satisfy the Judgment. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

COVINGTON & Barnes, arrived with their train of wagons in Denver City May 18, 1859. They are from Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana. (RMN)

COWAN, R. R., was Chairman of the meeting on occasion of the miners of Russell’s protesting about the control of the price of gold dust in Oct 1859. This may be same Mr. Cowan who was partner of a Mr. Brown in Mountain City in Commission business in 1860-1.


COWENHOVEN, H. P., member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. Hall, in his list gives his residence in 1890 as Aspen, Colorado. He arrived Denver Jun 27, 1859, and in 1864 lived in Blackhawk, and the name is listed in records as Mayor of Blackhawk, 1868-9. He was born in Prussia Mar 20, 1814. (Henry Cowenhoven)

COWLES, W., in 1858 was with the others at Montana City.

COX & COMPANY, with three men, mining at Russell’s Gulch summer 1859.

COX, George T., of Chicago Creek Bar, with J. C. Jones, implicated in case of John Pascoe, Jan 1860. (This is probably an arrival of 1859.)

COZENS (COZZENS), W. Z., Deputy Sheriff for Jack Kehler, of Arapahoe County 1859 was greatly feared by all law breakers, also much respected. His bravery was wonderful and he was a fine, generous character. He was Sheriff of Gilpin County 1864, and had charge of Van Horn during the time of his exciting trial and punishment. For more complete account of this matter, see Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. II, pp. 151-2-3. He was a Rocky Mountain Ranger earlier than this in Mountain
City. Was born Jul 4, 1830 in L’Original, Canada. His parents were from New York and Vermont. They returned to United States later. His father was a lawyer in Chicago, Joliet, St. Louis, then W. Z. came Auraria 1859. He served in the War, Company C under command of Col. S. E. Brown. He its Captain. Has been City Marshall of Auraria, then to Middle Park. Married Mary, daughter of John & Mary York.

COZZENS, E. B., of Auraria City, grantee several Auraria lots Dec 30, 1859. Ed. Cozzens was a member of the American Pueblo Town Company in 1859. (Bancroft)

CRABTREE, J. F., was probably an arrival of ’59, for he was member of jury to try case at Chicago Bar, early in Jan of 1860.

CRADLEBAUGH, witness in Auraria, Aug 22, 1859, between Alvin H. Guivoth & John Hickry. (Liber A, p. 93)


CRAIG, Capt. William, came before 1858, and was always prominent in Huerfano County and Southern part of Territory.

CRAM, D. M., gives notice, dated Jun 18, 1859, of claim for water of Maryland, or Chase Gulch, to be conveyed to Gregory Gulch. (Gregory Record, p. 50)

CRAMPTON & COMPANY, mining, in Russell’s with seven men (List RMN ’59).

CRANDALL, Lewis D., name frequent in Gregory Record 1859, claim in Bobtail Lode. Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. IV, p. 409 says that he was born Vermont and arrived Colorado in this year. Lived Mountain City, and later in Central, where he invested in the Bobtail, but died in 1861, just on the threshold of fortune. He left much valuable property. This his widow, Mrs. Lucy A. Crandall, held on to, and now she owns the Crandall Block, the Witter Block, and other valuable pieces in Denver and elsewhere. 1890.

CRANDOL, Russell & COMPANY, mining ’59, summer, in Russell’s Gulch.

CRANE, ---, firm of Day & Crane, mining in Russell’s Gulch, same year.

CRANE, W. M., arrived Denver City with J. W. Bennett and 16 others by Express Route May 28, 1859. He is of Greenville County, Michigan. (RMN)
CRANE, William, arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek May 27, 1859 by Smoky Hill Route, with Leo Express Company of Leo, Indiana. 43 days out of Leavenworth.

CRAWFORD, M. M., arrived spring of ’59 with B. J. Stout and others, from Stout’s P. O. Ohio. (See under B. J. Stout for names of his companions and other particulars of this trip.)

CRAWFORD, William J., had Donation Lots for building, either Denver City or Auraria 1859.

CRAWSHAW, Phillip, arrived May 15, 1859. Lived Lakewood, Colorado later.

CREIGHTON, Harry, arrived accompanying Byers party, spring 1859. Also James CREIGHTON.

CREFTS, S., member first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Dickerson Precinct, Jun 1859.

CREMER, M., witness, Jan 2, 1860 to deed between W. S. Walker and D. P. Wallingford, involving land on Platte, 20 miles below Denver.

CRESSWELL, Paige, from Ohio, arrived Denver spring 1859 from Ohio. (RMN)

CRIGLER, M. B., arrived May 28, 1859 from Missouri. (RMN)


CRITTENDEN & COMPANY, with three men, mining Pleasant Valley summer 1859.

CROMWELL, C. A., witness to deed between William McGaa and Raphael Cararell in Denver or Auraria, Aug 1859. In Oct this year Curtis A. Cromwell made transfer of property. On Nov 21 he is grantor of Denver lots, and must have invested in Arapahoe City for he grants to Caroline J. Cromwell Dec 8, same year, lots in this place.

CROOK, Albert J., witness in Mountain City to signature of deed to mining claim Sep 28, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 14) The name of A. N. J. Crook is signed as witness several times in Auraria City, once in Dec same year, again twice in Jan of 1860. In the early records of Auraria Lodge, it is to be seen that he was the first initiate Mason “passed” in Auraria Lodge Jan 7, 1860 and was “raised” on Feb 6. (Said to have been the first raised in all the gold diggings.) His name is in list of members of Auraria Lodge U.D. 1861.

CROOKER (?), W. L., member in 1859 of first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Arapahoe, (Arapahoe City, or Arapahoe Bar).

CROOKS, John, Denver 1859, name mentioned newspaper clipping.

CROPPER, Lyon, grantee, lot 6, block 30, Auraria City, from J. H. Dudley, Nov 18, 1859.

CROSS, ---, was member of the Kansas expedition carrying supplies to the miners in 1858. (Lawrence party, 6th wagon)


CROUSE, F. H., had in 1858 Donation Lots in either Auraria or Montana City, accepted with agreement to build hewed log house.

CROUSE, Nathan, Denver City, grantee of lot or lots Jul 6, 1859.

CROW & BRUNDY, (note from 1859 files), are erecting in Golden, a very fine house, 25 X 40 and two stories high, on Washington Avenue and Third Street, to be occupied by them as a saloon.

CROW, Henry, arrived 1859. Member in 1920 of Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Was bred a merchant, became a miner, returned to Iowa, then located in Central City, was in War of 1864 and Indian wars, then moved to Georgetown. Being very wealthy he built a one hundred thousand dollar mansion on the block where now the Auditorium stands in Denver. One authority says he was born in Wisconsin, another says Canada, 1830. (The last is Frank Hall’s statement.) He was President of the City National Bank 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Crow removed from Denver to southwestern part of the United States.

CROWE, Jacob W., arrived Jun 12, 1859, died Jul 11, 1910. Member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society.

CRUME, D. M., mentioned in files as mining near Denver 1859.

CRUISE, J. H., grantor of lots to Charles Wade, on condition that Wade finish building now under construction. The lot is on Larimer Street, Denver City, May 30, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
CRUISE, Nathan, grantor of Denver lots May 20, 1860. (Probably a resident and Fiftyniner.)

CRUSE, Frederic H., (probably a Fiftyniner) is grantee, from Golden Gate Town Company, Jan 14, 1860, lot 16, block 29, in the city of Golden Gate. (Jefferson County Land Records)

CRUTHERS? DUMONT & COMPANY, mining, Nevada District 1859.

CULLIN, Thomas, witness, transaction in property between Jacob Thomas & Elisa Brown Aug 10, 1859. (Gregory Record, Mountain City)

CULLMAN, A. J., witness Denver City land transaction Dec 1859. (Record)

CUMMINGS, James & Company, mining Pleasant Valley, three men, summer 1859.

CUMMINGS, John S., of Gregory Diggings Sep 24, 1859, grantor of a mining claim or claims. (Gregory Record, p. 43) Again – record that he had claim on Sterling Lode, Mountain City 1859. (Same record)

CURRAN, D., was of Mountain City 1859, and part owner of quartz mills there. From Chicago, Illinois originally. He also was partner of C. B. Clark & Company, quartz and lumber mills in Gregory Diggings in this year.

CURTICE, L. A., accompanied Byers’ party to goldfields in Feb 1859. (See Portrait & Biography Index for some biography of this pioneer.) He was long a prominent real estate dealer in Denver and lived as early as 1866, and possibly earlier, on Cheyenne Avenue, Auraria, on west side street between what is now Curtis and Champa. (Cheyenne Avenue is now Ninth Street, west Denver.)

Mrs. Curtice was a most elegant lady, a New England woman, rather petite, with gentle and pleasant manners, was well educated and a prominent woman in church activities. They had no children, but she had adopted a child name Mary ---? Always called Mary Curtice, who was treated as a favored daughter, well dressed, sent to school and placed in good society, but she disappeared from their lives later on, so the elderly couple lived alone, and died within a few days of one another. On p. ___ is photo of their home on Cheyenne Avenue, Auraria, but with some few alterations from old appearance. This house must have been built in the sixties, perhaps was a very early brick house.

CURTICE, William J., accompanied Byers and his paper to Colorado Feb-Apr 1859. (Apr 8 is date given in record of Colorado Pioneers’ Society.) Born New York Sep 14, 1859 (???) In 1861-3 he was Superintendent of Public Instruction, appointed by Gov. Gilpin.

CURTIS, Daniel F., (or Daniel L.?), grantor of Denver City lots, May 13, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
CURTIS & FOSTER, clothing, groceries, saddlery, etc., new store off the Old P. O.
Auraria City 1859. (Directory)

CURTIS & LOWRY, surveyors, for Denver City Town Company 1859.

CURTIS, Samuel S. (Colonel), a prominent pioneer of 1858 contributes reminiscences to Smiley’s History of Denver. He lived in the village or city of Arapahoe near site of Golden City. Was a member of the first Constitutional Convention from Arapahoe, a place which furnished six delegates. In 1859 he seems to have moved to Denver City, and was stockholder in the Town Company, and had laid it out in Nov 22, 1858. In Dec of 1858 he located a ranch claim as follows: “from the centre of main channel of Clear Creek where western boundary of Arapahoe Town would strike it.” etc., etc., 160 acres, for ranching purposes. Filed for record in Golden City, Mar 25, 1860. (Liber A, p. 33) In Denver he says he occupied in ’59 as a store, one half of lower floor of two story frame building east side of Ferry (11th) Street, nearly a block north of where Larimer crosses it. The second floor was used by Masons, also by Odd Fellows (later) as Lodge room. He was elected City Treasurer in December of this year. He was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church in Denver Feb 1860. (Junior Warden) Was a banker in Omaha 1899, and lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa 1901. His portrait is in RMN, p. 6, Dec 5, 1899. Also in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 388.

CUSHMAN, A., arrived May 4, 1859, lives Telluride County 1907. (Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association.)

He was of Longmont in 1881, A. W. Cushman (may be another?) was a pioneer of ’59.

CUSHMAN, L. R., was a resident of Denver City 1859, name in Directory same.

CUTTER, C. M., was member of first Constitutional Convention 1859, delegate from Kioway (a district).

CUVEN & COMPANY, mining in Pleasant Valley summer of 1859, five men.
DAHLER, Charles L., lived on Ferry Street, Auraria, Directory 1859. Name appears in Land Records, witness, etc., was a judge of election in this year, and succeeded McFadden as President of Auraria Town Company in this year. On Feb 3, 1860 he grants to James B. Reed, lot 6, block 33, Auraria, consideration $1500. (Must have included house.) He was agent of the Overland Stage Line in 1865 (RMN) with offices in 1st floor of Planters’ Hotel. (Charles Dahler kept saloon in Auraria 1859, may be another?) (Directory 1859)

DAILEY, John L., partner of Byers in RMN arrived with Byers party Apr 8, 1859, and was part owner of paper until 1870. Later was connected with Denver Tribune for many years. Born Nov 19, 1833 in Ohio. He was son of William T. Dailey, native of Pennsylvania. His mother Sarah McCormick, native of Posey County, Ohio. He lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, moved to Omaha, published a paper at one time. Married 1866 Miss Melissa Rounds of Chicago (died), 2nd Mrs. Helen M. Woodbury, a daughter of Rev. W. E. Manley, Universalist, residence Auburn, New York, four children. His portrait is in RMN, p. 7, Dec 5, 1899. The RMN of Mar 12, 1866 (See files RMN) gives long notice of this marriage.


DAILEY, William M., resident of Denver ca. 1890. Listed in Hall’s record of pioneers as a Fiftyniner. Born in Ohio. A William M. Dailey was agent of the RMN at Russell’s Gulch in this year, and in spring of same year he is mentioned with arrivals as from Leo, Indiana.

DAILY, Peter F., (son of William Daly, a pioneer of 1857) was member of Pioneers’ Association of Central, in whose record he is said to be or have been “Born 1862.” In 1924 he was living in Denver, having removed from Central City on the failure of mining in and around Gilpin County. He has daughter, a student at Denver University who gave to the compiler the facts about her grandfather. (Follows.)

DAILY, William, a native of Pennsylvania, arrived Colorado by oxteam, in party in 1857. He lived in Central and Blackhawk. His son, Peter F., was born in the last named place. He had also a son, William.


DARGIN, David G., a founder of Golden City, born Androscoggin, Maine, Jun 21, 1835. Came Colorado by oxteam, merchandizing most of time, mining less. Made trip to Idaho and Oregon freighting, returned to Golden and conveyed cargoes of grain to
Salt Lake (1868), then explored Los Angeles Valley. Texas claimed him next, and after a trip to Maine he returned Golden, improved his property and went into mining again. He arrived '59 (no date).

DARLINGTON, ---, (of firm of Murphy, Darlington & Company) Tunnell in Nevada District, 1859.

DARLINGTON, R. D., Oct 3, 1859 files in Mountain City notice of mining claim, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 47)

DARMELLON, J. W. (Darnellan ?) Oct 1, 1859 was witness to signature of deed, Mountain City. (Gregory Record, p. 6)


DAUGHERTY, C., witness to deed by A. Hamilton, Oct 1, 1859, Gregory Diggings. Recorded at Mountain City. (Gregory Record, p. 37)

DAVENPORT, a town or mining camp of 1859, at mouth of Left Hand Creek. The site is now not to be discovered easily.

DAVENPORT, Dr., was a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention, Jun 11, from Gregory Diggings, 1859. (RMN)

DAVEY, Charles, records farm claim situated on Cherry Creek commencing at Mr. Steele’s northeast corner, etc. Nov 11, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

DAVIDSON, William, arrived 1859, Boulder first, member Union Bar Gold Mining Company, in Denver was candidate for Mayor in very early times. Shareholder in Golden Town Company, partner in firm of Davidson & Breath, Golden, whose store stood on grounds of new high school building of later time, in block above old Boston Company’s store. In some accounts his name is given as William A. Davidson, but is probably the same person. In Dec 1859 the Western Mountaineer mentions that William A. Davidson of firm of Davidson & Breath left for his old home, to return with goods early in the spring. He departed from Golden for the northern part of the State early in his career. His life had been eventful. Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Aug 10, 1817, from Quaker stock on one side, Puritan on the other. Educated Phillips’ Academy, also Andover, Massachusetts. His ancestors, many of them followers of the Sea. In Tennessee as surveyor for railroad, then Illinois, same occupation, Iowa City (here essayed farming), 1850 to California, (Placerville, El Dorado County), became wealthy, invested in 3000 acres land, (Amador County) mined, built saw mills, then Iowa in 1856, has built first Ditch near Golden, had stamp mill in Ward. Living 1880 8 miles east of Boulder. President Davidson Coal & Iron Company, and has 8000 acres land. (Files, Land Records, History Boulder Valley)
DAVIS, A. D., claim 19, McLeod & Company plat, on Plum Creek, Divide, Oct 1859. (This recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records)

DAVIS, Anthony, in Oct 1859, has Claim 17 in McLeod & Company plat on Plum Creek, Divide. Land taken for saw milling purposes.

DAVIS, D. B., was in Dec 1859 President of the Illion Town Company in Jefferson County. In 1860, Feb 13, at the Forest Ranche owned by him, his daughter Helen Sophia married George F. Howard. (Files)

DAVIS, Daniel, member first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Fountain City, Jun 1859. (Meeting in Auraria.)

DAVIS, Isaac F., is mentioned Jan 1859 by William Larimer Jr., as living in Denver, and going to the pineries with Folsom Dorsett.

DAVIS, J. T., a pioneer of 1858, was donated Denver City lots with agreement to build hewed log house in specified time, etc.

DAVIS, James, owns Claim 18, McLeod & Company’s plat, Oct 1859, in company with others, on Plum Creek, land designed for pinery.

DAVIS, John, files certificate of description of his Denver City lots from the Town Company Aug 23, 1859. (Arapahoe Company Land Records)

DAVIS, Jonathan, was witness of signatures of officers of the St. Charles Town Company, on relinquishing to the Denver City Town Company Jul 19, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 187, old)

Jonathan Davis is grantee from A. F. Gerrish on Sep 29, 1859, consideration 100 dollars, claim on Clear Creek.

DAVIS, J. R., grantee, Gregory Diggings, claim which is recorded Sep 7, 1859. (Gregory Record)

DAVIS, Mahlon, in Jefferson County Land Records is recorded preemption by him and several others, of land for an addition to city of Golden Gate on date Nov 1, 1859.

DAVIS, R. P., grantee, mining claims, Gregory District, 1859. (Gregory Record)

DAVIS, R. T., early day resident Golden City, had lots donated by Golden City Association (to be drawn) 1859, and there is record of claim located by him for ranching and mining purposes, north of west of the nearest addition to the town of Golden City, “Embracing a flat or piece of ground near the foot of the mountain, the nearest flat to the Toll Gate.” Contains two acres, more or less. Taken Jan 7, 1860.” (Land Records)
DAVIS, T. A., (name from members’ list, Colorado Pioneers’ Association) arrived Jul 9, 1859. Was born Ohio Feb 11, 1841. Lived Telluride 1890.


DAVISON, James, was in 1859 appointed Mayor of (Militia ?) by Gov. Steele.

DAVISON, William, was in 1859 Territorial Representative elect. (RMN)

DAVISSON, Mr. C., his boat on Platte has been wrecked with specimens, books, notes, etc. (He had started for the mouth of the Platte.) (RMN, May 14, 1859)

DAWES, Robert, of Arapahoe County, grantee from Hammons & Luisby (?) farm claim on Platte. Consideration $275 on Nov 29, 1859.

DAWSON, Andrew, Aug 23, 1859 is entitled to lots in Denver City, numbers 11-12-13, block 18. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

DAWSON, James (or James A.), was one of the petitioners to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Kansas Territory for Lodge in Golden. (1859) He had lots in Golden transferred to him in Feb 1860. Was member in this year of Golden Lodge. He is mentioned humorously in Western Mountaineer (George West’s paper) p. 4, Dec 7, 1859.

DAY & CRANE, mining, in Russell’s, summer 1859. (List in RMN)

DAY, G., arrived by Smoky Hill Route, May 22, 1859 by Lone Star Company’s wagons. From St. Louis.

DAY, W. P., name in list of delinquents for newspaper sent S. E. Day at Kingsville, Missouri. (List published in Mountain City) 1859.

DAYTON, B. M., member elect of first Constitutional Convention, name appearing in list of the July meeting, a delegate from Illinois Precinct. (Probably Illinois Diggings) 1859.

DEAD MAN’S GULCH, was on side of Divide toward the San Juan.

DEADWOOD DIGGINGS (placers) were in DEADWOOD GULCH, near Red Rock, in vicinity of Gold Run and Boulder. The placers were in the fallen timber, where in Jan 1859 gold was discovered. Deadwood Diggings was large enough to send six delegates to the July meeting of the first Constitutional Convention. This was a camp half the size of Auraria, apparently.
DEAN, ---, (of Dean & Casto) mining firm in Clear Creek & Boulder mines 1859. Mr. Dean is mentioned RMN as miner in Gregory Diggings.

DEAN, C., miner 1858. Gregory Gulch.

DEAN, R. C., is grantor, Sep 28, 1859 of mining property near Mountain City in the Barnes and Day Lodes. (Gregory Record, p. 33) On p. 15 he is grantor Sep 29 of claims in the Gratiot Lode, in same record in Mountain City, in Gregory Record Book. Sep 30 he records claims in Hyatt Lode, is of C. J. McDuffee & Company (Mountain City & Gregory Diggings)

DEBATING SOCIETY, of Tarryall, mentioned in Western Mountaineer of 1859.

DECKER, S. H., of Boulder City 1859, mentioned in history.

DEE. J. W., arrived mouth Cherry Creek 1859. (See under H. C. Reasoner.)

DEEFENDORF, (see Diefendorf) M., was witness, Denver City, Nov 5, 1859 in transfer of Denver lots. (Land Records)

DE FREES (or Defrees), Archibald, late of South Bend, Indiana, miner, in Gregory Diggings. Mentioned in file of 1859 RMN.

DE FREES, Wilkes, accompanied J. H. Gregory (J. L.) to the gold region in Gregory Gulch, and washed gold with him in May 1859. Hall in his History gave description of the ice and snow and dangers of this trip, which meant so much to the country. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 193) De Frees arrived at mouth Cherry Creek with a brother, another De Frees (see above) with the David Wall party, spring 1859. He was from South Bend, Indiana. He later helped draw up the mining laws for the Gregory District, and in Central City, July of this year was presiding over mass meeting of 3000 miners. (Chairman) He was later selected as President of the miners’ association at Gregory Diggings.

DEGOE, William P., of Arapahoe County, town of Arapahoe, grantor to Henry O. Kane, of same County and Territory, 160 acres land, situated on Dry Creek about two miles from the jutt of the mountain, being the eastern one half of a section of Land Recorded in Denver City in the County and Territory aforesaid in the name of William P. Degoe, etc., etc (Records, Golden) dated Oct 3, 1859. Consideration $100. Witness, E. R. Harris. (See.)


DE HUFF, Peter M., grantee of Denver City lot 25, block 140, October 28, 1859.
DE LA MAR, Frank, was member of the first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Clear Creek precinct. He had one vote for Governor later (the nomination), and was a shareholder in Golden City Association, in 1859, when the move to organize it started, also member of the Minnehaha Town and Marble Company, incorporated in Jefferson County this year (November). He is mentioned as reporting an Indian murder which the RMN mentions, and it is said that he is taking a hand in politics considerably. He seems to be a resident of Rocky Mountain City, a different place from Mountain City and in the Western Mountaineer of Golden his wife Mrs. Fanny De La Mar is spoken of (?) or if not, in list of transferred shareholders in Golden City Association in back of old shareholders’ book (see this). He also buys lots in Auraria, 5 – 6 in block 75, Dec 26, 1859.

DELANEY, Samuel, was a delegate from Nevada Gulch election Oct 1859 in the agitation for a Provisional Government, and was included in those entitled to a seat in this Convention.

DELEY, Charles, from St. Louis, arrived Denver May 29, 1859, having left Leavenworth with party Apr 14, by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN)

DELSOY (Delroy ?), M. L., member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association, arrived goldfields Jun 18, 1859. (Died.) (List, Golden City Pioneers’ Association)

DEMENT, A. B., arrived goldfields 1859. (See under M. L. Mathes, Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.)

DEMPSEY, Jesse, Jr., baker, residence McGaa Street, Denver City, 1859. (Mss. Business Directory, 1859, Denver)

DENNISON & COMPANY, wagon train arrived with eight men, May 17, 1859 from Tamoque, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

DENVER, AURARIA, AND COLORADO WAGON ROAD, incorporated Dec 1859, to build toll road from Denver City, by way of South Park through Tarryall to Saratoga West on the Blue Fork. Said claim was taken up on Oct 20, 1859, to include Middle Park, said road to enter the mountains at a point some five miles south of Golden City and one mile south of the town of Baden, and pass by way of Bergen’s Ranche and on a most direct route to the South and Middle Parks and Colorado.

J. Casto signs as President Oct 27, 1859. (This road was to connect at Vernon and Bergen’s Ranche by a branch road.)

DENVER CITY, organized under the caption of “Denver City Town Company” in Nov 1858 by buying off the claims of the St. Charles Town Company, its predecessor on east bank of Cherry Creek. For many years it was a bitter rival of Auraria on the west side of the stream, but eventually conquered her, and swallowed her up. Auraria had named her streets for the Presidents, Denver streets were named for the members of the Town Company and several of them for their squaws, such as Wazee, etc. The
Company donated lots, as did Auraria, with agreement of the settler to build hewed log house. Lists of these donations may be seen in Smiley’s History of Colorado, also in file of the RMN, pg. 3, Oct 13, 1859. (41 names of members were in the first roll.) Many of the early arrivals became shareholders eventually, but in 1881 only A. J. Williams, R. E. Whitsitt and F. M. Cobb seem to remain, according to the best information.

Denver City, Montana County, Kansas was her designation in Apr 1859. Later she became Denver City, Jefferson Territory, etc. In June of 1859 she had nine delegates to the first Constitutional Convention. (See under this for comparative size of cities.) E. P. Stout was first President of the Town Company.

DENVER CITY, MOUNTAIN CITY Wagon Road Company, files certificate Oct 5, 1859. The route “to go through Harry’s Pass, about 4 miles north of Golden City.”

DEOW (Dean ?), Peter, grantee from William McGaa, Feb 26, 1859, 10 lots in Denver City.

DERMITT, William, arrived goldfields by Plattsmouth-Nebraska Company’s train of wagons, Oct 24, 1858.

DEVLIN, James, (Denver 1890) arrived Apr 1859. Born Ireland 1836. Another pioneer list gives name of Joseph Devlin. (Hall) May be same or another. Living Denver 1920. (No dates.)

DEVOR, James R., of Elkhart, Indiana, miner in Gregory Diggings. Also miner on Cache-la-Poudre River 1859. J. R. Devor (probably same ?) was of firm of Douglas and Devor, carpenters and cabinet makers, Denver, this year. Living in Auraria, shop corner B. and 4th Streets. He appears also in Land Records, is witness to deed in June, same year.


DEYE, William P., had ranching claim on Dry Creek, lying between Golden Gate and Arapahoe Town. He is grantor of this, Oct 11, 1859 to S. G. Good (Liber A, p. 38, Golden).

DICKENS, W., arrived Boulder Valley Oct 17, 1858 DICKERSON, Amos, Jan 2, 1860, is witness to deed between Henry C. Powers and Charles Pickell (?), all of Arapahoe County, Kansas. (Liber I, Deeds, Golden).

DICKERSON, E. (Eli), of Mountain City, in Jul 1859 one of party of heroes to enter the distant mountains in search of the bodies of Kennedy and Schank, murdered by Indians. They found and buried the bodies. (See under Kennedy.) Later, in October, same year, a Land Record appears in Arapahoe County in which Eli Dickerson is grantor of Auraria City lot to Mary Kennedy.
DICKERSON, T. C., was a member of first Constitutional Convention from Dickerson Precinct. He had been Secretary of the ill fated St. Charles Townsite Company in 1858 at mouth of Cherry Creek. (See this.) He arrived Jun 20, 1858. Born Ohio Jan 2, 1828, Cheyenne 1907. He crossed the plains with Russell’s party. (Dickson)

DICKSON, F. C., selected lots, Denver City, Oct 1, 1859.

DICKSON, J., of Wisconsin, arrived Denver City May 22, 1859, with Lone Star Company’s wagons, by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN 1859)

DICKSON, J. & L. H. Dickson, three men, mining in Nevada Gulch 1859.

DICKSON, L. H., arrived May 22, 1859. (Item in RMN)

DICKSON (or DICKERSON) PRECINCT (political), had four representatives in the first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859.

DIEFENDORF, Norman, certifies to farm and ranche claim, 160 acres northwest, ¼ of Section 22, township 3, south of R. 5 east of 7th meridian. (Land is on east side Platte River.) Was located Dec 31, 1859. (This may be an 1861 description of an old 1859 claim.)

DIEFERDORF, Fox, one of the founders of Golden City 1859. He and Walter Pollard tied Vanover’s hands for the execution, September this year. He was a member of Golden City Lodge (Masonic) 1860. He is said to have died in Leavenworth, Kansas Sep 11, 1865, though the date conflicts with another which appears. (?)

DILLINGER, Albert N., grantee, mining claim, Gregory Diggings (Mountain City) Sep 26, 1859. (Gregory Record)

DILLON (DILLIN ?), Luther, “is entitled to share in Auraria Town Company Dec 24, 1858.”

DINIUS, A., from Perryville, Ohio, arrived May 12, 1859 by Platte Route 49 days from St. Joseph, Missouri (with four other men). (RMN, file, May 1859)

DINIUS, B. F., and DINIUS, H., arrived same time, from same place.

DINKINGER, Joseph, grantee, from Auraria Town Company, consideration $1 lot No. 8, block 241, Auraria Nov 26, 1859. (Liber C, p. 122, old)

DITCH COMPANY, (for turning Cherry Creek and bringing water to the Dry Diggings, west of town.) Formed Apr 23, 1859. Thomas Pollock, President, and A. Sagendorf, Secretary. (RMN)
DIXON, Lewis S., formerly of Dane County, Wisconsin. Born 1834, Franklin County, Ohio. Arrived Boulder County 1859. Mining in Gold Hill, California Gulch, and in farming in Boulder, County later. Was in Battle of Sand Creek and in Indian wars of 1864. (History Boulder Valley)

DODD, Thomas H., miner, in Tarryall Diggings, (mentioned in RMN.) Later, in 1859 the paper announces that “he leaves for Omaha, Nebraska.”

DODGE, A. W., is grantee, Nov 4, 1859 from Auraria Town Company of four lots in Auraria. Consideration $1. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old) He was member of Auraria Lodge A. F. & A. M. in list of 1861.

DODSON, Amelia, pupil in early school 1859, Auraria.

SAMUEL DODSON, same, and SUSAN DODSON, same.

DOLL, Capt. Sylvanus, & Lady, arrived with their party from Ohio May 24, 1859. (RMN)

DOLLMAN (DOLMAN ?), Mr., in his house in Auraria in Aug 1859, religious services were conducted by Mr. W. H. Good. (Elder Good was sent from the Kansas M. E. Conference to work in the gold diggings in Jun 1859.) See under his name.


DOLLMAN (spelled DOLMAN), Samuel, hotel keeper in Lawrence Street, Denver City, 1859. (Mss. Business Directory Denver). Aug 3 he buys lots, and his son Richard Denver Dolman was born Oct 25 same year. (See note above.)

DONAHOE & COMPANY, mining, summer 1859, Illinois Gulch & Missouri Flats.

DONALDSON & BLUNDELL, mining, in Illinois Gulch & Missouri Flats. 1859

DONALDSON, J., arrived from DeSoto, Nebraska. (See under D. D. Stout)


DONELSON, Thomas, came with George C. Griffin, (RMN, Jun 10, 1924) Bancroft Vol. 25, p. 394, says: “He was born Ohio Jan 20, 1824. Reared as farmer, removed westward, finally settling on the Platte, 17 miles below Denver, having arrived 1859.”

DOOLITTLE, T., arrived May 1859 by Platte Route. “Passed 1500 wagons going back.” (RMN)

DORRIS, Frank, arrived 1858 in Denver with party including George C. Schlier.

DORSETT, Folsom, arrived Oct 3, 1858 with “Leavenworth Party,” Jewett, Larimer, Lawrence and Whitsitt, one large wagon, four yoke oxen, a saddle pony for each person. In this year he was a stockholder in Denver City Town Company, and owned a number of lots.

DORSEY, Clinton, Oct 27, 1859 locates land claim to ¼ section for ranche and trading post on Bear Creek where the Denver, Auraria & Colorado Wagon Road crosses the above stream. Filed for record Nov 2 (Jefferson County Records office). In Nov 26, he files claim for a ¼ section for “running a water mill” on same place near other claim. He was an incorporator of this Wagon Road Company. Also on Jan 11, 1860 is Secretary of Mt. Vernon Wagon Road Company.

DOTSON, Oliver, witness to land deed, Auraria, Dec 3, 1859.

DOTY, E., his “Lightning Express Train” of 10 wagons arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek May 22, 1859, and in first wagon with Doty came Mr. Forbis and S. Jessup of Indiana, J. Gasside (Kansas), H. Hickins, (K. T.) H. Lavattee. (RMN)

DOUGHERTY, Michael John, a comedian is announced in paper, in 1859, to appear soon at Theatres. Later, Oct 24, 1861, the Colorado Republican announces that he is married. He is an Irish vocalist.

DOUGHERTY, Thomas (T. E.), first schoolteacher in Golden City arrived 1859. Has before Jan 4, 1860 been appointed master of the newly organized school at a house corner 3rd and Washington Streets. He surveys Eli Carter’s claim Jan 5, 1860 also. (Land Records)

DOUGLAS COUNTY, was named for Lincoln’s adversary Stephen A. Douglas, but this district was little settled or organized in 1859, but many Georgians and other Southerners were in the country. The RMN speaks a good deal of “Judge Douglas.” Douglas Mountain was good mining camp.

DOUGLAS, firm of Jackson, Douglas & Company, mining in Pleasant Valley summer of 1859.

DOUGLAS, Lewis W., his Company from Council Bluffs, Iowa arrived 19 days from home, spring of 1859. (RMN)
DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN (or Douglas), had two delegates to the June meeting of the first Constitutional Convention 1859.

DOUGLAS, Z. M., of firm of Z. M. Douglas & Devor, building in Real Estate Denver City & Auraria, corner B. and 4th Auraria City. (Directory 1859) This firm also did cabinet making.

DOW, firm of Flynn & Dow, mining in Illinois Gulch & Missouri Flats 1859. L. Dow was correspondent of RMN in mining camps early 1860.

DOWNEYVILLE, camp, had one delegate to first Constitutional Convention in Jun 1859.

DOWNING, Jacob, arrived Auraria City Apr 1, 1859. Took residence there, afterward was residing Mountain City. Born Albany, New York, Apr 12, 1830. He studied law in Chicago, was admitted to practice in 1861 in Denver in July. But 1859, early, he was Judge of the “Law and Order League” and held a regular court. He helped prosecute the noted desperado Carroll Wood, and sentenced Parke McClure for an assault on Prof. Goldrick. He joined the 1st Colorado Cavalry, and was in the famous battle of Apache Canon. Was also in the Battle of Sand Creek. He defended Chivington, who was tried for the Sand Creek massacre. 1867 was Probate Judge, Arapahoe County. Has been cattle grower on plains, and had fine ranche of 2000 acres. His lady was formerly Miss Caroline E. Rosecrans, of Troy, New York. Both are now dead. Judge Downing’s portrait appears in RMN, p. 6, Dec 5, 1899.

DOWNS, Munson, witness Dec 28, 1859 in Denver to deed transfer.

DOWSON (Dawson ?), Will P., witness, Nov 1859, Denver.

DOYLE, J. B., merchant, Denver and Auraria, member of firm of Ming, Doyle & Company, was from New Mexico, an extensive trader who came in Aug 1859 to mouth of Cherry Creek with large train of wagons. The RMN, Apr 25, 1860, speaking of him says “The ruins of his Trading Post abandoned on the Huerfano are still to be seen.” (The RMN was often in a reminiscent mood in 1860, seeming to feel the fleeting nature of the panorama passing around it.) The headquarters in Auraria were at Ferry Street near Fourth. All sorts of miners’ supplies, food, wagons, tools were here. Trains often crossed the Creek to bring up near the place in Auraria. The firm also carried on mining at Tarryall during the year.

DOYLE’S RANCHE, advertized in RMN, 1859, horses kept, etc. Henry Martinez, proprietor.

DRAKE, George W., arrived May 11, 1859, Denver City. Born Ohio Nov 8, 1838. Lived on farm in Trumbull County, that state. In 1854 went to Charleston, Illinois, where he was apprentice at Mason’s trade, came to Pike’s Peak with party of 30 men
from Ohio, but were joined by 70 men and more wagons in Kansas. They came by Smoky Hill Route, several days without water, and 45 days altogether, enroute. He lived in Greeley a while. He seems, according to account in RMN, to have first crossed plains in 1858. He lived in Blackhawk, later in Cheyenne. Was a partner of W. E. Greenlee in marble cutting business. Died Jan 10, 1903. Wife and son survive. Obituary in RMN with portrait, p. 1, Jan 12, same year.

DRY CREEK DIGGINGS, situated 1859 on Dry Creek, 12 miles above its junction with South Platte (18 miles south of Auraria) and 2 miles from base of mountains.

DRYDEN, John, of Marshall County, Iowa, died Nevada City Oct 4, 1861, age 28 years. (This could be an arrival of ’59 as name of Dryden occurs in files of that year, connected with mining camps near Gregory ?)

DUANE, Charles J., witness in transfer of deed in Auraria Dec 13, 1859, between Fendler and another.

DU BRAY, Antoine, witness of deed between James Knight and M. C. Foster, Denver City, May 11, 1859. Again Nov 4, he conveys lots and in December is grantee, the land being ranch on Platte northeast of Denver. In this transaction, he describes himself as “of Arapahoe County.”

DUBRAY, Chat, (this may be a nickname?) was an interpreter appointed to act as such at the presentation of gifts to the Chief of the Arapahoes, who is to speak in Auraria and Denver when these cities will be his hosts, etc. (RMN, May 14, 1859)

Chat Dubra, or DuBray, owned (Land Records) ½ of a house and 3 lots on northwest corner Blake and E. Streets, Denver, Jul 27, same year. Chat seems to have been a famous character, before 1859.

DUDLEY, Judson H., arrived 1858. Was born Cayuga County, New York Apr 8, 1834. In 1857 emigrated Nebraska, came from Florence in that state to goldfields and was resident of Denver at time of his death, Feb 3, 1900. (His portrait on p. 208, Smiley’s History Colorado (Denver ?)) He mined a good deal, but lived at first in Auraria, sharing a cabin with Andrew Sagendorff in 1858. Though in 1859 must have lived in Highland as he is a member of the first Constitutional Convention from that quarter. He was Vice President and member of Auraria Town Company a long time. Also a member of Denver Town Company. He was Major in Quartermaster’s Department in the War, and owned the celebrated Moose Mine in Park County. He was President of the Chess Club in Auraria which shows him to have been of a social disposition. (1859)


DUFORT, Eli, (of Arapahoe County) on Jan 1, 1860 conveys nine Denver lots to Mr. Thomas Stinson. Again on Jan 20 is grantee of other lots.
DUGALL, George, mentioned in transaction Denver lots 1859.

DUKE, L. B., Nov 10, 1859 grantee of Denver lots bought of William McCubbin. Again, Dec 13, he is witness in sale of Auraria lots. (Liber C, p. 193, old)

DUMONT, ---, (of firm of Carrithers, Dumont & Company, probably same as above)


DUMONT, Robert R., was pioneer of 1858 for he had four Donation Lots from Denver City Town Company Dec 4, in this year.

DUNBAR, Thomas M., was a witness to deed, Auraria, Nov 1859.

DUNCAN, ---, firm of Rocker, Duncan & Company are mining in Pleasant Valley 1859.

DUNCAN, T. O., was Clerk of Probate Court, Jul 9, 1859. (Auraria) He was elected to the Territorial Council December same year. In same year is mentioned this name as one of Cibola Minstrels at Apollo Theatre, Denver. (?)

DUNCAN, W., witness, Mar 1, 1859, Auraria City, to deed between Hampton L. Boone and David D. Cook of same. (“Four lots yet to be drawn.”)


DUNN, Mr. ---, his emigrant train has arrived in Denver City (p. 10, spring of 1859)

DUNN, L., (Mountain City) claim mentioned in Nevada Gulch dated Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record)

DUNN, William, was a witness of land transaction Auraria Apr 1, 1859. In the Mss. Directory of this year, he is described as having store Front Street, Auraria. Later, in 1861, he is vegetable dealer and in records of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A. M. he is in this year an Entered Apprentice.

DUNNAGAN (DUNAGAN), P. H., arrived spring of 1859. Born Tennessee, Feb 1834. Lived in Auraria, afterward in West Denver, although he was in Gilpin County some time, and about 1883 was a member of the Pioneers’ Association.

DUNOT, William, was a witness in Auraria in November also on Oct 3, 1859. (Land transaction)
DUNSHEE, N. F., is grantee to undivided ½ of Share No. 17 in Town Company of Denver City, Dec 16, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

DUNSTON, Thomas, partner of B. F. Chase in mining in Russell Gulch and working tunnell for Chase on shares, Dec 1859.

DUPUY (Dupoy-Dupey), M. L., was member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association noted as having arrived Jun 18, 1859. (Name not in list of living members, but in clipping in back of record book of Society.) Mr. --- Dupuy was appointed by Gov. Steele, Dec 28, 1859, Judge for Mountain County, “to hold until his successor is elected” an arrangement under the Provisional Government.

DURGRAN (Durgram ?), Ten Denver City lots, “to be taken in the drawing” are transferred to him by William McGaa, Feb 29, 1859. (Arapahoe County)

DUTCH GAP, a precinct, contributed delegates to Convention in Auraria in 1859. DUTCH GULCH was a camp near Russell’s, and DUTCH RANCHE, a precinct spoken of in election for the Provisional Government
EADS, Mr. ---, arrived Denver City May 19, 1859. (Mentioned by Larimer in his Reminiscences, p. 160)

EADS, R., was a delegate from Fountain City to the first Constitutional Convention, June 1859. (RMN)

EAGLE, M. B., formerly of Iowa, and member of Fayette Lodge No. 60 of Iowa, was an original member of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. 1859.

EARL & COMPANY, mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, 1859.

EARL BROTHERS, their brass band of these brothers comes soon to the Apollo Theatre, Denver City. Dec 1, 1859.

EARL (Earle), George, arrived May 24, 1859 accompanied by William Earle, with Leo Express Company, via Smoky Hill Route, 43 days out of Leavenworth from Leo, Indiana. Seven men. (RMN)

EARL, H., original stockholder of Auraria City, pioneer of 1858.

EARL, H., pioneer of 1859 arriving accompanied by M. B. Earl and N. Earl with D. D. Taylor’s Company May 17, 1859 in Denver City, party included 14 men, the Earls from Iowa, 30 days from St. Joseph, Missouri. The party brings news of the accidental shooting of one of their men on May 4. (RMN)

EARLE, William, see above under George Earle

EARY, of Nebraska, arrived May 5 from Florence, Nebraska Territory. (Another account states the place of his former residence to be Omaha.) (RMN)

EARY, J. R., of Denver, arrived 1859. Born Pennsylvania Jan 4, 1834. (Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association, name from their list.)

EASTER, John, is said to have the honor of getting up the “Lawrence Party” in 1857-8. He kept a meat market in Lawrence, Kansas, buying cattle of the Indians. One of these had shown him, in 1857, a bunch of nuggets found near Pike’s Peak region, while a guide in the Sumner Expedition. So Easter organized the Lawrence Party, and in May 22, 1858 they arrived, he being in the 3rd wagon. He later in the year became a stockholder in Auraria City. His name appears often in early deeds, and his autograph probably might be found. (See Liber C, p. 128, old paging, or p. 225 same.) In October 1859 he owned lot 5, block 38 Auraria, etc. He was living in Cripple Creek District in 1901 it is said. His portrait is reproduced in the Smiley’s History of Colorado, p. 185. (See also History of Denver by same author.)

EASTRIDGE, J., name in list of pioneers of 1859 published in paper, but date and place of clipping is lost. Said to be from Iowa. Resided Denver at that time.

EATON, B. H., Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Resided Greeley, arrived 1859. Born Iowa Jul 1833. (Died.) See Portrait & Biography Index for biography of this pioneer.

EATON, John, was witness to signature of deed at Eight Mile House, Jefferson County, Jan 1, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records 1859-60)

EATON, R. P., grantee, Arapahoe County Denver lots, Nov 1859.

EAYER, George S., witness, Auraria, deed, etc. Dec 31, 1859. He was delegate to the first Constitutional Convention in June of year, from Griffith Precinct.

EBERT, Fredrick J., of Denver, said to have made one of first surveys of Denver City. (Post, Aug 31, 1924) The records of which were lost in the great flood in Cherry Creek, 1864. He is also surveyor of the first railroad west of Missouri. (The K.P.R.R.) Ebert was born in Germany, died in Denver about 1882 (?)

ECCLESTON, E. Noel, Clerk S. C., Nov 1859.


EDES, Richard, grantee two corner lots in Denver City, east side Blake Street, north side C. Street, from William P. McClure, Jun 1, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 125)

EDGERTON & COMPANY, (W. T. Edgerton & F. L. Andre) grantors, to claims on Gold Hill, both are residents of Mountain City, Sep 26, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 35)

EDWARDS, A. C., arrived Jun 2, 1859, with seven other men and two wagons by Platte Route. He is from Brownsville, Nebraska Territory. He was Territorial Representative elect from the Fifth District in one of the legislative bodies (?) of 1859. Later can find no data.

EDWARDS, F. A., a delegate from Gregory Diggings in the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria, 1859. This may be the same as FRANK O. EDWARDS, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society living Denver 1907, noted as having arrived Apr 8, 1859.
EDWARDS, John W., a Welshman, living Idaho Springs 1859, came by oxteam from St. Louis, journey of 90 days duration. Had mined in all the best camps, said to have lived often on venison alone, often no bread to be obtained. Prospector, later in life interested in the Toll Road near Idaho Springs. Was born Carnarvon in Wales, Sep 25, 1826, farm bred, came to New York, then Wisconsin, California via the Ohio River, then St. Louis, next Pike’s Peak. In 1880 was living and owned some good mining property. Married Dientha Whalley in 1872. (Notes from History Clear Creek County)

EDWARDS, W. R., was in Jun 1859 member of first Constitutional Convention from “Jackson Precinct.”

EIGHTMEY, H. B., resident of Mountain City 1859 and member Rocky Mountain Rangers. (An organization to promote law and order.)

EIGHT MILE GULCH, entered mountain at Golden Gate City, two miles from Golden City. Eight Mile Gulch Road (otherwise described as the Golden Gate Road) was established in 1859, but finished in 1860 by Dan McCleery.

EIGHT MILE HOUSE, was a ranche house at the head of Eight Mile Gulch, eight miles above Golden Gate City. It contained two quarter-sections of land, with house in centre of the first quarter section. (Described at sale Jan 1, 1860.) (Deed is made here between Brown & Fellowes and T. M. Roberson on this date.)

ELDER, John H., (a pioneer who died in Auraria in 1859) was from Red Wing, Minnesota. Member of firm of Baugh & Elder, Storage & Commission merchants on Ferry Street. He had a number of transactions in Auraria lots, sold lot 9, block 33 on St. Louis Street in Sep 21 and on Dec 14, about a week before his death, sold to W. T. Graham, lot 9, block 54, also in Auraria. (Liber D, p. 202, old) The lot on St. Louis Street, first mentioned, must have had a house (his home ?) for he had $100 for it, a great price when most lots were selling at ten dollars. His death is noticed in RMN of Jan 11, 1860, but it occurred Dec 26 preceding, and burial was under auspices of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. on the 27th, interment in Mount Prospect Cemetery. This Lodge passed Resolutions of Condolence which were published at same time as the funeral notice.

He had been formerly member of RedWing Lodge of Redwing, Minnesota. He left a family. Later, Jul 9, 1860, the Auraria Town Company for $1 donates southerly 44 feet of lot 6, block 4 in Auraria City to HANNAH P. ELDER, who may be a widow, or other relative.

ELDORADO HOTEL, name of David Smoke’s cabin hostelry at southeast corner of Larimer and 10th (then known as 5th and Ferry). 1859.

ELDRED, Holden R., Fiftyniner, freighter, born May 3, 1837, Medina County, Ohio. Is said to have made 19 trips across the Western Plains. Resided once at Dodge County, Wisconsin (Fondulac), then Minnesota after arriving Colorado merchandized in Black
Hawk, and was in War in ’63 (1st Lieut.) in Capt. Tylers’ Rangers. Then moved to Boulder, later had store in Valmont. Married Mar 25, 1860, Miss Ophelia Allen. Has three sons. (History Boulder County)

ELECTIONS in Jefferson County, Kansas (early name for Colorado) were held in 1859 and the RMN announces that the whole number of votes cast were 774. This was a regular election for County officers, under the laws of Kansas Territory.

“ELIZABETHTOWN” was laid out on head waters of South Clear Creek by George F. Griffith and others Aug 1859, at spot where they had struck a lode.

ELKHORN TUNNELL, was in Nevadaville District 1859.

ELLIS, ---, of lumber firm of Meeserve & Ellis, Auraria, 1859. 
Note: D. Ellis kept drug store in Mountain City, 1860. (?) 

ELLISON, James W., (Gregory Record, p. 35, 1859) mining with others in Gregory Diggings, file claim to lay over mine until next spring. (He is of A.N.J. Crook & Company – see this.)

ELLMENE, Calvin (?) (Caroline Elmore ?) (recorders make many mistakes in spelling!) grantee, lot 11, block 38, Denver, Oct 26, 1859.


ELMORE, P. P., was candidate for Council, election Dec 1859. In 1860, he and wife Caroline make deed, Apr 19th, etc.

“EL PASO,” a town of 1858, occupying situation of the place known later as Colorado City.

ELY, Dennison J., is grantee, Denver City lots, Dec 1859. On Jan 9, 1860 he is grantee of lot 3, block 6, Auraria City. Later still in 1863 the Tri-Weekly Miners’ Register of Central mentions that Calvin L. Ely and his son, William L. Ely are owners of two stores in Nevada and Blackhawk. Ely & Niles is firm name.

ELY, J., pioneer of 1858, arrived Nov 11. Member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society marked in list (died) no date. This is marked under Dennison J. Ely, but there seems to be some confusion. The RMN mentions the arrival of J. Ely, miner, from Iowa, in Denver in list of emigrants coming in spring of ’59. But J. Ely is later mentioned as of Boulder, arrived 1858. In Apr 23, 1859, RMN speaks of him as of Jefferson Trading Post, near Long’s Peak. He is also given in one place as of Jefferson Diggings. (Settler.)
EMBRY, Wilford, baker, residence Ferry Street, Auraria City. (Directory of 1859 businessmen and firms of Denver and Auraria.)

EMERSON, H., from Louisiana, arrived May 17, 1859 with D. D. Taylor’s company of wagons. (The rest of the party are from Iowa, see under D. D. Taylor.)

EMERSON (or EMMERSON), James, was resident of Gregory Diggings Jun 1859, for was a delegate from that place to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria. On p. 38 of Gregory Record of 1859 he is a grantee, Sep 29 of his claims in the place. He is of Denver in September and member first Territorial Council under the Provisional Government of Jefferson Territory. In November following, EMMERSON & COMPANY working three claims and six men were in Russell’s Gulch in summer of same year.

EMMETTE, John, of the Cibola Minstrels, at Apollo Theatre, Denver 1859.

EMMONS, D. B., of Mountain City, Sep 16, 1859 is witness in sale of mining claims. (In Fisk Lode, Gregory Diggings, Gregory Record, p. 30.) On Sep 29 he is witness again p. 37, in another deal.

EMMONS, Ira, an old California miner, is said to have panned gold in Spanish Diggings in 1857. (This place above Denver, on Platte.)

EMMONS, Jacob, of Gregory Diggings, Kansas Territory, grantor to Mark D. Burghardt of same place, claims, etc. Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 41.)

EMORY, ---, Jul 20, 1859 had farm claim on Bear Creek, Jefferson County, next that of William Lewis. (Liber A, p. 14, Golden)

EMORY, Madison, owned select lot fourth from southeast corner E. Street and Blake, Denver, later taken by F. Campbell, Jul 1859. Later, Dec 8, is a statement that he is owner of one select lot where his house now stands, being lot 3, block 41, Denver City (“entitled” is word used.) Dec 12 Madison Emory of Arapahoe County gives to Anna McKay of said County lot 3, block 31, Denver. Later, Dec 13 she signs relinquishment of any right in his estate. (Anna Emory this.) Both persons sign with X.

EMPIRE RANCHE, a political precinct in 8th District 1859.

ENDLICH, Charles, of Arapahoe County, grantee with Fred Salomon, from Charles Tascher, lot 11, block 31, Auraria, Nov 4, 1859.

ENGLISH, W. R., pioneer of 1858, and original stockholder of Auraria.

ENICHE (Endlich ?), Charles, grantee, Nov 5, 1859, part of lot 11, block 8 on Ferry Street, Auraria. Consideration $700 from G. Goldburg.
ENNESLEY, S. J., member first Constitutional Convention from district of Fountain, 1859. (This would be site of Pueblo.)

ENNIS, William, and four men, arrive from Topeka May 16, 1859. (RMN) On Sep 13, same year, he is grantee from M. Cook, lot 1, block 63, Auraria.

ERHART, Horatio, grantor mining claim in Simmons’ Lode, Gregory Diggings Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 15)

ERHART, & RICHARDS, mining, two men, Nevada Gulch, summer 1859.

ERICH, Charles, (see Eniche ?), witness Nov 24, 1859. (Arapahoe County land deed, Liber F, p. 23)

ERWIN & COMPANY, (Ervin ?), mining, summer 1859, Pleasant Valley, four men.

ERVIN, A. A., & COMPANY, grantees of Auraria lots, Sep 9, 1859.

ESTES, Joel, and son Milton, came to what is now Estes Park 1859. They afterward preempted the ground, but traded it later for a yoke of oxen. Later Byers named the Park it is said. Milton Estes resided at 1273 Evans Street, Denver, in 1899. His son Edwin Estes was with the RMN. He later lived in Weld County. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born Missouri Mar 28, 1840.


EVANS, Samuel L., pioneer 1859, died Central Apr 23, 1896, aged 69 years. His funeral was from Presbyterian Church, under auspices of Colorado Pioneers. He arrived at goldfields Jun 4, this year first mentioned, and belonged to Gilpin County for a long time. He left wife and son.

EVANS, Thomas P., born Virginia Jan 26, 1834. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Living Denver 1920. He arrived 1859, was “of Arapahoe County.” Oct 13, same year, grantee from Presley Talbot of lot 10, block 241 (?), Auraria City. Later, November is witness to deed, etc. Again, he is grantee of lots on Blake Street.

EWING, D. W., of Fort Lupton 1890 and later probably. Arrived Colorado May 9, 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, stated that he was born Pennsylvania 1829. The RMN of this year says: Mr. Ewing, from Salt Lake is a visitor in Denver.
EWING, George, buried with full Masonic honors by Auraria Lodge Oct 26, 1859, a meeting of Brothers of the Lodge having been called to make plans for his funeral. (See RMN of near date.)

EXCELSIOR SAW MILL, in Mountain City, Gregory Diggings. Thomas J. Bayaud, agent of owners 1859.

EYSER, Charles, born Holstein Germany Oct 6, 1822. Name in Hall’s List of Pioneers of Colorado. Arrived Colorado Jul 6, 1859. He was a miner, stockgrower, rancher, grocer, etc. Had provision store in Mining District, and was in Denver washed away by flood, 1864. About 1862 he returned to Davenport, Iowa and brought out his wife and children. Julia died 1924, at 2336 Gilpin Street, Denver (July). His children follow: (1 daughter) 1-Julia A. Eyser, was 13 years old in 1862 when removed to Denver. Married John C. Kauffman, a pioneer of 1860, who kept the Colorado House on Blake Street, a pioneer hotel, founded early. He died 1899. She was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society and Territorial Daughters of Colorado. Three children survive their mother: a daughter who married Herman Fischer, a daughter who married George H. Kaub of Denver, another daughter married S. M. Price of Palmer Lake, and a son F. A. Kaufman who lives 1924 in San Diego, California.
FAILS, ---. (of firm of Hartford & Fails) mining, Russell’s Gulch summer of 1859. (RMN)

FAIRPLAY, on the Platte, only survivor in 1890 of the camps of ’59 on that stream.

FALLS RIVER, in 1859 construction was already under way, the cost to be about $100,000 for ditches to carry its waters to the mining camps. The Falls River Ditch Company originated by miners in Russell’s Gulch in July, was to convey water from the stream 11 miles, and William Green Russell was leader in this movement. An article about the Falls River Water Company is in RMN, p. 1, Jul 23, 1859. (Files) It also gave its name to a mining camp. The river is a Tributary of South Clear Creek, and rises in high mountains near Long’s Peak.

FARAVELL, P. J., a resident of Globeveville, near Denver, 1907. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Arrived Denver Mar 1, 1859.

FAREWELL, Fidelia Anne, of City of Denver, grantee, from J. H. Russell of same, consideration $30, 46 feet on south side Blake Street, commencing 54 feet from the northwest corner of Pappan. Jul 20, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, ’59)

FAREWELL, D. C., arrived in wagon 10 of E. Doty’s Lightning Train of 10 wagons, May 22, 1859. Was accompanied by DeBarck of Kansas Territory. (RMN)

FASCHER, Charles, a pioneer of 1858, mining in Gregory Gulch.


FAUERT, Hephon, was witness to deed, Denver City Oct 12, 1859.

FELLOWS, Homer (Horner ?), an incorporator of the Denver, Auraria & Colorado Wagon Road, Dec 1859. He is Secretary of the Toll House, on Wagon Road, on 4th Street Mt. Vernon, same year. January 1, 1860 makes transfer of Eight Mile House Ranche at head of Eight Mile Gulch, above Golden Gate City. On Jan 11 in Western Mountaineer (or RMN) the name of H. Fellowes is signed to an advertisemont of Mt. Vernon Wagon Road Company (1860). Oct 27, 1859, Homer Fellows (Secretary of Denver, Auraria & Colorado Wagon Road) claims for self, one quarter section land on said road at the head of the Gulch, seven miles above the town of Mt. Vernon, and
claims for the Company a one quarter section of land on said road where it leaves the valley of the Platte River. (Jefferson County Land Records) The last transaction for the company is dated Nov 2.

FELLOWS, Miles, arrived by Plattsmouth Nebraska Train of Wagons Oct 24 1858. (Fellowes)

FELTER, John, grantee, Auraria, Dec 17, 1859, lot 5, block 36, Auraria.

FENDLER, of Auraria City, Dec 13, 1859, grantor of lot 5, block 13, Auraria City, to Albert Buddee.

FENE, George L., witness to deed Denver, Nov 24, 1859.

FENTON & AULD, (see under A. Fenton) leading merchants of Auraria or Denver, and buyers of Gold Dust. 1859.

FENTON, A., partner in store with D. Auld, and J. W. Iliff, Lawrence Street, Denver 1859. (Directory)

FENTON, H., arrived May 12, 1859. From Cleveland, Ohio. (RMN)

FERGUSON, George, files claim for land for ranching purposes 160 acres, near Arapahoe City, and adjacent C. W. Fisk’s claim located at same time, May 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber 1, Golden)

FERGUSON, Levi, was of Auraria at first, later of Denver City, and in Mar 1859 was elected Clerk of County Supervisors of the County of Arapahoe, Territory of Kansas. (This was before the agitation for a new State or Territory had taken much form.) He was a stockholder of Denver City in this year, and in August is grantor of lots. In June he is delegate from Huerfano to the first Constitutional Convention.

FERRELL, Charles M., was in 1859 one of the first settlers in Golden City. (See Farrell.)

FERRELL, J. M. (John M.), located Jul 1859, ranche claim of 160 acres, along north line of David K. Wall’s claim, beginning at northeast corner of Golden City. “Where my cabin is built.” (Recorded in both Denver and Golden Land Records 1859.) Ferrell built the first bridge over Clear Creek, where the Avenue now crosses it and collected toll from it before June of this year. In same month he was delegate from Golden to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria. He was Chairman at the meeting in Auraria in Sep 24, to begin the work of organizing a Provisional Territorial Government, after failure of the attempt to establish a legal Territory of Jefferson. He was correspondent of the RMN in Golden, calling himself “Toughcuss.” Dec 21, same year, he requests all holders of Golden City lots who have not improved them to call upon him at once. (He was Chairman of the Committee of the Association.) He
was a member (or candidate) of the first Masonic Lodge of Golden, 1860. His wife, Mrs. Ferrell, with Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Carter, and Mrs. McKay, assisted in preparing the regalia of this Lodge, founded Feb 17, 1860. Mrs. J. M. Ferrell “of the Miners’ Hotel, Golden, is said to get up the finest supper between the Missouri River and West Saratoga.” (This in RMN Jan 13, 1860) (Possibly the note is from Western Mountaineer?) (See first)

The RMN Dec 11, 1862 has the following: Died, Jeannette S., wife of John M. Ferrell, late of Golden City, aged 53 years, on Nov 2, 1862 at Portageville, New York, after an illness of 12 months.

Ferrell was of course a member of the Golden City Town Company in 1859.

FERREN, D. W., has mining claim, Gregory Diggings, Oct 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 16, 1859)

FERRIS, H., was witness to deed, Mountain City, Sep 26, 1859. Was hotelkeeper here. (Directory) (Gregory Record)

FETTS, Theodore, was a stockholder in 1858 of the Auraria Town Company – Nov 1.

FEW, S., in Jun 1859 was delegate from Illinois Central Precinct to the first Constitutional Convention. FEW & Company were mentioned in RMN during this summer as mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats.

FIELD (FIELDS) (spelled both ways in different notes), Mr., was manager of Express Department of the Post Office Denver City, 1859. Also spoken of as Postmaster.

FIELD, Martin, mentioned by Larimer as in charge of the Post Office in Denver (or Post Office branch of the Express Company) (letter, 1859). He was in June this year delegate from Fountain City to the Convention (first) to form Constitution from the proposed State or Territory of Jefferson. In Aug 23 same year he owns lots in Denver City in blocks 46-38- and 62. Later, in Jan 1860 he was appointed Postmaster at Golden City.

FIELD, W., was witness Oct 28, 1859, Auraria. (This may be M. Field?)

FIFTYNINERS, an early note of one of their meetings is in file of RMN Jul 10, 1867: “A meeting of the Society of Fiftyniners will be held at the Court room at 8 O’clock this evening, to make arrangements to attend the funeral of Bishop A. Barney, and a general and prompt attendance is requested.

D. C. Oakes, President”

FIGLEY, H. M., had claim opposite another one claimed by John Hughes, on east bank of the Platte. Nov 28, 1859 (See Hughes.)
FILLER, George W., sells his Denver lots to W. H. Parkerson. Filler is of Thompson’s Fork. This is a note from Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859. (Liber not stated, but see index.)

FILMORE, Major John S., was a friend of Judge Amos Steck, and in 1860 was with Steck in Post Office in Denver. Filmore is said by Larimer (Reminiscences, p. 173) to be of ’59 Argonauts, and from Watertown, Wisconsin.

FISHER, Mr., his train arrived spring 1859 Denver city. (RMN)

FISHER, Mr., of firm of Babcock, Fisher & Company, mining, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, summer 1859. (RMN)

FISHER, Rev. George W., Methodist minister, held first services in Nov 1858, said to have preached in Jones & Smith’s cabin, used in one end for gambling, which went on during the services. He visited the Larimers in their camp at mouth of Cherry Creek and preached nearby. In Oct 1859 he is on record as being entitled to four select, and four draw lots. (Denver City) 25-26-29-30, in block 45 are those selected. Earlier than this in 1858 he was [given] Donation Lots with agreement to build hewed log house. On Dec 17, 1859 he is grantee of lot 9, block 44, Auraria, consideration $200. Later than this he preaches at Masonic Hall in Auraria, probably before Christmas, and on Dec 21, four days before that holiday he marries Mr. Charles Corbin and Miss Eliza Burch.

FISHER, Morton C., (sometimes described as Morton A. Fisher), received four Donation Lots from Denver Town Company in 1858. His name is in Index to Arapahoe County Land Records, May 11, 1859, and on May 23, he is grantor from D. C. Collier, to lots and house of Collier on northwest side of Blake Street, on the 7th lot from D. Street, between C. and D. Streets, in Denver City, consideration $45.00. (From Whitsitt’s Land Records, 1859.) He lived in Auraria and also Denver, and during ’59 arrived home from Taos, New Mexico with train of flour which he is said to have sold to everybody on credit, only charging them 16 dollars a sack when he might have charged thirty, so great was the need. He was in Russellville part of this year, and was in lumber business, and buying gold dust in last part of the year and in ’60 with partners Thomas J. Almy and H. J. Rogers, under firm name of Fisher, Almy and Rogers. This firm bought up poor fellows’ claims and made good thing of it sometimes, it is said. They also outfitted and “grubstaked” poor prospectors. They had offices in both of the rival cities. Morton Fisher died in London, England Dec 30, 1889 – found dead in bed. (Note-book of Mr. Sopris) (The last statement only.)

FISK, Mr., of Arapahoe, mentioned in RMN ’59.

FISK, Mr., of firm of Chase, Fisk & Company, mining, Russell’s Gulch, spring 1859.

FISK, Charles W., ranche claim, taken or located, May 25, 1859. Filed for record Jan 18, 1860. “Commencing at foot of G. Street in Arapahoe City, or town, on Clear Creek,
running south ½ mile, 160 acres.” There is no witness to this claim record.
(Jefferson County Land Records, Liber I) Later in same year, Fisk is witness to deed
to land 1-1/2 mile west of town of Arapahoe, Bristow, grantor, --- Wall, grantee, Jun
7.

FITZ, James, claimant of Claim No. 6, McLeod & Company lands in fork of Plum Creek.
(Divide country) Oct 1859. (This Company papers recorded in Arapahoe County
Land Records, 1859) See McLeod for plats, etc.

FITZGERALD, Dr. E., a resident of town of Arapahoe in 1859. In the little Directory of
Denver of 1859 (businessmen and firms only) E. Fitzgerald is Assistant Territorial
Assessor under the Provisional Government (this would be late in that year) and in
RMN it is stated that he was a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

FITZGERALD, I. B., of Golden City, a resident 1859.

FITZGERALD, W. H., bricklayer, McGaa Street, Denver City. (Directory, 1859)

FITZPATRICK, John B., (Golden City) arrived Jun 17, 1859. Born Canada Jun 26,
1830. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Name from list. He was probably a
founder of Golden.

FLANAGAN, Mr., miner, Gregory Diggings, summer 1859. (RMN)

FLETCHER, Charles, a resident of Golden Gate City, 1859.

FLETCHER, Eli, on Oct 30, 1859, in partnership with Templeman purchases the
Walmesley Ranche (see) between Golden City and Denver City. (Land Records,
Jefferson County, liber A, p. 47)

FLICK, William, witness to legal paper, Auraria, Nov 1859.

FLOWERS, C. H., witness, Auraria land transaction Dec 22, 1859, another Dec 26, same
year, is written C. W. Flower. (Probably same party.) Auraria.

FLYNN & DOW, mining firm Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, summer 1859.

FLYNN, Samuel, an Express package received for him. Advertized in RMN 1859.

FOKER, J., of Auraria City, boot and shoemaker, 5th Street (this is now called Larimer
Street) on west side, or West Denver. (Directory of 1859, business only, Mss.)

FOLGER, H. A., Critic of Rocky Mountain Debating Club, Denver, 1859. (Mentioned in
RMN)
FOOT, Dr., of Mountain City, is in Jul 1859 of rescue party organized to search mountains for bodies of the murdered Kennedy and Schank. (See under Kennedy.)

FOOT, H., delegate from Arapahoe Town to convention to form beginnings of a Provisional Government for Jefferson Territory, autumn 1859.

FOOT, O. P. (D. P. ?), Territorial Representative elect from 15th District, 1859.

FOOTE, David P., of Chicago, miner 1859 in Gregory Diggings, may be same as D. P. Foots who had ranche claim recorded in Jefferson County this year, Jul 20, adjacent Claim of H. Burch (Land Records, Liber A, p. 40)

FOOTE, Robert, of Denver, on Jun 25, 1859, is grantor to William A. Smith, lots, etc. and on Dec 31 is grantee, consideration $250, two Denver lots on Blake between C. and D. Streets, H. P. A. Smith is grantor. On Nov 1 same year he is “of Green County, Indiana” and to J. Kershaw gives power of attorney to sell his Denver lots “on Blake Street, corner of G. Street.” On Feb 3, 1860 he is still described as “of Green County, Indiana,” and makes deed for several Denver lots, his signature being certified to in same County in Indiana.

FOOTE & SIMMONS, mining in Gregory Diggings (from Chicago), may be same as party above. (RMN, 1859)

FORBES, Jack, noted desperado, said by RMN to be “coming to the Diggings.” Later in season of 1859 he seems to have arrived.

FORBES, John, of Denver City, grantor to O. E. Baker, of same, on Mar 23, 1859 one lot on McGaa Street, consideration $400, recorded Apr 20, 1860.

FORBES, Thomas, arrived Jun 14, 1859. From clipping (dateless) in back of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association Record book it is stated that he was one of its members and died 1903.

FORBIS, Mr., arrived from Indiana, in Denver, spring of 1859. (RMN)

FORD, ---, of firm of Witcher, Reeves, & Ford, mining in Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859.

FORD, A. C., attorney of Denver City, 1859, and in June of same year member first Constitutional Convention from Kayote Precinct. In August was witness in lot sale in Auraria, and bought lots of the Clarks in October, but in Sep 1860 is missing. He leaves paper on file in land office recording his division of property with Sarah Jane Vailes. He is thought to have been originally from Wisconsin, and to be a surveyor. Was taken from coach on Plains and never seen afterward. (Taken by vigilantes.) See histories for record.
FORD, (brothers) of Golden, were associated in 1859 with Ed Chase and Ed McClintock, business in that town. (see RMN and Western Mountaineer)


FORD, Francis R., pioneer of 1859 to the Valley of the Arkansas from Maine. Farmer and miner. F. R. Ford & Company in Gregory Diggings this year, in September, have claims there. (Gregory Record, p. 10) Another account states that he is of Walker & Company in Gregory. (See this.)

FORD & HAINES, of Golden, in 1859 were bridge builders, erecting bridges over the Platte from Auraria and Denver to Highland Sep 23.

FORD, Hiram, of Golden City, 1859 took shot at Vanover in the affair of September this year. (For extended account see RMN file.) Hiram Ford was one of the Petitioners of Sep 22, 1860 to Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory for a Masonic Lodge in Golden City. This was realized and the same Lodge exists today.

FORD, Hobart, was “of Auraria” Nov 26, 1859 grantee of lot 1, in block 5, Auraria City.

FORD, J., in 1859 was locator of claim later bought by Lewis & Mowbry in Bear Creek district, 160 acres, ranche land. (Liber A, p. 13) This sale was on Jan 20, 1860.

FORD, J. R., grantee, of claim for mining on Prospect Lode, Gregory Diggings. Recorded at Mountain City, Sep 28, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 13)

FORD, W., (William ?), member first Constitutional Convention from Golden City. William Ford is said to have lived 1859 in Golden, and to have engaged in the attempted shooting of Edgar Vanover. (He was called “Bill Ford.”)

FORREST, “Charley”, female miner, described in RMN at Mountain City Sep 20, 1859. Said to have been born near New Orleans, Louisiana, wore trousers.

FORREST, J. L., and A FORREST, partners in carpentering and cabinet making on Larimer Street, Denver. (Mss. Business Directory 1859)

FORSTER, Billy, a young man living in Auraria in 1859, mentioned in letter from Mr. Ramage to the Secretary of Denver Lodge No. 5, to whom he was sending statistics of old Auraria Lodge. This letter is printed in the booklet of the Denver Lodge issued 1906.

FORT EYRIE, a political precinct in 1859.

FORT LARAMIE, a political precinct in autumn 1859. Delegates from this place attended the convention to form Provisional Government.
FORTUNE, Thomas L., surveyor, merchant, freighter, opened supply store in Auraria City in 1858. A partner in the firm of James M. Iddings & Company. He was an inventive genius, had tried his “Steam Wagon” which was quite wonderful but on dirt roads was unsuccessful. He is said to have founded Mt. Pleasant, Kansas, in 1855. Born in Virginia Nov 25, 1825, emigrated Kentucky with parents, then Missouri in the forties, 1854 to Kansas. He died in Atchison, Kansas. He had made several inventions and some money, held positions in public office in Kansas. Left children, Leonard S. and Douglas Fortune of Atchison and Mrs. D. D. Devor of California. (The Trail, Nov 1924)

FOSDICK, Henry, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, office 1859 on Larimer Street, Denver. (Directory) He appears to have bought lots and is grantee jointly with R. E. Whitsitt during year, and again in November same year. Also is candidate for City Engineer, and with A. N. Tappan, publishes Dec 1, 1859 the first map of the cities of Auraria, Denver and Highland.

FOSS, COOVER, & COMPANY, 14 men, mining, Russell’s Gulch 1859.

FOSS, S. W., files for record on Jan 2, 1860 his farm claim of 160 acres, one half mile south of the Bradford town site, southeast corner of Jones & Thompson’s claim and on west by Frank Shelley’s claim, and cornering on the northwest with J. W. McIntyre. (This note is from either Arapahoe County or Jefferson County Land Records of 1859.)

FOSTER, ---, of Curtis & Foster, groceries, saddles, store opposite the “Old Post Office’ Auraria, 1859. (Drygoods also included)

FOSTER & COMPANY, mining, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, 1859.

FOSTER, Arthur, was witness in Auraria, Jan 9, 1860 to signature of deed and must be of ’59, at least on way to goldfields.

FOSTER & STORM, three men, mining, Pleasant Valley, 1859.

FOSTER, W. B., (Denver) arrived Jun 1859, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born Virginia, Mar 1, 1830.

FOSTER, William C. (or William S. ?), member of first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859 from Gregory Diggings. This could hardly be the same given just above, for there would not be enough time for the election of a delegate. (See.) He was a partner of Charles P. Marion, (civil engineers) with office on Ferry Street, Auraria, 1859. He was a delegate from Colona, in northern part of territory in the convention in Oct 1859 in Auraria (or Denver) to make plans and constitution for the proposed Provisional Government. (After failure of the first attempt at a regular Territorial Government.)
FOSTER’S AND RUBER’S lot in Auraria, in block 35, next lot 5, is mentioned in deed Jan 19, 1859. (This would indicate rather an early arrival in the goldfields.)

FOUNTAIN CITY, was in 1859 in 7th District (political). In December this year a Bridge company was beginning to build across Arkansas River from the city.

FOUTS, L., from Illinois, arrived Denver by E. Doty’s Lightning Train of 10 wagons, occupying with others Wagon No. 7, May 22, 1859. (RMN)

FOUTS, William, of Arapahoe City, arrived from Missouri early spring 1859 with D. Wall’s party. Later he is of Gregory Diggings.

FOWL, of firm of Sherman, Fowl & Company with train of wagons from Lee County, Illinois.

FOWLER, ---, of Pardee & Fowler firm, Denver, 1859.

FOX, --- (firm of King, Fox & Company), mining, five men, Pleasant Valley, 1859.

FOX & COMPANY, mining in Pleasant Valley 1859, 11 men.

FOX, Emma, probably a child, a pupil in one of the first small public schools of Auraria or Denver. (Name in Smiley’s History)

FOX, Frank, pupil with Emma, above. (See.)

FOX, G. A., of Huron County, Ohio, arrived May 5, 1859 in Capt. A. Hess’ pioneer wagon train by Smoky Hill Route, 63 days on trip, and part of time without water or wood. (RMN, May 7, 1859)

FOX, Dr. John M., is grantor of Donation Lots, transferred by him in Denver City to Amos Steck, Sep 6, 1859. He is general agent for Jones & Russell’s Express Company, also for Leavenworth City and Pike’s Peak Express Company. Later in same year it is stated that “Dr. J. M. Fox, connected with the Express Company, is leaving for the States.” In one land transaction Dr. Jonathan Fox is given, and J. M. Fox is mentioned several times during year, once as a member of the first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Denver, again as the orator at Fourth of July Celebration in the cottonwood grove on Platte where he reads the Declaration of Independence, etc.

Note: There is a death of a JOHN H. FOX, aged 33 years, Jul 20, 1860, “died above the upper crossing.” He is spoken of in RMN as having a residence. (Aug 1, 1859 file) Omaha and Council Bluffs papers are invited to “please copy.” This may be another person, as most likely Dr. Fox would have received more of a notice. (??)
FRANCIS & COMPANY, four men, Russell’s Gulch, mining, 1859. (RMN)

FRANKLIN, Benjamin, had two Donation Lots from Denver City Town Company Dec 3, 1858. In Jul 1859 he is “of Denver City” and the record certificate that he is the owner, or is entitled to two “select lots,” 1-2 in block 42, southeast corner of D. and Blake Streets in Denver City, and this day sold to Luther A. Cole. (Jul 13) On same day Franklin assigns lots to Luther A. Cole, of the City of Watertown, County of Jefferson, State of Wisconsin.

FRANZ, George W., received four Donation Lots in Denver City Town Company Dec 4, 1858.

FRAPPE, ---, of Kline & Frappe, restaurant, Mountain City, 1859. (From Directory of)

FRAZER, C. T., located farm claim of Clear Creek joining W. L. Crockett on west, and running up Clear Creek ½ mile. 160 acres “taken under the Claim Club of 1859.” Recorded Mar 20, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 33)

FRAZIER, Albert, owns claim 9, in McLeod & Company lands at head of Plum Creek Oct 1859. ( Recorded in Denver.)

FRAZIER, R. J., was nominated Attorney General in Denver Oct 1859, on ticket of Jefferson Territory (Provisional Government). He is witness in Auraria in same month, at transfer of lots from the Town Company to --- Jarger. He is of Mountain City at one time during year, and statement of his 20 lots with descriptions in Liber A, p. 253, old. Again in this year he is of Pleasant Valley precinct. The name R. T. Frazier appears, but may be same man (?). Has Denver lots, and owns share in Montana (?) Mountain (?) City, Sep 17. Later in 1867 this R. T. Frazier was County Assessor of Summit County. The name of Anna Frazier appears in Arapahoe County Land Records, Jan 23, 1860. This is most likely an arrival of ’59, unless she never was a resident. Her address in the record is given Henry County, Iowa. (?) She receives lot 12, block 324, Auraria City from William M. Slaughter, consideration $50. There is also a death in files of 1863 of Isabella Frazier, aged 14 years, died May 30 of that year. Her death was caused by her clothes catching fire. These may be related (?) to early pioneers.

FRAZIER, William, had claims on Sterling Lode, Mountain City, 1859, and another is on p. 45 of Gregory Record where he is grantor of mining claim in the district to L. D. Crandall, Sep 24 same year.

FREAS, L. M., was an arrival of 1859, proprietor of the “Granite House,” Central City of 1880, a very substantial citizen, came there in year of his arrival in goldfields. He was burned out once, nearly ruined financially, but was in 1880 very successful with the hotel and making money again. He had built it after the fire in 1876 when he was a merchant. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Nov 4, 1818. (Notes from History of Clear Creek and other Counties.)
FREEMAN, ---, of firm of Baldwin & Freeman, mining, Russell’s Gulch 1859.

FREEMAN, Edgar, arrived Nov 1, 1858. He was of Boulder 1880. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Association 1890 (in Hall’s list) noted as born Pennsylvania Oct 20, 1835.

FREEMAN, Thomas, his ranche claim recorded in Arapahoe County according to following description: Located Dec 29, 1859 commencing at southeast corner of Morrison’s claim, on main channel of South Platte River, to northern line of James Knight’s claim, etc. Thomas Freeman was murdered Nov 30, 1860 “on way to his ranche below Denver.” His interment was at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, under Masonic auspices. The Lodge passed resolutions of respect and condolence, which were in RMN on Dec 26, 1860. (See.)

FREIS, John W., arrived May 26, 1859. Was member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association (from clipping pasted in back of their record book.)

FREMONT’S ORCHARD, point on the Platte Route to goldfields where first view of the Rockies was to be had. Was a political precinct in 1859. Probably had some inhabitants.

FRENCH, Adnah, (also spoken of as Adna A. French), was an arrival of 1858 with the Lawrence Party coming in the 6th wagon of the train. He was a locator of St. Charles City, same autumn, and in same year stockholder and member of Denver City Town Company. Also one of the Montana Town Company. He had selected lots in Denver City in Oct 1, 1859, and later, Dec 16, was grantor of one half of share 17 in Denver City Town Company. He originally came from Brindon, Vermont, says Smiley (p. 221) but died poor in Santa Fe 1872.

“FRENCH LOUIS” of Louey, arrived with the Plattsmouth-Nebraska Company Oct 24, 1858. A character celebrated among the Fiftyniners. In The Trail, Jan 1923, is notice of this eccentric pioneer, who had in very early days been in the employ of the Catholic Bishop in Denver, and lived in outskirts of town (about 1908) in West Elyria where he had a little cabin. He had raised vegetables for the Bishop’s table. From his home he disappeared mysteriously. He was believed to have kept money about his person.

FRIES, John W., arrived May 1859, died before 1924. Was member of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association, and name in their list.

FRINK, B. F. & COMPANY, brokers, did business Central City 1859 (advertizement in Tri-Weekly Mining Register) dealers in gold-dust. B. P. FRINK appears as pioneer of 1860 in Hall’s Colorado History. Said to have arrived in July of that year from New Haven, was born New Brunswick Jan 20, 1828. He was living in New Haven in 1890. Mary W. Frink was taxpayer in Central City, 1863 (list). In Golden Gate City
died on Oct 11, 1860 Henry W. Frink of typhoid fever, formerly of Saratoga, New York, aged 27 years. “The deceased leaves a wife and one child in Fundy, New York. The funeral was attended by a large number of citizens. Funeral was in Golden City. A short, but impressive discourse was delivered by Rev. Jacob Adriance of Golden City, and the remains were interred in the cemetery there.” (Western Mountaineer, Oct 18, 1860) In another notice it appears that he was a resident of Golden, and buried on Graveyard Hill where his remains were left when the cemetery was dismantled and moved, and his stone can be deciphered still, though much worn and fallen. It was almost the first interment there.

These several Frinks so early in Colorado may be related. (?)

FRITTS, an arrival of 1859, and member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society and name is in their list. Lived Colorado Springs 1920.

FROEBEL, Charles, arrived by Express. He is a distinguished European chemist. He will establish assay office. (RMN file ’59)

FROGGETT, Edward, and wife, pioneers of 1859, living in Gilpin County (Nevadaville) about 1880 (?) (Note from History Gilpin County, etc.)

FROST, D. P., in 1859, elected to the Territorial Council from 3rd District. (RMN)

FULLER, ---, in Jun 1859 the Fuller share was some of it sold. Share in Denver City Town Company.

FULLER, B. F., was member first Constitutional Convention from Eureka, Jun 1859. (RMN)

FULLER, C., name in list of business firms, etc. of Denver & Auraria published in 1859. (from Sopris Mss. Record) He had shop on Larimer Street and was a watchmaker and jeweller.

FULLER, George W., arrival of 1858. Was an original stockholder of Auraria City 1858 and in 1859 same in Denver City Town Company.

FULLER, George W. (see George, above – probably same), was stockholder Denver City Town Company in 1858. Aug 23, 1859 makes transfer of his Denver lots.

FULLER, Hiram, of Golden City, Boulder, Blackhawk, and later Leadville, arrived 1859, miner, quartz mill owner, once owned White Rock Mine one half interest in Seven-Thirty Mine, was Justice of the Peace at Gold Hill. Was born Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia, Apr 29, 1839. His father a planter or farmer, Fowler Fuller.

FULLER, J. C., from Leavenworth, arrived via Platte Route 21 days out, reaching Denver May 1859. He later buys lots Denver City.
FULLERTON, Robert, is grantee Sep 29, 1859 of Auraria lots No. 9, block 9 “with building thereon” Nov 24 same year. Robert E. Fullerton is grantor of Auraria lots.

FULTON, Daniel J., pioneer of South Park 1859. Born Virginia, removed Ohio 1836, Iowa 1849, to California three years, and in 1859 Colorado. Mining one year, tried Idaho, then returned and settled on ranche on Platte sixteen miles below Denver. (Bancroft History Colorado, Vol. 25, p 385)

FURNEY, Thomas and Company, mining, 1859, three men, Nevada Gulch.
GABBIT, T. C., of Brown County, Missouri, arrived goldfields May 28, 1859 by Arkansas Route. (RMN, May, 1859)

GADD, P., arrived May 22, 1859 with H. P. Stringer (Illinois) in wagon 6 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons. (RMN)


GAMBELL, A. D., arrived May 30, 1859. Late of West Union, Ohio. Born Ohio Jan 27, 1823. Went to Gregory District and with Sam. Link discovered a rich quartz lead about 15 miles NNW of Gregory Diggings, in a gulch since named for him (Gambell’s Gulch) on one of the little tributaries of Boulder Creek. This occurred Jun 5, soon after his arrival in the goldfields. Gambell’s Gulch soon became famous for placer diggings. But Gambell, being of a roving nature, wished to explore farther and left it for the site of Nevadaville, where he and Link organized a new mining district, naming it New Nevada. (For an interesting detailed account of Gambell’s adventures on these expeditions, see Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 201.)

Gambell and Company (four men) operated in Nevada during the summer, as mentioned in file of the RMN. Gambell said that he had recorded the first town lot in the District. Gambell lived in Denver about 1907 it is said.

GAMBELL, F., was a founding member of old Auraria Lodge in Oct 1859. The Masonic record shows that his previous membership had been with Unity Lodge No. 12 in Ohio.

GAMBERT, J. M., had vinegar factory on Larimer Street, Denver, 1859. (Mss. Business Directory, Denver)

GAMBLE (see Gambell), M. W., was a delegate from Deadwood Diggings to the first Constitutional Convention, Jun 1859.

GANS (Gaus?), Jacob, grantee from Auraria Town Company Aug 27, 1859, lot 10, block 38, Auraria. Later, Jan 6, 1860 he locates farm or ranche claim, 160 acres on Dry Creek four miles below Wagoner’s claim, one half-mile square. Filed for record Jan 22, 1860. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GANTZ, John, a quiet, inoffensive German who had resided in Auraria and Denver over a year, killed in Auraria by J. A. Gordon about Jul 18, 1860. He was from Lockport, New York according to the Western Mountaineer, but recently from Leavenworth. The RMN gave him a high character. His funeral is described as very large, under auspices of the Turnverein, the Germans all turned out, and on the Sunday he was buried they had bands playing solemn music and a beautiful service. They did not cease to make endeavors for his murderer’s capture, and justice was given in his execution. A full description of the affair is included in RMN and other papers of the period.
GARDNER, Charles, arrived Colorado in party with L. C. Sylvanus and H. L. Willman, 1859. (See History Boulder County.)

GARDNER, Maj. E. F., an arrival of 1859, was living 1881.


GARNHART, John H., of Denver City firm doing business Jul 1859 was of St. Louis. In Arapahoe County Land Records it appears that he had “Draw lots” (owned first by Daniel Knight) issued to him. He is resident of St. Louis in July, but in March seems to be of Denver. He gives power of attorney to William H. Harlowe, also of St. Louis, to transact all business in Denver connected with sales of property, to conduct, and take charge of grocery, liquors, manufacturing vinegar, banking and exchange business at Denver, dated Mar 1. This may be a non-resident property holder, but it quite likely he was also a visitor to the field of his investments.

GARRISON, A. F., was member of Golden City Association 1859. He was earlier, in June, President Pro Tem of the first Constitutional Convention.

GARVIN, Dr., said to have been an arrival of 1859 with M. Beach. (See under Mel Beech (Beach).)

GASSIDE, J., arrived May 22, 1859 in wagon 1 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons. (Seems to have been from Kansas Territory.) (RMN file 1859)

GASTON, James, miner of Clear Creek and Boulder Counties, arrived 1859. Discoverer of the Gaston Mine, Gilpin County.

GASTON (GASTIN), W. C., arrived mouth Cherry Creek 1858.

GATCH, A. P., witness to deed, Auraria, Jun 1859.

GEERGE, William, arrived with Lone Star Company by Smoky Hill Route, May 22, 1859. (List in RMN ‘59 file)

GEHRUNG, Dr. Eugene C., pioneer of 1858, said by The Trail May 1924, to be first physician to locate permanently in Denver. Died, 4177 King Street, Denver, Apr 11, 1924, aged 85 years. Born Alsace Lorraine 1839, and at age of 13 emigrated with parents to United States. Spent with parents six years in Texas. His first office in Denver was on site of the present City Hall, and in the first frame building. Joined Lodge No. 5 in 1879. Married 1874 Miss Beatrice Faehnerich of St. Louis, Missouri, who came to Denver on first train of K.P.R.R. She died 1920. Three sons, Dr. Julian A. (New York City), Adolph E. (bond broker, New York City), and Eugene S. (Real Estate, Tampa, Florida). There is a death copied from file of the RMN of 1874,
showing that Mrs. Elizabeth Gehring, aged 71 years, died Feb 13, in said year in
Denver. Funeral was at residence of F. L. Rohlfing, 381 Champa. This may be a
relative?

GEORGETOWN, said to have been named after GEORGE GRIFFITH, an arrival of
1858. Mines were numerous here in very early days.

GEORGIA GULCH, mining center of 1859, not far from site of Breckenridge.
GEORGIA PASS was six miles north of Tarryall Diggings.

GEROW, Louis C., of Denver, gives power of attorney to Clement L’amereux, to sell,
etc. in Denver for him, dated May 4, 1859. Another paper gives name of Lewis C.
Gerard, Jun 8 same year, joint owner of lots “where plank house has been erected.”
(Arapahoe County Land Records 1859)

GERRISH, A. F., files surveyor’s record of his ranche claim on north side Clear Creek
about seven miles from Denver, Sep 23, 1859, 160 acres. He later sells this and later
in 1860 (?) buys it back again. The RMN file of Nov 1859 contains his death as
follows: “Died, at the residence of his brother, in Denver, (of inflamation of the
bowels) A. F. Gerrish, aged 29 years. He was followed to his grave in Mt. Prospect
Cemetery by a numerous concourse of sympathizing friends. Maine and
Massachusetts papers please copy.”

GERRISH, John H., probably a brother of the preceding, was witness to signature in
Denver Jul 28, 1859. He was a member of Auraria Lodge (Masonic) Oct 1, 1859 (a
founding member) and was formerly a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 41 of New
Hampshire. But he seems to have been among those who wished to divide the honors
of Masonry with Denver, Auraria’s bitter rival, and so is with Collins, Wells and
others in a petition to establish Denver Lodge in same year. He was a merchant,
doing business on Larimer Street, Denver, advertizing much in the RMN to furnish
provisions, clothing, miners’ outfitting, and to purchase gold dust. (GERRISH &
COMPANY)

The RMN, file of Jan 1861, has the following: “Married, Mr. John H. Gerrish and
Miss Fannie D. Miles, of Zeandale Farm, formerly of Leavenworth, Jan 9, 1861 at

GERRY, Elbridge, a frontier trader, assistant to Blake & Williams in the management of
their business. He was on the ground of Denver before 1858. He claimed descent
from the famous Elbridge Gerry, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Born
Oswego County, New York and died many years before 1901, date of the writing of
the notes here given. In 1865 he had ranche on South Platte, in valley, 67 miles
northeast of Denver. The Indians raided it, but he had removed to a distance with
most of his belongings. One note says he died 1876 and had an Indian wife. (?)

GERRY, Godfrey, arrival of 1858-9, kept stage for Overland Stage Company.
GESJIGERLES (?), Francis I. (or J?), filed farm claim, 160 acres, on Platte River, 2-1/2 miles below mouth of Clear Creek, claim taken on Jan 4, 1860. (This must be an arrival of 1859 or earlier.)

GEST, John G. H., (sometimes called John H. Gest), attorney in Directory of Denver for 1859. Was also miner and operated the Mammoth Quartz Mining Company in Mountain City, and had 30 claims on the Gregory Lode. He was a delegate from Mountain City in June, this year to the first Constitutional Convention, and is said to have been from Chicago, Illinois at time. He was also one of the founders of Freemasonry in the Rocky Mountain region, acting as Secretary Pro Tem at first meeting of Auraria Lodge of which he was a member. (Oct 1, 1859)

GIBSON, Henry, left Nebraska with Byers party in Feb 1859, arrived Denver Apr 19. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. Born England Jan 22, 1840. From 1890, 1907, and at date 1920 he lived Omaha, Nebraska. He was in Gregory Diggings year of arrival for he witnessed deed Sep 28, Mountain City (Gregory Record, p. 14) and is grantee from Charles A. Brassler (p. 20, same) on claim on Simmons Lode, Gregory Diggings, and it is stated “for want of proper machinery the claims cannot be worked to advantage this season.” This is recorded Oct 1, at Mountain City. He was writer of the protest published on editorial page of Rocky Mountain Gold Reporter Nov. 10, same year. He is witness in Auraria Nov 15 to deed granting lots from Auraria Town Company to Thomas Gibson.

GIBSON, Iram, with Z. B. Gibson, arrive by Santa Fe Trail, 60 days enroute May 30, 1859. (From Georgia.) (RMN file 1859)

GIBSON, J., Illinois, arrived in wagon 4 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons May 22, 1859. (RMN)


GIBSON, Thomas, arrived Apr 8, 1859 with Byers and his printing outfit and was at first associated with him in publishing the RMN.

   He was from Fontanelle, Nebraska. Lived later years in Omaha (1890) and later. Born (Colorado Pioneers’ Society List) Jun 1, 1819 (no place given). He was later a member of the Mammoth Quartz Lead Mining Company of Mountain City, and published there his paper which continued for five months, “The Rocky Mountain Gold Reporter and Mountain City Herald.” First number published Aug 8, 1859.

   He was a member (President Pro Tem & Secretary) of the first Constitutional Convention, probably from Gregory Diggings. On Nov 15, same year, he was grantee of Auraria lots from Auraria Town Company, Henry Gibson being witness. (See above.) (Arapahoe County Land Records Liber F, p. 105) In 1860, May 5, he is editor and proprietor of the Rocky Mountain Herald, and No. 1 of Volume 1 is issued on this date. (Denver) This paper still survives, edited by Will C. Ferrill.

GILBERT, J. R., advertizes in Western Mountaineer Dec 21, 1859, his livery stable, saddles, ponies, and pack animals to hire etc., Platte (Street) at Golden City.

GILBERT, N. & COMPANY, from Gerard, Ohio, arrived with eight men spring (Jun 3) 1859.

GILES, Charles and Company, with 33 men, arrived Jun 9, 1859 by Platte Route and Giles & Company are said to be from Galliot County, Ohio. (RMN) Giles was of an inventive genius, and in Gilpin County, where he mined, constructed a six stamper for quartz ore in this year, which he ran by water power near the mouth of Chase Gulch. During the autumn and summer he had over $6000 with this rude machine. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 204)

GILL, Jacob, located ranche claim 160 acres, one half mile from bank of Platte River, Nov 11, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

GILL, Thomas N., grantee from Auraria Town Company, lot 5, block 100, Auraria City, Oct 12, 1859. (Later in 1860 he bought lot 4, block 100) (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 92, 1859)

There is a death in the file of the Colorado Republican Nov 1861 as follows: “Died, in Lincoln City, French Gulch, Nov 21, 1861, Nancy Jane Gill, wife of Thomas Gill in the 21st year of her age. Burial was with Episcopal Service. Illinois papers please copy.” This may be Thomas N. Gill or another of same name. There are several of the Gill name in the Diggings, for in 1861, Nov 7, a marriage occurs between S. H. Gill and Rachel Overpeck, both of Denver, at Tremont House by Rev. A. S. Billingsley. (Colorado Republican, Nov 1861)

GILMAN, ---, this name occurs among those having Donation Lots in Auraria Town Company, spring 1859. Again in 1862, Jul 9, at residence of bride’s father in Denver, Edward Gilman and Mary E. Crune are married. (This could be same ?)

GILMORE, Charles M., has 1859 Donation Lots for building, and Apr 22, same year, is grantor of lots on south side of Blake Street, between C. and D. Streets (lots 3-4), Richard E. Whitsitt, grantee. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GILPIN, William, an early traveler in the Pike’s Peak region, being with Fremont as early as 1844 and a volume could be filled with his experiences. He was the first Governor of Colorado after it was organized as a real Territory. Born, Battlefield of Brandywine Oct 22, 1822. Died Jan 20, 1894. Parents, Joshua Gilpin and Mary Dilworth. Married 1874 a southern woman, Mrs. Julia Pratt Dickerson, who had three children by first husband, Louise, Sidney and Elizabeth. The last married Otis B. Spencer of Denver. Governor Gilpin’s children were Polly and William (twins), the last deceased, and Louis. (For an account of Governor Gilpin’s life, see the many
histories of Colorado.) His portrait appears in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 129, and in RMN, p. 7, Jul 4, 1890. Many other portraits are to be found. Gilpin County was named for him, but at first called Mountain County. The notes above, relating to Governor Gilpin’s wife, children, etc. are from his biography in Vickers’ History of Denver. (See this, long sketch.)

GILTNER, Amos C., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and lived Denver (1907-1920). Arrived Jul 14, 1859. Born New York Dec 28, 1818. (There may be a mistaken date here, as 1920 makes him very old?)

GIMAUD, G., name in list in RMN during 1859 of merchants handling gold dust. (Auraria or Denver)

GIVENS, A., arrived Apr 14, 1859 in 6th wagon of Capt. William Valentine’s train from La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph. (See under Valentine for his companions.) (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859)

GIVENS & PLATTE, six men, mining, Pleasant Valley, summer 1859. (RMN)

GLASS, J. E., files claim together with E. B., F. M., and J. B. Wood for mining purposes, claim located in Broad Tree Gulch, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 50, 1859)

GLASSCOCK, (partner of Rading Hadre), grantor, 160 acres, ranche claim on Platte River, consideration $250, “land nearly opposite Fort Lupton” dated Dec 5, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

GLENDINAN (GLENDINNING), John Y., one of the earliest artists I have been able to discover (although several visitors have been found) who really lived in the goldfields for any length of time. Regarding his work the records show the following: “He was a shareholder in the Golden City Association, 1859, by evidence of their share book, now existing in possession of Mr. West of the Transcript (p. 137). In Denver he seems to have owned lots in blocks 18-88-240-131-82-13-21, as is evident by the Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859. On Nov 9, same year, he was grantee from Auraria Town Company of 17 lots in Auraria. (See for this, Liber F, p. 383.)

On Nov 10, same year, next day after the entry of the lots, the following editorial appears on p. 2 of the RMN: “John Y. Glendinan, who has spent some months in sketching this region of country and the mines, leaves this morning for St. Louis where he will spend the next few months in painting a panorama of the mountains, the Plains, and the Platte Valley. His portfolio is filled with sketches, and we promise our Eastern friends a rich treat in his panorama.”

Later, the Colorado Republican publishes the following marriage: John Y. Glendenning of Central City, to Sarah Ellen McGarren, of Denver Dec 10, 1861, at residence of the bride’s father, by Rev. W. A. Kenney. After this event an advertizement appears in the Tri-Weekly Mining Register of Central to the effect that John Y. Glendenin is equipped to do all kinds of house and sign painting, as well as decorations of all description. (Jul 30, 1862) This appears for some time afterward,
and he, we will hope, made some money as Central was building fast, and much work of such a kind needed.

When this writer was in Central in Nov 1924 she was told by Mr. Chase Withrow, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A.M., that John Y. Glendenning was the artist who had painted all the interior decorations, portraits, etc. in the Masonic Hall of Central, and that the room was one of the most beautiful of the kind in the United States, and has been pronounced to be so by many distinguished persons for years past. He said that this building opposite to the Teller House, had been erected by D. C. Collier for his newspaper, about 1864 or 1865, and was used from that time forward (in the upper part) as a Masonic Hall. So there is no doubt that Glendenning is the very first artist of Colorado. The writer of these notes was unable to see the hall, much to her regret, for Central City is disappearing, and will probably soon be ranked with the dead cities of the great gold mining district.

GLOTFELTER, E. S., Secretary Pro Tem, miners’ meeting of Jul 23, 1859, reported in the RMN. This meeting was at Gold Hill.

GLOVER, Adolphus B., “late of city of St. Louis” Missouri, is grantee of Denver City lots from Rice & Burdick, Nov 1859. Later in December he is witness in Auraria. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GOBLE, W. H., was 3d Corporal, Rocky Mountain Rangers, elected at Mountain City, 1859. (Files)

GOLDATE, Samuel C., witness, Denver City, deeds, Oct 26, 1859.

GOLDBERG & POPE, Denver firm, 1859. (Grumpert Goldburg and Georgius (or Georgina ?) Pope, Jul 12 are grantees of lots on southeast of McGaa Street running with Cherry Creek. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859) Goldberg in this year was in the auction and commission business on Ferry Street, Auraria. He is said to have been from New Mexico. Again, he is said to be of St. Louis formerly, and is now in the diggings at Gregory, mining. On Aug 23 the firm again have grant of Denver lots.

GOLD-DUST, was current as money, and in 1859 many firms were advertizing to take it and “also flour and dried apples in exchange.” A list of 22 Denver and Auraria firms are given in RMN, Sep 22 of this year, all of whom wish very much to let the miners know that they take it.

GOLDEN CITY, “Situated at the base of the Rocky Mountains, at the mouth of the canon which is the only pass to Gregory’s, Russell’s, Spanish, Jackson’s, and Clear Creek Diggings, which are the best diggings ever discovered” etc. etc. A fine stream of water runs through the town, and there is plenty of pine lumber near, and it is surrounded by a fine farming country.

(Consists of 40 blocks, 12 lots each) N. McKenny, Draughtsman.
The description above is in the Land Records, 1859, and probably accompanies a map. In Jun 1859 the Golden City Claim is recorded, in which “I, J. H. St. Matthews, a committee appointed by the Association, claim the land of this townsite for town purposes, and not for agriculture.” Signed by S. W. Waggner, Probate Judge.

The matter just above, is recorded by Whitsitt in Jefferson County Land Records, Liber D, pp. 136-7.

But Golden must have had considerable population before she had much of a town company, for in June she had 12 delegates to the first Constitutional Convention, which indicates numerous population, almost as much as Denver. It is said by Frank Hall that many had encamped here, attracted by the gold mines at Arapahoe near by. From the first it considered itself better than either Denver or Auraria, and destined to attract all interests away from those two rivals down at the mouth of Cherry Creek.

It had a very fine, small newspaper started in 1859 of eight pages, one half size of those of the RMN, but altogether making about the same amount of space, as the rival had only four pages. This was the Western Mountaineer, which lasted about six months or more, and was well edited, in fact rather a finer bit of work than was exhibited by its rival in Denver. George West, was from Boston, while the editor in Denver was from Ohio and Omaha and could not wield so fine a pair of scissors. Neither could he do as well in the editorial column. In the issue of Dec 21, 1859 the Golden editor requests all citizens to “meet this evening at the Jefferson House to take measures for establishing a school in Golden.” Later it was accomplished, and Mr. T. Dougherty in Jul 1860 commenced with eighteen pupils.

When John Brown was hung in the East, the RMN came out with a description of the jollification which Golden enjoyed; later, Golden indignantly denied this, but it is not hard to believe, possible as Golden was so much settled with Georgians.

The Capitol of Colorado was established in Golden by act approved Aug 14, 1862. The Third Legislative Assembly convened here in Feb 1864, but adjourned to Denver for a larger place to hold its meetings. The fourth and sixth sessions and part of the fifth were held here, and a few days of the seventh, and after that time the capitol was Denver. (1867)

The Jefferson House in Golden was on a spot north of the place where Stewart’s grocery is located in 1924. It still stands, and has been known as the Allen House. It was owned by Harvey & Wright. Jan 4, 1860 the Haydee sisters were given a grand reception and banquet here, with a dance, or Ball. In the last fifty couples from Golden, and Denver and other places danced and it was said that the refreshments were very elegant. Another hotel, which appears in advertizements of ’59 is the Golden City House, T. P. Boyd, proprietor, adjacent the Upper Bridge, south side of Clear Creek.

The only building left standing which could have the honor of having once been the Capitol building is said to be the one on the corner of Washington Avenue and 12th Street, “now occupied by the Koenig Mercantile Company.” (Transcript)

Masonry was practiced in 1859 in Golden, for they petitioned in November of this year for a dispensation, which Auraria Lodge duly recommended so that they obtained it in Feb 1860. Isaac E. Hardy was W. M., of this Lodge, and opened it.
They had their first meeting of a social character before this, however, in the Town Hall in 1859.

Golden Gate City became at one time a dangerous rival, and in the election for the choice of County Seat of Jefferson County, she voted only four ballots for Golden, while she cast 79 for Arapahoe City or Arapahoe Bar, as it was often called. But Golden, while she had good reason to be afraid of her, had enough votes of her own to elect herself without the help of Golden Gate. This she did although 22 of her voters registered a preference for Baden.

GOLDEN AND DENVER EXPRESS announces in Dec 1859 that it will convey passengers between these points for $1 each.

GOLDEN GATE CITY, founded Jul 1859, with the following officers: Thomas L. Golden, President, J. S. Rogers, Charles Fletcher, H. S. Hawley, and William G. Preston. A map of the town is in Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 13. On Jan 14, 1860 the Golden Gate Town Company is grantor to William G. Preston, consideration $5,000, lot 10, block 22, lot 18, block 11, lot 16, block 10, lot 10, block 23, and many other lots, all in town of Golden Gate, Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory.

Signed by Thomas L. Golden, Vice President and William G. Preston, Secretary. This town was at entrance to Golden Gate Canon, sometimes called Eight Mile Canon, which led to Gregory Diggings, and was two miles farther north of Golden. On Jul 5, 1860, the Western Mountaineer announces that Golden and Gard are erecting a very large hotel and restaurant, and that Mr. D. McCleery is building a still larger one, etc., and that Buddee and Jacobs have established a branch commission House. The Gate City Hotel was finished and a grand opening banquet given in Apr 1860 by Capt. W. G. Preston and brother. A large number of ladies were present, and many delicacies included in the banquet. It was kind of the editor of the Western Mountaineer to give it so fine a notice, and later clubs met here, one was for the purpose of establishing laws to perfect titles to mining claims.

Golden Gate as stated before in article above had six delegates to the first Constitutional Convention in Denver.

GOLDEN, Thomas L., “of Arapahoe City, Arapahoe County” is grantee of lot 11, block 1, Auraria City, “with hewed log house thereon”, consideration $350, Mar 5, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859) This is the original “Tom Golden” who accompanied Jackson on his exploring trip early in 1858 to the Boulder and to Lupton’s Fork, (now Bear Creek) and later, with Jim Sanders included they established winter quarters on site of what is now Golden City, and it is thought that that town was named for him, but to me this seems doubtful. Later he was styled Thomas L. Golden, Esq. when he was married to Miss Fletcher of Nevada City, in that place Sep 24, 1860. “The RMN commenting, says: “The Capt. was one of the pioneers and projectors of Gate City, and is an extra clever fellow.” (Oct 3, 1860)

As President of the Golden Gate Town Company he signs deed Jan 16 1860, several (about nine months) before this occurrence. To this deed Ben Littes, and James King are witnesses. Golden Gate was several miles above Golden City, at
entrance to Eight Mile Canon. This city had six delegates to the first Constitutional Convention in Jun 1859, about one half the number which Golden City was entitled to, which shows the relative size of “Gate City” as its rival always dubbed it, ignoring its name of Golden. It was incorporated Dec 1859. He sells his lot 11 block 1, Auraria in June of this year, and about Oct 1860 (after his marriage) he disappears into the unknown.

GOLD HILL, diggings, 12 miles above Boulder City, was in 1859 named it is said by J. D. Scott it being gold bearing territory near Gold Run. (The latter a stream.) GOLD RUN DIGGINGS were on Four Mile Creek near Boulder City, and near Galena Gulch.

GOLDRICK, O. J., (Prof.) said to be the first schoolteacher in Denver and Auraria, arrived Aug 1859. Born City of Sligo, Ireland, Mar 30, 1834. Was deceased before 1890. His school in Auraria was on west side of what is now 12th Street, between Larimer and Market, and one authority believes it was opposite or nearly so, the double cabin of Lehow and Sagendorf. Goldrick had been a graduate of Dublin University, it is said, and had studied later in Columbia College, New York. A very good life of this interesting pioneer was written for the Vickers’ History of Denver, 1880. It can easily be consulted for more particulars. His portrait is to be found in RMN(Daily), p. 6, Dec 5, 1899. He was a contributor to that paper as early as ’59 and his sketches of “Captain Pike” (4 columns, p. 1, Nov 17, and “New Mexico and its Society” on p. 1, Dec 8th) are well worth reading even now-a-days, and in the remote period of ’59 and ’60 when no histories of Colorado had been written must have been illuminating. He was the first Superintendent of Public Schools in Colorado, and had edited papers in Salt Lake in Central City, and was proprietor of the Rocky Mountain Herald in 1880 and earlier.

GOLDRICK (Goldrich?), Dr. William, name appears in Auraria Land Record Mar 1860 and his name appears in an undated clipping which has list of arrivals of ’59, but no other authority for this I have been able to find.

GOLDSCHMIDT, A., name in list of members of Auraria Lodge Oct 1, 1859, being formerly member of Weston Lodge, No. 53, Missouri. Again, A. S. Goldschmidt was a petitioner, with Wells, Collins, Gerrish and others to start Lodge in Denver City, after Auraria Lodge was already well under way. A Goldschmidt has a grant of Denver lots in Oct 1859.

GOLDSIR, Charles H., of Auraria, 1859, and again, C. L. Goldsir (same?) is in list of delegates from Denver City in autumn ’59 to convention for forming a Provisional Government. (RMN, Oct 10)

GOOD, John, son of Elizabeth Kiefer, and Jacob Guth, changed his name to its present form after coming to America. He was born Uhrweiler, Alsace Lorraine, France, Oct 14, 1836 (another authority gives Oct 4, 1834). Arrived Denver May 13, 1859. Lived in Denver and was very prominent. He bought lot 6, block 106, Auraria, Nov
1, the year of arrival (and sold it). He married Rosalia M. Wagner of Indiana and had children Leon, Carrie, Louis, Nellie, John, Edw. He was merchant, engaged in brewing company, was promoter of German National Bank, etc., and generally esteemed as a good citizen.

GOOD, Samuel G., of Dry Creek, Territory of Kansas, Oct 11, 1859, grantee of ranche on Dry Creek between Golden Gate and Arapahoe village. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 39)

GOODALL, M., (of Iowa) arrived May 14, 1859, with D. D. Taylor’s company of 14 men, 30 days from St. Joseph (his companions’ names may be seen under Taylor).

GOODE, Rev. William H., (a portrait of this fine old pioneer is in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 717.) He was an Elder in the M. E. Church and was often referred to by this title. He came to the Cherry Creek missions in Jun 1859, sent by the Kansas Conference. He labored in the mountains, in mining camps, performing marriages everywhere, and preaching in cabins and groves. In Auraria he is spoken of in the RMN as being in charge of service at house of Tesseman & Company, and at Mr. Dollman’s. He was elected Chaplain of the first Constitutional Convention in Jun ’59, and on Fourth of July the paper publishes account of wonderful doings in the grove at mouth of Cherry Creek where he opened and closed the proceedings with prayer. James R. Shaffer was the orator on this occasion.

GOODFELLOW, Charles E., pioneer of 1858, located Greeley, buried Lynn Grove Cemetery. Five daughters, Mrs. Ella Blaney, Mrs. Carrie Stewart, Mrs. Ivorine Stewart, Mrs. Lake of Denver, Mrs. Burton of Valparaiso, Indiana, and sons Robert, Ralph, and Raymond, and one brother Chandler, all of Greeley.

The matters above are from an undated clipping from Greeley Republican, Mar 15. (No year stated).

GOODWIN, H., a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention, from Eureka. (Jun 1859)

GOODWIN, O. P., miner, Boulder, and Apr 23, 1859 is mentioned in advertizement as partner of W. Scourfield, in Storage and Commission business, with a warehouse in Boulder City, “Located immediately at foot of the mountain, and Ox Teams and Mules for sale.”

GOOSE PASTURE DIGGINGS, in 1859 quite well patronized, near Gregory.

GORDON, Daniel, arrived Oct 1858 at old Fort St. Vrain with Capt. Atkins and others. Was the first arrival, with his brother, in this year in Boulder Valley.

GORDON, James, was Nov 1, 1858 one of the stockholders in Auraria Town Company.
GORDON, James A., a pioneer of 1858 it is said, his name given as James H. in some papers. The RMN of Oct 10-11 contains full account of his death, his speech, and the disposition of his estate (1860). He left all to his aged parents. His earlier trial, etc., on p. --- Jul 25, 1860, also farther back his affairs discussed at length over several columns Oct 3, 1860 and Jul 1859 was probably a part owner of Cibola Hall. (Also article in issue Jul 18, 1860.) All the histories of Colorado contain mention of him and his affairs, which was greatly regretted for he had a good heart it was said.

He owned a number of Auraria and Denver lots, and a ranche three miles below these cities.

GORE, A. F., mentioned in paper of ’59 as a prospector.


GOTTLIEB, Ira, grantor lot 6, block 10, Auraria City, to Andy O'Connor Nov 28, 1859. Filed for record Arapahoe County Land Office Dec 14 same year.

GOTTLIEB, Joel, buys many Denver and Auraria lots during ’59 and describes himself as “of Arapahoe County.” In the Directory 1859 he lives on Ferry Street. His death occurs Nov 20, 1874, aged 68 years (RMN) and funeral is to be from his late residence on 12th Street between Holladay & Larimer, West Denver.

GOULD, J. R., member first Constitutional Convention, from Arapahoe Bar 1859.

(Arapahoe Bar was otherwise known as Arapahoe City.)

GOULD, P. W., arrived Denver Apr 14, 1859, by Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons, from La Salle, Illinois. They were 23 days from St. Joseph. For his companions see Valentine. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Denver)

GRABELL DIGGINGS, in ’59 were sought across South Park.

GRAETER, A. F., was a stockholder of Auraria Town Company, Nov 1, 1858. On Oct 8, 1859 he is grantor of Auraria lot 3, block 62, for a consideration of $175. This probably included a cabin, judging by the price.

GRAFF, A. C., announces the selection of lots 5-6, block 75, in Denver City, “out of S. S. Curtis’ share,” and continues, “I having purchased a one fourth interest in said share Aug 20, 1859.” Recorded Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 86, old.

GRAHAM, Hiram J., a stockholder in Auraria Town Company 1858.
This seems to be his first appearance:

He accompanied the D. C. Oakes party, which arrived Oct 10 at mouth of Cherry Creek, via the Up Platte Road, breaking trail first time. In Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. I, p. 208, it is stated that “on 6th Nov 1858, when there were less than two hundred men in this region, an effort was made to create a civil government. A meeting was convened, and an election held for delegate to Congress, and for a representative in the Kansas Legislature. The first was solemnly charged to proceed to Washington forthwith, and employ his best endeavors toward securing the organization of a separate territorial institution. To Hiram J. Graham was delegated the higher mission, while A. J. Smith took the lesser distinction. Both failed.”

It is evident that large population was expected by the band of miners arriving in 1858. Mr. Graham went to Congress, and urged the division of Kansas so as to leave Arapahoe County, (700 miles from Leavenworth) in a Territory by itself.

In 1859 Hiram J. and wife Ellen D. Graham were grantors to George Hawxhurst, consideration $300, lots 5-6, block 42, Auraria City, County of Arapahoe, Territory of Kansas, (Oct 8) “except eight forty feet logs which I reserve.”

GRAHAM, Capt. J. B., from Georgia, captain of wagon train, arrived mouth of Cherry Creek by Arkansas Route, May 16, 1859. In his party were Y. C. Hawkins of Georgia, John Sattefield of same, also James M. Brice, and Thomas J. Brice comprising part of “Russell Company.”

GRAHAM, Thomas J., arrived 1859. Was prominent miner, his large quartz mill being one of the first to cross the plains in ’59, always a prominent resident of Boulder County, is said to have drawn the State University to that place, and was Secretary of the first Board of Trustees for this. Was member Legislature 1869, has ranched, built hotel, lived Jamestown, Niwot, and in ’59 at Gold Hill. Was native of Pennsylvania (Cumberland County). Born Nov 25, 1830. Also had lived Hamilton County, Ohio, and Des Moines, Iowa, then before the rush to Colorado lived in Leavenworth. In Dec 1859 he was appointed by Gov. Steele, County Judge for Jackson County, “until his successor should be elected.” He is mentioned several times in file of this year (RMN) as being in town, going to mountains, etc. His quartz mill spoken of also.

GRAHAM, William, arrived 1859 with Mr. Hawkins: said to have been in drug business in St. Louis. He was member of the earliest Colorado Pioneers’ Society, including at that time only arrivals of 1858-9. (Denver) He had first drug store in town on west side of Larimer between 15th and 16th Streets. Liber A, p. 288, old, contains list of some of his Arapahoe County and Denver lots, etc. (Land Records)

GRANT, Charles, also THOMAS GRANT, file farm claims in 1860, the first is described as “on Spring Creek, laying between Bald Creek and Dry Creek, on the old California Crossing.” This is dated, but not clear in writing, either Jan 20 or Jun 20 (?) If the former date, it would mean that he came in ’59 (?) The second, THOMAS, files farm claim Jan 2, 1860 “on corner of Charles Grant’s claim, on Spring Creek” recorded Jan 20, 1860. The filing of the second claim shows that Charles Grant came in 1859.
These claims are recorded either in Arapahoe County or Jefferson County Land Records, but the reference is gone.

GRANT, Edward, is a grantor of Auraria lots 1859.

GRANT, SMITH & COMPANY, mining, 1859, summer, in Pleasant Valley, five men.

GRASS VALLEY BAR, (lode) was on Clear Creek (then called Vasquez Fork) and 20 miles above Golden City, and three miles below Jackson’s Diggings. (1859 was sought a good deal.)

GRATIOT, (Col. Gratiot & Company), Rocky Mountain City, 1859. C. H. Gratiot is witness Sep 28, 1859, to deed to mining claim, Mountain City, and again in October, same place. (Gregory Record, pp. 14-15)

GRAVES, John, pioneer of 1858. Was original stockholder of Auraria Town Company, same year. In Mar 1859 was Justice of the Peace, in Auraria Precinct. (RMN) He was a delegate from Deadwood District to the first Constitutional Convention, summer of same year, and was Senior Deacon Pro Tem at the first meetings of Auraria Lodge, thus being one of the founders of Masonry in the Rocky Mountain region. It is said in the record that his home Lodge had been in Council Bluffs, Iowa. (Lodge No. 71 of Iowa.) Also he was a Justice of the Peace in that place before coming to Auraria. GRAVES & BROCKER were mining, 1859, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats.

GRAY, A. L., appointed Quartermaster by Gov. Steele, 1859. (A. L. GRAY was also a shareholder, Golden City Association.)

GRAY, James A., was Speaker of the House in the first Legislature ever held in what is now Colorado, being elected Dec 1859 under the newly constituted “Provisional Government of Jefferson Territory.” The RMN refers to this, and also to the fact of his being a Notary Public in Jan 1860. (As a delegate he was from the 8th District.) JAMES S. GRAY (same person?) is in 1866 a Vice President of Colorado Pioneers’ Association, meeting Jun 22 this year, and included only arrivals of 1858 and 1859, as it at first was constituted. He was then resident of Huerfano County.

GREELEY, Horace, the celebrated New York editor “came out” from “the States” to see about this talk of gold in the Rocky Mountains, arriving with Albert D. Richardson at Denver City in Jun ’59, his advent reported in RMN, Jun 18. Hundreds were passing through Denver daily now, and he had passed hundreds headed for the gold regions as he came across the plains. It is said that he attempted to ford Clear Creek (then Vasquez Fork) on a very efficient mule, but the water being deep, he lost his seat and the mule made the crossing alone, Mr. Greeley being hooked out of the waters by a miner with a boat hook. He lost his tall white hat, but it was recovered later. He made several speeches while in the gold regions, and was very much entertained, and good dinners provided for him.
GREEN, Diamond, owner of Claim 2, McLeod & Company, lands in Fork of Plum Creek on Divide, Oct 1859. (See under name of the company.)

GREEN, H. C., filed claim for land for ranching purposes (160 acres) north of base of South Table Mountain, near where Clark & Company saw mill lot is situated and where their mill stands. This claim sold to Green & Lycurgus Miller Jun 6, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 17)

He is shareholder in Golden City Association, same year. (p. 37-39) of their Book of Record, now owned by the Transcript of Golden. He was a delegate from Golden to the first Constitutional Convention in summer of ’59.

GREEN, John, and John Green 2nd, owners of claims 25 and 30 in pinery lands of the McLeod Company (see this) on Divide, near Forks of Plum Creek dated Oct 1859.

GREEN, Peter, Oct 1, 1859 records his mining claim in Mountain City, which cannot be worked immediately for want of proper machinery. (Gregory Record, p. 28)

GREEN, William H., an incorporator with others, of the Fountain City Bridge Company, Dec 1859, to build toll bridge over the river at an early date in 1860. It was begun very soon afterward. He was a member of the early Colorado Pioneers’ Association which met Jun 22, 1866 in Denver, and included only arrivals of ’58-’59. In 1866 he is a resident of Fremont County, Colorado. He was a member of the original Town Company of Pueblo, 1859, and is announced in booklet of his society as an arrival of 1858 (Oct) and resident of Denver 1890 and 1907. Was born New Jersey Nov 23, 1828.

GREEN, Y. R., grantee, (associated with J. N. Cochran) from William A. Smith, lot 12, block 4, Auraria City, Apr 2, 1859.

GREENHORN DIGGINGS, of 1859 were on Boulder Creek.

GREENING, Mr., an old man, mentioned by Larimer in his Reminiscences as having “returned to the States,” winter of ’59.

GREENING, L., was witness in Auraria Mar 1859 to deed in lot sale.

GREENING, Robert, “is entitled to two “Select” lots,” Denver City. Certified to by William Larimer, Jr., Secretary, Denver City Town Company Sep 26, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GREENING, Sidney, is witness to signature of Thomas Ripley of Auraria who gives power of attorney to O. A. Lee, Nov 28, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GREENMORE (Greennevre?), Frank, arrived from Kansas Territory May 16, 1859. (RMN)
GREGORY, David, dated Jun 1, 1859: Boundary of a farm located by David Gregory, in the valley west of Table Mountain, on the road to Gregory’s Diggings, in Kansas Territory, on the first day of Jun 1859 said boundary at a point six hundred and thirty five north of where the road crosses a small stream on the way to Gregory’s Diggings, and about a mile from where the road ascends the mountain and at the foot of the Table Mountain on the west side, and then running south along the foot of the west side of said mountain, one hundred and sixty rods, thence west across the valley one hundred and sixty rods, thence north one hundred and sixty rods, thence east one hundred and sixty rods to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and sixty acres of land, said Gregory located said land on the first day of Jun 1859, and intends to permanently occupy the same for the purpose of a farm, and has been in possession of the same since that time.

Wit:     Signed:  David Gregory
Calvin Hynes
Abner A. Jordon

(Filed for record in Denver, Jun 4, 1859 at 10 o’clock)

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Filed for record Jan 26, 1860. (Liber A, p. 9, Golden)

David Gregory was “of Arapahoe County Territory of Kansas” (this was the description used then for our Colorado) Sep 22, 1859, at Golden City, sells Gregory Ranche to J. H. Wisner, beginning near foot of Table Mountain, etc. Mention of land running almost to line of A. Tucker. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 49) The name of David Gregory is mentioned in Smiley’s History as being one of earliest settlers on the “Divide” 1859 or 1860. He seems to have been a candidate for the Kansas Territorial Legislature in Nov 1859.
GREGORY DIGGINGS, this place was thirty seven miles from Denver and in 1859 had 16 members or delegates to the Constitutional Convention, which indicates quite a population. It was between Central City and Blackhawk, and was older than either of them, but they appeared during the year, and Mountain City lay between in the Diggings. The city is gone, and long ago the Diggings were “worked out” but the buildings of Central and Blackhawk are many of them still to be seen, though the population is gone, and soon the quiet of the desert will surround them. In ’59 “Guy’s” was just below the Diggings, and farther down the canon, was Eight Mile House, sometimes called “Mountain House,” then below this Golden Gate City at mouth of Golden Gate, or Eight Mile Canon, after which came Golden City and Denver and Auraria on the plains. Hall says: that Gregory’s strike was at Claim No. 5, of the Gregory Lode, 400 feet above the road or main thorofare between what is now Blackhawk and Central. John Gregory, the mule driver, took $25,000 from this spot back to Georgia after his first season. It was all in dust, and carried in little leather sacks. This Lode, however, later after its discoverer abandoned it, is said to have yielded many millions. By the first of July 1859 a hundred and fifty sluices were running within a very short distance of this place. Hall calls Gregory Gulch “The Cradle of our State.” It is thought to have had about 20,000 miners during the first year, many of them transient.

GREGORY, John H., (the celebrated Gregory of the gold regions) was from Gordon County, Georgia 1858, having left home for British Columbia calculating to work on the Pacific slope, especially on Frazer River, but engaged as mule driver, or teamster from Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Laramie, and came to Denver Jan 2, 1859, prospecting first on Cache la Poudre, later on Clear Creek, but discovered his famous Diggings near Blackhawk, his mine being called Gregory Lode. It is said that he was “Grubstaked” by David K. Wall, who had a fine farm near Golden. He returned to Georgia in September of same year, taking $25,000 with him, and in 1860 made a second expedition, staying for some time, running a quartz mill and making much money, and several more great discoveries. Then he disappears from history, and in 1901 when Smiley wrote his history no further information was to be obtained. But Fossett says he dies poor in Montana, prior to 1865, having gambled away his fortune. (?)

While a resident of Gregory Diggings in Jun ’59, he was elected a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention held in Denver and Auraria, but it is not stated whether he ever attended this august body.

GREGORY RECORD, a book still kept in Central, at Gilpin County Court House, which contains many notices of claims made and sold in 1859. Some of the names collected herein were residents of Mountain City and all were miners, and early promoters and settlers. The following is a list in back of the book which seems to be of ’59 names, but it is undated: B. B. Liggins, A. W. Walker, C. W. Walker, J. H. Walker, Enos Read, N. W. Williams, (all these paid $1 C. C. P.) Francis Rodman paid $1 S. B. T. L. D. Crandall paid same, Henry Regenburg paid $2.50 (C. C. Post), W. Sherwood (marked not paid). These payments were made July 25 but year not given, tho’ the book is devoted to claims and matters of 1859.
GRENFELDER, George, deceased, his administrator sells his Denver lots, 11-12, in block 74 to Thomas J. Bayaud, Dec 10, 1859. The Administrator was Edw. Karzewski. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

GRIDER, Fred, an arrival of 1858, and one of the original stockholders of Auraria City.

GRIDLEY, ---, a miner who bought out Gregory’s mine in 1859. This was probably AMOS GRIDLEY who came in this year to Gregory Diggings, and was a partner of Edw. Henderson in mining there. He is said to have been formerly from Lewis, Cass County, Iowa.

GRIER, Maria, (also signs Maria B. in earlier deed), Dec 9, 1859 is grantee, lot 3, block 54, City of Auraria, from John H. Elder, and on Mar 21, 1860, she is grantor to Frank M. Baugh, her lots in block 2-223-214-58, in same city for consideration of $100. (Signs with X.) In the Colorado Republican, Denver, is following marriage notice in files of 1862. JOHN JAMES and MRS. MARIA GRIER were married in Denver, Mar 11, 1862 by John Wanless, Justice of the Peace, all of Denver.

GRIFFEE, D. W., (Denver) a pioneer of 1858, arrived December of that year. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born Kentucky Jun 24, 1830.

GRIFFIN, David, arrived Cherry Creek by Plattsmouth Nebraska Company, Oct 24, 1858. (See David Griffith, below)

GRIFFIN, George, an arrival of 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company Oct 24. (See George Griffith, below.)

GRIFFIN, George C., arrived Oct 10, 1859, with Frank Aichleman, Thomas Donelson, Andrew Hagus, and George W. Hazzard. Born Connecticut Oct 21, 1835. In 1890 lived at Island Station, Colorado (from list in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 557). He died ca. 1910. Mrs. Lucelia, his wife died Brighton, Jun 10, 1924, age 80. She was born Vermont, Mar 12, 1844. Griffin took up homestead at Brighton, or near that place 1859, the townsite then being known as Hughes Station. Their children are: H. H. of Ft. Collins, George M. of Brighton, and C. E. of San Bernardino, California.

GRIFFITH, ---, of Denver firm of Bassett & Griffith, 1859.


GRIFFITH, David and George, arrived Oct 24, 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company. (See David and George Griffin, above. Probably same, but misspelled in
the histories.) Georgetown, Colorado is said to have been named for George Griffith, resident of that mining camp.

GRIFFITH, E. M., an arrival of Aug 10, 1859, mentioned in RMN as from Montana, Iowa, formerly. Lived in Denver 1907, possibly later and was member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society.

GRIFFITH, George F., an arrival of 1859, and discoverer of Griffith Mine in Clear Creek County. He also has Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company, spring of 1859. D. W. GRIFFITH, also had Donation Lots from same company, same year, with promise to build. (These two may be the David and George given above. Recorders were not always particular about initials.)

GRIFFITH LODE, sluicing from this paid very well in ’59. Hollister says (p. 251) that this lode was at forks of the south fork of south Clear Creek, 33 miles from Golden by the Creek, 46 miles from Denver via the Mt. Vernon Road, and about 15 miles southwest from Central City.

GRIFITH PRECINCT, political district had in ’59 one delegate to Constitutional Convention.

GRIFFITH, T. L., an arrival of ’58 or ’59, for in last year he is a delegate from Kayote Precinct to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria.

GRIGGSBY, William, on Oct 1, 1859 a founding member of Auraria Lodge, A.F. & A.M., formerly member of Excelsior Lodge No. 97 of Illinois. This name is connected with Golden City a little later for William Griggsby of Golden on July 16, and Oct 10, same year makes notes for $100 and $900, payable to J. C. Bowles, mortgaging Griggsby’s saw mill, set up on Clear Creek in Golden City with all tools, etc., also one half of a blacksmith shop and tools, etc. Recorded May 31, 1860. William Griggsby’s name is in list of incorporators of the Minnehaha Town and Marble Company Nov 1859.

GRIGSBY, V. Long, a stockholder (or shareholder) in Golden City Association 1859. (Name in list in their record book of shareholders.)

GRIMES, ---, (firm of MOORE & GRIMES, dealers, Denver City, ’59.)

GRINDSTAFF, A., arrived mouth of Cherry Creek May 28, 1859, from Missouri. (RMN)

GRINOLD, H. M., and Company, working claim in Bobtail Lode, Gregory Diggings, Sep 2, 1859. Mentioned in record recorded in Mountain City Sep 30, in Gregory Record. In another part of book, but undated, though belonging to record of same year, HENRY GRINOLD (may be same as above) is witness to recording of claim with L. D. Crandall, Royal Jacobs, B. O. Russell, and D. B. Owens, with statement of
inability to operate mine on account of lack of proper machinery. (There is also a
matter recorded concerning H. M. GRISWOLD of Gregory Diggings, Sep 16, 1859,
with “claim in or near to the Bobtail Lode.” This could, and is probably the same
party, but not sure which mode of spelling is correct. (?) GRINNELL Lode is also
mentioned as near Mountain City, probably same.

GRISTY & BROTHER, (Gristy & Brothers), working five men, Pleasant Valley, mining,
mentioned in RMN in file of ’59. (Compare Cristy.)

GRIVOTH (Guivoth ?) (Griffith ?), Alvin F., is grantee of Denver City lots of William
McGaa’s share, to be “drawn for” etc. dated Sep 7, 1859. (23 lots) Another: A. F.
Guivitts (Guivoth ?) is mentioned in Land Record Oct 24, 1859. (Arapahoe County
Land Records)

GROOLE, N., arrived Apr 14, 1859, via Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons,
(La Salle, Illinois) being 23 days out from St. Joseph, Missouri. (Cherry Creek
Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859)

GROSS, C. J., an arrival of ’59, helped lay out Boulder City in that year. Born in
Vermont 1821. Was member Colorado Legislature 1866. Married 1st a daughter of
H. T. Shepherd of New York, 2nd Harriet Beecher. (History of Boulder Valley.)

GROSSE, Paulus, grantee, from William Clancy, lots in “Clancy’s Share” in Denver City
Town Company, Jun 14, 1859.

GROUT, Jane, Aug 23, 1859 certificate was issued to her for her Denver City lots.
(Arapahoe County Land Records)

GROVE, G. W., mentioned in RMN list of delinquents for paper, this one being sent to
M. A. Grove at Dover, Tennessee.

GRUFF, Alexander C., (or Groff), arrived spring of ’59 says Larimer in his
Reminiscences. He built first frame house with shingle roof. Was from Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania, the house being on Lawrence Street near bluff of Cherry Creek.

GUIRAUD, G., merchant of 1859, dealing in jewelry, clothing, fine brandies direct from
France, etc., Denver. Also mentioned in RMN as having been once a trader on the
plains of Africa.

GUIST & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s, four men, summer of 1859. (RMN)

GULLION, William, arrived Oct 24, 1858, by Plattsmouth Nebraska Company.

GUNNELL, Henry --- (?) Harry, was among the discoverers of great and rich mines in
the Gregory District. An arrival of ’59 and after a time, in 1862 is mentioned in Tri-
Weekly Mining Register of Central City as discoverer of “The Little Monitor” and
“The Charleton Lode” in addition to the “Gunnell Lode,” one of the richest mines in the district, all of which produced so much wealth that he was quite bewildered, and is said to have spent money so lavishly that in about eight years, or at the time of his death, he was destitute of the means of existence. Hall represents him as a very fine, handsome young man, well bred and educated, originally from New York, and very generous, letting his money go as easily as it came, and it came in an avalanche. He mined at Russell’s also, and was a shareholder in Golden City Association in the first year of his arrival. In December of same year (’59) Gunnell & Kirby were erecting in Golden City a 20 x 40 building, quite a large one for that time.

He also had mines in Clear Creek District near Idaho, and in the Boulder District. Gunnell Hill in Central City District is now the site of the Catholic Academy. (Boarded up and dead in 1924.) He died in Denver, Sunday evening, Dec 1, 1867, aged about 34 years. The RMN refers to his former success, and to his social gifts which were conspicuous, and to his important discoveries, and states that he was “among the first arrivals in Colorado and favorably known in all the mining districts, as well as in Denver.”

GURAND (Guraud ?), Gustav, “of Arapahoe County”, grantee, lot 9, block 86, Auraria City, dated Dec 17, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

GURLENY (Gurleng ?), Marine, is grantor to John Leonard, 160 acres of farm or ranche land on Cherry Creek, “the same sold to him Dec 12, 1859.” (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GUST, David, grantee, lots in Auraria City, Nov 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

GUTHRIDGE & COMPANY, five men, mining at Russell’s Gulch, summer 1859.

GUY GULCH, seems to have been near Golden, and sought in 1859.

GUY, John C., was one of the founding members of Auraria Lodge of Masons, Auraria City, Oct 1, 1859, his previous membership having been with Greenfield Lodge of State of Missouri.

GWILEY, Marine (?), this must be same party above under GURLENY. (See.) “Of Arapahoe County,” grantee, from John Leonard, for one sack of flour each and every month until Oct 1860, 160 acres farm land situated on Cherry Creek (claim). (The writing of names in copied records is often very incorrect, and they are not always easy to decipher.)
HAAS, Peter, “of Arapahoe County,” grantee, from Sam S. Curtis of Arapahoe County, 12 Denver City lots, consideration $500, dated Dec 15, 1859. (Haas & Brothers Cigars, Denver, ’61) (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 319, old)

HACKNEY, H., a young man who accompanied L. M. Black from Kentucky, arriving Denver ’59 crossing plains by Smoky Hill Route, mentioned in files of RMN 1859, but record of his being with Black is from file of RMN, p. 2, Aug 18, 1874.

HACKSTOCK, William, witness to transfer of lots from Auraria Town Company to T. W. Morand, dated Oct 31, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HADLEY, Major, described in deed in Gregory Record, p. 11, as having a house and bakery in Mountain City, on Main Street, north side, dated Oct 1, 1859.

HADLEY, The Old Hadley Cabin in Mountain City, in 1859 was where “the fascinating Haydee sisters” with Madame Wakeley, gave a series of theatrical exhibitions in this year. (RMN)

HADRE, Rading, on Dec 5, 1859 conveys title to 160 acres land on Platte River, nearly opposite Ft. Lupton, to L. Myers & Company. (Land adjoins claims of Coffin, also Stevens. Hadre is partner of W. E. Glasscock.) (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HAGER, John H., pioneer of Boulder County 1859. Ranchman, miner, prospector, emigrated United States from Bavaria 1853. Born there Mar 21, 1826. Married Mrs. Mary M. Mason, and 2nd Catherine M. Atkinson. Lived in Staten Island, New York, Kendall County, Illinois. Spring ’59 Boulder County, Colorado, Gregory Point, Gilpin County, then ranching on St. Vrain Creek, five miles west of Longmont. Is living 1880, and owns 320 acres there. (History Boulder Valley)

HAGGARD & COMPANY, mining, 1859, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats.

HAGUS, Andrew, arrived with George C. Griffin and party, May 1859. Was of Brighton 1907, and member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society or Association.

HAIGHT, Robert L., arrived Jun 15, 1859. Died before 1924. Name from a list of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society. Member of Society of that County.

HAIN, J. W., his ranche claim filed Dec 10, 1859, described as “on Clear Creek, four miles below the mouth, west side of Platte, the southwest corner at a point in the river about 150 yards east from where the road now runs.” 160 Acres. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

HAINES, David, of Auraria, grantee of Auraria lots (or Denver (?) in Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859. (See index.)
HALL, ---, of STEVENS & HALL, owned the Rhoderick Dhu mine, ’59. (Also others in Clear Creek and Boulder Counties.)

HALL, Mr., and his accomplished lady are now installed as host and hostess of Pollock’s new hotel. (RMN, May 28, 1859)

HALL, Abner, claim owned by him in McLeod & Company (see plat under this name) on Plum Creek, Oct 1859. Albert Hall owns claim 16 of same group of claims (for saw mill purposes.) (On Divide.) (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HALL, Capt. and C. Wiltze, with engineers and surveyors, leave to make surveys and roads at Fort St. Vrain. (RMN, files, 1859) Again “--- Hall with party are exploring in the mountains.”

HALL, Charles, a pioneer of 1859, arrived with B. J. Stout. (See this.)

HALL, Charles L., arrived Colorado May 1859, locating on ranche on Ralston Creek. In December same year left Denver for California Gulch, where he became prospector and miner. Was born Sherman, New York Nov 2, 1835 and died Denver, Aug 5, 1907. In the Civil War he was a Lieut. in 2nd Colorado Cavalry. Mrs. Minnie (Hall, Perry) Murphy is a daughter of C. L. Hall.

HALL, Corydon P., was prominent in Golden, and member of Breckenridge Town Company in 1859, also sells 10 shares of St. Vrain town to A. D. Richardson in November of same year. He was appointed Judge for St. Vrain County by Gov. Steele of the Provisional Government in same year, and was later Territorial Representative elect (representing 18th District).

HALL, Frank, the well-known historian of Colorado, has always been accused of having arrived no earlier than 1860, and in fact he so states it himself. This I do not doubt, and shall never change my mind about it, but I wish to place him among the Fiftyniners as a sort of Honorary Member of the fraternity.

HALL, George, files claim Feb 17, 1860 for 160 acres ranche land “which he has occupied since last summer,” (1859) when he located it, in Jefferson County on east bank of South Boulder Creek, near a table mountain. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 19, 1859)

HALL & JACOBS, proprietors of Jefferson House. 1859. (Mr. Hall calls for the Vigilence Committee RMN files 1859.)

HALL, James H., (with Charles, which see above) arrived with party of B. J. Stout (this party is mainly from Stout’s P. O., Ohio) In RMN file of ’59 this is mentioned (see under Stout).

In files of 1868 the Golden Transcript mentions death as follows: “Died, Cheyenne, Docatah, Sat. Jan 12, 1868, Judge James Hall, one of the founders of
Denver. Formerly Judge of the 6th Judicial District of Minnesota, and at one time prominent candidate for Congress in that State.” The note may refer to James H. Hall above (?)

HALL, Joseph F., arrived Jun 16, 1859 (died before 1924). Member in list Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association, Central City.

HALL, Mrs. L., grantee from Auraria Town Company, Jan 2, 1860, for consideration of $1, lot 6, block 65, in Auraria. (Note: this is the lot after owned by O. B. Shackleton, later by J. K. Mullin and the Mexican Church property still later, corner 9th and Lawrence, West Denver, then known as Cheyenne Avenue corner 6th Street. Later, Lurancy A. Hall, sells this property, lot 6, block 65, (but only the south half) for consideration of $750 to Joseph J. Minter. It is probable that she had built considerable of a house here, as the price indicates value greatly increased. The sale is Feb 17, 1860, only about six weeks afterward.

HALL, L. W., mentioned in RMN files of 1859.

HALLACK & BROTHERS, was established it is said in ’59, a lumber firm having lumberyard corner F. and Arapahoe Streets in 1870. I have not yet found any mention of it in the files of that year.

HALLEMAN, J., was elected in 1859 a Territorial Representative from the 15th District.

HALLOCK (HALLACK?), G. H., was witness, to sale of lots, Auraria in Nov 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

HALLOCK, J., Territorial Representative elected from 5th District in year 1859. (RMN)

HALLOCK, Nelson, a pioneer of Jun 19, 1859. Born Alb. County, New York, Sep 5, 1840. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association, and the following notes are sketched from Vickers’ History: His parents moved to Winnebago, Illinois, farming, and was age of nineteen on date of arrival at gold diggings, mined in Russell Gulch, in other parts of Gilpin County, and Clear Creek County, until 1863 when he changed mind and left for Montana but in one year was satisfied with that field, returned to Colorado, purchased saw mill, Jefferson County, operated it for four years, and had another mill in Park County and one in Lake County (on site of Leadville), then went into livery and teaming business in Leadville, 1877. Discovered Carbonate Mine by “grubstaking,” later sold this for $175,000 and in 1880 is living in Park County.

HALLY (HALLEY), Mr., with party of prospectors is exploring in the mountains. (RMN, files of ’59)

HALSEY, Peter, arrived in the first wagon of the Lawrence Party, May 1858. Later he was member of an expedition from Kansas to bring provisions to the goldfields. P. Halsey, probably same, was member of the Mammoth Quartz Lead Mining Company,
and he also invested in Auraria lots (or accepted them for they were “Donation Lots”) from the Town Company. 1859.

HAMAN, ---, arrived with family from Nevada, Iowa. (Auraria City is place of his selection.)

HAMBLIN & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, two men. (RMN, ’59)

HAMILTON, ---, this name is included in those mentioned as at Montana City on Platte, in 1858. HAMILTON & COMPANY with five men were mining, summer of ’59 at Russell’s Gulch.


HAMILTON CITY and HAMILTON DIGGINGS, belong to the boom period of 1859, both now gone. The diggings were opened in July, and were half a mile below the city.

HAMILTON, Mr. E., left a very acceptable venison ham at the office of the RMN, Denver, Aug 6, 1859.

HAMILTON, James, member of firm of R. E. Crook & Company of Mountain City has claim recorded on Sterling Lode, Gregory Diggings, 1859. (Gregory Record)

HAMILTON, Rev. Lewis, Presbyterian minister of Indiana, who on Jun 12, 1859 preached in second story of Pollock’s new hotel Auraria (RMN), and later preached in the open air at Central City.

HAMILTON, R. J., a pioneer of Nov 2, 1858. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Association and dates taken from their list. Born Ohio Nov 23, 1834. (Living Denver.)


HAMMINGWAY, S. C., mentioned in Arapahoe County Land Records 1859.

HAMMOND, Charles, had claim near Z. A. Stone’s claim, probably located ’59 on South Platte, 2-1/2 miles above Auraria City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HAMON, B. P., arrived Apr 11, 1859. Born Pennsylvania Nov 25, 1824. (Dates from a list in Hall’s Colorado History.) Another authority says he was born Berkeley County, Virginia Oct 5, 1824. (Benjamin P. Hamon) Removed to Brown County, Ohio. Was pioneer of California 1849 or 1850 (different authorities). Was also resident of Burl, Iowa before emigrating to California, mining in Colorado on Platte, Idaho Springs, built first good hotel in Central City, was discoverer of the Fanny
Lode on Russell Mountain (named thus for his daughter, Mrs. Fanny Johnston). His hotel built in 1860 he called the Hamon House, later it was called the Metropolitan Hotel. He kept it a number of years, mining also in Gregory Diggings. He had married on Jan 7, 1847 Miss Rachel M. Berry. They had three children: James E. of Idaho Springs, Flora, and Fanny, who became Mrs. Johnson, and from whose residence in Denver, 659 South Pennsylvania Street, he was buried at Riverside. He died Sep 24, 1898. In the files of 1860 (RMN) I find the following mention in a bit of correspondence from Central City, Nov 20: “Mr. Berry, brother-in-law of Mr. Hamon of the Hamon House of Central City was buried here and the ceremonies were admirably performed by Mr. Andrew Mason of Chicago. A Masonic Lodge will be founded in this place as soon as a dispensation can be obtained from Kansas, and Mr. Andrew Mason will be Master.”

HAMON, John, also Lucy, probably children and pupils of one of the first schools in Auraria 1859. (Mentioned in Smiley’s History of Denver.)

HAMONS or HAMMONS, John P. of Arapahoe County, grantor, in Nov 1859, farm on Platte River. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HAMPTON, John, of Lumpkin County, Georgia, member of original Russell party, 1857-8.

HANBURY, Abe, witness at Gregory Diggings, Oct 3, 1859, mining deal. (Gregory Record, p. 48, ’59)

HANCE, Henry W., and company, arrived from Florrissant, Missouri May 16, 1859. (RMN)

HANCOCK, E., was of Spanish Diggings, Jul 1859, when he volunteered to accompany the party who went up Chicago Creek, across the Snowy Range to find and bury the bodies of the murdered Kennedy and Schank. (See further under these names.) His companions from Spanish Diggings were: “Mountain Joe” (J. Higginbotham), Mr. Henderson, --- Triplet, and --- Parks.

HAND, Patrick, miner, working at Tarryall Diggings, summer of ’59.

HANNA, James, formerly of Ohio, was brought to town from the Pineries, 30 miles away for a trial, etc. May 28, 1859. (RMN)

HANSON, Mary I., grantee, Auraria City lots (four) from Auraria Town Company, Dec 28, 1859, filed for record in Arapahoe County Land Records, Mar 8, 1860.

HAPPY CANON, was, and is still up Cherry Creek on Divide in Douglas County. It is near “Wild Cat Point” and other rocky eminences between Denver and Castle Rock. Several settlers came in ’59 and tilled its narrow Valley.
HARBERT, Josiah, (wife Martha J.), is grantee from Philip Peers, Dec 7, ’59, lot 10, block 15, Auraria. Later, in 1860, Jan 24, he sells (or mortgages same) and his wife, Martha J. Harbert joins in signing paper conveying lot 10, block 15, Auraria, “together with the houses situated thereon.” (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HARDESTY, --, of JONES & HARDESTY, mining firm, discoverers of the “Kentucky Mines,” Gilpin County, 1859. (Bancroft)

HARDY, G., and H. Hardy, arrived Jun 2, 1859 with wagon train of H. C. Reasoner. (two wagons and eight men) by Platte Route. The Hardys were from Page County, Iowa. The companions were from Illinois and from Nebraska, J. A. & J. O. Clark, J. W. Dee, S. H. Bridges, and A. C. Edwards. (See.)

HARDY, Dr. Isaac E., an arrival of ’59, and long a prominent and influential citizen of Golden, was engaged in many benevolent and business enterprises. He was an incorporator of the Minnehaha Town Company & Marble Quarry in November of this year, and at close of November petitions, with others, the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory A.F. & A.M. for a Masonic Lodge in Golden, which was later granted, and 1860 found him Worshipful Master of same. His advertisement, as Physician and Surgeon is in Western Mountaineer, and from it we learn that his office was on Washington Avenue, at, or over probably, Lovelands’ new brick store. (December) On Jan 4, 1860 he attended upon Mlle Haydee, the actress, to whom Golden had tendered a benefit, and who fell from her horse while riding in the town. Her accident was the subject of much interest, and the papers all commented, for ladies were scarce and appreciated in ’60.

On Feb 22, Dr. Hardy is reported in the Western Mountaineer as having sustained a fall when the scaffolding gave way while he was “working on his house,” and he was precipitated to the ground from a point twenty feet above, but not much injured, only buried up under the debris, from which he was rapidly extricated.

He is said to have been formerly of Alton, Illinois. In the Western Mountaineer of Aug 1860 is noticed the death of Mr. J. W. HARDY of Golden, Aug 8, aged 28 years, formerly of St. Joseph County, Indiana. It may be possible that he is a relative of Dr. Hardy. (?)

HARDY, S. F., is witness in Denver during 1859, to transfer of lots.

HARK, J. C., of Arapahoe Bar (Precinct) is a delegate to the first convention in Oct 1859 to form the Provisional Government.

HARKLERODE, S., delegate from Jackson Precinct to the first Constitutional Convention, Jun 1859.

HARLAN, J. W., was delegate from Jackson Precinct to first Constitutional Convention ’59.
HARLAN, William H., of John H Garnhart & Company doing business in Denver Mar ’59, (first) is “of St. Louis, Missouri” on this date, but gives Power of Attorney to John H. Garnhart to conduct his Denver business. Not sure whether this is a pioneer, or only a non-resident businessman of Denver in 1859. He could have been a resident in early part of year, and returned to States in February. (?)

HARMON, D., mining alone in Nevada Gulch, summer of 1859. (RMN)


HARPER, Joseph, arrived goldfields Oct 24, 1858 from Plattsmouth with A. H. Barker and D. C. Oakes, meeting the Russell Party returning east. In the Arapahoe County Land Records, for 1859, the name of Joseph R. Harper is given, dated Dec 7, and he is “of Arapahoe County” and joins with James B. Percy in transaction involving lot 12 in block 9, Auraria City. Joseph Harper and Joseph R. Harper are not necessarily the same, but most likely are so, as it was quite common for recorders to leave out an initial.

HARRINGTON, Captain, was leader of the wagon train, which arrived at near the mouth of Cherry Creek with the Kansas Company, Nov 2, 1858, consisting of 57 men and 1 woman, and proceeded to build Montana City. (Another account states that he came as Captain in Plattsmouth Nebraska Company.)

HARRINGTON, Jacob, “of Auraria,” grantor of lot 10, block 9, Auraria, “on which there is a log cabin.” It is described as being on Ferry Street dated Sep 7, 1859.

HARRINGTON, Mr. S. E., his letter from the goldfield, speaking of fifty-dollar nuggets reported in the Omaha Nebraskan, and quoted May 7, 1859 in the RMN. The letter is dated before the advent of the RMN or on Feb 9 of that year, this would give it time to reach Omaha, get printed in the paper, and return to Denver in published form, so as to be quoted in the RMN of May 7.

HARRIS, ---, of firm of Price & Harris, merchants and outfitters, Golden City 1859. (Western Mountaineer file)

HARRIS, C. R., one of incorporators of Arapahoe Ditch Company Dec 1859 (a plan to bring water from near Golden to Ralston Creek District).

HARRIS, E., resident of Mountain City 1859.

He is delegate from Arapahoe Bar to the Convention in Denver, 1859, mentioned in RMN during late summer. Also, an express package is advertised for him, so there is no doubt of his having arrived in this year.

HARRIS, G., shareholder in Golden City Association 1859, name in list in their record book.

HARRIS, J., erected a 16 x 24 frame store in Golden in 1859, mentioned in Western Mountaineer.

HARRIS, J. G., was a resident of Mountain City, Gregory Diggings, Jun 1859, for was a delegate from that place to first Constitutional Convention.

HARRIS, Lewis, witness to deed from Golden City Town Company Oct 21, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records)

HARRIS, Obadiah, was of Arapahoe County Jan 17, 1860, and may be an arrival of 1859, for many of those who were on the ground in the first month of ’60 had been on way, or at least started westward in the previous year.

HARRIS, Richard P., was member of jury to try case at Chicago Creek Bar in Jan 1860, and there is a probability that he was a Fiftyniner.

HARRISON, Mr., “went lately on an exploring tour to The Blue.” (RMN, summer, 1859.)

HARRISON & COMPANY, five men, mining, Nevada Gulch, 1859. (RMN)

HARRISON, (Charley), a southerner of birth, killed Stark, a Mexican Negro Jul 12, 1859, for which he was acquitted, as it was thought to be proved done in self defense. He was however one of the “dangerous characters” of the goldfields. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 236)

HARRISON, G. W., (from Virginia), candidate for Justice of the Peace, fights duel in the new Colorado Diggings.


HARRISON & RANDALL, mining, summer of ’59 in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats. (Mentioned in RMN.)

HARRY’S PASS was on Denver City & Mountain City Wagon Road, about four miles north of Golden City. It was a thorofare in ’59.
HARSH BROTHERS, owned mine in Clear Creek and Boulder Counties 1859. The notes relative to Harsh are from History, Boulder Valley and Clear Creek County, biographical part.

HARSH, Dr. Levi, arrived spring of 1859 in Denver, engaging in practice of medicine and mining in various camps, was discoverer of the Leavenworth and the Harsh Lodes, Gilpin County. Was somewhat in politics, for was in Territorial Legislature (speaker) 1864 and again a member in 1873, and 1880 director and superintendent of the Wyandotte Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company. He was born Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1826, removed in boyhood to Carroll County, Ohio (farm), later Hagerstown, Ohio. Afterward studied in Steubenville, Ohio, and in Cleveland Medical College. Lived Florence, Nebraska, where he had a drug store.

HARSHAUK & WILSON, mining firm, eight men, Russell’s Gulch, 1859.

HART & COMPANY, seven men, mining, Russell’s Gulch, 1859. Mentioned in RMN.

HART, John, pioneer of Gilpin County Association, name in their list, arrived goldfields Jun 10, 1859. Died sometime before 1923.

HARTFORD & FAILS, firm, mining, four men, Russell’s Gulch, 1859.

HARTLEY, William, came in 11th wagon of the Lawrence Party 1858. Was a member of the Montana Town Company, also a stockholder of St. Charles City, same year, and is said to have surveyed the last named place, associated with Cobb. He was, later in Oct 1, 1859, an owner of “selected lots” in Denver City, block 49.

HARVEY, B. S., was delegate to the first Constitutional Convention from Dickerson. The last was a precinct of 1859.

HARVEY & COMPANY, three men, mining, Pleasant Valley, summer of 1859.

HARVEY, Henry, of Auraria, advertizes in RMN (file, ’59) for lost notes. No mention later of his finding same.

HARVEY & WRIGHT, in Dec ’59 were proprietors of the Jefferson House, Golden City, situated on Washington Avenue.

HASTINGS, George E., an arrival of 1858, elder brother of Col. S. H. Hastings, came with his two brothers and an organized party of 50 persons, by the Smoky Hill Route, and had hotel in Denver in very early day. In 1880 lived near Dallerville, Colorado.

HASTINGS, Col. S. Huron, an arrival of 1858 with his brother George E. and large party. Made his home in Denver where he lived some time after his marriage in
Michigan to Miss Celia Witter. He was in Civil War, and a long account of his interesting life and military career is in Vickers’ History of Denver, 1880. He was born in Michigan 1843.

HASTINGS, Vernon L., came Colorado 1858 with his two brothers, George E, and Col. S. H Hastings. (For his life see Vickers, mentioned above)

HATCH, ---, among those who had “Donation Lots” (with agreement to build hewed log cabin) in 1859, Denver City. (Stanley Hatch?)

HATFIELD, G. W., meat market with Huffer. (Mss. Directory, 1859)

HATFIELD, J. W., member Society Colorado Pioneers, lived Denver 1920, was listed as an arrival of 1859 (April). Born Illinois 1854.

HATTEMAN, J., a delegate from Arapahoe Precinct, Denver, 1859, mentioned in RMN. (This was the Convention to form Provisional Government in October of this year, after the failure of the first constitution.)

HAUERSTEIN, W. J. (Hanenstein ? ), a native of Prussia, arrived Denver Jul 19, 1859. Died on his ranche on North Beaver Creek, Gilpin County, Nov 9, 1888. He was buried from the Black Hawk Lodge rooms, (Masonic ?) and interred in Masonic Cemetery, Central City. There is another record, which states that he arrived in 1860, but probably the first mentioned date is right. He is in list of members of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association, and as this Society is now extinct (1925), only two or three members living, their record book is placed with Colorado Historical Society in Denver.


HAWKHURST, George, (sometimes spelled Hawxhurst), was grantee from Hiram J. and Ellen D. Graham, lots 5-6, block 42, Auraria City, date Oct 8, 1859. (The Grahams excepted from the sale eight logs, forty feet long.) Later, in November, same year, Hawkhurst was grantee from Auraria Town Company, consideration $1, lot 11, block 65, Auraria (Nov 19). The last named purchase was facing what is now the “Eagle Mills” on Eighth Street, second lot from corner of Curtis Street. It was then known as Arapahoe Avenue, and Curtis was then Seventh Street.

HAWKINS, ---, of firm of Morgan & Hawkins, mining, Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859, and names in list in RMN.

HAWKINS, Mr., accompanied William Graham to Denver, arriving Christmas 1859, and had reputation as gunsmith of ability, and could make a whole gun or rifle in all its parts.
HAWKINS, H. Y., this name turns up, among my papers, with no date except ’59, and the fact that he comes from Georgia. (?)

HAWKINS, Samuel, gunsmith, Ferry Street, Auraria City, Mss. Directory 1859. In the RMN of this year he is referred to as S. Hawken. Was grantee of Auraria lots, Dec 5, 1859, according to Record in Arapahoe County Land Office.

HAWKINS, Y. C., arrived by Arkansas Route, (from Georgia) in party of Capt. J. B. Graham, May 15, 1859. All of the party from Georgia. Others in party were John Satterfield, J. M. Brice, and Thomas J. Brice, comprising a part of “Russell Company.” (See under J. B. Graham.)

HAWLEY, ---, of Hawley & Company, mining, Russell’s Gulch, eight men, summer 1859. (Record of mining activities in RMN files.)

HAWLEY, David, claim No. 29, in McLeod & Company tracts (see) preempted Oct 1859, on Plum Creek, Douglas County. (Recorded Arapahoe County Land Records)

HAWLEY, H. J., was resident of Golden Gate City Jun 1859, for was a delegate from that place to the first Constitutional Convention, and later was delegate elect from same place to the convention to form a Provisional Government (August). In Jan 1860 he was surveyor of McWhist’s claim, (record in Golden) and in same month was appointed Associate Judge, same place. Jan 11, 1860 he files for record, in Golden, his claim to “a parcel of land lying between Golden City and Golden Gate, containing, not exceeding 160 acres, and says that I have laid a foundation for a house on said piece of land, with the intention of building on the same said claim which is for farming purposes.” Surveyed by H. J. Hawley, surveyor.

The following plat accompanied the record of the claim:

Addition 1
To Golden Gate

Golden Gate

Station No. 1

Filed for record, Golden City, Jan 14, 1860

HAY, Edward, an Argonaut of 1858, who had four Donation Lots in Denver Town Company, in this year, Dec 4 (with agreement to build).

In Larimer’s Reminiscences, p. 150, he says that “Edward Hay of Desoto, Nebraska, died while hunting in the mountains, at his camp, and his body was the first burial in the new Mount Prospect Cemetery, Denver City.”
Edward Hay’s Administration notice appears in RMN dated Aug 13, 1859, and later, Sep 9, the property of this pioneer, “late of the county of Arapahoe, Territory of Kansas” deceased, is sold by his administrator. Duncan McLachlan, to Henry Murat, (lot 25, block 62) and Peter Marcellus of Washington County, Nebraska lots 5-6, block 70 in Denver City (“subject to transfer”). Deeds recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859.

HAY, Thomas, arrived Denver City May 14, 1859 from Elkhart, Indiana, 39 days from St. Louis. (RMN)

HAYDEE, Mlle, three sisters, Mlle Louise, Mlle Flora, and another called “La Petite,” also their mother (though the papers do not say that the matron was an actress) were in 1859 very much admired in Thorne’s Star Cast at the Apollo Theatre in Denver City, and also being in Mountain City, and in Jan ’60 in Golden where Mlle Haydee and sisters were given a benefit ball at the Jefferson House on evening of the fourth of that month, over 50 couples present from Denver, Auraria, and other places, while “the lovely Mlle Louise, and La Petite won the esteem of all the ladies present.” (See under Dr. I. E. Hardy for another little incident of this visit to Golden.)

In Aug 1860 the RMN announces that “Mlle Haydee and her mother arrived from the mountains.”

HAYDON (HAYDEN), Daniel Justin, pioneer 1859, born near Cincinnati, Ohio on Reading Pike Road, Hamilton County 1835.

HAYDON, S. S., was a witness to transfer of lots in Auraria City, Maria B. Grier being the grantee, Dec 9, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HAYES, Ame (Arne ?), of the Georgia Company died in the hills. (Note of 1859 file of RMN, date missing from copy.)

HAYWOOD & RYAN, an 1859 firm of Auraria or Denver.

HAZZARD, George W., arrived May 5, 1859, in party with George C. Griffin. (See.) Lived at Hughes’ Station (now Brighton) in 1907, was member Colorado Pioneers’ Association. Was born Elk Grove, Wisconsin Dec 7, 1837. Mined in Gregory Diggings and Missouri Flats, then farming 16 miles below Denver. The following notice appears in files of 1863: “George W. Hazzard married Miss Mary M. Blundell, Jul 28, 1863, at residence of William Blundell near Henderson’s Island.”

HAZZARD, (The Hazzard Company), was a firm later than ’59 which may be connected with George W. Hazzard, above (?).

HEAD, Lafayette, Major, was Vice President of the first Colorado Pioneers’ Association of Jun 22, 1866 when it was confined exclusively to arrivals of ’58 and ’59. He came to this country Nov 24, 1854, was born Missouri Apr 19, 1825 (Hall’s list) and lived in Conejos. The following is from the biographical notes of members of the
Constitutional Convention of 1876: “Col. Lafayette Head from the 22nd District was U. S. Land Agent, 1859, in Conejos County, then unsettled, and Indian Agent for the Southern Utes, 1859 to 1868, with headquarters at Conejos where he has lived 20 years. He is well versed in Spanish.” (This note was in a special leaf, included in one of the Denver dailies, at the time of the Convention, and I have not seen it in any file of that year.)

A portrait of Col. Lafayette Head is in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 418 (Group).

Mentions and sketches of this unusual and romantic career are to be found in many histories.

HEAD, W. R., arrived Nov 15, 1858. Lived Denver in 1907, and was member of Colorado Pioneers’ Association.

HEATHER & COMPANY, mining, summer of ’59, in Pleasant Valley, five men.

HECKLER, H., was member or stockholder in Mountain City Town Company, 1859. Was a partner of H. Humbel, baking shop, on St. Louis Street, Auraria. (Mss. Directory, 1859) Humbel was parent of Auraria Humbel born in 1859 in that city, and to whom the Town Company presented a gift of Lots.

HECKMAN, M. C., of Auraria, was delegate to Convention Oct 1859 to take steps to form a Provision Government. (After failure of the first Constitution.)

HEFFNER & COMPANY, firm located in the brick building adjoining Ming & Warren’s large brick block on Ferry Street, Auraria, mentioned in RMN files of same year.

HEFFNER, J. L., was a witness, Apr 20, 1859, to lot sale, Auraria. Heffner, McClain & Cooper, mining, Russell’s Gulch, also same firm working with four men at Gregory’s Diggings, sluicing on the Clay County Lode, averaging 100 dollars a day for 10 weeks. (RMN, file ’59) Heifmer (?) & McClain, their claims mentioned on Gregory Record, p. 39, Sep 14, same year.

HEIATT, Benjamin, was mentioned in newspapers of ’59 and was a Justice of the Peace and held several offices, lived Arapahoe County while Justice of the Peace and was elected Justice of the Peace in Jefferson County in March of this year. (Name spelled also Hieatt.)

HEIBLEN, H., witness in sale of farm claim, Dec 1859, at Auraria Land Record office.

HEIFMAN, ---, received Donation Lots with agreements to build from Auraria Town Company in Apr 1859.

HEISMER, Jesse, had Donation Lot from Auraria Town Company Apr 1859.
HEMINGWAY, S. O., stockholder of Denver City Town Company, 1859. In list of these stockholders written in Whitsitt’s Deed Book A, of this year.

HEMPHILL, H., was a witness in 1859, Sep 16, Auraria, and on Oct 15 of same year. Henry Hemphill was grantor of timber claim of 160 acres of land situated in Weeks Precinct, Arapahoe County “Now occupied by the grantee William Walsh.” Consideration $125. Land surveyed by Mr. Moody. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 86, old)

HEMPHILL, H. S., (may be same) is spoken of in papers of ’59 as having ranche on Plum Creek. In Denver, the firm of Kasserman and Luttrell, carpenters and cabinet makers, had Mr. Hemphill for a partner, but not sure to be same man as one above. Their shop was in log building on southwest corner of Lawrence and 10th Streets, or as it was then called Sixth and St. Louis. (Auraria) They were still going on in 1860, but not certain Mr. Hemphill was with them.

HENDERLIN, Michael, mentioned in RMN spring 1859 as having fallen dead on route to Denver.

HENDERSON, ---, (of firm of Sopris, Henderson & Company), mining, in Gregory’s Gulch, 1859. (Said to be from Farmington, Indiana.)

HENDERSON, ---, was of Spanish Diggings, Jul 1859 when the party was gathered together to make search for the bodies of the murdered Kennedy and Schank, over the range. He accompanied “Mountain Joe” and others in this hard undertaking. (See Kennedy.)

HENDERSON, Capt., (of Costilla County in 1866) was a member and one of the 16 Vice Presidents of the first organization of Fiftyeighters and Fiftniners, which was founded in Denver, same year.

HENDERSON, Edward W., arrived Auraria City Apr 26, 1859. Died Jan 26, 1891, age 72, in Weeping Water, Nebraska. Born Austenburg, Ashtabula County, Ohio Nov 29, 1818. Married in Denmark, Iowa, Sarah, daughter of John Houston (Deacon) of Lyndeboro, New Hampshire. Henderson was a Presbyterian in religion, and Republican in politics. He was reared on farm, left Ohio 1844 for Lee County, Iowa. Schoolteacher there, then moved Cass County where he was merchant and from that point came to the Pike’s Peak region, mining all his life afterward in Central as well as in other nearby camps. He bought on May 29, 1859 the wonderful claims of John H. Gregory in Gregory Gulch, paying for them from the mines themselves $21,000. (This from the RMN, Jun 11, 1859.) Amos Gridley was associated with him in this enterprise. He made, in addition, that summer, $18,000 more, built quartz mill at Eureka, and was taking out $6,000 per week from his Gregory mines later. Frank Hall says Henderson made $100,000 in a few years, but lost it all. (History of Colorado, Vol. 3, p. 411) He was a Gold King in Central City from ’59 until several years later, and it is said that his partner lost most of his wealth in Wall Street, New
York. He was a member of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association, from whose record book the above dates of his birth and death are copied.

HENDERSON, George, was summer of ‘59 Secretary of the Rocky Mountain Debating Club. (Auraria or Denver) May be same below (?)

HENDERSON, Capt. G. W., of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived in Denver with his train of wagons, a small party included May 16, 1859. (RMN)

HENDERSON, George L., born 1836. In 1859 arrived Colorado, lived in Central City, mining, and in Leadville was first Postmaster and it is said named the camp. (Bancroft, History of Colorado, Vol. 25, p. 386)

HENDERSON, John, is mentioned in RMN spring ’59 as of Auraria.

HENDERSON, John D., is grantee, with --- Brierly, Apr 7, 1859 of the Sanders Ranche, 15 miles from Auraria. (Liber F, p. 631) This may be same as John, above. (?) He probably arrived some little time prior to purchasing so important a thing as the ranche, for his name occurs as a miner in the mountains. The RMN of Apr 23 announces the arrival from the Jefferson Mines, 55 miles west from Cherry Creek, near Boulder City and Long’s Peak, in company with O. B. Totten, of J. D. Henderson, but this is a second coming or coming back. About this time a sum of $100 was raised to enable Col. Jack Henderson and others of Denver and Auraria to spy out new road to the States through the pineries of the Divide. (RMN circa Apr 23)

In Sep (13) same year, a certificate of his Denver lots is filed for record in Liber A, p. 187, old.

The Henderson Island Hotel was opened Dec 1859 by John D. Henderson, and announcement of the exciting event stated that it was 12 miles down Platte River, below Denver, was a stock and boarding ranche (for horses and cattle) with accommodations for wagon trains, etc. It was on land called Henderson’s Island, had 320 acres at first, and was so extensively advertized that it soon became known all over the goldfields. In Aug 1860 Henderson is grantor of 260 acres of land “lying opposite to Henderson’s Island (on Platte)” on which he has erected a dwelling house of the value of $200, and which he sells to Henry O. Goldrick for consideration of $1,000. (Liber F, pp. 631-632)

Henderson’s wife was Amelia M. Henderson, for she signs with him, a conveyance Oct 18, 1859, and later, both being “of Henderson’s Island” Jan 9, 1860, signs deed to the Ranche and stock (220 acres) and later still, in Apr 1860 signs with him a deed granting lot 4, block 75, Auraria City.

“Jack Henderson” (probably J. D. above ?) had, it is said in one of the histories, published a pro-slavery party paper in Leavenworth, although born in Pennsylvania. He had been an Argonaut of 1849 to California.
HENDERSON, J. T., arrived Denver May 17, 1859. Lived Denver 1890. Was born in England 1836. (Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.) This is another Henderson, apparently, not related to the two just above (E. W. and J. D.)

HENDERSON & LEPER, mention of the fact of their leaving for Lewis, Cass County, Iowa is in RMN during ’59. (Probably Edward W.)

HENDRICKS, D., blacksmith, Front Street, Auraria. (Directory of Denver and Auraria 1859)

HENDRICKSON, J. G., was a shareholder in Golden City Association 1859. (Note from Shareholders’ Record Book, p. 52.)

HENRY & HARDY, partners in Oct 1859 in transaction in Denver lots.

HENRY, William H., transaction in Denver lots, Oct 1859.

HENSALL, J., in 1859 certificate was issued to him for Denver lots. James Henshall was a member of Colorado Pioneers’ Association and resident of Denver in 1890, and in Hall’s Colorado History, List of Pioneers, Vol. II, p. 557, he is credited with having arrived Jun 20, 1859, and his date of birth Feb 18, 1835 in Maryland.

HERALD & COMMONWEALTH office, Auraria, corner Cherry and 5th (now Twelfth and Larimer), earliest Methodist meetings held in this building. (1859)

HERBLER, H., witness, Nov 28, 1859 to transfer of lots in Auraria. (Heibler ?)

HERMAN, Louis, certificate issued to him by William Larimer, Jr., Secretary of Denver Town Company, on Apr 5, 1859, that said Herman is owner of two lots in Denver, on Lawrence Street, “having complied with the requirements of the Company by building a hewed log house, said lot situated between B. and C. Streets, with no number of either lot or block, in the absence of the printed plat, which is expected daily from Leavenworth City, together with printed certificate.” On the back the certificate is signed over to St. James & St. Vrain, same date. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 536) Later, same date another deed is made by him, together with Stephen Butts, (or Stephens & Butts ?) granting two Draw lots donated by Denver Town Company. Louis Herman arrived Denver Dec 18, 1858. Was born in Kansas Aug 16, 1830. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. II, p. 557)

HERMITAGE, a place of refreshment 1859 in Auraria or Denver.

HERRING, Theodore, pioneer of 1858, member Russell party, which he joined in Kansas, was original stockholder in City of Auraria.

HERRON & COMPANY, mining, summer ’59, Pleasant Valley, with five men.
HERTEL, G. W., living 1859 in South Park.

HESS, Capt. A., in command of “The Pioneer Train” which arrived May 5, 1859 from Leavenworth, having started Mar 3. 63 days enroute by Smoky Hill trail. Traveled 12 days without wood and no road most of way and 150 miles without water, 32 men in party. (RMN)

HESS, Henry, may not be an arrival of ’59, but had Donation Lots awarded to him in Golden, in consideration of building a “good, substantial house” signed by David Wall in Feb 1860. This, considering the length of time the house would take to build, would indicate that he was at least “on the way” in ’59, if not arrived.

HESTON, J. & COMPANY, arrived from Cass County, Michigan May 16, 1859, 14 men. (Heaton)

HEYWOOD, J., is a witness to transfer of deed, land office (?), Arapahoe County, May 12, 1859. On Nov 7, same year, Joseph Heywood and wife Eliza Heywood, “Now residing in city of Cincinnati, Ohio, appoint Elkanah Hensley of Leavenworth City, Kansas, our attorney, to sell our lots, etc. Denver.”

HICKEY, John, of Arapahoe County, grantor of ranche claim, 160 acres, situated about 6-1/2 miles from Denver on south site of Platte River. Land includes the building thereon, dated Oct 1, 1859.

HICKINS, H., arrived May 22, 1859 from Kansas Territory in Wagon 1 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons. (RMN)

HICKMAN & brother, have large building on Ferry Street, Auraria, upper floor possible for theatre.

HICKMAN, M. D., was of Auraria 1859, and was a Territorial Representative Elect from 2nd District in first Provisional Legislature and later, in December was in insurance and banking company.

HICKMAN, N. C., miner, of Arkansas Valley 1859.

HICKMAN, T. J., on Jan 30, 1860 is witness in sale of lots, Auraria. Is probably an arrival of ’59 or enroute in that year.

HICKOK, James B., “Wild Bill,” famous scout, and Indian fighter of Colorado before and after 1859, and later stage driver for the Overland Stage Company. Born La Salle, Illinois near Troy Grove Village, May 27, 1837. (For an account of his life, see The Trail, Apr 1903.)

HICKRY, John, of Denver City, Aug 22 grantee to Denver lots 5-6, block 67, Denver, consideration $200. 1859.
HICKY, Joseph, of Denver, grantee of Denver lots, Aug 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HIFFNER, John L., in Mar 1859 was elected County Treasurer of Arapahoe County, Kansas, the gold diggings around Denver being then so called, as the whole field was a part of Kansas Territory. He is mentioned in the RMN as being of Auraria. He was witness here in Sep 3, same year, to deed in sale of Auraria lots and according to the Mss. Directory of Business of this year, had store on Cherry Creek. In the paper, Hiffner & Reed (J. L. Hiffner and R. J. Reed) advertise a fine stock of brandy and whiskey. On Oct 4, same year, John L. Hiffner is grantor to Samuel McClelland, lot 5, block 9, Auraria and again on Nov 19, same year, he sells to Ellen Ross lot 7, block 90 also in Auraria. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HIGGINBOTHAM, C. U., (C. A.?), mining, in mountains, summer of ’59, four men. (RMN)

HIGGINBOTHAM, Joseph, miner and prospector, known familiarly as “Buckskin Joe” also as “Mountain Joe,” discoverer of the Buckskin Jo Mining District eight miles northwest of Fairplay, Aug 1859. The town was settled here the following year. He with a party of six miners crossed the Mosquito Range in Sep 1859 and made the find. In Jul 1859, before this discovery, he was a member of the party which crossed the Snowy Range to find and bring back the bodies of the murdered Kennedy and Schank. (See these.) At this time he was described as J. Higginbotham, otherwise known as “Mountain Joe” of Spanish Diggings.

HIGH, Henry, arrived May 16, 1859 in party of Capt. Sylvanus Doll from Ohio.

HIGHLAND TOWN SITE COMPANY organized 1859. This precinct had one delegate to the first Constitutional Convention in June this year. It was opposite Auraria, north of Platte River. The company presented bunch of lots as compliment to Albert D. Richardson Nov 9, same year.

HIGHTOWER, George W., was a gunsmith on Cherry Street, Auraria in 1859. (Mss Directory of Business Firms, etc. On Dec 3 he was grantee from Auraria Town Company of four Donation Lots in Auraria City, one of which is lot 5, block 139, consideration $1. (Liber E, p. 166, old)

HIGLEY (HIGBY ?), Jonas C., has transaction in Denver lots 1859.

HIGLEY (HIGBY ?), S. W., of Denver City, Aug 2, 1859 conveys lots 11-12, block 41, Denver, to J. J. Reithmann, consideration $80. (John Mulkin associated with Reithmann in deal.)

HILFRIES, J. L., witness to signature of Auraria lots, Oct 8, 1859.
HILKER (HILKES ?), William, farm claim, 80 acres, situated on Clear Creek “Above the California Road which crosses there, and adjacent claims” of Daniel Ross and Michael Nooney, filed (or located ?) Sep 28, 1859. (Liber D, p. 172, old) On Jan 28, 1860, there is a claim of William Hilker (or Hilkes ?) recorded in Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 11, this being on Ralston Creek.

HILL, ---, was delegate from Bay State Precinct to the first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859. (Bay State had two delegates to this body of lawmakers.)

HILL & COMPANY, mining, summer of ’59, five men, Russell’s Gulch.

“HILL DIFFICULTY,” a place near Mountain City, mentioned in papers of 1859.

HILL, George N., signs relinquishment of lot 12, block 35, Auraria, in sale of effects of estate of P. T. Bassett of Auraria, deceased. This is in Jul 1859.

HILL, James T., in November and earlier yet in Oct 1859 is witness in Auraria land or lot transaction.

HILL, W., carpenter, on Curtis Street, Denver 1859. (Business Directory 1859)

HILLIARD, William, had Donation Lot with agreement to build, in Auraria, 1859, and again Oct 4 it is recorded that he is entitled to lots 9-10, block 40, this being acquired in Aug 23 of same year. Again, Nov 19 he acquires (sells ?) some more lots. In this transaction he is mentioned as “of Arapahoe County.”

HILLIARD, William H., (may be same as William above ?) of Auraria, is grantor of lot 11, block 31, City of Auraria, Sep 28, 1859, and the Auraria Town Company on Nov 30, same year, donates to him four lots in blocks 6-87-218-346. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old) (The name in last transaction is spelled Hilyard.).

HILLS, (firm of Patton, Hills & Company), mining, Russell’s 1859.

HILLS, Hiram, his farm claim is mentioned in record dated Jan 10, 1860, so he is evidently a Fiftyniner. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 21)

HILLY, F. F., witness, Denver, Dec 21, 1859, deed to lots.

HIMER, named in history as an assistant in building one of first houses in City of Auraria, Oct 25, 1858.

HINER, William, was from Aurora, or Auraria, Indiana, and arrived with the Lone Star Company May 22, 1859, by Smoky Hill Route, 39 days from Fort Riley, 26 men in party. (RMN)
HINMAN, was from Wisconsin, it is said, and joined Lawrence party at Lawrence, Kansas, arrived in 6th wagon, and was elected President of Montana Town Company Sep 7, 1858. (Smiley’s History of Colorado, Vol. 1, p. 223) Montana City was on east side of South Platte River, bounded now, on north by West Evans Avenue, on east by South Tremont Street, on south by West Iliff Avenue, and on west by bed of river. Hinman is said to have participated in War of Rebellion, fought with Thomas in Tennessee, then lived in Chicago, and later owned a copper mine in Bingham Canon, Utah. He died 1883, age 47.

HITCHINS, H., was grantee of City of Denver lots Dec 26, 1859.

HIVELEY, Andrew, was member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society in 1866 when it included only those who arrived 1858-9. This Society met in Denver Jun 22 this year (1866) and his name is included in list.

HOAG, David D., was an original stockholder of City of Auraria, 1858, and death occurred Jun 11, 1859 from an overdose of calomel, or as the RMN says, in number of Jun 18, “late of Story County, Iowa, aged 26 years. His death was caused by an excessive portion of calomel, administered by himself for slight indisposition in the mountains.”

Later his administration notice appears in the paper, he is of Arapahoe County and A. Sagendorff is administrator. The name appears as Hoage. In this advertisement, and later Sagendorff sells his Auraria lots, or lot 8, block 8, on Ferry Street, dated Jul 11, 1859, to A. C. Hunt and John Clark. (His name also given as Daniel A. Hoage ?)

HOBBS, Leroy, Argonaut of 1858, had on Dec 4 this year, four lots Denver City, with agreement to build, these were known as the Donation Lots.

HOBSON, William, this pioneer died at Blackhawk Point, May 30, 1863, and is mentioned in the Tri-Weekly Mining Register as having “suffered five years” so that it is possible he may have arrived among the earliest ones in the country. His age was given as 49 and 4 months. Left wife and two sons, and was a very good, and highly esteemed man. He died of Rheumatism. (This complaint is very prevalent among the miners, and the note is included here to show that he may have been one who contracted it in the mining regions. ?)

HODGSON, Jonathan, his claim for ranching purposes, situated on Bear Creek, Jefferson County, located Jun 24, 1859, commencing at Woodcock’s northwest corner, east to Griffith’s, (northwest corner), etc. Filed for record Golden, Feb 14, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 20)

HODGSON, Joseph, emigrated Colorado 1859 from California where he had been a pioneer of 1852. Born Essex County, New York Mar 11, 1835, his father a dresser of iron ore. He learned trade of nail cutter in 1850. Was a stock raiser, dealing in mules particularly, and in 1880 is owner of valuable mining property in district near Leadville on Mosquito Range. (Clipping)
In Hall’s list of pioneers is similar name which may be same, William Hodysen, but the year of birth is given as 1831, same date otherwise. His arrival is dated Jun 19.

He arrived with his brother William. (See following.)

HODGSON (HODYSON ?), William, brother of Joseph, above. Born New York Mar 26, 1838. Was a dealer in stock, horses and mules. The two brothers located ranche Jun 24, 1859 (this was only five days after their arrival as given by Hall) 250 and ¼ acres on Bear Creek. (Land Records, Liber A, p. 20 (?),Golden)

HODSON, (firm of Cosgrove & Hodson), mining summer of 1859 in Russell’s Gulch.

HOLBROOK, ---, was Territorial Representative elect, from 5th District, 1859.

HOLBROOK, James A., was President Gold Hill Tunnell Company, Nevada Diggings, 1859.

HOLCOMB, A. O., of Auraria, grantee, Sep 27, 1859, 75 ft. including lot 11, block 34, Auraria on St. Louis Street, from M. L. McCaslin. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

In Directory of this year he is shown as having saloon on Ferry Street. Also had a farm or ranche claim recorded Dec 12, same year, being on Cherry Creek adjacent the claims of Shears and Barnard.

HOLDEN, D. M., in list of pioneers of Colorado (Hall’s Colorado History, Volume II) said to be of Colorado Springs (1890), arrived Jul 15, 1859, and born New York Aug 10, 1833. Dean Holden is said to have been an early settler on the Divide and may be relative (?) or same man (?)

HOLLEDAY, D., was in ’59 member of a ditch, or water company of Denver.

HOLLOWAY, J. N., grantee of lots and house from W. F. Rowlands, Apr 30, 1859, Denver.

HOLMAN, Mr., the original discoverer of the Tarryall Diggings. This was a very rich piece of ground near Hamilton, about two miles above that camp. In ’59 it was much worked.

HOLMAN (HOLTMAN ?), J., candidate 1859 for Clerk of Jefferson County under the Provisional Government.

HOLMAN, J. W., “leaves for Nobleville, Indiana.” (RMN, file, 1859)

HOLMAN, W. J., miner and discoverer of gold on branch of South Platte in South Park summer of ’59. Also miner at Tarryall. (Could this be same as J. W. Holman ?)
HOLMES, C. D., member first Constitutional Convention Jun ’59, a delegate from Missouri Gulch precinct. (Missouri Gulch had but one delegate.)

HOLMES, C. M., is grantee, from Auraria Town Company, Sep 3, 1859, lot 5, block 76, Auraria City. This he, in Mar 1860, deeds to D. C. Oakes.

HOLMES, Charles, (husband of Julia Archibald Holmes, below), accompanied by Albert Archibald and others, in 10th wagon of the Lawrence Party, climbed Pike’s Peak, in trip to Denver. This family left party and returned to New Mexico, but later, in Sep ’59 are thought to have returned to Denver for a second visit.

HOLMES, Charles, was a settler in ’59, it is said in Happy Canon on Divide. Mentioned in list of old Douglas County Pioneers.


HOLMES, Mrs. Julia Archibald, member of Lawrence Party 1858, said to have been the first woman to climb Pike’s Peak, as she made the effort and succeeded in three days in reaching summit, on trip to Denver via Arkansas Route. Her companions also made trip, stopping for the purpose as they came past the Peak. Several but not all of them made the summit it is said. (?) They later arrived in Auraria.

HOOPER, Joseph, arrived Oct 24, 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company.

HOOPER, W. W., was elected county auditor Mar 1859, of Arapahoe County, Kansas, as the goldfields were then called. (Note of this is in RMN.) He is later mentioned as living in Auraria City.

HOOVER, Mr. and Mrs., were mentioned in RMN file of 1859, so it is evident that at least one of these pioneers was accompanied by his wife. They were situated either in Denver or Auraria City.

HOOVER, C. J., arrived Oct 26, 1859. Lived Denver 1907, dates from list of Pioneers in booklet of the Denver Society of the last date. He also appears as a member in list published 1920, still living in Denver.

HOOVER, D., arrived by Plattsmouth Nebraska Company (train Oct 24, 1858).

HOPKINS, Mr., mentioned in RMN, file of 1859 as “from De Kalb County, Illinois, and mining at Illinois Gulch.”

HOPKINS (of firm of HOPKINS & WEST), mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, during summer of ’59. May be same party.

HORNUNG, Charles, (of City of Denver) grantor 160 acres land on Clear Creek. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HORTON, M., from Chicago, is said in history to have accompanied George A. Jackson on his first prospecting trip to Vasquez Fork, and in one of the early numbers of the RMN it states that J. P. Horton, of Chicago, with G. A. Jackson of Glasgow, Missouri, and William Simpson of Chicago had brought specimens of shot gold from their findings at Vasquez Forks to the RMN office.

HORTON, H., had claim in the McLeod & Company tracts at Forks of Plum Creek on Divide, claimed Oct 26, 1859. (See this company.)

HOTCHKISS, Mr. E. T., mentioned at Denver, on occasion of banquet of Colorado Pioneers in 1881, (files of that year), as a visitor from the San Juan, and a pioneer who had arrived Jul 5, 1859.

HOUGH, G. H., witness to deed from Matthew Riddlebarger of City of Denver to John Francisco of Fort Garland, New Mexico, for Denver lots dated Nov 21, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HOUSE, F. K., witness in deed between David Smoke and H. Murat, Apr 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HOUSEL, Judge P. M., an arrival of 1859, was born Milton, Pennsylvania 1823, lived Davenport, Iowa 1852, Newton, Iowa 1857, then crossed Plains and engaged in mining at first on Horsfal Lode for three years, after which he removed to Boulder Valley. In 1862 was elected County Judge of Boulder County, elected again '64, and later trustee of Boulder Valley Railroad, was at first a Whig, later a Republican in politics, and Ruling Elder in Presbyterian Church. (Notes from History of Boulder Valley.)

HOUTS, D., arrived from Fontaine County, Indiana with 12 others, all left Leavenworth Apr 21, 1859, arriving City of Denver May 29, by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN files)

HOWARD & COMPANY, four men, mining, Pleasant Valley, summer 1859. (RMN)

HOWARD, G. L., of Boulder, 1890, arrived Jun 20, 1858, born Mississippi Aug 2, 1835.

HOWARD, George W., arrived Jul 27, 1859. Lived in Howardville, Colorado.

HOWARD, John P., certificate of his City of Denver lots recorded Aug 23, 1859. (Lots 5-6, block 142, from E. P. Stout, President Denver Town Company. These he transfers back to Stout.)
HOWARD, Norman R., born Brown County, Illinois Nov 18, 1834. Was farmer in Arkansas Valley, 1859, then followed mining on Chicago Creek near Idaho Springs (site) in Clear Creek County a short time, then preempted 160 acres land on South Boulder Creek, four miles east of City of Boulder, where in 1880 he was living. In 1862 he married Miss Mary Dawson of Hancock County, Illinois. She died 1873. They left one son and three daughters. (For further notes relating to this pioneer, see History of Boulder Valley, edited by Bixby.)

HOWARD, W. C., was a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria and Denver, Jun 1859. A representative of Kayote, which precinct had three delegates, one third as many as the city of Auraria.

HOWE, ---, of Florence, Nebraska Territory, arrived May 5, 1859. (RMN)

HOWE, F. T., was Secretary of the Northwestern Manufacturing Company at Gregory’s Diggings, 1859.

HOWE, Frederic, grantee of Donation Lots, with agreement to build a hewed log house. Denver City 1859.

HOWE, George, was witness to signature of deed, to Auraria lots Oct 8, 1859.

HOWE, J., was member of firm of Tetlow & Company, Golden Gate City, Jul 1859.

HOWE, Samuel, had boarding house on McGaa Street, City of Denver, 1859, as shown by the Mss. Directory copied by Mr. Sopris. From another authority it may be noticed that Samuel Howe, Sheriff of Arapahoe County, in 1859 had child born in Denver, that he left this city for Territory of Montana later. There is a grant of lots to Samuel Howe, “of Leavenworth County, Kansas” on Sep 13, 1859, (lots in City of Denver) but this may be prior, or soon after his arrival.

HOWELL, William R., arrived Denver spring of ’59 and became farmer in Boulder County, but not without some mining and prospecting before this was undertaken. He was born near St. Thomas, Canada, Aug 17, 1834, removed with parents when age 12 years to near Carroll County, Illinois, farming, but had good education obtained at Carroll Seminary. He made a trip to the States after his coming to Denver and Boulder, and returned to take up fine homestead in Boulder Valley, later acquiring an acreage of over a thousand. He was Sheriff 1869, and much esteemed. Married Dec 24, 1864 Miss Cornelia A. Sheldon, had two daughters. (History Boulder Valley, edited by A. Bixby.)

HOWLAND, John D., lived in Denver 1890, devoting himself principally to painting scenes of the Western plains and Indian subjects. He arrived 1857, in October, it is said, and was member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society. The dates are from record in Hall’s Colorado History. He was born Zanesville, Ohio May 7, 1843. He is also
said to have been an early resident of Central City. He spent several years of his earliest time in Colorado among the Indians and trappers. The files of 1859 seem to have no mention of his activities in art as far back as that time, and in fact, nothing has been noticed in searching through files of the early sixties, but in the seventies he appears as an artist, and many notices later. He died ---

HOWLAND, T. R., associated with T. H. Clemo on Ferry Street, City of Auraria in Saloon and Restaurant. (Mss. Directory of Business, 1859). Was also a witness in Jan 1860 of deed to farm claim. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HOYT, “Pap”, accompanied the Byers party to Colorado it is said 1859.

HUBBARD, William, of Dawson County, Georgia, was fatally shot May 28, 1859, on his way to Gregory Diggings. (RMN)

HUBBLE, P. Hanford, files for record a mining claim in Tozier Lode Gregory Diggings, and claims that for want of proper machinery the right to rest progress of the work shall be accorded to him during the summer. Dated at Mountain City, Oct 3, 1859. He signs and copy is in Gregory Record, p. 33, 1859.

HUBBELL, Dr. Stephen J., long time resident of Ft. Lupton, arrived Colorado 1859 settling near site of LaSalle, has lived in Lupton until few years before 1922 when he removed to Denver. Died about Sep 1922. Born in Wheeling, West Virginia. He left three sons, Allen and Thomas of Denver, W. G., Postmaster of Ft. Lupton in 1922, and two daughters, Mrs. John McKissick, and Mrs. H. H. Ewing of Ft. Lupton. (Clipping 1922)

HUBER, Francis J., member Society of Colorado Pioneers, living 1920 in Kiowa. Arrived Jun 1859. He was born in Switzerland Jun 22, 1824. Fr. Joseph Huber is way his name appears in one place. In another record Joseph Huber is said to be a very early resident or settler on “The Divide.”

HUCKSTEP, James, of Arapahoe County, grantee from G. W. Tyler Nov 3, 1859, land on north bank of Platte River, 1-1/2 miles above middle of Clear Creek, ½ mile square. Consideration, $200.

HUDSON, Peter, arrived mouth of Cherry Creek 1858. (Clipping without date)

HUERFANO PRECINCT, (political) had two delegates to first Constitutional Convention 1859.

HUEY, William, one of the discoverers of Gold Hill, Boulder County. He was an arrival of 1858.
HUFFER, J. G., meat market (Hatfield and Huffer) Denver McGaa Street (Directory of 1859) and Jul 20, same year. This firm is grantee of two lots on McGaa Street, “with logs, etc.” from B. H. Perrin. (Arapahoe County)

HUGHES & BRYANT, proprietors of Vasquez House, Auraria (board by day or week) advertised in Western Mountaineer, Golden City Dec 1859.

HUGHES, John, miner and prospector of 1859, member of the Mountain City Town Company, and was Tyler pro-tem, Oct the same year in Auraria Lodge (Masonic) and on Oct 15 is elected a trustee, associated with Henry Allen and W. M. Slaughter. His name is the 2nd on the petition from Auraria Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Kansas for a dispensation for this Lodge, before it could be regularly organized. The name of John Hughes, probably same, occurs as candidate for member of City Council of the consolidated cities of Auraria and Denver some years later. Several land transactions connect him with ownership of Denver lots, one dated Nov 2, 1859 in which he is grantor of lot 1, block 9, City of Auraria, “running from Cherry Street 64 feet back, said ground fronting on Cherry and Fifth Streets, for consideration of $100.”

Associated with him in this sale is George H. Bryant. John Hughes, (probably same ?) files claim to 160 acres land for a ranche on right bank of Platte, opposite H. M. Figley’s claim dated Nov 28, same year. Jan 13, 1860 he seems to be in Golden, for he is signed as witness to deed between William G. Preston and A. Jacobs, which was recorded in Jefferson County Land Records, Golden.

HUGHES, L. M., is mentioned in notes of work in mountains during a series of articles on the camps, summer of ’59. He is working in Mountain City Diggings.

HUGHES, M, arrived from Coffeerville, Kansas Territory in party of 14 men. Left Leavenworth Apr 22, arrived May 29, 1859 by Smoky Hill Route.

HULL, ---, Hull’s Ranche, in mountains was noted in papers 1859.

HULL, M. L., of Denver, Sep 9, 1859, is witness to deed between administrator of Edward Hay, deceased, of Denver, and P. Marcellus of Washington County, Nebraska Territory.

HULL, William W., pioneer of 1859, member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived May 20, and was living Denver about 1907. He was a member of the Law and Order League of ’59, which preceded the Provisional Government. In 1899, he lived 2656 Stout Street, Denver.

HULL’S RANCHE, (see note 3rd above) was a precinct in Oct ’59 in election for Provisional Government.

HUMBEL, (also spelled HUMBELL, and HUMBLE), Miss Auraria, infant daughter of Henry and Theresia, or Rese Humbel, or Rosa Humbel, who were bakers, keeping little shop on southeast corner of 10th and Larimer (then called St Louis and 5th
Streets), which cabin he rented and it had formerly been Smoke’s “El Dorado Hotel” where a bakery was started and Humbel employed John Milheim. Here the infant Auraria was born, thought to be the first white girl born in the country, in Jul 1859, and she was granted from the Auraria Town Company a lot numbered 1, block 67, in Auraria City, on Oct 22 of same year, one dollar being paid to make title. Henry Humbel also received lots (3) in consideration of Miss Auraria’s birth, number 2, block 67, and 7-8, block 31, being recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 21, old. Henry Humbell bought lots 7-8, block 31 from L. B. St. James, Jul 16, 1859, recorded same day (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 200, old. The Humbels came from Utah, by way of Bridger Pass, early in spring of ’59 and did not stay long in Auraria, departing for Nevada Territory (Reece River) in 1863.

HUMBUG GULCH, was near Galena Gulch, and a rather good mining camp part of ’59.

HUME, T., arrived from Missouri May 28, 1859. (List of arrivals in RMN)

HUMLEY, H. J., a delegate from Golden Gate City Oct 1859 to the convention which met to form the famous Provisional Government after failure of the first constitution.

HUMMELL, ---, lived in Auraria, a contemporary of the Bumbel family, in ’59. He had a wife also.

HUMPHREY, Henry (spelled “Umphrey” in the RMN), died Jun 27, 1859, Denver City, aged in his 40th year. He was from Alton, Illinois.

HUMPHREY, Matthew, of Golden City, “formerly of Alton, Illinois” has met with a painful accident in the pineries about Jan 11, 1860. His right hand had to be amputated (Western Mountaineer). (The pineries were usually places where saw mills were going in year of ’59. Many were on the Divide.)

HUND, W., shareholder in Golden City Association 1859. (Shareholder’s book, pp. 31-2-3)

HUNDLEY, Thomas A., was a resident of Auraria Dec 1859.

HUNT, Mr., of New York, arrived in company with J. Rodenstein of Kansas Territory in wagons of E. Doty’s Lightning Train of ten wagons, May 22, 1859. Others in same wagon were R. Boyd (of New York) also from same place Mr. Scott, and L. Rice of Kansas Territory. (RMN)

HUNT, A. C., name in the Mss. Directory of 1859 (this pamphlet was very likely issued in the autumn of that year). This Mr. Hunt was in the livery business with John M. Clark, at 3rd Street, Auraria. Possibly this may have been one of Gov. Hunt’s early activities in the new country. Alexander Cameron Hunt, his full name, never appears in any old records, and I took it from the monument at Riverside. For complete record of his life, see the Colorado Histories of Colorado by Hall, Smiley, Byers and
others. His portrait is in both Smiley’s and Hall’s Histories. He was in the group of pioneers which arrived Jun 18, 1859, was Judge of the “Peoples” Court, same year, also President of the Capitol Hydraulic Company, of Auraria, incorporated this year to construct ditches for irrigation of that City. He was Governor in 1867, member of a constitutional convention 1865, and bought some Denver lots, and his office while governor was in a brick building in Auraria, on what is now Larimer and 11th Streets, then known as Ferry and Fifth. In 1870 when this compiler first saw Denver, a show place of the city was Governor Hunt’s pretty story and a half brick house standing in a wide park of evergreens and cottonwoods, the door approached with a winding drive. Lincoln Park now fills the space of this homestead, rather in the country it used to seem, with barren plains all about it. A few of the evergreens, very much stunted and ragged, still persist among some newer trees, and several rather fine cottonwoods in Lincoln Park speak of old days, and were no doubt of the governor’s planting. Mrs. Hunt was Ellen E. Kellogg. She died Aug 8, 1880, aged 44 years. The governor was born Dec 23, 1825, died May 14, 1894. The children have died, both Isabel and Bruce. Bert is said to be living in California (?). Major J. N. McDowell married a sister of Gov. Hunt and their daughter, Helen, was born Freeport, Illinois, but moved to Colorado early. She died Salt Lake City 1922.

HUNT, Dr., said to have arrived in Boulder Aug 1859 in company with Wellman brothers.

HUNT, George F (or George H.?), was mining in Gregory Diggings Sep 1859, for on the 29th he files notice in Mountain City that as his claim is in the hard quartz, he wants to discontinue operations upon it until he gets machinery from the States. He makes another similar statement affecting his claim at Gold Hill and on Record Book, p. 10, is another statement conveying his interest in Nevada Gulch to Ephraim Dalley. (Name also signed as George W. Hunt ?)

HUNT, Hamilton R., was listed as a surveyor, also as lawyer, in the Directory of 1859, a resident of Auraria, though in June he was resident of Junction Precinct, for was delegate from that place to the first Constitutional Convention. He was also in this year a director on the board of the Capitol Hydraulic Company, and was one of the lawyers who acted as council for a noted desperado. The Colorado Republican of Jul 13, 1862 states that he was admitted to the Bar in State of Illinois 1847. He is “of Arapahoe County” on Nov 9, 1859, when he is a grantee of Denver lots from J. L. Winchester, and the following Dec 29 is grantee of farm claim of 160 acres seven miles below Auraria, down the Platte River. This must have been much improved for the consideration was large. This he sells or gives later to Sarah Hunt. T. H. Clemo is witness to this instrument, Liber G, p. 3. The following is from the RMN Oct 30, 1862: “Died, Mrs. Sarah Hunt, age 73 years, at Atchison Kansas, Oct 19, 1862, Mother of our present U. S. Marshall. She had resided in Denver for two years past, and they were enroute to the old home in Freeport, Illinois.” The above-mentioned death may refer to a relative of more than one of the Hunt family. Hamilton R. Hunt was Correspondence Secretary for the first Pioneers’ Society, 1866.
HUNT, Howard, member of the Lawrence party coming in the 7th wagon 1858. His name is said to have been cut in the soft sandstone of one of the huge rocks in the Garden of the Gods, in that year.

HUNT, Joseph, was a miner in Clear Creek and Boulder County 1859, and owned “The Topeka” mine.

HUNT, Richard, is grantor Dec 29, 1859 of farm of 160 acres, seven miles down the Platte from Auraria, consideration $1,000. Witness T. H. Cleme, (see conveyance between Winchester and H. R. Hunt in third note above). (Liber G, p. 3) Richard Hunt styles himself “of Arapahoe County.” There is a Walter C. Hunt, who on Feb 1, 1860 bought land of Auraria Town Company, and may also be a Fiftyniner. (?)

HUNT, William, files record and description of claim located Oct 27, 1859, “1/2 section land, for ranche and trading post, on Deer Creek, where the Denver and Auraria Wagon Road crosses said stream.” (Received for record 6 pm Nov 2, 1859, Arapahoe County.)

HUNTER, J. R., arrived Denver May 28, 1859, from Missouri. (RMN)

HUNTER LODE was a prospect in 1859, probably discovered or owned by one of the Hunter miners.

HUNTER, Mr. S., an actor in Thorne’s troupe summer 1859. Mentioned often in the papers. Sam D. Hunter, actor, benefit for him at the Theatre, Oct 22, 1859. Twenty citizens sign for his benefit, which is to take place at Apollo Theatre in November. Later, in 1863, Mar 24, the paper records the marriage of Samuel D. Hunter, Esq. and Henrietta Alden, “both of West Denver.” This is probably our artist of the footlights.

HUNTER, T., of Illinois, miner, mentioned as being in Gregory Diggings or Gregory Lode.

HUNTINGTON, Mr., from Iowa Point, Kansas Territory, arrived in May 1859 by Platte Route.

HUNTSVILLE, was a town of 1859 on Plum Creek Divide between Denver and Colorado City (on Plum Creek Road).

HURD, Charles, and company arrived Denver City from Grand Rapids, Michigan May 28, 1859. Nine men in party. (RMN)

HURLBURT, William H., was President of the Northwestern Mining Company at Gregory Diggings, 1859. He is mentioned in Gregory Record as filing claim of Crandall, Mountain City, same year. The Discovery Claim was found by him in this year also.
HURST, Joseph, is a discoverer of a mine in Gilpin County, in 1859 according to Bancroft.

HUSTON, George, grantee from Denver City Town Company, four lots in block 32 and 145, on Aug 23, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HUTCHINS, Roswell, (also called Ross Hutchuns), a figure of pioneer life, member of the Lawrence party, arriving in the 3rd wagon 1858. Became an original stockholder of City of Auraria in this year, and is thought to have had the first good cabin, if not the very first cabin in Auraria, and early Masonic meetings were held in his place late in 1858. This place is thought to be on Ferry Street, near the river, where a fine grove of grand cottonwoods made friendly shelter. Later, in the seventies, a good grove still existed there, as the cottonwood was not fit for either logs or firewood if anything else could be had. It was, when aged, a tree almost equal to the English oak for beauty and distinction, and, in Colorado, was only rivalled by the oldest and best box elder trees, such as were in Mt. Vernon Canon, and in fact, many are still to be seen there, though not appreciated as they should be. But when the “Bottoms” on the west of Cherry Creek had to be cleared for rail road tracks, it was a costly and painful matter to clear away the old cottonwoods, for no one could be found poor enough to want to burn up the wood, so it had to be carried to the city dumps and buried gradually by dust and ashes. Under some of these large and beautiful old trees the Fiftyniners and those before them in 1858, such as Roswell Hutchins, could rest their eyes – after a month or so on the naked plains. It was no wonder they founded a Masonic Lodge in such a friendly and sweet settlement. In Mar 1859 Ross Hutchins seems to have been elected county assessor according to the RMN, but little seems known of his career later on, though it has been stated that he lived in Salt Lake, and as this was as recently as 1895, his name may be found in directories of that place. In Auraria he bought twenty or more lots, among them lot 12, block 64, all of the Town Company, granted Nov 18, 1859.

HUTCHINSON, ---, miner, mentioned in files as being at work in Clear Creek and Boulder districts 1859 and later.

HUTCHINSON, J. H., of Mountain City, Sep 12, 1859, files statement which is recorded Oct 4, that his mining claims are laid over until next June, “in accordance with the mining laws of this district.” (Gregory Record, p. 35)

HUTCHINSON, W. B., had News Depot, Denver City, during part of 1859.

HUTCHISON, W. B., advertized in papers of 1859 as being their agent in Denver at Denver House.

HUTTON, STAGG, and HUTTON, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, arrived by Platte Route Jun 4, 1859. (RMN)
HYATT, R. H., witness Oct 3, 1859, in deed to mining claims in Gregory Diggings (Gregory Record, p. 46). He also made claim on preceding Sep 28, as a Discovery Claim, in south of Gregory Gulch and north of Hunter Lode, southwest of Mountain City. This was recorded two days later than the first mentioned above. Robert H. Hyatt seems his full name. (Gregory Record, p. 23) He claims in this statement that his claims cannot be worked this season for want of machinery.

HYATT, Reuben H., (?) certifies having claimed a quarter section of land on Denver, Auraria, and Colorado Wagon Road, at Turkey Run. Dated Oct 27, 1859, filed for record (Golden) Nov 2. (It is possible that this is intended for Robert H. Hyatt ?) R. S. Hyatt is also mentioned in the RMN as “determined to prospect Middle Park.” And this may also be Robert H. Hyatt. (?)

HYDE, Calvin C., grantee, from J. H. Dudley, consideration $1, lot 4, block 3, City of Auraria, Aug 21, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

HYDE, J. E., advertisement in Western Mountaineer, May 1, 1860 wanting information of his whereabouts. He left the mines in Clear Creek about Sep 25, 1859 for home. His anxious father in Spencer, Owen County, Indiana, wants information of him.

HYNES, Caleb (Calvin ?), probably of Denver, was witness to signature of David Gregory’s statement of claim to land, filed for record in Denver Jun 4, 1859. Also recorded in Jefferson County (Golden).
IDAHO SPRINGS, (formerly called Idaho), is situated on Payne’s Bar, at mouth of Virginia Canon. It is seven miles above the junction of North and South Clear Creek.

IDDINGS, James M., in 1859 was merchant in Auraria, continuing to do business until 1861, possibly later, as J. M. Iddings & Company, with store on Ferry Street, above 5th. He was captain in the war of the Rebellion, it is said. Was a partner of Thomas L. Fortune. Storage and Commission business was his principal interest. (Iddings was grantee of lot 9, block 22, Auraria, dated Nov 4, 1859, from McFadding and Easter.)

ILIFF, John Wesley, arrived 1859 and was at first a partner in store on Lawrence Street, with A. Fenton and D. Auld. (Directory ’59) He appears in Land Records first, in August of this year, being certified as owner of lots 17, block 12 and lot 32, block 192. He is said to have been born (Zanesville Ohio) Dec 18, 1831, died Denver Feb 8, 1878. He was educated Delaware College, Ohio, bred farmer, and came to Denver with small train of provisions to open store. Selling out he invested in cattle, became very wealthy, owned 20,000 acres land at one time. Later built what was then fine residence at corner of 18th and Curtis. After his death it was used as a medical clinic for a while, and then demolished about 1921. His first wife was Miss S. E. Smith of Delaware, Ohio, and 2nd he married Miss Elizabeth Sarah Frazer of Fitzroy, Ontario, who after his death remarried to Bishop Warren of the M. E. Church. (The last note from Vickers’ History of Denver 1880.

ILIFF, W. H., a resident of Breckenridge 1890 arrived Jul 6, 1859, was born Ohio Jan 4, 1836. (Hall’s History Colorado, Vol. II, page 558)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL, (precinct) was a mining camp which was quite large, for it had four delegates to the first Constitutional Convention in Jun 1859.

ILLINOIS GULCH, not far from Gregory Diggings, and here rockers had to be used as water was so scarce. This was a Precinct in Jun 1859, and gave four delegates to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria.

ILLION, a new town, laid out on Bergen Hill, in Jefferson County, about 19 miles from Golden City, late in 1859. Later, in Feb 1860, its name was changed to Pleasant Park.

INGALLS, O. P., this may possibly be an arrival of ’59 though not certain, as no evidence other than a newspaper clipping which states that he helped start the Protestant Episcopal Church in Colorado in Feb 1860, and had been a resident several months.

INGLE, S. D., was a member of the first Constitutional Convention June 1859 from Deadwood (Diggings) Precinct, which gave six delegates to this convention.
INGLES, Abraham, located farm claim Jan 6, 1860, Jefferson County, in Casto Gulch, or Canon, land having cabin already built. This is probably an arrival of ’59, as he could scarcely spy out a claim so soon after arriving in the new country.

INK & COMPANY, arrived from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1859 with four men (in list of new arrivals RMN).

INSLEE, Col. S. L., mentioned in History as having been the previous occupant of the room used for his first school in Auraria in 1859 by Prof. Goldrick. (September) Inslee’s name appears in Land Records of ’59, as he had lot donated by Denver Town Company.

IRELAND, Roger, of Ft. Lupton, name in list of pioneers at banquet 1881, names pasted in at back of RMN file of 1859, by some later editor. The clipping seems to be from Tribune or Republican of 1881.

IRION, J. W., arrived Jul 5, 1859, member Colorado Pioneer’s Society 1907, was of Thomasville at this date.

IRISH, William, had Donation Lots in Denver, with his agreement to build hewed log house, 1858. (These lots may be been in Auraria?).

IRWIN, J. P. B., shareholder in Golden City Association of 1859. (Record of Shareholders Golden City Association, Golden)

ISBELL, W., from Ohio, arrived May 22, 1859 by Lone Star Company (see) coming by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN)

IVORY, Michael, an arrival of Oct 1858, born in Ireland 1833, lived Denver 1890, and in 1907 also, and was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. The following marriage may be of his relative or of the pioneer himself. Michael Ivory married Rosalie Favearm Mar 11, 1868, by R. S. Wilson. Witnesses, William Ryan, A. M. Allen, D. J. Cook of County of Arapahoe.
JACK, J. H., was a candidate for territorial council (under the Provisional Government, Dec 1859), and was elected.

JACKS, T. M., an arrival from Leavenworth mentioned in RMN, spring 1859.

JACKSON COUNTY, (Territory of Jefferson) mentioned in old ’59 land claim, recorded later 1862 in Boulder City. This land was situated in said County and was six miles easterly from Boulder, on Boulder Creek. (See under James L. Boutwell.)

JACKSON, DOUGLAS & COMPANY, mining, 1859 with four men, Pleasant Valley.

JACKSON, George Andrew, the famous one of the prospectors of the gold regions, is mentioned in The Western Mountaineer, Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 1, Dec 1859, Golden. He was born in Glasgow, Howard County, Missouri, July 25, 1836, and is now 24 years old (1859). He left his native town Apr 14, 1853 for California. Was five months in crossing the Plains. He had with him seven companions or fellow voyagers. He mined there until spring 1857, and then left Sacramento May 23, first going to Ft. Laramie, then coming to Cherry Creek, went on his famous prospecting tour, and later, in Dec 1859, lives in Golden, but intends starting across the Snowy Range in May next. So much for a contemporary biographer and he has had many since that day. Another says “He was the first placer miner of note, but returned to Missouri when the War broke out, and joined the Confederate army.” Here he was Captain of sharpshooters, and later became Lieut. Col. After some little time a resident of Golden, he went to California Gulch (1861), and some years after War returned to Colorado and finally settled in Ouray about 1888, built fine residence about five miles below the town, where Ridgeway now stands. His wife was Miss Belle Hendricks, formerly of Kentucky, and he had only one daughter, Nine Jackson. They went later to Bonham, Texas where Jackson and wife are both buried. He died March 13, 1897, it is said from an accident caused by careless handling of a gun. His son-in-law, Mr. Mark William Atkins, gave to Smiley much information including the history. Jackson was a cousin of Kit Carson. A diary of his prospecting trip of 1858 is given in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, pp. 519-20-21. The Transcript characterizes him thus: “He was a typical prospector, relishing discovery more than wealth, and to the end of his life this disposition caused him to follow one bow of promise after another.”

He discovered gold on Jan 7, 1859 at Jackson’s Bar. (after so called) being in vicinity of Idaho Springs of later times (opposite)----- His camp in Denver was in the City of Auraria, near where the Rio Grande railroad crosses the Creek, on Wazee Street. This was in 1858. On May 7, 1859, the RMN mentions editorially that he has brought to their office some specimens of shot gold found at Vasquez Fork.

He was last in Denver in 1895 on occasion of the “Festival of Mountain and Plain.” At that time he visited the locality of his discovery, and pointed it out. He was a good looking man, with refined face. His portrait in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 188, also in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 264.

JACKSON, Hamilton, Express package advertized for him in RMN file 1859.
JACKSON, Mrs. Julia, “This is to certify that Mrs. Julia Jackson is entitled to six select lots in Denver City, 1-2-3-4-5-6, in block 163, provided she builds a good comfortable dwelling house within 90 days from this date, Sep 15, 1859.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)


JACKSON, Richard P., (May be same as above?) in list of members of Colorado Pioneers’ Association, resided Ft. Lupton in 1907, date of list. Is an arrival of 1859. He also appears in later list compiled 1920.

JACKSON, Z., is Territorial Representative elect from the 11th District in 1859, and in another place in files of RMN are matters which he has written to the paper.

JACKSON’S BAR, was opposite present site of Idaho Springs near mouth of Chicago Creek in 1859. George A. Jackson discovered gold here, Jan 7. (See note above). This camp had three delegates to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria Jun 1859, so must have been quite populous, although Jackson himself was at same time a delegate from Payne’s Bar. (No evidence that he participated in those matters, however.)

JACOBS, --- (of Hall & Jacobs), proprietors of the Jefferson House, 1859.

JACOBS’, new building, place of meeting in 1859 of both the Chess Club and Masonic Lodge (for picture, see frontispiece). The very dignified societies met in the second story.

JACOBS, Abraham, a pioneer of 1859 having had an excellent reputation for sense and honesty, was a native of Bavaria (Frensdorf?), born Aug 18, 1834. Lived in Auraria at first, where he was partner of Albert Buddee, and their store is still standing on what was once Ferry Street, facing west on this street, and by the corner of Walnut or Market Street. (Ferry is now 11th Street.) He had a number of transactions in lots, being grantee and also grantor, many times. He was Judge of Election in very early time after his arrival and promoted the founding of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M., having previously been member of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Nebraska Territory. His membership was afterward transferred to Denver Lodge No. 5, when this was organized, and he was still a member and the only one of three living in 1909, when this Lodge published its semi-Centennial booklet, in which his portrait is included. No. 5 considers itself to be a descendant of Auraria Lodge, as that Lodge was dissolved as it were into the Denver Lodge when the last was constituted, and was later known as No. 5 (four lodges in the goldfields having adopted the intervening numbers.). He became interested in Golden property in early part of his career and bought lots 10-11, block 22 in that City for consideration of $150.00, Jan 13, 1860. He is said to have arrived in United States age 9 years, and to have lived first in
Louisville, Kentucky, later in Cincinnati, Ohio, then Lexington, Kentucky, after which he came west to Omaha, his last stop before Colorado.

JACOBS, John T., was of Gregory Diggings 1859, and was deceased in Gilpin County 1863 for his estate was being administrated and advertized in Tri-Weekly Mining Register by Thomas G. Jacobs.

JACOBS, Royal, associated in 1859 with Henry Grinold, L. D. Crandall, B. O. Russell, and E. B. Owen in mining in Gregory Diggings. They put on record the fact that their claims cannot be worked for want of proper machinery. Jacobs was a full partner of B. O. Russell in the Sterling Lode on Bobtail mine, Mountain City. In Gregory Records, p. 44, is another grant to him.

JACOBS, T. M., arrived by Express Route from Leavenworth, May 28, 1859 with 18 others. (List in RMN)

JAEGGER, John G., is granted by Auraria Town Company, in October, also in December, Auraria lots 11, block 37, and 2, block 38. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

JAMES, Edwin, was miner in Russell’s Gulch 1859, also member of Breckenridge Town Company same year.

JAMES, George A., of Blackhawk, a pioneer of 1859, was born Russellville, Illinois, 1834, moved first to Kansas, later settling in Central, mining in Gilpin County, died age 65. Left one daughter, Mrs. Fred Ballard. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society and dates above from a clipping in back of the secretary’s Record Book.

JANESSE, Antoine, an arrival of 1858, living on Cache la Poudre River. He was appointed Presiding Judge for Steele County by Gov. Steele of the Provisional Government.

JANESSE, (Janiss, etc.) Nicholas, a brother of Antoine, above, and a very early arrival, probably at same time in 1858 (?) These two brothers accompanied George A. Jackson on his first prospecting tour to the mountains above Golden. D. C. Oakes accompanied Jackson on his trip in 1859. Antoine was a member of the Shian Pass Town Company, 1859.

JEFFERDS, ---, was a member of the convention called to formulate the Provisional Government, after adjournment of the first of constitutional conventions, 1859. He was delegate from Auraria.

JEFFERDS, Thomas J., was of Auraria, Oct 22, 1859 and was grantor of Auraria lot 12, block 3, on Fourth and Cherry Streets, Auraria. $100.00

JEFFERSON BRIDGE, seven miles below Denver, B. F. Jeffries had claim there 1859, and some shooting took place. (RMN, p. 3, Dec 14, 1859)
JEFFERSON CITY, was a mining center in 1859, but now vanished. It was near Georgia Pass, and six miles north of Tarryall. It was a political precinct and sent delegates, etc. Jefferson Diggings opened in January 1859, 55 miles northwest of Auraria, near Long’s Peak.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, Golden was its county seat in 1859, but in January following an election was held and the honor was contested, the county seat being retained by Golden who had a majority of votes, 401, but the rival city of Arapahoe Bar had 288, while Baden polled 22 votes, so it can be seen that Golden was worried about her laurels.

JEFFERSON GOLD REFINING AND ASSAYING COMPANY, organized Dec 1859.

JEFFERSON HOUSE, this hotel is to open Sep 4, 1859, Auraria. (RMN) The same name appears in Golden also. The Jefferson House there being considered very fine indeed. The one in Auraria was started by Hall and Jacobs.

JEFFERSON TERRITORY, the name finally selected for the new provisional State by the members of the convention in 1859. Other names were suggested as follows: “Montana,” by Robert W. S. Steele, also name of “Platte” while “Cibola,” the Spanish name for the Buffalo was introduced and also “Shoshone,” the favorite it was said of Governor Denver. The name of an old frontiersman was also suggested, “Bill Williams.” The issues of the RMN late in year 1859, also the Western Mountaineer, and others of the time all appear as of Jefferson Territory, Kansas, to whom they really belonged, was ignored, and the new Territory set up in defiance of law. So far as any one could see it was just as much a real Territory as any other, and all business was transacted under the name.

The Constitution of Jefferson Territory is printed in the autumn issues of the RMN, and the earlier constitution, which was not accepted, appeared in the summer before. The Western Mountaineer has a very fine editorial in April 11, 1860 predicting for it a grand and glorious future. The Territory expired in Jun 1861.

JEFFRIES, B. F., grantee of Denver lots, Nov 1859 (block 38). Later he seems to live in the Huerfano country.

JENESS, (James?), J. B., was resident Mountain City 1859.

JENKINS, Mr., miner, of Tarryall Diggings, summer of 1859. (RMN)

JENKS’ RANCHE, near Huerfano Valley 1860, probably located several years earlier. Byers party stopped here Apr 1860. (See account RMN.)

JENNINGS, Thomas, mentioned by Bancroft as having discovered mines in Gilpin County in 1859. He also mined in Boulder County and in Clear Creek.
JENNY, A. S., of Kansas City, Missouri, travelling to Denver by A. P. Vasquez & Company train, has been killed. (RMN, p. 2, Dec 11, 1859)

JESSUP, S., of Indiana, arrived May 22, 1859 in Wagon 1, of E. Doty’s lightning train of 10 wagons.

JEWETT, Marshall M., arrived in company with Richard E. Whitsitt and the Larimers, 1858, and was a stockholder in Denver City Town Company, and a description of some of his Denver lots may be found in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 126, Mar 25, 1859, and this includes one on southwest corner of McGaa and D. Streets with house. (D. would now be located about the middle of Cherry Creek bed ?) Later, on Aug 23, he certifies that he owns 10 lots in blocks 338-272-215-148 and 331. These he transfers to John H. Snedecor. Filed for record Apr 10, 1860. He seems to be a resident of Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory, at this time, and conveys lots on Apr 7 to Carter Wilder of same place (lots 15-16, block 38, Denver).

JOHNSON & COMPANY, mining, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats 1859.

JOHNSON & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, 1859, four men.

JOHNSON (Johnstone), A. C., arrived May 25, 1859, was born in Scotland May 21, 1830. (Hall’s Colorado History, List of Pioneers, Vol. 2) He was a member of the Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society and from a clipping pasted in back of their record book, this date of arrival is also found. He died (date not given in book, but probably some years before 1924). From the RMN of Dec 11, 1862 (?) is the following wedding announcement: A. R. Johnson married in Omaha to Miss Lucy R. King, Jan 23, 1862, formerly of Denver. (?)


JOHNSON, Charles, arrived 1858, and was an original stockholder of Auraria. He was the first Senior Warden of the Auraria Lodge, (Auraria was the cradle of Masonry in the Pike’s Peak Region) in Oct 1859, when this lodge was under dispensation of Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory. (See under Masonry in Colorado.) Johnson was Judge of election during this year and was grantor of Auraria lots to Kinna & Nye, (consideration $200), on Dec 1 and in Apr 1860 signs deed for Vandala C. Johnson. In Aug 12, of same year, he demitted from Auraria Lodge, but the record does not say whither he was to go.

JOHNSON, Colorado, born Colorado City Aug 28, 1859, being first white boy born in that place. Son of Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson, late of Pennsylvania. Eight lots donated to him by Town Company of Colorado City.
JOHNSON, Col. David J., of Nevada City, died Dec 17, 1860, aged 41 years. He came in 1859 to Colorado, was a native of Georgia, where he was a partner of the celebrated George W. Prentice of Mississippi. He emigrated to Leavenworth, Kansas where he practiced law. He was unmarried. Was a man of gigantic intellect, a most polished and accomplished gentleman. His burial was with Masonic honors, Wednesday, Dec 19.

He had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia in earlier years. His funeral services were conducted by Brother Andrew Mason, and about thirty other Masons attended. His burial was in Mountain Side near Nevada. A meeting of the Bar of Nevada passed resolutions of respect. (The above information is from the files of 1860 or early in 1861, and probably either from Tri-Weekly Mining Register or RMN.) Col. D. J. Johnson had bought a lot in Auraria, and sold same for $400 Oct 22, 1859. (Lot 12, block 3, on 4th and Cherry Streets)

JOHNSON, David J. C., this was a party known as “Tricky Bill,” character criticized much by the RMN. Probably this name was assumed by him (?) (RMN, Feb 6, 1861)

JOHNSON, Hiram A., member of B. O. Russell & Company, of Mountain City, interested in Bobtail Lode 1859. (Gregory Record) On Jan 18, 1861, he makes declaration of ownership of claim and it is recorded in above book. Henry M. Teller and David B. Emmons were the witnesses. The claim was near Boulder, and a land claim, 160 acres. He is styled as “of Central.” (This is recorded in Boulder County Land Records, Liber A, p. 36.)

JOHNSON, J. E., editor of the Council Bluffs Press, calls upon the RMN (Sep 10, 1859). He was formerly editor of the Bugle, then of the Oracle. Later, the RMN says that J. E. Johnson, printer, who has been writing for the RMN about the goldfields, leaves the Denver House for the States.

JOHNSON, Jack, a settler in Happy Canon, on Divide, 1859. (List)

JOHNSON, Hon. James M., born Blandford, Hampden County, Massachusetts, Jun 14, 1814, from old Johnson family, well known in Massachusetts. His mother a McKay, also very old in same State, originally from Scotland. His father, Capt. Jonas Johnson, was in Revolution. He lived in Blandford until early boyhood, then family emigrated Chenango County, New York. Married Eleanora Stratton, and moved to Lee County, Illinois, to farm (Dixon). In 1859 arrived Denver, located in Golden, established first hotel there, in same year, called “The Johnson House” (in tent at first), later built good building which stands in Golden as late as 1880 or 1890, possibly later (?). This was called the “Rocky Mountain House” advertized in Western Mountaineer Dec 14, 1859. He leased this property to Alford in 1880. He was Postmaster in Golden, 1864, and then Probate Judge, re-elected up to 1878. In 1861 was first Superintendent of Schools. He had five children. His 2nd son, J. M. Jr. is Sheriff, Jefferson County. (Note from History of Clear Creek County 1880)
JOHNSON, Jonas M., was a resident of Golden in 1859.

JOHNSON, M., member of firm of R. E. Crook and Company, 1859, of Mountain City. (Mentioned in Gregory Record)

JOHNSON, R. W., member of jury to try case of Chicago Creek Bar, Jan 1860. (Probably a Fiftyniner.)

JOHNSON, S. J., died Jun 10, 1859 at Gregory Diggings. S. J. Johnson, aged about 53 years, late of Huntington County, Indiana. He was buried by the Mason fraternity. (Indiana papers please copy (?) Tri-Weekly Mountain Register or Western Mountaineer.

JOHNSON, Sanders W., received 38 votes for delegate to represent the Provisional Government of Jefferson Territory in Congress, Nov 1859.

JOHNSON, Theron W., arrived Denver Jun 10, 1859. Born Michigan Apr 9, 1852. (The following notes are from Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 459.) “Theron W. Johnson was noted for his daring exploit (with only one companion whose name Frank Hall did not remember) carrying a message to the officer in command at Fort Wallace, during the Indian Wars of 1868. Mounted on swift horses, they left Denver at night, and while in the Indian country secreted themselves by day, riding only in dark hours.” They reached Fort Wallace and gave their warning message. It was of great value, and the men were both much honored and esteemed for their bravery in so perilous an undertaking.

JOHNSON, Vandley (Vandala ?), see Charles Johnson, had grant of 13 lots from Auraria Town Company, Dec 3, 1859. There was also a transfer of lots for her by Charles Johnson in 1860. (Probably a woman?)

JOHNSON, Mr. & Mrs. William, parents of first white boy born in Colorado City, named Colorado Johnson (Aug 1859). A farm claim is filed for record in Arapahoe County Land Office Jan 4, 1860 by William Johnson (may or may not be same). This was in southwest ¼ section 14, township 3, S. R 5 E of 7, principal meridian. Located Dec 16, 1859, and recorded as before stated.

JONES, Alfred, resident of Auraria, Jun 1859 is grantor of lots on north side of Blake Street, between E. and F. Streets, each 25 x 125 ft. Also his Draw Lots, to be drawn at the donation drawing of the Denver City Town Company, these he sells for an additional $10. The first consideration was $30. (Arapahoe County Land Records ‘59)

JONES & CARTWRIGHT, Ferry Street, Auraria, groceries, miners’ outfits, clothing, machinery for mines, corral, facilities for moving passengers and freight. Steady advertizers in papers of 1859.

JONES & COMPANY, mining, 1859, Nevada Gulch.

JONES & COMPANY, of Chicago Creek Bar, defendant in assault case Nov 1859. (See Western Mountaineer, pp. 1-2-4, Jan 25, 1860.)

JONES, Erastus, see description of ranche, same as Jonathon Hodgson, Golden, 1859.

JONES, G. A., arrived City of Denver from Missouri. (List of arrivals in RMN, spring May 28, 1859)

JONES & HARDESTY, mining Clear Creek, Gilpin, also Boulder Counties, 1859. Owners and discoverers of the Kentucky Mine.

JONES, John J., associated with J. L . Cartwright in firm of Jones & Cartwright, Auraria and Denver 1859. John S. Jones of Pettis County, Missouri, seems to be of same interests, as land records show.

JONES, John S., an arrival of either 1858 or 1859, for he was a member of the first Colorado Pioneers’ Society which included only those of the years mentioned. This met in 1866, and he was one of its first Vice Presidents. At this date he was resident of Clear Creek County, Boulder in 1890. Born in Kentucky 1811. On his arrival in Denver he was General Superintendent of the Pike’s Peak Express Company. Later he mined at Gregory’s, and owned over 50 lots, which are described on Liber A, pp. 256, etc. He returns to Leavenworth, the paper says, after adding to his business in Auraria and Denver City.

JONES, John Walter, was of Jones & Cartwright, it is said. Arrived 1859, but as there are three Johns under consideration in connection with this firm, it seems likely that at least one of them has been given an incorrect name. There are certainly records from the books giving the three names of John C., John S., and John W., yet they can scarcely be brothers. I am inclined to think someone has put in a wrong initial in one, at least of these cases.

JONES, Joseph C., age 25, late of New Mexico, son of a resident of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, is lost in the mountains. (RMN, File,’59)

JONES, Peter, locates ranche claim, 160 acres, south of John Winkelman’s claim Jun 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 50)

JONES, Romulus, “of Arapahoe County,” grantor to William McCarthy, Denver lots date Nov 28, 1859.
JONES, RUSSELL & COMPANY, were operators of the line of coaches put on between Leavenworth and Denver in 1859. The Denver Tribune, Nov 11, 1870, gives description of their outfit. They had a line of 100 stages, 1000 mules, the route was organized at an expense of $300,000, and involved daily expense of $800. The through fare was $100. The journey took 10 days. This line was called The Central, Overland, California, and Pike’s Peak Express Company. At a later date, and still later was swallowed up by Hen Holladay who afterward bought, also, the Butterfield Overland Express. He, in turn, sold the Wells Fargo Express Company.

JONES, S. & COMPANY, arrived with four men from Topeka, May 16, 1859. (RMN list)

JONES, S. G. & COMPANY, mining in Gregory Diggings, 1859. They are from Eastern Kansas. Later, Jones writes the RMN of a trip up in the Blue River District. In December same year he is Vice President, Breckenridge Town Company.

JONES, Thomas J., one of original settlers of Valmont, Colorado. Born Madison County, Illinois, 1820. Lived in Jacksonville, Illinois, Platte Purchase, then Iowa, Nebraska, and Pike’s Peak 1859. Went at once to Boulder (May 14) carrying wagon loads of goods which sold immediately and went on prospecting tour to Gold Run. He later built a hotel in Gold district, taking up his Valmont ranche late in ’59. Is said to have been a typical pioneer, having always lived on the borders. (History Boulder Valley, etc. 1880)

JONES, W. W., (see also C. H. Jones) was in 1858 one of the discoverers of Gold Hill Mining District. Was of Boulder same year, and in the next following. Also an original shareholder in Golden City Association 1859.

JONES, Walter, grantee, lots in Auraria, Oct 28, 1859. (Lot 11, block 241)

JONES, Z. R., an arrival of 1859, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, resident of Pueblo 1907, etc.

JORDAN, Abner A., witness to signature of statement of claim for land by David Gregory, filed in Denver Jun 4, 1859. Also on record in Golden, in Jefferson County Land Records.

JORDAN & COMPANY, mining, four men, Russell Gulch, summer of 1859.

JUDKINS, Charles H., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and resident of Golden as late as 1920. Arrived 1859, and is said to have hauled the first load of coal into Golden in year of his arrival. He died May 11, 1924, age 83. Born Nashville, Tennessee 1841, and came with H. G. King by wagon train to Cherry Creek. He became a freighter, and was a friend of William Cody (Buffalo Bill). He is survived in 1924 by a brother, William Judkins of Evergreen, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Crippen of Denver. (The Trail, May 1924) His arrival was by a train of 10
wagons, through Kansas City, by Arkansas Route, and Fountain City (now Pueblo). He was but 17 years of age, and left Clay County, Missouri, his last home.

JUMPS, Edw., had pleasure hall and eating salon on Larimer Street in Denver, 1859. It is said in his advertisements in journals of the time that “100 persons, day boarders, can be accommodated.” He was a witness several times in land transfers, etc., and his pleasure hall, known as “Jump’s Hall,” Denver, was well known. History does not record his later career.
KANE, John, original stockholder of Auraria City 1858.

KARZEWSKY, E., one of first bakeries in Auraria, 1859, situated on Ferry Street, two doors below Wooten’s Store. (This location would be at present time described as 1427 11th Street.) He had a partner, Henry Reitze (see this) and he also in addition to baking bought some Donation Lots with agreement to build hewed log house, probably being earlier than the others. He was grantor of Denver lots to T. W. Bayaud, Dec 10 same year. (See for his properties index to early Arapahoe County Land Records.)

KASCHER, Philip E. S., is probably an arrival of ’59 or somebody was of opinion he was so arrived, for an express package is advertised for him in RMN. (File of this year)

KASSERMAN & COMPANY, of Auraria, had first carpenter shop on Ferry and Fifth Streets (now Larimer and 11th). LUTTRELL and HEMPHILL associated with Kasserman in the shop, according to tradition at corner of 6th and St. Louis (now Lawrence and 19th Streets). These notes are culled from a Directory of Denver 1866. (It is said that they later built a two-story building at the last address.) S. D. Kasserman is said to have lived or had residence in 1866 on 5th between Cherry and Ferry, an address corrected to Larimer between 11th and 12th at this time. There is in the files of 1868 (paper not noted) a marriage as follows: “Stephen D. Kasserman, and Marie D. Starling, married Dec 17, 1868, by J. L. Peck.”

KAST, Frank J., original stockholder of Auraria in 1858. The Auraria Town Company granted to him 37 lots in City of Auraria Nov 5, 1859, and in 1860 he bought lots of City of Denver Town Company.

KEEL (or Keal) AND COMPANY, mining, three men, Russell’s Gulch, 1859.

KEEL, Jesse, arrived Jun 3, 1859. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and lived Central City as late as 1920. Was born Kentucky Dec 23, 1833.

KEELER & MEAD, mining, summer of 1859, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats. (The name of Keeler might be confused with Kehler? - see)

KEENE, J., shareholder Golden City Association 1859. (October)

KEGHLER (or Kehler?), W. O., member first Constitutional Convention from Illinois Precinct. This Precinct had in 1859 five delegates, so must have been large in population, as Auraria only had nine delegates. It was a mining camp.

KEHLER & COMPANY, mining Nevada Gulch, 1859.

KEHLER, the Rev. J. H., is said by one authority to have arrived in 1859, but as his church was not organized until four months later this is unlikely, unless he is identical
with the John H. Kehler above, which seems not stated in history. But he may be a
near relative of Sheriff Keeler (?) and it is best to place a few notes relating to him.
He lived in Denver, and was rector of St. John’s Church in the Wilderness, at the
beginning of its establishment Apr 9, 1860 until after his election as Chaplain of the
First Colorado Cavalry, and delivered his farewell sermon Jun 8, 1862. He must have
been advanced in years for the following death notice would indicate it: Died, Talbot
B. Kehler, eldest son of Rev. J. H. Kehler of Denver City, died Mar 2, 1860 at his
residence near Marysville, California, after an illness of ten days. Aged 38 years.
(RMN, May 16, 1860). The following marriages were solemnized by Rev. Kehler:
Sep 27, 1860 Henry J. Rogers and Miss Cremona Kehler, at residence of Rev. J. H.
Kehler, Denver. Another: In Denver, Sep 27, 1860 at residence of Rev. J. H. Kehler,
Mr. Thomas G. Wildman, and Miss Mary B. Kehler. (Both notices are from Western
Mountaineer, Oct 4-6, 1860, Golden.) In Dec 1860 it is noted that the Episcopal
Church festival at Mr. Kehler’s was very successful, and attended by about 175 ladies
and gentlemen. (Western Mountaineer, p. 3, Dec 13, 1860)

In one place I have seen it stated that Rev. Kehler was originally of Virginia. He
was succeeded in the Episcopal Church by Rev. H. R. Hitchins. A ranche on Dry
Creek was recorded by John H. Kehler in 1859, “about three miles from Arapahoe
(City) and the same distance from Golden Gate Village, 160 acres, adjoins ranche of
William P. Deye.” Recorded Oct 11, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records,

KEHLER, John H., or “Jack,” was Sheriff of Arapahoe County for he certifies in that
year, Feb 21. He had also lots in Denver City and lived in Mountain City, probably
later in season.

KEHLER & PATTON, Mountain City Merchants, 1859.

KEHLER, PATTON & FLETCHER, mining, 1859, in Bates lead, Russell’s.

KELBER, Christian, an arrival of 1858, for he was in this year stockholder in City of
Auraria. On July 25, 1859, he is grantor of a few Denver lots and styles himself as
“of America.” This may be however, an incorrect spelling of “Auraria.”? It could
also suggest that he was a new arrival from Europe.? He grants again some Denver
lots on Jul 27 and on Aug 23 records certificate of his lots, naming lot 22, block 68.
He had Donation Lots for building, earlier in the season of 1859, possibly in 1858?
His name was misspelled KILBY in one of these papers.

KELEBER (Keleher?), David, “of Arapahoe County” is witness 1859 at sale of land, Nov
29.

KELL, John, partner of D. P. Myers, in mining claim, Oct 1, 1859, in Gregory Diggings.
(Gregory Record, p. 19) Also description of claim.

KELLER, C., owned lots Aug 1859, bought of J. W. Iliff, Denver. He was entitled to
them by Donation. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
KELLER, Christian, (see Kelber above) lot donated to him, later given to Arthur Botts, Denver, Aug 1859.

KELLER, the names of J. H., also Jack, are accompanied with mentions of lots donated and granted, but probably refers to Kehler above.

KELLER, Matthew, is grantee of Denver lots on Blake Street between D. and E. on Oct 25, 1859. He is still “of Arapahoe County” in December of same year, and on 30th is grantor of lot 6, block 21, Denver. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

KELLEY, H. S., a resident of Mountain City 1859.

KELLEY, Dr. James, of Golden, Colorado, practiced there many years, very excellent physician. Arrived Cherry Creek 1859, and had claim described as being near J. S. Pitcher’s claim down on Clear Creek. This was located Dec 1859, and recorded in Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 1. He later moved to Golden and practiced medicine. Died since 1909.

KELLEY (Kelly), John, makes and files claim on the Casto Gulch, in Gregory Diggings, near Mountain City, Sep 23-30, 1859. (Gregory Record of 1859)

KELLEY, M. C., was a Territorial Representative elect from the 6th District (or 16th?) 1859 (for Legislature, Provisional Government).

KELLEY, William F., grantee, Denver City lots, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

KELLOG, Mr., “an old ’59 friend called at Register office, Central, Jan 12, 1864. He goes with his family from Denver, where he has been stopping, to the mines of Idaho Territory.” (Tri-Weekly Mining Register)

KELLOGG, Daniel, an arrival of 1858, was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and in 1920 was resident of Seattle.

KELLOGG, David, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and in 1920 was living in Seattle, Washington. He is an arrival of Oct 24, 1858. (Another account says 1859.)

KELLOGG, S. B., files ranching claim (with N. R. Maxy) situated on west side Platte River, Arapahoe County, near Allen and Murphy’s claim dated Dec 14, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859 books)

KELLY (or Kelley), D., arrived in Wagon 9, of E. Doty’s Lightning Express train of 10 wagons, May 22, 1859, accompanied by six other men, D. McKinney, S. R. Moore, M. & D. McCarthy, J. Kennedy and E. Kennedy of Illinois. (See E. Doty for route, etc.)
KELLY, Daniel, miner, arrived in Denver from South Park trip. (RMN, file of 1859)

KELLY, Edwin, an arrival of 1859, living in 1899, time of a banquet of the Pioneers, at 1145 California Street, Denver. (Clipping)

KELLY, Hiram B., pioneer of California 1849, of Colorado 1852-6 and later. His father, who was with him, died about 1854. He led wagon trains across the Plains in 1857 to Salt Lake. Was married at Fort Laramie in 1864 to Elizabeth Richard, born near this Fort. Later resided in Ft Collin, when his mother died. (The Trail, Jun 1824)

KELLY, Joseph (or James), has claim “beginning at a pocket on eastern slope of Rocky Ridge, extending between Jackson Road and Bear Creek,” etc., 160 acres land, surveyed Dec 28, 1859 by P. H. Sayer. (Jefferson County Land Records, 1859)

KELLY, Mrs. William, of Gilpin County, member of Pioneers’ Association of that County, arrived goldfields Apr 1859. (Her maiden name not given.) This is from clipping in back of Record Book of Gilpin County Colorado Pioneers Association.


KELSICK (Kelwick?) & COMPANY, five men, mining, Russell’s Gulch 1859.

KENCELEM, William, of Arapahoe County, grantee, five houses and stable on lot 6, block 6, Auraria Jul 9, 1859. James Robinson, grantor.

KENDALL, ---, arrived goldfields 1859 with David Wall’s party. He was later of Arapahoe City.

KENDALL, ---, of the Gregory discovery party (his 2nd trip to Colorado). Kendall Gulch was named for him. He originally came 1858.

KENDALL GULCH, later became site of Central City.

KENDALL, W., of Gregory Diggings, 1859.

KENDALL, W. T., was of Denver City Water Company 1859 (for ditches, etc.) and Oct 27, same year, claims one quarter section of land in Denver, Auraria & Colorado Wagon Road, land being near the mountain pass, about 32 miles from town of Mt. Vernon.

KENDALL’S CREEK, near the Eureka Tunnell.

KENNARD, Marshall W., was a grantee, Denver lots, Aug 2, 1859.
KENNEDY, Bart, arrived Oct 24, 1858 with the Plattsmouth Nebraska Company. (Afterward killed by Indians between heads of Chicago Creek and Bear Creek.)

KENNEDY, E., from Illinois, arrived with D. Kelley of Pennsylvania spring ’59.

KENNEDY, J., and E., arrived with party under D. McKenney ’59. (See.)

KENNEDY, J. B., from Plattsmouth, Nebraska arrived 1859.

KENNEDY, J. E. (or J. B.) both used at different times, was killed by Indians in the mountains of South Park Jul 26, 1859. There is a poem by him in RMN, p. 1, Jul 23, of that year. RMN, p. 9, Aug 13, gives his name J. B. Kennedy.? He was murdered by Utes, together with J. L. Schank, and William M. Slaughter is said to have been in the party, but not killed. Kennedy was a miner, and a party for rescue of the bodies was immediately organized in Mountain City, and the following were the brave men who under took the expedition over the range: Dr. Foot, G. W. Colvin, E. Dickenson, J. Richardson, T. H. Clemo, all of Mountain City, and from the Spanish Diggings the following: J. Higginbotham, known as “Mountain Joe,” E. Hancock, --- Henderson, --- Tripplett and Mr. Parks. (RMN) The place was up Chicago Creek, across the Snowy Range, and some prospectors had found the bodies after the Indians had murdered the men, and had filled the graves but slightly, so the newcomers raised more earth above it, cut initials on the wall of rock at right hand side of grave, and planted a fir tree at head of grave, and so left it. Mr. Kennedy’s murder by the Indians was discussed by C. Carson (Kit Carson), Indian Agent at Fernando de Taos, New Mexico in a letter to the RMN, p. 2, Sep 3, 1859.

KENNEDY, John, partner of Ellison & Crooks, in mining Gregory Diggings 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 35, Mountain City, etc.)

KENNEDY, Mary, grantee of lot in Auraria, Oct 11, 1859, south 44 ft of lot 11, block 42, from Eli Dickison, grantor. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

KENNEDY, T. P., arrived 1858. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living Denver 1907-1920, etc. Arrived in May of year above.

KENT, Andrew, claims land in Bear Creek at base of mountains, dated Nov 15, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records)

KENT, Oran O., (Judge) arrived Dec 28, 1859. Lived in Denver on Arapahoe Avenue (now 8th Street) near the Platte River. The place he had was large, with garden, and long cottage placed with side toward the gate. The neighborhood was pretty, for many large cottonwoods remained of the original grove, enough to give a certain beauty to this part of Auraria, which was later called “West Denver” and where he continued to live until the early seventies.
He married a Mrs. Frazier, who had several daughters, Caroline, Clara, Ella, possibly another one, and Judge Kent was the father of Stella, who later married Alex Comparet, an artist well known in Denver for many years, but now deceased.

KEPLER, G., arrived spring 1859, mentioned in list in RMN. From Perryville, Ohio by Platte Route, May 12. 49 Days enroute, with four men.

KEPLINGER, Martin, Aug 7, 1859, grantor to Jerry Lewis, lot 7, block 7, Auraria.

KERNAHAN and ALTAR, mining, Russell’s Gulch, with six men year 1859.

KERR, E. G., from Auroria, Indiana, arrival mentioned in RMN May 12, 1859 by Lone Star Company of Wagons.

KERR, Herminia M., is grantee of Denver lots on Jan 21, 1860, from H. J. Brendlinger, later, Herminia M. Kerr, wife of Dr. Mark G. Kerr of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, gives to H. J. Brendlinger, power of attorney to sell etc. her Denver property. This may be an arrival of ’59 although there were some few non-resident property holders, and it is possible she is one of these.

KERSHAW, Fred, on Nov 10, 1859 files farm claim to land situated one half mile southwest of Bear Creek “on the old Indian Pole Trail to South Park.” He was a witness in Auraria July same year to Sheriff’s sale of Auraria lots, and later to a deed.

KERSHAWE, Jeremiah, is associated with Clayton & Lowe, in Denver 1859, and is of Leavenworth, Kansas in Feb 1860 and grants several Denver city lots.

KETTLE, G. E., arrived Apr 6, 1859, was of Denver 1907, and member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born Rhode Island Oct 2, 1835.

KEY, Mr., arrived summer of 1859. (RMN)

KIDD, William H., of Kidd and Williams, grantees from Louis D. Reithmann, Mar 8, 1859, lots “with house thereon.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 98)

KIEFER, Frank P. arrived May 16 in Capt. G. W. Henderson’s train, 1859. He is from Ohio. (RMN)

KIEM, James, arrived 1858. Director Denver City Town Company, had four Donation Lots granted him from said Company 1859.

KILLERAN (Kileran), William, member of 1859 of Union Bar Gold Mining Company, Rocky Mountains.

KILPATRICK & COMPANY, records claim in same Diggings, June same year.
KILPATRICK, Thomas, records claim for mining and building purposes 100 feet on Gregory Gulch, etc. Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)

KIMBALL, Asel, records claim for land at base of mountains on the Bear Creek, Nov 25, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, 1859)

KIMBALL, Chapin, records claim similar to that of Azel above, ’59.

KIMBERLIN, F. W., name in list of 1859 settlers in the South Park.

KIME (or Kimes), James, and Levi, together had transaction in Denver lots, Oct 31, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records) A certificate of lots of James Kimes, is in Liber A, p. 185, old.

KIME, L., (see Levi above) of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, arrived May 5, 1859. He is “of Denver” in September same year, and has sale of his lots. On Oct 17, he is grantee of six Denver lots, and in Liber A, p. 187 is record of another transaction of his in Denver property. The name is copied as “Leroy” in this record, and another, afterward, same.

KIMENS, William (see McKimens)

KINE, L., of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska Territory, arrived in spring 1859. (RMN)

KING, ---, of firm of Clark, King & Company, mining, in Spring Gulch, 1859.

KING, ---, of firm of Coleman, King & Company, mining in Gregory Diggings. (Mentioned in RMN, summer of ’59.)

KING, D. W., was of course an arrival of 1859, for he deeds claim filed for record Jan 13, 1860, for mining purposes near Golden (Liber A, p. 5 – no witness) and again on same date a land claim for ranche, “commencing at a certain stake marked E. W. King, sticking north and east of the log slide on the mountain south of Golden City,” etc. (long description, Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 8)

KING, H. G., always a friend and a youthful chum of Charles H. Judkins, (came in wagon train from Tennessee 1859). He became a freighter, and went to Golden to live. (Another record says John H. King.)

KING, James, is witness to deed between Golden Gate Town Company and William G. Preston, dated Jan 13, 1860. This is either an arrival of the year above or was enroute during last part of the year. (Jefferson County Land Records)

KING, John, was chairman, summer of ’59 of Quartz Valley District Miners’ meeting.
KING, John H., was a shareholder in Golden City Association '59. His lots and descriptions filling some space in their Record Book, pp. 55-6-7. (See also under H., G. King, above.)

KING, Sa. A, arrived May 8, 1859, born Massachusetts Jan 3, 1837. Lived Silver Plume and was member Colorado Pioneers' Society about 1920.

KINNA, John, original stockholder City of Auraria, 1858. Merchant doing business in goldfields in December, this year, when the firm of Kinna and Nye was established, advertizing as miners’ outfitters, hardware, steel pans, etc., also dealers in gold dust. This firm was much noted for several years. In the files of 1864 appears the following advertizement or notice of a wedding: Married, on Saturday, May 7, 1864, Mr. John Kinna and Miss Nettie McGavran, both of Central City, Gilpin County. They leave for Bannock where Mr. Kinna goes into business. (Mining Journal, Blackhawk, May 7, 1864)

KIOWAY (or Kiowa), was a political district or precinct of ’59, but only one delegate to the Constitutional Convention in June of this year.

KIRBY, John F., (also called J. C.?), a founder of Golden City, a shareholder Golden City Association arrived Jun 1859, and he was the defense council in a trial in that City, Dec 21, following, and on Jan 13, 1860 with Richard L. Bright and John H. Wall, all of Golden, filed claim, etc. (Land Records Jefferson County, Golden)

KIRK, O., sells or loses (?) his interest in two select lots and two draw lots, “where the building is commenced,” dated Sep 1, 1859. Denver City. (Arapahoe County Land Records, '59)

KIRKLAND, S. B., arrived spring of ’59 from St. John’s P.O., Harrison County, Iowa (or Indiana?) and later in May brings RMN specimen of quartz found about twenty miles in mountains, on head waters of Vasquez Fork (now Clear Creek).

KISKADDEN, Brothers, brought to Denver City stock of goods 1859, but did not stay long, but went to Salt Lake where they located permanently. (Larimers Reminiscences)

KISLEY, James M., of Arapahoe County, is grantor, Jul 8, 1859, to W. H. H. Larimer, lots 9-10, from southeast corner D. and McGaa Streets “with all buildings and logs 7 shakers, (in the Pinery) sufficient to complete the house now being erected.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, ’59)

KISNER, John, files notice that he has claim in Foster Gulch (next A. N. J. Crooke’s Claim) which is to be laid over until following June, according to the mining laws of the district, etc. dated “Mountain City, Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 23)
KITCHEN, C. W., of Leadville of 1907, 1920, etc. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and an arrival of 1859.

KLEPPELL & COMPANY, mining, four men, Pleasant Valley, summer 1859.

KLINE, Perry A., arrived Jun 1, 1859, mining in Russell’s and Gregory Diggings, later in California Gulch, French Gulch, Buckskin Joe and Superintendent of quartz mills most of life later in Central and Eureka Gulch, etc. Born Klineville, Berke County, Pennsylvania, said to be a grand son of a Revolutionary soldier, and son of Peter Kline, a legislator of Pennsylvania and highly respected man. Another account says he arrived in May of ’59 (?)

KNIGHT, Daniel, in Apr ’59 received Donation Lots, with agreement on his part to build hewed log house. (Auraria) He was witness to deed Jul 25, and on Jul 28 is grantor to W. H. H. Larimer, for $100, lots 11-12, southwest corner D. and Larimer Streets. The grant above includes 33 logs, with all other buildings. (Liber A, p. 71)

KNIGHT, Edward, probably arrived ’59 for on Jan 10, 1860 he is filing claim of ranche land near town of Piedmont, 160 acres. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 21)

KNIGHT, James, he and Daniel Knight received Donation Lots from Denver (Auraria) Town Company Apr 1859, with their agreement to erect house. Later, on May 11, the following grant is made by him: “Know all men by these presents, that I, James Knight, for, and in consideration of the sum of $45.00 the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have this May 11, 1859, sold and quitclaimed M. C. Fisher the following described property: to wit: The house and two lots owned by me on McGaa Street between B. and C., Denver City, corner B. and McGaa, Arapahoe County, Kansas Territory, and also two Draw Lots, to be drawn at the Donation drawing of the Town Company, in the Town above named: in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Denver City.

JAMES KNIGHT

Wit: Antoine DuBray. Certified to by D. C. Collier, Clerk of the Probate Court, May 11, 1860.

On the reverse of this deed is written the following record: “Denver City, May 14, received of M. O. Fisher, one sack of flour which pays me in full for the within property. Witness P. H. Way

JAMES KNIGHT

Recorded May 23, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 50, old)

James Knight is still living in Denver (1925). On Sep 20, 1859, James Knight again becomes grantor, this time to one of the Larimers, John M. M., and for $35 sells lots 3-4, block 18 on Wazee Street. Also two Draw Lots, with all buildings, will defend the title against claims of T. Connoll. Recorded Sep 20.

KNIGHT, John, is entitled to two Select Lots, 11-12, Block 67, Denver, also two
Draw Lots, dated Mar 1859.

KNIGHT & MORRISON, their cattle ranche advertised, RMN, May 7, 1859, situated on Platte River, three miles below mouth Cherry Creek and with large corral, and good range for stock, and rates low at $1 a head per month. This firm was composed of Dan Knight & William Morrison. They were also partners in deal in city lots, in Denver, Sep 1, same year The Western Mountaineer, Nov 8, 1860, Golden, published the following announcement, which may be of interest to the Knight family, and possibly a relative of one or more of them: “Died, in Denver, Nov 3, 1860, Emma A. Knight, daughter of Addison & Margaret J. Knight, aged 3 years, 8 months.”

KNOX, J. H., was a delegate from Eureka to the first Constitutional Convention in Auraria and Denver in Jun 1859. This Precinct had seven delegates.

KNOX, Thomas, a noted newspaper correspondent from the East, in winter of 1859-60 was an editor at the Central City Register.

KOCHEHRAUS, Fred, files certificate of his two Denver lots, 21-22, block 74, Aug 23, 1859, donated for building, and sells same to Murat in November same year. This pioneer arrived with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company Oct 24, 1858.

KONKLE, Henry, files description of his ranche claim in Jefferson County “as southwest corner of Lewis’ and Mowry’s claim on Bear or Bever Creek, 160 acres, located last summer.” (1859) Recorded Feb 17, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records)

KOONTZ, A Douglas County settler, said to have arrived 1859.

KROENIG, William, Esq., arrived from Taos, New Mexico, and reports Indian troubles. (RMN, file, 1859) William Kroenig is said to have settled in Canon City also in 1859. Also in same year made ranche on Huefano, 150 miles from Denver, a beautiful spot described by Byers in RMN of Apr 25, 1860. The party was entertained here in fine style, with great hospitality. Kroenig’s ranche had 150 acres under cultivation, and many more than this for range. He had an acequia already built (for irrigation) and employed 25 Mexicans. He is considered to be one of the founders of Canon City.

KRONK, J. H, and three others arrive from Champagne County, Illinois, by Platte Route, 37 days from St. Joseph, Missouri May 7, 1859.

KUCHERHAUTZ, Fred, arrived Oct 24, 1858, with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company. (Rucherhautz?)

KUHN & DILLON, firm, Denver, Aug 23, 1859.

KUNKLE, Dr., mentioned in letter of William Larimer, Jr., as being in Denver City before Jan, 1859, and taking his share of Denver lots back to Sioux City, Iowa to sell
part of them. Dr. A. S. Kunkle was a stockholder in Denver City Town Company ’58 and in ’59 received share of John S. Smith, transferred to him in Dec 15 of previous year. Asa S. Kunkle seems to be his full name, for in Jun ’59 some of his lots were sold by Sheriff.

KURTZ, Daniel E., was resident of Denver in 1890, date of publication of 2nd Volume Hall’s Colorado History, and his record is on p. 559, but the marriage following is from Colorado Republican, Sep 1861: “Married, at rectory of Mr. Kehler, Sep 26, 1861, Daniel E. Kurtz, Esq. and Miss Anna W. Marsh, both of Arapahoe County.”

KYOTE (or Kayote), a political precinct of ’59 was large enough to have three delegates to the first Constitutional Convention June of this year.
LA CHAPELL, John, of Denver, on Oct 6, 1859 sells Denver lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A)

LACHLIN, Dr., witness of assignment of property, Denver Apr 5, 1859.

LACHLIN, George, notice in attachment filed in Denver ’59.

LACY, Richard, witness Jan 11, 1860, probably arrived 1859.

LAJEUNESSE, Michael, of Arapahoe County, his farm claim filed Dec 27, 1859, “on bank of Clear Creek, northwest corner of Merrivall’s claim, etc.” He sells this to Fisher and Rogers, Feb 1860. (Liber D, p. 308, old)

LAJEUNESSE, Noel, original stockholder of Auraria, 1858.

LAMBER, J. E., is in list of members of Auraria Lodge U.D. of 1861. This may be the same person as John B, above?

LAMBER, John B., Dec 1, 1859 was grantee from J. H. Gerrish farm claim on Clear Creek near James Baker’s claim, 160 acres.

LAMBERT, Robert L., was freighter and storehouse owner of Arkansas Valley, 1859. (Colorado)

L’AMOUREAUX, Clement, May 4, 1859, Denver, Power of Attorney granted to him by Louis Gerow, to sell, receive, etc. for him, filed ’60. Later, Jun 8, Clement L’Amoureaux is joint owner of lots “on Larimer Street where the plank house has been erected.” (Arapahoe County Land Records) Clement L’Amoureaux is again grantor Jun 4 to Joseph McCubbin of lot, being at corner of “what is called Pupell’s lots on Blake Street, south side, and 125 ft. southwest corner Blake and E. Streets. L’Amoureaux styles himself in one of these papers as “of Denver City, Kansas Territory.”

LANATTEE (Lavattee?), H., arrived spring of 1859. (RMN)

LANCASTER, Mr., of Denver, grantee, City lots Oct 12, 1859.

LANCE, Alfred, of Ohio, arrived May 16, 1859 in company or party of Capt. Sylvanus Doll. (RMN)

LANCE, J., arrived May 24, 1859 with the Leo Express Company of Leo, Indiana by Smoky Hill Route. 43 days enroute (out of Leavenworth).

LANGLEY, B. F., miner, four years in California, was one of the discoverers in 1858 of Deadwood Diggings. Was a settler in 1859 at Jefferson Diggings. Also lived and
mined in Boulder. Lived at Jefferson Trading Post which was near Long’s Peak. Also had land claim on South Fork of St. Vrain Creek. (See RMN, Apr 23, 1859.)

LAPORTE, a trading post, existing since 1847, and in 1859 was visited by Jackson while prospecting on the Cache la Poudre. French Canadian trappers are said to have established it, in a part of the country now included in Larimer County.

LARIMER PARTY, this celebrated company arrived mouth of Cherry Creek Nov 16, 1858 by Santa Fe Trail, having left Leavenworth Oct 1. Member of the party were: Gen. William Larimer, Jr. and William H. H. Larimer (youngest of the party), R. E. Whitsitt (said to have been born in Ireland), M. M. Jewett of Massachusetts, Folsom Dorsett, a Kansas pioneer born in Indiana (and nephew of C. A. Lawrence), and C. A. Lawrence. (Another authority says that E. W. Wynkoop was of this company?) They immediately began organizing Town Company called Denver City.

LARIMER, General William, one of the founders of Denver, was a native of Pennsylvania, at one time having been a candidate for Governor of that State. Was banker and railroad builder. He came to Colorado in 1858, and was a rival of Gilpin in having the Governor’s office in Colorado when it was established as a Territory in 1861. His residence in Pennsylvania was in Pittsburg, but he was known as well throughout Pennsylvania. Frank Hall gives a very fine notice of him in his Colorado History, Vol. II, p. 241. His portrait is on p. 1 (with wife) of Reminiscences of General William Larimer edited by William Larimer Mellon of Philadelphia 1918. (Also on p. 85 of same book is a portrait taken in 1852.) Another portrait is on p. 139 of this book, one taken several years after the others. He died at his residence in Deleware Township, Kansas May 16, 1875, aged about 68 years. While in Denver he is said to have lived at corner of 15th and Larimer Streets. In the war of the Rebellion he was Colonel of the Third Colorado Regiment. In 1864 he left Colorado and raised a Regiment of Kansas volunteers, and commanded this regiment. It is said that General Larimer’s claim was next to that of his son, and is the present site of the State Capitol. This claim was ‘Jumped’ during the General’s absence. He had two lots in Denver (place not specified), which were held by the family until 1906 when they were sold for benefit of his daughter, Annie, by his son-in-law Mr. Mellon for $100,000.

LARIMER, William Jr., was treasurer of the Denver City Town Company Nov 22, 1858 (Smiley) and lived in Auraria in Jun 1859 when he was a delegate from that city to the first Constitutional Convention. (Another authority says he was a delegate from City of Denver ?) He is said to have had a claim near Denver with mound, call “Pilot Knob,” now known as “Grasshopper Hill.” It was jumped while he was in Leavenworth in 1859 or 1860. His portrait is in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 213, and in Larimer Reminiscences, p. 221.

LARIMER, William H. H., (William Henry Harrison ?), arrived with Larimer party 1858, and was a stockholder of Denver. In 1890 is resident of Kansas City, Missouri also in 1918. His notes of their trip make the book of reminiscences of General William
Larimer. His portrait is published in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 221, and in Larimer Reminiscences, p. 184.

LA RIVIERE, Philip, early settler Cache La Poudre Valley, arrived Dec 1859 from Fort Laramie, freighter, born 1840 Canada, came to goldfields 1858. Married Mary Harris, and died 1886. (Watrous’ History Larimer County, p. 492)

LA ROQUE, Alphonse, a French trader who was in 1858 at mouth of Cherry Creek and later married the widow of William McGaa (she was an Indian).

LASES (?), A., witness in Denver City Jun 1859 land deed from Alfred Jones to Martin C. Fisher. (Arapahoe County Land Records, ’59)

LATTA, J. C., certifies that he is entitled to two Draw Lots on southwest corner of D. and McGaa Streets, Denver dated Jul 30, 1859. Later Sep 23, James C. Latta is grantor of lots to B. D. Williams of Kentucky. In Nov, same year, he is witness in Auraria and Dec 3 had three or four lots donated by Denver Town Company. This may, or may not be same man as James Latta, who was one of the witnesses in murder of the German, John Gantz. He is heavily ironed and guarded and is on way to Leavenworth to appear at the trial of Gordon, carefully watched by U. S. Marshall W. H. Middaugh. (RMN, Sep 12) Later on Dec 8, 1862, James Latta married Miss Sarah Gordon, at residence of Thomas McGavran, Justice of the Peace. (RMN, Dec 11, 1862)

LAUGHTON, ---, firm of Lehmer, Laughton & Company, mining, North Park & Clear Creek, 1859.

LAVEATTEE, H., (see also above, H. Lanattee), arrived with E. Doty’s Lightning Express May 22, 1859, in Wagon 1. (10 wagons in train.)

LAW, Jacob, arrived in D. D. Taylor’s Company, 30 days from St. Joseph, Missouri May 17, 1859. (RMN)

LAW & ORDER LEAGUE, a vigilance league, which preceded the Provisional Government in early part of 1859. It held a Court, and tried offenders by a jury. Its decisions were obeyed and were considered just and equitable. Offenders were not often hanged but were taken to the edge of town and told to disappear, which they invariably tried to do in a rapid manner.

LA WATTS, (Left Hand), a celebrated War Chief called upon the RMN, May 14, 1859, accompanied by “Little Raven,” another very well known Indian.

LAWIN, W. H., witness of signature of last will of Hickory Rogers, Denver, Nov 3, 1859.
LAWRENCE, Charles A., (after whom the street in Denver is named) came with the Larimer Party in 1858. He became a stockholder and director of the Denver City Town Company and in 1859 owned a number of buildings where the Pioneer Block now stands, 15th and Larimer.

He was a candidate for City Recorder in this year, and on Feb 19, 1860 was engaged with a few others in founding the Protestant Episcopal Church in Denver.

LAWRENCE, D. T., grantor, mining claims, in Gregory District. (Description, Gregory Record, p. 42)

LAWRENCE PARTY, the first expedition of this was composed of 44 persons, and 11 wagons rolled out of Lawrence, Kansas May 22, 1858 over the Santa Fe Trail with provisions for six months. Their Fourth of July celebration was at Pike’s Peak, and Sep 4 arrived Cherry Creek. (The Trail, May, 1922) They were 10 days behind the Russell Party.

LAWRENCE, William Jr., name in Directory Denver 1859 in list of real estate dealers, and one of name is witness Oct 1 in Gregory Diggings to papers in sale of claims. (Gregory Record, 1859)
A Directory of their arrivals, removals, deaths, marriages, children, property, mines, and ranches, with names of old towns, mining camps, gulches, mountains, rivers, creeks, and other matters relating to the setting of their lives in the

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LAYCOCK, ROBINSON & COMPANY, mining, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, 1859. (in list published in RMN, summer)

LAYTON, Thomas, one of the first arrivals in Boulder Valley 1858. Arrived there Oct 17.

LEADBEATER (LEDBEATER), Elizabeth, grantee, lot 12, block 38, Auraria, Dec 22, 1859, from E. N. Tuttle. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

LEADBEATER, Violet, from Auraria Town Company, Dec 22, 1859, lot 5, block 240, consideration $1. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

LEAKE, John, Aug 23, 1859 has lots assigned to him. Later, Jan 6, 1860, he grants Denver lots to David Connolly. (Nos. 19-20, block 75)

LEARNED, John, mortgages or trades land for flour “to be delivered every month, up to Oct 1860,” the land being a farm claim. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 170, old) He was “of Auraria” and in December is grantee of farm claim “near Allen’s claim and Bernard’s.” Again he seems to be grantee, from A. O. Holcomb, Dec 12 in same year, farm claim of 160 acres, situated on Clear Creek.

LEAVENWORTH PARTY, or COMPANY, with Gen. William Larimer and others, left city of that name in Kansas, Oct 3, 1858, by the Arkansas Route. They arrived mouth of Cherry Creek Nov 16, stopping at Montana and built in that town the row of houses called the “Kansas Row” or “Leavenworth Row” of cabins. They united with the Lecompton men in establishing a rival to Auraria, later called Denver. They included with others E. P. Stout, P. T. Bassett, William Clancy, the two traders Smith and McGaa, met in the latter pioneer’s cabin in Auraria, and agreed to “jump” the townsii of St. Charles City, which Nichols, later agreed to let them have for some stock in the new town.

LEAVENWORTH & PIKE’S PEAK EXPRESS, the first two coaches of this company arrived Denver May 7, 1859, 19 days on way from Missouri River. Beverly D. Williams was Superintendent, stations were each 25 miles after passing Junction City, Kansas, the road was 687 miles long, ran for 150 miles along the Republican River (where wood was scarce), and the company had at first 52 coaches, one leaving each end daily except Sunday. The trip was expected to consume 10 or 12 days.

LEAVITT, George, of Arapahoe County, Nov 1, 1859, grantor, lot in Auraria to Lachlan. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

LECHNER, George W., born Pennsylvania Aug 28, 1832, arrived Denver Jul 15, 1859, is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living Denver 1890.

LECOMPTON PARTY, another Kansas company, consisting in part of W. Brindell, H. S. Walsh, George Baker, John Shannon, Eli Moore, Jr., etc. arrived 1858.
LEE, --- brothers, arrived Denver 1859 from Rock Island, Illinois.  (RMN)


LEE, Dr., mining in mountains, visits Jackson Diggings during ’59. (Visitor to RMN from Jackson Diggings.)

LEE, Dr. J. W., of Auraria, his office in that city being in 1859 at store of A. P. Vasquez & Company. Is mentioned in RMN as returning to Denver with train carrying freight for Vasquez & Boon, in November, same year, and in Jan 1860 the Western Mountaineer acknowledges a present from him of a fine turkey, given about Christmas before this date.

LEE, James, original stockholder of City of Auraria, 1858.

LEE, James E., first foreman, Job Office, RMN, 1859. (His portrait published in issue of Dec 5, 1899, p. 9.)

LEE, Jeremiah, member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society (marked “died”), from list in their Record Book of members. Arrived Jun 20, 1859. Was associated with P. Lewis as grantee of Denver lots, or lot 3, block 47, dated Aug 9, 1859. Consideration $300. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

LEE, Orville A., “of Denver City, Kansas Territory,” grantor, Morton C. Fisher grantee, ground with building thereon, east side Larimer, middle of block between B. and C. Streets, dated May 17, 1859. He has a suit or is plaintiff in one, Auraria being the place, in same year, and it is stated in one place that he kept a bakery in this year in Denver City. (RMN) He seems to have owned lot 1, block 40 in Auraria also, according to record and Sep 10, same year, files farm or ranche claim on Platte River three and a half miles west of Auraria. In October he is grantor of City of Denver lots.

LEE, William, arrived Sep 9, 1859. Born England Jan 30, 1837. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Was a grower of apples since 1870, and is living in Edgewater 1899. Hon. William E. Lee, member Constitutional Convention of 1876 may be same pioneer, as his birth is given as of date 1837 in England (?). He is delegate from 8th District, stone cutter and farmer in this year of 1876, said to have emigrated from London in 1845, lived and been educated in Iowa City, Iowa, and arrived Colorado 1859. His parents were Scotch, though his birth was in London.

LEEPER, J. W., “one of our successful miners of 1859, who operated last year at Empire, has arrived from the States.” (Tri-Weekly Mining Register, May 2, 1863, Central)

LEFAIRE, Frederic, is subject of a conveyance by Woodward and Waggoner, Oct 20, 1859. (Is associated with Daniel Rose.) He is “of Denver.”
LE FEVRE, Belfried, “son of George E. Lefevre, for a consideration of love, and affection, (also $1 paid by him),” the following property, Denver, lot 26, block 39, dated Jan 5, 1860. Grantor, Samuel W. Beall. (Note: is this young child of LeFevre named for Beall?) On same date or day previous to this, George E. Lefevre is grantee from Samuel W. Beall of Arapahoe County, of all the Denver and Auraria property of Beall. Both are “of Arapahoe County” in transaction. (See below.)

LE FEVRE, George, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, mentioned in RMN as having arrived Denver, in advance of his large quartz mill. Later the firm of Coleman & LeFevre is spoken of as situated at Eureka District with quartz mill in operation. (Note: Gov. Beal was from Wisconsin.)

LEFT HAND DIGGINGS, on Left Hand Creek, a tributary of Boulder Creek as in 1859 not only a good gold camp, placers being here, but was in June a political precinct with one delegate to first Constitutional Convention.

LEHMER, LAUGHTON & PECK, mining, in north fork Clear Creek near Mountain City, summer of ’59. In 1863 there is a Charles Lehman who died Jan 30, and whose administrative papers are advertized in Tri-Weekly Mountain Register, Feb 2, of same year by John W. Ratliff, his administrator. He died in Nevada City, aged 30 years. Was not rich, the assets being shoemakers’ tools, etc., to be sold to defray expenses. As names are so often misspelled in records when copying (and many of our records have been copied several times), these two similar names are placed in one notice for attention. (?)

LEHOW, Oscar E., (misspelled sometimes Leighow?), was an arrival of ’58 said to be a native of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and became an original stockholder of City of Auraria. In his cabin, a double one, shared in 1859 with A. Sagendorf, one of the first, some say the very first meeting of Masons were held. He was a prominent mining and cattleman of the State during his lifetime. Even as early as ’58 he discovered bar placer claims which he sold for $4,000, receiving pay in lots, cattle ranche houses, etc. He is said to have also a cleverness at the carpenters’ trade, which in those days was valuable. In 1859 Lehow’s Ranche in the Platte Canon was well and favorably esteemed. He had a brother, C. L. Lehow, who arrived the following year (1859) and they started their large San Luis Valley cattle ranche where one thousand head of cattle were always kept. He did some mining in Silver Cliff, and lived in Denver at times, and married Miss Eloise Sargent, who had been a teacher in Wolfe Hall during the lifetime of Bishop Randall. He died 1894, but she is still living in California. His portrait is published in RMN, p. 9, Dec 5, 1899.

LEMEM (Lemon), B. F., first appears in papers when an express package is advertized for him, spring of ’59. Later he appears as a miner erecting a large stone house in Russell’s Gulch. Another appearance occurs when he is named as Councilman elect from the 4th District.
LEO EXPRESS TRAIN of wagons, from Leo, Indiana, arrived mouth of Cherry Creek May 24, 1859, by Smoky Hill Route, 43 days out of Leavenworth, with seven men.

LEONARD (see also Learned), Henry, mining in Russell’s Gulch, in 1859, works five men. (RMN)

LEONARD, ---, of firm of Monreo & Leonard, mining in Pleasant Valley district 1859.

LEONARD, Samuel, had share in Shiann Pass Town Company Nov 1859. He is mentioned also in paper as mining in Denver District, same year.

LEPER (see also Leeper), Mr. J. E., on May 12, 1859 brought in to office of RMN a skin of a veritable California lion, killed by himself and a friend on Table Mountain, near Arapahoe City on Clear Creek. In records of land transfers of Jul 13, 1859, is a grant of Denver lots from Mary Jane McLauthlin to John E. Leeper of Mountain City, recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records. Later, Mr. Leper of Leper and Henderson (called also Henderson & Company), leaves for Lewis, Cass County, Iowa. This firm bought claim of Gregory in June of that year for $7,500, and “They are going to work six sluices.”

LERCHEN, Charles, (one pioneer of name is styled Jr.), the first was a cattle dealer, living in recent years at 214 South Lincoln Avenue, Denver, arrived from Davenport, Iowa 1859, and mined on the Blue River in early days, three years.

LERCHEN, Charles Jr., probably same as above, is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living in 1920, arrived Jun 22, 1859 and stated to be born Germany Sep 11, 1839.

LESLIE, Mrs. Frank, of New York, a daughter of George F. Packard is said to be a Fiftyniner to Colorado. (Clipping concerning matters relating to a banquet of pioneers in 1899)

LESLIE, R. H., is witness to deed between J. A. Shaffer and H. P. A. Smith (Judge Smith), Denver, Sep 6, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

L’ESPERANCE, Michael, arrived Nov 1858 and was one of the original stockholders of Auraria City in same month. In following year he is grantor of lot 10, block 10 in this City, Oct 8, and in December, same year, grants to T. M. Moraud (Morand?) out-lot No. 178 in same City. Another land transaction appears in record of Mar 1, 1860.

LESTER, J. W., an early settler of 1859 in Arkansas River Valley mentioned as having been born in Pennsylvania. He was originally a miner.

LEVITT (see Leavitt above), E. D., was in 1859 representative elect from 4th District.

LEVITT, J. W., is sick in Mountain City 1859, and spoken of as having relative J. C. Levitt of Island, Illinois.
LEVOURLEY, John F., grantee Aug 1, 1859 with Jonathan & Leavitt Lincoln, lot in McGaa Street, Denver City, from the Reithmans.

LEWIS, Catherine, has grant of lot 1, block 1, for consideration of $1 from Auraria Town Company, Dec 3, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 197, old paging only for this.)

LEWIS, Henry, locates claim, autumn of ‘59 and in Mar ’60 files record of same and states he has completed house and plowing. It is on west bank of Platte River, 160 acres and is his residence at this time. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber D, p. 32)

LEWIS, J. S., of Mountain City, in 1859, Oct 3, is witness in sale of mining claims, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 43)

LEWIS, Jerry, (also one called Jeremiah, must be same) is a resident of Arapahoe village 1858. He is mentioned by Jackson in his diary of this year. Is a prospector. Jeremiah Lewis is grantee of lot 7, block 7, Auraria, from Martin Keplinger, Aug 7, 1859, and later, Nov 1 is granted lot 2, block 66 in same place from Auraria Town Company. (Liber D, p. 314, old) He is candidate for City Assessor on People’s ticket Dec 14, and in Jun 1860 he and Katie C. Lewis are grantors of lot 1, block 1, Auraria (see first land transaction, above) and this time he is “of West Denver, late Auraria.”

LEWIS, Perry, (this may be Jerry Lewis?) grantee, Denver lot 3, block 47 on McGaa Street, Aug 9, 1859. Is associated with Jeremiah Lee, consideration $300 which indicates a house also.

LEWIS, William, located claim for ranching purposes Jul 20, 1859 “where I now reside” in Jefferson County on Bever Creek (or Bear Creek?) west of Emory’s claim, 160 acres. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 13)

LIBBY, ---, arrived Apr 14, 1859 with Capt. William Valentine’s party of six wagons from La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23)

LIBRARY OF AURARIA, the first in Rocky Mountain Region, was in 1859 started and kept for circulation by A. E. Pierce, at post office in Auraria. It had fifty volumes. In other words, he kept a bookstore in which the books were rented instead of being sold.

LICHNER (Lechner?), George W., of Como, Colorado 1881, arrived Denver Jun 17, 1859. Also with him his sister Miss Margaret A. Lichner. (or Miss Myra A. Lichner?) (Clipping)

LIGHTNER, ---, arrived in 1858 and had band of men in Colorado at Deer Creek.
LINCOLN, Elijah, witness in transfer of Auraria lots, Oct 1859.

LINCOLN, Jonathan, of Denver, grantee Sep 1, 1859, lot 5, block ? on northwest corner McGaa and E. Streets. He is again grantee lots in Denver City, Nov 12, and on same date Jonathan and Leavitt Lincoln sell lot on McGaa Street to E. K. Bickford.

LINCOLN, Leavitt, of Denver, Sep 21, 1859 grantee of lot 5, northwest corner of McGaa & E. Streets. On Nov 12 he is again grantee of lots.

LINCOLN, S. W., was a resident of Golden Gate City 1859, for was a delegate from that place to the first Constitutional Convention in June. This City or District had 8 delegates, so must have been almost as large as Golden, which had 12. In RMN of Jul 25, 1860, Samuel W. Lincoln is advertised for as missing, and it states that he had been in Denver some months ago, and was originally from Gansvoort, Saratoga County, New York.

LINDSLEY, David, of Arapahoe County, is grantor in land sale ranch on Platte River, dated Nov 1859.

LINERT (?), A. C., witness to deed Arapahoe County Jan 6, 1859.

LINK, Mr., was a member first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859, and was appointed on committee to prepare a memorial relating to Territorial affairs. There was also mention of a Mr. Link who was mill superintendent of the Colorado Gold Mining Company (of New York) working in the Burroughs Lode Dec 22, 1863. (Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Central City)

LINK, L. W., and S. M., of Gregory District Oct 3, 1859 had claims recorded Mountain City. (Gregory Record, p. 49) They are both living and mining in Nevadaville also same year, and L. W. Link is mentioned as from Nevada Gulch, and as being member of convention to form the Provisional Government in October of that year. They are both prominent in miners’ association of Nevada District in 1860, and were on important committees to draw up rules and regulations for the government of the miners. In April of this year S. M. Link was recorder of the miners’ association of the district. In Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 202, it states that Sam Link was the companion of A. D. Gambell on his second prospecting trip to Gregory and vicinity, and they together organized the New Nevada Mining District in same year of 1859. Gambell claiming to have recorded the first town lot in the District. (See Gambell.)

LISTON, William, arrived Denver Oct 24, 1858, with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company.

LITTES, Benjamin, was witness to deed between Golden Gate Town Company and William G. Preston, Jan 16, 1860, so is probably an arrival of 1859, or at all events was coming in before the new year.
LITTLE, ---, brought the 3rd sawmill to Denver across the plains 1859.

LITTLE RAVEN, Chief of the Arapahoe Indians, a conference is held with him, which is reported in RMN, May 14, 1859. Provisions and other supplies are being given to his tribe (to promote a friendly situation), from the cities of Auraria and Denver.

LIVERMORE, W., arrived in D. D. Taylor’s company of wagons. He is of Iowa. They came in 30 days from St. Joseph, Missouri, May 17, 1859. (RMN)

LIVINGSTON & COMPANY, with three men, mining, Nevada Gulch, summer 1859.

LOBACH, Edwin, born Pennsylvania, of Arkansas Valley 1859, was farmer there. (Clipping)

LOCKLAND, Alexander George, of Denver City, grantor of lots Oct 26, 1859. He probably owned lots before (Arapahoe County Land Records, p. 29, old) this date, as he is grantor to J. C. Fuller & Company, lot 10, block 65, City of Auraria, on Oct 6, same year.

LOCKWOOD, Hiram, the RMN states that Mrs. Hiram Lockwood sends letter to him in care of the paper (1859 files) advertising she evidently thinks that he is in the goldfields.

LOEB, David, was a witness in Auraria Nov 1859, in sale of lots. Later in December is grantee of Denver City lots.

LOGAN, S. M., an arrival of May 30, 1859, born Ohio Nov 17, 1822. Member first Colorado Pioneers’ Association in 1866, and later in 1890 when he lived in Denver. He is mentioned in file of RMN of ’59 as a member of first Constitutional Convention in that year, a delegate from Deadwood District. These diggings having six delegates. (Major S. M. Logan)

LONDONER, Wolfe, according to Vickers, arrived 1860, but other authorities state ’59 as his entrance. Grocer, born 1840 in Germany, son of Herman and Rachel Londoner. (Vickers’ History of Denver)

LONE STAR COMPANY, wagon train, bringing 26 men, arrived by Smoky Hill Route May 22, 1859, 39 days from Fort Riley.

LONG, Daniel, arrived 1858 and had four Donation Lots in Denver City Town Company, late in this year and must have remained until 1859, for in that year, Mar 23, he is a witness to a deed from John Forbes to a lot on McGaa Street, next to Platte River, and on May 24 he is grantee of P. Way, of some more Denver lots. His name is spelled David in a later record. ( Probably copied wrong.)
LONG, James & Company, his wagon train arrives from Adams County, Illinois with four men, by Arkansas Route, May 27, 1859. (RMN)

LONG, William C., was in Nov 1859 an incorporator of the Minnehaha Town and Marble Company. (Jefferson County Land Records, ’59)

LONG & BUTTERS, (of Linn County, Missouri), their wagon train arrives at mouth of Cherry Creek May 27, 1859, by Arkansas Route. (RMN)

LONG & COMPANY, mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats ’59.

LONGSDORF, W. H., original stockholder of City of Auraria, 1858.

LOOMIS, C. A., arrived Aug 1859. Was born Massachusetts Apr 18, 1840, and in 1890 resided in Denver, also later in 1920. The following marriage is in RMN issue of Oct 30, 1862: “Calvin A. Loomis and Elizabeth M. Cawker, married up Cherry Creek, four miles from Denver at home of the bride’s Mother.”

LOONEY & COMPANY, mining, 1859, summer, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats with four men.

LORTON, Thomas, was an arrival with Capt. Yount and others at old Fort St. Vrain in 1858, and later the party visited site of the City of Boulder, then called “Red Rock.”

LOVELAND, W. A. H., long time resident of Golden City, arrived Jun 22, 1859. Born Barnstable (another writer says Chatham) Massachusetts May 31, 1826. Was member of the first of Colorado Pioneers’ Society, which assembled Jun 22, 1866 in Denver. He was a delegate from Golden to the Constitutional Convention of Jun 1859, and was a shareholder in Golden City Association in same year. He owned lot 11, block 1, in Auraria City Jun 7 of this year, granted by Ransford and Piper, who had purchased them of Thomas Golden. On Dec 28 the Western Mountaineer announces the erection of his fine two story brick building, the pride of Golden, with story above for public meetings, and place for his store below. The building still stands, its very quaint appearance adding beauty to the pretty modern architecture around it. In his childhood Loveland’s parents removed to Illinois, and when a young man he served in the Mexican War. He later took trip to California, then came to goldfields of Pike’s Peak and located in Golden. Became wealthy with mining, and other things and in a short time built wagon road up Clear Creek Canon, later being President of the Colorado Central Railroad, and being prominent in politics, as well as a “Bonanza King.” He owned the RMN in 1897 (or 1878) and was once (1878) a Democratic candidate for Governor. Loveland and Davis were partners in Golden in 1859. He owned the Fanny Barrett mine. His portrait is in Daily RMN, p. 6, Dec 5, 1899. His son Frank W. lived 1899 at 1252 Corona Street, Denver.

LOVELAND’S HALL, Golden City, was scene of the Christmas Ball on Christmas Eve, 1859. A very large company assembled from Auraria, Denver, Golden Gate City,
Arapahoe City, and many other gold camps. The Hall was elaborately trimmed with evergreens, festooned most beautifully. Very fine music was furnished by McDuffee & Ackley, and William J. McKay provided the bountiful supper. Fifty couples danced and it was a grand affair, the opening of this new Hall with so elegant an entertainment. In 1860 the first Masonic meetings were held in this building on Washington’s Birthday. (It has since been called “Eldridge’s Hall.”)

LOVELL, C. P., member of firm of Tetlow & Company, Golden Gate City, Jul 1859.

LOWE, Joseph, arrived spring of 1859 from Iowa. (RMN)


LOWRIE (LOWRY), J. S., was an arrival of 1858 for he had four Donation Lots from Denver Town Company Dec 4 this year.

LOWRY, James, was an original stockholder of City of Auraria 1858. James S. Lowry of 1859, Reg. of Deeds, and member Shian Pass Town Company (living in Auraria) may be same person. He witnesses deed May 2 and July 30, is entitled to two “select lots” on southwest corner C. and Arapahoe Streets, Denver City.

LOWRY & LATTA, in Apr 1859 are grantors to J. A. Gordon, of lot 8, block 1, Auraria.

LUCE, George L., witness to deed between J. H. St. Mathew, grantor, and D. McIlvoy, grantee with Thomas Sours, of property in Golden City Nov 12, 1859. The parties are all of Golden City. (Jefferson County Land Records)

LUCKY, Samuel E., arrived Jul 10, 1859 and was a member of Gilpin County Association of Pioneers. (Name from their list.)

LUDLOW, Henry, lived Boulder, 1920, and is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. He arrived mouth Cherry Creek Jul 9, 1859. Born New York. He came in party with S., L.C., and H. L. Wellman, all very prominent men. Later in Boulder County. They came to that point in August. Another account gives him the name of Henry B. Ludlow. This account gives Huron County, Ohio as his birthplace, Jun 8, 1834. Lived in Michigan, and after arriving Colorado went to Breckenridge following his coming to Boulder. He had ranche on White Rock Creek, Boulder County, and married 1867 Miss Mary Gage from his hometown or county (Cass County) in Michigan. He is also a pioneer of Arkansas Valley in 1859.

LUGENERIS, (?) Neal, Oct 24, 1859 was a grantor of farm claim to Edw. Cobb and George M. Rand, for $500. 160 acres on Clear Creek near William Kinslers and Charles Carbana’s claims. (Arapahoe County or Jefferson County Land Records, Liber F, p. 376)
LUIS, (?), J. W., was a witness to land deed Sep 26, 1859, Mountain City. (Gregory Record)

FORT LUPTON, was a political precinct in 1859, and was represented in the Constitutional Convention by A. J. Williams. It was called “Lupton’s Fort.” Lieut. Lupton was a very early pioneer and soldier. Lupton’s Fork was in 1858 the name given to that stream now called “Bear Creek.” (Jefferson County Land Records)

LUSBY (LUISBY), R. H., in spring 1859 had Donation Lots, City of Auraria, from the Town Company. Was a witness to deed in September of same year, and again in October, and again in November.

LUSE, J., mining, member of firm of Washburn Miller & Company in Mountain City, 1859.

LUSHER, Frank, of Russell’s Gulch, mentioned in papers of 1859.

LUTTRELL, arrived Denver Oct 1858. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born District of Columbia Sep 27, 1828. Was living Denver 1920. Name appears in land records of ’59, and he was a pioneer carpenter and builder of reputation, associated in firm with Kasserman & Hemphill on south corner Lawrence and 10th Streets. (Then called 6th and Ferry Streets.) His advertizements appear in RMN this year.

LUTTS, Milton, arrived Jun 6, 1859. Born Ohio Dec 27, 1837. (Hall’s Colorado History, p. 559)

LYCEUM AND DEBATING SOCIETY, N. B. Bowers, President, Tarryall Diggings 1859.

LYNCH, William, of Gregory Diggings, grantor of claim 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 43)

LYON, J. C. M., was member of first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Illinois Central Diggings. (This camp had four delegates.) He probably arrived some little time before Jun 1859, date of convention.

LYONS, George B., “Gentleman, of Arapahoe County” for a consideration of $75 releases to Benjamin Hieatt of same county, lot 3, block 36, Auraria Dec 14, 1859.
MABEIN, John, was a witness to sale of cattle to John Miller in Arapahoe County Oct 6, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

MACK, W., is mentioned by Bancroft as the discoverer of the mine bearing his name in Gilpin County 1859. He seems also to have mined in Clear Creek and Boulder Counties in that year.

MACKAY, A. J., in list of pioneers given in Hall’s Colorado History born New York Nov 11, 1834, arrived Colorado Jul 1859. Was one of the first permanent settlers of Boulder. Was carpenter, lumber contractor while in Wisconsin before pilgrimage to Colorado begun in fall of 1858 with Hiram Buck and others, they having three ox teams loaded with provisions. He mined in Golden, Central, Blackhawk, Deadwood (later known as Rollinsville) in California Gulch, was later Post Master in Boulder, County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, Clerk of District Court (8 years) and in 1873-4 Department Internal Revenue Collector for Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties, and an officer of the Boulder Industrial Association said to have built the first brick block in Boulder. Married Miss Adelaide B. Dickerson. (History Boulder County)

MADISON, James, said by Bancroft to be the discoverer of the Kansas Mine in Gilpin County 1859. He lived too in Clear Creek County and Boulder County.

MAGGARD, Mrs. Lucy A., (also spelled Maggare) of Auraria, grantee, Aug 8, 1859, consideration $150 cash, of William McKimens, lot 1, in block 35, City of Auraria. A later transaction, Sep 1, shows she sells the lot for $200 to John A. Steinberger. In the RMN dated Feb 1860, Mrs. Maggard is referred to as having a two story hotel on B. Street. In Jul 1860 she is “of West Denver” and gives a bond to Nelson Sargent, and George C. Bradford of Chicago, Illinois in which the security seems to be lot 3, block 3, Auraria City, with improvements, the consideration being $14,000. She signs with mark. (X)

MAGNUS, Peter, of Arapahoe County, farmer, born Eksjo, Sweden, Mar 12, 1824. 1852 emigrated United States, lived in New York, Ottawa, Illinois, arrived Denver by ox team Jan 18, 1859, located ranche at Petersburg (later so called from his name) then removed Littleton. Was County Commissioner Arapahoe County 1875. Bancroft in mention of him in Vol. 25, p. 385, says he was in flood of 1864 which took his stock and buildings while the grasshoppers in 1873-4-5 took his crops, but the advancement in price of land caused him to prosper at last. In 1889 Vickers mentions that he had three daughters, 1 son.

MAGGOO, F., was with J. E. Leper when they killed a lion on Table Mountain, near Arapahoe City, Clear Creek, mentioned in RMN, May 1859.

MAGUIRE, Charles and Mary C., of Denver, appear in transaction with Denver lots, Oct 6, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
MAINE, William H., a founder of Denver, arrived 1858, carpenter with a shop on Arapahoe Street in Directory of 1859, the firm, Maine, Chandler & Willoughby, also cabinet makers. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. From papers at time of death he is said to have been a native of Michigan, born at Hurtland, 1838, then moved to Ohio with parents, and at age of 19 started West, coming to Kansas City, then across plains in wagon with ox team. He was acquainted with all the famous characters of the mountains, such as Jim Baker, Kit Carson, Tom Boggs and Tom Tobin, and built many of the earliest houses in Denver. Married Jul 29, 1861 Charlotte Julia Ronk, in a building on the present site of the Tritch Hardware Company, Arapahoe Street. She died about 1921.

His death occurred at his residence, 2467 South Bannock Street, Denver about Oct 24, 1924, and interment was in Fairmont Cemetery. He left four daughters: Mrs. Effie D. Harmon (Lyons, Kansas), Mrs. Orrie E. Allen (Denver), Mrs. Lottie V. Fox (Fort Collins), and Alice G. Maine of Walden. Three sons, R. D. Maine (Denver), S. D. Maine (Flint, Michigan), and Percy P. Maine of Salida, Colorado. He also left 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Was member of A.F. & A.M., South Denver. (Denver Post, Oct 4, 1924, portrait)

MAJORS, Alexander, came to plains and mountains in 1848, freighter and stock grower in 1859 and later, mentioned often in papers of the pioneer period. Was director of The Canon City Town Company, 1861. The RMN of Dec 29, 1860 announces that “Alexander Majors the great plains freighter arrived in Denver City on Saturday eve last, to remain a few days.”

MAKEPIECE, J. E., of Michigan, arrived 1859. (See under D. Boyd.) J. F. Makepiece is another of name, noted as being of arrivals from Indiana 1859.

MALLINGFORD, D. S., was in Denver or Auraria 1859 in insurance business. (Directory)

MALLORY & COMPANY, mining, seven men Pleasant Valley, 1859. (RMN)

MALONE, Ell, grantee of lot 9, block 18 Denver City, Nov 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Index)

MALONEY, William, owner of Claim 8, McLeod & Company, lands at Fork of Plum Creek, Oct 1859. (See.)

MANLOVE, Shannon & Company, mining partners, at Russell’s Gulch 1859, another mention is of Allen and Manlove, miners, same place, in a list of efforts in Gilpin County published by RMN during summer.

MANS, George, one of the original stockholders of Auraria City 1858, and in 1859, Nov 11 for consideration of $1 had 16 Auraria lots conveyed to him (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 140, old) Also in the same year and month he was grantee of lot 8, block 41. (Liber C, p. 140)

MANS, O. and C., arrived with D. A. Pritchard, all from New Lisbon, Ohio May 21, 1859. (RMN, May 1859)

MANSION, A., an express package was advertized for him in 1859.

MARAVANT, Joseph, is grantor, lots in Denver, consideration $115, on Cherry Creek. Signs with (X), Jul 12, 1859. Again, grantor of Denver lots 9 and 10, corner C. and McGaa Streets (southeast corner) Sep 13, 1859. In this paper he is described as “of Arapahoe County.” (Liber A, p. 180, old)

MARCHANT, William, of Denver 1859, sells Jul 30 all his interest in the firm of A. J. Williams & Company, including the Denver House and buildings known as the bowling saloon, etc. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 149)

MARCY, Capt. R. B., camped with detachment of soldiers near mouth of Cherry Creek 1858.

MARDY, J. E., Denver, 1859, mining, mentioned in files.

MARIAN, Charley, singer and musician, mentioned in 1859 files as operating at the theatres. Charles P. Marian may be same (?) of firm of Foster & Marian, civil engineers and surveyors. One notice is of Charles Marian printing a map of Denver (or painting it), another refers to him as Capt. in Co. K. 1st Reg. Colo. Vols. 1861, and again it is reported that he recovers from shooting, etc.

MARSH, Martin, member of firm of J. W. Donellan & Company, grantors of claim on McGinnis Lode, Gregory Diggings. Recorded at Mountain City Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 22)

MARSHALL, Gen. F. H., came to goldfields 1859, for there is in Arapahoe County Land Records deed to him of Auraria City lots from the Town Company on Dec 6. He was born in Lee County, Virginia Apr 3, 1816, removed Caldwell County, Missouri, 1842, married in Richmond, Missouri Miss Mary R. Williams. Removed 1852 to Marshall County, Kansas. Was in this state made Brig. Gen. Of Militia, then Maj. Gen. Moved his family across plains to goldfields 1861, engaged in freighting, merchandizing, moved to Central City, mining, then permanently settled down in Georgetown where he lived in 1880.

MARSHALL, George, member of Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived May 20, 1859. Lived in Monroe, Iowa 1907, and in a later list published 1920 is at same address.
MARSHALL, Hugh, (signs X), certificate of his Denver lots two select, and two draw lots “on Larimer Street, where his house stands” Nov 25, 1859. He later sells lots 7-8, block 67, lot 28, block 92, and later sells lot 21 for $250. (See Land Records, Index)

MARSHALL, Lee, (Marshall Lee ?), miner at Hill Difficulty, partner of Wallace Atherton, summer 1859.

MARSHALL, R., member of St. Louis Tunnelling Company operating at Gregory Diggings 1859.

MARSHALL, W. A., arrived May 28, 1859 from Leavenworth with 15 others, by Express Route (RMN, June) May 1859.

MARTIN, Bird, of Arapahoe County, grantor, Jan 16, 1860 lot in Colorado City, on Colorado Avenue and other lots yet to be drawn from his one half of original interest in said town; grantee Frederick Campbell, consideration $500. (Arapahoe County Land Records, 1859)

MARTIN, C., also E. Martin, H. Martin, of Pennsylvania arrived May 22, 1859 in Wagon 2 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons. (RMN, May or June)


MARTIN, John, had claim in winter of 1859 (Dec) near that of Joseph Merriveall, Clear Creek (ranche claim). (In either Jefferson or Arapahoe County Land Records. See indices)

MARTIN, Robert H., arrived Jun 1, 1859. Member of Society Pioneers of Gilpin County. (List of members)

MARTIN, V. G., with three other persons arrived from Warren County, Kentucky by Smoky Hill Route, Jun 3, 1859. (RMN, June)

MARTIN, Capt. Wilson, arrived with his party of six from Indiana May 16, 1859. (RMN, May)

MARTINEZ, Henry, has located ranche claim of 160 acres land next Peter Imer’s ranche claim, Jun 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 50) In the winter following, Dec 21, he is of Doyle’s Ranche, and has a trial for property.

MARYLAND GULCH, (or Chase Gulch), on Jun 18, 1859 notice is given and recorded that water can be conveyed from this to Gregory Gulch. Signed by D. M. Crum and S. Bronson. (Gregory Record, p. 50)
MARYLAND LODE, mining here by Shoog & Company, summer 1859.

MASON, W. W., member of the first Constitutional Convention 1859, delegate from Gregory Diggings. He was a member of the Central Committee.

MASONRY in 1859. Masonic Hall in Gregory Gulch is described by Judge Matthews of Central. The location of it was selected about Jun 15 on south side of the Gulch, about 300 feet southwest of where the old Kip & Buell Mill was afterward built, and a house, or “Temple” about 30 feet square was built during the summer. (Matthews’ pamphlet, pp. 6-7, quoted in booklet printed by Denver Lodge No. 5 on its fiftieth anniversary.) This is prior to the founding of Auraria Lodge at Auraria City, which first met Oct 1, 1859 under dispensation granted by Grand Master Rees of Kansas Territory, and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kansas Nov 21, 1861 as No. 37. Soon after this a Grand Lodge was formed in Colorado, and this charter was returned to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and a new dispensation granted by the new Grand Lodge Sep 19, 1861, under name of Denver Lodge U. D., the two rival towns Auraria and Denver being consolidated. The early records of this Lodge are still preserved. 

Square & Compass published a reprint of some of the records of old Auraria Lodge, pp. 30-1-2, Apr 1895 (see files in Public Library Denver) and its first Hall was in 2nd floor of Buddee & Jacobs’ store building in Auraria, a very elegant frame building in 1859, finished with glass windows, some considerable moundings, all painted snow white. (See illustration of it as frontispiece, Photograph 1924)

The Grand Lodge of Colorado consisted as first of three bodies the Golden City Lodge, the Summit (No. 2) at Parkville, and the Rocky Mountain No. 3 at Gold Hill, chartered as the Summit in Jun 1861 by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Territory. It will be seen that part of the Lodges owed dispensation to Nebraska, and the others to Kansas, Rocky Mountain Lodge was at Gold Hill, but is now gone, and the locations of the Lodge rooms cannot be identified. On the occasion of opening her Lodge home in the beautiful Buddee & Jacobs building, Auraria Lodge assembled 40 Masons the Worshipful Master was Henry Allen, S. W. Charles Johnson, Charles H. Blake Jr., Warden, J. H. Gest Secretary pro tem, A. Sagendorf Treasurer pro tem, John Graves, S. D., J. D. Ramage J. D., John Hughes Tyler. Arapahoe Lodge was the first name of Auraria Lodge, but it never had a dispensation. It met in cabins in Auraria since Oct 1858.

(From description of the Lodge Hall and first meeting at Gregory Gulch, Square and Compass, p. 29, Apr 1896.) The Masonic Lodges of Denver met in the Tappan Block prior to 1874, and after leaving Auraria, but after 1874, the RMN announces their elegant new quarters in Fink Block. Here they had the entire upper story, which faces 61 feet on Holladay Street, and 26 feet on 15th Street, Nos. 5 and 7 met here, and Chapter No. 2.

The Masonic Cemetery was located 1870 or later, at north end of F. Street, Denver, with Francis Gallup in charge.

MASTERSON, J. F., was in 1858 an original stockholder of Auraria.
MASTERSON, Jacob, came with Russell’s party. May be same above? Nov 10, 1859 is grantee from Auraria Town Company to 8-1/2 lots ($1).

MASTERSON, Jacob T., witness Nov 1, and again on Dec 17, 1859. May be same party above? In the RMN, Dec 14, 1865, is marriage of a Joseph Masterson to Mrs. Elvira R. Flemming by P. P. Wilcox, Esq. This note is included as it may indicate a relative.

MATHER, Ewin (?) (Ewin C.), Sep 9, 1859 is grantee of lots 29-30, block 47, Denver City. Later in RMN, Apr 9, 1861, notice of death of Edw. C. Mather, formerly of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, is given as having occurred the previous week on Apr 3. (Same party?)

MATHIS, M. L., arrived with the following companions on Jun 14, 1859, via Smoky Hill Route, 56 days from Leavenworth, and 60 miles without wood and water: (all are from Mt. Pulaski, Illinois) N. M. Whittaker, W. C. Webster, A. B. Dement, David Clark. (RMN) (At the time of this arrival the paper announces that from one to three hundred are arriving in Denver each day.)

MAUVER, Louis, grantee, Sep 21, 1859, Auraria lot No 9, block 33, on St. Louis Street. (Arapahoe County Land Records,’59, old)

MAXEY, N. R., farming claim filed Dec 14, 1859, being on west side Platte River, near Allen & Murchy’s claim. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

MAXON, D. C., arrived Jul 1859. Lived part of time in Elbert, Colorado. Born New York Feb 12, 1825. (Name in list of Colorado Pioneers’ Society)

MAXON, M. H., arrived in Wagon 8, of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons, May 22, 1859, and was from Kansas Territory. His name is in Arapahoe County Land Records, later on Oct 6, as witness in land grant.

MAXON, S., arrived from Elkhart, Indiana May 14, 1859, 39 days from St. Louis. (RMN, files of May ’59)

MAXWELL, C. A., is the authorized agent of the Western Mountaineer, Dec 7, 1859. This paper was published at Golden City by Mr. West. Mr. Maxwell was its agent in Mountain City to deed to claims, etc. (Gregory Record, p. 22)

MAXWELL, Lucien B., famous scout, hunter and guide, and contemporary with the Bents, Sublette, etc., made very wealthy by sale of his lands in the “Maxwell Grant.” Was born in Kaskaskia, near Missouri River, came to New Mexico in 1841, and married a daughter of Charles Baubien, lived in Taos, was with one of Fremont’s expeditions. He with Bent, Lupton, St. Vrain, and Baubien founded an American settlement on Adobe Creek as early as 1840, but it disappeared after 1846. (Site now in Fremont County.) He purchased several Spanish grants and built town of Rayado,
afterward Cimmarron was laid out by him in 1857-8, and he died Las Vegas Aug 1875. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 167, Vol. 2, p. 242)

MAYER, Lebolt, grantee Arapahoe County “2 lots on corner of C. and Larimer Streets opposite the lots and house occupied by Gen. William Larimer, Jr. in Denver City, Kansas Territory,” consideration $400, date Jul 23, 1859. Hickory Rogers is grantor. (Arapahoe County old Land Records, Liber A, p. 187)

MAYER (or Meyer), Samuel, in 1858 had donation lots with agreement to build hewed log house by Mar 1859. (These were probably in Auraria City ?)

MAYER, W. H., express package advertised for him in RMN, files ’59.

MAYFIELD, ---, a young man, miner in Gregory Diggings, mentioned in RMN, files of ’59.

MAYHEW, ---, was candidate for City Attorney in Dec 1859. There was also a resident of either Denver or Auraria by name of A. Mayhew.

MAYWOOD, Pap (?), came with Lawrence Party from Kansas in 4th wagon 1858. This party brought supplies to the goldfields.

MAZERVE, ---, was on a committee of members of old Auraria Lodge Jan 7, 1860, of members to prepare by-laws and have same published: Bryant and Blake were associated with Mazerve, but his name is mentioned first, so he was probably chairman of the committee. (If the by-laws were ever published it was the first Masonic production printed in the Rocky Mountain Region.) This information is from Square and Compass, p. 33, Apr 1895. (Edited by L. N. Greenleaf, Denver.)

MEACH, Mr., is described as fishing in the mountains, by RMN, files during a time in summer of ’59.

MEEEKS & ROBERTS, mining at Russell’s Gulch, 12 men. (RMN, 1859)

MEERMAN & BROTHERS, with four men, mining in Pleasant Valley Diggings. (RMN, files of ’59)

MEGILL, Nicholas, (Megel, also spelled), owned in 1859 lot 1, block 38, also lot 9, block 41, all in Auraria City Oct 18. (2 deeds)

MELLELY, Frederic, a German butcher, died of wounds from stabbing. (RMN, files 1859)

MELVIN, J., was member first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Illinois Central Diggings summer of 1859. John Melvin was a resident of Denver during this year, and John G. Melvin appears in lists of Colorado Pioneers’ Society of 1920 as

MENCH, John L. (This name appears in my notes as grantor of Denver lots 1859, but with no reference. Probably from Arapahoe County Land Records.)

MERCER, Mr., “of Chicago Creek Bar,” testifies in Pascoe case in Nov 1859. Reported in Western Mountaineer of Jan 25, 1860.

MERCHANT & COMPANY, mining at Russell’s, six men. (RMN, files of 1859)


MERRICK, John L., proprietor of the rival newspaper The Cherry Creek Pioneer, “bought out” by the RMN on the appearance of its first issue Apr 26, 1859. This paper exists (one copy in State Historical Society library files of the RMN), and it was consulted with much profit by this compiler, who obtained from it about twenty or more Fiftyniners that she could have had from any source otherwise. They will be given as they occur in the arrangement. He is said to have arrived in Denver with a small printing outfit Apr 13, being from St. Joseph, Missouri. The following editorial appears in the RMN, Sep 28, 1865: “We are pained to learn from our Leavenworth Exchanges, of the death in that city of the 18th instant: of Capt. John L. Merrick, who was well known here in the early days of Colorado. He had the honor of issuing the first newspaper in the Territory, on Apr 26, 1859, called “The Cherry Creek Pioneer.” Only one number was issued, however, when it was merged in the RMN. He was an officer under the Provisional Government and afterwards for a year or two an employee of the RMN office. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he was one of the first to take up arms in the Army of the Union. He enlisted as a private in the 16th Illinois Regiment (Col. Smith) and was afterwards transferred to the 7th Kansas Cavalry, and commanded as Captain. After serving for over a year in that Regiment, he resigned, in consequence of a wound and later enlisted in Blunt’s Body Guard, where he was again wounded severely, and again mustered out. Last summer he spent as a scout in the extreme South, and there, by exposure, and want of care, contracted the disease of which he has just died. His age was about 36 or 38 years. He was a man possessed of excellent qualities of heart and head, and was universally esteemed and respected by all who know him.” Merrick served in the first Constitutional Convention as a delegate from Mountain City, 1859 and seems to have been nominated as Marshall at the October Convention, and early in the year (August) he files statement in Arapahoe County Land Office that he is entitled to Draw Lots in the Town Company.

Mr. Byers wrote probably, the editorial given above, and it ought to settle the burning question of the priority of the two papers. Later issues of the RMN, also most of the histories, have always claimed that Merrick’s paper came second. If Mr.
Byers in the kindness of his heart “stretched the truth” while writing his old rival’s obituary, other commentators, it seems to me should follow suit.

MERRITT, John M., arrived in Denver May 21, 1859, with William Unger and John Turner, and his widowed mother advertizes for him as lost and she gives her address as Jasper, Texas. He came from this place.  (RMN, files, 1859)

MERRIVALL (Merriwell) (Merivill), Joseph, his child is said to have been the first death in Auraria, in Mar 1859.  (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 233)  Joseph Merrivall appears in Arapahoe County Land Records as early as Feb 6, 1859, “of the City of Auraria” and receives assignment – of lots of William McGee of Denver City on this date. Later, Dec 27, he files farm claim to land situated on south bank Clear Creek, at northwest corner of John Martin’s claim.  (Liber D, p. 30, old)  In Feb 1860 he sells this claim.

MERSEREAU & KEANE, of Golden, mentioned in Western Mountaineer as preparing to run a line of hacks between that city and Denver after Dec 1859.

METCALF S. C., arrived Apr 14, 1859, with Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons from St. Joseph, 23 days, originally from La Salle, Illinois.  (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859)  (See information under John L. Merrick.)

METHODOIST CHURCH, in the Watrous’ History of Larimer County, p. 20, it is stated that the first Methodist Episcopal Church was started in Central City, Jul 1859, and the first in Denver in August of same year.  In Auraria City, Feb 9, 1860 the land records show that the Auraria Town Company donated lot 11, block 63 for a building for this society.

METZ, Thomas A., arrived from Stout’s P. O., Ohio, with party of B. J. Stout.  (See under this name.)

MEYER, Ferdinand, pioneer of 1867 to San Luis Valley, Colorado, died in Costilla, New Mexico, Mar 28, 1921.  Born Brunswick, Germany 1836, emigrated United States age of 20 years, lived in St. Louis, Missouri, and Taos, New Mexico where his work was to care for 100 mules and wagon trains.  Clerked in store in Costilla later, and 1867 owned store, and soon had chain of stores in San Luis Valley.  Friend of Kit Carson and Tom Tobin.  There was only 17 white men below Saguache and above Santa Fe when he arrived in 1867, excepting the soldiers at the Forts.  (Garland and another)  At time of his death he was member of Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M. Denver.  His children:  Charles (1565 Steel Street, Denver), Harry (Nebraska), Will F, Bertram, and Percy (Costilla), Mrs. E. E. Van Diest (Colorado Springs), Mrs. D. Salazar (San Luis, Colorado).  The Trail, Apr 21, Denver

MEYER, L. & COMPANY are mentioned in files of RMN in 1859 as among the number of merchants handling gold dust.

MEYER, Leopold, was resident Denver 1920 and member Society Colorado Pioneers. In Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 561, his birth is given, Sep 16, 1838 in France, and arrived Colorado May 15, 1859.

MICHAELTREE, William, announced in file of RMN summer 1859 as having died enroute to Denver City.

MICHAU, Felix, on Jun 8, 1859 was joint owner of lots on Larimer Street between C. and D., north side where the plank house is now erected. There is a wedding (in files of 1862) at residence of the bride’s father in Arapahoe County between Miss Jennie Blundell and Felix Michaud (?) Oct 22, 1862.

MICHAUD, Frank, freighter for Col. Bent in 1857, between this point and St. Louis, Missouri, where he returned the following year, and in spring of 1859 arrived Denver, going to Central City to mining business. Later preempted ranche on Platte River near Brighton, but traded it in 1871 for land on Cache la Poudre, in Larimer County, where he is living 1911. Born Oct 13, 1837, Isle Verte, Quebec. Married in Canada 1867 to Aurelia Paradis. For his children, see Watrous’ History Larimer County, p. 402.

MICHEE, or Michel, of Huerfano, is said to be a pioneer of 1859.

MICHELE, David, stockholder in Denver City Town Company, 1859.

MIDBURY, H. T., and company of five men, arrived from Ohio, spring 1859. (RMN, files)

MIDDAGAUGH, William H., Sheriff of Arapahoe County Oct 3, 1859, sells property from court house door, Denver City. He seems to live in Auraria City. Received from that Town Company, 9 lots, Dec 23 in this year, he acted as representative of the Vigilance committee, pursuing James Gordon’s friends. This trial is described in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, pp. 237-243. Middaugh was on his way to the states when killed, and was shot from ambush near Julesburg, two or three years after the trial.

MIDDLETON, Dr. C. H., from South Bend, Indiana, represented in files of 1859 as mining at Tarryall District, also in Gregory. He is spoken of also as having come from South Park, and traveling now in the mountains.

MIDDLETON, Robert with wife and child and two young men, were in 9th wagon of Lawrence Party which brought supplies to the mouth of Cherry Creek 1858. He later lived in the first log house in Canon City, according to Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 391.
MIFLER (Miller?), John R, in list of pioneers, said to have arrived Jun 12, 1859. Died Mar 8, 1888. (No residence noted.)

MIGEL, Nicholas, an original stockholder of Auraria Town Company, 1858.

MILBURY, H. T., with company of five men, arrived Jun 3 1859 from Ohio by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN)

MILES, Alfred H., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Sep 5, 1859. Born Cleveland, Ohio Sep 14, 1820. He farmed on Clear Creek, nine miles from Denver, later on Cherry Creek, and finally lived in Denver retired. He started with family for California, but on reaching Denver decided to remain and gave up his enterprise.

MILES, Charles, arrived with D. C. Oakes and party of five men, via Platte Trail Oct 10, 1858.

MILES, George T., born Ohio Sep 15, 1844, arrived Colorado Sep 19, 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society in list of 1907, home Denver.

MILES, S. C., certificate recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records of his two select lots, 9-10, block 98, Sep 20, 1859. S. E. Miles (same?) is member whose name appears in record of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society, credited with arriving on May 1, 1859. There was no note of his demise in this record up to 1923.

MILES, T. C., tinsmith, hardware, etc., Ferry Street, Auraria City, 1859. (Directory)

MILES, Z. C., resident of Auraria 1859. (Name from clipping)

MILEY, L., arrived Apr 14, 1859 via Capt. William Valentine’s wagon train of six wagons, from La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859) L. Miley is in Mountain City engaged in mining in Sep 1859, for he files statement of his desire to discontinue working his claim in Gregory Gulch until Jun 1860 as he wishes to obtain from the States some machinery. He states that the claim is mostly hard quartz, and cannot be worked for want of water. On Sep 26, he files this application for exemption. (Gregory Record, p. 28)

MILHEIM, John, in Directory of 1859 is a baker, with shop on Larimer Street. His name appears in Arapahoe County Land Records as witness in sale of a farm claim on Platte River Oct 6 of that year. He is mentioned in Vol. 25, in biographical notes of Colorado by Bancroft, and later by other historians. Born Bierne, Switzerland Jun 3, 1835. Emigrated United States age 14 years with a number of others, lived in New York, Niagara Falls, where he followed baker’s trade, while at Columbus, Ohio he followed steel polishing. Omaha 1856, and on Apr 16, 1859 in that place married Miss Reithmann, a sister of J. J. and L. D. Reithmann, also pioneers of Denver. The former was his partner later in the year 1859 in opening a bakery in Denver. This he
carried until 1866 when he embarked in real estate, property, etc. (Note: there is a
John Milheim living at 1355 Pennsylvania Street, Denver, in Directory of 1925.)

MILLER, ---, of firm of Beaigien & Miller, merchants handling gold dust in
advertisement in RMN 1859. Denver City and Auraria.

MILLER, A., mining, 1859, Clear Creek & Boulder. A. Miller was elected a Rocky
Mountain Ranger, in 2nd precinct, Mountain City, same year, and A. Miller was
partner of C. J. McDuffie & Company in claim on Hyatt Lode, Gregory Diggings,
Sep 30, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 2) while Alfred Miller was witness of deed in
Mountain City, Sep 28, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 13)

MILLER, G., is witness Oct 3, 1859, in Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 43)
(name may be C. Miller)

MILLER, J. D., born New York, Mar 22, 1836, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and
given as having arrived Pike’s Peak Sep ’58. One of name J. D. Miller is member of
firm of Washburn & Company, or Washburn, Miller & Company, mining in vicinity
of Mountain City in 1859.

MILLER, James C., witness to deed, Mountain City, Sep 26, 1859. (Gregory Record)

MILLER, John, name occurs among party bringing supplies to the goldfields from
Kansas in 1858. (See J. D. Miller above?) This may be same John Miller who is
noted as having arrived in 5th wagon of the Lawrence Party, and who made ascent of
Pike’s Peak in July of that summer with several others of party.

MILLER, John, Nov 5, 1859, files claim to 160 acres land, for ranching purposes, lying
on northeast side of road leading from Denver to Golden City, in bend of river at
Table Mountain, and two miles from Golden City.

MILLER, John D., (see J. D., also John, above) who arrived with Lawrence party 1858 is
said to be in 1899 a citizen of Pueblo.

MILLER, L., reported in RMN as having arrived mouth Cherry Creek May 28, 1859.
Wagon train from Missouri. Another record of an L. Miller (Hall’s Colorado History,
appears in Jun 1859 to be grantor of a farm claim situated on Clear Creek near Table
Mountain, to H. C. Green. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 19, Golden
City)

MILLER, Paul, said to have arrived with Mell Beach and Dr. Gavin 1859.

MILLIKEN, Mrs. Louise, died age 80, Dec 12, 1924. Originally from Waynesburg,
Pennsylvania, her father’s name not given, said to be pioneer of 1859. (The Trail, Jan
1924)
MILLS, Austin R., in 1858 original stockholder of Auraria City, is in 1859 conveying lot 5, block 6, in this place Nov 8. Name in last transaction given as A. R. Mills.

MILLS, Charles, in list of pioneers of 1858.


MILLS, L. C., arrived May 1, 1859, but reported deceased in Colorado Pioneers’ Society list (probably before 1880).

MILLS, name of S. Mills, in list of Jul 1859, Denver. (May be the same as L. Mills above?)

MILLS, S. E., said to have arrived May 10, 1859.

MILLS, W. M., Esq., from the leads of the St. Vrain, mentioned in RMN, files of 1859.

MILLS, William, in list of occupants of the third wagon, Lawrence party, bringing supplies to the goldfields from Kansas 1858.

MILTON, George, is owner of lots 11-12, block 244, and 29-30, block 235, Denver City, Sep 26, 1859.

MILTON, Richard G., deeds to Elias Brown, mining claims, of 100 feet each, in the Sargent Lode, located north of the Lake Lode, about 120 yards west of Discovery Claim. (Gregory Diggings, Aug 9, 1859) (Gregory & Mountain City Record Book, Central.)

MILTON, Thomas, of Nevada Gulch, miner. ( Mentioned newspaper clipping.)

MINER, Cyrus M., grantor, to E. Brown, claims in Gregory Diggings Aug 8, 1859. “For want of the proper machinery, the above cannot be worked this season.” Dated at Mountain City, West Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, p. 9)

MING & COOPER, firm, freighters, in 1859, of Auraria City. They sue J. N. Cochran. (Represented as bringing in trains.) Also advertised store in Auraria.

MING, DOYLE & COMPANY, mining at Tarryall, during this year.

MING & WARREN, this firm had store in large brick block on Ferry Street, Auraria, in this year.

MING, John, had groceries to sell 1858 in cabin built in “Indian Row.” This may be same as John F. Ming, who signs deed as witness, Mar 18, 1859, and John H. Ming
who files farm claim in 1859, same he located in 1858 on east bank of South Platte River, at outlet of Chrystal Lake. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 102) He is also mentioned in list of merchants handling gold, and one description of his grocery is of situated opposite Vasquez House, on Ferry Street. Another mention is of a saloon owned by J. H. Moer, of north 1/2 of lot 1, block 10, on Cherry Street, 132 feet back, in West Denver, conditional on Moer paying Ming $400, sixty days from date, in good seasonable lumber. There is a wedding recorded in 1868 of John H. Ming of Virginia City, Montana Territory, to Miss Katie L. Cole, of Nevada City, Colorado, Feb 20, but compiler does not know if same party. (Golden records)

MINNEHAHA TOWN & MARBLE COMPANY, incorporated with 24 members Nov 16, 1859 to build town and work their marble quarry, at lands claimed near South Fork of Sand, or Plum Creek, on west side of said creek, and about 15 miles from the junction with North Fork of said stream. (Three sections of land in Arapahoe County.) (Done at Minnehaha, Nov 16, 1859.) (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 189, old)

MINNESOTA COMPANY, mining in Russell’s Gulch, summer 1859 with five men. (Files, 1859)

MINOR & COMPANY, mining during summer of this year in lower part of Russell’s Gulch, at Pleasant Valley, seven men. (See Miner, also)

MINTER, J.J. as his ranche was advertised in Apr 1860 as very desirable for stock, cattle, etc., with corrals, etc., and to keep stock, it is likely this is an arrival of the previous year. (?) Owned ranche claim of R. McCurley, on Platte, in Nov 1859, kept “The Hermitage” this year, in Denver, and on Dec 21, from his house the marriage of Miss Eliza Burch to Charles Corbin took place.

MISSOURI CITY, town platted upon the Divide between Russell and Illinois and Spring Gulches, during 1859. It died out after Central made increases.

MISSOURI FLATS, place where water was scarce, and dirt had to be hauled away to be washed. Rockers were used here 1859.

MISSOURI HOUSE, noted in Denver City in this year.

MITCHELL, David, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living 1920 in Denver. He was born in Missouri Sep 5, 1848. Was an arrival of Sep 1859, and stockholder in Denver City Town Company in that year.

MITCHELL, J., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living Denver where he arrived May 1859. Born Prussia 1812. Was deceased previous to 1890.
MITCHELL, Nathan, on Sep 26, 1859 sells undivided interest in nine mining claims held by Loveland, Tozier & Coan in the Tozier Lode, Gregory District. (Gregory Record, old)

MOCK, George R., came from Missouri to Colorado 1859, living first at Georgetown, later on land where Neepesta now stands. Father of James and William, mentioned below. Miss Luella Shaw in her “Pioneer Tales” published in Hotchkiss, Colorado 1909 is his grand daughter.

MOCK, James, living Ordway, Colorado 1909, came with father George R. to Colorado and was later in Battle of Sand Creek.

MOCK, William, came with father and brother James to Colorado and was in Battle of Sand Creek later. He lived 1909 in Fowler, Colorado.

MODENA, Mariana, first settler in Big Thompson Valley, 1858. From San Luis Valley, with Indian wife, five children and servants, had picturesque and hospitable ranche named Namaqua, where she died 1874, he in 1878, both buried near their log cabin home. He was of Spanish and Indian blood, and famous as a scout and guide in Indian matters. Next to Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and Jim Baker, he was the most noted frontiersman in the country. In Watrous’ History of Larimer County, pp. 122, also 167-9, his life is mentioned. Also portrait, and view of his stage station at Namaqua.

MOER, S. H., was a pioneer of 1859, first mentioned in RMN as accompanying some prospectors to a mine: His name appears in Land Records of early times, and he was a builder and in lumber trade in Auraria. He was Quartermaster in First Reg. Vols. In Aug 1861, also was Chairman of the New Republican Club, organized soon after the first nomination of Lincoln. (Colorado Republican, Jun 1861) He was also Chairman of the Republican Party organization and is written up at length in the number of Jun 8, 1861, 4th page, 7th column. His lumber yard in May 1860 was on 5th or Larimer Street, near the bridge, and his mill in operation on Plum Creek in Jul 1863 he was Captain, and is mentioned in the papers of the time. Once, he and his wife with Mr. and Mrs. Byers and Gov. Elbert visited Central Sep 14, 1862, and travelled from that city to Idaho Springs, then a mining camp called “Idaho.”

MOHFIELD, Louis, was very early in the country, for he files for record Jan 2, 1860 deed to 20 lots from Auraria Town Company.

MONELL, Dr. George C., came with Byers and printing press from Omaha, and started the RMN after Feb. 1859. He arrived February.

MONK, Hank, was the stage driver on Overland Stage to California in 1859 conveying Horace Greeley westward. The road crossed the Big Thompson River at Mariana Modena’s place, crossed the Cache la Poudre at La Porte, then on into the mountains
at Virginia Dale. Greeley rode over the Sierra with Hank Monk, and a description is in Watrous’ History Larimer County, p. 84.

MONMOUTH LODE, a rich prospect in 1859.

MONROE & LEONARD, mining company, eight men, washing gold at Pleasant Valley during this year.

MONTANA CITY, first town platted in Pike’s Peak Region, by the Lawrence party, Sep 1858, on South Platte River 4-1/2 miles west of State Capitol building, and its site is bounded now on north by West Evans Avenue, on east by South Tremont Street, on south by West Iliff Avenue, on west by Platte River. It lies directly east of the old Overland Cotton Mills. Later, after the passing of Montana City, William J. Boyer took up this land with some more, for a ranche. He was the Secretary of the Town Company, the President being Josiah Hinman. They built two log houses at first, one of which was given up to Countess Muratt, while the men of the party camped in the other one. Montana City did not survive the close of 1859; her projectors moved to the mouth of Cherry Creek and in a few more months Auraria City and Denver appeared under the cottonwood trees. In 1923 a tablet was placed on the site by one of the Historical Societies, and the meeting attended by one of the original pioneers.

MONTANA CREEK, a stream west of Auraria, probably a dry gulch in the hills of North Denver, near site of Montana City, where gold was washed.


MONTI, Joshua, arrived Nov 1858, was always prominent in Denver, and many land records include his name; the earliest is of lot 21, block 48, dated Jan 14, 1860. In 1899 he lived at 1344 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Monti Block on Larimer Street was built by him. He is interred Fairmont Cemetery in very elegant mausoleum.

MOODIE, John, a resident of Golden City, takes up claim on Ralston Creek near claim sold by Nelson Rowan Jan 12, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records)

MOODY, George Lyman, civil engineer and surveyor, and one of the first members of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M., on the night it was opened 1859. Aug 18, 1860 he was appointed to assist the Secretary in making out a transcript of the records of the Lodge to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, with a petition for a charter. He had formerly been a member of Waubansia Lodge No. 160 in Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois. He made a plat of Auraria City in 1859, and in Feb 1860 makes an agreement to make changes in maps of both cities. “And run the meander of the Platte between the points where it has not yet been run by me.” For this work, making good map, tracings, etc., he is to receive the sum of $4,000. A very beautiful
colored map made by Moody & Marion is filed in Liber F, p. 26 May 24, 1860. This shows claim of P. H. Way beginning at H. & K. Streets, and 15 blocks above river.

MOON, H., makes notice of claim to land for ranch, near Clark & Company mill, up and down Clear Creek, and next Golden City line, in the County of Jefferson, the Territory of Jefferson, dated Dec 24, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 1, Cash Book)

MOONEY (Rooney?), Michael, makes farm claim, 160 acres, Arapahoe County “By one hundred yards above the crossing of Clear Creek, by the Cherokee Trail. Located Apr 2, 1859, by said Michael Mooney.” (Arapahoe County Land Records)

MOORE, ---, and three other men arrived Jun 4, 1859, Denver, from Gilson, Knox County, Illinois. (RMN, files, Jun 1859)


MOORE, J. O. member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Colorado May 15, 1859. Born Illinois Apr 19, 1832. (Lived in Denver part of time.)

MOORE, John, incorporator Nov 16, 1859, of the Minnehaha Town & Marble Company, “to acquire lands and make Marble Quarries.”

MOORE, John A., grantee, Gregory District of mining claims (Gregory Record, Central City) another: John A. Moore makes claim with W. A. H. Love, land, for building purposes, in Mountain City, Sep 30, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 4)

MOORE, John C., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Colorado Jun 27, 1859. Born Tennessee Aug 18, 1834. He was elected Territory Representative from 1st District same year, and in December elected Mayor of Denver, in Territory of Jefferson. Hall’s Colorado History says that Moore being a Southerner, when the Rebellion broke out, went home and became an officer in the Confederate service.

MOORE, Mark, or Mark A., (probably same), was a miner in Russell’s Gulch and on Oct 21, 1859, was appointed by the miners’ organization on a committee to voice their protest against the Denver & Auraria merchants reducing the price of gold dust, and to draft resolutions, etc. This meeting is given in RMN, files, Nov. 10. He was at one time in very early day, councilman elect from 4th District, and was by Gov. Steele appointed Commissary General (probably of Militia).

MOORE, S. T., of O'Fallon, Illinois, arrived May 28, 1859 by Alfred Tucker’s train, by the Arkansas Route (reported in RMN a few days later).

MOORE, W., reported as an arrival in Boulder Valley Oct 17, 1858.

MOORE, W. E., was a member of the first Constitutional Convention, delegate from Jefferson Precinct 1859. (RMN) This may be the same as Capt. W. E. Moore mentioned in RMN during that summer as a miner in the Tarryall Diggings. The Capt. is also referred to in the paper as a visitor from Omaha, Nebraska.

MOORE & GRIMES, are merchants and dealers in Denver City during this year.

MOOREHEAD, C. R., with John W. Russell, kept general store on Blake Street, in Denver, according to Directory of Merchants and Businessmen of 1859.

MORAUD, or MORAND (?), Thomas M., grantee from Auraria Town Company Oct 31, 1859 four city lots in Auraria in blocks 34, 119-140-241. Later he buys of the company, some more lots in blocks 26-34- and 192. This is in December. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 3)

MOREHEAD, Charles, grantee, Nov 23, 1859, (with John W. Russell), Denver lot 29, block 70, from T. J. Bayaud (probably C. R. Moorehead above?)

MORGAN, ---, mentioned as with those at Montana City, 1858.

MORGAN, Edward, miner, in Rocky Mountain Diggings, appeared on miners’ Committee on Resolutions protesting the lowering price of gold dust in 1859.

MORGAN, I. D., (of Ohio) arrived 1859. (RMN)


MORGAN & HAWKINS, mining, two men, Russell Gulch, summer 1859. (RMN)

MORGAN, William H., born New York Jul 20, 1826, arrived goldfields May 10, 1859. In 1881 resident of Leadville and Kieber Creek. 1890, 1907 and 1920 resident of Park County. Was at first meeting Colorado Pioneers’ Society, when it was started, Jun 22, 1866. At this time it included only arrivals of 1858-9. He was in Golden City Jan 30, 1860, for he deeds to William O. Simpson of same place, a one fifth interest in 600 feet on the Morgan Lead, owned by Morgan, Baker & Company, situated directly north of Mountain City, Mountain County, Territory of Jefferson, etc. No witnesses. Recorded Golden, Land Record Office. (Mortgage)

MORREEN (Morrow?), Rollin, of Denver in Nov 1859, Denver lots. (See Rollin Morrow?)
MORRIS, James, loses pair of mules.  (RMN, files, 1859)

MORRIS, Lewis, of Arapahoe County Dec 19, 1859, and is grantee of lots in City of Auraria.  (Arapahoe County Land Records)

MORRIS, M., member of Water Company (Ditch) 1859.  (RMN)

MORRIS, M. C., of South Park country in 1859.  ( Mentioned in RMN)

MORRIS, M. F. (or W. F.?), member first Constitutional Convention 1859, a delegate from Deadwood.

MORRISON & COMPANY, three men, mentioned in RMN as mining in Russell’s summer 1859.

MORRISON, George, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, born Canada Apr 16, 1822, arrived goldfields Jun 1, 1859.  Settling in Mt. Vernon (Jefferson County now) in year of his arrival, then moved to Bear Creek (now Morrison).  This place was given his name later.  Engaged in stockraising, quarrying, and other industries, a livery stable in 1875, his wife was Miss Isabella Murray of Montreal, married 1846.  He was born in this town, and before coming west had been a contracting builder there.

MORRISON, John, must have arrived 1859 for he grants on Jan 5, 1860 to G. N. Belcher both residents of Golden City, lot 4 in block 2, Golden City on south side of Creek.

MORRISON, Dr. John Hickey, was member of first Colorado Pioneers’ Society, meeting Jun 22, 1866, in Denver, and which only recognized those of 1858-9.  He was grantee to land claim on Dec 9, 1859, same lying northeast of Denver on Platte.  He was a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago.  Was born New York State, died suddenly Jul 21, 1876.  His wife was a daughter of Joseph La Haie, Miss Charlotte, married in Wisconsin.  They had three children and pretty ranche on Platte, near where Riverside now stands.  He [was a] collector of Internal Revenue in Denver, later in lumber trade with two brothers, and had beautiful residence on Boulevard in North Denver.

MORRISON, Mr. M., arrived Jun 14, 1859.  (note from clipping)

MORRISON, S. B., arrived 1859 with brother Dr. John H. Morrison (see above), bought ranche three miles north of Denver on Platte River, and engaged in lumbering and merchandizing.  Was in business with brother, also in stock raising, mining in Gilpin County, and in Park County.  Grocery business later.  Moved to Georgetown 1865, operated there a quartz mill, married in 1871 in Denver.

MORRISON, Dr. Sidney, arrived Oct 11, 1859, with his wife, who is also a Fiftyniner.  Mentioned in RMN clipping.
MORRISON, Silas, councilman elect, 3rd District, Denver 1859.  (RMN)

MORRISON, William, Denver, arrived 1859 (note from clipping RMN, undated).

MORROW, Rollin, (see Morreen) of Arapahoe County Nov 10, 1858 grantor of lot on Blake Street (name spelled Rolla). Rollin Morrow was member Society Colorado Pioneers living at Bailey P. O. as late as 1907. Said to be an arrival of Oct 20, 1859.

MORTIMER, C. M., one of the locally famous “Cibola Minstrels” at Apollo Theatre, in 1859, mentioned in RMN and other papers of that day.

MORTON, C., arrived from Pennsylvania, summer of 1859.  (Lists in RMN) There was in Nevada District during year a firm of Morton & Company, who owned a tunnell. May be same.

MOSQUITO RANGE, range of mountains near Fairplay, mentioned in annals of 1859 as mining district.

MOSS, D. R., enumerated in Trade Directory of 1859 as a hotel keeper located on Larimer Street, this may be the same as Donny P. (or R) Moss who Oct 1, this year mortgages for 264 dollars his property in Denver City. He is of Arapahoe County.

MOSS, R., arrived goldfields by Smoky Hill route, “43 days out of Leavenworth, by Leo Express Company, of Leo, Indiana.” May 24, 1859.  (RMN)

MOULTON, J. M., files notice about his claim in Gregory Diggings on Oct 3, 1859.  (Gregory Record, p. 47)

“MOUNTAIN BOYS’ SALOON,” was situated in Oct 1859 on the first floor of a two story building in Denver (or Auraria), the upper floor being occupied by the Registrar of Deeds for the county, Eugene F. Clewell.

MOUNTAIN CITY, county seat of Mountain County, extended up to the intersection of Spring and Gregory Gulches. It’s centre, according to Hall, was just below the spot where the Kip & Buell Mill was later erected. Its site is at a point between Central City and Blackhawk, both of which grew up afterward. The ground was first, and always called “Gregory Diggings” and in Mar 1860, according to a letter published in the Golden paper (by West Mount) the town had not less than 3000 mines working, and 175 loaded wagons had been counted that day, all going into the mines, on the road leading to the camp from Golden City. Mr. A. W. Johnson counted them. The City was laid out at Gregory Point in May 1859, almost immediately after Gregory made his discovery of gold. Houses sprang up over night, for plenty of timber was at hand. Richard Sopris is said to have built the first house suitable for a family. The town had a newspaper, soon had a Masonic Hall, for the notice of the meeting of Mountain City Lodge appears in papers of Sep 3, 1859. William C. Matthews, P. M.
and Secretary of Central Lodge says that the Masonic Temple was built 45 days after the discovery of gold, and that its Tyler mounted on horseback at the door, guarded it with a revolver. The growth of Central and Blackhawk eventually absorbed Mountain City about 1864; the members of the Mountain City Lodge joined other bodies, the Lodge perished, and now the Masonic Temple site is a matter of speculation. The rival cities are now perishing, soon they will be gone, soon the little cemeteries will be alone to tell the tale of Mountain City, Blackhawk and Central.

MOUNTAIN CITY TUNNELLING COMPANY, was started in short time after the town was laid out, to bring water to the mines. The Mountain House, situated above the town was built for a hotel, and was spoken of in the papers of the time.

“MOUNTAIN COUNTY,” the name of the county now called Gilpin, including much more space. This was formed under the Provisional Government, and has been called “The Cradle of Colorado.”

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY, was a spot, now forgotten, where some burials were made in the first season; this may be the same as Mt. Prospect Cemetery (now Cheesman Park), but several pioneers think it was a spot in North Denver. Mt. Prospect Cemetery was incorporated Jan 23, 1862, and is advertized in the RMN, and Colorado Republican with William Larimer, Jr., President of the Company, and J. J. Walley, Secretary and Treasurer. “Inquire at office of the Secretary, where the plat of burial lots can be seen, first door below the Tremont House, on Front Street, West Denver, signed by J. J. Walley, undertaker.”

MOUNT VERNON, this place is advertized in RMN as “A new Town at foot of mountains, just laid out, Nov 1859, by Dr. J. Casto, 15 miles west of Denver.” The claim for the Town Company was taken up Oct 27, ten one quarter sections on the Denver, Auraria and Colorado Wagon Road, and at the entrance to Mt. Vernon Canon. In six months after its founding, 50 teams a day passed through it, while houses were rising rapidly. In 1860 it had 44 voters. In this year George Morrison kept his hotel there. Bell’s Hall was here, and Gov. Steele lived so close that Mr. R. Broad of Golden has said in his historical booklet that Mt. Vernon was the first capital of Colorado, inasmuch as under the Provisional Government Gov. Steele was everything. Rev. J. R. Dean had the first school, after 1860. The site of this was on Kendall and Second Streets. Dr. Casto and his friends must have been very active people, for in the fall of this year 1860, they erected what they called “The District of Mt. Vernon,” lying from Golden on the north to Turkey Creek on the south, and from Mt. Vernon corner on the west, to the line of the sand stone hogback on the east. They adopted a “Constitution” setting forth their needs; this had 2000 words it is said.

MOWRY, Alden, located Jul 20, 1859, farm claim on Bever (Bear?) Creek, Jefferson County, the same lying west of William Lewis’ claim. (Land Records, Liber A, p. 13)
MOYNE, Daniel, partner in firm of Rice and Moyne (N. H. Rice), carpenters, cabinet makers, and builders, in Directory of 1859 as located at F. Street, between Lawrence and Larimer (Fifteenth Street now). They had same year a sawmill said to be the first, also a lumber yard. William Larimer, in a letter written in 1858 mentions a young Omaha Deacon named Moyne as having a cabin next his own in the camp at mouth of Cherry Creek, this year. (William Larimer, Jr.) The letter was written in November.

MULKIN, John, of Denver, is grantee Aug 7, 1859, in association with J. J. Reithman in transfer of lots. (Land Records, liber A, p. 196)

MULL, Henry W., was advertised for in RMN, p. 1, Dec 8, 1859 by a Muscatine, Georgia journal, as being a native of Germany, and having disappeared on way to Pike’s Peak. His age was stated to be 50. (Possibly this may be Muscatine, Iowa?)

MULLER, ---, is mentioned in papers as a merchant handling gold dust, and as a representative of Ceran St. Vrain in Auraria and Denver cities. In the Business Directory of 1859 the name of F. Muller appears as merchant, with store on Larimer Street.

MUMMAU, C., appears in RMN Oct 1859 as mining in Pleasant Valley, with three other men. He is grantee from Auraria Town Company, of lots 10, block 80 in Auraria City, dated Dec 21 same year, filed for record Apr 21, 1860. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 86)

MUMMAU, Harriet, grantee, from Auraria Town Company Dec 21, 1859, lot 9, block 80, in Auraria City. (See preceding note.)

MUND, of City of Paila, grants to her in Jan 21, 1860 lots from H. J. Brendlinger. (This may possibly be same family?) Another mention of Mund states that Philip Mund’s wife was Melinda, and that she was from Philadelphia in 1860.


MURAT, Henry, born (Hall’s List of Pioneers) in Germany Oct 25, 1823 was a picturesque arrival with the company which founded the city of Montana, camping there first Nov 2, 1858. This group consisted of 57 men, and 1 woman, the wife of Henry Murat, otherwise known as Countess Muratt, who was always treated with great respect. (One authority gives Oct 24 as date of arrival.) Muratt claimed to be a lineal descendant of Marshall Murat, afterward King of Naples, appointed by Bonaparte. His manners, it is said, showed a knowledge of cultivated life, unusual on the frontier, and he presided over his saloon, “Mozart Hall,” with the air of a prince. This place was called “The irresistible saloon” and was associated with David Smoke, in same year, 1859 in the El Dorado Hotel. Mrs. Muratt kept this place, in Auraria, she was of a lesser degree of culture than her husband, but an excellent pioneer.
woman full of resourcefulness. The Muratts seem not to have embarked in mining, and although they made one or two excursions into real estate, being grantees from one or other of the Town Companies to Donation Lots, with agreement to build hewed log cabin, yet there seems no building to have developed, but the lots were soon sold. One transaction was of date Jul 11, 1859, in which they were grantors to Samuel Dolman of Denver City, for a consideration of $75 gold, paid, lot northwest corner B. and Lawrence Streets, north side of street. Signed with seals by Murat and Catherine, his wife (Fulfox X ince ?) (Some very hard writing in old records). A purchase of Murat was of lot 25, block 62, City of Denver, from Edward Hayes. Murat attended the pioneers’ banquet at Windsor Hotel, Denver, in 1881, and died about 1884, according to RMN. His widow, the Countess Murat lived in Palmer’s Lake as late as 1890, perhaps later. Her portrait is in RMN, p. 7, Dec 5, 1899.

MURDOCK, David & Company, in Denver, 1859, operating the Pittsburg Tunnell, in mining camp. (RMN, files)

MURPHY, --- Mr., in list arrivals in RMN spring of 1859, from Omaha.

MURPHY, --- Mr., had claim on west side Platte River, in Arapahoe County in Dec 14, 1859.

MURPHY, Darlington & Company, tunnell in Nevada District, spring 1859. (RMN)

MURPHY, H., of Shaw & Murphy, butchers, Denver, Directory of 1859.

MURPHY, H. C., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, name in their list. Born Ireland Sep 1838, arrived Pike’s Peak District Jun 18, 1859. He was still living in Denver 1920.

MURPHY, J. J., was witness, Denver, lot sale Dec 1859.

MURRAY, J. P., “arrived May 30, 1859, by Santa Fe Route, two months in passage, party of 11 all from Clayton, Georgia.” (RMN, List of Arrivals of this year, from files.)

MURPHY, James, of firm of Wallingford & Murphy, groceries, Larimer Street, Denver City. (Directory 1859) He also files certificate of his lot No. 4, block 36, Denver City, Aug 23, same year. In November makes another record of lots.

MURPHY, Joseph, witness in land or lot transaction Denver, Jun 1, 1859.

MURRAY & COMPANY, mining in Mountain City, also Murray & Arnold, eight men mining in Nevada Gulch, summer of 1859. (Mentioned in RMN)

MYERS, D. P. (AND COMPANY), grantor to mining claim in Gregory Diggings, (description of claim here) Gregory Record, p. 191, 1859, Mountain City.

MYERS & BRYAN, mining during summer 1859, Nevada Gulch. (RMN) (Pyers & Bryan)

MYGATT, J. G., (See Wygatt) witness to deed, Auraria Nov 1859.
McAFFEE, Henry Hoover, was, in Directory of 1859, in the insurance banking business
(December, Denver City), but held prominent place in the Provisional Government,
having been elected Superintendent of Instruction in October, and being delegate to
the convention to form a government such as that most necessary one, and was a
delegate to the first provisional legislature.

McAFFEE, Joseph, was an arrival of 1858, of original Russell party from Lumpkin
County, Georgia.

McALLISTER, William, was in the first wagon, Lawrence Party 1858. He was also a
member of an expedition to carry supplies to the miners in the gold fields at a later
time.

McALROY, E. P., an arrival of 1859, said to be a resident of South Park.

McBRIDE, R. E., of Mountain City and elected Rocky Mountain Ranger in 1859. This
was a society for proposition of good government and punishment of criminals, etc.
In other words, a vigilence society.

McBRIDE, W. G., grantee, Aug 23, 1859 City of Denver lots from H. P. A. Smith of
Denver.

McBROOM, Isaac E., born Indiana Apr 22, 1830. Removed to St. Joseph, Missouri
early in life, and to Iowa 1850. Arrived Colorado 1859, and settled on a farm near
Denver.

McBROOM, John, wagon master, accompanying Capt. Marcy’s command to Colorado
1858. He camped on site of Denver in this year, and in 1859 settled there, and later
went upon a farm where he lived 30 years. This was on Bear Creek, one half mile
south of Loretto Academy. Cabin still there in 1901. He built a good comfortable
brick house later. In 1866 he married Emma J., daughter of William Bennett of Terre
Haute, Indiana. He died 1891. He was a native of Floyd County, Kentucky, born Jul
26, 1822. His arrival in Colorado occurred May 9. He had formerly lived in
Crawfordsville, Indiana, and after coming west served in campaigns against the
Indians. He had four children.

McCABE (McCade?), Dr. J. W., a resident of Nevada Gulch in 1859. Was in this year
councilman elect from the 5th District.

McCALLUM, David, (thought by Mr. William Allen of Arvada to have been an arrival
of ’59). He lived at one time on Wadsworth ground, and Mr. Allen thinks he built the
“Wadsworth Cabin” now in City Park of Arvada. (?) 

McCAMENT, William, of Tarryall Diggings 1859, mentioned in list of miners.
McCANNON, John (List in Hall’s Colorado History), born Jan 9, 1830, Pennsylvania, arrived Colorado May 1859, and in 1890 (date of 2nd Volume of Hall’s Colorado History), lived Leadville.

McCARROLL, James, died Dec 27, 1859, aged 56 years. Late of Acconium, Iowa. Nashville, Tennessee, and Burlington, Iowa papers please copy. He died in Colorado City (RMN, p. 3, Jan 11, 1860)

McCARROLL & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859 with four men.

McCARRON, D., arrived Apr 23, 1859, from St. Louis, Missouri, residence later near Long’s Peak, at Jefferson Trading Post. He is also of Boulder Creek Diggings in this year. Miner and prospector.

McCARTNEY, W. H., of Leavenworth, Kansas, arrived from that place by Platte Route, 21 days in journey, said he passed 700 wagons below Fort Kenny and met 1500 wagons going back to the States. The following clipping is from RMN of 1862: “W. H. McCartney, aged 24, died a victim of consumption at Rainsville Canada-West. He was, for some time, bookkeeper for Jones & Cartwright of Denver. He left here in fall of ‘61, for his father’s home in Canada, where he died.”


McCARTY, M., arrived with D. McCarty, above, May 22, 1859. (See.)

McCARTY, William, arrived Sep 22, 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society 1907, was in that year a resident of Rawlins, Wyoming.

McCARTY, William P., (of Arapahoe County) Gentleman, grantor to John Audlem, all his right in lot 9, block 37, Cheyenne Street, City of Auraria, Jan 6, 1860. He was in Denver City as early as May 1859, for was witness in land transaction and later, again in November.

McCASLIN, ---, original stockholder in City of Auraria, 1858.

McCASLIN, Matthew L., was a pioneer, over land, to California 1849. Was born Butler County, Pennsylvania 1822. Then emigrated with father to Iowa, became river pilot and in 1855, after six years in California, emigrated Auraria with saw mill in autumn of 1858, later mining and working mill at Gold Hill in Boulder County. In 1862 preempted farm on St. Vrain Creek (near Longmont site), and in 1880 was a very prominent farmer, quite wealthy. He married in 1856 before coming to goldfields, Miss Miranda Hagerty of Pennsylvania (see History Boulder Valley, published 1880). In 1859 M. L. McCaslin “of Auraria” Sep 27, was grantor to A. O. Holbrook of same
place lots in Auraria on St. Louis Street, with all buildings, etc. (75 feet from the southeast side of lot 11, block 34.)

McCAULEY, Thomas, together with William Newman, claims 160 acres land where Dry Creek empties into Ralston Creek Nov 24, 1859.

McCAULEY & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch 1859, six men.

McCERRAN, Robert, his death given in RMN as follows: “At Fountain City, Kansas Territory, Apr 9, 1859, Robert McCerran, formerly of New Orleans, from the effects of freezing and exposure. He was a most pleasant and agreeable companion, and an estimable young man, and his loss is deeply felt by many sympathizing friends. His age was 23 years.” (May 7, 1859)

McCLAIN, (firm of Heffner, McClain & Cooper), mining, Russell’s also in Rocky Mountain City.

McCLEERY, C. A., owner, with D. McCleery, of McCleery’s Ranche on Clear Creek 1859. (See.)

McCLEERY (McCleary?), Daniel, a very prominent and most popular pioneer of 1859, living first in Auraria, then in Golden where he was in 1860 assessor, also Mayor, and on May 9 was on Board of the first Presbyterian Church. He was one of the members in 1859 of Auraria Lodge, A.F. & A.M., his home lodge being the Pacific of California. He built the first bridge over Clear Creek in Golden, 75 feet long, 20 feet wide, with sidewalk 4 feet wide, connecting Ford and Green Streets. While he was Mayor, he had a fine banquet at the Jefferson House, Golden, described in papers of the day (Jul 1860). He went to Golden Gate City, and had a restaurant there, and built road up Chimney Canon. He was a stirring character; had fine ranche three and a half miles west of Denver, on Clear Creek, six miles from Jefferson Bridge across Platte River, and eight miles east of Golden. His partners in this business were C. A. and J. B. McCleery. (See these.) The ranche was much advertized in papers in autumn of 1859. It was on the road to Boulder and Shiann Pass, and advertized to herd stock, and furnish fine corrals. McCleery is said to have arrived from Ohio. He married 2d, Mrs. Harriet Williams of Golden (1860), and his daughter by first wife, Mary, (Anna?), married Thomas Corwin Brainerd of the Hotel of that name in Boulder, so it is said. In Jul 1860 he is living at Golden Gate, for he is accredited as the sole agent of the Western Mountaineer in that City. Dan McCleery disappears into parts unknown about 1861. Whether he returned to Trumbull County, Ohio, whence he came, is not mentioned in the papers of his day.

McCLELLAN, ---, a pioneer of the Cache la Poudre, 1859.

McCLELLAND, J., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, an arrival of ’59 living in 1920 in Wagon Wheel Gap. J. C. McClelland is same person, said to have arrived Jun 26, 1859, born Pennsylvania Apr 22, 1829. Lived Wagon Wheel Gap 1890-1907. (This could be another pioneer, a relative?)

McCLELLAND, William, arrived 1859 and was associated with Larimer and Major J. S. Filmore in 1860 in the Post Office work in Denver.

McCLING (McClery?)(McClurg?), Comfort A., (notice C. A. McCleery), located claim on Clear Creek, Jefferson County, Jul 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 22)

McCLINTOCK, Ed, was in 1859 associated with Ford Brothers and Ed. Chase in Golden City. They operated in a large tent it is said.

McCLURE, W. H., arrived spring of ’59 from Georgia. Another account states that W. N. McClure was from Clayton County, Georgia, in party of 10 arriving by Santa Fe Route, May 30, in that year and being two months enroute. (RMN)

McCLURE, W. P., was an arrival of 1858 and a member St. Charles Town Company in this year, also in 1859. In June of the last mentioned year he sells lots for William H. Parkinson in Denver City. He is a delegate from Denver in July to the first Constitutional Convention. He witnesses a deed in Auraria in same month, and again in July, and has duel with R. E. Whitsitt (RMN, p. 2, Oct 27). He is an attorney, and in 1860 has office on corner Larimer and B. Streets. (Advertized in Rocky Mountain Herald.)

McCLUSKY, William P., grantee Aug 23, 1859, from H. P. A. Smith, some Denver lots. McClusky & Company mentioned in RMN summer 1859 as mining in mountains.

McCOMBER, William H., a Director of Colorado Pioneers’ Society arrived May 29, 1859. He dealt in Real Estate in Denver and lived there 1890-1907, although his residence was in British Columbia 1899. He was a capitalist. Was born Massachusetts May 28, 1839.

McCONNELL, William M., in Jun 1859 was one of the founding members of Auraria Lodge (Masonic), his former membership having been with Mount Pelia Lodge, No. 177, of Tennessee. On Dec 1, this year, he is grantee in Auraria of lot 9, block 26, in that city from W. A. Smith.

McCOOK, Edward Moody, Territorial Governor of Colorado, arrived site of Denver Aug 6, 1859. In 1890 was living Ft. Hamilton, New York. He was born in Steubenville, Ohio, Jun 15, 1833, son of Dr. John and Catherine Julia (Sheldon) McCook. Irish grandfather, George McCook. He was a soldier, and had been Lieut. Col., then Brig. Gen. in 1866-9 was U. S. Minister to Hawaii, and Grant gave him appointment as Governor of Colorado Territory. Gov. McCook died 1909. His first wife was Miss
Mary Thompson, daughter of a distillery owner of Peoria, Illinois, Sylvanus Thompson. She had an older sister who married Militia Gen. Charles Adams of Colorado Springs about 1889, and a German by birth, named Karl Adam Schwanbeck. This name he changed to Adams. His wife was so very aristocratic that few persons were admitted to her notice in Colorado Springs. Mrs. McCook and Mrs. Adams had a cousin, a clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. 1869 and earlier, Miss Louise Knowlton, who boarded at same place with this compiler’s father when he was in Congress and who afterward visited the family of Gov. McCook in Denver, about 1871. *The Trail* has a very good article about Sylvanus Thompson in issue of Aug 1924. Maj. James B. Thompson, Mrs. McCook’s brother, furnished the material for the account, and he had been Indian Agent among the Utes, and had been Gov. McCook’s Secretary 1869. His portrait is included in the article, which is very interesting. He lived 1923 in Denver at 57 Grant Street.

McCORMICK, J. L., arrived site of Denver Jul 27, 1859. Born Ohio, was deceased before 1890. Lived Denver part of time at least.

McCOWN, D., was an arrival of 1858, and a builder.

McCoy, Henry, was Secretary of the first convention to consider the forming of a new Territory, or a state government (which many supposed possible) on Apr 11, 1859, before the arrival of that chronicler, the RMN, with Mr. Byers. He “lived” at Fountain later in the summer, and was a delegate from this place to the convention, and was appointed on a committee to prepare an address to citizens. Gen. Larimer being President of that convention.

McCoy, William, was of Gregory Diggings in 1859. He died of pneumonia at the Planters Hotel, Denver, Sep 18, 1863, as mentioned in the paper at the time. His native State was Vermont, and he was aged 34 years. Was brother of Mrs. Maria Irwin, and Mrs. Fannie Hernandez, recently from Chicago, where he was in large mercantile business. He left a wife and three children, but probably not in Colorado very long.

McCracken, Joseph, died at Mountain City Jul 3, 1859, of bilious fever, aged 25 years. “There was found in his pocket or satchel, a school certificate dated at Washington, Davis County, Indiana.” *(RMN)*

McCubbin, Joseph L., was a stockholder of Denver City Town Company ’59, but came the previous year, 1858, to the place. Was first Commissioner of Arapahoe County, Kansas, the name then belonging to the district, and is said to have come out in discharge of his duties in the autumn of that year. He mined also, of course, in Russell’s and other camps, and at Virginia Canon where he was still abiding as late as 1880. In the old time records of Arapahoe County, he is noted as having been grantee of 10 lots from the Auraria Town Company in Aug 1859, which he transferred to George W. Black in same year. Again, he has lot on northeast corner Lawrence and D., Denver (50 feet of this).
McCURLEY, R. M., grantor farm claim in Platte River, Nov 25, 1859. He conveys same to B. F. Jeffries, and the place is described as “land opposite to J. J. Minter’s ranche.”

McDONALD, E., owner of Claim No. 7, in McLeod & Company Lands of Fork of Plum Creek on Divide, Oct 1859. (Lands for pineries, etc.)

McDONALD, J., member first Constitutional Convention from Shiann Pass 1859. Also in lists of this body of citizens as a delegate from Colona, which had C. Raymond also as a delegate. (May be two persons?)

McDONALD, James, was a founder of Golden City, and Secretary of the Town Company in Nov 1859. He was advertized in RMN as their especially authorized agent in Golden, and was elected Justice of the Peace in November of same year. He was a delegate from Golden to the first Constitutional Convention, and was marrying couples in Golden as Justice of the Peace in Feb 1860.

McDONALD, John, had Claim No. 21 in McLeod & Company plat (see) on Divide at mouth of Plum Creek Oct 1859.

McDONALD, Miss Nannie, ward of John Melvin of Fort Smith in the State of Arkansas, beneficiary, by will of Hickery Rogers of Denver in Nov 1859. (Non-resident?)

McDONALD, Robert, grantee, 20 or more lots Denver, Nov 22, 1859.

McDONOUGH, Patrick, receives Donation Lots from Town Company 1858, with his agreement to build hewed log house.

McDOUGAL, George, a Denver City stockholder of 1858. He was a brother of Gov. McDougal of California, it is said, and had emigrated to Pike’s Peak District to keep trading post on Adobe Creek. He is also said to have been one of the first white members of the first Cherokee expedition to the gold fields. He was a member of first Constitutional Convention from Fountain City, (June).

McDOWELL, ---, was of Cache la Poudre 1859.

McDOWELL, Dr. Drake, in Denver City Directory 1859 had office in Denver. He was also a delegate to convention in June for forming new government. He was said to have been a son of Dr. Alexander McDowell of St. Louis. He attended Mr. McClure’s duel with R. E. Whitsitt during that year. He is among those starting the Episcopal Church in Denver Feb 19, 1860.

McDUFF, William, received Donation Lots from Denver Town Company with agreement to build hewed log house. Later he is grantor of house and two lots on McGaa Street, between C. and D. Streets for consideration of $110.
McDUFFEE, C. J., (same as one above?), firm with George Aux. (see) also R. C. Deane, A. Miller, C. Wiltze, at Mountain City, Sep 30, 1859, record claims on Hyatt Lode. (Gregory Record, p. 21, Claims) Later in Nov 7, McDuffee claims to have “staked off a quarter section land for ranch and Trading Post, on Denver and Auraria Wagon Road, and Platte Valley at a point staked off.” This claim was staked Oct 27.

McDUFFEE, Charles, resided Mountain City 859.

McDUFFEE & ACKLEY, were the experts furnishing the music for the grand Christmas Ball, opening Loveland’s New Hall, Golden City, 1859.

McELROY, E. P., (same as McALROY, see), member Society Colorado Pioneers, arrived Jun 1859. Born in Missouri Jun 12, 1835, lived in Husted, Colorado 1890. (Name in Hall’s list)

McFADDEN, A. M., was a Territorial Representative elect, under Provisional Government, late 1859. In 1866 he is one of earliest members of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society (included only arrivals of 1858-9).

McFADDING, William, one of the most prominent in his brief life in the gold fields, arrived 1858, having joined Russell, it is said, in Kansas. He was an original stockholder of Auraria, and President of the Town Company, having been chairman at the first meeting of citizens to form the town, in 1858, and in December the year following was elected President of the Company. Soon after his arrival, in Oct 1858 when food was scarce in Auraria, he was sent, with others, to Fort Garland for supplies. He lived in Gregory Diggings in Jun of ’59, for he was a delegate from that camp to the first Constitutional Convention. He bought lots sometimes, Jul 18, he and William H. Parkinson execute a long deed to some Denver City lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 13) On Oct 25, same year, he is “of Auraria” again, and on Nov 14 with John Easter he grants to H. A. Hoover, south ½ of lot 3, block 7, Auraria. He was alive and acknowledged deed in Auraria as President of the Town Company on Dec 31, 1859. On Jan 15, 1860 is signed his Will or Letter of Administration, giving Power of Attorney to J. O. Russell, D. P. Wallingford, W. H. Parkinson, and W. M. Slaughter to pay all debts, and collect all moneys, and turn same over, equally divided between McFadding’s half brother and half sister, Philip Wesley Humphreys and Minerva Narcissa Humphreys, without having application to any probate court, they “having jurisdiction in the premises as fully as though I were living.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 83, old) On Jan 23, his estate is being sold by his executors to Henry Basye, south 1/2 of lot 5, block 33, fronting on Ferry Street, Auraria. “Through the Last Will and Testament of William McFadding,” etc. He was a member of Auraria Lodge, early in its history, one of the founders most probably. The RMN, Apr 8, 1889, states that he, with D. D. Hoage, Mr. Green, James Winchester, Henry Allen, Robert B. Willis, Andrew Sagendorf, met at the cabin of Dr. L. J. Russell in Auraria on Ferry Street, just below Blake, on an evening in Dec 1858 when for the first time Masons met together in solemn council in the Pike’s Peak Region. Only three of all this company were living in
1889. McFadding was buried with all the honors of Masonry, Jan 17, 1860, in that bleak spot known as Mt. Prospect Cemetery. The hour was one O’clock. No knowledge of his previous Lodge membership seems to have been known to them, or to us. A description of the funeral is in Square & Compass, p. 34, Apr 1895. A Committee was appointed to procure horses and wagons for the procession, also a committee to procure aprons. The Marshall, pallbearers and committee on condolence were also appointed. Jan 17, 1860, the Lodge met and conducted the funeral ceremonies and passed resolutions. He had died Jan 16, aged 35 years, and the place of his death was Auraria, Kansas Territory. There is a very good obituary of McFadding in RMN, p. 3, Jan 25, 1860. (See this in full, copied into Portrait & Biography Index of this work.) He was succeeded as President of the Town Company by Charles Dahler. Some of his property was sold as late as May by John Easter, only surviving partner of the firm of McFadding & Easter.

McGAA, William, a famous old Indian Trader, trapper and guide, who in 1858 was a stockholder in St. Charles City, and in whose cabin in Auraria the Denver City Town Company was formed Nov 22, 1858. Was said to have been educated in Dublin, Ireland and to have been a son of an Irish baronet. It is said that he loved the free life of the Rocky Mountains, and took such an interest in its young cities that it almost broke his heart when the name of McGaa Street was changed to Holladay for an honor to Ben Holladay. He was called “Jack Jones” among the Indians whom he particularly loved. He married an Indian wife, of the half blood, her mother being a Sioux, and her father said to be John Adams, a prominent frontiersman. Afterward her mother married Alphonse La Roque, a French trader, and later lived in South Dakota. McGaa and this Indian consort had a son William Denver McGaa, born Mar 8, 1859 at southeast corner of 14th and Lawrence Streets, the site later of the Lawrence Street Methodist Church. He was also a stockholder of Auraria Town Company 1859, and had several transactions in City lots, before and after the arrival of his son, Denver. He owned the Ferry at Auraria City, and sold this for $400 to Thomas Pollock Jan 17, 1859, and before this grants had been made to him by Auraria Town Company Nov 8, 1858. As late as Jan 9, 1860, he filed on a farm claim, described as southwest ¼, Section 11, township w, S.R. 5 East of the 7th meridian, “Taken and recorded before.”

Biographies and notices of McGaa are in all the histories of early pioneer life, and the following is from the RMN of Dec 16, 1867: “Died, in this city, yesterday, in the morning, Dec 15, William W. McGaa, better known as “Jack Jones,” in his 45th year. The deceased had been a resident of the Rocky Mountain regions about 28 years, the companion of Beckwourth, Bridger and other mountaineers of note. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and a very fair education. Generous to a fault, and a steadfast friend. His remains were buried yesterday evening in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, followed by a few of the old friends who first knew him here in the spring of 1859.” “Peace to his Ashes.”

McGARGILL (McGargle), James, one of the noted Cibola Minstrels at ApolloTheatre, Denver City 1859, was of “Auraria” Jan 29 of that year. He sells on this date to Hampton Boone some Denver lots that is a share in the Denver Town Company and
some lots in Auraria. His name is spelled several ways, and it seems he also had an initial M, as he is called Jas. M. McGargill in part of his transactions. He transfers Share No. 255 in Denver Town Company, the same granted him Aug 23, 1859 to Ming & Cooper, for valued received. On Nov 21, same year, he grants for $100 lots 11-12, block 38, on Blake Street, Denver City, to B. F. Jeffries and this deed was filed for record in 1860.

McGASKILL, Harvey, mining in Pleasant Valley, with seven men, summer of 1859, mentioned in RMN mining intelligence.

McGAVRAN, Thomas, Esq., is mentioned by the Commonwealth of Denver, Apr 30, 1863, on the occasion of his death: “Many of our people will be pained to hear of the death of one of Denver’s best citizens, Thomas McGavran. The deceased was a man who had lived through many years, and endeared himself by his kindness to many friends. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.” Another account stated that he had lived many years in Denver, so was probably one of the very earliest arrivals.

McGEE, J., was resident of Denver and Auraria 1859 and afterward. (Clipping from newspaper)

McGINN, Patrick, arrived in early part of 1859 (spring) with B. B. Stout. (See under this name).

McGIVEN, Charles, “of County of Arapahoe” appears as grantee of Denver lots in Land Records of 1859.

McGLASHIRE, in 1858 had contract to build a boat for the Auraria Ferry, conjointly with William McGaa, sold Apr 15, 1859.

McGLOSKIN, E. P., resident of Mountain City 1859.

McGLOTHLIN, Dudley F., and wife Mary Jane, accidentally killed, mentioned in RMN p. 2, Sep 3, 1859. The family was from Harding County, Illinois, “now of Golden City.”

McGREGOR, Mr., of Davenport, Iowa, arrived May 5, 1859. (RMN)

McGREW, Alexander O., name in list of members of the first Constitutional Convention 1859, delegate from Mountain City. Later Clerk of the Probate Court of Arapahoe County. During year he appears as having Donation Lots with agreement to build in Denver, and Sep 19, is grantor of lots to Orson A. Chaffee, and is grantor again in December of this year.
McGUGIN, Henry, located Jan 5, 1860, ranche claim in Jefferson County, in Casto Gulch, “beginning at northwest corner of David A. Williams’ claim.” (Liber A, p. 30, recorded in Golden.) (160 acres)

McGUINNESS, Capt., mentioned in RMN during summer 1859 as being “late of Indianapolis” and having “returned to the States.”

McGUIRE, name among arrivals of summer of 1859 in RMN. He was from De Soto, Nebraska. (Patrick McGuire)

McILHENY, E. W., his land claim boundaries filed for record in Denver, Jun 10, 1859, the land lying next that of David Gregory and located May 28 of same year, west of the Table Mountain, west of the road leading to Gregory’s and about one mile north of Clear Creek. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 48)

McILVOY, D. D., grantee of land in Golden City from James Whittier Oct 10, 1859. Witness James McDonald. Filed for record in Golden in Jan 1860. (He is said to have been born in Covington, Kentucky, 1824, son of a farmer or planter. He emigrated to Missouri then made overland trip to California with ox teams about 1850, returning by the isthmus, married in 1854, and in 1859 came to Colorado settling at Missouri Flats, engaging in mining there and in Central.)

McINTYRE, ---, had ranche claim “near Town” (Denver) Jan 10, 1860 and the firm of McIntyre & Company, with seven men are reported in the files as mining at Russell’s 1859.

McINTYRE, Douglas, arrived Colorado 1859, and was of Central City. Rose as a miner to wealth, died in Mamaroneck, Westchester County, New York, very suddenly, on Wednesday, Feb 13, 1867 of congestion of the brain. (RMN, Feb 18, 1867)

McINTYRE, J. W., name in stockholder’s book as shareholder 1859 in Golden City Association. This name also appears in 1866 files, Jun 22 as a pioneer attending a meeting of the Society (a first meeting) and is mentioned as of Denver.

McINTYRE, John, miner, Russell’s Gulch, on committee Oct 21, 1859 to take steps to stop merchants of Denver and Auraria from reducing the price of gold dust by a combination. (RMN, Nov 10)

McINTYRE, John W., was appointed County Judge of Saratoga County until his successor was elected, by Gov. Steele, Dec 1859, the next election to be held the following Jan 1860. (Files)

McINTYRE & McCLEERY, company building wagon road from Old Fort St. Vrain to South Park, via Golden City, Bergen Park, Cub Creek, etc. This was begun in Dec 1859 or earlier, but not finished until Apr 1860. (Files of ’59)
McINTYRE, SMITH & COMPANY, mentioned in files of 1859 as mining in Illinois Gulch, and at Missouri Flats.

McKAY, Mr., arrived in 11th wagon of the Lawrence Party 1859.

McKAY, Miss A. B., arrived Jun 24, 1859 with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKay. (Western Mountaineer, File)

McKAY, Sheldon, arrived Jul 4, 1859 (name and note that he is deceased in list of Pioneer Society of Gilpin County).

McKAY, W. J., one of the founders of Golden City, and the papers of his time state that he furnished the elegant refreshments on the occasion of the opening Ball, on Christmas Eve when Loveland’s new Hall was dedicated in 1859. His own large building was opposite to the new one, and had been completed early in the month. This Ball was a very grand occasion indeed, and included many ladies from Denver, Auraria, Central (or Mountain City), Arapahoe Diggings and Golden Gate City. McKay was a resident of Denver in 1920 and member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Said to have been born in Nova Scotia, Apr 12, 1825. His arrival in the gold fields was Jun 24. (William J. McKay)

McKENNY, N., Civil Engineer. (Name in list in Business Directory of 1859. Denver City.) (Notice McKinney)

McKEOUGH, came up Missouri River in 1854, crossed plains, and is said to have camped on site of Denver in 1857, and washed for gold succeeding winter in Cherry Creek.

McKIMM, was a witness, Denver City, Aug 6, 1859, sale of lots or land. (John E. McKinn – or McKim)

McKIMMENS, William, original stockholder in Auraria City 1858, was from Georgia, and joined Russell Party in Kansas. In Dec 1859 he is living in Auraria for he is a witness in sale of lots Dec 30. Auraria in Aug 8, he bought lot 1, block 35. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Lliber A)

McKIMMEY or McKINNEY, N. M., surveyor of ranche claim of N. L. Witcher, Clear Creek, Jul 19, 1859, again a farm in Sep 22, in Arapahoe County. His name appears spelled several ways, and with one, also with two initials. (?)

McKIMMEY, Nathaniel, is grantee from Charles H. Blake, of Denver “out lots.” He is said to be “of Harrison County, Indiana.” He is most likely a resident in 1859 of Denver or Auraria. (See below.)

McKINNEY, George, Sr., and George Jr., arrived from DeSoto, Nebraska Territory ’59. (RMN, Files)

McKINNEY, M. W., of Georgia, arrived with W. T. McKinney by Santa Fe Route, with nine others, all from Clayton, Georgia, May 30, 1859. (RMN)

McKINNEY, W. T., from Georgia. (See next above.)

McKINSY, George Sr., also George Jr., arrived 1859. See under party with D. D. Stout.

McKINZIE, Aaron, mentioned as being at the O. K. Ranche 1859. (RMN, Files)

McKNIGHT & COMPANY, mining in Russell’s Gulch, summer 1859, eight men. (RMN)

McKOUS, John E., sworn as a witness to deed, Sep 29, 1859, land on Clear Creek, Jefferson County.

McKOWNS, J. E., entry of survey of ranche claim, south bank Clear Creek, Sep 22, 1859 – 160 acres. (Jefferson County)

McLAIN, J. H. AND COMPANY, 21 men, arrived from Missouri by Santa Fe Route, Jun 1, 1859. (RMN)

McLAIN, L. B., is grantee, Oct 29, 1859, from W. D. McLain, Auraria lots, consideration $489, the lots being the same ones W. D. had purchased the previous August. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 8 old)

McLAIN, W. D., was a member of the first Constitutional Convention representing Auraria, 1859, and name appears in lot transfers during year. The same name appears in files of RMN as being a miner at Hill Difficulty. In list of stockholders of Auraria, his name appears (William D. McLain) list of 1858. He is said by Miss Isabella Steck to be a brother of Mrs. Andrew Sagendorf. (See.) In Aug of 1859 he was a notary public, and for $500 buys share of E. P. Stout’s lots to be drawn in the drawing in Denver (Apr 8, 1859). He also has about 22 lots in Auraria. He is a miner in Gregory District, late in the season, when he “leaves for the States” as announced in the RMN.

McLAUGHLIN (also spelled McLachlin), Duncan, first appears in Denver and Auraria Land Records, Apr 2, 1859, as witness in transaction between St. James, grantor, and Stephens Herman & Butts, grantees. He has four Donation Lots in Denver City Town Company, later, and the certificate of his lots on Aug 23 of this year may be found in
Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 185 old. In this month he is administrator of the estate of Edward Hay, deceased, of Denver or “Arapahoe County,” whose Denver lots he transfers Sep 9 to Peter Marcellus of Washington County, Nebraska Territory. In November of the year he is a grantee in lot in Auraria City, the south half of lot 2, block 3.

McLAUGHLIN, Enos, listed in Directory of 1859 as keeping a boarding house on Larimer Street, Denver. He is mentioned in Larimer’s Reminiscences, p. 161, as having arrived in spring of this year with his wife and child from Leavenworth. They took over the Larimer cabin, boarding the Larimers who were tired of “batching” and who esteemed very much Mrs. McLaughlin’s cooking (Mrs. Mary Jane).

McLAUTHLIN, Cyrus H., his advent in Denver hailed by the RMN summer of 1859, as follows: “C. H. McLauthlin, Esq., a co-publisher of the Leavenworth Herald arrives in the City.” He is in later times a printer with the same paper in Denver. Born Pennsylvania, Mercer County, Apr 22, 1827, arrived goldfields Sep 1859. (For his portrait see RMN, p. 7, Dec 5, 1899.) He died 1896. He was a printer and said to have resided in 14 states and Territories, following this trade. He was a messenger for the firm of Jones & Cartwright on his first entrance into Denver, then mined in Central (walked there from Denver), took to the East with him 11 sacks of gold dust. Speaker of the House later, in 1867, in the Territorial Legislature, later engaging in ranching and real estate business. Alderman, also candidate for Mayor of Denver. Was Grand Master of I.O.O.F.

McLARY, D., (McCleery?), was member of the first Constitutional Convention, 1859, a representative from McLary (Precinct).

McLEAN, George, appointed Col. of Rocky Mountain Rangers by Gov. Steele in 1859. Another record of him states that he was elected Sergeant of this body in Mountain City.

McLEAN, Col. Sam, addresses a miners’ meeting held at Gregory Diggings to protest against reducing price of gold dust. He had been a miner in California and said that the gold dust there was of inferior quality to that obtained here, for which over nineteen dollars per ounce was realized at the Mint, upon an average. (RMN, Nov 19, 1859)

McLEAN (McLAIN), William D., 1858 was stockholder in Auraria City Nov 1. Jun 1859 was delegate from there to the first Constitutional Convention. The name of W. D. McLean occurs in Mining Record Book, p. 15, of Gregory District Oct 1, same year as a witness, his residence Mountain City.

McLEOD, A. & COMPANY, list of claims taken up and known as A. McLeod & Company, engaged in bringing saw mills to this Territory, and in farming and grazing. Said claims were taken up, surveyed, marked and numbered on 24, 25, and 26 of Oct 1859 as follows: Commencing for outside bounds at a stake on bank of
Plum Creek, at Forks of said Creek, etc., each individual member of said company holding his claim individually for purpose mentioned.

A. McLeod (No. 1)    H. Horton (11)    John McDonald (21)
Diamond Green (No. 2) Thos. Parks (12)    Simon Brown (22)
B. Burnside (3)       E. Stanton (13)    Jas Nelson (23)
John McLeod (4)       Thos. Robinson (14) John Nelson (24)
Finley McLeod (5)     Abner Hall (15)     John Greene (25)
James Fitz (6)        Albert Hall (16)    Jno. Campbell (26)
E. McDonald (7)       Anthony Davis (17)  (F. Abbott (27)
Wm Maloney (8)        James Davis (18)    taken off)
Albert Frazier (9)    A. D. Davis (19)    J. Nelson, Jr. (28)
Thos Campbell (10)   David Hawley (20)    John Nelson, Jr. (29)
                     John Greene 2d (30)

The above names are indexed separately as probably Fiftyniners, or at any rate land owners. The papers were received at Denver at 2 P.M. Oct 29, 1859, and are in “old” land books. The following is a sketch of the plat accompanying them:

Plat of A. McLeod & Company Lands

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McLEOD, A., had Claim 1, McLeod & Company (see above).

McLEOD, Finley, had Claim 5, in McLeod & Company (see above).

McLEOD, John, had Claim 4, in McLeod & Company (see above).
McMURRAY, Dennis, in 1859 an express package was advertized for him. (RMN)

McNAUGHT, William, witness Oct 1, 1859, sale of claims in Gregory Diggings, recorded at Mountain City, in Gregory Record, Claims.

McPHAEDER, A., name in list of incorporators of Cibola Hydraulic Company, Dec 1859. (RMN, files)

McPHERSON, M. P., is party to deed to lots in Auraria, Dec 6, 1858, with agreement to build hewed log cabin (another note connects name of P. McPherson in same sort of contract).

McQUINTON (McQUISTON), H., with five others arrived from Ohio by Smoky Hill Route, Jun 3, 1859. (RMN)

McRAW, W. M., expressman, of Jackson Diggings, held up by robbers in mountains Aug 10, 1859. He made so good a fight that his assailant was beaten. (Files)

McWHIRT, J. T., was appointed by Gov. Steele, County Judge of Jefferson County, under the Provisional Government (Dec 1859). He lived in Golden City. There is, in Golden record office a plat of land or ranche claim taken up by J. T. McWhist, probably the same man, on Jan 10, 1860. The following copy shows location:

160 acres H. J. Hawley’s claim

S 57 Deg W 160 R

McWhist’s Claim

Golden City

Clear Creek

McWHIST, See above under McWhirt.
NACHTRIEB, Charles, a German, has gone to Pueblo with small stock of goods. (1859) (Quoted from RMN)

NAGLE, J., arrived with the four Steinbergers, and W. Smith and H. Snell, by Platte Route, from Elkhorn, Nebraska. (RMN, spring, 1859) (This party is from Elkhorn.)

NASH, John, a settler in Riley’s Gulch, died there and is mentioned in RMN during early winter of 1859.

NEAL, J. O., (John O.), buys Denver lots in November, and again in December of 1859. (Land Records, see Index)

NEAL, Thomas, Dec 25, 1859 located and claimed ranche of 160 acres, situated where the road leading from Golden to the South Park and the road from Mt. Vernon to South Park come together. This is sold Feb 15, 1860, including cabin, to David A. Williams. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 19, Golden)

NELSON, J., also James Jr., Claims 23 and 29 in McLeod & Company pineries, Fork of Plum Creek (Divide) platted Oct 1859. (Recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, see Index.)

NELSON, J. C., makes farm claim, Platte River, 160 acres, Nov 3, 1859 situated near claim of Smith and Chubbuck.

NELSON, John, is witness in Mountain City, Aug 10, 1859, to transaction between Jacob, Thomas & Elias Brown, recorded Sep 30. One of this name also has claim in McLeod & Company timber lands (Claim 24) on Fork of Plum Creek, located October same year. Also John Nelson Jr. owns Claim 29 in same company.

NELSON, John C., elected City Commissioner of Denver Dec 1859. He is of Arapahoe County and conveys Denver lots Dec 25, also before this date, on Oct 21, sells four lots.

NELSON & COMPANY, mining during summer of 1859 in Nevada Gulch, with six men. (RMN)

NERLAND, John, a native of Ireland, thought to be the name of a man found dead in South Park during this year. (RMN, p. 2, Sep 29)

NESBITT, J. H., grantor, Oct 8, 1859, lot 3, block 10, City of Auraria. The following death from files of the Western Mountaineer is worth recording, although it may be another party (?) – Died, in Bradford City, of mountain fever, Mr. John Nesbeit, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri. (Date Sep 6, 1860)

NEVADA CITY, this town site still survives, about a mile above Central City, Gilpin County. (Then, 1859, known as Mountain County.) It was densely populated with
gold miners, and is said by Hall to have yielded in this year and several years afterward, $9,000 per week in gold dust. The Post Office was called “Bald Mountain” being on Quartz Hill. The surrounding district was called Nevada Diggings, Nevada Gulch, etc. In 1924 its voters had been reduced to two old miners, still holding their properties there with a faith that it would “come back.” It had a very substantial stone Masonic Hall, made with a brick front, always considered more elegant than stone in a mining city. This district was near Illinois and Missouri Flats, other rich diggings.

NEWELL, Caspar, of Denver City, has transaction in lots Jun 11, 1859.

NEWMAN, William, with Thomas McCauley (claims, Nov 24, 1859) 320 acres farm land where Ralston and Dry Creeks join. (Land Records)

NEWMAN & COMPANY, (see above) four men, mining at Russell’s summer 1859.

NEWPORT TUNNELLING COMPANY, (for members of this see under Walker & Company) during 1859 and later doing business at Gregory Diggings.

NEW YORK TUNNELL, mentioned as being in Nevada District, this year.

NICHOLS, Charles, a founder of several cities arrived in the 6th wagon of the Lawrence party 1858. It is said he named the City of St. Charles after his last residence, St. Charles, Missouri. He started the city by laying down four logs, and making claim to the townsite. This was on the east bank of Cherry Creek. He was disgusted with the rise of Auraria City on west bank of the stream, but when the founders of Denver City agreed to “jump” St. Charles and put down their town in its place he protested very vigorously. It did little good, as many of the owners of St. Charles City joined in with the promoters of its successor, and others had left for the States intending to return with reinforcements later, making him protector of their interests while they were absent. It is said he was threatened with a rope if he did not consent to let the ground go, and it appears later that he was a stockholder in the Denver City Town Company in 1859. Earlier than this time he had been a founder and stockholder in the Montana Town Company, whose forces distributed themselves between the other two enterprizes. He made one trip to Lawrence in 1858 or early the following spring. During 1859 he was a member of the first Constitutional Convention, being a delegate from Dickerson. When the Rebellion broke out he returned to his native place, Coshocton County, Ohio, where he entered the 183rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, as Captain, and died in hospital in Clifton, Tennessee Jan 1865, aged 42 years. (A very honorable record.) (Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 215)

NICHOLS, Capt. David H., a pioneer of 1859 coming to Boulder County. Was born in Hardwick, Caledonia County, Vermont, Mar 16, 1826, of Scotch also German ancestry, son of Ethan Nichols, pioneer of Whiteside County, Illinois 1836. Here he died when David was 10 years of age. So the young fellow ran away from home, to Minnesota and Wisconsin, following lumbering for livelihood until age of 17. Then
turned back to Illinois and lived with Baptist minister in Warren County, uniting with the Baptist Church. Entered Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, to prepare for ministry, but gave it up for the Army (Mexican War). (Col. G. Wright’s Brigade, mustered in Ohio, left for Mexico 1847, served 13 months, became 2nd Lieut.) Then overland to California mining until 1853. Then by isthmus back to Illinois, entered mercantile business, firm of Nichols & Harriman.

In 1859 crossed plains to the Colorado goldfields, but did very little mining, being clever at blacksmithing, started in that work at Boulder for a year, then went to Golden where he kept the Simpson House (in 1880 still standing, one of the old landmarks of Golden), went back to Boulder, exchanged his interest in Tourtelotts & Squiers’ saw mill for 160 acre tract near Boulder City, where in 1880 he was living. He built a neat residence here. He had been in grocery business, livery, and other occupations while in Boulder. Married Oct 28, 1869, Miss Jennie Davis of Atchison, Kansas. (Extracts from History of Boulder County, Colorado published 1880)

NICHOLS, John, in 1859 owned the Tucker Mine, Clear Creek & Boulder County.

NICKEM (?), Jacob L., is grantor, Dec 1859 of Denver lots, probably a pioneer of this year.

NIVER, Robert, pioneer of Boulder County, arrived Colorado Jul 1859, was prospector, miner, farmer, dairymen, bought steam threshing machine, which he operated for many years. He settled in Coal Creek District where he took up land in 1860. He was superintendent of the Irrigating Ditch Company, also a stockholder. Lived also in Arkansas Valley. Was born Columbia County, New York, Apr 22, 1832, of Dutch ancestry. Removed 1844 to Dodge County, Wisconsin and married about 1854 a lady of that county, Miss Rosalia M. Speer. (History Boulder County, 1880)


NOBLE, C. H., of Mountain City, mentioned as pioneer of 1859, in clipping. This may be Charles Noble, who on Oct 17, 1859 was grantee from W. A. McFadding of lot 7, block 77, City of Auraria and is mentioned as being “of Auraria.” On the previous Sep 2 he bought lot 1, block 37, Auraria.

NOONEY, Michael, took up farm claim near California Road on Clear Creek, Sep 28, 1859. (Land Records)

NORLIN (Norton?), Edwin A., of Auraria, grantor Nov 26, 1859 lot 1, block 5, Auraria City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

NORRIS, A., arrived May 28, 1859. Is from Missouri. (RMN, list arrivals)
NORTH, J. B., appears in transaction with land for addition to City of Golden Gate. This is probably Joab B. North, who earlier in year 1859 (Jul) was member of Tetlow & Company in that camp.

NORTON, Henry Clay, pioneer of Boulder, 1859, said to have bridged Platte River at Old Fort St. Vrain. (Clipping)

NORTON, W. H., elected quartermaster of Rocky Mountain Rangers, Mountain City, 1859.

NORWOOD, W., miner, Mountain City Diggings, mentioned as member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, 1859.

NUCKOLLS, Charles H., born Mills County, Iowa, 1856, of family of 11 children, parents from Grayson County, Virginia, to west in 1854. This family came to Denver in ox drawn wagon in 1859. He first became cowboy, then foreman on a ranche, later carpenter, then miner near Central, also in Georgetown District. He kept for 20 years the James Peak Hotel in Granby, and belonged to the A.F. & A.M. of Georgetown. Died Denver, Jul 18, 1924, buried at Sulphur Springs. His widow survived, and the following children: Oscar (Enid, Oklahoma), Harry (Pueblo), Mrs. Lewis Wallace (Sulphur Springs), Mrs. Samuel Staley (Granby). (The Trail, Aug 1924, published Denver)

NUCKOLLS, Emmett, an arrival of 1859, born in Virginia, a stockgrower in Arkansas Valley.

NYE, John, on Dec 3, 1859 is grantee from the Auraria Town Company, some Auraria lots, consideration $1. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

NYE, John A., (may be same?) an arrival of 1858, member of firm of Kinna & Nye, miners’ outfitters, at mouth of Cherry Creek, a very prominent and reliable pioneer establishment. Nye was one of the founders of Masonry also, being member of Auraria Lodge in 1859, having previously been member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, of Nebraska Territory.

NYE, Oscher, was a Territorial Representative elect from the 6th District 1859. (Mentioned in RMN)

NYSWANGER, Aaron, on Jan 6, 1859 was witness of a deed in Arapahoe County. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
OAKES, Daniel C., (Notes about this distinguished pioneer culled from all the histories, from files, Land Records, cemetery inscriptions.) He was always called “Major Oakes,” but have not yet found record of his military service. He and family are buried at Riverside Cemetery, Denver, having a large, well designed white marble monument. The dates of his birth and death I take from this, as have several other conflicting records. The south face of this has: Daniel C. Oakes, pioneer of California, 1849, of Colorado 1858, born 1825, died 1887.

Born Carthage, Maine, Apr 23, in year noted above, but his parents moved to Gallion, Richland County, Ohio 1831, his Mother dying in 1832. In 1835 they moved to La Grange, Indiana, then to Black Purchase, Clinton County, Iowa. Here he was placed in public school but in 1847 his Father died. In 1853 his name appears in old Grand Lodge Proceedings of Iowa Masonry, as Tyler of Dewitt Lodge, Clinton County, Iowa. This is probably a record of a near relative, if not our Daniel C. Oakes himself. If he returned to Clinton County, Iowa after his trip to California with the gold rush of 1849, he would have time to do this, and still make Colorado by 1858. He is said to have journeyed to California with Abram Walrod, and mined in placer mines on Middle Fork of Feather River, with A. R. Colton, later a very prominent man.

His travelling companions to Colorado in 1858 where he arrived in October, were Mr. Abram Walrod, H. G. Graham, George Pancoast, and Charles Miles. They were very early in the field. Green Russell and a party of about 13 Georgians had just arrived in July before and were already getting much gold. Russell had arrived by the Cherokee Trail from the Arkansas River to Cherry Creek, and the Oakes party came across by the Platte Route, breaking a trail, which was afterward followed very much. He came it is said directly from Glenwood, Iowa, but left the same year for his home, returning in spring of 1859, with a sawmill he had bought, which he set up in the pineries of Douglas County, on Plum Creek, some 30 miles south of mouth of Cherry Creek, a place later known as “The Old Coberly Place.” Here he operated for five years, furnishing lumber for the building of Denver. In May 1865 he sold this mill and was appointed by Pres. Johnson, Indian Agent, until 1869, then Dep. U. S. Land Surveyor. He was early a purchaser of Auraria lots, also Denver property but his transactions were too numerous to mention specially. One purchase was dated Dec 2, 1859, from R. L. Wooten, 34-1/2 feet off of north side of lot 11, block 8, Auraria City, another in 1860 from A. B. Steinberger, lot 7, block 46, Auraria. His 16 lots from Auraria Town Company are noted specially by number in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber E, p. 260, old. He lived at one time in early days on Cheyenne Avenue, Auraria (now 9th Street) between what is now Curtis and Lawrence. There is a deed dated Jun 2, 1866 to Elizabeth Maddox, signed by Daniel C. Oakes and wife Olive M., both of Denver, for consideration of $68 granting lot 3, block 65 in West Denver. This location would correspond with the description of his residence on Ninth Street, and may be part of the grounds.

He was President of the earliest mentioned organization of Pioneers of 1858 and 1859, later pilgrims being at that time excluded, Jun 22, 1866. On Jul 10 of this year he called a meeting to attend the funeral of B. A. Barney (RMN, p. 4, Jul 10). Major Oakes lived in 1873 (Directory) on Curtis Street, southeast corner C. (now Curtis and
12th Streets). In 1888 Mrs. Oakes was living there, No. 1212 Curtis Street (same place).

The monument at Riverside shows names of five little daughters, Olive Carrie, died Apr 27, 1866, Cora Lillis (interred Jan 26, 1880), Cleora Alice, Eliza J., and Lillian D., two of these removed from North Denver graveyard. There was a daughter, Laura, who is mentioned as being present at Pioneers’ banquet 1880, and it was stated that she had been born in Denver in 1859. Mrs. Olive M. Oakes was also an arrival of this year, so the family produced at least three Fiftyniners, quite a record.

OAKES, Olive M., wife of D. C. Oakes, arrived it is said in 1859 (Monument at Riverside). Born 1834, died 1919. She was evidently an hospitable lady in those far away early days for the following wedding announcement in the RMN shows such to be the case. “Married, at residence of D. C. Oakes, in Auraria, Jan 26, 1860, Edward Jumps to Miss Pamela Cannon, all of Denver.”

O’CONNELL, Andrew, grantor or grantee, of Denver lots, Dec 12, 1859.

O’CONNELL, John, transfers to --- Middaugh 20 Denver lots for $1, date Nov 24, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 231)

O’CONNELL, John D., (probably same?) from Auraria Town Company consideration $1 16 lots in Auraria City, in blocks numbered 8-28-50-95-124-166-139-233-211-218-330, Nov 24, 1859, recorded 1860. In Dec 3 following, he with V. S. Shelby buys five more lots of the Town Company. J. D. O’Connell is mining this year in Nevada Gulch.

O’CONNOR, M. H., 1859, living in 1899 at 1913 Stout Street, Denver.

ODELL, J. N., was prominent as a lawyer in Golden, afterward Judge in Arapahoe County. He was a shareholder in the Golden City association Oct 1859, and in December was council for the defense in a trial. He lived at Nevada Gulch once, probably mining. In Dec 1860 he was appointed (with T. A. Douglas) to draft constitution of the Golden City Lyceum. He was the one with whom Judge Carpenter studied law when a young man in Golden.

ODLIN, John, grantee, from Whitsitt, Dec 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

O’DONNELL, J. D., stockholder, Auraria Town Company 1858.

O’FALLON, Mr., arrived from Illinois. (Mentioned in RMN, 1859)

OHlwiler, Jacob, (also spelled Ohlmiller), member Society Colorado Pioneers, residence Ouray in 1907, also 1920. Listed as arrived Jun 1, 1859.

OHMERT (or OLMERT ?), Jesse, located Nov 22, 1859, farm claim on west side Platte River, on Golden Road, near Smith & Chubbuck bridge. Later, Jesse Ohmert of
Denver is grantor of two thirds of the tract (or some other one?) of 160 acres of land, four miles northwest of Denver and adjoining the Reitze claim. (Dec 2, same year) (Arapahoe County Land Records)

O’KANE, Henry, gives notice of location of claim for farming and ranching. “commencing at a stake,” etc. “near a cabin on EnCrk” 160 acres, located and taken Oct 3, 1859. Recorded in Golden Jan 21, 1860. This claim is described as being in Jefferson County. This pioneer is also grantee, from W. P. Degoe, (all parties being of Arapahoe County) on same date, land recorded in Jefferson County.

O’KANE, James, files claim for ranche land, cornering on that of Henry O’Kane, in Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory, 160 acres, taken and located Oct 3, 1859. (Jefferson County Land Records, Golden)

“OLD LODGE POLE TRAIL,” mentioned in Western Mountaineer, Dec 14, 1859.

“OLD LONDON HOSPITAL,” was the first drug store, and stood on Ferry Street, Auraria, next the Jefferson House. It was kept by Drs. Wilcox and McLachlan in 1859, and was sold by D. McLathlan Feb 13, 1860 to A. M. Allen (lot numbers not stated.) (Liber D, p. 263)

“OLD SETTLER’S MEETINGS,” these were established as early as two or three years after 1858-9, and confined to persons arriving in those years. In Mar 8, 1882, in parlor of the Teller House, Central, a meeting occurred, and it was stated that Blackhawk had 59 members, Central 45, Nevadaville 29, and Russell 19. So it may be seen that only a 150 or so were left at this date in the best mining district of the state.

OLDHAM, ---, was member of a Town Company in 1859 and with two other men formed mining partnership in Pleasant Valley, and it later grew to seven men. (Oldham, Newman & Company)

OLEAR, Charles Frank (?), grantee from Auraria Town Company Aug 27, 1859, lot 11, block 38, Auraria. (Arapahoe County Land Record)

O’NEILL, John, or Jack, was shot and killed by John Rooker in Mar 1859, according to Hall, and according to Larimer in his Reminiscences in Dec 1859. (Over a game of cards.) His estate was advertized for administration Apr 11, 1860, with John Kinna, Administrator. O’Neill was “of Arapahoe County,” and on Jun 7 his property on Larimer Street, Denver, also his property in Auraria, appeared in advertizement to be sold at Court House, published in The Daily Herald. The Auraria property with improvements said to be worth about $700.

OREM, John C., (listed also as F. C. and J. C., may be two?), called “Con Orem” by Larimer, was a sporting man of 1858. He had four Donation Lots from Denver Town Company, Dec 4, this year. He was grantor of lots in 1859, and on Jun 2, this year,

ORISON, David F., on Aug 22, 1859, is grantor to John Hickrey lots 5-6-, block 67, Denver, for consideration of $200 (must have had cabin).  Orison is “of Denver City.”

ORLBERT, an old trapper of 1851, whose deserted cabin the arrivals of 1859 found near Hamilton town site in South Park District.  He, with some other trappers, had erected it, and it was still standing.  (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 176)

ORR, James, was an arrival with one of Capt. Green Russell’s parties from Georgia.

ORTSON, Samuel, was a witness, Auraria City, Dec 7, 1859.  (Arapahoe County Land Records)

OTIS, Harrison G., laid out Central City, in Kendall Gulch 1859.  Harrison Grey Otis was of Arapahoe County in Jan 1860, for on the 6th he was grantee of lot (or part of) 12, block 9, Auraria City.  (Arapahoe County Land Records)

OUTRABIE, a political precint of 1859, which was represented by one delegate to the Constitutional Convention.  (RMN)

OVERTON & COMPANY, mining in Russell’s Gulch, during summer 1859.  (RMN)

OWENS, A. H., in 1859 was Secretary of Mountain City Town Company, also of the Consolidated Ditch Company.  A. H. Owens was also stockholder in Shiann Pass Town Company in same year.

OWENS, D. B., partner with Henry Grinold, L. C. Crandall, and B. O. Russell and Royal Jacobs in petition for time extension, in working of mine development, in Gregory Diggings, as mine cannot be operated for lack of machinery.  (Gregory Record, 1859, Central City)

OWENS, W. F., name among the 1859 residents of Golden City.

OXLEY, J. O., is mentioned by Bancroft as discoverer of a mine in Gilpin County 1859, and from another source his name is mentioned as miner in Clear Creek and Boulder mines.
PACHON, J. J., (resided South Pueblo in 1890) member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, is native of Switzerland, born Apr 15, 1838, arrived 1859 in Colorado.

PAGE, Harrison E., arrived 1859, born Maine 1835. (Hall) Probably member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.

PAIGE, Crosswell, (or Crosswell Paige?) of Ohio, arrived with Capt. G. W. Henderson’s train May 16, 1859. (RMN, files)

PAIN, William Jefferson, lately arrived from Washington, D. C., colored, blacksmith, on McGaa Street, Auraria, appears in the papers of that and ensuing year 1859-60, possibly later. He buys lots, etc.

PAISEL, John, noted mountaineer of times earlier than 1859, well known by reputation to the arrivals of that year.

PALMER, John F., original stockholder Auraria Town Company 1858.

PALMER, William, arrived spring of 1859. (RMN) He was from Ohio. May 22 came with Lone Star Company by Smoky Hill Route.

PANCOAST, George, arrived with Oakes party mouth of Cherry Creek Oct 10, 1858. (This is an old Quaker name of Pennsylvania.) There came in party five men by Platte Route, the first breaking of trail.

PANDER, John, one of the original stockholders of Auraria City 1858.

PANKSTON, A. B., witness to deed to claim at Gregory Diggings, at Mountain City, Sep 29, 1859. (Gregory Records, Central)

PANTON, L., member of old Boston Company, doing business in Golden City 1859 and later. They furnished miners with all necessary outfits, clothing, foods, etc., pans, rockers, shovels, tents.

PAPA, Louis, born in Walla Walla, Washington. Married in the forties or fifties daughter of Mariano Modena (another account says step-son), but he was with his adopted parent in pioneering in Big Thompson Valley in 1858 and later. He was of French and Indian descent, had in 1811 ranche in Big Thompson, gardening, and raising cattle. His portrait is in Watrous’ History of Larimer County, p. 470, which see for details.

PAPIN, ---, had ranche claim on west of Pimm’s claim, Oct 24, 1859.

PAPPIN, W., of Arapahoe County, for consideration of $130, grants to A. P. Vasquez (spelled Vaskers), lots and house on Blake Street, northwest corner of E. Street Jul 27, 1859. (Signs with X) (Arapahoe County Land Records, see Index)
PARK, G. N., witness in Denver, Nov 9, 1859.  (Arapahoe County Land Records)

PARKE, ---, in 1858 had Donation Lots, with agreement to build hewed log house. On Aug 17, 1859, J. W. Parke (may be same or some other) certificate to his rights to two select and draw lots, Denver.

PARKER, J. W., in Directory of Business for 1859 Denver and Auraria he is listed as “Bricklayer,” residence on McGaa Street.

PARKER, M. B., from Coffeerville, Kansas Territory, 14 in party, left Leavenworth Apr 21, arrived May 1859. Came by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN)

PARKER, O. F., agent acting for M. L. McCaslin in sale of Auraria lots, Sep 27, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records) In Gregory’s Diggings, one of this name adjusts mining claims. His Claim Agency is in the Parmelee Building, probably at Mountain City.

PARKER, Thomas P., witness in sale of lots by Hickory Rogers to J. G. Simms, Denver City, Nov 14, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

PARKER, Wilbur F., arrived in small party in 1858. Note: Mrs. Ed. L. Ballitin’s maiden name was Rhoda Parker, but compiler has no information further. She came very early, and it has always been understood that her father came in 1859.

PARKES, ---, of Spanish Diggings, in Jul 1859. Joined exploring party to find lost comrade -- see under Kennedy and Shank.

PARKES, J. W. & COMPANY, in Directory of Denver 1859 are in business of carrying on the City bakery and dining saloon, opposite Denver Hall. J. W. Parkes also goes into partnership with E. Karezewsky in bakery business, and Eating House in Auraria. John W. Parkes name appears, probably same.

PARKINSON, J. T., was stockholder in Auraria Town Company 1858 and in 1859 in Denver City Town Company. He was administrator of estate of Peleg T. Bassett of Denver City, the notices running in RMN for several issues, during this year. I also have a note of T. J. Parkinson, stockholder of Denver City Town Company, but this is probably same, as initials were used very much on account of scarcity of type, very few full names appearing in the oldest files. (J. T. Parkerson is another spelling.)

PARKINSON, Capt. Theodore, and his brother “Bill” mentioned by Larimer in his Reminiscences, as inhabiting Denver in 1859.

PARKINSON, William, was stockholder of Denver City Town Company in 1858. In spring of 1859 William Parkenson had six Donation Lots in Auraria City, with agreement on his part to build hewed log house.
PARKINSON, William H., deeds to G. W. Fisher lots to be drawn, etc., Denver City. He also on Jun 8 sells lots to William P. McClure, all in 1859.

PARKISON, W. H. & COMPANY, this firm appears in Denver or Auraria 1859.

“PARKINSON’S RANCHE” was near site of the present Union Depot among the trees, and running along the Platte. Miss Steck is of opinion that J. T. Parkinson owned this place, but is not sure of the date of it, but thinks it probably began its useful existence in this memorable year (1859).

PARKS, R. L., grantee, of portion of claims of Elias Browne Sep 29, 1859, Mountain City. (Gregory Record, p. 6, Central)

PARKS, R. S., (may be same above), member 1859 to make first Constitutional, later after its failure is member or delegate to convention to form Provisional Government. In both cases he is delegate from Cheyenne Pass (spelled Shiann Pass). He is also Vice President of Shiann Pass Town Company (1859?).

PARKVILLE, mining town in Georgia Gulch, not very far from Breckenridge, started in 1859 but now gone. The site is now included in Summit County.

PARMELEE, Dan S., member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society of Gilpin County, recorded as having arrived Colorado Jul 1859. As his death is now not given in this book of Gilpin County Pioneers, I conclude he has changed his residence, and the Secretary did not know his address though he may be still living. His name appears in the old Gregory Record, p. 11, as grantee from C. A. Roberts of a building lot in Mountain City, “situated on north side of the main street, joined on the east by a house and lot now owned and occupied by Major Hadley as a bakery and joinery store, running northwest 40 feet and north 100 feet (said lot was claimed by Roberts on Aug 17, 1859), dated Mountain City Oct 1, 1859.” Parmelee later states that he is building a house. (This was probably “Parmelee’s Building,” a celebrated place of Mountain City where public meetings were held.) On Sep 26, same year, he describes himself as “of Mountain City,” Jefferson County, Kansas Territory, in a deed executed at this time noted in the Record Book, p. 24.

PARRISH, William J., was of Auraria in 1859, and on Jan 9, 1860 was a witness there to conveyance of deed to Henderson Ranche on the Platte River. (Deeds of Arapahoe County)

PARSONS, A. N., mentioned in RMN during the year 1859 as being a delegate from Bay State Precinct to the first Constitutional Convention. On Jul 19 he was Secretary of the Miners’ meeting at that place, held to pass laws and regulations to govern their work.
PARSONS, Dr. John, “of Quincy, Illinois, calls upon the RMN” dated Jul 23, 1859. The Trail, Vol. 65, No. 5, p. 2, Denver, says he arrived in 1858, and died at Brown’s Park, Utah, Jan 1881. In pioneer days he had a die for coining gold, making two and a half pieces. He lived three or four miles down the Platte until about 1878 and practiced medicine more or less. He lost his property in a ditch scheme, and removed to Utah. The name of the partner in Black & Parsons, Oct 15, 1859 was John Parsons, probably same, they were grantees of lots 9-10, block 47, Denver City.

PARSONS, William B., came to Colorado in 2nd wagon of the Lawrence party, summer of 1858. They were bringing supplies to the miners. He presided at the trial enroute of Vincent, a member of party, who was sentenced to give his horse to Atwell, and leave the country, for shooting Atwell. This was the first trial under the Lawrence Company.

PASCOE, John, (originally from near Galena, Illinois) member of mining community at Chicago Creek Bar, 1859. In the Western Mountaineer published at Golden City, his case is made to occupy six and a half columns of the issue of Jan 4, 1860. The story is too long to be told here, but he secured $250 damages.

“PATCH DIGGINGS,” a place near Gregory’s mining camp, spoken of in papers 1859.

PATRICK, W. C., arrived Jun 6, 1859 in lists of the Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association. Died a number of years ago. (Clipping in Record Book of the Society, kept by its Secretary)

PATTERSON, C. B., in 1859 was a delegate from Fountain City to the first Constitutional Convention (June). Later was Representative elect from the 6th District.

PATTERSON, E. H. N., in 1859 was a representative, or delegate from Left Hand Diggings to the first Constitutional Convention. He was pioneer of three states, Illinois, California, and Colorado. Born Winchester, Virginia Jul 27, 1823, died Denver, Apr 21, 1880, buried with Masonic honors in Georgetown. Educated Jubilee College near Peoria, Illinois. Also attended Knox College. Was an editor, the Sacramento paper known as the “Placer Times” being one, another being the Georgetown Miner.

PATTIE, James O., an arrival of 1858, mentioned in lists.

PATTON, Miles, (also spelled Paton) member of the Gilpin County Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived May 1859, and in October of that year was a partner of Kehler (firm name Kehler & Patton) with store in Mountain City, Gregory Diggings, and in November of this year was member elected from 4th District to the first Territorial Council under the Provisional Government, Jefferson Territory. He describes himself as “of Denver” in Jan 1860, but this may have been owing to the weather in the mountains. Here he deeds to N. P. Simpson 20 or more Denver lots. It seems to be a
mortgage. He died in Central City Dec 30, 1894 at the residence of his brother-in-law, Samuel I. Lorah, his age 64 years. Is said to have been a placer miner in California Gulch before coming to Central City. He took up ranche below Idaho Springs where he raised horses, etc. He is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Central, by the side of his sister, the wife of Samuel I. Lorah. He had a brother, John Paton, a native of New York State.

PATTON, HILLS & COMPANY, mining during 1859 in Russell’s Gulch with seven men. (RMN)

PAYNAISKY, Felix, was a witness to deed in Auraria City Dec 13, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 193, old) On Jan 4, 1860 he is again witness in a similar case.

PAYNE & COMPANY, owned mine called “Hill House” in Clear Creek or in Boulder County 1859. (Gilpin County 1859, Bancroft) Probably this place was Payne’s Bar Lode? Payne’s Bar was on site of Idaho Springs, on Clear Creek.

PAYNE, John F., “bargains and sells Jul 15, 1859 to J. S. Lowry and R. A. Spooner, one house and two lots on Larimer, at Denver City, Kansas Territory, also two Draw Lots in said city, to be drawn according to the Company’s regulations, for, and in consideration of a note for $300, etc.” (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 138, old) Another sale of lots is by J. F. Payn (same?), on Larimer Street, south side street, three or four lots west on E. Street. (Note: E. Street was original name of what is now 14th Street, so these lots must have been opposite the present City Hall – 1926)

PEABODY, ---, arrives May 5, 1859, of Omaha. (RMN, List, May)

PEABODY, B. S., Sep 17, 1859 is grantee from William Clancy, consideration $100 lots in Denver City. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 71) On Oct 8 he is grantee of lot 3, block 62, Auraria City.

PEABODY, John C., partner of Hal Sayre in 1859 at Blackhawk. (The Trail, p. 10, Dec 1925)

PECHERD, S., mining at Colona 1859. Mentioned in list in RMN.

PECK, ---, mining on Cache la Poudre 1859. (RMN) The firm of Lehmer, Lawton & Peck, mining, near north fork of Clear Creek near Mountain City, summer 1859.

PECK, Dr. A. F., card in RMN announces that he has office “at the Drug Store” on Blake Street, Denver, after the announcement of his arrival in 1859. He is a graduate of a New York Medical College and is able also to extract teeth at his office. Later in the year he gives his services to a poor man needing attention. This is mentioned in the papers. Dec 2 he is grantee with E. B. Sutherland and the ranche claim acquired is
the one located by Jesse Ohment, four miles northeast of Denver. In 1860 Peck’s name is with others starting the first Episcopal Church in Denver.

PECK, Charles, was Sheriff of Gregory Diggings, in 1859, the first one appointed, according to Hall. This was under what was called an old list of residents of Canon City 1859 pioneers. He seems to be one of its founders.

PECK, George, arrived in 5th wagon of the Lawrence Party, 1858. He was born Jul 2, 1836, and in 1890 lived in Las Animas.

PECK, H. M., arrived by Alfred Tucker’s Train, May 28, 1859, by Arkansas Route. He is from O’Fallon, Illinois. The name of H. T. Peck from Illinois also appears but may be same person. (RMN, files, June)

PEEBLES, Robert, arrived with Lawrence Party in 2nd wagon, May 1858. The expedition was one carrying supplies to the miners.

PEERS, Oscar L., arrived May 10, 1859, and came to Central Jun 15. An express package is advertized for him in RMN during season. He was member of Gilpin County Pioneers’ Society of 1858-9, and marked in list by Secretary as having died. In a clipping from newspaper it states that he was resident of Boulder in 1914.

PEERS, Philip E., a stockholder of both Auraria Town Company, as well as Denver Town Company in 1859, the former on date Nov 1. In September of this year he files on a farm claim, or located it, and files description the following January the northwest corner of Section 22, Township 3, So., R. 5 east of the 7th meridian. He was probably the partner in firm of Pim & Peers, auction and commission merchants, doing business on Larimer Street between B. and C. Streets. They were very prominent during 1859 and later. (See under Pim.)

PELL, William G., had ranche and garden in Boulder Valley 1859, arrived Jul 20, and in 1890 was living in Boulder. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. Born in Canada Aug 10, 1822.

PEMLY, ---, fought duel with --- Sanford in Park County 1859. (The latter was a Texan.) The fight reported in papers at time.

PENDLETON, John M., born Illinois Aug 16, 1834. Arrived goldfields Apr 20 (another account states Apr 15, 1859). His residence was Denver in both of the Pioneers’ Society lists, 1890 and 1920.

PENS, S., arrived with Capt. William Valentine’s Train of six wagons 23 days out of St. Joseph, Missouri. Is from La Salle, Illinois. Arrived Apr 14, 1859, and the information is from Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1. (One copy only of this publication in files of RMN. Colorado History Society Collection in Denver Museum)
PENTICOST, Alexander J., of Golden Gate City, member of firm of Tetlow & Company. In that place, Jul 1859. In the autumn, Nov 14, is grantee in Denver City of lots from William H. Bennet. Penticost is “of Denver” in this transaction.

PERCIVAL, Lewis, of Arapahoe County Dec 1859, as grantee of Denver lots and again Jan 7, 1860 of Auraria City lots, the last from S. W. Smith, for consideration of $80.

PERCY, James B., of County of Arapahoe, Dec 7, 1859, grantee with Joseph R. Harper, of part of lot 12, block 9, Auraria City.

PEREGRINE, John D., arrived Jun 1, 1859, born Massachusetts Apr 23, 1832. In 1890, and later in 1920, he was a resident of Central City, and a member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society. His advent in Blackhawk probably dates from Jul 5 of the year of his arrival, and he is said to have lived here also.

PERKINS, A. L., received Donation Lots in Denver City in 1859. Must have been a resident at that time.

PERKINS, George C., was witness to deed of Auraria lots Jun 7, 1859.


PERKINS, William L., “of Denver City,” Nov 2, 1859 is grantor to Fosdick Cheever, consideration $150, Denver City lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records) He had Donation Lots from Denver Town Company Dec 4, 1858, and in the above transaction may have sold part of them. Dec 23, 1858, he is a witness to deed in Auraria City. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 230)

PERRIN, Benjamin, Nov 9, 1858, associated with P. H. Way, agrees with the St. Charles Town Company to establish a blacksmith shop upon the town site, also a dwelling house for which the Town Company agrees to donate to him or them 10 average lots. Filed for record Feb 1, 1860. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 183, old) Later, Jul 20, 1859, Perrin is grantee to Huffer & Hatfield two lots on McGaa Street, upon which one set of logs are now laying, also the logs upon the same, and four lots to be drawn for from the general drawing, for and in consideration of the sum of $100 to me in hand paid. (Acknowledged by Perrin before notary on same date, also filed for record.)

PERRIN, Ed. S., name in list of pioneers of 1859 (Hall) as an arrival of Jul 10. Born New York Aug 20, 1824. He located in Gilpin County about 1864, and an obituary of his wife who died in Russell District Oct 9, 1890 (of pneumonia, aged 58) states that they have lived since 1864 at that camp. Her name is given as “M. S.” (Pioneer papers always abbreviated names, a habit which still survives and annoys the genealogist.) E. S. Perrin was described as aged in this clipping, and had three daughters and one son. The wife was buried at Riverside, in Denver.
PERRIN & WAY, a firm doing business in 1859 and possibly later in Denver, or Auraria. (blacksmithing)

PERSALL, Charles, arrived 1859 with Malancthon Beach. He is from Lawrence, Kansas.

PETERS, J. H., witness of deed, miner’s claim, Nevada Gulch, Sep 1, 1859. Recorded Mountain City. Another in Gregory Record, p. 10 shows him again a witness. In Denver, same year, he has transaction in lots.

PETITJOHN, D., arrived Jun 1, 1859 from Illinois with W. H. Bowker and R. Gibson. (RMN, file)

PFLEFT, ---, of firm of Givens & Pfleft, mining in Pleasant Valley 1859. Name also spelled Pleft.

PFOUTZ, William G., “of Arapahoe County” May 31, 1859, grants for $100 to D. K. Wall, his right in farm claim of 160 acres, lying east of N. Bristow claim, on Vasquez Fork of Platte River, 1-1/2 miles from City of Arapahoe. Filed for record Jun 7. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

PHEGER, Henry, name in list of Rocky Mountain Rangers, living in 1859 at Mountain City.

PHELPS, J. H. W., “of Russell’s Gulch” is witness to deed of Nelson Rowan of same place, to land on Ralston Creek, next southwest corner of John Woodie’s land, Jan 19, 1860. (This is recorded in Golden Land Records and he is probably an arrival of 1859, or if not, must have been enroute.)

PHILLIPS, Julia A., and George Phillips of St. Louis, Missouri make deed Aug 6, 1859, and again on Sep 18, Julia A. Phillips “wife of George Phillips” buys 200 or more
Denver lots of Oscar B. Totten, including share in the City of Boulder, and shares in
town of Russellville, in Fountain City, and Jefferson City, for consideration of
$3,000.  (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 196)  These persons do not
appear as residents of the state or Territory of Jefferson, but are listed as owners of
property in that year 1859.

PICKLE, C., had lots drawn as donated by the Golden Association of 1859.  The record
book of this period is carried on largely by the recorder’s memory, apparently, as he
has not taken the time to put in quite all his dates.  But this probably is of that year.

PICKLES, Charles, his claim “begins at northeast corner of Joseph Kelley’s claim, etc.,”
and was surveyed Dec 28, 1859 by P. H. Sayer.  (Jefferson County Land Records,
Golden)

PIEDMONT & COLORADO WAGON ROAD, began operations the above year, and is
described as beginning at Platte River, nine miles above Auraria, entering mountains
at Piedmont, three miles south of Platte Canon.  It was owned by a company.

PIERCE, Arthur E., original member Auraria Town Company, said by one authority to
have arrived 1858, by another also reliable, he is given as a pioneer of Feb 1859 (?).
Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, born Michigan Nov 2, 1837.  He had the earliest
book and news stand, in Post Office building, and may be said to be Colorado’s first
librarian, his books being circulated for a slight compensation.  He is said to have had
as many as 50 volumes in his library 1859.  The following is from the Western
Mountaineer, Sep 27, 1860:  “A. E. Pierce, an old Fiftyniner, left Denver, selling out
his business to Moffatt & Woolworth, and has gone to the States, and will spend
winter in Northern Ohio.”  He must have soon returned, for the same name appears
often in Denver, for many years, very prominently engaged in business.

PIERCE, C. B., a resident of Denver or Auraria 1859.  (Clipping)

PIERCE, Franklin, was President of the Union Bar Gold Mining Company, as it is stated
in the RMN, when he departs “for the States.”

PIERCE, James A., (also noted as James H.) of Georgia, was of the Russell Party, and
James A., and Richard J. who also came (see) were relatives of the Russells.  James
H. is probably the same (?) and arrived with the original party, said to have joined it
in Kansas (?)  They arrived Jun 24, 1858.  He lived in Auraria and in Nov 1 became
stockholder, or member of the Town Company, and seems to have mined in Gregory
Diggings, and in Dec 1859 had about 20 Auraria City lots.  In 1907 he lives in
Morrison.  On Jan 12, 1860, J. T. Pierce buys for $200 claim of Nelson Rowan on
Ralston Creek, Jefferson County, the claim cornering with claim of John Moody.
(Golden Land Records)
PIERCE, Richard J., said to have joined the Russell Party in Kansas and to be related to the Russells. He was stockholder 1858 in Auraria Town Company (Nov 1) and later R. J. Pierce & Company are mining at Spanish Dry Diggings.

PIERCE & COMPANY, mining, same year above, 1859, Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats.

PIERCE & HARRIS, firm who were stockholders in Golden City Association in above year.

PIERCE & RIGGS, of Auraria Town Company, grantees Nov 1859 lot 10, block 2, Auraria City.

PIERSON, ---, had Donation Lots, Denver and name of Mr. Pierson, bartender, of Golden appears also in paper. The RMN in one of its reminiscent moods which sometimes occurred as early as 1860 (changes were so swift as to be appalling in those early days, towns would be deserted within a few weeks sometimes, and minds grew pensive and retrospective) describing the flood, mentions the fact that on Larimer Street (then called 5th), between B. Street and Cherry, probably in creek bed, as B. Street does not exist now, was the large residence of Mr. Pierson, erected in the “fall of 1859.”

PIERSON, (spelled Pearson), Charles P., his coal and farm land claim made Dec 10, 1858, mentioned and described as adjacent claim filed on at this date by D. C. Collier, next Herman Pearson’s Claim.” (Liber C, pp. 154-155) A mention is made in paper of “Mr. Pierson’s coal mine on Coal Creek, 12 miles southeast of Denver.” (RMN) The claims of Hiram, Thomas, and C. P. Pierson, or Pearson, are described at length on pp. 155-156 of book noted above.

PIERSON, Hiram, his coal claim noted above, and his farm claim for 160 acres 12 miles southeast of Denver on Dry Creek filed for record Dec 8, 1859. (160 acres, may be same above, or another.)

PIERSON, Jeremiah, was a shareholder in Golden City Association 1859. The name of C. Pierson appears in this list.

PIERSON, William M., from New York arrived Denver 1859. (RMN)

PIKIHSON, (?) Sarah B., witness, Sep 8, 1859, Auraria land office.

PILCHER, Louis, original stockholder of Auraria 1858.

PIM, Thomas F., born about 1825, for he was said to be alive 1895 age 70 years, arrived in goldfields Jun 1859, but before this came west to St. Louis in 1843 with fur traders, and then to old Fort Larimer owned by American Fur Company. Here he was a clerk.
He was in auction and commission business in Denver in 1859 as a partner, P. E. Peers being with him. Their place was on Larimer Street between B. and C. Streets. He was through the fire of 1863 and the flood of 1864, and the following notice in the RMN I found in the files: Married, Dec 28, 1865, on St. Thomas’ Day, by S. D. Hunter, Esq., Mr. Thomas F. Pim to Miss Mary A. McCune. Pim took up a farm claim in Sep 1859, the south ¼ of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 3, So., R. 5 East of 7th Meridian. Several other transactions are in land records. He is said to have settled in Pueblo after 1865, and then went to San Louis Valley. He and Peers owned a house and lot on southwest corner of Lawrence and B. Streets, in Denver, which they bought Aug 4, 1859 of William McGaa for 325 dollars. (Liber A, p. 59, old) Philip E. was name of his partner.

PINERIES, the, where the lumber principally came from in early times was on head waters of Kiowa and Bijou Creeks where several sawmills were at work early in 1859 making boards from which Auraria and Denver were built.

PINEY CREEK PLACERS, said to be very rich in free gold in 1859.

PINGREE, George W., an Argonaut of 1858. Resided Platteville in 1920 and member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society.

PIPER, of Ransford & Piper, buying Denver lots 1859.

PIPER, Charles M., witness in Auraria City, Oct 12, 1859 to Minerva Piper’s deed from Dudley. (See Minerva Piper.)

PIPER, J. M., (may be same as James M.), member of Shiann Pass Town Company in 1859, and is mentioned as being at Blue River. RMN notes his leaving Denver for the East and states that he is from Nebraska Territory.

PIPER, James M., mentioned in transaction in lots in Auraria, Jun 7, 1859 and later in November is witness to deed at same place.

PIPER, M., member of Mountain City Town Company 1859.

PIPER, Minard, of Denver owns lots Aug 23, 1859. (Liber A, p. 283, old) (Could this be M. Piper above?)

PIPER, Minerva, of city of Auraria, grantee lot 8, block 65, in same city, from Judson H. Dudley, Oct 12, 1859. (Land Records, Liber A, old) (See also above under Charles M. Piper.)

PITCHER, J. G., (another spelling is J. S. Pitcher, but probably same?) had Donation Lots in Golden City recorded 1859. On Jan 2, 1860 was witness of deed between Henry C. Powers and Charles Pickle, all of Arapahoe County, recorded in Golden. Later, description of J. S. Pitcher’s farm claim of 160 acres, surveyed by P. H. Sayer,
dated Dec 28, 1859, and recorded Golden. (Liber A, p. 2) This may be the one who was of firm of Dickerson & Pitcher, who had in 1860 Donation Lots recorded in Golden.

PITCHER, L. N., description of his ranche claim down on Clear Creek, cornering with James Kelley’s claim, surveyed by P. H. Sayer, dated Dec 28, 1859 (160 acres). (Old Cash Book A, Golden)

PITTMAN, Barney P., and Company, claim 640 acres with two Kimballs, and A. Kent, Nov 25, 1859. Description in Bear Creek at base of mountains.

PLATE, William, witness to deed Denver, Dec 16, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

PLATT, Abner, also William, said by Hal Sayre to have crossed plains with him, to gold diggings, in same wagon from Dubuque, Iowa in 1859.

PLATTE ROUTE from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the goldfields, was along this stream most of way and water was available. It was considered about 40 days distant from starting point, though after the stages were running it was covered in much less time.

“PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA COMPANY,” arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek it is said Oct 24, 1858 with 15 wagons, 56 men, and 1 woman, the last being Countess Murat. Six wagons were from Plattsmouth, and nine from Kansas and Missouri, which joined the party at Fort Kearney.

PLEASANT PARK (formerly Illion) was a town of 1859-60.

PLEASANT VALLEY, mining district, placers, organized Sep 3, 1859, was between Russell’s and Bay State Districts, lower part of Russell’s Gulch (now in Gilpin County).

PLUM CREEK, a political precinct of 1859, mentioned in RMN as sending one delegate to the first Constitutional Convention.

PLUMB, Hon. S. J., member Constitutional Convention 1875-6 from 1st District, born Lewis County, New York, 1832, emigrated Wisconsin 1856, came Colorado spring of 1859, was County Commissioner of Weld County 1872, Republican, advocated woman suffrage. Is stockgrower. (Notes from biographical sketches of members of this Constitutional Convention published in 1875 or 1876, either by RMN or Tribune – published in supplement.)

POGUE, John, washed out $500 in three days from the Brown Lode, in Russell District 1859. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 198. Quoted from Hollister)
POISEL, John, a Frenchman who had Indian wife, and whose daughter Mary married a son of the auctioneer Keith on Larimer Street. He resided Denver 1859, and Mary is mentioned in Larimer’s Reminiscences.

POLLARD, C. W. (M?), May 26, 1859 arrived Colorado, but was born New York Oct 22, 1834. Lived in Georgetown about 1890 and member Colorado Pioneers’ Society of early period.

POLLARD, Len J., living at Grand Lake in 1890, also in 1920 lists of Colorado Pioneers of which he was member. Born New York Oct 1841. Arrived Colorado Jul 9, 1859.

POLLARD, Walter, a founder of Golden City, was witness Jul 29, 1859 in that city to transfer of deed.

POLLARD, William, in 1859 was a shareholder in the Golden City Association. (This name is W. Pollard in list of shareholders in old Record Book. It is possible that it refers to Walter above?)

POLLOCK, Captain, was Marshall of the procession at the first celebration of the Fourth of July in the goldfields at Denver and Auraria. The event was noticed in the papers of the time.

POLLOCK, Dr. Irving J., visited, it is said, site of Denver 1858, near time of Russell’s Party, afterward returned in or about 1860 and became a well-known physician in Georgetown. He is mentioned in paper being present in 1859, and engaged “in political activities.” During the war of the Rebellion he was 1st Surgeon of the Colorado Cavalry, 1863.

POLLOCK, John A., the Arapahoe County Land Records show him as owner of lot 9, block 40 of Auraria Town Company Dec 28, 1859.

POLLOCK, Simon L., from Auraria Town Company, Nov 7, 1859, granted lots in Auraria City.

POLLOCK, Thomas, a very stirring pioneer. It is stated in the RMN that he arrived from New Mexico Dec 26, 1858, and Jan 10 following opened his blacksmith shop on 4th between Ferry and St. Louis Streets, Auraria. (This place would now be named as on Market (or Walnut) between 11th and 10th Streets.) He soon started a carpentering and cabinet-making business also, and during year advertizes to do undertaking for funerals, etc. He soon opened a ferryboat trade, as well as a hotel, called the Pollock House, which saw the first Presbyterian services Jun 15, 1859. This structure, quite a large one stood on corner of what is now Walnut and 11th Street. The Trustees appointed were William Clayton, R. E. Whitsitt, Daniel Moyn, and Richard Sopris. In the Ferrying trade Pollock was associated with B. Reed of Auraria. He was member of the first Constitutional Convention, delegate from Auraria Jun 1859. His trades in lots were on record and he was in above year a stockholder in Denver City
Town Company. The following marriage from files of RMN, Sep 19, 1860, is also of importance: Married, in Denver, Sep 16, 1860 by Rev. Dr. Rankin, Capt. Thomas Pollock and Miss Sarah A. Chivington, all of Denver.

POLLOCK, Wier P., was of Summit County in 1866, and in that year Vice President of one of the earliest Pioneer associations to include those of 1858-9. This meeting was in Denver, Jun 22, 1866.

POLLOCK & COMPANY, had “an old coal claim” in 1859 on the south side of Rock Creek, three miles below the older Cherokee Trail.

POLLOCK’S RANCHE, was 1-1/2 miles south of Lone Tree. (RMN, May 7, 1859)

POOL, Mr., formerly of Morgan County, Illinois, living at Gregory Diggings 1859.

POOLER, Ensign, described in Gregory Record Book, p. 11, Central, as “having a house on Main Street, Mountain City Oct 1, 1859.”

POPE, George, or Georgius, from New Mexico, is grantee of lots on Jul 12, 1859. This property is on Cherry Creek. In the Directory of this year, George Pope is listed under “butchers” with shop on Blake Street. (May be same name as Pape, or Papa.)

PORTER, Rev. Mr., from Georgia, arrived 1859 according to RMN. He is Methodist.

PORTER, H. H., mentioned as being at Gregory Diggings during summer 1859.

PORTER, Thomas P., is member of old Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the City of Auraria, and with others petitions in 1859 the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

PORTER, William. RMN advertizes an express package for him 1859.

POST, C. C., born Washtenaw County, Michigan Nov 29, 1832. Died Denver. Arrived goldfields 1859, going first to Golden Gate City, from which he was a delegate in August of same year to the convention to form the Provisional Government. He also lived in Missouri Gulch in this year, where he was miner and also attorney, and in December was candidate for City Clerk of Denver. He was later in the first Legislature, representing the 13th District. He then lived for a while in Mountain City, and then in Central, and was District Attorney for 2nd Judicial District. Moved to Georgetown Jul 1872, and about 1902 was Attorney General of Colorado. Arrived in 1859 by Arkansas Route. He married in Decature, Illinois, May 18, 1856 Miss Angelica Cauflman. His children were Charles, Ada, Maud, Hattie and perhaps others. Mrs. Post was sister of Mrs. Edmund R. Connelly, and Ada and Lola Connelly were her nieces. Mr. Connelly was also a lawyer for many years before coming to Denver.
POWERS & SACKETT, mining, summer of 1859, Russell’s Gulch.

POWLES, Mr. D. D., visits mines, same time as Greeley Party 1859.

PRATT, Charles H., arrived Oct 1859. Deceased. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. (List)

PRECINCTS (Political) of 1859, and number of delegates to which each is entitled. (RMN, files, June)

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The population changed so suddenly and frequently in the gold camps that the above list of delegates must have been changed in numbers for each convention. This list seems to have been considered correct for the month of June. The alphabet seems to stop at the letter T, but the arrangement was not alphabetical in the RMN (see file).

PRENTISS, William, name in list of occupants of 1st wagon of Lawrence Party May 1858, on their expedition from Kansas to convey supplies to the camps and goldfields.

PRESYTERIAN CHURCH, for founding of see under Pollock House.

PRESCOTT, E., arrived Apr 14, 1859 via the six wagon train of Capt. William Valentine of La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859)

PRESTON, O., files claim for mining purposes in Gregory Diggings, described as near Hubbell’s claim, Oct 3, 1859, Mountain City “for want of water cannot work,” etc. (Gregory Record, 1859)

PRESTON, W. E., is witness of signing a deed, Denver, Jul 25, 1859.

PRESTON, W. G. (Same?), was member first Constitutional Convention and also had Donation Lots in 1859, with agreement to build hewed log house, as lots were usually donated so. This was in Denver. He is a delegate from Douglas City at time of his candidacy for member of the Convention (Jun 11, 1859) but seems to have moved for he appears again as candidate to represent City of Golden Gate in a later body. He seems an earlier arrival than this for there is a contract to build log house on Dec 6, 1858. He is Secretary and member of the Golden Gate Town Company in deed executed Jan 16, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 7), and styles himself as “of Arapahoe County, Territory of Jefferson,” in deed executed early in 1860, conveying lots 10-11, block 22, Golden City to Abraham Jacobs, also of Arapahoe County.

PRICE, James, advertizes taking up a yoke of lost steers Dec 7, 1859, Golden paper, and owner is notified to take them.
PRICE & HARRIS, (may be same), merchants and outfitters, Golden, same year, advertizes to take gold dust at highest rates.

PRICHON (Pochon?), Joseph, of Arapahoe County, is grantor to Joshua Monti, lot 21, block 48, Denver, deed dated Jan 15, 1860, consideration $150. (Probably an arrival of 1859.)

PRIDEY, H., had shop on McGaa Street, Denver, and in Directory of 1859 is styled as “bricklayer.” (Some very beautiful brickwork survives that was laid up in 1859.)

PRITCHARD, D. A., of New Lisbon, Ohio, arrived with two others C & O. Mans, on May 21, 1859.

PROSSER, T. T., owner of stamp mill in Gregory Diggings and in Prosser Gulch, so called 1859. Prosser, Conklin & Company mined this year in Russell’s and the quartz mill was situated at Mountain City.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF JEFFERSON TERRITORY 1859, was agitated early in summer, and the list of political precincts (see) and publication of the names of various candidates came out in the papers at once, though there was a considerable number of pioneers who considered that as the country was under Kansas government, and a county of that State, it was well enough to go on without change, and especially did H. P. A. Smith make himself active in opposition to the plan. Meetings were held in a large room above a saloon, called Apollo Hall, and here is where the first Constitutional Convention met, and framed an excellent document for government of the county and territory, but it was rejected at the polls. Later, in October, another effort was made and a second Convention met on the 29th. This had been called Sep 29 or earlier (RMN, 4th page) and they made the following nominations:

- R. W. Steele for Governor
- L. W. Bliss for Secretary of State
- George W. Cook for Treasurer
- R. J. Frazier for Attorney General
- A. J. Allen for Chief Justice
- J. N. Odell for Associate Justice
- E. Fitzgerald for Associate Justice
- C. B. Totten for Clerk of Supreme Court
- J. L. Herrick for Marshall
- H. H. McAffee for State Superintendent Public Instruction
- C. R. Bissell for Auditor

Files of the RMN during month of December were noting the proceedings of the bodies, the Legislature, and bills passed, as well as new laws made. The 2nd Legislature of the Provisional Government met in Feb 1860. The Constitution was published this year in the paper.
PROVOST, J., was in Jun 11 elected a delegate from Douglas City to the first Constitutional Convention. This may be same as John Provost (also spelled Prevost?) also J. P. Provost and his party of Canadian trappers and mountaineers came to the Big Thompson country in 1858: Born in Montreal, Canada, in the spring of this year he came from Fort Laramie to the Cache la Poudre Valley with a band of fur traders. He remained, locating a home at La Porte, Laramie County, being the first white settler here. Watrous’ History of Laramie County says Prevost married an Indian wife and had several children, kept a ranche, also a hotel and eating house for travellers, and died Jan 4, 1904 in La Porte, Colorado. He was born Jul 4, 1823. pp. 171-321.

PRYOR, Joseph, an express package is advertized for him during summer 1859.

PUEBLO, town, the modern one, was built on site of an older Mexican town abandoned long before that time. It was started in 1859-60 and for a long time had many Mexican settlers.

PULLMAN, Alexander J., on Apr 5, 1859 makes contract to buy 28 small sized hewed pine logs, by the 22nd day of that month, and to have built for him by A. C. Smith, a hewed log house not less than 16 feet square. Another trade in the Arapahoe County Land Records shows him to be grantor of Denver lots in Dec 1859. The following marriage is from files of RMN, Aug (Sep) 12, 1860: Married, Alexander J. Pullman and Miss Frances M. Cook, both formerly of Leavenworth, Kansas, at Nevada City, Gregory Mines, Aug 7, 1860 by Rev. G. W. Fisher.

PULMER (PULVER?), J. S., member of a jury to try a case at Chicago Creek Bar, Jan 1860. (Very likely an arrival of 1859.)

PUPELL, ---, his lots on Blake Street, mentioned in deed between Clement F. Amoureaux and Joseph McCubbin, Jun 4, 1859, lots, Denver City near E. Street (11th). (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, old)

PURDEE & FOWLER, mention in RMN during summer, as mining.

PURDY, Mr., arrived from Iowa Point, Kansas Territory, in May, by Platte Route.

PURKINS, William L., grantee Jun 7, 1859, Denver lots. Witness Amos Steck. (Afterward known as Judge Steck.)

PUTNAM, ---, in spring of above year had Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company, given with intention on part of grantee to build a hewed log house.

PUTNAM, George W., on Apr 5, is entitled to two Select Lots (of his own selection), and two odd Draw Lots (to be drawn) in Denver on McGaa Street between C. and D. Streets, and on south side of McGaa Street. (This would be in bed of Cherry Creek
Dated Dec 24, same year, 1859. G. W. Putnam’s name appears as a founding member of Auraria Lodge No. 1, in same year, his previous membership stated to have been in Acacia Lodge No. 67, La Salle, Illinois.
QUARTZ VALLEY, or QUARTZ VALLEY DISTRICT, is described by a resident of Mountain City as follows: “The diggings are bounded on the north by the north branch of Clear Creek, on the east by the north and south line passing by Castle Rock, on the south by the Divide between this and Eureka District, and on the west by the Snowy Range.” Again: “This District is about five miles northwest from here.” QUARTZ CREEK was a camp too, very good in 1859, and name of QUARTZ MILL appears in files mentioned with respect as place esteemed in that time. The Daily Herald, of same year, is reckoning on Sep 29 that there must be about 138 Quartz Mills already in the mountains.

QUEEN, William, arrived Jul 1, 1859, lived in Central about 1890, was member Pioneers’ Society, born in Ohio Sep 30, 1833. I have a clipping which gave notice of his death: Died, in Denver, at his residence, 317 W. 4th Avenue, May 12, 1898, aged 65 years, Mr. William Queen, one time resident of Russell’s Gulch, mining there and in Pleasant Valley District. He had ranche known as “Queen’s Ranche” adjoining Banta Hill Ranche. He left a wife and four children. Was member of Central Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M. and buried at Fairmont Cemetery.

QUICK, V. C., was member of the Water Company (Ditch Company), Denver, 1859.

QUILLIAN, Thomas, mentioned in Watrous’ History Larimer County, p. 111. Miner, born Apr 13, 1829, North Carolina, emigrated Indiana with parents, thence in 1854 Marion County, Iowa, Randolph County, Illinois, 1858, and in the year 1859 moved to the Pike’s Peak region, arriving Apr 5. He was 67 days enroute. The “Killian Brothers” mined in Gregory at first, and became friends of Green Russell and mined with him. In a few years he quit mining, located a ranche in Quillian Gulch, and in 1920 was living in Fort Collins.

QUINN, G. E., on Jan 1, 1859 acknowledged payment of mortgage on Jefferson County lands, Jefferson Territory, but does not give residence, but on Feb 28, following, he states himself to be “Of County of Jackson, Territory of Jefferson.”
RALSTON CREEK, Jefferson County, coal was discovered here 1859. This creek rises up in Gilpin County, miles northeast of Gregory District, in what used to be called “Mountain House District.”

RALSTON, Lewis, was from Lumpkin County, Georgia, and of original Russell Party 1858.

RALSTON, William, a pioneer to California 1855, etc., said to have camped at mouth of Cherry Creek (?). Ralston Creek said to have been named for him.

RAMAGE, James Douglas, (his only appearance as anything but J. D. Ramage is in one land record). Was a jeweler, established the first watch-making and jewelry store in the goldfields Dec 1858, in a little cabin corner of Ferry and 5th Streets, Auraria City. He was the third businessman to establish at corner of 11th and Larimer Streets, only these three merchants in city of Auraria at this time. (It was the southeast corner of 11th and Larimer.) He is said to have arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek early in December, bringing his stock, of course, at once to his cabin. He bought nine lots of Auraria Town Company on Aug 16, the year 1859, “To be taken by lot from original share of Judson H. Dudley of Auraria.” Later, Dec 3, James Douglas Ramage “of Arapahoe County” is grantor to Abraham Jacobs, lot 12, block 9, City of Auraria. (Liber C, p. 116) Auraria Lodge of Masons was founded during this summer, and Ramage was Junior Deacon pro tem, and elected to office later. His home Lodge is noted as Cataraqui Lodge of Kingston, Canada. In 1906 Ramage lived in Beresford, South Dakota, and writes to the secretary of Denver Lodge No. 5 giving description of the founding of Auraria Lodge. (Memorial booklet, p. 42, of Denver Lodge No. 5, published by this body in 1909.) Ramage went to the Southern mines late in season of 1859, after helping start the Auraria Lodge, and he applied for his dimit from it in 1865. At this time there was only one original member in the Lodge (A. Sagendorf). His birth may have been about 1836, as he says (1906) he is almost 70 years of age. When he left Denver he went to Kingston, Canada. He states that he was very young when in Denver. He was secretary of the Chess Club also, in 1859. Among his activities of 1861 was the founding of Canon City, he being President of the Town Company, and must have had much to do with it.

RAMSDALE, A. W., was a stockholder of Auraria Town Company, Nov 1, 1858.

RAND, George M., on Oct 24, 1859 is grantee from Ned Lugeneris of a ranche claim on Clear Creek “near William Kinsler’s land.” Consideration $500. E. W. Cobb was his partner in this purchase.

RANDALL, J. G., residing in Como, Colorado 1890, name in Hall’s List of Pioneers, born New York Mar 4, 1832, arrived goldfields Jul 1859. There was a firm of miners, Harrison & Randall, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats during summer of this year.

RANDE, Jack, “an old Fiftyeight pioneer, living at Forks of St. Vrain.”
RONDON, James I., was a witness Nov 15, same year, to Denver deed.

RANSFORD, William P., (also give William B.), partner of James M. Piper, in several land transfers of 1859. On Jun 7 they are grantees of City of Auraria lot 11, block 1, prior to this, May 30, of William Clancy they are grantees of 10 average lots out of Clancy’s share in Denver City, consideration $200. Oct 24, Ransford & Piper “of Auraria” sell with improvements the “same property purchased of Thomas Golden, Jun 7, same year, being lot 11, block 1, Auraria. Previous to this they disposed of the Denver lots and one lot in Auraria to James Van Dusen of Auraria.

RANTSCHLER, J. M., arrived May 9, 1859, born Kentucky Jul 8, 1839. Lived Pueblo, Colorado for some time. Member Colorado Pioneer’s Association.

RARIDAN, James J., lived in Mountain City, a miner in Gregory Diggings, where he made a speech at a crowded miners’ meeting for protest against reducing the price of gold dust, which a number of the Denver and Auraria merchants were seeking to accomplish. A great deal of feeling was stirred among the miners, the RMN and other papers of the year giving very good accounts of the situation. Raridan, who seems a talented man, wrote for the RMN. Jan 1, 1860 issue of the Western Mountaineer, published in Golden, a defense of himself for an effort he tried, to break down the Provisional Government, which he thinks not very successful. He was a delegate from Sander’s Ranche to the convention to form the constitution of this government: This place was one of the political precincts of 1859.

RASMUSSEN, D. K., of Sterling, New York, arrived goldfields May 12, 1859. (N. Sterling appears in another place ?) (RMN, List)

RAUGH, George W., lived 1907. Arrived Colorado May 18, 1859. (Name from list Pioneer’s Association. Account does not state how many years he had lived in Brush.)

RAVEN, an Indian chief, much disliked by the people who could get little buffalo meat during winter, as Raven’s band of Indians appropriated it. (See RMN, p. 3, Sep 29, 1859.)

RAWSON, T., mining, summer of 1859, Tarryall diggings.

RAYMOND, C., was a member of the first Constitutional Convention, 1859, a delegate from Colona precinct.

READ, Enos, “Paid Jul 25, $1, C.C.P.,” name with list of nine others in back of Gregory Record for 1859 and probably a record of this year’s affairs. C.C.P. may be C. C. Post?
REAGAN, W., of Chicago Creek Bar was in Jan 1860 on a jury to try a case. Probably an arrival of the year 1859.

REAM, R. R. AND COMPANY, owner of claims in Gregory Diggings, Oct 1859 and record made of transaction in Gregory Record, p. 40.

REAMS, J. S., of Walker & Company of Gregory Gulch. (See under Walker.)

REASONER, H. C., together with party consisting of H. Hardy, G. Hardy, from Page County, Iowa, J. A. and J. O. Clark, J. W. Dee and S. H. Bridges from Illinois, A. C. Edwards from Brownsville, Nebraska Territory, all arrived with two wagons by Platte Route, Jun 2, 1859. (RMN, List of arrivals)

RED, Mr., mentioned by Cushman as an inventive miner of Gilpin County of 1859. (Quoted in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 204) Mr. Red exhibited his genius in a trip hammer, pivoted on a stump, the hammerhead pounding quartz in a wooden trough. (An account of the invention says it was styled “the woodpecker mill.”)

REECE or REESE, ---, a miner, who, spring of this year erected a small quartz mill on North Clear Creek, in partnership with John H. Gregory. (This was the last of Gregory’s activities before the drop of the curtain, 1860.) [Not true]

REED, ---, of Chicago Creek Bar, mentioned in Western Mountaineer of 1859 in connection with the case of Pascoe, who was taken to his cabin. (See under this name.)

REED, ---, his saloon referred to in RMN during ’59 Auraria.

REED, ---, Reed’s Theatre opened to public Oct 24, this year. Probably this refers to A. W. Reed, the musician.

REED, A. H., a witness in Auraria Oct 29, 1859. (Sale lots)

REED, A. W., his death and funeral in Central City Sep 7, 1863: noted in papers as a fiftynine arrival. He was at first a miner, then took up theatrical work, and became player for Olympic Theatre. He afterward played for Langrische & Dougherty, until day of his death. Native of Massachusetts, age 41 years, left a wife. He seems to have been a good man and much esteemed and beloved. Not long before his death he composed a “Dirge,” which was played at the funeral by the 1st Colorado. This band had been his students, for he was a fine musician; he had composed it in the night and before death arose and wrote it from his dying dreams. History has not recorded what became of this production, but there is no doubt it should be searched for and reproduced if discovered. The Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Sep 9, 1863, Central, has a very touching editorial upon his death.
REED, B., in 1859 a release of lots was made to him from P. T. Bassett, Jan 4. Probably
arrival of previous year?

REED, Harvey G., an arrival of Jun 9, 1859, resided for most part in Canon City.
Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, name in their list.

REED, James B., stockholder Auraria Town Company, Nov 1, 1858. In following year
member first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Mountain City. He was in
this year (spelled Reid here) proprietor of Auraria Ferry, an enterprise of this time.
The Platte was crossed near mouth of the Cherry Creek from Auraria to Highlands.
In the same year, Jul 28, he buys lots of John Scudder, all of Scudder’s rights in
Denver City. On Jul 13 he is grantor to H. J. Brendlinger, lot corner of Blake and C.
Streets, and on Nov 5 records ranche claim on Platte River, which is mentioned in a
deed. (Liber F, p. 293, old) He is grantee on Aug 23, from Denver City Town
Company of 10 lots, in blocks 140, 216, 278, and 333, which certificate states is share
No. 504, and assigns same on back to D. P. Wallingford. Recorded Jul 11, 1860. He
is still “resident of Auraria” Feb 3, 1860, and is grantee from Charles H. Dahler, of lot
6, block 33, City of Auraria. As the consideration was $1,500, it probably had quite a
good house, and it seems to have been Cibola Hall, which he sells to Fisher and
Rogers, Feb 20, same year.

REED, R. J., merchant, in list among Auraria business firms in Mss. Directory of 1859.
(He is associated with J. L. Hiffner on Ferry Street.)

REED, Dr. Samuel, arrived with 20 others, in wagons from Des Moines, Iowa May 23,
1859. (List in RMN, May numbers) He is resident of Mountain City and Gregory
Diggings, for is in list of officers of Mountain City Lodge A.F. & A.M., meeting on
High Street this year, and is delegate from first Constitutional Convention from
Gregory Diggings. (He was Secretary of Mountain City Lodge, Mr. Sopris being
Worshipful Master.)

REEDY, J. F., receives Donation Lots, with his agreement to build hewed log house, or
cabin (1859).

REES & COMPANY, mining, Pleasant Valley Diggings, seven men, summer 1859.

REESE, J. H., miner near Vanover leads, mentioned in notes of 1859.

REESE, John, mentioned in History Boulder County as born York County, Pennsylvania,
Jan 12, 1831. Arrived goldfields, going to Boulder County 1859, farmer, of German
and Welsh descent. Lived on farm in Green County, Ohio until age of 18 years, then
carpenter, then moved Champaign County, Illinois, after living four years Lucas
County, Iowa, from whence he came Colorado goldfields, mining in spring of 1859 in
Central City, until 1864 he purchased ranche on St. Vrain near entrance to St. Vrain
Canon and in 1880 was still resident there, but he had also 200 acres in St. Vrain
Creek, below the foothills. In autumn of 1871 was elected assessor of the county for
term. In this year he married Miss Kate C. Gifford, and had a son and a daughter. Bancroft, in Vol. 25, History Colorado, speaks of John Reese as a farmer in the Arkansas Valley. This may be same pioneer.

REEVES, ---, firm of Witcher, Reeves, and Ford, mining in Russell Gulch, 1859.

REGAN, William, arrived in 11th wagon of the Lawrence Party 1858. He was stockholder of Auraria Town Company Nov 1, same year, and on Nov 30, a year later, is granted 17 Auraria City lots from the Town Company. He was candidate for Commissioner in December of this year, and on Jan 9, 1860 is grantor of lots on St. Louis Street in Auraria City.

REGENBURG, Henry, name in old list at end of Gregory Record, 1859, which may be list of persons of this year. Paid $2.50 to C. C. Post.

REID, Amos, also Norman, arrived from South Park trip in summer 1859, mentioned in RMN.

REID, Walter G., grantee Aug 24, 1859 of title to shares in Denver Town Company.

REITHMANN, Fred G., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived 1859, resided Denver 1920.

REITHMANN, John J., living in 1925, and claims to have been the original builder on east side of Platte at Montana City, 1858. Born Switzerland Nov 20, 1838, arrived Colorado Oct 20, 1858, in company with his brother Louis D., they being one day ahead of the Plattsmouth Nebraska Party, but they all camped together at head of Sand Creek. He is the most widely known of all the pioneer druggists of Colorado, his place well remembered by historians; he was the only living resident of the City of Montana, when on Nov 9, 1924 he attended the unveiling of the monument marking its site. For information relative to his family, etc., see the several histories of Colorado.

REITHMANN, Louis D., (see above) born Lausanne, Switzerland May 8, 1842, arrived Colorado 1858. He came United States with parents, living Utica, New York; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis; Council Bluffs, Iowa. Was a baker, kept restaurant in Montana, lived Salt Lake City, etc. in 1868 in dairy business and with brother J. J. owned land where the modern Country Club now stands. Has lived in Cheyenne, Nevada, and then Denver once more. Was also in grocery business.

REITZE, Jenry, pioneer of 1858, Oct 30, born Germany Dec 18, 1830. Emigrated London age 18 to learn baking trade, worked there six years, then emigrated United States, living in Bridgport, Connecticut, followed business of a painter until 1867 [1857], then moved to Nebraska, farmed near Omaha and in 1858 traded farm for wagon and yoke of oxen, and crossed plains to Denver. Sold team and started first bakery in Auraria City, made $3,500 in eight months, mined also in Nevada Gulch,
then returned Nebraska, married and returned with wife and started painting establishment which still exists in Denver, though operated now by members of his family. In 1859 (Directory) his shop is located on 11th Street between Wazee and Market (according to present names of streets). This would be now about 1427 11th Street, near where the original Masonic Hall stands. A picture of his residence is in The Trail, Vol 14, No. 12, p. 22.

RELLOY (?), S. B., mentioned in RMN as Territorial Representative elect from 13th District 1859.

REMINGTON, Charles, mentioned in list of persons in Golden 1859.

REMINGTON, Joseph C., mentioned in History Clear Creek Valley as resident of Golden in year above, from Missouri originally, but native of Connersville, Indiana, born Apr 7, 1831. Learned blacksmith’s trade in father’s shop, emigrated to Quincy, Illinois, Burlington, Iowa, and pioneer to California 1854. (Isthmus Route) Then Warsaw, Illinois, St. Louis, etc., 1862 Montana, and later Salt Lake, after 1872 Golden. In files of the Colorado Republican, of Sep 13, 1861 is the following marriage which may be of above pioneer: Married, J. C. Remington of Golden City, to Miss Matilda Davis of Cole Creek, at Tremont House, Denver, by the Rev. Arthur Billingsley.

RENSHAW, John, also Joe, Indian half white trader in Denver 1859. Mentioned in Larimer’s Reminiscences, p. 157.


RENTFELDT, Henry, grantee Dec 8, 1859, south ½ of lot 9, block 41, City of Auraria.

REYLAND, J. P., on Oct 12, of same year, pays money to A. Jacobs in favor of Lucien Buddee of Illinois, and on Nov 22 is grantee of lots in Highland.

REYNOLDS, Stephen, was witness in real estate transaction August of same year, Sep 28 grantee of lots (Denver). In Directory of 1859 S. Reynolds is noted as “Hotel Keeper,” with location on Blake Street. On Nov 28 of year, Stephen Reynolds dates a lease or mortgage contract, aff. his house on Blake Street, on lot 14, block 42, known as the Sutherland Hotel, for one year to E. B. Sutherland for consideration of $2,000 payable quarterly, and the record also gives items of furniture leased with the building:

- 1 kitchen stove
- 1 dining room stove
- 1 bar room stove
- Bar furniture, glasses and cups, 4 decanters, 1-1/2 dozen silver spoons
- Dining room fixtures, 100 plates, 3 dozen tumblers, 40 knives and forks,
10 deep dishes, 6 pitchers, 3 large pitchers, 2 syrup cups, 4 casters
Bedsteads and bedding, 1 lounge, 40 stools, 6 chairs, 3 large towels, 3 tables
and tablecloths, 1 globe lamp, looking glasses (2), also 2 china cups, and
1 pair of Gold Scales.
The party of the 2nd part agrees to run a partition across interior of 2nd story, and
put floor in kitchen, etc. (Liber C, p. 149, old)

RHODES, A. G., member of first Colorado Pioneers’ Association organized Jun 22, 1866
(RMN, files) It is stated that only arrivals of 1858-59 are eligible to membership at
this time.

RHODES, J. F., candidate for County Attorney of Jefferson County, resided Golden
under Provisional Government of 1859. (Files)

RICE, John T., the following marriage in the files may be of one who arrived in the same
year above, for January was not a good month for crossing the plains, and as the
marriage is so early in the year it seems more than likely that they were at least
enroute to the goldfields in latter part of 1859, if not arrived much earlier. (?)
Married at residence of D. C. Oakes, in Auraria, Feb 29, 1860, Mr. John T. Rice and
Miss Eliza Needham of Auraria, by Rev. C. A. Lamm. (?) If not entitled to place as
pioneer of that year he may be relative of some of the other persons of Rice name.

RICE, L., (of Kansas) arrived above year. (See under L. Rodenstein.)

RICE, Lewis A., grantor, with others, of claim in Nevada Diggings Sep 29 of this year.
(Gregory Record, p. 10)

RICE, N. H., associated with Mr. Moyne in business, Denver, 1859. (Directory) In
March of this year he is to finish hewed log house which is to occupy his Donation
Lots recorded in 1858. One of the papers (RMN) published the following marriage:
N. H. Rice, of Denver City, married Miss Lizzie A. Wheeler of Schroom, Essex
County, New York, in that place Apr 2, 1863. In Directory of Denver 1873 Rice lives
at northwest corner Curtis and I. “The firm of Rice & Moyne, proprietors of the new
furniture store on F. Street, above Larimer, presents the RMN with a fine black
walnut table.” (RMN, 1859)

RICE, William R., in records dated Sep 13, 1859, owns Denver lots.

RICHARD, Joseph, (pronounced Reshaw), was a French trapper living in Denver, being
in list of “Merchants handling gold dust” and having business on Blake Street, and
the name J. Richard appears in Directory, 1866, and may be the same (?) He had lot
transactions in June, also in Aug 1859 and Oct 10 is grantee of lots in City of Auraria
from Evelyn P. and James M. Clark, both of whom appeared before D. C. Collier in
Arapahoe County, etc. Evelyn B. Clark is marked as “of St. Louis.”

RICHARD, Peter, grantee, Auraria lots (lot 7, block 35) Dec 17, 1859.
RICHARDS, D. M., born Ohio Mar 27, 1836, arrived Denver Apr 24, 1859. (See Portrait and Biographical Index of this compilation for more extended notice of this pioneer.)

RICHARDS, Elizabeth, grantee, Oct 29, 1859, four lots in the following blocks, Auraria: 35-162-212, and lot 4 in block 65. The last would be on 9th Street, east side, about centre, facing east.

RICHARDS, James W., mentioned by Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 385), as pioneer of South Park born Ohio, farmed in Illinois, thence to Colorado mines. He was in the fast freight business for seven years between Denver and Central, and also in flour and grain trade. In Jun 1859 J. W. Richards and Mrs. Richards appear in Arapahoe County Land Records.

RICHARDS, W. G., witness, Mountain City, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 11)

RICHARDS, (firm of Ernart & Richards), mining, summer 1859, Nevada.

RICHARDSON, Albert D., arrived in goldfields with the celebrated Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune, the expedition being a plan to thoroughly investigate the goldfields in interests of the public.

They were highly entertained, escorted everywhere, and many City lots laid at their feet, as the Arapahoe County Land Records will show. Golden City led off on Nov 5 with gifts of lots 5, block 56, lot 8, block 114, lot 12, block 168 and lot 5, block 331, and many more. All these and the following to Mr. Richardson: Auraria City Town Company, lot 9, block 336, lot 7, block 116, lot 9, block 194 and lot 3, block 67. (Nov 9, 1859) Highlands City Town Company donated many shares of stock, as did also Colorado City Company, and the St. Vrain Town Company granted to him 10 shares. After the visit was ended the RMN mentions that “Mr. A. D. Richardson of the Boston Journal leaves for the States.” Mr. Richardson then writes from Taos, New Mexico which is noticed several years afterward. His death is mentioned in the Tri-Weekly Mining Register, p. 2, May 23, 1863. Central, in an editorial. It says he was probably killed with five other newspaper correspondents, before Vicksburg, on the Tug which was destroyed with hot shot from the Vicksburg batteries, “as only one or two are known to have escaped. He was correspondent of the New York Tribune.” (See Portrait and Biographical Index of this compilation for further matters of interest concerning A. D. Richardson.)

RICHARDSON, C. L., arrived Jun 15, 1859, is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, resided in Victor, Colorado in 1920.

RICHARDSON, J., of Mountain City, Jul 1859, one of the rescue party to find and bury the bodies murdered by Indians in Jul 1859. (See under Kennedy and Shank.)
RICHARDSON, Jacob, of Denver and Auraria 1859, mentioned in advertisement in paper RMN as finding stolen cattle, and trying to locate owner. He has Power of Attorney in November this year from James Richardson, to sell Auraria lots.

RICHARDSON, James, “of City of Auraria,” Nov 7, 1859 is grantor to the Wisconsin Company of Auraria, many Auraria lots. In Liber F, p. 216, old, is his deed from Auraria Town Company Aug 27, previously.

RICHARDSON, Jarvis (or Jervis?), arrived Oct 24, 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company and in the following year has Donation Lot from Auraria Town Company, acc. with agreement to build hewed log house. He was a stockholder in the Town Company Nov 1858.

RICHARDSON, S. V., of St. Louis, arrived Cherry Creek May 28, 1859 by Smoky Hill Route, having left Leavenworth Apr 21, 14 men in party.

RIDDLESBERGER, Matthew, a stockholder of Golden City in 1859. (RMN) N. C. Riddleburger also appears as stock or shareholder in the Golden City Association, same year. (Golden City Association Shareholders’ Book)

RIDER, Peter A., from one of the small pioneer’s lists his name is taken. Arrived Jun 30, 1859, living Denver 1907. (From very small booklet published 1907.)

RIDER, R. G., was a witness in sale of Auraria lots Aug 7, 1859 and the RMN mentions during the season that Dr. R. G. Rider has an office on Ferry Street, Auraria, one door above the office of that paper. He had Denver Donation Lots 1859.

RIETHMANN, Emil, born Switzerland Mar 5, 1844, arrived Denver Mar 29, 1859. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, always most prominent, many records of this, see all the various histories of Colorado, etc. In 1920 was living in Denver. See under Reithmann for his brothers.

RILEY, A. B., is mentioned as on committee with Dr. I. E. Hardy to secure a house for first school started in Golden City, Dec 28, 1859. Capt. Riley, mentioned as mining at Gregory’s Diggings during this first year, and also as Secretary of the Minnehaha Town & Marble Company, incorporated Nov 16, same year, (Henry Allen being President). The town situated on south fork of Plum Creek on west side of said creek, and 15 miles from the Junction with north side said stream (description as being “in Arapahoe County.”)

RILEY’S GULCH, on Divide, south of Denver, is mentioned in history as having had some settlements as early as 1859, among them John Nash.

RIPLEY, Aaron, mentioned in history as being pioneer of this year in Arkansas Valley.
RIPLEY, Thomas, “of Auraria” gives Power of Attorney to O. A. Lee to represent him in disposing of his lots in Auraria, also the cabin in which he is interested in Montana City, and full power to transact all his other business “acknowledged Nov 29, 1859, at 12 O’clock a.m.” The paper is dated Mar 10. His property in Auraria is noted as consisting of two lots.

RISDON (?)

RIST, George, arrived May 21, 1859, resident of Loveland, was born Pennsylvania Apr 16, 1841. Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. (Name from their list, Vol. 2, p. 562) (Hall’s Colorado History)


RITCHIE, R. B., of Clayton, Georgia, arrived by Santa Fe Route with 10 others, all from same place, May 30, 1859. Left Leavenworth, Kansas Apr 1. Trip consumed two months. (RMN. list)

ROACH, a man of this name died of starvation on the long trail going to Pike’s Peak in 1859. He was of Whiteside, Illinois. (Mentioned in RMN. files, 1859)

ROBERTS, ---, deed in 1858 to him, Donation Lots, to hold for building hewed log house.

ROBERTS, of firm of Meeks & Roberts, mining during that summer in Russell’s Gulch. Another firm here Smith & Roberts.

ROBERTS, Dr. C. A., late of Peoria, Illinois, is now of Mountain City. Was a candidate for Congress under Provisional Government of 1859. He lives also at Tarryall, and at Gregory Diggings. Said to be of Pekin, Illinois, and according to the Gregory Record book of claims was Recorder of Gregory District (now Gilpin County) Sep 30, same year.

ROBERTS, James, Apr 1, 1859 located farm or ranche claim, 160 acres commencing at a stake, from the east side of a spring branch, rising in the valley of Cherry Creek, about 11 miles up from Denver City. “This claim consists of a foundation, laid on Dec 5, last (1858) and contains 160 acres.” Filed in Denver City Oct 7, 1859. In Apr 1860 Roberts deeds this to B. F. Jeffries for $500, but it is deeded back same month. (Probably a Trust Deed. ??) James Roberts is also miner, for on Sep 28, 1859, he deeds a claim in Roberts’ Lode, which is recorded in Gregory Record, p. 19, and noted as being deeded at Mountain City.

ROBERTS, S. K., resident of Mountain City in list of 1859.
ROBERTS & COMPANY, 10 men mining Pleasant Valley, summer 1859.

ROBERTS & JENNINGS, of Denver, grantors, Aug 25, same, some lots.

ROBINSON, ---, firm of Laycock, Robinson & Company are mining during summer of '59 at Missouri Flats and Illinois Gulch. (RMN, files, 1859)

ROBINSON, George, arrived Jul 3, 1859, list in Gilpin County Record Book of Pioneers of 1858-9. Was deceased before 1923.

ROBINSON, J., (from Illinois), arrived in Wagon 4 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express train of 10 wagons, May 22, 1859. (RMN, list of arrivals)

ROBINSON, J. P., is witness to signature of deed in Jefferson County Land Office, deed signed “at Eight Mile House,” Jan 1, 1860.

ROBINSON, James, “of Arapahoe County” Jul 9, 1859, and grantor of Auraria lots for $200. (Five houses and stable, together with lot 6, block 6, Auraria, dated and recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records.)

ROBINSON, Jasper J., arrived May 1859, name in Pioneer’s List of 1907 as resident of Greeley. He was living in that place 1920.

ROBINSON, Jim, mentioned by George A. Jackson in his diary, Hall’s Colorado History’ Vol. 2, p. 521.

ROBINSON, John, member in year 1866 of first Colorado Pioneers’ Association, which included only arrivals of 1858-59. This Society fell through, but its meeting is in files of RMN circa Jun 22 that year.

ROBINSON, L. L. AND COMPANY, mining, summer of 1859, with six men, in Russell’s Gulch.


ROBINSON, Thomas, Claim in McLeod & Company (No. 14). See map of this company’s property under McLeod. Probably an arrival of same year.

ROBINSON, Thomas M., on Jan 1, 1860 buys ranche known as “Eight Mile House,” situated on Golden City and Gregory Roads, at head of Gulch, eight miles above Golden Gate. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 35) Notice above that J. P. Robinson is witness at this House to signing of a deed.

ROCH & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, four men. (Files, '59)
ROCHE, Thomas, on Sep 21 was witness in sale of Auraria lots from J. H. Elder to August Stebinsky. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old, 1859) There was also a John Roche (relative?) who buys in 1862 for consideration of $100 lot 10, block 30, West Denver, of Emily A. Walrod, wife of Abram Walrod. She signs on Nov 2 in Fulton County, Illinois. This is probably the “Old Roche Property” sold in the late seventies or early eighties to Dr. Edw. Williams. John may have been a later arrival than Thomas Roche.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BREWERY, of Auraria, is advertised in the Western Mountaineer, Dec 28, 1859, Golden. Salomon Tascher is proprietor. The name of Charles Tascher also appears as one of the owners.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CITY, was nine miles above the foot of the mountains. Usually called “Mountain City.” (See)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEBATING CLUB, mentioned in the papers of the time as having been organized in Dec 1859.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLD REPORTER & MOUNTAIN CITY HERALD, was one of the finest productions of 1859, and its files show a very clever editor. He was Thomas Gibson, and the paper first came out in Mountain City on Aug 6. The office was at Gregory Point. It was a four column, four page sheet, containing a description of Golden City in its front page of the first edition; mentions that the population consists of 930 men and 70 women. The town then had 50 cabins and houses. The last number of this paper was dated Sep 29, same year, when Gibson removed to Denver, and sold it to the Boston Company, it is said, and other papers grew out of it. Its list of members of the first Constitutional Convention is the most complete of any that was published. These names are reproduced in Smiley’s History of Colorado, Vol. 1, pp. 337-8. The file still exists.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HERALD, Gibson’s paper, mentioned above, sometimes called by this name, but came out May 25, 1861 as Colorado Republican & Rocky Mountain Herald, supporting Lincoln; the rival paper, Rocky Mountain News, supporting Douglas. Thomas Gibson and O. McCraney were the Republican’s editors. Gibson was of Fontanelle, Nebraska.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, arrived in the goldfields in Feb 1859, the first number appearing in April. The outfit of type, etc., was a purchase made at Bellevue, below Omaha, and William N. Byers, its proprietor, was accompanied by Thomas Gibson and Dr. George C. Monell. Its files of early days exist in two sets, one kept in the library of the Historical Society, the other at the Denver Public Library. This paper is still being published in Denver. It was always until of late years, a Democratic paper. From its first number, Mr. Byers tried to have it appeal to the best feelings of the people. On the first page of No. 1, Vol. 1, appears the following:

“What is the KEY to human misery?   WHIS—KEY”
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGERS, a vigilance committee organized as a military company in 1859, Auraria, to patrol streets when necessary, arresting thieves and other bad characters. The system adopted by them quickly cleared the town of “undesireables.” This organization had branches in all the camps in the district before the year was over. Mountain City started Dec 11.

RODENSTEIN, J., of Kansas Territory, arrived in E. Doty’s Lightning Express, a train of 10 wagons, his place being located in wagon No. 8 on May 22, 1859. Some of his companions were R. Boyd, Mr. Hunt, and Mr. Scott of New York, and from Kansas Territory, Mr. L. Rice. Later on in the year (RMN, p. 3, Dec 28) appears note of the suit of Elizabeth Rodenstein vs. John Rodenstein of Arapahoe County.

RODMAN, Francis, “paid $1, S. B. T.” inscribed against his name in an old list in back of the Gregory Record, 1859. May be identical with H. F. Rodman?

RODMAN, H. F., of Connecticut, his arrival given under D. Boyd. (See.)

RODOLPHE, Mrs., may have been a resident as there is filed a certificate of her Denver lots Aug 23, 1859.

ROE, Robert S., arrived at Goldfields Jun 22, 1859 (another account states the date as October (?)) died Colorado Springs Jun 30, 1924. He was one of the earliest in Colorado Springs, after mining in Gilpin County, chiefly in Russell’s Gulch. In 1862 when the war broke out he was 2nd Lieut., 2nd Colorado Infantry, later becoming 1st Lieut., and Adjutant. He then went to Chicago, Illinois, but returned Colorado 1874, having transfer business in the interval up to 1879. In 1875 was Adj. Gen. of Colorado, member Legislature 1878, and in 1885 nominated as candidate for Governor on Republican ticket, Bates also being a candidate, and several others. He was the son of a Baptist minister in England, the Rev. Charles Hill Roe. (Obituary) He left two sons, Charles Roe of Denver and William S. Roe, principal of Colorado Springs High School. In 1920 his name is listed among pioneers of ’59 with residence in Denver.

ROE, Solomon, one of the original stockholders of City of Auraria in Nov 1858. He is said to have been of Lumpkin County, Georgia, and of original Russell party, headed by Green Russell. On Dec 8, 1859, for consideration of $1, the Auraria Town Company conveys to him 21 Auraria lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

ROGERS, ---, of firm of Totten & Rogers, lumber dealers, Larimer Street, Denver City 1859.

ROGERS, ---, firm of Fisher, Almy & Rogers, Denver, same year.

ROGERS, Henry J., was an arrival of this year, for he had property in county of Ripley, Missouri, which he traded in 1859 for a parcel of Denver property. In December of
this year he was nominated as candidate for Councilman. On Feb 19, 1860 we find
him in the work of Secretary, and member of the Vestry of the new Episcopal
Church, and RMN of Oct 3, this year, gives notice of his marriage to Miss Crimona
B. Kehler, on the preceding Sep 27 at the residence of the Rev. J. H. Kehler, on
Larimer Street. On Jun 22, 1886 he appears in the same journal as Treasurer of the
earliest Colorado Pioneers’ Association, at a meeting of Argonauts of ’58-59 in
Denver. He had many transactions in lots also, and was a stirring character.

ROGERS, Hickory, member of the LeCompton party coming with them to mouth of
Cherry Creek Nov 16, 1858, from Kansas Territory. He, of course, was mining, as all
of them were, at first, but must have had political talents for during Mar 1859 was
elected County Commissioner, and also Supervisor. He had been a Director of the
Denver City Town Company and stockholder in 1858 and later. He is mentioned
among the merchants handling gold dust in the list published in RMN during summer
of 1859, living in Denver or Auraria, but he must have removed to Huerfano later for
he is listed with the members of the first Constitutional Convention as a delegate from
that place. Again his name appears as a resident of Fountain City, then comes to
Denver again, as he borrows money on some of his Denver lots on Dec 9 of that year.
There is also a mention in RMN of his “Leaving for Arkansas.” His Will, bearing
date Nov 13, 1859, is recorded in the old Arapahoe County Land Records, and is as
follows:

To Miss Nannie McDonald, ward of John Melvin, Esq., of Fort Smith, Arkansas,
all his land property in the city of Denver, being original share, also two original
shares in Fountain City, and one original share in Colorado City, and one original
share in Douglas City. Also a farm claim on Arkansas River, known as
McDougal’s Ranche, also all mining property and stock, shares, etc. of the
Jefferson Quartz Mining Company in the Rocky Mountains.

Oscar B. Totten and George Wynkoop were named as Executors. This document was
recorded Nov 14, 1859. Witness W. H. Lawin. The probating of this will, if it ever
occurred, has been recorded in some later book, for the compiler could not find it in
the time she was able to bestow upon the search. Wills, however, used to be written
and recorded, before taking hazardous trips, and this may be such a one. (?)

ROGERS, J., arrived May 30, 1859 from Clayton, Georgia via Santa Fe Trail. (60 days
enroute) Recorded in list of arrivals in RMN.

ROGERS, J. S., lived in Golden Gate City in 1859, for was a delegate to convention of
formation of the Provisional Government representing that camp. (August)

ROGERS, W. B., was witness to a deed in Denver Nov 1859. He is resident of Illinois
Central Precinct during the canvas for the Provisional Government, for he represents
that place as delegate.

ROGERS & COMPANY, mining in Pleasant Valley, five men, summer ’59.
ROLAND, William, Nov 1, 1858 is stockholder in Auraria Town Company. Later, Apr 7, in following year, is grantor of land known as “Sanders’ Ranche” about 15 miles from Auraria; grantees are Henderson & Brierly. (Roland signs with X.)

ROLDUR, Joseph A., during year ’59 is grantee of Denver lots.

ROLLINGS, A., arrived Jun 10, 1859, and his name in List of Gilpin County Pioneers is marked “died,” but no information.

ROLLINS, Alfred, of Golden City, had Dec 21, this year, trial in Golden, for property lost, etc.

ROLLINS, John Q. A., was member and present in 1866 at first organization of Colorado Pioneers in Denver, where he lived at that time at the “Planters’ Hotel.” He arrived either ’58 or ’59. A very good notice of his life is in the Bascom, History of Clear Creek County and Boulder Valley. (See this for information.) In the Mss. Denver and Auraria Directory of 1866 he is characterized as in the mining business.

ROOKER, John, on May 27, 1859 built, it is said the first house in Auraria, and in consideration of having done so the Town Directors donated him three additional shares in the Town Company in addition to those he had, making in all 16 lots. It is stated in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 236, that John Rooker killed Jack O’Niell of Auraria in Mar 1860 during a quarrel.

ROOKER, Lycynthia Rebecca (see), on Jul 8, 1859 is grantee from Auraria Town Company of lot 5, block 77, in Auraria City, consideration $1, “filed for record Apr 6, at 4-3/4 o’clock p.m. A.D. 1859.” (Liber E, p. 323, old) Her name in above paper is Rebecca Rooker, but when later she sells the property which is described as being in Arapahoe Avenue (now 8th Street) between 7th and 8th Streets (now Curtis & Champa Streets) to A. L. King, her name is given as Lucynthia R. Rooker. This sale is dated Apr 6, 1860.

ROOKER, Samuel M., was member of Auraria Town Company Nov 1, 1858, and is said to have lived at Dry Creek Diggings in this time with wife and son John Rooker. They were non-polygamous Mormons, coming from Salt Lake, and living first at Montana City on Platte River. He had some transactions in lots about Jul 1859, and was Constable and Oct 26 was Deputy Sheriff of Arapahoe County. At Sheriff’s sale Jul 1, he bought lot 1, block 40 in Auraria.

ROOKER & DUNCAN, mining, Pleasant Valley, three men.

ROOT, R. P., arrived goldfields in Wagon 4 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express train of 10 wagons, May 22, 1859. (See RMN, list, May)
ROPER (ROPES?), Edw. E., is signed as a witness in Mountain City Oct 1, 1859, in Gregory Record, p. 17, and in List of Members of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. 1861, the name appears as a member of the Lodge.

ROSAD & SMITH, grantees from J. W. Churchill, 1859. (Liber B) Reference lost, but may be Golden. (See.)

ROSE, Daniel, Denver, date Oct 20, 1859, takes part in conveyance from Woodward & Waggoner, associated with Rose being Frederick Lefaire.

ROSE, Edward E., mentioned in record in Gregory Jul 30, ’59. (See below.)

ROSE, L. M., Jul 30, above year, grantor of claim in south of Gregory Diggings. (Edward E. Rose mentioned) (Gregory Record, p. 42, old, ’59)

ROSE, M. D., name in Mss. Directory Denver ’59, residing Blake Street.

ROSS, Mr., circulates petition for erection of schoolhouse in City of Auraria for use of both towns, Sep 22, 1859. (p. 3)

ROSS, C. M., signed as witness to deed between Nathaniel Mitchell and others claims in Gregory Mining District 1859. (Gregory Record)

ROSS, D., member first Constitutional Convention 1859, a delegate from McLary. There must have been a firm of McLary & Ross, for such had lots drawn as donated in Golden City, same year. (List shareholders book)

ROSS, Daniel, partner of Michael Nooney, or Rooney (?), Sep 28, 1859 in 80 acre ranche on Clear Creek.

ROSS, Ellen, grantee from J. L. Heffner, lot 7, block 90 Auraria, consideration $50, filed for record Jan 4, 1860. Dated Nov 10, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

ROSS, J. C. & COMPANY, mining in Russell’s during summer of ’59, averaged $100 a day on the Fisk Lode. (Hollister)

ROSS, Jon. W., witness to deed between Richard Cartwright and S. S. Curtis, Denver City, May 5, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

ROSS, R. C., an express package advertized in RMN for this one.

ROSS, Robert, witness to Denver deed, recorded there, Liber A, p. 80, Jul 1, 1859.

ROSS, W. F., witness of deed, Mountain City, Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 17) Oct 3, he makes statement which is recorded that his claim cannot be worked for want of proper machinery.
ROSSES, Edw. E., (or Ropes or Roper ?) (see) is grantee of mining claim, Gregory Diggings, from William Lynch, Oct 3, 1859. (Old Claims, p. 43)

ROTHROCK, John, discoverer of Gold Run, diggings Boulder County, in 1859 and built the “Eleven Cabins” below Denver on Platte, earlier in 1858. Arrived at old Fort St. Vrain Oct 17, 1858 with Captain Yount and others. The History of Boulder Valley states that he was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania of German and Scotch descent, and emigrated first to Nebraska City, engineering one year with surveying party, then carpentry and contracting, lived in Denver for a time, then to Boulder City. He had joined John Gregory’s party prospecting in North Park, Spring Gulch, California Gulch, and Boulder Creek placers, then returned to his ranche, taken up in 1860 on Boulder Creek, where in 1880 (date of publication of above mentioned book) he was still living. His wife was formerly Miss Eliza C. Buford, of Lancaster County, Missouri, married Jan 1867.

ROTHSCHILD, Lewis, was grantee of lots in Denver on Jan 4, 1860 so it is very likely he arrived the previous year.

ROTTOLPH, (Bottolph?), William, Aug 23, 1859 files certificate of ownership of his Denver lots from the Town Company.

ROUGH, George, pioneer of May 20,1859 (quoted from information in newspaper clipping, pasted in Record Book of Gilpin County Pioneers).

ROWAN, Nelson, was located in Russell’s Gulch as early as Jan 12, 1860. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 8, old) He probably arrived ’58 or ’59. He located land claim Jan 21, 1860, but the deed mentioned above was to J. T. Pierce, to a claim on Ralston Creek, beginning at southwest corner of John Moodie’s claim, etc., witnesses N. B. Rowley, J. H. Phelps. (Dated as mentioned above, by Nelson Rowan of Russell’s Gulch, Jan 12, 1860.)

ROWE, D., mentioned in RMN list of arrivals at goldfields May 28, 1859. He was from Missouri.

ROWLANDS, W. F., certificate of his ownership of two lots, Denver City, “Where his house stands,” and two Draw Lots in addition. He assigns these lots to J. H. Holloway of Denver Aug 22, 1859. The purchase, or certificate, was dated previous April. (Liber A, p. 27, old) The lots containing his house were on Larimer Street. The Directory of Denver 1866 included name of W. Rowlands, who is located on G. Street and is Constable. (?)

ROWLEY, N. B., is witness and signs “of Russell’s Gulch” Jan 19, 1860. He is very likely a Fiftyniner. (Jefferson County Land Records deed between Nelson Rowan and J. T. Pierce.)
ROWLEY, William V., grantee, Oct 17, 1859, lot 3, block 32, Auraria from T. Pollock.

RUBER, ---, had lot in Auraria Jan 1859 with --- Foster. There is note (obituary) of Francis Rubler, or Rublee, “late of Gilpin County,” his estate advertised in Tri-Weekly Mining Register of that county in Apr 1863. The property was large, mining interests, tunnels, etc., Henry P. Cowenhoven being administrator. The similarity of name suggests that there may be a connection.

RUCHERHANTZ, Fred, (?), see under Kritcherhantz (?)

RULE, Charles, formerly of Whiteside County, Illinois, found with one dead and one living brother, perished of starvation on the trail between Denver and Kansas City, by parties going to the States. The others were George Rule, dead of starvation, and Alex Rule, living but much exhausted, who was taken back with the party. (Files, May, 1859) None of them reached Pike’s Peak, but all were Fiftyniners to the goldfields.

RUMMELL, D. C., member Kilpatrick & Company, operating mines, Gregory District Jun 20, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)

RUMSEY, William, clerk, firm of Jones & Cartwright, Denver & Auraria (Directory of 1859) William A. Rumsey was signed as witness Dec 17 this year in Arapahoe County sale of farm claim.

RUNKLE, Old West Denver name ----- 1870, etc.

RUNYAN, Charles, arrived [with] the “Lawrence Party” in 1858, bearing supplies to the goldfields from Kansas. He travelled in the 6th wagon.

RUSSELL, ---, of Crandall, Russell & Company, mining in Russell’s Gulch summer of 1859, mentioned in the papers.

RUSSELL, ---, of Jones, Russell & Company, Express, Blake Street, Denver in MSS Business Directory of 1859.

RUSSELL, ---, of firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, miners outfitters were selling blankets, shirts, socks, hardware, advertised goods worth $35,000 in Denver. Mr. Hiram Lightner, in Apr 1860 was Manager.

RUSSELL, ---, his cabin in Auraria, was used for the earliest meeting of Freemasons, before the organization of any lodge (see pamphlet, History of Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M. of Colorado published Denver 1909 by Past Master Charles A. Stokes.) Other authorities state that Lehow’s cabin was the first, and no doubt both were used in 1858. (See under Masonry.) Probably all the Russells had cabin together.
RUSSELL, B. O. born in Pennsylvania Mar 14, 1821. Arrived Denver Jul 23, 1859. His name is signed as witness to statement concerning claim of L. D. Crandall in Gregory Diggings on Sep 2, same year of arrival. This paper is dated at Mountain City, and on Sep 9 he files claim to rights in Sterling Lode, and on Bobtail. The names of the company are Levi Russell, Royall Jacobs, Hiram A. Johnson, and Thomas Walker. Later, in records of the old Gregory Record seems to have met with reverses, for he makes petition to delay development of his mine, as it cannot be worked for want of proper machinery. In this he is associated with Henry Grinold.

RUSSELL, D., arrived May 28, 1859. Said to be from Missouri. Later RMN mentioned him among others as mining in Colona Diggings.

RUSSELL, D. L., in list in RMN. Name appears associated with J. Young and others, as arrivals from Missouri by Santa Fe Route, with 5 wagons, 30 men, Jun 1, 1859.

RUSSELL, Joseph Oliver, brother of the two noted ones, William G. and L. J. Russell, coming with the first Russell party from Georgia, 1858, in June. He was known in Denver as “Oliver.” Married Jane Robertson. Born Lumpkin County, Georgia Dec 24, 1828, died Menard County, Texas Oct 28, 1906. He was a cattleman there after 1870. His wife was a sister of Peter Robinson, a Texan, and cattleman there, of means. It is said that his son, Richard Robertson Russell, amassed a fortune of several millions. Eugene Parsons, in The Trail, Sep 1923, says that J. O. Russell had a large family of children. Parsons interviewed the widow, Mrs. Jane Russell, in Denver about this year, and her age then was 85 years, she was making a visit to the scenes of her husband’s early life. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Strickland Russell, accompanied her, and was interviewed also by Parson. There are some records of transactions in lots by Russell in 1859, one in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 126, old, which was made affecting some Auraria lots, described in the record Dec 8 of that year. J. O. Russell entered Confederate Army in 1863, going from Denver on purpose to do so. One authority states that all three of these Russell brothers were born in South Carolina. (?) Portrait of J. O. Russell may be seen in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 184.

RUSSELL, Levi Jaspar, familiarly known as “Levi,” and also as Dr. L. J. Russell, brother of William G. and J. Oliver Russell, arrived with original Russell party from Lumpkin County, Georgia. He practiced medicine in Denver, for he was listed in the Mss. Directory of Denver among the physicians of the year following his arrival. He lived in Auraria, but in 1863, went to the newer Montana goldfields, later returning to Georgia for a visit, then going to Bell County, Texas, where he practiced medicine until much later. He died about 1908. He is said to have kept a diary during 1858, but the book seems to have been lost. He was a member of the first Town Company, and of the first Constitutional Convention during 1859, and Smiley, the historian, considers him more than any other individual the founder of Denver. He was then in Mountain City, also, where he was associated in mining with B. O. Russell, and seems also to have been tax collector in Auraria. His portrait is in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 210. (See also under W. H. McFadden.)
“RUSSELL PARTY,” the curtain rose on the great Colorado Drama when this party unfolded their blankets at the mouth of Cherry Creek. This compiler believes that it was the grand cottonwoods, standing like century old oaks in the space between the Platte River and the Creek, that caused the Georgians, as well as many others, trappers and hunters, in the previous years, to camp on that exact spot. They are gone long ago, for nothing delights a real “settler” so much as to kill one of these monarchs. But the Green Russell party not being settlers, or anything like unto them, camped longer than they had intended to do, as did several of the parties who followed them, feeling happy and at home again, under the ancient trees, the largest ones in the country.

This was in June 1858. Eugene Parsons in The Trail, Sep 23, says that they outfitted for the plains crossing in Leavenworth May 5, leaving for Fort Riley on that date, striking Santa Fe Trail at the river in Arkansas. With Bent’s men and the Indians who joined them, the party numbered 104 souls.

They scattered to various parts of the goldfields from under the cottonwoods and probably never came all together again.

William Green Russell and his brothers, Dr. Levi Jaspar Russell and Joseph Oliver Russell, were leaders, especially the first named, as it is usually referred to as “The Green Russell Party.” It included some Cherokee Indians, also from Georgia and these and the Georgians were miners of experience. Among them we find the names of Lewis Ralston, William Anderson, Joseph McAffee, Solomon Roe, Samuel Bates, John Hampton, these having left their homes in Lumpkin County, Georgia Feb 17, 1858. In Rock Creek, Kansas, they were joined by J. H. and Dr. R. J. Pierce, relatives of the Russells. (Authorities differ as to the number in the party, some saying 70, others 170. It was a large caravan, however, and only 13 are said to have remained for any length of time in the country.) Green Russell’s second party came the following summer, and prospected the Gregory District, discovering “Russell’s Gulch” which was immediately divided into claims and soon says Hollister, about 900 men were employed, digging and sluicing, producing an average weekly yield of thirty five thousand dollars. It became necessary to convey the waters of Fall River to this place by means of a ditch, which was completed in the spring of 1860 at cost of $100,000. The canal was 12 miles in length.

RUSSELL, Thomas H., is grantee, in Auraria Dec 1859, of lot 4, block 30, in that city to Joseph Gottlieb. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

RUSSELL, William Green, left his home in Dawson County, Georgia Feb 7, 1858 for goldfields of Rocky Mountains. He, with John Russell, had travelled overland to California in 1849, returning in 1850, and made a second trip, taking with them J. O., as well as Levi J. Russell.

Later in 1852, William G. is said to have returned to Georgia rich, and he bought a large plantation in that state and settled down as a landed proprietor, while Levi, on his return with money went to Philadelphia and studied medicine. He is said to have married a woman of Cherokee descent, named Susan Willis, her grandfather, --- Daugherty, having been a half-blood Cherokee Indian. They had three sons, and the
same number of daughters. His widow died 1893, the eldest son, John, was killed in Leadville by a cave in at a mine, while the youngest son was killed in the Cherokee country.

After his arrival in 1858 in Pike’s Peak region (see under the Russell Party) he was a stockholder in Auraria City, in very earliest days, mining in various places. He returned to Georgia when Civil War broke out, and became at once a Captain in the Confederate Army. He again left Georgia in 1872, and a daughter, Mrs. Martha Marshall, of Briartown, Cherokee Nation Indian Territory, gives information. He with daughter and family came again to Colorado and took up land on Huerfano Creek, sold it again in 1874, moved into Sangre de Christo Mountains, near Fort Garland. Then they all sold again, and went back to Indian Territory, where they again halted until 1877 when they moved to Briartown. Here William Green Russell died, and is buried at Briartown School House, South Canadian River, Canadian District, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

He was born in South Carolina 1818, but exact date of death not given. In 1875 he returned to Denver to look after his ditch interests. In 1877-78 Mrs. Russell took the family back to Georgia where she died. Then the children sold out and returned to Indian Territory. His portrait is in History Denver, J. C. Smiley, p. 181, also in Byers, History of Colorado, p. 354. Green Russell of Mountain City was, on Sep 15, 1859, member of the committee on invitation to the Grand Ball, at the opening of Apollo Hall in Denver.

RUSSELL’S GULCH, is south of Gregory Gulch, and bounded on north by Chase Gulch. Famous mining camp of 1859, producing an average of $35,000 a week in placer gold.

RUSSELLVILLE, was five miles southeast of Frankstown. Centre of mining.

RUTHERFORD, William, on Sep 24, 1859 is grantee from M. C. Fisher, two lots, numbered 13-14, in block 45, Denver. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 206, old) In 1860, Apr 24, he is again grantee of Denver lots from R. L. Wooten. He is “of County of Arapahoe.”

RYAN, ---, firm of Haywood & Ryan, Auraria and Denver, 1859.

RYAN, John C., mentioned as engaged in mining at St. Vrain’s Fork in papers of 1859.

RYAN, William, his obituary in Denver Evening Times, Feb 18 or 19, 1925, gives his death at Crescent City, Florida, Feb 17, preceding year, aged 85 years. He lived at White Plains, New York. Is said to have operated the first printing plant in Denver in early part of 1859, and was present when the Horace Greeley visit was made. He made a trip to Denver by automobile in Aug 1921 in touring car, by the old Smoky Hill Route, on which he had driven his ox team in 1859. He lived at Port Chester, New York, and had been a member of Congress, serving at same time as Lafe Pence. He was a banker in his residence city in New York, and was survived by a daughter
(Elizabeth), a niece, Mary Desmond, and a nephew, Lieut. William Desmond, an air pilot in late war in Europe.

SABINE, James E., witness Aug 1, same year land sale, Denver City.

SABOLA MINSTRELS, (see Cibola Minstrels) giving entertainment opening Reed’s Theatre, Denver during year.

SACKETT, ---, of firm of Powers & Sackett, mining, Russell’s 1859.

SAFFORD, B. F., Boulder pioneer of that year, locates ranche 2-1/2 miles east of Boulder City, associated with Wellman Brothers, B. F. and M. Safford. Arrived from Leavenworth on May 28, previously. (Note from RMN)

SAGE, Rufus B., said to have been pioneer of very early date, washing gold as early as 1843. Also hunter, trapper, etc.

SAGENDORF, Andrew, born Aug 26, 1828 in state of New York, arrived Denver site, Nov 6, 1858. Secretary of first Town Company, Postmaster very early, member Constitutional Convention (Provisional), of first Masonic Lodge, his cabin being donated for early meetings. On these occasions the Tyler for the evening would guard with drawn revolver, seated upon a restive broncho, or Indian pony. He mined in Spanish Bar, along the Platte and Cherry Creeks, and in upper Clear Creek, but not with much success. He was Secretary of the Chess Club of Auraria, which flourished the first year or two. He came to Denver from Nebraska Territory to which he had emigrated in 1856. An excellent review of his many activities may be found in Smiley’s History of Denver, with portrait on page 324. Other biographies recorded in Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A.M. (see) and in several histories of the State. He was prominent socially too, for on Sep 15, 1859 he was on the invitation committee of the Opening Ball of Apollo Hall. In files of 1862 I find the following wedding: Married, Apr 14, 1862, Andrew Sagendorf to Mrs. Eliza D. McCook, at residence of William N. Byers, by Rev. Kehler. Both of Denver.

SAHN, E. S., is witness to deed between the Auraria Town Company and John W. Ming, Dec 3, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A)

ST. CHARLES CITY, was promoted by seceders from the Lawrence Party who did not like the location of Montana City, and on Sep 28, 1858 drove the first stakes in the new place, Charles Nichols laying down four logs for a cabin. The district was on east side of creek between Larimer and Lawrence, and E. and F. Streets, but platted farther out all around. Its name is said to have been changed once to Golden City, and then back again to St. Charles, which name had been given by Nichols, and for his former home in St. Charles, Missouri. The original Town Company included: Adnah French (portrait in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 199), John A. Churchill (portrait on p. 203, same), William Hartley, William Smith, Charles Nichols, John Smith, T. C. Dickson (crossed plains with Russell Party), and William McGaa. The constitution of the St. Charles Association is said to be one of the earliest documents
in Colorado settlement history. The locating party returned to Missouri after starting it, and naming the City, and while there were absent the site was “jumped” by the Denver City Town Company, whose City still survives.

ST. JAMES, L. B., miner, 1859, was on Sep 8 grantor of lots and with Boggs was in partnership during this year in Denver, and Auraria “merchants handling gold dust” advertised frequently in RMN and other early papers. The firm of St. James & St. Vrain was also very prominent, same year. (Ceran St. Vrain – see.)

ST. LOUIS TUNNELLING COMPANY, Gregory Diggings ’59. (See Chambers & Company)

ST. MATTHEWS, J. H., was member of the Shiann Pass Town Company 1859, and stockholder in the Golden City Association same year, and was nominated for Governor also, at the Convention. He appears in Golden Land Records, as grantor, Nov 12 of this year, (being then “of Golden”) to D. D. McIlroy of same place, for consideration of $250, lot 1, block 4, and lot 12, block 5, both lots on south side Vasquez Fork (Clear Creek) in Golden City, “numbered on a plat of the townsite and filed for record Jan 11, 1860. Thomas Sours is associated with McIlvoy here, and is also represented as “being of Golden City.” The witnesses were James Snow and George L. Luce. (Jefferson County Land Records, Index)

ST. VRAIN, Ceran, in spring of 1859 the RMN, p.?, Apr 23, 1859, notes the arrival of Col. C. St. Vrain and his train of 26 wagons from New Mexico (provisions, etc.). History informs us that he was of Taos and had been Lieut. Col. of a Regiment raised to fight the Apaches, and he was with them as guide and chief of Scouts, and they made a long campaign. He came from New Mexico and with St. James made trading for supplies in Denver and Auraria, also handling gold dust. His life is most interesting and romantic. He had been with the earlier of the fur traders and trappers, in 1826, the site of Pueblo being one of their stations, then an adobe village. St. Vrain, with Cornelio Vigil owned the Las Animas Land Grant of 4,000,000 acres, conveyed to them in 1844 by the Mexican Government, lying in the beautiful valley of the Huerfano, and of the Apishapa, Purgatoire Rivers and their tributaries, and after the death of Vigil, St. Vrain appeared as manager of the vast estate before the United States Government seeking titles, etc. The Fort St. Vrain is named for this picturesque character, who is said to have died at Mora, New Mexico 1870.

ST. VRAIN, Edward, appears as witness in Denver Land Records, Sep 13, 1859.

ST. VRAIN FORT, founded, according to F. Hall circa 1840, but now gone, situated down the Platte River some distance below Fort Lupton. It was formed of cottonwood logs it is said, and garrisoned by hunters and trappers: food supplies and arms were stored here as at the other three Forts on the Platte, Vasquez, Lancaster and Lupton.
ST. VRAIN, GOLDEN CITY AND COLORADO WAGON ROAD, incorporated Dec 1859 to build toll road between Fort St. Vrain, by way of Golden City, to Saratoga West, in the Blue Fork. The members of the original company are published in the Western Mountaineer, Dec 14, Golden:

John W. McIntyre, President  John M. Ferrill, Vice President
Harry Gunnell, Secretary  T. P. Boyd, Treasurer
Daniel McCleery, Superintendent  S. G. Jones, Engineer

Directors

Later in December, same year, a branch road from this was incorporated by R. W. Bradford and others, to go over the Range of Divide from the western line of the Bradford Town site (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber D, p. 147, Feb 1860) A map of this road and branch is in Western Mountaineer, p. 4, Golden.

ST. VRAIN, Marcellus, said to have been an arrival of 1858 in South Colorado.

SAalomon, Fred Z., born Poland, Apr 10, 1830, arrived Denver Jun 20, 1859. He was from New Mexico as the Masonic Lodge with which he was connected before joining Auraria Lodge in Auraria was No. 109 of Santa Fe. In the first year he had a frame store in Auraria, corner of Larimer and what is now called 11th Street, which he moved to build the brick building later called the Lindell Hotel. In addition to being Treasurer of Auraria Lodge during this year he was a member of the Chess Club, whose meetings were always announced in the paper.

SAalomon, H. Z., mining Tarryall, during summer 1859, arrived Feb 15, same year, and was a native of Prussia, born Sep 1832. Another of name (?) T. Z. Salomon, was of firm of Ming and Salomon, operating as freighter, a train of wagons to the Blue River District. Also a firm of Salomon & Tascher started brewery in Auraria, probably same family. (?)

SAMPSON, ---, of Chicago, accompanied Jackson on his prospecting trip in 1859.

SANDER, C. L., witness, Auraria, deed Jan 3, 1860. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SANDERLIN, Ed J., born Louisiana Sep 14, 1835, arrived goldfields Jun 11, 1859, and had in Directory of 1859 a barber shop on McGaa Street, Denver. His name appears in Arapahoe County Land Records in December of this year, as grantee of lots. Sanderlin & Stiles is a firm whose existence may have been brief. (J. C. Stiles)

SANDERLIN, Georgiana, is grantee, Oct 5 of the year, from John M. M. Larimer “of Leavenworth, Kansas Territory,” (her residence not stated, but probably of Denver?) of lot 11, block 69, Denver City. (Filed for record Arapahoe Land Office, same date.) Jan 21, 1860 she is again grantee of lots (place not stated) from B. F. Jeffries. Witness: James White.
SANDERS, J. B., an “experienced Mountain man” accompanied party Apr 23, 1859. (Mentioned from clipping.) May be same above.

SANDERS, James C. (Jim), an arrival of 1858 and original stockholder of Auraria. In this year he is with Tom Golden and Jackson at Golden City, and also lived at Arapahoe City (or Village). He is a grantee of Denver lots later, from Oscar B. Totten “to be taken at the Drawing, Denver” Apr 12, 1859, and on Aug 29 he is a grantee of lots from William Clancy, but previous to these trades he had land not recorded, for he is grantor Apr 7, same year, with William Roland. This is described as situated on Platte River, 15 miles from Auraria. He also had claim near Sanders’ Ranche. (Liber F, p. 631) The following marriage is found in files of RMN, Mar 1, 1866: “Mr. J. C. Sanders and Miss Matilda Halstead, both of Arapahoe County, were married at residence of Col. J. D. Henderson, 15 miles below this city by the Rev. J. H. Kehler, and a merry dance followed.”

SANDERS RANCHE, was a very fine place for pioneer days, referred to often, and was a political precinct having representation in the first Constitutional Convention of 1859. It was about 15 miles below Denver on Platte River, and advertised in papers as place for boarding of stock, etc. Sold Apr 7 by Sanders and Roland to Henderson & Brierly.

SANDERSON, John S., member Society Colorado Pioneers, lived Saguache 1895 and is listed as an arrival of Oct 1858. Born Vermont 1834. Lived Denver when Hall’s Colorado History was published. Original member Auraria Town Company.

SANDY & COMPANY, firm mining in Illinois Gulch, 1859, also Missouri Flats, four men.

SANFORD, ---, a Texan, mentioned in history as having fought duel with Pemly in Park County, in above year.

SANSON, I., accompanied Byers party with newspaper to Colorado in April of year.

SANSON, J. F., arrived from Muscatine, Iowa, list in RMN during spring. He is later mentioned as a miner at Tarryall Diggings and later the paper informs the public that “Mr. J. F. Sanson leaves for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.” The firm of Totten, Sanson & Murphy is mentioned during year.

SARATOGA WEST DIGGINGS, on the Blue Fork, very active in 1859.

SARGENT, George A., witness, Aug 7, 1859 to transaction between Milton and Brown, Gregory Diggings. (Gregory Record, Gilpin County)

SARGENT, Nelson, member of first Colorado Pioneers’ Society, which met in Denver, Jun 22, 1866. (RMN) This Society included only arrivals of ’58-’59. Born
Brattleboro, Vermont Nov 5, 1811. Arrived Denver May 1, 1859, to take in charge the mails of the Pike’s Peak Express Company, he came via the “Republican Route.” This Company had 100 coaches and 1,000 mules. Sargent owned part of the Gregory mine, it is said, and was afterward Superintendent of the American Mining Company, and other large enterprizes. He built the famous Tremont House in Auraria, and entered hotel business, leased it later, built saw mills, in 1869 leased the American House, and in 1880 started again to live in Gilpin County. While with the Tremont enterprize, it is said he was associated with Bradford, in 1861. (Sergeant & Bradford)

SARPEY, Peter A., was of a St. Louis French family; he was a trader on the frontier before the coming of the gold excitement.

SATTERFIELD, John, of Georgia, arrived in party of Capt. J. D. Graham by Arkansas Route, May 16, 1859. (List in RMN, files, 1859)

SAUTERBAUCH, J., of Golden City, wounded in card game. (RMN)

SAVERY, George, is on list of arrivals published by RMN. Went to Boulder County. Came with Wellman brothers. Another account is of G. F. Savory (so spelled) born Sep 1842 New York, arrived Boulder Aug 1859, accompanied Wellman brothers party. He lived on the Cache la Poudre River this year, probably mining.

SAVILLE, J. J., appears in December of the year as Judge of election, and in 1861 was member Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M., and in same year Secretary of the newly organized Republican Club, of same city (June). Nov 14, 1859, John J. Saville is District Clerk and buys Denver lots.

SAYRE, Alfred, walked across the plains to Denver, arrived Mar 24, 1860, having spent more than three months along the way, it is said. His wife also was claimed as a Fiftyniner, mentioned in clipping from Denver paper of probably 1881, and it is said that she was a cousin of Miss J. Murray of New York. (?) The second wife of Judge Sayre was sister of Mrs. Armstrong of West Denver. Judge Sayre lived for years at corner of Curtis and Tenth Streets and his large residence was a truly hospitable and elegant home. The picture of this house is shown on p. ---, but it gives no idea of the beautiful cottonwood trees and other adornments now gone. It stood close to Judge Belden’s home, but the latter was much older and dated into the very early sixties, if not into the earliest year, as this was of early growth, while Judge Sayre’s was of frame, which was considered much more elegant and expensive. The reader is referred to the many good histories of Colorado for full information about Alfred Sayre, lawyer and pioneer.

SCHARTER, name in list of Colorado Pioneers Association, arrived Apr 1859, born in England Jun 30, 1830.

SCHERRER, Jacob, born in Paris, France, his father a German, mother of French birth. Arrived Colorado Jul 11, 1859, being a freighter across plains at first, later in

SCHLIER, George C., a resident of Denver, arrived Nov 1858, born Ohio Jan 4, 1827. (Pioneer’s List of Names) Another account says he was born in Baden, Germany emigrated to United States age 6 years, and lived first at Zanesville, Ohio. 1843 emigrated Cincinnati, Ohio, then worked in manufacture of silk hats in New York City, then made Milwaukee, Wisconsin still in hat trade, then Wyandotte, Kansas Territory, whence he came to goldfields. He is said to have erected, summer of 1859, a two story house in Auraria, one of the first of a size so great ever erected. It was still standing in 1880. Later, he built the three story Schlier Block on Lawrence Street. He owned much real estate, had a block also on Larimer Street, and in 1865 a bridge company was organized, Fox Diefendorf, and Beebe with Schlier, to put a bridge over the Platte, or Cherry Creek. He was a member City Council 1865. There was a David Schlier, who Jan 20, 1860 filed ranche claim “next George Schliers’, 25 miles from Denver,” may be a relative, and very possibly a Fiftyniner, as it took long time to cross the plains, and not many started in January. The George Schlier whose land is mentioned had claim for 160 acres “about 1 mile from Wright Shingle Machine, on the Cherry Creek Road.” Schlier’s both filed same date, Jan 20.

SCHNEIDER, C., lived Denver, born May 27, 1831. Arrived from Kansas Territory Nov 15, 1858.

SCHOOLS, private ones were held earlier, but the meeting to organize a school district and take first measures to build a public school house 13 mentioned on p. 3, RMN, Sep 3, 1859.

SCHROCK, David D., name mentioned in newspaper (clipping not named) as being an arrival of 1859. (?)

SCHUTZ, Jacob, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Jul 1, 1859 and in 1907 also 1920 lived in Frankstown, Colorado. This may be same as Jacob Schultz, mining at Russellville, same year. (59) (?)

SCHWEIKERT, Philip, barber, in early days, resident of Columbus, Ohio. In 1888 tells Frank Hall in this year how he had shop on Ferry Street, Auraria, nearly opposite RMN office. He arrived with the party which founded City of Montana in 1858, but left it for Denver. Montana was several miles farther up the Platte than Auraria.

SCOFIELD, William, companion of George A. Jackson at Cherry Creek and in mountains on his famous prospecting trips of 1857-58. (Western Mountaineer, Vol. 1, No. 2)

SCOTT, Mr. ---, of New York, arrived goldfields 1859. (See under L. Rodenstein) Two other Mr. Scotts arrived near same time, and the RMN, probably as usual short of
type, could hardly be expected to print their full names, but one was from Nevada, Iowa, the other from Leavenworth. In both cases the arrival was in spring of the year, when RMN joyously commenced the plan of giving all the names of the interesting and now historic persons publicity. Unfortunately, in about a month or a short time thereafter the numbers so increased that capital letters could not be had to do the work, so it had to be abandoned.

SCOTT, F., grantor, mining property, Gregory Diggings. 1859. *(Gregory and Mountain City Record)*

SCOTT, Graham R., grantor with Hunt, to mining claim in Gregory Diggings, recorded at Mountain City, Sep 29, 1859. *(Gregory Record, p. 10)*

SCOTT, J. C., his train from Missouri, 76 men, 9 wagons, and 2 hand cars, arrived Denver May 10 of year above, by the Leavenworth & Pike’s Peak Express Route, and left on 12th for Jefferson Diggings. *(RMN)*

SCOTT, J. W., head of wagon train arriving Denver summer 1859. *(RMN)*

SCOTT, James D., discovered, 1858, the Scott Lead, near Gold Hill, in Boulder District. *(Mentioned in History.)*

SCOTT, John, mentioned as a pupil at one of the first private small schools in Auraria in 1859. Also Mary Scott, and Samuel Scott.

SCOTT, M. W., (See under name of N. A. Adams) arrived same year, 1859.

SCOTT, Nathan B., age 16 in 1859, when he drove team for Henderson & Gridley to the Gregory Claims. Afterward became prominent in West Virginia politics.

SCOTT, Walter, arrived from Leavenworth in wagon train, spring 1859, by Platte Route. He passed 1500 wagons “going back to the States.”

SCOURFIELD, W., mentioned in RMN during 1859 as living in Boulder. (May be misspelling of name just above?) Firm Scourfield & Goodwin.

SCOVILLE, William, (see also Scofield?) See under D. D. Taylor. *(RMN, May 1859)*

SCUDDER, John, member of Auraria Town Company, and early resident of Denver, living in 1859 in Auraria, where on Jul 28 of this year he is grantor to James B. Reed of Denver, all his rights, titles or shares in Denver City lots. On Dec 18 he, with Reed, Harris, Dahler, and Pollock, grant to William Smith and Company right to erect bridge over Platte at foot of Cherry Street, the same to be finished by the 1st of May, next coming. On Dec 27 he is grantor of Denver lots again, but went to Salt Lake, though he afterward returned. *(See Apr and May files of RMN for his further affairs, during 1859.)*
SEARS, George, of firm of C. B. Clark & Company, operating Quartz Mill at Mountain City, Gregory Diggings, also owning shingle and saw mill 1859.

SEARS, Jasper P., born Marion County, Ohio, 1838. Trader with Sioux Indians in Minnesota, is said to have started to Pike’s Peak in Sep 1858, but did not arrive until the following year, in September, in train of 10 ox teams. Was very ill enroute. Opened store with C. A. Cook, corner Lawrence and F. Streets, loaned money, thus becoming soon a banker, then in real estate business and mining. In Bancroft’s History of Colorado it is stated that he made a fortune on government contracts. Jasper P. Sear, Jr., is noted as a witness to deed in Auraria Oct 18, 1859. This could not have been his son, so it is probable that his father was also of this name. (?) (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 384)

SEAVEY, Mason L., arrived Jun 20, 1859 and has always resided Denver. Married Ella, daughter of Harpin Davis of Jefferson County, and left family. He was born in Maine Dec 10, 1840.

SECHELS, John, witness Oct 3, 1859, Mountain City, to deed to claims in Gregory Gulch. (Gregory Record, 1859, Central City)

SECHREST, E. G., (also spelled Seachrest) delegate from City and precinct of Golden Gate, to first Constitutional Convention 1859.

SEEMAN, C. R., had Livery business in Denver (Directory) at McGaa Street ’59. He was also grantee of lots during year. (Land Records)

SEEMAN, Joseph H., an Express package advertised for him in RMN during 1859 Denver.

SEEMAN, Joshua, of Ohio, arrived with Capt. J. W. Henderson’s train May 16, 1859. (See this for some of his companions) (See also Seaman)

SEERES, Arthur E., witness, Auraria, Dec 2, 1859 to land deed between Auraria Town Company and C. S. Sawyer. (or Semper?) (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 520)

SELAK, Albert, arrived May 8, 1859, and name in list of Pioneers’ Society of Colorado marked “deceased.” Name also spelled Selack.

SELLERS, A., carpenter and cabinet maker, Curtis Street. (Directory of 1859)

SELLIER, John, grantor of lot 11, block 7, Auraria, Sep 1, 1859. (Land Records)

SELLS, J. E., was Territorial Representative Elect. (Provisional Government) 11th District 1859. (RMN, files)
SEMPER, C. S., of New Orleans, arrived Denver via Platte Route (40 days) May 1859. This may be same as Charles S. Semper (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563) Arrived April of that year. Born England Jan 30, 1830. He was a printer on Ferry Street and worked on the RMN, and is said to have set type on the first number on Dec 2. He is grantee from Auraria Town Company, consideration $1, four Auraria lots. (Filed for record Jul 13, 1860, Liber F, p. 530.) Another deal, Nov 4, four lots.

SEVENTEEN MILE GULCH, a locality where prospecting and mining was carried on.

SEVILLE, J. J., was S. Warden Auraria Lodge, A.F. & A.M. 1859, and petitions the Grand Lodge of Kansas to give recommendation for establishing Auraria Lodge. (See under Saville, p. 237, ib)

SHAFER, David, is grantee, also grantor in this year, the last in Nov 2, to Fosdick & Cheever.

SHAFER, John B., arrived Apr 11, 1859, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. (Died)

SHAFER & COMPANY, mining in Russell’s Gulch 1859 with nine men. (RMN)

SHAFFEE, (also spelled Chaffee), Archie, formerly of Akron, Ohio, died in Denver City Oct 15, 1859.

SHAFFER, B. F., from Pennsylvania 1859, carpenter, went to Arkansas Valley.

SHAFFER, D., 8th District, in 1859 Territorial Councilman elect. (Provisional Government) One of name is referred to as mining during year in Pleasant Valley.

SHAFFER, J. R., representing Merrysville in Constitutional Convention to form Provisional Government 1859.

SHAFFER, J. R., of St. Louis, delivered the Fourth of July oration at the first celebration of this day in the City of Auraria, the large cottonwood grove at mouth of Cherry Creek being the scene of the festivities, which included music, speaking, large procession, and of course an out of door dinner. (Mentioned RMN, files)

SHAFFER, SHOEFER and SHAFER, J. M., delegate in Jun 1859 to first Constitutional Convention from Fountain City. One of name was surveyor of farm claims in Dec 1859, Arapahoe County. In June, same year, he was delegate from Fountain City to Constitutional Convention. As Civil Engineer he had office on Blake Street, Denver

SHANK, Dr. J. L., arrived from Running Waters, Nebraska Territory, formerly from Hagerstown, Maryland. He was wounded by Utes in mountains. Miner. (RMN)

SHANK & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, mentioned in files of 1859.

SHANK, Dr. S. D., killed by Indians in South Park, Jun 26, 1859. A party formed at Mountain City to search for his body, together with that of his companion Kennedy. (See under Kennedy) The searchers found place of the murder, but Dr. Shank’s body had seemingly been dragged by beasts, but some parts of his equipment being found, they later discovered the body, scalped, near a great rock. Mountain Joe, who was of the party, said a deed done by the Cheyennes. The body was buried, stake placed with inscription, and initials cut on tree. The inscription was “Killed by Indians.” (RMN, files, June-July)

SHANLEY, J. H., member of the Mammoth Quartz Mining Company 1859.

SHANLEY, John J., stockholder of Auraria Town Company Nov 1, 1858, and acting Secretary, in the next year, Oct 4, which office he held in 1860. In the Business Directory of 1859 he is styled Recorder, and during the year he was Assistant Clerk of the Constitutional Convention for forming Provisional Government.

SHANNON, ---, of firm of Manlove, Shannon & Company, mining in 1859 in Russell Gulch.

SHARP, E. B., an arrival of 1858, and original stockholder of Auraria Town Company. Sharp & Company (may be same?), three men, mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats 1859. Among the deaths in the RMN during 1862 is that of Orlando S. Sharp (relative of above?) died at Planters’ Hotel Dec 1 of that year. He was from Gouverneur, New York.

SHAW, ---, mention of his farm claim on Cherry Creek, Dec 1859, adj. claim of Mr. Holcomb.


SHAW, G. W., in Directory of Denver and Auraria 1859, he had butchering business on Blake Street. (Member of firm of Shaw and Murphy.)

SHAW, John H., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived May 22, 1859. Resided Del Norte in 1920 and earlier. Mining firm of Shaw, Storks & Company were washing gold in Russell’s Gulch summer of 1859 with nine men.

SHAW, John W., “Came to Colorado 1859, and later brought out his family.” (Quoted from clipping.)
SHAW, Joseph, arrived from St. Louis with Lone Star Company May 22, 1859. They travelled by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN, files)

SHEA, John, was hung by the Vigilantes in Platte Bottoms, 1859. (RMN) Cattle rustler.

SHEAL, John, witness, Auraria lot transfer, Oct 29, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SHEAR, John, from Putnam, Washington County, New York, a miner of Gregory Diggings 1859. He was delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Sanders’ Ranche precinct, and later Territorial Councilman elect from the 6th District. (RMN, files)

SHEARS, James, member of Shiann Pass Town Company 1859. Shears & Company (formerly of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska) were mining this year in Gregory Diggings.

SHELBY, Dan, (Shelly?) had farm claim on Ralston Creek, near claim of McNana, later another claim by N. Ferris Jan 23, 1860. (This is very likely an arrival of 1859)

SHELBY, U. S. (or V. S.?) born Tennessee Feb 5, 1827, arrived Colorado Jul 18, 1859. Sep 1 of this year he is grantee to lot 11, block 7, Auraria. He was not deceased in 1890, date of publication of Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563.

SHEPHERD, G., arrived Apr 14, 1859 with Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons, and party from La Salle, Illinois, 32 days from St. Joseph. This pioneer has the honor to be chronicled in the famous Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, published Apr 23 of year. (Only existing copy in Colorado Historical Society Library.)

SHEPHERD & COMPANY, two men, mining in Nevada Gulch this year. (RMN)

SHERER, Philip, one of the stockholders in Auraria Town Company, arrived 1858. He is grantee from Auraria Town Company Nov 5, 1859, consideration $1, city lots 24 in number. (Land Records, Auraria Town Company, see Index)

SHERMAN, ---, arrived May 5, 1859 (RMN) A study of the files makes it seem probable that this was John H. Sherman, below.

SHERMAN, J. H., was from Nebraska Territory and was council for Wood when he was tried by the Vigilantes in same year (see Wood in files of this year for trial). The following appears in Colorado Republican, files, Aug 24, 1861. Died: Aug 23, Judge John H. Sherman, of this City (Denver). The funeral will take place at four o’clock this afternoon from the residence of deceased. (See Hall’s Colorado History, pp. 240-41, for trial, etc. of Gordon who had J. H. Wood for council. This preceded Wood’s trial.)
SHERMAN, William, had claim on Fisk Lode, Gregory Diggings, Oct 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 16) This name also occurs in list in same record book, at end of the volume with the following note: “$1, not paid.”

SHERMAN, FOWL & COMPANY, immigrant train from Lee County, Illinois, arrived May 11, 1859 with two wagons and seven men, all well. 35 days from home, 30 days from Missouri River, via Platte Route. In same copy or a few days afterward, the name of Ben Sherman, from Vermont, and three brothers, Farwell of Illinois, (Amboy, Illinois) are chronicled by RMN as arriving same date as party above. (Same party?) (From Nebraska Territory)

SHIANN PASS, a mining camp of this year and later.

SHIELDS, Mr., and family, from De Soto, Nebraska, arrived. (See under D. D. Stout.)

SHIELDS (also spelled Shealds), Richard, owns lots in blocks 51, 68, and 110, date Aug 23, 1859. He sells lot 7, block 68, Feb 7, 1860. He is noted as R. Shield in one account as mining in Nevada Gulch, with two men. On Jan 26, 1860 Richard (X) Shields, and Nancy (X) Shields of Denver, sell to Ellen Ross of same place, consideration $50, a lot, or tract of land in Denver. Nancy Shields has ownership of her Denver lots certified in first year, Aug 23, 1859. They are described as lot 27, block 172, lot 18, block 210, lot 29, block 39, and lot 19, block 91, all in Denver City, Kansas Territory. (Liber B, p. 66, old) Other transactions from Land Records. R. Shields lived between 4th and 5th on Cherry Street.

SHIELDS, John, of Denver, sells, Jul 5, 1859 lots 9-10 on Blake Street, corner of D. Street.

SHINDEL, Edw. P., arrived May 18, 1859. Lived Denver, was member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society, the above date from one of their lists.

SHINNEMAN, Joseph, arrived Jul 4, 1859. Was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society noted as deceased, but place not stated.

SHONHING, E. H., was on Nov 8, 1859 a witness to deed in Auraria. (Land Records)

SHOOG & COMPANY, mining on Maryland Lode, summer 1859, averaged $100 a day sluicing for three months. (This is either from Hollister or the files of RMN.) Maryland Lode was not very far from Gregory.

SHORES, J. W. M., had farm claim, either located or filed Nov 1859, and described as being on Platte River, 13 miles from Denver City, 160 acres. (See Arapahoe County Land Records, Index to grantors.)

SHORT, Thomas R., (also T. R. Short) files certificate of claim, Jun 15, 1859 “on which I am now building.” (Described as in Jefferson County “on Montana Creek”) 160
acres. Later, Nov 23 with M. F. Robinson he buys ranche claim south of Golden.  
(Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 27) This may be same party as F. R. 
Short, member Golden City Association. (Record Book, p. 90 of this Association)

SHORTRIDGE, W. T., said to have been first assessor of Arapahoe County and arrival of 
1859, now living in Fort Collins (1890). (Clipping)

SHORTS & COLLIER, were mining in Gregory Diggings during summer 1859.

SHOUP, J. M., mentioned in connection with S. Shoup, Gregory Record, p. 49, Oct 3, 
1859.

SHOUP, John, Mountain City 1859, see below.

SHOUP, S., mentioned in file RMN 1859 as “wanting to prospect in Middle Park.” This 
is probably Solomon Shoup, who on Oct 27, 1859 files claim to grants of land on 
Denver, Auraria & Colorado Wagon Road, where said road first strikes the north 
branch of the South Platte River. Filed Nov 2, same year. On Dec 10, his name 
appears as an incorporator of the Road mentioned above. S. Shoup and John Shoup 
are grantors, Mountain City, Sep 20, same year. (Gregory Record, p. 23)

SHUBRING, F. H., listed as “blacksmith” in Auraria, on Front Street. (Mss. Business 
Directory, 1859)

SHUEEY & COMPANY, mining claim on Maryland Lode, ½ mile north of Gregory’s.

SHUTE, Rufus, of Arkansas Valley 1859, cattle man. (New York State)

SIBLEY, A. S. & COMPANY, witness deed at Mountain City, Oct 3, same year below. 
(Gregory Record, p. 34)

SIBLEY & BUHLER, arrived in team from Kankakee, Illinois May 11, 1859. (RMN)

SIGGINS, B. B. (Liggins?), name in list of ten at back of Gregory Record. “Paid, Jul 25, 
$1, C.C.P.” This may be list of ’59 persons (?).

SIGLER, W. F., member elect to Constitutional Convention Denver 1859, delegate from 
Eureka.

SILLS, J. C., grantee, Denver lots, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, see Index.)

SILVENS, William, RMN, an express package for him 1859.

SILVERTHORNE, Marshall, deceased 1890, date of publication Hall’s Colorado History 
who gives his birth as Sep 15, 1811 in New Jersey, arrived in May 17, 1859 
Colorado. In the biography of Mrs. Charles A. Finding, p. 50, Colorado Magazine,
Vol. 2, No. 1, it is stated that he returned to Pennsylvania for family, arriving with them May 18, 1860. One of his daughters married Charles A. Finding, another is said to have married Joseph Wilson. M. Silverthorne’s home was in Breckenridge.

SIMINOE, Noel, mentioned in diary of George A. Jackson, Jan 20, 1859, at which date his party, Ned Wynkoop, Jim Sanders and himself spent night at Noel’s Lodge at mouth of St. Vrain. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 521)

SIMMONS (of firm of Foote & Simmons, from Chicago) mining same summer at Gregory’s.

SIMMONS, George M. (of Chicago), miner, Gregory Diggings. (RMN, 1859)

SIMMONS, Peter A., resided Denver 1907 (name in Pioneers’ booklet list), birth not dated, but arrival given as Sep 18, 1859.

SIMMONS, Philander, said to have accompanied Green Russell’s party to goldfields in 1858, was with them at Bent’s Fort and elsewhere, in gold placer mining, and camped on the site of Denver.

SIMMONS, Mr. T. H., “leaves Golden this week” (Jan 11, 1860) for his home in Brighton, Illinois. “He is suspected of intending to increase the number of ladies of Golden on his return.” T. H. Simmons (probably same) was a member of the first Masonic Lodge there, in 1860, his name appeared as a candidate in list. He was expected to return in the following March. (?)

SIMMONS & COMPANY, mining summer of 1859, Nevada District. (RMN)

SIMMS, J. G., (col’d) barber shop and saloon on Larimer Street, 1859.

SIMMS, James G., received certificate for or of his ownership of lots 17, block 36 and 31, block 160, Denver City, Aug 23, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SIMONS, N., witness of deed between Hurlbut and Russell, Sep 12, 1859. Recorded Oct 1, claim in Gregory Record.

SIMPSON, Carson D., died Central City Jun 18, 1859. (In List of Pioneers, Gilpin County, mentioned as being son of Mrs. Lyman Blood. Probably remarried to Lyman Blood.)

SIMPSON, D., also L. D., of Tennessee, arrived in Wagon 3 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express of 10 wagons May 22, 1859. (See under Doty.)

SIMPSON, George L., of Trinidad (1922) said to have arrived Colorado 1840 from St. Louis. Mrs. Isabella G. Beard, it is said, was his daughter born in 1844 on Hardscrabble.
SIMPSON, James, files notice of his ownership of Denver lots Aug 23, 1859.

SIMPSON, L. D., arrived with D. Simpson from Tennessee spring 1859. (RMN, list)

SIMPSON, N. P., is grantee Jan 11, 1860 of Denver lots (probable resident). Notice of his arrival from Pennsylvania May 22, 1859, in Wagon 2 of Doty’s Lightning train of 10 wagons. (See under Doty also) (RMN, List of Arrivals)

SIMPSON, W. C., grantee (of Golden City), from William H. Morgan claim in Mountain City, filed for record on above date. (Jefferson County Land Records) W. C. Simpson also in list of shareholders in Golden City Association, 1860, this Record, Golden Land Office, p. 15.

SIMPSON, William, lived in Mountain City 1859. (RMN)

SIRVIN, T., from St. Louis, by Smoky Hill Route, arrived May 29, in the year, left Leavenworth Apr 21, 14 persons in party. (RMN)


SKELLY, Mr. Daniel, mentioned in files of 1859 as reporting on Indians having arrived from head waters of the Colorado River.

SKERRITT, Thomas, born King’s County, Ireland, Aug 16, 1828 (another account says 1820), immigrated 1848 to United States and Canada, his father being in Michigan, the family went there first. He travelled with an uncle who had maintained him in Ireland. He farmed in Canada, lived Chicago, then back to Michigan and married Miss Mary K. Skerritt (eight children all born Colorado). Arrived Colorado Jun 2, 1859 (Hall), went to Central City where his wife was one of first white women in place, then Breckenridge, and in autumn 1859 took land on Platte, but lost all in flood of 1864, and he sold to Peter Magnus, and bought another farm where he was very prosperous in 1880. There is, in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563, a note of his being pioneer and just under his name appears name of T. M. Skerritt, who is said to have arrived Colorado same date as Thomas Skerritt, above (Jun 2, 1859) but who was not born until May 24, 1860. This may be his son, who of course would be a pioneer also, born in the place. There is a mistake either in the year of birth of T. M. Skerritt or else in the date of his arrival in Colorado. (?)

SKINNER, J. W., legally authorized agent of the Wisconsin Lumber Company, signs paper in Auraria 1859. His name appears in the little Mss. Business Directory of this year, but not in the Directory of 1866 following. He may have moved to Central for there is notice of a wedding there: At the Veranda, in this City, by Rev. George W.
Warner, Mr. J. W. Skinner to Miss R. E. Gibson, all of Empire City, Dec 31, 1862. (Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Jan 2, 1863, Central City) Note: The Veranda was a very new and elegant two story frame hotel where the wealth and fashion of Central much did congregate in the early days after its erection.

SLADE, C. P., born New York, May 30, 1832, arrived Jul 12, 1859, lived Caribou in 1890, was member then of Colorado Pioneers’ Society, but deceased. In a History of Boulder it is said that a Mr. Slade arrived there with the Wellman brothers in year 1859.

SLAINE, A., was an original member of Auraria Town Company, living in 1895 in Saguache, Colorado. Andrew Slaine arrived by Plattsmouth Nebraska Company train of wagons Oct 24, 1858.

SLATE, William, came to Colorado 1859, living some time in vicinity of Golden, Jefferson County, where he took up ranch claim. Mr. Slate settled here and married Clarissa Chesley (who was an arrival of 1861 or 1862). His daughter, Sarah A. Slate, married 1st James W. Clayton, of Central City, who died, and she married 2nd Allison A. Cheeley, a Virginian who lived many years in Fort Lupton, both are now deceased. Mr. William Slate had no grandchildren by the first marriage of his daughter Sarah, but by the second was born Ella Cheeley, who married Clerence B. Frink. They lived in Fort Lupton, Larkspur, and later in Denver. The Frinks have had five children, all great grandchildren of the pioneer. Their names are Eugene H., Douglas (died Larkspur, Colorado), Genevieve, Clarence, (Jr. died in infancy), Robert.

SLATER, Abraham, arrived Jun 14, 1859, lived in Golden, had property there. (Liber A, p. 15) He was living 1907, his name being in a pioneer’s list of members as residents of Denver.

SLATER, S. S., born New York May 22, 1831, arrived Colorado Jul 4, 1859. (Hall Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563) In Directory of 1866, Denver, he is still living there, at the Pacific House (Freighter) at this time, and in 1890, date of publication of aforesaid History, he is still in Denver.

SLAUGHTER, William M., born Ohio, Jul 25, 1830. Arrived Colorado Oct 15, 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company, and was an original stockholder of Auraria Town Company. He was a founding member of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. in this year, having held membership before coming in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (Nebraska). He was later Secretary of Auraria Lodge. Was a lawyer, and took some interest in politics, naturally, being conceded a high place in public estimation. He was a delegate, Jun 1 of 1859 (representing Auraria where he lived) to form the first Constitutional Convention, and under the Provisional Government was appointed by Gov. Steele, Presiding Judge of Arapahoe County. In the business world of the goldfields he was also interested, being member and Treasurer of the Shiann Pass Town Company, while living in Auraria, later went to Central City, was Mayor for a time, and in records of Gilpin County, it may be seen that he, with John Hughes and
Joseph Casto, pre-empted one block for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Temple. He did some mining, too, though there is no record of his success. In the RMN, Apr 23, 1859, he has a letter from the Dry Creek Diggings, on p. 1 of Vol. 1, No. 1. In 1890 (date of publication Hall’s Colorado History) he is listed as being resident of Leadville. He later removed to Larimer County where he had a farm on the waters of the Big Thompson, trying fruit culture, with varying success. In Watrous’ History Larimer County, p. 302, there is a biography of him, and his death is stated to have taken place near Loveland, of pneumonia. His age was 84 years. He was member of the Larimer County Bar Association. In the files of the Denver Tribune, Jul 7, 1871, there ought to be a portrait of him, and in Smiley’s History there may be one, but Hall seems to have left him out when he illustrated his history. This compiler has seen a published portrait of him somewhere years ago, but has been unable to make the date of it. The following death of his brother should be included in this sketch, (from RMN, Jul 24, 1860): “John R. Slaughter died Jul 22, 1860, a brother of William M. Slaughter of North Denver. He was lately of Albany, Athens County, Ohio, where his family, a wife and three small children, live. Typhoid of ten days duration caused his death. He was taken at Gregory’s and then came to Denver, by coach, four days before death.” He was a recent arrival, death occurred at his brother’s residence. Slaughter was President of the Highlands Town Company, for he signed deed to lots there on Feb 23, 1860, situated in blocks 2 and 45, to Mrs. Martha Slaughter. (Arapahoe County Land Records, see Index) In Nov 12, 1870 issue, the RMN advertizes books to be sold for binding charges, and among them one of W. M. Slaughter, entitled “Perry’s Expedition in China.”

SLOCUM, ---, firm of Foster & Slocum, mining in mountains at Pleasant Valley, is in list of mines and mining in RMN summer 1859.

SLOUGH, John O., is witness to deed, Dec 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SMALLEY, Newcomb, resident probably of Auraria in above year, as the name of N. Smally is in land record as grantee of Auraria lots at Sheriff’s sale, Oct 26, while Newcomb Smally “of Arapahoe County” is grantee of part of lot 1, block 33, Auraria from R. L. Wooten, Nov 9. Again the name of N. Smalley occurs (as grantor this time) to D. C. Oakes part of lot 12, block 32, Auraria, dated Dec 31. (Liber E, p. 259)

SMITH, A. A., pioneer given with list in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563. Came Jun 28, 1859 to Colorado, was born Ohio Aug 25, 1829. Leadville was his residence in 1890. There is mention in files of A. A. Smith as mining in Boulder and on Clear Creek Diggings in this first year. Azor A. Smith was a graduate of Rush Medical College, and said to have been surgeon of the 1st Colorado in war of Rebellion. In Legislature 1876, and Post Master, Leadville 1878. Asa Smith, (same party?), was delegate to first Constitutional Convention from Arapahoe City (or Arapahoe Bar, as the miners called it) and files show him to have been Territorial Representative elect in same year from 15th District. He was in Court before Judge Waggoner in May of that year, and he was the last Postmaster of Arapahoe Bar, in Feb 1860. After this date the town was abandoned and soon disappeared.
SMITH, A. C., representative or delegate from Baden to first Constitutional Convention (Asa also?) (See just above) This pioneer appears in list of members as having been born in New York May 18, 1832. He arrived goldfields Feb 17, 1859, and appears in same year in land records. Lived in Denver 1890, as noted in list in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563.

SMITH, Dr. A. M., Mountain City, delegate to Convention from Illinois Central Diggings, 1859 and resident of Mountain City, this year. (A. M. Smith, M. D.)

SMITH, Adam, arrived Colorado Jan 20, 1859, member Society Colorado Pioneers and in list of 1920 when his residence was noted as in Castle Rock, Douglas County. Born Illinois Nov 25, 1834.

SMITH, Andrew J., Nov 1, 1859, was stockholder of Auraria Town Company, and was secretary at first meeting of citizens to form plan for City of Auraria. This was also in 1858. This meeting was in November and Smith was selected to act as delegate to the Kansas Legislature to have a new county, Arapahoe, organized under the government of Kansas. He was not allowed to speak to the legislature, it is said, but Gov. Denver, seeing the seriousness of the situation, took the matter up and without waiting for the Legislature to act, appointed commissioners who at once went to work. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 208, etc.)

SMITH, Augustus, mentioned in Gregory Record, p. 42, as having bought claim of R. R. Ream in Gregory Diggings, same year.

SMITH, B., said to have built 2nd house in Golden City. Was an Ensign in Colorado National Guard. Lived in Golden early in 1859. Ensign B. Smith is said, in History of Clear Creek Valley, to have visited Santa Fe in 1835 with his family from Missouri. He started in 1854 to California, but gave it up and came to Pike’s Peak instead. After building a house in Golden, he started the first hotel that town ever had, and in 1860 moved to Blackhawk and erected a stamp mill. Then moved to Buckskin Joe and erected the 2nd mill. Then back in Golden City keeping hotel again. In 1863 built Clear Creek Wagon Road together with his brother and Mr. Loveland, of Golden. Ensign B. Smith was said to have been a grandson of James Purdy. His native state was New York, where he was born Feb 21, 1807, at North Norwich. He died some time after 1880.

SMITH, C. D., had claim in Gregory Diggings Oct 3, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 48)

SMITH, C. F., express package advertized for him in RMN, 1859.

SMITH, C. L., from New York, arrived Denver May 22, above year, with the Lone Star Company by Smoky Hill Route. (RMN, list)
SMITH, C. W., had ranche, which he located Jul 19, 1859 in Clear Creek. “Bottom” (valley) Jefferson County, 160 acres, northeast corner of N. L. Witcher’s land.

SMITH, Caleb, said to have been as early as 1859 in South Park District. (Name from List of Pioneers mentioned in an old clipping.)

SMITH, Charles, name in Arapahoe County Land Records, old, ’59 as owner of lots.

SMITH, Cyrus, arrived 1858, in same party with George C. Schlier. (See.)

SMITH, Elisha P., arrived Denver Jun 4, 1859. (RMN)

SMITH, George W., arrived mouth of Cherry Creek in 2nd wagon of train of 11 wagons bringing the famous Lawrence Party carrying supplies to the goldfields. He is said to have been Captain of the Night Guard on this memorable trip. (1858)

SMITH, H. G., witness to deed between Whitsell and Steck, Denver, Aug 20, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SMITH, H. P. A., said to be Henry P. A. Smith, when written out in full though he always signed with the three initials. He was a lawyer and Judge, always most prominent and highly esteemed, but not nearly so well known at this day as many others who were of much less importance in the early days. He arrived with the Lecompton Party 1858, was Secretary of Denver City Town Company, Director, as well as stockholder. He was a member of the first Constitutional Convention Jun 1859, but protested against a Provisional Government being established, believing, as did many others, that Kansas could furnish the laws and govern the place quite well as one of her counties. But the goldfields were too well filled up with aspiring politicians for this kind of doctrine to satisfy very many, so the Provisional Government carried the day, was established, and new offices bloomed in all directions, although Judge Smith always maintained they had no real authority for existence.

He is said to have delivered a very fine oration on the first “Fourth of July” (1859) in Mountain City, Gregory Diggings, he being then attorney for the Mammoth Quartz Lead Company of Helena City. He was Secretary of the first Masonic Lodge in the goldfields, at Auraria City, meeting under dispensation of Kansas Grand Lodge, at place on Cherry Street, between 2nd and 3rd Streets. He had a number of Denver lots, some of them being recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 625. He was a Democrat, campaigned for Douglas and “laid out Lincoln” at a grand rally of this party in Golden City, and at Nevada City in front of Squire Martin’s store. (Western Mountaineer, Jul 20, 1860) On Dec 1, 1870, RMN has both notice of his death, also editorial: “Died Nov 20 in Helena, Montana, Judge H. P. A. Smith, in the fiftyfirst year of his age.”

The editorial states that Judge Smith lived most of his life as resident of Gilpin County, was prominent in law practice, politics, and was an amateur actor, the character of Iago being his favorite. He went to dwell in Montana in early time of
that Territory, then moved to Arizona, but afterward returned to Helena, Montana where his death occurred. (RMN, p. 4, 1870)

SMITH, Henry A., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, name in Members List of 1920, living at time in Denver, said to have arrived 1859.

SMITH, Henry J., witness of deed between Stout and Barney, Jul 11, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

SMITH, Hugh, said to have lived and mined in Colona, early 1859.

SMITH, J., The RMN chronicles the arrival of several of this name, early in spring, and one wishes still more that type had not been so scarce in the Diggings. (Paper also had to be saved and labor was expensive.) J. Smith arrived from Connecticut, J. Smith arrived from Illinois, May 22, in wagon 3 of E. Doty’s Lightning Train of 10 wagons. (See under Doty.) But J. Smith of Connecticut came with D. Boyd (see this). J. Smith & Company had meat market in Auraria, next door to Hickman’s new building on Ferry Street, and J. Smith arrived with J. B. Vandyke (which see). J. Smith was a farmer opposite Denver at north, across Platte River.


SMITH, Dr. J. W., of Denver, is said to have practiced his profession on arrival in Gregory Mining District. His card first appears in RMN, Nov 10, 1859, and announces that he has “practiced with the best physicians and surgeons in New York City for 25 years,” and in Denver his office is one door east of Apollo Hall, upstairs. He also advertised practice of Dentistry. Dr. J. W. Smith was later Judge of Election. J. W. Smith also appears (probably same?) as witness, signed in margin of Auraria deed between James Douglas and Abraham Jacobs (lot 12, block 9, in City of Auraria) Dec 3, 1859. John W. Smith “for a valuable consideration” is to have lots in Denver City, to the number of 36 “as soon as the drawing is made.” This is in the spring, Mar 6, 1859, and a possibility exists that he may be other than the Dr. J. W. Smith.

SMITH, Jacob, “Uncle Jake Smith” meats, in Auraria City on Ferry Street (probably same J. Smith above?) This problem solved with Directory of Businessmen of 1859, combined with RMN.

SMITH, Jacob, an arrival of 1858, for he located in that year, Nov 5, his claim “recorded 9 A.M. Feb 2 A.D. 1860, in Liber D, p. 225, old, commencing at the big slough, west side of the town of Auraria, 160 acres, foundation laid Dec 1, 1858. Jacob Smith also had 14 Auraria lots, sold in 1860 to Carr.

SMITH, James, of Golden City 1859, originally from Harden County, Illinois.
SMITH, James F., “of Auraria” is grantee, Thomas F. Golden, grantor, (of Golden Gate) lot 6, block 3, Auraria, located on Cherry Creek, having a small house on it. Consideration $300, Nov 8, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, see Index.)

SMITH, John, a trapper who had a lodge at mouth of Cherry Creek (where Auraria afterward stood) built in 1857, and George A. Jackson (Hall Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 552) in short diary of his prospecting trip, comes to “Old John Smith’s Lodge” where they saw Jack Henderson and John Ming. (Tom Golden and Jim Sanders were with Jackson on this trip.)

SMITH, John, in 1858, a stockholder St. Charles City.


SMITH, John S., a Lawrence Party seceder 1858 in helping following year to found St. Charles. He is an Indian Trader, and may be identical with “Old John Smith” above. There is much confusion here among the Smiths, as initials were not always regarded, and “nick-names” used so often. I have John Simpson Smith also as a founder and stockholder of Auraria, 1858, from another history, also John S. Smith as one of Denver City stockholders. The fact is mentioned that John Simpson Smith was an old U. S. interpreter among the Indians. (This surely must be “Old John Smith”?) John S. Smith of Auraria, Mar 20, 1859 is grantor, Hampton L. Boone grantee, to undivided ½ to an original share in Highland City. So it is evident that “Old John Smith” had a hand in all of them. Here we produce him as a founder of St. Charles, Auraria, Denver and the City mentioned above.

SMITH, Josiah, was one of the first settlers of Pueblo, 1859. He returned to States and brought out his family. The name of Pueblo at that time was Fountain. The original Pueblo was built of adobe, and Fountain was on opposite side of stream from the remains of the Mexican and French trapper village. Josiah F. Smith is named in history as the founder of Canon City, Oct 1859, and may be the same person. (?)

SMITH, Julius, an arrival of 1858, for he is given Donation Lots, which go with agreement to build hewed log house.

SMITH, Lewis, (his X mark) located farm claim on Cherry Creek, “5 miles southeast of Denver” (?) in Arapahoe County, 160 acres, Sep 14, 1859. Filed for record in land office Sep 18. Dec 3 he sells this to L. V. Brigham.

SMITH, Marinus G., soldier, farmer, stockman, trader. Born Oneida, New York, May 6, 1819. Lived in Pulaski, New York (tinner), Knox County, Illinois 1838, Warren County, Illinois 1840 (tin and stove ware), ran mail and a stage line later, was under General Wood in Mexican War (Sergeant), then mined in Mexico after war, then
back to Illinois (in grain and commission business), and at last, 1859 emigrated Colorado, took homestead near Boulder, married in Mercer County, Illinois Anna M. Woodruff, had eight children, one being Walter A. Smith. Died 1878. (History Boulder Valley)

SMITH, Nick, in 8th wagon of Lawrence Party, 1858, and member of expedition to carry supplies to goldfields from Kansas.

SMITH, O. B., on Sep 20, 1859, “his building on his lots” mentioned in deed to Draw Lots, and his lots 1-2, block 41 “where his building stands” mentioned. On Oct 11, Orion B. Smith is grantor of lots 1-2, block 7, Auraria, to Walter Snell. Could this name be Owen B. Smith?

SMITH, P. A., was a lawyer in list in Directory of 1859, and in a list of surveyors, his name is also placed, same book. (Manuscript)

SMITH, Ransford, “an old California miner” took William N. Byers prospecting in the mountains between Idaho Springs District and Fall River, in May 1859. (Hall Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 190)

SMITH, Ransom, arrived 1858 with Plattsmouth Nebraska Company, Oct 24. He is said to have discovered the Spanish Bar gold diggings three miles above Idaho Springs in 1859. Ransom P. Smith, “of Auraria” is grantor, Jul 5, 1859, Denver lots to A. C. Graff of Cincinnati, Ohio. (Query: are Ranson Smith, Ransome P. Smith and Ransford Smith the same person?) The RMN, Vol. 1, No. 1, has the following: “R. P. Smith formerly of Plattsmouth, Nebraska Territory, is mining on Dry Creek. (Apr 23, 1859) In a little over three days work, he took out over 42 dollars.” R. P. Smith is grantor of Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company. In Apr 1859, agrees to build hewed log house. R. P. Smith is delegate from Spanish Bar to the first Constitutional Convention in Denver.

SMITH, Stephen, was a founder of Canon City in 1859. (The same has been said of Stephen S. Smith.) Stephen W. Smith, Nov 17, this year, is grantee from A. Sagendorf, lot 3, block 31 on Ferry Street. Consideration $1. On Dec 7, same year, he is granted by Auraria Town Company 17 lots in Auraria (description and numbers of his lots are in Liber E, p. 254, old.

SMITH, T. S., in business Mss. Directory of 1859 has saloon and restaurant in Denver.

SMITH, Thomas, buys various lots, Denver 1859, and is probably same as the Thomas Smith who files farm claim in Jan 1860 “near R. C. Bean’s claim, 40 miles from Denver City, on road to Colorado City, on the first creek south of Plum Creek.”

SMITH, W., had claim on Simmons’ Lode, Gregory Diggings, mentioned Oct 1, 1859 (p. 15, Gregory Record). In a list of Mountain City inhabitants of this year appears name W. Smith.
SMITH, W. N., arrived May 30, 1859, from Clayton, Georgia, two months enroute, by Santa Fe Trail. Ten others in party. (RMN)

SMITH, William, original stockholder of St. Charles City and an arrival of 1858. In following year he of course is granted some Denver lots, and on Dec 14 William Smith (the same?) makes farm claim on Fontaine-que-buille “within the jurisdiction of the El Paso Claim Club.” This adjoins J. E. Wooten’s claim: 160 acres.

The following marriage may be of one or the other of the persons just mentioned: Married, at the Smith Ranch, on Sep 4, 1860, by Rev. Dr. Rankin, Mr. William Smith to Miss Eliza Branstetter. (Rocky Mountain Herald, Sep 6, 1860) William A. Smith is listed also as an original stockholder of Auraria Town Company, 1858, and on Dec 1, 1859 was sworn in Auraria. Before this, in November, he was grantee of Auraria Town Company lots, one being lot 9, block 65, Auraria. (Note: in 1870 a story and half log house with shed lean-to kitchen stood on rear of this lot and was occupied by a family named Rigo, with relatives named Hanley.) It is back, and little south of the new (1925) Mexican Church.

SMITH, William Wallace, had in year 1859, Donation Lots, with agreement to build hewed log house, to be finished by Mar 1, in that year. The following is from the files of the year mentioned: Died, in Denver City, Jun 13, 1859, William Wallace Smith, formerly of Parkman, Geuga County, Ohio, recently of Omaha, Nebraska Territory, in 29th year of lung fever. “He had every attention in his illness, and his bedside was watched by his brother. His funeral was attended by many friends, to Mt. Prospect Cemetery.”

The Select lots of William Wallace Smith were given to Ransom P. Smith. They were on northwest corner of B. and Lawrence Streets. Ransom P. Smith conveys lots of William Wallace Smith to A. E. Graff of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jul 1859.

SMITH, Winter, mentioned as at Gregory Diggings, during year. (See W. Smith, above?) Winter Smith was a witness in Auraria Jan 16, 1860.


SMITH & CHUBBUCK, meat market in Denver City, (Directory of 1859) and in same year this firm builds bridge over Platte River at Denver City, to their pioneer farm on opposite bank.

SMOKE, David, of Auraria, Feb 1, 1859, opened his cabin as a Public House. (Location southeast corner Larimer and 10th) One Mrs. Smoke was here in 1858 in the gold diggings, but left for Montana Territory.
SMOKY HILL ROUTE to the goldfields was by the Republican branches of the Kansas River. It seems to have been about 800 miles long, of which 600 were without track or trail. Dead bodies unburied all the way. May 7, 1859, a party of eight was found, every one dead of starvation. A great deal of the length was without a bit of wood and no water. A good description of this route is in RMN, Sep 6, 1865. (See description, two columns.)

SMYTH, William, Esq., Nov 5, 1859 is grantee from Sam W. Beall, all of Beall’s interest in Colorado City, and requests certificate to him.

SNELL, George W., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, arrived Jun 1859. (His birth given as New York, Mar 29, 1859?) H. Snell also recorded, but in RMN as an arrival of same year.

SNELL, Walter, was witness, Oct 3, 1859 to deed, Denver or Auraria. He is grantee Oct 11 to lots 1-2, block 7, City of Auraria from O. B. Smith.

SNELL, William, arrived from Elkhorn, Nebraska Territory, spring of 1859. (RMN) There was a William Snell who was a member of the Golden City Association in 1860, possibly same?

SNELL & COMPANY, five men, mining, Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859. (Note: in Directory of 1866, Denver, G. W. Snell is given as a “speculator, office Champa between E. and Front Streets.” This may be the G. W. Snell mentioned above.)

SNETHAN, Elijah, “of Mountain City” Sep 24, 1859 (Gregory Record, p. 12) makes claim for building purposes on Main Street, Mountain City. Said claim joining Parmelee’s claim. Date Oct 1, 1859. (This name Snethan is not well written and may not be correctly copied?)

SNOW, ---, (of Cheney & Snow), Golden City Association, name in lists of 1860 (of Golden City Pioneers’ Association record) probably one of above pioneers.

SNOW, James, name occurs amidst record of Gilpin County Pioneers Society as an arrival of Jun 4, year above. Had died some time previous to 1923. His name also occurs in Boulder County Pioneers, and he was a miner in Clear Creek Valley, same year. On Oct 9, he makes claim to 160 acres land for farming and grazing purposes, it being on a small stream running into Clear Creek, below Arapahoe City, about three miles southeast of Golden. On Oct 12, same year, he is witness to deed between J. S. St. Matthew, grantor, and D. D. McIlvoy and Thomas Sours, grantees, Golden. (Jefferson County Land Records)

SNOW, William M., was Treasurer Illion Town Company, Jefferson County, Dec ’59.

SNOWY RANGE, a mining camp near Russell’s Gulch 1859.
SNYDER, C., name in list of arrivals by Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons, from La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph, Missouri, arrived Denver City or Auraria Apr 14, 1859. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, only existing copy)

SNYDER, John, reported in RMN, May 28, 1859, to have been shot on the 18th day May, near a ranche passed by a wagon train, about 30 miles west of the crossing of the Platte River by the Salt Lake and California Road. It was thought that he was fatally shot, but a wagon going to Fort Kearney picked him up.

SOCKMAN, A. H., Secretary of the Great Western Land Claim Association, Boulder, 1859.

SOCY & COMPANY, mining, five men, Nevada Gulch, 1859.

SODA CREEK BAR, lode, on Clear Creek, a mining camp of ’59. This may be “Soda Hill” (location now known as Idaho Springs) discovered by George A. Jackson, 1859. (Mineral springs here.)

SOET & VANDORT’S claim: Surveyed Jan 23, 1860 (probably located 1859) (Jefferson County Land Records)

SONGER, F. W., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society and resided Edgewater 1920. His arrival in Colorado in their list Jun 6, 1859.

SOPRIS, Charles R., an arrival of 1859, lived in Auraria.


SOPRIS, Miss Indiana, arrived 1859, was first school teacher it is said, in 1860. Her marriage occurred in Denver Jan 11, 1866. It is noticed as follows in the RMN of Jan 12. “Married: by the Rev. D. D. Goodrich, Mr. Samuel Cushman of Central City, and Miss Indiana, daughter of Capt. R. Sopris. A large circle of friends, comprising the wealth, beauty, and fashion of Denver were present as witnesses of the interesting ceremony. The bride, always beautiful, never appeared more lovely than on this occasion. She has long been one of Denver’s fair daughters, and her name is associated with the earliest history of the City of the Plains. Mr. Cushman, the happy man, is a gentleman in every way worthy of this paragon of a wife. May the smiles of love and prosperity beam brightly upon the living pair in their future journeyings down the aisles of time.”

SOPRIS, Richard, born Jul 26, 1813, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, arrived Colorado Mar 15, 1859. (Hall’s Colorado History) He early appears in RMN mining in Colona Diggings, and in Gregory Diggings in June, for was a delegate from that place to first Constitutional Convention. He was member of the Mammoth Quartz Lead Mining Company, and was chosen President of the Gregory Association of Miners. He
appears as “from Michigan City, Indiana, formerly.” He lived on High Street in Mountain City, and in RMN of June, that year, he with S. Reed, Secretary, call a meeting at Masonic Temple, on High Street, he being Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The notice states that it is to meet there each Saturday P.M. Arapahoe County, Kansas, was the name of Colorado at this time, and he left later in the year as a delegate to the Kansas Territorial Legislature, not being one of those who favored formation of the Provisional Government. Although the Territory of Jefferson had been made, yet he did not recognize it, and his departure across the plains to Kansas is announced without comment by RMN. He lived in Auraria late in season, for on 21st he is grantor of Highlands lots to Reyland. He was also here elected member Auraria Lodge, and later Worshipful Master of same. The old building where he officiated is shown in illustration on p. ---. The Lodge room was on second floor. A long biography of Mr. Sopris is in Vickers’ History of Denver, 1880, so complete that it need not be repeated here. In several other histories much is included. Perhaps a list of his children from Vicker’s record should be included in this collection: (most of the children arrived with mother in 1860.)

SOPRIS, Elbridge, B., real estate, Trinidad, Colorado Surv. and Dep. Co. Clerk Las Animas County.
SOPRIS, Simpson T., bookkeeper for J. S. Brown & Bros., grocers, Denver.
SOPRIS, Levi S., is farmer, and now (1880) on police force.
SOPRIS, George L., attorney.
SOPRIS, Indiana, (died 1925, Denver) married S. Cushman, born Massachusetts, and agent in 1880 of Hazard Powder Company of Deadwood, Dakota Territory.
SOPRIS, Irene A., married J. Sidney Brown, firm of Brown Brothers, well known and wealthy grocers. She died Jan 21, 1881 when husband and five children were surviving. They had one of the most elegant homes in Denver on a corner of Fourteenth Street, when that thorofare was the most fashionable spot in Denver.

SOPRIS, HENDERSON & COMPANY, from Farmington, Indiana, mining, Gregory Diggings 1859.

SOPRIS & SLAUGHTER, proprietors Vasquez House, Auraria 1859.

SOUDER, John, has Jan 3, 1859 quit claim deed to Auraria lot. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 626)

SOURBLAED, L., witness to signature deed by William Clancy, Mar 10, 1859, Denver.

SOURS, Thomas, grantee, Golden, Oct 12, 1859, associated with C. C. McIlvoy from J. S. St. Matthews, property in Jefferson County. (Jefferson County Land Records)

SOUSCH, W. M., appears in some early Lodge lists as petitioner for recognition. (Mountain City? Reference lost). 1859 Record.
SOUTHMAYD & COMPANY, mining, Russell’s Gulch, 15 men, 1859 files.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER IMPROVEMENT & LUMBERING COMPANY,
Incorporated Nov 1859, Denver.

SOUTHWORTH, E. A., from Cleveland, Ohio, has joiner’s shop on Washington Avenue, Golden, north side Creek, advertized Dec 7, 1859. An advertizement also appears in Western Mountaineer published at Golden in Apr 1860, same address. On p. 66 of the record book of the Golden City Association (now deposited with Land Record Office, Golden) his name is given as a stockholder or member in 1860.

SOWASH, W., (see above, Sousch), died in Central City, Gregory mines Sep 23, 1860, aged 32 years. Was formerly resident of Sweed Point, Dallas County, Iowa. Buried with Masonic honors. (RMN, Sep 23, 1860) This notice seemed worth noting, though one of 1860, for the name is very likely identical with W. M. Sousch above. (?)

SOWERS, George, (Lowers?), member J. W. Donellen & Company, grantors of a claim on McGinnis Lode, Gregory Diggings, recorded at Mountain City Oct 1, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 22)

SPADES, C. C., claim purchased of him, Sep 2, 1859, situated in the Sterling Lode, northeast from Discovery Claim, south of the Bobtail, in Mountain City, and later, in Record Book, p. 44, he is again grantor, Oct 31, of another claim not described so well.

SPAIN, ---, (firm of Spain & Zeigler Company) from South Bend, Indiana, mining at Gregory’s Diggings, 1859.

SPANISH BAR, was below mouth of Fall River, and two miles above Jackson’s Diggings, on waters of upper Clear Creek, as a placer locality of much richness, and said by Smiley to have been discovered by a small party of Mexican miners, though another authority gives the discovery to A. Sagendorf and Ransom P. Smith, May 10, 1859. It was two miles above modern Idaho Springs, and three above Chicago Creek.

SPARKS, D., is owner of lots 3-4, block 175, Denver City, recorded Aug 27, 1859. Lots described as being “taken from E. P. Stout’s share.” (Liber A, p. 28, old) The following record is from paper of 1899. (Clipping of 1899, name not given), but death noted as follows: Ozias T. Sparks, died aged 63, Nov 27, 1899, a pioneer of 1859. Born Pennsylvania, brother of George Sparks. Lived Nevadaville. Member of Nevada Lodge A.F. & A.M., and buried under auspices of this Lodge.

SPaulding, Mr. Reuben, mentioned in RMN as being at “the Spaulding Diggings” summer of 1859. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Summit County History.)
SPENCER, George E., was at Smith’s Ranche 1859, and same year G. E. Spencer was member of Breckenridge Town Company (December).

SPENCER, James, had transaction in Denver lots 1859, and again Jan 19, 1860. He is described in last item as “of Arapahoe County.”

SPENCER, John C., buys lots at sheriff’s sale, Feb 1859, and later is candidate for City Clerk. Said to be a comedian in theatres. J. C. Spencer (probably same?), is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, or at least is in Hall’s list, as being deceased before 1890. His birth, Ohio, Nov 27, 1831. Arrived Colorado Jul 1859. Directory of Denver 1866 gives this name as resident, and a musician.

SPICKERMAN, Andrew H., mentioned in Vickers’ History Denver, 1880, also by Bancroft, Vol. 25, as pioneer of 1859 to Colorado. Born New York May 16, 1820, was traveller over many western states, working at trade of stone cutting. Miner in Montana in 1861, and 1862 settled on his farm (Turkey Creek) and was living there in 1880. He raised stock, principally. Married 1871 Mrs. Fannie Shields of Colorado.

SPIELMAN, David, an arrival of 1859, living Colorado Springs 1920, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society. (Name from list).

SPILLARD, ---, of firm of Cassiday & Spillard, “leaves Denver for Cincinnati, Ohio.” (Mentioned in RMN, files, 1859)

SPINGLER, Henry, from Auraria Town Company, Dec 3, 1859, is grantee of 22 City lots in Auraria. (See Arapahoe County Land Record, Index.)

SPINNING, I. P., arrived Denver Apr 1, 1859. Born Ohio, Sep 21, 1837. Was living in Denver 1907, member Colorado Pioneers (name in both Hall’s and the Society’s lists. Isaac P. Spining in last list.)

SPOONER, ---, mentioned in letter of William Larimer, Jr. Nov 1858 as being a new arrival in goldfields of Cherry Creek and building “The Hotel.” (See Hafen, Vol. 10, Gold Rush)

SPOONER, ---, of Omaha, accompanies William Clancy to Cherry Creek 1858.

SPOONER & MATHER, of Denver, partners in lots Aug 23, same year. Owned many lots; see old Land Records Index.

SPOONER, R. A., party to sale of lots, Denver, by John F. Payne, Jul 15, same year. (Liber A, p. 138, old)

SPRINGER, Henry, was original member Auraria Town Company 1858, and in the business Directory of following year was a grocer on Larimer Street. He appears in Land Record first as a witness between N. G. Wyatt and William Clancy, May 23.
SQUIRES, Theodore, arrived Oct 17 in Boulder Valley, being one of a small party reaching in 1858 old Fort St. Vrain; with him were Capt. Yount, Capt. Thomas Aikens and several more. In the Directory of 1866, Denver, the name of T. Squires occurs, with residence on Curtis between E. and Front Streets. (This would now be Curtis between 14th and 13th.)

STAFFORD, E. F., of Leavenworth, mentioned in RMN and later as member Denver City Water Company (irrigation water) 1859. The following marriage from Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber 17, p. 2, may be same person. Eli F. Stafford married at Seminary Building, Jun 8, 1865, Olive L. Mitchell. By O. A. Willard, minister. “Appleton, Jan 27, 1868” Mary H. Willard signs as witness to the marriage. It is not clear whether the marriage was in Denver, but probably so. (?)

STAFFORD, M., member Denver City Water Company, and from Leavenworth. In Gregory Record, p. 13, he is given as partner of Perry Townsend, in claim on Illinois Hill, Oct 1, 1859.

STAGG, ---, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, mentioned in RMN, file, 1859. Was a partner in Hutton, Stagg & Hutton, same year.


STANFORD, John, name in list of stockholders of Auraria Town Company, 1858.

STANING, William, grantee, from Auraria Town Company Nov 26, 1859, 24 City lots.

STANSBERRY, proprietor new billiard tables, Denver City 1859. (Files)

STANTON, E., owner of Claim 13, in McLeod’s & Company lands on Plum Creek dated Oct 1859. (See under McLeod) There is an E. Stanton still residing in Denver, (Directory of 1866) with shop between Ferry & St. Louis on 5th Street (location now – Larimer between 10th and 11th Streets). Also an F. J. Stanton, located on Ferry between Larimer and Market, Publisher. J. W. Stanton is another name which may be of date 1859 (?) as he appears among the early members of the first Masonic gatherings in that City, about first part of 1860. (Called Jack.)
STARK, ---, an arrival of 1859, killed by Harrison, later in his career in gold diggings. This may be same as Starks, miner in Russell’s during the first year. Then there was firm of Starks & Shaw, or Shaw and Starks, also at Russell’s.

STARRING, W., was an arrival of 1858, and original stockholder of Auraria.


STEBINSKI, August, (spelled Stebinsky) grantee, with Louis Mauver lot 9, block 33, on St. Louis Street, Auraria City, Sep 21, 1859. The grantor, J. P. Elder.

STECK, Amos, arrived May 24 in the year 1859, and from the first was a most eminent lawyer, Judge, and citizen. He was member of the Denver City Town Company in the year, and was in charge of the department of mails of the Express Company, the papers noticing what a very kind and obliging official he was, and with what a wonderful memory, noticing at once each person, never afterward forgetting their names. He had studied law in Pennsylvania (was born in Ohio) and was soon admitted to the Bar in Colorado, or Jefferson, as it was called, serving in many legislative assemblies, and on the bench for many years. He was one of the first, in December of year of his arrival, to engage in forming an insurance and banking business in the cities of Denver, Auraria and Highlands, being one of a company chartered under the Provisional Government. In Jul 1861 a convention of the Union Party was held in Golden to nominate a candidate for Delegate to Congress, and he presided. The election of H. P. Bennett resulted. He was one of the promoters of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the year 1860 and Treasurer of the Board. In 1862 he was member of the Territorial Council, which convened at Colorado City. In 1863 he was Mayor of Denver. He was President of the first street railway company organized in Denver 1871, and in 1875 was on the Committee for establishing a Mining Exchange. In this year he was Receiver of the general Land Office, but not in accord with the McCook administration. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention (Chicago), which nominated Garfield. In same year he belonged to a syndicate with Joseph Wilson and George T. Clark, which bought the Denver Republican and carried it on until 1881 when Kemp G. Cooper and others took it over.

His lots and lands were numerous, the earlier record book being often devoted to some of these descriptions. One of his earliest purchases was of lot 1, block 9, Auraria, corner 4th and Cherry Streets. This was in Nov 1859, and as the price was the huge sum of $280 it is likely a cabin was builded there, and may have been one of his early homes. (?) In Oct 4 previous to this purchase, he bought 23 lots of Dr. Jonathan Fox (27-28 in block 41, Denver, being among them). The Town Board granted lots 1-2-3-4 in block 108 in Denver to Mrs. Amos Steck 1859. Judge Steck’s home 1860-70 was situated where the Ernest and Cranmer Building now stands.

An excellent portrait of Judge Steck is in Smiley’s History of Denver, and he has been so much written of that the reader may find full details of his useful and good
life in the works of Hall, Stone, Smiley and Byers, as well as the files of a number of the papers of his day. He was born Jan 8, 1822, and died in Denver. Daughter Bella.

STEELE, ---, arrived goldfields from Florence, Nebraska Territory May 5, 1859. (Files, RMN)

STEELE, Charles H., arrived Jun 6, 1859. Was marked “died” in Gilpin County Pioneers Record Book.

STEELE, George, a desperado of 1859 who, with Carroll Wood, tried to kill Byers. He was shot later, in 1860 in Denver.

STEELE HUGH & COMPANY, mining, Illinois Gulch, 1859. (Mentioned in RMN)

STEELE, Matthew, in 1859 was a resident of Douglas County, a settler it is said.

STEELE, Robert W., Governor of the Territory of Jefferson, 1859, was born near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, Jan 14, 1820. Died in Colorado Springs 1901. Lived in Fairfield, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska. Arrived Colorado in May 1859. (See above.) Went first to Central City mining, and President of the Consolidated Ditch Company.

He is said to have crossed the plains with wife and four children and an ox team prairie schooner, from the Missouri River. His son, Hugh R. Steele, was with them, aged 10 years. (A portrait of this son who died Oct 2, 1923 is on RMN, p. 7, Dec 5, 1899.)

On Oct 1, after arrival of Steele, the Convention to form Provisional Government was called. He was nominated for Governor of the proposed new Territory of Jefferson at the Convention, Mr. St. Matthew being his opponent. The following December he took his seat. He was a Democrat, and Lincoln appointed Gilpin as his successor. He could not be induced to like Lincoln, and declined any office from him it is said. After he brought his family out, they settled in Golden, though his first papers while Governor are dated from Mt. Vernon, and it is said that he had ranche to the south of that City. (Mr. Broad in Golden Transcript). In 1862 he moved to Gilpin County, then in 1865 took family back to Iowa, but returned (1867) and later removed to Georgetown, where his family came, though his last years were spent in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Steele was Miss Susan Nevin, married 1848 Hillsboro, Ohio, and the children are Hugh (Hugh R.), Charles W. (died 1894), Miss Mary Steele of Kansas City, Missouri, and another daughter who married J. C. Parsons.

The visit of his family to “their old home in Florence, Nebraska” is noted in one of the issues of the RMN in the sixties. Hugh Steele’s death is given in The Trail, Nov 1923, and he is said to have been a friend of W. S. Stratton while living in Cripple Creek, was a surveyor, lived in Golden, and was Secretary of the Pioneers’ Society for 15 years. A graduate of the University of Iowa.

Governor Steele did not speculate much in real estate, as many others did, but bought a few pieces, or they were given to him. (?) One of these was lot 2, block 65, Auraria on Dec 9, 1859, grantor Henry Allen (with a number of other lots.) A large one
and half story log mansion stood on this lot, or the one next it in 1870, and the compiler of this record has always wondered who built it. (?) It had at that date a quite antiquated appearance, the location back of the present parsonage of the new Spanish Catholic Church. (?)

Portraits of Gov. Steele are to be seen in RMN, p. 8, Dec 5, 1899, also in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 315. His message, as Governor of the Territory of Jefferson is in RMN, p. 2, old, Nov 10, 1859.

STEINBERGER, Dr. A., from Elkhorn, Nebraska, arrived May 31, 1859, accompanied by A. B., and W. P., and J. A. Steinberger, and J. Nagle, W. Snell, and H. Snell, all from same place, coming in by Platte Route. (RMN, file)

Smiley, in his History of Denver, had correspondence with F. B. Steinberger, a son of Dr. A., who he said had other sons, John C. M., and A. B., and in this letter, F. B. Steinberger states that he kept a small school in Sep 1859 in a log cabin on the east side of Ferry Street between Larimer and McGaa which was the first school in the gold diggings. He names the pupils as Homer, John, and Samuel Bennett, Thomas Bradford, Amelia, John and Susan Dobson, Emma and Frank Fox, John and Lucy Hames, and John, Mary and Samuel Scott. The Bennett children he said were of John Bennett, who kept a boarding house in Auraria, near Cherry Creek. Smiley, however, says that he was unable to find any mention of this school in files of paper, RMN, but prints the contents of the letter. (Miss Isabella Steck told compiler that she took dancing lessons of one of the Steinbergers when a small girl, in a hall in Auraria, near Front and McGaa Streets.)

Bancroft, History of Colorado, Vol. 25, p. 403, says that Albert Steinbeger was elected in Nov 1859 as a delegate to demand formation of Territory of Jefferson of Congress, but dropped out of the delegation at Omaha, and did not go to Washington. (Afterward he was King of a group of islands in the Pacific, but was deposed by a British man-of-war. Possibly this may be same person as A. B. Steinberger (?)) The latter was delegate from a precinct called “Douglas” to the first Constitutional Convention 1859. As noted in RMN, A. B. Steinberger had 17 lots of Auraria Town Company Dec 3 of that year, noted in detail in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber E, p. 121, old. Anthony Steinberger also has Dec 3, 12 Auraria lots, noted on p. 129 of same volume, the lots in block 101. One of these men may be the Dr. A. Steinberger above. (?)

Charles M. Steinberger and F. B., were stockholders Nov 1, 1858 in Auraria Town Company, which would indicate their arrival in advance of the others of the name, mentioned above. Charles M. had 17 Auraria lots from the Town Company, Dec 3, 1859, noted in detail in Liber E, p. 120, old, and the files of RMN show him to have been elected Coroner in March of same year. His name is the only one listed in the Business Directory of this year, and as a physician. W. P. Steinberger appears in the files as a delegate from Mountain City to the first Constitutional Convention.

In the Denver City Directory of 1866, only one of name appears, F. Steinberger, and all the rest being absent.
STEINBERGER, GRAHAM & COMPANY, placer mining near Vasquez River and in Denver, Steinhauer, Wyatt & Company, partners in lots, are also on record as present in 1859.

STEPHENS, Albert H., “Died at Russell’s Gulch, Jul 22, 1859, of Mountain Fever, Albert H. Stephens, aged 35 years, leaving a wife and many friends to mourn his death.” He was formerly from Jefferson County, New York, but recently from State of Missouri. New York and Missouri papers please copy. (RMN, 1859)

STEPHENS, W. J., grantee of two Denver lots and cabin, Apr 5, 1859.

STERNBERG, Jay, said to have been an arrival of 1859, came in spring, later travelling to New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, then returning to Iowa, where he married 1865 Miss Sarah Harris of Hamel County. Carried on milling business, returned Colorado 1872, located Boulder where he had flour mill. Sioux City, Iowa, his residence before coming to Colorado. Was born Herkimer County, New York 1835 of German descent.

STEVENS, ---, had claim on Platte River, (farm claim) nearly opposite Fort Lupton in Dec 1859. (Liber C, p. 134, old)

STEVENS, Mr. ---, of Iowa Point, Kansas Territory, arrived by Platte Route May 1859. (RMN, files)

STEVENS, D. H., in 1859 had four Donation Lots (these were with promise to build) from Denver City Town Company. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

STEVENS, Isaac N., an arrival 1859, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and name in one of their recent lists, said to be resident 1920 of Clifton, Arizona.

STEVENS, R. S., in 1859 appears as grantee of lots from Denver City Town Company, name in List of Stockholders.

STEVENS, W. C., of Central City, deceased, is said by Mr. Withrow, member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, to be an arrival of 1859. His wife lives in Central in 1924. William C. Stevens arrived Jun 4, 1859. Member Gilpin County Pioneers’ Association.

STEVENS, W. J., (see Stephens above) his lots were “Draw Lots” in Larimer Street, the cabin 16 x 20 feet size. He is of Denver, and associated with L. Herman & Anthony Butts, the grantors being St. James & St. Vrain.

STEVENS & HALL, mining partners, Clear Creek & Boulder, 1859.

STEVENSEN (STEVISON), Joseph, arrived with party from Stout’s Post Office, Ohio. (See under B. J. Stout.)
STEWART, G. W., was witness in Auraria deed signed Dec 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

STEWART, James, said to have been a resident of South Park 1859. (See also Stuart.)

STIGELL, John, grantee Denver lots, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

STILES, J. C., Denver, 1859, grantee of Denver lots Oct 26 (lot 11 in block 21).

STINSON, Thomas, was grantee of eight lots from C. H. Blake, assigned to him Aug 23, 1859, filed for record Jun 15, 1860. (Arapahoe County Land Records) He has further transaction on Jan 1, 1860, nine Denver lots with all improvements from Eli Dupont. (Numbers in Land Record, see.)

STOCKHOLDERS OF AURARIA TOWN COMPANY, a list of many of these may be seen in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 208, Nov 1858.

STOCKING, member of Plattsburg Nebraska Company, arrived with them on Oct 24, 1858. This is probably Moses Stocking, a stockholder in Auraria Town Company a little later in the year. But, as the name of William Stocking also appears as an arrival with this party, it is uncertain. Evidently a pair of Stockings arrived together.


STOEFEL, ---, an Hungarian, whose brief career in the Diggings was so well written up in the papers of his time that he needs no mention here. He may have arrived earlier than ’59. He had three sons with him, and mined on Clear Creek near the site of Arvada, and is said to have been of one of the parties of 1858. The histories contain mention of him and there seems to be a feeling that he was not quite understood at the time. He is said to have had a brother-in-law with him, and lived on a ranche on Clear Creek.

STONE, Dr. J. S., appointed by Gov. Steele Adj. General with the rank of Colonel under the Provisional Government of 1859. He is mentioned in papers as mining in Gregory at one time during first year. He was representative elect from the 4th District to the Provisional Legislature, and in 1860 while a member of this body was a guest at a banquet given at the Broadwell Hotel, Denver by Mr. Conklin, to some distinguished visitors in the goldfields. The party seemed very much contented until a misunderstanding occurred between Dr. Stone and Lewis Bliss, acting Governor (or Lieut. Gov.) which resulted in words, then a demand for satisfaction, which resulted in a pistol duel on what is styled “The Field of Honor” which resulted in Dr. Stone’s death. The matter is well described in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, pp. 234-5, also in the RMN, which announces the funeral to take place from Rev. Kehler’s
church, and all friends and public invited to attend. The dates of this event seem to conflict, but he died at “The City Hospital.”

STONE, Wilbur F., said by one authority to be an arrival of 1859, but in Hall’s List of Pioneers is credited with 1860, or in other words not credited with 1859. (?)

STONE, Z. A., elected Tyler of Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M., Oct 15, 1859. (Record of Old Auraria Lodge). He was witness to a land deed in Auraria on Dec 12, and on the 13th is grantee from the Town Company to four Auraria City lots. In another record on Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 229, old, is statement “bounded on one side by Charles Hammond’s claim.” The date in the last transaction seems to have been omitted in the copy.

STORM, A. J., permanent Secretary Miners’ Association, Jackson Diggings May 1859.

STORMS, Mr. ---, from Gregory Point, mentioned in files 1859.

STORMS, Mr. ---, of Mountain City, calls upon the RMN, files, Aug 1859.

STORMS, J. J., elected in 1859, first Lieut. Rocky Mountain Rangers, resides in Mountain City. (See 1st, 2nd and 3rd above?)

STORMS, Mr. M., in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 563, is noted an arrival May 15, 1859. Born Ohio, Nov 5, 1823.

STOUT, ---, notice in RMN of a man of this name, found sick and destitute in Denver, who was cared for. (File, ’59)

STOUT, B. J., arrived May 14, 1859 from Staat’s (or Stout’s) Post Office, Ohio, accompanied by D. D. Stout & family. (See) Also by James N. and Charles Hall, Thomas J. Metz, Joseph Steverson, M. M. Crawford, via Platte Route, 34 days, all well, seven wagons in train. (RMN, file)

STOUT, D. D. and family, arrived May 14, 1859 accompanied by B. J. Stout’s party. This last party were nearly all from DeSoto, Nebraska Territory, W. H. B. Stout, J. White, Alexander Carter, H. Beebe, Mr. Shields and family, John Binckley and family, George McKinsey, Sr. & Jr., J. Donaldson, Patrick McGinn, and also W. T. Willman from Rockport, Missouri. All came in via Platte Route, accompanied by B. J. Stout’s party.

D. D. Stout lived in Dayton, Ohio 1901, and was brother of first President of Denver Town Company, had son John Denver Stout, one of the first white boys in the Territory, born on site of the City Hall, Denver, Aug 30, 1859. (Portrait Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 296) They lived in E. P. Stout’s cabin part of the time. In 1901 John Denver Stout was resident of Columbus, Ohio.
STOUT, Elisha Pinckney, (full name appears but once, in all the many mentions and records in early days, of this pioneer). This instance occurred Jun 4, 1859 when he grants lots to Luther A. Cole of Jefferson County, Wisconsin. (Amos Steck is witness, one of his first appearances.) There is another note in which his name is given as Ed P. Stout and his arrival stated to have been Oct 24, 1858, in party with J. H. Dudley, and the fact is given of his being from Nebraska, also his being in Real Estate business. He was stockholder and President of the Denver City Town Company, 1859, and delegate from Denver City to the first Constitutional Convention Jun 11. He is also in several instances referred to as “E. B. Stout.” He was a Notary Public in same year, his commission signed by Gov. Samuel Medary of Kansas Territory (Jun 4). During the time he was President of the Town Company, William Larimer, Jr. was Treasurer (1858). In the business of the Company, many transactions too numerous to mention were signed by him. The RMN mentions at one time that he was Deputy County Recorder at his residence, near Cherry Creek Crossing, Auraria. Another time, Sep 21, 1859, he appoints R. E. Whitsitt his Deputy “during his absence,” probably in the States. There is a portrait of him on p. 214, Smiley’s History of Denver. It is stated that in 1901 he was living at Cincinnati, Ohio.

STOUT, Dr. W., had Donation Lot, Denver City 1859.

STOUT, W. H. B., see under D. D. Stout party arrival) from DeSoto, Nebraska.

STRAIGHT, Job, name of author of several poems in RMN, which were after a while ridiculed by the Editor. One is on p. 1, Nov 10, 1859, another p. 1, Dec 1, and another one (ridiculed) all of which may have been written with the intention to be humorous, by some of the Editors. The author is described as “formerly of Posey County, Indiana,” and the name may be assumed, tho’ this compiler is of opinion that it compares well enough with the other original poetry in the RMN of that day to be a real contribution from an admiring subscriber. Possibly the patience of the Editor might have lasted longer if other subscribers had been amused.

STRAIN, R. A., mentioned in paper of 1859 as being “of the Spanish Mines.” (July date)

STRASBURG, Isadore, was grantee, Nov 28, 1859 of lot in Auraria, corner 6th and St. Louis Streets. (Lawrence and 10th) The name of Mr. Strassburger, mining expert, is mentioned in clipping from a Wisconsin paper as having gone “to Pikes Peak from Janesville, Wisconsin.” (Probably in same year above)

STREET, David, is said to have crossed the plains and mountains in 1858, going to Salt Lake, and again in 1860. In Directory of 1866, Denver, there are two names Street, partners in lumber business corner F. and Arapahoe Streets. They are W. A. and T. J. Street. (May be related to pioneer (?)) (See Portrait and Biographical Index for other information.)

STRINGER, H. P. (or H. B.?), an arrival from Illinois. (See under P. Gadd.)
STROCK, a miner of 1859 from Ohio, mentioned in Bancroft’s History of Colorado and from another authority, born Trumbull County, Ohio, Dec 26, 1832, living 1880 in Blackhawk, working at carpentering and mill-wrights’ trades. He is also mining and owns stock in many properties in this district.

STRONG, James, name in Sopris’ Mss Directory of Businessmen 1859. Located on McGaa Street, partner Mr. Cushing. (Saloon and restaurant)

STROUP, Daniel, and claims on Stroup Lode, Gregory Diggings, Aug 10, 1859. (Granted at that date.) Recorded in Gregory Record, p. 6.

STROUT, James C., arrived Apr 14, 1859, 23 days from St. Joseph with Capt. William Valentine’s party with six wagons (from LaSalle, Illinois). (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859, only copy issued)

STRUBACK & COMPANY, Denver firm of 1859, in transaction in lots.

STRUTHERS & COMPANY, mining in Russell’s summer of 1859, eight men.

STUART, Nathan, (see also Stewart), was in court before Judge Waggoner in May 1859.

STUNDRING, Robert, said to be an arrival of the year above, is in recent times Post Master in Hutchinson, Colorado.

STURGESS, David, had ranche claim near Wamsley’s ranche Oct 1859, mentioned in record of that property. There is also a firm of Swartout, Sturgis & Company, mentioned in press, as mining during year in Russell’s Gulch.

SUBECK, John, (Subech ?), name in list of arrivals of year. (Files)

SULLIVAN, Francis A., witness to deed, same time as Thomas A., below, at Mountain City. (See under Thomas A. Sullivan.)

SULLIVAN, Jerry, an arrival of 1858, for in Dec 4 had from Denver Town Company four Donation Lots. In the following year, Mar 10, his ranche claim is mentioned in a quit claim deed between William Clancy and Henry Swigert, the location being about three miles below the mouth of Cherry Creek, on Platte River. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 101, old) There is also another land transfer on June 22, same year, but name is J. Sullivan.

SULLIVAN, Thomas A., witness to deed in Mountain City, Gregory Diggings, Sep 26, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 25)

SUMAN, Joshua, arrival published RMN spring 1859. (From Ohio.)
SUMMERS, “Bill,” said to have been with George West and Mark Blunt Jun 1859, in Denver, and met Horace Greeley, A. D. Richardson, and Henry Villard in “News” (RMN) office, and helped set up their report in an “Extra.” Mr. Summers died prior to 1901.

SUMMERS, Calvin R., “of Denver City” Jul 30, 1859 is grantee, consideration $50, lot on McGaa Street, from Charles A. Lanman. On Dec 6 he is grantor of lots on same street. (Name spelled C. B. Summers.) In the Mss. Business Directory of this year he is listed as living on McGaa Street, doing business in partnership with C. A. Lawrence. The name is not in Directory of 1866, Denver.

SUMNER, Mr. ---, mentioned during summer 1859, RMN, as being with party of prospectors in the mountains.

SUMNER, Edward C., accompanied the Byers party to goldfields with the type and press of the RMN in Feb 1859. It is said that on Apr 22 the City of Auraria Town Company voted him one share in the Town Company for contribution to bringing printing press to the camp. Robert L. Sumner (see) received same compliment, as he also accompanied party. Edward C. Sumner was crippled from childhood by an accident, his native place was LaFayette, Indiana, born Sep 7, 1837. His father moved to Muscatine, Iowa, and after giving up idea of college he made a start for the goldfields. He went back to the States in the same year, but returned about 1864 and secured place in Post Office and was Assistant Post Master from 1866-74, and later, 1876, had the Postmaster’s office. He invested in lots, and land, and later laid out “Sumner’s Addition” on south side Colfax Avenue in West Denver.

He married Mrs. Abbie Walker (nee Beale) about this time. He died, also his wife, not long afterward, and both are buried Riverside Cemetery, where Mrs. Abbie Sumner erected a monument, as she survived him a short time. Mrs. Walker was a sister of Mrs. Potter, who lived before 1874 on Eighth Street in West Denver, and who had two daughters, Lizzie Potter and Maybelle Potter. This family returned to their old home in Boston about 1875.

SUMNER, Robert L., said to have accompanied Edward C. Sumner with the Byers party to the diggings, Feb 1859. He is announced as “from Muscatine, Iowa,” received a Donation share in Auraria Town Company stock, and later in year his departure is noticed in files of RMN “leaving for Muscatine, Iowa.”

SUTHERLAND, E. B., noted in Directory of 1859 as Druggist, with a location on Blake Street, Denver City. In files of the year the firm of E. B. Sutherland & Company advertize wholesale drugs, also retail and have location next door to Jones & Cartwright’s place. The Hotel, afterward known as the Sutherland Hotel, was conveyed Nov 28 to him by Stephen Reynolds, including furniture. This building was very fine for its day, and the Western Mountaineer (published in Golden) notices a grand New Years Ball given here Jan 2, 1860. The house stood on lot 14, block 42, Denver City (Liber C, p. 149, old) E. B. Sutherland and A. F. Peck were associated in ranche claim, four miles northeast of Denver, granted by them to another party Dec
2, 1859. The Sutherland Hotel may have been his residence (?) as it was on Blake Street. He was member Auraria Lodge A.F. & A.M. 1861.

SUTHERLAND, Peter, (note from Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Central City, Aug 4, 1862) Died: In Central, Aug 2, 1862, Mr. Peter Sutherland, of Erysypelas, resulting in congestion of the brain, aged 50 years. Mr. Sutherland was an old and respected resident and citizen of this Territory, having been a resident since 1859. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. They live in Fulton County, Illinois. (Note: in Directory of 1866 A. Sutherland, musician, lived in Denver.)

SUTPHEN, John D., name in list of shareholders in Golden City Association, 1859.

SUTTON, of firm of Dailey, Sutton & Company, mining Russell’s 1859. (There is a Sutton living in Denver in Directory of 1866.)

SUTTON, John B., a pioneer of 1858 was an original member Auraria Town Company, and in 1894 lived in Central, and was member of the Society. Said (in clipping) to have arrived on Nov 1, date of death not noted.

SWARTOUT, C. F., arrived in Capt. T. W. Henderson’s wagon train May 16, 1859, lately from Ohio.

SWARTOUT, J., arrived Apr 14, same year, with Capt. William Valentine’s train of six wagons, 23 days from St. Joseph, Missouri. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, Apr 23, 1859)

SWARTOUT, STURGIS & COMPANY, mining, summer of 1859, Russell’s Gulch.

SWENEY, Mr., mentioned as charter member of Montana Town Company, Feb 1859.

SWIGERT, Henry, had Donation Lots from Denver Town Company 1858. The following notice of him appears in files of the RMN Aug 19, 1870: “An old ’58 resident of Denver, who has been absent since 1861 returned yesterday, and gave the RMN a call. He was Denver’s first Justice of the Peace. He wrote his friends in Iowa, in the fall of 1858, some very sensible letters; this was before the stampede of 1859.” (The RMN seems still short of type, or impatient at interruptions, for it gives very slight information of the old pioneer, returning to the field of his sufferings, not even stating where he had lived while absent.) In the Arapahoe County Land Records, it appears that Swigert had five lots from the “Share of P. T. Bassett” dated Mar 10, 1859. His election as Justice occurred in March of that year. (Files)

SWISHER, M. D., name in Hall’s list, Vol. 2, p. 564. Swisher is also a member of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society and lived in Silver Cliff, Colorado in 1890, also in 1920. He is an arrival of Jun 6, 1859, born in Virginia, Mar 22, 1838.
SWITZER, George W., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, resident Morrison in 1920, and an arrival of Sep 1859 in goldfields.

SWOMBY, John F., a property owner in Denver City 1859, for he was grantee of lots on northwest corner of McGaa and E. Streets, Sep 1.

SYLVESTER, ---, the firm of Watt, Sylvester & Company, of St. Louis mentioned in RMN as being the establishment to which Mr. Sylvester, arriving in spring of 1859, belongs.
TABLE MOUNTAIN CANON, was near Golden City.

TABOR, Horace Austin Warner, (usually known as H. A. W. Tabor.) Born Orleans County, Vermont, Nov 26, 1830. (Chapman’s Portrait and Biographical Record, 1899) Learned stonecutter’s trade, and at age of 25 settled on land in Kansas. (1855) Was in Legislature at Topeka 1857, crossed plains to Denver in 1859 and continued to live there in 1860, but in that autumn went to California Gulch where he made $5,000 first season. Then removed in 1865 to Buckskin Joe District (now a desert) opening a store and boarding camp for miners, was Postmaster, but in 1868 returned to California Gulch, later keeping a store at Oro City. In 1879 he “grub-staked” two shoemakers, August Rische and George T. Hook, both destitute and “broke” prospectors. This was Fairplay, Park County. The prospectors opened a great mine on Fryer Hill, known as the “Little Pittsburg Mine,” which soon yielded $8,000 a week, and later became a marvelous producer. Rische and Hook sold their interest in this to Chaffee & Moffatt for $262,500. This, with several other mines merged into company capitalized at $20,000,000. Afterward, Tabor sold to his partners, buying other interests with the $1,000,000, which was his share of the Little Pittsburg. Then he bought the “Matchless,” which yielded him $2,000 per day and much more in a short time, $100,000 a month said to have been its yield. He bought and removed the old historic “Broadwell House,” that aristocratic place where no doubt he had often wished to be able to board in his early, poor days. This was in Feb 1879, and it was becoming at that time decidedly passé. In this spot he built the first really good block which Denver had, called “The Tabor Block” of Ohio gray sandstone, and Mar 8, 1880 he started the Tabor Grand Opera House which was completed Sep 1881, and opened with éclat by the Emma Abbott Opera Company. There is in the RMN, Sep 6, 1881, a full page description of the building and also of earlier theatres. The new theatre was the finest in the West, it was said, and the opening was an event for the reporters who could exercise their pens describing the gowns of the belles of the time. Seated in Box F was Eugene Field, then associate editor of the Tribune, the rival paper, surrounded by a group of Jewish people, Jennie Hopkins, the society editor of the Tribune, who was a niece of Simon Block of West Denver, and sister of Mrs. Elsner, also her brother Mr. B. F. Zalinger, the Londoners, Mr. Charles Rothchilds, and Mrs. Davidson. In fact, the Jews, after Miss Hopkins came into the field, were made very prominent in Denver, as far as the society column would be able, she being a Jewess, of Russian descent.

Tabor later built a very good Opera House in Leadville, and he was Lieut. Gov. in that time, also filled an unexpired term of one month in Washington as U. S. Senator, and was candidate to succeed himself but Bowen obtained the office. He built a very good residence, after occupying for a time with his 2nd wife a beautiful home on Sherman Avenue. His wealth was lost before 1899, but some of his friends secured him an appointment as Postmaster in Denver. He had been a very generous man always, assisting everyone, and some of his investments were not profitable. He died many years since, and left a second wife and two daughters, one named Elizabeth, the younger one he always called his “Big Silver Dollar.”

These, with their mother, have been in the mountains for years, keeping watch over some promising mining properties, but which are not yet very valuable in 1925,
but it is hoped they may be so. They all lived in West Denver about a year or so after Tabor’s death, in a little terrace on 10th Street, a few doors from the old Emmanuel Episcopal Church, which stood at Lawrence and that Street. It was next door to “The old H. G. Elder place,” now quite rebuilt, on east side of Eleventh Street. Tabor is said to have lived for some months in Kentucky in 1856. His parents were Cornelius D. and Sarah (Terrin) Tabor. He was born at or near a town called Holland, in Vermont. A portrait of Tabor is in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 431. Mrs. Augusta Tabor, his first wife, he divorced after his fortune advanced. Her portrait is in RMN, p. 7, Dec 5, 1899. (See also RMN, p. 7, Jul 4, 1890) (There is a picture of one of his Denver homes in H. Bromwell’s collection of newspaper files and clippings, Vol. 2, p. 81) He is very much mentioned in the papers of his time, between dates 1878-1895.


TALBOT, P., born Kentucky, Dec 9, 1829. Arrived Colorado Jun 16, 1859. Resided Denver when Hall’s List of Pioneers was made up about 1890. P. Talbot is mentioned in papers of 1859 as a “delegate,” and he appears in the Mss. Directory of this year, as associated as partner of M. Teed, in carpenter shop on McGaa Street. In 1862 he advertizes in the Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Central, as an architect and builder, living then in Central. He was assessor once, probably in Denver.

TALBOT, Presley, (may be same as above?) His wife in 1860 was Mrs. Annie Talbot. He seems to have spelled his name with double “T” (Talbott) and must be another person, because there is a record of a Sheriff’s deed having been delivered to him as early as Feb 1859. (Denver lots) On Oct 13, same year, he is grantor to Thomas P. Evans, lot 10, block 241, City of Auraria. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

TALBOTT, ---, four brothers, arrived from Platte City, Missouri with 18 others by Express Route, May 28, 1859. (RMN files)

TALFER, G., arrived Apr 14, 1859 with Capt. William Valentine’s party of 6 wagons, from LaSalle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph, Missouri. (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Apr 23, 1859)

TALLMAN, John, arrived Denver from Elkart, Indiana, May 14, 1859, out from St. Louis, 39 days on trip. (RMN) J. M. Tallman (probably same?) member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, resident of Frankstown, Colorado in 1920, said to have arrived May 13. Born New York Apr 25, 1838. The Trail, pp. 22-24, Dec 1925, has obituary. He died Dec 9, 1925 at Colorado Springs, age 88 years. His wife Elizabeth, married in 1865, died. He lived in Russellville at one time near Parker. At time of his death he was the oldest member of Masonic Lodge No. 5, Denver. He was a miner, also farmer. Daughter Mrs. Mammie Krakow, 1456 Roslyn Street, Colorado Springs, is surviving in 1925.
TAPPAN, Lewis N., stockholder of the Golden City Association, and Secretary Colorado Town Company, Colorado City 1859. In December he, with H. M. Fosdick, published first map of Auraria, Denver and Highland Cities. He owned real estate in several of the Cities, and is mentioned in the papers from time to time. At one time it is stated that: “L. N. Tappan of the Philadelphia Courier leaves for the East.” He returned from that trip, evidently, for, on Jun 22, 1866, he appears as Secretary of the first organization of Colorado Pioneers of 1858-9 at a meeting in Denver. The RMN again refers to him in same year (1866), on Nov 28, in an editorial, where it states that he has married “In the East” recently, to a daughter of Silas Sanford of New York, residing at Albany. The name of John S. Tappan occurs in the Colorado Republican, files, Sep 25, 1861. If not a fiftynine arrival, this may be a relative of L. N. Tappan, above. (?) Died, at Mountain City, of disease of the heart, aged 28 years. He was a native of New Jersey, but recently from Peoria, Illinois. John S. Tappan, his name, his relatives not yet known, as he died suddenly. The citizens gave him a Christian burial. Much credit due Mr. H. Ferris for his kindness and generosity in the matter. Tappan was very much liked and respected, and was well up to a few hours of his death.

TARPIN, Daniel M. & Elizabeth Tarpin, deed lot 11, block 32 in Auraria City on Nov 17, 1859.

TARRYALL, these diggings were about six miles south of Jefferson City, which had sprung up near Georgia Pass. They were about two miles above Hamilton, and were discovered Jul 1859, and was very rich in placers, the discoverers staked off all the land in the gulch, establishing mining district, monopolizing everything. Hall says, “Thousands rushed over the mountains to join in the harvest, causing Hamilton, the base of supplies, to bloom into a miniature city.” But the first comers held all fast and soon enriched themselves enormously. The disappointed ones, however, revenged themselves by going over the mountains and establishing Fairplay, whose diggings being in a larger and wider gulch gave claims to many, and the town became a good one, which existed until the present time. Tarryall was enough of a place to have a lyceum started in Dec of 1859, mentioned in the papers of the time.

TASCHER, Charles, member Gilpin County Pioneer Association (marked in list, died), an arrival of Dec 22, 1858. He was a member of the Mountain City Town Company in year of organization, and member of Mammoth Quartz Lead Company, owned a Discovery Claim in Gregory Diggings, mentioned on Gregory Record, p. 9, Sep 1859, and on Sep 28, same year, was grantee of lot 11, block 31, Auraria. He belonged to the brewery firm of Solomon Tasher in Auraria, same year, and probably resided in mountains. A clipping from Central paper shows his death Jun 5, 1890.

TASCHER, Jacob, arrived Aug 10, 1859, and was living in Gilpin County, and member Colorado Pioneer’s Society there in Sep 1914. (Clipping)

TASCHER, SALOMON & COMPANY, brewery, Auraria Directory, 1859. (Larimer Street, corner 10th, then called San Louis.)
TATE, Robert, is grantee of lot 12, block 32, Auraria, “next Richard Terpin’s lot,” on 5th Street (now W. Larimer) 25 x 66 feet. Jan 3, 1860. (May have arrived either ’58 or ’59) (Liber D, p. 170, old)

TATE, Wesley W., “of Denver” is grantee Oct 5, 1859, lots from John M. M. Larimer, and on Nov 29 is again a grantee.

TATE, William, is bearer of letter from William Larimer, Jr., Jan 1859 to the relatives in Kansas Territory.

TAYLOR, A., of St. Louis, arrived by Alfred Tucker’s train, May 28, 1859 by Arkansas Route. The wagons brought 17 men from Clinton County, Missouri. (See)

TAYLOR, Alexander, member Society Colorado Pioneers Gilpin County, arrived May 20, 1859. (RMN) Noted in list of members as deceased. This may be same one mentioned above, as difference in date is so slight. (?)

TAYLOR, C. P., of Arapahoe County, Kansas Territory, sells lots in Denver, Oct 12 in same year. (Grantor in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, old)

TAYLOR, D. D., of Massachusetts, his wagon train arrived May 17, 1859 with 14 men in the company, from St. Joseph, Missouri, 30 days enroute. Names given in RMN: H. Emerson of Louisiana, M. B. Earl, H. Earl, N. Earl, William Scoville, R. Bennett, M. Goodall, all from Iowa. In the Mss. Directory 1859 the name of D. D. Taylor appears as a cabinet maker and carpenter, located on Ferry Street, and on Sep 10 D. D. Taylor is signed as a witness in land transfer, in Auraria, so it seems he was disinclined to leave the place at first, but his name is not in the Directory of 1866 of the towns.

TAYLOR, J. H., (marriage of this may belong to record below (John H.) (?) of Weld County, married Miss Matilda Migrata of Boulder County, at residence of Peter Grosclose on South Boulder Creek by A. J. Mackay, Aug 16, 1863. (?)

TAYLOR, James, certificate of his Denver lots filed Aug 23, 1859. (Land Records)

TAYLOR, James M., probably arrived 1859, for he is grantee of Denver lots Jan 14, 1860.

TAYLOR, John H., of Idaho Springs 1881, said to have arrived May 19, 1858 or 1859.

TAYLOR, Mark, was of Golden City in 1859, and partner in restaurant with Ed Chinn and Edgar Vanover.

TAYLOR, W. G., elected constable, Mar 1859, in Auraria precinct. (Election mentioned in RMN during March, same year.)
TAYLOR, William, miner, arrives in Denver from South Park trip. (RMN)

TEED, Matthew, an arrival of 1858, and original stockholder of City of Auraria. He had that useful thing, a carpenter shop, on McGaa Street, with P. Talbot, his partner (Directory of 1859) and on Jun 28 of same year quitclaims to Thomas Pollock, lot 2, block 32, in that City. Oct 29 he is signed as a witness in Auraria, and on Nov 9 is grantee of 15 lots from the Town Company (for description, see Arapahoe County Land Records, liber D, p. 31, old). Later in 1861 his name appears as member of Auraria Masonic Lodge.

TEMPLE, John A., a pioneer of Jun 1, 1859, residing in 1920 at Dolores, Colorado. He is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.

TEMPLEMAN, H. H., is grantee, Oct 3, 1859, with Eli. Fletcher, land known as the Wamsley Ranche. (See following.)

TEMPLETON, Richard, this name is also noted as having been a grantee with Eli Fletcher, of the Wamsley Ranche, between Golden and Denver City. The spelling is evidently incorrect in these two records, the last taken from Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 4.

TERPIN, (see Tarpin), had lot in Auraria, or property, which is described in deed as next to lot 12, block 32, on 5th Street (now Larimer). Name of Terpin, Richard (or James B.?) (Liber D, p. 170) The lot next was sold to Robert Tate. (Transaction ’59)

TERRY, Mr., referred to in the Press as an actor. (1859) Probably of the troop at Apollo Hall.

TESSEMAN & COMPANY, a firm in Auraria City mentioned in papers as being place where W. H. Good conducted services in Aug 1859. He was a visiting pastor.

TETLOW, A., (Albert) member of Tetlow & Company, firm, Golden Gate City Jul 1859. This company on Jul 19 files claim to 80 acres of land for an addition to Golden Gate, which was a town laid out by Golden, Preston, Gard & Company. On date Jul 23 Albert Titlowe, files farm claim 640 acres lying in Boulder Creek, about two miles from foot of the mountains, “staked on 4 corners.” Claim located Jun 10 before.

THACKER, J. R., an express package is advertized for him in RMN. (Files, 1859) Thacker & Company, four men, are mining in Pleasant Valley, this summer.

THANKSGIVING DAY, in Auraria and Denver was set for Dec 29, and religious services are mentioned in the paper, held at residence of the Rev. Jacob Adriance, on Cherry Street, Auraria.

THOM, Mr. Charles, was in 1859 a theatrical showman in the Cherry Creek District (mentioned in Libeus Barney Letters.)
THOMAS, A., a delegate from Taos Precinct to the convention for forming the Provisional Government summer of 1859. (RMN)

THOMAS, G. A., name among list of delegates to the Provisional Convention from Spanish Bar.

THOMAS, J., is grantee of Auraria lots, Nov 19, 1859.

THOMAS, Jacob, grantor, Elias Brown, grantee, Aug 10, 1859, consideration $200, six claims, about 350 yards east of the lake, east from the road leading from the Lake Lode to Russell’s Gulch. (Gregory Record, p. 1)

THOMAS, Morris, arrived May 20, 1859, and is in list of pioneers of Gilpin County, with date of emigration. M. Thomas in this year has grant of some Auraria lots, so it is likely he may be same person. (?)

THOMAS, Oliver W., witness to deed, at Mountain City, Oct 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 20)

THOMPSON, Mr. ---, was one of the proprietors of the Jefferson House. A Mr. Thompson had Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company 1859.

THOMPSON, Henry, arrived Jun 29. Resided later, Leadville, in 1920. In list of Colorado Pioneers’ Society as member. Jan 10, 1860 Henry Thompson (probably same) is mentioned in a description of claim of William Waddler, the place being near town of Brandford City. (Bradford)

THOMPSON, James, of Wilmington, Illinois, arrived at goldfields May 12, 1859, with small party. (RMN, list)

THOMPSON, Levi, is stockholder of Denver Town Company, 1858.

THOMPSON, R. D., from Lima, Indiana, is partner in 1859 of C. B. Clark & Company, Gregory Diggings, in Quartz, shingle, and lumber mill. He lived at Mountain City.

THOMPSON, S. B., delegate from Mountain City to first Constitutional Convention, summer of 1859. Later, in December he is elected Surgeon of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, a military organization. (Vigilance Society)

THORNE, Charles R., (also called Col. Thorne), an Australia and California actor, first mentioned by RMN as soon to appear in Apollo Hall. (Spring of 1859) He had a travelling company on the plains, giving entertainments at Military Posts at Leavenworth, Laramie, and then came to Denver. He first played in summer of the year at Apollo Hall in “The Maid of Croissey,” taking the part of Sergeant Austerlitz. Some authorities state that he built Apollo Hall, but it seems to be in Denver before
his arrival. However, he may have very much improved it, and no doubt opened it to the Art. (See under Apollo Hall.)

THORNE, T. W., is grantee of Denver lots this year (December). These are probably same that Thomas W. Thorne sells Dec 16 to J. C. Sills and E. J. Sanderlin.

THORNE, Mr. Thomas, also an actor at Col. Thorne’s theatre. He took the part of Richard III during the year and it was noted in the paper that “Front seats were reserved for ladies.”

THORNE, William, is an actor in same year at Col. C. R. Thorne’s troop playing at Apollo Hall.


THRALL & COMPANY, mining, summer of year, in Illinois Gulch, and Missouri Flats.

THURMAN, William, arrived Jun 7, and was in list of Society Colorado Pioneers.

TIERNEY, Luke D., original stockholder of Auraria 1858. He passed the Russell party in Kansas. They were just coming out. He was a newspaper letter writer, and author of a book on the Pike’s Peak country, published at Pacific City, Iowa in Feb 1859. ( Mentioned in RMN, Feb 1, 1860.) While in Denver he lived on Ferry Street, opposite the Capitol Saloon. He was grantee from the Auraria Town Company, Nov 12 of 17 Auraria lots (Liber D, p. 15, old) and appears on Dec 30 as a witness in Auraria deed.

TITTLE, Mary Jane, is married at the Jefferson House in Auraria, Dec 13, 1859, to Michael Pott, by the Rev. Jacob Adriance, a Methodist Minister. Both the contracting parties are of Golden City.

TODD, J., (Esquire) arrived in Denver on Surveying trip on boundaries of Kansas and Nebraska. (RMN, files, 1859)

TODD, Luther M. (Luther M. or Luther L.), grantee from William Larimer, Jr., Denver lots Aug 23, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

TODD, William, with A. R. Mills, make deed Jan 30, 1860. (Denver) (This may not be an arrival of 1859, but very likely is so.)

TOLBERT, N., shareholder in Golden City Association 1859, from records of the Association.

TONCRA Y, C. H., born 1852, Lansing, Michigan, arrived Colorado age 7 years, in wagon with parents who went to Georgia Gulch and later to Cripple Creek mining district, afterward going to Nebraska. He returned to Colorado 1900, and died in Denver 1922, leaving two sons, Wady and Howard. *(Obituary clipping, paper not noted.)*

TONG, J. B., mining in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats, summer of same year. *(RMN)*

TON MAY, P., an arrival from St. Louis, mentioned in RMN summer 1859.

TOTTEN, Oscar B., arrived goldfields Nov 14, 1858. From Pioneers’ List is statement that he was born New Jersey Apr 9, 1830. On Apr 23, 1859 the RMN mentions his arrival from the mines 55 miles north (the Jefferson mines) and is accompanied by J. D. Henderson. Has been near Long’s Peak, and via Boulder City. Totten was an original member of both Auraria and Denver Town Companies, was clerk of election in Denver in same year, also clerk of the Supreme Court under the Provisional Government, and appointed by Gov. Steele Lieut. Colonel and was delegate from Denver to one of the large conventions, and probably lived in that City part of his time. The RMN says in one of its April issues, during this year, that “O. B. Totten, an experienced mountain man, is to help pilot an exploring party to spy out new road to the States going through the pineries on the Divide.” Totten was a resident of Helena, Montana as late as 1894.


TOTTEN & ROGERS, lumber dealers, Larimer Street, Denver. Advertized in RMN of 1859 to sell also logs. When their new building was almost finished it was unroofed by a hurricane and 24 x 70 feet of it fell. This stood on Blake Street.

TOTTEN, SANSOM, AND MURPHY, a firm of 1859, mentioned in files.

TOUMAY, P., an arrival Apr 21 (see above, P. Tonmay?), arrived May 29, left Leavenworth Apr 21, by Smoky Hill Route, 14 in party.

TOUR (Tower?), & COMPANY, three men mining, Nevada Gulch. *(Files, 1859)*

TOURTELLOTT, C. L., a resident of Boulder in 1866 is one of the 16 Vice Presidents of the Colorado Pioneers’ Association, which included only those who came in 1858-9. The meeting was held in Denver, Jun 22 and reported in the RMN.

TOWERS, Charles, is described in the Mss. Business Directory, Denver, 1859 as “bricklayer” living on McGaa and F. Streets, Denver. The name of C. S. Tower occurs in Denver Land Records, Jan 26, 1860, and may be same. (?) TOWN, Ira Allen, or Allen Ira Town, had Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company in spring of 1859.
TOWNSEND, A. H., mentioned as an attorney in Denver Dec. 1859.

TOWNSEND, James, of Denver, is grantor of lots in 1859 records.

TOWNSEND, Judge, Apr 23, 1859 (RMN) mentions that he was a resident of Jefferson Mining District, a trading Post near Long’s Peak and was originally from Sioux City, Iowa. (See Townsley following)

TOWNSEND, Perry, (see other Townsend records above, same?) & COMPANY, files description of claim for purpose of erecting Quartz mill on Illinois Hill in Gregory Diggings, claim to commence at southeast corner of the Discovery Lode, down to the Illinois Lode. (Gregory Records, p. 13, Oct 1, 1859)

TOWNSLEY, Judge, of Iowa City, Iowa, mentioned as an arrival of 1858, and now at the Boulder mines. (Townsend?) Judge Townsley, from Stark City, Iowa, is also mentioned as a miner, and again we have him described as of Sioux City, and as a “settler of Jefferson Diggings.” Could this be identical with M. Townsley, who is mentioned in RMN as delegate from Spanish Bar to the Provisional Constitutional Convention? Again we see M. M. Townsley (same?), grantee of Denver lots, 1859.

TOZIER, H., original stockholder of City of Auraria 1858. (List)

TOZIER, William, is grantee in mine claim, held of Loveland, etc. In Gregory District mentioned or recorded in Gregory Record, 1859.

TRACY, G. J., witness to deed, Mountain City, mining claim in Gregory District Sep 30, 1859. (Gregory Records, p. 21)

TRAIL & COMPANY, mining Russell’s Gulch, summer 1859, four men.

TRAVILLA, Allie R., of Auraria, is grantee, Oct 22, 1859, ranche claim conveyed to her and her heirs, etc. and lot 12, block 3 on 4th and Cherry, Auraria, for consideration $400. (Arapahoe County Land Records) In another grant, Dec 9, same year, she is described as “of Leavenworth, Kansas,” and has Auraria donaton share, etc.

TRAVILLA & WILHITE, lumber dealers, in Auraria 1859, mentioned in Directory as situated on 4th Street below Front and Cherry, Auraria City. A certificate description of their Denver lots is filed Nov 19.

TRENT, James T., is witness, signed to deed between Hampton L. Boone and James L. McGargill, grantees, to Ming & Cooper grantees, City lots, Jan (Jun?) 29, 1859.

TRESURE, Frelin, is witness to deed to lots Auraria, Oct 29, 1859.

TRIPLETT, ---, of Spanish Diggings, Jul 1859. (See under Kennedy and Shank.)
TRIPP, W. C., 2nd Vice President of the Illion Town Company, Jefferson County 1859. On Oct 5 of this year files farm claim, described as situated in mountains, about two miles from the foot, and about two miles south of Bergen Ranche, and one mile east of Denver Wagon Road, etc. He is described as “of Arapahoe County,” but the farm claim recorded in Jefferson County office.

TRI-WEEKLY MINING REGISTER, a very fine miners’ journal, published in Central City, beginning with 1859. Many of the early files are preserved in the Colorado Museum, the property of the Historical Society of Colorado. A. Thomson and D. C. Collier were the earliest editors, and the last named owned it many years, taking its early files to California with him. These were after his death returned to Colorado. Collier built the Register Building to house the paper, and it still stands, the upper floor used for Masonic Hall, the ground floor for the Central City Register.

TROTTER, Jesse, an arrival of 1859, and partner of Huch A. Campbell of Central City, dealers in miners’ supplies, in early days.

TROWBRIDGE, George, mining, in Gregory’s in 1859, also agent in Denver of the large firm of Jones and Cartwright. His name appears in the Directory of that year. In autumn of same year, Sep 5, he is signed as witness to statement recorded by the Boston Company, and later, Oct 1, with Joseph Minter buys of John Hickey 160 acres land on Platte River. (Claim)

TRUCK, C. G., member of St. Louis Tunnelling Company, Gregory District 1859.

TUCK, H. L., of firm of Colver and Tuck, grantees, Jun 1, 1859, in Central City (J. D. Colver or Colier?). H. L. Tuck is grantee on same date of claim in the Gregory Lode recorded in Mountain City. (Gregory Records, pp. 30-31)

TUCK, Pencil, (may be nickname?) lived at Mountain City Feb 6, 1860 and earlier. May be Fiftyniner (?) Another Tuck came or occurred in the country in 1859, and his departure was not regretted according to accounts in the papers of the time.

TUCKER, Alfred, arrived May 28, 1859, on wagon from St. Louis, by Arkansas Route, the train having a number of wagons, and 20 men, of whom 17 were from Clinton County, Illinois. He was diligent for he located a claim two days later, on May 30, for farming purposes, which is described as beginning at a stone at base of Table Mountain about 25 rods south of first canon into the mountains. This was recorded in 1860, Jefferson County, Jefferson Territory. It included 160 acres. He was a delegate from Golden Gate to the Provisional Constitutional Convention, but in August of the following year warns all persons concerned that the said town is situated upon his land and must be moved off.

TUCKER, Anthony W., born Chaster County, Pennsylvania, Jan 10, 1837. Resident of Gilpin County greater part of life. Died 1898, buried Derby, Kansas. Left two daughters and a son. Arrived Colorado after a residence in Ohio, on Jul 5 (another
account stated Jun 5 (?) 1859, stopping first in Auraria City, then mined in Gregory Diggings and settled at Mountain City, mined at Russell’s Gulch, and in same year of arrival set up a saw mill with Bentley & Bayaud, was its engineer (said to have been the first steam mill in Rocky Mountains). He then worked in Quartz mills, many of them, leasing one, which was known as the Tucker Quartz Mill. This, however, was burned in 1879. In 1880 he was Superintendent of the New York Quartz Mill in Blackhawk. He was County Commissioner, later moving to Nevadaville and managed the Whitcom stamp mill, and had interests in the banking business in Central. In an old list of pioneers in the Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 564, he is said to have been a resident of Bald Mountain. This was probably about 1879 (?) Bancroft mentions him in his history, and there is record of his life in the History of Boulder Valley published 1880. His wife was a Miss A. R. Brown, a daughter of Alexander Brown of New Philadelphia.

TUCKER, J. H., had Donation Lots in Golden City, “Drawn as donated” from the Golden City Association 1859. In 1860 his name is in list of their members. (See old Record Book of the Golden City Association.)

TUCKER, S. M., mentioned in papers of 1859 as Representative elect of the 4th District (Provisional Government). He appears in the files as mining in Colona at one time.

TUCKER GULCH, was near Golden Gate City, and said to have been named for Alfred Tucker. (?)

TUPPER, Charles P., “of County of Arapahoe,” 1859, associated with C. J. Post of same place, files farm claim, 160 acres on Cherry Creek, about six miles from its junction with Platte River, Sep 8. (This location would be in neighborhood of the modern town of Littleton. ?)

TUPPER, James R., is witness Aug 1, 1859 in deed transfer, Denver.

TURLEY, James H., member Society Colorado Pioneers, 1920, described in yearbook as arrival of 1859. Another list gives May as the month. And in a list including name abbreviated to J. M. Turley, it is stated to be May, and that his birthplace was Missouri, date Jul 30, 1830.

TURNDALL, French F., mentioned by Bancroft as a discoverer of a number of mines in Gilpin County in 1859.

TURNER, H. E., accompanied the Byers Party to Colorado in Feb 1859.

TURNER, J. H. (see below, J. J. Turney ?), delegate to first Constitutional Convention from Gregory Diggings, (Jun 11, 1859)

TURNER, Jack, was with company bringing supplies from Kansas 1858, arrived Jun 20. Was in 4th wagon of Lawrence Party (see Turney, below). Was living Durango 1895.
Said to have been born Connecticut Mar 10, 1836. Original member Auraria Town Company.

TURNER, John, arrived Denver City May 21, 1859 with William Unger and John M. Merritt, via Leavenworth. (RMN, List of Arrivals)

TURNER, Edward, on Aug 23, 1859, files for record a certificate of his Denver lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

TURNER, John, Captain of the Wagon Train of the Lawrence Party, May 22, 1858. This must be the same who led the party, which explored the goldfields around site of Colorado City in same year. Name also given as J. H. Turney.

TUTTLE, E. N., grantor, Dec 22, 1859, lot 12, block 38, City of Auraria. He is “of County of Arapahoe.” Later E. N. Tuttle files farm or ranche claim, Jan 10, 1860, which he describes as being “east of Hiram Hills’ claim.” This is in Jefferson County for it is recorded in Golden. (Liber A, p. 21)

TWELVE MILE DIGGINGS, were at the head of North Clear Creek on the Left Hand, and west of Elk Ridge, in what was later known as the Wisconsin District. (Northwest of Gregory District) It was near Gold Hill.

TWITCHELL, Austin, also Lafayette Twitchell, “from Harding County, Illinois, now of Golden City” (mention in paper) in 1859 both owned “lots drawn as donated” in Golden City. (Jefferson County Land Records. The Record of Shareholders of the Golden City Association. Copy is unpaged.) The name of Lafayette Twitchell is in list of the members Society Colorado Pioneers, with arrival noted as of Jun 16. He is resident of Elizabethtown, Colorado, at time the booklet was compiled.

TWO BLUES, mining camp, was in Oct 29 a precinct in the campaign of the Provisional Government.

TYLER, G. W., on Oct 3, 1859 is grantee of land on Platte River, one half mile above mouth of Cherry Creek. He is “of Arapahoe County.” On following Nov 3, he is again grantee to land on North Platte, near mouth of Clear Creek, from William B. Smith. The consideration is $200, and Tyler’s partner in the transaction is J. Huckstep. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

TYNON, James, was a very noted pioneer of 1858, made many trips across the plains. On his gravestone in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, the following facts are given: “Pioneer 1859, born Nov 1838, died Mar 6, 1918.” Rebecca, wife, died Jan 24, 1898. (He left one daughter, Adeline, who became the second wife of Orr Legge of Denver.) He owned considerable valuable property in Denver, and was a member of the Masonic order in high esteem. He had a lingering illness, in which he was nursed by his faithful daughter.
UMPHREY, Henry, died, Jun 27, 1859, Denver City. Was of Alton, Illinois, and in 40th year of age. (RMN, files)

UNGER, William, arrived Denver via Leavenworth, May 21, 1859, accompanied by John M. Merritt and John Turner. (RMN, May 1859)

UNION BAKERY, on corner 5th and St. Louis Streets, Auraria. (Directory of same year) by Humble and Company. (Location is now known as corner of Larimer and 10th Streets.)

UNION BAR, diggings on Clear Creek, 1859. The Union Bar Gold Mining Company was located here, and it was important enough to be erected into a political precinct 1859.

UNION SCHOOL, mentioned in Directory of 1859. (No address) The principal being O. J. Goldrick. In RMN, p. 3, Sep 29, appears its first advertisement. (Called Union Day School.)
VALENTINE, Capt. William, arrived Apr 14, 1859, with his wagon train of six wagons from La Salle, Illinois, 23 days from St. Joseph, Missouri. The name of W. H. Valentine also occurs with party. (Same?) (Cherry Creek Pioneer, Vol. 1, No. 1, April 23, 1859)

VALITON, Peter, grantee, Dec 30, 1859, Denver lots. (Lot 6, block 21).

VAN BEBER, Isaac, partner of Daniel McCarty. (Business on Larimer Street.) (Directory of 1859)

VANCE, D. C., miner in Russell’s Gulch, and in Nov 10, 1859, is on committee of miners to protest against reduction of the price of gold dust, which was contemplated by the Denver and Auraria dealers. This matter was noticed in RMN in November issues of that year. Vance was also in December a member of the Cibola Hydraulic Company. (Golden City)

VAN DEREN, Hon. Archibald J., arrived Denver Jun 9, 1859, with a brother and three other companions, from Springfield, Illinois. Pioneer of Boulder County, miner, farmer, politician, member of Masonic Fraternity, and later, in 1865 Grand Master of the order in Colorado. Born Bourdon County, Kentucky Jan 15, 1831, and removed with father 1836 to Sangamon County, Illinois, his father dying within few weeks, leaving a family of six children, the eldest only 16 years of age. Archibald went to Springfield clerking soon as possible, then merchandizing, but sold out and came to Colorado as stated above. He went first to Gilpin County, prospected at Nevada Gulch, and was one of the commissioners appointed to organize that County (1861). He was a Republican, and when war broke out a strong Union man, elected 1863 to Legislative Council. Lived Central City until 1876, and had at one time large mining interests there. He, with another miner, discovered the John Jay mine, Boulder County, 1865. Mrs. Van Deren was Miss Mary W. Lloyd of DeKalb County, Illinois. They were married 1866.

VAN DE VENTER, John F., mentioned in RMN of 1859, as agent for the Eagle Works of Chicago, Illinois, and going to the mountains where he owns large quartz mill, taking a fifteen horse power machine. In another issue it is stated that he is part owner of the quartz mill at Mountain City, and is originally from Sturgis, Michigan. Messrs. Vandeventer and Clark are also mentioned as owners of quartz mill. Later along in the times the name of Jabez H. Vandeventer is mentioned, one of the founders of the order of Oddfellows in Colorado (1864). During the visit of Schuyler Colfax in 1865 he instituted the order of Rebecah.

The compiler remembers a little girl named Elsie Vandeventer who attended the old Eleventh Street School when Prof. Donaldson was in charge, or about 1871. She lived across Lawrence Street in a large and rather imposing log house, which had a second story, or half story, and seemed old at that time.

VAN DUZEN, James, Oct 10, 1859 is grantee of Auraria lots. There was a J. Van Duzen, President of the Shiann Pass Town Company (and President of the
constitution to form Provisional Government. Was a member or a delegate from Blue River Precinct. J. S. Van Duzer (?) appears in Denver Directory of 1866, as merchant, on Arapahoe and G. Streets.

VANDYKE, J. B., arrived May 22, 1859 from Illinois in Wagon 7 of E. Doty’s Lightning Express Train of 10 wagons. (RMN)

VAN ENDERT, Ed., member of delegation from Golden Gate to convention to form Provisional Government 1859.


VANOVER, Edgar, was a man of fine appearance, strong, 35 years old, lived in Golden, had visited Nicaragua in 1856-7 with the Walker Expedition. Later was in California, thence coming to Pike’s Peak region, where he was a partner of Ed Chinn and Mark Taylor, who came with him. The account of his experience in Golden is too long for this work: the reader is referred to RMN, Sep 1859, p. 2 of the 10\textsuperscript{th} and p. 2 of the 17\textsuperscript{th}. Also Colorado Transcript files 1924, and other files of Sep 1859. He is said to have been brave to the end, and died swearing at the mob. He is buried on old Cemetery, or Graveyard Hill, east of the northern slope.

VAN TREES, Thomas P., delegate to the first Constitutional Convention from Cold Springs, 1859. G. P. Van Trees was Clerk of the Convention. May be an error in copying the initial. (?)

VAN VLIERDEN, A. H., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, resided Denver in 1920. Arrived Colorado Sep 15, 1859, was born in New York Sep 19, 1828.

VAN VLIET, William A., witness to deed Nov 9, 1859, Denver.

VAN WORMER, I. P., arrived Jan 17, 1859, another account says Jun 12. (?) Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, born New York Apr 15, 1833. In 1881 was living in Douglas County, Colorado.

VASQUEZ, Anthony Pike, living in Auraria, Ferry Street, 1859. (Called Pike Vasquez.) Member firm of P. Vasquez & Company, merchants handling gold dust. His partner was at this time J. P. Doyle. (Directory) He invested in lots, for there is a record dated Aug 16, and another time he was granted a half interest in a house and lots on the northwest corner of Blake and E. Streets. (Now 14\textsuperscript{th} Street.) His certificate and description of his Auraria lots, (Liber D, p. 179, old) was recorded in Jan 30, 1860. This old trader and famous plainsman was alive in 1867, for on Aug 27 of that year he called upon the RMN in Denver. (See files of that year.)
VASQUEZ FORT, was located four miles below site of Denver, at the mouth of Vasquez Fork of the Platte River (now called Clear Creek), built by Louis Vasquez in 1832, of round cottonwood logs.

VASQUEZ, Hiram Washington, arrived site of Denver 1858. His father of French and Spanish blood. Born Independence, Missouri Aug 23, 1839, taken young to Fort Bridger, where the elder Vasquez was associated with the famous Jim Bridger. He was stolen by Indians 1843, and did not escape until 1849, in Salt Lake City, where some Mormons found him, and returned him to Fort Bridger and his parents. The family returned to Missouri, and came again to Colorado in 1861. He once made a famous ride to Fort Lyon, at risk of his life, to warn the soldiers of the approach of the Indians. He ranched on the Apishapa, and his first wife was a half Mexican woman. He married second, Louise Hough, and third, Martha Gribble. He left two children, Mary Vasquez and Maud Vasquez. Resident LaVeta 1923. See article by Eugene Parsons in The Trail, Dec 1923. (A very fine record.)

VASQUEZ HOUSE, Auraria, situated on Ferry Street, south of Jones & Cartwright’s new store. Opened as hotel Sep 4, 1859. It was a very distinguished hotel in that and the following year.

VASQUEZ, Louis, famous old trapper and hunter of 1858 and earlier, and builder of Fort Vasquez, had a camp in 1833 located at junction of Clear Creek and Platte River. He had been an attaché of Col. Fremont.

VASQUEZ RIVER, mining district, including all those camps located on what is now called Clear Creek.

VASQUEZ & BOONE, merchants in new building on Ferry Street, Auraria, 1859.

VENNAGE, A., from Iowa, Boulder 1858. (See Vinnage.)

VESEY, Mr. C., in Records of Golden Town Company, he had Lots Drawn as Donated 1859

VICTOR, Robert M., grantee of Denver lots 1859.

VICTOR, Wallace, is grantee of lots, Oct 10, 1859, Denver.

VICTOR & COMPANY, mentioned in Press as mining, summer of 1859 in Illinios Gulch and Missouri Flats.

VIELE, F. (or A. Viele ?), stockholder of Auraria Town Company 1858. Had Donation Lots from same Nov 1 of that year.

VILLARD, Henry, of the Cincinnati Commercial, arrived by coach of the Leavenworth & Pike’s Peak Express, with the party of Horace Greeley, which included Albert D. Richardson of the Boston Journal. In Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 213, it says: “The two coaches left this place to Riley, thence along the Divide between the Republican and Solomon Forks of the Kansas River, crossing the heads of its tributaries for some distance, and then bearing northward to the Republican River, the south side of which it followed to a point near its source, thence to the heads of the Beaver, Bijou, and Kiowa Creeks, through the pineries to Cherry Creek.” Wood and water plentiful all the way, it was said. He had several presentations of lots by the Denver Town Company, the Golden City Association, and Auraria Town Company, this and Denver each donating to him four lots. The RMN announces that he does some mining in Gregory District, and later announces that he “leaves for the States.” He was correspondent of several eastern papers. In issue of Jan 17, 1866, p. 2, this paper says that he was correspondent of the New York Herald, the Commercial, and of the Chicago Tribune, and during the Civil War reported the great battles between the forces. Gen. Grant spoke of him as one of the best, if not the best war correspondent of the entire corps. On Jan 3, 1866, he married Miss Fanny Garrison, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, a daughter of William Lloyd Garrison, the well known devotee to liberty. She was beautiful, very highly accomplished, and a favorite in society. In 1866 they were living in Washington, D.C. From another authority is information that they had daughter Helene, and son Harold, and that Mr. Villard’s sister was wife of Gen. Alexander of Munich. He died at Dobb’s Ferry 1900, leaving an estate running into the millions, it is said. Notice of his visit to Denver in 1859 is in RMN, p. 6, Dec 5, 1899. (See for the Greeley trip Albert Richardson’s work “Beyond the Mississippi.”)

VINCENT, ---, tried by the Lawrence Company 1858 for shooting and laming John Atwell, and was required to give up his horse to Atwell and leave the country.

VINNAGE, A., (See Vennage), miner, settler in 1859 at the Jefferson Diggings. The RMN announces that he arrives from Taylor County, Iowa, and has been living at the Jefferson Trading Post, and mining near Long’s Peak, and later upon St. Vrain’s Creek. (Spring, 1859)

VIRAN (VIRANO) (VIRANA) (?), Samuel, of Denver City, releases to Sylvester Hall of Pettis County, Missouri Jun 9, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 118, old)

VIRGINIA CANON, the diggings here were good. The Canon was or is opposite Idaho Springs, which occupies the mouth.
VOORHEES, ---, occupying 5th wagon of the Lawrence Party, 1858, made ascent of Pike’s Peak with others, soon after the 4th of July. This party carried supplies to the stations. One authority gives his name as Gus Voorhees and his companions in the trip up the Peak as John D. Miller and Frank M. Cobb.

VOORHEES, Luke, on Nov 2, 1859 is grantee from B. F. Bemrich of fraction of lot 12, block 10, Auraria City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)
WADDELL, ---, of firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, groceries, Blake Street between E. and F. Streets, also store between G. and H., 1859.

WADDLER, William, was in the goldfields or on way in 1859, for on Jan 10, 1860 he makes ranche claim near city of Bradford, and bounded on east by R. B. Branford’s claim, on the north by that of Henry Thompson, and on the west by the mountains.

WADE, ---, of firm of Brazee & Wade, attorneys, Denver City & Gregory Diggings. (Card in RMN, 1859)

WADE, Charles A., of Mountain City, same year above, on May 30, is grantee of lot on Larimer Street, with unfinished building of J. H. Cruise, on condition that he finish building. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WADE, Felic G., of Denver, was grantee of Donation Lots for building, Denver. On Sep 9, 1859 he is grantor of Denver lots to Ewin C. Mather of Denver City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WADSWORTH, Z. H., claims 160 acres land for ranche, about two and a half miles from the Toll Gate, on Clear Creek, on the road leading from the mines of Gregory to the foot of the mountains. The said claim has a ranche corrall built on it. (Recorded Gregory Record, pp. 12-13, Oct 1, 1859.) This is kept in Central.

WAGGONER. Seymour W., a young lawyer who arrived in 1859, lived in Denver, became a partner of Stout and Whitsitt (Waggoner, Stout & Whitsitt), brokers and commission merchants, during the first year, dealing in Real Estate, became representative of Denver Precinct in June, in the first Constitutional Convention, which met in Denver Hall on the 6th of that month, and was elected permanent President of the Convention at the first meeting. He was also Probate Judge of Arapahoe County, Kansas during the time of the Provisional Government.

When the Rebellion broke out in 1861, his intimate friend, W. P. McClure (appointed Postmaster of Denver by President Buchanan) imported a fine silk Confederate flag, he being a secessionist of the most pronounced type, while Waggoner was devoted to the Union. When McClure undertook to make Waggoner look at the emblem soon after he unwrapped it in the Post Office, Waggoner became furious and spit tobacco all over it. Everybody anticipated a challenge, but McClure wrote, instead, demanding an apology, which his friend wrote in reply he could not give, but said that his insult was directed at the Cause the flag represented, so a peace was finally established between them, but it is said McClure did not try to float the flag over the Post Office. Later, Waggoner was appointed Captain of the Company C, 2nd Regiment, Colorado Cavalry (1862) and was killed in one of those encounters with Missouri bushwackers on Jul 6, 1864. Capt. Waggoner, “one of the bravest officers in the Regiment” and nine of his men were killed by Todd’s assassins. They were buried near Independence, Missouri and later the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at this place was named Waggoner Post in his honor. His age was but 33 years. Through the efforts of the Post a marble monument has been erected bearing
his name, and the legend that he died “nobly fighting for his country and leading his 
men into action.” The names of the men who died in the same battle with him are 
also on the shaft. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, pp. 269-301)

WAGNER, Herman, in Mss. Business Directory 1859 is boot and shoemaker residing in 
Auraria City on 5th Street. (Now called Larimer Street.) He died in 1872, having 
lived during about 13 years in Denver. There is, in Fairmont, an old marble shaft, 
removed from the cemetery formerly called Mt. Prospect Cemetery. It has the name 
of Herman Wagner, possibly same. (?) He is said to have arrived in Colorado from 
Decatur, Illinois, was born in Germany, emigrated first to Tiffin, Ohio, then 
Cleveland. He married Decatur, Illinois and at death left nine children and owned a 
large tract of land, 320 acres.

WAGONER, Anthony, or Waggoner, had coal land claim, 160 acres, a piece designed for 
ranching, also for coal, situated on Dry Creek, about 13 miles from Denver, adjacent 
claim of John Wagoner, and located Dec 28, 1859, recorded Jan 6, 1860. (Arapahoe 
County Land Records)

WAGONER, Charles, had ranche claim 160 acres, on Dry Creek taken Jan 6, 1860. An 
arrival of 1859.

WAGONER, John, claims 160 acres for ranche and coal mining purposes, situated on 
Dry Creek, about 12-1/2 miles from Denver. Dec 28, 1859.

WAINWRIGHT, J. W., was residing, Apr 23, 1859, at Jefferson Trading Post near 
Long’s Peak. (RMN) He was of St. Louis, Missouri and a settler at Boulder Creek 
Diggings later. He arrived 1858, it is said.

WAIT, Calvin, arrived Jun 4, 1859, and was member of the Society of Gilpin County 
Pioneers, who attended his funeral. He died Mar 21, and his funeral occurred from 
the Methodist Church at Nevadaville Mar 22, 1885.

Wait, of Gold Dirt, a good Republican gives the Colorado Republican a call.” This 
may be a very early arrival in the goldfields. (?)

WAKEFIELD & COMPANY, four men, mining, summer of 1859, in Pleasant Valley.

WAKELEY, Miss F., a singer, mentioned in the paper as being at Apollo Theatre during 
1859.

WAKELEY, G., proprietor of the new Ambrotype Gallery on Larimer Street opposite 
Apollo Theatre. “Mr. Wakeley is an artist from Chicago, Illinois, and is prepared to 
take Ambrotypes, or pictures on leather for mailing, which can be sent to any part of 
the world for the cost of a letter only. Perfect satisfaction given, or the money 
refunded.” (Advertized in RMN, p. 3, Nov 10, 1859) This is headed “Wakeley’s
Gallery.” There is earlier in the same year, Feb 1859, a purchase of Auraria lots (4) by George Wakeley, with witness to deed M. Wakeley. They were still in Denver 1860 for George Wakeley is witness to deed in Auraria on Feb 10 of that year.

WAKELEY, Matilda, may be of same family of Wakeleys, though her purchase of lot 7, block 68 on Feb 7, 1860 makes it doubtful in absence of other evidence. She is probably a Fiftyniner. (?) (May be the M. Wakeley, signed as witness to purchase of lots by George Wakeley in Feb 1859.)

WALKER, A. W., signed in list of ten in back of the old Gregory Book at Central. Matters of 1859 are in this book and it is thought by the present clerk that the list in back refers to persons of that date. He is noted as having “paid, Jul 25, $1.” C. W. Walker, also J. W. Walker, are also here signed.

WALKER, Isaiah, is grantor from Auraria Town Company, Dec 6, 1859, four Auraria City lots. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 283, old)

WALKER, Thomas, of Mountain City and Gregory Diggings, was partner of B. O. Russell in Starling Lode on Bobtail, near Mountain City. (Gregory Record)

WALKER, W. S., of Denver City, on Jan 2, 1860 is grantor of 60 acres land on South Platte, 20 miles below Denver, and below Pierce claim. (Arapahoe County Land Records) W. S. Walker is member of Walker & Company, doing business at Gregory. There was a George B. Walker (possibly related to these men?) who died at Hot Springs, Arkansas Jan 22, 1874. The RMN at this date refers to him editorially, stating that he had been connected with the firm of Clark, Gruber & Company from 1860 to 1864, and with Clark & Company at Central from 1864 to 1868. Later he lived at Georgetown.

THE WALKER COMPANY, Mountain City and Gregory Diggings, was on Oct 3, 1859 in dispute with the Newport Tunnelling Company, which claimed 500 feet on northwest side of hill above Dry Gulch. Names of members of the Walker Company are: W. S. Walker, F. R. Ford, J. S. Reams, Ran Carroll, William Air. (Gregory Record, p. 47)

WALL, David K., an experienced California miner of 1853-4 and arrival in Colorado of Apr 29, 1859, came directly from South Bend, Indiana, but was born in Logan County, Ohio May 26, 1826, a son of Benjamin Wall who emigrated to South Bend. David Wall erected a frame building in Golden, now gone, but used by Mason Seavey as a general store. He arrived from across the plains with a wagon full of garden seeds, and took a claim in the fertile valley near Golden (near the present site of the Colorado & Southern Freight depot), and here he soon had a show place, fine gardens, wonderful flowers, and for all of his productions he obtained enormous prices. He was in the year of his arrival a member of the Golden City Association and later had an agency in Auraria where his seeds were sold. He was a member of the Provisional Legislature in Nov 1859. One of the events of his life was that he “grub-
staked" Gregory for his memorable trip into the mountains, where he discovered the
famous Gregory Lode. This was in May of that famous year. The companions of
Gregory shared in the benefits of Mr. Wall’s generosity.

He married in South Bend, Indiana 1865, Eliza, daughter of Col. L. M. Taylor, of
that place. Later in life he was a partner of one of the Witter brothers and was always
a most respected and substantial citizen of Denver and vicinity. (See Hall’s History

WALL, J. H., arrived Apr 29, 1859 (same date as arrival of David K. Wall). He is living
(not marked deceased) in Hall’s List of Pioneers, 1890. He was born Jan 27, 1842 in
Indiana. He is shareholder in Golden City Association in year of his arrival in
goldfields, owning share 18, for he transfers it on Oct 15 to J. L. Kirby who seems to
be his partner. He has many other shares. The following death is given notice of on
Nov 11, 1863: Emma, daughter of J. H. Wall of Golden City died in Denver, at
residence of J. M. Veasey on this date.

WALL, John C., Dec 12, 1859, makes claim to land for ranche purposes in Jefferson
County, Jefferson Territory, filed for record Jan 9, 1860. (Golden Liber) His land on
Ralston Creek 160 acres was lying next claim of William Allen, located summer of
this year, and he also incorporated in year of his arrival the Clear Creek Lumbering
Company (December). His death is announced in the Rocky Mountain Herald, Jul 7,
1860. “Died, at Golden City, Jul 2, 1860 (Sunday evening) very unexpectedly, only
ill a week, Mr. John C. Wall of Golden City. Born Logan County, Ohio Aug 1833,
removed South Bend, Indiana 1836, and came to Golden Nov 30, 1859 to join his
brother. He was beloved by all who knew him.”

The Western Mountaineer also has article, almost same, on same date or near the
time, and states that he was aged 27 years and a son of Benjamin Wall of South Bend,
Indiana, and brother of D. K. Wall of Golden. The funeral was at the residence of his
brother-in-law, Mr. J. N. Veasey. “The body has been placed in a tin coffin, and put
in a stone vault erected for the purpose, overlooking the garden which has been the
scene of his labors during the spring just passed and will be taken during the coming
fall to his late home in Indiana.”

WALL & BRIGHT, grantors, Jun 1, 1859, claim in Gregory Lode. (p. 31, Gregory
Record)

WALLACE, C., name in arrival list of RMN spring 1859, from Indiana. (See under D.
Boyd for his travelling companions.)

WALLACE, W. R., resident in 1881 of Leadville, was a member of one of Fremont’s
exploring expeditions to Colorado. (Rocky Mountain Herald, Feb 7, 1925)

WALLINGFORD, D. P., Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Missouri, A.F. & A.M., resident of Denver, was entrusted Aug 15, 1859 with the
dispensation from M. W. Brother, Richard R. Rees, Grand Master of Kansas
Territory, with instructions to set the brethren of Auraria to work in due order. (There
is another Masonic booklet, which states that Wallingford was D. Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory.)  Whichever is correct, he installed the officers
of that new body and set its officers at labor on Oct 1, 1859.  The store of Wallingford
& Murphy was at Larimer and H. (17th) in this year, being the first building said to
have had a wooden floor (Moore’s Early Days in Denver, Mss. 3):  They had
groceries and all kinds of miners’ supplies.  Also handled gold dust, taking it in
payment for anything, and selling it again.  James Murphy was the partner.  They also
went into an insurance and a banking company.  Being from Missouri, it was natural
that they should want to raise the Confederate flag, and they did.  It is said that the
crowd ridiculed it, but did not try forcibly to remove it, but the proprietors, judging
the spirit of the audience, decided not to fly it another day, and did not do so.  It was
well they did not, for they had received notice from the citizens that no other than the
Stars and Stripes would be tolerated.

WALMESLEY, James Locke, called Lock Walmsley, and James Walmesley in different
papers.  He and his brother Thomas J. Walmsley owned the noted ranche of the
name.  Several land records exist relating to these names, and one death as follows:
“Died, in Golden, Dec 30, 1867, Richardson Wamsley, son of Lock and Mary
Wamsley, aged 8 years.”  (Transcript, Golden)

WALMESLEY RANCHE, consisted of 320 acres situated on the main travelled road
between Denver and Golden City, being 10 miles from the former, 5 miles from the
last.  It was known as the Walmesley Ranche, but in Oct 1859 it was bought by
Richard H. Templeton and Eli Fletcher of James Lock Walmsley.  (East of David
Sturgis’ Ranche.)  (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 47)

WALROD, Abraham, an old Fortyniner in California, arrived in Colorado Oct 10, 1858.
Born Onandoga County, New York 1825.  He did not bring his family out until 1860,
and they claim that Mary Walrod was one of the first, if not the first white girl born in
Denver.  He mined in various counties, or camps, especially California Gulch and
vicinity.  His wife was Miss Emily Cramblett of Fulton County, Illinois.  In his trip to
Colorado he accompanied the D. C. Oakes party of five men.  He had lived
previously in Iowa, town called Glenwood.  Lived in Denver after coming to the
camps.  He is mentioned in Bancroft’s History Colorado, p. 367.

WALSH, H. S., stockholder Denver City Town Company, 1859, Grantee of Denver lots
in that year.

WANLESS, Col. John, born 1833, lived Colorado Springs a good deal.  The Colorado
Republican of Jul 13, 186? says that he was admitted to practice law by District Court
of Illinois in La Salle County Aug 1856.  He and Mrs. Wanless arrived Pike’s Peak
Feb 14, 1859.

WANNAMAKER, J. E., born Ohio Apr 7, 1838.  Arrived Colorado Jul 1, 1859.  Had
ranche near Golden, where he always lived.  Member Colorado Pioneers’ Society.
WARD, J., arrived May 30, 1859 by Santa Fe Trail, 60 day trip, 10 others in party, all from Clayton, Georgia. (RMN)

WARD, Seth, an arrival of 1858, living at the Forks of the St. Vrain. (Hall’s Colorado History)

WARNER, E. H., Dec 13, 1858 had Donation Lots (4) from Denver Town Company, with his agreement to build hewed log house. He was a witness in lot sale Sep 1859, and was still in Denver City, and grantor, Oct 17, same year. Later a mention is made in papers of an E. H. Warren of Mountain City. May be same. (?)

WARNER, R., grantee, from D. J. Batchelder, claim in Gregory Diggings, Mountain City Sep 7, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 6)


WARREN, Cyrus, mentioned in Bancroft as living 1859 at the American side of Pueblo, member of the company.

WARREN, E., of Indiana, candidate for Justice of the Peace. Fought duel in the new Colorado Diggings, 1859, and was killed.

WARREN, Thomas, ferryman and brickmaker, began operating rival ferry on Platte, from foot of eleventh (then Ferry Street) early in 1859. He was appointed first Major of the Governor’s Guard by Gov. Steele. Later he is of Gregory Diggings, and member first Constitutional Convention from that district, in Jun 1859. He is said to have been Kentuckian. Nov 17, during the year, he challenged Byers to a duel for publishing his name in a list of delinquent debtors in that year. Of course Byers did not fight, but invited the Kentuckian to come in and murder him whenever he felt inclined. (See Thomas H. Warren, following.)

WARREN, Thomas H., brickmaker and general dealer, Directory of 1859. Lived in Auraria. Was witness in sale of lots in August, grantor of land near Colorado City Nov 1859, and with his wife, whose name is not stated in copy in Land Records office of Arapahoe County, signed in December paper relating to Denver lots. Nov 5 he is grantee of a tract of land near Colorado Springs, including boiling springs, three soda springs, etc., and grants permission to R. L. Wooten, L. J. Winchester, and N. G. Wyatt to occupy land and use cabin until 1860, and cause hewed log house to be built and occupied as long as desired.

(See Thomas Warren, above. It is possible there are two men, as often happened, with slight difference in name. But initials were so often left out, in reporting the matters that it is a hard matter to be certain which one was the brickmaker. No doubt the other was not a brickmaker, and only one was likely to be in the first Constitutional Convention. (?)

WARREN & COMPANY, brick manufacturers, Auraria & Denver, 1859. (RMN)

WASHBURN, A. J., member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, living in Denver 1920. He arrived Jun 11, 1859, was born in Maine, Mar 4, 1827.

WASHBURN, G. H., of firm of Washburne, Miller & Company, Mountain City Association with J. D. Miller. He was resident of Deadwood Diggings in June, for he was a delegate from that precinct to the first Constitutional Convention. It is at one time stated in the papers that “G. W. Washburne sails for St. Joseph, Missouri, on boat, “Empire State,” for Tompkins County, Nebraska Territory.”

WASHBURN, G. W., this name is probably G. H. (?), a resident of Mountain City.

WATERBURY, Edmond B., buys William Clancy’s Donation Lots, Sep 24, 1859 and on Nov 29 is grantee of 160 acres, on west side Platte, near Smith & Chubbock’s claims. He is a merchant in Directory of Business Men of this year, and place of trade is at Blake Street. On Feb 19, 1860, E. Waterbury, is mentioned as a founder of the Episcopal Church in Denver.


WATSON, Joseph, claim mentioned, in Nevada Gulch Sep 29, 1859. Watson & Company, two men. (Gregory Records, p. 10)

WATT, William, partner of Kilpatrick & Company in claim in Gregory Diggings, Jun 20, 1859. (Gregory Record, p. 19)

WATTBURY, Fred, arrived with Mrs. Wattbury Jul 1859, lived at Brighton Station.

WATTS, J. C., has his horse stolen and makes arrests in May 1859. (RMN, files, May)

WATTS, Sylvester & Company, with four men, arrived from St. Louis, Missouri, May 15-16, 1859 by Arkansas Route. He is member Colorado Pioneers’ Society about 1907, when he lives in St. Louis.

WAY, C. S., owns lots in Denver Aug 23, 1859. (Land Records)

WAY, H., or Hank Way, the pioneer blacksmith of 1858 whose shop was near Blake Street, at crossing of Cherry Creek. He was a partner in firm of Perrin & Way, in conveying lots, Jul 6, 1859, Denver.
WAY, Patrick, or P. H. Way, “of County of Arapahoe” Nov 7, 1858, made location of a ranche for home on right hand side of Cherry Creek and South Platte River, at their confluence. He sells this claim Nov 27, 1859 to Daniel S. Bentley of Arapahoe County for $1,000 except that Way reserves one acre of land at the place where his houses now stand. P. H. Way files for record May 26, 1860, statement of his ranche claim “taken Nov 9, 1858” by him, on east bank Cherry Creek, running north to Platte River, 160 acres. P. Way sells lots on McGaa Street between B. and C. Streets, and one house partly furnished, to Jesse G. Ahren May 23, 1859, for $20.

WAYSMAN, James K., was grantee, of lot 10, block 8, Auraria City in Sep 1859.

WEAVERVILLE MINING COMPANY, a placer camp, with cabins, the men mining in Vasques River bed.

WEBSTER, W. C., see under M. L. Mathes. He arrived from Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, in spring of 1859. (RMN, old files, 1859)

WEBSTER, Hon. W. W., Republican, 7th District, member 1875-6 Constitutional Convention (under which we now prosper in 1926). Born in Loraine County, Ohio 1835. Arrived Colorado Jun 1859. Mining, member Territorial Legislature 1866, Council 1868, Legislature 1871. Lives Summit County 1876, at Montezuma, engaged in merchandizing, and stock raising. (From Biographical sketches of the members of the Convention of 1875-6 published while the body was in session.)

WEBSTER & COMPANY, mining Clear Creek and Boulder camps of 1859. (Files)

WEED, George W., of Empire Ranche, delegate to 2nd Constitutional Convention 1859. George Weed was Sergeant-at-arms of either the first or second of these 1859 Conventions. G. W. Weed was Territorial Representative elect of the 18th District in this year, and George W. Weed located claim Nov 7, 1859 on Little Bear Creek. (Weed & Company Ranche, P. B. Cheeny the partner.) (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 19) This place contains 360 acres, for ranche, and Public House purposes, six miles south of Pleasant Park in Little Bear Creek.

George W. Weed was Vice President of the Illion Town Company Dec 1859. This place was in Jefferson County. In Feb 1860 he lives on Cub Creek, and accommodates the public there.

WEED, W. W., was a witness to mining transfer at Mountain City Sep 20, 1859. (Gregory Record p. 49)

WEEKS, James A., arrived 1858 at goldfields in small party with Corbin or Corbet Bacon.

WEISER & COMPANY, four men, mining in Pleasant Valley 1859, summer.
WELLER, G., arrived May 29, 1859 from Fountain County (Fontaine), Indiana with 12 others from Leavenworth by Smoky Hill Route, starting Apr 21. (RMN, List of Arrivals, May 1859)

WELLMAN, Henry L., born Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania Dec 28, 1821, and pioneer of Boulder County 1859. He is brother of Sylvanus and Luther C. Remained on his father’s farm until 1845, then removed to Hamilton, New York, served apprenticeship to currier’s trade, which he followed until 1851. Then he joined his brother Luther C. in California, mining. Then 1856, returned to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and Mar 1859 left with Luther C. for Pike’s Peak. Had ox teams, one wagon, provisions, mining tools. They met the Horace Greeley party, and were advised to go on. This they did, arriving Aug 1. He married 1864 Miss Electa Bennett of Dixon, Illinois. Lives in 1880 at Jamestown, Boulder County, mining and stock raising.

WELLMAN, Luther C., born Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania Mar 20, 1826, a brother of Henry L. and Sylvanus Wellman, and an arrival of Aug 1859 with his brother, Henry L. In 1845 he left his father’s farm and engaged in bridge building with New York and Erie Railroad, until 1847. Then removed with William, an elder brother, to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in stock and butchering business. In 1872, married Mary, daughter Isaac Hopkins of Valmont, Boulder County. Built a stone residence on his farm where he lived until 1879, then sold to D. K. Sternberg, and has (1880) removed to Gunnison County to engage in mining. He was member Colorado Pioneers’ Society, and is stated in list as having arrived Jul 9. All the Wellman brothers lived a while in Boulder City.

WELLMAN, Sylvanus, arrived Boulder County 1859, and brother of Henry L. and Luther C. He came with them from Bradford County, Pennsylvania to goldfields in company with G. F. Chase and 10 others (see). Located and took up land in Boulder County and built stone residence in 1874 on his farm, where he is living in 1880. Married Oct 1865 Miss Romelia A., daughter of Reuben E. and Lucinda Towner, of Boulder, formerly from State of New York. (Notes of the Wellman brothers are from the Bascom, History of Clear Creek and Boulder Valley.)


WELLS, Simeon L., there is statement in the booklet published by Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A.M. Colorado 1909 that he, and several others attempted to start a Masonic Lodge in Denver early in 1859, and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kansas for this object.
WELSH, Mr., artist, taking pictures in Auraria, mentioned in RMN. “Mr. Welsh is taking views to illustrate Frank Leslie’s magazine. He arrived in Denver and Auraria, and is going into the mountains for the same purpose.” Jun 11, 1859. (RMN, files)

WELSH, F. G., “of Territory of Arapahoe,” grantee of lot 1, block 43, Auraria City, Aug 30, 1859.

WELSH, Hugh S., a stockholder in Denver City Town Company 1859.


WELSH, Walter J., was signed as witness to deed Oct 3, 1859, Arapahoe County, and on Oct 8 is grantee of Denver City lots. Is witness again Nov 9 to signing of trust deed for three yoke oxen and heavy iron axletree wagon from Stephen H. Carr to Kinna & Nye. Another transaction Nov 24 is in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 230, old.

WELSH, BOWENS & COMPANY, had Golden City lots “Drawn as Donated” by the Golden City Association 1859.

WELTON, M. W., witness Jul 8, 1859, to land deed, Denver.

WELTON, Norton W., on Jul 18, 1859 had land transaction Denver lots 1-2, northwest corner D. and Larimer. Grantor is Welton, grantee William Henry Harrison Larimer. (The noted W. H. H. Larimer.) N. W. Welton was a stockholder in Denver City Town Company, same year.

WEST, --- of firm of Hopkins & West, mining summer of 1859, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats.

WEST, A., witness in Auraria sale of lots Nov 1859. A. C. West is President of the Rocky Mountain Debating Club, same year, mentioned in the papers. (See old files.)

WEST, George, (Gen. George West), late Adj. Gen. Colorado National Guard, was born Claremont, New Hampshire Nov 26, 1826. Studied printing and had stereotype foundry in Boston, when young, and was one of the members and organizers of the celebrated “Boston Company” noted in early days of 1859 when many of the nine members visited the goldfields, West arriving Jun 10. He was one of the many driving ox teams, and built the first house in Golden, which is still standing in 1880, a good hewn log house, later owned and occupied by John Nicholls. In Denver he leased, in year of arrival, the Gibson printing plant, and begun publication of The Western Mountaineer, Dec 7, and the paper continued into the following year. It was a splendid little paper, filled with news of the mining camps. The file is at this date (1926) owned by his son Harley West, who published the Transcript, its successor in Golden. When Smiley wrote his History of Denver in 1901 Gen. George West was
proprietor of the Transcript, which begun in 1866. All the files of this paper are preserved by his son in Golden.

West was a member of the Golden City Association, in very early day. He married, in 1866, Miss Eliza M. Boyd, daughter of Judge Boyd of Golden and Jefferson County. His Will is recorded in that county, dated Mar 24, 1885. His wife, Eliza Maria West being heir.


WEST, William, is grantee of some Denver lots Dec 11, 1859. On Mar 12, 1860, in City of Auraria, he was shot and killed by Moses Young. (Self Defense) His obituary was printed in the RMN: Died Mar 13, buried at Mt. Prospect Cemetery under auspices of the Masonic fraternity, Auraria Lodge U. D. of A.F. & A.M., and they passed resolutions of respect and condolence which were printed. He left a family. His estate was advertized for settlement Apr 23, 1860, A. Sagendorf being Administrator.

THE WESTERN MOUNTAINEER, Golden, Colorado, George West, Editor and proprietor, price $1.50 for six months, (weekly) published 47 issues, (no other copies known to be in existence) from Dec 7, 1859 to Dec 20, 1860. The time between Apr 25 and Jun 28 was without issues for some reason. The paper was very fine and thin, used in this publication, it had four pages, size 9 x 15 inches. It’s Salutatory was in issue of Dec 7, 1859, and its Valedictory on p. 2 of the last issue, Dec 20, 1860, in which it announces that it is sold to the Canon City Times or to parties who moved the plant to that City and changed its name. When it started on its career, Golden was situated in Jefferson Territory under a Provisional Government. When she finally found herself in Colorado, it was without her good little champion, which was perhaps the best of them all.

WESTON, ---, arrived from Wisconsin with party of 14 men (including self) May 26, 1859.

WESTON, Philo. M., arrived Boulder County, Colorado in 1859, then removed to Colorado City, then to Park County (1887), and in 1895 was living in Granite or near that place. He is said to have erected the first house in that time.


WEYHRICH & COMPANY, with six men, mining in Pleasant Valley, summer 1859.

WHEATON, Gen. Frank Wheaton, said by his friends to be the first white man known certainly to have set foot on the site of Denver in 1857. He was with a military party in Indian warfare, and then a Lieut. on staff of Col. Sumner, against the Cheyennes and had started from Leavenworth. He was sent with two Indian scouts to choose a camp site and selected the spot at junction of Cherry Creek and the Platte River. He married Maria B. ---. His death occurred in 1924. (Denver Evening Times, p. 4, Aug 22, 1924)
WHEELER, Hon. John S., was a witness, Denver, (Arapahoe County Land Records) 1859. Born Groton, Worcester County, Massachusetts Nov 7, 1833, removed first to Dresden, Ohio in 1843, where he later became County Clerk and Recorder. Then came to Pike’s Peak, arriving Denver May 12. In 1869 he was ranching at Fort Lupton. Probate Judge of Weld County later, and was in 1876 member of the Constitutional Convention, which made the existing laws under which the State is governed. (Biographical Record of Members of the Convention, published at time of its session)

WHEELER, Theodore E., arrived Jun 18, 1859. (List of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society) Born in Massachusetts (T. E. Wheeler, probably same). Although this note says T. E arrived May 17 of the year. However, it is probably same party. Born Sep 13, 1836, lived in Fort Lupton.

WHEELock, (Brothers), accompanied a party in Oct 1858 which arrived at Old Fort St. Vrain. The other members of the party were: Capt. Yount, Charles Clouser, A. A. Brookfield, Capt. Thomas Aikens, and S. J. Aikens, his son. (Boulder Valley History)

WHEELock, D. B., grantor, of lots on McGaa and E. Streets, consideration $10, May 17, 1859, the same being his Donation Lots from the Town Company. They are described as being on the northwest corner of those streets. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

WHIPPLE, W. W., arrived Apr 10, 1859. Born Jackson County, Michigan Oct 24, 1837. Worked in setting up first number of the RMN in Apr 1859. He is said to have described the Jackson Diggings, named for that pioneer. He worked placers successfully, and mined in Chicago Creek District. Said to have been from Illinois to the mines. In 1873 purchased interest in Central City Daily Register, in partnership with Frank Hall. Later was of firm of Whipple & Pierson in book and job printing at Denver. They were doing Legal printing in 1880. He married in Jackson, Michigan 1867, a daughter of Russell Ford.

WHISKYHOLE DIGGINGS, some placers on South Platte, not highly esteemed in 1859.

WHITE, A. S., a resident of Arapahoe City 1859. (Clipping)

WHITE, Capt., of Omequa, miner in Rocky Mountains, mentioned. (RMN)

WHITE, D. D. & COMPANY, (F. J. Marshall and H. D. Williams are partners), grantees of Auraria lots from the Town Company Dec 6, 1859.

WHITE, J., (See under D. D. Stout).

WHITE, J. W., witness of deed, May 17, 1859, Denver City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WHITE, James, arrived mouth Cherry Creek with Lawrence Party 1858 in the eleventh wagon. (See this.) There was a James White who 1860 was in Denver, for he signed as witness there, Jan 21.

WHITE, James E., his Auraria lots sold at instance of Joseph E. Wooten, Oct 26, 1859, to Wisner and Smalley of Auraria. There were lot 7, block 4, and lot 10, block 30.

WHITE, James F., original stockholder of Auraria 1858.

WHITE, James L. (or T ?), arrived Jun 16, 1859. Died (name in List of Colorado Pioneers’ Society). Had been member. No dates.

WHITE, James S. (or L. or T.?), is grantor of quit claim deed in Arapahoe County to Malden Bledsoe, Jan 29, 1859. Consideration $125, paid by Bledsoe. Lot 3, block 7, Auraria City. “On which there is log house eight rounds high.” Witnessed by S. M. Rooker. (Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber F, p. 623 old)

WHITE & COMPANY, mining, five men, in Illinois Gulch and Missouri Flats summer 1859.

WHITE & COMPANY, mining, three men, Nevada Gulch, summer of 1859.

WHITEHILL, Harvey H., (Whitehall?) witness, signed in Auraria Oct 10, 1859, in Arapahoe County Land Records. Harvey Whitehall is advertised in the Western Mountaineer of Golden, first number, Dec 7, this year, as being their authorized agent in Nevada, Russell’s and other mining camps.

WHITE OWL, an Arapahoe Indian Chief, whose band, embracing 50 lodges, visits Denver City and Auraria in 1859. (RMN, files)

WHITING & COMPANY, mentioned by Bancroft as discovering mines in Gilpin County. This company were mining on Clear Creek and in Boulder County 1859.


WHITSITT, Richard Ed., a merchant handling gold dust, a stockholder of Denver City, and member of the first Constitutional Convention in 1859, was born 1830, died 1881, and is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Denver. He arrived at goldfields with the Leavenworth Company, Nov 16, 1858. They came via Pueblo District. The two
Larimers, M. M. Jewett, and Folsom Dorsett accompanied the party also. He was Recorder of the County for a long time, was 1st Adj. Gen. of Colorado, member of the Wartime Territorial Council, Auditor of Colorado 1864-66. He was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church, Denver, Feb 11, 1860; operated a good deal in real estate, both in Kansas and Colorado. His wife is said to be Miss Miles, daughter of a pioneer who had a claim near Golden. He had a niece, Miss Emma M. Gerrish, who married Frank S. Marshall, in Los Angeles, California 1880. Having no children, it is said, the Whitsitts adopted about 1865 a Navajo Indian boy and reared him. William P. McClure once challenged Whitsitt, and a duel was fought in Oct 1859, on ground about a mile above Auraria and Denver, near Cherry Creek. Morton C. Fisher was Whitsitt’s Second. McClure was hit by his adversary’s ball and wounded, but the injury was healed in about a month later. A crowd of about 200 citizens witnessed the duel, which the Sheriff was unable to stop. It made a good deal of comment and speculation as to the cause for many years afterward, both of the parties being so prominent. Portraits of Whitsitt are in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 216, and in Smiley’s History of Denver, p. 215.

WHITTAKE, N. M., arrived from Mt. Pulaski, Illinois spring of 1859. (See under M. L. Mathes.)

WHITTEMORE, J. M., member of the first Constitutional Convention, summer of 1859, living in Golden City, large shareholder in the Town Association (his shares fill a page in the Shareholders’ Old Book, now in Golden Record Office). He represented Golden in the Convention, and was also candidate for Sheriff of Jefferson County in same year. The paper once mentions the fact that he is erecting a two story store, at corner of Washington and 1st Streets. This was in December of the year, and the erection was to be 18 x 24 feet.

WHITTICK & COMPANY, (Whitlock?), mining, Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859.

WHITTIER, James, “of Golden City, in County of Arapahoe and Territory of Kansas” for consideration of $400 grants quitclaim deed to D. D. McIlvoy, of same City and County, land in Golden City with a house thereon, the same being a part of lot 1, block 3, “Commencing at a stake placed in the corner of Washington Avenue and 1st Street, being on the northwest corner of block 3,” etc. (Long description, see in Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 4) The witness was James McDonand, dated Oct 10, 1859.

WHORFE, L. E., is witness to deed Nov 1, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WICKS, John S., his train arrived from Centreville, St. Joseph County, Missouri (Michigan?), 24 in crowd, May 16, 1859.

WIEDMAN, Thomas C., is probably a Fiftyniner, or on way to Pike’s Peak in that year, as he is witness in sale of Denver lots between Pritchern and Monti, Jan 16, 1860.
WIGGINS, O. P., arrived Dec 1858 to become permanent resident, though he came west of the Missouri River in 1838, and was member later of Kit Carson’s party. He became a scout and was in charge of a stage station on the Overland Trail. In 1899 he was a Guard at the Denver Post Office, then occupying the old building at Arapahoe Street and Sixteenth. In the RMN, p. 4, May 6, 1874, is the following characteristic bit of intelligence:

“Mr. O. P. Wiggins of Byers has a very fine pet in the way of a copperhead snake: it is over five feet long, and confined in a glass house.”

He was born in Canada Jul 22, 1821.

WILCOX, S. name in list of Physicians and Surgeons, Denver Business Directory of 1859, also drug store on Ferry Street, Auraria. He was also a surveyor. Dr. Wilcox had Donation Lot at one time.

WILDER, (see also under Walder or Wolder.)

WILDER, A. Carter, was a grantee several times of land or lots in Denver City 1859. May have been non-resident owner? In 1860 he is a resident of Leavenworth, Kansas, and on Apr 7 was again grantee from M. M. Jewett of lots 15-16, block 38. The following is from Lanman’s Dict. Congress, 1866, p. 411: He was born at Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, Mar 18, 1828. Removed 1850 Rochester, New York, and in 1857 to Kansas, engaging in mercantile pursuits: Delegate to Chicago National Convention 1860. In 1862 elected to the 38th Congress, serving on committee on Indian Affairs. In 1864 was delegate to the Baltimore Convention.

WILDER, George, (see G. Wolder), probably in Denver many times in 1858-9. In the RMN, p. 4, Nov 4, 1867, “died at the Pacific House, in this city, at half past one o’clock Sunday, Nov 3, Mr. George Wilder. Mr. Wilder has been in the employ of the Overland Stage Company since 1858 and was recognized as one of the oldest drivers on the line.” The same paper also has an editorial mention of his funeral:

“The funeral of George Wilder, a driver on Wells Fargo & Company’s line, took place this afternoon at three o’clock. Rev. Mr. Hitchings officiating. The officers of Wells Fargo and Company, and the United States Express Company were closed, and the employes of the two lines attended in a body. The hearse was followed by two carriages and six coaches, four of which were drawn by six, and two by four horses. It would be unjust to Wells Fargo and Company not to mention their kindness and liberality to Mr. Wilder during his long illness. He had been a faithful driver and the company ordered that the best of care and attention be shown him at their own expense. It is a common remark, that “Corporations have no souls,” but the conduct of the Company in this and other instances demonstrates that there is one exception at least. Simple justice demands that it be mentioned with praise.”

George Wilder’s name is in a list of stage drivers who ran in the sixties at various points between Atchison and Placerville. Another Wilder who may be related to those above, or some of them, is Charles Wilder, Private in Company D, 1st Colorado Volunteers, wounded Mar 28, Battle of Apache Canon, New Mexico, 1862, fighting
against the rebels. Another is U. G. Wilder, came to Colorado 1863, from Joliet, Illinois, printer in Central and Blackhawk. (On Journal and Register) In 1862 worked on Boulder News. Died Boulder Dec 1923. His obituary states that he was born in New York. He was a Mason and Shriner. Left a sister, Harriet.

A child of W. F. Wilder was buried Dec 9, 1879, in block 5, lot 54 (or 57) at Riverside Cemetery, Denver. Another stone is inscribed: George C. Wilder, Jul 15, 1864, Jul 30, 1907. The compiler of this record was much interested to chance upon the grave of the old stage driver George Wilder in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, one day a few summers ago. (See photo.) It is a small group of old stones removed from the oldest cemetery, once a crowded little city of the dead, spread out where now is Congress or Cheezman Park. The stones are noticeable for their antiquity, many of them being undecipherable. The attendants and visitors dislike them for this, as Denver people want everything very new, even death. The quaint little stones may not be there long to speak their tale of the pioneers. On Wilder’s stone the inscription reads “Erected by his Comrades of the Overland Stage Line.”

WILDER, Major William F., (of Denver as late as 1881, possibly later) arrived Dec 24, 1859. He earned his military rank in the war, which followed later. In Aug 1861 he was 1st Lieut. of Company G, 1st Regiment Colorado Volunteers. He is recorded in Hall’s List of Pioneers, Vol. 2, p. 565, as of New York birth, date 1833. He is still in Denver Jan 25, 1881, for he was at the first meeting of Colorado Pioneers (last organization of these) at the Windsor Hotel. In 1866 he, on Sep 11, is associated with Whitstitt as grantor of Denver lots and probably made other transfers. On Sep 13, 1867 the RMN speaking editorially says: “General Wilder has arrived in town from Georgetown enroute to the east. He had an exhibit at the First National Bank of fine silver bullion. Gen. Wilder has also about seven pounds of ore from the Mohawk Lode, which he proposes to take to New York. It averages about $10,000 per ton.”

Hon. D. W. Wilder is another pioneer of this name, though may be an arrival of later years. He was brother of A. C. Wilder (see above) and is editorially mentioned by the RMN, Oct 14, 1865. “He had been formerly editor of the Leavenworth Conservative, and one of the most vigorous and spicy writers in the West, and has purchased the Rochester Democrat and will hereafter conduct it.” D. W. Wilder was in 1870 (Tribune) on a committee selected by the Kansas Pacific Rail Road Company to carry out an editorial excursion over their road to Denver in October of that year. The Overland Stage Company, p. 190, mentioned him and says: “Hon. D. W. Wilder, author of The Annals of Kansas when sparking his girl, that afterward became his wife, used to trip the light fantastic toe in Kennebunk, Kansas. This was the first home station out from Atchison, and here drivers were changed.”

WILDMAN, Thomas G., Notary Public, in 1859, Denver, for on Dec 25 he attested the signature of John C. Nelson (deed to lots). He was one of the founding members of the Episcopal Church, Denver, Feb 19, 1860. Later is same year, the RMN, Oct 3, records a marriage between Thomas G. Wildman, Esq., and Miss Mary B. Kehler, at the residence of the Rev. J. H. Kehler on Lawrence Street, Sep 27.
WILEY, Palemon, arrived May 21, 1859, and name occurs in List of Pioneers marked “Died.”

WILHITE, member of Firm of Travilla & Wilhite, mentioned in Business Directory of Denver and Auraria 1859, with location at Fourth Street between Front and Cherry (lumber dealers). In the same year the firm changes name, or sold? and became Wilhite & Rogers, having sawmill at Russellville, later in Douglas County, in a district of pineries. E. S. Wilhite was a member of Auraria Masonic Lodge in 1861, and may be the same. (?)

There is a certificate of the lots of Travilla & Wilhite in Arapahoe County Land Records on Dec 9, 1859, Tonson Ann Wilhite (?) of Leavenworth, Kansas is grantee from Allie R. Travilla for a consideration of $200, Auraria Donation share No. 73, (lot 12, block 3) on 4th and Cherry Streets, Auraria. Mrs. Tomson Ann Wilhite is of Denver City Jun 4, 1860, and a grantee of Denver City lots by William Larimer, Jr. The following death notice in the paper will note the relationship of the Wilhites, or at least three of them: “Died: at Leavenworth, Kansas, Willie, son of Hon. E. S. and T. A. Wilhite of Denver, Dec 26, 1862.”

WILLARD, Dr. George M., “from St. Louis” arrived with 10 men, all but one being well, to prospect in the mountains as far as the Wind River chain. He reports for the St. Louis Republic. This was in RMN Jun 18, 1859. Later he is spoken of as being with party of prospectors in the mountains.

WILLARD, R. mentioned in paper as leaving for Fort Des Moines, Iowa in autumn of 1859.

WILLARD, R. H., is witness Sep 27, 1859 in transaction of Auraria lots between M. L. McCaslin & A. O. Holcombe. (May be same above ?)

WILLETS, John S., severely frozen at Cache-la-Poudre, and brought to Denver for medical aid. He survives and must get generous assistance financially. Both legs taken off. (Western Mountaineer or RMN, Dec 28, 1859)

WILLETT, Paul, of Lawrence Lodge, No. 6, Kansas, was one of the founding members of Auraria Lodge in 1859. (Masonic)

WILLIAMS, A. T., witness in Golden early in Jan 1860, from Land Records, Liber A, may be another of 1859 or possibly misspelled for A. J. Williams. (?)

WILLIAMS, Andrew J., arrived Aug 1858 accompanied by Charles H. Blake, his partner, bringing four wagon loads of merchandise, drawn by as many ox teams. Nov 1 he became stockholder in Auraria Town Company and his firm, Blake and Williams, was considered very flourishing even before the year was out. He was from Crescent City, Iowa, but was born in New York State Nov 22, 1833. The compiler of this record lives today (1926) upon a street in Denver named for this pioneer. Blake was earlier honored by naming a street for himself down town, now
below Larimer and considered in the slums. His, or their, store in Auraria was said to have been the first one erected, though another party had store in a tent. Williams’ father was from Rhode Island, and the family traced descent, it is said, from Roger Williams, the illustrious pioneer of America. Franklin County, New York, in which Andrew J. first saw the light was his father’s second home. His mother is said to have been a Hutchinson from Vermont. Andrew J. learned the “Art preservative of art” (printing) but was most of his life interested in mercantile pursuits, real estate, etc. He owned a fine farm down the Platte from Denver about 1882, and was President of the Exchange Bank, with J. M. Strickler, Ebert and others, but this failed at that time. (He was President of bank 1878.)

During the second year of his arrival he was member of the first Constitutional Convention in June, delegate from Fort Lupton and was owner, or proprietor, with Blake of Denver House, also the Denver Hall, two very good buildings. He dissolves partnership with Blake on Jul 30 in the matter of the Denver House. He was stockholder also of Denver City Town Company in this year. (His Select Lots are described in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 18, old.) (For his portraits see Hall’s History Colorado, Vol. 2, p. 228.)

WILLIAMS, B. L., witness to statement of Boston Company, Golden, Sep 5, 1859. (May be Beverley D.?)

WILLIAMS, Beverley D., said to be a native of Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, and first appeared in Denver City as the manager of the Leavenworth and Pike’s Peak Express Company. He is said to have laid out the line of this company, and was the first duly accredited delegate to Congress. He was in 1859 a member of the first Constitutional Convention, representing as a delegate, Beaver Creek Precinct.

During Jan 10, 1862, the Colorado Republican announces the fact that he is a rebel prisoner in Jefferson City, Missouri on date Jan 2. He had stirred up secession in Calloway County and is referred to as a “very rank Rebel.” Hall states that he was practicing law in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1901, and that he never returned to Denver but once and that was in 1887. A portrait is in Smiley’s History Colorado, p. 313.

WILLIAMS, David A., mentioned in Jefferson County Land Records, Jan 5, 1860, as having claim (ranche) next that of Henry McGugin, in that county.

WILLIAMS, G. R., of Boulder in 1881, is said to be an arrival of 1859.

WILLIAMS, H. D., Donation Lots from Auraria Town Company Dec 26, 1859.

WILLIAMS, Harriet, “of Golden City,” in the county of Jefferson, and Territory of Jefferson, has located a claim for farming and ranching, and other purposes, 160 acres, near eastern boundary of Golden City, and claimed Jan 7, 1860. It is announced by the Western Mountaineer in Dec 1859 that Mrs. Harriet Williams is building a large two story frame house in Golden City, to be occupied by herself as a boarding house. There is a marriage between Mrs. Harriet Williams and Daniel Mc Cleery somewhere in the files of 1860 or near that year, but this compiler has
mislaid the statistics. (See) Was an 1859 shareholder in the Golden City Association, and her name in the old Record Book.

WILLIAMS, J. E., arrived Apr 27, 1859, was born Connecticut Apr 21, 1834. Jun 19 of year of arrival he files claim for ranche land (see Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber C, p. 229 old.) (Hall’s List of Pioneers, Vol. 2)

WILLIAMS, Jack, mentioned in papers as being with a company mining in Russell’s Gulch, 1859.

WILLIAMS, L A., from Vermont, is said by Bancroft to have erected steam saw mill in Denver 1859. The RMN states that he had brought this across the plains on wagon drawn by oxen, and that he also engaged in stock raising and farming on Cherry Creek, two miles from town. His arrival at Denver said to be Mar 28. In 1872 he is married to Miss Mary Hacker, and they had two children later it is said. He lived in the Arkansas Valley.

WILLIAMS, Lemuel S., grantee, Aug 6, 1859, from H. D. McClain, lot adjacent the Stag Hall Saloon on Lawrence Street between said Hall and C. Street, Denver City, “with logs which are on the said lot.” Consideration $75. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

WILLIAMS, N. W., “paid Jul 25 $1 signed C.C.P.” notes in back of old Gregory Record of 1859, and supposed by the record office clerks to be made in that time.

WILLIAMS, Orson B., of Arapahoe County, is grantor of lot in City of Auraria, Dec 1859.

WILLIAMS, R., lives at Pollock’s Ranche, one and a half miles south of Lone Tree. May 7, 1859. (RMN, see old files of date.)

WILLIAMS, William, (Old Parson Bill Williams), as he was known in the vernacular, was born in Kentucky, it is stated, was of good education and had been a Methodist circuit rider in early life. He abandoned civilization, took up a trappers life on the plains and in the Rocky Mountains, became familiar and friendly with many wild tribes of Indians, learned a number of the languages, and was noted at the time of Fremont’s disastrous fourth expedition, which set out into the mountains Oct 19, 1848. He had been engaged as chief guide by Fremont to conduct the party over the Sangre de Christo Mountains. But Fremont became displeased with him because he would not advise an advance over a perfectly inaccessible part of the range, sent him to the rear in disgrace and took upon himself to go on with his men being guided and advised by one of the under scouts. After incredible sufferings the whole party returned to Taos, and later Williams attempted, with a party, which he organized, to go over the horrible trail again and recover some of the lost equipment. Eleven bodies also were left on that trail. Wooten and Kit Carson have said, according to details given in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 238 (see also Vol. 1, p. 124), that
Williams was in no way responsible for the misfortune, and that Fremont, being most stubborn, was entirely to blame. Williams was murdered by Indians some time afterward, while on one of his less important expeditions. Wooten says that he was sixty years of age, and had been on the plains since 1831, and was a skillful, brave and experienced mountaineer, and wonderfully powerful and eloquent in oratory, but a very “singular” man. His name was almost a household word among the pioneers of 1858-9, and some of them said that he had found the gold in that particular spot, after his return from California in the late forties.

WILLIAMSON, George R., a son of Thomas Williamson, and born Mercer County, Pennsylvania Jul 13, 1824 on a farm, became superintendent of Davison Coal banks, Beaver County, of that State, his uncle William Fruit being its owner. In 1855 he removed to Decatur County, Nebraska Territory. He bought land, but gave it up and crossed plains to the goldfields in 1858, prospecting in all the camps of Gilpin County, and later built Bear Creek toll road. He found valuable mines in what later was called the Sugar Load [Loaf?] District, which yielded afterward over half a million dollars. In 1880 he owns 400 feet of tunnels in the Yellow Pine Mine, which he discovered. On another mine he owns 1,000 feet of tunnels, and on another 300 feet. In 1880 his wealth was estimated at a million dollars. In 1895 he was President of the Boulder National Bank. The above notes are from the History Boulder County, published 1880, and from newspaper mentions.

WILLING, Dr. George M., miner, at bases of the mountains, late of Missouri, is a candidate for delegate to Congress, Nov 3, 1859. (RMN, p. 2), one of the opponents of Beverley L. Williams, who was elected. The mission was one of appeal and supplication as to the wants of the new colony, and the elected one not a regular member of Congress, because no state or territory existed there. Later he opens an office at Mr. Dolman’s boarding house in Auraria, offering his professional services. He had been mining at the base of the Snowy Range.

WILLIS & COMPANY, mining, with three men, Russell’s Gulch, summer of 1859.

WILLIS, CAPT. & COMPANY, his or their train arrives (RMN list May 23, 1859) with 6 wagons and 42 persons. (He is “of Sidney, Illinois.)

WILLIS, P. E., arrived with William Green Russell’s party from Georgia 1859. (Arrival noted in RMN.)

WILLIS, R. or Robert, appointed in 1859 presiding Judge for Pike County by Gov. Steele, “until his successor is elected.” This was in December. Later the paper announces that, “Robert Willis returns from the East.” He was an original member Auraria Town Company 1858. In 1890 was resident of Huerfano. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 4, p. 24)Probably Robert Willis and R. B. and Robert B. Willis are the same (?) as the last named description gives La Veta 1920 and is said to be an arrival of 1858. Certificate of his Denver lots in Dec 1859 are to be seen at Arapahoe County Land Office, and he was a Vice President of the first Society of Colorado
Pioneers mentioned in paper RMN as being those of 1858-9. (Only these accepted for membership.) There was one R. B. Willis came with the Lawrence Party. See also under McFadden. Member also of the Mammoth Quartz Lead Mining Company.

WILLIS, W. J., was mentioned in RMN of 1859 as mining at Gregory Diggings, and a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

WILLMAN, or WILMAN, W. T., (see under D. D. Stout).

WILLMAN, W. C., arrived from Rockport, Illinois (list in RMN spring 1859)

WILLOUGHBY, Edmund A., a son of Gen. Franklin Willoughby, a leading man and pioneer of New York, (Judge Wetzel Willoughby of the Court of Appeals of Virginia being his brother, and uncle of the Colorado pioneer). Another uncle, and brother of his father being Rev. B. F. Willoughby of Oneida, New York, was born Groton, Tompkins County, New York, Jan 6, 1836, and joined party for Pike’s Peak 1858, where they arrived Oct 27. He soon began work, carpentering with M. A. Avery as most of the people were mining, and no one was building the houses. They soon had too much to do. The old Denver Hall is one of their productions, and in 1871-2 begun manufacturing bricks. These bricks were called the Willoughby brick later. Sheriff of Arapahoe County 1873, and Alderman (4th Ward). (Bancroft) According to Larimer he was the man who put up the first winter quarters in Auraria. (?)

His Auraria lots from the Town Company (probably Select Lots, as they are four in number) are described in Liber E, p. 228, old. In Oct 1859 they were selected. In that year his shop was on Arapahoe Street, Denver, but in 1870 we find him on G. Street (Sixteenth).

He had married in 1864 Mrs. Martha B. Whiting and in 1880, date of publication of what is called the “Vickers” History of Denver (from which several of the above notes are taken), had two sons. The following death is mentioned in RMN, Dec 11, 1870: Died Eddy, son of E. A. and Martha B. Willoughby, aged two years. Funeral from residence of parents, corner L. and Lawrence Streets. (L. Street was what is now 21st Street.) E. A. Willoughby was for years Secretary of the Society of Colorado Pioneers, and his portrait is in Daily RMN, p. 6, Dec 5, 1899. At that time he gave the paper an opinion that there must be five hundred pioneers of 1858-59-60 in Colorado.

WILSEY & COMPANY, (R. A. Wilsey), mining in Gregory Diggings and on Sep 29, 1859 were in Mountain City, and file record. (Gregory Record, p. 11, 1859)

WILSON, ---, of firm of Harshawk & Wilson, mining Russell’s 1859.

WILSON, ---, had on Dec 3 a Donation Lot from Denver City Town Company with his agreement to build hewed log house.
WILSON, A., grantor, to John H. Gerrish, farm claim, south of Vasquez Fork, or Clear Creek, commences at point 350 yards west of the “Cherokee Trail,” etc. Dated Nov 3, 1859.

WILSON, Robert S., arrived mouth Cherry Creek Oct 25, 1858. (No reference)

WILSON, William, elected constable in Denver or Auraria or both 1859.

WILSON, Williams J., was witness in Fountain City, Feb 7, 1859 (RMN) to deed signature by Levi Ferguson. The matter is recorded in Arapahoe County Land Records, old, and is relating to Denver lots.

WILTZE, Mr. Chauncy, arrived and left for South Park, 1859. (RMN) He is miner, Gregory Diggings, also civil engineer and surveyor, with office on McGaa Street, Denver, and again at location in City of Auraria. He is associated with Capt. Hall as engineer making surveys, etc. at Fort St. Vrain 1859. In Gregory Diggings he is on Oct 1 of the year witness of a deed at Mountain City, again on another page is mentioned as member of a firm in Mountain City, C. J. McDuffie & Company, with claims in Hyatt Lode. (Gregory Record, p. 13, also 15, and 21, old)

WINCHESTER, James, is believed to have been present in Dec 1858 when the first meeting of Masons in the Pike’s Peak Region was held in a cabin in Auraria. (See under McFadding for his associates.) He had Donation Lots in Auraria in spring of 1859 (with agreement to build cabin) and on Nov 9 is grantor to H. R. Hunt of Denver lots. He is said to have died before 1899. (Name spelled with an initial L. in one note in Record Office.)

WINCHESTER, Lucilion J., miner, Denver with home also in Auraria, is mentioned in RMN in Mar of 1859 as being Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County, recently elected. He was a stockholder of Denver City Town Company and in the first Constitutional Convention represents as a delegate the El Dorado District. Nov 9 he is President of the Colorado City Town Company, and again in same month appears in Arapahoe County Land Records as grantor of 13 Denver lots to Richard Whitsitt. Also in November he, with nine other freemasons, makes petition to the Grand Lodge of Kansas for a Dispensation for a Lodge in Denver City. A little later he is Worshipful Master of Auraria Lodge U. D. and makes a petition to the Grand Lodge of Kansas. He is still of Arapahoe County on Jun 12, 1860, for he gives Power of Attorney to George Wynkoop of same County, to execute all business for him after that date. The next we hear is in the paper where he is mentioned: “Mr. L. J. Winchester leaves for the States.”

WINGO, C. H., mentioned in RMN as of Gregory Diggings 1859.

WINKLEMAN, John, files his farm claim made Jun 1859, in the following July, location for coal mining, etc., Jefferson Territory, beginning at a stake at west side Rocky
Ridge, between Baden and Mt. Vernon. This location also recorded in Denver. (Jefferson County Land Records, Liber A, p. 50)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 17 horse teams and 80 men arrived from this County May 17, 1859. Mentioned in RMN of date. No names.

WINSER, or WISNER (?), J. H., member first Constitutional Convention from District of Golden City, 1859.

WINTER, Nathan, of Adair County, Missouri, arrived via Platte Route, May 10, 1859. (RMN, List of Arrivals, file)

WISCONSIN COMPANY (the), lumber dealers, located in Business Directory of 1859 on 4th between Front and Cherry, City of Auraria. On Dec 31 it is grantee of lot 12, block 39, in that City. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WISE, William, born Germany, Jun 3, 1835, arrived Colorado May 1, 1859. “Uncle Billy Wise” a well known and popular pioneer, who in 1866 is mentioned in Business Directory with a station at Larimer and between F. and G. Streets.

WISENALL, John B., of Denver, certified that he is entitled to Denver lots and later, Aug 22, he is grantor of lots Aug 22. (Land Records)

WISNER, J. H. (See Winser above), is grantee of “Gregory’s Ranche” at foot Table Mountain Sep 20, 1859.

WISNER, Jacob, or Auraria, (may be same above?) is grantee at Sheriff’s sale of Auraria lots, Oct 26, same year.

WITCHER, N. L., member first Constitutional Convention or Provisional Convention (?) from Gregory Diggings. He had ranche claim Jul 19, 1859, next that of C. W. Smith, surveyed for him on this date in Clear Creek bottoms, Jefferson County, and recorded in same County in Land Records. There is mention in files of the RMN during summer of the year, that the firm of Witcher, Reeves & Ford (three men) are mining in Russell’s Gulch.

WITHORD, S., sells his two Select and two Draw lots in blocks 39 48-51, Denver, on Sep 20, 1859.

WITHROW, James, surveyor, “will soon leave for the States.” (RMN, files, 1859)

WITTER, Daniel, born Franklin County, Indiana 1827. His parents moved to St. Joseph’s County, Indiana and he married in 1854 Miss Clara Matthews, whose half brother, Schuyler Colfax, afterward became Vice President of the United States. (Colfax Avenue was named for him soon after a visit he had made in Denver.) Witter arrived goldfields leaving family in Indiana, Aug 13, 1859, becoming first a miner in
Tarryall District. They then (after the arrival of his wife and two infant daughters in Feb 1862) lived for a time at Hamilton, a town of about 100 cabins, where he was Post Master, having been appointed by Lincoln. It was below Tarryall, about two and a half miles in the Gulch. Their next home was a house on Cherry Creek, or near the stream on what is now 13th Street. From this place they moved to the corner of Larimer and Eighth Streets, (formerly in Auraria, but later called West Denver) where they lived for many years until all the children were married and gone excepting Ellen, who is still living in Denver, but the old place has been sold. It was almost a block in extent and embraced a fine garden, a large conservatory, and beautiful house, which cost, it is said, ten thousand dollars when erected about 1872. It was built of square wood panels, or blocks, resembling stone, painted stone color, had about ten rooms, was supplied with “speaking tubes” in all the rooms, then a new thing as far as Denver was concerned, and was lighted by some sort of gas, not now in use. The large parlors were finished in black walnut, a mass of fine moulding, the ceilings were ornamented with relief work, very handsome, and altogether it was a place which should have been moved away and preserved when it became old, instead of being torn down like an ordinary old residence. Its predecessor, the one the Witters tore down to give place to it, must have been a very early erection, was a story and a half high, of frame always white with green shutters, and that pretty cut out decorative wood lattice work which was used so much by the pioneers as it was fashionable in the fifties, though there was considerable difference in the art and taste with which it was used. Daniel Witter was appointed U. S. Assessor by Grant, which place he held four years. He had been admitted to the Bar in 1862, and a practice in land law and matters connected with the Government lands grew up about him, and this was shared by his daughter Ellen, who is still carrying it on, she having been admitted to the Bar as a lawyer some years ago. He was a member of the first legislative assembly which met Nov 7, 1861 under the real Territorial Government. He was then a resident of Park County (Ninth District), being a resident there at the session of the 2nd Legislature in 1862. These early meetings for legislative work were called “Assemblies.”

WOLDER, G., witness in Auraria Jul 28, 1859. (See Wilder, same?)

WOLPERT, D., mentioned in Hall’s List as pioneer of Aug 1859, with residence at Platte. Born Ohio, Nov 23, 1833. David Wolfert or Wolpert had a land claim on the Platte three miles below mouth of Clear Creek recorded in Auraria Nov 4, 1859. He came from Hancock County, Illinois, and has residence in Denver. Married Miss Catherine Henderson.

WOLFF, Hiram G., arrived Aug 20, 1859, residence Denver, born Virginia May 6, 1816.

WOOD, Alexander, on Jul 12, 1859 is grantor, associated with P. T. Bassett, of title to lot 12, block 35, Auraria, “being the same house in which Bassett and Wood lived in Auraria,” and this he sells as administrator of estate of Bassett, to William Blackstock. Many lots belonging to him and to Bassett are described in detail Sep 24, 1859, in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber A, p. 205, old.
WOOD, C. H., grantee, Nov 28, 1859, lots in a place not given, probably Denver or Auraria. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WOOD, Carroll, leading a band who attacked Byers, was in 1860 run out of town, but it is stated several places that he was occupying Denver much earlier than that date.

WOOD, Frank J., had first drug store in Georgetown in 1859, but lived later in the Arkansas Valley. (He was of Chicago.)

WOOD, G. L., was of Russell’s Gulch 1859. (Files of RMN)

WOOD, George A., from Pioneers’ List (member). He was of Kiowa as late as 1920. He arrived Colorado Jun 25, 1859.


WOOD, James M., member first Provisional Legislature (Council). He was a miner during this year at Russell’s. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 210) Said to be of Georgia. (?) He was Territorial Councilman elect from the 5th District. Gives the Masonic Lodge in Auraria, of which he was a member, $20 “for the good of Masonry” on Nov 25. He is referred to by the paper as Hon. J. M. Wood, Superintendent of the Consolidated Ditch Company. (See p. 2, RMN, Sep 3, same year, 1859.) The ditch was located by B. F. Chase on Middle Fork of Clear Creek (then called Vasquez). The Golden paper, Western Mountaineer, has fine article from him on this subject in issue of Dec 4, p. 4. This ditch had lines to bring water to Gregory Diggings.

WOOD, James D., miner, Clear Creek & Boulder Diggings, 1859. Is discoverer of the Butter mine, Gilpin County according to note in Bancroft, p. 379.

WOOD, Rev. M., a Baptist minister mentioned in RMN files ’59.

WOOD, O. M., elected Vice President of the first Constitutional Convention at second session of the meeting 1859. (See J. M. Wood?)

WOOD, Robert, mining, Clear Creek and Boulder Valley, 1859.

WOOD, W. H., barber, Auraria, located Ferry Street. (Business Directory ’59)

WOOD, W. J., witness Aug 9, 1859 in land deal. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

WOOD, William H., signs quit claim deed on Jul 13, 1859 conveying lots to Anthony Botts. (Lot 9, block 35, Auraria) (Land Records)
WOODBURY, ---, mentioned in The Trail, p. 15, Dec 1925, as having brought to the gold diggings in 1859 some dried vegetables.

WOODCOCK & HODGSON, took up claim on Bear Creek Jun 24, 1859.

WOODMANCY, J., was Territorial Representative elect to the Provisional Assembly from 6th District in 1859. J. A. Woodmancy, miner, was Secretary of the miners’ meeting at Russell’s Gulch, Oct 21, 1859, to protest against merchants of Denver and Auraria reducing the price of gold dust, and to boycott certain of these merchants. (RMN files, p. 1, Nov 10, 1859)

WOODWARD, ---, mentioned in one of the histories (?) as being at Montana City in 1858.

WOODWARD, Dr. G. N. (also spelled G. W.?), of Denver City, Aug 23, 1859 is described as owner of lots 19-20, block 45 and lot 45, block 47, in that place, as well as many others not enumerated here. Oct 1 he certifies to his ownership of lots in blocks 235 and 290 and transfers them to G. W. Bark. On Oct 15 Woodward leases to Barck, lot 20, block 45, on Larimer Street, for twelve months, with right to remove the building if he wishes so to do. The consideration was $50.

WOODWARD, J. N, was a miner referred to in RMN as living at Hill Difficulty 1859.

WOODWARD, R. J., was witness during this year on Nov 9 to Denver deed.

WOODWARD, & WAGGONER, firm Denver 1859.

WOODWORTH, J. H., of Golden announces in the papers that he is prepared to convey freight to any part of the mountains with safety, Dec 7, 1859.

WOOLEY, David, of Boulder Creek, pioneer of 1858, was in party which discovered the famous Gold Hill, afterward so fine a mining district, in the mountains above Boulder. (Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 181)

WOOLWORTH, (this name may be very likely to be the correct one instead of Woodward in possibly one of the instances mentioned above, as printing mistakes were so common at that time?)

WOOTEN, J. E., & D. D. Cook were partners in an action and commission business in Auraria on Ferry Street, next store of R. L. Wooten in 1859, and it is referred to in RMN of May 7 in advertizement.

WOOTEN, Joseph L., grantor of lots on Cherry Street, Auraria, sells by Richard L. Wooten (R. L.). (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)
WOOTEN, Richard L., Jr., in Hall’s List of Pioneers in 1890 is noted as having arrived at mouth Cherry Creek same date as Richard Wooten, Sr., Dec 24, 1858. Born Mar 21, 1851. Lived 1890 and again 1920 (in another record) at Trinidad, Colorado, and was a member of the of Colorado Pioneer’s Society.

WOOTEN, Richard S., Sr., lived in Trinidad, Colorado (name variously given as R. S. and R. L.), according to list in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 565, was born in Virginia, May 6, 1816, and (arrived at mouth of Cherry Creek 1858) came to Pike’s Peak Region Jun 1, 1836. Hall says he was “one of the most magnificent figures that ever trailed an Indian, or trapped a beaver.” Was born at Boydton, Mecklenburg County, in his native State.

His parents later removed to Kentucky and later, after wandering about, Richard L. settled on the western border of Missouri. In 1836 he joined a train belonging to Bent & St. Vrain for Bent’s Fort on the Arkansas River. He then became an explorer, hunter and also trapper, making some money with his pelts. Then he became an Indian trader, traversing the entire region. Later he bought sheep and tried breeding buffaloes with his American cows, and was unable to continue this experiment because of an opportunity to sell the rangers of the plains to the Central Park of New York. But he later dealt in livestock, and lived near Pueblo 1842.

“Uncle Dick Wooten,” as he was affectionately called in his later days, was of the opinion that Denver and Auraria had about 500 inhabitants in 1858 when he started his store. Of course, it was a population that moved considerably, somewhat like an ocean. It included all classes from the finest to the most desperate and tough of humanity. Uncle Dick had a good word for all of them. He was appointed Colonel of the Governor’s staff in 1859 by Gov. Steele. He was Clerk of Supervisors in same year, and member of the first Constitutional Convention, also elected County Commissioner, March, early in year. He had in addition to his store a saloon on Ferry Street, Auraria, according to Directory of the memorable year. This was no disgrace in those hard days, as persons were so often exhausted and ill from causes that seemed to need more than the poor food the miners were able to have.

The ground where his store stood is now represented by numbers 1413-1415 Eleventh Street, east side, between Market and Wazee. The building had three and a quarter stories, was of hewn logs, and 20 x 32 feet in size. It had glazed windows. Altogether it gave its owner that social prestige always obtainable in a small town by a fine building. (The RMN used its top floor.)

Wooten married in 1848, and settled at first in Taos, New Mexico. She came with him to Cherry Creek later, in 1858. She was a native of Mexico. She died in Auraria, Mar 25, 1860, and her remains were followed to the grave the next day by many sympathizing friends. The paper says: “Mrs. W. was, we believe, the second white woman who took up residence in this City accompanying her husband on his first arrival from Mexico, Dec 24, 1858.” Hall says that Wooten married four times, and had eight children living in 1875, while Wooten in 1890 was alive and preparing his memoirs for press. These were very instructive (edited by Henry L. Conard. See.) Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, pp. 233-241, has fine life of Wooten, see also Smiley, Byers, Stone and all other histories of the State and the files of papers.
WORTIN, B. G., witness to signature of Enos & Mary J. McLauthlin, Sep 15, 1859, in Denver. (Arapahoe County Land Records, old)

WRIGHT, Alpheus, born St. Lawrence County, New York, Aug 15, 1832, of New England parentage. 1853, after educating himself at academy at Canton, went to Australia, mining, in that gold excitement. Then returned to United States, located in Wisconsin, where he studied law, and began practice, until 1859 when he came to the Pike’s Peak goldfields, mined in Gilpin County, returned to Wisconsin once or twice, in 1865 was in Colorado Territorial Legislature, and was County Attorney of Boulder County 1866. His wife was Miss Sarah J. Hutchinson, married Nov 1857. (See Bascom, History of Boulder County, 1880)

WRIGHT, Andrew C., was occupant of the 8th wagon of the Lawrence Party when they entered the region now called Colorado, Jun 10, 1858. His name is cut in the sandstone of the Gateway to the Garden of the Gods, it is said, but is now almost worn away. It was in July they passed that spot, and several members climbed the Peak. In Hall’s list his natal place is given as New York (State) Jul 4, 1837. He was one of the original 1858 stockholders of Auraria in his year of arrival. He is mentioned in Larimer’s Reminiscences. Is said to have built the first house in the American side of Pueblo, but in 1895 was a resident of Denver. Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 3, p. 450, says that the house he built in Pueblo was on corner of Santa Fe and First Streets. In 1859 he had a number of lots recorded and described, in March having 80 lots in Auraria, and 136 in Highland City, besides a ranche which he took up (now Argo District) and tried to trade them all for a horse, but the Mexican who proposed to buy them changed his mind.

WRIGHT, A. P. & COMPANY, mining, Gregory Diggings, said to be from Elkhart, Indiana.

WRIGHT, J., otherwise called Jack Wright, said by Larimer to have lived in Pueblo about 1859. Member of the Pueblo Town Company. He was one of the first to build cabin in Auraria, too. This name is mentioned by Hall, Bancroft, and several others.

WYALL, (this name occurs but may be Wyatt (?)) COOPER & WYALL saw mill, Cherry Creek pineries 1859. (See following)

WYALL, Nathaniel G. (sometimes spelled N. S. Wyall), arrived Apr 1, 1859. He was member of the first Constitutional Convention, a delegate from Russellville, and later in year a member of the first Provisional Legislature, or Council, being at this time a partner of Whitsitt. He was an attorney, listed in the Directory of that year, and some historian has said, referring to the growth of the young City of Denver, “Judge Wyatt never believed in it, thought it would be abandoned.” In Apr 1859 there is record of N. S. Wyatt arriving with a saw mill from the Missouri River, being partner of H. P. Bennett in this enterprize. This was set up on Running Creek, about 30 miles south of Cherry Creek mouth. (See Wyall, above ?)

WYMANN, John W., a resident of Kansas, defendant in suit in County of Arapahoe, said to be in the Rocky Mountains (item in RMN, p. 2, Nov 17) Larimer mentions a “Young Mr. Wyman” of St. Louis, who on Jan 8 of this year is returning East with Mr. Lawrence in a three mule wagon. There is mentioned William Y. Wymer (?) or William L. Wymer (?) in one old land record giving grant from Denver Town Company to him, of lots Aug 23, 1859.

WYNKOOP, Edward W., came with the Lecompton Party 1858, and a street in Denver still bears his name. He was a member of the Denver City Town Company, and lived here, but was also a resident of Arapahoe Village in this year, and later. In the diary of Jackson, published by Hall, he is said to be one of the proprietors of that place. In 1859 he was a friend of Bliss, and in the noted duel between that pioneer and Dr. J. S. Stone, on Mar 5, Wynkoop was his Second. (See under these names, also see files RMN of date.)

The following record from Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 275, old, gives a little information: Edward W. Wynkoop, partner of Robert M. Nace of Lecompton, Kansas Territory, grantors, Sep 5, 1859, to Jerome Kunkle of Rising Sun, Jefferson County, Kansas, consideration $400” (here follows description of lands or lots), “all their goods and chattels, mortgaged,” the grantors acknowledging paper in Dauphin County, Kansas. This was recorded in Denver Feb 15, 1860: Mr. Wynkoop did not withdraw from the community at this time, for there is a mention in the Colorado Republican and Rocky Mountain Herald, Aug 24, 1861 as follows: Married, in this City, Wednesday, Aug 21, 1861, at Mr. Wakeley’s on Larimer Street, by Rev. Mr. Kehler, Lieut. Edward W. Wynkoop and Miss Louisa M. Brown, both of Denver. Later it is stated in the paper of Apr 15, 1882 (or near that date) that “Ned Wynkoop, a pioneer of 1858, is visiting friends in Denver, and is much surprized at the City’s growth.” This was quoted in the reminiscent column of the Rocky Mountain Herald, Apr 17, 1926.

The Denver Post, Jun 10, 1926 has notice concerning a death in California of Edward Wynkoop, Jr., son of the pioneer, who had at that time been crushed under an automobile, which a train had hurled off the railroad track. He was born in Denver, son of Major Edward Wynkoop, of the first Colorado Regiment (Civil War). The accident occurred in Stockton, he being an employee of the Southern Pacific Railway, and was later buried in Oakland. He was a conductor on this railway.

The note goes on to state that the elder Wynkoop, after his service in the Civil War, attained a considerable degree of fame as an Indian fighter, and when retired, by President Grant he was made an Indian agent in New Mexico. Here he served many years, afterward becoming warden of the New Mexico penitentiary.

WYNKOOP, George, is witness to deed in Arapahoe County Land Records, Nov 1859. He was appointed to a military position of some kind, it is said, by Gov. Steele in this year. He is still living in Denver 1860, for is again a witness on Jan 12 in Auraria.
WYROUCH, Jacob, of Denver City, is grantee of lots 5-6, block 65, in that place, the lots having come to grantor, H. P. A. Smith by a “Drawing” in said town according to the plan of the town. This paper is dated Oct 30, 1859.
YARD, Angeline C., of Trenton, Mercer County, New Hampshire, under date Feb 15, 1860, is property owner in Denver, for she confers Power of Attorney at that date upon H. J. Brendlinger, of Arapahoe County, to sell, rent, or dispose of all, or any part of her property there. Edward Scudder is a witness to her paper, which is certified to in Trenton. If not a resident of the place in 1859 she is no doubt a property owner of that year, and the record should be included as it may throw light upon some other matters concerning the pioneers of Denver.

YASE (YATE?), Emily, is grantee, from William Clancy “For a valuable consideration” lot 2, block 278, City of Denver, Dec 3, 1859. (Arapahoe County Land Records)

YOST, ---, had four lots donated in Denver 1859. (Clipping)

YOUNG, J., of Missouri, arrived spring 1859. Mentioned in RMN, files, May 28, 1859 during early part of year. The following marriage may be of value to someone of the Young family, even if not relating to this pioneer: (RMN, files) John S. Young and Melissa Foster, married Sep 7, 1863, Denver, by the Rev. Hitchings. (Episcopalian Minister)

Also the following: Died, in Eureka Gulch, Jul 27, 1862, Lucinda Louisa, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Young, aged 7 years. The last notice is from the Tri-Weekly Mining Register, Central City, Jul 28.

YOUNG, J., arrived goldfields with D. L. Russell, Jun 1, 1859, with 5 wagons and 30 men, by Santa Fe Route. (RMN, list, June)

YOUNG, Moses, is grantee, consideration $200, lot 12, block 32, City of Auraria, Dec 9, 1859. On Dec 11 he sells Denver lots to William West, and there are several other transfers, and Jan 13, 1860 he acquires from Auraria Town Company, eight Auraria lots, and on Jun 24 Denver lots from Thomas Warren. On Mar 12 in this year, Young shot William West (the purchaser of his lots sold in December before), and the act occurred near the Larimer Bridge. He was tried, found guilty, and the following day executed at the same spot. On May 16, same year, a note payable to him the previous Jan 9 was contested. (RMN, and Arapahoe County Land Records)

YOUNG, Valarious (Valorous?), joined Russell Party in Kansas, so it is said. V. Y. Young is stockholder Auraria City Town Company 1858. The name of V. W. Young occurs in Arapahoe County Land Records, Liber D, p. 129, old, as grantee from Auraria Town Company of 17 lots in Auraria City, the transaction dated Dec 8, 1859. The same name is mentioned in paper as a miner in Gregory during summer of that year. (Probably these three are variations of the same name.)

YOUNG, William, resident of Golden Sep 1859, for it was in his cabin that Vanover took refuge from the mob. The place was near the present site of the Baptist Church, according to description in the Western Mountaineer, or RMN (?). Both papers circulated in Golden. Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 3, p. 450, says that William H.
Young and wife had a son, Emory Young, (eldest son) said to be first white child born south of the Divide. William H. Young was a founder of Canon City in 1859.

YOUNGBLOOD, Harry, farmer of Arkansas Valley 1859, went under an assumed name according to Bancroft, Vol 25, p. 395. He arrived with Robert Middleton.

YOUNKER, Jason T., living 1895, original member Auraria Town Company. (See Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 2, p. 4) John T. Younker is mentioned by Bancroft as of Lawrence Party in 1858, born Ohio, Aug 28, 1833, former teacher, then telegraphy, emigrated Kansas, fought border ruffians, lived five miles from Denver, after failure to find gold on Platte, where he remained until 1879, when he removed to the City.

He married 1867, Annie R. Thompson. (Bancroft, Vol. 25, p. 366) In the records of the Colorado Pioneers’ Society his arrival is dated Jun 22, 1858, and there is a mention somewhere of his occupying the 7th wagon and it is said that while engaged in a buffalo hunt on the plains at one time during the trip, he was lost for three days, but found alive. He had Donation Lots in Auraria City.

YOUNT, Capt. Abram K., grocer, rancher, banker later in Fort Collins, was at old Fort St. Vrain in 1858, arriving with party accompanying Capt. Thomas Aikens. (October) There is a supplement to the Denver Tribune, Mar 13, 1876, published during the session of the Constitutional Convention in that year. Possibly this may not be included in the bound files of that paper, and some of the files have disappeared too, but of which this compiler has a copy, and the following information has been taken from it. There seems to be a doubt as to whether the Capt. Yount mentioned above is identical with the Abram K. of this Convention, and of Fort Collins, unless he may have visited Fort St. Vrain on going eastward from Nevada in autumn of 1858, as the account says he went home to Ohio in 1859, but as it does not say that he did not start in 1858, there is no reason to doubt that he did do so.

“Abram K. Yount, born 1831, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, at age of five years emigrated with parents to Northwestern Ohio, near Perrysburg. In year 1851 he went to California, remaining there until 1857. Then to Nevada, and settled on the site where Virginia City now is standing. He located a claim on the celebrated Comstock Lode, and abandoned it, and returned to Ohio 1859. (This was probably through Colorado, leaving Nevada fall of the previous year?) In 1860 came to Kansas, and Oct 24, 1865 came to Denver. (This is probably the date of his permanent coming.) The following December, located on the Big Thompson, kept store, sold out 1871, and took pleasure trip to California, visiting San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and points on the coast and in the interior. In the succeeding March, he returned to Colorado, locating at Fort Collins, then in 1872 opened a banking business under name of A. K. & E. B. Yount. (The E. B. was Ella B. (Doolittle), his wife.) He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1865, (? His name not included in list of members published in Hall’s Colorado History, Vol 2, pp. 548-9?) and of that of 1876. He carried on the banking business until about 1879 or 1880 when he had a fall by trying to board a railway car in motion. This caused his death, but his widow continued the bank in Fort Collins, also building and carrying on a mill
in Boulder, Colorado. From the Woman’s Who’s Who of America, edited by J. W. Leonard, 1914, p. 914, we learn that his name was Abram Knox Yount, and that in 1865 she crossed the plains with him, they having been married in Hiawatha, Kansas May 1861. She always assisted him in the store and bank, and after he died made some unsuccessful efforts to develop some mining properties, which proved unworthy and with other expenses and losses occasioned the failure of the bank. She came to Denver, never revisited in Fort Collins, until late in life when very old, and after the death of her devoted sister, Mrs. Woodman, she went there to end her days with a niece. But she died while on a visit to some relatives in Mancos, Colorado about Apr or Mar 1925 or 1926.

YOUTSE & COMPANY, mentioned in RMN summer of 1859, as mining in Pleasant Valley, four men.

ZIEGLER, William, of Missouri (also said to be from Indiana. Probably both statements correct.), arrived it is said with David K. Wall, the party going to Arapahoe City, then very lively, early in 1859. It is said that he accompanied Gregory on his first trip of discovery in May of that year, when they found the Gregory gold mines of famous memory. He was then associated with partner Defries, the firm called Defries & Ziegler. In Horace Greeley’s Report, January of the year, they all started up the Clear Creek Valley together. A later partnership was called Ziegler, Spain & Company. This party is mentioned on Hall’s Colorado History, Vol. 1, p. 198, as having a sluice running at Gregory Diggings for three weeks and cleaned up 3,000 pennyweights of gold dust. These partners were from South Bend, Indiana. They had four in the Company, and one hired worker, as this was often the case. They made each man from twenty-one to four hundred and ninety five dollars per day, during the summer.

The name Zeigler does not appear in the Denver Directory of 1866, so it is likely that they did not come here, but in the Golden City Books of Wills there is mention of Charles Ziegler, whose Will was written Jan 11, 1884, and probated Oct 26, 1896. The wife mentioned was Mara Ziegler, and there were two daughters, May and Margaret (now married), these being by a first wife, and also a daughter Frances S. Ziegler.

The last named family is included in this record, as there is a possibility of their being related to the Zieglers of the notes given above.