



# Colorado Biographies

## Anthony Bott 1835-1916



ANTHONY BOTT,  
COLORADO CITY,  
PIONEER 1858.

- Anthony Bott was born in Alsace, France, in 1835.
- He came to Colorado in 1858 with a group of settlers from Kansas City, Missouri.
- Bott and the settlers began laying out a town site December 12, 1858. The town was originally called El Dorado in expression of the settlers' high hopes for the region. It was later renamed Colorado City. Colorado City became part of Colorado Springs in 1917.
- In 1891, he donated land for Colorado City's first Catholic church, Sacred Heart Church; it was located on 25th St. The church was moved in 1921 to Colorado Ave. and 21st St. where it is still located today.
- He married Octavia Langton in 1898. They had no children.
- In 1912, he put in the water system to Sutherland Creek in Colorado City, which originally served 170 homes.
- He owned a Real Estate business that helped to establish many different industries in the south side of Colorado City; those included the smelting works, the gold smoke stacks are still visible and the Colorado Midland railroad yards.
- Anthony Bott died December 12, 1916.

### Great Resources on Anthony Bott

- "Anthony Bott." *Colorado Springs Gazette* 1 January 1903: p. 52:3. Print. Special Collections, PPLD.
- "Anthony Bott Founder of Colorado City." *Colorado Springs Gazette* 8 March 1959: CC11. Print. Special Collections, PPLD.
- "Stores to Close During Funeral of Anthony Bott." *Colorado Springs Gazette* 15 December 1916: p. 9. Print. Special Collections, PPLD.

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