

Man gets Dr. Hasky 90 years Late

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Alexander Nicklin, who was buried with his boots but without his whiskey 90 years ago, was reinterred today. And this time things were done right.

Nicklin's dying wish was that his wife bury him with a bottle of whiskey in each of his coat pockets "to heat the boys" when he got to paradise.

Today, Nicklin's body was exhumed and reburied in another location because a street in a new development in this southern Colorado community was to run over his grave.

Ever since it was announced Nicklin's body was being moved, interest grew as to whether his wife actually had put the bottles of whiskey in the coffin.

When the body was exhumed, the whiskey was not there. But Mrs. Laura Halsey, 96, believed to be the oldest living native of Colorado, put a quart of whiskey in the new coffin when it was reburied in a new cemetery site about a block away.

"I was there when they buried him," (1874) said Mrs. Halsey. "I wanted to be here when they dug him up. If there had been any whiskey in the grave, I would have wanted some of that, too."

Nicklin's body was wrapped in a leather jacket and dressed complete to the boots.

Nicklin and his wife, a daughter of the late Gen. Charles Bent of New Mexico, were the first settlers along Greenhorn Creek in Southern Pueblo County.

He was famed for his hospitality to frontiersmen who visited his ranch.

Mrs. Halsey's father, John Williams was with Nicklin when he died. Williams told his children Nicklin wanted his wife to "put a bottle of whiskey in each pocket to treat the boys".

The whiskey, had it been there would have been two years older than the state of Colorado.

Charles Bent was the first governor of the New Mexico Territory, but he did not hold the office long, as there was an Indian uprising, in which he was murdered at Taos, 1-19-1847.

Tit Carson and Ceran W. Main became  
guardians of his children. One of these  
Estrafina Bent, born 8-3-47, married  
Alexander Nicklin (gen) on 10-15-66.

Hollander's Dir. V. 2 page 626, who  
was born Lafayette County, Missouri,  
went to New Mexico, 1846, moved to  
Huerfano County, Colorado 1860, died  
at ranch on Greenhorn River,  
2-13-1874, age 55.

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