

NIWOT GAZETTE

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Happy New Year!

Niwot celebrated the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our platting last year. This year, 2026, it is time to celebrate our **Colorado Sesquicentennial Anniversary** on August 1st. And, before that celebration, we can honor our country's **Semiquincentennial Anniversary** on July 4th.



The Now&Then Lecture Series began in 2011 by then president, Laura Skaggs. Over these years, the Niwot Historical Society has hosted over 50 lectures and/or genealogy workshops. Five lectures are being planned for this year; Wednesdays, 7pm (doors open at 6:30) in Niwot Hall.

Because of Colorado's Sesquicentennial and America's Semiquincentennial anniversaries, we will host topics about Niwot / Boulder County along with sharing stories that are relevant to other milestone anniversaries.

Our **Wednesday, February 25th**

lecture will feature the story of "Dixie" who was born in Louisiana in 1890. Dixie came to the mountains of Colorado and was engaged in mining. She became known as the Gold Woman of Colorado. Her story will be shared by NHS member Orin Hargrave. Dixie was his great aunt.



Left: the Gold Woman of Colorado.
Below: 1939s publicity portrait.

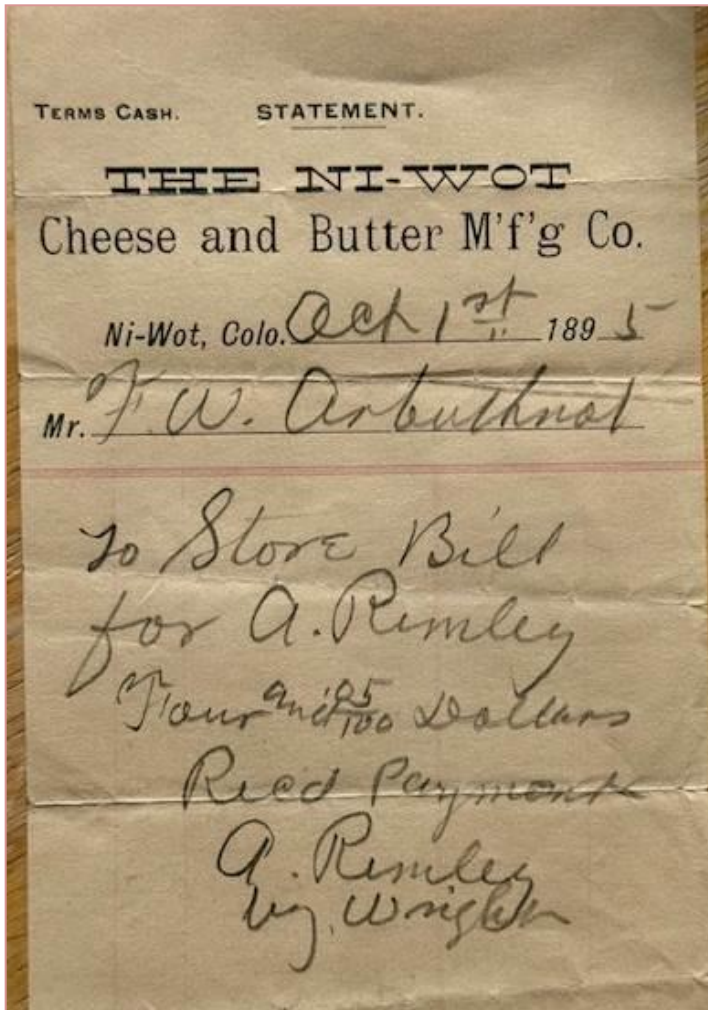


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Artifacts, story of treasures donated

Niwot artifacts are treasures. A couple years ago, Mike Anfinson brought treasures to his longtime friend Tim Wise. Recognizing their history, Tim notified Donlyn Arbuthnot of the receipt signed by her grandfather. Donlyn then donated it to the Niwot Historical Society for the archives. The history of the Le Chantecler restaurant was in the ball caps Mike brought, so Tim offered them to go into the archives. Some days bring special surprises to our archives.



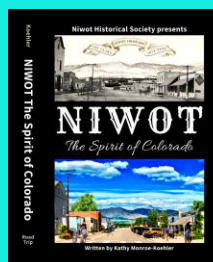
The **Niwot Cheese And Butter Manufacturing Company** receipt is dated October 1, 1895. The signature on the bill of sale is F.W. Arbuthnot who is grandfather to Board member Donlyn Arbuthnot. Fredrick William Arbuthnot was named for his uncle, Frederick William Bader.

Le Chantecler restaurant in Niwot at 210 Franklin Street was owned and operated by Liz Darling and Mike Anfinson.



The restaurant was registered with the Colorado Secretary of State in 1998 and was dissolved in 2007. These ball caps were donated by Mike Anfinson to our archives.

Bradford Heap purchased the 210 Franklin Street property and opened the **Colterra** restaurant.



Our Sesquicentennial book is always available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The books are printed with each order. The new copy arrives in about one week.