

Park County Historical Society

Trip down Tarryall Road

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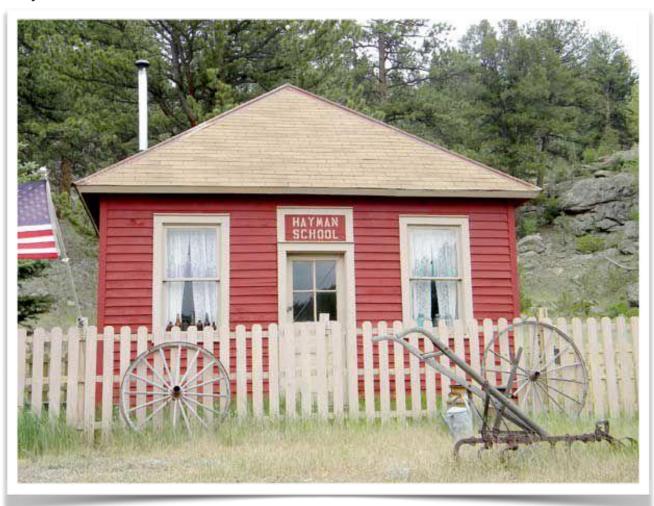


Photo courtesy Pat Mauro

The Park County Historical Society had their second trip of 2019 on July 7. For this trip, we started in Jefferson and headed southeast on Tarryall

Road/Park County 77, to tour many of the historic sites along the 40+ mile scenic road.

There was a great turnout, with 28 people attending. We used the Park County Local History Archives book, "Guide to the Tarryall Road," which lists the historic sites along the road.

Our first stop wasn't the Bordenville Cemetery. With pictures in the handout, we were able to view the sites of Bordenville, including the Borden brothers' ranches, and their graves in the cemetery. Some structures in the old pictures do still stand.

Our caravan then made its way to the town of Tarryall, formerly Puma City. We were again able to align old pictures at the site with pictures in the handout, to view what still stood and what was gone. We left the site hastily, though, as the mosquitoes were on attack.

We then went to the home of PCHS Vice President Becky Gray, who lives just off of Tarryall Road. Here we ate lunch, and reviewed details of where we'd been, and details on the site where we were. Becky explained how she had reconstructed the Fuhlmann cabin, to preserve the cabin and make it a modern residence.

Gottlieb Fuhlmann had built the cabin about 150 feet from its current site. Becky had it disassembled and relocated. One of our members noted that this was one of his favorite, most beautiful sites he's seen in Park County. There are two ponds on the site with islands also.

Another member, Mark Ellingson, who is a Lake George area resident and has studied the area history, gave a talk on the various stories that have

been written on Gottlieb Fuhlmann. He found that the stories written have varying details on history in the area. It was a great lesson, how history is passed on, and is sometimes altered.

We also discussed the original location of the town of Hayman, which was located about a quarter mile southwest from where we were. The schoolhouse from Hayman was moved in 1966, onto the north side of Tarryall Road, not far from Becky's home.

Some of the attendees asked to hike to the site of the cave that Gottlieb had spent time in, which was northwest of us. We drove close to the site, and hiked to the cave. We did find remnants of the time when the cave was inhabited, and had a spectacular view of the surrounding area.

From there, we continued down Tarryall Road to the site where the Hayman School was moved to. The owner allowed us to view the interior of the school, which they've restored with period furniture and a cook stove for heat. It was really nice to see the historic structure saved and restored.

That ended another great adventure with the PCHS, and all had a great time. Stay tuned for more PCHS upcoming tours and programs at www.parkcountyhistory.com, and see us on Facebook, too. Please consider a membership also.