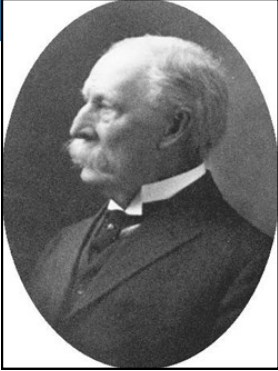




Colorado Biographies



Major Henry McAllister 1836-1921

- Born in 1836 in Delaware, he moved to Pennsylvania as a boy.
- In 1862, he joined the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry under Captain William Palmer to fight with the union in the Civil War.
- He married Elizabeth Cooper in 1866 in Philadelphia.
- He served as President of General Palmer's National Land and Improvement Company in Philadelphia after the war.
- He came alone by railway to "Fountain Colony" (Colorado Springs) twice in 1872 at General Palmer's request to become town secretary, leaving his wife and infant son in Philadelphia. They joined him in 1873. He helped find buyers for the Fountain Colony lots and saw that 5,000 cottonwood trees were planted along the main streets. In 1873, he became Executive Director of Colorado Springs.
- The McAllister home at 423 N. Cascade was built with double thick brick and stone walls in 1873.
- Daughters, Mary and Matilda, were born in 1874 and 1876.
- He was on the board at Colorado College from 1874 until his death in 1921.
- He served as President of the Board of Town Trustees in Colorado Springs from 1875-1877.
- Very active in community including: the Outwest newspaper, State Horticultural Society, Board of County Commissioners, El Paso Pioneers Association, and more.

Great Resources on Major Henry Allister

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