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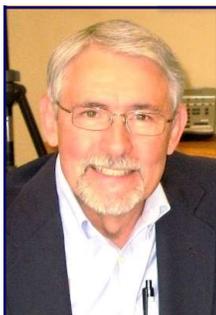
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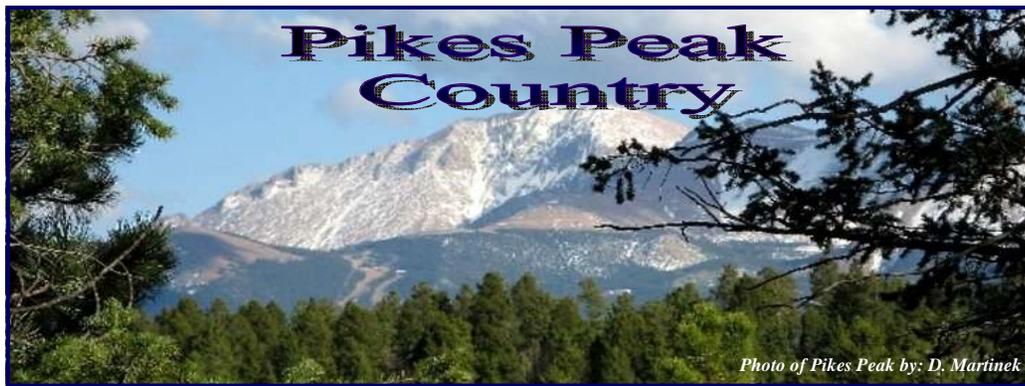


Photo of Pikes Peak by: D. Martinek

The name, Pourtales

Search for the name "Pourtales" on the internet and you'll discover quite a prolific list with a history dating back to Prussian nobility, affiliation with the Talleyrand-Perigord family of France, and various counts and countesses. The long list of "Pourtales" individuals who migrated to the United States in the 1800s and later, along with numerous place and street names in various locations around the country, reveal that "Pourtales" (while not as common as "Smith" or "Jones") can be found just about everywhere, and involved in several events and regions in our nation's history.

Early El Paso County had at least two gentlemen named Pourtales of some renown: Count James Pourtales and Louis O. Pourtales. They were cousins.

Count James Pourtales came to Colorado Springs from Prussia in 1884 seeking fortune and romance, and to visit his cousin, Louis, "who was ranching some miles up Ute Pass to correct a tendency toward



Count James Pourtales

intemperance." Using his knowledge of German scientific farming, James formed a partnership with a man named Willie Wilcox in an attempt to revive Wilcox's dairy farm at the base of Cheyenne Mountain. But soon James decided that the only way to make a decent profit would be to create an upper-class suburb of Colorado Springs with numerous amenities to increase the value of the home sites. So in 1890, Count Pourtales formed the Broadmoor Land and Investment Company and purchased a 2,400-acre tract where he built a casino to entice folks to buy lots. A small hotel was constructed a little later. Suffering from financial troubles, by 1897 Pourtales had moved on and the casino and hotel later became a boarding house and a day school for girls. In the early 1900s, the acreage and structures were purchased by Spencer Penrose, a wealthy Philadelphia entrepreneur who made his fortune in the gold district of Cripple Creek. Penrose established the Broadmoor Casino and Hotel on 440 acres, which is now the Broadmoor Resort, the premier hotel and resort in Colorado Springs.



Spencer Penrose

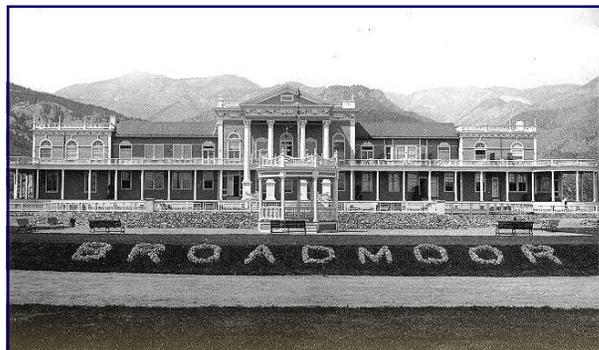
Louis O. Pourtales grew up in Washington D.C. and later Boston where his father was an assistant to a noted Harvard scientist. He came to the Colorado Springs area in the 1880s and started ranching up Ute

Pass in the vicinity of Dr. William Bell's Manitou Park area. His cousin James later married Louis' sister (Countess Berthe). Louis was a popular man in the region and apparently became even more popular after saving several people from drowning. Louis' heroics were recounted in a May 1889 story from the *Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph*.

"The Green Mountain Falls Hotel opened its first season with a week end of complimentary festivities for two hundred members of Colorado Springs' best society and guests from Denver, Pueblo and surrounding locales on Saturday in May of 1889. The 'Florence Dow,' a trim little sailing craft designed to plow the raging billows of Green Mountain Falls Lake had been added to the fleet of rowboats. However, the weekend nearly ended in tragedy. The Town Company's president, Mr. Dow, evidently carried away by the merriment of the hotel opening, rowed a boatful of passengers, including his wife and baby, up to the side of the fountain which was originally in the lake. The passengers jumped to one side of the boat to avoid the spray and the boat capsized. Fortunately, Mr. Pourtales, the brother (actually cousin) of the Broadmoor's Count Pourtales, a gentleman who lives at Manitou Park, and a splendid swimmer, happened to be in the depot near the lake. Upon hearing the cries, he ran out, threw off his coat and plunging into the water managed by a noble effort to support the drowning ones until help came in one of the other boats."

There are no Pourtales named in the Colorado Springs telephone book today, but there is a Pourtales Road. And, in the Boadmoor Hotel and Resort's main building there is a Pourtales Hall.

(Sources: Wikipedia, USGenWeb, Broadmoor.com)



The original Broadmoor Casino and Hotel. Count James Pourtales formed the Broadmoor Land and Investment Company in 1890 and purchased 2400 acres at the base of Cheyenne Mountain. Later, in 1918, Spencer Penrose built and promoted the Broadmoor Hotel and Casino on 440 acres - site of today's Broadmoor Hotel and Resort.

Dave's Buyers' Guide

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

Prices and status effective as of October 31, 2009

To inquire, please email or call 719.687.1516

(Marshall-Martinek Team listings are boxed)



\$139,900

60 E. Aspen Drive, Divide Rancher. Remodeled rancher, inside and out. 3BR/2BA, 1309 S.F. on .44 acres, including an adjoining lot. New carpet, plumbing, wood stove and roof. Fenced w/ outbuildings. Quiet cul-de-sac in Sherwood Forest. Ideal for a permanent residence or vacation get-away. Unique! #474569



\$139,900

192 Silbani, Divide Like New! A well-maintained manufactured home with 3 BR/2 BA on 0.7 acres. 1736 SF. Features a new deck and improved excavation in front. Erected in 2004, this corner lot in the nicely treed Arabian Acres subdivision is minutes from Woodland Park. Great as a vacation home or a permanent residence. #559973

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\$524,850

991 CR 791, Woodland Park Beyond the norm. 10 acres borders National Forest. 2 corrals, a loafing shed and a stream. Hand hewn logs. 7BR/5BA/2GAR, 4066 S.F.; great room, log beam ceiling. Everything you'd expect. Escape! #510007



\$250,000

416 Arrowhead Dr., Florissant Log Home. 2BR/1BA; 1206 S.F. on 2-acre private wooded lot with view of the mountains. Loft bedroom; 4" oak flooring. Stainless appliances. Large 32 x 9' front porch. Custom log structure. This is a great cabin in the mountains! #526682



\$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. After that, a dream home can happen. Come and see this beautiful lot. #457747



\$464,950

36 Trappers Lake Dr., Divide Brazilian Cherry Wood. 2.5 acres 4BR/3BA/2GAR, 4527 S.F. Brazilian cherry hardwood floors in bedrooms. 7 skylight; lots of room and storage; wall of windows. Highland Lakes and trees. #613251



\$229,900

42 Teller Circle, Florissant View, Views! 2.06 acres of views and more views. 3BR/3BA/3GAR and 1812 S.F. Large LR w/ vaulted ceiling & wood stove. Nice decks for viewing. Country kitchen. Adjoining 6 acres may be purchased separately. #530828



\$19,000

0 Commanche Trail, Florissant Mountain Top. The views from the top (where the lot is) are outstanding. Rock formations dominate this 2.3 acre lot in Valley Hi Mountain Estates. There is no legal access to the property, so it is being sold as a "recreational" lot only. Hike up and enjoy the view! #470091



\$369,900

1385 Blue Mesa, Divide Contractor's Home. 1.68 acres overlooking gorgeous lake and mountains. Amazing family room w/ 4BR/4BA/2GAR, 3430 S.F. See the hickory & maple cabinets in the kitchen. Radiant heat. #653904



\$179,000

160 Comanche, Lake George Like new! Cedar-sided home on 0.32 acres w/ wrap-around deck for view of lake. Corner FP in MBR. 2BR/2BA/1GAR, 1542 S.F. Close to Eleven-Mile and Spinney Reservoirs and National Forest. Get-away! #602731



\$24,900

86 High Chateau, Florissant Beautiful Land. Just a couple of acres overlooking some trees and a great view of Pikes Peak. Easy access from High Chateau Road; utilities at the property line. 2.15 acres of level building sites. If you want to build a cabin, here's the place. #433314



It seemed like yesterday we were wondering when summer would really begin. It had been especially cool in July and August and folks were waiting for those one or two days in the high 80s, or low 90s. But, they never came. Instead, Fall leafed in and was fabulous, lasting far longer into October than usual. But by the middle of October, we'd had our first snow. When ghosts and goblins appeared, we had two more fairly robust snows, measuring 8 to 10 inches, with a promise of more to come. It looks like we may be in for a lusty old cold Colorado winter, "like in the ole days!" Halloween is gone but a gratefulness lingers...just to be living here in the mountains makes us pause and reflect on what we are really thankful for - something you can do anywhere, I guess.

