



Cover photo: Circa 1910, a Clarksville resident outside in the snow.
This photo is part of the Clarksville Photo Exhibit.

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The Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC)

Keeping the Unique History of Clarksville Alive

Founded in 1871 by freed slave Charles Clark, Clarksville was the first freedman's community established West of the Mississippi. Early residents built simple wood-frame homes, fished in the Colorado and hunted. They also established the historic Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Remnants of this tight-knit community remain today in its structures, people and its stories.

Over thirty years ago Clarksville was added to the National Register of Historic Places, as a result of the CCDC's effort. The CCDC continues its mission of preserving the neighborhood's unique history.

Clarksville Photo Exhibit: A series of photos of historic Clarksville – its places and people – will go on exhibit early next year. After their tour, these photos will hang in the historic Haskell House, located at 1703 Waterston.

The Haskell House: This house is the best remaining example of the homes built by the freed slaves in Clarksville. Through state and local grants, the CCDC rehabilitated the exterior of the house, and is now preparing to make additional improvements, with plans to turn the house into a museum.

Clarksville Walking Tour Brochure: Set to be printed early next year, this brochure will bring to life important people and places in Clarksville's history.

www.historicclarksville.org: Learn more about Clarksville's history and about the many community events sponsored by the CCDC.

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