

TRINIDAD.

The town of Trinidad is situated near the base of a spur of the Rocky Mountains, on the old emigrant route from the States to Santa Fe, and a few miles from Raton peak—a well known landmark—which gives its name to the defile or pass that for many years has been the gate-way for the immense traffic of New Mexico, and through which are still carried all government supplies for distribution at the various military posts in that Territory, and a part of Arizona.

The situation of the town is picturesque, lying as it does on the banks of the Purgatoire or Las Animas river, a stream, whose valley of about 150 miles in length, embraces some of the most fertile lands in Colorado. The surrounding hills, covered with the pinôn and sabina, relieving somewhat the hard gray aspect of the bold cliffs beyond, present attractions of a superior order. Inexhaustible beds of coal underlie the town, and outcrops of the same are visible in all the neighboring ravines. Copper and iron ores have been discovered in the vicinity, and a proper development of the mineral resources of the mountains contiguous would doubtless insure rich returns to the enterprising capitalists, and the adjacent plain to the eastward, covered with nutritious grasses, affords excellent pasturage for cattle and sheep, a source of no inconsiderable profit to persons engaged in the stock business. The geographical position of Trinidad gives it a prominence that must sooner or later make it the commercial centre of a large district. The town, with a population of 1,000, with its forty stores and shops, with its numberless and slow-jogging freight wagons, with its daily and tri-weekly mail coaches, and the rapidly increasing travel, already attracts attention abroad, and gives promise of a prosperous future. It may safely be said that the six or eight persons who, at the commencement of the last decade, erected a cluster of log shanties where the present town site is, had no idea of the real significance of their feeble invasion of the wilderness.

In the spring of 1860, Riley V. Dunton, William Frazier, U. P. Curtis and the Archibald brothers built cabins and located farms in the valley opposite Trinidad. Charlefo, an old French Canadian and Rocky Mountain trapper, had settled the year previous at the mouth of Gray's creek, about four miles below town, where he caused to be erected the first permanent dwelling in what is now known as Las Animas county. At that time his neighbors where the late B. R. Boyce, on the Upper Huerfano, and Charles Autubis, Calvin Jones, and a few others, on the Lower Huerfano, the nearest one being at what Daniel Boone would have called the "convenient distance" of fifty miles.

In 1862, W. R. Walker, C. Raymond, R. Vigil, J. I. Alires and G. Gutierrez staked off a number of lots, built cabins, and thus originated the nucleus of the now thriving town of Trinidad. The Philbrook brothers

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established the first store, which they soon disposed of to Felipe Baca and William Hohne, who continued the business, and for two years were the only merchants in the place. J. M. Stoner, J. R. Skelly, W. A. Bransford, A. W. Archibald and Juan I. Aliers subsequently engaged in mercantile pursuits, with varied and indifferent success, since they were obliged to depend chiefly upon travelers and immigrants for patronage. When the war created a demand for that article, Hohne, who dealt extensively in grain, filled large contracts, became prosperous, and has since retired to enjoy his fortune.

The town has since advanced rapidly, and the country about it has advanced in many respects. All branches of trade are well represented in Trinidad. The Messrs. Barraclough, Prowers & Hough, Thatcher Bros. & Co., R. L. Wooten, Jr., M. Beshoar, physician and surgeon, and J. Davis, may be cited as the representative business men of the place. The United States Hotel, the principal and most popular public house in southern Colorado, is a credit to the town. The place supports a weekly newspaper, recently established, called the *Trinidad Enterprise*. The first grist-mill, operated in the town or county, was built by Jacob Beard, in the summer of 1865; two others have since been completed, and are now running successfully. There are also two saw-mills in the vicinity.

In October, 1866, the citizens of Trinidad and Las Animas county, suffered all manner of indignities at the hands of the Ute Indians, under the leadership of the notorious chief, Ka-ni-ha-che. These pestiferous nomads, troublesome alike in peace or war, had hatched up some imaginary grievances, and forthwith betook themselves to the war-path. Many exposed and helpless settlers were pounced upon and murdered, their homes despoiled, and their cattle and horses driven away. So little resistance was offered that the savages became more and more violent, practicing their depredations with impunity, and threatening to depopulate the entire region. Finally, a troop of cavalry, from Fort Stevens, under command of Col. Alexander, came to the rescue. The cavalry officers and several of the chiefs met in conference, and the latter positively declined to either make known their grievances or to desist from their outrages. Failing in all reasonable endeavors to pacify the blood-thirsty thieves, Col. Alexander abandoned Quaker arguments and appealed to the sabres and Sharpe's carbines of his men. He gave the band a terrible thrashing, killing many braves, and driving the balance out of the country. In their return, true to their instincts, they murdered and pillaged indiscriminately, but from that day the settlements in southern Colorado have been secure from the depredations of marauding red-skins.

We take pleasure in acknowledging our obligations to Judge George S. Simpson, one of the earliest settlers in southern Colorado, who has kindly furnished us the above history.

TRINIDAD DIRECTORY.

- A**DAMS JOHN, printer, r. Cedar, bet. A and B
 Adamson Wm. J. prop. Trinidad Flour Mill
 Albus V. brewer, cor. Main and Commercial
 Aides Mariano, laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar
 Alires M. C. Mrs. laundress, r. C, bet. Main and Convent
 Almanza Julio, laborer, r. Front, nr. D
 Angel Guadalupe, laborer, r. cor. E and Convent
 Archeletta L. baker, r. cor. B and Cedar
 Archibald A. W. (Hubbard & Archibald), attorney at law, office, cor. A and Commercial
 Armigo Juan, laborer, bds. Cedar, bet. D and E
- B**ABCOCK H. S. musician, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
 Baca Felipe, representative Las Animas county, r. foot of Commercial
 Bacon David Rev. bds. United States Hotel
 Baird S. M. (Baird & Boyles), attorney at law, office, Main, bet. B and C
 Baird & Boyles (S. M. Baird and Geo. Boyles), attorneys at law, office, Main, bet. B and C
 Barenla A. r. cor. C and Convent
 Barraclough H. A. postmaster and dealer in general merchandise, Main, bet. B and C
 Beard Jacob, prop. sawmill, r. Main, bet. A and Commercial
 Benitez F. dealer in ivory, r. Main, bet. C and D
 Beshoar M. physician and surgeon and county clerk, office, cor. B and Main
 Biagura I. laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B
 Bies Euos, tailor, r. cor. C and Cedar
 Bielpando D. ranchman, r. cor. A and Pine
 Bieltran D. plasterer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D
- Biernbaum H. & Co. dealers in general merchandise, Main, bet. B and C
 Bishop Thomas, miller, Farrand's mill
 Blackwood Thos. (col'd), porter, United States Hotel
 Bloom F. G. (Thatcher Bros. & Co.), dealer in general merchandise, cor. Main and Commercial
 Booth E. L. deputy sheriff, r. Main, bet. Second and Third
 Boyles George (Baird & Boyles), attorney at law, office, Main, bet. B and C
 Bright E. D. county surveyor, office and r. Main, bet. A and Commercial
 Briggs A. L. teamster, r. cor. Convent and Commercial
 Briggs Ambrose, printer, *Enterprise* office
 Brown John, laborer, rooms cor. C and Main
 Brown W. C. saddler, r. cor. Cedar and Commercial
 Brown Webster, engineer, r. Front, nr. Commercial
 Bueno Marie L. Miss, dressmaker, r. cor. B and Cedar
 Burr John, laborer, bds. Ratone House
 Burgoyne Pauline Miss, seamstress, r. F, bet. Main and Cedar
- C**AMERON ROBERT, blacksmith, r. cor. A and Cedar
 Carrion Jesus, tailor, r. foot of Main
 Cassaw A. ranchman, r. Pine, bet. D and E
 Cerve Jose, laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
 Chambers J. B. painter, Main, bet. First and Second
 Chaplin A. printer, *Enterprise* office
 Chaplin B. F. deputy county clerk, office, cor. B and Main
 Chavis F. farmer, r. foot of Convent
 Chavis G. artist, r. Pine, bet. A and B
 Chick A. (col'd), laborer, r. C, bet. Main and Cedar
 Chovlan M. L. r. Front, nr. A
 Church of the Holy Trinity (Catholic), Rev. P. J. Munnecom, pastor, Main, bet. A and B

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Craiger L. M. carpenter, r. cor. A and Cedar

→ Crogan C. Mrs. domestic, with W. G. Rifenberg, United States Hotel

DAVIS JOSEPH, dealer in general merchandise, cor. A and Main, bds. Sherman House

Davis & Sherman, dealers in general merchandise, cor. A and Main

De la Riva C. barber, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Dewey Charles, mechanic, bds. Sherman House

Demas M. widow, laundress, r. Commercial, bet. Convent and Main

Demio Joseph, farmer, bds. United States Hotel

Dien M. silversmith, cor. F and Cedar
Diamond D. (col'd), r. D, bet. Main and Cedar

Dillett Jose G. mechanic, r. Main, bet. Fifth and Sixth

Dominguez F. carpenter, r. foot of Commercial

Donahue J. wagonmaker, Commercial, bet. Convent and Front

Dupont E. clerk, with Prowers & Hough, bds. United States Hotel

Duran A. laborer, r. foot of A

Dunton Riley V. farmer, r. cor. A and Cedar

EDWARDS CHARLES, carpenter, bds. United States Hotel
Ellwood Geo. bookkeeper, bds. Sherman House

Ennis W. S. musician, r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Escor G. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Espinoza J. laborer, r. foot of Main

Espinoza R. teamster, r. Pine nr. C

Estrado T. teamster, r. Cedar, bet. E and F

FARRAND C. M. prop. flouring mills, Commercial, below Front
Fisher George, farmer, r. head of Main

Fisher J. B. r. Main, bet. D and E
Fisher W. R. dealer in general merchandise, cor. Main and Commercial
Fleashito Joseph, laborer, bds. cor. Main and Commercial

Fleming John, stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel

Foulke E. carpenter, bds. Sherman House
Freeman F. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

GALLEGO RITA, widow, cor. Convent and Commercial

Garcia A. r. Main, bet. C and D

Garcia Jesus, laborer, bds. Main, bet. E and F

Garcia L. laborer, r. cor. Cedar and Commercial

Garcia G. farmer, with Felipe Bac foot of Commercial

Garcia J. A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. E and F

Garcia S. laborer, r. Pine, bet. C and D

Geis A. architect and builder, r. foot of Commercial

Geis V. carpenter, r. foot of Commercial

Geurez Demitro, plasterer, r. foot of A

Gonzalez B. laborer, r. head of Main

Gonzalez M. A. widow, r. cor. A and Pine

Gouralez A. r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Grassmook Frank, bricklayer, bds. Main, bet. C and D

Gutierrez Alex. farmer, r. head of Main

Gutierrez D. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Gutierrez M. r. head of Main

Guyot Francis, assistant pastor Church of the Holy Trinity, r. Main, bet. E and F

HAGAR HENRY, gardener, bds. United States Hotel

Hall A. M. drover, bds. United States Hotel

Holt A. M. prop. livery stable, bds. Sherman House

Harlow —, drover, bds. United States Hotel

Hart Ed. bds. United States Hotel

Hartwick J. saloonkeeper, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Harlan E. carpenter, r. A, nr. Front

Hatch A. butcher, Commercial, bet. Convent and Front

Hatch T. P. dealer in hardware, tinware, etc. Main, bet. Commercial and First, r. Main, bet. A and B

Hayes S. D. butcher, Main, bet. B and C

Hernandez S. brickmolder, r. C, bet. Cedar and Pine

Herrera B. silversmith, r. Commercial, bet. Convent and Main

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Hough Silas, stock dealer, r. Main, bet. A and Commercial

Hubbard & Archibald, attorneys at law, office, Main, bet. A and Commercial

Hubbard E. J. attorney at law, office and r. Main, bet. A and Commercial

JACKSON A. (col'd), cook, Sherman House

Jackson Frank, saloonkeeper, Main, bet. C and D

Jaffa H. N. (Biernbaum & Co.), dealer in general merchandise, Main, bet. B and C

Jaramillo N. rooms cor. A and Pine

Johnson A. (col'd), laborer, Sherman House

KELCHER MICHAEL, shoemaker, cor. Convent and Commercial

Kelly Michael, laborer, bds. Main, bet. C and D

Kelley P. painter, bds. Sherman House

Kinnear J. D. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Kler Peter, brewer and cooper, r. foot of Commercial

Kreger Louis, carpenter, r. cor. A and Cedar

LAS ANIMAS ACADEMY, cor. First and Pine, Rev. E. J. Rice, A. M. principal

Larragortii Mariano, attorney at law, office, Commercial, bet. Convent and Main

Lavate D. laborer, r. Pine, bet. D and E

Leva T. (widow), r. cor. A and Pine

Levy J. clerk, with Maurice Wise

Lopez F. r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Lopez Pedro, miller, Trinidad Flour Mill

Lopez Pomaldo, r. C, bet. Cedar and Pine

Losano J. M. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Losano M. r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Lucero Jose, laborer, r. cor. B and Cedar

Lugan F. A. laborer, bds. head of Main

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Marie A. L. clerk, with W. R. Fisher

Martin E. r. head of Main

Martin J. B. laborer, r. C, below Convent

Martin J. D. farmer, r. head of Main

Martin M. D. widow, r. Pine, bet. A and B

Martin Narcisse, laborer, r. C, below Convent

Martinez Maria R. widow, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Massillas J. bds. Main, bet. E and F

May H. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

May Ira. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. E. J. Rice, pastor, cor. Pine and First

Merrier A. J. merchant, bds. United States Hotel

Mennet A. bookkeeper, bds. Sherman House

Mendes G. r. cor. C and Pine

Mestes F. porter, with Thatcher Bros. & Co.

Mestes M. A. laborer, r. Front, nr. A

Meyer Frank, butcher, Main, bet. B and C

McCleary Troy, millwright, r. Main, bet. A and B

McCoy Nathan (col'd), barber, Main, bet. B and C

McBride George C. trader, r. Main, bet. D and E

McDonald Wm. baker, Main, bet. A and B

McGaillard B. K. farmer, r. cor. Pine and Second

McKenney T. F. miner, bds. United States Hotel

McLane A. constable, r. Cedar, bet. A and B

Miller G. stock dealer, bds. United States Hotel

Miller J. W. bds. United States Hotel

Mitchell E. P. dealer in stoves, tinware, etc. cor. Commercial and Main

Montoya M. laborer, r. cor. B and Cedar

Munneom P. J. Rev. pastor Church of the Holy Trinity, r. Main, bet. E and F

NEFFE D. P. laborer, r. Main, bet. A and Commercial

Neffe M. W. blacksmith, r. Commercial, nr. Front

Niles George, engineer, r. Commercial, nr. Front

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Convent

O'Mara Maurice, blacksmith, Commer-
cial, bet. Convent and Front

Osborne John, blacksmith, Commercial,
bet. Convent and Front

PACHECO A. laborer, r. foot of Con-
vent

Pacheco P. carpenter, r. Cedar, bet. C
and D

Padilla A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E
Padilla Carlos, musician, bds. cor. Commer-
cial and Convent

Padilla D. r. cor. I and Cedar

Padilla Jose R. laborer, bds. C, below
Convent

Pearce H. L. trader, r. Commercial, nr.
Front

Peris Martinez, laborer, r. cor. A and
Pine

Perkins F. carpenter, bds. Sherman House
Peterson L. M. clerk, with Davis & Bar-
raclough

Prowers & Hough, dealers in general
merchandise, Main, bet. A and Com-
mercial

RAMERAS JUAN, blacksmith, r.
head of Main

Raines A. baker, Main, bet. A and B

Reed M. C. surgeon dentist, office, cor.
B and Main

Rei Juster, porter, with Maurice Wise
Reyes Buccanero, laborer, r. Pine, bet.
A and B

Rice E. J. Rev. pastor M. E. church
and principal Las Animas Academy, r.
cor. Pine and First

Rifenberg C. J. carpenter, r. Main, bet.
C and D

Rifenberg W. G. prop. United States
Hotel, cor. Main and First

Rivera J. B. laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B

Rivera L. laborer, r. Pine, bet. A and B
Robinson O. carpenter, bds. Sherman
House

Roderiguez A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C
and D

Roland Abner, butcher, Main, bet. C and D

Romero A. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Romero Blas, shoemaker, r. C, bet.
Cedar and Pine

Romero Francisco, carpenter, r. cor.
Commercial and Convent

Romero F. porter, with Prowers & Hough

Romero G. laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar

Romero J. L. laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar

Rose John, waiter, United States Hotel

Rotz John S. clerk, with H. Biernbaum
& Co.

Rovila Jesus, laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar

SABISEDO E. laborer, r. Cedar, bet.
B and C

Salez G. tailor, r. Main, bet. E and F

Salez V. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Salizar Jose A. dealer in general mer-
chandise, cor. C and Main

Samora Alta G. laborer, r. cor. C and
Cedar

Samora F. laborer, r. cor. C and Cedar

Samora M. D. widow, r. cor. C and Cedar

Sanchez Celeste, r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Sanchez E. laborer, r. Cedar, bet. C and D

Sanchez Theodosia, silversmith, r. Cedar,
bet. D and E

Sanchez T. silversmith, r. Commercial,
bet. Convent and Main

Sandoval Faustina Mrs. seamstress, cor.
C and Convent

Sandoval Manuelita, widow, r. foot Main

Sandoval Juanito, widow, r. foot of A

Scott Peter, clerk, with Prowers & Hough

Serano Marie C. widow, r. cor. A and
Pine

Seguera I. Mrs. seamstress, r. head Main

Segundo Pedro, miller, r. Cedar, bet. D
and E

Sherman House, Main, bet. B and C

Sherman Lewis, bds. Sherman House

Sherman P. B. prop. Sherman House,
Main, bet. B and C

Sielken F. Sherman House, Main, bet.
B and C

Simpson G. S. r. Main, bet. E and F

Simpson Robert, carpenter, r. cor. E and
Main

Skelly John, stock dealer, rooms cor. C
and Main

Smith I. W. carpenter, r. Main, bet. C
and D

Smith Lewis, farmer, r. cor. Convent and
Commercial

Sopris E. B. prop. billiard saloon, cor. C
and Main

Stogdan J. H. stock dealer, bds. United
States Hotel

Stone John, stone cutter, bds. United
States Hotel

Stowell A. carpenter, cor. Commercial
and Convent

Stowell Jas. carpenter, cor. Commercial
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perior

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Suasso Thomas, prop. Trinidad Flour
Mill, r. Main, bet. E and F

TARANGO T. laborer, r. Cedar, bet.
D and E

Taylor D. L. stock dealer, r. cor. Cedar
and First

Tafoya Marie R. r. Pine, bet. A and B

Tiller Ralph R. shoemaker, cor. Commer-
cial and Convent

Templeton J. E. stock dealer, bds. United
States Hotel

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States Hotel

Todd Samuel, r. cor. Oak and First

Trujilla Marie A. Mrs. dressmaker, r.
Cedar, bet. D and E

Trinidad Enterprise, J. P. Smith, editor
and prop. office, Commercial, bet.
Front and Convent

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E and F

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Valdez F. printer, r. Cedar, bet. D and E

Valdez Marie A. widow, r. Cedar, bet. D
and E

Valdez Rafael, blacksmith, cor. C and
Cedar

Varela M. farmer, r. foot of Commercial

Vigil E. laborer, bds. cor. C and Cedar

Vigil M. laborer, r. foot of Commercial

Vigil Pablo, laborer, r. Front, nr. A

Vigil S. bricklayer, r. foot of Commercial

WALSH EDWARD, clerk, with
Thatcher Bros. & Co.

Walker W. R. freighter, r. Main, bet. A
and B

Weber Henry, carpenter, bds. cor. Commer-
cial and Convent

Webster F. laborer, bds. Sherman House

Webster S. A. carpenter, r. cor. D and
Cedar

Whiting J. H. barkeeper, bds. Sherman
House

Wilson John, carpenter, bds. Main, bet.
C and D

Wilson J. laborer, bds. Main, bet. A & B

Wise Maurice, dealer in general mer-
chandise, etc. Main, bet. B and C

Wooten R. L. Jr. dealer in general mer-
chandise, cor. A and Main

Wright W. carpenter, bds. Sherman House

Wylie S. H. barkeeper, bds. Sherman
House