

# The 19th century homestead to remain in its 140 year location in DougCo



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Douglas County Commissioners approved a land use exemption to Joseph and Mary Cronen which, if approved by the Cronen's lender, insures the 1870s homestead cabin built by pioneer, Amos Miksch, will remain on the land where it was built soon after the Civil War.

The Cronens' 47 acres along Rampart Range Road includes the cabin. They offered to donate a 0.33 acre parcel on which the cabin stands to the county if they could obtain a land use exemption to divide their property into three sections which would allow them to donate the smaller parcel to the county. At the hearing several people spoke in support of the exemption. The decision to approve the land use exemption by the county commissioners was unanimous.

County planners will direct a cleanup day and conduct a meeting to start planning for interpretive tours.

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