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Historic Glover Cabin moved to Battlement Mesa

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PARACHUTE, Colo. — The historic Thomas Glover Cabin was moved from its original site on Parachute Creek to a new home on Battlement Mesa this week, thanks to a joint project of the Grand Valley Historical Society and the Williams gas company.

According to the society, Glover settled on Parachute Creek in 1884, "Making him one of the first [white] men to arrive in the Parachute area."

He raised cattle and some crops, and built several structures, including the cabin, which is thought to be the oldest remaining building in the valley.

The Glover cabin now sits next to the equally historic Battlement Mesa Schoolhouse, built in 1897 and recently restored after being acquired by the society in 2001.

The schoolhouse now looks as it did in about 1910, according to a statement from the historical society, and serves as a meeting house, museum and education center.

Williams spokesperson Susan Alvillar, who have been working with the historical society on the project, said she was told the cabin is to be "fixed up and made to look as if the schoolmarm lives there."

She declined to say how much the company paid to have the cabin moved, although a statement from the society explained that "Williams is moving the cabin so that the general public can enjoy the structure and because Parachute Creek is gradually encroaching on the property" where it has sat for more than a century.

The cabin was moved on Sept. 23 by the Bill Bailey House Movers company, and traveled eight miles down the creek, over the I-70 interchange and the Colorado River and up to the schoolhouse site, all in approximately an hour, Alvillar said.

The cabin is to be formally dedicated in a ceremony on Oct. 1, at 5 p.m., at its new location.

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