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Re: Weld County 150th Anniversary Celebration: March Update

JUSTICE IN WELD COUNTY

WELD COUNTY, Colo. – This month, the Weld County 150th Anniversary web site examines the history of the justice system in Weld County through stories and articles provided by the Weld County Sheriff's Office, the Weld County District Attorney's Office and the Weld County Combined Courts of the 19th Judicial District.



Home of Andrew Lumry, first Deputy Clerk of Weld County. House frequently used for County meetings. Now resides in the Centennial Village.

In this month's feature, visitors to the web site can read about life as a law man in the late 1800s through a special article written by Weld County Sheriff's Office Crime Analyst Paul Harvey. Harvey's article details the life of Weld County's first Sheriff, John Paul. Former Weld County Sheriff Ed Jordan provides a glimpse into life in the 'wild west' through his article that highlights the history of several other notable sheriffs who have protected the citizens of Weld County throughout the years.

The District Attorney's Office offers visitors a visual yearbook of District Attorneys who have served in Weld County, starting with the Honorable Vincent D. Markham who served from 1869-1871. Photos and brief biographies, detail the rich history of the DA's Office in Weld County. Former Weld County District Attorney A. M. Dominguez summarizes the history of district attorneys and the judicial system in Weld County through a 1999 article originally published in the Weld County Past times.

In 1970, the area inside the boundaries of Weld County became the 19th Judicial District. Visitors to the web site can explore the history of the Weld County Combined Courts as well as historic court cases tried in the 19th Judicial District. Web site visitors can also learn about the architecture of the Weld County Court House floor by floor in a written and illustrated tour provided by the courts.

And history buffs eager to learn more about the beginnings of the justice system in Colorado, can read the History of the Bench and Bar of Colorado – a little gem we found in the archives of the University of California libraries.

Don't forget – we need your help to tell the history of Weld County. Your stories and photographs can be submitted through the anniversary site at <http://www.weldcounty150.org/SendUsYourStory.html>

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