

# BLAKE STREET VAULT

“Denver’s Classic Historical Saloon”

## Appetizers

### **Jack Daniels Hot Wings**

8 Large Premium Wings made with Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey Sauce. Served with celery, carrots and Ranch or Blue Cheese... 8

### **Buffalo Sliders**

With an apricot glaze and whole-grain mustard ... 3 for 9, or 5 for 12.75

### **Wild Game Sausage Platter**

Venison, Buffalo, and Elk sausages served with apricot chutney and whole-grain mustard ... 9

### **Creamy Spinach Artichoke Dip**

With tortilla chips, carrots, celery, and sourdough toast ... 8

### **Rocky Mountain Oysters**

It doesn't get more Old West than this. Breaded and fried, served with lemon aioli and cocktail sauce... 9

### **Roasted and Stuffed Jalapenos**

Oven roasted, then stuffed with a cream cheese and monterachet blend with house-made bacon crumbles, and finished in the broiler. Served with an orange honey sauce... 9

### **Panko & Buttermilk Chicken Fingers**

With 3 dipping sauces,...Honey Mustard, Whiskey BBQ, and Horseradish Sauce. House-made, and the best around, these are delicious... 8.5

## Motherlode Fries

The Motherlodes are large baskets of House-Cut Fries, all topped with a melted Cheddar & PepperJack blend

**Colorado**... Green chile & sour cream... 7

**Yukon** ...With brown gravy... 6

**Just Plain Fries** ... 3.5

**Cowboy**...Sliced jalapenos, tomatoes, onion... 7

**Loaded**... Bacon, sour cream, and chives... 8

## Burger Vault

Seasoned Ground Sirloin, with House-Cut fries. Choose Cheddar, Swiss, American, PepperJack, or Blue.

**Vault Burger**...it's a darn good cheeseburger... 9

**Vault Buffalo Burger**... 11

**BBQ**... applewood smoked bacon, cheddar, and house Whiskey BBQ sauce... 11

**Black & Blue**...seared with cracked pepper, blue cheese ... 11

**Green Chile & Cream Cheese**...a Denver favorite... 10

**Jalapeno Cream Cheese**... topped with applewood smoked bacon, cream cheese, and roasted jalapeno... 11

*Substitute Chicken Breast or Veggie Burger with any Burger. Or substitute Buffalo for \$1.50*

## Dinners

With house-made cornbread

**Roast Buffalo**...Oven roasted sirloin, sliced and served over mashed potatoes. Served with brown gravy and a side of grilled Colorado corn.....16.5

**Rib Basket**...Slow-cooked pork ribs with our Jack Daniels Whiskey BBQ sauce, served with coleslaw and fries....14.5

**Southwest Chicken Caesar Salad**...Crisp romaine tossed with grilled chicken breast and cornbread croutons in our creamy chipotle-Caesar dressing. A great variation of a classic ...11

**Campfire Trout** ...Colorado trout cooked and served "campfire style" in a foil pouch, with bacon, asparagus, sliced potatoes, onion, mint, lemon, and slaw. Served cowboy style, you'll love the aroma as the pouch is opened...15

**Buffalo Redeye Stew**...Braised buffalo in a bourbon & coffee broth, served shepherd-pie style, with carrots, celery and onion, and a side of cornbread...12.5

## Soups & Sandwiches

**The BFD** ... That's "Buffalo French Dip." Thinly sliced, on a hoagie roll, with au jus for dipping. Served with fries and coleslaw, and let us know if you'd like Swiss cheese...9.5

**Pork Green Chile** ...The good stuff, with melted cheese and tortilla chips....7.5

**Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich** ...with PepperJack cheese, red pepper relish, fries and slaw...9

**BLT** ...on sourdough, with fries and slaw. It's a good one, for you BLT fans...8.5

**Roasted Corn & Jalapeno Chowder** with bacon, big chunks of potato, and cornbread croutons...7

## Desserts

6.5 each

**Cherry Cobbler**, vanilla ice cream

**Chocolate Cake**

**Apple Pie**, vanilla ice cream

# BLAKE STREET VAULT

## A story of early Denver, Blake Street and the origin of the Vault

On July 9, 1858, a Georgia prospector named William Russell discovered gold at the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River. What followed next was one of the greatest migrations in American History. Over 100,000 prosperity seekers, a greater number than the California Gold Rush, embarked for the gold-laden mountains and valleys of Colorado.

This was a trip into the Wild West - not for the faint of heart - and the majority of the stampederes returned home before reaching Colorado or shortly after arriving. Of those that remained, what they found at Cherry Creek was a scant supply of gold and a tough frontier town. As one of the early settlers wrote of Denver, "...a nursery of almost every vice, a hot-bed of an unprincipled and dangerous sporting fraternity."

On November 1, 1858, the town of Auraria (City of Gold) was founded just across Cherry Creek. Three weeks later, William Larimer crossed two cottonwood sticks on this side of the creek to mark the center of Denver City, named for James Denver, governor of the Kansas Territory. The two towns would eventually come together as Denver and become a territorial capital.

Denver was open for business and an entrepreneur named Charles Blake opened the first store in a log cabin built on Cherry Creek. After selling out of his merchandise pulled across the plains by oxen, he began construction of the Denver House, the area's first hotel.

Built on Blake Street, this large log building with a canvas roof soon became the center of social, political and recreational gatherings. Many a miner who lived respectably all week in his diggings came here on Saturday night "to get drunk, blow his top, and gamble insensately." Everyone in Denver gambled, even the local judge, who once lost thirty choice Denver lots in ten minutes.

In 1860, Blake Street was booming, and was lined with wooden buildings offering anything a prospector could want. Like most of these buildings, the original structure at 1526 Blake was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1863. By the time of the fire, Blake Street had become a center of commerce in early Denver, and the rebuilding was swift and solid - ensured by the 'Brick Ordinance', which required all new construction be of stone or brick.

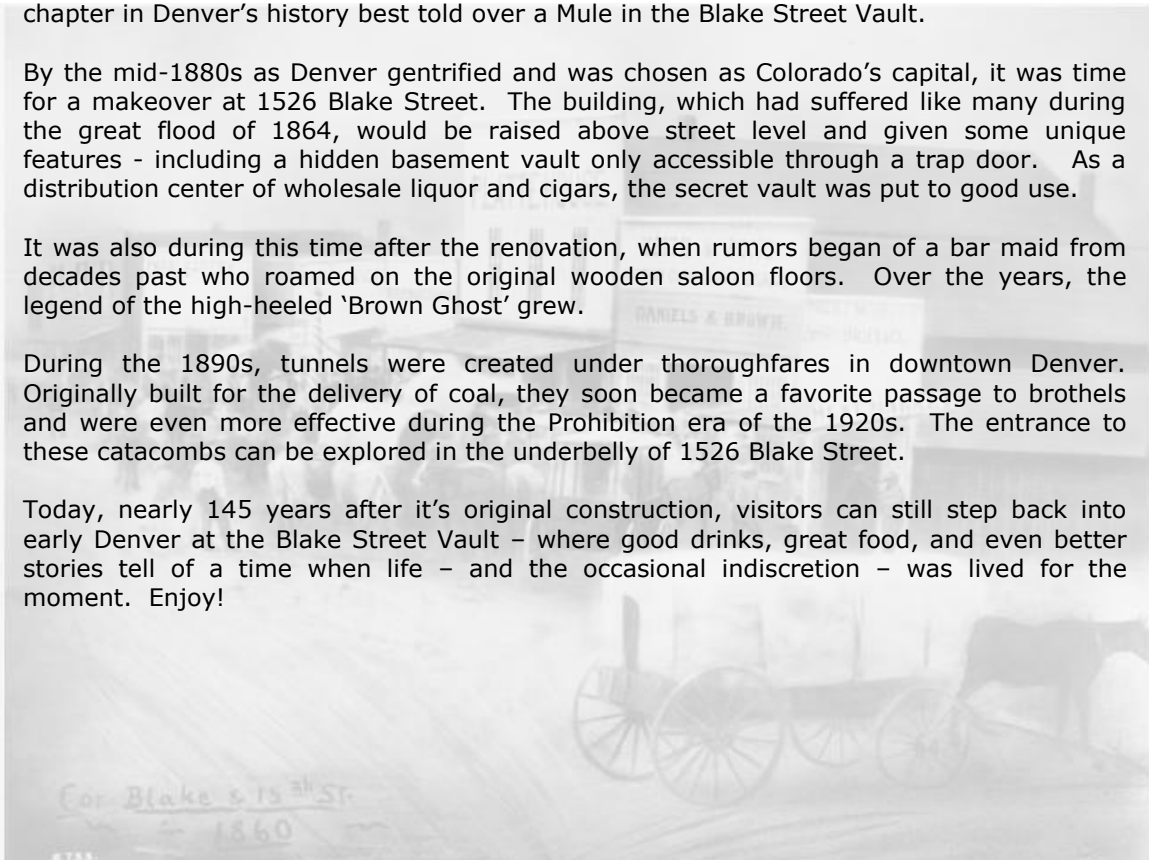
Among the first brick structures rebuilt by August 1863 were the People's Restaurant, the Empire Bakery and a boarding house & saloon owned by a German immigrant named Charles Eyser. This establishment at 1526 Blake opened at a time when saloons, gambling rooms and houses of ill-repute were flourishing - paving the way to an infamous chapter in Denver's history best told over a Mule in the Blake Street Vault.

By the mid-1880s as Denver gentrified and was chosen as Colorado's capital, it was time for a makeover at 1526 Blake Street. The building, which had suffered like many during the great flood of 1864, would be raised above street level and given some unique features - including a hidden basement vault only accessible through a trap door. As a distribution center of wholesale liquor and cigars, the secret vault was put to good use.

It was also during this time after the renovation, when rumors began of a bar maid from decades past who roamed on the original wooden saloon floors. Over the years, the legend of the high-heeled 'Brown Ghost' grew.

During the 1890s, tunnels were created under thoroughfares in downtown Denver. Originally built for the delivery of coal, they soon became a favorite passage to brothels and were even more effective during the Prohibition era of the 1920s. The entrance to these catacombs can be explored in the underbelly of 1526 Blake Street.

Today, nearly 145 years after it's original construction, visitors can still step back into early Denver at the Blake Street Vault - where good drinks, great food, and even better stories tell of a time when life - and the occasional indiscretion - was lived for the moment. Enjoy!



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