

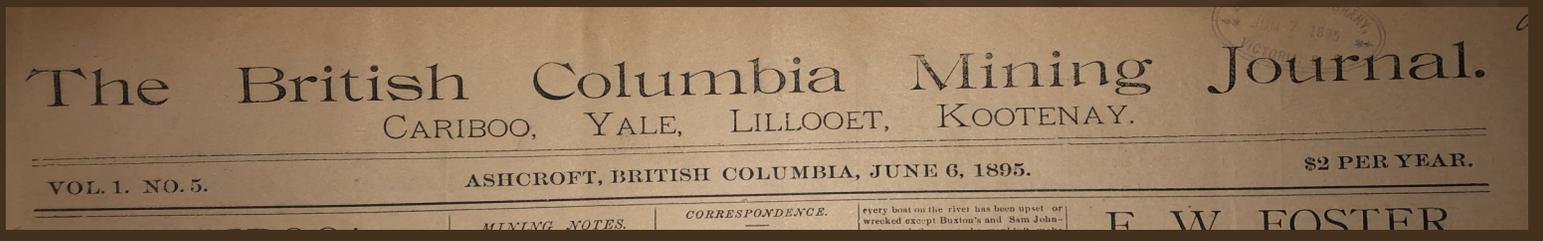
Museum Corner: A Page From History

Ashcroft Journal

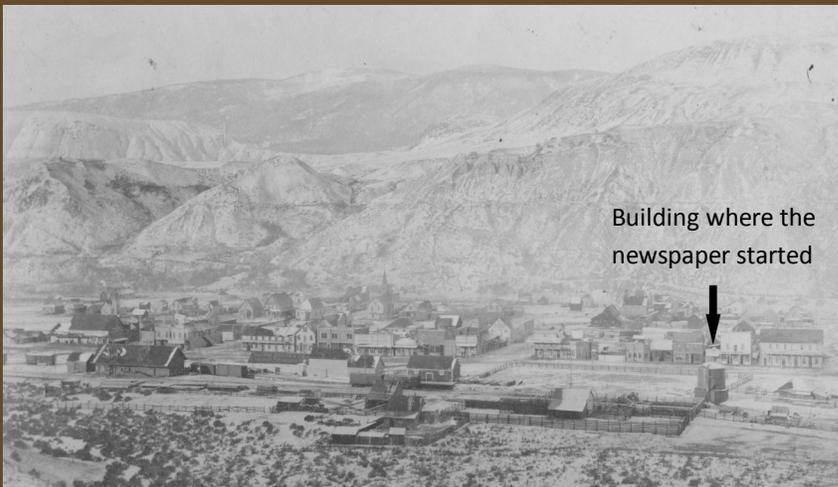
The newspaper got its beginnings in May of 1895 when Dr. F.S. Reynolds, a newspaper owner from Loomis Washington came to visit Ashcroft and was impressed with the possibilities of the growing town.

He decided to open a weekly paper here and has his entire plant which was located in Loomis bundled up and shipped by freight wagon to Ashcroft. The plant consisted of a small job press, an old fashioned Washington press, a few cases of type, and an imposing stone

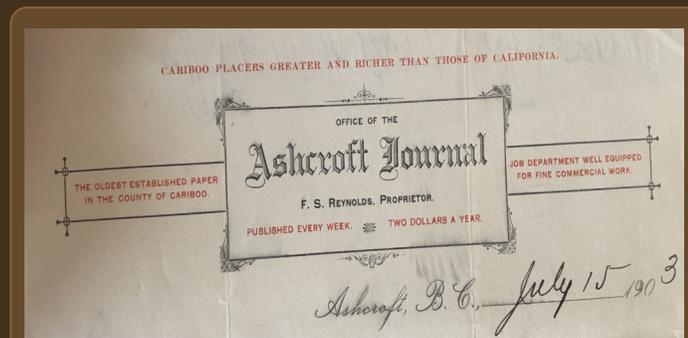
Ashcroft's first newspaper was called "The BC Mining Journal", because of mining operations in the area. The first edition appeared on May 9th, 1895, with F.S Reynolds and A.H Sroufe as publisher and proprietors.



The paper was started in a building which was located two doors down from the Cargile Hotel. As circulation grew, a Prouty Press was purchased and installed and was regarded as a very modern piece of machinery.



A few years later, about 1897, a new building was constructed for the Journal, and the plant moved its headquarters to 4th street (where it is currently located), and Dr. Reynolds continued to run it until 1903. By 1899, mining operations had slowed considerably, and in that year, the Mining Journal was renamed the Ashcroft Journal.



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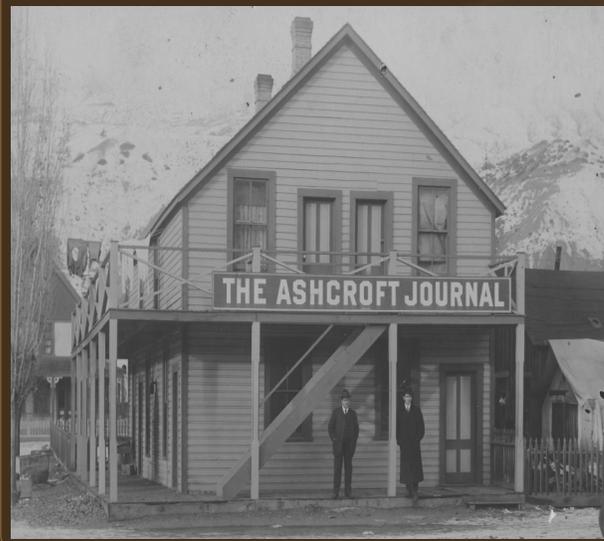
J.E Knight purchased the paper from Reynolds and ran it until 1908, where he then sold to D.W Rowlands. Rowlands in turn sold to R.D Cumming in 1912.



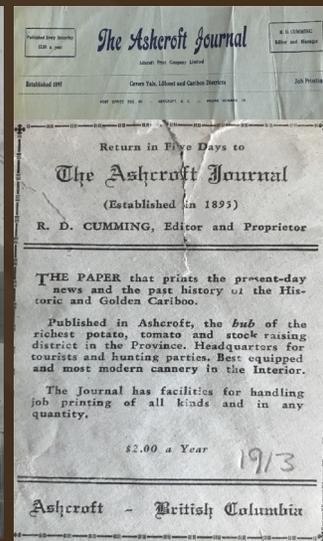
James E. Knight



D.W. Rowlands



Pictured Above: Man standing to the right is R.D Cumming, 1912



Past owners of the Ashcroft Journal pictured above

From 1912 to 1978 (66 years), the Journal was owned and operated by three generations of the Cumming family.



The Ashcroft Museum is open from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Come on down and learn some fascinating history about the area.

Located at 151 and 4th Street.

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In the mid 1930s, R.D Cumming started collecting artifacts and started a small museum on the second floor of the Journal building.



In 1967, the "Ashcroft Journal" was renamed "The Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal"

In 1978, the Cumming family sold out to Cariboo Press, then in later years it became part of Black Press Group LTD.

