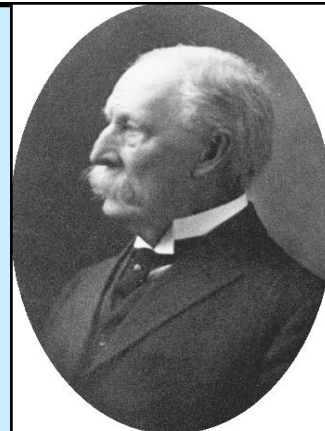


Major Henry McAllister 1836-1921



McAllister Museum

Quick Facts

- Born in 1836 in Delaware, moved to Philadelphia as a boy.
- 1862 joined the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry under Captain William Palmer to fight with the union in the Civil War.
- Married Elizabeth Cooper, 1866, in Philadelphia
- President of General Palmer's National Land and Improvement Company in Philadelphia after the war.
- Came alone by railway to "Fountain Colony" (Colorado Springs) twice in 1872 at General Palmer's request (became town secretary), leaving wife and infant son in Philadelphia (they came in 1873). Helped find buyers for Fountain Colony and saw that 5,000 cottonwood trees were planted along the main streets. Also became Executive Director of Colorado Springs (1873-79)
- Built the brick and stone (with double thick walls) McAllister home at 423 N. Cascade in 1873.
- Daughters Mary and Matilda born in 1874 and 1876.
- On the board at Colorado College in 1874.
- President of the Board of Town Trustees in Colorado Springs from 1875-1877
- Very active in community including: the Outwest newspaper, State Horticultural Society, Board of County Commissioners, El Paso Pioneers Association, and more.

Great Resources on Major Henry McAllister

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Website: <http://mcallisterhouse.org/history/mcallister-family> (The McAllister Museum still sits at 423 N. Cascade)