

Donald Ebner

Dedicated to Public Service and Cultural and Historical Research

Donald Ebner was born in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Illinois Institute of Technology and served in the Navy during World War II. After the war he attended Wright Junior College and Northwestern University. He and his wife Dolores raised five children and have two grandsons. After operating their own business in Peoria, Illinois, the family moved to Wheat Ridge, Colorado, and then to the Ken-Caryl area.

Don worked for Great Western Sugar Company for twenty years, where he was Packaging and Handling Engineer and then Manager of Safety and Health. He was a charter member of the Society of Packaging and Handling Engineers.

After taking early retirement, Don's interest turned to preservation and history. He audited classes at the University of Colorado, studying Colorado History, and recently worked with foreign students, volunteering to help teach them American English.

For 13 years he was a member of the Jefferson County Historical Commission, serving as Secretary, Vice-Chairman and

Chairman. He promoted awareness and interest in historical sites in unincorporated Jefferson County, served on the Grants Committee, and the Historic Preservation Committee of the Commission. His efforts contributed to the establishment of the present Landmark Designation program.

He was an active member of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society and spearheaded the efforts to save the 1859 Bradford Perley House, which received State Historic designation in 1997. Through his efforts students from the Colorado School of Mines have done school projects on the house. He helped obtain the services of Hoehn Architects and Atkinson Noland Engineers for ongoing preservation of the house, and helped to obtain a grant from the Colorado State Historical

Fund to preserve the building. His work with the Colorado Archaeological Society culminated in an archaeological district in the Ken-Caryl Ranch being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Don Ebner was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in 2006.



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