

# The Louisville Historian

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## State Senator Edward Affolter

Louisville and Boulder County resident Edward Affolter was a man who made significant contributions through public service and community leadership. As a Colorado State Senator and Louisville City Attorney Affolter would represent the Boulder County area with distinction.

Edward's father, Frederick Affolter came to America in 1852 from Switzerland. Arriving in New York with his brother Jacob, the two brothers made their way west by obtaining jobs in Ohio, Illinois, and Kansas. Eventually Frederick and Jacob came to Denver and soon settled at Haystack Mountain on Left Hand Creek near Longmont where they joined others in their quest for gold but would have to settle for cutting and hauling hay. After building a cabin in 1860 the brothers made plans to travel to Missouri with designs on purchasing milk cows. Upon arrival back at Haystack Mountain Frederick decided he would travel back to Switzerland to learn the fine art of cheesemaking and while stopping off in Greenville, Illinois to visit a cousin he had the good luck to meet Elizabeth Ruch who had come to the United States with her foster parents. As fate would have it Frederick and Elizabeth would enter into a courtship and eventually marry in 1870.

Edward Affolter, was born on November 12, 1876 at the Haystack Mountain cabin. He would be the youngest of the five children born there. Soon the family would move to Longmont and build a cabin at the corner of Nelson and Hover Roads and continue to make additions to it because of five more children that would be born there. All of the children would eventually attend college; four to the University of Colorado and six to the Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College in Fort Collins. Edward attended the latter college in Fort Collins but left before graduation and soon thereafter entered Woodworth and Wallace Business College in Denver. After working at several jobs in Denver, Edward soon tired of what he was doing and decided to travel to Walden, Colorado in North Park to visit his brother John. Upon arriving in Walden Edward soon made the acquaintance of Mattie Jane Robinson who was in Walden visiting an aunt and uncle and decided to stay and teach school. John and Mattie persuaded Edward to stay and also teach school, which he did, and stayed on for two years. Mattie and Edward eventually became engaged and traveled to Waltonville, Illinois so Edward could be introduced to her parents and make wedding plans. They were wed on December 30, 1903.

Edward and Mattie would move to Lincoln, Nebraska where Edward, who had expressed an interest in studying law, entered the University of Nebraska Law School and graduated in 1906. Upon graduation the couple, with their daughter Ruth, moved to Louisville where Edward would join his brother John practicing law. Unfortunately, during Edward's first summer in Louisville John was stricken with appendicitis while on a fishing trip and died. Edward would take over the law practice and would operate it from 1907 to 1950.

Affolter would establish his law practice as well as his

position in the Democratic Party. In 1908 Affolter would heartily support William Jennings Bryan in Bryan's third, and last, unsuccessful attempt at the presidency. Edward would successfully run for the Colorado State Senate in 1912 and 1932 representing Boulder County. During his first four year term Affolter would have to deal with one of the most contentious issues that has ever faced Boulder County; the Long Strike of 1910-1914. With mine owners and striking miners Affolter would have to perform with objectivity and integrity. Because of his connections with the Louisville coal mining community Affolter would become an expert on coal mining litigation and would co-author Colorado's Workmen's Compensation Act. Additionally, Affolter would become an authority in municipal and irrigation law. Affolter's election in 1932 would coincide with that of Franklin Roosevelt's and the Great Depression. During this time Edward would become a key figure in reopening the Highway Mine under the supervision of the Louisville/Lafayette Coal Company. It is recognized that this action saved a multitude of jobs in Louisville and Lafayette during this very difficult time in American history.

While a Colorado State Senator Affolter was concurrently practicing law in Louisville and was also the City Attorney for Louisville for 26 years. Affolter's name appears on County and Superior court records for 40 years. Upon his death in 1952 at the age of 75 the following creed, by which Edward Affolter lived, was given by the Boulder County Bar Association.

"I will be true, for there are those who trust me,  
I will be pure, for there are those who care.  
I will be strong, for there is much to suffer,  
I will be brave, for there is much to dare."

(Biographical information from Ruth Affolter Babcock)

## Edward Affolter

Louisville, Colorado

Democratic Candidate For  
STATE SENATOR  
§ PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT §  
Practicing Lawyer 25 Years  
Born in Boulder County

General Election - Nov. 8, 1932

## Share the Gift of History

Share the gift of history by sharing the gift of membership in the Louisville Historical Society. Your gift will be the one remembered throughout the year. A yearly membership for an individual, family, group, or business is \$10.00. A Lifetime Membership is \$50.00. Membership means receiving our newsletters and an invitation to our Annual Historical Society Meeting. Membership also means helping to ensure the preservation of Louisville's unique history and cultural character.

Call the Museum at 303-665-9048 or write to us at Louisville Historical Museum, 749 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado, 80027. Please remember to communicate your name, address, and telephone number as well as the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) to whom you wish to give the gift of membership. We can accept cash or checks. Make checks payable to Louisville Historical Society.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*In Memory of*

*Donna Sullivan, Joe Ray,  
and Virginia Carnival*

## TAKE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY: VOLUNTEER!

Louisville Historical Museum is seeking volunteers to help preserve Louisville's colorful history for future generations. Opportunities range from assisting with museum tours to caring for the collection and helping with research. Volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with visitors while exploring Louisville's history. Training will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Museum at 303-665-9048 or e-mail [museum@ci.louisville.co.us](mailto:museum@ci.louisville.co.us).

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## The Museum Corner

*By Carol Gleason*

As we move into the fall season, many of us are reflecting on the September 11th events and the uncertainty of the future. It seems more appropriate than ever to look at what we have accomplished as a nation and as a community in Louisville. At the Louisville Historical Museum, we welcome the opportunity to engage in activities that connect us to both our past and our future. We invite you to visit the Museum and enjoy our unique history and the splendor of autumn in Louisville.

The fall season brings an increase in the number of tours to the Museum. Second graders from Fireside Elementary, Louisville Elementary, and Monarch K-8 explore the Museum and tour the Police Department, Fire Department, and Library in "Old Town." Senior groups and scout troops enjoy tours of both the Museum and Main Street. Walk-in visitors tour the Museum and peruse our many resources. If it has been a few years since your last visit to the Museum, please stop by to see the new changes in our exhibits and to access our resources.

A recent change in the look of the Louisville Historical Museum is the addition of a third building. In September, the City of Louisville moved the house formerly located at 1100 LaFarge Avenue to the museum site. The house is historically known as the Jordinelli house as Frank and Rose Jordinelli were among the early owners of the property. The most recent owners, Walden Miller and Catherine Abel, donated the house to the City of Louisville for the purpose of expanding the museum site. The house will be renovated to provide additional display and storage areas. The site plan for the three museum buildings is included in this newsletter. We would appreciate hearing from you and learning what you would like to see in our third building. Please contact the Museum or a Historical Commission member to share your ideas for developing the public space in the third building. We want to hear from you!

The Historical Commission continues to participate in Louisville's community events. On July 4th, Commission members were at Memory Square Park sharing local history and selling copies of The Louisville Story. During the Louisville Fall Festival, Commission members held their annual Silent Auction to benefit the Museum. Members are presently preparing for their participation in the Parade of Lights on Friday, December 7th. Commission members will open the Museum for tours, refreshments, and the sale of holiday ornaments. Please stop by the Museum before or after the parade to enjoy the festivities.

Historical Commission members hosted the Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, September 9th. The meeting began in City Council Chambers with a lecture titled, "The Cheyenne and Arapaho Occupation of Colorado Prior to 1864." Commission member, Bill Unrau, presented this informative program. Refreshments and a tour of the museum followed the program.

Historical Commission members are seeking your help in obtaining photographs of Louisville mayors to update the present display in City Council Chambers. Please contact the Museum or a Historical Commission member if you have a photograph or negative to share.

In closing I want to thank Betty Buffo, Isabelle Hudson, and Don Buffo for their volunteer work. Betty and Isabelle continue to work tirelessly to care for the museum collection. Don worked during the summer to identify and organize numerous football films from Louisville High School.

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## Thanks to New and Renewing Members!

### Lifetime Members

Duane & Shirley Elrod	Robert L. Piccone
Richard & Darlene DelPizzo	Dave & Dorothy Ferguson
Evonne Damiana	Dick & Lajoy Franchini
George & Cynthia Autrey	Todd & Carol Gleeson
Jack & Grace Dionigi	Ray & Nadine Caranci
Harry & Ruth Mayor	Don & Memory Delforge
Charles & Frances Miller	

### Yearly Members

Helen Silko	John Bosko
Sylvia Kilker	Don & Joyce Ross
Bill & Edie Knowles	June Enrietto
Charles & Eileen Hogg	Charles & Ada Bottinelli
Barbara Leichty	Martin Buffo
Beverly Atencio	Dan & Teresa Aylward
Joe Buffo	Dominic & Rita Ferrera
Melvin Dilorenzo	Mike Koertje
Glen & Anna Hansen	Chris DeMeo
Joseph Hansen	Doris Clements
Steve & Eileen Reynolds	Meredyth Muth
Marjorie Nell Pickett	Phyllis Hawkins
Joyce Hyslop	Ed & Beth Smith
David Casler	John Glen Dionigi
Ruth E. Babcock	Delbert & Janet McNally
Dottie Unruh	Louise Buffo
Albert Schmidt	

The above names consist of recent membership in the Louisville Historical Society during the months of July and October. We apologize for any omissions or misspellings. Please contact the museum with corrections to the above list of names.

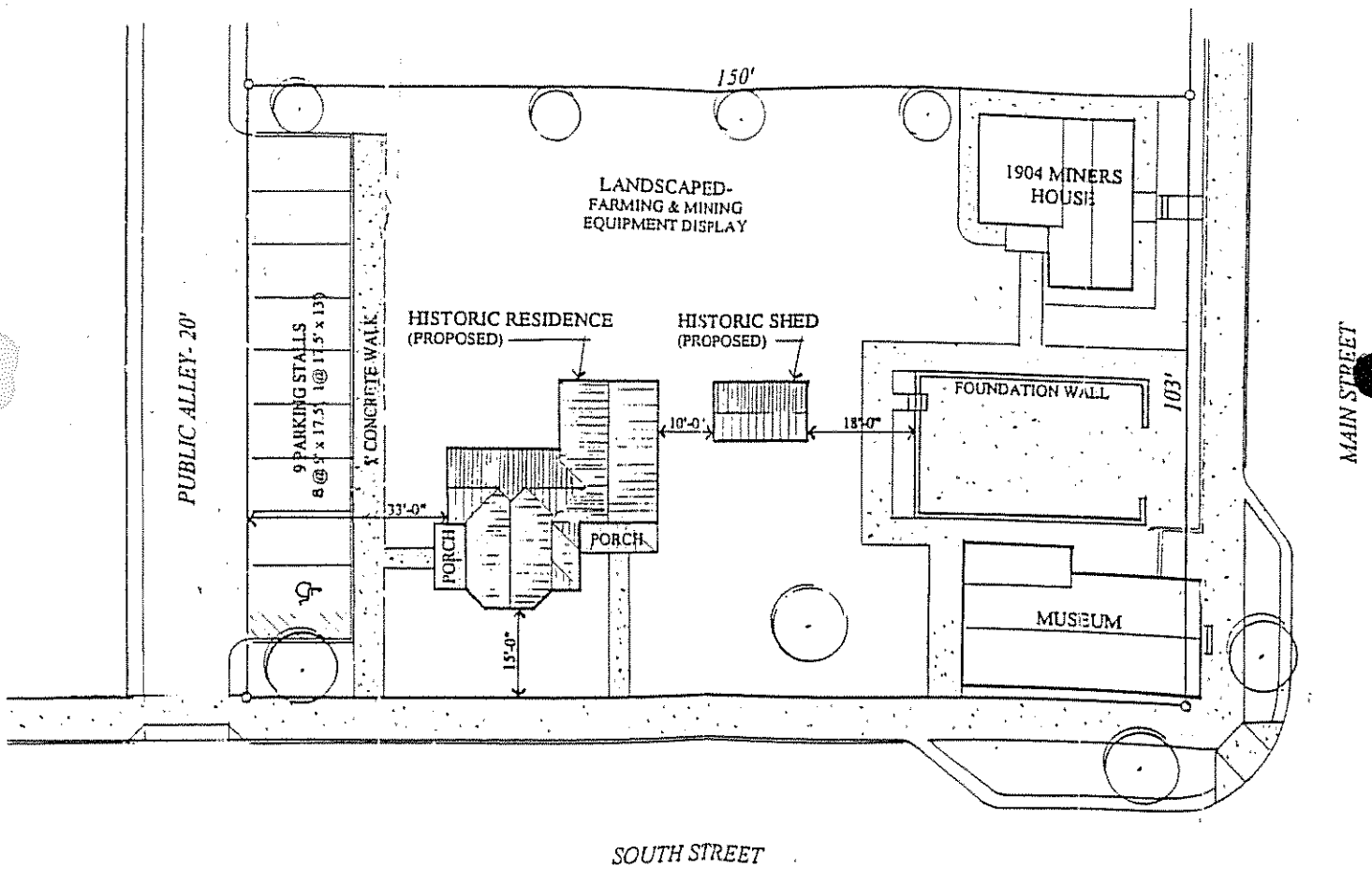
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### Museum Wish List

A special thank you to Historical Society Members, Shirley Elrod and Pat Seader, who responded to our wish for photographs of Louisville High School's graduating classes. Their donations are wonderful additions to our Museum collection. If you would be willing to donate any of the items listed below, please call 303-665-9048 and let us know. All donations to the museum, a non-profit institution, are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

- Children's clothes and toys (1900-1950)
- Louisville High School Yearbooks (Cargos)  
1954, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, & 1972
- Photographs of Louisville High School's graduating classes  
1939, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1964 through 1971
- Items and photographs associated with Louisville's Fraternal Orders
- Items and photographs associated with baseball teams in Louisville
  - Coal mining tools and equipment

# Historic Residence Moved To Museum Location



## DONATIONS

Louisville Historical Museum has received the following donations during the months of July and October. We sincerely appreciate these recent donations.

Louisville Public Library	First reader, <u>Friends to Make</u>
Virginia Fauson	Photograph of the Louisville High School Class of 1949
Anne Huey	Sessions Mantle Clock
Sharon Hagan	Photographs of the Louisville High School basketball team, Tango Club, and Louisville Hose Team of 1920
Shirley Elrod	Photographs of the Louisville High School Class of 1963 and a 1947 baseball team
Nadine Caranci	Metal tray advertising General Electric
Ron & Arlene Leggett	Goodman Mining Handbook, two gowns, and tuxedo pants and jacket
Lt. Col. Victor R. Barnard	WWI officer's uniform, cap, campaign hat, mess kit, canteen, ruck sack, and canvas water buckets
Saturday Study Club	Minutes, scrapbooks, yearbooks, and history articles
Peter E. Pascoff	Pay roll statements from the Baum and Sterling Mines and the book, <u>Green Light on the Tipple</u>
Pat Seader/Barbara George	Photograph of the Louisville High School Class of 1951

## LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM MUSEUM HOURS

1001 Main Street  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday - 10AM to 3PM  
 Louisville, CO 80027  
 1st Sat. of every month - 10AM to 3PM  
 -665-9048

## 1908 Louisville Directory

Important coal mining town, situated in Boulder County, 20 miles northwest of Denver, on the Colorado and Southern Railway. Good schools, city lighted by the Louisville and Lafayette Lighting Plant. Seven coal mines in continuous operation. Population, 3,000.

### City Officials

Mayor	Wm. Austin
Clerk	Frank Oberding
Treasurer	Joe Lackner
Attorney	Chas. B. Ward
Marshal	J. Peck
Magistrate	J. Girdel
Justices of the Peace	H.D. Toby T. Beveridge

### Trustees

Harney, Williamson, Weir, Todd, Duffler and Porter.

Affolter, Edward	Local mgr. Louisville Bank.
Alert, Oscar	Postmaster
Austin, Wm.	Mayor, General Merchandise.
Carveth Bros. & Dalby	General Merchandise, Gent's furnishings and shoes.
Commercial Hotel	Mrs. Joe Humphrey prop. \$1.25 per day.
Firestone, G.	Shoe Repair
Louisville Drug Co.	E.A. Salter prop. Paints, oils, and varnishes.
Miller and McCorkle	The City Meat Market
Ostrander, A.H.	Exclusive bakery and confectionary store.
Powell, R.R.	Undertaker, branch office in Erie and Lafayette.
Schreiter, Paul	Bakery goods
Steinbaugh, J.J.	Hardware, implements, harness, and general blacksmithing.
Wolfer, C.F.	Physician and surgeon.

(The above names and businesses are a sampling taken from the 1908 directory.)

## Veteran's Day At Monarch High School

Veteran's Day 2001 was commemorated at Monarch High School during the week preceding Sunday, November 11th. Matt Buchler, Paula Sinn-Penfold, and Ron Buffo (members of the Social Studies Department) made copies from the book, "Service Record - World War II Louisville and Community" that contains photos and biographical information about Louisville Veterans. Over 531 veterans, which included 15 women, were recognized by placing their photos and biographies in the main hallway in front of the Social Studies office. A special place of honor was set aside to pay respect to the 8 men and 1 woman who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Those "Gold Star" heroes were:

**Alfred Dhieux**  
**Benedict Fiechtl**  
**Robert Jesse Morrison**  
**Carl R. Sanderson**  
**John F. Tomeo**  
**Robert Francis Tovado**  
**Mary Elizabeth Trebing**  
**Stephan J. Vaschak**  
**Robert Vaughn**

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