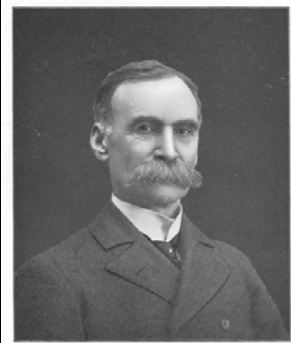


Irving Howbert 1846-1934

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Irving Howbert

Quick Facts

- Born 1846, in Columbus, Indiana, family moved to Iowa in 1852.
- Came to Colorado with his father in the summer of 1860 and stayed in Hamilton and Colorado City until the fall.
- Family moved to Colorado City in 1861 and lived on a ranch at Cheyenne Creek.
- In 1864, Irving enlisted in 3rd Colorado Cavalry and took part in the battle that was later known as the Sand Creek Massacre.
- Clerk of El Paso County 1869 to 1879, had a huge part in securing land for the new city of Colorado Springs.
- Married Lizzie Copeland in 1874 and had two children.
- In 1878, Howbert became part owner of a silver mine in Leadville where later he made his fortune.
- President of the First National Bank in Colorado Springs in 1880. Colorado State Senator from 1882-1886.
- Besides banking, business and politics, Howbert led railway companies, wrote two books and held many civic positions in Colorado Springs.
- He died in 1934 and is buried at Fairview Cemetery.

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Great Resources on Irving Howbert:

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. *A Teacher's Guide: History of the Pikes Peak Region*. C1990, pp. 69, 87, 89.

Howbert, Irving. *Memories of a Lifetime in the Pikes Peak Region*. NM : c1970. (please note that although very interesting and valuable, this book is graphically violent in places.)

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