



**Larkspur, Colorado  
Book I**


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THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR AND THE LARKSPUR SCHOOL

- A CHRONOLOGY: Jim Bridger and Jim Baker in area  
and pony express
- Early - Nearby stage stop/atop butte (ref. Kent Brandebery)
- Jan. 22, 1862 - Huntsville was the first Douglas County post office established. Daniel Oakes postmaster (District 6)
- 1865 - Douglas County settled with 7 districts.
- Aug. 29, 1867 - Huntsville post office discontinued
- April 8, 1869 - Huntsville post office reestablished; depot built
- Dec. 13, 1871 - Huntsville was changed to Larkspur (named by Governor Hunts wife, Elizabeth, after the flower)
- 1871 - Rio Grande Railroad came through - Larkspur was a railroaders town.
- May 13, 1876 - Plum Creek Toll Road Company established south of town. wagon tolls
- 1884 - School built on <sup>Carr</sup> Lamb Ranch south of town (do not know if this was considered Larkspur) wood frame bldg
- 1887 - Santa Fe Railroad came through
- Date? - School was moved on skids into Larkspur to other side of tracks near Arfsten
- Feb. 28, 1989 - Grasmere Dairy and Live Stock Co., capital stock \$10000
- Date? - (Some say there was a tornado which blew the school down but can find no records of any tornado.)  
*Documented by Newspaper*
- 1896 - Rev. Todd was the Castle Rock Circuit Preacher. Held services at Larkspur School 7:30 PM
- April 1896 - "A special meeting of District No. 15 was held in the school house at Larkspur on the 1st to consider the advisability of moving the school house. It was decided to make no change of site at present."
- May 27, 1896 - "Larkspur voted to levy a five mill tax and build a new schoolhouse." "The contract for the Larkspur School House has been let to Mr. Fletcher." Brick school with hip roof, bell, neo-Georgian style
- Sept. 18, 1896 - "A dance was given in the new schoolhouse at Larkspur last Saturday night which was well attended."
- May 27, 1896 - Mrs. Lownsberry - postmistress at Larkspur Post Office.
- 1895 thru 1896 - Miss Maggie Parker, schoolteacher
- 1896 thru 1897 - Mary Linn, schoolteacher
- October 1896 - "The Larkspur Creamery is in operation. They are using about eight hundred pounds of milk per day."
- 1897 - Larkspur Literary Society met.
- 1897 - District 15 School Fund - \$208.00

(Quotes from Castle Rock Journal)

November 17, 1902

- The Carlson and Frink Creamery was incorporated.  
(Is this the same as the Larkspur Creamery?)  
Milk cans painted half red and half green

Palmer Lake had ice house  
KOA campground on clay 1910  
mines; saw mills in area

- American Federation of Human Rights was incorpor.  
wanted to start orphanage; grow fresh vegetables.

Oct. 8, 1912

- William Phifer (Federation) sold land to  
school District 15 for \$150.00. (The school  
was built on Federation land with possibly a  
lease arrangement?) quick claim. Larkspur Heights  
shown on map. Boundaries marked with stones w/cross  
- Larkspur Social Club (met at the school) sunk 12"

March 14, 1924

- Larkspur Community unday School at the Larkspur  
School House

April 18, 1924

- News *Timber Fire - Lightning* accounts talk about a large fire in Larkspur

1924

Feb. 13, 1931

- St. Agnes Guild met with girls at the school.

May 21, 1931

- Larkspur School Orchestra travelled to other areas

March 30, 1931

- Boozebust in Larkspur (find Prohibition date)

Date ? 1920-~~1932~~<sup>1939</sup>?

- 255 gallon capacity moonshine still  
- School was added on to - stage and bathrooms

Dec. 22, 1939

- Grocery store burned to the ground - owned by  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Argus.

Date ? 1952 or 1959  
(cornerstone?)

- School was added on to - gymnasium and lunch  
room

1960 or 1961

- Last year the students attended grades 1 thru 8.  
Junior High went elsewhere and only 1 thru 6.  
Stainless steel trucks in use and milk production

Date? *dedicated in 1972*

- School moved to new present day building. <sup>moved</sup> Denver.

Date? *June 16* 1965

- Flood washed away town/dairy etc.

Jan. 3, 1975

- School building sold to Robert Dokken who ran  
a packaging plant (nuts)

Date? 10/26/78

- School sold to ? Mayor, Anne Trueblood

*May 21* 1979

- Larkspur incorporated as home rule town

Date? 1981

- School sold to Jeff Bell - photographer

February 1989

- Option to Town of Larkspur  
Existing City Hall originally owned by Arfsten/No

Missing Dates and Activity: Stone Canyon  
Guffy Ranch  
Postal Workers Outing  
Freedom School

Town Activity when Town was located near lower tracks included hardware store,  
creamery, general mercantile, post office, grocery store, blacksmith shop, hotel

Nearby Perry Park started by Papaecke, Walter and Elizabeth

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