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## SMALLPOX

### Dread Disease At Stage Station

3/20/1872 - The contagious disease so much dreaded, which has for some time been making fearful havoc in the east, has at last reached Colorado. Mr. Henry Church, who keeps a public house on the old stage road 22 miles from Longmont and 12 miles from Denver, on Dry Creek, was taken down a few days ago.

His wife, ignorant of the character of the disease, administered medicines for some type of fever; but as he did not recover, a doctor was summoned from Denver, who at once pronounced it a case of small pox. It is thought the disease was contracted in Illinois, as Mr. Church has just returned from that state. A great many persons visited the house after the terrible disease made its appearance, but we do not learn of any one being attacked. It is the request of Mrs. Church that people keep away from the house until her husband recovers. - The Longmont Press.

4/10/1872 - We regret the necessity of informing our readers of the death of Mr. Keller and Doran, of the small pox, at the residence of Mr. G.H. Church, 22 miles south of Longmont. These



BROOMFIELD DEPOT

Courtesy of A-E Industries, Broomfield.

Built in 1909 and donated by the Colorado & Southern Railway Company to the Junior Chamber of Commerce January 31, 1976, the old C&S depot has been moved from the original site on 120th Ave. to the Zang's Spur Centennial Park just West of Highway 287. The building will house the Jaycee's office in the lower level and a museum is planned for the upper floor.

Adolph J. Zang

## Broomfield Landowner Dies

### COLORADO AGRICULTURE PIONEERED AT BROOMFIELD

1/8/1918 - George Henry Church, Colorado pioneer and builder of the great Church irrigation ditch, which waters 12,000 acres near Broomfield, died last night at his family home in Broomfield. He was 87 years old. Death was due to pneumonia. The day before he had supervised the work of his employes as usual.

Mr. Church was born in Rochester, N.Y. December 11, 1830. He crossed the plains with an ox team once in 1861 and again in 1862. After two years spent exploring the mountains Mr. Church settled in Broomfield in 1864.

There he established the first stage station out of Denver on the Overland route to Sacramento, Cal. In 1869 he brought the first Hereford cattle to Colorado and with them laid the foundation for the famous stock ranch he built up. He has been in the stock business ever since.

Mr. Church was a pioneer in more senses than one. He blazed the way for the agriculture growth of the territory of Colorado. He was the first to introduce the alfalfa and Junior lands. He built the first stock and Junior Commerce work in



(Prospector's Note: - The Broomfield State Bank was not listed in the Church while he was prostrated with the disease. It was impossible during their short illness, to get medical assistance from Denver, on account of the extremely inclement weather and bad roads. - The Longmont Press.

(Prospector's Note: - The Church stage stop, south of Broomfield marked the first site of permanent residency near Broomfield. "Church's" was used on railroad timetables long after stagecoaches had passed from the scene.

## Wedding Bells

10/16/1916 - A merry wedding party came to Boulder from Broomfield yesterday in an auto, which was lavishly decorated with labels and old shoes and as they walked into Jones studio to have their pictures taken rice fell from their clothing on the floor.

The bride was very attractively gowned in a robe of white satin and wore a long tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet, while her two maids were similarly attired. Joe Coffee the groom, and two ushers were dressed in the conventional black. Mr. and Mrs. Coffee had pictures taken and a photo was also taken of the wedding party. - The Boulder Camera.

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1/23/1919 - John Tull of Broomfield, Colo., and Florence Burns of Denver were married at the parsonage of the Christian church, this city, today. Rev. Lew Harris, pastor of the church officiating.

Witnesses were Mrs. Harris, the popular pastor's wife, and Mr. J.E. Adamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tull did some shopping in town and left for Broomfield in the afternoon, the groom being a prosperous farmer of Adams county. They travelled in his car. - The Boulder Camera.

9/21/1871 - At the sixth annual fair in Denver Mr. G.H. Church entered fifteen head of full blood and grade Devons. Mr. Church's stock has such a well established reputation that anything we say will not add to their true merit. - The Rocky Mountain News.

banker, mine owner and prospector died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home, 705 Clarkson St. Death was due to diabetes, aggravated by a hemorrhage suffered Monday night while he was inspecting the properties of the Vindicator Consolidated Gold Mining Company at Cripple Creek, in which he was keenly interested.

All members of his family, except his oldest son, Philip, were at his bedside at the end. Philip Zang was absent from the city.

Mr. Zang was widely known in Denver and was one of the city's most influential and wealthy business men. He was president of the Vindicator company, and was one of the original locators of the claim. It was due to his faith in the future of the property that it was developed and made one of the best paying mining enterprises in the state.

On Monday Mr. Zang with his son Adolph, went to Colorado Springs to attend a meeting of the Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining company, of which he was a director. At the conclusion of the Cresson meeting, he went to Cripple Creek with Guilford Wood to look over the Vindicator properties. Late Monday night he suffered a hemorrhage, but his condition was not considered serious until a second one occurred.

Wednesday he showed signs of improvement and it was deemed advisable to remove him to Denver immediately. He was taken to Colorado Springs in a special train over the Cripple Creek short line and his car was attached to the rear of a Denver Rio Grande train and brought to Denver. Upon his arrival in Denver he was met at Union station by members of his family and Dr. H.L. Taylor, who considered that he was in no immediate danger.

His condition was not considered serious until late last night, when it took a sudden change. It was then physicians realized that he had but a short time to live and the family was informed.

Born in Louisville Ky., on Aug. 14, 1856, Mr. Zang came to Denver soon after his marriage thirty-six

years ago and had established the Zang company some time before. Upon his arrival in Denver Mr. Zang took over the management of the brewery and directed its affairs until it was sold to a syndicate of English capitalists. After its transfer he was identified with the brewery as its manager until three years ago, when he quit his post to devote his time to the management of the Ph. Zang Investment company.

As an only son, Mr. Zang inherited the entire estate of his father, who died here a number of years ago. No mining enterprise which showed promise ever remained undeveloped if Mr. Zang was informed of it. As a result he had extensive mining interests throughout Colorado, but particularly in the San Juan and Gilpin county regions.

When the Vindicator claim was staked, Mr. Zang and his father were present, and they were on the site when the first trench was dug. It was years before the claim was made to pay, but his faith in the future of the property caused him to put his money into the enterprise with the result that the mine eventually became one of the best properties in the state.

With Godfrey Schirmer, Mr. Zang was one of the founders of the German American Trust company and he had been vice president of the institution since its organization twelve years ago. He also was one of those who organized the Schirmer Insurance and Investment company, from which the present banking concern grew.

Mr. Zang was a lover of purebred horses, and in order to produce a good breed of animals in Colorado he imported from France a Percheron stallion which won prizes at practically every large horse show in the United States. His 4,000 acre farm near Broomfield was utilized mainly for raising of purebred horses and his string has been exhibited in many of the big horse shows, winning blue ribbons where ever they were shown.

Although never making known his beneficiaries, Mr. Zang had the reputation of being a

philanthropist and he gave largely to charities of all kinds. He was an intense lover of literature and had gathered one of the most extensive libraries in the state. In addition to his interest in making collections of books Mr. Zang paid special attention to artistic bindings, and his collection is also considered one of the most beautiful in the West.

He was one of the members of the charter convention which drafted the charter adopted when Denver county was formed. Before coming to Denver he was in the crockery business in Louisville. There he married Miss Minnie Vogt, daughter of an influential family, and soon afterwards they came to Denver.

He was an Elk, a Thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish rite, a Shriner and a member of the Denver Athletic Club. He also had membership in the Denver Civic association and the Taxpayers league.

His widow, two sons, Philip and Adolph F., and three daughters, Louise A., Minnie E., and Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, survive him. - The Denver Times.

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10/6/1916 - The late Adolph Zang, who died in Denver last week, leaving an estate valued at a million dollars, owned a farm near Broomfield in Boulder county, which, with improvements, water rights and stock is valued at \$94,420 by county assessor Chas. M. Cheney. - The Boulder Camera.

(Prospector's Note: - As no doubt occurs in many property records of the Broomfield area, part of Mr. Zang's extensive holdings appear in the abstract to the property presently owned by the Les Williams Electric Co., 7705 West 120th Avenue. The purchase by Adolph J. Zang, John C. Huober and August Nissen of 160 acres

famous Church's Cressons have three come of those 160 acres, which marked the introduction of irrigation into the territory. The Church ditch was begun in 1877 and now waters 12,000 acres.

When Mr. Church returned East after first crossing the plains in 1861, it was to marry Sarah Henderson Miller at Indianapolis. She survives him with their son, John F. Church of Broomfield - The Denver Post.

(Prospector's Note: - Research files contain many references to G.H. Church and his ability in the agriculture field. The Rocky Mountain News of December 23, 1868 reports G.H. Church as harvesting 665 bushels of oats and 65 bushels of wheat, and on September 28, 1871 the Rocky Mountain News reporting on the Territorial Agriculture Fair held in Denver reports G.H. Church won \$48 in prizes for his stock, and a silver medal for the following; best Hereford bull over three years; best Durham cow under five years; best herd grade cattle in the Territory of not less than six.)

## PERCHERON STALLION

4/1/1927 - Elmwood Non-Pareil 159086

Will stand at Zang's Elmwood Stock Farm for the season of 1927. Phone Broomfield 4 J 13 for terms. - The Lafayette Leader.

from the Union Pacific Railway Co., is dated March 6, 1885. The entry also shows the transfer of title is subject to 100 feet railway right of way and the retention by the Union Pacific of the rights to all the coal lands underneath said land and the right to mine same. The first division of this particular parcel appears in May 6, 1892 when a portion of the land was sold to Mary Wright.

## Found

9/2/1865 - This morning near Church's Eleven Mile House, on the Fort Laramie road, two horses, one large Gray, about eleven years old, no shoes; the other a large Roan, about eight years old, newly shod. They are supposed to be stolen horses as they were found under suspicious circumstances, which will be explained by those having them in charge, and were probably taken from elsewhere on Bear Creek. The owner can have the horses by calling Estabrook's Livery Stable, proving property, and paying charges. G.H. CHURCH. - The Rocky Mountain News.