



**A, C, D, I, & J. IACOVETTO DISTRICT  
21513 Second Avenue, Phippsburg**

Phippsburg, originally known as Wilson, is a community located on State Highway 131, south of the Town of Oak Creek. Settlers began to homestead the area after Sir George Gore crossed the mountains and established a hunting trail, and Ferdinand Hayden's 1873 USGS reports indicated significant coal and other mineral deposits in Routt County. By 1884, the community had a post office, a school, and a lumber mill. The Moffat Railroad purchased land in 1900, constructed a roundhouse to service locomotives and soon thereafter extended its line to Oak Creek, then Steamboat Springs and Hayden. Phippsburg, named after Colorado's United States Senator Lawrence Phipps, became the hub of activity for miners when Denver's Sam Perry constructed a boarding house and box car houses for railroad and mining employees. A 24-hour gambling house was a local community attraction. A special train transported workers from Phippsburg to the mines.

Sam and Angelina Iacovetto settled in Phippsburg in 1912 and moved to the property in 1916 to participate in the mining and railroad booms. Sam opened a store while Angelina raised nine boys and one girl, many of whom still live in Routt County. The one-and-a-half story, rectangular, hip-roofed box car house is significant as an architectural style constructed for employee housing, and the Iacovetto house retains its structural integrity and prominent location along the highway, so represents an historical era in the community's development as well as a family that has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the South Yampa Valley.