

Pioneer Award

DR. LUCIUS CASSIDY SR.
1987



BORN JANUARY 6, 1898 IN BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY
DIED JANUARY 8, 1984 IN DENVER, COLORADO

Dr. Lucius Cassidy, a native of New Jersey, came to Denver for his medical internship and was drawn to Louisville when a job opening for a mine doctor became available in 1930. He got the job and became the mine and town doctor for the Louisville and Superior areas. He and his wife, Helen, purchased the home of the previous mine doctor located on Garfield Avenue in Louisville, which was designed with both living quarters and a medical office. Dr. Cassidy was paid through an arrangement with the union, attending to miners and their families, and even went down into the mines to help with injuries when mine accidents happened. People who weren't part of the mine health plan could also see Dr. Cassidy but had to pay his regular fee. After the last mine closed in 1955, Dr. Cassidy was the only doctor available in the area for many of his fifty years of practice.

Since Dr. Cassidy's office was located in his home, he was available to his patients virtually seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, and he made regular house calls. He attended the Louisville High School footballs games, and other sporting events, in case he was needed for any injuries. His former patients remember his gentle manner and his simple, yet effective, treatments for colds and ailments, such as mustard baths and plasters and Epsom salts.

Dr. Cassidy continued his dedicated practice for over 50 years, and even made six house calls on his eightieth birthday. He died in 1982 at the age of 84.