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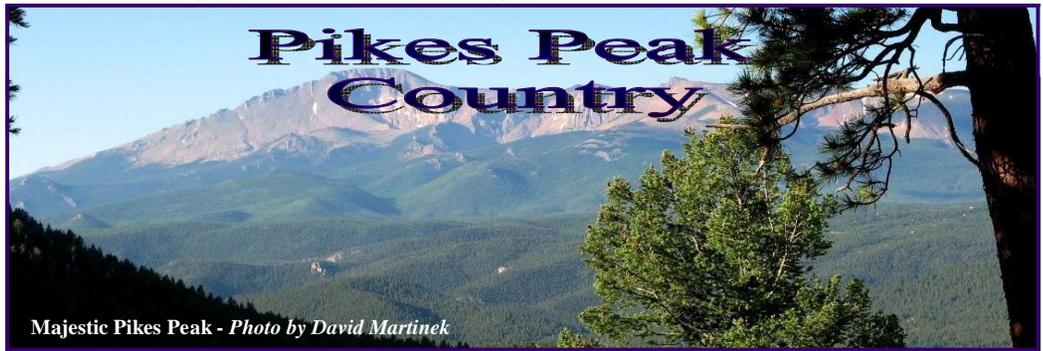
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**Anthony Bott and the founding of Colorado City**

This story is partly about the founding of Colorado City, now called the “Westside” of Colorado Springs, and partly about one of its founders, Anthony Bott. Together, both parts tell of the first settlements at the base of Ute Pass and why they became so important to early Americans rushing to strike it rich at the new gold discoveries in the Colorado Rockies.

At the age of 22, Anthony Bott joined a wagon train of fifty-one people (only one woman) leaving Westport, Missouri in August 1858, under the guidance of Captain John Price. Their destination was Colorado and the Pikes Peak region. Their goal was to prospect for gold. Upon arriving at the base of Pikes Peak in the early fall, the group discovered that two other prospecting parties had already reached the area in the spring and early summer – the Greene Russell party from Georgia and a Lawrence, Kansas party. Undaunted, they settled in and not only prospected for gold in the area, but also began searching for town sites.

When gold discoveries were confirmed in the Colorado Rockies in 1859 in Boulder Creek Canyon, Clear Creek Canyon and South Park, the real gold rush to Colorado began. The trouble was, the only route for prospectors to reach the South Park regions, namely Tarryall, Fairplay and Buckskin Joe (and later Leadville), was through Ute Pass. For this reason, Bott and others quickly platted a town site at the base of the pass in the later days of 1858. They called it El Dorado, the present location of Colorado City. A few cabins were built.

However, due to competition from Auroria, Denver City and others to the north, El Dorado did not survive and dissolved in the spring of 1859. Not wanting to abandon the idea of a town at the base of Ute Pass, Bott and several other promoters met in Denver City and organized the Colorado City Town Company on August 11, 1859. A few days later they also formed the El Paso Claim Club, a vigilante group to serve as a civil government to record mining and real estate claims and settle disputes.

The Colorado City Town Company sent two men from Denver City to locate the town site – M.S. Beach and R.E. Cable. They claimed the present site of Colorado City on August 12, 1859. Later, Colonel Henry M. Fosdick staked out 1,280 acres, two miles long and one mile

wide, astride Fountain Creek. The present boundaries of Colorado City remains exactly as they were originally platted by Col. Fosdick.

Even though Ute Pass was the only route through the Central Rockies to the mining camps of South Park, the pass was only a trail. In 1860, the Colorado City Town Company hired Bott to lead a construction crew to build the first wagon road through Ute Pass, compensating the workers with town lots.

Throughout his life, between helping to found Colorado City until his death, Anthony Bott engaged in a variety of businesses, including road building, real estate, farming, cement manufacturing, limestone mining and quarrying building stone. Within two years of the founding of Colorado City, Bott built the first stone building in town, perhaps to promote his fledgling stone business. Bott obtained his building stone and limestone from quarries located south of Fountain Creek in the present area of Red Rock Canyon Open Space. On the east face of the Dakota hogback, the highest ridge in the canyon, Bott quarried Dakota sandstone which was used in the coming years to construct many buildings in the area.

Later, in 1875, the quarry areas were homesteaded by John Langmeyer who soon became Bott’s brother-in-law and business partner. Some of the structures constructed from the stone provided by the Bott and Langmeyer Building Stone company include: the Colorado Midland Roundhouse, General William J. Palmer’s Glen Eyrie Castle, a church and the original Cog Railroad Depot.

According to some oral histories, Bott’s original log house still stands on St. Anthony Street in Colorado City. They say there were notches cut in the walls for shooting through should there be a need for protection from the Indians.

Anthony Bott died at the age of eighty in 1916 after playing a major role in the organization and development of western El Paso County. He is remembered as the ‘father’ of Colorado City.



**Anthony Bott  
(1836 - 1916)**

*Sources: [history.oldcolo.com](http://history.oldcolo.com); [www.redrockcanyonopenspace.org](http://www.redrockcanyonopenspace.org)*

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**Dave's Buyers' Guide**

Cabins, second-homes and land specials from Coldwell Banker 1st Choice Realty →

Prices and status effective as of July 30, 2010

**Don't believe the housing myths**

You may have seen some email chains floating around with some misinformation about the health care bill and the energy bill.

One claims the energy bill requires homeowners to make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes before selling. In reality, the bill only requires "new construction" to be energy-labeled, but prohibits states from requiring new ratings when homes are resold.

The other email claims the health care bill contains a 4% transfer tax on home sales. The truth is that a 3.8% sales tax (to support Medicare) is imposed on some high-income households that have high investment profit.

The tax becomes effective in 2013 and applies only to households with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$250,000 or on home sale proceeds that exceed \$500,000 (for married couples; \$250,000 for single owners). Basically, the provision affects high-end investors and touches few households.

**More time on tax credit deals**

With the volume of short-sales increasing exponentially over the last year, it was almost impossible for some first-time home buyers to meet the June 30, 2010 closing deadline to qualify for the government's tax credit.

Thankfully, Congress pass a bill recently extending that deadline to September 30 for contracts already in place. NAR estimates that as many as 180,000 households will benefit from the extension.

In addition, military members, intelligence agency employees and Foreign Service personnel who've spend over 90 days overseas last year will have until April 30, 2011 to get a written contract on a house in order to qualify for the tax credit.

To inquire, email or call 719.687.1516

(Marshall-Martinek Team listings are BOXED)



\$475,000

**991 County Rd 791, Woodland PK**  
**Beyond the Norm!** Exceptional hide-away, 7BR/5BA/2GAR, 4066 S.F. on 10 acres. Borders National Forest. Includes 2 corrals, loafing shed and stream. Great room with hardwood floors and vaulted-beam ceiling. Private paradise. #539317



\$425,000

**1000 S. Fourth, Cripple Creek**  
**Rent it out!** This rambling ranch on 4.79 acres has been carved up into 6 rental units. The property overlooks historic Cripple Creek. The 3505 S.F. home has 9BR/6BA/2GAR and a 10-space pole shed for storage. **Income property.** #627984



\$399,990

**36 Trapper Lake, Divide**  
**Pikes Peak View!** Too much to tell here. Stunning, immaculate home, recently remodeled on 2.5 acres. 4527 S.F. 4BR/3BA/2GAR. Spacious kitchen, radiant heat, oversized, heated garage. Wall of SE-facing windows. #695465



\$379,850

**87 Pine Road, Florissant**  
**Wooded Acres!** 5BR/3BA/4GAR; 3822 S.F. on 20 acres. The great room invites you. Enjoy the outdoor patio kitchen for entertaining, log-beam vaulted ceilings; lot of woodwork; abundant windows. Drive-thru pole barn/garage. #646059



\$364,900

**211 Rutgers, Woodland Park**  
**Colorado Living!** 3BR/3BA/2GAR, 3030 S.F. on 4.04 acres. Very clean & well maintained. Lots of windows; view of Pikes Peak. Spacious bedrooms and a loft office. Lower level family room, wine cellar and large safe. Got to see it! #660705



\$287,000

**1133 Spring Valley Dr., Divide**  
**Move-in Ready!** Lake-front mountain living on 1.00 acre. Radiant heat on lower level. Deck on 3 sides. 4BR/3BA/1GAR 2340 S.F. Detached, insulated garage. Unobstructed Pikes Peak view; picturesque beauty! #638934



\$249,900

**16140 Hwy 24, Woodland Park**  
**Waiting to be Sold!** There's lots of meadow and tons of potential. 5.3 acres not far from the new hospital. 4BR/2BA - 2224 S.F. Multi-stall barns, corrals, horse property. Bright, open floor plan. Ready! #557579



\$207,500

**31 Glenwood Ln, Woodland Park**  
**Cedar-sided Rancher!** Rock fireplace in living room, huge family room with wet bar. Large MBR w/ 5-piece bath. 3BR/3BA/2GAR - 2104 S.F.; 0.47 acres. Contingent on short-sale. #670447



\$16,000

**2856 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide**  
**Lake Front.** This heavily treed lot in Highland Lakes (1.67 acres) slopes down to Beaver Lake No. 2. Strategic tree cuts will make room for a driveway and a building site. See this beautiful lot. #457747



\$24,900

**2847 N. Mountain Est, Florissant**  
**Double Lot.** A 1.18 acre double lot; several building sites. Lot of mature pines and aspens. Pikes Peak and Sangres views. Close to Dome Rock. Two miles in CME. Don't miss it. #635122



\$34,900

**127 Carlton, Florissant**  
**Dream Site.** A 2.04 acre lot for a dream home. End of cul-de-sac sloping towards CME valley. Very picturesque. All utilities, perk test, fire mitigated. Building plans available. Come and see. #676197

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