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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing to be Held Virtually

PUBLIC HEARING

STAFF PLANNER: Denise Grimm

STAFF RECOMMENDATION RE:

Docket HP-24-0002: Jayhawk Cabin

Request: Boulder County Historic Landmark Designation

Location: 25 Washington Street, in Section 26, T3N, R73W of the 6th Principal Meridian

Zoning: Forestry (F) Zoning District

Owners/

Applicant: Julie Behrens

PURPOSE

To determine if the nominated property qualifies for landmark designation, determine if the landmark application is complete, and formulate recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

An application for landmark designation of the cabin has been submitted by the owner, Julie Behrens. The landmark application is for the historic cabin only on an approximately .45-acre parcel in Allenspark. The garage on the property is not included in the landmark application. An Architectural Inventory Form was completed on the cabin in 2002, and the findings were that the cabin is eligible for landmark status with Boulder County despite alterations.

The cabin was built by Frank Gay c. 1910. Frank and Mary Gay had their own cabin across the street and built, leased, and sold cabins to groups largely from the Midwest. Alice and Agnes Graham, sisters from Kansas, first leased and then bought the cabin as a summer retreat. Alice was a librarian and Agnes was a schoolteacher. In 1934, the Graham sisters sold the cabin to schoolteacher sisters, Martha and Ruth Shaler, also from Kansas. The Shaler sisters summered at the cabin for many years and gave the cabin the name “The Jayhawk” after the University of Kansas mascot. The cabin changed hands a couple more times and was purchased by Julie Behrens earlier this year.

The cabin has evolved over the last century. Described by one of the original owners, Alice Graham, in 1919 as “the shackiest shack in Allenspark,” the “rough lumber” cabin was originally 15’ north to south x 28’ east to west. In 1935, a gabled 5’ addition was added to the back of the cabin and the front porch was enclosed. By 1977, a shed-roofed addition had been added along the length of the southern elevation, and by 2002, another gabled addition was added to the rear leaving the southeast corner notched in. Today, that corner has been framed out and the cabin is again rectangular at about 25’ x 40’. All the windows have been replaced, and most, if not all, are sliders. The cabin also has a deck along the rear and east end of the north elevation.

SIGNIFICANCE

The cabin may qualify for landmark designation under Criteria 1, 3, and 8.

Criterion 15-501(A)(1) The character, interest, or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county;

The cabin is significant as an example of the development of Allenspark as a vacation destination.

Criterion 15-501(A)(3) The identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state, or national history;

The cabin is significant for its association with Frank Gay who contributed to the early development of Allenspark.

Criterion 15-501(A)(8) The relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites which would also be determined to be of historic significance.

The cabin would likely be a contributing feature to an Allenspark historic district if such a district were created.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Advisory Board APPROVE and recommend that the BOCC approve Docket **HP-24-0002: Jayhawk Cabin** under Criteria 1, 3, and 8 and subject to the following conditions:

1. Alteration of any exterior feature of the structure will require review and approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA) by Boulder County (note: applicable county review processes, including but not limited to Site Plan Review, may be required).
2. Regular maintenance which prolongs the life of the landmark, using original materials or materials that replicate the original materials, will not require review for a Certificate of Appropriateness, provided the Community Planning & Permitting Director has determined that the repair is minor in nature and will not damage any existing features. Emergency repairs, which are temporary in nature, will not require review (note: Depending on the type of work, a building permit may still be required.)



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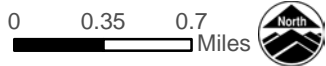
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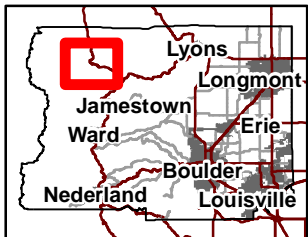
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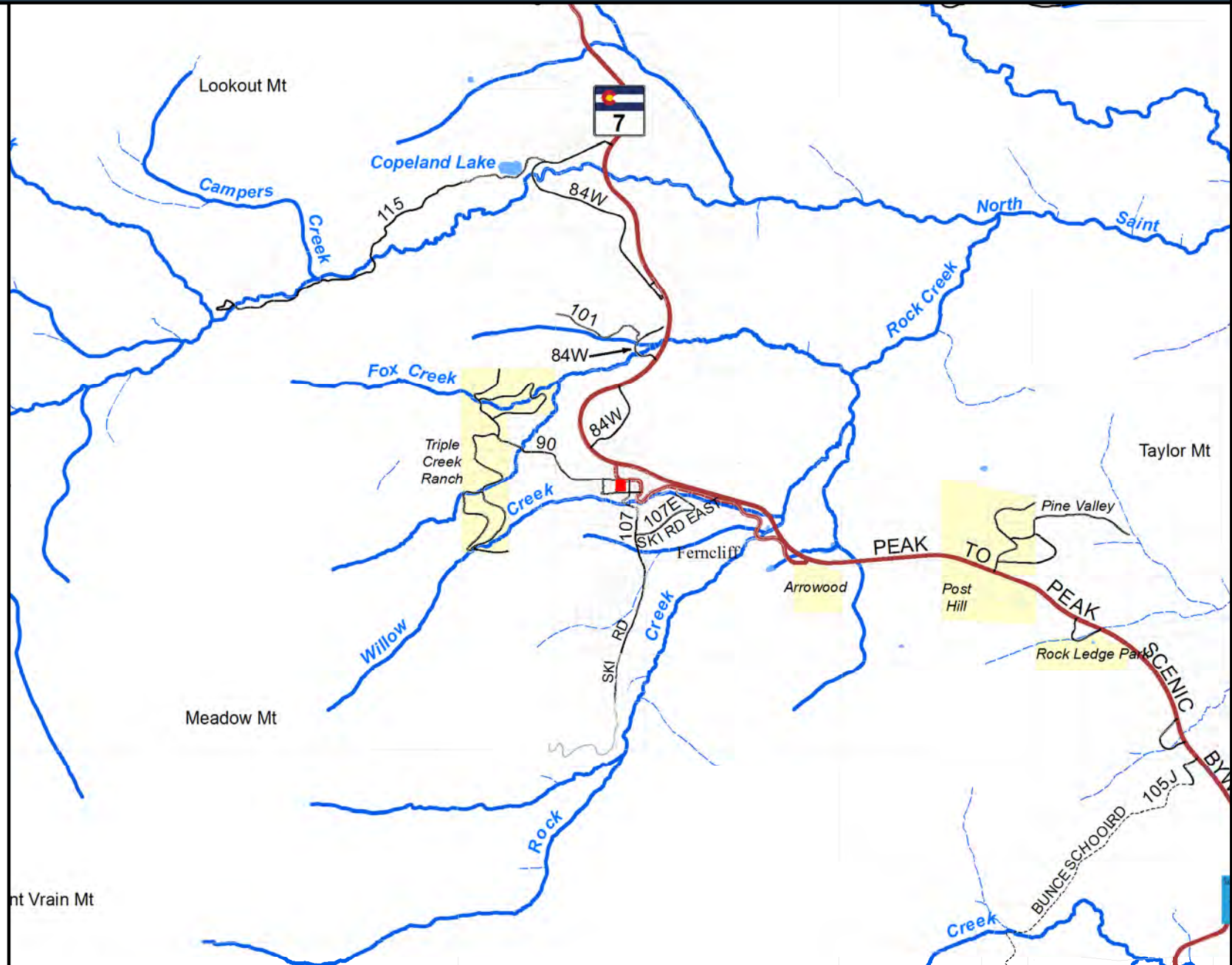
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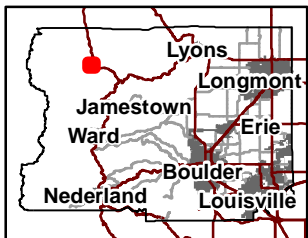
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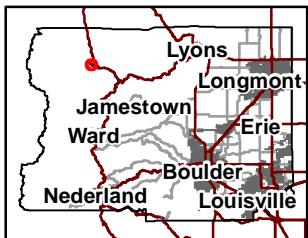
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Intake Stamp

Historic Landmark Nomination Form**Name of Property**

Historic Name	Jayhawk Cabin
Other Names	
Historical Narrative	Built by Frank Gay circa 1910 in Allenspark along with several other cabins, it was purchased by Alice and Agnes Graham in 1919, Martha and Ruth Shaler in 1936, Lewis Cook in 1973, and the Crane family in 1995. Eric White modernized the interior a bit in the 2020s.

Location of Property

Address(s) 25 Washington Street		
City Allenspark	State Colorado	Zip Code 80510

Classification**Property Ownership:**

☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Other

Category of Property:

☒ Structure ☐ Site ☐ District

Number of Resources Within the Property (sites and districts only):

	Contributing Resources		Non-contributing Resources
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Narrative Describing Classification of Resources

Function or Use

Historic Functions	Previously a summer cabin.
Current Functions:	The cabin is now my year-round residence.

Resource Description

Narrative Describing Resource	The cabin has changed over the last century. The original front porch has been enclosed. There is an addition along the entire south side of the cabin. Additionally, the cabin is deeper than it once was and

Statement of Significance

Boulder County Criteria for Designation (check all that apply):

- ☒ The character, interest, or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county;
- ☐ Proposed landmark as a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event;
- ☒ The identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state, or national history;
- ☐ The proposed landmark as an embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials;
- ☐ The proposed landmark as identification of the work of an architect, landscape architect, or master builder whose work has influenced development in the county, state, or nation;
- ☐ The proposed landmark's archaeological significance;
- ☐ The proposed landmark as an example of either architectural or structural innovation; and
- ☒ The relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites which would also be determined to be of historic significance.

Areas of Significance	Cabin with log siding, typical of the construction in the area at that time. Related to other similar buildings in the area built at the same time in the same style.
Period of Significance	
Significant Dates	1910 (construction)
Significant Persons	Frank Gay (builder)


Bibliographical References

"Weaving Mountain Memories" by Lorna Knowlton and Edie DeWeese
Directly talking to Edie about the cabin

Geographical Data

Legal Description of Property
LOTS 16-21 INC BLK 8 ALLENSPARK ID 57976 COMBINED HERE
Boundary Description
Boundary Justification

Property Owner(s) Information

Name Julie Behrens		
City		Email Address penpaladinjules@gmail.com
State	Zip Code	Phone Number 972-890-4592
Signature 		

Preparer of Form Information

Name		
City		Email Address
State	Zip Code	Phone Number
Signature		

Photos, Maps, and Site Plan

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Docket Number	Parcel Number
Assessor ID	Application Date

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY Architectural Inventory Form

(Page 1 of 7)

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **SBL8687**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Allenspark (vicinity)**
5. Historic building name: **Jayhawk Cabin**

6. Current building name: **Crane Cabin**
7. Building address: **25 Washington Street**
8. Owner name: **Dan G. and Adrienne F. Crane**
Owner address: **P.O. Box 356**
Allenspark, CO 80510

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **3 North** Range **73 West**
NE of **SW** of **NE** of **SE** of section **26**

10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
A. Easting: **455240** Northing: **4449250**
B. Easting: Northing:
C. Easting: Northing:
D. Easting: Northing:

11. USGS quad name: **Allens Park, Colorado 1957; photorevised 1978**
12. Lot(s): **16-21**
Block: **8**
Addition: **Allenspark**
Year of Addition **unknown**

13. Boundary Description and Justification:
This property consists of a single cabin. The property is located on the east side of Washington Street in the unincorporated community of Allenspark.

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
____ Determined Eligible - National Register
____ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
____ Determined Eligible - State Register
____ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
____ Needs Data
____ Contributes to eligible National Register District
____ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Rectangular Plan

15. Dimensions in feet: **850 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Log

18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof

19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof

20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Chimneys

22. Architectural style/ building type:
Late 19th and Early Twentieth Century American
Movements / Rustic

21. General Architectural Description

This Rustic-style cabin is located on the east side of Washington Street, southeast of the Allenspark post office. The building is set back approximately 30' from the road where is situated among a grove of native aspens. According to the book *Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area*, the cabin originally measured 15' by 28'. In its present configuration, the cabin includes a 15' N-S by 38' E-W front gabled portion, with an 8' N-S by 32' E-W shed-roofed addition built onto the original south elevation. The cabin is one story tall, and is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation. The exterior walls are made of unpeeled vertical and horizontal half log slabs. The gable and shed roof is covered with rolled green and brown asphalt, laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters with fascia. A brick and concrete chimney is located on the roof ridge. Two single-light fixed-pane windows, with brown wood shutters, are located respectively on the west elevation (facade), and on the north elevation. Windows on the south elevation include a 2x2 horizontal slider, a 2x6 horizontal slider, and a single-light fixed-pane. On the cabin's east elevation, there is a band of four 12-light windows, flanked by two 6-light windows. All of the cabin's windows have wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with six upper sash lights, is located on the west elevation. A stained dark brown vertical wood plank door, opens onto a 6-step shed-roofed porch on the north elevation.

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions:

Boulder County Assessor records indicate that this cabin was built in 1920. Dan Crane, the cabin's owner, though, believes it was built in 1910. Moreover, the book *Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area* by Lorna Knowlton (pp. 119-121), indicates that the cabin was in existence by 1919. According to this source, the original cabin measured 15' N-S by 28' E-W. An 8' by 28' shed-roofed addition has been built onto the original south elevation, and the original cabin has been extended to the east as well by a 15' by 10' gabled addition.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located in the unincorporated community of Allenspark in northwestern Boulder County. Situated at an elevation of 8400 feet above sea level, Allenspark lies just a mile east of the Rocky Mountain National Park boundary, with Long's Peak and Mount Meeker not far to the northwest. The surrounding terrain is mountainous, marked by native pine and aspen trees, along with indigenous plants, grasses and wild flowers.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

n/a

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate ca. 1910

Actual

Source of information:

Dan Crane (owner); Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area, pp. 119-121.

26. Architect:

n/a

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:

unknown

Source of information:

n/a

28. Original owner:

Frank Gay

Source of information:

Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area, pp. 119-121.

30. Original location: yes

Moved no

Date of move(s) n/a

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Cabin**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Cabin**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Cabin**
34. Site type(s): **Seasonal Residence / Residence**

35. Historical Background

Information about this cabin's history was obtained from its owner, Dan Crane, and from the book *Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area*. Built sometime between 1910 and 1919, the cabin was initially owned by Frank and Mary Gay of Clay Center, Kansas. In 1919, the Gays leased the cabin to sisters Agnes and Alice Graham. Agnes was also from Clay Center, Kansas, where she taught school, while sister Alice was from Ottawa, Kansas where she worked as a librarian. The Graham sisters spent their vacations here during the 1920s and early 1930s, eventually purchasing the rustic structure from the Gays. In 1934, Alice and Agnes sold the cabin to another pair of sisters, school teachers Martha and Ruth Shaler of Topeka, Kansas. Martha and Ruth promptly christened the cabin "The Jayhawk", and like the Grahams before them, they spent their summer vacations here for many years. Some years later, the cabin passed into the hands of Lewis Cook, who was a cousin of Martha and Ruth Shaler. Cook, in turn, sold the cabin to its current owners, Dan and Adrienne F. Crane, in 1993. Between 1993 and 2000, the Cranes used the cabin as a vacation home, while maintaining their permanent residence in western New York state where they ran a dairy farm. In 2000, though, the Cranes sold the farm, and moved out west to Colorado where they now make their permanent home in Allenspark.

Allenspark Historic Background

The town of Allenspark was named for Alonzo N. Allen, who came from Wisconsin to what was soon to become Colorado, during the Pikes Peak gold rush. Traveling overland by covered wagon, Alonzo brought his family with him, and, along with many other recent arrivals, he initially had thoughts of striking it rich. In the early 1860s, Allen made his way up the South St. Vrain River, eventually staking a claim in the valley below Taylor Mountain, southeast of the town which would later bear his name. In 1864, Allen constructed a cabin for his family near present-day Ferncliffe, the stone chimney of which still remains. Allen prospected for gold in the region, but soon turned to other endeavors as well. Within a few years, he was buying and selling horses, and growing hay and running summer cattle on his land. Eventually, though, Allen left the rigors of the high country behind, and moved his family down the canyon and out onto the plains, settling in the Longmont area.

Some years later, in the early 1890s, the future townsite of Allenspark was homesteaded by George Mack. By June of 1894, Mack had proved up on his homestead claim which was made up of eighty acres comprised of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 73 West. Two years later, Mack sold the land to George Pfeiffer who established the Allenspark Land and Townsite. Catering to miners who were beginning to drift into the region, Pfeiffer constructed a hotel, donated land for a schoolhouse, and opened a post office. The fledgling community of Allenspark had been born.

Mining activity remained sluggish until 1903 when the Clara Belle Mine was opened northeast of the townsite. The Clara Belle Mine was owned by the Clara Belle Mining and Reduction Company, with L.C. Tripp as President, Joe J. Lank, Vice-President, and W.W. McCollister, Secretary-Treasurer. Tripp and McCollisters were attorneys who had practiced law together in Nebraska. The mine and mining company was named for their wives, Clara Tripp and Belle McCollister. The Clara Belle never produced any significant quantities of gold, however, efforts to exploit it brought people into the region and was the impetus which established Allenspark as a legitimate town. The creation of Allenspark as a mining camp was also part of a regional mining boom which, from the 1870s to the early 1900s, saw similar mining communities established at such places as Jimtown, Balarat, Gresham, Sunshine, and Ward.

By the 1910s, Allenspark was becoming known, not as a mining town, but rather as a tourist resort. Eventually capitalizing on the town's close proximity to Rocky Mountain National Park, Allenspark's entrepreneurial citizens constructed rustic-style lodges and seasonal cabins to attract visitors and adventure seekers. Allenspark, in its beautiful mountain setting at the base of Longs Peak and Mount Meeker, offered such amenities as hiking, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. The community's largest and most famous rustic lodge was constructed in the early 1930s by Dick and Mildred Isles. Initially known as the Isles Trading Post, this resort later became the Allenspark Lodge.

In the years following World War II, Allenspark's population increased, however, the community's core spirit remained much the same. During the latter half of the twentieth century, the town's venerable citizens, its old-fashioned charm, and its rustic lodges and cabins, continued to cater to visitors attracted by the splendors of the nearby Rocky Mountain National Park and Roosevelt National Forest.

36. Sources of Information

"Boulder County, Colorado" [plat map], Published in 1940 by the Rocky Mountain Map Company.

Boulder County Treasurer's Ledgers 39 and 40, on file at the Carnegie Library, Boulder, CO.

Crane, Dan. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, August 23, 2002.

Knowlton, Lorna. *Weaving Mountain Memories: Recollections of the Allenspark Area*, Estes Park: Estes Park Area Historical Museum, 1989, pp. 119-121.

Marden Maps. Boulder County Ownership Plat, Map G1, 1953. Located at the Boulder Public Library, Carnegie Branch for Local History.

Weiss, Manuel. "Allenspark Historic District" Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Inventory Record, 21 January 1981. On file at the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department, Boulder, CO.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: n/a

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Boulder County Local Landmark Areas of Significance

xx 1-501-A (1) The character, interest or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county.

1-501-A (2) The proposed landmark as a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event.

1-501-A (3) The identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state or national history.

xx 1-501-A (4) The proposed landmark as an embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, or method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials.

~~1-501-A~~ (5) The proposed landmark as identification of the work of an architect, landscape architect, or master builder, whose work has influenced the development in the county, state, or nation.

1-501-A (6) The proposed landmark's architectural, cultural, or archaeological significance.

1-501-A (7) The proposed landmark as an example of either architectural or structural innovation.

xx ~~1-501-A~~ (8) The relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites which would be determined to be of historic significance.

Does not meet any of the above Boulder County Local Landmark Areas of Significance.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Entertainment / Recreation

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1910-1952

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: xx

42. Statement of Significance

This cabin is historically significant for its association with Allenspark's development as a rustic tourist resort during the first half of the twentieth century. The cabin is also architecturally notable for its Rustic architectural style. Due to a small loss of integrity, the cabin's significance in these regards is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The cabin, though, should be considered eligible for individual local landmark designation by Boulder County under Boulder County Criteria 1-501-A-(1, 4 and 8). The cabin would also be considered a contributing resource within a potential Allenspark Historic District. (No such district currently exists.)

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This cabin displays a relatively high level of integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling and association. Two additions to the original cabin are probably more than fifty years old, and they are generally compatible with the structure's original Rustic style of architecture.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: xx

Need Data:

Boulder County Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: xx

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: xx

No:

Discuss: **Historic properties in Allenspark may have the necessary significance and integrity to qualify as a National Register historic district. This cabin would be a contributing resource within such a historic district.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: xx

Noncontributing:

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: n/a

Noncontributing: n/a

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **CM-171**

Frame(s): **7-9**

Negatives filed at: **Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department
2045 13th Street
Boulder, Colorado 80306**

48. Report title: **"Unincorporated Boulder County Historic Sites Survey Report"**

49. Date: **August 23, 2002**

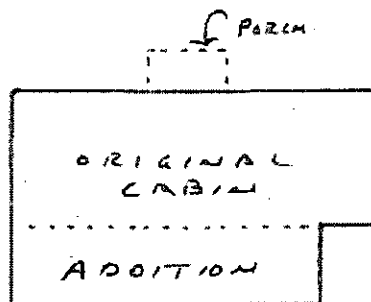
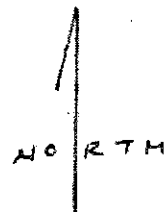
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

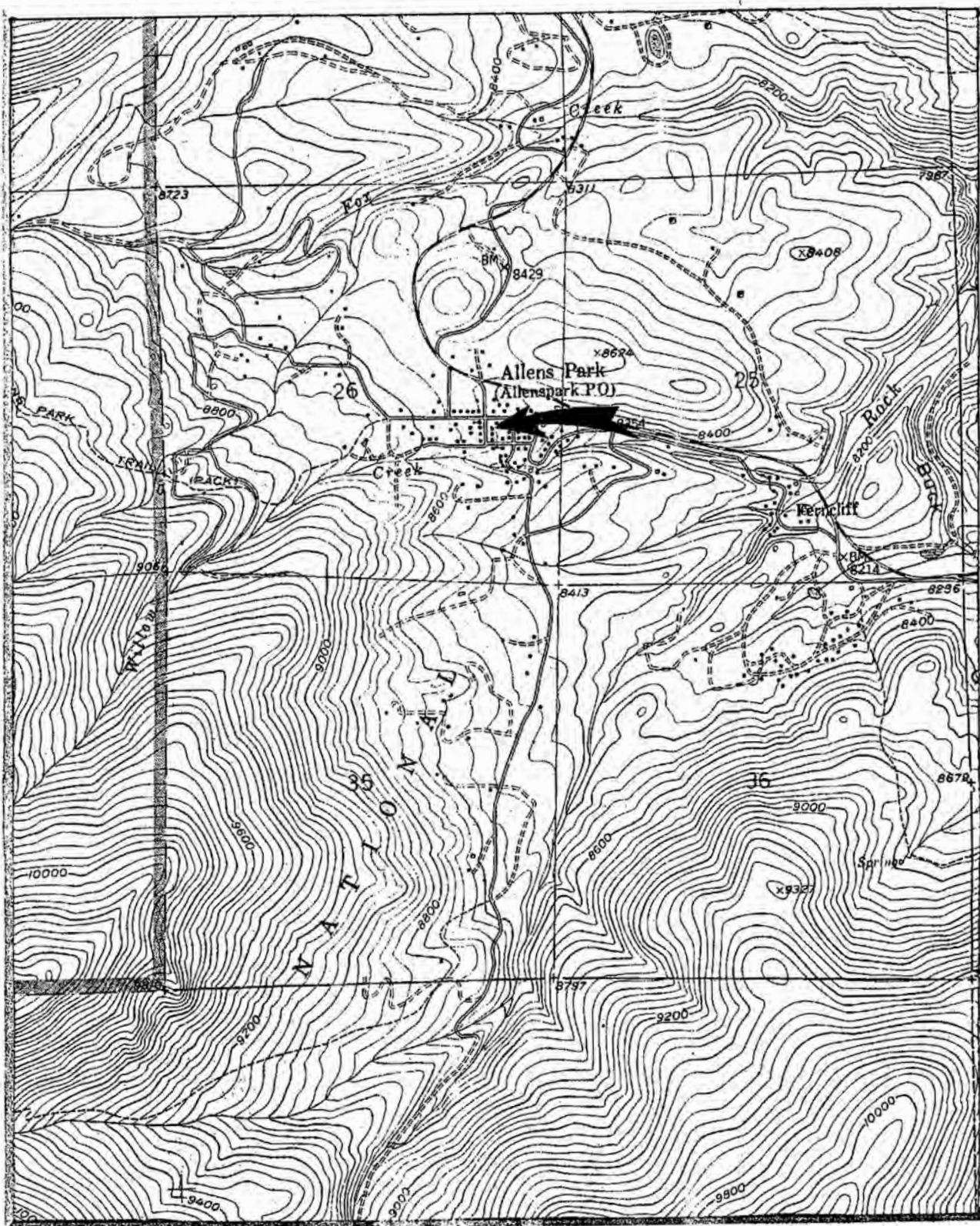
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

WASHINGTON STREET



SKETCH MAP



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

25 Washington St., Allenspark, Boulder County, Colorado
(Copied from Allens Park, Colorado USGS Quadrangle Map)





Jayhawk: The Graham/Shaler/Behrens Cabin

Background information and letters

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Sources:

Weaving Mountain Memories, Knowlton and DeWeese, 2011;
Allenspark Wind, December 1978, October 1979, March 2006;
Longmont Ledger, August 22, 1919, July 9, 1926;
Boulder Carnegie History Library, Graham and Shaler folders, 508.2,

Property transfers:

- George Mack homestead patent issued, 1896
- Allenspark Land buys town for \$800 in 1896
- 1919 Agnes and Alice Graham buy lots in block 8
- 1936 Martha and Ruth Shaler buy Graham's cabin
- 1993 Dan & Adrienne Crane inherit Jayhawk
- 2021 Eric White buys Jayhawk
- 2024 Jules Behrens buys Jayhawk

Graham family photos:



#1 Alice Graham at the Jayhawk cabin, circa 1930. George Pheifer garden in background.



#2 Agnes and Alice Graham, M. Pike, Vera Rubendall behind, sitting on rocky mountainside near Allenspark, CO, ca 1930.



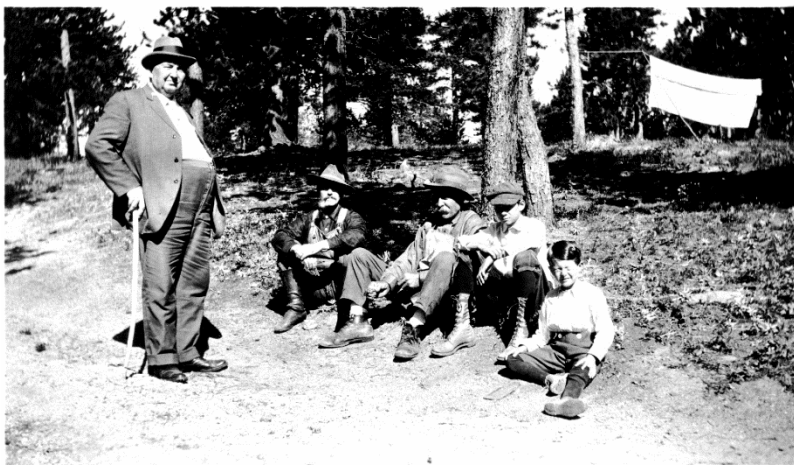
#3 Jayhawk cabin, May 21 1931. George Pheifer garden and Parks' cabins in background.



#4 Alice Graham, Mrs. Nicolai, Agnes Graham, Andy Hansen [Edie's grandfather], and Martha Logsdon standing by Bluebird lake, July 16, 1920. (See letter below.)



#5 Unidentified person, Alice Graham, Bess Henry, and Agnes Graham on dock at lake with boats, two buildings, and pine trees, ca. late 1920s.



#6 Dan Slaughter (center) builder of Jayhawk cabin. From left: Frank Gay (Edie's great-grandfather), Steve Tregemba (AP postmaster), Dan Slaughter, unidentified boys. Circa 1915 at the corner of Washington and Second Ave in Allenspark.



#7 Agnes Graham and unidentified woman. Allenspark church steps and corner of Rubendall-Hansen garage in background. St. James Episcopal church behind them. After about 1926 because the church is finished. Looking NW



#8 Picnic in the 1940s (l-r): Ruth Shaler, Lewis Cook, cousin, Mabel Bennet and daughter Becky, Jean Hasafras, Martha Shaler (seated, rear), Daphne Swartz, and Lila Goodwin.

News clippings:

Longmont Ledger, 22 Aug 1919

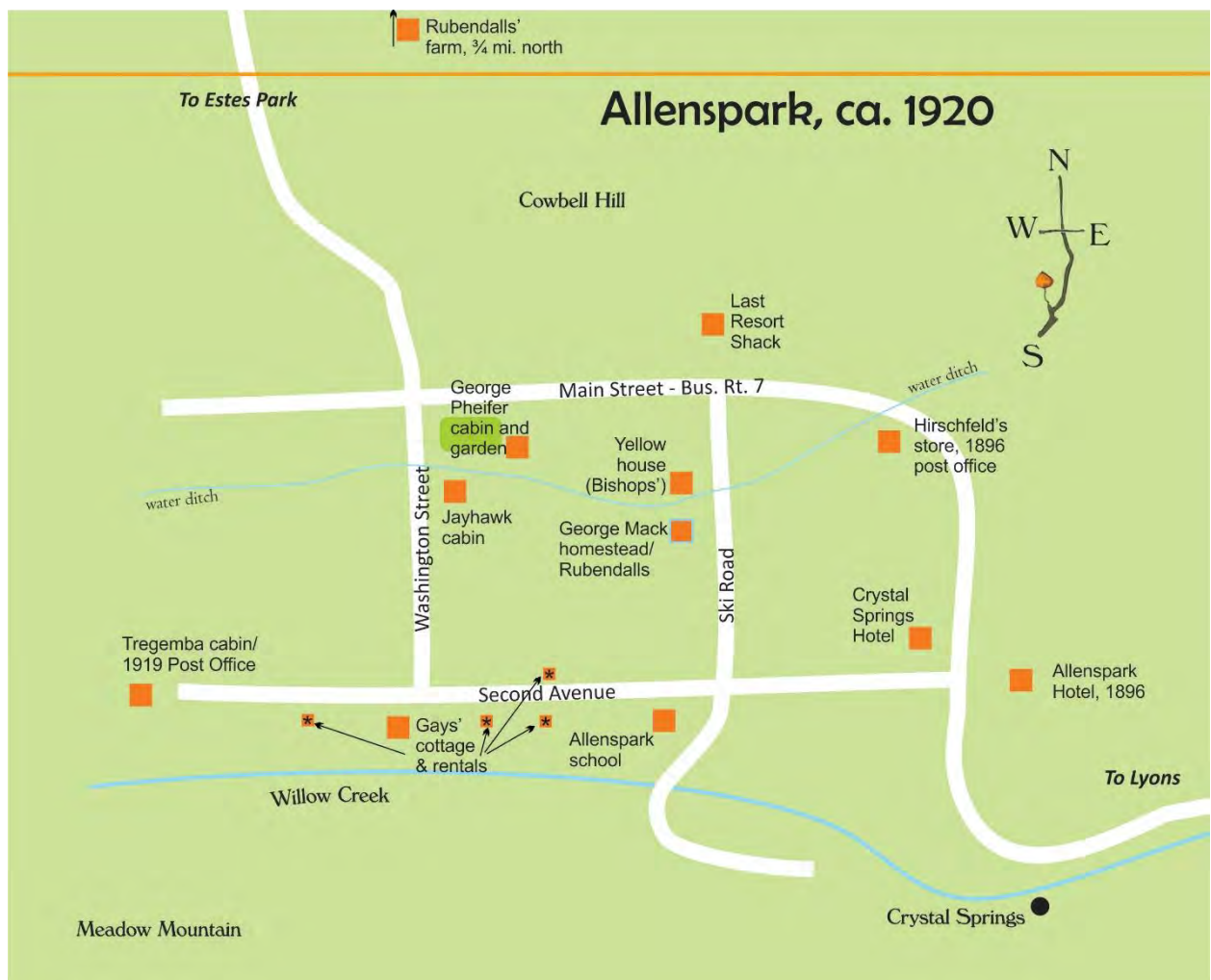
MIDDLE ST. VRAIN and VICINITY

Miss Agnes Graham, teacher at Clay Center, Kan., and Sister, Miss Alice Graham, City Librarian of Ottawa, Kan, left Monday morning for their homes. They have spent several weeks at Allens Park overseeing the building of a cottage. Mr. [Dan] Slaughter did the work.

Longmont Ledger, July 9, 1926

The Misses Graham, formerly of Kansas, now live in California. They will occupy an Allens Park cabin which they built several years ago.

Allenspark map, ca. 1920 (from references in Graham letters):



Prepared by Edie DeWeese, 2024.

Letters:

Alice Graham letter, 1919:

The cottages are built of rough lumber covered with tar paper and finished with fitted slabs, which give a pleasing rustic appearance. The roofs are of rubberoid. The interiors are unfinished. However, ours is completely furnished and all we needed was blankets. Our abode is 15 x 28 feet. The screened porch is 8 feet and the living room 10 1/2 x 16 and the remaining space is divided into bedroom and kitchen. The living room has three double windows, one on each of the three sides. The three foot space under the eaves, extending entirely around the bedroom and kitchen, is covered with netting and then with awning. The porch will have awning and form a sleeping apartment so that we can accommodate 5 or 6 people at once. Agnes will go up to furnish it in June. A cottage of this kind will rent for \$60 per month or \$100 for two months. Board at hotels ranges from \$18 to \$45 per week.

There is but one small hotel in Allenspark at present, but there are magnificent sites for an enterprising person and doubtless a fine establishment will soon be an assured feature. It is a place with a future and it only needs capital and a spirit of cooperation to make it as widely and deservedly known as Estes, but the permanent residents love each other like cat and dog and fail to work for the common good. They are most hospitable in their attitude toward the transient and it is almost impossible to start out without stopping a half hour to chat with someone. They are a most interesting lot and had I the pen of a ready writer I might embody them in a work of fiction.

Graham continues, "Allenspark has no wells or cisterns. The water runs through little ditches and each family has its own. It is usually diverted to run through a small cooler which does away with the necessity of a cellar in summer. There is one cellar, one woodshed, one bath tub, one piano and one cat in the place! No two in the property of one individual.

"Could you use the same vessel for dishpan, bath tub, foot tub, wash tub, slop pail, etc.? Could you take the towel you had used to wrap your shoes in and wipe the dishes on it, use it all morning for a big apron while rehabilitating your shack and then again for a dish towel? Could you use your wash cloth for a dish cloth, etc.? Then you could qualify for living in the shackiest shack in Allenspark. We love it here and little things like that don't disturb us.

"Our landlord we have not yet seen, but he saw no necessity for furnishing a wash-pan or any kind of slop pail, but people are obliging here and the Rubendalls met our need in that respect. But when the daughter started out with bowl, pitcher and slop pail and said she'd charge \$1 for letting us use them, he said, "What do they want of those things? Can't they wash in the dishpan and throw their slops out of the door?"

"Our table at which three might sit is nailed to the wall under the north window, at the left of that in the corner three small goods boxes answer for a cupboard. There are two chairs, one bottomless and a rocker. A soiled cheesecloth ceiling is between us and the roof."

Alice Graham letter, 1919:

Last Resort Shack, Allenspark, Colorado. July 20, 1919

Dear Miss Meeker, Misses Hattie and Mary, and Bessie:

A heavenly Sabbath day with a crystal clear sky and a temperature of 72 degrees. Instead of going to S.S., consisting of ten or a dozen children, instructed by Mrs. Wilson [Edie's grandmother] in Episcopal tenets, we started out at 9 for a little walk of a mile or two and sat on a piney hillside facing delightful views and read the Time comments on the S.S. lesson, sang (?) some hymns and repeated some Psalms and rejoiced that we were not sitting in the Federated Church.

I can't escape from Meeker even out here. He is the dominating feature of our landscape at the rear, bare and imposing; and to his left is Chief's Head with the strong profile of a chief upturned to the sky. Close by at the left of our shack is Cowbell Hill with a meadowlike slope; to the east and in front of our door is the Lyons road view and to the south the tree-covered Ironclads. We are on the north side of this little village of 20 cottages or so.

Could you use the same vessel for dishpan, bath tub, foot tub, wash tub, slop pail, etc.? Could you take the towel you had used to wrap your shoes in and wipe the dishes on it, use it all morning for a bib apron while rehabilitating your shack and then for dish towel? Could you use your wash cloth for a dish cloth, etc.? then you qualify for living in the shackiest shack in Allenspark. We love it here and little things like that don't disturb us. Our landlord we have not yet seen, but he saw no necessity for furnishing a wash-pan or any kind of slop pail; but people are obliging here and the Rubendalls met our need in that respect. But when the daughter started out with a bowl, pitcher and slop pail and said she'd charge \$1.00 for letting us use them, he said, "What do they want of those things? Can't they wash in the dishpan and throw their slops out of the door?"

Our little shack is about 12 x 14, containing a fair bed with one comfort and two dirty pillows; a good little stove that cooks well, a table at which 3 might sit, nailed to the wall under the north window; at the left of that in the corner 3 small goods boxes answer for a cupboard. There are 2 chairs one bottomless ('taint either, Agnes) and a rocker. A soiled cheesecloth ceiling is between us and the roof. The walls are covered half with wall-paper, pasted to the boards, and half with newspapers. My chief job Saturday morning was taking off old newspapers and putting on new, taking out tacks and nails and driving them in again. The only inhabitants are very numerous dark-winged moths that seem to be in scores under the paper. They swarm out at night. The only sounds here are the passing of autos by day and the crawling of moths by night and the souging of the wind in the pines. Something that sounds much like a mouse in our supplies at night has left no trace behind.

Our shack is in the midst of a bog, the only wet place we have seen; and I should not care to wander about our yard (?) at night. When on Cowbell Hill it presents a greener appearance than other places.



Google image of 155 Main St., location of the Graham sisters' "Last Resort", later known as the Allenspark Hilton.

Gardens are scarce. We succeeded in getting lettuce and radishes from nearest neighbor (Phiefer) last night, but they prove tougher than mine at home. I put it in our only kettle on our doorstep and as the sun rose before we did it was all wilted; and the milk on the north side was in the sun. What lettuce did not revive by our return I shut up in a teapot of warm water and it straightened out fine. We haven't been a bit more hungry than at home. In Lyons I got eggs (45 ¢), bread, raspberries (15 ¢ a pt.), 5 qts of cherries for 50 ¢ and yesterday Agnes got 2 or 3 lbs of lard, largely for the sake of the pail for \$1.50; creamery butter, 60 ¢, sugar 12 ½ ¢; flour 8 ¢. On the way up we arranged for a qt of milk per day at 12 ½ ¢.

We have just finished a cold lunch of beans, lettuce, junket and graham crackers which broke all to bits. Everything came through all right except the peroxide which lost its cork but did no damage.

You had it cooler Thursday (88) than we did. Between LaJunta and Pueblo it was 93 and Friday it was warm in Denver. It began to drizzle soon after we left there so that we had no view of the mountains and our 21 mile drive in the Dodge up here was a through a pretty lively rain but we enjoyed it. The road is about like this [many curves indicated] - no place where you can see more than a few rods ahead and many places but a few feet. They whiz along much faster than seems safe or gives the new-comer a chance to view the dashing S. St. Vrain which the road follows quite closely. If we had to make the trip 3 times a day we probably would not care to linger either.

Our trunk came but Mr. R. did not want to bring it til Saturday as his wife had been to the dentist and unexpectedly was ready to return. So he offered to supply us with necessary bedding if we'd consent to let his wife take the place of the trunk. One place we had some difficulty passing a truck and finally after considerable maneuvering we had to back. What they'd do on the steep hills I don't know. We 3,000 ft so you know we hit some steep places.

We have to go a block or more for our water which flows down hill in a little open ditch and runs under a small cooler house in the R. 's yard where they and we keep butter and milk. We gave her a quart of the cherries and she let us have a 2 qt. can to fill and we have another qt on hand. Our home tomatoes are good.

Agnes has been in the Gay's cottage [Edie's great-grandparents] and says it is just lovely, with every comfort and a beautiful screened kitchen with a charming valley view. All their cottages are lovely. Dr. Lewis of Grinnell (been here 16 summers) occupies one. He knows 'Bust' (Mr. Adkins) and his wife, whom we have not met, knows someone from Ottawa. The P.O. which is 3 blocks or more away up hill, is kept by the Tregembas (sounds like a Philpotts character, tho I don't remember the names in fiction) from Panzance, Cornwall, and they'd love to go back to live as their property there has been in the family 800 years but they are obliged to live here because of his asthma. Mrs. T. has not even been out of this place for 6 years! Mrs. R. ([circled R] stands for Rubendall always) was only ¾ of a mile from home all last year—just out to their farm (?). How would you pronounce Hatetoquit ('Hate to quit'), the name of their place? They have been here 12 years but when his contract for carrying mail is up in 3 or 5 years they hope to go to California.

We are taking it easy in hopes that we can soon take long hikes. One woman over-did at first and the Dr. said she'd have to rest ten days to pay for it. We hope soon to walk to Copeland, 3 miles distant, and are talking of Long's Peak Inn, 9 miles off, and finally in 3 weeks of going to Estes, 18 miles away, spending

the night and coming back next day. It is down hill going. We are over 8000 ft., the highest place where people live hereabouts. I could tell I had a heart yesterday before I got up. We don't think we can afford auto rides as they are so expensive, and walking will be much more satisfactory. We are glad we did not bring woolen dresses.

I don't see how we could possibly accommodate another person in this shack. 'It is full up.' We wish the Kittrieges, Blacks, Miss Grace and Rob C. and other friends were here in the Park. What glorious times we'd have! It is no effort to drink the water here whether one wants it or not. It is so clear and soft. They say there are no flowers owing to the late frost which killed berries and vegetables, but we think flowers very numerous. On the table we have blue bells, exquisite mariposa tulips, lupine, gaillardias, painted brush, and a fine white flower not yet identified. It is a satisfaction to know the little I do about the flowers. Yellow sedum is very plentiful and there are so many, many things I don't know. This morning I found some beautiful soft, gray-green balls that I know by the smell are fruits of everlastings. The Mariposas are not like the gray 'cat's ears' of Oregon, but white with lavender marking and specked yellow green hairs. Some day I'll try to count the varieties in our private bog.

The works of art on our walls I shall leave to your imagination. They are too numerous to describe. We have one Alpine scene. If I had a Kodak I might attempt some exterior and interior views.

Yesterday was cloudy in the p.m. with wonderful after-sunsets effects. I'm almost afraid they are going to surpass Kansas sunsets. Anyway they are different if not more beautiful. The wind is in a different quarter today so that only white clouds have appeared thus far.

Please don't get sick or anything, for I'd hate to come back short of four or five weeks.

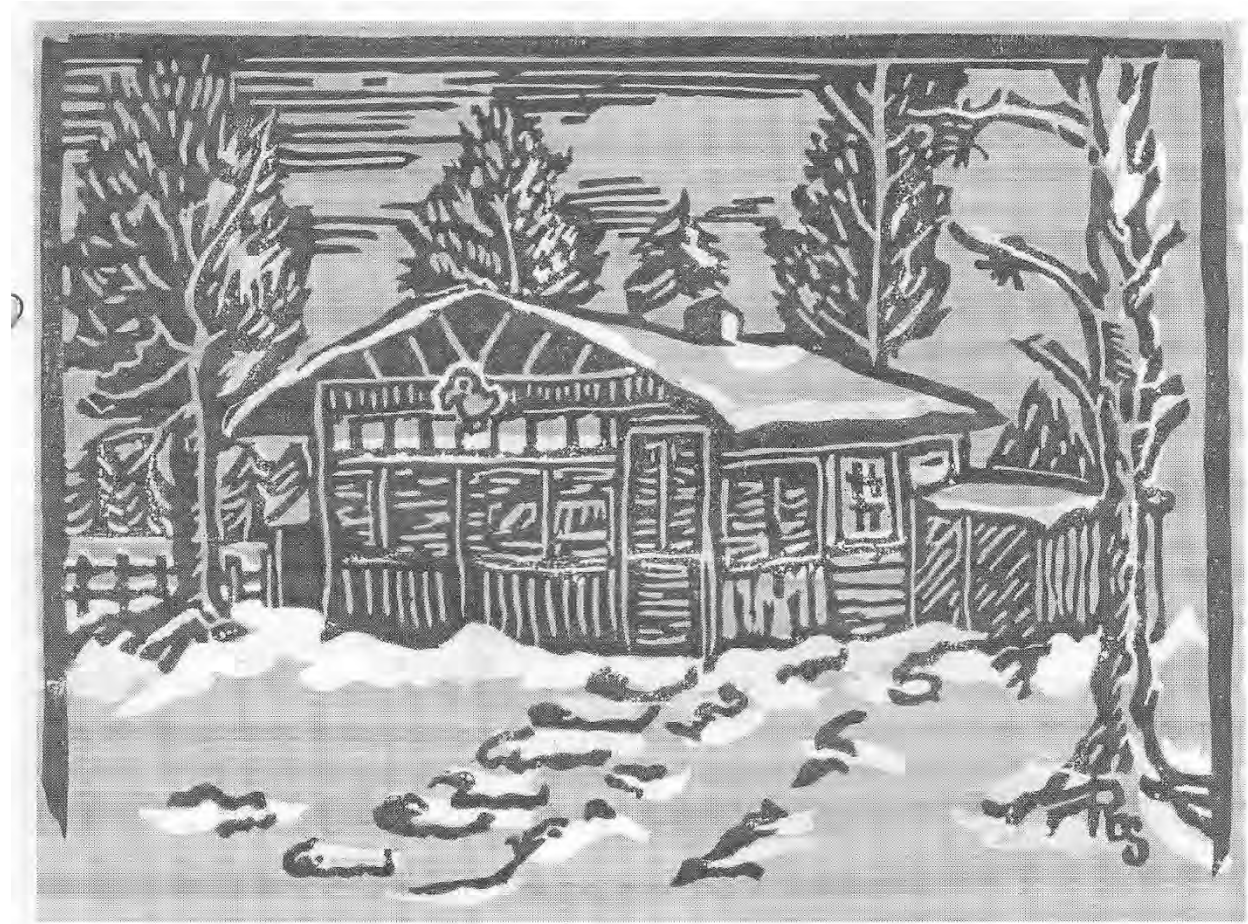
Alice C. Graham

Agnes Graham letter, 1920

6:30 Friday P.M. July 16, 1920

Believe me I'm some tired. Up at 4:30 ready to start to Bluebird Lake at 5:15 but we did not get off until after six as we had to wait for another horse and saddle. Six of us including Andy, and we never would have had the courage to go on over those awful trails if he hadn't gone with us. I was afraid a horse might break its legs for we had to go over corduroy bridges through marshy places, over snowbanks and over rocks galore but I wouldn't have missed it. 25 miles of horseback riding over those trails is no small day's work and I am sore though I walked more than anyone else but Andy. The last half or three-quarters of a mile we had to go on foot over immense snow fields. And you should have seen the wonderful flowers growing right up through the snow, great yellow dog-tooth violets like real lilies, something resembling white blood root and a lovely flower like a fragrant daisy, the dearest little moss with blue, white and pink star-shaped flowers, buttercups and-so-forth.

Jayhawk Cabin Linocut, 1950s



Linocut of Jayhawk cabin by Ruth Shaler

About the Jayhawk photo on the cover of the Wind, March 2006

Ruth and her sister, Martha, with their cousin Lewis Cook, owned the Jayhawk cabin where they summered for years. This print was used as the Shalers' Christmas card in the late 1950's. The cabin, no longer called Jayhawk, stands behind the Post Office on the south side.

So what is a Jayhawk? It's an imaginary bird that is the symbol of Kansas and, in particular, Kansas State University. The Shaler sisters were school teachers from Kansas, thus their Jayhawk mascot. In the picture, the bird appears on a plaque under the peak of the roof.

Read more about the Jayhawk cabin and the 58 years of guests who took the time to sign a guest book as they enjoyed the generous hospitality of the owners.

To the Jayhawk Cabin

1937

Allenspark, Colorado.

1937

by

Helen M. Graves

8:4-7

600 Lexington New York -

AP. up on Ridge above the spring

Beatrice C. Baker

8:4-7

Flint, Mich.

Harriet Arline Hallett

8:5-8

Wichita, Kansas ^{Denver Summer school.}

Mr. & Mrs. Will J. Graves.

8:4-7

2065 West, Topeka, Kans.

Augusta Mengedicht -

8-6-7

Farm-Brook Inn - Allenspark, Colo.

Lola Price -

8-6-7

Osawatomie Kans.

Edith M. Schober, Topeka, Kans.

8:2-11

415 Douthitt - At Home after Sept. 1.

Lila H. Goodwin

7:5/8:11

Topeka, Kansas

Marjorie M. Douglas

Belleville, Kans.

Mrs. H. J. Kesner 1937
828 So. 16th St. Lincoln - Neb.

Mrs. Everett E. Calder. 8-17-37
368 - N. 41st ave. Omaha, Nebr.

Mrs. Richard Powers 877-7
1341 - 1st Avenue Boulder Co

Margaret Austin,
Lawrence, Kansas,

Mary E. Bradford
Olling Park

Lyons
B. 124

Colo

Ina Mishler

623 W 8th

Topeka, Ks

Mrs. Lodie Mishler
Lathrop, Ks.

Mrs. Ella Brill Nelson -
Topeka - Kansas -

Peggy Joann Baker

Bonnie Lou Baker

Barbarann Houtz

Betty Jean Baker

Party at Fawn Brook Sept. 1, 1937

Hostess - Augusta Mergedicht

Guests - Anne R. Skinner

Miss E. Ayer

Mrs. Stella Cuyler

Mrs. Ella Brill Nelson.

Mr. Geo Pfeifer.

Chas. Pitt.

J. H. Skinner

Peggy Roe.

Dean K. Edwards

Albert C. Miller (Pickle Pass)

Charles Skinner

Jim Skinner

Callers at Jayhawk Cabin 1938

Mrs + Mrs. Will Becker 7-21
(on way to Seattle)
Solomon Kans.

Mrs Ethel Murphy 7-27
Topeka, Kansas

Mr August Lundgren 7-27
Topeka, Kansas

Mr + Mrs Frank Carlson 7-27.
Topeka, Kansas

Mary Whitton 8-4-38
Topeka, Kansas. Middlebury Cottage
Old High Drive, Estes
Marguerite Cook 8-4-38
Topeka, Kansas.

Gertrude McMiller Aug. 11, '38.

Emma M. Hinscheid Aug. 21, '38
Arlington, Kansas.

Mrs. Muriel Eversole Aug. 21, '38
Newton Kansas

Margaret Eversole Aug 21, '38
Newton Kansas

Carl Eversole
Newton Kansas

Floyd L. White 8-17 to
8-29-38
Left
Topeka Kans
Julia L White
Topeka Kans.

August 30.

Edna Wright Abilene Ks

Herschel Wright vL 11

Donald Wright " "

Lennise Wright

Rosemary Wright 8-30

Kenneth Wright

Daphne Swartz - Peoria, Illinois
8-29 to 9-8

Katherine Taggart 7-21 } from Cheley.
Lunie Curryea 7-21 }

Adeline Peers 9-4 } from Market Park
Esther Peers }
Mrs. Peers }

Mrs. R. W. Speer

Miss Georgia Angervine

Miss Nora Hungerford



A Look Back at Area History

Jayhawk—56 Years of Hospitality

by Gene Mackey

Jay Hawk Cabin is the small cabin now owned by Dan Crane which is situated behind the Post Office here in town. Two of the previous owners of the cabin, Ruth and Martha Shaler, lived in Kansas, and the third, their cousin Lewis Cook, lived in New York. They all came to Allenspark in the summers when they were off from their teaching jobs. During the short summers they would have guests in from around town and the world. From 1937 through 1994, when Lewis sold the house to Dan, they kept a guest log having visitors sign the book. Those books (two loose bound, wooden covered, books) are like a whose-who of Allenspark through those years. Dan Crane has graciously let the Wind read these books and use the text as written below. Though the handwriting for the most part is good, I apologize for a misreading of the text and subsequent mislabeling of names or places. Anyone with corrections, please write.

"1914-1934, before it was Jayhawk:

"Alice Graham, librarian at Ottawa, Kansas, and her sister, Agnes, as teacher at Clay Center, Kansas, where several families spent summers at Allenspark, had a very inexpensive shack built on a swampy area across from the

Gay-Hansen cabin. As they never drove a car and worked summers they were here only seven summers—never more than two weeks a summer.

"1934: Mother, Ruth and Martha Shaler, with Ed and Bertha Morse, left Kansas' heat to get cool in Colorado, first time there. Attracted by the sign, "Drink (cold water) at Crystal Spring." We did. At the lodge across the road a sign said "Cabins for rent." As they were rented, we rented "Red Fox" from Ballentine for \$20 a month (just below McCollister's).

"Soon we met Alice and Agnes Graham who were ready to sell their tiny cabin for \$600 with two 25' lots and most of their furnishings. (They had jobs in California and Oregon). Shalers moved in for two weeks, "So we'd know what to bring next year," said Mother.

"1935: We brought W.H. Swartz, our good neighbor and "fix it" man. He added 5' to the back of the cabin—the beginning of many improvements. It is named Jayhawk because Ruth and Martha, born in Kansas, are Jayhawkers—also because Lula Bell Stevenson gave us a jayhawk of wood to put on the front of the cabin. Daphne Swartz joined her father and us. Mr. Swartz also built a new "gov. office."

"1936: Mother and Ruth drove out. Martha had gone to Dayton, Ohio to visit brother, Paul. Lewis Cook and his aunt, Olive Lewis, from Gainesville, N. Y. came to Dayton for Martha and drove on out to Allenspark. As if that much driving weren't enough we three continued to Mesa Verde, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, and Salt Lake City. What a trip in 1936, with 3 in a one-seat car.

"1937: Helen Graves, N. Y. city YWCA, gave Jayhawk this guest log."

The signatures that follow are a touch of history from 1937 Allenspark: Helen Graves signs with her New York address and written in later is "AP, up on ridge above the spring." Beatrice O. Baker signs from Flint Michigan. Augusta Mendedoht signs from the Fawn Brook Inn. Mary E. Bradford signs from Allenspark. Peggy Joan Baker, Bonnie Lou Baker, Barbarann Houtz and Betty Jean Baker all sign on a visit to Jayhawk. A party at the Fawn Brook on September 1937 is remembered, "Hostess: Augusta Mendedoht. Guests: Anne Skinner, Mrs. Stella Cuyler(?), Mrs. Ella Brill Nelson, Mr. Geo. Pheifer, Chas. Rinf, J. H. Skinner, Peggy Roe, Dean K. Edmonds, Albert E. Miller (Pickle Pass), Charles Skinner, Jim Skinner."

Notes from 1938 could have been written last summer but when you think of the trips they took by car then, it must have been considerably longer and more difficult:

"Arrived with Mary Allen and Barbara White July 20 following a bad hail storm north and east of here. Too cold for comfort. After a few days we were plenty warm. Because of the hail there were two leaks in our roof, but not serious.

"The first hike we tried to take was to Eugenia mine from Longs Peak Inn. The second was from Bear Lake to Nymph, Dream, and Haiyaha. Saw marmots, deer, red fox

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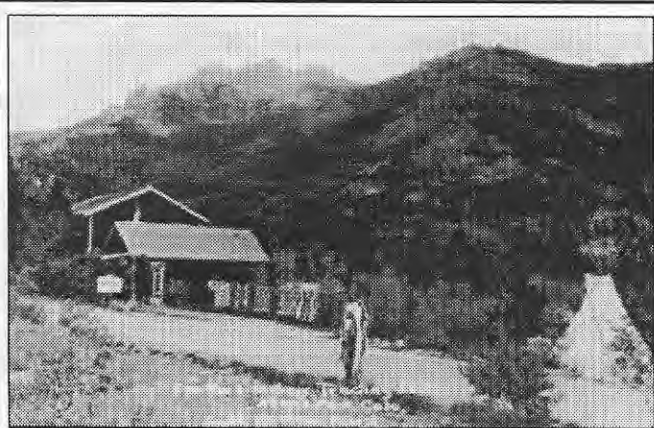
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The help at the conference Grounds under the direction of Prof. Irwin of Friends University gave Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" at Estes. Thoroughly enjoyable.

Heard the Bird Man, Mr. Hutchins, twice at Estes and here at the Trading Post. Bought his small picture of a mountain Blue Bird.

"At Moraine Park Museum we were instructed and inspired by an Indian program given by Little Mocking Bird and Eagle Plume. Excellent!

"Picnic breakfast at Smith's Lake—Augusta made biscuits for us to cook on a stick—don't want to drive it again, a horse could make the trip better.

"Mr. and Mrs. White and Ruth arrived August 17. Hurrah!

"Drove to Brainard Lake with Newton folks. Dinner in open. Hiked to Long Lake and Lake Isabel. Played in snow bank along the way.

"Trail Ridge to Grand Lake 9-7. Hiked down to Iceberg Lake, saw deer, conies, new snow on several peaks, golden aspen, got in hail. Elk in Hidden Valley and the couple elk in Moraine Park that put on a real show for us—antlers and all."

The years pass and many names are repeated as they visit their friends year after year. A small paper-clipped note on a page from 1947 reads: "Marry Allen & Barbara

White, "hashers" at Fawnbrook: What does that preacher mean—calling us cherubs?"

A blocked page from 1948 lists guests for a "Window Warming Party." July 24: Lewis Cook, Joann Mengedoht, May Peterson, Augusta Mengedoht, and Mary Louise Cassity.

A small note from 1949 brought big news: "REA (Rural Electricity) arrived in Allenspark! Kerosene lamps became electric over day, thanks to Lewis Cook who did the wiring."

The log continues with accounts of various work done on the cabin interspersed with comments on the generous hospitality for which the Shalers were known.

As the years pass Augusta Mengedoht starts signing from Lyons. In 1961 The Shalers did not make it to Allenspark at all, spending the time on other summer trips.

They were here in 1963, however, and our Wind board president, Edie DeWeese signed the guest book with her family when they attended a supper at Jayhawk on August 17. Edie's Grandparents, Andy and Edith Hansen, were neighbors of early Jayhawk and then visited from Clay City, Kansas. They were frequent visitors of Jayhawk, as their signatures, as well as Edie and her sister and mother, occurred often.

In July of '63 a large tree was removed that warranted special comment. "Bruce Thorpe and wife Elsie came up from Pike. Bruce and Lewis Cook cut the 60' pine that grew so close to the east side of the cabin that Mr. Swartz cut a hole in the roof for it in '35 when he built the addition. Bruce hand cut the top 25' off and then with power saw cut just above the roof and then the last piece just above the ground. It was all done in one afternoon, a magnificent job!"

Another special day came August 15, 1964. "A monumentous day in history of Jayhawk cabin. Water was piped into kitchen sink and at back of cabin. No more toting all drinking water up the hill from the spring—after 30 years. Anyway, that water has tested "unsafe" for at least the last 3 years. Line laid from ally by Mr. Jackman."

As the summers pass more and more names appear and many again and again. Their dear friend Augusta Mengedoht signs with yet another address, Foothills Manor in Longmont, with a note in parenthesis, "In good spirits."

The Ouzel fire was remembered with a note pasted into the book in 1978. "Sept. 16: The fire, presumably started by lightning Aug. 9, in the Ouzel Lake area of Rocky Mt. Nat. Park, was allowed to burn "under control" according to Park Service ecology rules and regulations.

"High Winds took control so the fire spread rapidly toward AP. When it flew over the Park boundary Sept. 16 volunteer fire equipment and men using everything from shovels to bulldozers from all over the area, rushed up there to really fight.

"Evacuation might be ordered any time, so we packed

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our car. We slept with our clothes on and a light on. The parking next to us was command Post until Sunday when it moved to Kelly house which has safer telephone communications.

"Sept. 19: Snow, late p.m. as we drove up from Lyons—soft and sticky—4" officially by Sunday evening the 20th. Icicles under all caves into 21st. Burned wood a plenty day and night. 3/4" moisture. Men did not have to stay on fire line at night.

"Sept. 23: Can't see smoke from AP, but much in Wild Basin. Copters still flying over."

In 1979 Leslie and Butch Kermath called to visit and "get notes for the Wind." Eula McCollister signed below them (another frequent signature) and wrote next to her name, "News Reporter."

A note from 1989 announced that Martha Shaler "quietly passed away January 10, 1989 at Breuster Place, Topeka, Kansas. Memorial services January 17."

Ruth had passed on some years earlier.

Lewis' last entry is from 1994. "Again at Jayhawk cabin the second time this year, the first time in early April and this time October 9-15—the earliest time in the spring and the latest in the Autumn. Just as wonderful as ever. Went halfway up Twins. Came with Dan Crane, his father Richard, and his uncle Robert (Bob) Younger. Wonderful companions all. Planted some Daffodil bulbs—5 groups scattered in front and north yard. Enjoyed new bathroom in east end of lower bedroom. Our septic system is one of the best things that's happened at Jayhawk in the 58 years I've been coming here. Thanks to all who came or made this time possible."

Lewis passed in 1996.

The story of Martha, Ruth, and Lewis may well be summed up best by a note written in 1979 by Mabel and Chuck Durning: "So good to see Martha and Lewis again. They are so much a part of Allenspark and our mountains."

Oh, by the way, The notes Leslie Kermath came for in 1979 were two articles, one by Lewis on the names of the mountains and natural features of the area, also a poem by Lewis (reprinted on page 22). The second article was reminiscences by Martha Shaler on Augusta Mengedoh, The most delightful story I will reprint here, taken from the October 1979 issue (one year after the Ouzel fire).

"1944 and 1945 were the summers of real honest-to-goodness gas rationing. Summer school at Boulder was needed for my teaching position in Topeka. Combining coupons with a friend, I got to Boulder, where graduate students from all over the country were assigned to live in a fraternity house (because all the fellows were in service). Soon we were friends. They must see Allenspark. But how? One car for 20 women? Augusta solved the problem. She brought her open horse-trailer to Boulder, loaded us, standing, all the way up here. Never was there more fun. For the return trip no one wanted to ride inside the car."

Now that would have been something to see.

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Aging - - - and Allenspark by Bruce Eller

Last year, at a meeting of the Boulder Co. Aging Advisory Council, we learned that our part of Boulder County has the highest concentration of "over 65 population" in the County. Three years ago, at a meeting of the CO Comm. on Aging, we were shown a chart of the spread of CO population, which looked like a drawing of Longs Peak, with a big lump on the far right side of the chart. Jim Westcott, of the CO Demographic Dept., told us that the "lump" was the group of the "Baby Boomers," and that in years (2007) "that group will start sliding down into the 65 and over group, and it will be an avalanche like CO has never seen." Based on past history, some of the 'downslized' (which is a coinage combination of 'downsized/slided,') will be looking to retire/recreate/rejuvenate in the Allenspark area.

This year, for our Annual May Coffee of ASAC, we are fortunate to have a guest speaker on the topic "Aging in Colorado," by Mrs. Barbara Martig, who is a many-hatted Community Program Specialist with the Boulder County Aging Services Dept. She is also on the Boulder Senior Advisory Council, and an Appointee to the CO Comm. on Aging (where she is the Chairman of the Legislative Committee) and was also appointed by Rep. Udall to be the Second District Rep. to the White House Conference on Aging, which met in Washington in Dec. 2005. As someone mentioned to Barbara prior to the Conference, she has probably "spent more time in Washington, than I have in the chow line!"

Barbara is well-qualified to speak to the problems facing the elderly in Allenspark—and the State of Colorado, and answer any questions you may have. The Coffee will be held in the Community Room of the AP Fire station at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 11. The meeting is open to all residents of Allenspark, and their guests.

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Soon we met Alice and Agnes Graham who were ready to sell their tiny cabin. We spent the last two weeks living in our newly acquired summer home, so we'd know what to bring next year. We brought W.H. Swartz, our good neighbor and "fix-it man". He added 5 feet to the back of the cabin, making a place for a cupboard, meals, and a double deck bed. More beds- more company.

This was the first of many improvements for space and comfort. Our school teacher cousin from western New York State made a "mistake" in coming to visit us in 1936. He has come most of the summers since. No more professional carpenters. Lewis Cook has been chief.

The cabin is Jayhawk cabin because Ruth and I are jayhawkers, by birth in Kansas. A teacher colleague gave us the wooden likeness of a jayhawk which has decorated the front of our mountain summer home these forty years.

JAYHAWK CABIN - ALLENSPARK Martha Shaler

"What a queer name. What kind of a bird is a jayhawk? I can't find it in my bird book."

"You are so right. No such bird ever hatched except in the minds of Kansas U. people. The mascot of K.U. teams is the mythical jayhawk."

1914 to 1934 was before it was Jayhawk and owned by Martha and Ruth Shaler, teachers in Topeka. Alice Graham was a librarian at Ottawa, Kansas. Her sister, Agnes Graham, taught at Clay Center, Kansas, where the Gay-Hansen-De Weese tribe originated. They must have shouted their praises of Allenspark, where they vacationed and built summer homes. Eventually, the sisters had an inexpensive shack built on a swampy lot across from the chapel and south of George Pfeifer's garden.

The summer of 1934 was a scorcher in Kansas. "Where's the closest place to be cool?" became our battle cry. Colorado, a new area to the Shalers, became their destination.

Coming along Highway 7 from Estes Park, they were attracted by the sign, "Drink (cold water) from Crystal Spring." We did. At the lodge across the road was a sign- "Cabins for rent". We didn't get them but did rent what was then "Red Top" from Balentine for \$20 a month, staying the rest of the summer, till school teaching in Topeka called two of us.

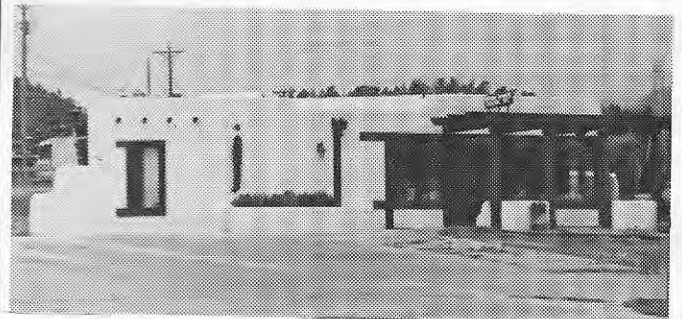
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West elevation



HP-24-0002: Jayhawk Cabin

South elevation



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North elevation

