

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

The Commerce City Story



COMMERCE CITY

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PRE – HISTORY:

HOME TO THE UTE AND ARAPAHO NATIONS.

19TH CENTURY HISTORY:

EARLY 19TH CENTURY:

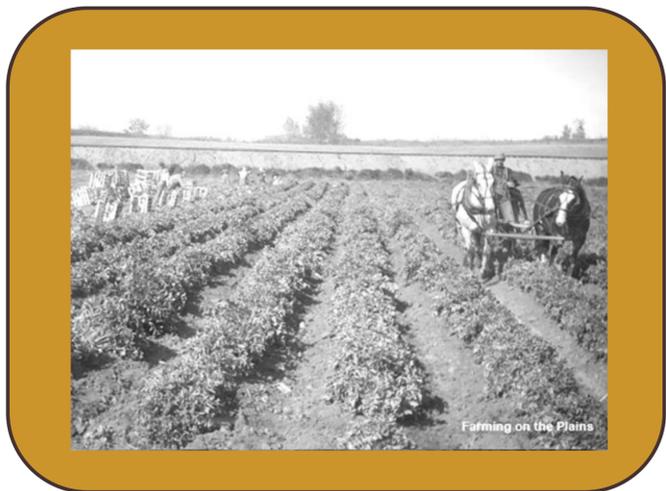
- LOUISIANA PURCHASE (1803).
- LOUIS VASQUEZ ESTABLISHED TRADING FORTS IN THE AREA.

MID 19TH CENTURY:

- THE COLORADO GOLD RUSH.

THE HOMESTEAD ACT OF 1862

- 160 ACRES TO ANYONE WHO COULD FARM THE LAND.
- THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS IN THIS AREA WERE HOMESTEADERS.



Original Communities

- Commerce Town
- Adams City
- Irondale
- Derby
- Dupont
- Rose Hill

LATE 19TH CENTURY

THE RAILROADS WERE CONNECTING THE COUNTRY

- NORTHEAST DENVER WAS HEAVILY INDUSTRIAL SO THE RAILROAD ROUTES IN THE AREA SERVED INDUSTRY.
- MANY PEOPLE THAT WORKED FOR INDUSTRY FORMED THE ORIGINAL COMMERCE CITY COMMUNITIES.
- THE COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD LATER BECOME COMMERCE CITY WERE MOSTLY ESTABLISHED ALONG THE RAILROAD LINES

- ADAMS CITY – 1903
- DERBY – 1889
- DUPONT – 1925
- IRONDALE – 1889
- ROSE HILL – 1884

EARLY 20TH CENTURY

- IN 1902, ADAMS COUNTY SEPARATES FROM ARAPAHOE COUNTY. NAMED FOR ALVA ADAMS. (COLORADO GOVERNOR AT THE TIME)
- DENVER CONTINUED EXPANSION NORTH AND EAST, THREATENING TO ANNEX THE COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA. THE CONSTRUCTION OF DENVER'S MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (LATER NAMED STAPLETON AIRPORT) IN 1929 IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

