

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the
Niwot Historical Society

April 2013

LAST LECTURE OF SEASON

Our 2012-2013 lecture series “Niwot, Now and Then” will conclude on Wednesday, April 24, with local historian Anne Dyni presenting an illustrated look back at the settlement of the Left Hand Valley.

Response to this diverse series has been gratifying, and our last program promises to entertain and inform lovers of Colorado history.

Niwot Historical Society is grateful to the Left Hand Grange for the use of their hall for this series, which has played to capacity audiences. Thanks, too, to McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP for printing the posters for each lecture. Come early for goodies and conversation. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the program will begin at 7:00 pm. General admission is \$5 and free for NHS members.

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FOLLOW-UP TO FEBRUARY'S LECTURE ON COLORADO FORTS

If you are looking for *touristy* ideas to entertain out-of-town guests this summer, or if your kids need a mild dose of learning to keep them focused during summer break, then why not visit a couple of the forts you learned about in our February lecture on “Forts, Furs and Trade on the South Platte”? See next page for contact information.



Visitors to Ft. Lupton listen to a volunteer docent as she explains its history and reconstruction.

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

As part of our continuing outreach efforts, the NHS is sponsoring an informative and entertaining genealogy workshop on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9 AM. The event is free for NHS members, and only \$10 to non-members to cover handout expenses.

Donlyn Arbuthnot, who will oversee the day’s activities, says, “We will discuss the *how to’s* of genealogy so you can learn to preserve your own family history.”

Local experts on the program include Dina Carson, publisher of genealogical source books, Donlyn, and Cari Taplin, past president of the Boulder Genealogical Society. Cari was told that she was related to singing cowboy movie star Roy Rogers, which led her to begin her own family’s research. The results of her search might surprise you.



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IN WHAT OLD TOWN NIWOT BUILDING WAS THIS ARTIFACT ONCE USED?



(answer on last page)

**NEW NHS BOARD ELECTED
AT ANNUAL MEETING**



Hard at work in their unofficial *board room* behind the Eye Opener coffee shop, the newly elected Historical Society board discusses activities for the coming year, including next season's lecture series. Pictured left to right are Donlyn Arbuthnot, Meri Gibb, Kathy Koehler, Rob Gordon, Laura Skaggs and Darwyn Herbst. Not shown are Connie Herbst, Mary Claire Collins and Anne Dyni.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION
Platte River Fur-trading Forts
(From page 1)**

Ft. Vasquez: An 1835 fur trading fort owned and operated by the Colorado Historical Society. 970-785-2832
13412 US Highway 85, Platteville, CO.

Ft. Lupton: A reconstructed fort owned and operated by the South Platte Valley Historical Society.
P.O. Box 633, Ft. Lupton, CO 80621
lancaster.lupton@spvhs.org.
MAY 4: 7th Annual Heritage Fair
MAY 24: Lancaster Rendezvous

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RECENT DONATIONS

Two sizeable donations have recently been given to the NHS archives. Included among many photographs and legal documents are the original minutes book for Niwot's Odd Fellows Lodge #154 and certificates from its Mt. Hope Rebekah lodge #127. Of interest, too, are newspaper clippings collected by local grocer Sylvia Knaus as she led a successful campaign against the USPS in 1967, to save Niwot's post office from becoming a branch of the Boulder post office.

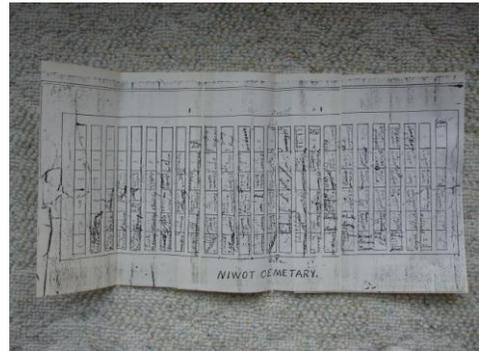
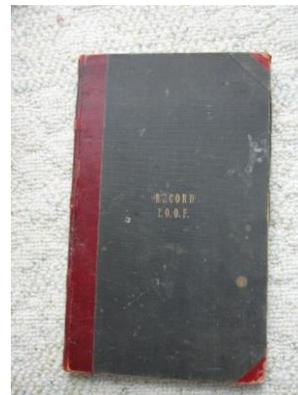


Diagram of Niwot Cemetery



**Minutes book for Odd Fellows Lodge #154
1907-1909**

As is sometimes the case with large donations, some items are not relevant locally, yet are of value to other repositories. After carefully examining the donated items, accessioning committee volunteers Diane Karash, Judy Dayhoff and Anne Dyni sent booklets, ditch documents, Longmont High School publications, cattle sales catalogs and potato growing handbooks to the Boulder Carnegie Library for Local History, the CSU library, North Dakota State University library, Longmont Museum, and the Boulder County Agricultural Heritage Center where they will be made available for research.

IN WHAT OLD TOWN NIWOT BUILDING . . .**answer**

This *Hay-Budden* anvil belonged to blacksmiths George Atkinson and his son Walter, whose shop stood at 124 Second Avenue - now home to Rockin' Robin's Retro and Resale shop. For several years after the blacksmith shop closed, the anvil was on display at Rev Taylor's Restaurant across the street. It is now part of the NHS artifact collection.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Niwot Historical Society exists to preserve, collect and protect the history of Niwot, the surrounding area and Chief Niwot, through the preservation of artifacts, documents, photos and other documentary sources relating to their history.

It encourages the conservation of these resources through publications, programs and other related activities, and brings people together who are interested in the history of Niwot.

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www.niwohistoricalsociety.org