

# Boulder Pioneers Project

**Summary:** Inspired by the Sesquicentennial (150th) celebration, we'd like to acknowledge the pioneers who helped to build Boulder County. For the purposes of this project, we are only interested in collecting the names of people who were here prior to Colorado's statehood which occurred on 1 Aug 1876.

**Definitions: *Early Pioneers*** - Those Native Americans, explorers, trappers and traders who were in the area prior to 1858.

***Gold Rush Pioneers*** - Those who came to the area between 29 Nov 1858 (the arrival of the Nebraska Party in Boulder) and 28 Feb 1861 when Colorado became a Territory.

***Territorial Pioneers*** - Those who came to the area after Colorado became a Territory on 28 Feb 1861 but before it became a state on 1 Aug 1876.

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## Project Steps

Stage 1 - figure out what's where (... still working on it ... still finding new stuff)

Stage 2 - photograph original documents, where allowed, so that volunteers can extract records from home (working at the State Archives & Carnegie)

Stage 3 - perform an "every name" extraction of original records, contemporary sources, and credible compiled sources

Stage 4 - Make good use of the collected data (see below)

## Pioneers Located So Far

As of 1 Jan 2021 there are 16,958 pioneers on the list

## Original Nebraska Party

James Aikins  
 Samuel J Aikins  
 Thomas A Aikins  
 Albert Atcheson  
 Alfred A Brookfield  
 John P Brown  
 Silas D Burns  
 Henry Wilson Chiles  
 Charles M Clouser  
 Lewis C Davenport  
 William H Dickens  
 Daniel Gordon and brother  
 John R Hall  
 Thaddeus R Hamilton  
 Thomas Lorton  
 James P McChesney  
 William C B Moore  
 John Rothrock  
 Theodore Squires  
 Wheelock Brothers  
 Abram K Yount

## Original Town Company Signers

|                     |                     |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| James Able          | Albert Corbin       | John Morin       |
| Charles Aikins      | M D Cousert         | A B Perrington   |
| Thomas A Aikins     | Lewis C Davenport   | John Rothrock    |
| Albert G Baber      | Denison J Ely       | T S Schofield    |
| Albert Baker        | J T Fay             | William S        |
| Albert E Baugh      | Oliver P Goodwin    | Schofield        |
| George Bicknell     | George Hacklemann   | R L Simpson      |
| Daniel Blocher      | John R Hall         | B A Sims         |
| George Briggs       | Thaddeus R Hamilton | Theodore Squires |
| Alfred A Brookfield | Addison W Harris    | G J Thorp        |
| John P Brown        | David Horsfal       | Marquis W        |
| W S Buckwalter      | S D Hotchkiss       | Towner           |
| Isaac S Buell       | William K Hughey    | Daniel Wagstaff  |
| John L Buell        | W W Jones           | James Wagstaff   |
| Silas D Burns       | A K Kennedy         | E S Warren       |
| John Cassity        | Thomas Lorton       | J E Williams     |
| William H Cheatly   | John Mackay         | George R         |
| Henry Wilson Chiles | James P McChesney   | Williamson       |
| Charles M Clouser   | Denis McManus/      | F Winslow        |
| Nicholas Connelly   | McMinus             | David Wooley     |
| Charles E Cook      | Alfred Miller       | J L Younker      |
| David S Corbin      | William C B Moore   |                  |

## Pre-1876 Camps and Towns

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Allen's Park          | Jamestown              |
| Altona                | John Day Camp          |
| Balarat               | Lakewood               |
| Bloomerville          | Liggett                |
| Bluebird              | Longmont               |
| Boettcher             | Lost Lake Camp         |
| Boone's Stage Station | Magnolia               |
| Boulder City          | Maxwell's Mill         |
| Boulder Diggins       | Mitchell               |
| Burlington            | Modoc                  |
| Burke                 | Moray                  |
| Burns                 | Mount Alta             |
| Camp Albion           | Nawat                  |
| Camp Enterprise       | New Cardinal           |
| Camp Frances          | Newmarket              |
| Camp Jintown          | Niwot                  |
| Camp Lyon             | North Pella            |
| Camp Providence       | Old Cardinal           |
| Canfield              | Orodel                 |
| Cardinal City         | Orodelfan              |
| Caribou               | Peabody's Hot Springs  |
| Chapman               | Pella                  |
| Clifton               | Primos                 |
| Crescent              | Puzzler                |
| Crisman               | Quiggleyville          |
| Davidson              | Red Rock               |
| Delphi                | Rowena                 |
| East Lake             | Rockville              |
| Elysian Park          | Ryssby                 |
| Eversman              | Saint Vrain Stage Stop |
| Ferberite             | Salina                 |
| Fisher                | Springdale             |
| Fort Chambers         | Steven's Camp          |
| Fort St Vrain         | Sugar Loaf             |
| Fort Vasquez          | Sulphide Flats         |
| Fourth of July Camp   | Summerville            |
| Gold Hill             | Sunshine               |
| Gold Hill Station     | Switchville            |
| Gold Lake             | Switzerland Park       |
| Goodview              | Tellurium              |
| Grand Island          | Tolcott                |
| Gresham               | Tower Junction         |
| Hessie                | Tungsten               |
| Highland              | Valmont                |
| Honeymoon House       | Wall Street            |
| Hortonville           | Ward                   |
| Hunt's Conc'ion Works | White Rock             |
| Hygiene               | Williamsburg           |

## Research Sites

Carnegie Library—1125 Pine St, Boulder  
 Boulder County Clerk—1750 33rd St, Boulder  
 Colorado State Archives—1313 Sherman St, Denver  
 History Colorado—Hart Library—1300 Broadway, Denver, T-Sa, 10-4:30  
 University of Colorado, Norlin Library (Archives, Western History and Special Collections)  
 Longmont Library—409 4th St, Longmont  
 Lafayette Miners Museum—108 E Simpson, Lafayette  
 Louisville Historical Museum—1001 Main St, Louisville  
 CU Heritage Center—Old Main  
 Longmont Pioneer Museum Archives, Longmont  
 Gold Hill Museum, Gold Hill  
 Denver Public Library, Denver

## Additional/Potential Uses for the Data

Invite descendants to contribute their genealogical information, Adopt an Ancestor Program, every name index for early newspapers, compiled business directories for early Boulder, Boulder Pioneers Book, online registry for descendants of pioneers, and more ...

**Questions? Volunteers?** contact [pioneers@bouldergenealogy.org](mailto:pioneers@bouldergenealogy.org)

# Community-Based Genealogy

## Locating Original Source Records

Designated Archives

Libraries with Archives

Governmental Organizations

City, County, State, Federal

Organizations

Historical/Genealogical Societies

Local, Regional or State

Fraternal Orders

Granges

Churches ... and more ...

Museums

Archive, Collection, Library

Businesses

Banks, Insurance Companies, Ditch Companies, Mortuaries

Contemporary Accounts

Diaries, Newspapers (local, regional, home town), Trade Journals, Photographs

First-Person Interviews

Newspapers, Journals, Oral Histories

Published Sources

Scholarly, Records Extractions, Reports by Relatives, Recreational Reading, Junk

Online

Big Genealogical Sites, Newspaper sites, Memory Projects, Digital Archives

## Gathering the Records

Boxes, Volumes, Microfilm, Loose Papers

Photographing what Need to Work with Later

## Extracting the Records

Using Spreadsheets

Source, Page (location), Date, Name, the Role the Person Played in the Record

Using Databases

Each Person Gets His/Her Own Listing

## Publishing the Records as Indexes

“How often have you been grateful that some local person has made records available to you through indexing?”

Dr. Thomas Jones

## Challenges

Native Americans Who Only Have Oral Histories

Children Who Live or Die between Census Years

Children Who Don't Live Long Enough to Go to School

Records Loss - Fire, Flood, Mice

Difficult Handwriting

Similar Names, People Listed Only by Initials

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## Lessons Learned

Consider the same logistical questions for researching your family that you would when researching a community  
Look for all of the types of records that could have information on your family  
Research all government offices that your ancestor may have interacted with  
Revisit records you gathered records in the past, that you would gather differently in the digital age  
Revisit “burned” counties and ask about the records that do exist  
Check the parent and child counties of the county you are researching  
Consider accounts written at the same time and place as your ancestor lived  
Look at the county histories written at the same time as your ancestor lived there  
Revisit the big genealogical databases often to check for new material  
Look for databases of new material you have not previously researched

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