



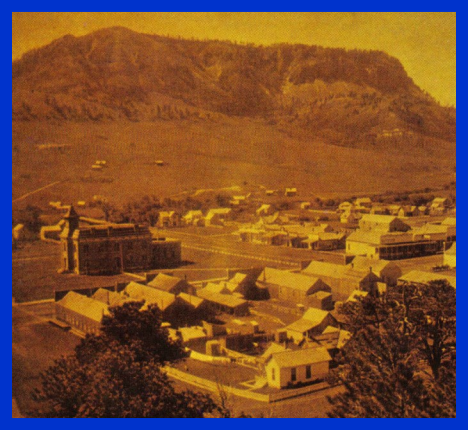
Old Stoney is the future home of the Crook County Museum and Cultural Center. Our Museum will be housed in this magnificent building soon. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

CROOK COUNTY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Lower level of the Crook County Courthouse in SUNDANCE, WYOMING
Over 7000 artifacts



Barn exhibit



Sundance circa 1880

The museum is located in Historic downtown Sundance, Wyoming. Western enthusiasts will step back in time and experience an inspiring portrait of the true west. Open the doors of the past and step into the wide spectrum of our county's rich heritage. Have a seat in a spectator chair of the "Sundance Kid" trial. Gun enthusiasts will savor the impressive gun collection. Venture into the gallery and view an exciting mix of exhibitions. Lure your thoughts into a provoking book in the bookstore. Four fabulous dioramas featuring: Devil's Tower, Custer Expedition, Vore Buffalo Jump, and the first experimental nuclear power plant.

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The Sundance Kid, Harry Longabaugh, was arrested on June 22, 1887 on the charge of grand larceny for stealing a horse. He was tried on August 4, 1887 and sentenced to 18 months in the Crook County Jail in Sundance. After being released from jail, he met and became partners with Butch Cassidy. His alias, the Sundance Kid, came from the teasing he received for spending all those months in the Sundance jail. The County jailhouse at that time was the little building behind and attached to the old courthouse.

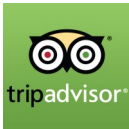


Have your picture taken with the Sundance Kid on the courthouse lawn.

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June, July, August
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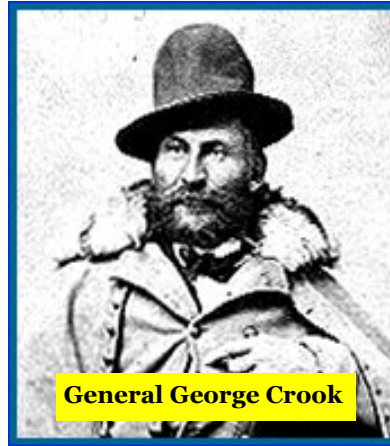
Crook County, Wyoming

In 1869, Wyoming Territory consisted of four counties running north to south. Beulah, originally referred to as Sand Creek, is believed to have been the first permanent settlement in what is now Crook County. By 1881, a stage-line ran between Spearfish, South Dakota and **Sundance**, Wyoming with **Beulah** serving as a relay station.

Crook County was officially organized in 1875 and became the sixth county in Wyoming Territory. Crook County is named for General George Crook, a famous Indian fighter during that period. Sundance was named the county seat.

The settlement at the foot of the Bear Lodge Mountains was founded in 1879 and named for the sacred Indian ceremonies near Sundance Mountain. Albert Hoge established a trading post for ranchers. Hoge, instrumental in founding Sundance, by 1880 had built a tavern that functioned as a hotel, general store, saloon, café' and post office. Hoge also donated land for a courthouse square, where the present courthouse replaced the original courthouse.

The **Hulett** family settled along the Belle Fourche River in 1881 and a settlement was flourishing there by 1886. The first post office was located in the home of the Louis Hulett family, and the community soon answered to the same name.

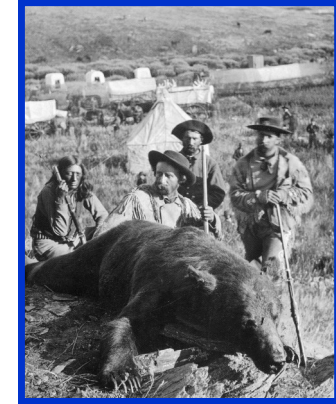


Moorcroft came into existence in the middle 1880's as a result of the railroad. It was the largest cattle shipping point on the Texas Trail.

Coal was discovered near the settlement of **Aladdin** in the 1870's, but the general store was not built until 1892. That same store exists today, over one hundred years later, and still serves as a general store and trading post. They really have the best bacon ever!

There were as many as 50 early settlements in Crook County, including Welcome, Mona, Moskee, Colony, and Manhattan. These were sawmills, mining camps, ranch headquarters, community buildings, stores, dance halls or post offices. When the mines played out, the timber was no longer in demand, the crops failed, the blizzards killed off livestock, or some other territory held more promise, the settlements turned into ghost towns or vanished all together. **Take a drive around the county in search of these lost treasures.**

In 1874 General George Custer made several camps in



Crook County on his trip into the Black Hills to search for gold. On display in the museum is a diorama of a typical camp made during

General Custer's expedition.

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