

Historic Properties Research Resources

At Pine River Library:

- Early Residents of Pine River Valley
Collected by Anna Lois Tubbs Wilmer and friends
(personal histories, some photos) (also at DPL)
- Voices of the Pine River Valley
Pine River Library Heritage Hub
(online archive)
- Bayfield and the Pine River Valley 1880 - 1960
Laddie E. John
(mostly photos/homestead families)
(also at DPL)
- Vallecito Country
Dottie Warlick
(biographies, history)
- Bayfield Views Through Time
(no description) (photos/map)
- Bayfield Historic Walking Tour – Cultural Histories
(free pamphlet)
- Colorado Place Names
William Bright

At Durango Public Library:

- Pioneers of the San Juan Country
By Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Decker Platt Chapter
(extensive history and stories of pioneer families in La Plata County)
SW 920.0788 DAU
- Clapboards, Schoolboards, and Blackboards: A History of the Florida Area Rural County
Schools 1875 - 1959
Bruce Spinning
SW 371 SP1
- A Historic Resource Survey of 100 Sites in La Plata County

Jill Seyfarth and Ruth Lambert

SW 978.829 HIS

2 Volumes: "Pioneers, Prospectors and Trout, a Historic Context for La Plata County, Colorado"

(history, photos, maps, extensive bibliography)

- The Lower Animas Valley story : a social impact assessment
By Fort Lewis College Office of Community Services
SW 978.8 LOW
- San Juan Sampler
SW 97808 SAN
(postcards - most of Durango, some of Animas Valley)
- The Old and the Beautiful: Living Historic Buildings, Durango, CO
Wybe J. Van der Meer
SW 978.829 VAN
- La Plata: Tri-Cultural Traditions in the Upper San Juan Basin
Frederick B. Wildfang
SW 978.829 WIL
(Utes, Anglos and Hispanic cultures; oral histories, photos)
(also at DPL)
- History of the Colorado towns: Allison, Tiffany, Arboles
Anna Lois Tubbs Wilmer & Leta Mitchell Sauer
SW 978.832 WIL
(family histories, photos)
also at PRL)
- Perrins Peak: the Mining Camp That Was
Lillian A. McCormick
SW 978.829 MCC
(family histories, photos, map)
- A History of La Plata County, Colorado
Albert Edward Culhane
SW 978.84 CUL
(Very early history: mines, relationships with Indians, early farmers, general history from the 1800s)
- Pioneers of Southwest La Plata County, Colorado
Historic Committee of the Fort Union Mesa Reunion 1994
SW 978.829 PIO

(excellent history of families in southwest La Plata County)

- Early Marriages in La Plata County, Colorado 1876 - 1901
Collected by: Anna Louis Tubbs Wilmer
SW 929.3 EAR
- A History of Ranching Families in La Plata and Archuleta Counties
By La Plata - Archuleta Cattlemen and Cowbells
978.8 LAP
- Assorted Writings on the History of Durango, CO; La Plata County, Colorado; and the
San Juan Basin
SW 978.829 ASS
- The History of Electra Lake Sporting Club 1910 – 1994
James M. Noland
SW 978.8 HIS
- A Brief History of Bayfield and the Pine River Valley: a reference book with 19th and 20th
century names, dates, and places
Laddie E. John
SW 978.88 JOH
(early settlers, mining, roads, churches, schools, businesses)
- Colorado Place Names
George Eichler
SW 978.8 EIC (also at PRL)

At Fort Lewis Mesa Library:

- History of Southwest La Plata County
PL SW 978.8 PIO