

Guide to the Historic Preservation Collection 5 – 2012.105

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Name and location of repository Hazel E. Johnson Research Center
Greeley History Museum
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Collection Summary

Dates 1869 - 1999
Bulk dates 1870 - 1879
Level of description Collection
Extent .25 cubic feet
Creator(s) City of Greeley Historic Preservation

Administrative/Biographical History

Brief History of the Union Colony

In December 1869, a western colonization company, the Union Colony, was founded in New York City. One hundred hard-working temperance men and women with high moral standards and money were recruited by its leader, Nathan C. Meeker. The colonists established the town of Greeley near the confluence of the Cache la Poudre and South Platte rivers.

Brief History of the Plumb Family

Ovid Plumb (1823 – 1913) was born in Connecticut but raised in New York where he eventually became a prosperous businessman as a manufacturer of lumber and furniture. He arrived in Greeley on May 9, 1870. Profits from his investments in real estate in Greeley allowed him to buy a 1200 acre farm on the south side of the Platte River east of Greeley in the 1880s. His “scientific” approach to farming included building and improving irrigation ditches and head gates, cultivating various meadow grasses and crops, and raising livestock. He also planted a belt of cottonwood and white ash trees received under the Timber Culture Act of 1873 around

the perimeter of 160 acres. He had a flower garden in continuous bloom from spring to fall for over 30 years.

Charles Ovid Plumb (1895-1991), grandson of Ovid, received a degree in agronomy from Colorado Agricultural College. Following the death of C. A. White in 1922, C. O. Plumb gradually purchased the White farm from White's heirs. He was a Weld County Commissioner from 1935-1939, Vice President of Mountain States Beet Growers Association and served as president of the Weld County Health Association. C. O. Plumb continued to work his farms raising seed potatoes, seed beans, corn, sugar beets, alfalfa, barley, oats and corn. He designed an underground irrigation system with its own cleaning system.

With the urbanization of Greeley and Plumb's retirement from farming, most of the farm was sold to a new subdivision in 1965. Plumb wanted the remainder of the farm to serve as a memorial to the Union Colony pioneers, so he donated the remaining land and two water rights to Lake Loveland to the City of Greeley Museums for use as an agricultural learning center. His daughter, Annabel Plumb Glenn, organized the Ag Learning Center in 1994 which hosts a series of annual education programs. In 1997, the farm became the city's fourth museum facility.

Brief History of the White Family

Charles Augustine White (1836-1927) was born and educated in New Hampshire. He worked as an apprentice carpenter and mason and attended French's Commercial College. He came to Greeley in January 1871, where he earned his living as a farmer and mason and constructed many of Greeley's first homes, businesses and churches. He held several Colorado government positions and was Greeley's postmaster (1884-1888) and mayor (1888-1889). He set out over twelve acres of trees in his 40 years in Colorado. He helped design the Grapevine Lateral, which used water from the Greeley and Loveland Irrigation Ditch to supply water to his farm.

Brief History of City of Greeley Historical Preservation

The City of Greeley Historical Preservation office aims to preserve the history of buildings in the Greeley area. To do so they ensure that the characteristics that make the specific properties unique and important to the history of Greeley are preserved for future generations. They are also responsible for designating properties on the Greeley Historic Register and helping provide financial incentives for work on designated properties. They celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2015.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 199 negatives of the Cranford Survey; 16 slides of various historic Greeley properties; 6 color photos of the Hereford House; 9 black and white photos of various historical Greeley properties; 36 4x6 photos of the 2000 Greeley scavenger hunt; 25 negatives of the 2000 Greeley scavenger hunt; a 22-page Plumb Farm History by Peggy Ford; an application for White-Plumb Farm to the National Register of Historic Places; 2 property profile proof-of-ownership pages as required in the National Register application; 10 pages of copies of black

and white photos of the White-Plumb Farms as required by the National Register; two pamphlets entitled “From Colony to City” and “Explore Our Past: Greeley Walking Tour”; 1 Plat map of the City of Greeley (from 6th to 11th Avenue and 5th to 11th Street) prepared by Norton, Underwood & Lamb Engineering Consultants of Greeley 0961-05-3; 1 plat map of the City of Greeley (6th to 11th Avenue and 11th to 16th Street) prepared by Norton Underwood & Lamb Engineering Consultants of Greeley 0961-08-2; and 1 plat map of City of Greeley (from 6th to 11th Avenue and 16th to 19th Street) prepared by Norton Underwood & Lamb Engineering Consultants of Greeley 0961-08-3.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject.

Conditions governing access

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

Conditions governing reproduction and use

There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.

Languages and scripts of the materials

English

Immediate source of acquisition

This collection was donated by Greeley Historic Preservation Office.

Notes

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Names

Dunleavy, Frances Plumb
Ford, Peggy
Galati, Edith
Galati, Michael
Glenn, Annabel Plumb
Hansen, Barbara Plumb
Meeker, Nathan C.
Mundy, Charlotte Plumb
O’Farrell, Marjorie Plumb
Plumb, Anna Miles
Plumb, Augusta Miles
Plumb, Charles Ovid 1895-1997
Plumb, Don
Plumb, Dorothy
Plumb, Edward “Ned” Kendall

Plumb, Elizabeth Walker
Plumb, Emily Foster White 1871-1945
Plumb, Frederic
Plumb, Laurence
Plumb, Margaret
Plumb, Ovid 1823-1913
Plumb-Huffsmith, Isabella Amelia
Smith, Bessie
Tregoning, Marion N. White
Tuller, Mary Elizabeth
Weinstein, Agnes Plumb
White, Almira C.
White, Augusta
White, Caroline Foster
White, Charles Augustine
White, Charles Ovid
White, Dorman

Places Greeley (Colo.)

Subjects Farm Life
Farmers
Farming
Farms
Museums
Historic Buildings

Document forms Photographs
Pamphlets
Historical Documentation
Negatives
Slides
Maps

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Series III: National Register Documentation

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Series IV: Negatives

Consists of 199 negatives of the Cranford Survey; 25 negatives of the 2000 Greeley Scavenger Hunt.

Series V: Slides

Consists of 16 slides of various historical Greeley properties.

Series VI: Maps

Consists of 3 plat maps of various areas of the City of Greeley

Container List

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Box	Folder
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Box	Folder
2	N/A

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Box	Folder
Rehoused w/ maps	