

Wild West Saloons (Of Adams County)

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This is the story of the pre-prohibition saloons of Adams County, Washington. From their rise in 1880's to their decline prior to and at the onset of state prohibition in 1910. Join the author as he opens the doors of each saloon, from Benje to Wandurra. You will be a silent observer to the bar room brawls and shootings at the less than respectable drink establishments. Learn how cobwebs and nitro-glycerin to blast open the safe at Angell Brothers saloon. Read about the bootleggers of that day. The author exposes the members and activities of the Knights Of The Royal Arch, and the groups who opposed them. Baited history when a train car load of drunken Italian railroad workers shoot up the town of Lind. Read how the author's grandmother marched down Main Street in Ritzville with the Anti Saloon League, who opposed the local saloons and how they were finally successful in bringing an end to the Wild West Saloons of Adams County. 200 pages with index and over 300 photographs and illustrations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

He is well qualified to bring the Wild West Saloons Of Adams County to life. He is the great great grandson of German/Russian immigrants who first came to the Ritzville area in 1882.

An avid bottle collector and digger since 1967. He has dug out more gold for many of the saloons he writes about and lists most of the known artifacts from these saloons. An experienced Ritzville historian and the author. He has three previous books to his credit and has spoken to various groups in the Ritzville and Spokane area.

He was the proprietor of Queen City Clock Shop in Seattle for 23 years, prior to moving to Ritzville in 1992, where he continued his trade at The Old Time Collectors Corner on Main Street.

Other interests include old cars, wood working and vintage fountain pens. In addition to coming and restoring the old machines, he loves driving them too. He currently owns two 1938 Buicks and a Model A Ford. The Model A was bought in 1961 and was his first car. He has followed wood working nearly all of his life and ran a custom wood working shop for a few years, specializing in reproduction Victorian furniture.

He and his wife, Marilyn, are currently living in his great grandparents retirement home, which is what brought him to Ritzville. He has spent the past 10 years restoring the home to its original condition and is now the author's retirement home.

