

NEW LIFE FOR THE CASPER CHRONICLES

Tales and Memories of Casper's First Settlers

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The Cadoma Foundation, a Wyoming non-profit dedicated to the preservation of Wyoming's historic buildings and cultural heritage, has published the **Casper Chronicles** written by members of the Casper Zonta Club, a service club for women in the days when only men were permitted membership in Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

The **Casper Chronicles** is a Ken Burns' style of history telling. The writings portray immediacy that only personal remembrances can provide. The tales bring to life the early times of Casper and relive the struggles and commitment that brought the land from sage brush prairie to a thriving metropolis in the middle of Wyoming. These first and second hand accounts of the building of Casper, relating the struggles and perseverance of the community fathers are important perspectives to remember. The majority of the memories are dated from the late 1880's to 1910's. Except for the dedication of the women of the Zonta Club to compile and publish the Chronicles, these tales would have been lost forever.

The book was first published in 1964 for the 75th anniversary of the founding of Casper; Casper's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. The book out-lasted the Casper Zonta Club which gave up its charter in the early 1990's. Twelve members of the Zonta Group were the authors. One of the women was a newspaper reporter, another sister of an historian, another maker of the first official state flag, and another a longtime state legislator. All the women were active community members who told the facts as they remembered them.

For the first time, the book is published with a complete **Index and Table of Contents** which makes the information more accessible for historical research. These additions bring new life to this book and spark community interest in the cultural heritage of Casper and its surrounding area.

The book is in the authors' own words, style, grammar, and punctuation to preserve its historical and colloquial significance. Only minor changes for significant typographical errors were made.

The Cadoma Foundation is committed to preserving tales and memories of the generations that followed. Sequels to the Chronicles are planned that will share stories of subsequent generations that saw Casper "roar" in the 1920's, bust in the '30's and rise again. If you have personal and family stories that should become a part of these publications, please contact us.

The Casper Chronicles may be purchased for \$20.00 from Windy City Books, Ralph's Book Store or the Blue Heron in Casper or directly from the Cadoma Foundation.



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