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"Gravitational Pull" of Estes Park Draws Direct Kin of Joel Estes Back

Peter Estes, 3X great-grandson of Joel & Patsy Estes, is homesteading anew in Estes Park. Groundbreaking for his new house in Sleepy Hollow is set for this month. Peter grew up in Ohio, but his family travelled to Colorado every Summer, "religiously returning to our ancestral homeland" says Pete. "So when I retired last summer from Lockheed Martin in L.A., it was natural to settle in Estes Park. Estes had that same gravitational pull for me that it had for Joel and Patsy's sons and grandsons, who all settled in Colorado." Pete adds: "I was aiming for the center of that gravitational pull, Estes Park...the best place in the best location in the U.S."

Pete chose Sleepy Hollow for its natural beauty, seclusion, and as a new magnet for family and friends. Betty & Steve Nickel, The Portfolio Group, were the choice for architectural design, having built a cabin in Allenspark for the family in the mid-90s. "I knew them to be talented and capable, with 20+ years of experience in designing and building mountain houses." Says Betty Nickel..." Like Joel Estes, Pete is no ordinary homesteader. Our design challenge was unique. Of course Pete wanted a mountain house design, but in addition to his very steep lot, the assignment was: I want to live in my library. After Pete ascends from a three-story lower level entry, he will be surrounded on two floors with books and a spiral staircase...much like the library of Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*. It was a fun process!"





Pete is quite pleased..." Betty & Steve took my desire to build a substantial library into the home and to build their design around that idea. The result is going to be a tremendous home, unique and beautiful. I hope this Estes Homestead will be a magnet to my family and friends who also love Estes Park and the Rocky Mountains. And, that it will become a centerpiece of childhood for the children of my nieces and nephews such that they, too, might feel the pull of the

ancestral homeland of the descendants of Joel & Patsy Estes!"

Mike Aldrich, Aldrich Builders, agrees with Betty & Steve Nickell that the design is certainly an Estes Library House. "We are really excited that Pete has chosen us as his builder. Our firm is perfectly structured to execute this intricate design, and to be a part of helping to make Pete's new Estes Homestead dream come true!"



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