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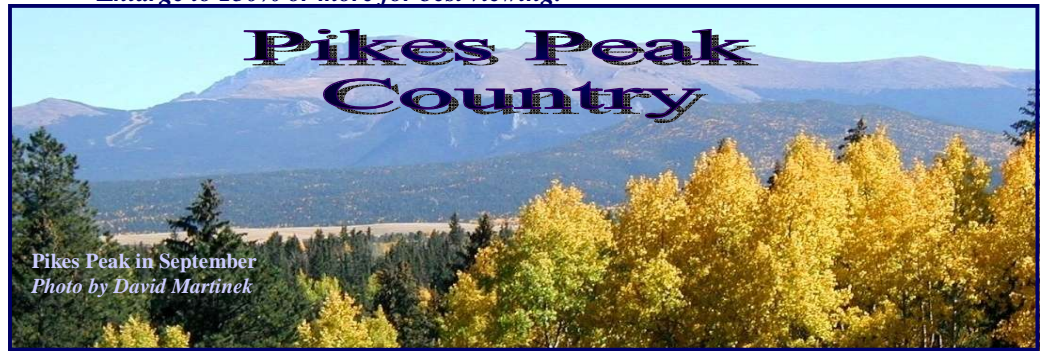
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Pikes Peak in September
Photo by David Martinek

The life of William Henry Jackson



*A photo of William Henry Jackson
(1843—1942) while with the US
Geological & Geographical Survey.*

He was the photographer of his generation. Famous for his numerous railroad pictures and scenes from the American West, he accompanied Ferdinand Hayden on his USG&G surveys of the "territories" starting in the 1870s. It was his photos of Yellowstone that persuaded Congress to declare it the first national park. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and lived long enough to witness the advent of the automobile, burgeoning commercial air travel and the early years of the motion picture industry. During his long life, William Henry Jackson's vast collection of photos were the images that transformed our knowledge of the western American landscape...and the world.

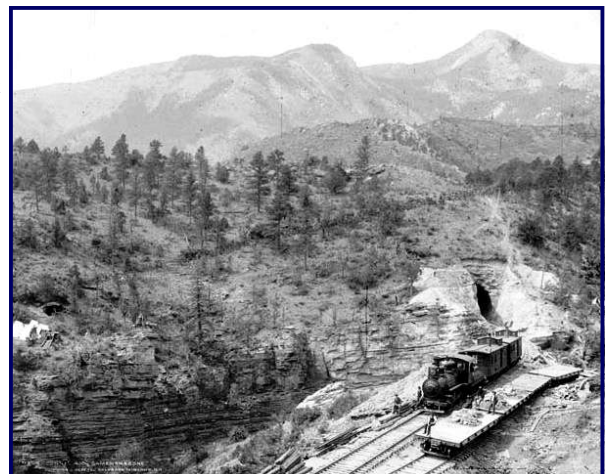
Born in Keeseville in upstate New York in 1842, Jackson grew up in Troy in the Albany area where he began to dabble in the new technology of photography as early as age twelve. Mostly self-taught, by 15 he was employed in Vermont as a photographic touchup artist.

After a brief tour of duty in the Civil War, including the battle of Gettysburg (where he guarded supplies in the rear during the fighting), and despondent over a broken engagement, Jackson bummed his way west by working as a bushwhacker on freight wagons traveling from St. Joseph to Salt Lake City along the Oregon Trail. He returned east

as far as Nebraska by driving mustangs from California and by 1868 had settled in Omaha with his brother, Ed, to open a photography business.

Their first big break came in 1869 when they were contracted by the Union Pacific to document the "views" along the transcontinental railroad. Over 10,000 photos were taken. Their work was noticed by Dr. Ferdinand Hayden who invited Jackson in 1870 to join the US Geological and Geographical Survey of the territories – primarily Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming – a commitment that lasted nine years.

Starting out with only a "fat little flop-eared mule" to carry his portable dark room, cameras, heavy glass plates and developing emulsions, Jackson recorded the first-ever images of some of the most sig-



*Colorado Midland railroad construction crews work near Tunnel
4 along Ute Pass. Photo by W. H. Jackson*

nificant features of North America, including the geothermals and waterfalls of Yellowstone, the Mesa Verde ruins, southwestern pueblos and the mountains of Colorado. His pioneering photos are credited with convincing Congress to reserve many of these areas as national parks, most notably Yellowstone in March 1872, the first national park.

After his USG&G adventures, Jackson established a studio in Denver from where he sold photos and postcards and eventually became director of the Detroit Photographic Company. In 1894, on behalf of the company, he toured India and Siberia, as well as Europe, Africa and Japan. It was during his years in Denver that Jackson spent a lot of time photographing the railroads and the marvels of construction that allowed them to expand through the mountains. Of particular note are his numerous photos along the Colorado Midland Railroad, running 270 miles from Colorado Springs to Grand Junction - the first standard gauge railroad to pierce the central Rockies.

Jackson's long life allowed him to witness many changes in America. At the age of 66 when other men might be contemplating retirement, he learned to drive a "Model T Ford." He played golf into his 80s, rode horses until his 90s, wrote his autobiography and painted western landscapes from memory. He served as a consultant on the production of the epic movie, "Gone with the Wind." He celebrated his 99th birthday on April 4, 1942 and died two months later in New York City.

The contributions Jackson made to the heritage of the United States, particularly the American West, helped to reinforce our national destiny and westward expansion. By "being there" he was able to document a vital part of our history and preserve it for succeeding generations.

Sources: Whjcollection.com; Wikipedia; National Park Service; Getty.edu; and other internet resources.

See past issues of Pikes Peak Country at <http://www.davidmartinekcb.com>

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

Prices and status effective as of October 1, 2010

Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac unloading homes

To reduce their inventory of nearly 150,000 foreclosed homes, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are offering some of the best bargains to home buyers since 2004. According to SmartMoney.com, buyers could save up to \$100,000 on some home purchases.

Other incentives are being offered, such as: requiring as little as 3% down, offering to pay a portion of the closing cost, arranging special financing and warranties for repairs and renovations.

There's a little room for negotiation, but buying a Fannie or Freddie home can be more complex than pursuing an open-market home or even one foreclosed on by a commercial bank. There's a smaller selection of appealing homes, which tend to sell the fastest. Sometimes the majority need lots of repairs and renovation.

"Our goal is to recover as much as we can to offset our loss and not be low balling properties just to move them," said a Freddie Mac spokesman. "We absolutely have no motivation to be leading a downward spiral in home prices."

The downside, of course, is that the neighbors are angry. Bringing these types of properties on the market devalues nearby homes. It also means that in some areas buyers may find better deals on a nearby open-market home that doesn't require extensive repairs.

And a lot of times, foreclosed home come on the market only to be swallowed up by investors before individuals buyers have a chance. So buyers of the Fannie and Freddie homes will have 15 days to see properties after they come on the market before the listings are opened to would-be landlords and investors.

Source: *SmartMoney.com*

To inquire, email or call 719.687.1516

(Marshall-Martinek Team listings are BOXED)



\$899,850

943 CR 78, Woodland Park 40 Acres! An extravagant lodge, the ultimate in Colorado living. 6BR/8BA/3GAR, 7138 S.F. Currently a B&B. Massive stone FP. Guest rooms have private baths & FPs. The grounds are beautifully landscaped. #660600



\$399,900

1000 S. Fourth, Cripple Creek Investment! This rambling ranch on 4.79 acres has been carved up into 6 rental units. Overlooks historic Cripple Creek. The 3505 S.F. home has 9BR/6BA/2GAR and a 10-space pole shed for storage. A money-maker! #627984



\$364,850

87 Pine Road, Florissant 20 Acres w/ Trees! 3822 S.F. 5BR/3BA/4GAR. Meadows and huge rock formations are the dramatic setting for this custom log and wood home. Love the outdoor kitchen/patio and the 60x40 drive-through barn/garage. #645059



\$359,900

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. #660705



\$259,850

251 Bridle Dr., Woodland Park Country in the City. 2203 S.F. on 0.75 acres. 3BR/3BA/1GAR. New carpet, cozy wood stove. Wrap-around, low maintenance deck. Circular drive w/ barn, stalls and a loafing shed. Just minutes from the city. #650891



\$184,900

82 Steelhead Dr. Lake George Colorado Dream! 1657 S.F. on 0.46 acres. 3BR/2BA/2GAR. Fish, hike, overlook 11 Mile Reservoir; close to National Forest. Get that "tucked-away" feeling everyday. Walk out to a hot tub. A dream cabin in Colorado. #454238



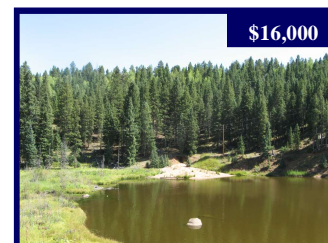
\$148,500

971 CR 61, Cripple Creek Secluded Bungalow! 1BR/1BA 936 S.F. on 8.1 private acres w/ aspen, meadows and views. Cute galley kitchen and loft BR. Built in 2002. A wonderful get-away. Contingent on a short-sale. #686211



\$16,000

1001 S. Mtn Est. Rd, Florissant Meadow! Two acres of meadow and trees and some nice building sites in beautiful Colorado Mountain Estates, south of Florissant. Easy access to nearby Fossil Beds and Cripple Creek. #530773



\$16,000

2856 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide Fronts Water! 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



\$33,400

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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