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# Walk through Broomfield history

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There are many sites of historical interest in and about Broomfield. The authors recommend that families or other groups pack a sack lunch this summer and go on walking and biking tours round and about our city. Walk down the Main Street in old Broomfield. See the old Shaw Garage (Highway Building), the old Broomfield State Bank Building (Huddart Lumber Co. office), and the Red and White Grocery (Leland's Rental). Stop at the site of the old Jones Hall, 7435 W. 120th Ave., which housed the post office and a grocery and held community functions upstairs. It burned in 1972. Note that on the east side of Wadsworth across from Leland's rental was the site of the Pickle Factory and the Broom Factory.

Walk west on 120th to Emerald Lane and see the

old Methodist Church where bazaars and church suppers were once a common occurrence. Jonas Taxidermy occupies that building now. Across the street east is a beautiful and ancient cottonwood tree which has weathered many winters in the old town, and could tell stories of strawberry festivals, ice cream socials, bazaars and then whisper of gambling houses bootlegging stills.

The depot and elevators stand sentinels to a former way of life. The depot receiving visitors from the wide world passing through on sightseeing trips, traveling to the college at Boulder, traveling to the gold fields or stopping to visit locally.

Ride east on No. 287 to Lowell and notice a gray stone building on the northwest corner. That was an early telephone exchange building, in fact, the first one

built for that purpose. An earlier one was in a house just a little north of this, another early exchange building was in the Jones Building. The old cemetery on 10th Ave. proclaims the date of 1890 over its gate. Lakeview by name, it overlooked a lake just north now the high school sports field.

As you stroll about the new Community Park you can reminisce about the old Denver, Utah and Pacific narrow gauge that ran through there on its way to Erie and Lyons from Denver. Just a bit east of the community Building was a stationhouse called Broomfield.

West past the airport about four miles the land flattens out as it approaches the foothills and the expanse is broken only by stoney streams. Here was once an Arapahoe village. Circles of



Leland's Rental in Broomfield was once the Broomfield. Red and White Grocery in Original

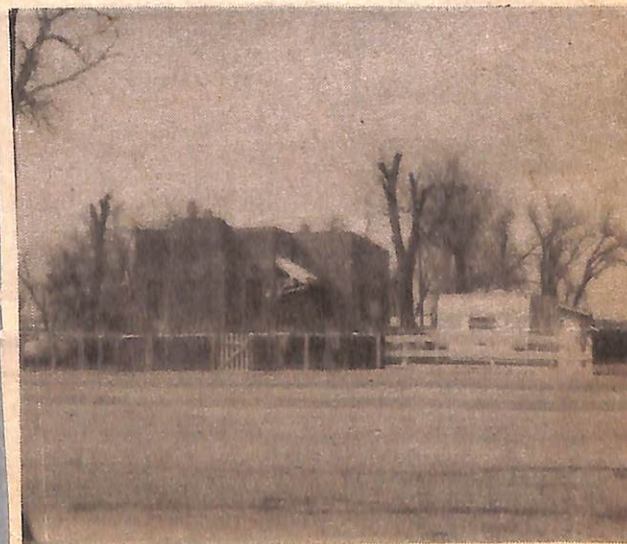
stone, their teepee foundations, can still be discerned. And North of Broomfield similar teepee rings can be seen.

On Poppy Way a white house sits on the brow of a hill overlooking the city. This was the Zang ranch home and below it a lane running east along what now is 6th Ave. was elm tree lined and the entrance to the ranch called Elmwood Farm. The lane turned north and circled a small lake just before the house on the west. Back of the house to the east were

fruit orchards of apple, peach and cherry trees. Hiding among the trees were bee hives.

As the city grows it is good to remember these landmarks of its past.

The Chinese were the first known people to acquire more than one name. The Emperor Fushi decreed the use of family names, or surnames, about 2852 B.C., according to World Book Encyclopedia.



This early telephone exchange building at Highway 287 and Lowell Blvd. was built about 1927.