Wild Rose Grange # 160

November 23, 1907 thirty-eight folks met at Spruce Lodge, formerly a stage stop, in Tiny Town, near Turkey Creek, Jefferson County, Colorado to organize a Grange. R. W. Ralph the owner of the lodge, was the first Master. In 1908 they started to build their own hall across the road near what is the present-day entrance to Mt. Lindo. They had money raising activities such as box suppers, pie socials, and an occasional taffy pull. Dances were held with the orchestra consisting of Mr. "Lib" Bowman playing the drums, Mrs. Carrie Schutte the accordion, and Mrs. E. J. McCreer on the piano. They did not have light after dark other than gas lamps until 1937 when REA reached the area.

In 1913 the roof collapsed after a four and a half foot snowstorm and their prized grand piano was ruined. By 1940 the group met at Hodgson School in North Turkey Creek and continued to meet there, making improvements and maintaining the building. Lew Sanger was Master from 1940 until Orville Meyer took over in 1955.

An active Junior Grange was organized in July 1969 and won many state and national honors for agriculture, international relations and community service programs. Both the Junior and the Grange itself won top national honors in 1971 in the "Community More Beautiful Contest". The Grange has moved forward from traditional activities connected with farming into modern fields and service to others that will help them continue as vital organizations.

By 1943 there were over 45 members in the Wild Rose Grange: each paid \$.50 per quarter dues.

Berrian, George
Brasher, Ernestine
Felch, Earl
Felch, Harriett V.
Fender, Thalia
Fishburn, E. W.
Fodar, Eugene
Gierloff, Agnes
Goddard, Lena
Goddard, Ray
Gruenberg, Agnes
Gruenberg, Arthur
Gruenberg, Eugene
Halm, Frank
Herzman, Hilda

Herzman, August

Herzman, Gustof Q.

Herzman, Harriette Herzman, Henry Holt, Gladys Holt, Frank McKnight, A. R. Nelson, Lena Osteen, Minnie Pierre, Jessie G Rossman, Paula Sanger, Mary L. Sanger, Challice M. Sanger, Lewis E. Spence, Mary Schuttle, frank Sims, Elmer Wright, H. L.

Herzman, Marie

Wright, Gerald
Wallower, Dora C
Wallower, H. H.
Winters, Helen E.
Winters Charles W
Nelson, Harold
Nelson, Martha
Sherriff, George M.
Sherriff, Euella
Putnam, Leigh B.
Baker, Frank D.
Maxwell, Helen I.

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