

# Colby Land Office issued rules of homesteading

**By Evelyn Ward**  
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**April 23, 1905:** Digest of Land Laws — Colby Land Office Issues Information About Government Land and Rules of Homesteading — There are about 220,000 acres of vacant land in this district, of which Wallace has about 64,000; Cheyenne, 54,000; Logan, 53,000; Gove, 18,000; Rawlins, 14,000; Sherman, 6,000; and the remainder is scattered over the rest of the district, being mostly in 40 and 80 tracts that are fit only for grazing purposes.

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purest sheet water can be readily obtained in nearly every part of the district at from 20 to 150 feet.

It is best to come to the Colby office, secure the plats of lands subject to homesteading, go out to look at the lands and pick out the best remaining quarter section.

Your entry papers may be sworn to before the clerk of the district court or probate judge of the county or at that office.

Any person over the age of 21 years or the head of a family who is a native born citizen of the United States or has declared his intentions of becoming a citizen may enter 160 acres as a homestead.

A married woman has no homestead right. A widow, deserted wife or divorced woman may take a homestead. Persons owning over 160 acres of land cannot enter. Soldiers are allowed to deduct the period of their actual service in the

United States Army or Navy from the five years residence, but must reside on the tract at least one year. Soldiers' widows are allowed to deduct their deceased husband's term of actual service.

Five years' continuous residence upon the land entitles claimant to a patent, upon his furnishing satisfactory proof of same within seven years from date of entry. Fourteen months after date of entry, proof of compliance with the homestead laws and payment of the government price of \$1.25 per acre for single minimum and \$2.50 for double minimum lands entitles you to a patent. This is called commutation. The cost of advertising and making final proof is from \$6.50 to \$14.

The people who have homesteads here are doing well. We have no improved farms subject to homestead entry. School houses are numerous and you can get reasonably close to one. Visits of once in six

months or oftener to the homestead are not residence.

**April 24, 1905:** BERRY DAMAGE SUITS \$26,500 — Widows of Daniel and Alpheus Berry and Roy Berry File Petitions — Three Suits Brought Against Chauncey Dewey and Others in District Court of Sherman County — L.W. Colby Attorney for Plaintiffs — Three damage suits, aggregating a claim of \$26,500, were filed in the district court of Sherman County against Chauncey Dewey and others for the killing of Daniel P. Berry, Alpheus W. Berry and the wounding of William Roy Berry.

In the first case, Harriet M. Berry, widow and administratrix of the estate of Daniel P. Berry, deceased, is plaintiff, and Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson, William J. McBride, Frederick O'Neill, Albert Winship, William J. Ratcliff, Benjamin Slater, Frederick Dye, James Armentrout, Charles Wilson and Edward Tucker are the defendants.

The petition recites that on June 3, 1903, defendants conspired to injure and did fatally wound by use of firearms her husband, Daniel P.

Berry; that he was 62 years of age and in good bodily vigor and was therefore physically capable and did earn for the support of his family one thousand dollars a year; and that he would probably have lived twenty years longer if he had not been killed. Mrs. Berry then alleges that she has been damaged by defendants in the sum of \$10,000 and costs of the suit.

In the second case, the plaintiff is Viola G. Berry, widow and administratrix of Alpheus W. Berry, who, it is charged, was also killed on June 3, 1903, by defendants named in the case recited above. Viola Berry also claims damages upon the grounds of loss of her husband's support and prays for a judgment of \$10,000.

The damage suit filed by William Roy Berry, plaintiff, against the defendants first mentioned in this article is brought for \$6,500, to compensate him for injury by gunshot wound received on June 3, 1903, which tore off a part of his right ear, broke his jaw bone, knocked out some of his teeth, and for other permanent disfigurements to his face.

Summons in the three cases were

issued on defendants by Clerk of Court Barnett, April 24.

Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson, William J. McBride, Frederick Dye and James Armentrout are living in Riley County. Thomas O'Neill, Albert Winship and William J. Ratcliff are living in Rawlins County. Edward Tucker and Charles Wilson reside in Sherman County.

Colonel L.W. Colby of Beatrice, Neb., is attorney for the plaintiffs.

**April 25, 1905:** CHEAP LOTS FOR RAILROAD MEN — All Railway Employees: Goodland, Kan., April 25 — For Information of Employees: Would advise that the railroad company has decided to dispose of the different town lots owned by them in Goodland to the employees of the Rock Island at ten (\$10) dollars per lot. Blue print showing location of these lots is posted in the round house. James E. Gould, Master Mechanic

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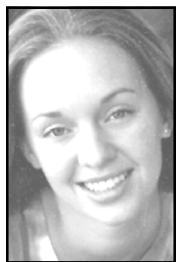
# Goodland graduate to sing in Lindsborg

A 2001 Goodland High School graduate will present her senior vocal recital this weekend in Lindsborg.

Erinn Hardy, who is majoring in vocal music education at Bethany College, will present her recital at 2 p.m. Mountain Time Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 224 S. Main, Lindsborg.

She will perform works by Strauss, Purcell and Bellini and "The Grand Alleluia" duet by Schubert, featuring alto Jill Klaassan of Marquette.

Hardy is studying voice with Professor Teresa Dody. While a student at Bethany, she has been in the



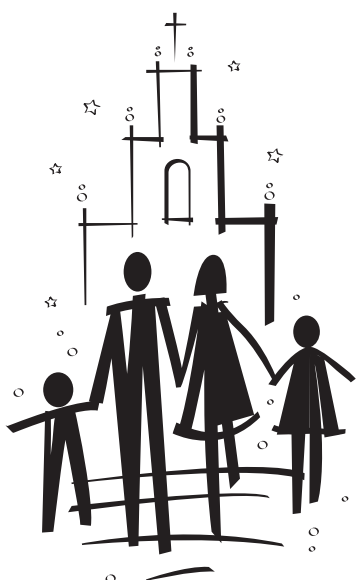
Hardy

Bethany College Choir, chamber choir, symphonic band, jazz band, handbell choir and saxophone quartet.

She is involved in campus ministries, Gold Key, the Bethany Student Education Association and Associated Music Students of Bethany College.

Established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, Bethany is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

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**Pastor:** Rev. Steve Rains  
 Fourth & College • 899-3605  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
 Morning Service: 10:30 am  
 Small Group Ministries  
**Wednesday:** Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
 Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Pastor:** Father Norbert Diabla  
 307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
 Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
 Sunday: 4 pm

### Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:**  
**Youth Minister:**  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
 Sunday School: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:**  
 Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
 Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

### Word of Life

### Joursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250  
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**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
 and Kids' Church: 10:30 am  
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 Sunday School: 10 am  
 Evening Service: 6 pm

### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Glenn Hermanson  
 Fifth & Broadway  
 890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
 Morning Service: 10 am  
 Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
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**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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 Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
 1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
 Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

### United Methodist Church

**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
 Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
 Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
 Worship Service: 9 am CST  
 Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

### First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
**Pastor:** John Park Winkler  
 Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.  
**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,  
 Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,  
 Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  
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### Kanorado

**United Methodist Church**  
**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
 399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
 Worship Service: 10:15 am

### Church of the Nazarene

**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
 Third & Caldwell  
 899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
 Worship Service: 10:50 am  
 Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

### First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman  
 899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informed Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
 Worship Service: 10:30 am

### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
 Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
 and prayer: 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Pastor:** John Meckling  
 Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
 9:15 am (Child care provided)  
 Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
 Call church for information  
**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
 Wheatridge Center

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center  
 Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
 10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
 For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969  
 Sr. Warden for emergencies  
 Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

### Grace Fellowship Church

104 E. Hwy 24 • 890-6423  
**Pastor:**  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am  
 Worship Service: 11 am

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
 Worship Service: 11 am

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:  
 10:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

### Church of Christ

401 Caldwell  
 890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
 Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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