



**A, C, F, & J. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
641 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs**

Mrs. James Crawford (See Crawford House below), the first white woman to settle permanently in Steamboat Springs, came with her family from Missouri in 1875 to found and name the town. She organized the Christian Science Society, with eight original charter members, in 1908; Sunday school began in 1909; a reading room and book selling enterprise were established in 1910. Services were held in various places throughout the community until 1934, when Ernest Campbell was hired to build a church. Services began in November of that year, and dedication was in 1935, when all debts had been paid. Services have been held in the building continuously since then. The church is of the Rustic style characterized by a cobble foundation, log construction, decorative trim and hardware, and an arched entrance. It is a one-story rectangular structure with diagonal logs in the gable ends. The green-painted log trim with bark intact off-sets the brown-stained peeled logs. The interior features original pews, light fixtures, bare log chinked walls, a peaked ceiling, and a wooden floor. The original roof was replaced with metal to allow snow to slide rather than accumulate. The church is a prominent, charming feature of Oak Street and exudes a sense of quiet meditation.