

# Gore Creek Graves

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The following is taken from a book called: *The Vail Hiker, and Ski Touring Guide* by Mary Ellen Gilliland, Alpenrose Press, Second Edition, revised 1996, pp. 6 & 7. America's streets were paved with silver for two young Swedes, Daniel and Andrew Recen, who emigrated to Colorado in 1876. Dan promptly discovered the dazzling Queen of the West mine on Jacque Peak near Vail Pass. Andrew struck silver at the adjoining Enterprise Lode. Soon the brothers tarried with 1880's silver magnates such as H. A. W. Tabor and celebrities such as songbird Jenny Lind. The Recens hired private rail cars for bachelor parties and consumed champagne and oysters with extravagant regularity. After the 1893 silver crash, the Recens found themselves almost penniless. They hunted and trapped all through the Gores till their deaths in 1912 and 1917 (It is not clear here who died in which year). Their graves lie near their longtime cabin site on Gore Creek (see map). The brothers, who lived and died here, left a legacy in Colorado. When Dan died, his nephew from Frisco transported the body up here for burial. A fierce October blizzard struck enroute and the nephew, after digging the grave, waded through drifts all the way back to Frisco. Half-frozen and exhausted on arrival, he was cared for at Frisco's Excelsior mine till the weather permitted his return home.

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- RECEN, Dan A.