Guide to the Historic Preservation Collection 2 – 2013.101

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Collection Summary

Dates2000-2006Bulk dates2004-2006Level of descriptionCollectionExtent.25 cubic feet

Creator(s) City of Greeley Historic Preservation

Administrative/Biographical History

Brief History of the Gale House

The Gale House, located at 911 6th Street, was built in 1888. The house is a two-story Italianate structure and was originally owned by C.A. Gale. Gale came to Greeley in 1882 and was a grocer and produce dealer. He died in 1899. In 1950 the house was bought by the Bruskill family.

Brief History of the Oak and Adams House

The Oak and Adams House, located at 930 5th Street, was built in 1883. The house reflects a vernacular masonry style. It includes street names cut into the brick at the second-story level, representing names prior to 1884 (Oak for 5th Street and Adams for 10th Avenue) The Oak and Adams House was originally owned by William Ross. Ross came to Greeley around 1882 and was a stone mason. He was a part of the 5th Greeley Artesian Well Company that was formed in May 1886. Ross died in 1899.

Brief History of Meeker Commons

The Meeker Commons, located at 505 9th Avenue, are a series of five apartment buildings that were built in 2001. As of 2015, the apartments were classified as low-income housing. The Meeker Commons are located on the same block, along 9th Avenue between 5th and 6th Street, as both the Gale and Oak and Adams Houses.

Brief History of Artesian Well #5

Drilling on Artesian Well #5 began in late May 1886 and was completed on June 16, 1886. The well is located near the property of the Oak and Adams house. Water was first found at 1160 feet, and the drilling of the well went as deep as 1287 feet. William Ross helped build the well. In total there were eight artesian wells drilled in Greeley between 1884 and 1886 due to impure surface water. The wells were no longer used once the city bought rights to use mountain water. As of 2015 the well was still in existence but not in use.

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 correspondence from various city agencies to the National Preservation Awards Coordinator including a project description, before and after photographs of the Gale House and Oak and Adams House, photographs of the groundbreaking of Meeker Commons as well as the finished project, newspaper articles about renovations to the buildings, and a pamphlet for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the completed renovations.

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.

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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 Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection,

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Names Amundson, Roger

Gale, C. A. (d.1899) Johnson, Joyce Kellums, Betsy

Ross, William (d. 1899) Selders, Thomas E.

Places Greeley (Colo.)

Subjects Houses

Housing Developments

Document forms Correspondence

Newspaper Articles

Pamphlet Photographs

Contents

Series I: Correspondence

Consists of letters to the National Preservation Awards Coordinator from various offices of Greeley including the Downtown Development Authority, the Office of the Mayor, and Greeley Urban Renewal nominating the Gale House and Oak and Adams House for the National Preservation Honor Award. Also included are nomination forms, a project description, and a letter from the National Trust of Historic Preservation stating that the properties did not win the award.

Series II: Photographs

Consists of five printed images. The images include before and after images of both the Gale House and Oak and Adams House as well as a view of the Meeker Commons.

Series III: Digital Images

Consists of fifteen images saved to a CD depicting the groundbreaking ceremony of the Meeker Commons as well as the finished project.

Series IV: Newspaper Articles

Consists of two newspaper articles about the Meeker Commons project and of the renovations completed to keep the houses standing and livable.

Series V: Pamphlet

Consists of one pamphlet regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Gale House and Oak and Adams House when renovations were completed.

Container List

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