

TIMNATH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
1883 to 2008

TIMNATH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
1883 to 2008

PART 1: 1859 to 1929

TIMELINE DESIGNED AND ASSEMBLED  
BY:

Paul Moyer, Pastor Emeritus

Jayne Sears

Nancy Greenwood

The timeline, as posted in the sanctuary during the fall/winter of 2008/2009 consisted of three tracks (see next slide). The top, blue, line identified national events. The center, yellow, line contained milestones of Timnath Presbyterian Church history. The purple, at the bottom, illustrated local (Timnath and Fort Collins) events. Most of the following slides are keyed accordingly with 'USA', 'TPC', or 'Local'.

# NATIONAL

# CHURCH

# COMMUNITY

**TIMELINE**  
STARTS HERE

BLACK = YEARS  
 BLUE = NATIONAL HISTORY  
 YELLOW = CHURCH HISTORY  
 PURPLE = LOCAL HISTORY

1860



THE FIRST OIL WELLS IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA

1870



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



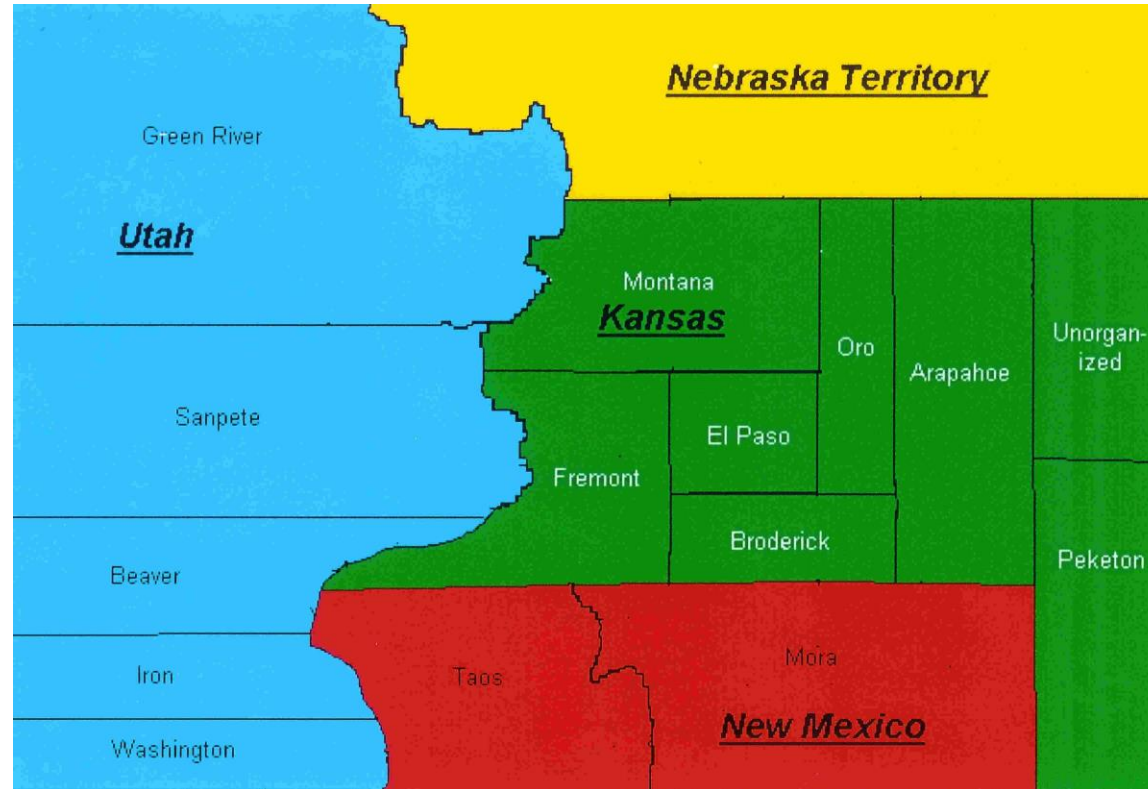
1859 - First oil well drilled in  
Titusville, PA.

(USA)

1860

# Before Colorado Territory.

The area that became Colorado as it was in 1860 – 1861  
(Local)

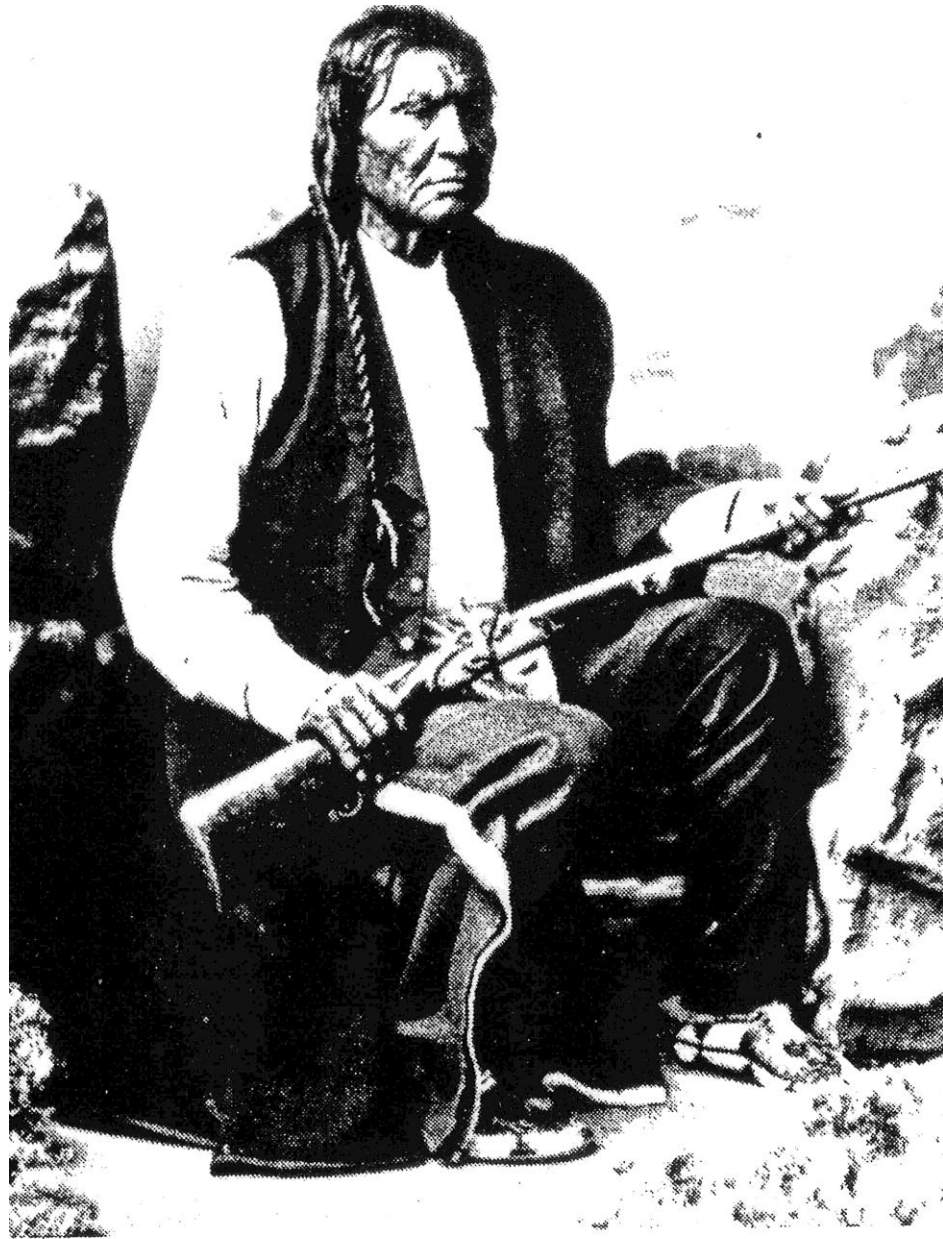


Chief Friday led an independent band of 250 Arapahoe in the Poudre Valley. He had been adopted by a fur trapper in 1831 and had learned English. This became a valuable tool for him as he communicated with the settlers.

(Local)

Chief  
Friday in  
his later  
years.

(Local)

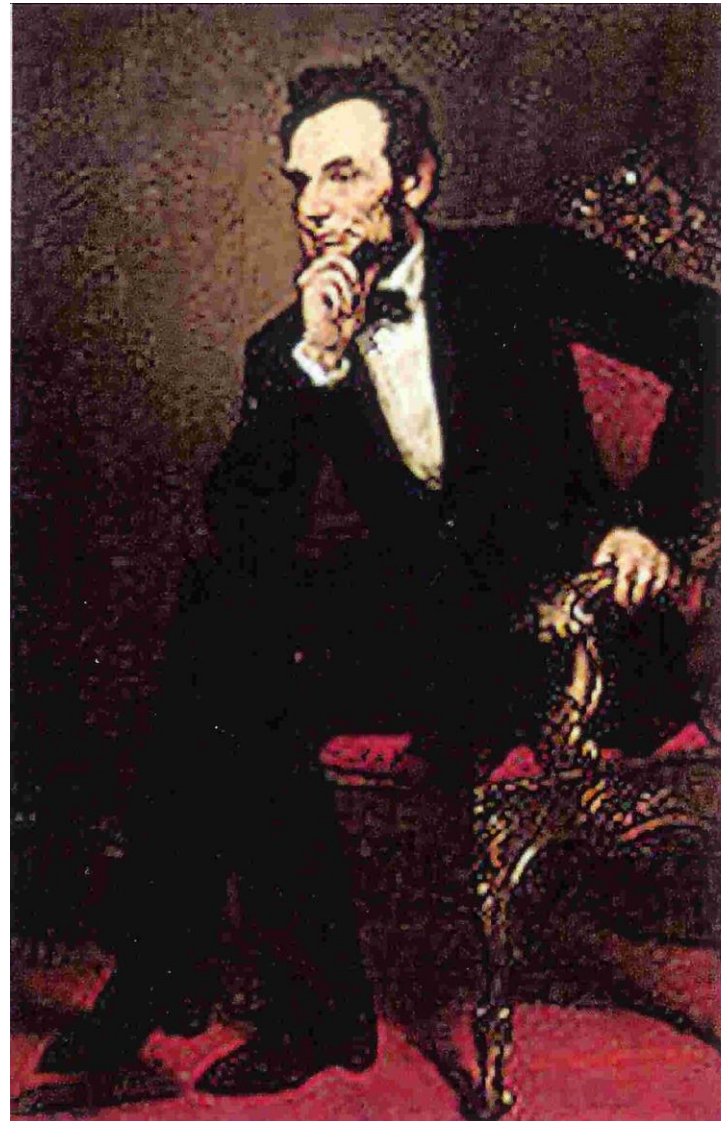


1861 to 1865

The American Civil War

# President Abraham Lincoln

(USA)



# Civil War “railroad cannon”

(USA)



Confederate army were stopped in the Glorieta Pass on the Santa Fe Trail. This saved the Colorado silver and gold mines from financing the Confederate cause.

(USA)



# Camp Collins

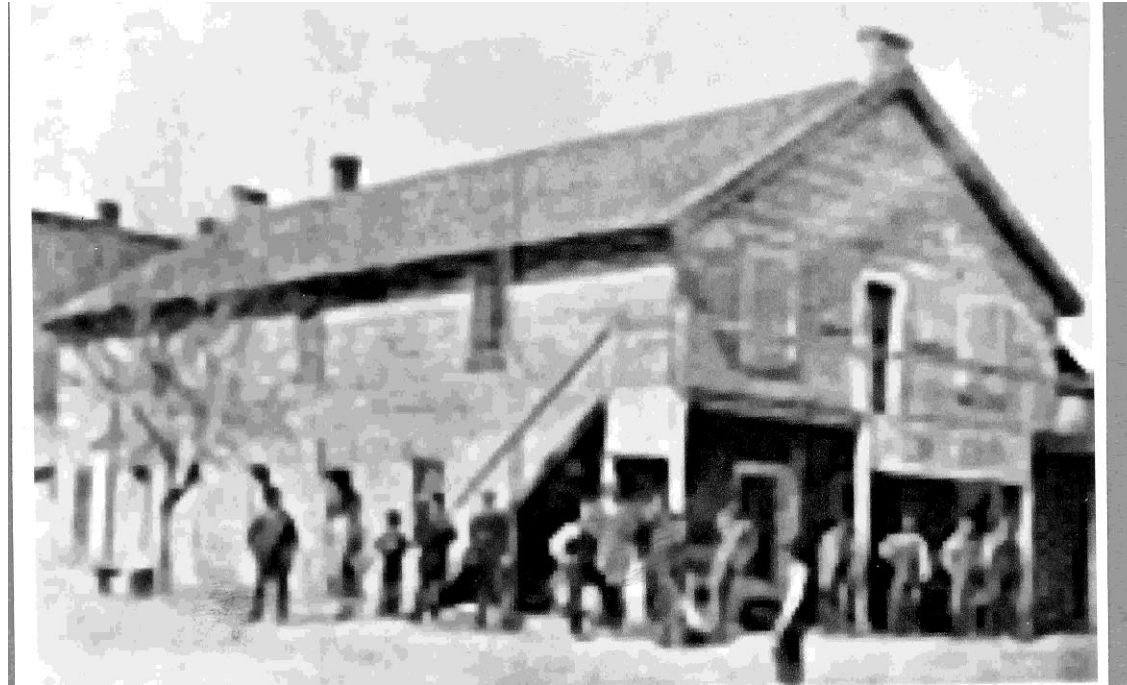
1864-1867

(Local)



This building, at Stover and Matthews in Ft. Collins, was built in 1865, torn down in 1882. It served at various times as a courthouse, a jail, a church, a store, and a community center.

Local

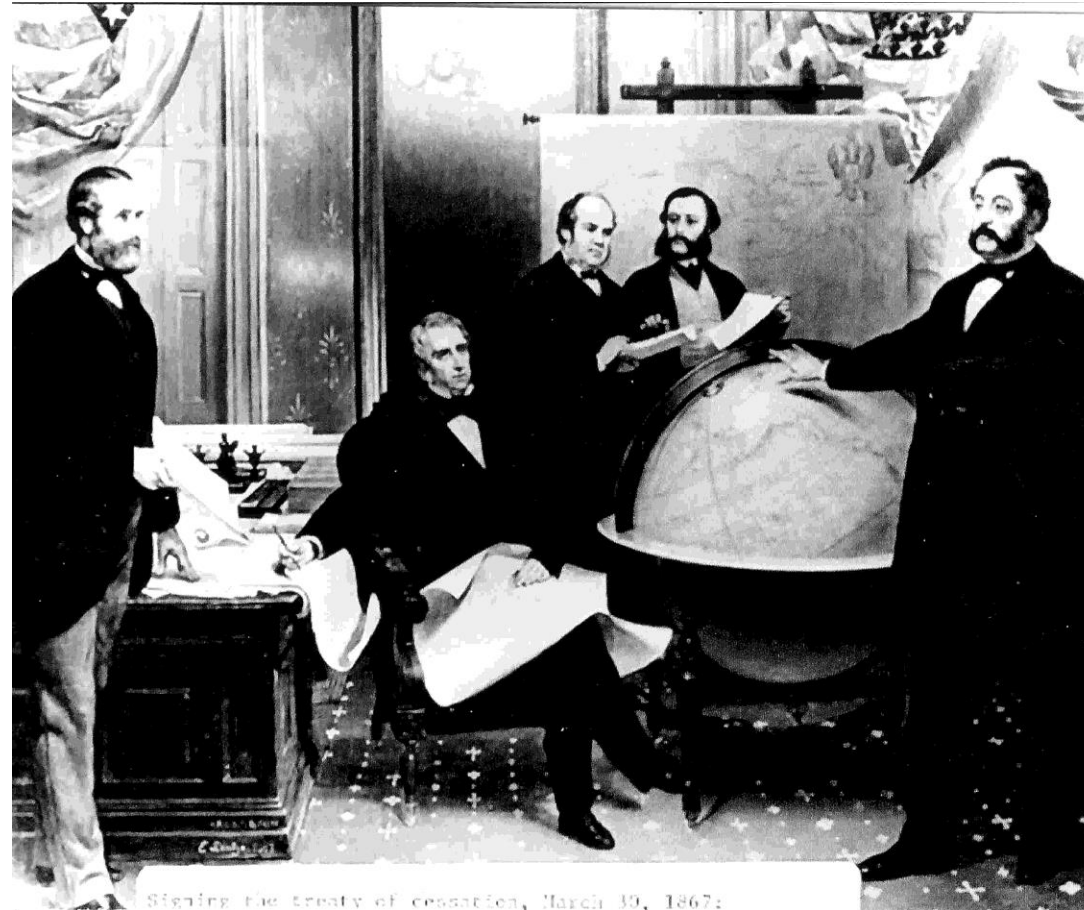


The old Indian Council Tree on the George Robert Strauss place, on the West bank of the Poudre River, about 100 yards north of the railway bridge.

Local



# Signing of the “Treaty of Cession” for the Alaska Purchase, March, 1967. (USA)



Signing the treaty of cession, March 30, 1867:

“1869 - A Log school house was built ½ mile north of the Old Council Tree. Presbyterians, Methodists, and United Brethren shared services in this building”

Local

First Timnath school house (The Buss School)  
(Photo by H.A. Willis) (Local)



“The Gospel was spread through the territory in the 1860's  
by circuit riders going from town to town to lead Sunday  
School and worship services” (TPC)



1870

- 1870 - Christmas declared as a federal holiday  
USA

1870-90 Blacksmith shop in Fort Collins  
Local



1870 - Census of Larimer County shows a population of 838.

Kansas City - Denver Railroad links with the Union Pacific Railroad in Cheyenne, Wyoming

Local

Grasshopper plague devastates area crops and forces many farmers out.

Local



Levi Strauss Received a patent for blue jeans with copper rivets. They sold for a price of \$13.50 per dozen. USA



1880

Two new schools were built, Riverside to the south of Timnath and Fairview to the north. Presbyterians met on Sunday afternoons at Fairview. The Rev. D. E. Finks came from Fort Collins to preach.

Local/TPC

T. E. Bliss succeeded the Rev. Finks as pastor.

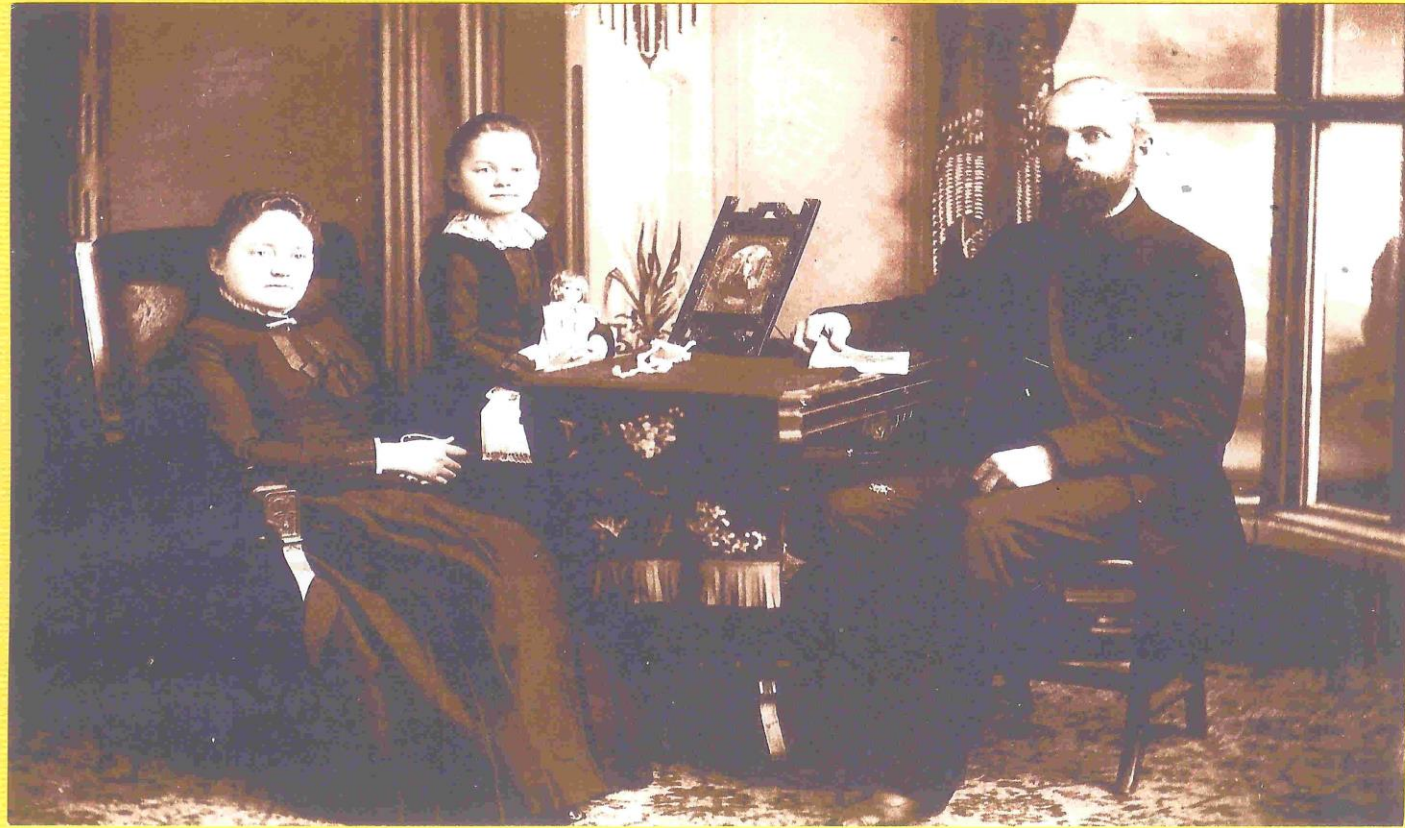
TPC



October 17, 1883 - A church was organized by the Presbytery of Denver, and called the Presbyterian Church of Fairview. In November of that year a five acre lot was purchased from the Union Pacific Railroad by the church for \$40.

TPC

**1883 - THE REV. CHARLES TAYLOR  
WAS CHOSEN BY THE PRESBYTERY  
OF DENVER TO LEAD THE CHURCH.**



1884 - A Parsonage was built on the NW corner of the property at a cost of \$800. The building still exists in 2009. The Rev. Taylor became the installed pastor. Soon after, the church was renamed the Presbyterian Church of Timnath. The Rev. Taylor had named the town "Timnath". It was a biblical name, taken from the village where Samson met his wife.

TPC

The Brooklyn Bridge, completed in 1883, the same year Timnath Presbyterian Church was organized. This picture taken in 2008, during a celebration of the bridge's 125<sup>th</sup> year.

USA



1884 - A Post Office was established in Timnath with the Rev. Charles Taylor serving as the first postmaster. He distributed mail from the Timnath Presbyterian Parsonage.

Local

# Train at Timnath depot

Local



1887 - A Light, Heat and Power Company was formed in Fort Collins.

Local

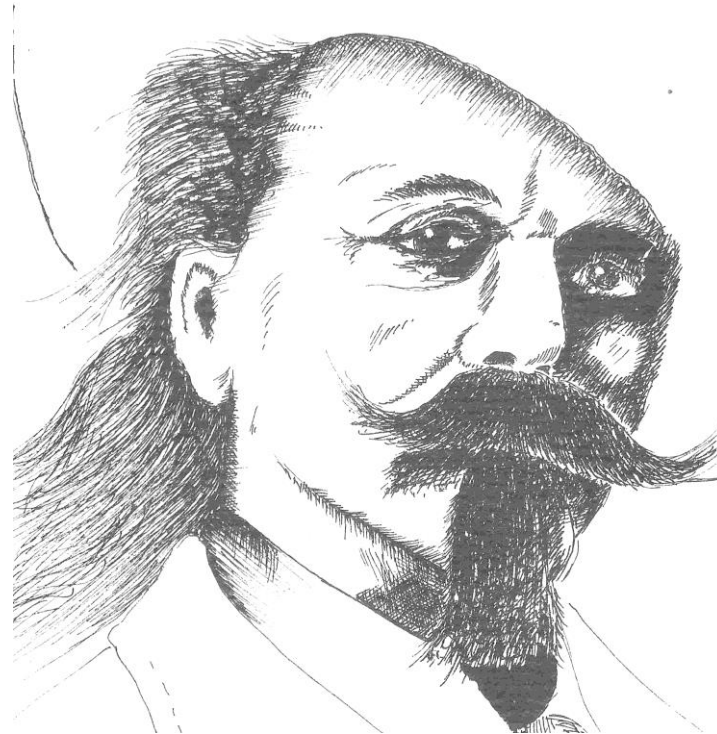
Construction of the church building at a cost of \$3500.  
Dedicated August 25, 1888. TPC



William Cody , “Buffalo Bill” .

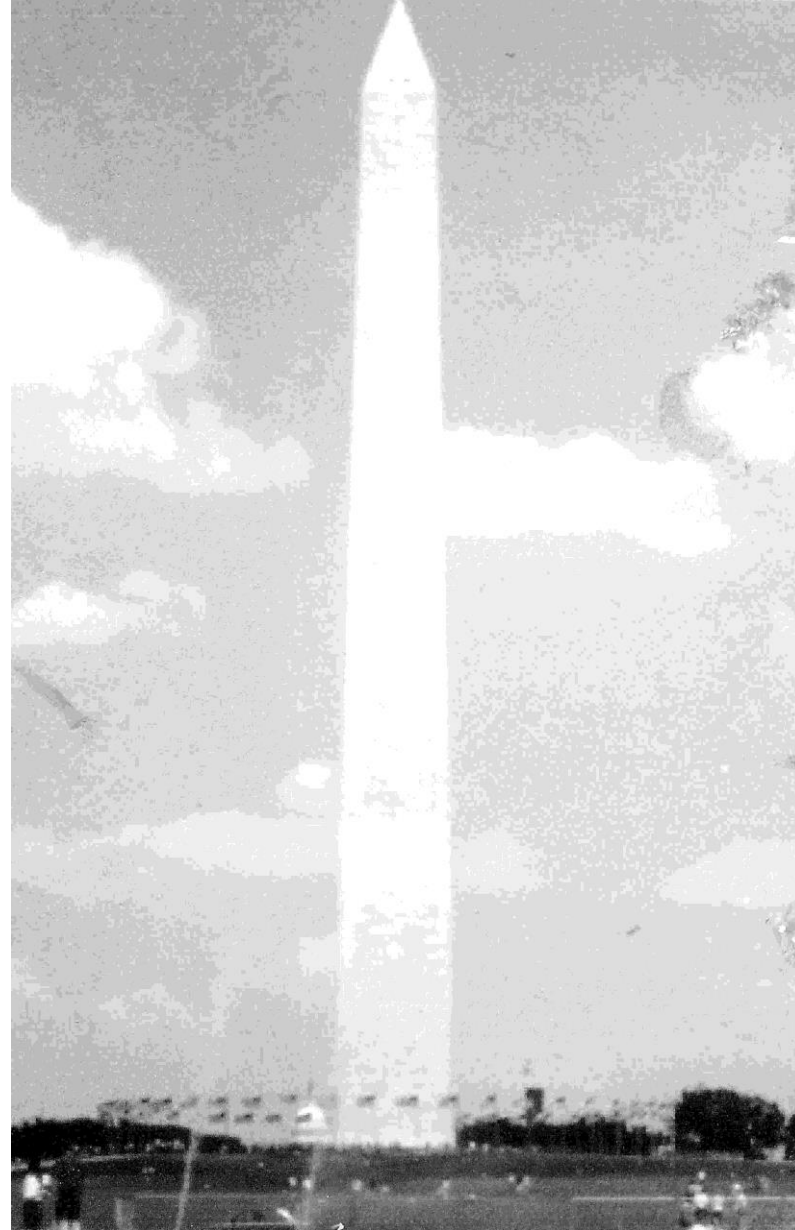
1846-1917

USA



1888. Washington  
Monument  
opened to  
public after 40  
years under  
construction.

USA



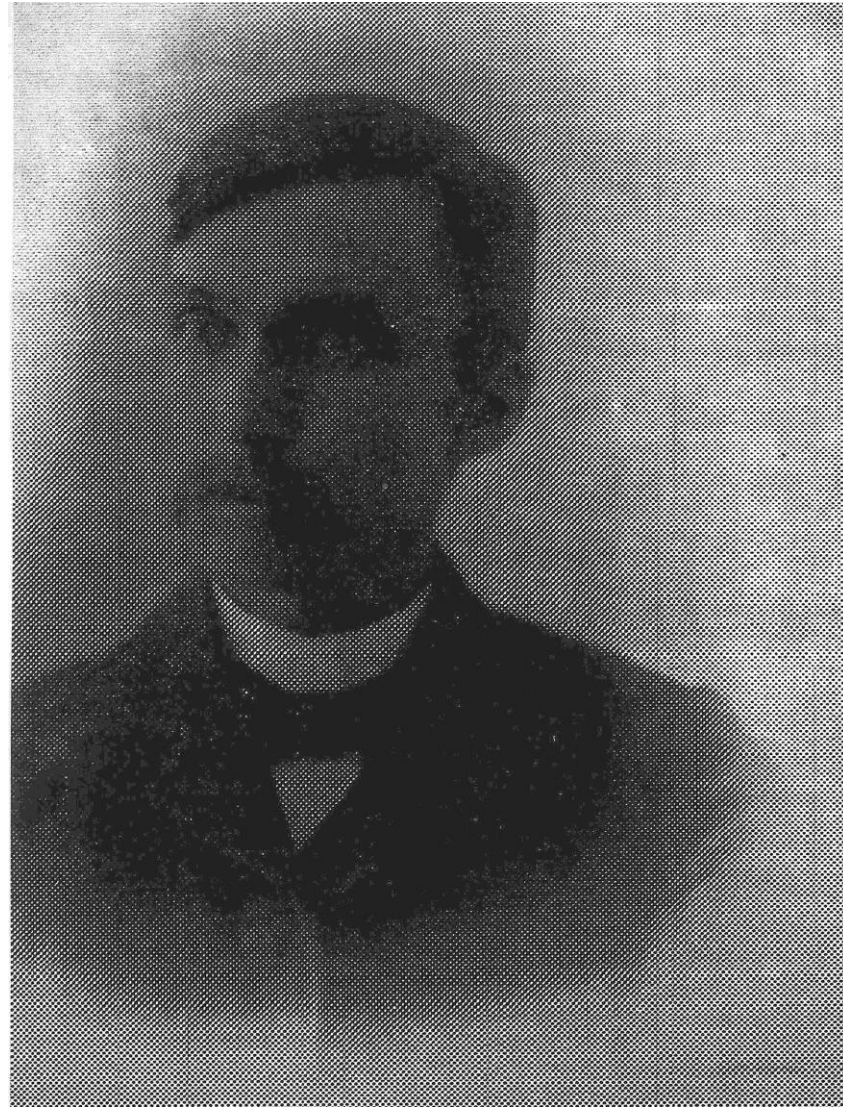
**1890**

1890 to 1900 - The population Ft. Collins grew to more than 3000 people. Local

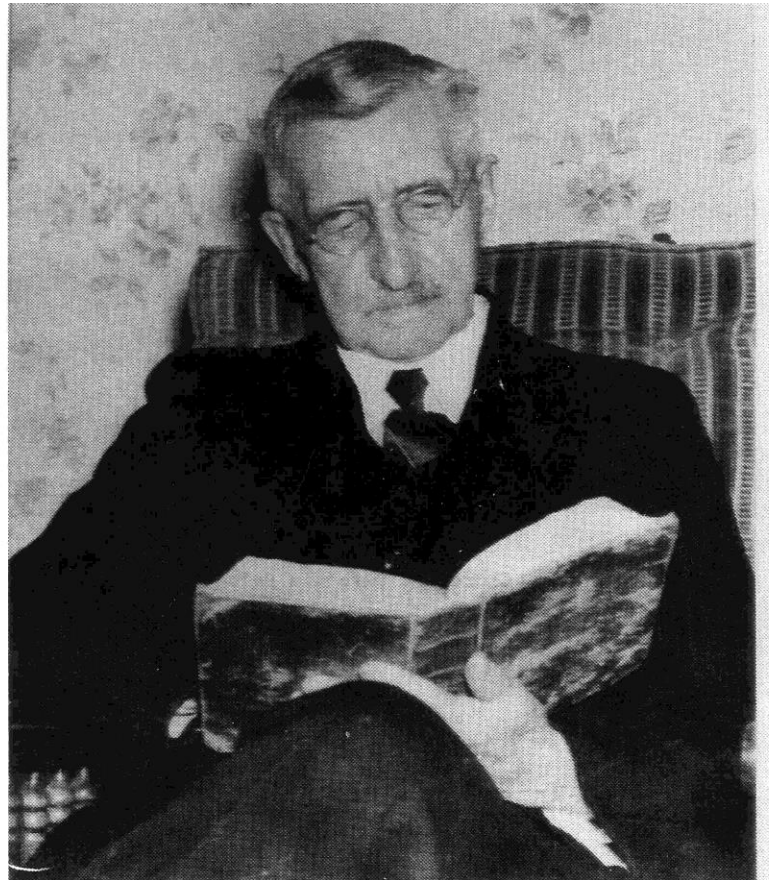
1890 - Cottonwood trees from the river were set out on Arbor Day.  
The photo also shows the outhouse and that the church bell has not  
been hung yet. TPC



1890 - 1892 Mr. Thomas Logie served as pastor.  
TPC



1892 - Franklin Moore, Pastor, filled in at Timnath for 7 months,  
following death of Mr. Logie. TPC



1893 - 1894 Rev. A. B.  
Thompson, Pastor TPC

1895 - 1903 Rev. A. E. Chase, Pastor  
TPC



- 1892 - Sugar beet refinery built in Fort Collins
- 1896 - Larimer County became known as the lamb feeding capital of the U.S.

Local

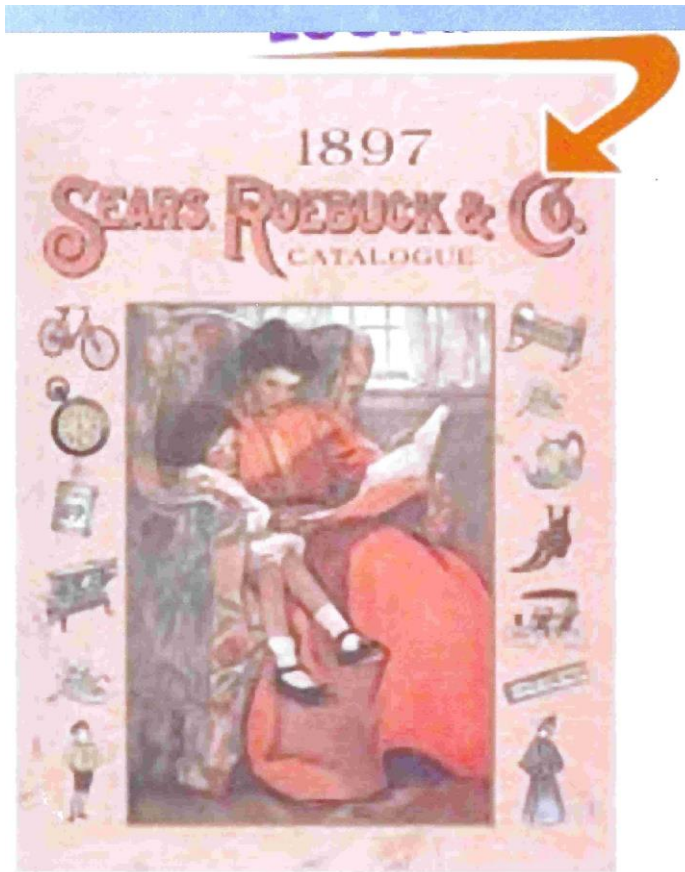
1893 - Colorado women win right to vote – first state to do  
so. USA

1893 - Sears, Roebuck began taking orders. Catalogs became known as the “Homesteader’s Bible”.

USA

# History of the Sears Catalog ---

USA



# (Sears dresses)

USA



1900

Red brick school built in 1900. This photo taken soon after construction. The right side was used for girls' home economics and the left for boys' shop classes. (Local)



1900. A kitchen and dining room were added to the east side of the church.

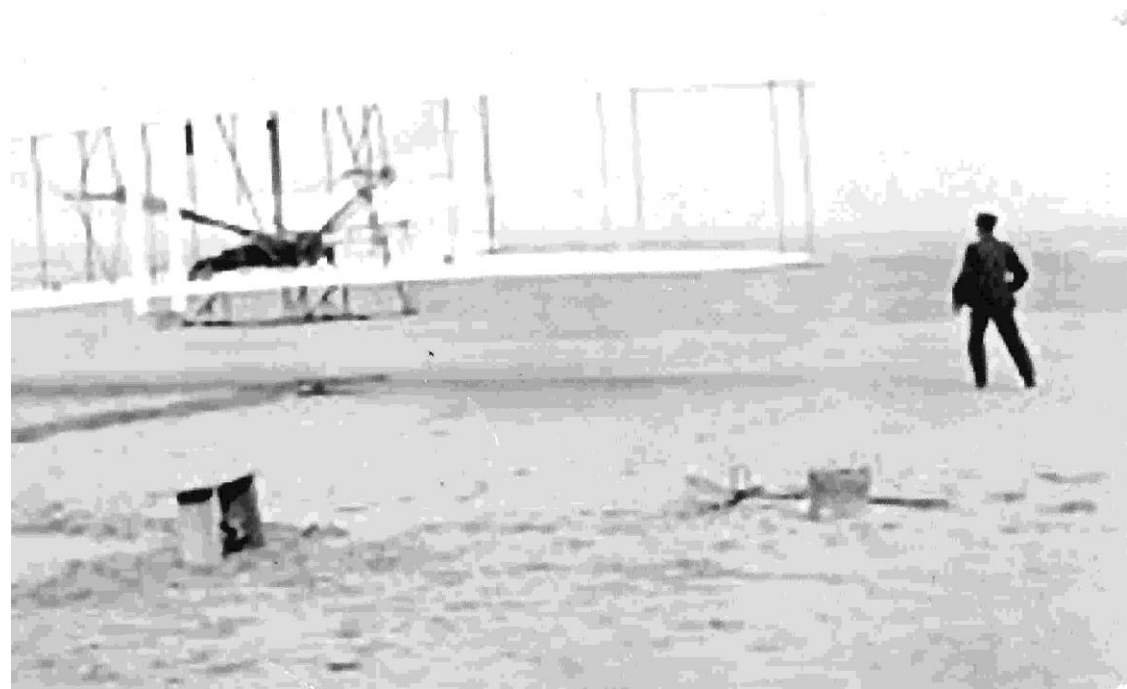
TPC

1903- Ford Motor Company formed

(USA)



Wright brothers flight at Kitty Hawk.  
December 17, 1903 (USA)



1903. Timnath established a telephone connection.

Local

1903 to 1907. Rev. H. M. Richardson,  
Pastor.

(TPC)

1904, May 20. The great flood. 150 homes and buildings were destroyed in Timnath and surrounding areas.

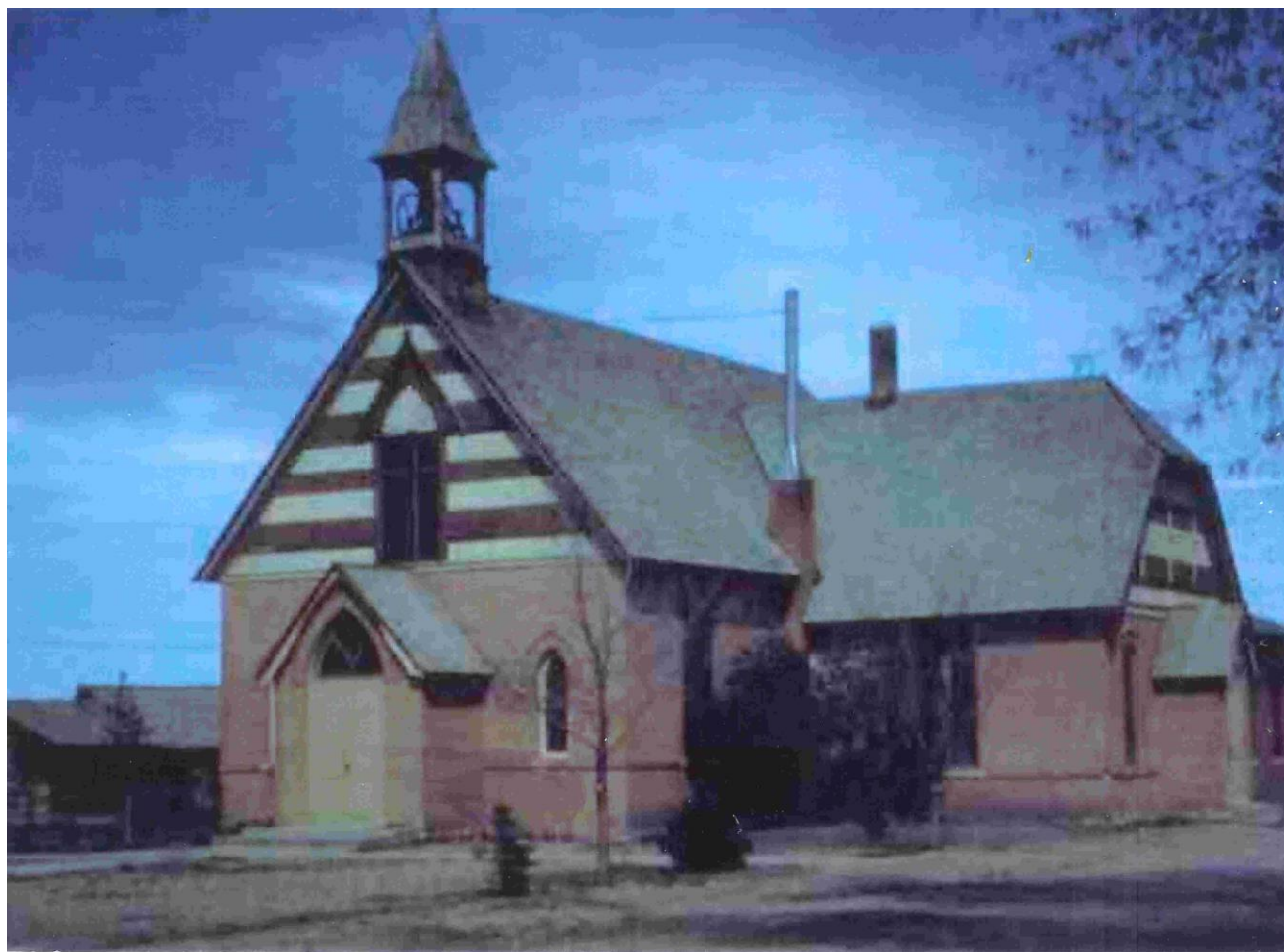
Local

George Robert Strauss place on the Poudre River, taken in the 1930s from old river bridge on Horsetooth Road while the house was still being lived in. Mr. Strauss drowned in the Poudre River flood of 1904 while trying to get out of the house and to higher ground.  
(Picture from negative taken by Howard A. Willis.) Local



Dr. W. A. Kickland leaving E. A. Miller's folks' home after a visit. Mrs. Miller in the doorway. Taken c. 1905. Local



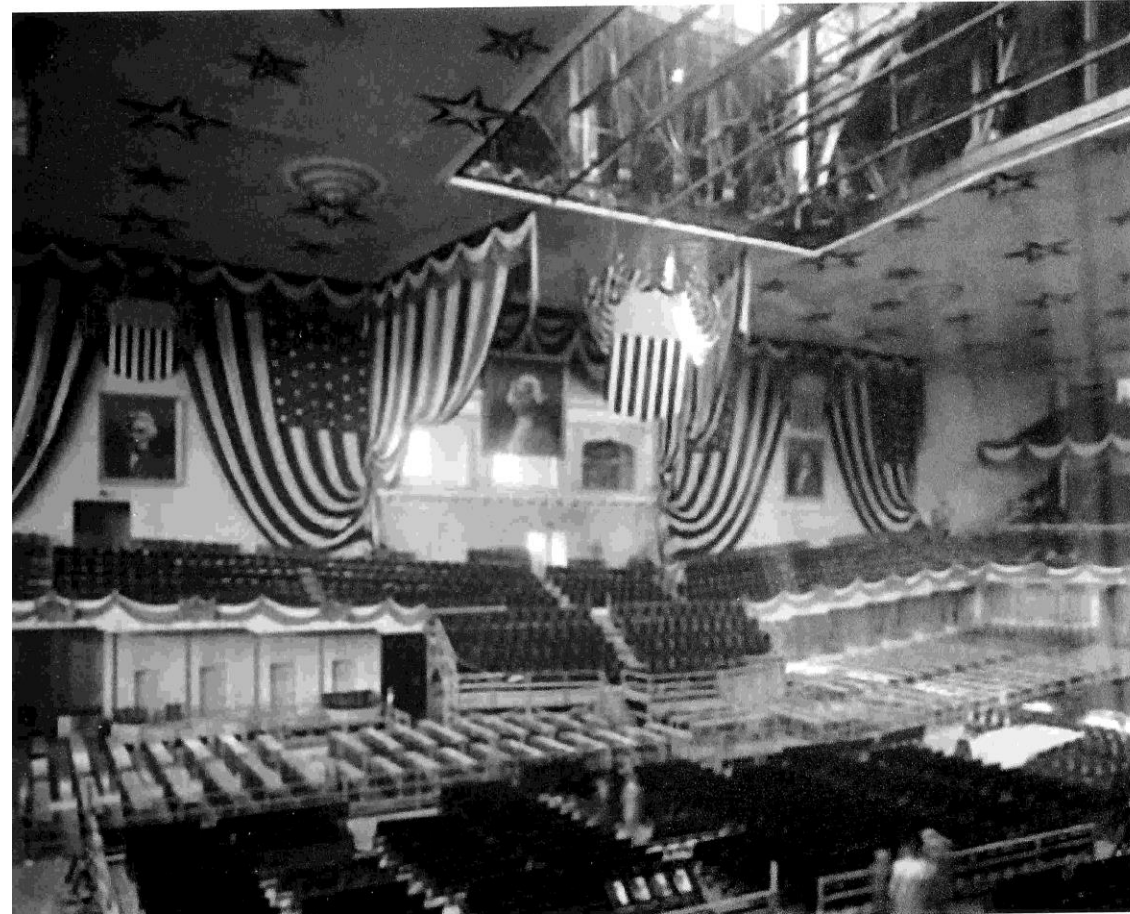


Building in Denver where 1908 Democratic National Convention was held.  
USA



Democratic National Convention held in Denver. William Jennings Bryan nominated for the third time.

USA



Timnath hotel. Horse (mule?) and buggy on left.  
Recently home of David and Geri Elliott.

(Local)



J. H. Baxter, pastor, 1908-1910.

TPC

1910

Timnath, east side of Main Street, looking south,  
Local



Timnath, west side of Main Street, looking south.

Local

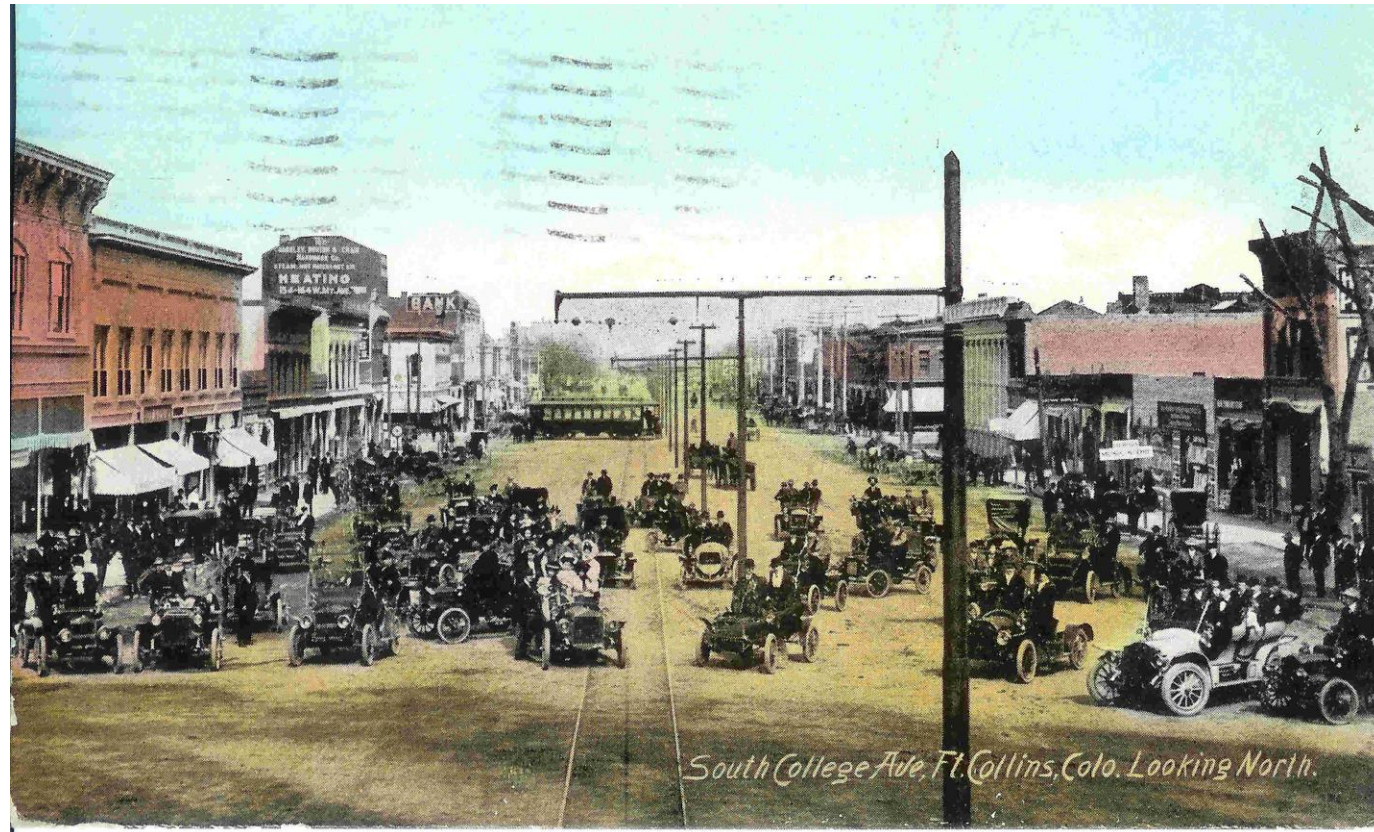


1910 to 1911 -- Rev. J. M. Wylie, Pastor

Main Street, Timnath, Colo. Looking south. Taken about  
1910  
Local

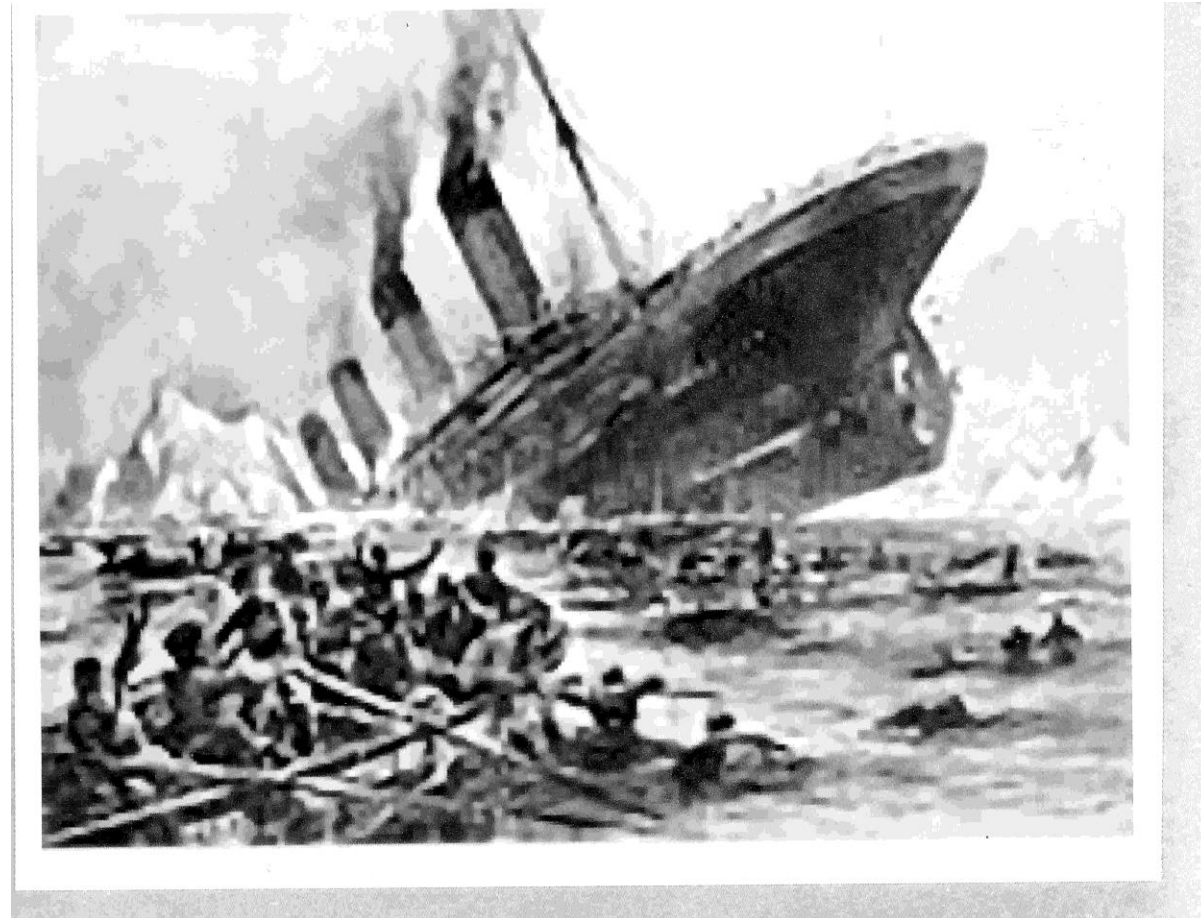


“South College Avenue, Ft. Collins, Colo. Looking North” (2008  
Postcard) Local



# 1912 - Titanic sinks - 1500 die

USA



Survivors aboard a collapsible Titanic lifeboat.

USA



# Ladies by US Mail wagon. Local



“Parcel post service began on January 1, 1913 and was an instant success. During the first five days of service, 1,594 post offices reported handling over 4 million parcel post packages. The effect on the national economy was electric. Marketing through parcel post gave rise to great mail-order businesses. In addition, parcel post created an immediate demand for special packaging suitable for mailing the wide array of commodities considered deliverable under the system.”

USA

“1912 to 1914. Rev. James Miller, Pastor”

TPC

1914 - A new parsonage was built north of the church. It was used as the manse until 1980.

TPC



“Presbytery sets \$1000 per year as minimum salary for ministers.”

TPC

1914 to 1916. Rev. B. F. Mitchell, Pastor.

TPC

Sidewalk scene – east side of Main Street of Timnath.  
Farmer's Bank; Odd Fellows Lodge upstairs, Dry Goods Store (Clothes, shoes, and hats)  
Local



James Francis Thorpe accomplished arguably what no other athlete has. The Sac and Fox Indian won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon in the 1912 Olympic Games in Sweden. USA



“1888 - 1953 Athlete Jim Thorpe won Olympic gold medals, played American college football, and also played professional baseball and basketball. He was named the greatest athlete of the first half of the 20th century.” USA

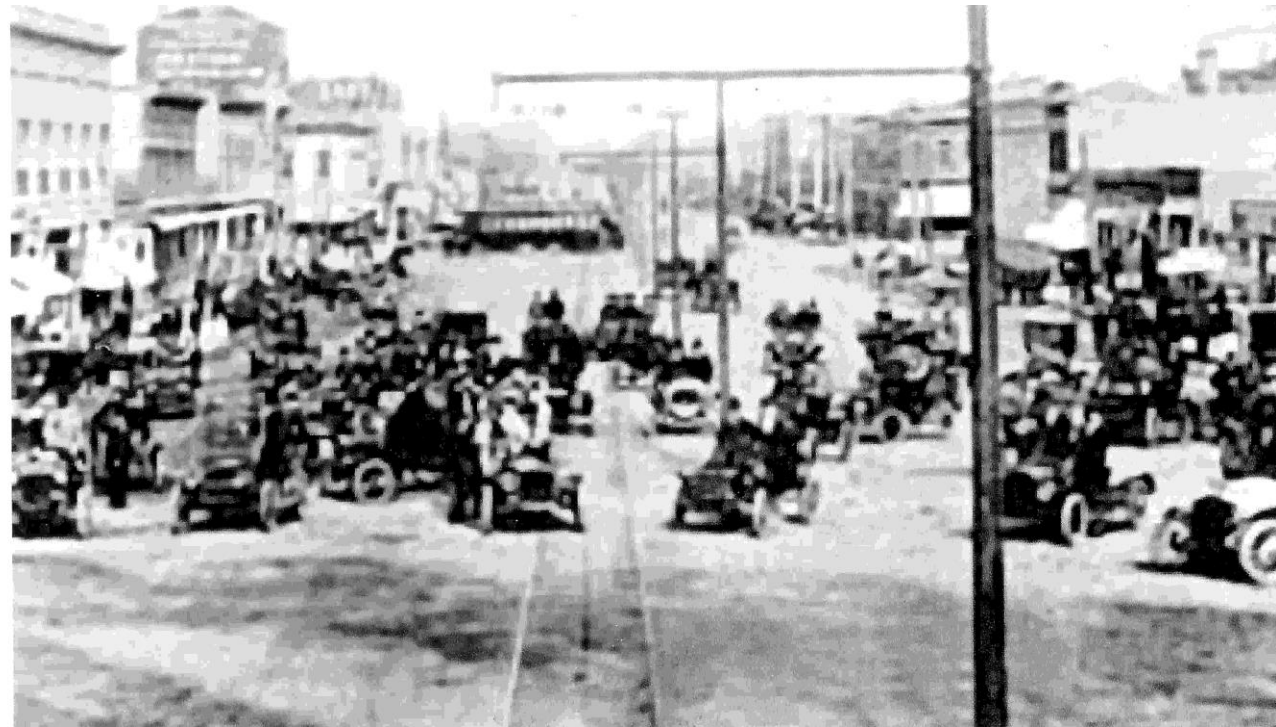
Timnath Presbyterian Church with a fence around it to keep livestock being driven down the street from doing damage.

TPC



# South College Avenue, Fort Collins, 1908.

Local



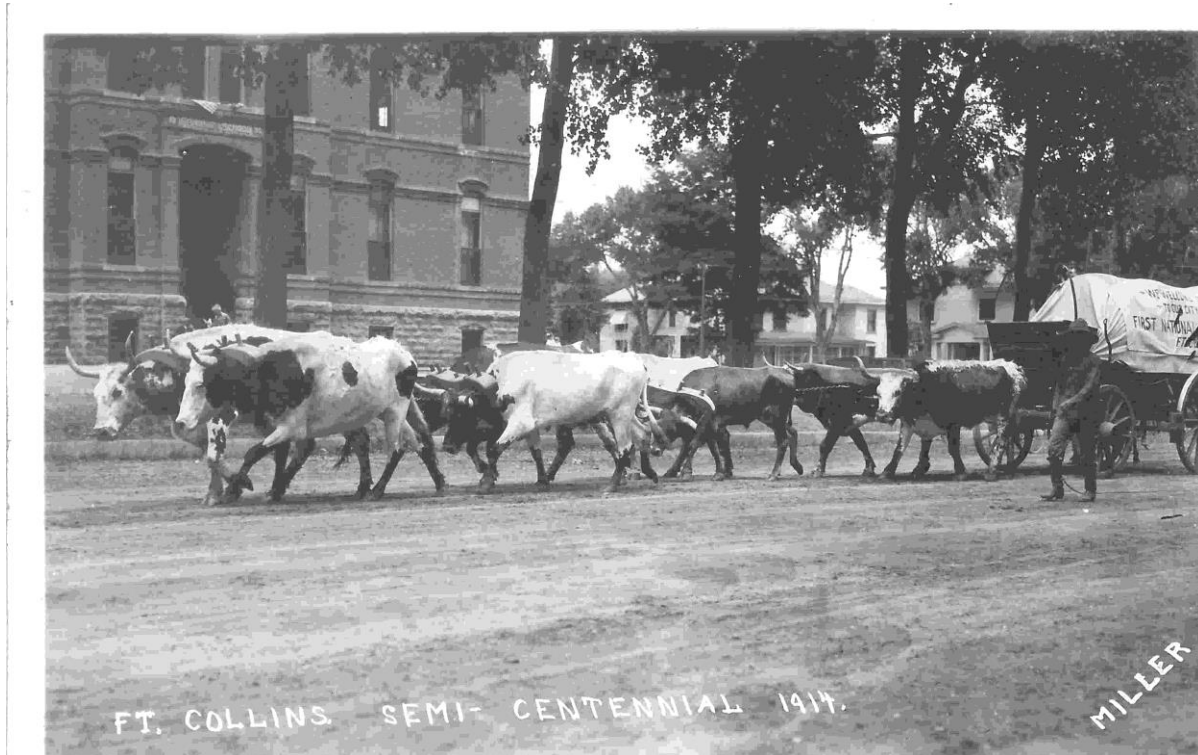
# 1914 to 1918. The First World War.

USA

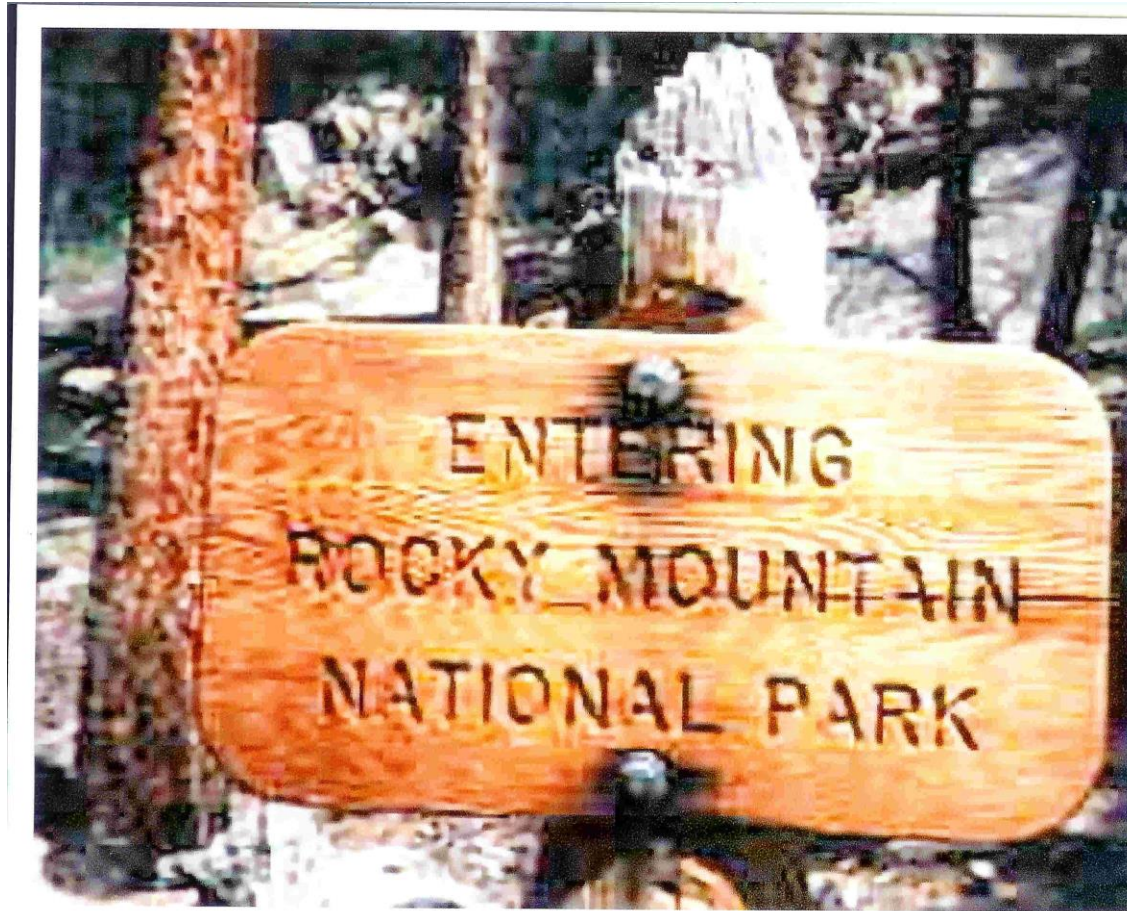


# Oxen pulling wagon. Ft. Collins semi-centennial. 1914

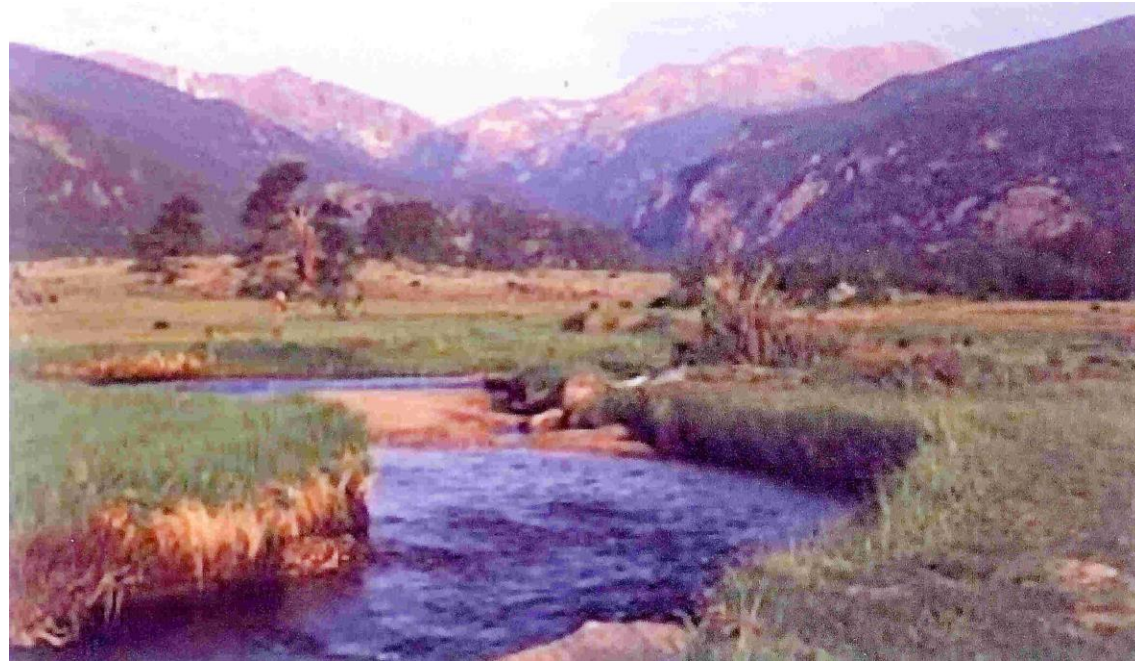
Local



# Rocky Mountain National Park, 1915.



Moraine Park and the headwaters of the Big Thompson River are in Rocky Mountain National Park



# Bull Elk

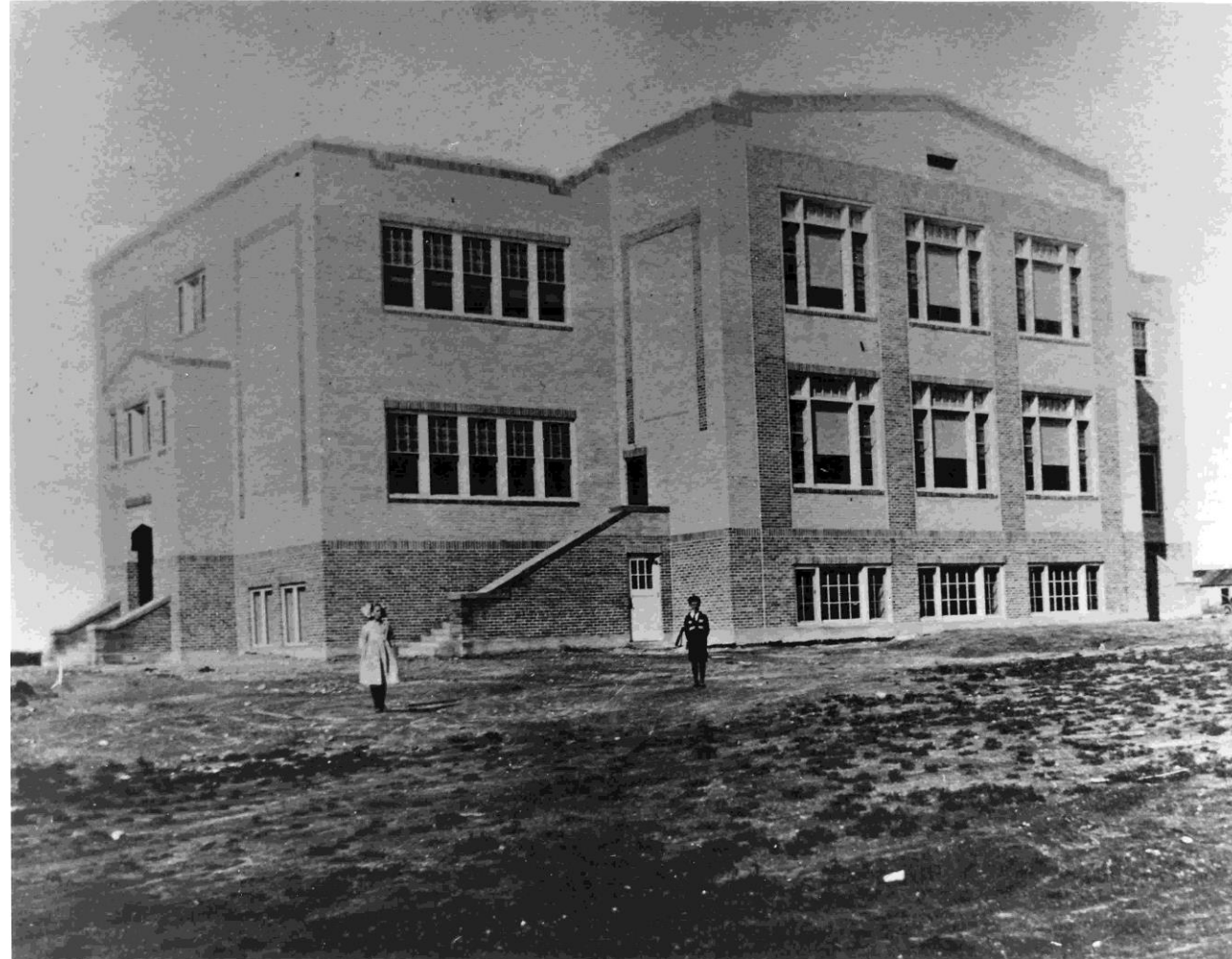


1917 to 1921 -- Rev. F. E. Dametz, Pastor

TPC

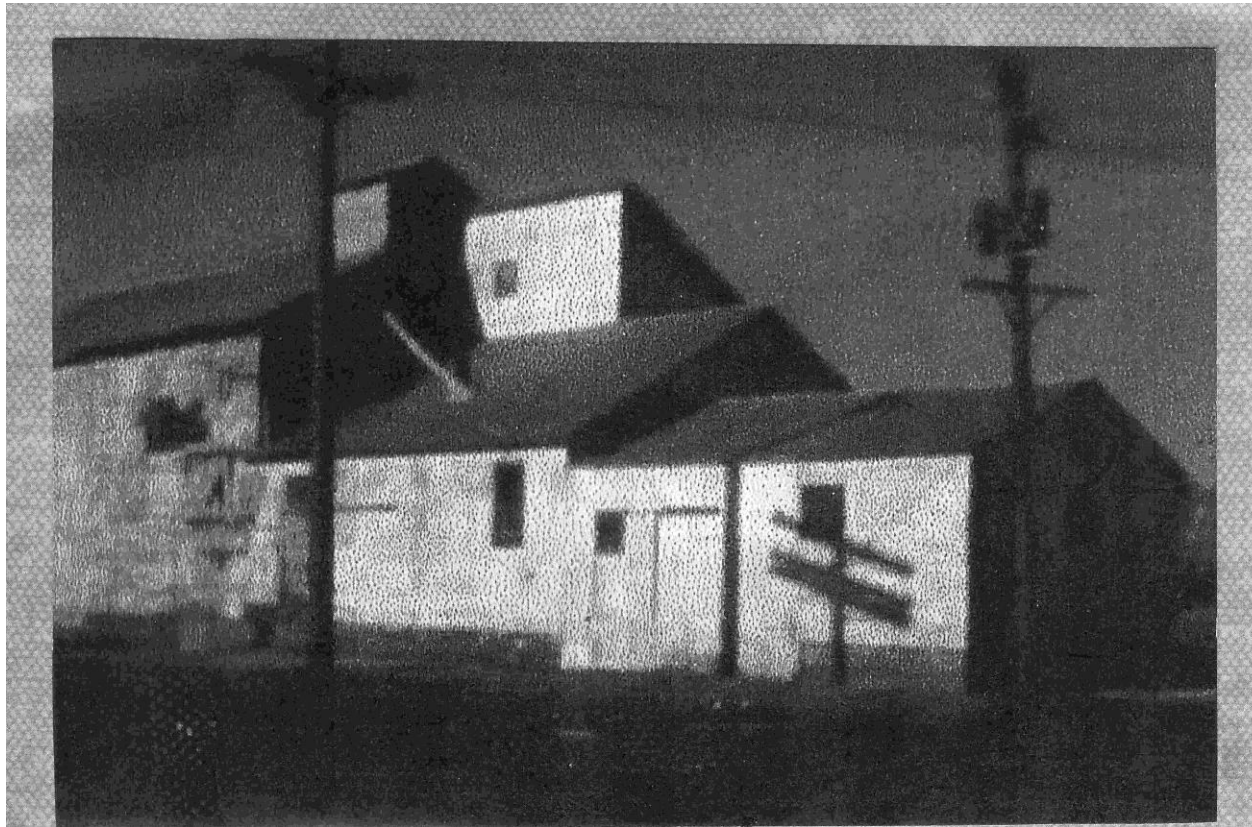
Timnath Consolidated School, Dist. No. 62, just completed Fall 1919. Dora Giddings on left, John H. Giddings on right. Copied from picture taken by Howard A. Willis.

Local



1920

1920 - Grain Elevator built. Now the Timnath Feed and  
Grain / Main Street Gallery. Owned by Russ Skinner.  
Local



- 1920 - The town of Timnath was incorporated and in 1922 a permanent agreement was made to purchase water from the Greeley line.

Lady Moon – A  
lady from  
Colorado



Beet loading station. Beet dump on left. Elliott House in background.

Local



Main Street, Timnath, looking north. 'Early 20's' Five gallon gas pump by "The Beanery" (barber shop & ice cream) Local



Poudre River in flood stage. June, 1923

Local



Poudre River flood. June, 1923

Local



Main Street, Timnath, CO, looking north. Taken by Victor G. H. Stuart in the nineteen twenties. Note gasoline selling for 13 cents per gallon and the old wood water wagon on the left.

Local



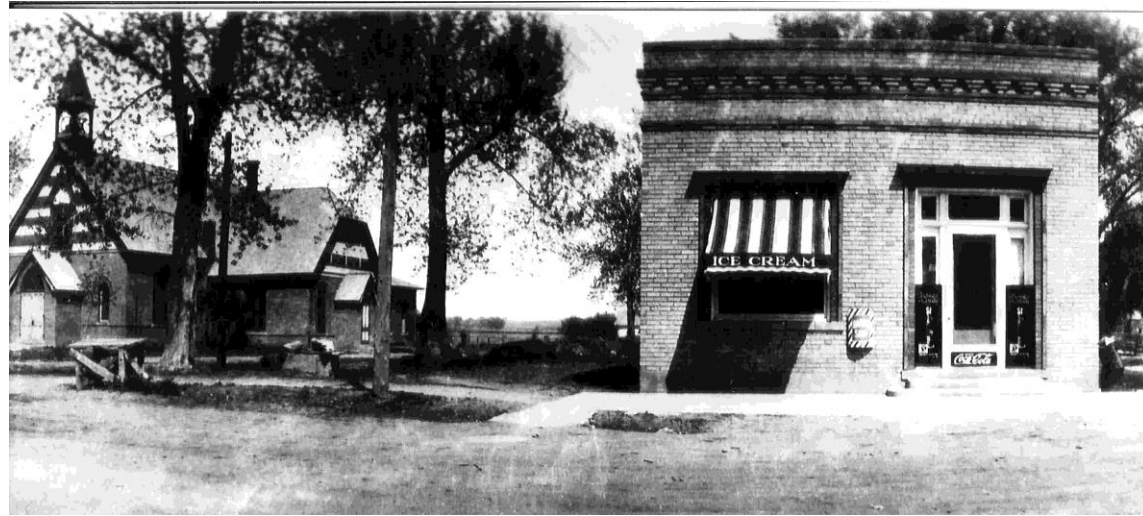


Main Street Timnath looking north.  
Late 1920's - West side



**1929 – STAPLETON AIRPORT OPENS.**

Ice cream parlor just south of TPC (Now city hall. Site of City Council meetings as of 2009.) Local



TIMNATH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
1883 to 2008

Part II: 1930 to 1969

TIMELINE DESIGNED AND ASSEMBLED  
BY:

Paul Moyer, Pastor Emeritus

Jayne Sears

Nancy Greenwood

The timeline, as posted in the sanctuary during the fall/winter of 2008/2009 consisted of three tracks (see next slide). The top, blue, line identified national events. The center, yellow, line contained milestones of Timnath Presbyterian Church history. The purple, at the bottom, illustrated local (Timnath and Fort Collins) events. Most of the following slides are keyed accordingly with 'USA', 'TPC', or 'Local'.

# NATIONAL

# CHURCH

# COMMUNITY

**TIMELINE**  
STARTS HERE

BLACK = YEARS  
 BLUE = NATIONAL HISTORY  
 YELLOW = CHURCH HISTORY  
 PURPLE = LOCAL HISTORY

1860



THE FIRST OIL WELLS IN THE WORLD



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN THE AREA WAS ORGANIZED IN 1860



THE FIRST OIL REFINERY WAS BUILT IN 1865



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860

1870



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860



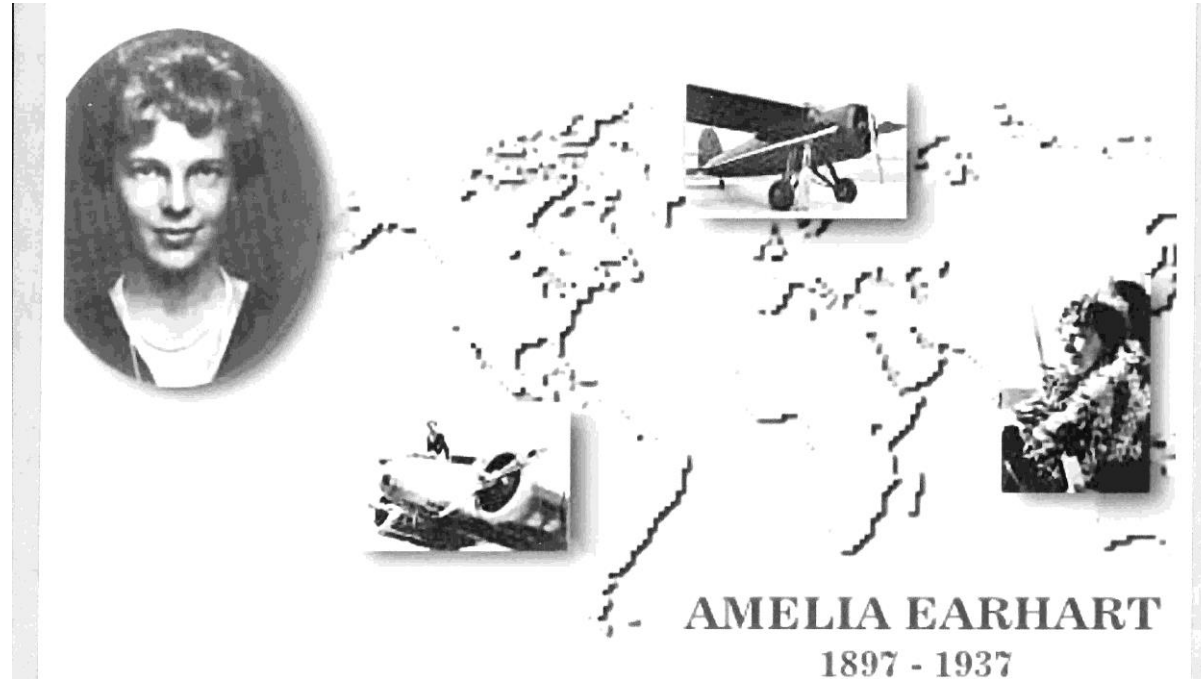
THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860



THE FIRST OIL WELL IN THE AREA WAS DRILLED IN 1860

1930

1932 - Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) flies across the Atlantic Ocean.



1933 - Franklin  
Delano Roosevelt  
became president.  
PWA projects  
began, including  
Boulder (now  
Hoover) Dam on  
the Colorado River.

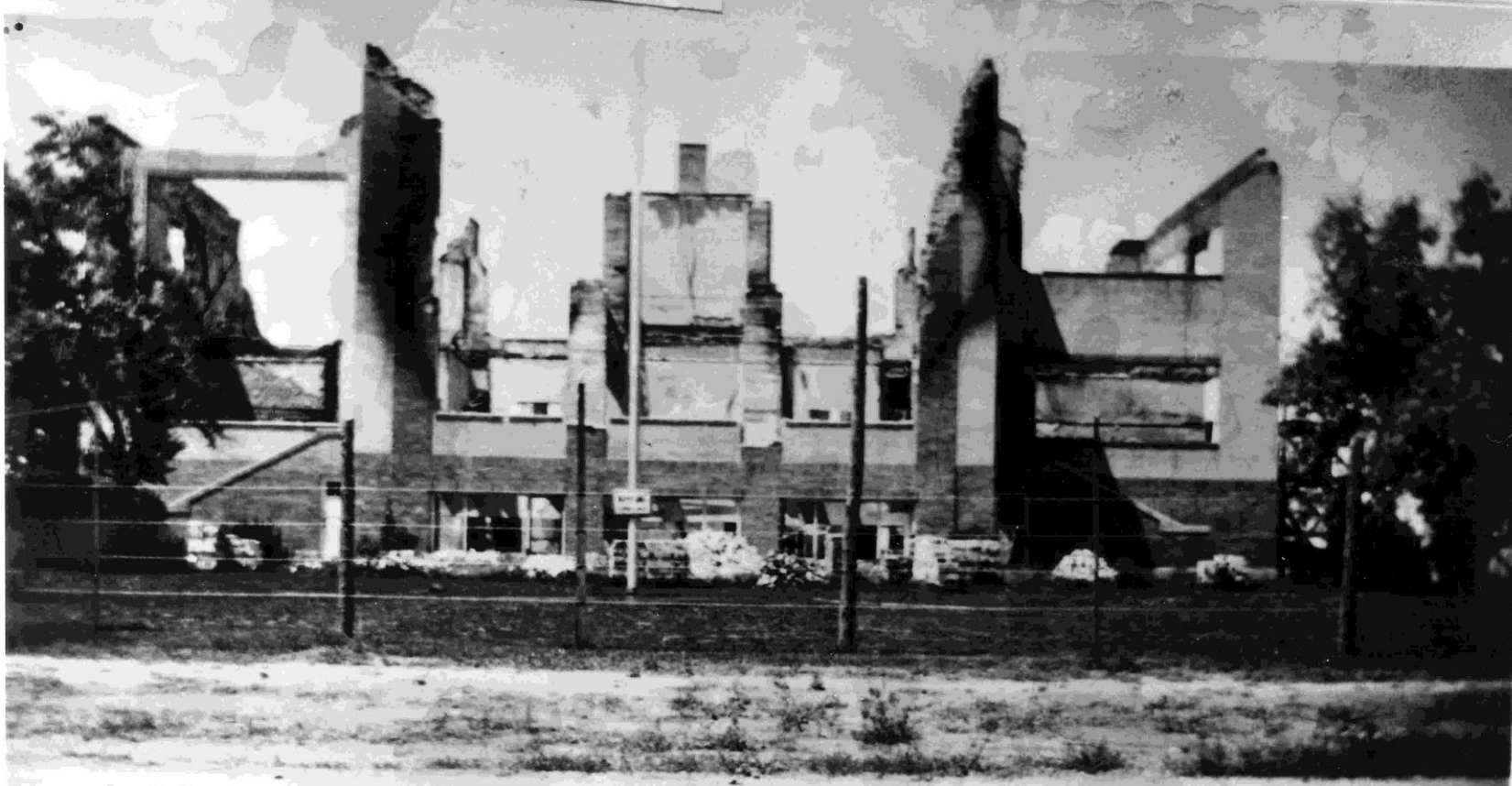


1935 - Social Security Program begins.

Timnath Consolidated School on fire, March 21, 1935.  
(Copied from picture by Victor George Hamilton Stuart).  
Local

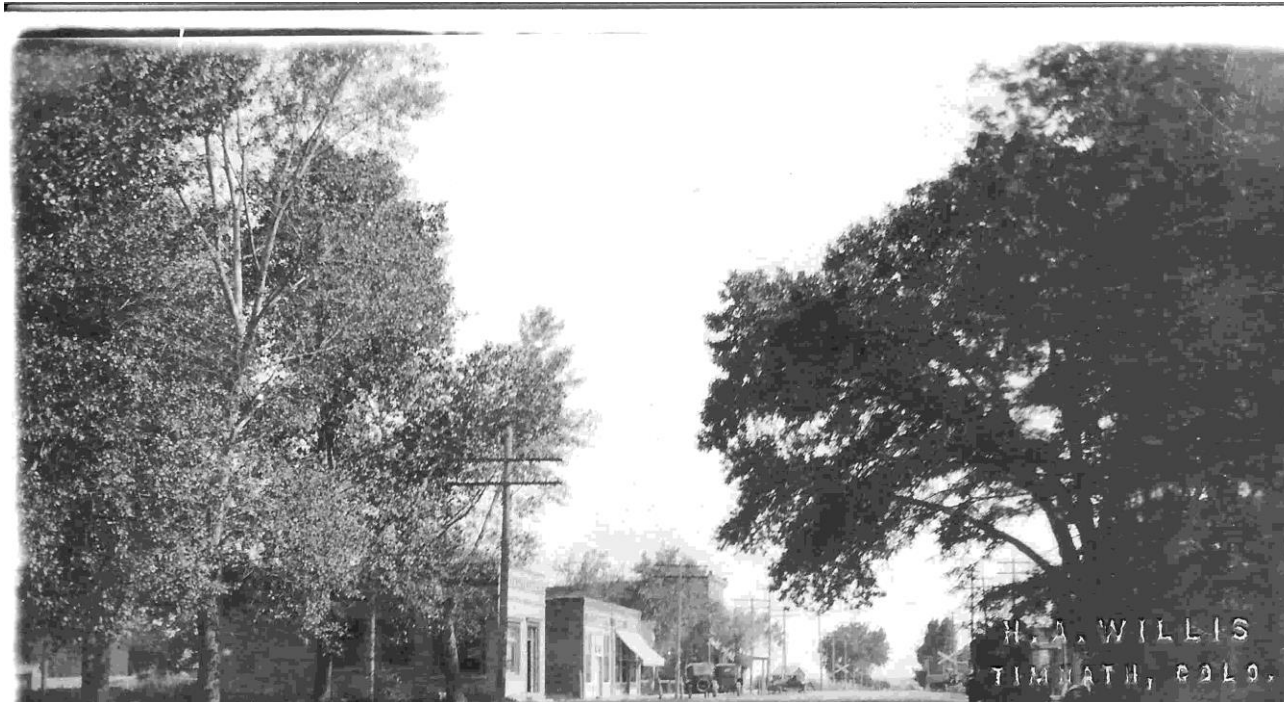


Timnath Consolidated School after the fire on March 21, 1935.  
Local



Main Street, Timnath. (looking south)

Local



# Giddings Oil Company

Local



1940

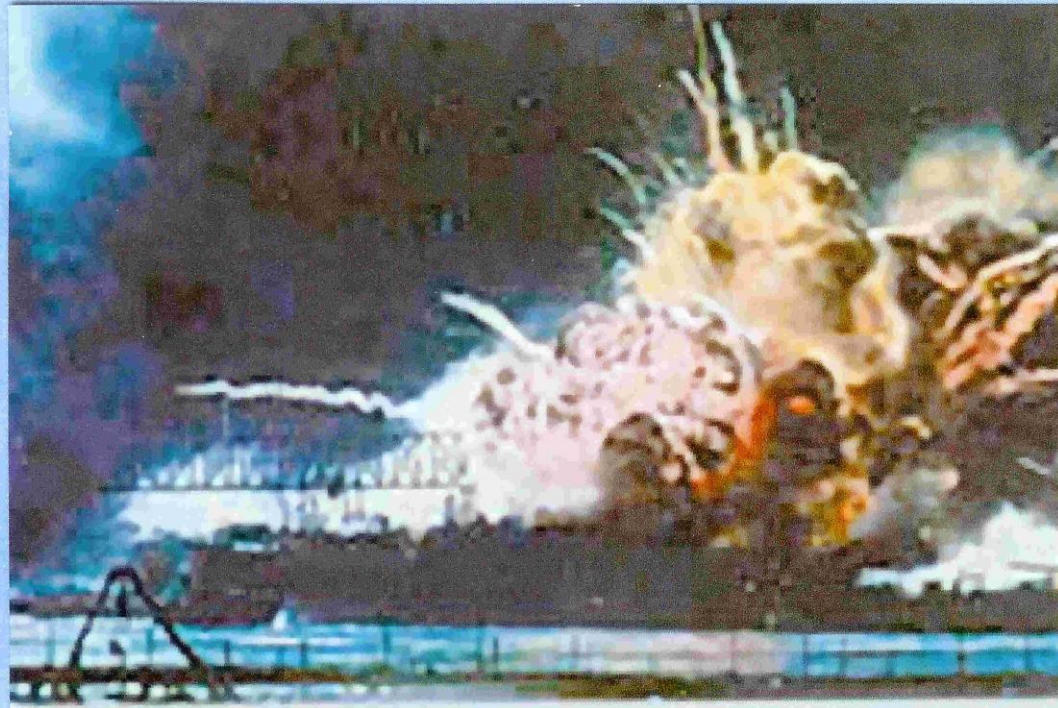
Timnath Community  
Players: First play  
was given on  
December 1, 1940.  
In photo: Barbara  
Fisher and Revilo  
Reid, the Players'  
director.

TPC/Local



Cast of 'Trail of the Lonesome Pine' - 1948. Standing: L to R, Evelyn Curtis, Gilbert Fisher, Dorothy Baker, Howard Hargrove, Barbara Fisher, Oscar Land, Irene Peterson, Clara Mae Bush. Seated: Dorothy Land, Revilo Reid, Dale Solomon. Winette Payne. (at table). Clarence Curtis, Barbara Hargrove." Note Timnath school auditorium seats and stage curtain. Courtesy of Community Players. TPC/Local





The USS Shaw explodes

**1941 - DECEMBER 7, PEARL HARBOR**

1941 - December 7,

“Pearl Harbor”

USA

1941 - The United States enters  
World War II.”

USA

1942 - 1943 - Rev. H. A. Hollars, pastor

TPC

1944-1947. Rev. Wilker A. Tree, pastor

TPC

“1947 - CIA established.”

USA

“1945 - The congregation voted to do major repair work on the church, including new wiring, new light fixtures, redecoration of the interior, pews refinished, new roof, new doors and windows. All of this was done during the tenure of the Rev. Wilker Tree.”

TPC

“1945 - Highlands Camp was opened, supported strongly  
by Cyrus Davis of Timnath.”

TPC

“1946 - Aspen Ski Area opens with the “Longest chair lift in the world.” The lift was a single chair!”

USA

1946 - End of World War II.

Formation of the United Nations.

USA

“1946 - Boulder Presbytery purchased Highlands Camp. Cyrus Davis of Timnath, counseled at 45 different camps at Highlands throughout the years.”

TPC

Horsetooth Reservoir. Construction began 1949. Filled with water  
1951. Local



1947 to 1954 - Rev. Floyd Handley, pastor.  
TPC



# Timnath Presbyterian Church 1883 – 1948

TPC

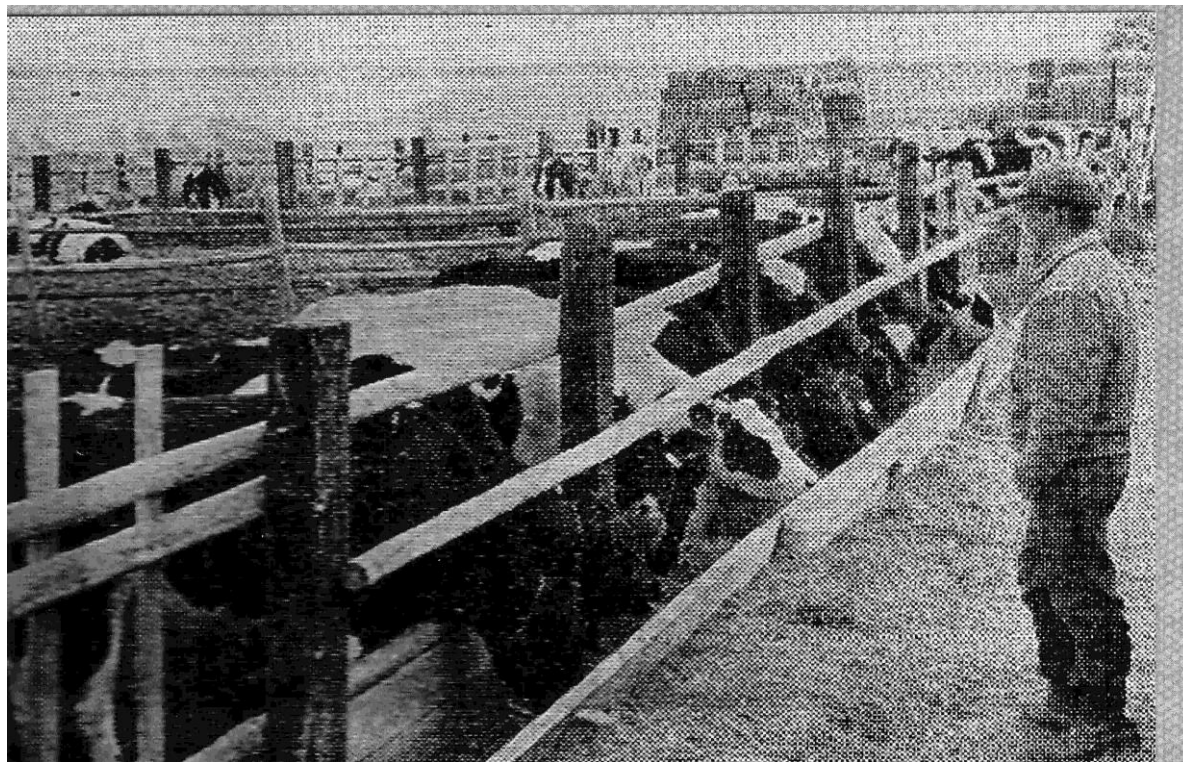


Fisher Dairy. Owned and operated by Elsie and Duane Fisher from 1952 -1976. The property was originally purchased in 1952 from the Carpenter family, the original homesteaders. Local



Duane Fisher with cows at Fisher Dairy.

Local



1950

Gym addition to Timnath School – 1951.  
Local



“1951: 41 degrees below 0 is recorded temperature in Fort Collins on February 1.”

Local

1955 to 1957  
- Rev. Paul  
Wright,  
pastor.

TPC



“1953 - Safeway sues to sell milk in Fort Collins — isn’t able to do so until 1955.”

Local

“1954 - The Air Force Academy is created.”

USA

1957 to 1966 - Rev.  
David Davis, pastor.  
TPC



1958 - The first Sunrise Service at Timnath Reservoir.  
TPC



1960

1960 - An addition was added to north side of the church. It included a large classroom, a study for the minister, and the first indoor restrooms. TPC



“1962 - Timnath sponsored a Cuban refugee family, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Fernandez and 3 children.”

Local

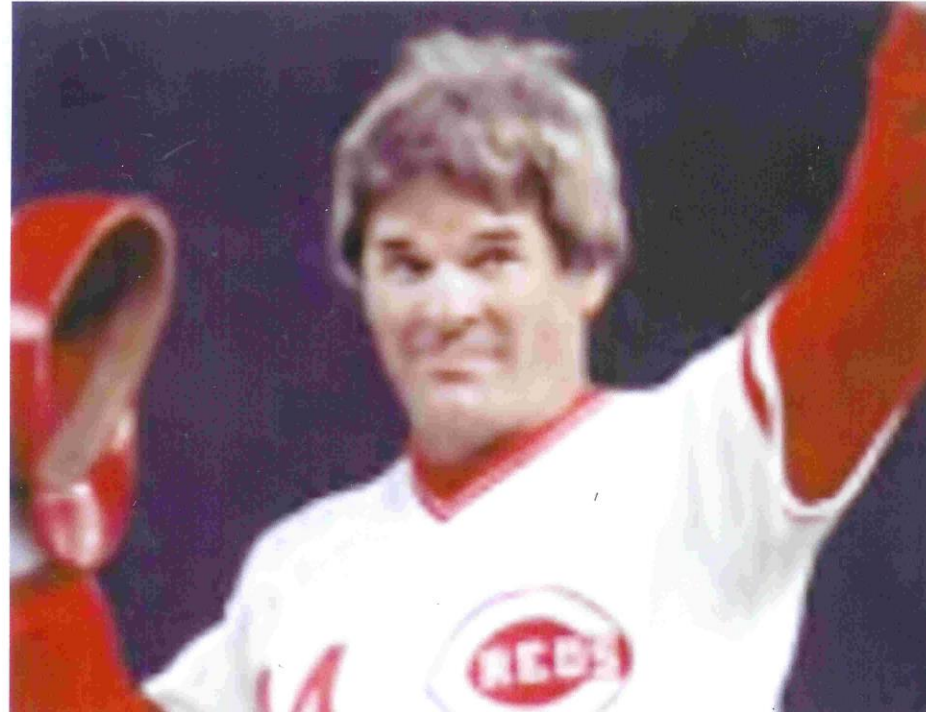
1963 - Nov. 22.  
John F. Kennedy  
assassinated.

USA



1963 -86. Pete Rose plays baseball, becoming the all-time major league leader in hits (4,256); games played (3,562); at bats (14,053); and outs (10,328).

USA



“1961 - 1973. American involvement in the Vietnam War.”

USA

Alpine Cabinet Co.. Opened 1968. Burned 1995. Rebuilt  
1996. Local



“1965 - Medicare established.”

、

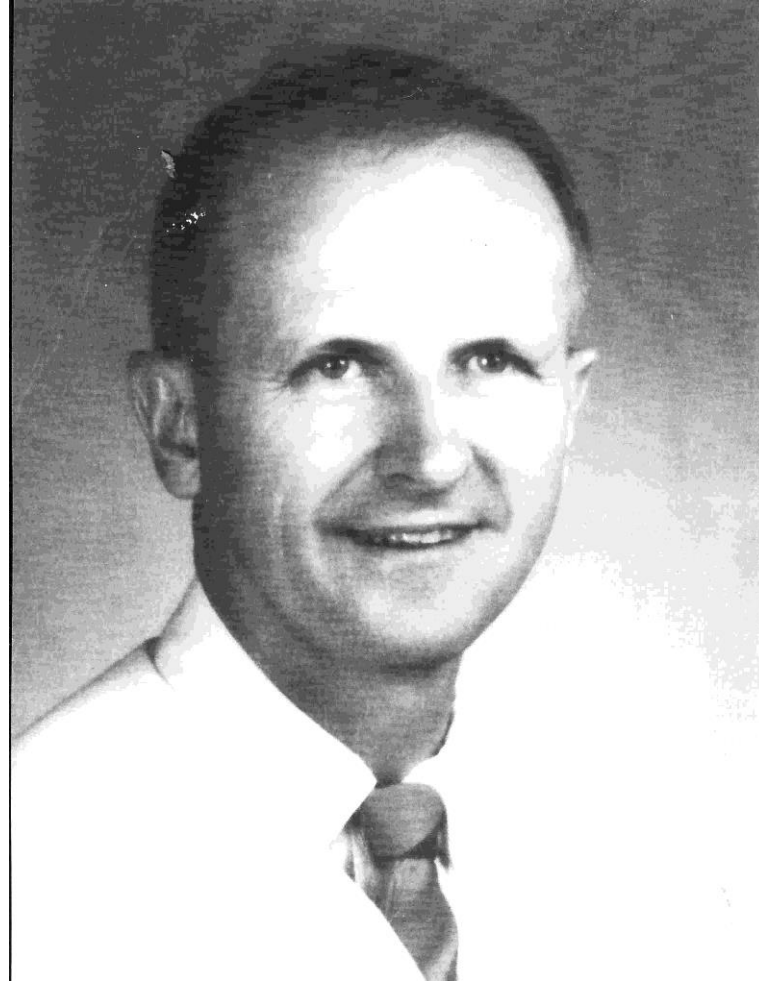
USA

1968 - Hughes Stadium is dedicated.

USA



1967 to 1970 - Rev.  
Leonard Clark,  
Pastor



“1968 - Robert Kennedy assassinated.”

1969 - New Post Office built in Timnath.



“1969 - Fort Collins ends prohibition.”

Local

# Chuck Willis

TPC & Local



1969 - Timnath  
Volunteer Fire  
Department is  
organized with Charles  
Willis as the Fire  
Chief. Chuck later  
became Fire Chief for  
the City of Fort Collins/  
PFA, serving from  
1972 to 1995. Local



1969 - July 20.  
Apollo II Moon  
landing.

USA



1969- Neil  
Armstrong  
walks on the  
moon.

USA



TIMNATH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
1883 to 2008

PART III: 1970 to Present

TIMELINE DESIGNED AND ASSEMBLED  
BY:

Paul Moyer, Pastor Emeritus

Jane Sears

Nancy Greenwood

The timeline, as posted in the sanctuary during the fall/winter of 2008/2009 consisted of three tracks (see next slide). The top, blue, line identified national events. The center, yellow, line contained milestones of Timnath Presbyterian Church history. The purple, at the bottom, illustrated local (Timnath and Fort Collins) events. Most of the following slides are keyed accordingly with 'USA', 'TPC', or 'Local'.

# NATIONAL

# CHURCH

# COMMUNITY

**TIMELINE**  
STARTS HERE

BLACK = YEARS  
 BLUE = NATIONAL HISTORY  
 YELLOW = CHURCH HISTORY  
 PURPLE = LOCAL HISTORY

1860



THE FIRST OIL WELLS IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE FIRST OIL WELL DRILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

1870



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.



THE TELLER METHOD OF CONFEDERATE ARMY WAR POWERS IN THE CLAMORETOWN ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL. THE TELLER METHOD BEING IN PLACE FOR THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

1970

What probably will be remembered as the saddest hours of Colorado State University's anti-war movement occurred on May 8, 1970. Campus peace activists continued with the second day of a student strike as a response to the U.S. invasion of Cambodia and the deaths of four students at Kent State University. That evening, the group held a war moratorium concert in the College Avenue Gymnasium.

But sometime during the concert, one or more arsonists apparently set Old Main ablaze and completely destroyed the 92-year-old cornerstone of Colorado State. An attempt also was made to burn down the ROTC firing-range building.

-Local-



1971 to 1975 - Rev. Howard Griffin, pastor.  
TPC



1973 - Eisenhower Tunnel completed beneath the continental divide.  
USA



“1974 - President Richard Nixon resigns over Watergate.”  
USA

Sanctuary, Feb, 1975 – The cross was built by Helen  
Dickerson. TPC



March 23, 1974 - Pastor Griffin & Bronco. Highlands Camp.  
TPC



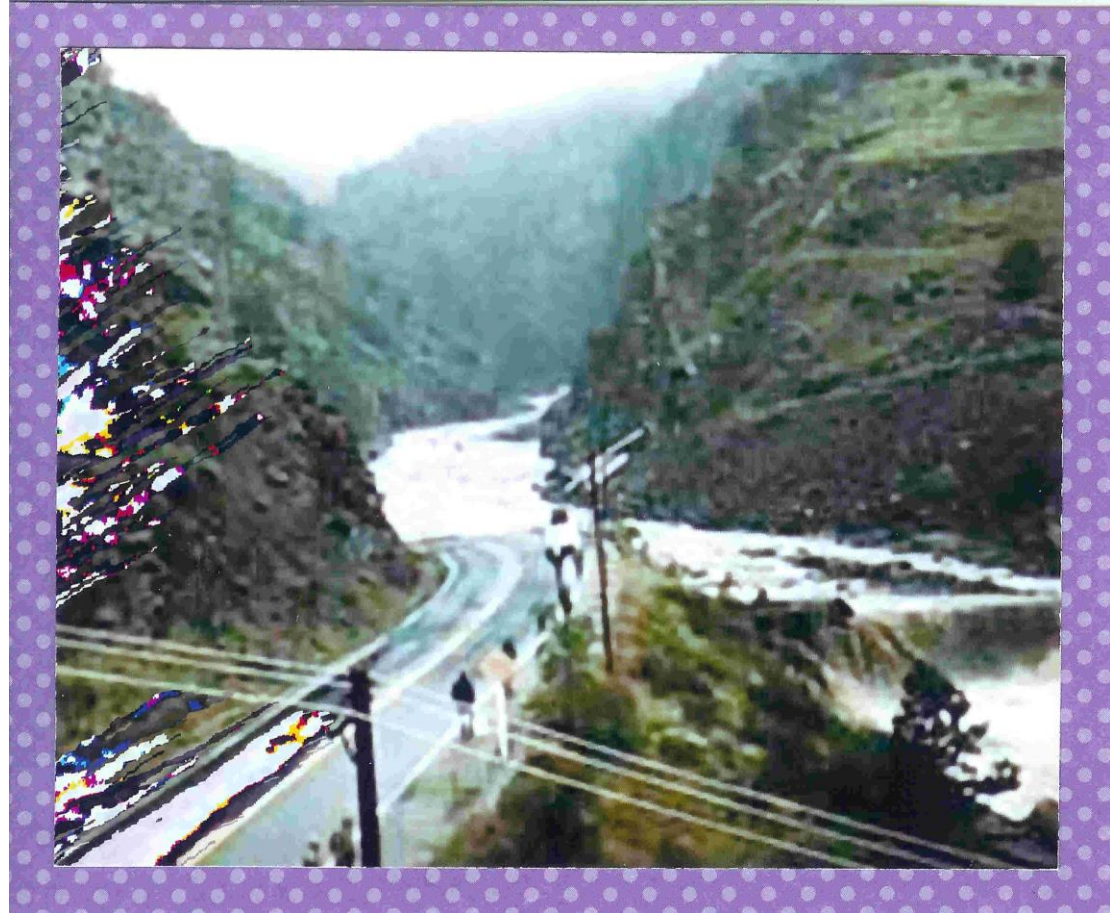
1974 - First microwave by Amana.

USA



1976 - Big Thompson flood. 145 killed.

Local



Sanctuary decorated for Christmas, 1976.  
The tree is live. TPC



1976 to 1990.  
Rev. Paul A.  
Moyer, pastor,  
with wife Mary  
Ellen.

TPC



“1978 - The Parsonage was turned into Sunday School Classrooms, and an office for the minister.”

TPC

1978 - Construction of new stained glass windows was begun. Project finished about 1988. Emerson 'Critt' Crittenden, David Elliott and John Giddings at work. TPC



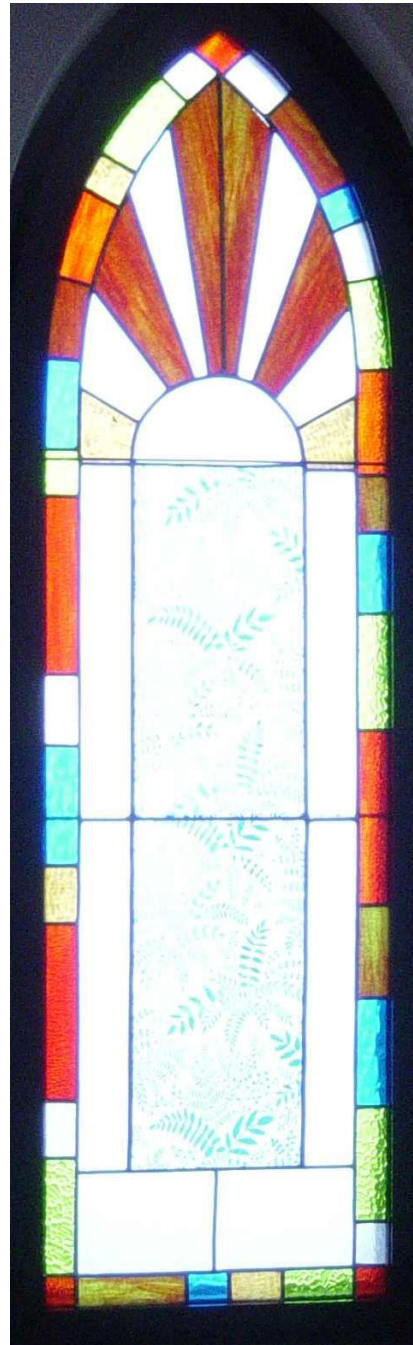
The first  
window  
constructed by  
Paul Moyer  
using original  
fern-leaf glass.

TPC



A “fern-leaf”  
window, in  
memory of Mr.  
Cyrus Davis.

TPC



Trinitarian  
Window, in  
memory of  
Mr. Arthur  
Pitcher

TPC



Creation  
Window, in  
memory of  
Virginia Nelson.

TPC



# Ship window, in memory of Mr. John Swets

TPC



Historical  
Window, in  
memory of Mr.  
Walter Reck.

TPC



Old Testament  
Window, in  
memory of Mrs.  
Dorothy Land.

TPC



New Testament  
Window, in  
memory of  
Howard and Josie  
Willis.

TPC



The Worshiping  
Family Window, in  
memory of  
Gregory, Kristin,  
Lisa and Scott  
Rudolph.

TPC



1978 - Timnath youth travel to Sheldon Jackson  
School in Sitka, AK for work camp.” TPC

“1979 - Church bell tower was strengthened by John Giddings and John Weitzel.”

TPC

“1979 - Church library started by  
Maxine Hansen. TPC



Maxine Hansen in library. TPC



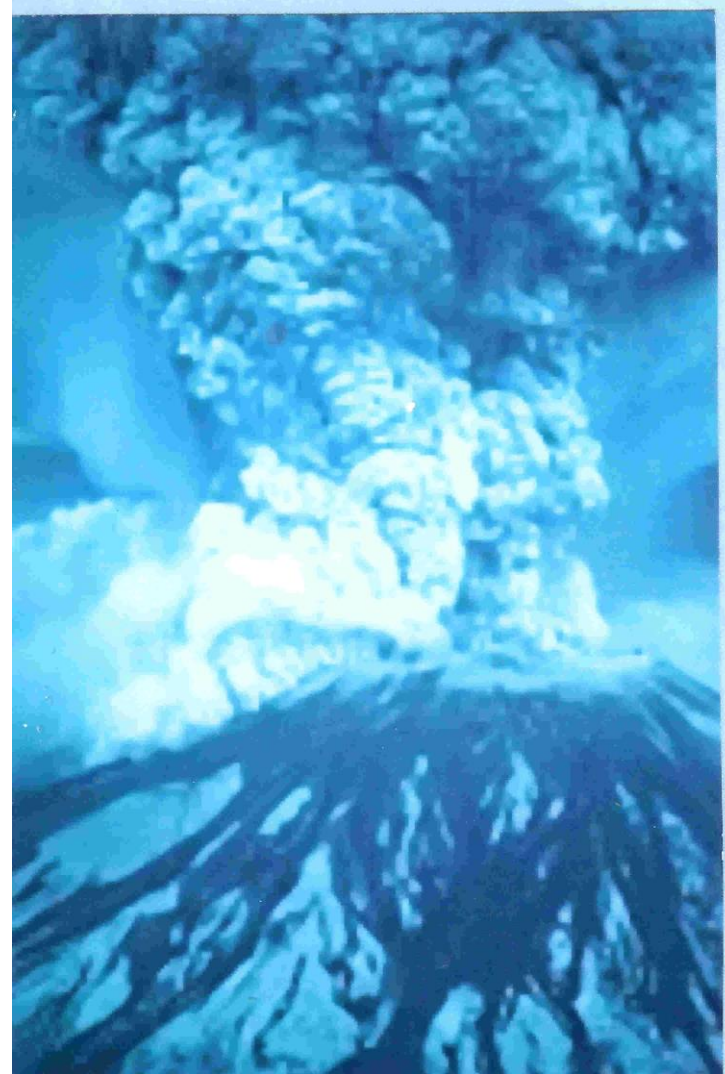
“1979 - Prayer chain started.”

TPC

1980

1980 - Mount St.  
Helens erupts in  
Washington State,  
killing 57.

USA

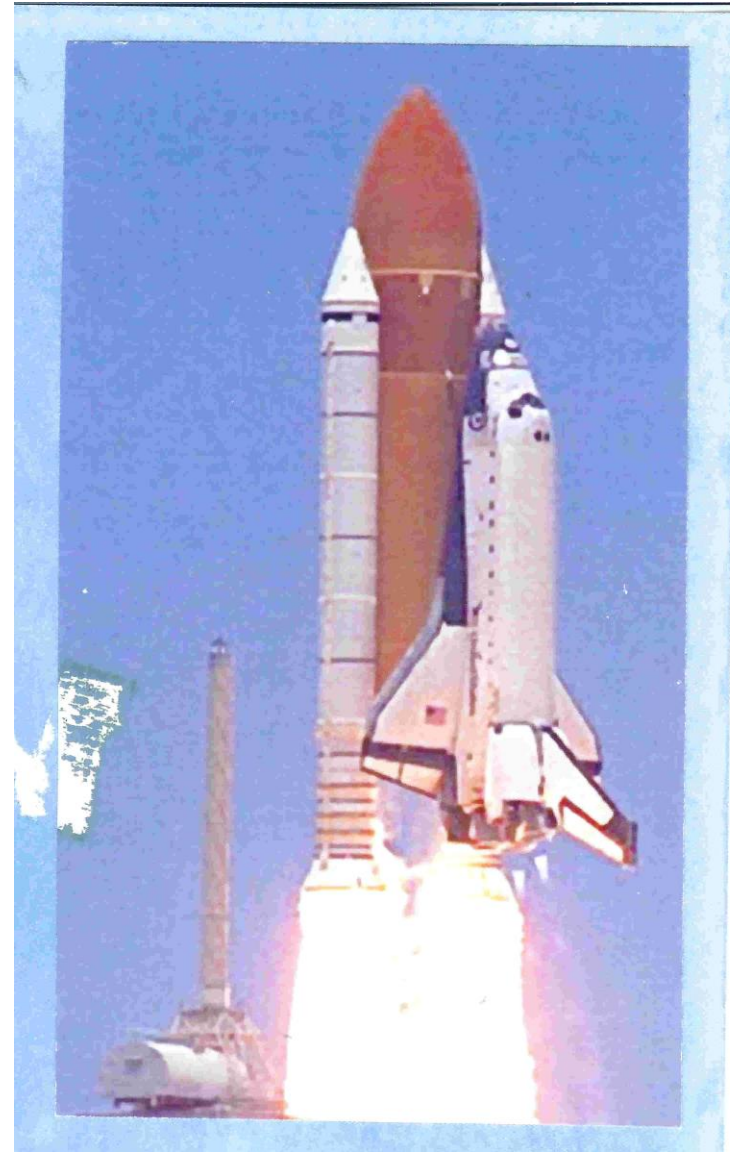


“1980 - The Ngo family from Vietnam was sponsored by the Timnath Church.”

TPC

April 12, 1981 -  
First flight of the  
space shuttle  
Columbia. It  
orbited the Earth  
36 times.

USA



Sanctuary decorated for Christmas, 1983.

TPC



Bill Swets - Swetsville Zoo - begun 1985. 160 items from car parts,  
farm machinery and scrap metal. Local



# The Swetsville Zoo

Local



.E



**Youth Group Barbeque 6/14/87 at Double Diamond Stables: Clarence, Ryan and Paul Sitzman, Tracie Douglas, Matt Myers, Rick and Diana Freeman, Eddie Brooks.**

“1988 - A special day. On June 26, celebrating 100 years for the church building, an ice cream social and a groundbreaking ceremony for a new addition, that was to include a fellowship hall, a new kitchen, a library, a remodel of the Griffin Room and new class room space.”

TPC



**Youth Group Chili Supper:** Travis Meyers, Bill Ray, Uyen Ngo, Greg Brunner, Han and Lam Ngo, Andrea Schlicht, Chaunce Freeman. Feb 18, 1989.

“1989 - Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.”

USA

1990

“1990 - Iraq invades Kuwait, leading to the Gulf War.”

USA

1990 - Rev. Janet  
Schlenker, Interim  
Pastor. TPC



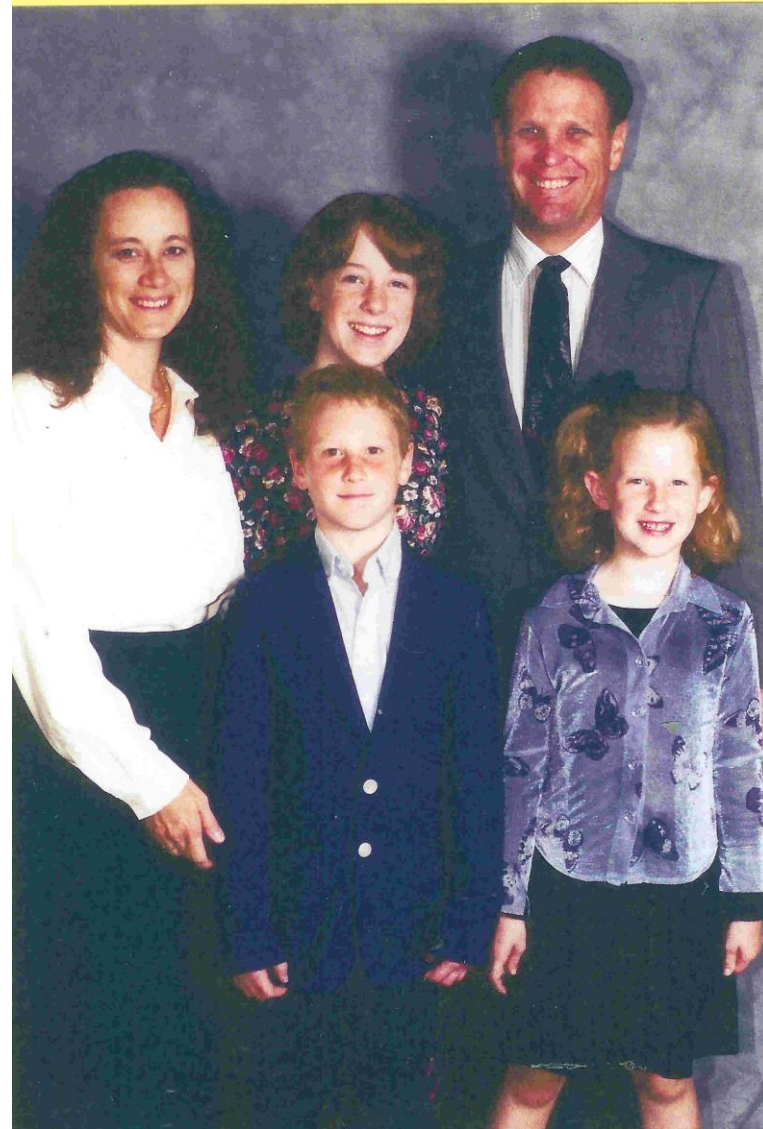
Church Bazaar. 4/14/1991. Quilt by Arlene Jones. Clarence Sitzman and Gene Boling holding quilt.

Ladies: Edith Brooks, Beth Nelson, and Janet Schlenker.

TPC



1992 - November - Rev.  
Doug Marshall comes to  
Timnath, Pastor.



“1993 - Rockies (Major league baseball team) formed in  
Denver.” LOCAL/USA

Colorado Feed and Grain and Main Street Gallery. First known history - purchased in 1972 by a Wyoming family who opened a carpet shop. Local



# Main Street Gallery, Timnath.

Local



Youth Group at Condo in Grand Lake for ski weekend. Jan 15, 1995. Back: Ryan Sitzman, Gwen Butcher, Lonnie Smith, Candice Paben, Doug Marshall. Front: Debbie Myers, Gil Fisher, Pam Fisher, Kate Boling, Kathy Saxbury, Mike Garrison, Craig and Bill Fisher. TPC



“1995 - Oklahoma City bombing.”

USA

Youth Mission trip to Arizona. Katy Boling. 1996  
TPC



Sunday School Class. Febr. 2, 1997.  
Herb Schlicht, teacher. TPC



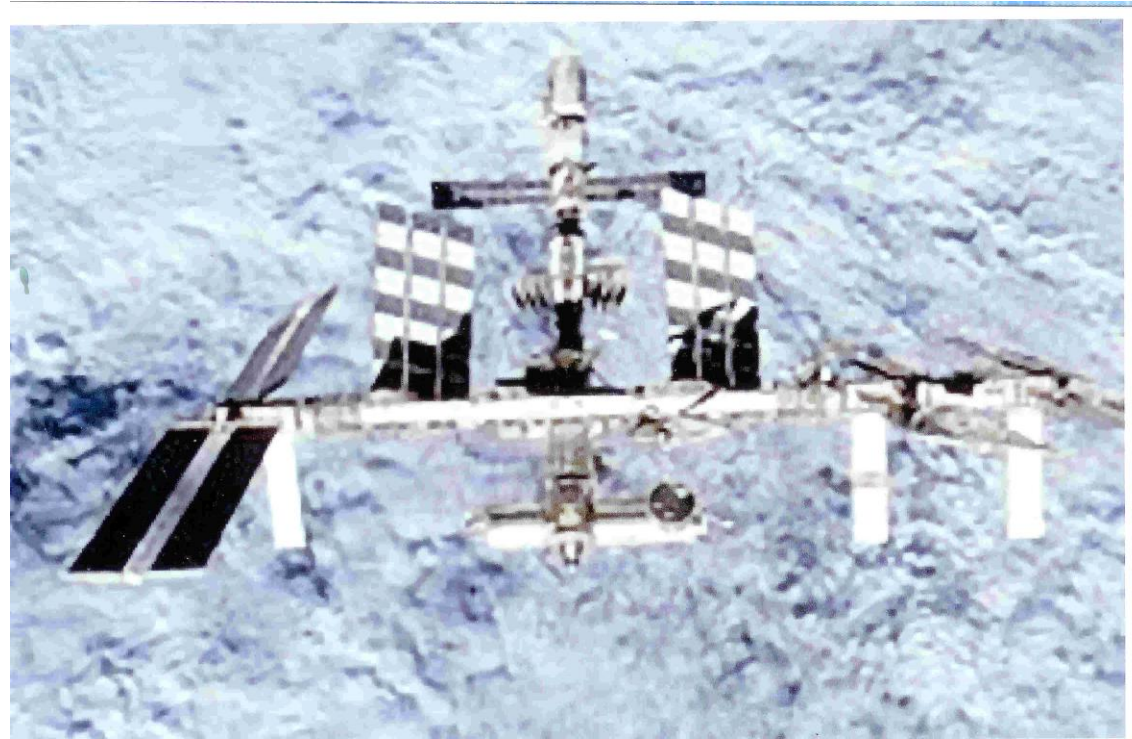
Youth Mission Trip to Wind River Indian Reservation. 1998.  
Bonnie McBride at top. TPC



“Stuart House, north of the manse, purchased for  
\$76,000.”

TPC

1998 - The International Space Station began its on-orbit assembly. It was a joint project between the US, Russia, Japan, Canada, and eleven European countries. USA



“Rev. Claude Ponting, Interim Pastor.”

TPC

“1998 - Second house purchased toward expansion of church property.” TPC

“1999 - Columbine High School shooting, killing 14.”

USA

2000

2000 - Rev. Virginia  
Bunning, Interim  
Pastor.

TPC

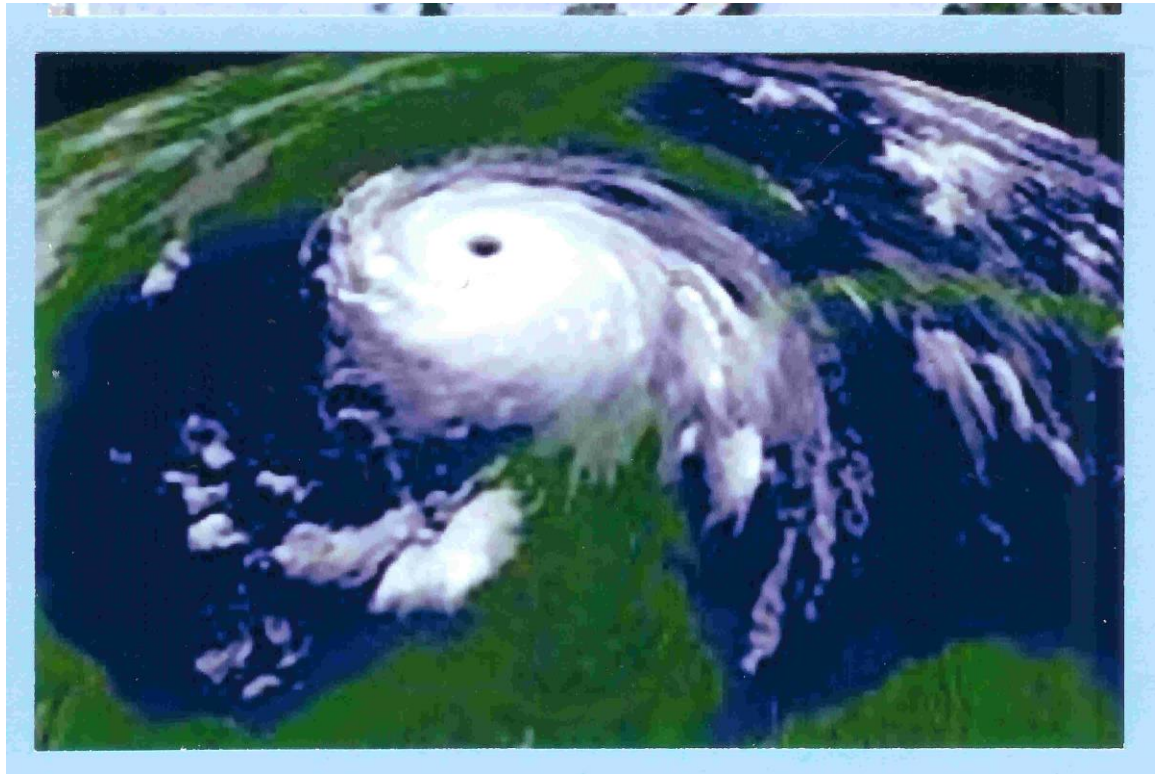


2002-2008. Rev.  
Peg McGowan,  
Pastor. TPC



August 25, 2005. Hurricane Katrina.

USA



August 25, 2005. Hurricane Katrina.

USA



2006 - November - New Timnath Players has first production. TPC



Summer, 2008. Assembly of this timeline for  
TPC's 125th anniversary.  
Nancy Greenwood & Shaynnea Watkins. TPC



# Ice cream social – Summer, 2008

TPC



Covered wagon carries congregation to new frontier. *North Forty News* article. August, 2008. Gene Boling and Russ Skinner.

TPC



Ken Gorman, Interim Pastor.

2009 - 2012

TPC



**PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
EXPLOSION  
AND  
RECONSTRUCTION  
2009 - 2011**

## Photographs thanks to:

- Gene Boling (GB)
- Paul Moyer (PM)
- Poudre Fire Authority (PFA)
- Gordon Kruse (EGK)
- Laurene Aldrich (LA)

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2009, workmen installing a sewer system in Timnath, CO disturbed a natural gas line, causing gas to leak into the basement under the fellowship hall and kitchen of the church. Just as church members Russ Skinner and Gene Boling were escorting a gas company representative to the church to check the situation, the gas ignited, and the east portion of the church exploded. A fire ensued, but was quickly extinguished.

The resulting damage was to the fellowship hall, the Centennial room, the narthex and the east entry. There was some damage in the kitchen. The east wall of the sanctuary had cracks in the plaster. (Fortunately, the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and the Griffin room were spared.) Items stored in the basement were destroyed by the fire. Smoke damage occurred throughout the building.

**DESTRUCTION!**



Immediately after the explosion. The fire in the basement had been extinguished, but gas from the broken line was still burning.

GB - IMG - 0348

# Poudre Fire Authority extinguishing the blaze.

GB - IMG-0351





08.08.2009 09:31



08.08.2009 09:50



PM-1515



PM-1507



PM-1503



PM - 1504



GB - 102\_1538



GB - 102\_1545



Fellowship Hall Damage  
GB – 102\_1568



GB – Church damage - 1

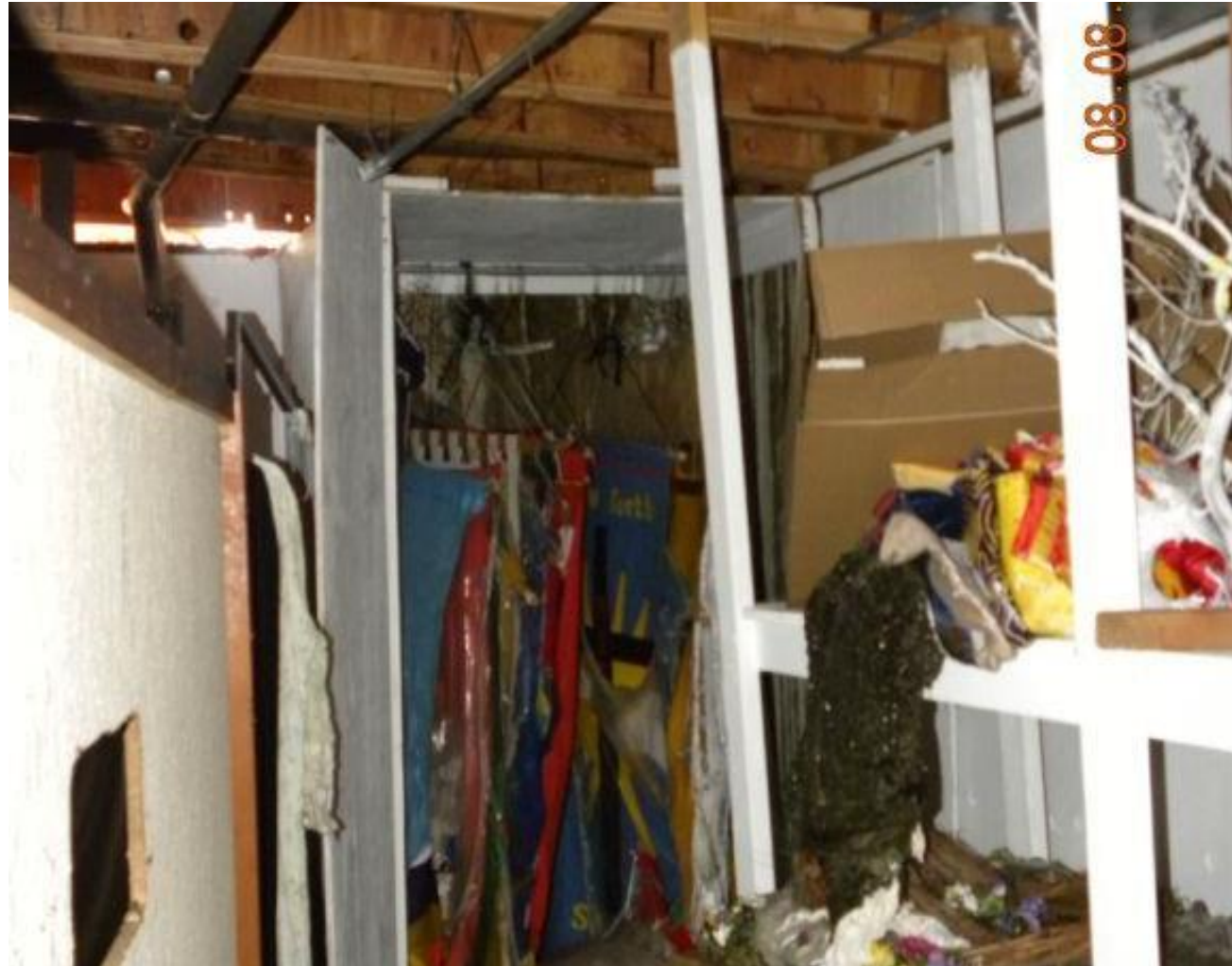


East wall of sanctuary at Christmas.  
Sharon Jones' whimsical art work  
covers crack in plaster.

GB – 102\_1735

# Damage in basement storage area.

PFA-76



# Basement



GB \_ Church Damage -2

Hallway between  
fellowship hall and  
restrooms, looking  
south.

GB – Church Damage - 3



# Damage in Narthex

GB – Church Damage - 4



# Fellowship Hall, looking southwest

GB – Church Damage - 5



# Damage to east side of Fellowship Hall.

PFA-88



Narthex damage,  
looking toward  
sanctuary.



PFA-90

# Damage to Narthex

GB - IMG\_0362



Timnath Church (and  
Poudre Fire Authority)  
member Gil Fisher  
surveying the damage.

DSC02372



**DEMOLITION!**  
**(CLEANING UP THE MESS)**

The church's insurance company, Guide One, was notified of the damage. Guide One agreed to pay all costs of reconstruction necessary to put the building back in its condition before the explosion. The congregation agreed to have the construction branch of Guide One – Taylor Ball – oversee the rebuilding. Carl Glaser, the architect who had planned the 1988 reconstruction (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, etc.) was retained to plan the rebuilding. Thunder Pup Construction, affiliated with Glaser, was hired as the local contractor. Taylor Ball sent a project manager to oversee the local contractor and sub-contractors.

After the fire and insurance inspectors were satisfied, the most damaged (east) portions of the church were razed. This included the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, restrooms, NE classroom, hallways, and portions of the Narthex and basement. Construction soon began to replace the shell of those portions, preserving the original footprint.

Most of the contents of the church were taken by Servicemaster to be cleaned and then stored until reconstruction was completed. Items that were expected to be needed before the building could be occupied again were stored in PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) on the church grounds.



One of the PODS provided for contents of the church building during reconstruction.

GB - IMG\_0423



North wall, stripped of siding and protected by plastic sheeting.

GB – IMG\_0583



A part of Centennial Room (looking NW). Note masonry wall of original sanctuary in top right. Entrance to south hallway at bottom center.

GB – IMG\_0586

# SUBSTITUTION!

(Making do while the church is being rebuilt.)

From the fall of 2009 through summer of 2010, most worship services were held in the cafeteria of the Timnath Elementary School. GuideOne paid the school district for use of the cafeteria plus three classrooms for the nursery and Sunday School classes.

Pulpit, music and sound equipment, bibles, hymnals, etc. had to be moved from storage to the cafeteria and back for each service. GuideOne purchased an enclosed utility trailer to expedite these transfers.

During the summer of 2010 several worship services were held under a canopy on the church lawn. Services during the holidays (Nov. 29; Christmas Eve; and Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 Sundays) were allowed to be held in the sanctuary, with temporary heat and lights (no kitchen or bathroom facilities were available).

Choir, and director Peggy Boling, during worship at Timnath Elementary School cafeteria. Mark and Jayne Sears light the advent candle.

GB – Timnath School Worship



Bells for the children's bell choir at the Timnath School.





The congregation  
Christmas service  
December, 2009.

GB – Christmas in the Sanctuary

Worship service in sanctuary. Note extension cords used to supply temporary lighting.

GB – Temp in Sanctuary 1



Choir in sanctuary during a December worship.

GB – Temp in Sanctuary 2



Interim Pastor Ken Gorman at the pulpit during one of the Christmas time services in the sanctuary. Note pulpit made by Russ Skinner.



GB – In sanctuary for Christmas



During reconstruction, good use was made of the office for committee meetings, game nights, etc.

EGK

**RECONSTRUCTION!**

Several small meetings were held during the weeks following the explosion for members to offer their suggestions about desired changes in the reconstructed building. After a compilation of these ideas, it was decided to enlarge the kitchen by using the space that had been the northeast classroom. The hallway from the Narthex to the north door was also widened. These changes will ease future expansion of the church to the north.

## RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS:

The church's insurance company assured us that they would pay all costs of restoring the building to its previous state.

Immediately after the explosion, the Plains and Peaks Presbytery obtained a grant of \$10,000 from the Presbyterian Disaster Fund (supported by One Great Hour of Sharing)

The church received Presbytery approval to apply for a \$50,000 loan from PCUSA. As of January, 2011, we have not needed to apply for the loan.

In addition, generous donations have been received from members, friends, and other churches in the area. As of November, 2010, such donations exceeded \$60,000.



The lighted space is the north end of the fellowship hall, stripped and being rebuilt. The east door is at left.

GB – Reconstruction 3



A roof truss being lowered into place by crane, over the Fellowship Hall.

GB-102\_1765



Fellowship Hall – reframed and sheathed.

PM – 102\_1766



Conditions in January, 2010.

GB – Maybe Jan of 2010

During the reconstruction period, the pews were all removed from the building. The men's group volunteered to completely recondition all the pews. They were stored at Mike McBride's and transferred to Russ Skinner's wood shop for the work. By September, work had been completed on all but eight pews.

One of the pews being  
reconditioned in Russ  
Skinner's workshop.

EGK-1667





Paul McDill and Mark Sears checking work on a pew.

EGK-1663

Russ and Paul at  
work.

EGK-1660



Lyndel Saxbury  
working on a leg of one  
of the pews.

EGK-1662



# Raleigh Brooks at work.

EGK-1666



Clarence Sitzman cutting pieces for new hymnal racks.

EGK-1665



Rebuilt pews on their way to the sanctuary during October 9 work day.

DSC01676



**RE-OCCUPATION!**



Melissa Fisher, Nancy Greenwood, June Haynes and Patsy Hutchinson in the restored and enlarged kitchen. Nancy and June were members of the “kitchen committee”.

EGK - 01685

“Kitchen committee”  
members Phylis  
Sitzman and Tracie  
Wotowey posing  
proudly by the fruits of  
their work.



EGK-01713

Mary Ellen and Paul  
Moyer – “Kitchen  
Committee” members.



EGK-01712

# Maxine Hansen re-shelving books in the library.

EGK-1686





Banners in the restored sanctuary, courtesy of Leann Starlin and friends.

New Banner on  
South wall of  
Sanctuary.  
Nancy  
Greenwood  
assembled  
panels made by a  
number of  
women in the  
congregation.



Vivian Miller by the  
display case in the  
Narthex.



EGK-1690

# New cabinets in Fellowship Hall.



EGK-1691

Youth in new kitchen  
preparing for Nov. 7  
worship.



EGK-1696

**ELATION!**

**Worship in restored sanctuary**

**November 7, 2010**

Joan Saxbury  
rehearsing for Nov.  
7 worship.



EGK-1686

# Interim pastor Ken Gorman

EGK-1706



Liturgist Deb Belitz  
at the pulpit.



EGK-1703

Bev McBride at  
pulpit presenting  
finance plans.



EGK-1699

Members of Men's  
Group returning a  
restored pew to the  
sanctuary.



EGK -???

# Men's Group replacing a second pew.



The choir. Director  
Peggy Boling at left;  
Joan Saxbury at the  
piano.

EGK-1708



Phylis Sitzman  
describing  
cornucopias to the  
children (who are  
hidden by the  
communion table).



EGK-1709

Phylis continuing the children's sermon.



EGK-1710

**CELEBRATION!**

To celebrate the return to normal (almost) of the church building, a special event was held on the evening of Saturday, November 20.

Master Chef Don Christensen directing preparation of a spaghetti supper, with sous-chefs Joan Saxbury, Kathy Moody, and Gil Fisher.



The tables being set.  
Bev McBride and  
Jean Johnson  
McCulla.



More table setters –  
Jean Johnson  
McCulla, Laurene  
Aldrich and Deb  
Belitz. Edith Kruse  
and Arlene Jones are  
seated.



The celebrants gather.





Master of Ceremonies  
Greg Starlin  
welcoming the guests.



Interim Pastor Ken Gorman offers the invocation.



Music was a big part of the evening's entertainment.



Gene Boling, giving  
the history of the  
destruction and  
reconstruction.



Russ Skinner,  
recalling his  
memory of the day  
of the explosion.





Amy Wimmer presenting Gene and Russ with mementos (Las Vegas in a box?) in recognition of their yeoman-like work in restoring the building.



Sharon Jones at the podium.



Sharon, presenting a memento to Gene Boling.



Our architect, Carl Glaser,  
addressing the gathering.



'Elvis' and 'Elrod' entertain the crowd with new lyrics to an old song, appropriate for the occasion.

Gene Boling  
drives the “last  
nail”.



And re-hangs the cross  
(given to the church  
years ago – hand made  
by the Dickerson sisters).



The Cross  
restored and  
reconstruction  
complete!



On Sunday, November 21, a special, re-dedication, worship service was held to acknowledge our gratitude to God for His guidance and support throughout the ordeal.

**SATISFACTION!**

**(THE END)**

**OR SO WE THOUGHT!**

Then, on Tuesday, January 4,  
2011,  
while women from Second Mile  
Mission were meeting in the  
Fellowship Hall, The fire  
suppression sprinkler system  
malfunctioned.

**INUNDATION!  
AND  
CONSTERNATION!**

A water/glycol mixture spilled over and through the ceiling panels above the Griffin and Centennial rooms.



The sound mixer, carpet, and light fixtures were damaged or ruined.

LA -1



It was originally thought that the organ was damaged or ruined. Subsequent examination and reconditioning showed that it was “as good or better than before”.

LA-3



Damage could have been much worse if the women had not been at the church to detect the problem, summon help, and immediately begin to protect furnishings.

As of Sunday, January 30,  
restoration is underway.

# Pastor Matt Webber Installation April 2012





# Celebration – Burning of the Mortgage 2015



