

August 2022 President's News

♪ **Happy 146th Birthday Colorado!!** ♪ August 1, 1876, Colorado was admitted to the union as its 38th state. Statehood was achieved with a declaration signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on that day.

Governors of Colorado who have August birthdays are:

Frederick Pitkin [Second Governor, term: 1879 – 1883] on August 31, 1837 (born in Connecticut)

James Peabody [15th Governor, term 1902-1904 & 1905] on August 21, 1852 (born in Vermont)

Richard Lamm [38th Governor, term 1975 – 1987] on August 3, 1935 (born in Wisconsin)



Colorado History Thoughts:

With all the political upheavals in this past presidential election, one thinks that this is new to the nation. Oh no!!

In Colorado we had a doozy of an election uproar back in 1905.

James Peabody (R) was elected in 1902 on a Law-and-Order platform. Though that would not be the case during his term. There were many incidents of miner's vs mine owners. Strikes and strike breakers. Peabody even resorted to bringing in the National Guard and Militia. In 1904 an incident involving dynamite and killing of 13 people resulted in the violence ending, but the strike has never officially been called off.

Due to all these events, the election in 1904 had the Democrats slogan being "Anyone but Peabody" and the candidate was Alva D. Adams. Adams won the election, but the Republican controlled legislature cited corruption within certain counties ballots and called the election corrupt. [Apparently this was the case in both parties, actually!] The Republicans voted Adams out and voted Peabody in –on the condition he resign right after taking the oath of office!! He complied and his (republican) Lieutenant Governor, Jesse F. MacDonald was sworn in. Colorado had 3 governors in one day!!!

Field Trip:

On June 20, 2022, our Denver Chapter of Territorial Daughters of Colorado had a field trip to Denver's 4-Mile House Park. It was wonderful to see how it is being restored and our history preserved and share social time with our members. Our board has many ideas for future field trips in the coming year. Stay tuned!!

We Hear You:

Based on your responses to our survey we are shifting how we have done things in the past and hope to involve more of you, our membership. With the pandemic easing, we can once again start-up the social aspect of our group, along with working towards our mission and goals.

- Starting with this month, I will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. I welcome feedback on what you like/ dislike/ would like to see.
- Our officers are rebuilding connections with groups throughout the metro area, working on preserving & teaching our history. We can always use assistance, so if you have connections and/or want to help please contact me!
- Our membership has suggested that those of us willing & able to, offer our speaking services to the various school districts during the required Colorado history studies. I will be reaching out to the districts to get their thoughts. If you would like to be 'on the list' of potential speakers [about your ancestors] please contact me.
- We will be planning more field trips for members and have separate board meetings. All of these will be posted on the TDC website, in the Denver Council section.

Please contact me with any questions/ ideas/ suggestions/ ways you want to be involved. Our goal is to make Territorial Daughters of Colorado stronger. I look forward hearing from you!



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