

Englewood Historic Preservation Society

Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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UPCOMING Lectures for 2017

March 27th: *The Circle Tour Through Rocky Mountain National Park 1920 with Lee Whiteley*

April 24th: *St. Louis Church and School with Cathy Darnell*

May 27th: *Englewood High School Veteran's Tribute*

June 25th: *The 1918 flu epidemic and pandemic planning today with Cassandra Letkomiller.*

July 31st: *The History of Tiny Town with Dave Christopherson*

Stay Tuned, more to come...

SPECIAL Thank You!

DAVID FORSYTH

Thank you for a look back at how people had fun before television and smart phones. We took the trains, our family cars or walked to the local amusement parks. Great Stories!

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to EHPS! We very much appreciate your support!

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you for your support and for helping us to continue our mission!!

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DUES Are Due!!!

Please renew your membership in our society! Everyone's membership expires this month. THANK YOU We are still a young organization and we need your help to continue our mission.

Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

To Preserve and share Englewood's history.

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CHARLES DEATON, Sculpture in Architecture



Charles Deaton. Not exactly a household name. Who was Charles Deaton? Charles Deaton was born Charles Utter Deaton in Clayton, New Mexico on the first day of January, 1921. Charles' father was an oil geologist. Early in Charles' life the family moved to the Oklahoma plains where they literally lived in tent for about 2 years while his father worked finding wells in the Oklahoma oil fields.



Charles was a creative lad and by the age of 16, he had established himself as a commercial artist. At 19, he designed and patented a board game called "Gusher". Gusher was a monopoly style game with an oil wildcatting theme. Basically, each player would attempt to determine which "holes" were dry wells or gushers. The game was marketed by Carrom Industries from 1940 through the early 1960s.

While inventing board games (Charles patented 3 different games), Deaton also studied structural engineering, industrial, and architectural design earning his architect certification. He began his architectural career in the 1940s. Today, he is well known within the architectural arena for such

designs as the Arrowhead Stadium and the Truman Complex in Kansas City built in 1972 and the 1959 Central Bank and Trust in downtown Denver. It was with the 1959 commission that Deaton broke the restraints of rectangular design. For those of us in Colorado, we are more familiar with Deaton's expressionism found in the "Sculptured House" also known as the "Sleeper" house in Genesee built in 1963. Probably the best known house in Colorado, the Sleeper name came from a 1972 Woody Allen film by the same name which featured Deaton's creation. Charles designed and built the house in Genesee to be his home. Unfortunately, before the project was completed, Deaton ran out of funding and he was unable to realize living in his dream house which as he put it, "will sing its song to the beauty of the mountains".

Closer to home, Deaton designed the Key Savings Bank also known as the "Flying Saucer" bank here in Englewood. The bank, which is now part of Community Banks of Colorado, replaced an old multi-story brick building on the corner of Broadway and Hampden in downtown Englewood. The building with its sculptured shell of 6½ inches of concrete was built by the Longfur Construction Corporation in 1965 and today also serves as home to the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. On June 3rd 2016, the National Park Service added the building to the National Register of Historic Places, History Colorado number 5AH.2290.

Later in his career, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans honored Deaton by naming him to its membership. As a designer, architect, and inventor; Charles' architectural prowess can be found in 36 states of the United States and Canada. In his lifetime Deaton held over 30 patents. Charles Deaton died at the age of 75 in 1996 at his home in Morrison, Colorado.

~ Dave Paschal

Updates with the City

The City has decided to put back into the long range Comprehensive Plan wording acknowledging Englewood has a history and we should recognize it. The final vote on the Comprehensive Plan will take place soon.

The City Council also is moving forward with creating a Historic Preservation Commission. This commission will be like the other City appointed commissions and will be a resource for people who are interested in preserving homes and business buildings that are important in our history. The first commissioners will be appointed in June. Please consider applying for a position on the board. The exact role and responsibilities of the board will be determined by the board when it is seated.

We will be opening our Historic Society office in the Library before long.

A Big Thank You to the Library, the City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission for making this happen!

Veteran's Tribute Schedule

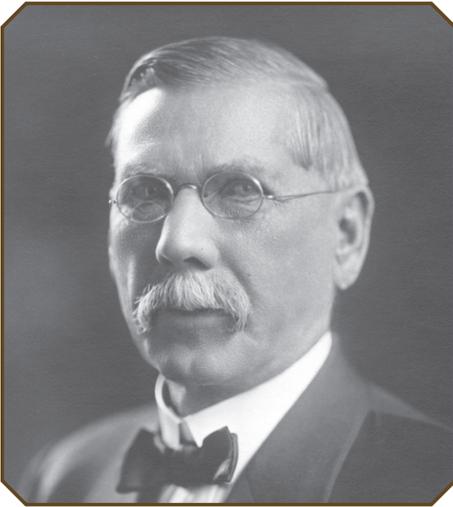
1:30 pm: Pre-ceremony, outside near the Memorial Monument featuring: The 79th Highlander Bagpipers, 1000 lb. Honor Bell. Also visit with our veteran group & community sponsor representatives in the lobby and view photos of our KIA veterans.

2:00 pm: Program begins in the Fischer Auditorium featuring: Colors presented by Douglas County Young Marines, a Vietnam film and speakers who served in Vietnam, Joe Peterson Orchestra and Rolling Thunder "Missing Man Ceremony."

4:00 pm: Post-ceremony, outside featuring a live rifle salute, a bugler sounding "Taps," the folding of the USA flag with presentation to a Gold Star family.

RSVP: Kay Howard, 303-740-8789 or kaycastlerock@comcast.net

ENGLEWOOD BECOMES A CITY



York City. A Colorado historian called it one of the sin suburbs. The Tuileries Amusement park had opened to provide entertainment for families.

Many citizens felt that Englewood should not continue to be one of the roughest places in Colorado. They decided to hold an election to form a new city. Englewood incorporated in May of 1903. It was made up of 3 smaller hamlets. Cherrelyn, Fiske Gardens and Orchard Place joined together to form Englewood.



Englewood was a rough and tough place in the early 1900s. It was described as 7 saloons, a grocery store and two sporting houses. Saloons and road-houses flourished. A saloon called Barth's opened in the 3400 block of Broadway. A gambling den called Idlewild operated on Hampden a half block east of Broadway. The sheriff ordered doors closed on Sundays after he was pressured by community groups, but he allowed the back doors be kept open and activities continued as usual.

Shootings and knifings happened regularly. Fancy women walked the streets. Gamblers and sharpies separated Fort Logan soldiers from the pay. Soapy Smith played the shell game on Broadway. Public drunkenness and brawls were common. Some of the working women were injured. The newspapers called the area the Bowery of the west after the section of New

The first election for mayor was in June that year. It was as nasty as the one we just went through.

The group that wanted to keep things as they were was called the "citizens party". Their candidate was Tom Skerritt. They found the gambling houses, bars and brothels very entertaining and profitable. There should be no rules.

The group that wanted to clean things up was called the "good government ticket". Their candidate was Jacob Jones. He wanted to clean up the city and make it family friendly. He was a prohibitionist.

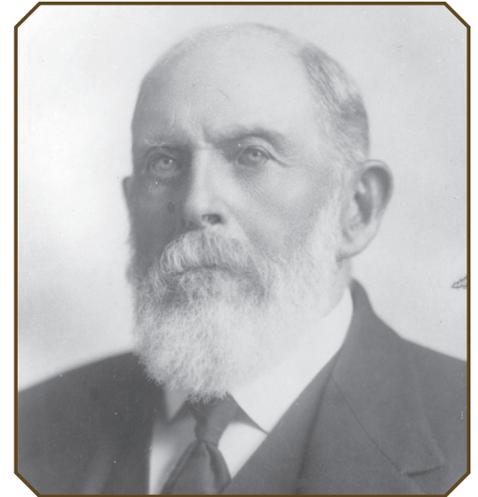
Feelings were running high on both sides as the election approached. On the day of the vote, Englewood called on Ft. Logan to send some MPs to make sure soldiers did not interfere with the voting. Voters were chal-

lenged. Fraud was alleged. Voter intimidation was a concern.

Jacob Jones won. The vote was 157 to 152 in favor of the good government ticket.

The new mayor Jacob Jones and council members were sworn in and had the first meeting in June. The opposition disrupted things as much as they could. They made accusations, criticized, complained and made threats. The new government began passing laws: bars would close on Sundays; no women would be allowed to frequent the bars. A sheriff was hired and a jail built.

About a month later, at a meeting with the Denver Water Department, one person got up and talked so long nothing got done. A second meeting was called and Mayor Jones explained that anyone could talk who wished but they were limited to 5 minutes and then he pulled out his



six-gun and placed it on the table for all to see. No speech was longer than five minutes.

Things then settled down and the governing of the city began.

Source: History of Englewood published by the Englewood Historical Society.

Left to Right: Jacob Jones, group photo including Jones & Skerritt, Tom Skerritt. Photos courtesy: Englewood Public Library

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Donate or become a Sponsor
of Memorial Day Event



Option 1. Memorial Day Celebration

May 28, 2017 EHS 2:00 PM

Enjoy a spectacular tribute to our veterans in the luxurious Fisher Auditorium

Sponsorships start at \$500.00

Donations start at \$25.00

Option 2.

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merchant or student

Pavers are: \$150.00

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