

From Colorado Telephone Company Directory July 1897. List of Subscribers  
Aspen, Colorado

## Phone number

## A

36 Argentium Juniata Mining Co., mine  
111 Aspen Brewery  
30 Aspen Contact Mining Co., E. K. Duttolß Residence  
66 Aspen Mine  
18 Aspen Mine office  
104 Aspen Mining and Smelter Co., office  
28 Aspen Sampling Co., sampler  
123 Atkinson, J. W., Residence

## B

20 Bank, First National  
32 Bank, J. B. Wheeler Co.  
95 Bardwell A. F. assayer  
170 Bourg, F. D. , hay and grain  
59 Bourquin, Amos, mining stocks  
77 Brown, D. R. C., residence  
113 Brunton, D. W. , residence  
49 Buckley, Frank, residence  
104 Bushwacker Mine, office

## C

93 Citizens' Hospital Association, hospital  
9 Citizens' Hospital Association, physicians office, two rings  
96 City Hall, Fire and Police Station  
85 Clark & Heppner, Groceries  
46 Clark, S. D., Commission House  
190-2 Cohen, Elias, Residence  
2 Colorado Midland Railway Co. Freight & Passenger Depot  
200 Colorado Telephone Co., public office  
56 Combs, F. M., Druggist  
176 Cowenhoven M.D.&T. Co., Tunnel entrance  
173 Crawley & Tobin, Groceries & meats.

## D

45 D. & R. G. Express Co., uptown office.  
57 D. & R. G. Ry. Co., Passenger & freight depot  
1 Devereux, J. H., residence  
136 Downing, J. M., residence judge  
37 Durant Mining Co., office

## E

50 Everett, Irving, livery stable

## F

87 Finley & Rose, mill, lumber yard  
20 First National Bank  
145 Flynn, I. J., coal & Grain  
130 Free Silver Mining Co., mine

## G

6 Guthrie, E. C., physician, residence

## H

3 Hallett, S. I., residence  
106 Hare, A. W., assayer  
61 Hothower, H., Meats and groceries  
120 Hopely, A. L., Meats and groceries

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J

23 Jerome Hotel  
 #35 Johnson, J.C., undertakings and furniture

K

11 Kelly, W.C., Coal and Lumber  
 63 Kitchen Dr. J.C., Residence  
 80 Koch, Residence

L

51 Lamb, A.L.S., Drug Store  
 100 Liddell and Nichols  
 169 Little Annie Mining Co., Mine  
 X 9 Loef A.J.O., three rings, Physician's Office  
 54 % Lyster I.G., Residence

M

143 McNair H.L., Law Office  
 133 Bellor Bros., Foundry and Machine Shop  
 25 Mineral Farm Consolidated Mining Co., Mine  
 16 " " " " " , Office  
 68 Molly Gibson Consolidated Mining Co., Mine  
 99 " " " " " , Office  
 139 Nollin F.L., Phisician and Residence  
 190 Moore, Orin S., Residence  
 15 Morrell Hardware Co.

O

164 Opera House, Wheeler

P

172 Pinger Grocery Co.

R

73 Regent Mining Co., Office  
 136 " " " , Assay Office  
 26 " " " , Mine  
 128 Rice E.C., Assayer  
 23 Roaring Fork Electric Light and Power Co., Office  
 94 Robinson A.J., Phisician, Residence

S

152 Garfield School, Call 1 long and 1 short ring  
 160 Lincoln School, Call 2 Short rings  
 153 Superintendent's Residence, Call One Long and one short  
 166 Scott, Joseph, Residence  
 92 Shaw, H.L., Residence  
 12 Shaw, Robert, Coal and Transfer  
 8 Silver Club

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70 Smith, Manford W., Real Estate Office  
 118 Smuggler Mining Co., Upper Office 3 rings  
 118 " " " Lower Office 2 rings  
 37 " " " Office  
 90 Sunshine Coal, Office

T

132 Taylor and Brunton Sampling Works Co., Sampler  
 89 " " " " " " , F.  
 40 Themer and Sams, Livery Stables  
 187 Thom and Owen, Hay and Grain  
 24 Tierney I.J., Agent Colorado Telephone Co. Office  
 43 Times, The, Newspaper  
 178 Tribune Publishing Co., Newspaper  
 153 Turley W.E., Under taker, Residence

W.

17 Watchel and Co., Wholesale Liquors  
 5 Wells Fargo and Express Co., Uptown Office  
 59 Western Union Telegraph Co.  
 43 Wheeler, B. Clark, Office  
 32 Wheeler J.B., Banking Co.  
 164 Wheeler J.B. and Co., Office  
 8 Welsar Ed, Club Rooms  
 191 Woodward H.R., Residence  
 72 Wright E.D., Residence

Y

10 Young E.W., Residence, Mining Stocks

There were approximately 100 phones in Aspen then. In the 1964 Mountain States Directory of Aspen, by estimation, 900 are in the book.

The Colorado Telephone line came over Independence Pass presumably before 1897. Reserch is needed to find out the exact year. Colorado State History may have the information.

The Telephone line went the valley to Glenwood Springs, between 1900 and 1904. I was a boy going to Woody School when the line was constucted down the Roaring Fork Valley. The first farmers to be served were in Pitkin County. B. Bourg, L. Smith, and J.H. Ashby; the time was after 1900 and before 1904. The Gerbaz phone has been used continously ever since. The oldest rural telephone in the Roaring Fork Valley. The oldest telephone in Aspen is that of the Hotel Jerome. It's the only phone listed now in Aspen which was also listed in 1897.

The Colorado Telephone Company did not serve Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction in 1897.

Long distance calls at that time from Aspen to Denver cost 1.50 , no time specified.

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