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A Profile of James J. Hagerman - from Europe to Colorado

In December 1881, James J. Hagerman and an associate traveled to New York and Philadelphia, intent on concluding their business quickly regarding the Menominee Mining Company and being home in Milwaukee by Christmas. During the trip, Hagerman caught a terrible cold and woke up one morning in his hotel room coughing up blood. A doctor was called who "rather made light of it" and prescribed a few days rest, after which Hagerman should be well enough to travel.

Planning a day or two stop over in Cleveland before returning home, it was on the train in his sleeper car a few days later that Hagerman experienced several severe hemorrhages. He writes that he reached Cleveland about midnight and immediately called for a doctor as soon as he got into his hotel room. Hagerman's wife, Anne, was also telegraphed, and she and a family friend arrived as soon as they could. He was treated by a Dr. Lowman, "a young man of great ability and high character to whom we became greatly attached. He did his best to reassure me, but I could tell he was frightened."

Hagerman stayed in the Cleveland hotel for a good month until he was able to be moved to a local friend's house, where he and Anne stayed for two more months while he recuperated. Recovering well enough to travel, they then journeyed to Kittrel, North Carolina in the early Spring of 1882 and spent some time in a small hotel there in the pine woods.

Hagerman wrote that "he improved rapidly," at least well enough to go to New York in May to consult with some of "the best doctors we could find." They recommended an extended rest.

The cause of Hagerman's ailment was never mentioned in either Hagerman's own memoirs or Percy Hagerman's later biography of his father. However, the generally accepted diagnosis was tuberculosis.

Hagerman took the doctors' advice. Along with wife



The three-story home built by James J. Hagerman in Colorado Springs around 1884/54, located on Cascade Avenue near Cheyenne Mountain.

Anne and the two boys, Percy and Herbert, he departed New York for Europe on July 1, 1882. On the advice of a London physician, Dr. Andrew Clark, they settled in Davos, Switzerland by mid-month, staying there until September. They later journeyed to Northern Italy and Nice. Some sources say that he purchased a residence in Milan, Italy.

Percy Hagerman writes that their time was spent "in much travel with long stops on the French Riviera in the winters and in the Swiss and Austrian Alps in summer, and in consulting eminent doctors and going to the places and taking the cures they recommended." He also mentions that his father "studied history, literature and art" while on their travels, as well as that of his favorite subject, Napoleon, in Paris. He visited famous battlefields and for the first time in his life knew and felt the benefits of relaxation, although his always "kept in close touch with his business interests at home." Slowly his health improved.

"In October 1884, we returned to Milwaukee," wrote Hagerman in his memoirs, "and on the doctor's advice we went to Colorado Springs for the winter, with nothing settled for the future."

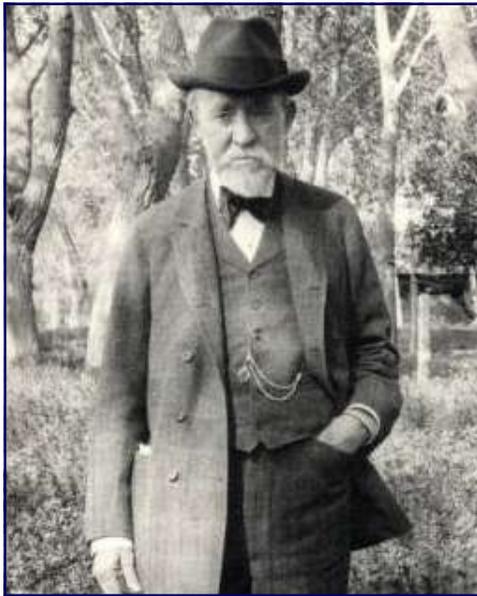
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After closing much of his business affairs, Percy notes that the Hagerman's sold their house in Milwaukee before traveling west. Hagerman thought of settling in Denver, Southern California or even some place in Arizona. But he finally decided on Colorado Springs hoping the dry air and high altitude would continue to improve his health. He built a large, three-story house on Cascade Avenue near Cheyenne Mountain.

Percy writes that "his intention was not to enter very active business again. He had sufficient fortune to live comfortably and his health had so long been a matter of serious concern that he did not believe that he would again be able to work as he had always done."

But Hagerman's proclivity for getting involved in business adventures would not suffer the idleness he felt as his health improved. He wrote that "I did not expect to engage in any absorbing business there, but my health having so far returned that I felt better than for many years, the first thing I knew, ...I was buried in work." Hagerman reportedly built an office building and became a major stockholder in the First National Bank of Colorado Springs.



James J. Hagerman when an older man after his period in Colorado Springs.

For the next 15 years, Hagerman would live in Colorado and expend his interest in mining adventures in Aspen and Cripple Creek, and in the building of the Colorado Midland Railway before turning his attention to the Pecos Valley of New Mexico.

To be continued.

Hagerman Early Facts:

James J. Hagerman:

March 23, 1838—September 13, 1909

Born: March 23, 1838 near Port Hope, Ontario

Education: Attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating in 1861

Early Career: Steamship Clerk, Iron Manufacturer, Iron Mining Executive

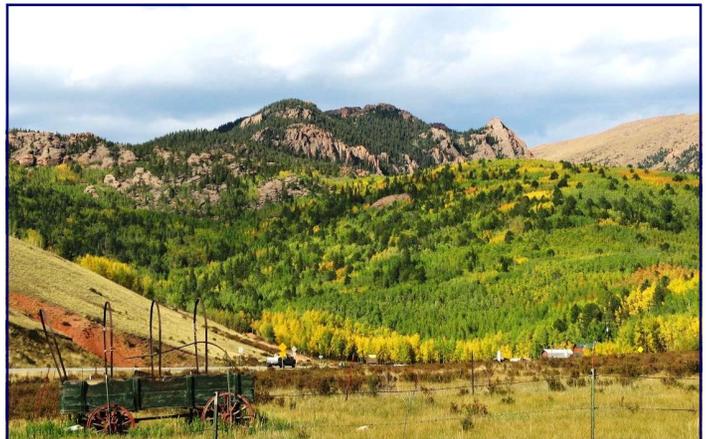
Fall 2012 in the Pikes Peak Area



Yellow aspen canopy a pathway on Cripple Creek and Victor Mining Company property just east of Poverty Gulch near Cripple Creek.



A view of the Anchoria-Leland mine head-frame in the distance looking from the balcony of the Pikes Peak Heritage Center just above Cripple Creek. The aspen leaves turn a brilliant yellow and gold each year during the last weeks of September.



A view of Pikes Peak and the Craigs from Gillette Flats about 4 miles north of Cripple Creek. The old covered wagon frame (forefront) is a landmark for a riding stable that used to operate in the area. In this photo, the aspen were just beginning to turn in the early weeks of September.

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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 September 30, 2012



\$1,695,000

18544 S. Hwy 67, Divide Borders National Forest! Here are 238+ acres of paradise with a stream, ponds, a water fall, aspen groves, meadows, timber and rock formations. Look for turkey, elk, deer, ducks and other wildlife on the property. A huge modern metal shop building and a caretaker's lodge compliment the main house. The main house is 3114 S.F. on three levels w/ 4BR/4BA/2GAR. Stucco construction and recent updating set this home and property as a destination unto itself. Close to hospital in Woodland Park. Horse property. All corners marked. #786675

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\$699,900

4013 County Rd. 102, Guffey Custom Home! 40 pristine acres w/ a view of Pikes Peak. 4524 S.F. w/ 4BR/4BA/3GAR. Built w/ British Columbian hewn logs. Chef's delight kitchen. Main level master. 26x19' family room. #756295



\$549,000

1192 County Rd. 112, Florissant Sculptured Excellence! Open valley views on 37.7 acres, plus a functioning artist workshop. 3853 S.F. w/ 3BR/3BA/2GAR. Cherry cabinets, main level MBR, 3 walk outs. Back deck. #738857



\$440,000

991 County Rd 791, Woodland Pk Cowboy Heaven! Borders Nat'l Forest, 10 acres, 4BR/3BA/2GAR, 2534 S.F. Hand hewn log home w/ dramatic great room, hdw floors, vaulted ceiling, wood stove. Rock formations, orchard. #776368



\$369,900

4575 Doe Valley Rd, Florissant Ultimate Colorado Property! Set on 65.54 acres, this is off-the-grid heaven. Streams, meadows, Pikes Peak view. A complete home make-over with covered porch. 1458 S.F. w/ 3BR/2BA/2GAR. Find your "quiet" in this place. #767676



\$364,850

1260 Ponderosa, Woodland Pk Great views! 3BR/3BA/2GAR w/ 2750 S.F. on 0.77 acres on a ridge-line overlooking WP. Great room, 2-story wall of windows, Jennaire range in kitchen, walk-out deck, family/theatre room. Central vac, paved driveway. #723837



\$35,000

740 County Rd 45, Florissant Two level lots! Here are two level lots at the intersection of CR 45 (Crystal Peak Road) and U.S. Highway 24 just north of Florissant. The main lot is 2.59 acres and the adjacent lot is 0.67 acres, both sold together. #795650



\$33,900

127 Carlton Cir, Florissant Building Plans! This 2.04 acre lot is ready to go. Perc test done, fire mitigation trees cut, building plans available. A well permit is waiting. This is a beautiful parcel overlooking the CME valley. A dream lot for a dream home.



\$19,900

2847 N. Mountain Est. Florissant Two Lots! Two adjacent lots on a corner that total 1.18 acres. Several building sites are among the many Ponderosa and Fir trees. A selective build produces a great view of Pikes Peak.



\$13,000

317 Blue Spruce Dr, Florissant Scenic! 1.61 acres lot with the building sites is on the ridge line. Then the lot slopes severely down to Four Mile Road. View of the Dome Rock area. Secluded and very private. #756145



\$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

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