

Colorado Funeral Service History to 1997

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For the privilege of compiling this History of Colorado Funeral Home Owners, from their beginning to this present time, 1997, we credit all those relatives, friends, past and present owners who delved into their memories and records to furnish us this writing. It has been a labor of dedication and joy to gather it all together.

Donald M. Chase, July 17, 1997 (now deceased)

Akron, Colo.

1882 founded. 1887 Incorporated and named Washington County seat.

Yeamans & Gordon/Brenner

1885-73 ownership in Yeaman and Gordon families

1885-1902, Yeamans Brothers Hardware, Main St., owned by brothers J.E.(Ed) Yeamans (1857-1936) and Charles N. Yeamans (1858-1928)

In early 1890's they added a Mortuary and for years they owned the Akron Cemetery which they later gave to the town. Ed Yeamans studied the "Arts & Science of Undertaking" in Lincoln, Neb. and became the "Undertaker". They made caskets in the basement of the Hardware Store.

1902-20, C.H. Yeamans Hardward, Main St., C.H. Yeamans bought brother J.E. Yeamans interest, including the Mortuary.

1920-28, C.H. Yeamans & Son, C.H. Yeamans took his older son Glen O. Yeamans (1891-1973) as partner.

1946-72, Yeamans & Gordon Mortuary. Donne Gordon (1911-1972) bought 1/2 interest from Glen O. Yeamans.

1942-45, Donne Gordon, WWII

1973-74, owned by Pritchard E. (Dick) Grimm (192-1989)

1973, Dick Grimm purchases Donne Gordon's 1/2 interest from his widow Idris P. Gordon.

1973, Glen O. Yeamans willed his 1/2 interest to Mrs. Idris P. Gordon.

197_, Dick Grimm purchases other 1/2 interest from Idris P. Gordon (1909-19__) in nursing home in Fort Collins

1974 to present, Yeamans & Gordon Memorial Chapel, 175 W. 3rd

1989 to present, owned by Darrel & wife Rhonda Brenner

1997, Darrel Brenner, President CFDA

Alamosa, Colo.

1868, Established as terminal location for the Denver & Rio Grand Railroad (D&RGR), 1878, founded as a town and incorporated in 1878. On July 4, 1878, the first train was brought into the new town. The first classes were enrolled in a 3rd Teacher Training Institution, Adams State College in 1925.

1890-1927, John Brown associated with what is now Butler-Showalter

1922, A.L. Springer, President of NFDA

Prior to 1923 Springer Mortuary in downtown Alamosa

1923-26, Lorton Mortuary in downtown Alamosa

1926-34, Lorton Mortuary moved into present location

1942-48, Lorton Mortuary, owned by George Lorton (19__-1979)

1938, April 9, new Park Lawn Funeral Home was opened by Charles G. Addington, from Montrose.

Owned by Charles Addington from 1938-43, then by R.J. Bruner from 1943-47 and from 1947-51 by Robert H. Showalter (1910-1992)

1934-39, Lorton & Miracle Mortuary, owned by George Lorton & Glen Miracle. In March 1939, John F. Allerdice bought an interest in Lorton & Miracle Mortuary, later renamed Lorton & Allerdice Mortuary, remaining so from 1939-42. In January 1942, George Lorton purchased the interests of his

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partner John R. Allerdice. Glen Miracle died in California in 1949. George Lorton (1887-1979) served in Colorado Legislature and was president of the CFDA in 1943.

1948-51, Humphrey Mortuary, Frank L. Humphrey sold to W. Edward Sharp, Monte Vista and Kenneth P. Butler, now known as Kenneth P. Butler and W. Edward Sharp, Morticians and Memorial Chapel.

1959-80, Lowe's Alamosa Funeral Home, owned by Walter S. Lowe (1923-1980) and wife Luella (1929-1996) from Lajara, Colo., who bought the Lutheran Church and closed operations in 1980

1950-51, W.E. Sharp and Kenneth P. Butler, owners of Butler & Sharp Funeral Home

1951, Butler and Showalter merged into Butler-Showalter Chapel with owners Kenneth P. Butler and Robert H. Showalter, until 1959 Kenneth P. Butler (1919-1989) retired in 1983, served 4 years as coroner Conejos County and 18 years as Alamosa County Coroner. Robert Showalter (1910-1992) served as Alamosa County Coroner from 1956-60. In 1957, Showalter left funeral service and became Registrar at Adams State College. Kenneth Watts (1945-1985) was a funeral director for Butler-Showalter for 10 years (1970-80) and was Alamosa County Coroner 1978-82.

1959-80, Alamosa Funeral Home

1959-83, Butler-Showalter Chapel, owned by Kenneth P. (1919-1989) & Wife Eine Butler

1981 to present, Romero's Valley Mortuary, 1407 State, owned by Leonard Romero

1983 to present, Butler-Showalter Chapel, 205 State Ave., owned by J. Michael and Kathy Rogers.

Antonito, Colo.

Early 1900s, Haynie Mortuary (according to newspaper reports, bought a new hearse in 1937)

1905, F.D. Potthoff Undertakers

1978-80, Lowe Funeral Home, owned by Walter S. Lowe (1923-1980) and wife Luella Lowe (1929-1996)

1978-___ Meyers Funeral Home, owned by Johnnie Myers (1916-1978)

Arvada, Colo.

A "Bedroom City" around Denver, 1950 population of 4,000, 1960 population climbed to 46,000.

1952-63, Alger's Funeral Home, built and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Herman A. Algiers

1963-72, Hageman's Mortuary (Mr. & Mrs. Tom V. Hageman from Rocky Ford bought the former Alger's Funeral Home)

1976-date, Morgan Mortuary of Arvada (6370 Union Street), in 1983 owner James E. Morgan built a new mortuary.

Aspen, Colo.

1879 a mining camp. 1880 B. Clark Wheeler arrived and named it Aspen. 1888 Midland Railroad Ore train arrived in Aspen.

Wilson

1890's, A.E. Wilson owned and operated funeral homes in Aspen, Breckenridge and Yampa, Colo. and traded the three for a funeral home in Canon City, named it Wilson & Son Funeral Home.

Sardy/Sardy-Brown

19__-__, Sardy-Brown Mortuary, Arlen J. Brown

1938-__, Sardy Mortuary, owned by Thomas J. Sardy (19__-1989)

1938, Last spring Thomas J. Sardy purchased the Mortuary holdings and property of L.L. Wilkes.

1935, L.L. Wilkes, member CFDA

1950, Thomas J. Sardy, President CFDA

1897, Thomas Blackmore, one of CFDA founders

Farnum-Holt

1986 to present, Farnum-Holt Mortuary - 405 W. 7th St., owned by William Holt Family.

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Ault, Colo.

1946-48, Conley Funeral Home. Rev. F.G. and Charlene Conley
19__-46, Sumner's Funeral Home, William B. and Dorothy J. Sumner
1953, Sumner's Funeral Home consolidated with Waldron Funeral Home of Eaton, Colo.

Aurora, Colo.

Originally this area was a part of the Great Bison Range of the great plains.
1867, first homestead granted. 1891, town of Fletcher was founded with a population of 100.
1907, name changed to Aurora. By the 1950's three military installations had contributed greatly to the booming Aurora. According to 1990 census Aurora had 22,103 people. Today Aurora is the third largest city in the State.

The military had a significant influence on Aurora: 1918-97, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center (hospital closed and now developing into Colorado General Hospital Medical Center Campus). 1938-96, Lowry Air Force Base (closed in 1996 for redevelopment), 1942 to present, Buckley Field (WWII), now Buckley Air National Guard Station.

Hockley Mortuary

1927-30, Hockley Mortuary - Mrs. Mary Rector, Embalmer, corner E. 16th Ave. & Clinton St. in 1929 moved to E. 14th & Dallas St. - Property sold to Catholic Church.

1933-39, Geo. E. Brown's Mortuary (E. 17th Ave. & Florence St.)

1939-44, Geo. E. Brown - worked for Hartford-Alcorn Mortuary: Died 1942

1944-58, Blakesley's Mortuary. 1555 Dayton St. Elwood and Frances Blakesley owned and built. Was 2nd Commercial building to be built in Aurora under WWII OPA regulations.

Aurora Chase/Chase

1958-85, Aurora Chase Mortuary. Blakesley's sold to Donald M. and Mary Margaret Chase who built and moved to 1095 Havana St. April 15, 1966. Chase served in the US Air Force from 1942-1946. He was CFDA President in 1968 and from 1970-72, Governor of NFDA Dist#8, and from 1972-74, Governor of NFDA Dist#10. In 1977, Mary Margaret Chase served as General Chair Person for NFDA Convention.

1985 to present, Aurora Chase Mortuary, owned by 4th Generation Management Co. Inc. of Kansas City.

1995 to present, Horan & McConaty Mortuary & Crematory, John Horan - C.E.O.

Berthoud, Colo.

Named for Capt. Edward L. Berthoud, Surveyor for Colorado Central Railroad.

1962 to present, Berthoud Funeral Home, owned by Fishburn family, Loveland, Colo.

1959-62, Quay Funeral Home, Stanley Quay with wife and 3 children came from Lemmon, S.D. 1962 sold to Carl Kibby - Loveland, Colo. who changed name to present Berthoud Funeral Home.

1946-59, Shriner Mortuary, Norman Shriner, owner, coming from Ft. Collins

1933-46, Stranahan Funeral Home, owner and assisted by his father C.G. Stranahan coming to Colorado from Santa Fe, N.M. in 1931.

1925-33, H.L. Humphrey Mortuary, He came to Berthoud in 1923 and in 1925 built new mortuary.

Bailey, Colo.

1965 to present, Evergreen Memorial Park, Funeral Home and Crematory, owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

1994 to present, Lewis Mortuary and Crematory, owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

Boulder, Colo.

The 1870's ushered in Colorado silver, starting in Boulder with the discovery of the Caribou Mine in 1869. In 1877, the first class of University of Colorado opens with 44 students.

1897, William Tippet Mortuary is founded.

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1897, William Trippett and John G. Trezise becomes CFDA's founders. Trezise is CFDA President in 1899.

1898 to present, Howe Mortuary & Crematory, owned by Loewen Group

1898-1906, Bucheit Furniture and Undertaking, owned by Frank J. Bucheit

1906-08, Bucheit and Holly Undertaking, owned by Frank J. Bucheit and Benjamin A. Holly

1908-09, Howe and Holly Undertaking, owned by Albert Edward Howe, 1971-1944, and Benjamin A. Holly

1909, A.E. Howe bought out Bucheit and Holly

1909-44, Howe Mortuary, owned by A.E. Howe and/or with Laura D. Howe

1922, A.E. Howe purchased Boulder Undertaking from Mr. Ros _____ who constructed present building at 2121 11th St.

1944-58, Owners Laura D. Howe, Norman R. Howe and George W. Howe, Sr.

1958-78, Owners Norman R. Howe (1901-1933) and George W. Howe Sr. (1904-197_)

1978-91, Owners Norman R. Howe and William B. Howe

1991-94, Owner Rocky Wells

1994-95, Owner M.H.I. Inc.

1995-to present, Owner, Loewen Group

1900-09, A.E. Howe Partnership with Benjamin Holly at Odd Fellows Building, Pearl Street

1904-08, A.E. Howe serves as Boulder County Assessor, from 1914-34, Boulder County Coroner, in 1910 as President CFDA.

1909-22, A.E. Howe Undertaking at 2119 12th Street

1922-44, Howe Mortuary at 11th & Spruce Street

1946, George W. Howe, Sr. is CFDA president.

1969 to present, Crist Mortuary, 3395 Penrose Pl.,

1969-71, Crist Mortuary

1986, owner R.A. "Bob" Crist sold to Morlan, Inc.

1987, Morlan, Inc. sold to S.C.I., present owners

1971, Crist Mortuary moved from 2305 Broadway St., to new mortuary at 3395 Penrose Pl.,

1969, "Bob" Crist purchased Geddes-Hibbard Mortuary and changed name to Crist Mortuary from Geddes estate

1954-64, Geddes-Hibbard Mortuary

1992, Mike Murphy, President CFDA

1964-66, Allardice-Hibbard-Howe Mortuary, 2305 Broadway

1966-69, Geddes Estate (Walter Geddes died 1964) owned 2305 Broadway. Wm. & George W. Howe Jr. leased building, owned and staffed the business

1954, Ross Hibbard bought interest of John Allardice

1945, (John) Allardice Mortuary took partner Ross Hibbard

1944, John Allardice purchased interest in Hall-Kelso Mortuary

1936-42, Hall-Kelso Funeral Home, George R.A. Hall, partner

1921, Kelso Mortuary

1892-1921, Trezise Undertaking & Livery (John G. & Georgina Trezise)

1944, Home Mortuary known as Hall-Kelso Mortuary now McClure Mortuary

Breckenridge, Colo.

1860 named for Vice President John Cabell Breckenridge by General Geo. E. Spencer

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1938-43, Chester C. Owens Mortuary, Nov 28, 1943 Mrs. L.C. Owens laid to rest in Breckenridge

1944-50, Lester C. Owens, Member CFDA

19____, Paul Stranahan Mortuary

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Brighton, Colo.

1887, Incorporated

1938-42, Allen Chapel and Funeral Home, A.T. Allen, Member CFDA

1910-50, Jones Mortuary

1899, Edmond G. Jones received 1st Embalmers License

1913, Edmond G. Jones, President of CFDA

1950-53, Hunter Mortuary, Marion F. Hunter purchased Jones Mortuary from Manzanola, Colo.

1953, Hunter Mortuary closed and Marion F. Hunter joined his brother Delmer E. Hunter, Hunter Funeral Home, Loveland, Colo.

1993 to present, Platte Valley Mortuary, owned by Mr. Gary Thomas

1942 to present, Rice Mortuary & Crematory

1942-65, Lyle G. and Leila K. Rice, from Denver, purchased then St. Augustine's Catholic Church and converted it into the Rice Mortuary. They had owned Rice Casket Co. in Denver 1934-42.

1965-82, Owned by Kenneth and Louise L. Rainey

1982-88, Owned by James W. Arthurs

1988 to present, Owned by 4th Generation Management Co.Inc.

1957-81, St. Germain's Colonial Mortuary, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack V. St. Germain

1981-82, Lewis Funeral Home, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Lewis. Mr. Lewis died 8-31-82.

Broomfield, Colo.

1993 to present, Rundus-Broomfield Funeral Home, owned by Vince and Jena Rundus, Broomfield residents.

Brush, Colo.

1882 founded on the Overland Trail, incorporated in 1884. It was a major cattle shipping point on the Burlington Railroad.

1913-29, Potter Mortuary, owned by Frank N. Potter, one of the CFDA founders of 1897, sold to Frances S. Jolliffe.

1929-34, Potter Mortuary, owned by Frances S. Jolliffe and wife. In 1934 the mortuary closed and moved to Ft. Morgan, Colo.

1934-44, the old mortuary was reopened as Brittell Funeral Home, owned by Cliff Brittell and his wife, who died in 1943. The 222 Cameron St. location, which is the present site of Heer Mortuary, was built in 1938.

1944-67, Brittell Funeral Home sold to Bert and Leona Freziers and renamed Freziers Funeral Home. The Freziers came from Laws Mortuary in Colorado Springs. Bert Freziers was a graduate of Worsham College in Chicago and served as CFDA President in 1954. He and his wife retired in 1967.

1967 - the mortuaries in Morgan County quit providing ambulance service. They gave their equipment to the county commissioners so the county could operate the ambulance service.

1967-79, Fraziers Funeral Home, owned by Charles W. Gale Jr. and his wife, Faye. Gale came to Brush in 1952, having worked for the Howard Mortuary in Denver after World War II. A graduate of Worsham College, he became a partner with Bert Freziers in 1962 and sole owner when the Freziers retired.

1979 to present, Heer Mortuary, owned by Donald G. and Carol Heer. Don Heer, a South Dakota native, and his wife moved to Brush on September 1, 1969. He started in the funeral service profession in Rapid City and graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. They both worked with Gale's Mortuary until July 1, when they purchased the mortuary. Don Heer served as CFDA President in 1987 and 1988.

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Buena Vista, Colo.

1879 Founded and incorporated

1933-46, F.L. Humphrey Funeral Home, Frank L. Humphrey died 1944

1946-62, Paul Stranahan purchased Humphrey Funeral Home and changed name to Stranahan Mortuary.

1946-63, Stranahan Mortuary, owned by Paul Stranahan

1963-77, Pauley Mortuary, owned by William R. Pauley

1977-88, Grimstad Mortuary, owned by Stuart T. Grimstad

1988 to present, Runyan Funeral Home, owned by Daniel Runyan

Burlington, Colo.

1888 City was founded

1992 to present, Hendricks-Love Mortuary, owned by Earnest and Lori Love

1984-92, Hendricks Mortuary, owned by Robert and Bonnie Hendricks (son of Wm. R.)

1945-84, Hendricks Mortuary, owned by Wm. R. and Mary Hendricks, he died 8-28-87

1945, Wm. R. and Mary Hendricks purchased Orin P. Penny who owned and operated a hardware store in addition to a mortuary and ambulance business.

Calhan, Colo.

1995 to present, Dove-Witt Mortuary, opened and closed same year by DeWayne Witt

Canon City, Colo.

Named Canon City in 1861 and incorporated in 1872. Canon City owns and operates Royal Gorge, the worlds highest suspension bridge, over 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River.

Wilson/Wilson Mortuary

1898-1963, Wilson Mortuary, owned by Wilson Family

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_____, Wilson Mortuary owned by A.G. Wilson (1894-1975)

1898 _____, Wilson Mortuary owned by A.E. Wilson (1852-1946)

1897, C.H. Whitmore one of CFDA founders

Scavarda/Canon/Holt/Dixon

1920-54, Scavarda Funeral Home, 422 Macon Ave., owned by John (19__-1953) & wife Mary Scavarda. Funeral home was completely remodeled in October 1938.

1954-66, Canon Mortuary, owned by Francis J. (19__-1996) & wife Dorene (19__-1993) Cervi.

1985 to present, Holt Family Funeral Home, 806 Macon Ave., owned by William C. Holt, Jr. Family.

1980-85, Holt-Dixon Funeral Home, owned by William C. Holt Jr. and Dalo Dixon.

1938-39, Home Mortuary, owned by C.C. Holt (1894-1952) from Florence, Colo.

1939-63, Holt Mortuary, owned by William C. Holt, Sr. (1915-1990)

1957, Holt Mortuary, owned by William C. Holt Sr. built new mortuary.

1963-72, Holt-Wilson Mortuary

1972-77, Holt-Wilson Almont, Inc.

1980, William C. Holt Jr. opened, 806 Macon Ave.,

1922-52, Cecil C. Holt Sr. (1894-1952) started in Florence and family sold to Frank V. Witty on his death.

1995-97, Wilson Almont, owned by Loewen, Inc.

1997 to present, Wilson-Andrews, Inc., owned by Loewen, Inc.

1978-95, Wilson Almont, owned by Almont Inc.

1972-78, Holt & Wilson Almont, Inc., owned by Almont, Inc.

1963-72, Holt & Wilson, owned by W.A. Wilson and W.C. Holt, Jr.

19__-40, Wilson & Son (A.E. Wilson- Bill Sr.)

1946 _____, Wilson Mortuary owned by W.A. Wilson (1918-1994)

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Andrews

1966-96, Andrews Funeral Home, owned by C. Douglas (1909-1996) and wife Helen J. Andrews (1912-1977).

1993-97, Andrews Funeral Home, owned by Timothy D. Andrews

1997 to present, Wilson-Andrews Funeral Home, 1449 So. 9th St., owned by Loewen, Inc., 422 Macon St., closed.

Castle Rock, Colo.

1994 to present, Andrews-Caldwell-Gibson Funeral Home, owned by S.C.I.

1984-94, Andrews-Caldwell-Gibson Funeral Home, bought Mr. & Mrs. John Andrews

1920-38, Livingston Funeral Home, Samuel Livingston

1938-76, Andrews Mortuary, owned by Mr. & Mrs. C. Douglas Andrews, purchased for Samuel Livingston

1976-84, Andrews Mortuary, owned by son John Andrews now Fr.(Episcopel)John Andrews

1994, Robert G. Gibson - Loys G. & wife Mattie Caldwell sold to S.C.I.

1996 to present, Drinkwine Family Mortuary, built new and opened by Drinkwine family ___

Cedaredge, Colo.

1996 to present, Taylor Funeral Service Inc., owned by Chalmer S. Swain & wife Margaret

1979-85, W. Arthur Wolverton, family continued Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1985, Chalmer S. Swain began purchasing interest in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1994, Chalmer S. Swain became 1/3 owner in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1996, Chalmer S. Swain and wife Margaret purchased full ownership

1972-96, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by W. Arthur Wolverton family

1985-96, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by Wolverton family & Chalmers Swain

1913-72, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by Taylor family (Harry, Fern, Glen, Ola and Roe Taylor) and sold to W. Arthur Wolverton family.

1984, Fall, Wolverton family purchased "Palmer House" 290 N. Grand Mesa Drive and continued Taylor Funeral Service at that location.

Geneologically listed as being associated in Funeral Service:

1910, Virgil Atchison

1915, Claude Cline

1920, Cedaridge Hardware

1992 to present, Mesa View Mortuary, owned by Raymond Lyle and wife Alice Penick

Central City, Colo

1860, Central City established by miner's form of self-government

1862, City Hall a log cabin

1878, Height of booming mining town

18 __, __. Harris Undertakers, today you can still see name Harris Undertakers painted on front of a building on main street of Central City

1897, Robert Harris, owner, and one of Association founders

19 __, __. George Hamllik - owner

Collbran, Colo

18 __ -1957 Clifford C. McDaniel, owner of McDaniel Mortuary, former mayor, President of Collbran School Board and Graduate of Collbran Union High School.

18 __ -19 __ Adelia Johnson McDaniel, wife of Clifford and owner of McDaniel Mortuary

19 __, 57, Clifford C. McDaniel - died, paid member CFDA 1940-44-45:50.

19 __ -198 __ Mike McDaniel, son of Clifford and Adelia, dies of heart attack. (All family burials from Martin Mortuary in Grand Junction in Colorado.

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19__-19__ Daughters of Clifford and Adelia still living in Colorado--Carolyn living near Grand Junction and Janet McDaniel Barnes lives in Mesa.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

1852, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific (CRI&P) chartered and built the first railroad from Colorado-Kansas border to Colorado Springs.

1859, Pikes Peak Gold Rush. Included district of Victor and Cripple Creek.

1871, June 21, Established as "Little London" on property at and around the Springs owned by (General) William Jackson Palmer (1836-1909) a veteran of the Civil War. Property purchased from the Federal Government at \$.80 an acre. He was one of the founders and builders of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. The first north south Railroad from Denver to the Arkansas River near Pueblo, on iron rails from Great Britain.

1873, Colorado College founded, is the States best endowed private school, by Gen. Palmer and proud Coloradoens

1883, Colorado Midland Railroad founded by Colorado Springs entrepreneurs, expired in 1922.

However, Midland terminal between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek was not abandoned until 1948.

1902, Winfield Scott Stratton (1848-1902), once a poor carpenter died in Cripple Creek, leaving \$6 million to establish the Myron Stratton Home for Aged indigents in Colorado Springs.

1918, Broadmoor "Camp Cure" Hotel opened by Spencer Penrose (1865-1934). A \$40 million estate formed the base of the El Pomar Foundation. Julie Villiers Lewis McMillen (1870-1956) married Spencer Penrose in London on April 26, 1906. They moved back to Colorado Springs from London in 1923.

1954, United States Air Force Academy site selected of 17,878 acres, C. Harry Blunt, Sr. Mayor. 1955 dedicated. 1958 moved to present site from Lowry A.F. Base - Denver.

1988 to present, Alpine Mortuary Service, 1837 N. Nevada Ave., owned by Jim and Paula Capadona

1988 to present, Alternative Funeral and Cremation Service, 28 E. Willamette, owned by Jerry Mitchler

1996 to present, Angelus Chapel, 2535 Airport Road, owned by Charles and Frank McCulley

1897-1935, Beyle Brothers Undertaking, 16 E. Kiowa

1917, Edwin T. Beyle (18__-1949), President of CFDA, held Colorado license #1 at time of death in California

1935, Sold to Nolan Funeral Home and closed.

18__-1859, Blakeley Funeral Home, 24 & Pikes Peak

1859, Sold to Boone

1992 to present, Blunt Mortuary, 2229 W. Colorado Ave., Milton Steinkruger, Proprietor

1967-1992, owned by Edward S. Shouse (1917-__)

1942-1967, owned by C. Harry Blunt Sr. (1904-1966) and wife Anne Hoag Blunt (1911-1996)

1920-1942, owned by George E. Blunt (1867-1942) and wife Nellie Tinkham Blunt (18__-19__)

1940-1942, Blunt & Son Mortuary, 2229 W. Colorado Ave.,

1936, Blunt Mortuary built new mortuary at 23rd & W. Colorado Ave.,

moved 3 blocks from across the street from then old Colorado State Capitol Building, 24th & Pike Avenue.

1952, C. Harry Blunt, President of CFDA

1951-1957, C. Harry Blunt, Mayor of Colorado Springs after serving 18 years on the City Council.

1859-1920, Boone Mortuary, Pikes Pear Ave. & 25th, sold to George E. Blunt

18__-18__, Carrington Undertaking, Kiowa & Cascade

1897, E.E. Carrington, on of CFDA Founders

1906-1936, Chapman Mortuary, corner of Cascade & Bijou St., owned by Thomas N. Chapman

1897, Thomas N. Chapman, one of CFDA Founders

1958-1977, Chapel of Memories, 829 So. Hancock

1950, Built and owned by John R. Remple

1958-1968, owned by Consolidated Industries, Inc., Dallas Dougherty

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1968-1972, owned by Consolidated Industries, Inc. and Charles R. Nolan, Sr.
1972, sold to Swan-Law Mortuary. Stanley Newman, C.E.O.
1977, sold to S.C.I. by Stanley Newman, C.E.O., consolidation of Chapel of Memories, Law Mortuary and Swan Funeral Home
1996 to present, Colorado Mortuary, Inc. 3407 N. Elpaso, owned by Jerry Mitchler and Jim and Paul Capadona
1996 to present, Colorado Mortuary Service, 3407 N. Elpaso, owned by Jim and Paul Capadona and Jerry Mitchler
19__-19__, Decker-Dietz-Remple Mortuary, 100 N. Weber St., Mr. Mayhew Dietz owner, licensed in 1922
1951, Decker-Dietz-Remple Mortuary sold to John S. Remple
1901-1935, Decker & Son Mortuary, 225 N. Weber St.
1938, Feb. M.J. Decker of Decker Mortuary issued his Honorary Life Membership in CFDA, and son Dooley E. Decker issued his father's active CFDA membership
1951, Matthew J. Decker (1877-1951), Decker Mortuary sold to John S. Remple, Remple Mortuary
19__-19__, Decker Fluid Company owned by Dooley E. Decker (1903-1981) 100 blk N. Weber St.,
1935, Deckers & Son Mortuary sold to Mr. & Mrs Charles R. Nolan, Sr.
1972 to present, Evergree Funeral Home, 1830 E. Fountain, built and owned by Mrs. Marjorie Swan Replogle (1925-1997) and Milton E. Steinkruger
1897, R.J. Fleming, one of CFDA Founders
18__-1913, Farley Mortuary, E. Pikes Peak Ave.
1913, purchased by David F. Law
1927-1975, Hunter Mortuary, founded by Samue E. Hunter Sr. (18__-19__-closed by son Samuel C. Hunter, Jr.
1913-1977, Law Mortuary, 116 N. Nevada Ave.,
1913-1921, Farley and David F. Law jointly in business
18__-1913, Farley Mortuary purchased by David F. Law (18__-19__) and wife _____
1921-1959, Son, Russell D. Law (18__-1979) joined business
1946-1959, Daughter, Eva Law Vessey and husband Bernard Vessey joined business
1948-1959, Jean Vessey Burnam and husband Robert W. Burnam (1921-1971) joined business

1959, Russell D. Law sold to Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Burnam and Stanley Newman
1974, Mrs. Robert W. (Jean V.) Burnam sold to Stanley Newman
1977, Stanley Newman, C.E.O., sold to S.C.I., consolidation of Law Mortuary, Swan Funeral Home and Chapel of Memories.
1941, Bernard Vessey, President of CFDA
1955, Robert W. Burnam, President of CFDA
1973 and 1974, Kermit K. Koester-Mortician Mgr, President of CFDA
1992 to present, McMearn Mortuary, 2555 Chelton Rd., owned and operated by Rev. James and Wife Mary McMearn
18__-1897, A.C. Millard & Co., 16 E. Kiowa, Colorado City
1897, sold to Beyle Brothers
1907, M.E. Minum - genelogically listed
1979 to present, Mission Crematory, 930 S. Hancock, owned by Blunt, Evergreen, Nolan Funeral Home and Spence Monument Co.
1980 to present, Mortuary Service Co., 1830 E. Fountain Blvd., owned by Eugene Smith
1992 to present, Mountain View Mortuary & Crematory, 2350 Montbello Square Dr., owned by Mountain View Mortuary, Inc.
1935 to present, Nolan Funeral Home, Inc, 225 N. Weber
1897-1935, Beyle Brothers, 16 E. Kowa, Colorado City, sold to Charles R. Nolan, Sr. (18__-1974) and wife Lena E. Nolan (18__-1978) 1st licenced female in State of New Mexico. Came from Las Vegas, New Mexico for health reasons. They were one of New Mexico Funeral Directors Assn. founders.

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1901 to present, Nolan Funeral Home built and occupies
1974-1978, owned by sons Joseph E. Nolan and Charles R. Nolan Jr.
1978, Joseph E. Nolan purchased brothers interest and sole owner
1983, Mrs. Neva Nolan, wife of Joseph E. Nolan, part owner
1996 to present, Pikes Peak Funeral and Cremation Service, 3825 Airport Road, owned by S.C.I.
1995 to present, Professional Mortuary Service, Inc., 3475 Astrozon Ct.,
1995-1996, owned by Bill Powell
1996 to present, name change to Colorado Mortuary, Inc. owned by S.C.I.
1950-1958, Remple Mortuary, 839 S. Hancock, owned by John S. Remple
1958-1977, name change to Chapel of Memories
1968-1977, owned by Consolidated Industries Inc, Dallas Dougherty
1968-1972, owned by Consolidated Industries Inc. & Charles R. Nolan Sr.
1972, sold to Swan-Law Mortuaries, Stanley Newman, C.E.O.
1977, sold to S.C.I. by Stanley Newman, C.E.O.
1979 to present, Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd.
1967-1979, built Evergreen Park Mausoleum and Mr. Costas Rombocos, C.E.O.
1979, name change to Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home
1980-1995, Sunset Chapel Mortuary, 3825 Airport Rd., owned by Robert A. "Bob" Crist until 1985
1985-1996, owned by Morelan, Inc.
1996 to present, name change to Pikes Peak Funeral & Cremation Service, owned by S.C.I.
1907-1974, Swan Funeral Home, founded and owned by George E. Swan (18__-1935) and wife Dora E. Swan (18__-19__)
1935, sons Paul D. Swan (18__-19_-) wife Francis H. Swan ()
Howard F. Swan (18__-19__) wife Ethel B. Swan ()
19__, Howard's daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Swan Replogle
19__, Mrs. Replogle sold to Stanley Newman, C.E.O.
1977, Stanley Newman sold to S.C.I., consolidation of Swan Funeral Home, Law Mortuary and Chapel of Memories
1974 to present, Swan-Law Funeral Directors, 501 N. Cascade, owned by S.C.I. since 1977
1980, New mortuary built by S.C.I. consolidating Swan Funeral Home, Law Mortuary and Chapel of Memories/Memorial Gardens
1989, Joe Ashford, President of CFDA
1879-1880, D.B. Westerfield & Co., Colorado City, geneologically listed.
1936-19__, R. Waldron Mortuary, Cascade & Bijou streets, bought out T.N. Chapman
1996 to present, Winston-Gadlin Mortuary, 2926 E. Fountain Ave., owned by Mr. Frankie Gadlin

Center, Colo.

19___. W. Edward Sharp Mortician or Wood Memorial Chapel, (Center branch), owned by Ed Sharp, Lamar, Colo.

Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

1892 Cheyenne County jail built
1908 Cheyenne County Court House built
1992 to present, Hendricks-Love Mortuary, owned by Ernest and Lori Love who purchased from Robert Hendricks
1982-92, Hendricks Mortuary, owned by Robert Hendricks
1922-63, Brentlinger Mortuary, owned by Albert H. Brentlinger (1894-1963)
1953-63, Brentlinger Mortuary, owned by Albert H. Brentlinger Jr.(1916-1997) and wife, Mary Helen Ortez Brentlinger.
1982, Robert Hendricks purchased Brentlinger Mortuary and name change to Hendricks Mortuary
1946-63, Ownership a partnership of Albert H. Jr & Albert H. Brentlinger Sr.
1922, Albert H. Brentlinger Sr. purchased Dallas Cox Mortuary

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18or19?-22, Dallas Cox Mortuary

Commerce City, Colo.

1989 to present, Aspen Mortuary-Crematory, owned by Robert L. Black

1987-89, Sprentz Mortuary, owned by Lou Sprentz

1983,87, Commerce City Funeral Home, owned by a corporation managed by Kevin Litsey

Conifer, Colo.

1995 to present, Evergreen Memorial Park, Funeral Home and Crematory, owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

Cortez, Colo.

1887 Founded

1902 Incorporated

1900's to 1920's, Alfred Fullen Hood, Durango - owned Funeral homes in Mancos, Cortez, Silverton, Dolores, Colo., and Aztec, New Mexico.

1921 to present, Ertel Funeral Home, 42 N. Market St.

1926 Razed old mortuary, built and occupied since, now on Colorado National Historical Buildings Register

1921-63, owned by Mr.&Mrs. John Walter Ertel (1892-1962), Colo. licensed 1921

1963-93, owned by Mr.&Mrs. Walter E. Ertel, Colo. licensed 1950

1993 to present, owned by Mr.&Mrs. Keenen G. Ertel, 3rd generation, Colo. licensed 1980

1996 to date, Cortez Four Corners Funeral Service, owned by Mark O'Riely

Craig, Colo.

1909, Incorporated in honor of Rev. Bayard Craig by founder W.H. Tucker

19__ to present, Grant Mortuary, 621 Yampa, owned by Owen A. & wife Kim A. Grant

19__ - __, Grant Mortuary, owned by founder _____

19__ - __, Grant Mortuary, owned by sons Bruce Grant and William Grant

19__ - __, Robacker Home Mortuary, owned by I.J. Robacker

19__ - __, Zobel Funeral Home, owned by J. Bruce Zobel (bought Robacker) from Oak Creek, Colo.

Crested Butte, Colo.

1880 Incorporated when coal discovered and sustained town for 60 years

1881-1900, Miller Furniture and Undertaking, owned by Adam Miller from Germany 1881

18__,1881, Matkovich Undertaking, owned by A.J. Matkovich, sold to Miller

19__ to middle Feb. 1939, Crested Butte Mortuary

1895 Adam Miller's son George Miller married Susie Julian

Cripple Creek, Colo

1891, Cripple Creek was platted.

1892 Gold discovered

1892 formally known as Fremont renamed and incorporated

1897, George R.A. Hall, one of CFDA Founders

1899 to 1918, had supported 72 Lawyers, 60 Doctors and 39 Real Estate agents. During "Gold Rush"

1880's days the community had Mortuary and several cemetaries, they vanished

as most miners left the community when gold mining became a non paying activity

Cripple Creek-Victor District

1895-1900, William S. Woods Mortuary, Mr. & Mrs. Woods returned to Monte Vista, Colo.

1900 The world's richest gold camp

19__ to present, Mountain Memorial Service, owned and operated by Mountain View Mortuary, Inc.

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1907-20, Blunt Mortuary, Cripple Creek-Victor District

1920's, The golden days of Cripple Creek, population of over 10,000, were brought to an end due to frequent flooding of the mines. Over half of Colorado gold came from Cripple Creek.

1930's, First paved roads between Cripple Creek and Victor-thanks largely to federal funding of New Deal Programs.

19__-49, Law Mortuary (Branch), partner James L. McMillen (died Aug. 1947) associated with Law Mortuary for 18 years with Russell D. Law and Bernard Vessey

1949, Law and Vessey sold holdings to Mr. James McMillen and Wesley Primm, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. McMillen.

1953, McMillen Funeral Home Member CFDA.

1991, Colorado limited-stakes gambling brought a new boom and rejuvenation of many historic structures.

Del Norte, Colo.

Confirmed artifacts found in the area date back to 8000 B.C., 1871 platted. 1872 Incorporated. 1923 Del Norte Potato Growers Cooperative formed.

1989 to present, Olme & Sharp Funeral Home, Inc., 1110 6th st., owned by Robert W. Olme.

1980-88, Chambers & Sharp Funeral Home, owned by Duane K. & Janette Chambers.

1973-80, Rogers & Sharp Funeral Home, owned by Jerry Rogers (1944-1979)

1950-73, Sharp & Doney Mortuary, owned by Joe W. Doney and W. Edward Sharp (19__-1996).

1948-72, Sharp Funeral Home, owned by W. Edward Sharp

1973-78, Doney Funeral Home, owned by Joe W. Doney and sold to Jerry Rogers.

19__-__, Burress Funeral Home, owned by Howard Burress

1944-48, _____

1938-44, Wells-Burress, owned by Georja F. Wells and Howard Burress 1944-__, Burress Funeral Home, Burress purchased Wells interest and changed name to Burress.

19__-40, Buckley Mortuary

1940, Wells and Burress purchased Buckley Mortuary

1937-48, Woods Mortuary, owned by Billie and Myrtle Woods

8-1-38, Mr. & Mrs. John Allerdice of the Woods Mortuary vacationing in Yellowstone Park.

1943, Arthur B. Gjellum in WWII

1948, W. Edward Sharp, President CFDA

Delta, Colo.

1830, Founded on site of a Trappers Fort, Incorporated in 1882

Taylor Mortuary/Butler/Swain/Wolverton

1901-13, Butler Bros. Undertaking & Furniture Store, bought by Glen Taylor (died 1944)

1913-72, Taylor Funeral Service, owned by Taylor Family (Harry & Fern, Glen & Ola) & Roe

1939-49, Tripp Funeral Service, owned by Maurice E. Tripp

1949, Tripp Funeral Service, bought by Taylor Family and closed

1944, Glenn Oliver Taylor returned from WWII after having given business to O.G. Taylor (18__, 1944)

1944, Harry Taylor back from WWII, Roe helped O.G.

1947, Mrs. Ola Taylor, wife of O.G., sold to Roe & Harry Taylor

1971, Roe Taylor retired

1990, W. Arthur Wolverton, President of CFDA

1996, Craig W. Wolverton (son), President of CFDA

1972, Nov. Arth Wolverton and family moved to Western Slope from Denver where Art Wolverton with Moore Mortuary 1964-92. Moved to Hotchkiss and worked Taylor Funeral Service - current owners were Harry & Fern Taylor

1979, Arth & Betty Wolverton completed purchase of Taylor Funeral Service from Harry & Fern Taylor.

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1985, Wolverton family continued Taylor Funeral Service Inc. 1979-85.
1985, Chalmer S. Swain began purchasing interest in Taylor Funeral Service
1991, Craig A. Wolverton joined business-ownership
1992, Wolverton family purchased Church of the Nazarene - 800 Palmer St., Delta and converted to a Mortuary under name of Taylor Funeral Service
1994, Chalmer S. Swain became 1/3 owner in Taylor Funeral Service
1992-96, owned by Wolverton's & Chalmer Swain
1993, Eric A. Wolverton joined business-ownership
1996 to present, Taylor Funeral Service, owned by Chalmer S. Swain and wife Margaret

Delta Mortuary/Remley/Martin

1919-29, Delta Mortuary, owned by T.E. Remley (died 6-30-39)
1934, T.E. Remley returned to Delta and operated Delta Memorial Chapel for a few years. Retired due to ill health.
1929-37, Delta Mortuary, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Martin
1937-50, Delta Mortuary, owned by A.R. McCormick, purchased property from Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Martin
1947, Mr. & Mrs. A.R. McCormick moved into new mortuary
1944, A.R. McCormick, President of CFDA (died 7-3-50)
1950-54, Delta Mortuary, owned by Mr. Edward A. & wife Helen Martin
1952, Homer Veatch purchased 1/2 interest in Delta Mortuary
1954, Purchased land 1/2 for Edward Martin
1954-59, Delta Mortuary, owned by Homer Veatch, sold to M. Roberts family 1959
1959-92, Roberts Mortuary, Mr.& Mrs. Myrl Roberts purchased Lamar Funeral Home and Delta Mortuary merger - Roberts Mortuary
1938-52, Lamar (Quincy Lamar) Funeral Home, purchased by Mr.& Mrs. M. Roberts on Main Street & Delta Mortuary consolidated into Roberts Mortuary
1952-82, Delta Mortuary, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Myrle D. Roberts
1982-92, Delta Mortuary, owned and operated by son Wayne E. Roberts
Mesa View/Penick
1985 to present, Mesa View Mortuary (now Mesa View Mortuary-Cemetery, since 1992), 682 1725 Road, opened and operated by Raymond Lyle and wife Alice Penick,
1985, Ray & Alice Penick built new mortuary at 682 1725 Road, Delta 1992, Roberts Bldg. owned by Ray & Alice Penick, closed, at 4th & Howard St.,
1967, Myrle D. Roberts, President CFDA
1993, Raymond L. Penick, President CFDA

Geneologically listed as being associated in Funeral Service from Delta: 1900, J.C. Gale; 1905, Gear and Clark; 1905, W.H. Dominy; 1910, H.W. Carroll; 1910, G.T. While or G.T. White; 1920, Clifford Hopson; 1930, Homeland

Denver, Colo.

Nov. 1, 1858, Three brothers, William G., Oliver, and Levi _____ and a few other prospectors from Auraria, Georgia founded Auraria City
Nov. 22, 1858, The rival camp of Denver City is founded on the northeast bank of Cherry Creek.
Nov. 22, 1858 Founder William H. Larimer, Jr. Named town for Kansas Territorial Governor, James W. Denver.
1858, Gold was discovered in Cherry Creek near Denver. 1860, June, enough Physicians had arrived in Cherry Creek area to create the Jefferson Medical Society, physicians paying \$3 each. A city hospital has also been organized that year.

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1860's Larimer had Platted Denver City with streets parallel to Cherry Creek. Only after Denver began to bloom in the 1870's were outlying areas platted to conform to federal land grids based on cardinal compass points.

1860, July 4, Auraria and Denver City merged at the confluence of Cherry Creek and South Plate River. Auraria died and city dropped. Today, Denver, Colorado.

1863, Winter morning on April 19, 1863 a fire burned out of control in Denver and before the Volunteer Fire companies managed to stop its advance the flames had destroyed 70 buildings in the heart of the city. Next year on May 20, 1864 the waters of Cherry Creek rose and a "Wall of Water" swept down the valley, another and worse disaster.

1861, U.S. Congress declared the Colorado Territory and Denver Incorporated.

1870, First Railroad reaches Denver

1876, Colorado - 38th State admitted into the Union

1878, Four hotels in Denver hosted 25,000 visitors

1880, University of Denver and Seminary opened

1889 John J. Walley--a long lived pioneer had an undertaking parlor, now known as the Barnum Building at 1412 Larimer Street.

1890 Population 106,713, larger than Los Angeles

1893 Flush times ended with silver crash

1900's Prior to 1907 street names and numbers (addresses) were changed to conform to today's system, abandoning the "spoke and wheel" model of diagonal avenues and streets

1997-Present, Alejandro Cruz became owner of Funeralis-Alejandro Cruz at 3020 Federal.

I.N. Rogers -- I.N. Rogers Undertakers

1874, As early as 1874 the Colorado Funeral Directors Association met at I.N. Rogers "Undertakers". The firm of I.N. Rogers Undertakers reportedly buried 3 former Colorado Governors from Lake County, Colorado:

John. L. Routt	1876-1879
James B. Grant	1883-1885
Jesse F. McDonald	1905-1907

According to "Denver 1895, The Book of Odd Fellowship in Colorado," Isaac N. Rogers was born Feb. 28, 1842 at Vicksburg, Tenn. came to Denver in the fall of the year 1871, and with the exception of the years 1879, 1880 and 1881, during which he resided in Leadville. Denver has been his home ever since. For many years he has been engaged in the Undertaking business. The firm of I.N. Rogers & Son having long been at the head of the profession in the Rocky Mountain Region. Colo. I.N. Rogers, P.G. Rep."

Excerpts from a student research at Arapahoe College Mortuary Science School, Arapahoe Jr. College, Littleton, Colo.

"Denver lore - Unknown person" "Dr. August Renouard, born in New Orleans, Louisiana (1839-1912) joined the Confederate forces (Civil War) as a surgeon. After the war he practiced Pharmacy in St. Louis and Chicago until the great fire of 1871 and lost everything. He came to Denver to practice Medicine, Cabinet and Undertaking business, which commissioned him to send embalmed bodies of early settlers back to their homes in the East. "Western Wilderness/Civilized Cemeteries of the East." Pinchtoe, modeled a form fitting box - there was a shortage of caskets, as all had to come stage freight - supply and demand. He struck on a brilliant idea. He decided that caskets recently buried would be in good condition so he salvaged them at night. A stage-freight driver became suspicious, he had not been hauling this type casket for sometime. A committee kept watch and found him digging up graves, he left town at Sunrise. Dr. Renouards knowledge of Chemistry and Anatomy enabled him to compound fluids. Settlers bodies were so well preserved. Undertakers came from around the Country to receive instruction. In 1874 he created Denver Embalming Seminary, in the rear of a Denver establishment at 1408 Larimer, then moved to 1221 Wazee St., which was called Colorado Casket Co., later known as Empire Casket Co., owned by Olingers. Training was 3-4 days. Circa 1890."

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Rocky Mountain News of Feb. 23, 1914:

John J. Walley, born 1826, in Albany, N.Y., yesterday, John J. Walley, oldest active undertaker in the United States, first undertaker in Denver and Colorado, celebrated his own "88" birthday at his home at 1457 Washington Street, Denver. At the age of 31 he moved to Davenport, Iowa, where he practiced the trade of cabinet maker. Three years later he came to Denver in a 4-horse wagon and since then has been a permanent resident.

Auguste Renouard, a frenchman, who invented embalming, worked for me in my first place of business in Auraria, across Cherry Creek and conducted his first experiments in the back of the cabin. He made a name for himself later and went to New York and established a school for undertakers. His son runs it now. He got his first idea from an old French book by the Priests, hundreds of years ago. Twenty-six years ago I went into business with R.P. Rollins at 140 S. Larimer St., and we have been there since. There's a plate glass window in that store now that was brought from St. Joseph, Missouri, in an Ox team by D.K. Wall, who used to own the building. It was the first plate glass window west of the Mississippi. "How many people have I buried?" Well, it's pretty hard to tell. Fifty-three years is a long time. Somewhere around 5,000, I reckon."

Walley-Rollins:

1860-1914, Walley-Rollins Undertakers, 140 S. Larimer, owned by John J. Walley and R.P. Rollins. John J. Walley, original trade that of a cabinet maker.

Miller:

1882, C.M. Miller Mortuary 1741 Lawrence

18__ , C.M. Miller Mortuary 1741 Curtis St.,

19__-15, C.M. Miller Mortuary, 800 E. Colfax, C.M. Miller sold to Charles g. Bengston.

1897, B.j. Dibble, one of CFDA founders

1910, Frank Miller, 1426 Lawrence St.,

Olinger:

1890 to present, Olinger Mortuaries, 2600 16th St.,

1987 to present, owned by S.C.I., Houston, Texas

1890-1908, Olinger Mortuary, founded by John W. (1851-1901) and wife Emma (1861-1932) Olinger, coming from Santa Fe, N.M. at 15th & Platte St.

1908, 2600 16th St., first building built as a mortuary in the Rocky Mountain Region.

1900-__, operated by Emma and Son George W. Olinger Sr., George W. Olinger Sr. (1882-1954) and wife Margaret (1881-1968).

1930's-44, owned by Joseph E. Bona and wife, Joseph E. Bona (1887-1978) from Chicago, Ill.

1944- ownership partnership of Olinger, Bona and VanDerbur families Francis S. VanDerbur (1907-1984) Victor ct., managing partner.

1959, Olinger Mortuaries Inc., Francis S. VanDerbur, Pres. wife Gwendolyn Olinger VanDerbur (1908-1996)

1908, built Olinger Mortuary (16th & Boulder) 2600 16th St,

1930, bought Yeager Mortuary, Speer & Sherman, 1981 sold

1951, built Magnolia & E. Colfax

1953, bought former Joss Mortuary, 2775 So. Broadway

1963, bought Tower of Memories with Crematory, built 1926

1949-85, Olinger Life Insurance Co.

1963, bought Eastlawn Cemetery

1963, built Evergreen Cemetery

1963, built Mt. Lindo Cemetery and Mausoleum

1986, bought Highlands Cemetery and Mortuary

1985, bought Chapel Hills Cemetery

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1970, converted George W. Olinger Sr., residence to Wadsworth Chapel.
1987, bought Noonan-Bettman Mortuary
1985, all properties sold to Morlan International, Inc.
1987, Morlan International Inc, sold all properties to S.C.I.
1963, Mt. Lindo Cemetery, "A Cemetery on top of a Mountain about a 20 minute drive west of Denver, from which shine, at night, the largest electrically-lighted cross in the world,"
1917, "Probably most famous of Olinger Funeral was the service of Colonel William F. Cody "Buffalo Bill". He died in Denver on Jan. 10, 1917, was placed in a receiving vault at Olinger-16th & Boulder Streets-and on June 3, 1917 was buried atop Lookout Mountain, above Golden, Colorado."
1917, George W. Olinger Sr. founder and President, N.S.M.
1970, Jan, John J. Horan joined staff of more than 100 people. 5th generation of Olinger Service.
1983, John J. Horan, President Olinger Mortuaries, Inc.

Horan/Horan& McConaty:

1890-1955, W.P. Horan Mortuary, 1527 Cleveland Pl., owned by William "Paul" Horan Sr. (1866-1930).
1887-1890, E.P. McGovern Undertakers sold to W.P. Horan.
1897, E.P. McGovern, one of CFDA founders
1890, established 1440 Curtis St.,
1907, moved to 1527 Cleveland Pl., in a new building
1906, Horan Mortuary founded by W.P. Horan, Sr.
1915, W.P. Horan, President CFDA
1929, W.P. Horan Jr., President CFDA
1953, R. Paul Horan appointed to serve on NFDA Education Committee
1914-55, W.P. Horan & Sons. W.P. Horan Jr. joined firm and firm name change.
1939-55, sons - William P. Horan Jr. and R. Paul Horan - owners
1929, R. Paul Horan admitted to the firm, Regis College graduate
1926, W.P. Horan Mortuary Incorporated under Colo. Law, W.P. Horan & Son, Inc.
1897, W.P. Horan Sr., one of CFDA founders
1955, Horan & Sons Mortuary, 1527 Cleveland Pl., family owned and operated until property sold to Webb & Knapp's Inc., builders of then Hilton Hotel, now Adams-Mark Hotel.
1956, March, Tri-State Mortician - 1890 partnership, Murphy & Horan-contemporaneously with the opening of Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Horan established an "Undertaking Parlor" in the old Charles block at 15th & Curtis St., within a few years he moved to a new location, the old Law Hotel building at 18th & Stout.
William Paul Horan, Sr. (1866-1930)
William Paul Horan, Jr. (1893-1971) "Bill"
R. Paul Horan (1905-1963) "Percy"
1956-58, Horan & Sons Mortuary Services from Bullock Mortuary, 1375 E. Hampden. All records in Western History section of Denver Public Library.
1996 to present, Horan-McConaty Funeral Service & Cremation, "Family owned since 1890" John J. Horan, President
1919 to present, 3020 Federal Blvd., land lease
1958 to present, 1091 S. Colorado Blvd., land lease
1995 to present, 3201 S. Parker Rd., owner
1996 to present, 3101 S. Wadsworth Blvd., owner
1919-86, Boulevard Mortuary, 3020 Federal Blvd., owned by James P. McConaty (1880-1942) wife Clara Litmer McConaty (1884-1972) son James F. McConaty (1920-1983) "Jimmy", son Joseph P. McConaty (1921-living) "Joe", wife Helen McConaty (1923-1992).
1939, Boulevard Mortuary joined CFDA
1900, James P. McConaty and wife Clara came to Denver from South Park, Colo. from Boston, Mass. with health problems.

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189_-1900, Hartford-McConaty Mortuary, 3020 Federal, owned by James P. McConaty and Dennis M. Hartford.

1919, James P. McConaty built present 3020 Federal

1982-87, Harold P. Woods, Manager

1979, Harold P. Woods, President of CFDA

Late 1950's firm name change from Boulevard Mortuary to McConaty's Boulevard Mortuary.

1986 to present, Horan & McConaty Mortuary, 3020 Federal Blvd., John J. Horan, President.

Fairmount Cemetery and Mortuary:

1890, Fairmount Cemetery opens with Ivy Chapel completed

1940, new Fairmount Crematory opened.

1876, Denver Riverside Cemetery opens

1893-1930, Fairmount Funeral train/trolley goes from E. Colfax and Broadway to Cemetery and back.

1965 to present, Fairmount Mortuary, 430 S. Quebec, owned by Fairmount Cemetery Association, Inc., on grounds of Fairmount Cemetery, dedicated 1890.

1994, Steve Trevino, President CFDA

1994 to present, Family Funeral Care of Hampden, 8600 E. Hampden, owned and built by S.C.I.

1985-87, property owned by Morlan Int., Inc.

1987 to present, property owned by S.C.I.

Howard/Moore Howard

1917-49, Howard Mortuaries, Inc., 1901 E. Colfax, owned and founded by Thomas Baugh (1880-1940) and wife Loula M. (1880-1972) Howard

1949-70, built new facility by Howard family at 1201 E. 17th, Howards Park Chapel.

1970, all Howard properties bought by S.C.I.

1960, built Berkeley Park Chapel, 4345 W. 46th

1976, Merger of Howards into Moore Howard Mortuary

1975, E.17th & Marion St., Howard Mortuary closed.

1970, Moore Howard Mortuary Cremation & Florist, 800 E. 17th Ave., owned by S.C.I.

1940-65, Chester Howard, President, Howard Life Ins. Co.

1965-73, Ray R. Fox, President, Howard Life Ins. Co.

1973-82, Aly Kisselman, President, Howard Life Ins. Co.

1982-94, Brian L. Howard, President, Howard Life Ins. Co., sold

1909-96, Robert J. Howard, wife Eleanore (1915-____)

1913-__, Helen Howard Huffsmith, husband Guinn Huffsmith (1907-1987).

1950-52, Hagins Funeral Home, Pearl & E. Colfax, owned by Wesley W. Hagins (1901-1965) and wife Jeanette H. Hagins (1903____).

Feldman Mortuary:

1936 to present, Feldman Mortuary, 1673 York St., 4th generation ownership & operation of Sam Feldman (1890-1937) family.

1936, Samuel J. Feldman, brother of Denver Fire Chief, Alfred A. "Allie" (1892-1983) Feldman purchased Quinn-Smith Mortuary

1937-80, owned by Aaron L. Cohen, son-in-law of Sam Feldman

1950, completed addition of a Chapel.

1980 to present, operated by Aaron's son Stephen J. Cohen.

19__ - __, Berry Funeral Home, 2202 Ogden St., owned by Adam S. Berry

1915-53, Bengston Home Mortuary, 800 E. Colfax

1943, March, Charles J. Bengston in business in Denver 39 years. Charles G. Bengston (1875-1965) & wife Martha M. Bengston (1890-1974), owned by Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Bengston.

1935, Charles G. Bengston, President, Denver Funeral Directors Association.

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18__-1915, C.M. Miller Mortuary purchased by Charles G. Bengston
1984 to present, Caldwell-Kirk Mortuary, 2101 Marion, owned by Elvin R. Caldwell Jr. family, purchased from Mrs. Ruby Kirk Gray
1914-16, Cammel Mortuary, 2807 Welton
1916-__, Cammel Mortuary, 2418 Welton St., owned by Emmet Vance Cammel (1878-1938) and wife Ruby E. Cammel Byrd (1899-1984)
1972, Mrs. Cammel sold to Adam W. Berry.
1972-__, Berry Mortuary, 2202 Ogden
1927, Emmet Vance Cammel expanded business to Pueblo, Colo. and incorporated.
19__, Alva Jones bought Cammel Mortuary, Pueblo, Colo.
1995 to present, Capilla de Los Angeles Mortuary, 2406 Federal, owned by S.C.I.
1946-88, Capitol Mortuaries Inc., 112 E. 14th Ave
1946, Douglas H. Buck (1905-1993) and wife Mildred Meyer Buck purchased building and ____ of Meyer Mortuary.
_____, Chapel Mortuary _____
1951, Chapel of the Angels, 7177 W. Colfax, 1988, James Jay Brown-(George)Runyan-(Harry G.) Stevenson Mortuary.
1964, Chapel of the Chimes, 1331 Sherman - 1982 Real Estate
1964, Chapel of the Flowers, W. 54th & Wadsworth by-pass - 1982 Bank.
Early 1900's, Capitol Mortuary Inc., 112 E. 14th Ave., - 1964 Architect Corp.
1988, All Real Estate and Business sold.
1965-82, Capitol Mortuaries Inc., owned by Bucks, Fairmount and employees on a stock purchase agreement.
1946-65, Douglas H. Buck, President Capital Co-operative Life Ins. Co., when sold.
1996 to present, Chaffee Park Funeral Home, 4750 Tejon, owned by Rudy and wife Stella Trujillo.
1990 to present, Chamberlain Funeral Service, 1077 Race, owned by Ron Chamberlin.
1920, S.D. Church, President of CFDA
1934-63, Day Mortuary, 2406 Federal, owned by Theodore A. Day (1892-1958) and wife Lena Day (1907-1978)
1958-63, owned by son Jerry Day
1963-77, Day-Noonan Mortuary, owned by J. Emmet Noonan (1913-1990) and wife Helen (1918-1986).
1963-1968, Hackethal-Day-Noonan Mortuary
1967-68, Noonan Mortuary
1977-87, Noonan-Bettmann Mortuary, owned by Rudy L. & wife Judy J. Bettmann.
1987-94, Olingers Noonan-Bettman Mortuary, owned by Olingers Mortuary.
1972-73, Brown-Runyan Mortuary, operated by James Jay Brown and George Runyan.
1995 to present LaCapilla de Los Angeles (1990-1995) Mile Hi Cremation, owned by S.C.I.
1938, Denver Memorial Chapel

On Aug 1, 1938 a new establishment at 3104 Downing St., by Walter W. Lear and William W. Dumm.
1939, Jan, William W. Dunn bought out Walter W. Lear
1993 to present, Denver Mortuary Services, 2950 Umatilla, owned by S.C.I.
1919-__, Douglas Undertaking Co., Mr. Jess Douglas and Jonathan Conter Jr. established business, they went out of business and Mr. Douglas worked for T.G. Granberry Mortuary until after WWII, wife Georgia A. Conter (1870-1940).

1922-__, Granberry Mortuary, #. 28th & Downing St., owned by Timothy G. Granberry (1870-1968).
1922, Timothy Granberry and Curtis Harris established Peoples Mortuary. Mr. Harris dies and Mr. Granberry bought Mr. Curtis shares and Mr. Granberry established Granberry Mortuary. A converted apartment house owned and managed by Mr. Timothy G. Granberry (1898-1995) buried in Fairmount Cemetery.

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19__-90, Mr. Granberry bought and remodeled the former New Hope Baptist Church, 2531 Ogden St., which was managed by Mr. Granberry's step-son, Mr. Harry Sims, until sold to Mr. Thomas Hill.

1990-__, Granberry-Hill Mortuary, 2531 Ogden, owned by Thomas T. Hill.

1981 to present, Pipkin Mortuary, 2531 Ogden, owned by Joseph Mark Pipkin family.

19__-__, Hackethal Mortuary, 1451 Kalamath, owned and operated by brothers, Theodore T. Hackethal (18__-1954) and George P. Hackethal (1882-1954) and wife Margaret (1885-1957) Colo. License since 1909

1949, Theodore T. Hackethal served his families at Nash-Miller Mortuary.

1952-63, Hackethal-Noonan Mortuary, 1451 Kalamath, owned by J. Emmet (1913-1990) and wife Helen Noonan (1918-1986).

1963, Noonan's closed facility. Purchased and moved to Hackethal-Day-Noonan Mortuary, 2406 Federal Blvd.

1897, B.R. Hall, one of CFDA founders

1906-65, Hofmann Mortuary, 601 Broadway, owned, founded and built by Caspar Hofmann (1878-1957) and wife Mary (1879-1938).

1937-57, son joined business, Caspar Hofmann III (1911-1978)

1906, founded on Market St. 1915 moved to 3rd & Broadway. 1921 new building at 601 Broadway.

1957, W. Sidney Phelps, President CFDA

1957, Casper Hofmann, renown breeder of Holstein cattle and pure bred Arabian horses.

1964, Building demolished and family built now the 2 office buildings on the site facing Broadway.

1923-44, Hazard Mortuary, 301 Broadway, owned by Mrs. Ethel M. Hazard (1878-1966) now a commercial Red Sand Stone building.

1927-45, Hartford-Alcorn Mortuary, 620 E. Colfax,

1915-27, founded by Dennis M. Hartford (____-1940) as Hartford Mortuary.

1927-45, when Arthur J. Alcorn (1887-1979) joined firm name was changed to Hartford-Alcorn Mortuary.

1945, closed, 620 E. Colfax as a Mortuary

1945-49, Mr. Alcorn served families from Nash-Miller Mortuary

1967-84, Alcorn-Targa Mortuary, 306 S. Logan St.,

1941-78, Mr. Alcorn, Secy-Treas. CFDA

19__-__, Mr. Alcorn, Secy of CFDA Board

1977, Mr. Alcorn, Life member CFDA, residence 626 So. Lincoln St.

1945-78, Mr. Alcorn, published "The Tri-State Mortician"

1987 to present - Adams-Carlson Mortuary, 306 S. Logan St., owned by Roger Carlson and Michelle Adams

1970-__, Alcorn-Targa Mortuary, owned by Arthur J. Alcorn and Marcelo Targa

1996 to present, Advantage Cremation and Funeral Service, 1624 Boulder, owned by S.C.I.

Jan 13, 1913, Denver Post article:

Peter Dimitroff, a young sufferer of T.B. died thursday at Lares Sanitarium, 4636 Bellaire St., while shocked and grieving relatives looked on, apparently helpless, two Denver undertakers E.J. Walsh of 1750 Champa St., and D.J. Sullivan of 74 Broadway are in a fight over the possession of the body. From the August 1957 Tri-State news

1960-84, Kirk Mortuary, 2101 Marion, owned by William H. (1911-1984) and wife Ruby Kirk.

1954-60, Kirk Mortuary, 301 S. Logan St., owned by William H. (1911-1984) and wife Ruby Kirk. Rental at 301 So. Logan until built new mortuary 1960.

1984, Mrs. Ruby Kirk Gray sold to Caldwell-Kirk Mortuary

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1925, Martin Mortuary, 112 E. 14th Ave., owned by H.D. Martin, built building.

19__-25, Martin-Hilliker Mortuary, 112 E. 14th Ave., owned by H.D. Martin and Charles E. Hilliker (son-in-law).

19__-50's, McConaty's Boulevard Mortuary, 3020 Federal, owned by James P. McConaty family.

1986, owned by Olinger Mortuaries, Inc., 3020 Federal

1986, Horan-McConaty Mortuary, 3020 Federal, John J. Horan, President.

1897, James McKeon, one of CFDA founders

1925-46, Meyer Mortuary, 112 E. 14th Ave.,

1916-20, Meyer Undertaking, 1514 Court Pl.,'

1920-25, Meyer undertaking, 1347 Court Pl., owned by Carl J. (1878-1962) and wife Sarah McDonald Meyer (1884-1968).

1946, Meyer Mortuary sold by Carl J. Meyer to Douglas H. (1905-1993) and wife Mildred Meyer Buck, name of firm changed to Capitol Mortuary.

1908, Whitehead and Meyer, 1426 Welton, owned by Melvin O. Whitehead and Carl J. Meyer.

1991 to present, Mile High Cremation/Capilla de Los Angeles, 2406 Federal, owned by S.C.I.

1982 to present, Monarch Society and Crematory, 1534 Pearl St., owned by Monarch Society Inc.

1926-74, Moore Mortuary, 800 E. 17th Ave., owned and founded by James G. (1881-1962) and wife Mabel head Moore (1884-1962).

1961-74, owned by son Willard J. Moore (1911-living).

1955, First Mortuary in United States to install electrically controlled parking lot gates.

1951, Willard J. Moore, CFDA, Civil Defense Committee Chairman

1974 to present, Moore Howard Mortuary Cremation-Florist, 800 E. 17th, owned by S.C.I.

1984-91, Moon Mortuary, 1751 York St., owned by Everett Moon

1992 to present, Calvin Natt Family Mortuary, 1751 York St., owned by Calvin Natt.

19__-49, Nash-Miller Mortuary, 2205 E. Colfax, owned by Grace D. Miller (1887-1964) and William D. Nash, Jr. (____-1935)

1914-__, William D. Nash Mortuary

1889, established William D. Nash Mortuary at 1625 Tremont Pl.

18__-1889, Farmer & Hale Mortuary, sold to W.D. Nash Sr.,

1907, mortuary at 2205 E. Colfax built.

1897, W.D. Nash, 1st President of CFDA and founder of CFDA

1926, W.D. Nash Jr. (Billy) President of CFDA. 1935 Secy of CFDA

W.D. Nash Jr. (____-1935)

1939, King-Miller-Nash Mortuary

1939, Jan. 1, Mrs. W.D. Nash Jr. sold to F. LaForest King and Mrs. Grace D. Miller.

19__-49, Nash-Miller Mortuary. Mrs. Grace D. Miller sold building to Divine Science Church to be used as a Seminary.

1950, Grace D. Miller (1887-1964) and husband Alfred C. Miller (1884-1964) members CFDA.

Nash wives - Susie M. Nash (18__-1943)

Estelle M. Nash (18__-1936)

William D. Nash Sr., (18__-1935)

1977-87, Noonan-Bettman Mortuary, 2406 Federal, owned by Rudy L. & wife Judy J. Bettman.

19__-36, Quinn-Smith Mortuary, 1673 York St., owned by William J. Quinn (1907-1968), now owned by Feldman Mortuary

1962, Francis S. VanDerbur, President CFDA

1981 to present, Pipkin Mortuary, 2531 Ogden St., Joseph Mark Pipkin family purchased firm from Thomas T. Hill

19__-81, House of Hills, owned by Thomas T. Hill

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19__-__, Granberry-Hill Mortuary, owned by _____
19__-__, Pipkin-Hill Mortuary, owned by _____
1905-16, Remer and Vorhees Mortuary, owned by T.F. Remer & partner H. Ray Davis.
1916, firm sold. A.Ray Davis going to Pueblo, Colo. T.F. Remer going to Palisade, Colo.
19__-__, Spillane Mortuary, 1545 S. Broadway, owned by John H. (1879-1942) & wife Elizabeth H. Spillane (1881-1954).
1942-49, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Spillane continued operation and property sold.
1910, couple opened Mortuary on 14th St., between California & Stout Street, later moving to 1545 S. Broadway.
1881, Elizabeth Hammill Spillane, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph Hammill, born in Denver, Colo. (18__-1921), John H. Spillane in Denver since 3yrs. of age. Mr. John H. Spillane converted Red LimeStone Mansion on So. Broadway to a Mortuary.
1897, Theodore F. Vorhees, one of CFDA Founders
1916, Theodore F. Vorhees, moved to Pueblo, Colo.
1897, Fred Bumpus Waters (1865-1914), one of CFDA founders
1898, Fred Bumpus Waters , President of CFDA, wife Clella Pattison Waters (1862-1897).
1895-1981, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary
1871-78, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1408 Larimer
1879-81, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, Leadville, Colo.
1888, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1624 Champa
1895-1900, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1531 Champa
1902-57, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1544 Lincoln St.,
1910, new Mortuary built at 1544 Lincoln St., founded and owned by Isaac N. Rogers (1842-1910) and wife Hattie P. Rogers (18__-1918)

Subsequent Owners:

Son Charles A. Rogers (1866-1923) wife Rachael J. Rogers (18__-1899), step-son Robert P. Long (1890-1960) & wife
1950-57, son Robert E. Long, owner
1947, Robert E. Long, President CFDA
1897 Charles A. Rogers, one of CFDA Founders
1902, Charles A. Rogers, President CFDA
1957-81, I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1859 York St.]
1981, all assets sold, owned by Clarence Endsley (1906-1986) & wife Margaerite M. Endsley (1905-1981)
1932-75, Stevens Mortuary, 940 E. 17th Ave., owned by Floyd E. (1895-1991) and wife Flora A. Stevens (1895-1968).
1975-80, Stevens Mortuary, owned by R.A."Bob" Crist and son Martin Crist.
1980, Stevens Mortuary closed when sold by Crist Family
1924, Floy Stevens licensed in Colo-Ohio Reciprocity
1945 to present, Trevino Mortuary, 306 So. Logan St., 4th Generation, family owned-operated.
1945, George S. Thompson Mortuary, purchased by Ramone S. (1906-1987) and wife Rose Crolette Trevino (1909-1967) from Albuquerque, N.M.
19__ to present, owned and operated by daughter Rose Trevino and husband Marcello G. Targa.
1967-84, Alcorn-Targa Mortuary
1956, 306 So. Logan St. extensively expanded and remodeled
1980 to present, Trujillo Funeral Home Inc., 4036 Morrison Rd., owned by Rudy and wife Stella Trujillo.
1925, Temple Mortuary, owned by Martyn Temple (1891-1978), Lake Place & Bryant St., wife Helen Barbor Temple
1913-30, Yeager Mortuary, 590 Sherman St., built and owned by Rex B. Yeager.
1903-47, Rex B. Yeager, A career in Colo. Mortuary Service
1930-60, Yeager Mortuary, operated under lease by Olinger Mortuaries and Joseph E. Bona.
1960-81, Olingers, Speer & Sherman streets, building sold and razed

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1924, Rex B. Yeager, President CFDA
1908-11, Whitehead & Meyer Mortuary

1892-98, Melvin O. Whitehead was engaged in the Undertaking business in Grand Junction, Colo.
1908-11, opened a business with Carl J. Meyer at 1426 Welton St., as Whitehead and Meyer.
1911, the moved to 519 - 18th Street
1915-18, business continued in Whitehead's name only at 519-18th St.
1924, Whitehead was in business one year at 500-14th St.,
"The present one story building at 519-18th St., housed Silky's Bar and Grill, once housed The Pink Lady Bar during WWII."
1925-40, C.C. Young Mortuary, 1240 Acoma St., owned by Cargill C. (18__-1943) and wife Mabel M. Young (____-1948), before 1920 moved to 500-14th Street.

Dolores, Colo.

Allen

1953, Allen Funeral Home, member CFDA

Hood

1900-20, Alfred Fuller Hood, Durango, owned Funeral Homes in Mancos, Cortez, Silverton, Dolores, Colo & Aztec, New Mexico.
1938-__, Norman Vanderpool opens new mortuary.

Durango, Colo.

The City was founded in 1861 by S.R. Kellog. On June 22, 1882, Frontier Law prevails and Durango has its first public hanging. May 7, 1859, the first stage coaches arrive rumbled into the early town of Durango. They traveled in pairs for safety. In 1933, the Fort Lewis Agricultural & Mechanical College was established at at Hesperus, Colo. City is present-day home of the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Inc. and Fort Lewis College.

Hood Mortuary

1902 to present, Hood Mortuary, Inc., 1261 E. 3rd Ave.,
1902 founded by Andrew Fuller Hood (1856-1924) and wife Mattie Hood
Mattie Hood owned and operated Hood Mortuary for one and a half years after her husbands death in 1924.
Late 1920's (about 1927) Walter "Speed" Doran bought Hood Mortuary business from George Hatcher.
1935, Walter Doran bought Hood Mortuary building only at 1261 E. 3rd, from George Hatcher.
1938-48, Walter "Speed" Doran of the Hood Mortuary has bought the Mortuary in Pagosa Springs from George Hatcher.
1945-59, owned by Ray Callaway (1902-1980)
1959-71, owned by Charles Canatsey
1971-90, owned by Harold D. Young & wife B. Jane Laycock Young (1951-1997). Harold D. Young was president CFDA in 1978.
1990 to present, owned by William H. Dunn.
Since 1902 Hood Mortuary has been privately owned for 95 years

Ertel/Jones/Peterson/Humphrey/McMullen

1958-59, (T.H.) Jones & (W.H.) Peterson Funeral Home, Charles Canatsey bought and closed.
1926-59, Jones-Peterson Funeral Home, owned by Walter A. Peterson and Charles Canatsey.
1926, Walter A. Peterson (1874-1943) established business and partner of T.H. Jones.
1938, Peterson bought out Jones and renames establishment, Peterson Mortuary
1952, Sept, Humphrey Chapel (formerly Peterson Funeral Home), owned by Frank L. Humphrey, from Alamosa.
1958-79, Park Lawn Memorial Chapel, owned by Dan C. McMullen, on N. Main St.

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1979-79, Ertel Park Lawn Chapel, owned by John W. Ertel, from Cortez.
1979, closed

Eads, Colo.

1940-43, Samuel E. Livingston, opening a new funeral home from Castle Rock, Colo.
1992 to present, Brown Funeral Home & Flower Shop, owned by Jimmy R. and wife Amanda Brown.
1989 to present, Valley Memorial Funeral Chapel, owned by Gene Millbrand (Lamar, Colo)

Eagle, Colo.

19 __, __, Andre Funeral Home, Paul Andre, member CFDA 1940 thru 1948
19 __, __, Bowman Funeral Home

Eaton, Colo.

1956 to present, Allnutt Funeral Service/Eaton Chapel, 130 Elm, owned by Allnutt Family, Greeley, Colo.
1925-50, Armstrong Mortuary, owned & operated by Richard F. & wife Ethel (19 __ 49)Armstrong.
1950, sold to Ralph W. & wife Kathlenn R. Waldron-Armstrong Mortuary
1953-56, Waldron Mortuary
1953, Sumner's Funeral Home (Ault,Colo.) consolidated with Armstrong Mortuary

Englewood, Colo.

1951 to present, Bullock Mortuary, 1375 E. Hampden, built and owned by Z. Realph and wife Glenna Mason Bullock. On their deaths owned by daughter Julie B. Goldsmith (Mrs. Gabriel M. Goldsmith (19-19) and their four children, Z. Realph Bullock (1913-1986) Glenna Mason Bullock (1913-1973), Gabriel M. Goldsmith (1935-1992)
1956-58, Bullock-Horan Mortuary, 1375 E. Hampden
1987 to present, All States Cremation, 4725 S. Broadway, Corp. owned by Tom and wife Diane Kamm, principals
1986 to present, All Veterans Burial & Cremation Services, Inc., 4725 So. Broadway, manager Angela Bruckner
1995 to present, Englewood Family Funeral Care, 2775 So. Broadway, owned by S.C.I.

1939-52, Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ivan J. Joss, until sold to _____
1952, Ivan J. Joss owned business and owned property
1953, Olinger Mortuaries bought both as "Olingers-4th Neighborhood Mortuary"
1985, Olingers sold to Morlan Inc.
1987, Morlan, Inc., sold property to S.C.I., present owners

1908, I.L. Glenn, president CFDA

19 __, 38, (J.Lorm) Hatfield-(I.L) Glenn Funeral Home
1939,early, Makin Mortuary, sold by Mrs. Makin to Messrs. (T.E.)Cline & Glenn
1941-45, Cline & Glenn Mortuary, members CFDA
1939, Mrs. Makin married Jimmy Small before Christmas, Mrs. Small has operated her mortuary since her husbands death several years ago.

Estes Park, Colo.

Home of Stanley Hotel
1929 Federal Government began construction of Trail Ridge Road (highest road in USA) through Rocky Mountain National Park. Construction from Estes Park to Grand Lake 4 summer months - 4 seasons.
1986 to present, Allnutt Funeral Service/Estes Park Chapel, owned by Allnutt Family - Greeley, Colo.

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Aug. 1946, Paul B. Laws and Kenneth Lilly started an ambulance and funeral service in Estes Park, Colo. as soon as building restrictions are lifted.

Evergreen, Colo.

1978 to present, Evergreen Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory

1989 Evergreen Pet Cemetery was founded for interment and cremation of large and small animals etc.. with a horse interment section with marked graves.

1994 to present, Lewis Mortuary, owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

Fairplay, Colo.

1933-49, Humphrey Chapel, H.L. Humphrey and his son Frank L. Humphrey.

19__ ,73, Pauley Mortuary, owned by William R. Pauley

Flagler, Colo.

1955-73, Walker-Love Funeral Home, Dale Walker-Fagler and Kenneth Love-Hugo, partners

1950-55, Shaw Mortuary, Ralph W. Clapp purchaser, no name change

19__ ,19, Heiserman Funeral Home, Homer Shaw purchaser

1916,55, Shaw Mortuary, 12-25-38 Mrs. Hamer Shaw wife of mortician Hamer Shaw died

Florence, Colo.

1862, First oilfield west of Pennsylvania developed. Colorado the second state to produce oil commercially. Commercial use began when Alexander M. Cassidy developed an "oil spring" near Florence. Evolved into Continental Oil - Conoco

1922-1952, Holt Funeral Home, on death of C.C. Holt Sr., firm sold to Frank V. Witty.

1994 to present, Charles Anthony Funeral Home, 225 S. Marion, owned by Anthony Wright and Charles Gabler

1940-41, (M.H.)Phillipsen Mortuary

1930's to present, Florence Mortuary, 129 N. Pikes Peak

1889, Mortuary built as a residence

1930's-52, owned by C.C. & wife Evelyn Holt. Holt Funeral Home

1952, owner Frank Witty changed name to Florence Mortuary

1952-94, Florence Mortuary, owned by Frank V. Witty

1994 to present, Florence Mortuary, owned by Wm. Holt Jr., grandson of C.C. & Evelyn Holt, bought Frank V. Witty

Fort Collins, Colo.

1864 City founded; 1873, incorporated with funds from sale of property by the Ft. Collins Agricultural Colony, formally Camp Collins, an abandoned military (war dept.) post.

1873, The first town ditch for irrigation was dug

1879, Agricultural College opened with 19 students

1980 to present, Warren Bohlender Funeral Chapel, owned by Milo D. Bohlender family corporation.

1924-41, Day Funeral Home, owned by Charles (1883-1941) and wife Betty C. Day

1941, Mrs. Edna B. Rice (1889-1946) and husband Milo G. Rice (1873-1942) bought Day Funeral Home.

1942-44, Day-Rice Funeral Home

Nov. 1944, Rice's changed name from Day-Rice to Rice Funeral Home

1944-52, Rice Funeral Home

1968, Harold A and wife Dorothy started purchasing corporation

1957-80, Warren Funeral Chapel, owned by Harold A. and wife Dorothy Warren-corporation owners.

1980 to present, 1968 Milo D. Bohlender purchased interest in corporation. 1980 purchased entire corporation.

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1933, Harold A. Warren started apprenticeship at Day Funeral Home; 1935 Warren graduated from Mortuary School; 1936 obtained Wyoming and Colorado licensees; 1941 became manager Rice Funeral Home; 1942 entered U.S. Army, WWII.

1971, Harold A. Warren became President of CFDA; 1982, Warren retired after by-pass heart surgery; 1983, CFDA presented him a Life Membership

1911, Milo G. Rice, President CFDA - Longmont, Colo

1960, Milo D. Bohlender started working at Warren Funeral Chapel

1981, Milo D. Bohlender, President of CFDA

Ft. Collins continued...

1901-34, Hollowell Mortuary, founded by Walter T. Hollowell

1934-__, Blythe-Hollowell Mortuary, member CFDA 1944-1953

1938, Blythe-Hollowell purchased a new hearse.

1923, W.T. Hollowell, President CFDA, he died 10-28-42

1897, Walter T. Hollowell one of CFDA founders

1996 to present, Drake Chapel/Ft. Collins, owned by Allnutt family

1984-96, Goodrich Mortuary, 301 E. Olive (closed), owned by Allnutt family.

19 __,84, Goodrich Chapel, 301 E. Olive, owned by Jack Goodrich (1924-1993) and wife Marilyn (1928---- -)

1947, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goodrich bought Blythe Mortuary

1996 to present, Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., owned by Chris Goes.

1994 to present, Reager Funeral Home/Ft. Collins, 1530 Riverside Dr., owned by Richard & Bill Allnutt - Greeley, Colo.

1985-94, Reager Funeral Home & Crematory, owned by William Mike Reager.

1994-94, Reager Funeral Home & Crematory, owned by Richard and Bill Allnutt.

1962-85, Russell Funeral Chapel, owned by Jack E. L. Russell

19 __-62, Riddel Funeral Home, owned by Everett Riddel

19 __- __, Riddel-Hayes Mortuary, owned by Tyler Hayes and Everett Riddel.

1900-40, Balmer Mortuary, 1530 Riverside Dr., founded and owned by Horace M. Balmer (1871-1947).

1940-47, Balmer-Collins Mortuary, 1530 Riverside Dr.,

1937, Balmer sells interes to Lyle M. & wife Addie Mae Collins

1937-57, Balmer-Collins Mortuary, owned by Lyle (18 __-1938) & wife Addie Mae Collins.

Balmer-Collins Mortuary

1957, Lyle Collins sold 1/2 interest each to Joe Ben Meyer & Tyler Hayes.

1958, Tyler Hayes sold 1/2 interest to Everett Riddel

1959, Joe Ben Meyer sold 1/2 interes to Everett Riddel

1897, Horace M. Balmer, one of CFDA founders

1909, Horace M. Balmer, President of CFDA

1914- __, Horace M. Balmer, Mayor of Ft. Collins

1938, Horace M. Balmer, with #1 Colorado Embalmers License and featured in "Believe It or Not" by Ripley

19 __- __, S. Warren Riddel, Mayor of Ft. Collins, announced no Sunday funerals in 1945.

Fort Lupton, Colo.

1836 A trading post. Established community by Lt. Lancaster P. Lupton

1996 to present, Bostick Funeral Home, family owned and operated by James and Lisa Bostick

1969-95, Schmanski Funeral Home, built 1878 as a Methodist Church, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard T. Schmanski

1912-69, Vetter Mortuary, Lee J. Vetter sold to Schmanski

1973, Schmanski-Vetter Funeral Home

1901-47, Lefferdink Funeral Home, John W. Lefferdink sold to Lee J. Vetter

19 __, __, (1973) Lundien & Son Funeral Home, Charles W. Lundien

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Fountain, Colo.

1983-87, Dove-Witt Mortuary, founded and owned by DeWayne Witt
1985, built new mortuary by Mr. DeWayne Witt, owner
1987 to present, Dove-Witt Family Mortuary
1996, Mr. Witt sold to S.C.I., present owners

Fort Morgan, Colo.

1884 Founded., Site of an early Army post, Camp Waddell
1866 Named Fort Morgan, 1887 Incorporation.
1978 to present, Jolliffe Mortuary, owner Francis D. "Pat" Jolliffe
1971, Francis S. Jolliffe retired and sold to "Pat" Jolliffe
1971 to present, Jolliffe Mortuary on death of Theron J. Cutler
1951-71, Cutler-Jolliffe Mortuary, owners Francis and F.D."Pat" Jolliffe
1951, Cutler and Jolliffe merged into Jolliffe mortuary building
1941-44, Robinson Jolliffe Mortuary
1928-40, Acre Robinson Mortuary
1940, Francis S. Jolliffe from Brush, bought Robinson
1910-40, (L.H.) Parker Funeral Home
1939, Theron J. Cutler purchased interest of Parker Funeral Home
1941,44, Parker-Cutler Funeral Home
1944-51, Cutler Funeral Home, merged and closed
1935, J.B. Sibley, brother of Hayward Sibley of Parker Funeral Home died
1897, Osler Mortuary, E.S. Osler - one of CFDA founders
Dec. 1942, Arthur A. Jolliffe - brother of Francis S. Jolliffe a Lt. in WWII retired rank of major - never an active funeral director.
Theron J. Cutler (19__-1971)
Francis S. Jolliffe (19__-1994)

Fowler, Colo.

1968 to present, Griffy Family Funeral Home, Inc., owned by Byron P. Griffy
1958-68, Crist Mortuary, owned by R.A."Bob" Crist sold to Griffy
1914-58, Harry A. Larson Funeral Home, owned by Harry A. Larson (__-1960)
1958, R.A."Bob"Crist purchased Larson Funeral Home renamed Crist Funeral Home
19__,__, Griffy Crist Funeral Chapel
1935-58, Larson Funeral Home, owned by Harry A. Larson sold to Crist
There was a period of a few years when a Mr. Diesel owned the funeral business but Mr. Larson bought it back.
Harry A. Larson, Colorado Funeral Directors license #261 dated Dec. 1, 1913
Byron P. Griffy owned a 1870's vintage horse drawn hearse for use and display
1898, Robert Hough, Fowlers first undertaker came and established hardware, mercantile and undertaking (18__,1912)
1912, business taken over by son Frank Hough

Fruita, Colo.

1881 settled through a treaty with the Indians
1884 Platted and Incorporated
1971 to present, McLean Funeral Home, owned by William L. & Lila McLean
1935-71, Starks Funeral Home, owned by Paul & Gladys Starks
1938, Arthur Starks, member of CFDA (19__,1939)
April 1945 Mrs. Paul Starks married Roy Dilts Turner
1929, Paul Starks purchased Mr. Allen and renamed Starks Funeral Home
1948, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Turner attended Western Dist. Assn. Meeting

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Greeley, Colo.

1870, founded by Nathan C. Meeker, agriculture editor of New York Tribune.

1870, Oct., Orace Greeley, Publisher, Editor of New York Tribune arrived and lectured.

19__-48, Smith Mortuary, owned by Bud Smith

1948, Smith sold to Ross Adamson

1948, Adamson's Mortuary, Inc. 827 5th St., owned by brothers: Ross and Reed Adamson.

1950, Reed Adamson joined Ross Adamson in partnership

Following Reed's death in 1982, Ross sold to present owner Duggan Funeral Service Inc.

1982 to present, Northern Colorado Crematory, Inc., built and operated by Rick Adels and partner Ed Sunderlin - 700 8th Street.

1978 to present, Stoddard Funeral Home, built and operated by Paul M. and wife Virginia Stoddard - 3205 W. 28th Street

1995, Stoddard's sold to present owners, S.C.I.

1919-46, (Roy) Sattley Funeral Home

1948, Roy Sattley died

1946-50, Sattley-Lilly Funeral Home, owned by Kenneth B. Lilly whose parents owned Funeral Homes in Des Moines, Iowa.

1950, Lilly Funeral Home sold by Kenneth Lilly to Robert Gordon Secord, then to be known as Secord Funeral Home.

1958, Secord Funeral Home closed and Allnutt family purchased equipment and furnishings. Building was converted to a Health Club and later torn down for apartments.

1886, Macy Undertaking Company was founded by Captain Thomas G. Macy

1900, Frederic J. Allnutt, immigrated from England and began working at Macys by taking care of horses while attending State Normal School, now UNC

1901, Frederic W. Allnutt married Anna, Capt. Macy's stepdaughter and became a partner in 1919.

1924, Son, John W. Allnutt joined partnership

1931, Son, Lloyd B. Allnutt joined partnership

1951, Jack S. Allnutt returned from Mortuary School and worked with Macy's

1955, John W. Allnutt, with son Jack, purchased brother Lloyd B. Allnutt's interest. Lloyd Allnutt built and operated Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary in Glendale, AZ.

1956, William F. Allnutt returned from Air Force service and began working with Macy's

1956, Allnutt's aquired Waldron Mortuary in Eaton, Colo.

1957, William F. Allnutt became partner at Macy's

1962, Macy name changed to Macy Allnutt Mortuaries.

1966, John W. Allnutt sold to Jack S. and William F. Allnutt

1984, Allnutt's purchased Goodrich Mortuary of Ft. Collins

1985, Allnutt's purchased Hunter Funeral Home of Loveland

1986, Allnutt's opened Estes Park Chapel

1987, Macy Allnutt Mortuaries name changed to Allnutt Funeral Service and now operate as: Macy Chapel/Greeley, Hunter Chapel/Loveland, Drake Chapel/Ft.Collins, Eaton Chapel/Eaton, Estes Park Chapel/Estes Park.

1988, Jack S. Allnutt sold to William F. and his son Richard

1994, Reager Funeral Home/Ft.Collins, purchased by Richard and Bill Allnutt from William Mike Reager

1835-1923, Thomas G. Macy

1873-1948, Frederic J. Allnutt

1903-1972, John W. Allnutt

1904-1988, Lloyd B. Allnutt

1897, R.E. Pollock, one of CFDA founders

1897, T.G. Macy, one of CFDA founders

1919, Frederick J. Allnutt, President of CFDA

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1951, Lloyd B. Allnutt, President of CFDA
1953, Lloyd B. Allnutt, Member, Board of NSM
1959, John W. Allnutt, President of CFDA
1974, Jack S. Allnutt, Member, Board of NSM
1983, William F. Allnutt, President of National Selected Morticians
1986, John J. Berg, Manager of Macy Chapel, President of CFDA
1988-92, John J. Berg, Gov. Dis. X, NFDA

Glenwood Springs, Colo.

1860, Capt. Richard Sopris discovered Yampa Hot Springs
1880, A mining camp called Defiance and became Grand Springs
1885, Isaac Cooper and wife named community Glenwood Springs
1986 to present, Farnum-Holt Funeral Home and Crematory, 405 W. 7th, owned by Holt family, William C. Jr, William C. III and Troy Holt.
19__-86, Farnum-Richardson Funeral Home, owned by Daryl Richardson
1905-50, Farnum Mortuary, founded and owned by Wm. H. (1867-1957) and wife Maude Farnum (1885-1976).
195_-8_, Farnum Mortuary, owned by Jack (1920-1984) and brother Wm. H. Farnum Jr. (1918-1953)
1897, W.H. Farnum, one of CFDA founders
1958, Jack Farnum, President CFDA
1958, William H. Farnums death, held Colorado Embalmers License #2
1901-51, Burdge Mortuary, owned by Joseph I. (1876-1951) and wife Bertha K. Burdge.
1939, Joseph I. Burdge, President Western District CFDA
1938, Burdge Mortuary remodeled
Gideon Wayne Burdge in WWII

Golden, Colo.

1859 W.A.H. Loveland and others opened town called Golden City. A central point for supplying the miners to the West.
1862-67, Second territorial capitol of Colorado
1862, Golden City - Capitol of the State transferred from Colorado City
1865, Golden Cemetery dedicated
1874, Colorado School of Mines opened on Campus of former, burned out, Episcopal Boys School.
1903-89, Woods Mortuary, one of the oldest buildings built on Washington Street, at turn of century was Elvis Smith grocery store and undertaking co. Caleb Parfed followed Smith. John Lofton Davidson bought building and hired J. Christ as his undertaker. Davidson was elected Jefferson County Coroner. Business collapsed in 1914 because of a personal scandal.
1989 to present, Woods Mortuary and Crematory, owned by 4th Generation Management Co.,Inc.
1903-36, Woods Mortuary founded by W.S."Billy" Woods. On death of W.S. Woods, his estate owned the Real Estate, the business was sold to several owners until sale in 1989.
19___, Woods Mortuary, carried same name until 1989. On death of W.S. Woods business owned by O.A. Sanders and T.E. Cline.
1948-50, Owned by Warren Hawkins and Velman Seal
1949, Velman Seal bought Warren Hawkins interest
1954-89, Owned and managed by Bob Smith who sold to Heartland, Inc. now 4th Generation Management, Inc.
1936, O.A. Sanders, manager
1935-36, O. A. Sanders, President CFDA

Grand Junction, Colo

1881, George Crawford, from Kansas, named it at Junction of Grand and Gunnison Rivers
1921, Grand River name changed to Colorado River

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1925, State Teachers College at Grand Junction opened a Junior College
1902, E.A. Krohn Funeral Home, business established
1939, E.A. Krohn Funeral Home, 38th Anniversary of Business
1940, May, Mrs. O.A. Krohn sold Krohn Funeral Home to Messrs. T.W. Gardner, Grand Junction, and M.F. Kinsey, Montrose.
19__-__, Gardner-Kinsey Funeral Home (1941 member CFDA)
1943, M.F. Kinsey purchased interest of former partner T.W. Gardner
1945, Kinsey Funeral Home (member CFDA)
1945, Sept, Kinsey Mortuary sold to Warren Hawkins from Idaho Springs
1910 to present, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary Inc.
1910-56, Founder T.F. Callahan joined with Weston P. Edfast. They joined with Wm. J. Callahan, Mrs. Virginia Stephenson & son & daughter of T.F. Callahan (18__1944)
1910-14, Partners Thomas F. Callahan & R.A. Yunder
1914-__, Callahan Mortuary bought out R.A. Yunder
1910-56, Founder T.F. Callahan and Weston P. Edfast & Wm. J. Callahan and Mrs. Virginia Stephenson, son & daughter of T.F., joined forces. The three of them ran the business eventually selling to present owner Michael W. Blackburn in 1975.
19__-__, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, 3rd & Main Streets
19__-__, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, So. 5th Street
19__-__, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, 7th Street & White Ave.,
1957 to present, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, 1250 E. Sherwood Drive
1997 to present, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, new facility, 2515 Patterson Road
1941-53, Callahan Funeral Home, member of CFDA
1956-89, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, owned by Weston P. Edfast, Wm. J. Callahan and Janice Vaudree
1990 to present, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, owned by Michael W. Blackburn
18__-1908, Melvin O. Whitehead sold Meyer Mortuary and moved to Denver
1983, Michael W. Blackburn, President of CFDA
1917 to present, Martins Mortuary & Crematory
1917-57, Founded and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Martin. Son, Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Martin joined the family business.
1937-52, Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Martin's son joined business
1952-82, Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Martin & Mr. & Mrs. Pael E. Martin owners
1982-86, Martin's Mortuary, owned by R.A. "Bob" Crist & son Martin Crist
1986, Crist family sold to Morlan International Inc.
1987 to present, Morlan International Inc. sold to S.C.I.
1982, Crist family purchased Grand Junction Memorial Cemetery and it was included in sale to Morlan International who sold to owners S.C.I.
1917-19, Martin's Mortuary at 648 Main Street
1919-40, Martin's Mortuary at 623 Colorado Ave.,
1940 to present, Martin's Mortuary & Crematory at 550 North Ave.,
1938, Edward A. Martin, President of CFDA
1939, Edward A. Martin, appointed to NFDA-Finance committee
1941, Edward A. Martin, appointed to NFDA-Public Relations committee
1944-47, Edward A. Martin, Elected and served as Gov. Dist. 8 NFDA
1948, Edward A. Martin, Vice President of NFDA
1949, Edward A. Martin, President NFDA
1972, Edward A. Martin, Life Member CFDA
1945, Edward A. Martin, wrote and published (3 editions) "Psychology of Funeral Service," publishing 10,000 copies - 3rd Edition - 1947
Fred Martin - 1883 - 1957
Edward A. Martin died 5-14-87
Paul Martin still living in Grand Junction, Colo.

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1995 to present, Monument Mortuary, owned by Richard Fryer family at 2304 N. 12th Street

Grover, Colo.

19__-38, Harold L. Smith

1940-41, Smith & Sons Mortuary, member of CFDA

Gunnison, Colo.

1874, A mining town founded by Sylvester Richardson

1882, Gunnison smelting operations were underway

1900 to present, The Miller Funeral Home, Inc. (6th Generation) founded by Adam Miller, first licensed undertaker in Gunnison County.

1895, Adam's son George married Susie Julian who followed in the profession. Susie H. Miller (18__-1957)

1900-31, Miller Undertakers

1921-31, Miller Undertakers, owned by Susie H. Miller and joined by son G. Lewis Miller in 1931 (1874-1957)

1931, Name change to Miller Funeral Home

1957, C.J. Miller, son of G. Lewis Miller, started current tenure. Rick Miller, the 5th generation involved in the family business for the past 12 years. March 1957 Rick's son Donovan and Mia assisting their father in the business.

1897, Susie Hannah Miller started present Miller Furniture Store.

C.J. Miller has been Gunnison Co. Coroner for 34 years, the longest elected official in the County.

Rick Miller is currently on the City Council

Dec. 5, 1895, George L. Miller and Susie Hannah Julian married in Crested Butte, Colo.

1957, Susie H. Miller oldest licensed woman Funeral Director and embalmer in Colorado

19__-38, Parson's Funeral Home, purchased by the Millers

Haxton, Colo.

Prior to 1917 a Hardward & Undertaking Co. in Haxton

1917-69, Radford Funeral Home, 145 N. Wallace, founded and owned by Harry B. Radford Sr. (1889-1957) & wife Anna M. Radford (1890-1957)

1950-69, owned by sons: Harry B. Radford Jr. (1917-1993) and Frank B. Radford (1919-living)

1969 sold to Tommy G. Thompson

Frank B. Radford in WWII

1969-94, Thompson Mortuary, 242 N. Logan, owned by Tommy G. Thompson and wife Sharon A. Thompson

1994 to present, Tennant-Thompson Funeral Home, 242 N. Logan, owned by David W. Tennant

1994, Thompson's sold to David W. Tennant

Holly, Colo.

1903, Founded by cattle rancher Hiram S. Holley

19__ to present, Valley Memorial Chapel, 112 So. Main, owned by Gene Millbrand

1919-57, Morich Mortuary, owned by _____

1957-67, Morich Mortuary, owned by Carmain

19__-__, Morich Mortuary, owned by Farnum (Carmain sold to Farnum)

1967-75, Martin Funeral Home, owned by Jimmie Martin, Jr.

1973-74, Martin-Nixon Funeral Home, owned by Jimmie Martin Jr. and Dale H. Nixon

1938, Nov, Morich suffered the loss of his property in a fire

Holyoke, Colo.

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1888 Incorporated

1994 to present, Schmidt-Baucke Mortuaries, Inc., 1220 S.W. Interocean Dr., owned by James L. Schmidt, Daniel L. Baucke and Jerry A. Roberts.

1994, above built and dedicated new 6000 sq. ft. building.

1994 to present, Tennant-Thompson Funeral Home, 241 E. Furry, owned by David W. Tennant.

1969-93, Thompson Mortuary, 241 E. Furry, owned by Lawrence A. (1942-1993) and wife Dianne Thompson.

1947-69, Lewis Funeral Home, 241 E. Furry, owned by Bert J. Lewis and son Edward Lewis.

1908-47, Colver Brothers Mortuary, owned by Oliver Jennings Colver (1877-1950), 8th licensed Mortician & Funeral Director in State of Colorado, and his brother Harry L. Colver.

1902-08, Schuler Hardward, Furniture & Undertaking, 123 S. Interocean Dr., owned by George W. Shuler.

1889-1908, Jr. R. Reiff, established Hardward & Undertaking, first Undertaker in Holyoke area.

1936, Colver Brothers moved Mortuary from the Hardware Store building on Main St., to O.J. Colver Home at 241 E. Furry St.,

Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo.

1874 named seat of Grand County, Colo,

1922-58, D.I. Cox Mortuary, opened and owned by Dallas I. Cox

1938-58, Coroner-D.I. Cox of Grand County

1973, D.I. Cox Mortuary changed corporate name to Middle Park Funeral Home, owned by Ivan Joss

1943, son of D.I. Cox, John K. Cox issued a Funeral Directors license, died early 1980's.

D.I. Cox bought Byers property at 204 Byers Ave., the former Telephone office.

William Newton Byers (1831-1903) founded Rocky Mountain News in 1859.

1958-1970, owner - Russell-Sheldenhelm-Cox Mortuary

1970-74, owner - Ivan Joss - Middle Park Funeral Home

1974 to present, Schoenfeld Mortuary, 204 Byers Ave., owned by David O. and wife Joan E. Schoenfeld.

1997, David O. Schoefeld, President, National Coroners Association

Hotchkiss, Colo.

1996 to present, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by Chalmer S. Swain and wife Margaret

1979-85, W. Arthur Wolverton family continued Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1985, Chalmer S. Swain began purchasing interest in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1994, Chalmer S. Swain became 1/3 owner in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.

1996, Chalmer S. Swain and wife Margaret purchased full ownership

1972-96, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by W. Arthur Wolverton family

1985-96, Taylor Funeral Service owned by Wolverton family and Chalmer S. Swain

June 7, 1911, Mr. William D. Talley, age 24, and Nina M. Timmerman, age 22 married at Fruita, Colorado and opened Talley Funeral Home, 711-11th Ave., South, Nampa, Idaho. Nina's parents were associated with Taylor Funeral Service prior to this move west.

1913-72, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by Taylor family, Harry (Fern), Glen (Ola) & Roe Taylor and sold to W. Arthur Wolverton family.

1950, William D. Talley, 711-11th Ave. So., Nampa, Idaho failed to renew Colorado license.

Geneologically listed as being associated in funeral service:

1905, A. Villman

1910, C. Butler, Undertaker

1915, Independent Furniture

Mesa View Mortuary, owned by Raymond Lyle and wife Alice Penick, 682 1725 Road

Hugo, Colo.

19__-38, L. N. Dryden Mortuary

1938-64, Love Funeral Home, owned by Chester Love - 1964 closed and moved to Limon

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1938-___, Bugbee Funeral Home
1938, Sept, D.W. Bugbee purchased L.N. Dryden
1951, July 21, Chester E. Love, Mortician, killed in auto accident
1951, Oct, son Kenneth Love associated with his mother
1953, Love Funeral Home, member CFDA

Idaho Springs, Colo.

Few years after opening of gold fields the Soda springs nearby were in use as a water cure and bathing establishment.

1859, Jan 7, Geo. H. Jackson discovered gold. For 8 years town called Jackson's Diggins then named Idaho Springs.

1987 to present, Tomford Mortuary, 1443 Colorado Blvd., owned by Vince J. Hennigan

1972-87, Tomford Mortuary, owned by Loys G. Caldwell

1946-72, (Chris H.) Tomford Mortuary, owned by Chris H. Tomford

1945-46, Hawkins Funeral Home, owned by Douglas Farthing

1939-45, Hawkins (Warren) Funeral Home, owned by Warren Hawkins

19___,39, Dunn Mortuary, owned by _____

1941, Hawkins Funeral Home extensively remodeled

Turn of Century - Trather Undertaking & Furniture Store. He built the Idaho Springs Post Office in 1906 and became Post Master

Johnstown, Colo.

1933-43, (Paul) Stranahan Funeral Home, assisted by his father C.G. Stranahan from Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1931

1946-59, (Norman) Shreiner Funeral Home, bought Stranahan Funeral Home and closed

1905-33 (Henry A.) Clingenpeel Mortuary sold to Stranahan

Julesberg, Colo.

1850's, Trading Post

1865, Feb., Indians burned old Julesberg to the ground

1916 to present, Austin Funeral Home, 310 W. 5th St.,

1909, Gideon Harlan Austin opened funeral home, sole owner until 1945. 1951 wintered in Tuscon, AZ.

1945, Leroy Austin became partner with his uncle (1909-1965)

1945-49, Nephew, Leroy Austin sole owner

1949-59, Richard L. Austin joined ownership

1978, Richard L. Austin sole owner

1982, Richard L. Austin, President CFDA

1965, Leroy Austin, President CFDA

Lafayette, Colo.

1890 Incorporated, A coal mining town

1995 to present, Avalon Funeral Home, Carl Erlinger, licensed embalmer and funeral director

1994-95, Avalon Cremation and Funeral Service, owned by Carl Erlinger

1990 to present, Darrell Howe Mortuary and Crematory, owned by Loewen, Inc.

1992-94, Darrell Howe Mortuary, M.H.I. Inc.

1989-92, Darrell Howe Mortuary, owned by Rocky Wells

1922-56, Henning Mortuary, owned by George R. & Marguerite Henning

1935-58, Henning-Howe Mortuary

1956-60, Darrell R. & Donna J. Howe partners with Hennings

1960, Howe's, owned on retirement of Hennings

1982, Henning-Howe Mortuary name changed to Darrell Howe Mortuary

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1982, Darrell Howe combined Louisville and Lafayette business and built new and present mortuary at 10203 South Boulder Road, Lafayette, Colo. 80026

1923, George Russel Henning purchased Heisermann. During the depression years the Henning family provided funeral service for any family regardless of financial circumstances.

1933, George R. Henning, President of CFDA.

Lakewood, Colo.

1984 to present, Aspen Mortuary and Crematory, owned by Robert L. Black

1975-84, Aspen Funeral Service, owned by Tim Robacker

1988 to present, Alternative Funeral and Cremation Service, owned by Jerry Mischler

1990 to present, Added Care Funerals, owned by Joe Hunter

1996 to present, Horan-McConaty Funeral Service and Cremation, owned by Horan Family

1995 to present, Newcomer Family Mortuary & Crematory, owned by Heartland Group of Companies

1988 to present, Runyan-Stevenson-Capitol Mortuary & Crematory, owned by 4th Generation Management Inc.

1979-82, Runyan-Stevenson Mortuary

1982, Purchased Pre-Need Assets of Capitol Mortuary

1973, Runyan-Stevenson built and moved to new Mortuary

1982-8_, Capitol Mortuary, Inc. - At Chapel of the Angels

1982-88, Runyan-Stevenson Mortuary

1973-79, Brown-Runyan-Stevenson Mortuary

1972-73, Brown-Runyan Mortuary

1980-88, Denver Crematory, owned by Harry G. Stevenson

1988, Harry G. Stevenson sold Denver Crematory and Runyan-Stevenson to Eagle Management Inc.

1984, Harry G. Stevenson, President CFDA

Lamar, Colo.

May 24, 1886, Town named for Lucius Quintus Lamar - Secretary of Interior under President Grover Cleveland.

1936, Lamar Jr. College funded by Legislature Enactment creating a Tax District

1985 to present, Millbrand Valley Memorial Funeral Chapel, owned by Gene Millbrand

1983 to present, Peacock-Wood Funeral Home Inc., "Locally owned and operated since 1886".

1935-41, W.E. Sharp Funeral Home

6-14-38, Son Ed Sharp married and living in Wood Mortuary - Monte Vista, Colo.

8-29-41, W.E. Sharp (1880-1941) killed in Auto-Hearse accident near Lamar, Colo.

1935-41, Sharp Mortuary member CFDA

1947, Ed Sharp sold to Dean Wood

1947-82, Wood Funeral Home, owned by Dean Wood

1980-__, Wood-Gamble-Peacock Funeral Home

1985 to present, Peacock-Wood Funeral Home, owned by Daniel M. Peacock

1916-54, (M.E.) Cheatum-Kirkpatrick Mortuary, owned by Glen Kirkpatrick & Vern Duggan

1919-21, Adams Mortuary, owned by _____

1921-35, Kirkpatrick-Cheatum

1919-__, Adams-Kirkpatrick-Cheatum Mortuary

1935-60, Kirkpatrick-Duggan Mortuary, owned by _____

Glen E. Kirkpatrick a mortician since 1922 and his father in business before him, not in Colorado (19__,1960)

1960-65, Duggan-Dolsen, Donald B. Dolsen bought in with Vern Duggan

1965-72, Dolsen Funeral Home

1972-89, Dolsen-Almont Inc., sold to Almont Inc. by David H. Dolsen

1915-25, Hoggatt-Cheatum Mortuary, M.E. Cheatum died

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1921-29, Hoggatt (Carl W.)- Kibby Mortuary, Harry B. Hoggatt (19__1952) Carol W. Kibby sold and went to Calif. for 2 yr, came back to Loveland, Colo.

1945, Glen Kirkpatrick, President CFDA

1966, Donald B. Dolsen, President CFDA

LaJara, Colo.

1955-80, Lowe Funeral Home, owned and built by Walter S. (1923-1980) and wife Luella Lowe (1929-1996) closed on Walter's death

LaJunta, Colo.

1873, a Railroad settlement, junction of Kansas Pacific & Santa Fe Railroads

1876, 1st townsite was laid out.

1881, Town incorporated

LaJunta's Koshare Indian Museum celebrates Native American Arts, Crafts and Dances

1985 to present, Peacock-Larson Funeral Home, 401 Raton Ave., owned by Curtis Peacock and George Larson

1936-54, Peacock Mortuary, owned by Mr. Ralph E. Sr.(19__-19__) and wife Grace M. Peacock (19__-19__)

1949, Ralph E. Peacock, President of CFDA

1962-1968, Farthing Funeral Home owned by Douglas and wife

1963, Son - Ralph E. (Sam) Peacock Jr., President of CFDA

1964-84, Frye Mortuary, owned by Mr. Harold W. Frye and wife

1996, Son - Harold W. Frye, President of CFDA

1972-84, Peacock-Frye-Almont, Inc.

1964-72, Peacock-Frye Mortuary, owned by R.E. Peacock, R.E. Peacock Jr. & H.W. Frye

1984-92, Peacock Mortuary, owned by Ralph E. Peacock, Jr.

1954, Meger of Green Mortuary and Peacock Mortuary at 401 Raton Ave.,

1930-54, Green Mortuary, owned by Curtis R. Green

1954-64, Peacock-Green Memorial Chapel (merger) C.R. Green, Pres: Ralph E. Peacock, Jr., Vice-Pres; Ralph E. Peacock Sr., Treas; H.W.(Bill)Frye, Sec.

1964, Ralph E. Peacock Sr., and H.W. Frye retired and firm became Peacock-Frye

1938-54, Green Mortuary\

1938, Green added Ustick name

1930-38, Ustick-Green Funeral Home

1983-86, Ustick-Donelson Funeral Home, 718 Rator, owned by Ustick family, Curtis R. Green, son-in-law of Carl m. Ustick Sr.

Las Animas, Colo.

Established and incorporated in 1873. In 1875, Rhodes & Wil Graham Hardware merged to become Rhodes Bros. Hardware of Las Animas. In 1895, Rhodes went out of business and became R. W. English company which sold caskets and the service of taking the body to burial place. In the late 1890's Tom J. Gardner Lumber yard (Gardner Lumber Company) bought the English Company and its enterprises..

Powel

1903, Gardner Lumber Company becomes Powell Mortuary.

1890, George W. Powell (1866-1960) came to Las Animas and worked for Gardner. As the funeral services side of Garner Lumber grew, Powel became the first trained Mortician in Bent County and in 1903 took over mortuary side of the business as owner.

1903-30, Powell Mortuary, owned by George W. Powell

1930-69, Powell Mortuary, owned by son Lester B. Powell (____-1969) and on his death his wife ran the business for a few years.

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1972-80, Powell-Almont, Inc. with several managers, including: Byron Griffy, "Bill" Frye, "Sammy" Peacock, Jerry L. Fields, Theodore W. Kuhns and Kevin F. McCarthy. In 1934, George R. Powell was President of CFDA.

1980 to present, Powell-Kuhns, 529 Carson, owned by Theodore W. & wife Barbara H. Kuhns.
Griffy/Horber

1973-91, Byron P. Griffy Funeral Chapel, owned by Byron P. Griffy

1991-____, Griffy-Horber Funeral Home

1991 to present, Horber Funeral Chapel, 4th at Locust, owned by John T. Horber III.

Leadville, Colo.

1819 the U.S. signed a treaty with Spain to set the Western Boundary of the U.S. continent on the location of the head waters of the Arkansas River near Leadville.

1877, City Founded, Jan 14 1878 city named. Feb 12, 1878 City Incorporated. Population of 24,000 as the highest city in the U.S. called "Cloud City".

1873 Assay office reported silver in ore samples

1878-96, Many rich silver-lead active mines - Silver Queen of Colorado

1879 Census: 31 Accountants, 17 Barber Shops, 51 Grocery Stores, 4 Banks, 120 Saloons, and Funeral Homes.

1880 Census, Population of over 24,000 and first Miners Labor Strike

1893, Crisis: Repeal of Sherman Silver Purchase Act

1896, Colorado National Guard breaks 1889 Miners Strike

1879-81, I.N. Rogers Mortuary, owned by I.N. Rogers, 1879 moved from Denver. 1881 moved back to Denver. A Civil War Veteran and friend of President Abraham Lincoln.

1902, I.N. Rogers, President CFDA

1989 to present, Bailey Funeral Home, owned by William W. & Debra J. Bailey

1987-89, Hennigan Mortuary, owned by Vince Hennigan, sold to Bailey's

1931-51, Lyle-Gjellum Mortuary, opened-ownend and closed by R. Hubert Lyle and Arthur B. Gjellum

1897, J. D. Mulligan, one of CFDA founders

1897, I. N. Rogers, one of CFDA founders

1982 to present, Moynahan-O'Malia Tucker Mortuary, owned by Frank and mother Mrs. Grace Tucker. (W.M.M.D, Inc.)

1905-82, Moynahan-O'Malin Mortuary

1910 and 1911, F.R. O'Malin, President CFDA

1897, E.R. O'Malin, one of CFDA founders

1955-75, Moynahan-O'Malia, owned by Andrew F. Cassidy, he also was the last living officer of the Cemetery Association and kept all records for all cemeteries in Leadville

1975-78, Grant-Moynahan-O'Malia, owned by Owen A. & Barbara A. Grant

1978-80, Grant-Moynahan-O'Malia, owned by Frank Mercer

1980-82, Grant-Moynahan-O'Malia, owned by Alan Hertz

1910-54, James J. Corbett (associated with Moynahan-O'Malia) died

1975, Andrew F. Cassidy died

1980, Frank Mercer died

1925-38, Robert W. Walsh, partner in Moynahan-O'Malia, died in Los Angeles, Calif.

1954, James J. Corbett died, associated with Moynahan-O'Malia 40 years

Genealogically listed in Funeral Service: Leadville, Colo.

1881, Craig Nelson

1882, Booth-Denman Furniture Store

1883, H. W. Hallett

1884, H. Bayter

1884, Leadville Undertaking

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1885, J. Matson
1890, Charles Fielding
1890, James Nelson
1895, Christman & O'Brien
1895-1920, J.D or J.E. Mulligan
1905, John C. Howell - 1907 Coroner & Undertaker
1905-15, M.A. Buxton
1925, Edward O'Brien

Limon, Colo.

1978 to present, Love Funeral Home, owned by Earnest Kent Love and wife Lori Love
1988-92, Love Funeral Home, owned by Kenneth Love who sold to his son and wife
1964-1972, Buchanan-Love Funeral Home, owned by Kenneth Love
1972-88, Love Funeral Home, owned by Kenneth Love
1946-64, Buchanan Funeral Home, owned by James W. Buchanan
1939-46, Seal's Funeral Home, owned by Velman and Rieta Seal
1930-39, Diets Funeral Home, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Mayhew Diets
1960, James W. Buchanan, President CFDA
Names associate with funeral service
1925, W.O. Campbell
1915-25, F.C and Mrs. Lela Kenaga
1915, W.H. Heizerman
1910, Russell Gates

Littleton, Colo.

1860's, Littleton founded by Richard Little. It's major industry was the Rough and Ready Mill.
1876, Littleton Cemetery dedicated
1964 to present, Drinkwine Mortuary, built 1958 at 999 W. Littleton Blvd.,
1995 to present, Drinkwine Family Mortuaries, owned by Robert L. Drinkwine family
1964-69, Nickels-Hill-Drinkwine, owned by Robert L. Drinkwine
1936-64, Nickels-Hill Mortuary, owned by John R. Nickels(18__-1956) and Frank M. Hill
1913,36, Nickels Mortuary (Hill) Mortuary & Furniture Store)
1936,64, Nickels-Hill Mortuary
1964, Frank M. Hill bought (associate) business, same name
1956, Frank M. Hill has been chosen as the towns "Most Valuable Citizen".
18__,1913, Wintford-Dryer Mortuary and Furniture
1896-1917, W. Dyer & Son
1897, C.F. Hendrick Dyer, one of association founders
1908-14, Wintford-Dyer Mortuary
1939, Jan, 8, (Ivan) Joss Funeral Home opened
1951 to present, Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6601 S. Colo. Blvd.,
1959, Mortuary built in Chapel Hill Cemetery by Consolidated Industries, Inc. subsequently part of Olinger's property
1976-86, Howe-Chapel Hill Mortuary leased by Wm. & Geo. Howe. Jr.
1985, Sold to Morlan, Inc.
1987, Sold to present owner, S.C.I.

Longmont, Colo.

1871, founded by Chicago-Colorado Company
1958 to present, Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry St., Mr. Rodney & wife Corrine Ahlberg bought and converted and existing church building, converted to present Funeral Chapel, ownership and operation still in Ahlberg family.

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1944 to present, Howe Mortuary
1944-60, Howe Mortuary, owned by George W. Howe, Sr.
1953-86, Howe Mortuary, owned by Geoffre W. Howe
1941-44, Shaw Mortuary, 5th & Caffman
1936, Ed Kinser entered mortuary service with late Frank R. Swah
1944, George W. Howe Sr. bought Kinser Mortuary
1937, Ed Kinser bought Frank R. Shaw
1941, George W. Howe Sr. bought Shaw Mortuary
1937-44, Kinser Mortuary
1921, A.E. Howe, Boulder, President CFDA
1946, George W. Howe Sr., President CFDA
1977, George W. Howe Jr., President CFDA
1991, Geoffrey Howe, President CFDA
1987 to present, Lewellen Longmont Memorial Chapel, 503 Terry
1995, William C. Campbell, resident manager, President CFDA
1947, J. Max Lewellen purchased interest in (E.H.) Robinson Funeral Home
1948, J. Max Lewellen (E.H) Robinson Funeral Home and changed name to Lewellen Mortuary, on death of J. Max Lewellen (-19) Mrs. Marge L. Lewellen owned building with subsequent leases and business owners 19 -19 L. Thomas Swedborg, R.M. Humphrey
19__, present owner of business and building, Duggan Funeral Service, Inc.
1947-87, Lewellen Mortuary-Lewellen Funeral Home and Lewellen Longmont chapel, owned by J. Max Lewellen family
1921-__, Prohs Funeral Home
1923-__, Robinson Funeral Home at 503 Terry, built by Prohs family moving from Main Street
1944, E.H. Robinson purchased interst, name still Prohs Funeral Home
1943-47, Prohs Funeral Home owned by E.H. Robinson
1947, Robinson Funeral Home
1938, Nov., Milo G. Rice in funeral service
1942, Milo G. Rice died, first owner of Lewellen Longmont Chapel
1939, Jan, Frank R. Shaw, resident of Longmont 45 years, died
1969, J. Max Lewellen, President of CFDA
1897, E.G. Jones, one of association founders
1897, Milo G. Rice, one of association founders
1897, Frank R. Sway, one of association founders

Louisville, Colo.

1892, Incorporated
1878, Name of coal mining town registered by Louis Nawatny
1990 to present, Darrell Howe Mortuary & Crematory, owned by Loewen Inc.
1992-94, Darrell Howe Mortuary, owned by M.H.I., Inc.
1989-92, Darrell Howe Mortuary, owned by Rocky Wells
1922-56, Henning Mortuary, owned by George Russel and wife Marguerite Henning
1956-60, Henning-Howe Mortuary, owned by George Russel & wife Marguerite Henning and Darrell R. and wife Donna J. Howe as partners
1960 Howe's owners on retirement of Henning's
1982, Henning-Hoe Mortuary name changed to Darrell Howe Mortuary
1982, Darrell Howe's combined Louisvill and Lafayette business and built new and present mortuary at 10203 S. Boulder Road, Lafayette, Colo.
1923, George Russel Hennings purchased Heisermann
During depression years Henning family provided funeral service for any family regardless of financial circumstances
1933, George Russel (G.R.) Henning, President of CFDA

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Loveland, Colo.

1877 a railroad town, 1881 Incorporated

1971 to present, Kibbey-Fishburn Funeral Home, owned by the Fishburn family

Late 1800's-1924, Bell-Finley-Lyons who sold to Mr. Carl W. Kibbey (1898-1971) and his wife E. Marie (Smith) Kibbey (1897-1971)

1919-22, Kibbey Funeral Home, Lamar, Colo.

1923-24, Mr. & Mrs. Kibbey lived and resided in Fresno, Calif.

1924, Purchased Bell-Finley-Lyons

1929, Kibbey Funeral Home moved from 5th & Cleveland to present location of 11th & Lincoln Street.

Nephews of Carl W. and E. Marie Kibbey: Ted Fishburn (1935-19__) entered business Aug. 14, 1957

and licensed Colo. license #607. Fred Fishburn (1935-1997) started with business Sept. 1960 and received Colo. license #650, issued Jan. 10, 1962.

1924-71, Kibbey Funeral Home

1919-71, Both Carl W. and E. Marie Kibbey held Colorado Embalmers and Funeral Directors Licenses.

1937, Carl W. Kibbey, President CFDA

1897, J. B. Bell one of CFDA Association Founders

1986 to present, Allnutt Funeral Service/Hunter Chapel, owned by Allnutt Family

1924-30, O.O. Rice Mortuary, owned by Oral O. Rice (1868-1930)

1930-53, Hammond Mortuary, owned by E. Kendall Hammond

1953-86, Hunter Mortuary, owned by Marion F. Hunter (1925-1985) and brother Delmer E. Hunter Jr. (1919-___)

1986, Hunter brothers sold to Allnutt Family

1961, Hunter brothers moved from 6th & Lincoln Streets to the newly built mortuary at 2100 Lincoln Ave.

1942, E. Kendall Hammond, President CFDA

Manassa, Colo.

1878, Morman pioneers arrived from Southern states, birthplace of lat Jack Dempsey (1895-1983)

"Manassa Mauler" retired from the ring in 1928

1978 to present, Butler-Showalter Chapel, 205 N. 3rd, owned by Michael & wife Kathy Rogers since 1983

1965-83, owned by Kenneth P. Butler & Eine Showalter

1956-65, owned by Kenneth P. Butler

1953-56, owned by Kenneth P. Butler and Robert Showalter

1956-65, Butler-McClanahan Chapel, owned by Kenneth P. Butler and Charles McClanahan (1921-19_)

1960-64, Charles McClanahan, Conejos County Coroner, he had previously worked for George

Lorton, Alamosa, and was a survivor of the WWII Bataan Death March

1953, (Leonard F.) Adams Mortuary, bought Haynie Mortuary from Art Gjellum

1951-53, Haynie Mortuary, owned by Art Gjellum

1941-51, Haynie Brothers

1922-31, Haynie Mortuary, owned by Earl Haynie (1898-1975)

1939, Nov,26, Haynie Mortuary held an open house, Herron Haynie (1900-1989)

Mancos, Colo.

Hood

1900-20, Alfred Fuller Hood, Durango, owned Funeral Homes in Mancos, Cortez, Silverton, Dolores, Colo. & Aztec, New Mexico.

Manzanola, Colo.

Conklin/Crist/Hunter/Griffy

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Late 1800's, Beaty Mercantile Co., company performed funeral services, Mr. Hughes was the director until he retired.

1913, Owned by Mr. Conklin and Delmer E. Hunter Sr. (1887-19__), Mr. Hunter learned the business taking embalming lessons from a traveling instructor when he came to Pueblo.

1915, Mr. Hunter purchased Conklin interest

1915,25, Hunter-Conklin Mercantile

1925-30, Hunter Mercantile

1930-66, Hunter Funeral Home

1966-68, Crist Funeral Home, R.A. "Bob" Crist purchased on Mr. Hunter's death.

1968, Crist Funeral Home, Bob Crist sold to Byron P. Griffy

1968 to present, Griffy Funeral Home, owned by Byron P. Griffy

1973, Byron P. Griffy changed name from Crist Funeral Home to Griffy Funeral Home

Meeker, Colo.

1878, Nathan C. Meeker named Indian agent for the area who earlier in 1870 founded Greeley, Colo.

Prior to 1905 mortuaries in Rifle and Grand Junction served the community.

1905-11, Meeker Mortuary, owned by H.E. Holloway

1911-41, Meeker Furniture & Undertaking , Market st., owned by Abraham Gourley.

1915-20, Meeker Cabinet and Undertaking, owned by Abraham Gourley

1911-23, Zobel Funeral Home, owned by W.A. Thomas

1923-27, Zobel Mortuary, on father's death, owner-manager Mrs. Edna Colescott.

1953, Meeker Mortuary, member CFDA

1943, April, Gene Colescott in U.S. Army, his mother operates the mortuary at Meeker, Colo.

1941-52, Colescott Funeral Home, owned by Edna Colescott

1955-69, Briggs Funeral Home, owned by J. Glenn Briggs and wife Sarah E. Briggs.

1952-55, Zobel Funeral Home, owned by John Zobel

1976-95, W.C. Zobel Funeral Home, owned by William C. Zobel

1969-76, Carmain Funeral Home, owned by Craig R. Carmain

1995 to present, W.C. Zobel Funeral Home, 517 Park Ave., owned by Thomas Peebles.

Montrose, Colo.

Named the town of Pomona in 1882, later changed to changed to Montrose. In 1973 named the national headquarters and production plant for Russell Stover's Candies.

Crippin

1988 to present, Crippin Funeral Home, 802 Main, owned by Greg V. and Kelly Crippin, the old building purchased from Dwain & Grace Kinsey.

1995 to present, purchased Grandview Cemetery

1996 installed crematory at 802 Main Street, owned by Crippin Family.

Kinsey

1934-34, Kinsey Funeral Home, owned by Dwain & Grace Kinsey in black building.

1935-57, Kinsey Funeral Home, owned by Dwain & Grace Kinsey, old Masonic Temple building.

1935-57, Kinsey Funeral Home, Chapel of the Roses, owned by Kinsey Family.

1957-77, Kinsey Funeral Home, owned by Dwain & Grace Kinsey

1977-86, Kinsey Funeral Home sold to Richard L. & Connie McIntire

19__,35, Montrose Funeral Home, owned by Randolph Kittleson and F.D Helm sold by G.C. Pond.

W.L. White came to Montrose from Cripple Creek in 1913 and was associated with Young and Fliniau as an undertaker.

19__ - __, Young and Flininu Undertakers

19__ - __, W. L. White Undertakers

19__-25, W. L. White sold to G. C. Pond

Colorado Funeral Service History to 1997

1935-57, Kinsey's Montrose Funeral Home
1940 , owned and operated by M. F. Kinsey
1975 , owned and operated by Dwain A. Kinsey
1978 , owned and operated by Richard L. & Connie McIntire

Montrose Valley

1973 , Montrose Funeral Home, Dwain A. Kinsey
1987 to present, Montrose Valley Funeral Home, managed by Frank Tucker family, 505 So. 2nd St.
1982-87, Montrose Valley Funeral Home, owned by R.L. & Connie McIntire, 505 2nd Street.
1980-80, Montrose Valley Funeral Home, owned by Wm. B. Sumner and Richard McIntire.
1980-87, Montrose Valley Funeral Home, owned by Sumner & McIntire

Sumner

1963-80, Sumner's Valley Funeral Home, owned and operated by William and Dorothy J. Sumner.
1956-63, Conley Chapel, bought by Wm. B. & Dorothy J. Sumner
1965, name changed to Sumner's Valley Funeral Home
1956-63, Conley Chapel, Hiram Conley bought out M.L. & Nellie Ormsbee.
1936-56, Ormsbee Mortuary, M.L. & Nellie Ormsbee bought out Chas. Addington.
19__-36, Addington Mortuary, Charles Addington bought out M. Headington.
1900-30, Home Mortuary, opened by Murl Addington and Chas. Addington.
1939-57, (M.L. & Nellie) Ormsbee Mortuary, Member CFDA
1941, Oct, Ormsbee's built a new mortuary Uncompahdras
1980, Merger of Chapel of Roses - McIntire & Sumner into Montrose Funeral Home, 505 S. 2nd St.
1975, William B. Sumner, President CFDA
1897, G.W. Rippey, one of CFDA founders
1918-26, Grover W. Rippey conducted a mortuary, he was associated with the Law Mortuary in Colorado Springs, 1926 he moved to Denver. Law-Rippey Casket Co. 1933 he moved to Florida.

Monte Vista, Colo.

1923 the Monte Vista Potato Growers Co-op was founded
1988 to present, Olme & Sharp Funeral Home, 205 Broadway, owned by Robert W. Olme.
1980-88, Chambers & Sharp Mortuary, owned by Duane K. & Janette Chambers.
1973-80, Sharp & Rogers Mortuary, owned by Jerry Rogers (1944-1979)
1948-73, Sharp Mortuary, owned by W. Edward Sharp
1937-48, W.Edward Sharp, Mortician, or Woods Memorial Chapel
1900-48, Woods Mortuary, owned by W.S. Woods (18__-1936) & wife Myrtle Woods (18__-1948).
1938-__, Home Mortuary, owned by August N. Menzel
1950, Lorton-Humphrey Mortuary. Frank L. Humphrey sells to W.Edward Sharp and Kenneth P. Butler.
W. Edward Sharp, Mortician, or Memorial Chapel.
19__-42, Nicall Mortuary, Mrs. Ethel Nicall owner, sold mortuary and all equipment to W.E. Sharp of the Woods Mortuary.
1948, W. Edward Sharp, President CFDA
1982 to present, Romero Valley Funeral Home, 504 4th Ave., owned by Leonard Romero.

Monument, Colo.

1995 to present, Dove-Witt Family Mortuary
1996, DeWayne Witt sold to present owner, S.C.I.

Morrison, Colo.

1883, Catholics established College of the Sacred Heart
1921, renamed Regis College and moved to Denver in 1888

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1965 to present, Evergreen Memorial Park, Funeral Home and Crematory, 26624 N. Turkey Creek Rd., owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

1994 to present, Lewis Mortuary and Crematory, 7777 Sourdough Dr., owned by Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc.

Naturita, Colo.

1990 to present, Hale & Gerken Funeral Home, 219 W. 1st, owned by Joe Hale and Rod Gerken.

Norwood, Colo.

1919 to present, Hale & Gerken Mortuary, 219 W. 1st, owned by Joe Hale and Rod Gerken

1920, San Juan Undertaking

Oak Creek, Colo.

1915-39, Willis E. Hoskins Mortuary

1937-42, Brentlinger Mortuary

1937, Albert Brentlinger Jr. of Cheyenne Wells, bought out Willis Hoskins

1942-51, (John) Zobel Mortuary, bought Brentlinger Mortuary

1944, Name change from Brentlinger to Zobel

1951, (Howard) Root-Heyer Mortuary, Howart Root from Steamboat Springs bought Zobel

1953, Root Mortuary

1951, Zobel went to Loveland, Col. and purchased 1/2 interest in Kibbey Funeral Home

Olathe, Colo.

1910, Ruppey & _____

1915, Burns-Hawley & Smith

1920, Burns & Hawley

1925, Burns & Bay

1930, Olathe Mortuary

1978, Lawrence N. Veirs (residence)

Ordway, Colo.

1996 to present, Griffy Family Funeral Home, Inc., owned by Byron P. Griffy

1996, Oct., Byron P. Griffy & daughters held an open house and dedicated a new funeral chapel at 202 E. 3rd St., a former Nazarene church.

1942-57, Jonach's Hardward, Furniture & Mortuary, owned by Emil John (Johnny) Jonich III (19__ - 1977)

1942, Emil John Jonich Jr. (1959) & wife Maye G. Jonich (1965) and Emil John (Johnny) Jonach III - co-partners bought (W.H.) Alderson Furniture, Hardward & Undertaking coming from Kansas

1957, Incorporated

1969, Jonach's sold ambulance service to Crowley County

1957-96, Jonach's Inc.

"Johnny" was County Coroner and a Deputy Sheriff 1948-77

Emil John "Johnny" Jonach III and Carrie Sellers married Jan. 1953

Emil John "Johnny" Jonach III, Ordway Lions Club named him "Man of the Year"

1984 to present, Sillin Funeral Home, owner, Virgil T. Sillin, purchased Jonach's

1922, Ross W. (1939) & wife Jayne (1963) and son Kenneth (1996) Alderson, opened Rocky Ford branch

1924-42, (W.H.) Alderson Mortuary, sold Rocky Ford and moved to Ordway

1925, May 25 Emil J. Jonich Jr. and Son Emil Jonich III purchased Alderson Mortuary, Loveland, Colo.

1985 to present, Allnut Funeral Service/Hunter Chapel

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1985, Sillin closed the Hardward and Furniture store dissolving Jonach's
1910, W.W. Griffin

Ouray, Colo.

1900, James T. Pierson; 1905, James T. Pierson, Jr.
1910, James H. Duran
19__-39, Cutler Funeral Home, owned by _____
19__-38, (Lee) Flor & Thorp Mortuary, owned by _____
1939-__, Leo Flor bought out Thorp in 1939
19__-69, Flor Funeral Home, owner Leo & Thelma Flor
1969-69, Flor Funeral Home, owner William B. Sumner and wife Dorothy J. Sumner, closed.
1989 to present, Montrose Valley Funeral Home, 502 S. 2nd St., manager Frank Tucker family.

Pagosa Springs, Colo.

1996 to present, Pagosa Springs Funeral Options, 344 Lewis, owned by Louis Day and Kevin LaQuey.
1992-93, LaQuey-Lynch Funeral Home, owned by Kevin LaQuey and Ben Lynch.
Pagosa Springs, Colo. - continued
1938-74, Lynch Funeral Home, owned by Ben Lynch
19__-38, Hatcher Mortuary, owned by George Hatcher
1938, Aug 1, Walter "Speed" Doran of the Hood Mortuary Durango has bought the Mortuary in Pagosa Springs from George Hatcher.
1905, Gene Gross
1910, Hatcher Hardward, G. S. Hatcher

Palisade, Colo.

1968 to present, McLean Funeral Home, Inc., 739 37.3 Rd (Alberto), owned by Wm. L. Jr. & Wife Lila McLean.
1955-68, McLean Funeral Home, Inc., owned by Wm. L. Sr. & wife Esther McLean.
1926-55, Vorhee's Home Mortuary, owned by Theodore F. (18__-1946) & wife Esther Vorhees.
1916-26, Martin's Mortuary, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Martin of Grand Junction.
1926, Fred C. Martin sold interest in Martin's Palisade Mortuary to Ted Vorhees.
1910-20, Jenkins-White Furniture & Undertaking
1920, Martin-Vorhees Mortuary
1920, Jenkins-White Furniture & Undertaking sold to Fred C. Martin
1912-16, Dan B. White Mortuary, sold to F.C. Martin and Dan B. White, moved to Grand Junction.

Paonia, Colo.

1939-49, Tripp Funeral Service, Maurice E. Tripp bought by Taylor family and closed.
1985-96, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by Wolverton Family & Charles S. Swain.
Geneologically listed as being associated in funeral service:
1905, G.W. Rogers
1920, Bert Crawford
1939-49, (Maurice E.) Tripp Funeral Service
1949, bought by Taylor family and closed, listed as member CFDA 1939-1948)
1979-85, W.Arthur Wolverton family continued Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.
1996 to present, Taylor Funeral Service, owned by Chalmer S. Swain and wife Margaret
1979-85, W. Arthur Wolverton family continued Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.
1985, Chalmer S. Swain began purchasing interest in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.
1994, Chalmer S. Swain became 1/3 owner in Taylor Funeral Service, Inc.
1996, Chalmer S. and wife Margaret purchased full ownership
1972-96, Taylor Funeral Service, Inc., owned by W. Arthur Wolverton family

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1913,72, Taylor Funeral Service, owned by Taylor family, Harry (Fern), Glen (Ola) & Roe Taylor, sold to W. Arthur Wolverton family.

1996 to present, Taylor Funeral Service, 311 Grand Ave., owned by Chalmer S. Swain & wife Margaret (see Taylor Funeral Service, Delta, for details)

Parker, Colo.

1864, 1st house built in Parker. Named after hostelry owner James S. Parker - Junction of Smokey Hill and Santa Fe Stage Lines

1993 to present, Parker Funeral Home, Inc., 10325 Parkglenn Way, founded and owned by Robert M. Jr. & wife Meredith Norton

Platteville, Colo.

1835, Partners Louis Vasquest and Andrew Sublette, Buffalo robes and Beaver pelt traders, settled Fort Vasquez, near present town of Platteville

1905, T.A. Lewis

1930, Johnston-Humphrey Funeral Home

1939-__, (Walter J.) Johnston Funeral Home, 1940-45 member CFDA

Pueblo, Colo.

1842 City began as a trading post called Independence; 1859, organized; 1885, incorporated
1893, Jan. 22, Pueblo bid on pauper burials: McMahan & Collier - \$6.00 a body, Sweeney & McCarthy - \$6.50 each, G.H. Millard & Co. - \$.01 each.

1933 Pueblo Jr. College began instruction as a Teachers College

T.G. McCarthy

1887-1915, T.G. McCarthy Undertaking Co., 110-112 N. Main St., founded by Timothy G. McCarthy, (1856-1940) "A family friend since 1887 - serving Pueblo's Carriage Trade"

1887, Founder, McCarthy-Sweeney Undertakers

1859, T.G. McCarthy, First Mayor of Pueblo

1880, T.G. McCarthy, Pueblo Couthy Sheriff, a friend of "Renown", William Cody

1885, T.G. McCarthy home built at 817 N. Grand Ave., now listed on National Register of Historic places.

1897, T.G. McCarthy, one of CFDA founders in Pueblo

1903, T.G. McCarthy, President of CFDA, a life member

1907, T.G. McCarthy, Senator, Republican, Colo. 2nd District, during his tenure Columbus Day recognized a state holiday

1912, T.G. McCarthy & Sons Morticians, sons Henry McCarthy (1880-1953), Raymond T. McCarthy (1887-1960), George F. McCarthy Sr. (1880-____). He married Catherine McLaughlin, daughter of owner and operator of first mule train between St. Joseph, Mo. and Pueblo, Colo. They were residents of Pueblo since 1876.

1940-56, owned by sons Henry M. and Raymond T. McCarthy and operated as T.G. McCarthy & Sons, Inc.

1954, T.G. McCarthy Funeral Home, Inc., solely owned by son Raymond T. McCarthy

1956, Mrs. Irene F. McCarthy (18__,1956) died, wife of Raymond T. McCarthy, a 43 year resident of Pueblo, surviving: sons, Raymond T. McCarthy Jr., Denver, Timothy "Tim" G. McCarthy II, Pueblo, daughter: Mrs. Cartherine M. Baker, Pueblo.

1956, Raymond T. McCarthy bought interest of brother Henry McCarthy and built new mortuary at 329-341 Goodnite Ave., in Aberdeen District of Pueblo.

1960-78, Upon the death of Raymond T. McCarthy, Tim G. McCarthy II became owner and manager.

1953, Built and housed Mortuary (4 story Bldg.) at 110-112 N. Main St.,

1959, Timothy G. McCarthy II partner in T.G. McCarthy

1956, T. G. McCarthy II joined father Raymond T. McCarthy

1976, T. G. McCarthy II sold to T. G. McCarthy Funeral Home Inc., 329-341 Goodnite Ave., to S.C.I.

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Collier

1897, J.E. Collier, one of CFDA founders in Pueblo

1906, J.E. Collier, President of CFDA

Angelus Chapel/Jones

1921-73, Jones Mortuary, owned by Alva Jones

1968 Jones sold to Angelus Chapel Mortuary

1973 Name change only from Jones Mortuary to Angelus Chapel Mortuary

1973 to present, Angelus Chapel Mortuary, 1102 E. Evans, owned by Charles W. McCulley

1995 to present, Almont Funeral Directors, 401 Broadway, owned by Loewen Inc.

Cotter/Davis

1909 to present, Davis Mortuary, 128 Broadway

1909, A. Ray Davis, from Denver, purchased interest in firm

1909-__, Davis Undertaking Co.

19__-68, Davis Mortuary, owned by A. Ray Davis, son H. Elwyn Davis and sister Miss Ruth Davis

1948-75, Son Johnnie Davis died, son of Elwyn

1924-__, United Undertaking Co-successor to McMahon & _____, owned by C.C. White and Herb Wilson

1920, A. Ray Davis purchased United Undertaking Co.

1924, A. Ray Davis purchased Mr. Vorhees interest and moved business to Masonic Temple Bldg.-
Davis Mortuary

1992 to present, owned by Bryan L and Chris A. Cotter

1977-92, Davis-Wallin Funeral Home, owned by Daryle Wallin

1992, Wallin sold to Cotter Brothers

1924-__, Lincoln-Voris Undertaking Co.

19__-24, Vorhees Mortuary

1916__-, Vorhees-Davis Mortuary

1916, C.C. White, President of CFDA

1992 to present, Family Funeral Care, owned by S.C.I. ownership and name change only

1965-92, Rivera Funeral Home, owner Amos Rivera, sold to S.C.I.

1938 to present, Imperial Funeral Home, 5450 Hwy 78 on grounds of Memorial Garden Cemetery

1993 to present, owned by Loewen, Inc.

1985-93, owned by Joe and Linda Watson, bought from Comer Estate sold to Loewen Inc.

1920-72, McCarthy-George Funeral Home, 401 Broadway,

1920, George F. McCarthy Sr. divided with family and founded Geo. F. McCarthy Funeral Home,
owned by George F. McCarthy

1972-95, Geo. McCarthy-Almont Funeral Home, owned by Loewen Inc.

1920, Founded by George F. McCarthy Sr., 200 bld. W. 8th St.

1940's, Son George F. McCarthy Jr. owned firm until selling to Loewen, Inc.

1972, George F. McCarthy Jr. and a group of 6 Southern District Funeral Home Owners formed
Almont Funeral Homes Inc.

Walsenburg - Boise-Almont, Inc., (joined 1973) 1994 sold to Loewen, Inc.

Lamar - Dolsen-Almont, Inc., (joined 1972) 1989 sold to G. Wilbrand

Canon City - Wilson-Almont, Inc., (joined 1972) 1995 sold to Loewen, Inc.

Pueblo - Geo. McCarthy-Almont, Inc. (joined 1972) 1995 sold to Loewen, Inc.

LaJunta - Peacock-Frye-Almont, Inc. (joined 1972) 1987 Peacock bought back

LasAnimas - Powell-Almont, Inc. (joined 1972) 1980 _____ bought back

1995, Almont, Inc. closed out on sale to Loewen Inc.

1987 to present, Adrian Comer Funeral Home, 2710 N. Elizabeth, now owned by S.C.I. as McCarthy-
Comer Funeral Home

1985-86, Adrain Comer Mortuary Inc., owned by R.A. "Bob" Crist and son Martin Crist

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1986, Crist family sold to Morlan, Int.
1980, F. Joseph Cervi, President CFDA
19__ __, Fitzroy Funeral Home, 8th & Grant
1936, J.E. Fitzroy, appointed to Colorado Funeral Directors embalming board, Adrian Comer bouth
Fitzroy
1989 to present, (Gerry J.) Montgomery & _____ Steward Funeral Directors, Inc. 1317 N. Main
1988-89, Montgomery-Steward-Rouch
1965-97, Rivera Funeral Home, 125 E. 7th St., founded by Amos Rivera, now listed Family Funeral
Care, name change by S.C.I.
1990's, bought by S.C.I. and closed 1997
1994 to present, Romero Funeral Home, 631 W. Corona, owned by Larry Romero
1953-90's, Valhalla Mortuary, owned by Comer family, S.C.I.

Rouch/Stewart/Montgomery

1922-24, Dunaway-Rouch Funeral Service, owned by Orville D. Rouch, wife and business partner J.E.
Dunaway (founders)
1924, Orville David Rouch purchased Dunaway interest and name change to Rouch Funeral Home.
1929, Rouch Funeral Home moved from the Bowen Mansion, 229 W. 12th to newly built Funeral Home
1317 N. Main St.,
1924-86, Rouch Funeral Home
Presidents of Funeral Home:
1924 through 1967, Orville David Rouch (1881-1967), his wife Mary Ann Rouch (1884-1968).
1968 through 1975, Favorite "Fay" R. Rouch (1907-1975), his wife Virginia R. Rouch (1910-1983).
1975 through 1986, Orville M. Rouch (1918-19__), his wife Margaret E. Rouch (1918-19__).
1986 to present, Marvin F. Steward and Gerry J. Montgomery as Secretary - Treasurer
A 3rd son, Robert D. Rouch, not active in business, pursued career at NASA.
Orville M. Rouch retired Dec. 1986
April 1943, Favorite R. Rouch joined U.S. Air Corps. associated with Rouch Funeral Home since 1929.
Served 19 months.
Orville M. Rouch joined U.S. Army, WWII.
1897, J.E. Collier, one of CFDA founders
1906, James E. Collier, President of CFDA
1989 to present, Montgomery & Steward Funeral Directors, Inc. 1317 N. Main.
1988-89, Montgomery-Steward & Rouch Funeral Directors
1986-88, Rouch Funeral Home, owned by Marvin F. Steward, Gerry J. and wife Dian L. Montgomery.

Redcliff, Colo.

19__ __, Oscar W. Meyer (18__-1937)
1880's-1905, Farnum Mortuary, owned and established by William H. Farnum.
Geneologically listed as being associated in Funeral Service:
1900, H. Farnum
1900, A. F. Graham
1895, W. F. Smith
1925, Oscar W. Meyer

Rifle, Colo.

1905, Incorporated
1993 to present, Sowder Funeral Home, 425 W. 3rd, owned by Owen A. Grant and wife Kim A.
Grant.
1957-93, Sowder Funeral Home, owned by Orval L. & wife Jennie E. Sowder

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1941-57, Peletier Funeral Home, owned by Ralph L. & wife Myrtle Peletier, daughter and son-in-law of Fred E. Sayre & wife Effie

1920-41, Sayre Undertaking & Furniture, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Fred E. Sayre

1924, Fred E. Sayre built 425 W. 3rd building

1939-53, Sayre Mortuary and Funeral Home, member CFDA

1964, Orval L. Sowder, President CFDA

1897, Charles L. Todd, one of association founders

1900, (C.L.)Todd and _____

1910, Charles L. Todd

Only 5 Undertaker-Funeral Home owners in Rifle, Colo. 1900 to present

Rocky Ford, Colo.

1871, George Washington Swink arrived and filed homestead and timber claim. Known in Colorado agriculture as the "Father of the Cantaloupe."

1975 to present, Ustick-Donelson Funeral Home, Inc., 305 N. 8th, owned by Carrol D & wife Millicent Donelson

1913-75, Ustick Mortuary, owned by Carl M. Ustick, Jr. and wife

1913-46, Ustick Mortuary, owned by Carl M. Ustick, Sr. & wife Millicent A.(1875-1963) from Victor, Colo.

1921-24, Ross W.(____-1939) owned and opened Alderson Mortuary

1922, Alderson family opened a branch in Ordway

1924, Alderson family sold Rocky Ford and moved to Ordway

1897, Henry J. Sprinkle, one of CFDA founders

1932, Carl M. Ustick Sr. (1875-1963), President of CFDA

1956, Carl M. Ustick Jr. (1914-1992), President of CFDA

1985, Millicent U. Donelson, President of CFDA

Salida, Colo.

1880 founded and incorporated in 1891

Lewis/Glenn

1987 to present, Lewis & Glenn Funeral Home, 203 E. Sackett, owned by Timothy Glenn.

1984-87, Lewis & Glenn Funeral Home, owned by Endres R. Glenn and William F. Lewis.

Stewart

1880-84, Stewart Mortuary, 203 E. Sackett, owned by the Stewart Family.

1918-__, Stewart-Wenz Mortuary, owned by L. B. Stewart and Louis Wenz.

19__-__, Lorton-Wenz-Boheen, Inc

Travers

1939-__, (Guy) Travers Funeral Parlor

1942, Oct. 30, Guy V. Travers, owner of Travers Funeral Home, commissioned Lt. (SrGr) U.S. Coast Guard, sold furniture business

Wenz

1891, Louis Wenz, a funeral director, was an original stockholder in Fairview Cemetery., Salida, Colorado, one of the CFDA founders, 1897

1938, Aug. 18, Joseph F. Wenz, 57, died, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Saguache, Colo.

1938-44, Wells-Burress Funeral Home, Mar. 1, 1944 Howard Burress purchased Wells interest and name change to Burress Funeral Home

1940, Wells & Burress purchased Buckley Mortuary

19__-40, Buckley Mortuary, owned by_____

1940, Ray O. Buckley sold place in Saguache and bought Schuler-Ingo Mortuary in Telluride, Colo.

1953, McGill Funeral Home, reported as member CFDA

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1973-78, Doney Funeral Home, owned by Joe W. Doney

1978-80, Rogers & Sharp Mortuary, owned by Jerry Rogers (1944-1979)

1980-85, Chambers & Sharp Mortuary, closed on Christy Ave., owned by Duane and wife Janette Chambers.

San Luis, Colo.

1851 oldest town in Colorado

1938, Aug. 1, Lorton & Miracle of Alamosa, Colo opened a branch in San Luis.

1972-__, Myers mortuary, owned by John M. Myers

1978-__, Butler-Showalter Chapel, owned by Kenneth P. Butler

January 1957, "Manual of Funeral Procedures" written and for sale by John M. Myers, Delta & San Luis Funeral Home, owner.

Silver Plume, Colo.

1905, John Trathen

19 __,II, Rowe Undertaking (John Rowe)

1920, Holly & Rowe

Silverton, Colo.

An old mining camp and so named

1900's to 1920, Alfred Fuller Hood of Durango, Colo. owned funeral homes in Mankos, Cortez, Silverton, Dolores, Colo. and Aztec, N.M.

Geneologically listed as beight associated in Funeral Service:

1900, L.G. Prosser

1910, Laura G. Prosser

1915, R.E. McLeod

1920, McLeod Undertaking

1925-30, Gust Larson

1930, Grover D. Damon

1930-42, Wm. A. McGuire remodeled his Mortuary, 1938, Aug., McGuire Funeral Chapel, member CFDA

1939,40,41,42,53

1973, William E. McGuire Sr., member CFDA

Springfield, Colo.

1984 to present, Rich Funeral Home, Inc., 265 W. 8th Ave., owned by Neil and Judy Harmon.

1900's-1984, Rich Funeral Home

1900-66, Rich Funeral Home at 800 College when built and moved to present location, founded by Isaac W. & wife Grace L. Rich.

1935-50, Rich Mortuary, owned by Grace L. Rich, bought Isaac W. Rich.

1950-67, Rich Mortuary, owned by Robert (1924-1967) & wife Helen I. Rich.

1967-77, Rich Mortuary, owned by Helen I. Rich

1977-84, Rich Mortuary, owned bby Mr. Bary Fritz, bought Helen I. Rich.

Steamboat Springs, Colo.

1875 founded by friends trappers

1907 Incorporated

19 __ to present, Shearon Funeral Home, 135 6th St., owned by Mark & Tina Shearon.

1927-47, A.W. Heyer Mortuary, owned by Albert W. Heyer (18 __-1947)

19 __ - __, Root Mortuary, owned by Howard Edwin Root

1950, Heyer-Root Mortuary

1927, A.W. Heyer purchased W.H. Bashor Funeral Home

1941, A.W. Heyer built new mortuary

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Sterling, Colo.

1870 old Sterling established, 1881 residents of old Sterling moved to site of present Sterling

19__ Established North Eastern Junior College

Cheney

1972 to present, Chaney-Walters Funeral Home, 443 So. 2nd St., owned by Russell H. & wife Carolyn Walters-Chaney.

1983, Barb Chaney Kelley, a certified funeral director

1960-76 & 77, Extensive building remodeling accomplished

Jackson

1900-46, Jackson Funeral Home, owner Arthur D. Jackson

1902, A.D. Jackson passed exam given by Colorado State Board of Health and granted mortuary license #5

1900-07, A.D. Jackson with partner T.W. Richeie, in 1915 A.D. Jackson bought out the business

1913, Arthur D. Jackson (1876-1952), President CFDA

1930, Arthur D. Jackson built new funeral home, 443 So. 2nd St.,

1935-59, A.D. Jackson & Son Mortuary, operated by Robert M. & father A.D. Jackson, retired.

1946-59, Jackson & Son Mortuary, owned by Robert M. Jackson (19__-1977)

For first 20 years occupied a location in Henderson building, Jackson Mortuary. In 1927, moved to Sherwin property (old house) 2nd & Ash Street. In 1942, Robert M. Jackson, son of A.D. Jackson, was 1st Lt. in U.S. Army . Sold to Walters and Cheney in 1959

1970, Richard D. Jackson (1976-1952), President CFDA

Walters

1959, Walters Funeral Home also kept Jackson & Son Funeral Home name for a short time.

1959-72, Walters-Chaney Funeral Home, owned by Richard K. & wife Caroline Walters and Russell H. & wife Carolyn Walters Chaney

Tennant

19__ - __, Tennant-Hettinger Funeral Home

1986, David W. Hettinger sold to David "Dave" W. Tennant

1986 to present, Tennant Funeral Home, Inc., 330 So. 2nd St., owner David W. Tennant

1918-29, Stone Mortuary

1929-46, (Carl I.) Whyman Funeral Home

1946, Feb 1., Whyman Funeral Home sold to Harry B. Sr, Harry B. Jr. & Frank P. Radford.

1946-74, Radrod Funeral Home, operated by Frank P. Radford

1974-75, Jones Chapel, Inc., owned by Jerome M. Jones

1975-78, Jones-Hettinger Funeral Home, owner Jerome M. Jones

1978-86, Hettinger Funeral Home, owner David W. Hettinger

Telluride, Colo.

1878, Jan., town of Columbia came into being, June 4, 1887, name changed to Telluride

1897, I.L. Glenn, one of CFDA founders

1908, I.B. Glenn, President CFDA

1900, San Juan Undertaking (I.L. Glenn)

1915, Telluride Undertaking]

1920, San Juan Furniture and Undertaking

1920, Telluride Funeral Home

1940-__, (C.J.) Schuler-Ingo Mortuary bought by Ray O. Buckley from Saguache, Colo.

1953, Buckley Mortuary

Thornton, Colo.

1987 to present, Olinger Highland Chapel, 10201 Grant St.,

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1961, built in Highland Cemetery by Consolidated Industries, Inc.
1974-86, Crist Highlands Mortuary, business owned by R.A. "Bob" Crist & son Martin Crist.
1986, Highland Mortuary & Cemetery owned by Morlan Int. Inc.
1987, Highland Mortuary & Cemetery owned by S.C.I.

Trinidad, Colo.

1859 Settled on the old Santa Fe Trail
1876 Incorporated
1925 Trinidad Jr. College opened
1906 to present, Campbell-Lewis Mortuary, 1506 E. Main St., owned by Mrs. Bernadette Cotter Davis wife of Glen T. Davis.
1906, founded by Roy Campbell, oldest Mortuary in Trinidad in existence.
1927, Roy Campbell, President of CFDA
1979 to present, Campbell-Lewis Mortuary, owned by Mrs. Bernadette C. Davis.
1906-76, Campbell-Lewis Mortuary, owned by A. Lee Dale
1974-92, Campbell-Lewis Mortuary, owned by Lloyd Cotter (1935-1992)
1965-72, Campbell-Lewis Swickard Memorial Chapel, owned by James Swickard.
1906-24, Trinidad Undertaking Co., Incorporated 1911 by Burney B. Sipe (1868-1923) Roy Campbell (1884-1964) Secy. Treas, Robert Lake and E.J. Sipe.
1923-46, Walter Raleigh Lewis (1872-1946), Officer, Secy-Treas of Corporation.
19__-44, Sipe Mortuary, owned by Robert G. Sipe (1847-1900) A pioneer in Colorado Funeral Service.
19__-__, Sipe Mortuary, owned by R.G. Sipe. Robert G. and son Edward J. Sipe kept Sipe Undertaking. Burney B. Sipe started Trinidad Undertaking in July 1909.
19__, Merged into Campbell-Lewis Mortuary. Later Robert G. Sipe's sons joined firm:
Edward J. Sipe (1874-1939)
Burney B. Sipe (1868-1923)
18__-19__, Trinidad Furniture Co.
19__-__, Sipe retired from Sipe Undertaking Co., one of Colorado's oldest firms.
1918, Burney B. Sipe, President CFDA
19__-__, Trinidad Mortuary, Main & Animas St., owned by Edward Toupal, closed 1987.
19__-__, Trinidad Mortuary, owned by _____
19__-83, Trinidad Mortuary, owned by Maio brothers, Arman D.Maio (1903-1989) and Frank Maio (- 1981).
1983, closed.
1984-87, Valdez Mortuary, 200 E. 2nd St., owned by Jerry Valdez, closed.
1986 to present, Comi Funeral Home, 1804 E. Main St., owned by Steve Comi and daughter Kitsy Winter.
1926-44, Mullare Funeral Home, 335 E. Main St., owned by George (18__-1954) and wife Theresa Mullare
1926-35, Mullare Mortuary at 216 E. Main St.,
1935 to present, Mullare Mortuary Inc., moved to 335 E. Main St.,
1926, Mullare's bought Pillar Mortuary who had been successor to Hall-McMahon Mortuary at 216 E. Main St.,

Windsor, Colo.

1910-54, Richards Funeral Home, member CFDA 1940 to 1953, founded and owned by George I. Richards and wife Clara.
1928, George I. Richards, President CFDA
1940, Aug 14, Harlie E. Richards, Colo. License # 595, in WWII
1945, July, Harlie E. Richards, 1st member of CFDA killed in action - P.M. 1st class, U.S. Navy in South Pacific.
19__-__, Bussell-Bishop Funeral Home
1976-85, Bussell Funeral Home, owned by Douglas E. Bussell

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19__-19__, (1972) Bishop Mortuary, owned by Robert N. Bishop
1985 to present, Winsor Memorial Chapel, 429 Main St., owned by Adamson Mortuary-Greeley, Colo.

Victor, Colo.

Birthplace of Lowell Thomas (1892-1981)

1894, Victor, Colorado was the second largest city in the Cripple Creek District. It prided itself on being "The City of Mines and Miners."

1899-1918, supported 49 grocery stores, 14 bakeries, 11 blacksmith shops, undertakers and doctors.

1928-49, McMillen Mortuary, owned by R.D. Law and Bernard Vessey

19__-49, Law Mortuary (branch), partner James L. McMillen (____-1948) of Russel D. Law and Bernard Vessey associated with Law Mortuary Colorado Springs for 18 years.

1949, Law and Vessey sell holdings to Mr. James McMillen and son-in-law Wesley Primm.

1953, McMillen Mortuary, listed as member CFDA

1930, Kenneth Barnill

1905-44, Victor Undertaking Co., owned by T.F. Callahan from Grand Junction, Colo.

1907-20, Blunt Mortuary (serving Cripple Creek-Victor district)

1920, Schmalzil Undertaking

1915, Dwyer Undertaking

1905, J.H. Hunt

1895, (Charles J.) Hallett-Baker

Walden, Colo.

No funeral home in Walden, Colo.

Geneologically listed as being associated in funeral service from Walden:

1920, C.E. Mosman

1910, Mosman Merchantile Co.

1900. M.J. Capron

Walsenburg, Colo.

1873 laid out on a site of a Spanish village

1876, General Heinrich Anton Fredrick Walsen, who served in the Union Army, opened the first coal mine in Huerfano County. The city of Walsenburg was named after him. The General had also opened a trading post and served as the first mayor of Walsenburg.

1996 to present, Boies-Ortega Funeral Home, 115 E. 5th St., owned by Loewen, Int.

1972-95, Boies, Almont, Inc., owned by Almont, Inc.

1959-72, Boies Memorial Chapel, owned by James A. Boies

1949-59, Memorial Chapel, owned by Howard Burress

1947-49, Farthing Chapel, owned by Dudley Farthing

1923-47, Unfug-Peet Mortuary, owned by Daniel Charles Unfug Sr., and wife Ivy I. Peet Unfug, son Daniel C. Unfug, Jr. (19__-1979).

19__-__, The Farthing Chapel purchased by Dudley Farthing from C.Dan Unfug, operated under name of Unfug-Peet.

1952, Ivy I. Unfug and son C. Dan Unfug Jr., failed to renew Colo. licenses.

1949, Farthing Funeral Chapel and name changed to Memorial Chapel, owner Howard Burress of Del Norte.

1920's, George Benefiel had firms in Walsenburg and LaVeta, Colo.

1910-60, Furphy Mortuary, 100 W. 4th, owned by Herbert J. & Margaret Furphy (brother & sister).

1960-87, Furphy-Lawson, owned by Van Lawson

19__-__, Lawson-Antle, owned by _____

1987-95, J.M. Antle Mortuary, owned by Joseph Mike Antle, closed.

1997 to present, Romero's Chapel, owned by Larry Romero

1931, Gabe N. Furphy, President CFDA

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Walsh, Colo.

1930 to present, Dykes Funeral Home, 335 Kansas, owned and founded by David G. Dykes (1890-1944).
1944-60, Dykes Funeral Home, operated by Mrs. Willie A. Dykes (1890-1970) assisted by Mr. A. Morich of Holly, Colo.

(1914-1985) Hardin D. Dykes, son of David & Willie Dykes. Now in 3rd generation of ownership and management of Dykes family.

Westcliffe, Colo.

19__ - __, Menzel Funeral Home, 1972 member CFDA

1938, Aug 1, Charles A. Menzel will continue to manage the mortuary. Son, August N. Menzel moved to Monte Vista, Colo.

1973-78, Manager August N. Menzel

Genealogically listed as being associated in funeral services:

1900, J.S. Truez

1910, E.W. Eddy

1915, Eddy-Vahldick-Cash Store

1915, Amos Carl

1915, Knuth & Ray

1925, R. Hunter Ray

1925, Menzel & Mercier

Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Mount Olivet/Archdiocese of Denver

1864, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 440 acre cattle ranch purchased by Bishop Machebeuf.

1892, Mt. Olivet Cemetery consecrated by Bishop Nicholas Matz

1892, July 5, first burial was Elizabeth Kelley of Annunciation Parish.

1981 to present, Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary, 12801 W. 44th Ave., owned, built and operated by Archdiocese of Denver Roman Catholic Church on Mt. Olivet Cemetery grounds, the first of its kind in the nation and subject of great controversy.

1997, April 11, CFDA President-elect Laura Zabel, MSP/CFSP, was named Funeral Service Women of the year by National Foundation of Funeral Service meeting in Jupiter Beach, Fla.

All Cremation/Kamm

1986 to present, All Beliefs Funerals, Inc., 1701 Wadsworth, owned by John and Tammi Kamm.

19__ to present, All Mortuary & Crematory Services, Inc., 3200 Wadsworth, owned by Principals, Tommi & Dianne Kamm.

Olinger Crown Hill

1970 to present, Olinger Wadsworth Chapel, 7495 W. 29th Ave.,

1970 converted Geo. W. Olinger residence by F. Vanderbur, Olinger Mortuaries.

1970-85, owned by Olinger Mortuaries, Inc.

1985-87, owned by Morlan International, Inc.

1987 to present, owned by S.C.I.

1981 to present, Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary, 7777 W. 29th Ave., owned and built by S.C.I. within Crown Hill Cemetery.

Seal/Stork/Hunter

1958-61, Seals Mortuary, W. 38th & Youngfield St., owned and built and closed by Velman & wife Rieta Seal.

1990 to present, Added Care Cremation & Funerals, 3200 Wadsworth, owned by Joe Hunter.

1995 to present, Choice Cremation, 1895 Wadsworth, owned by James S. Stork.

Woodland Park, Colo.

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1987 to present, Mountain Memorial Service, 118 N. West St., owned by Don and wife Barbara Blehm, only funeral service in Teller County, Colo., for last 10 years, also has an arrangement office in Cripple Creek, Colo.

Wray, Colo.

1906 Incorporated

1920, S.D. Church, President CFDA

1929-34, Hitchcock Mortuary, owned by William H. Hitchcock (1874-1938).

1934-75, Lockwood Funeral Home, owned by Philip E. (1908-1987) and wife Marian Lockwood (1913-1988).

1976-80, Lockwood-Spellman Mortuary, owned by Ralph L. Spellman

19__-44, Hitchcock Funeral Home, member CFDA 1940-44

1975, Lockwood Mortuary purchased by Ralph L. Spellman

1976 to present, Spellamn-Schmidt-Baucke Mortuary, 427 Adams, owned by James L. Schmidt and Daniel L. Baucke.

1976-95, Spellman-Schmidt Mortuary, owned by Ralph L. Spellman, James L. Schmidt and Daniel L. Baucke.

Yampa, Colo.

1890's, A.E. Wilson owned and operated Funeral Homes in Aspen, Breckenridge and Yampa, Colo and traded the three for a funeral home in Canon City, named it Wilson & Son Funeral Home.

Yuma, Colo.

City incorporated in 1887.

Knowles/Morris/Spellman

1918-32, Knowles Mortuary, owned by James M. (18__-1933) & wife Marion Knowles (18__-1936).

Prior to 1918, Owens Mortuary, owned by J. Owens

1930, Morris Mortuary on Main St., moved to newly built Morris Mortuary at 128 S. Ash St.,

1932, Morris bought Knowles

1932-60, Morris Mortuary, owned by Paul E. & wife Irene Wray Morris

1942, Dec., Paul E. Morris turned Mortuary over to his uncle G.T. Morris. Paul & Irene working in W. Coast Shipyards.

1960-76, Morris-Spellman Mortuary, owned by Paul E. (1904-1989) & wife Irene Wary Morris (1905-1997) daughter & son-in-law Ralph L. & Sharon Morris Spellman (1938-1992).

1972, Paul E. Morris, President CFDA

1978 to present, Spellman-Schmidt-Baucke Mortuary, 128 S. Ash St., owned by James L. Schmidt, Daniel L. Baucke & Ralph L. Spellman

1994 to present, Spellman-Schmidt-Baucke Mortuary, owned by James L. Schmidt & David L. Baucke.

Richey

1920-65, Richey Funeral Home, owned by Frank P. (____-19__) & wife Pearle Ritchey. Funeral home developed from early hardware store in 1920's.

*When the night shades gently are falling,
and the lights softly glow in the sky,
then I think of the home over yonder,
and it seems to be so nearly.
Whatever the task that is given,
I will faithfully labor on,*

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*contented, if when it is finished,
the Father shall say, "Well Done".
And when my day here is ended,
and the twilight of life I've won,
I will face toward home in the evening,
and wait for the light to come
A.E. Howe, 1935, Pres. CFDA 1921*

"Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere" Theodore Roosevelt

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Biography of Donald M. Chase *to whom the Colorado Funeral Directors Association is in the deepest debt for his willing and voluntary commitment and dedication in compiling the history of funeral service in Colorado for our 100th anniversary in 1997.*

DONALD MARCUS CHASE was born in Pawnee City, Nebraska, and attended a one room country school until his family moved to Nampa, Idaho in 1934. They were a farming family and Idaho was just opening up as a State. When a Junior in High School, he obtained a Job with the local Talley Funeral Home and began working in his lifelong vocation. He continued to help with chores at home, played in the High School Band, and served as Business Manager of the Nampa High School Annual.

Idaho would not permit the granting of Embalming and Funeral Director Apprenticeship or License until the person was 21 years of age; so he moved to Denver, Colorado and started a new Apprenticeship at the I.N. Rogers & Son Mortuary, 1544 Lincoln Street, while attending and graduating from Barnes School of Commerce in 1940.

In December of that year he married Mary Margaret Gilbert in the First United Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado where he served as Usher, Elder and Clerk of the Session for many years. He was called into the U.S. Army Air Corps December 1942 and served in a Training Center Squadron in Minnesota, California, Louisiana, Texas and from Colorado went overseas to Okinawa. He was discharged in 1947 as a First Sergeant from Buckley Field, Colorado.

Mr. Chase enrolled and graduated from the St. Louis College of Mortuary Science in 1948, returned to Denver and passed all Colorado State Board Examinations and became a licensed Colorado Funeral Director and Embalmer.

He was employed at the Capitol Mortuary in Denver from 1948 until he and his wife purchased the Blakesley Funeral Home and Ambulance Service in Aurora, Colorado August 1, 1958. They lived in the funeral home with their two sons Donald M. II, and Gregg Alan for five months, when they moved into their home on Jamaica Street.

Aurora at that time was the community between Denver and Fitzsimons Army Hospital with miles of open prairie and dry land wheat to the east into Kansas, a large area which they served. They found the community to be many dedicated military, small business and agriculturally oriented families, and it was just a short time until many of these people knew them on a first name basis.

The corporate name of Blakesley Funeral Home was changed to Aurora-Chase Mortuary and Ambulance Service in February 1959. As the community grew so did their business and they built a new mortuary at 1095 Havana Street and moved there April 5, 1966. The ambulance service was discontinued and their equipment was given to the City of Aurora.

Don Chase served his profession and the community well. He was President of the Metropolitan Denver Funeral Home Owners Association, and also of the Colorado Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. In 1970, he was elected to a four-year term as Governor of District X of the National Funeral Directors Association. This district encompassed ten western and south-western states.

He was active in the Aurora Masonic Lodge, the Order of Eastern Star, Colorado Consistory and is a life member of El Jebel Shrine. He was the Charter President of the Aurora Knife and Fork Club, was active in the Denver Executive Club, the Okinawa Masonic Club, the Paul Beck Post American Legion and served on many Aurora Chamber of Commerce Committees, as well as being chairman of the Aurora American Red Cross Chapter for ten years.

Don was honored with awards from the Aurora Police Association, the Aurora Kiwanis Club, the Colorado State and National Funeral Directors Associations. His biographical life was entered in the Revised Edition of the Historical Encyclopedia of Colorado under Representative Citizens of Colorado.

Don retired after serving his profession for 49 years and became the President of the Aurora Kiwanis Club immediately upon his official retirement. He has traveled extensively with the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He has visited nearly all of the major clock and watch factories of Europe and Japan, New Zealand and Australia and has seen many world famous clock and watch collections throughout many countries. He has traveled with opera tours to most of the world famous opera houses.

Mr. Chase continues to be active in church and other activities including: volunteering with the Denver Museum of Natural History; the Aurora Municipal Court Building; the Aurora Historical Society and Foundation, and the Aurora Historical Museum, and caring for many folks with personal needs.

He was most recently honored as a "Distinguished Historian" by the Colorado Funeral Directors Association for completing a History of Colorado Funeral Service in commemoration of their 100th Anniversary in 1997.

He speaks with great personal appreciation of the people of Aurora and the many wonderful families who called upon him in his professional capacity.

March 24, 1999