

MORRISON

THE NEAREST FARAWAY PLACE!



HOGBACK

MARCH 2022

MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mayor: Sean Forey **Mayor Pro-Tem:** Debora Jerome

Trustees: Katie Gill, Matt Schweich, Paul Sutton, David Wirtz, Ryan Burris

Board Meetings: March 1, 2022 and March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at Town Hall: 110 Stone Street



TOWN STAFF:

Town Manager: Kara Winters

Town Clerk: Ariana Neverdahl

Administrative Assistant: Debbie Jacobson

Public Works Director: Fritz Fouts

Museum Curator: Matt Mossbrucker **Museum Coordinator:** Doug Hartshorn

Town Office: 321 Highway 8 **Phone:** 303-697-8749



POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief: Bill Vinelli

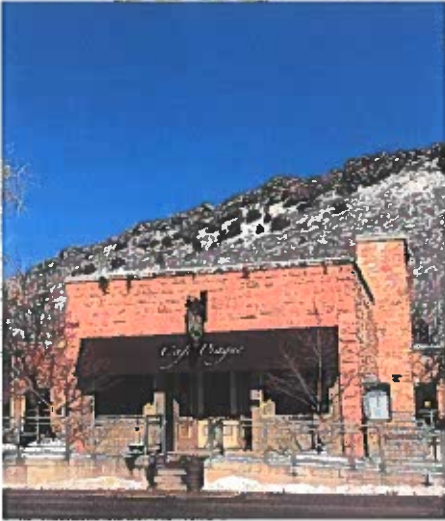
Commander: Jon Manna

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MORRISON HISTORY

THE ROSS BUILDING



One hundred. That is how many large stones were numbered, disassembled, moved, reassembled and sandblasted to recreate the front of the Ross Building which has occupied 209 Bear Creek Ave. since 1876. This monumental task was the brain child of Leo Bradley, whose wife was the granddaughter of John Ross, a Morrison pioneer and one-time owner of the Ross Building. Leo's son, Jeff Bradley, supervised and provided much of the labor for the project.

While the builder of the original structure is unknown, Jeff Bradley surmises that the building could have been the work of George Morrison. Morrison, a stonemason, was the builder of the Morrison Schoolhouse and the Cliff House.

As a quarryman, Morrison developed the high quality dimension stone used in many Morrison area buildings including the Ross Building.

The Ross Building has been home to various enterprises during its more than 150 years of existence. John Ross opened his hardware business there in 1893. Judging from the number of whiskey bottles found in the rough basement during reconstruction, it is not a far stretch to place a speakeasy in the basement of the space during prohibition. In the late 1950s, when Magic Mountain was a visionary dream for the area, the building housed the Special Effects Company, owned by Winfield Hubbard, Magic Mountain's special effects chief. Various special effects props from this time period were also excavated during the reconstruction process. Before a fire destroyed much of the building in 1985, Art Gore, a renowned Colorado artist and photographer, used the building for his studio and shop.

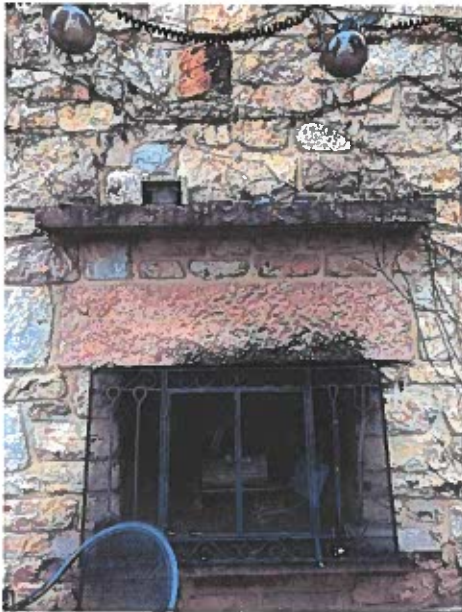
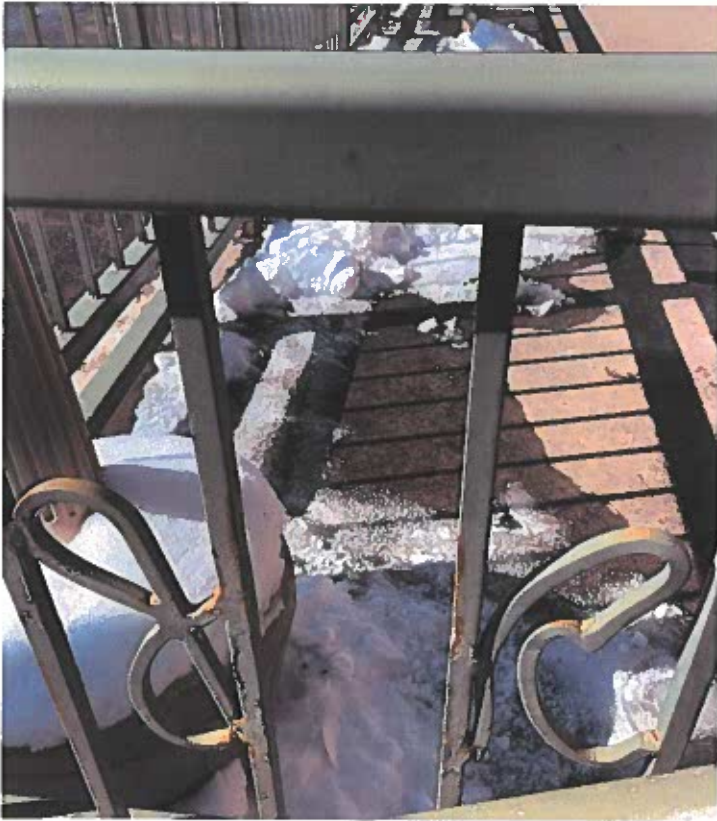
The building stood empty until 2001 when the Bradleys began reconstruction. Much of the original building material was saved and used in the rebuilt structure. As well as the stones which make up the front of the building, the interior walls are constructed of concrete block covered with a thick veneer of the original stone. New features added to the building include lintels from a quarry in Longmont. The main fireplace includes a sandstone hearth and mantel constructed from Lyons sandstone. Another fireplace graces the patio of the building which is now home to Café Prague, one of Morrison's most up-scale restaurants.

For Jeff Bradley, rebuilding the Ross Building was about honoring family connections. He was determined to rebuild so that the finished project looked as if his great-grandfather Ross could have walked in and felt right at home. As a further tribute, Bradley designed the green wrought iron fencing, which fronts the building, with John Ross's initials in his own script.

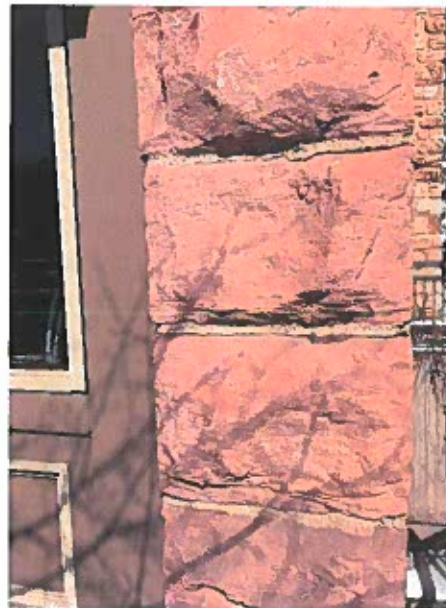
The Ross Building harbors one more treasure unearthed during the reconstruction; a well in the basement. Now, twenty years later, Bradley is formulating plans for a water-bottling plant. He hopes "Park of the Red Rocks Artesian Water" will carry on his family's legacy.

THE ROSS BUILDING IN PHOTOS

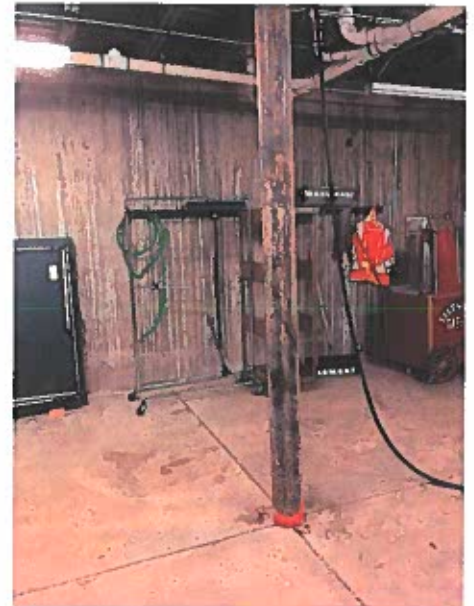
The J and R initials were reproduced from John Ross' own handwriting. The two sets of initials, in green wrought iron, were incorporated into the fencing and flank the steps leading to the entrance of the building which now houses Café Prague. The initials and iron work were added during the reconstruction of the building which began in 2001 and was completed in 2003.



The outdoor fireplace boasts a hearth and mantel made of Lyons sandstone. The fireplace warms the patio situated on the east side of the building.



Four of the original dimension stones which were numbered, disassembled, moved across the street, and then reassembled for the front of the Ross Building.



Site of the artesian well located in the basement of the expanded Ross building. Jeff Bradley is formulating plans to bottle "Park of the Red Rocks Artesian Water" .

Morrison has many historic buildings and interesting people and the Hogback would like to feature them in up-coming issues. If you have any suggestions for articles or information about Morrison people or places, please email them to Debbie Jacobson: djacobson@morrisonco.us. Thank you.



FROM THE TOWN OFFICE



MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

MARCH 16, 2022, 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

MORRISON TOWN HALL: 110 STONE STREET



Mayoral Candidates 6:00 P. M.—7:00 P.M.

Angela Bernhardt

Chris Wolfe



Trustee Candidates 7:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Sean Forey

Paul Sutton

David Wirtz

Kathleen A. Dichter

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YOUR COMMUNITY



March 2022

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WELCOME

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

The Town Board wishes to welcome Morrison's new Police Chief, Bill Vinelli. The Board is looking forward to introducing Chief Vinelli to Town residents in an upcoming Hogback. Please be sure to read future Hogbacks to learn about the new Chief and his plans for the Morrison Police Department.

