

### ***Our Mission***

*To protect and enhance those properties which convey the cultural, historic, and architectural history of Kiowa County.*

As an adjunct commission to the Board of County Commissioners, the Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission (KCHPC) is an all volunteer commission with an annual operating budget of \$1500. The KCHPC promotes and supports local historic preservation efforts, which include restoring and preserving historic structures, neighborhoods, and sites. **Preservation enhances the county's property values and in turn, attracts tourism and helps increase the county's economic and financial benefits.** Kiowa County became a Certified Local Government (CLG) in 2006, one of 42 in the state of Colorado, which allows preservation projects that meet certain requirements to be eligible for a pool of competitive federal grants and state and federal tax credit programs. Further, the county's historic preservation ordinance (Resolution No. 01-05) allows KCHPC to be notified of the alteration, removal, or demolition of any properties listed on the register.



***First National Bank, Whitelaw Building, Nipps/Bransgrove Building, early 1900s***

### ***What we do:***

- support local preservation initiatives
- survey and inventory historic properties
- assist community members in nominating properties to the local, state, or national registers
- recommend for designation significant historic buildings, sites, and districts (properties) within Kiowa County to the Kiowa County Register of Local Historic Landmarks
- educate the community about the benefits of preserving Kiowa County's unique historic resources

***Historic preservation is the “process of identifying, protecting, and enhancing buildings, places, and objects of historical and cultural significance” (National Trust for Historic Preservation).***

### ***For more information, contact a KCHPC member:***

Alexa Roberts, Chair  
Betsy Barnett, Vice-Chair  
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### ***Completed Projects:***

- Community meetings to develop an inventory of historic sites
- Intensive and reconnaissance surveys of properties in Haswell, Eads, and Sheridan Lake; funded by the State Historic Fund



***Towner Elevator, 1940s Harvest***

### ***Ongoing Projects:***

- collaboration with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program on the Heritage Trail Project
- supporting efforts by other groups to preserve the Murdock Building, the American Legion Hall, and the Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center

## DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

### *Local Register (administered by KCHPC):*

- ♦ France/Kirschman House
- ♦ Plains Theatre (Crow Luther)
- ♦ Bentley Building (Crow Luther)
- ♦ Eads Recreation Parlor (Pool Hall/Crow Luther)
- ♦ First National Bank (Murdock Building)
- ♦ Whitelaw Building
- ♦ Scoggins Building
- ♦ Eads State Bank (Kiowa County Museum)
- ♦ American Legion Post 125

### *State Register (administered by the Colorado Historical Society):*

- ♦ Haswell Jail
- ♦ Nipps/Bransgrove Building (Social Services/Little Sprouts)

### *National Register (administered by the National Park Service):*

- ♦ Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site
- ♦ American Legion Post 125



*France/Kirschman House,  
201 E. 12<sup>th</sup>, circa 1906*

### *Partners:*

- ♦ The Kiowa County Historical Society
- ♦ The Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center
- ♦ Kiowa County and the towns of Arlington, Haswell, Eads, Chivington, Brandon, Sheridan Lake, and Towner
- ♦ Kiowa Creek Natural Area
- ♦ The Kiowa County Economic Development Foundation
- ♦ The Southeast Colorado Regional Heritage Taskforce
- ♦ Colorado Preservation, Inc.
- ♦ National Park Service
- ♦ History Colorado/State Historic Fund



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*Progress on the Murdock Building exterior  
restoration, April 2011*

**We encourage all interested citizens  
to become involved in preserving  
Kiowa County's heritage!**

We meet the first Monday of every month at  
6:00 p.m. in the  
National Park Service office,  
910 Wansted, Eads, CO.

*Everyone is invited to attend our meetings.*