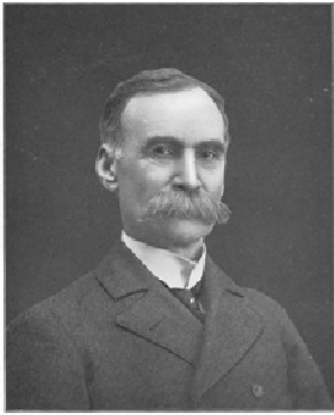




Colorado Biographies

Irving Howbert 1846-1934



Irving Howbert



- Born 1846, in Columbus, Indiana, his family moved to Iowa in 1852.
- He came to Colorado with his father in the summer of 1860 and stayed in Hamilton, Park County, and Colorado City, El Paso County.
- His family moved to Colorado City in 1861 and lived on a ranch at Cheyenne Creek, near the future town site of Colorado Springs.
- In 1864, Irving enlisted in 3rd Colorado Cavalry and took part in the Sand Creek Massacre.
- He was El Paso County Clerk from 1869 to 1879, played a huge part in securing land for the new city of Colorado Springs.
- He married Lizzie Copeland in 1874 and had two children.
- In 1878, Howbert became part owner of a silver mine in Leadville.
- He became the President of the First National Bank in Colorado Springs in 1880 and a 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 Evergreen Cemetery. Irving Howbert Elementary School is named for him.

Great Resources on Irving Howbert

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