

South Pass City

STATE HISTORIC SITE, WYOMING

Events 2015

The Great South Pass City Scavenger Hunt

September 5th
12:00 pm

www.southpasscity.com/hunt

School Tours

Spots are still open for Fall School Tours. Contact us.

Not Just for Forth Grade!

www.southpasscity.com/schools

South Pass City
Closes
October 1st
& Reopens
Mothers Day 2016

The Great South Pass City Scavenger Hunt

Gather your family & friends & come to South Pass City on Saturday September 5, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for an entertaining & even a little educational (just a little) afternoon.



South Pass City is putting on a Scavenger

Hunt. Clues will be given through the “voices” of former South Pass City residents. Learn their history as you try & find the scavenger hunt items. Your search will take you through the town, on the Flood & Hindle walking trail & even up to the Carissa mill, which will be open to the public & operating for the last time this season, so if you have been talking about taking a mil tour, here is your last chance until summer of 2016.

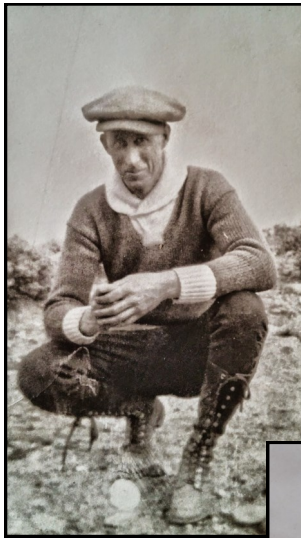
Tickets are \$20.00 & are for a team of 1-4 people. There will be a cash prize for the top team. So build your best

team & enjoy the fun at South Pass City on Labor Day weekend.



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Facebook Yields Rare Photos

On June 26, 1929, the *Wyoming State Journal* newspaper, published in Lander, reported news of one of the most complex projects ever attempted at the Sweetwater Mines. According to the paper, the Dexter Mill, located in Atlantic City since 1905, was then in the process of being dismantled for transport to the Carissa Mine. The newspaper reported that 30 men were at work dismantling the mill & reassembling it at the Carissa. A second crew, including Atlantic City's Zoe Green, headed up the transportation of building materials & milling equipment from the Dexter site to South Pass. Zoe Green's family remained in the area through the years, & they shared a small handful of photos from their family album depicting scenes from the 1929 project.

For 85 years, little else was known about the work crew, until a descendant of Charles Spencer Hoyt contacted South Pass City via Facebook with photos from their own family album. The images that they shared also showed scenes of the massive 1929 project. Some quick research, a telephone call, & follow-up emails revealed Hoyt as one of Hudson, Wyoming's most prolific & accomplished builders. An Iowa native, Hoyt had relocated to Hudson with his father, William David Hoyt with the arrival of the railroad. Booming local coal mines supplied trains with fuel, & Hoyt promptly involved himself in the building of many of the mines' surface structures.

The heyday of the Hudson coal mines was already waning by the time Hoyt landed the contract to take on the work at the Carissa for Midwest Mines Corporation, but no one was better prepared. The staggering task to disassemble, move, & re-erect the colossal mill structure was accomplished in a single building season of six months. Hoyt likely also erected the new derrick-style headframe atop the Operating Shaft, the adjoining Hoist House, & office & residence buildings at the Carissa as well. The Hoyts also kept a "Time Book" for their various construction projects, & this ledger may include even greater detail on the job. Charles Spencer Hoyt's work at the Carissa set the stage for the Carissa's 1929 & 1946 booms, & while the mining has long since ceased, his craftsmanship & resourcefulness are enjoyed by every site visitor to this very day.

