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## **Going Home: Louisville Residents Who Returned to the Old Country**

**By Bridget Bacon, Museum Coordinator**

**W**ith the westward expansion of the late 1800s and early 1900s, many people moving to Colorado were separated by long distances from close family members. People who came west to Louisville left behind parents, grandparents, siblings, nieces, and nephews. Local newspapers in the late 1800s and the 1900s reported on trips taken back and forth so that families could visit one another and maintain close relationships, such as a trip by Louisville's Bertha Oberding and Anna Kluge who in 1896 traveled together with their young children back to Illinois to visit their families.

For the many Louisville residents who had emigrated from other countries, it was much more difficult to travel back home to visit family. Most never went back. Some of the barriers to going home were the high cost, the length of time needed for such a trip, the loss of income, and the possibility of the head of the family not having a job to return to after an absence of several weeks.

Some, however, did return to the old country to visit family. It's difficult to imagine all of the planning that would have been necessary for such a trip in the early 1900s (not to mention the emotions felt by those who went back). It typically would have involved making a trip by rail

to New York City, followed by a transatlantic voyage by ship and further rail travel in Europe. One essential task, for those who had gone through the naturalization process to become American citizens, was to obtain a U.S. passport. Due to passport applications from the early 1900s having been digitized and made publicly accessible on genealogy websites, it is now possible to find information about Louisville residents traveling back to their villages in such countries as Italy, England, and Belgium to visit family. In many cases, these trips took place many years after they first came to the United States.

*This photo is believed to show people on the same 1921 or 1922 transatlantic voyage as Frank Marcello Jacoe. The photo is from a scrapbook of photos that Jacoe, an amateur photographer, took.*



It made sense for friends and relatives to travel together, if they could. Santino "Sandy" Biella, who several years later would become the owner and operator of the Rex Theatre in Louisville, was 37 years old, a married father of two young boys, and a coal miner when he returned to his home area in the Piedmont region of northern Italy in 1921. On his passport application, he stated that needed to return to settle an estate. He traveled with his brother-in-law, Celeste Romano, who was a Louisville pool hall proprietor who was 43 years old and a married father of two girls. Romano was traveling home to the Piedmont region to visit his mother. Biella and Romano traveled together on the same ships, leaving New York City in April

1921 and returning to New York from Cherbourg, France in late June 1921. All told, their journey took about three months.

Friends Battista Buffo and Bert Lissolo, who were both in their fifties, also both went back to Italy in 1921 after many years of living in Louisville. Buffo indicated on his passport application that his intention was “to visit family and settle important business,” while Lissolo stated that he was going home to visit his brothers.

Some entire families went back to the old country, perhaps so that grandparents could see grandchildren. August and Florence Clyncke and their daughters, Mary, Alice, and Elsa, traveled back to Maldegem, Belgium in October 1920 and returned again to Louisville in April 1921 after an apparent stay of about six months. George and Ellen Longmore took their six-year-old daughter, Catherine, to Scotland to visit George’s relatives in 1921.



***Giuseppe and Burtolamea Mossoni returned to Italy in 1921. This photo shows them several years earlier, in 1908, with their children and with all of them wearing their traveling clothes.***

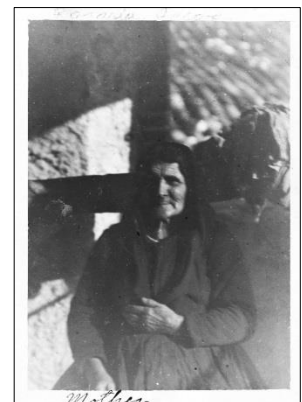
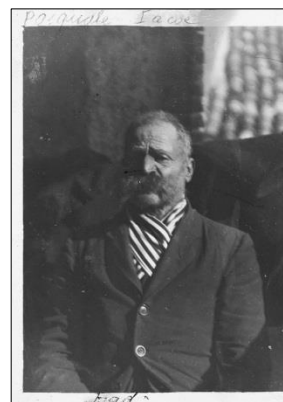
In 1921, Giuseppe and Burtolamea Mossoni traveled together to their town of Breno in Lombardy in northern Italy for a stay of about seven months. At the time, they were both in their late fifties. The following year, Jonathan Machin, a Louisville miner who was from Eckington in Derbyshire, England, returned to England to visit relatives when he was 71.

***Louisville’s Jonathan Machin returned to England in 1922.***



***Frank Marcello Jacoe used this image of himself as his passport photo. He dated it as having been taken in 1921 and placed a copy in his photo scrapbook.***

The voyage back to the Old Country by a Louisville resident that was the most documented was the one taken by Francesco “Frank” Marcello Jacoe in around late 1921, returning in June 1922. He was known to be an amateur photographer who frequently took pictures of Louisville street scenes and the lives of his friends and relatives in this area. His photo scrapbook, now part of the collection of the Louisville Historical Museum, appears to include photos that he took during his journey back for the purpose of visiting relatives in Grimaldi, southern Italy, as he indicated on his passport application. He was 37 years of age and was unmarried at the time. He worked as a musician in the Denver area and may have had more flexibility to return home than his two brothers, who lived and worked in Louisville, had.



***Frank Marcello Jacoe is believed to have taken these photos of his father, Pasquale, and mother, Rosaria, during his trip to his home in Grimaldi, Italy.***

In some cases, men returning to their home countries brought wives back to Louisville. In 1898, Nicholas Thomas, age about 25, and his mother, Mary, who was

about 47 years old, returned to the village of Cradley Heath (located in the West Midlands in England) for three years. They had come to the U.S. and to Louisville about 20 years earlier. Both Nicholas and his mother even worked while there in the chain making industry, as shown in the 1901 census. While there, Nicholas in 1899 married Elizabeth Batchelor and their first child, also named Nicholas, was born there. Nicholas and his mother returned to Louisville in 1901, bringing Elizabeth and baby Nicholas with them. In another case of bringing back a wife, Mike Colacci returned to Italy in May 1951 after the death of his wife, Mary, in 1949. He went back to take care of property that he had inherited and to visit relatives. When he returned to Louisville in April 1952 after a stay of 11 months in Italy, he brought back his second wife, Maria Tudino. Her grown children also moved to Louisville and became involved in Mike Colacci's Blue Parrot Restaurant business.



*This postcard scene shows Frank Jacoe's home village of Grimaldi in Calabria in southern Italy. Jacoe may have brought it back to Louisville in 1922 as a reminder of the town.*

One Louisville resident had an exceptionally long wait before returning to his home. Henry Hawkins had come to Louisville in 1909 with his brother and grandparents at the age of about 10. He married a member of Louisville's Italian community, Flora Zarini, and she is remembered by their family as having learned how to cook a favorite English dish, kidney pie, for him. It wasn't until many decades later, in the 1980s when he was in his eighties and air travel had replaced sea travel, that Henry Hawkins finally returned to England.

These stories of residents from the Louisville area who returned to the Old Country show the extent to which our connections to our parents, siblings, and hometowns, woven together as they are with family stories and memories of our childhoods, can exert a continuous pull that lasts the entirety of our lives.

*The Historical Museum seeks additional photos and information on the topic of Louisville area residents who made journeys back to where they grew up. In particular, the Museum currently lacks information about the Louisville residents who were of Latino heritage and who may have gone back to their home countries to visit family. Please contact the Museum if you have photos or stories to share!*

*Also, see information in this issue on upcoming programs about a "Brown Bag" program on this topic to be presented on March 1<sup>st</sup>.*



## **Historical Museum Contact Information and Hours**

The Louisville Historical Museum is open during these times:

Tuesdays	10:00-3:00
Wednesdays	10:00-3:00
Fridays	10:00-3:00
Saturdays	10:00-3:00

The Museum is also open from 6 PM to 8 PM during the First Friday Art Walks! See the programming information in this issue to see what we have planned.

An appointment is necessary if you are seeking specific research assistance, and we request that you contact the Museum Coordinator in advance if you have items to donate. She may ask for an appointment to review the items. Special appointments outside of the regular open hours are possible. The Museum staff can be reached at [museum@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:museum@louisvilleco.gov) or 303-335-4850.

The Louisville Historical Museum is owned and operated by the City of Louisville as part of the Department of Library & Museum Services. It is located at 1001 Main Street. Its mailing address is 749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027.

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## **2018 Pioneer Award Recipient: Donald William "Donnie" Buffo**

***Presented by Paula Elrod,  
Louisville Historical Commission***

*The Louisville Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Donald William "Donnie" Buffo is this year's recipient of the Pioneer Award. This award is presented annually to a person or persons who have contributed to the welfare and interest of the Louisville community. Paula Elrod presented the award to Donnie's mother Betty and his brother Ron and Ron's wife Kelli on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Louisville Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.*

Donnie was born on December 13, 1951 in Boulder, Colorado, the son of William "Bill" and Betty Schreiter Buffo. Donnie lived and grew up in his family's home on Walnut Street in Louisville with his brother Ron. Donnie was a lifelong resident of Louisville and was very proud of it.



Donnie attended Louisville Elementary School and Louisville Jr.-Sr. High School, from which he graduated in 1969. While in high school he played football and baseball, wrestled, and ran track. He was All-Conference and All-State in football and an All-Conference 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman in baseball.

After graduation Donnie worked for two years at Rocky Flats until he and his brother Ron left to attend Adams State College, where he majored in Physical Education. While attending Adams State College, he was a starting offensive tackle and was a four-year letterman in football for the Adams State Indians and was a member of the 1971 RMAC Conference Champions. He graduated in 1975 from Adams State College with a B.A. in Education and was quickly hired to teach Elementary Physical Education at Westminster Hills Elementary School ("Westy Hills") in School District 50.

During Donnie's 36 years of teaching at Westy Hills, he created the first computer education curriculum for Westy Hill students and the school's first webpage, organized the aluminum can collection to provide

physical education equipment, and organized the field day activities. He ran an annual fire prevention program for students and parents. Donnie was a member of Westminster Education Association from 1975-2011. Donnie was respected and much loved by students, parents and his colleagues.

Donnie was a member of the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years and responded to over 8,000 fire/rescue calls. For many years, Donnie ran the "Tot Finders" program for the Fire Department, for which he handed out decals and information to the elementary schools in Louisville. In 2015 he founded the "202 Fire Victims Assistance Fund" to aid families who were impacted by home fires. He served as a board member on the Louisville Fire Protection District. Donnie was extremely proud of his contributions to the Louisville Fire Department and was one of its strongest supporters.

Donnie was very active in the Louisville community; he was a member of the Louisville Society of Italian Americans, he created the first webpage for the organization, and he was a major organizer for the annual "La Festa" with setting up tents, sound systems, traffic control, children's games, and publicity.

He was a board member of the Louisville-Lafayette Community Scholarship Fund, kept the scoreboard for the Centaurus and Monarch football games, and was a member of the Tri-City Elks Lodge. Donnie ran the "Hoop Shoot" program for 8 years as a member of Tri-City Elks. He consistently helped the Louisville Chamber of Commerce with its events (helping with water, set-up for bicycle races, Pints in the Park, etc.) and was honored by the Louisville Chamber of Commerce in 2015 with the Lani Melvin Special Recognition award for his volunteerism. Sadly, Donnie passed away on February 2, 2016.

We have all heard of the "random acts of kindness" that happen. Donnie lived that almost every day from helping his mother, family and friends, to helping strangers. During the fall Donnie would drive his truck around Louisville and randomly stop to rake and load leaves from strangers' yards and then haul them away. He would volunteer to give rides to the airport, church, etc. During the winter, he would spend most of a day removing snow for family, friends and surrounding neighbors. I was a recipient of some of his acts of kindness. When my husband passed away, the next day or so, it had snowed, and I went out to shovel the walks in front of my house. As I started I heard someone say loudly to me, "Paula, get back in the house, I have this taken care of." It was Donnie, coming down the street with his shovel in hand. I was never able to shovel my

sidewalks after that. It didn't matter how quickly I would try to get outside and do it, Donnie had already been there. I would thank him and asked him endlessly what I could do or give him for taking care of this for me and he would always say, "All I need is your friendship." I was so blessed to have Donnie as a friend.

Donnie was one of the most unselfish, giving people I have ever known. He always had time for his family, friends and even someone he just met. You really had to know him to understand his heart, yet he touched the lives of many who just briefly met him.

It is my distinct honor and privilege as a member of the Louisville Historical Commission to present the 2018 Pioneer Award to Mrs. Betty Buffo and Ron and Kelli Buffo.



### ***Louisville History Foundation News***

***By Jessica Spanarella,  
Board of Directors***

The Louisville History Foundation would like to welcome Cate Bradley to the Board. Cate is a Louisville resident and has over 20 years of varied experience in the public sector and a strong background in research and analysis. Among many other qualifications, Cate has held various positions within the City of Boulder and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. We also welcome 2018 by congratulating Dan Mellish and Catherine Wessling on being reappointed to each serve a new term on the Foundation Board. Dan also serves on the Louisville Historical Commission. Both Dan and Catherine bring commitment and leadership to the Foundation.

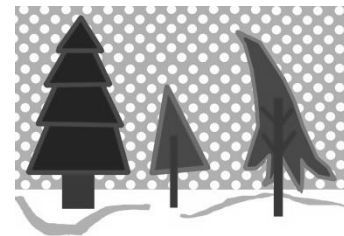
We would like to thank David Marks for serving as the Foundation's Vice-Chair for the past few years. David has brought a vast wealth of knowledge to our board with his marketing background and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

The following directors will continue to serve in their positions for 2018: Paula Elrod as Chair; Tammy Lastoka as Treasurer; and Catherine Wessling as Secretary. Newly elected for 2018 is Jessica Spanarella as Vice-Chair.

We look forward to another prosperous year as we continue to grow. Stay tuned for upcoming events and exciting news!

### ***LOUISVILLE HISTORY FOUNDATION***

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### ***Upcoming Programs***

The public is invited to join us for our upcoming programs! For more information, please visit [www.louisvilleco.gov/museum](http://www.louisvilleco.gov/museum), email [museum@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:museum@louisvilleco.gov), or call the Museum at 303-335-4850.

#### **“First Friday” Museum Events, 6-8 PM**

Stop by the Museum to learn about hidden and interesting aspects of Louisville history and to tour the historic buildings on our Museum campus at 1001 Main St. during Louisville's 2018 First Friday Art Walks!

- Friday, March 2: **Louisville's Luck of the Irish**  
Irish immigrants were drawn to Colorado for its mining and other work opportunities, and they helped shape Colorado's future. At this event, we'll take a close look at the Irish men and women who came to Louisville and their impact on our town.

- Friday, April 6: **Trees of Louisville**  
Early Louisville residents planted trees for their fruit-producing capabilities and for other reasons such as shade, privacy, and decoration. We'll celebrate Louisville's past and present trees and chat with City Forester Chris Lichty at this event.

**- Friday, May 4: Lost Louisville: Remembering its Past Buildings**

Louisville's historical downtown buildings contribute to its strong sense of place. At this event during Preservation Month, we'll use the Museum's historic photo collection to look at images of buildings that are gone, including Front Street saloons and Main Street grocery stores.



*The Miners Trading Co. building was located on the northwest corner of Main & Pine. This photo shows it in about 1905. The building was demolished by 1914.*

**“Going Home: Louisville Residents Who Returned to the Old Country,” Brown Bag Presentation, Thursday, March 1, 12-1 PM, Library Meeting Room**

Museum Coordinator Bridget Bacon will give a presentation about those who made long journeys back to their original homes to visit family after emigrating to the U.S. and living in Louisville for many years.

**“The Coal Giants: History of United Coal Company, Northern Coal Company and Rocky Mountain Fuel Company,” Thursday, March 15, 7 PM, Library Meeting Room**

Delving into mining history of the Louisville-Lafayette area, Doug Conarroe will give a program based on research that he conducted for his new book entitled *80026: An Illustrated History of Lafayette, Colo., 1829-1929*.

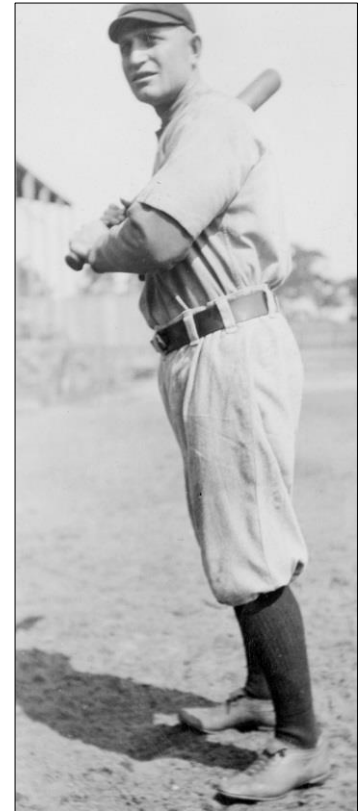


*Acme Mine, early 1900s, southwest corner of Roosevelt & Hutchinson, when it was owned by the Northern Coal & Coke Co.*

**“Early Major League Baseball Through the Eyes of Louisville’s Bert Niehoff,” Wednesday, April 4, 7 PM, Library Meeting Room**

Museum staff member Tom Mensik will give a program on Bert Niehoff's journey from Louisville to the Major Leagues. In particular, he'll look at the important decade of 1910-1919, when baseball was truly cemented as America's national pastime and when Niehoff played for four different clubs and in the World Series.

*Louisville’s Bert Niehoff when he played for the Major Leagues.*



**Oral History Program Update**

Thanks to the participation by dozens of Louisville residents and a talented and dedicated team of Oral History Program volunteers, the Louisville Historical Museum has a rich collection of filmed interviews documenting Louisville's unique history. The Museum has captured people's memories and stories about Louisville in over 170 hours of interviews conducted since 2009.

Until now, people interested in watching any of the interviews have had to make an appointment to come to the Museum to watch them on a day when the Museum is closed. Now, however, the City of Louisville is making an initial group of about 16 hours of interviews publicly accessible on YouTube. Visit [www.louisvilleco.gov/museum](http://www.louisvilleco.gov/museum) for links to the individual interviews.



*Ted and Carolyn Manzanares at the time of their 2014 oral history interview for the Museum.*

In addition, the City will show these 10 initial interviews on Louisville's local cable channel 8. The initial group consists of interviews of Dick and Shirley Bodhaine, Marion Dionigi Junior and Rudy Dionigi, Hannah Harper, Ted and Carolyn Manzanares, Larry Martella, Virginia Milano, Ricky Pickett, Manuel Silva and Chuck Silva, Fred and Lois Tesone, and Vernon Zurick.

If you have questions or would like to participate in the Museum's Oral History Program as a narrator or volunteer, please contact the Historical Museum at [museum@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:museum@louisvilleco.gov) or 303-335-4850.

Thank you so much to the team of volunteers who have been working on the Museum's Oral History Program: Barbara Gigone, Jean Morgan, Noelle Gatto, Leslie Aaholm, Christine Nimmo, Dustin Sagrillo, Betty Solek, Barbara Hesson, and Ady Kupfner.

### ***The Museum Corner Bridget Bacon, Museum Coordinator***

Thank you to Louisville voters, who in November approved the continuation of the Louisville Historic Preservation Tax by a margin of nearly 2 to 1. The continuation of this small City sales tax will ensure sustained funding to support historic preservation efforts in Louisville. Also, beginning in 2019, City Council may designate up to 20% of the funds to be used for operations and maintenance at the Louisville Historical Museum.

Welcome to Tom Mensik, who started in his position as the Museum Technician in November! Tom earned a Master's Degree in Museum Studies from the University of Oklahoma and has had experience at several history museums along the Front Range. Most recently, he worked at Historic Georgetown, Inc. Welcome also to Jenny Groves, a new Museum & Library Services Technician who will occasionally help with the public

hours at the Museum. Thank you so much to Kelsey Smith, who was the Museum's 2017 Oral History Intern and who completed her paid internship in December. Kelsey's help in making the first 10 oral history interviews available online was invaluable!

The Louisville City Council has appointed Paula Elrod to another term on the Historical Commission. At its January meeting, the Commission reelected Dan Mellish as Chair, Paula Elrod as Vice Chair, and Jon Ferris as Secretary.

The Museum ended its 2017 series of First Friday Art Walk events on a high note. The November topic, "True Crime in Louisville," drew about 75 visitors to explore this interesting topic. In December, the Historical Museum and Louisville History Foundation partnered to give out treat bags during the Art Walk and Parade of Lights, carrying on a longtime Louisville tradition. Thank you so much to Memory Delforge for her generous donations to help with the sponsorship of the treat bags and to Memory, Jessica Spanarella, Judy DeNovellis, Betty Scarpella, Paula Elrod, and Karen DiCarlo for assembling them. Thank you, also, to Memory, Paula, Karen, Gordon Madonna, and Mary Ann Colacci for volunteering during the evening of the December Art Walk and Parade of Lights, when the Museum had nearly 350 visitors. It was a lot of fun!

Thank you so much to Bonnie Malnati Thompson, Dale Thompson, Georgia Lee Lunka, and Harold Lunka for information that they provided during their visit to the Museum about the Marinsek, Prosek, Parbois, and Malnati families who lived in the Louisville area. Also, thank you to Rosemary Rippeth for information that she shared during a recent visit.

Thank you so much to regular Museum volunteers Carolyn Anderson Jones, Debby Fahey, Natalie Long, Kate Gerard, Rebecca Harney, Carolyn Conarroe, Christine Gray, Mary Ann Colacci, Memory Delforge, Jessica Spanarella, Carol Williams, Mona Lee Doersam, and Ardeshir Sabeti. Congratulations to Debby Fahey, who is this year's recipient of the Lawrence Enrietto Volunteer of the Year Award from the Louisville Chamber of Commerce! Debby has been a volunteer for the Museum since 2009, is a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, and contributes her time in many other ways for the Louisville community.

The Museum would not be able to accomplish all that it does to share and preserve Louisville history without its wonderful volunteers. If you would like to help catalog historic photos, work on the Oral History Program, give tours, or come in to help with visitors once a month during the First Friday Art Walk events at the Museum, please let me know!

## Museum Building Conceptual Plan Progresses

Thank you to all who gave input this year into the conceptual design plan for a new building at the Historical Museum. The building is intended to provide ADA-accessible space for a Visitors Center, as well as providing collection storage, exhibit, public meeting, and staff areas for the Museum. (The existing historical Museum buildings do not have an ADA-accessible restroom and are not otherwise ADA-accessible.) Over the course of several months, architects from the Roybal Corporation, a Denver-based architectural firm, worked to create a conceptual design with input from the public, City Council, the Historical Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Louisville History Foundation.

At a City Council meeting in December, architects from the Roybal Corporation presented its final conceptual design plan to the City Council, which voted to approve it. The presentation by the Roybal Corporation can be viewed through the City of Louisville website by using the link to EngageLouisville. In 2018, City Council, City staff, the Historical Commission, the Louisville History Foundation and others plan to explore possible funding options for this project that will help ensure that the Museum meets expectations and standards for public museum buildings.



## History Book Club - Upcoming Topics By Anne Robinson

The History Book Club meets from 6:00 to 7:45 PM on the first Thursday of each month from September to May in the second floor Board Room of the Louisville Public Library. Unlike most book clubs in which members all read the same book, in this book club we select a topic and everyone reads what they wish on the topic. Participants read books or articles and we discuss what we learned with the group. Members of the public are welcome to join us, and newcomers should feel free to come and observe.

**March Topic:** Skiing History  
Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018

**April Topic:** Fraternal Organizations (Masons, Redmen, Knights of Pythias, etc.)  
Thursday, April 5, 2018



*The members of the Knights of Pythias were very active as a fraternal organization in Louisville. This photo shows the members in full regalia in Louisville in about 1925.*

**May Topic:** Flu Epidemic of 1918  
Thursday, May 3, 2018



## Memorial Donations

Thank you so much for these recent memorial donations. Donations received after this issue goes to print will be shown in the next issue.

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Thank you to the following people and organizations for their recent generous monetary donations, other than memorial donations, to the Louisville History Foundation and Museum. Also, thank you so much to those who made recent donations of \$500 and \$100 and who wish to remain anonymous.

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## ***Donations to the Museum's Collection and Records***

The Louisville Historical Museum accepted the following donations during the months of November through January. The City sincerely appreciates these recent donations!

**Robert Junior** – Two 1957 Louisville High School football programs.

**Memory Delforge** – digital image of Frank Molk, World War I veteran; Lafayette Service Record Book for World War I and II.

**Herman Fauson** – scrapbook relating to Louisville High School football, particularly the 1947 season.

**Jean Morgan** – cookbook of the American Business Women’s Assn. for Lafayette & Louisville, Colorado; list of nicknames used historically in Louisville, drawn from her conversations with residents.

**Stephen Forbes** – two vintage glass bottles found in the south side yard of his Old Town Louisville home.

**Dixie Buckalew** – commencement announcement for the class of her mother, Mary J. Nixon, who graduated from Louisville High School in 1920.

**Karen Waligorski** – Three photos taken by her mother during a 1939 road trip from Illinois that included a stop in the Louisville area.

**Bonnie Thompson** – digital images of two photos showing men at the Red Ash Mine in Marshall, circa 1915-1920. The donor’s grandfather, Charles Malnati, was a mine inspector.



*Interior of the Red Ash Mine, circa 1915-1920. Mine Inspector Charles Malnati is at center. On the right is Alfred DeMoulin. The man on the left is unidentified.*

**Paula Elrod** - yard sign for the successful 2017 ballot issue for the continuation of the Louisville Historic Preservation Tax.

**Ron Cutadean & Justine Cassady** – items relating to Coal Creek Elementary, Louisville Middle

School, and Centaurus High School, including yearbooks and programs.

**Leo Deborski** – Two 1948 Louisville High School football programs.

**Doug Conarroe** – copy of his recently released book about the Lafayette area with the title *80026: An Illustrated History of Lafayette, Colo., 1829-1929*.

**Camille Begley** – digital images of 22 photos relating to the Di Francia family of Louisville and the image of the marriage certificate for Margaret Di Francia and Camillo Domenico, who married in Louisville in 1912.



*Rose Di Francia, circa 1915. This photo is one of the donated photos relating to the Di Francia family and is believed to have been taken at the Di Francia house at 1045 La Farge Ave.*

## **Thanks to New and Renewing Members!**

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Camille & Martin Begley	Stephanie Hепен
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Linda “Jake” Harris	Henrietta Van Dyke

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