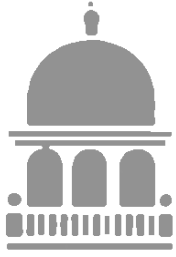


# Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum Interactive Guide



The Pikes Peak region is a *living landscape*. In this region there are stories of adaptation, interactions, innovation, and great imagination; all played out in the midst of one of the most majestic mountain ranges on earth. This building, the original 1903 El Paso County Courthouse, couldn't be more fit to harbor the characters and material history of this unique story. Use this guide to explore and learn more.



"American courthouses are the monuments of a generation who intended to project part of their past into the future for other generations to remember and emulate"  
- William L. Virden, *Cornerstones and Communities*

Walk around the main lobby and observe the different elements the architect, A.J. Smith, used in the construction. What do you think this courthouse says about the community at the time it was built in 1903?

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Columns made of *Scagliola* (Scah-lee-o-lah), an imitation marble popular in the early 1900's.

Visit the **Behind the Lens** exhibit. Consider the different ways these regional photographers chose to depict their community. Which photographer's work do you like the most and why?

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*Looking South Along Tejon Street* by Harry L. Standley, 1927.



Visit the **Van Briggles** exhibit. Artus Van Briggles moved to Colorado Springs in 1899 to help with his recovery from Tuberculosis. What was the name of the glaze he developed? List what features of his work, in addition to his glaze, make it unique.

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Each piece of Van Briggles pottery is marked with this "double A" logo for Artus and his wife Anne's first names.

Visit **Marketing the Mountain**. List a few of the aspects of Colorado Springs that appealed to tourists and residents. What draws people to visit and live here today?

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Tourist advertisement of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs.



TRIVIA: Which artist made Winfield Scott Stratton's death mask?

Answer: Nellie Walker

Visit the **Helen Hunt Jackson** exhibit. Helen Hunt Jackson was a renowned author and one of the earliest residents of Colorado Springs. What was her motivation for writing her novel *Ramona* and how was it received by the public?



Helen Hunt Jackson's popular novel *Ramona* has been made into at least four movies and a play.



**TRIVIA:** What famous poet wrote "Helen of Troy will die, Helen of Colorado, never" upon Helen Hunt Jackson's death in 1885?

Answer: Emily Dickinson



Portrait of General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs.

Visit the **William J. Palmer** exhibit. This former Civil War general and secretary-treasurer for the Kansas Pacific Railroad founded Colorado Springs in 1871. What was his vision for this city? Do you think his vision still reigns true today?

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Visit **Cultural Crossroads**. The first people in the Pikes Peak region were American Indians. These communities participated in complex systems of trade in which they acquired materials from around the world. Find and describe an object in the exhibit that features materials traded from a variety of locations.



A circle of American Indian moccasins pointing to the four cardinal directions.

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Visit **Health in the Pikes Peak Region**. Many people suffering from Tuberculosis, also known as consumption, moved to the Pikes Peak region for treatment. What about the "City of Sunshine" made it beneficial to these health seekers?



Tent cottage for Tuberculosis patients.

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Visit **the Division 1 Courtroom**. Find the two female figures of north and south walls of the courtroom. What do they represent and why do you think these were important in Colorado in 1903?



Division 1 Courtroom from 1903 restored to its original condition.

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