

THE TERRITORIAL DAUGHTERS OF COLORADO



Established on February 10, 1910

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tamara Estes

Territorial Daughters of Colorado continues to move ahead, and all the chapters are doing wonderful things to promote TDC and the history of Colorado. We are all so fortunate to be a part of this organization. It is vital that we continue our work of preserving and perpetuating the history of Colorado.

The spring TDC State Executive Board meeting was held in Florence, CO. We were able to tour the Florence Historical Archives where the TDC archives are housed. Each chapter will have a representative on the archives committee that will be able to place new items into the archives and find information for our members as they request it. The TDC Archives is a treasure trove of information about our organization from the very beginnings of the group in 1910. The Archives houses items that are "flat", so items that can be stored there are pictures, newsletters, membership rolls, certificates, minutes, etc. Each chapter is encouraged to place items into the archives that they would like preserved and that are not needed on a frequent basis. The plan is to eventually scan all the items in the archives and have electronic copies for the chapters to use. This plan will take time and once it is started volunteers will be sought to help with that task.

The State Executive Board voted on the newest members of the Lifetime Achievement Awards from the organization. This award is presented to members that have made significant contributions to the State organization AND been a member for a minimum of twenty years. The 2023 Honorees by unanimous vote of the board are Genevieve LeBlanc and Judith Jergensen from Greeley Chapter; Denise (Ann) Gimlin from Southern Chapter; and Norma Lavelett and Marian Smith from Western Chapter. The five honorees will be presented certificates at the State Meeting in September. Congratulations to all five ladies and thank you for all your invaluable work for TDC!

I am encouraging all chapters and members to start thinking ahead for plans to celebrate Colorado's sesquicentennial in 2026. TDC was an integral part of the 50th anniversary of the state in 1926. I would really love to see us play a bigger role again for the 150th celebration.

Like many historical organizations around Colorado and the United States we have seen our memberships decline. All chapters are working diligently on promoting the TDC and seeking new members. Please consider encouraging your eligible family members to join or renew their memberships. Membership applications can be found on the website or through each chapter president.

Thank you to all our members for their continued support of the organization and our ultimate goal of preserving and perpetuating the pioneer history of Colorado!



Territorial Daughters of Colorado Honored by Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

On Thursday, January 5, 2023 our organization joined 75 others, from across the state, to become the inaugural class of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's *Centenarian Club*. It is a club comprised of non & profit association/companies in Colorado that have survived 100 years of business.

This inaugural class has organizations/companies that incorporated from 1864 to 1921. Besides our philanthropic group there are 7 Chambers of Commerce, 2 Universities, 4 YMCA/YWCA's, 1 Newspaper, 1 Utility, 12 Banks, 6 Hospital/Medical org., 4 Societies, 1 School, 1 Union, 6 Private companies, 7 Private/Member clubs, 15 Associations, 2 Historic Associations, 2 children organizations, 2 Care centers, 1 Railroad, 1 Municipal Company, 1 Bever-



age company. Kathie Bartee, & Pam Collins, from Denver Chapter along with Bonnie Semro, State Vice President were present to accept the award.

Women on the Homestead 1870—1948

Southern Chapter

In the area known as Westcliffe, Walsenburg and Rosita, the homesteaders who arrived from Bremen, Germany and individuals who relocated from other parts of Colorado but were a part of the original colony, settled in the Westcliffe, Gardner, Rosita area in 1869. Families spread out, homesteading acreages to establish a home and support their families. As families grew, grown children established homesteads of their own. One such family settled in the Muddy Creek area in January, 1916. Charlie and Naomi Schmidt were the parents of Velma Schmidt Schecter, and this home was where Velma grew up. It also remained her home as a married woman, as Bruce Schecter and Velma purchased the place from Charlie and Naomi.

Naomi and daughter Velma were the women who were responsible for the home, the meals, the clothes, the garden, the preparation and storage of the food, with rare exceptions for purchases through the hardware store in Gardner or Walsenburg. Each day began early, with the coffee pot on the wood stove, the foods for the first meal being a variety from wheat cereal, bacon, or beef, or elk, or deer, complimented with eggs and fruits, dried, canned or fresh when available. The seasons determined much of what could be prepared for meals.

Each spring Naomi and Velma, along with the team of mules and the hands from the men, a large garden area was plowed, raked and prepared for planting. The garden was extensive...beans of a variety, peas, carrots, potatoes, beets, lettuces, cabbage, rhu-barb, radishes, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, raspberries and squash. Additionally, nearby were the fruit trees...apples of a variety and cherries. Wild, native chokecherries were sought after, but they had to beat the bear! Seeds were saved from the summer before; additional seeds had to be purchased ahead of time from the store, the Gardner Mercantile. Travel to and from this store was by horseback, buggy or horse drawn wagons. Preparations were paramount to successful home food productions.

The summers were spent taking care of the garden, harvesting items as they matured and either canning, drying, or placing the items in a cellar for storage. In order to make it through the winters, hours were spent executing the growing, gathering and food storage preparations. Routine watering, weeding, harvesting was a daily chore. Potatoes were stored in a cellar dug into a side of the hill, with timbers holding the dirt in place, creating a cool, dark area for food storage. Velma and her brother, Warren, were sent out periodically thru the winter to break off any starts that developed on the potatoes. It kept the potatoes usable over time. Fruits from trees were dried or canned. Screens were utilized, laid out over sawhorses which supported brace boards, all of which were kept behind a fenced area to keep critters out. Apples were peeled, sliced, and laid out to dry. Cherries were pitted and canned, as well as apples for pies. Applesauce the product of apples. Beans were dried, or canned. Beets were canned and utilized for pickles. A variety of jams and jellies were made. Again, storage was in a cool cellar area, usually in a dug out area of a hill creating an interior that had shelves, storage space, and secured from critters and weather. Canned items, which went into jars, had to be stored somewhere avoiding the problem of freezing weather.

The ranch had chickens and turkeys, both of which had to be monitored for fox, coyote and wolf invasion. Ranch dogs were utilized to monitor and protect both chickens, turkeys, lambs, small pigs, and young cattle. Rabbits were penned and kept behind cages. Butchering occurred as needed, with the meat stored in ice boxes, dried, or canned, or hung in secure buildings. Salt was a frequent preservative.

Speaking of ice, the men cut and gathered ice from the creeks during the winter months, with the ice being stored in dirt cellars, covered with sawdust to keep the ice intact. Ice was precious, as summer ice cream was dependent on having it! Flour, sugar, salt, baking powder were purchased in bulk from the Mercantile on trips to Gardner. Butter and milk came from the cows at the ranch, grease/lard from butchered pigs, as cooking oils were rare and expensive when available.

Family recipes become treasures, and define by the ingredients what was available to the women for their food preparation. And were there treats, oh yes. Candy recipes for holidays/events. The recipe for dandelion wine- next meeting! Naomi Baker Schmidt to daughter, Velma Schmidt Schecter, to daughter, JoAnn Schecter Tomsic (author)

(House on the Muddy Creek)



(penned raised turkeys)



Honorary Life Memberships

Western Chapter: The Honorary Life Membership for Service Award was presented to Mary Lou Kelly, November 19, 2022, by Western Colorado Chapter President, Jo Ann Sauvage. Mary Lou was born in Denver, Colorado, Dec, 10 1939, to Robert Higgins and Bertie Anna Work Higgins. Mary Lou's Great Grandmother, Bertie Bell Dailey, was born January 11, 1866, at Boulder Creek, Colorado. Her Great-Great Grandparents arrived in Colorado Territory in 1859. Mary Lou grew up in the Denver area where she has fond memories of her Grandmother. She has one brother who lives in Washington State . She was educated at Denver University. She has one daughter, Celia Ann, who now lives with her on their small farm. Mary Lou loves all of her animals. She loves the outdoors and tells of the many wonderful times she has experienced on her horses. Mary Lou and her Mother, Bertie Albers, joined the Western Colorado Chapter, May 21, 1993.



Mary Lou Kelly, JoAnn Sauvage

They were so proud that their ancestor, Mrs. Bertie Work, was one of the founding Members of Territorial Daughters of Colorado, in 1910. Mary Lou became active in the Western Chapter, she cooked in the Bunkhouse at Cross Orchard, led School Tours, and helped with Kids Camp. She served as Chapter Secretary, Vice President, and became State President in 2004. During this time as State President, Mary Lou presided over the placement of all three, Taos Trail Markers, in Southern Colorado. Mary Lou was always willing to travel to any part of the State for a meeting. After serving ten years she was elected Chapter President, serving from 2014-2018. Thank you Mary Lou for your years of dedication and Leadership to this Wonderful Organization.

Denver Chapter: This Spring Kathie Bartee had the privilege of presenting to Inez & Doris Sawdey the Honorary Life Membership for Service Award! These two ladies have lived and breathed Territorial Daughters for most of their lives. Their dedication and service to our organization has been unmatched. Congratulations!!



Doris & Inez Sawdey

Memoriam

Dorothy Jean Llewellyn Artaz

Western Chapter Member, Dorothy Llewellyn Artaz, died in her home, December 22, 2021, after a brief illness. Dorothy was born to Grace D. Hoffmeister Llewellyn and Rees D. Llewellyn, August 1, 1930, in Grand Junction, Colorado. She is survived by her Husband, Henry "Hank" Artaz, and one Daughter, Rhonda Palmer of Carbondale, CO; also Grandchildren. Memorial Services were held in Carbondale, August 27, 2022.

Dorothy was a beautiful, friendly, loving person. She loved her Family and Friends and was always in a Delightful Mood. She and her Husband walked every morning with Friends at the Mesa Mall, met for coffee, with a group, at 11:00 AM, and had their favorite places to eat dinner. They truly enjoyed their life together. Dorothy and Hank often visited the Ice Cream Shop at Enstrom's Candy, in Downtown Grand Junction.

For years, Dorothy was the voice on the phone alerting Chapter Members of the time and place of the next Chapter Meeting or Special Event. She loved helping at the Fall Day on The Farm, at Cross Orchards, Bunkhouse Kitchen, Peeling Apples with the Apple Peeler, so everyone got a slice to enjoy. Dorothy always brought tasty baked goods for the Bake Sale Table; and many times helped to attend to the table.

My last time to visit with Dorothy and Hank, was October 17, 2020. They wanted some of my Apple Butter. They drove to my place and bought several jars for their winter supply. We had a good visit and they were on their way. Such a delightful couple. So thankful for their Friendship.

Dorothy's Great Grandfather, Christopher Miller, and his wife were married in Central City, Gilpin County, Colorado Territory, August 23, 1870. They arrived in the Rifle area and Farmed on Silt Mesa. Her Grandmother was, Lillian Miller Hoffmeister of Rifle. The Hoffmeister's owned a grocery store and a Bakery, they arrived in Rifle in 1902. The Grocery Store had several trucks to deliver groceries to customers. Their story was featured in " Rifle Reflects", Centennial, 1905-2005.



A Pike's Peak 1860 Pioneer Family History

by Patricia Virtue

Denver Council

Milwaukee Daily Sentinel
July 14, 1860

THE REPORTED DEATH OF W. A. HAWKINS.
—There is good reason to believe that the story, published in one or two of our city papers, of the massacre of Mr. W. A. HAWKINS (formerly a resident of this city) by the Indians near Pike's Peak, is without foundation. Late letters from Denver City, written by intimate friends of Mr. HAWKINS, make no mention of such a catastrophe.

Good thing the initial reports were untrue, otherwise your author wouldn't be here today! In early spring 1860, William A. Hawkins sold his hotel in Milwaukee Wisconsin, and with his wife Desiah, four children under the age of 10, his wife's sister Josephine and brother James, they set off in for the Pike's Peak region of what is today the state of Colorado. The eldest of the children was my great-grandmother, Jennie Hawkins. She turned 10 when they crossed through Iowa. Along the way they "adopted" a young woman from Norway who the family called Lena. I'm sure she was of great help with the children, and she was

always considered a part of the family. The family lore is that they were headed for Leadville but decided to stop when they reached South Park / Park County, where they ran a way-station somewhere near where Hartsel is today.

Hawkins had been active in local politics in Wisconsin and he continued to be so in the new western territory; he lost a bid for probate judge but was elected Park County School Superintendent December 1862. He was chosen as his party's nominee for Park County Sheriff in August 1863. (I don't think he won.) Adopted Lena married Abraham Bergh in 1882. They operated the Bergh House in Fairplay for many years. The family history tells us that the Hawkins family left Park County about 1865 because of Indian problems. They moved to Cañon City where Hawkins was known as one of the "resurrectionists". The town was almost decimated when most of its population went off to fight in the Civil War. The city was "resurrected" after the war by about a dozen families. Hawkins built and operated a large flour mill. He was active in real estate development and land law. He became known as "Judge Hawkins" during these years. A thrilling story appears in a book at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center, History of The Arkansas Valley, Colorado, published in 1881. The story tells of an 1864 chase after "guerrillas, or Confederate soldiers". Included in the chase was "Judge W.A. Hawkins". He provided services as a Justice of the Peace wherever he lived for the rest of his life. His name appears frequently in town newspapers, and without fail he is referred to as "Judge Hawkins".

In 1875, Jennie's sister Josephine married John Wilson, who in 1867 was elected as Clerk and Recorder (served 18 years), and Clerk of the District Court for Fremont County (served 32 years).

In 1877, according to family history Judge Hawkins may have been miffed at not being selected as the superintendent of the new state prison in Cañon City. The family moved to Ouray where they took in boarders - meals prepared no doubt by my great-great grandmother Desiah, my great-grandmother Jennie, and Jennie's younger sister Maddie. Judge Hawkins acted as a Justice of the Peace. One of Jennie's brothers, Charles, invested in many mining deals, none of which produced riches. Youngest brother Willie, was a miner. Tragically he died in September 1878 from "mountain fever" at the age of 18. The family didn't last long in Ouray, moving east to meet the railroads. In 1879, Judge Hawkins built a hotel in Cleora Colorado. Jennie Hawkins married Alfred Thomas Ryan in Cleora in February 1879. Ryan had been a Confederate POW in the Civil War, living in Leadville before moving to Cleora. Salida was founded in 1880, just a little more than a mile from Cleora. It appears the railroads found it a cheaper location than buying up land in Cleora. So the whole town of Cleora moved building by building a little more than a mile west when Salida in May 1880.

Judge Hawkins ran a hotel in Salida from the fall of 1881 to fall 1882. He was the second mayor of Salida (1881), and served as Police Judge more than once.

The 1880s were as difficult as we could expect from life in a burgeoning society in the wild west. Jennie's sister Maddie died just after the move to Salida. Al Ryan lost his livery stable and livestock to fires at least 3 times in 4 years. Al and Jennie lost their first baby at 3 weeks old. Al served a few terms as a deputy sheriff. Jennie's brother Charles lost a baby son in 1884 and his wife in 1886- Jennie helped raise his other 2 children. My grandfather, William Franklin Ryan was born to Al and Jennie in 1883. Al Ryan was killed in a buggy/train collision in 1887.

Judge W.A. Hawkins died in 1888. He was 76 years old. His wife Desiah died in 1889. They were buried in the Cleora cemetery

Jennie Ryan, her son WF Ryan (Frank), and her brother Charles with his two children moved to Denver in the late 1890s. Jennie lived with her son - my grandfather - for the last decade



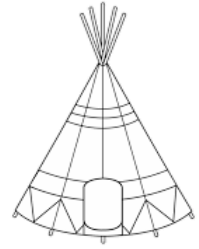
Territorial Daughters of Colorado — STATE MEETING —



September 9, 2023

Ft. Lupton Colorado

Trapper Days Rendezvous



Trapper Days Rendezvous is a good time for all. Families and "pilgrims" are welcome to visit and get a feel for the historic rendezvous encampments of the mountain men. The rendezvous camp and the fort and the historic park are open during the day. The rendezvous coincides with the Trapper Day festivities in the city of Fort Lupton (<http://fortluptonchamber.org/trapper-days/>). In the rendezvous area of the historic park there is a Traders Row that provides trade goods from the 1830's.

State Board meeting will be Friday, September 8, 2023 at 5 pm.

At: KM Cup, 721 4th Street, Suite D, Fort Lupton, CO 80621

General Membership meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10—11:30 am.

At: Fort Lupton Masonic Hall, 130 Denver Avenue, Fort Lupton, CO 80621

Then we get to visit the Trapper Day's Rendezvous!

PLEASE: RSVP below for meeting attendance before September 1, 2023!



Territorial Daughters of Colorado

State General Meeting

I plan on attending the State General Meeting.

Name _____, Member of which chapter _____

Name you want on your name tag: _____

Are you bringing a guest? Yes No If yes, Name for name tag: _____

Are you staying in an area hotel? If so where: _____

Please RSVP to:

Tamara Estes

331 Mount View Lane

Fountain, CO 80817

territorialdaughters@gmail.com

Want your meeting information emailed, instead of 'snail-mail'?

Enter your email below:

RETURN THIS HALF BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 FOR YOUR SPOT TO BE RESERVED!

**Hotels in Brighton, Colorado
(Close to Ft. Lupton)**

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(Hilton Honors)
992 Platte River Blvd
Brighton, CO
303-654-8055
Pet friendly
Non-smoking rooms

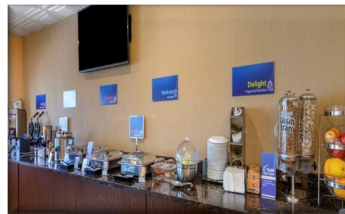
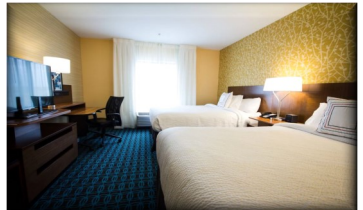
Best Western Brighton Inn

15151 Brighton Road
Brighton, CO
303-637-7710
Pet Friendly
Non-smoking rooms

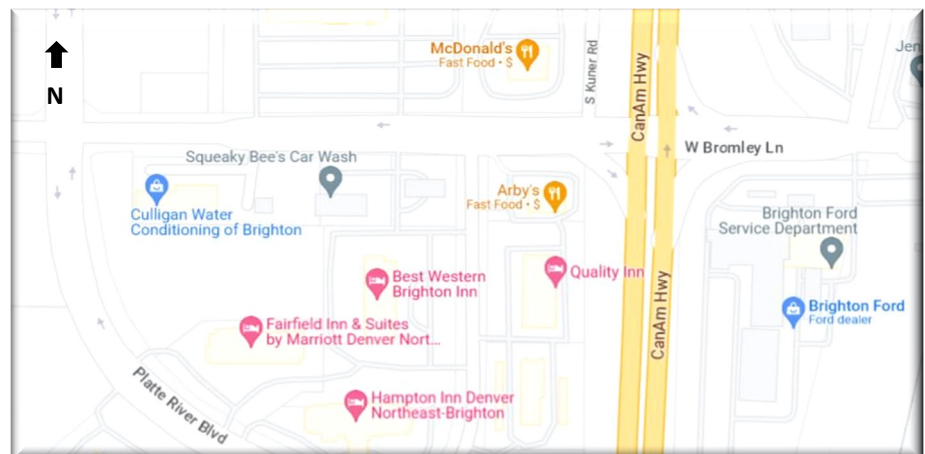
Fairfield Inn & Suites

by Marriott Bonvoy
948 Platte River Blvd
Brighton, CO
303-637-0910
No pets
Smoke Free Property

All hotels have: 1 King or 2 Double/Queen rooms, Free parking, Free Wi-Fi, Free morning breakfast.
All have room prices within \$20 of each other. It is suggested you book your room early!



All hotels are grouped together
South of W Bromley Lane, between
Platte River Road and Brighton
Road.
Just W of US85/ CamAn highway.

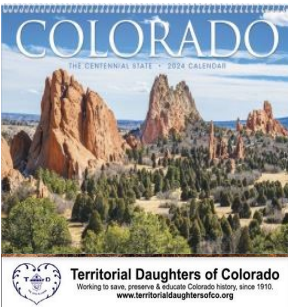


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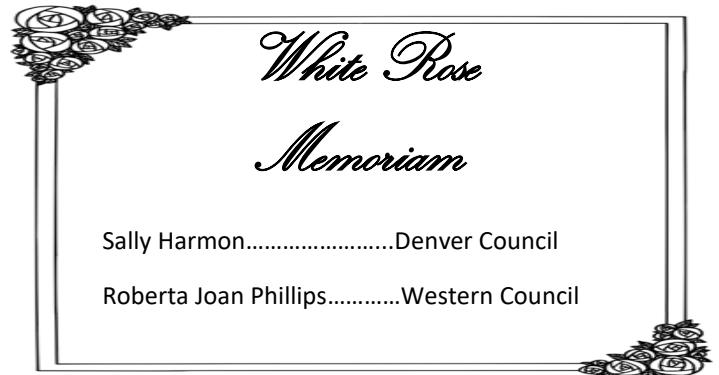
TDC Colorado Wall Calendars for 2024

Once again, Denver Chapter will be selling Colorado Wall Calendars for 2024. Each calendar has a scenic full color photo of a



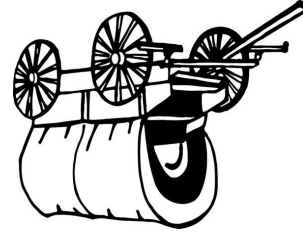
Colorado location. At the bottom of the calendar it has information on Territorial Daughters of Colorado. The cost is \$7.00 each and should arrive in early fall. For more information, contact Kathie Bartee:

kbartee@att.net or 303-725-1512



Do you know what this picture is? It is the header on Territorial Daughters of Colorado's Website!!

Yes!!! There is an active website, chocked full of information for all our members, and those who want to be in-the-know!! **Each chapter has a tab**; listing officers and their contact information, calendar information on upcoming events and plans for their chapter. There is a general calendar for state events [BUT... be sure to check the chapters for more local information, as well] Due to ever rising postage costs, it is very cost effective for chapters to use this tool to communicate with their local chapters. Be sure your chapter has an electronic way to communicate. That way, you are always in the loop, so to speak!



All members trace their direct ancestry to pioneers that resided in Colorado on or before August 1, 1876.

Territorial Daughters of Colorado was established in 1910 to preserve and perpetuate the pioneer history of the State of Colorado.

About Territorial Daughters of Colorado



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE ON STATE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—CHECK IT OUT

