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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN???. . .

By Dorothy Galloway

This is the theme of our Arvada Historical and Old Timer's Reunion Days picnic. It is to be held August 28, 1977, at 12:30 p.m., at the North Jeffco Recreation Center on Ralston Road.

Do you remember when we had agriculture displays, handwork, baking and canning displays at the Arvada Harvest Festival?...Well, this is what it's all about this year. We'll wind up with an old fashioned square dance for everyone.

There may even be some class reunions. Get your gang together and come for a very good time.

You will be hearing more about this at a later date. Watch for the mail.

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many things are happening in the Arvada Historical Society. By now you have all received your Roster and can appreciate the fine work done by Gene and Betty Stockdale who prepared the Roster and Lloyd Gorrell who printed it. They have done a beautiful job, and no doubt the members are enjoying the convenience of having all this material at their finger tips.

An investigation is being made by Ann Storm, Jean Claeys and Marilyn Wimmer to purchase display cases with the money donated to the Society by the Arvada Women's Club.

It is hoped the cases will be available for the school exhibit which will be held August 15 to October 1, 1977. Marilyn Lytle, Ginny Turnquist, Sherry Smith and Marcetta Lutz are collecting items for this exhibit. Anyone having old school memorabilia which they would like to loan for the exhibit, please contact one of the above persons.

The \$2 membership dues were reviewed. The Board of Directors decided that since everything is being increased these days, we would not raise AHS dues. However, we would like to encourage donations of any additional amount to defray rising costs of the AHS. The 1977-1978 dues will be due August 24, 1977.

AHS in conjunction with the Arvada Center Foundation Board will have a booth again this year at the Festival of the West, to be held at the County Fair Grounds on July 3-4, 1977. We will be contacting some of you to help man the booth during those days. Many new activities are being planned, and the Festival is expected to be even better than it has been in the past.

Indexes for "Waters of Gold" and "More Than Gold" are currently being printed. Watch for the new release of these worthwhile supplements to two Arvada historical books.

Plan to join us for the annual meeting, to be held August 20 at Bernards Restaurant, 7:00 p.m. Dinners will be \$5.25 per person and must be paid by August 15. Send checks to Sherry Smith, Treasurer, P.O. Box 419, Arvada, Co. 80001. At this meeting new officers will be elected and installed, and a worthwhile program is being planned. Come help us celebrate our sixth anniversary.

Marcetta Lutz, President

## THE HAINES' LOG CABIN

By Marcetta Lutz

The oldest log cabin in this area is located north of West 66th Ave. and east of Highway 93. The City of Arvada now owns the property and is intending to build a reservoir and dam where the log house sits. According to Ron Culbertson, City Engineer, the final designs will be established by July 1, and the City will begin operations sometime after January 1, 1978. The groundwork on getting the cabin moved must begin immediately. As a starter, the history has been researched and is printed below for your information.

Asahel Haines came to this area in the early 1860's. He was born and married in Ohio to Martha Paxon in 1853. Martha died in May of 1856, and seven years later he married Abi Reed of Ohio, February 15, 1863. Wanting to start a new life in the western frontier, Asahel and his 19 year-old bride traveled to Colorado in a covered wagon.

Haines pre-empted 159 acres on Ralston Creek in Section 3, Township 3 South, Range 70 West and raised his cabin. John S. Kinnear, a friend and surveyor, wrote an affidavit to the land office on November 29, 1864, stating that Asahel Haines had built a cabin 18 x 20 feet, with two additions. "The main building and each addition with a roof, floor, doors, and windows and are comfortable for a family to live in."

The Pre-emption Act of 1841 permitted people to secure land by "proving it up," making application for said land, and paying \$1.25 per acre to the United States Government. Asahel Haines paid \$198.25 for this large tract of land, and received a Pre-emption Land Patent on July 20, 1866. He chose a profitable site due to its accessibility to the gold fields in Central City. Ralston Creek Toll Road was later established farther west along the banks of Ralston Creek. It is likely that many prospectors camped on this acreage during the cold winter months.

The six Haines children who were born in the cabin were: Fred, Bill, Abbie (Shay), Mary Lucinda (Ballinger), Linnie (Scott) and Ai. The latter was a daughter who died in 1885 at the age of 20.

The elder Haines had a good business selling wares to the gold miners and to traveling merchants. Iva Patton, daughter of Linnie Haines Scott, has a record book showing the accounts that Haines had with the people in the area. In 1866, a Peter Crosby had a sizeable account for merchandise. "More Than Gold" mentions that Crosby was a peddler and probably obtained his wares from Golden. Having seen this record book, we know now that he purchased his products from Haines. Asahel raised many of the vegetables himself. He also had fruit trees and raised chickens.

The Haines, Ballinger, Mitchell School in District No. 7 was located south of the original Haines property. Both Abi and Asahel were interested in education and were greatly involved in school activities. Asahel was secretary of the School Board for several years, and Abi took in the Haines' teachers as boarders when their new home was built.

Mary L. Haines married David Ballinger on April 1, 1882. They moved to Longmont where nine children were born. In 1896, after Mary's parents passed away, the Ballingers moved back to Ralston Creek where two sons were born. Mary and David Ballinger remained there and took care of the Haines place the rest of their lives.

Linnie Lucinda Ballinger Beach, daughter of Mary and David Ballinger, lived on the Haines place from the time she was five years old until she was married. She lived in the large white house built by Asahel and Abi Haines. She recalls that the old cabin on the place was located in the same spot and was the original cabin built by her pioneer grandfather, Asahel Haines.

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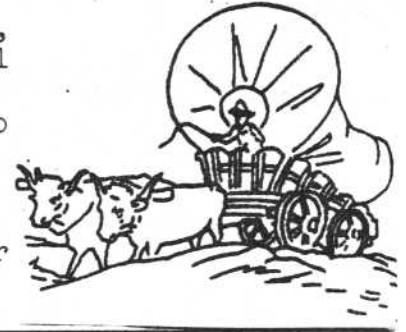
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#### FRANK BAYER

We are sorry to have lost one of our most valuable members. Frank Bayer passed away February 24, 1977. He was very interested in the history of Arvada, was most generous in supplying material and photographs for "More Than Gold". You may have heard him give a talk on "Early Recollections of Arvada" at the 1975 Reunion Days picnic. With funds from the Arvada Centennial Bi-Centennial committee, this talk was published in a booklet and distributed at the Reunion Days Picnic, 1976. The booklet entitled "Early Arvada" may be obtained free of charge at the Arvada Historical Museum. Frank was a special person, and will be missed by all those who knew him.

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#### AHS BOOK REVIEWED

The following book review will appear in the next issue of the Denver Westerners Roundup. We would like to share this review with those who do not receive this fine publication.

#### MORE THAN GOLD

A History of Arvada, Colorado 1870-1904  
Published by the Arvada Historical Society  
\$10.00, 210 pp. illustrated.

This fine book is one of those excellent small books inspired by the Centennial Bicentennial year. Of interest mainly to those closely associated with Arvada, nevertheless, it merits attention from anyone studying development of the front range towns and the Denver Metropolitan Area.

This work is well documented, entertainingly written and has many appropriate illustrations. All phases of the town's history seem to be thoroughly covered. It is well arranged and printed.

It is fortunate that the many tales arising from the experiences of those establishing and living in our once small towns are being preserved. In this volume these stories are well told and give the reader much pleasure and information.

Charles S. Ryland PM

Another fine review has appeared in the Geneological Helper. Due to all the excellent reviews, MORE THAN GOLD has found its way into university libraries all over the country. WATERS OF GOLD and MORE THAN GOLD can still be purchased at Arvada Heritage Printers, 5603 Yukon, Arvada, Co. 80002; at Bookland in the Arvada Plaza Shopping Center, and at the Gift Shop in the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The Arvada Center Foundation Celebration of the Arts on April 15, 1977 was a delightful afternoon. Mickey Heyl gave a spinning wheel demonstration from 3 to 5, and Judi Pond displayed her hand spun and hand woven flax bedspread. Jane Gardner showed the Arvada Historical Society slides three times during the afternoon. We would like to thank these ladies for contributing to the success of the Celebration.

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## ART WORK ON ANCIENT SHINGLES

The wood paneling in the Arvada Historical Museum is the actual wood which was used on the old Stott barn. The barn was raised in 1901, and was lowered by the Arvada Historical Society in June of 1976. A few barn shingles have been salvaged and can be purchased as wall hangings. Early scenes have been painted on the shingles by Helen McKenney. Each plaque is unique, using the marks of age and exposure as part of the character in the paintings. Inquire about them at the Gift Shop in the Center.

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## SPECIAL PROGRAM TO BE HELD MAY 24

Mr. Glenn Shepherd will present "Local Trolleys - This & That" to members and friends of the Arvada Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. on May 24 at the Arvada Center.

A native of Arvada, Glenn was born in 1934 at 49th Ave. and Garrison St. He was graduated from Arvada High School in 1953, and attended Colorado State University where he received his degree in 1958. Glenn is employed at Rocky Flats.

The regular business meeting for Board members and other interested persons will also be held at the Arvada Center at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31.

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## TILLER'S MILL

Tiller's Mill, located at 5580 Wadsworth Blvd, is at long last in the hands of the Arvada Historical Society. The project was not accomplished overnight, but has taken several years to reach this point.

The mill sits on C&S Railroad property, and the city has recently accepted an indefinite term lease with a one-year termination clause. C&S required that AHS pay \$150 per year, have adequate liability insurance and have the property fenced before it is open to the public.

Fred Tiller, the former owner, has turned over the deed for the building to the Arvada Historical Society.

The Society intends to revive the flour mill as a reminder of the importance of grain being ground into flour during bygone days. Young and old alike will have a greater understanding of the main ingredient of bread, cookies and cakes.

Funds will have to be raised over a period of time to see this dream realized. The necessary expense involved has been brought to the attention of the State Historical Society's Local Assistance Program and will be pursued.

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## AHS THEATER BENEFIT

Tickets are going well for the AHS Theater Benefit to be held at the Arvada Center for the musical "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off". A few tickets are still available and can be purchased by sending a check payable to the Arvada Historical Society, P.O. Box 419, Arvada, Co. 80001. Tickets are \$5.00 plus \$1.00 donation, or \$6.00 per ticket.

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## SITES ADDED TO STATE INVENTORY

Harold Storm, Ron Rigg and Marcetta Lutz have sent application to the Colorado State Historical Society to have the following sites placed on the State Inventory: The Haines Cabin, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Enterprise Grange, Indian Camp grounds in back of the Lake Arbor Shopping Center and the Arvada Cemetery.

Several additional sites are currently being researched by Marilyn Wimmer, Rusty Morse, Nick Keller and Fern Stott.

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## CORRESPONDING WITH POST CARDS

At the turn of the century, the chief way of communicating with friends and relatives was by the use of post cards. Pictures of local places and events were printed on cards, and postage was 1¢ as opposed to 2¢ per letter. The Arvada Historical Society is trying to revive the custom and has a 4-scene packet available for 35¢. Single cards can be purchased for 10¢. The scenes on this first series are: an early picture of Tiller's Mill, Lawrence School in 1902, Grave's Blacksmith Shop in the late 1860's and Torrence White's cabin built in the early 1870's.

Another series will be available in June and will include a picture of the Arvada Center and scenes of the Arvada Museum.

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## GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

The genealogy committee of the Arvada Historical Society was formed in 1975, for the purpose of collecting genealogical information concerning residents of Arvada, Colorado. Many historical societies can not give genealogists the kind of information they want without a great deal of effort. Many times, their records are not organized in a way in which genealogical information can be readily obtained. The committee was formed to help those searching for genealogical information.

The chairman of the committee is Robert Leishman, 6560 Upham St. Arvada, Co. 80003, 421-1024. Please feel free to contact him concerning Arvada genealogies.

Family group sheets have been made on early residents mentioned in "Waters of Gold" and "More Than Gold". A card index has been made on each name including the wife's maiden name.

Further projects include making and alphabetizing lists of burials, marriages, census records and obituarites to help make genealogical information accessible.

This committee has also supplied additional information about the Arvada Historical Society to 250 genealogical societies in Colorado.

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## LOG CABIN (Cont. from page 3)

Iva Scott Patton, daughter of Linnie Haines Scott, was born in the large white Haines house. She described it as having a huge living room, two bedrooms upstairs, four bedrooms on the north addition, and an addition on the west. The house also had a summer kitchen and a winter kitchen, and a huge earth cellar beyond the house. She recalls that the additions were built by David and Mary Ballinger.

Montie Blunn bought the Haines property in 1946. Realizing the history behind the Haines cabin, Mr. Blunn repaired the roof, replaced the two top logs and put in a stone chimney and fireplace. With these few exceptions, the original cabin remains the same and should be kept as a reminder of the early pioneers.

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## PROGRESS IN MUSEUM OPERATION

The desk in the museum area of the Arvada Center is now open during regular hours, i. e., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 9:00, and on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00. The receptionists who have made this possible are: Regina Armstrong, Vivian Battiste, Joan Buel, Jean Claeys, Dorothy Galloway, Jane Gardner, June Gribben, Agnes Haug, Sandy Hicks, Ann Keller, Donna Kreizenbeck, Robert Leishman, Charlene Lewis, Edna McCormack, Connie McLean, Mindy Meiklejohn, Mary Moore, Meredith Moore, Shirley Phillips, Alice Prather, Donna Roberts, Faith Rodgers, Alice Roust, Doris Rowe, Carol Schelling, Elizabeth Schroeder, Dorothy Slotnik, Sherry Smith, Betty Stockdale, Gene Stockdale, Ann Storm, Jean Stump, Sara Sturtz, Evelyn Thorn, Ginny Turnquist, Lorraine Vlaanderen, Mirelyn Wright and Judy Zucker.

These people have done a fantastic job in completing the card catalog for Arvada Graduates through 1957, making an index file for the items that have been donated to the Museum and are currently making a card file for the archives. It cannot be stressed enough the valuable work these volunteers are accomplishing.

Additional volunteers are always needed, please call Marcetta Lutz, 421-0842 for information.

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