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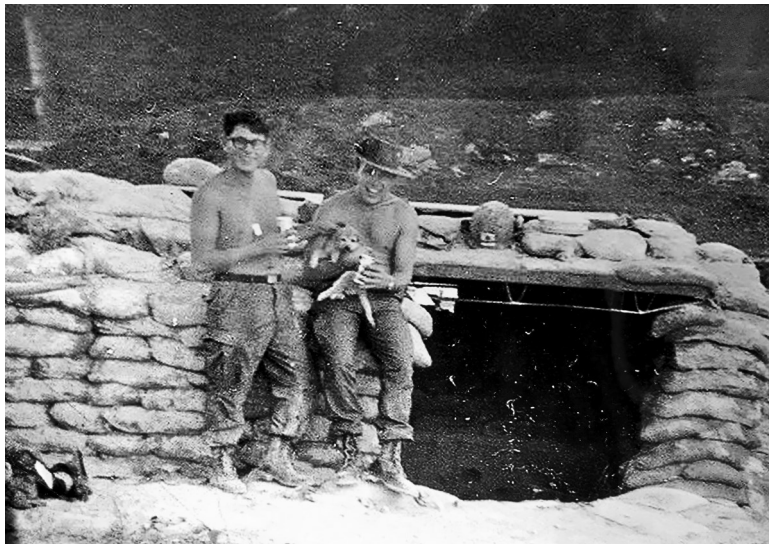
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The Boys Who Went to War: Louisville and the Vietnam War, Part I by Summer B. King

For kids in the 1950s and 1960s, Louisville was an idyllic place to grow up; running barefoot, swimming in ditches, and creating their own fun. Louisville was the type of place that if a kid fell and scraped their knee, any neighbor would be quick to patch them up, send them on their way, and their mother would already know about it before they got home. By the time they were teenagers, many of these kids would have their carefree existence upended by U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War (1955-1975) was a conflict between North Vietnam backed by communist allies, and South Vietnam backed primarily by the United States which feared the spread of communism. The U.S. sent many troops to fight in Vietnam, including young men from Louisville. The war ended in 1975 when Vietnam was reunified under communist control, having cost millions of American and Vietnamese lives and causing deep divisions within American society.

Janice Mudrock, Louisville High School (LHS) class of '65, recalls how the easy days of high school were



Tom Mudrock, LHS class of '65, on left, in Vietnam.

interrupted by the reality of the war immediately after graduation: “Our activities revolved mostly around school; football games, down to Colacci’s or the Blue Parrot after the game to drink coffee and eat french fries... It was just a great time to grow up, and then in ‘65 when we graduated, most of the guys within a year were in Vietnam.”

Louisville Boys Before the War

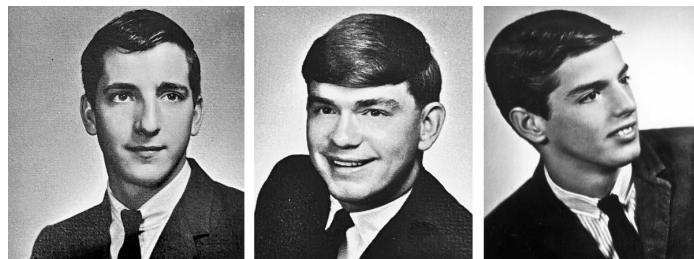
Janice’s statement was correct; at least 70% of the young men in the LHS classes of ‘65 and ‘66 served during the Vietnam War, with many being stationed there. This coincided with the U.S. drastically increasing troops between 1964 and 1965, from 23,300 service members in Vietnam to 184,300. The number would more than double again the following year to 385,300. In order to send this many men, the U.S. government doubled the number of men drafted between 1964 and 1965.

Buddy Ferrera, LHS ‘60, enlisted, but his younger brother Allan, LHS ‘65, did not. Allan remembers getting his draft notice in 1966. His reaction: “I was pissed!” He says the feeling at that time was, “It’s just

a matter of time. Sooner or later, you were gonna get drafted.” When Gary Hudson, LHS ‘66 enlisted, his classmate Gary Carnival playfully wrote in his yearbook: “I’m glad you enlisted cuz that’s one less chance I’ve got of going.”

Despite fear of the draft, more men enlisted than were drafted. Nationwide, two-thirds of service members enlisted voluntarily. However, this doesn't mean that military service was the first choice for all of these young men. Some men enlisted because they felt they had no other options, or because they wanted to choose their own branch of the service, something you could not do if drafted. Dan Brown, LHS ‘68, remembers many of the young men skipping school, assuming classes didn't matter if they were going to be drafted anyway. On one such day, he was drinking beer at the Broken Drum on Pearl Street with a friend from Superior instead of being in school, when the conversation turned to the draft. In January of that year the North Vietnamese carried out the Tet Offensive, a series of surprise attacks which caused massive U.S. and South Vietnamese casualties. Brown expected this would lead to increasing draft numbers and suggested he and his friend join the Navy to avoid being sent to the ground, “We'll be in the ship, and a dry place to sleep at night, and eating would be good.” When his friend replied, “I can't swim,” he said, “Don't worry about that, they'll teach you!” Brown enlisted, but he was told to come back in 120 days with his high school diploma or no deal, which changed his mind about skipping school.

Louisville boys, many only 18 or 19 years old, were determined to live their life in spite of their fears of being drafted, or perhaps because of it. Three Louisville boys from the class of '65, Roger Delforge, Greg Camps, and Don Cummings, spent the months after graduation touring Europe. The boys traveled by bus through Belgium, Germany, Normandy, France, and Switzerland, sometimes camping out and sleeping on their suitcases, or picking up odd jobs to raise money for the next leg of their trip. By 1967, all three were in the U.S. military; Cummings and Camps in Vietnam and Delforge supporting as a Specialist in the Army Signal Corps in Okinawa.



L to R: Graduation photos of Greg Camps, Don Cummings, and Roger Delforge, all from the class of 1965.

Tom Mudrock, LHS ‘65, had a unique reaction to receiving his draft notice on his 19th birthday. He took out the \$5000 he had in savings, left a note for his parents, and drove to Las Vegas where he blew it all and had the time of his life in one last hurrah. According to his wife, Janice Mudrock, he never regretted it. For many, those last few weeks before shipping out were the last moments to enjoy life as Louisville boys. As Janice went on to say, “They went over there boys, and they came back men.”

Vietnam: “Hotter than hell, humider than hell.”

Despite starting from the same place, experience in the service varied widely for Louisville men. Some found that growing up in Louisville gave them unique advantages in the war. Tom Mudrock (Sergeant, U.S. Army Infantry) grew up hunting and fishing in Louisville, a background he mistakenly assumed he would have in common with other service members. Upon arriving at basic training, he discovered that some men had never fired a gun and “didn't know which end the bullets came out of!” He also found his boyhood scout training came in handy when a member of his unit was shot in the leg and panicked. Tom was able to use his Louisville boy scouts experience to calm the man down and talk him through creating a tourniquet that saved his leg.

Louisville men served in all branches of the military and around 59 of the almost 100 service members from Louisville served at least some time in Vietnam. Louisville men were stationed across Vietnam, some in remote areas, some in major cities, and many on ships. Louisville servicemen were builders, infantrymen, truck drivers, aviation mechanics, seamen, snipers, men in surveillance and communications and

more. Each man's experience would be unique to the branch he served in, his job, his rank, and where he was assigned, but there were some things that all the men had in common: adjusting to the weather, food, and looking forward to contact from home.

For young men used to small-town Louisville, Vietnam was sensory overload. Dan Brown (Petty Officer Third Class, U.S. Navy Seabees) remembers the moment he stepped foot in Vietnam, "It was like walking into this totally different environment. It was very hot, and it was very humid. The smells were incredible. It was a combination of food and sewage and bodies and everything... it was just unbelievable. It was overwhelming." Allan Ferrera (Specialist 4, U.S. Army Aviation Maintenance) also noted the change in weather, "One thing for sure? There was no snow. It's hotter than hell. It's humider than hell. And when the monsoon would hit for six months, it just poured rain."



Tom Mudrock, left, in Vietnam.

Food in the service was another hard reality to get used to. For boys raised on home cooking, Colacci's, and the Blue Parrot, army rations were a sore disappointment. Vietnam veterans ate C-Rations, meals that predate the Meal, Ready-to-Eat ("MRE"). These rations contained a canned meat, canned fruit, bread, or dessert as well as crackers, cigarettes, matches, and chewing gum. Veterans interviewed by the Museum were not overly fond of the taste, to say the least. Some lucky soldiers received care packages with food from family back in Louisville. Cleo

Mudrock sent Chef Boyardee spaghetti sauce, spam, and macaroni to her son Tom. To prepare the food, Tom would cook the macaroni in his helmet over a pinch of C4, a plastic explosive. Janice remembers, "They'd have their Italian feast."



C-rations: Beans w/ Frankfurter Chunks in Tomato Sauce and accompaniments. Fort Devens Museum, Devens, MA .

Louisville was fortunate not to have any casualties during the Vietnam War, but both Louisville and nearby Lafayette were hard hit by the death of Charles "Johnny" Manzanares (Specialist 4, U.S. Army Cavalry) in December 1965. Despite living in Lafayette, the Manzanares family was well known in Louisville. Johnny's older brother Ted remembers the towns being extremely close in those days, with kids often going between the two towns. Buddy Ferrera (Sergeant, U.S. Army Infantry) was serving in a different unit alongside Johnny's, but made plans to meet up with him for a beer after they finished the operation. When Buddy returned, he looked for Johnny only to learn that he had been killed during the mission.

Tony Phillips, another man who would have been well known in Louisville, was killed in action only six days after reaching Vietnam. Tony's father, Bennie Phillips, was born and raised in Louisville, participating in minor league baseball and working in the coal mines until a 1941 mine accident left him crippled. Although Tony was raised in California, he visited Louisville frequently during his Army basic training days at Ft. Carson and had many friends in Louisville.

Louisville men suffered injury and close calls with death. Mudrock was shot in the head within his first week in Vietnam when his patrol was ambushed. In his words, "I was laying in a tank track and... the

next thing I know you hear this WHAP and I got shot through the helmet. A .30-06 round went through.” The bullet took a strip of hair about an inch wide off the top of his head, cutting through three of the four straps of his helmet liner, as well as two letters he had in his helmet: one from his mother. Janice recalls him saying that the first thing he did was turn to the soldier behind him and say, “Is my head gone?”

Connecting with Home

Being surrounded by injuries, death, and the general horror of war, the men looked forward to care packages and letters to remind them of home. Letters took about two to three weeks to travel each way. Allan remembers writing “free” on the envelope when he didn’t have stamps and the letter still being mailed. Gary Hudson (Corporal, U.S. Marines) once mailed a letter written on the cardboard from his C-Ration box! The *Louisville Times* reported: “his grandmother, Mrs. Awra Park, was glad to hear from him, regardless of the stationery.”

Another event sure to cheer any Louisville boy’s heart was seeing someone from home. Many Louisville boys were stationed at Ft. Bliss in Texas before shipping out and had one last chance to meet up with hometown boys in different barracks and different stages of training. Once in Vietnam, Louisville men were stationed across the country, and run-ins were much rarer. In 1965, the *Louisville Times* reported a chance meeting between two local boys. Seaman Apprentice Daniel Thone and Yeoman Second Class David Hansen were both manning the phones on their respective ships in Vietnam. As the destroyer pulled alongside the tanker for refueling in Dahnang Harbor, the sailors communicated to get the ships lined up in position. “It was during this interchange of information and instructions that the two discovered that they were not strangers, but in fact were hometown boys meeting by chance thousands of miles away from their home areas.” Thone’s father was president of the First National Bank of Louisville at which Hansen’s mother was an employee.

Don Martella (Specialist, U.S. Army) and Don Cummings (Sergeant, U.S. Army Infantry) grew up

together. They entered Louisville grade school, played football, roomed together in college, and in the summer of 1966, they enlisted in the Army together. Their first assignment was at Ft. Bliss, Texas, where they began their service careers in the same company. By October, the two Dons would be sent separate ways for the first time in thirteen years. In November of 1967, Cummings encountered another Louisville friend in Vietnam. This *Louisville Times* photo had the accompanying caption:

“WAYNE DAVIS (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kimmett. And Don Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cummings, all of Louisville, are shown enjoying a few minutes relaxation together at An Khe, Vietnam. Both soldiers are stationed in that area and after many weeks finally got together for a visit.”



The boys that were sent to Vietnam returned changed men, with new skills and confidence, but also injuries and emotional scars they would carry the rest of their lives. Some had unique experiences they would not have had if they had not served. Terry Channel, LHS ‘68 (Specialist, U.S. Army Signal Corps) had the privilege of helping with the Christmas Tree lighting at the White House and attending the inauguration of President Nixon while stationed at Ft. Belvoir, VA. In his position in communications in Okinawa, Roger Delforge, (Specialist, U.S. Army Signal Corps) conveyed top secret messages, including when the U.S. spy ship U.S.S. Pueblo was captured by North Korea in 1968. Delforge knew within ten minutes of

the capture, even before the President. Not bad for a boy from a small town of around 2,500!

For Vietnam veterans, returning to Louisville was a mixed affair. Many were grateful to return home to the city that had raised them, and for the support offered, but also felt misunderstood, or judged on occasion. The Winter 2025 issue of *The Louisville Historian* will cover Louisville on the home front during the Vietnam War and what homecoming was like for Louisville's boys returning from war.

The Museum acknowledges that these issues of the *Louisville Historian* are limited in scope and recognizes that many veterans are unable or unwilling to speak about this difficult time in their lives, while many others have passed on, some from injuries and exposures sustained in Vietnam. If you have stories, memories, or information to share about the Vietnam War and Louisville's involvement in it, please contact the Museum at museum@louisvilleco.gov and help us better document and understand this time in Louisville history.

Many thanks to Dan Brown and Allan Ferrera for their interviews about serving in Vietnam and for their service. Thanks to Ron Buffo, Ady Kupfner, and Janice Mudrock for consulting on life in Louisville during the Vietnam War. Thanks to Bridget Bacon for additional research on Vietnam veterans from Louisville.



Upcoming Programs and Events

Join us for these upcoming programs exploring historical topics, large and small. For more details and registration, visit the Museum website and calendar. All Museum programs are FREE!

First Friday: Funky Foods Through Time

Friday, Nov 1 | 6–8 p.m. | 1001 Main St.

From fermentation to hot soda, this First Friday is all about different types of funky food. Learn how to make sauerkraut, sample some interesting foods, and collect recipes from past decades at this open house.

Walking Tour: Louisville During the Great War

Sunday, Nov 10 | 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Harney Lastoka Open Space—100 S. 96th St.

The Great War of 1914–1918 changed the world. Learn how this conflict affected people, coal, agriculture, and mining in Boulder County and the Louisville area. The tour leaves from Kerr Gardens. Register on the Museum website.

Program: Louisville Native American History

Thursday, Nov 14 | 6 :30–8 p.m. | 951 Spruce St.

Learn about Indigenous History from Rick Williams, in "The Truth about how American Indians were removed from the Front Range of Colorado." Williams is president of People of the Sacred Land, an American Indian led non-profit organization that supports Indigenous Peoples' rights in the state.

First Friday: Holiday Treat Bags

Friday, Dec 6 | 5–7 p.m. | 1001 Main St.

The Museum will give away free Holiday Treat Bags to children before the Parade of Lights, while supplies last. From the 1920s to the 1980s, Louisville community organizations sponsored these sacks that typically contained an orange, nuts in the shell, and pieces of ribbon candy. We thank the Louisville History Foundation for sponsoring the treat bags again this year and for continuing the tradition.

Workshop: Hand Mending and Embroidery

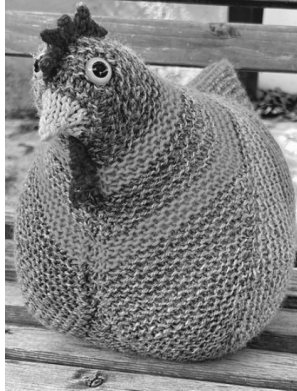
Saturday, Dec 14 | 11–1 p.m. | 951 Spruce St.

Feeling thrifty? Louisville residents from earlier days made the most of their clothing and fabrics. Kristen Poppe will show you how to use decorative stitching and embroidery to mend and repair clothes and textiles. We'll use these skills to make small potpourri sachets for the holidays. Space is limited, register on the Museum website.

Donate: Knit a Chicken!

Sunday, Jan 26 | 1–3 p.m. | 951 Spruce St.

Help the Museum build a flock of knitted chickens for our demonstration chicken coop. This workshop will teach you how to knit a comforting chicken to donate to the Museum. Taught by FingerPlay Studio. Registration required.



Winter Holiday Gifts

Give the gift of history! Stop by the Museum during the holiday season to find history and museum related gifts – notecards, dish towels, t-shirts, and more! All purchases are donations to the Louisville History Foundation and support the Louisville Historical Museum.

Temporary Museum Closure

The Museum will be closed the week of December 9–14 in order to re-organize the Jacoe Store for a better visitor experience. We will also be working on cleaning and conservation of the Rex Theatre Curtain and updating exhibit cases.

Louisville History Book Club

Are you interested in Colorado and local history? The Louisville History Book Club is an informal book discussion group that meets every 4th Tuesday from 6:00–7:30 PM at the Louisville Public Library. Members can read any book they wish on the topic, rather than everyone reading the same book. Contact Mary Barry at MaryKBarry@gmail.com for more details.

Upcoming Book Discussion Topics:

- Nov. 26 Predators
- Dec. 17 Stock Show, Fairs, and Exhibitions
- Jan. 28 Energy Production in Colorado

New Museum Exhibit!

by Sophia Imperioli

Stop by the Museum from November 2024–February 2025 to see a new front window exhibit that supplements this issue’s lead article. **“War & Peace: Louisville During the Vietnam War”** shares Louisville’s experiences during the Vietnam War including artifacts from the era and firsthand accounts of life in Louisville and overseas. We would like to extend a special thanks to Broomfield Veterans Museum for lending several artifacts for the front window display!

Bringing History Outdoors

by Summer King

Visitors to the Museum love our indoor exhibits, but now folks can learn about Louisville history even when the Museum is closed. The Museum has



been adding outdoor interpretive spaces for just this purpose. Stop by the Museum campus anytime and learn about Louisville history. Read about the significance of the Fire Vase sculpture created by James Dixon or learn about outdoor chores with fun lift-the-panel questions, a laundry line, and chicken coop. Imaginative play helps children develop crucial skills, so encourage young visitors to pin clothespins with “invisible clothes” to the line, pretend to feed chickens, or imagine what the outhouse would smell like!

Museum Corner

by Gigi Yang

The arrival of Fall and winter weather often brings feelings of nostalgia and gratitude. A recent community survey conducted by the City of Louisville shared good news for the Louisville Historical Museum. The Museum received excellent ratings of 96% or higher for customer service, programs, archival materials, and overall performance. The Museum is grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the Louisville community for visiting the Museum and engaging with their local history.

Several former and current Louisville residents recently reached out to the Museum to share information about their family histories. Thank you to Jack Hanley for sharing information about his mother, Marie Plumhoff and for correcting an error in the last issue of the Historian and letting us know that Lois Zarini, who operated Louisville Liquors in the 1950s was the niece, not the daughter of Charles and Christina Zarini. We appreciate being able to set the record right!

We were also delighted to hear from Sue Stephens and Joyce Einspahr who are nieces of Albert Balent (1902-1990). They sent along Albert's memoir of Louisville baseball games during the early 1900s.



John Balent's baseball team at Miners Field, c. 1915. John Balent is in the middle back row wearing a suit. Albert Balent was the team mascot and is the young boy on the right; his brother John is on the left.

Albert was the son of John Balent who sponsored a baseball team and owned Miners Field.

Thank you to Patty Lee Kerr Krieger and her sister Betty Lou Kerr for sending us information about the Kerr family history in Louisville and items from their father, David William Kerr, a former mayor of Louisville.

Collections Update

by Hadley Kluber Seifert

Collections tasks are an on-going endeavor at the Museum. Here is some insight into what our various collection tasks are:

Donations and Accessions: We often have residents interested in donating historical or family items to the museum. If items are "accessioned" into our collection, a donation deed is signed by the donor and accepted by the Historical Museum Advisory Board. Once accepted, the deed is copied and filed. Next, the objects get an accession number and are logged and cataloged in our Museum database. Based on the type of object, it is stored appropriately in archival safe materials until it is used for exhibits or research purposes.

Condition monitoring: With four data loggers, we regularly check the humidity and temperature of each of the museum buildings to ensure our collection items are not exposed to excessive heat, cold, or moisture. Over the summer, new UV film was installed over the windows in the Jacoe Store and Tomeo House to help block heat and UV rays that can fade and damage photos, textiles, and other historic artifacts.

Volunteer Update

by Summer King

The Museum had an incredible Louisville History Month! Attendance nearly doubled this year, with 664 people participating in our programs compared to

370 last year. This success wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and the Louisville History Foundation. Special thanks go to our walking tour guides, Diane Marino and Chris Lichty, and to our September programming volunteers: Michelle Baker, Rebecca Ferguson, Lisa Hughes, and Carol Williams.

We also teamed up with the National Charity League to prepare for Louisville History Month. These mother-daughter teams helped build our new laundry line and construct and stain a chicken coop. It's inspiring to see the younger generation so enthusiastic about history and volunteerism!

The Museum is grateful to the Louisville History Foundation for their support in making this month a success and to all our dedicated volunteers. THANK YOU!

Program Volunteers:

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| Michelle Baker | National Charity League |
| Memory Delforge | Kristen Poppe |
| Rebecca Ferguson | Chris Torrence |
| Becky Harney | Carol Williams |
| Lisa Hughes | |
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Oral History Program Update by Sophia Imperioli

The Museum's Oral History Program has released an oral history interview of Roger Delforge and Tom Mudrock from 2019 about their time in Vietnam plus a recent interview of Ady Kupfner and Janice Mudrock about the Louisville home front during the Vietnam War. They are available to view from the Museum's website or by visiting the Museum's YouTube page ([youtube.com/@LouisvilleMuseum](https://www.youtube.com/@LouisvilleMuseum)).

Thank you so much to Gerry & Janet Morrell for conducting oral history interviews with the Museum.

With thanks to our volunteers, the program has been able to edit eight oral history videos that will be posted on YouTube as well as create three video transcriptions to make them more accessible.

If you'd like to join in our efforts with this program to help capture the personal histories of Louisville, please contact Museum Associate Sophia Imperioli at SImperioli@LouisvilleCO.gov.

Oral History Program Volunteers:

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| Ady Kupfner | Lena Wenzel |
| Jean Morgan | |

Historical Foundation Update by Jeff Bradley

Out of the Park! The Vintage Base Ball game was played on September 21 to an enthusiastic crowd of over 400. The weather was perfect, and the Louisville History Foundation gave away over 200 T-shirts to young and old. Many thanks to our generous sponsors:

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As the baseball season winds down, fans can make donations to next year's game by going to <https://www.louisvillehistoryfoundation.org/donate>. Please make a note with your gift to designate it for the game.

The Louisville History Foundation (LHF) exists to support the Museum's programs, collections, and staff. We encourage individuals, families, and companies to learn the fascinating history of our town and its people.

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Donations to the Museum's Collections and Records

The Louisville Historical Museum recently accepted the following donations for the Museum's permanent, education, and reference collections. Thank you to the donors!

July – September 2024

Boulder Public Library Carnegie Branch – Boulder County Directories from 1943–1962 for the Reference Collection.

Kathleen Carande – Eastman Kodak camera c.1915 for the Education Collection.

Paula Enrietto – Items related to the Enrietto, Sneddon, and Clark families including digital scans of photos, postcards and letters, rations books, cookbooks, receipts from local businesses, school report cards, small personal items, and a pillow made from a Portland Cement bag.

Cyndi Dionigi Huffman – letter from John A. "Ring" Dionigi to his son Jack, 1959.

Iona Kearney – Louisville Chamber of Commerce – slides, photographs, negative strips, data discs, and documents relating to the Chamber of Commerce and events in Louisville.

Michael Kilgore – Book "Drive-Ins of Colorado" by Michael Kilgore for the Reference Collection.

Pattie Cable Lester – Documents from Ben Fiechtl related to his time in the service (WWII, Navy) and personal life; deeds and documentation related to 933 Jefferson and Thomas Cable; Book – "Service Record

WWII Louisville and Community" for the Education Collection.

Mary Reddington – items from Gary Reddington – LHS class of 1958 – school sweater, two Jaycees vests from the 1960s.

Shanti Samani – seven issues of national newspapers from 1945–1974 for the Education Collection.

Joe Satriano – Singer sewing machine and stand, kitchen items and farming tools, men's jacket and overalls, women's pocket books, fishing basket and other items for the Education Collection.

St. Francis School – Life magazines related to Colorado, Italian Americans, WWII, and Vietnam War for the Education Collection

Robert Schroeder – Maps of the Fireside Mine, the town of Louisville and field notes from the Louisville Coal and Land Company and from Thomas J. Knill who was a mine surveyor in Boulder County.

Betty Solek – Digital copies of 25 photos of the Louisville Garden Club from 2006 planting the xeriscape garden at Memory Square Park.



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Regrets

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Museum members Gloria Green, Greg Martin and Marie Zarini Hanley Rabb Plumhoff.

Memorial Donations

Thank you so much for these recent memorial donations.

In Memory of Cynthia Conarro Campbell (1954–2024)

Arlene Leggett

In Memory of Gloria Green (1926–2024)

Linda Good, Tom Steinbaugh

In Memory of Mary Malmstrom (1937–2024)

Leo Deborski

In Memory of Greg Martin (1931–2024)

Betty Martin

In Memory of Anne Mojo

Bridget Bacon

In Memory of Marie Plumhoff (1919–2024)

Leila Viss

In Memory of Renee Ray (1962–2024)

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Elizabeth Browning Scriffiny, Ady Kupfner

In Memory of Roy Warembourg (1953–2024)

Ady Kupfner

Become a Member!

Don't Miss an Issue! Membership renewal post-cards will be mailed out in November!

Members receive the quarterly Louisville Historian with substantive articles about Louisville history.

A yearly membership is \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Annual membership for businesses is \$125. Visit the Museum website at www.louisvilleco.gov/museum to pay online or to print out a form to send in.

Please remember to send your new and renewing membership dues to the Louisville Historical Museum. Other monetary or memorial donations can be made to the Louisville History Foundation. Your membership and donations help support the Museum with outreach, collections preservation, and professional development.

Historical Museum Advisory Board

The Historical Museum Advisory Board (HMAB) is a seven-member board appointed by City Council. Each member serves a four year term. The primary role of the Historical Museum Board is to act as an advisory board to the Louisville City Council on matters relating to the Louisville Historical Museum and Louisville history.

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Museum Hours & Services

Museum Tours

The Museum welcomes walk-in visitors! Groups of six or more people, schools, or anyone requiring special accommodations may request tours by appointment using the online group tour form.

Open Hours

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Donations

If you are interested in donating objects or photographs to the Museum, please contact the Museum at Museum@LouisvilleCO.Gov or 303-335-4850.

About

The Louisville Historical Museum is owned by the City of Louisville and is part of the Department of Cultural Services under Sharon Nemecek, Director of Cultural Services. The Museum is located at 1001 Main Street. Its mailing address is 749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027.

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