



Bayou Gulch Regional Park Notes

Most of the park land was originally owned by Michael Tobin. Other original property owners who owned small pieces of what is now Bayou Gulch Regional Park include David N. Woodward, John H. Sutfin, and James C. Garrett.

Michael Tobin's Land Patents were granted May, 28, 1890; May 19, 1892 (2); and June 13, 1892. Little is known about Michael Tobin, and he appears only once in news articles and never in the Douglas County Census.

David N. Woodward acquired his Land Patent Feb. 11, 1895. He appeared in the 1900 Census for Franktown as head of household, but with no spouse or children. The census showed he was born in Pennsylvania in October 1862 and his occupation while he was in Franktown was a farmer. Apparently Woodward died shortly before 1902 because a number of public notices recorded wrangling over his estate.

John H. Sutfin received his Land Patent Feb. 15, 1873. The 1870 Census shows him living in Denver with his wife Electa J., daughter Mary E. and sons James H. and John E. A Jan. 17, 1872 advertisement in the Rocky Mountain News Weekly shows that Sutfin worked in Denver as a dentist and oculist. He was born in Indiana in 1836, but his children were born in Iowa. Apparently he never lived in Douglas County because he and his family appeared in the 1880 Census for Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico.

James Garrett received his Land patent March 30, 1891. Little is known about him other than he died prior to June 1901 and had a brother who was a minister in Douglas County.