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New edition of Toll's book honors Arapaho history and stories in Rocky

Estes Park, CO—Rocky Mountain Conservancy recently published the revised edition of *Arapaho Names & Trails: A Report of a 1914 Pack Trip* by Oliver W. Toll.

The new edition includes the text of the original publication released in 1962, nearly 50 years after the pack trip of Northern Arapaho Elders Sherman Sage and Gun Griswold, interpreter Tom Crispin, and Oliver W. Toll. It also features new cover art by an Arapaho artist and an all-new preface by the descendants of Sherman Sage.

The historical account of the 1914 expedition through the Arapaho Peoples' Ancestral homelands is one that plays an important role in the re-telling of Rocky Mountain National Park's early history.

Their mission was to gather and document the Arapaho Peoples' terminology for the Rocky Mountains—one of the homelands of the Arapaho, Ute, Cheyenne, Shoshone, Comanche, Kiowa, and Lakota/Dakota Peoples. About 50 years earlier, the Northern Arapaho Tribe had been forced off their land and onto the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, where many people still reside today.

"This book is a rare example of a written account from our relatives who lived and grew up on the land that is now partially encompassed by Rocky Mountain National Park before removal," said the family of Sherman Sage. "We are proud to share this book with people who want to learn about our Tribe."

Toll acknowledges that the phonetic spellings of the Arapaho language used in his book are not true to the language he documented and recorded, and should not be utilized as a dictionary of the Arapaho language by readers.

The Conservancy did not update the Arapaho language in this updated edition to preserve the document as it was historically written.

"Rocky Mountain Conservancy is grateful to the descendants of Sherman Sage and Gun Griswold for participating in this revised edition. We are honored that they allowed us to help steward this story for future generations to easily access as a printed book," said Conservancy Executive Director Estee Rivera Murdock.



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Arapaho Names & Trails is now available for purchase at RMConservancy.org/shop and in the Conservancy's Nature Stores in Rocky Mountain National Park.