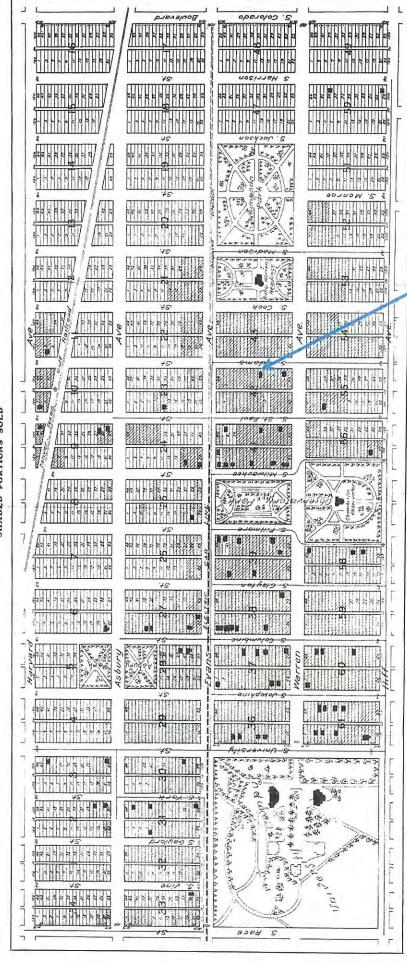


Ca. 1892 diagram showing University Park, Denver. William S. Iliff acquired lots 23-36 in Block 42 in 1899 and built his home there the same year; lots 27 uppermost pink shaded lot. The current parcel for house is 2145 S. Adams Street is lots 27-35. Source: Denver Public Library, Call Number CG4314.D4 to 36 are shaded in pink and denoted by an asterisk. In 1907, lliff sold lots 23 to 26 (south of the pink shaded area). In 1944, he sold lot 36 – the

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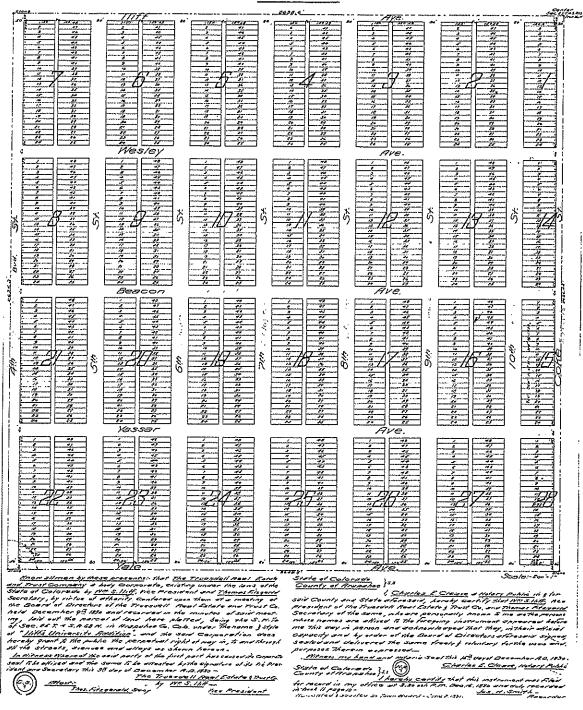


lliff House, 2145 S. Adams Street

Platted in 1886, University Park was slow to fill out. By 1907 more than half the lots in University Park had sold, but only a scattering of houses were in place. The eastern part of the subdivision where the Iliff house was situated was particularly sparse. Source: C. 1907 University Park marketing booklet, D.C. Burns Realty and Trust Co., Denver Source: Denver Public Library, S.R. DeBoer Papers, Box 1

ILIFF'S UNIVERSITY ADD_

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A 25 year old Will Iliff platted Iliff's University Addition just south of University Park in 1890. Source: City of Denver Assessor Records.

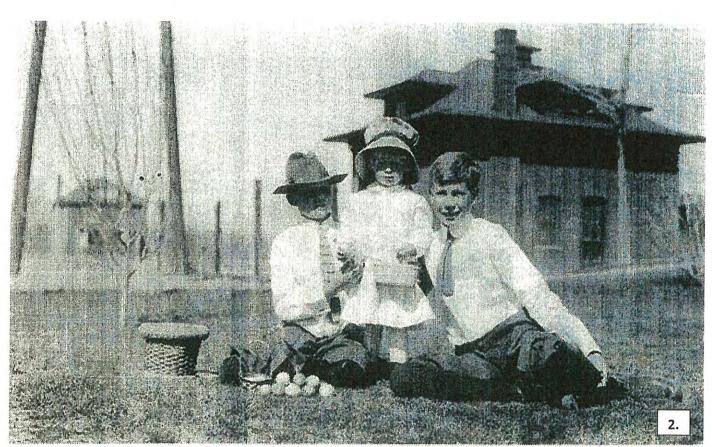
11. Photographs

Attach at least four (4) 5x7 or larger color photographs showing the views of the property from the public right of way(s) and any important features or details. If available, attach copies of historic photographs of the structure.

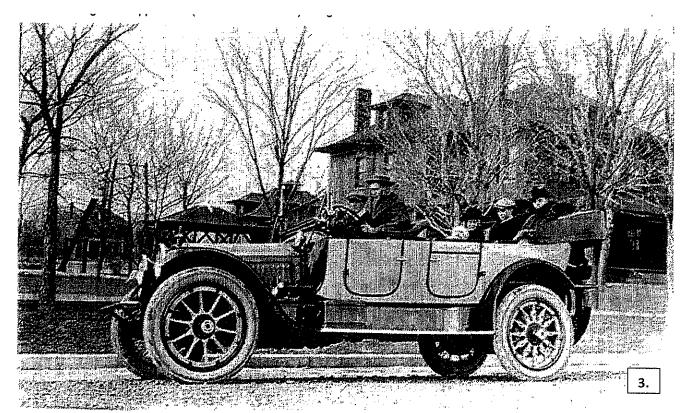
CAPTIONS, 5x7" photographs following:

- 1. 2145 South Adams Street_facing NW_view from S Adams St. of the main house (R), carriage house, and not-extant pavilion_December 1913 during record Denver snow storm_Iliff Family photograph, courtesy Annette Student.
- 2. 2145 South Adams Street_facing NW_view from south lawn toward Carriage House, Seward, Alberta II, and Wes Iliff_Easter probably 1912_Iliff Family photograph, courtesy Annette Student.
- 3. 2145 South Adams Street_facing NW_view from South Adams Street toward house, Wes Iliff is driving the family's latest automobile with an unknown front seat passenger, and in the back seat (right to left) Alberta I, Alberta II, and Seward Iliff_c. 1915_Iliff Family photograph, courtesy Annette Student.
- 4. 314 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, California_facing SE_Alberta I, Alberta II, and Will Iliff(?) sitting on patio at their 1910 home in Santa Cruz_c. 1920_Santa Cruz Public Libraries, courtesy Darrell and Karen Darling.
- 5. 2145 South Adams Street_facing W_facade of house from S Adams St._August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- **6.** 2145 South Adams Street_facing SW_east and north elevations of house from S Adams St._August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- 7. 2145 South Adams Street_facing NW_south and east elevations of house from S Adams St._August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- 8. 2145 South Adams Street_facing S_front wraparound porch and entry of house_August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- 2145 South Adams Street_facing SE_1949 brick outbuilding from alley_August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- **10.** 2145 South Adams Street_facing SE_north and west elevations of house and carriage house from alley_August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- **11.** 2145 South Adams Street_facing NW_south and north elevations of carriage house from southwest lawn_August 2017_Square Moon photograph.
- **12.** 2145 South Adams Street_facing NE_west and south elevations of house from southwest lawn_August 2017_Square Moon photograph.



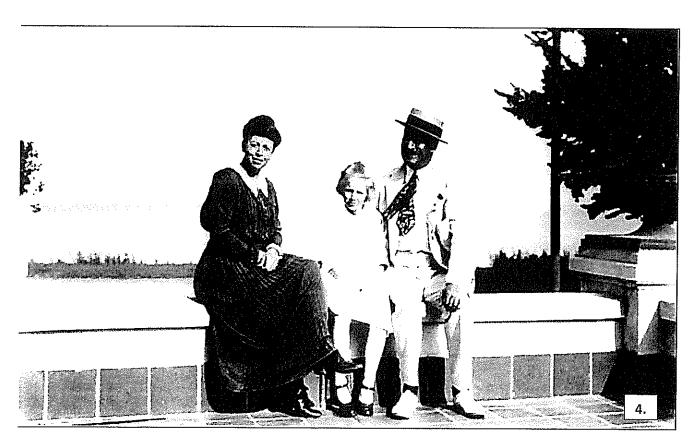


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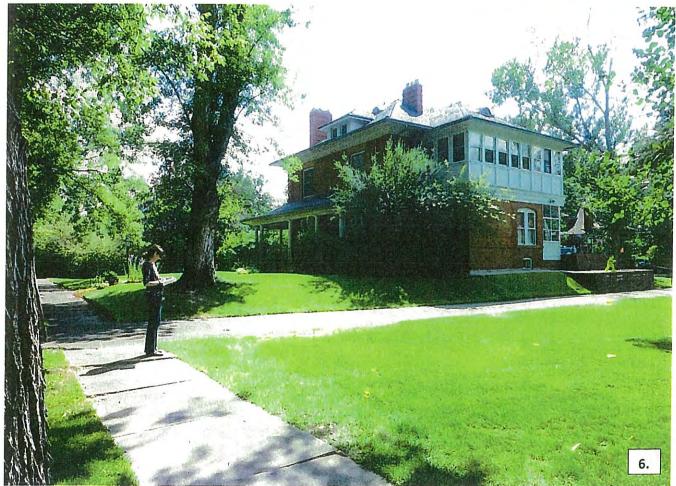


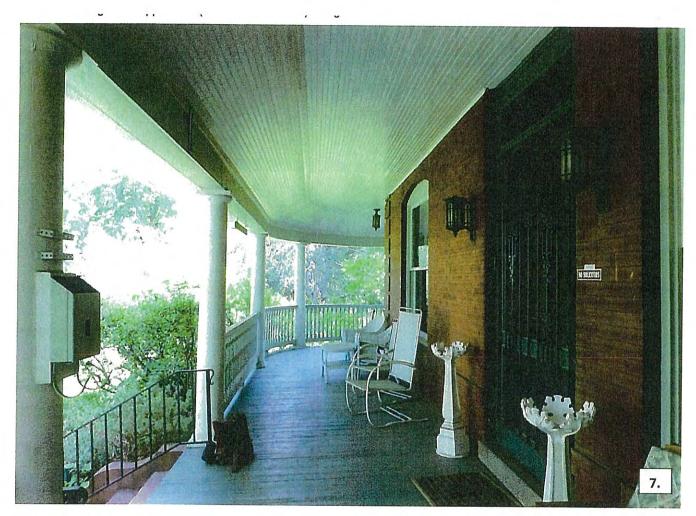
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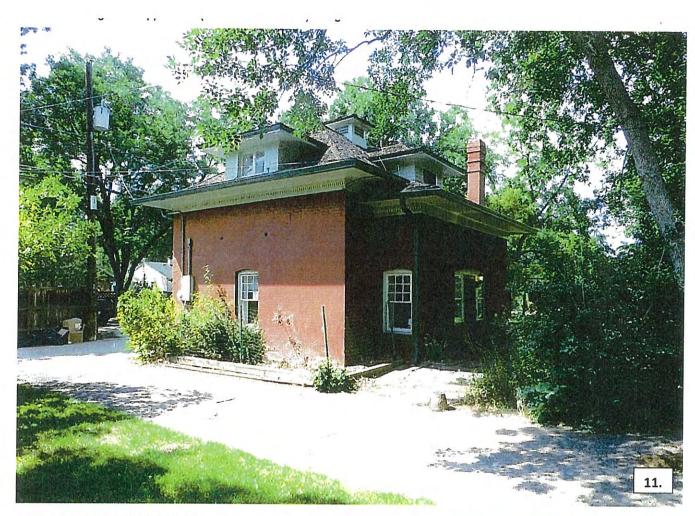


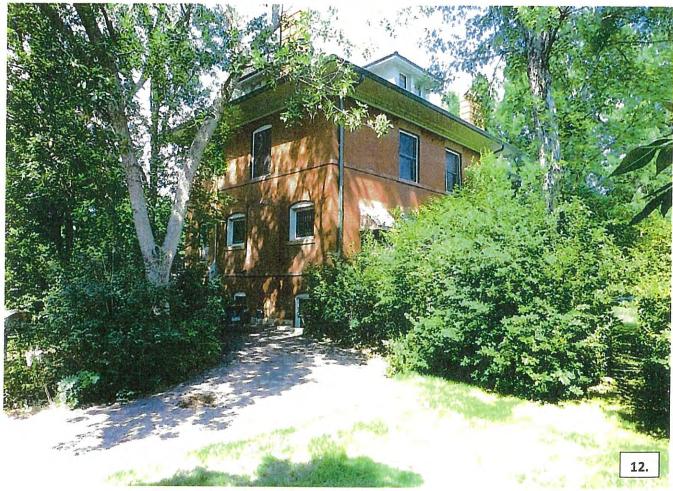








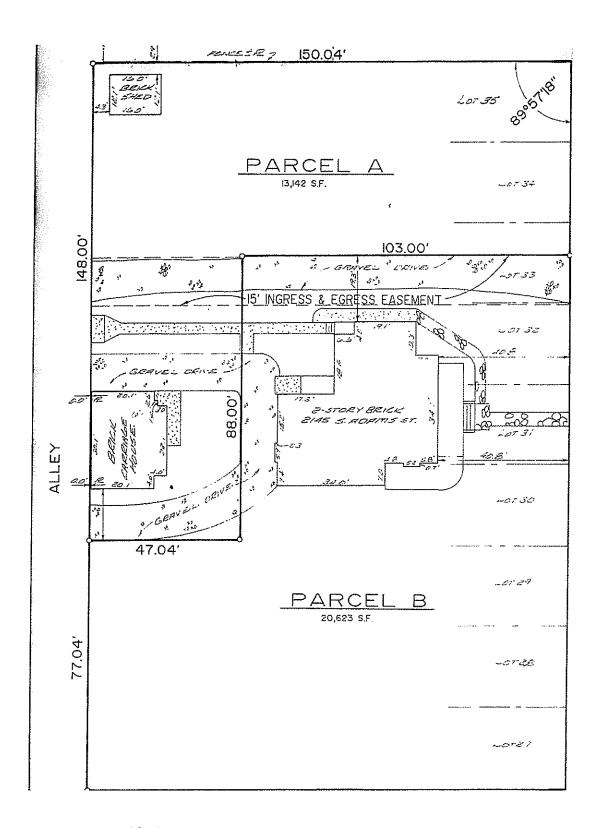




1. SiteMap

An overall site plan should be included graphically depicting the building, the location of other significant site features and the boundaries of the designation. (Google Earth 2017, below, followed by a 1989 property survey by Bell Surveying Company showing the full parcel and improvements proposed for landmark designation, followed by a Google Earth 2017 map showing the boundaries of this Denver Landmark application.)

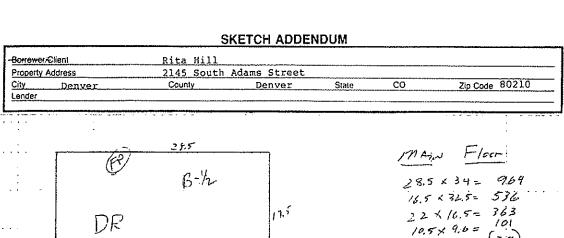


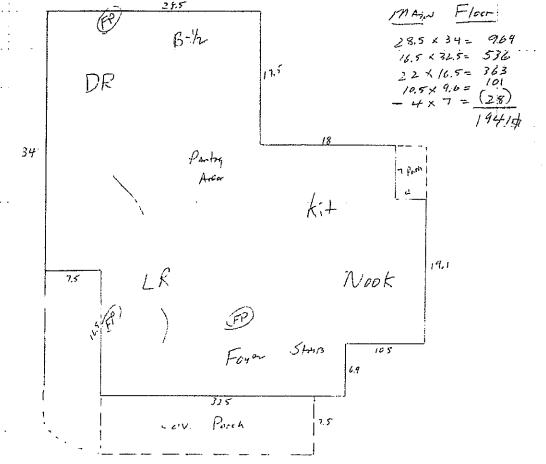


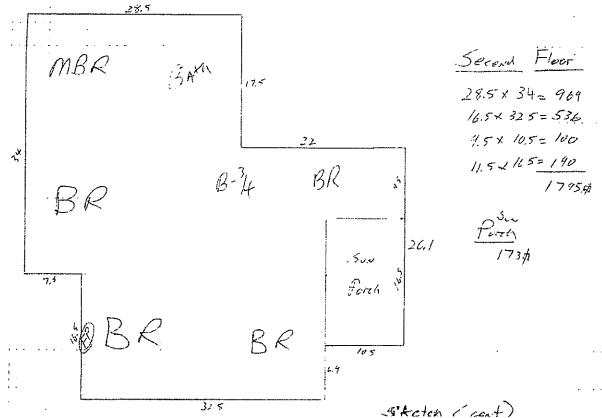
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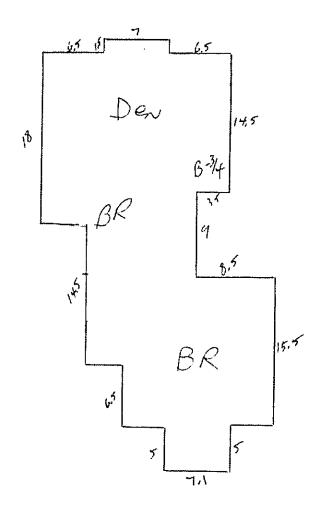


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William Seward Iliff, Sr. (1864-1946)



William Seward Iliff was the only child born to John Wesley Iliff and his first wife, Sarah Elizabeth Smith. Two months after his birth, his mother died, and William was left in Ohio City, Kansas to be raised by his maternal grandparents. Around 1869, John Wesley Iliff returned to Kansas to take his son to his home and business headquarters in Cheyenne, Wyoming. There William lived with his father and his new stepmother, Elizabeth Fraser Iliff, until 1872 when the family moved to Denver.

William's father died six years after this move. Within another year, William was enrolled in the Chester Military School, in Racine, Wisconsin. He later transferred to the Pennsylvania Military Academy in Chester, Pennsylvania.

In 1883, William Seward Iliff began his college career at the University of Denver. There he became a member of the University's first football team. In 1888, he accompanied his stepparents, Bishop Henry White Warren and Elizabeth Iliff Warren, to China. Upon his return, he graduated from the University with a B.A. degree.

In 1889, William Iliff became a co-founder of the Iliff School of Theology, along with his stepmother. When Elizabeth Iliff Warren supplied \$100,000 for the institution's endowment, William pledged \$50,000 for the construction of Iliff Hall, the main building of the new graduate department at the University of Denver and a namesake for his father.

For the remainder of his life, William remained a staunch supporter of the theological school. He served as a trustee from 1903 to 1946, and donated an organ to the chapel of Iliff Hall when the school reopened in 1910 after a ten year closing.

William provided similar help to the University of Denver. From 1891 until his death in 1946, he served on its Board of Trustees. During 1926, he led a fundraising drive to build a football stadium for the University.

In 1888, William began his business career with the City National Bank of Denver; by 1891, he had become the vice-president. Between 1892 and 1905, Iliff worked for the American National Bank. From 1905 to 1910, he was associated with the public services and utilities of nine western cities. From 1910 to 1929, William operated a private investment business. He ended his career with the National Fuel Company, where he became treasurer and vice-president until his death on October 19, 1946.

William Seward Iliff was married to Alberta Gearhart Bloom in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Trinidad, Colorado in July, 1897. They had three children: John Wesley Iliff (born 1898); William Seward Iliff, Jr. (born 1900); and Alberta Iliff (born 1909).

1899

The William S. Iliff Family first lived at Fitzroy Place while Bishop and Elizabeth Warren traveled. In 1898, they moved to Grey Gables. In 1899, they moved to their home at 2145 S. Adams.

playing field, the Pioneer team marched to victory in a thrilling Homecoming Day game.

Both victims were spectators who died of heart attacks. One was William S. Iliff, one of the university's oldest graduates and most distinguished alumni.

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Organized First Team at D. U.

Mr. liff (was credited with organizing the university's first football squad in the 1890s. He was a number of the first Pioner team. number of the first Pioneer team, Luter, he directed the financial campaign which resulted in construction of the big concrete stadium, where he was stricken yearlorday, and was one of the statuchest followers of Pioneer victories and defeals throughout more than a half century.

The other heart-soizure victim was Frank J. Guiry, 39, of 2034 Locust st., an executive of a Denver decorating company. He was stricken about 20 minutes after Mr. Iliff.

The deaths caused but little commotion in the stadium since the eyes of most spectators were glued to the griditon. Most of the crowd did not realize what had happened.

Would Have Been 81 Today

Mr. Iliff, who would have been at today. Mr. Iliff, who would have been 81 today, was seated in one of the boxes on the 50-yard line. Denver, the pre-game underdog, had rolled up a 20-0 score in a thrilling game.

In the third quarter, Ulah pushed over a touchdown with a breath-taking 73-yard run. It was at this tense moment, with the fate of the game still in doubt, that Mr. Hiff collapsed.

He was hurried to Denver General Hospital, but was dead when he arrived there.

Gates Pays Tribute

- Chancellor Caleb F. Gotes of the university said of Mr. Hiff's death

"The university has lost one of its most devoted and staunchest friends. Both he and Mrs. Ilift were unswerving in their loyalty to the university and stood for the very best the university had to offer,

Seldom Missed Homecoming

Death came to Mr. Iliff on one of the occasions he loved most. Seldom had he missed a Homecoming Day game or an alumni re-union in the 58 years since he was one of four members of the class of 1888 at the university. Only a few days ago, friends recalled last night, he found in an old trunk a field, P. picture of himself with other Denver.



William S. Hiff

members of the university's first foolball team

He had unflagging interest in the university's scholastic devel-opment as well as its athletic tri-umphs. He and his mother con-tributed funds for construction of the Hiff School of Theology, named in honor of his father, the late John Hiff, wealthy cattleman.

He had been a member of the board of trustees of Hiff and the University of Denver for nearly 50 years, and was vice president 50 years, and was vice president of the Iliff board of trustees when he died.

Mr. Ilist was born near Lawrence, Kan., and came to Colorado with his family in 1875, when he was 10 years old. He was educated at the Chester Military Academy, Racine, Wis., before attending the University of Denver.

Since 1926 he had been vice president of the National Fuel Co. Belore, he was in the securities business.

offer.

"They have been pillars of strength throughout the years, and we shall greatly miss Mr, the Denver Club, the Mile-High Club, and a Hid's enthusiasm and splendid cleas at board meetings."

Seldom Missed Homecomins

He married the former Alberta Bloom, who survives, in Trinidad, in 1897.

in 1897.

Surviving, besides his wife, are two sisters, Miss Louise Hiff of Denver and Mrs. Edna Iliff Briggs, Santa Cruz, Calif.; a daughter, Miss Alberta Hiff of Denver, and two sons, John W. Hiff, Springfield, Pa., and William S. Jr. of Denver.

Ambulance Service Again Proves Its Lack of Value

Denver's police ambulance service again proved its inadequacy last night when two
speciators were stricken with
heart attacks during the football game at the Denver University Stadium.

The antiquated standby ambulance, on duty because the

The antiquated standby ambulance, on duly because the regular ambulance is being repaired, ploked up William S. Hiff, the first of the specialors to be stricken, and started to Denver General Hospital. While the ambulance was on the way, the other man. Frank Guiry, was stricken. Police had to decide whether to return to the stadium, endangering Hiff's life further, or complete the run to the hospital before pleking up Guiry. Guiry.
They took Hiff to the bosnitzt.

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Before they could return to the stadium, Guiry was dead.

Another incident in which Denver's lack of ambulance facilities delayed aid for a critically-hurt man occurred Friday night. Eugene E Jacques, 2774 Julian st. was injured by a street car at E. Colfax ave. and Steele st. The standby ambulance was at 3400 Osage st. when the accident occurred.

As was pointed out in The Rocky Mountain News months ago, the agod ambulance cannot be driven more than 30 miles an hour. Its overloaded and old hattery was so weak that the siren could not be sounded. A police car finally escorted the ambulance to *Denver General Hospital. Jacques died shortly afterward.

Sunday, Ocr. 130

WILLIAM SEWARD ILIFF

Born: 1865 in Kansas(at his mother's home)

Died: 1946 in Denver

Parents: John Wesley Iliff 1831-1878

Sarah Elizabeth Smith 1842-1865

Married: Alberta Bloom 1875-1967 Children: John Wesley born 1898

William Seward Jr.,born 1900

Alberta, born 1909

Attended Col. Hyatt Military Academy in Chester, Pa., and graduated from the University of Denver with an AB in Literature about 1887.

He started out in the brokerage business and then became associated with the coal mining and coal distribution business. About 1898 he began buying up individual electric light plants, which numbered 6 or 7 in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico which he consolidated into a single company. In 1908 when State control of power compamies began to appear likely, he sold his light plants and bought into the National Fuel Company which operated coal mines and distributed to industry and homes in Denver.

In 1914 a "coal war" occurred in Colorado when John L. Louis and his United Mine Workers Union tried to force membership in their union of the workers. A strike was called, but the mine continued to operate with the protection of the Colorado National Guard. The Union organizers brought in hired gunmen who openly fought with the National Guard trying to shut down the mine. Finally Federal troops were brought in to restore peace. Iron plates had to be installed on the bunkroom walls due to the continued action of the union gunmen. In 1915 the National Fuel Company became unionized.

He was Vice-President and Treasurer of the Monarch Mine of the National Fuel Company, one of the first coal mines in Denver. Another Company mine, the Puritan mine was one of the largest mines in the area and was especially noted for high quality industrial fuel. These mines operated until 1940 and had been modernized with the latest equipment.

He was Vice-President of the City National Bank of Denver, and it was his gift of \$50,000, along with the \$100,000 gift of his step mother, Elizabeth Frazer Iliff Warren, which in 1884 built the Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

His son John venembers him particularly as a man who once he gave his word on something, finantial or otherwise, he would be all in his power to fulfill his word. Even when he head said he would invest or support something if something if something if something if something the like information is a fact of support of something if something the first wade the continuent income then he went always with in fire wade the continuent ment, then he went always with in

33.46 lbs per cow.

FORT COLLINS SHEEP ARE SOLD AT DENVER

DENVER. April 7.—Fort Col-lins was represented Thursday by a number of shippers, one of whom was J. S. Strachan. Mr. Strachan sold 231 lambs, wt. 93 lbs. for \$13 flat: 60 lambs, wt. \$2 lbs., \$13.40 flat; 119 lambs, wt. 96 lbs., \$13 flat and 55 lambs, wt. 93 lbs., \$13.15 flat. Jacob Ehrlack of Fort Collins sold 252 lambs, wt. 88 lbs., for

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Other shippers to the Thursday sheep market from the Fort Collins district, included Henry Shaffer, R. J. Walker and W. P. Troutman. Troutman sold 456 lambs, wt. 86 lbs., for \$13.50. Walker afted 496 lambs, wt. 78 lbs., for \$13.90. Mr. Shaffer disposed of 496 lambs, wt. 90 lbs., for \$13.50. ch.

David Barnes, Jr. Buried at Loveland

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The burial of David Barnes here in's last week marks another epoch in the history of the Big Thomp-

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David Barnes, Jr., can be class pany bonds, and A. E. Carlion ed as one of the earliest of pion-representing the lieu claimants, eers here and he lived in Lari- They to start and perfect the mer county from 1872 until three years ago, when after the death of his wife he foved to Hollywood. California, where he died March 25, 1923. His body .ven and son:

ori- Gifford of Loveland; Mrs. Elizabeth Quigley and Mrs. Alice M. Sturdevant of California.

Mr. Barnes was one of those splendid characters of the carly western history, gifted with the highest sense of honor and square dealing with his fellow men, kind always to everyone but firm in the ard principals of right. He was long principals of right. He was long dentified with the building of company for all the Big Thompson valley and or Loveland and vicinity are the betlard ter for his being here.

sw Many Cases of Whooping Cough

saciation was 803.4 lbs milk and ested in the reorganization of the Greeley-Poudre district, a meeting was held at the office of W. S. Iliff, Denver, Colo., on Wednesday, March 21, 1923, Besides sented by Mr. 11iff, Dr. Agan, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Parker, together with Mr. Smith, secretary thre were present W. E. Bliss, representing a large number of the lien clutmants; Governor Gunter and Mr. Laxwell, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Moore, representing Laramic-Poudre bonds, also the Greeley-Poudre ditch board, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Eastlake, and Mr. Schaffer, together with intendent of the others.

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Irrigation its holdings,

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Cooperation Can Solve Car Shortage To Large Extent

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He issues a call for the public. Thomas was committee to the in its own interest, to cooperate Tombs, pending sentence. The in every way possible to relieve others were released in \$5,000 the situation, by loading and unbail each. loading cars as quickly as possible. Edive the railroads all the cales trade, acceptances and Thomas was possible to make the ship-(Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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SHEEP SHIPPED

The Colorado & Southern . hadthe following sheep shipments Monday:

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On the Union Pacific line Joe Cohen had a car of cattle to. Donver. Monday.

ARREST BUNKO MEN IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Five men, accused of swindling Alexander & Baldwin, importers and exporters of Honululu out of \$500,000 by means of forget trade acceptances pleaded guilty today to an indictment charging them with the theft of \$69,000. The quintet, three of whom are

former employes of the firm, will ben sentenced Monday. They are

acceptances were gold, but i others they were deposited in th Irving National Bank to the cred it of Robinson, and drawn agains by the alleged swindlers.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORT

Cut out this slip, enclose wit 5c and mail it to Foley & Co 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containin Foley's Honey and Tar Compoun for coughs, colds and croup; Fo ey Kidney Pllis for pains in side and back; rheumatism, backache kidney and bladder allments; an Foley Cathartic Tablets, a whole some and thoroughly cleansin cathartic for constipation, billous ness, headaches, and sluggish bow lels. A. W. Scott Drug Co.

C. H. THOMPSON'S UBLIC SA

As I have sold my farm and will move away, I will sell all of my personal property to the highest and best bidder, at my farm I mile south of Fort Collins,

Thursday, April 12, 1923

Sale Commences 10 A. M.

Lunch on the Grounds.

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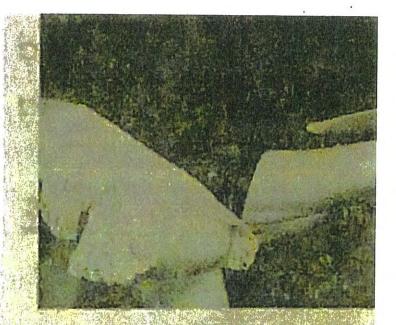
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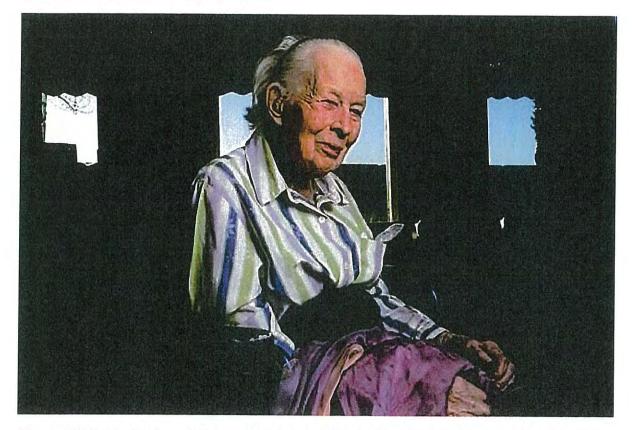
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Iliff centenarian knew wealth, hard times



Alberta Iliff Shattuck, whose father co-founded the Iliff School of Theology, turned 100 on Tuesday. Although she grew up in wealth, the Depression took away her plans to become a doctor.

By Electa Draper | The Denver Post

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Alberta Iliff Shattuck is mannerly and dignified — prim even — yet this 100-year-old scion of a fabled Colorado family is an unconventional woman.

Her family, which founded the nationally respected Iliff School of Theology in 1892 and is credited with giving a big hand to the University of Denver, was generous with its wealth when it had it.

The Iliffs also knew hard times.

This month, though, the family has cause for a special celebration, with Shattuck's personal century mark reached Tuesday and an open house in her honor planned for Dec. 5.

Shattuck is modest about her family, describing it as "interesting," yet it is the kind of family whose castoff clothes and old tea sets are museum pieces, and their former homes are the museums.

"Alberta takes the family legacy seriously, and it comes with a certain weight, but she has always carried it with grace," said her 66-year-old niece, Suzy Iliff Witzler, the last of the Denver Iliffs.

"I adore her," Witzler said of Shattuck. "I've never heard her say a mean word about anybody."

Shattuck comes from the kind of pioneer stock that won, if not owned, the West.

Gold rush granddad

Her grandfather, John Wesley Iliff Sr., left a prosperous family farm in Ohio and joined the 1859 gold rush to Denver. But he didn't mine. He sold supplies to miners.

The cattle herds he started in 1861 made enough money for him to buy a hundred miles of land along the South Platte River from Julesberg to Greeley. He opened the first bank in Cheyenne.

Alberta's father, William Seward Iliff Sr., was the only son of John and his first wife, Sarah, who died two months after William's birth in 1865.

William and his father's second wife, Elizabeth Fraser Iliff Warren, would fulfill his father's dream of establishing a training school for ministers in the Rocky Mountains when they co-founded the Iliff School of Theology.

Shattuck, nicknamed "Shorty" by her two older brothers, was a pioneer in her own right. She had hoped to attend medical school at the University of Colorado at a time when women physicians were unusual. However, the Great Depression dented her family's fortunes at the wrong time as far as her graduate education was concerned.

"My father was what today would be called an entrepreneur," Shattuck said. "There were times when he was very affluent, and times when he wasn't. My parents couldn't help me, and I wanted to be independent anyway."

Medical school job

She nevertheless persevered in science, taking a job at the medical school's Child Research Council. She was given the title of assistant professor in biochemistry and she taught freshman medical students, which enabled her to take classes without paying tuition.

In 1942 she received her doctorate with a dissertation titled, "A Study of the Effect of Altitude on Certain Physiological Functions of Human Subjects."

She was an avid sportswoman, playing golf and tennis, skiing, hiking and more.

After earning her doctorate, she continued work at the Child Research Council, conducting metabolic tests for a massive research project investigating a suspected connection between asthma and tuberculosis.

"It was proved quite wrong," she said.

She married in 1959 when almost 50. She wed Dr. Robert C. Shattuck and adopted his two grown sons.

"I'd known him all my life," she said. "He was the older brother of my two very good childhood friends."

As devout Methodists, she said, she and Robert shared the same values and a calm enjoyment of life.

"He never once raised his voice to me," she said. "He did tease me."

And so her only regret, not becoming a doctor, turned into the lasting joy of her life.

"I never would have married my husband if I had gone on to medical school," she said. "I'd have had a very empty life if I hadn't married him. It was a very happy marriage."

Robert passed away in 1996. Although she lost her sight a decade ago and resides at the Aspen Siesta nursing-care home, Shattuck is still an Iliff trustee emeritus. She attended Iliff board meetings well into her 90s.

"She was always very engaged," said Iliff spokeswoman Greta Gloven. "She was very pragmatic. She always had wonderful opinions."

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Daughter of Iliff School of Theology co-founder dies at 101



Alberta Shattuck, who died at 101, had no interest in the ministry but went to Iliff meetings.

By Virginia Culver | The Denver Post

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Alberta Shattuck, whose father co-founded Denver's Iliff School of Theology in 1892, died at a nursing home June 9. She was 101.

A service is planned for 10 a.m. June 30 in the chapel at the school, 2180 S. University Blvd.

Shattuck had no interest in the ministry, but she was a dedicated churchgoer and went to Iliff board meeetings until a few years ago.

"She was a grand lady, honest, intellectual and genuinely caring," said the Rev. Don Messer, a former president at Iliff.

"She never tried to impose her will" because of her name, he said. But sometimes she stuck out her neck, such as the time that some at Iliff didn't want a Buddhist on the faculty at the United Methodist school.

She liked the idea of having a Buddhist teacher. Messer recalled her saying, "This is the kind of thing lliff was created for — to be broad and not narrow."

Her goal was to be a doctor, but, despite her parents' early prosperity, they weren't able to afford medical school when the Great Depression hit.

In order to afford to pay for classes, she worked for the Child Research Council, a federally funded program that studied children's health. She wrote 16 articles for scientific journals about the project. She also taught freshmen biochemistry.

Shattuck started adventures early. She sat on her mom's lap when they took a ride in a barnstormer's airplane. She recalled traveling to California in the family car before roads were built on the desert — they drove on boards that had been put on the sand, said Ann Student, who has been researching Shattuck's life for a book.

Alberta Iliff married Dr. Robert C. Shattuck, on Aug. 14, 1959. She adopted his two sons, Robert (Rod) Shattuck of Englewood and Donald Shattuck of Centennial. Dr. Robert C. Shattuck died in 1996.

She had her own ideas about women's rights, said the Rev. Paul Kottke, pastor of University Park United Methodist Church, which she attended for decades.

Kottke wanted to hire a female assistant minister, but Robert Shattuck didn't like the idea.

Alberta Shattuck pulled Kottke aside and said, "He doesn't know it, but I'm funding a scholarship for women who want to go to Iliff."

Alberta Iliff Shattuck was born in Denver on Nov. 24, 1909, to William and Alberta Iliff. Shattuck's father, William Seward Iliff Sr., co-founded the school. Shattuck's paternal grandfather, John Wesley Iliff, was a cattle baron, and her maternal grandfather, Frank Bloom, was a Trinidad pioneer, banker and cattle baron.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree at the University of Denver, and a master's of science and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

In 1957 she was given the Evans Award from DU.

In addition to her sons, she is survived by four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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NEWS

Shop owner doled advice, sandwiches

By **VIRGINIA CULVER** | The Denver Post March 9, 2008 at 3:26 pm

Bob Hill — who dispensed faucets, pink bathtubs and plumbing advice at his store Do-It-Yourself Plumbing and Heating Supply — died Feb. 14 in an Arizona hospital. He was 84.

The store is a fixture at 3100 Brighton Boulevard, less than a mile north of Coors Field.

Though not a plumber, Hill proffered advice for years to customers who wanted to redo bathrooms, kitchens or put in a heating system.

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"It's a place people can go to find matches for their fixtures or learn how to refurbish old bathtubs," said Hill's wife, Rita Hill.

His sons, Robert Hill and Rick Hill, have been operating the business since their father retired in 1989.

The store also has an antiques showroom with clawfoot bathtubs and turn-of-the-century faucets and fixtures, said Hill's daughter Monica Hill.

Robert Hill was born in Hastings, Neb., on Nov. 18, 1923, and moved to Denver with his family when he was 3.

He began playing the trumpet when he was about 10 years old and played in the South High School band and in a Navy band while serving on the destroyer USS Vincennes.

Hill had a private pilot's license and had logged many hours in a glider.

He loved good jazz and nice cars. When his kids were young, he'd take them "cruising down 16th Street" in downtown Denver with the top down on his Cadillac, said his daughter Susan Gillan.

Hill had a passion for the homeless, said his daughter Robin Hill-Richardson. She said her father often would buy 50 to 100 sandwiches to give out to the homeless he'd see on the way to work each day.

Bob Hill's father, Harold Hill, owned Hill Farm Machinery and later Hill Marine Co., which sold boats and snowmobiles.

Hill joined his father's business, and in 1972, he opened the Do-It-Yourself Plumbing in an adjacent building.

He married Rita Kennedy in 1949 and they had eight children, seven of whom live in the Denver area. The couple spent summers in Colorado and winters in Arizona.

In addition to his wife, daughters and sons, Bob Hill is survived by three other daughters: Mary Hill, Christine Hill Frissen and Melissa Hill Marrufo of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

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