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As early trapping, mining, cattle, farming, and transportation industries brought successive waves of “easterners” into the territory, they created some of the most colorful communities of their time. The trail towns Boston and Trail City were reputed to be two of the roughest towns in the entire west. Real estate schemers and promoters offered dreams of civilization and respectability in the “cow towns.” Elsewhere, the stage stations, side of the road settlements, and farm centers arose out of the basic necessities of commerce and from a simple desire of far-flung settlers, trappers, and others for a place to congregate, celebrate, trade, brawl, and receive news from the east. Though the personalities and events which animated these communities are all but forgotten, the towns themselves are the legacy of the competing forces that opened and developed the Colorado territory.

Readers of *Guide to Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps* will welcome *Ghosts of the Colorado Plains* as an extension of Eberhart's colorful blend of history and on-site information to a larger and much neglected area of the state. Through historical records, vignettes of personalities, and over 250 photos and 80 maps, Eberhart provides ready access to the towns and settlement sites of eastern Colorado's past. For travelers, *Ghosts of the Colorado Plains* offers numerous pleasant excursions and investigations; for those less inclined to take to the field in search of artifacts and sites, the book offers fascinating glimpses of Colorado's disappearing past.

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#### Review

“The author skillfully blends history and on-site information in his accounts of a largely forgotten past...all of us can profit from this enjoyable introduction to myriad interesting aspects of Colorado's past.”

-- *Colorado Prospector*

“Perry Eberhart, once a reporter, has used his skills to create *Ghosts of the Colorado Plains*, which no doubt will be a reference book for writers, as well as entertainment for readers...The reader shares the author's delight in coming around a curve and discovering ruins of another day huddling in the shadows or looming against the victorious prairie. A love of the past shines through these pages.”

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#### About the Author

Perry Eberhart was a social worker, teacher, reporter, editor, environmental activist and respected author. He collected stories about the history of Colorado and the West for more than 30 years.

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