



RUTH S. RICHARDSON

Civic Leader - Historian

Ruth Slater Richardson was born in Denver on August 17, 1913. She attended Wheat Ridge High School where she was on the debate team, an honor student and valedictorian of her class. She went on to CU, and married her high school sweetheart Dan Richardson in 1931. They had two children, Dan Jr. and Norma.

Ruth began her many years of civic involvement when her children were in school, serving as president of local and county PTA. She was State PTA president and was on the National Congress of PTA board for 9 years. She was chairman of the Citizens for Better Schools Citizen Committee which assisted during the consolidation of 39 districts into the Jefferson R-1 District. She was a delegate to the White House Conference on Education in Washington D.C. Ruth serves on the Jefferson County R-1 School Names Committee for new schools. She served as President of the Denver Area Council of Camp Fire Girls and as president of the Jefferson County Community Chest. For 16 years she was the executive director of the Jefferson County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

An active member of the Wheat Ridge Historical Society, she chaired the Task Force for the renovation and restoration of the historic James Richards Hart home and pursued saving the first Wheat Ridge Post Office, now listed on the State Register of Historic Properties and undergoing restoration. Ruth was appointed to the Jefferson County Historical Commission in 1983 and has served in all its officer positions. She is currently working on the Commission's Place Name Project to identify historical place names throughout the county.

This extraordinary woman, in her quiet, efficient manner has contributed so much to this county, be it as a paid staff person or a dedicated volunteer.