



COLORADO 150 | AMERICA 250

**PORTRAIT OF COLORADO AT 150
STORYTELLING INITIATIVE**

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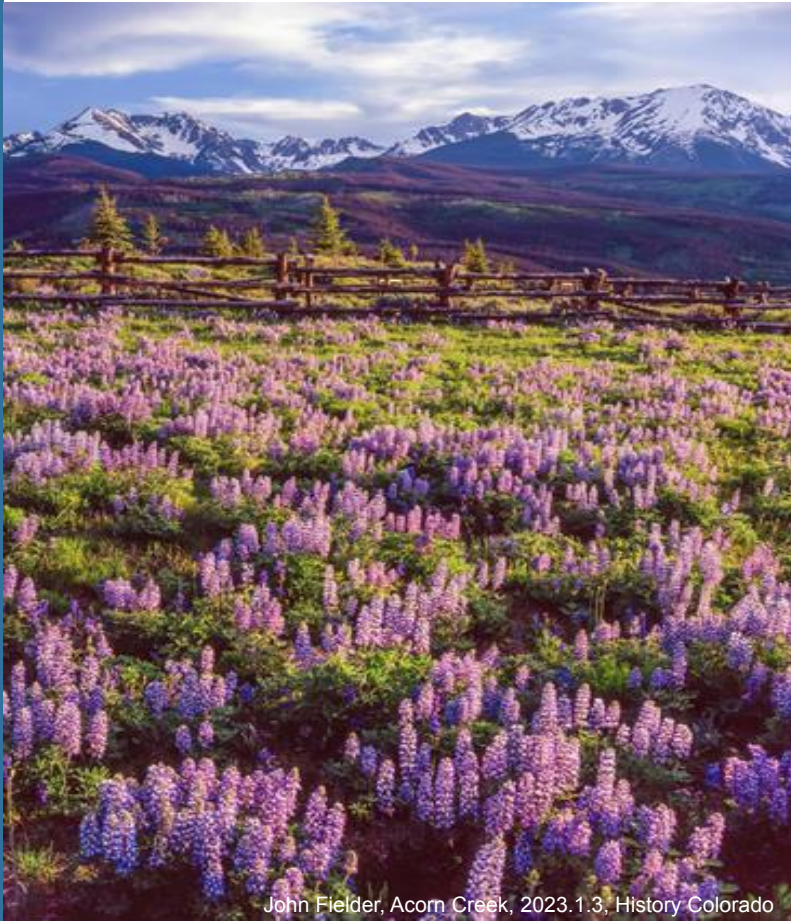
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WHAT IS PORTRAIT OF COLORADO AT 150?



AMERICA
250



John Fielder, Acorn Creek, 2023.1.3, History Colorado

SIGNATURE STORYTELLING INITIATIVE

History Colorado, in partnership with the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission, is leading initiatives for this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration. Learn more about the [Founding Legislation](#).

Sesquicentennial. Semiquincentennial.
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WHY TELL AND RECORD STORIES?

- Colorado's documented history reveals gaps in stories that present diverse perspectives and experiences.
- Communities have been misrepresented, underrepresented, or not represented at all.
- America 250 - Colorado 150 presents a unique opportunity to uncover and highlight community voices.



Photo Collage of Dog Patch Community Collection, Pueblo



WHAT WILL WE DO?

Co-Create Collections through 2026

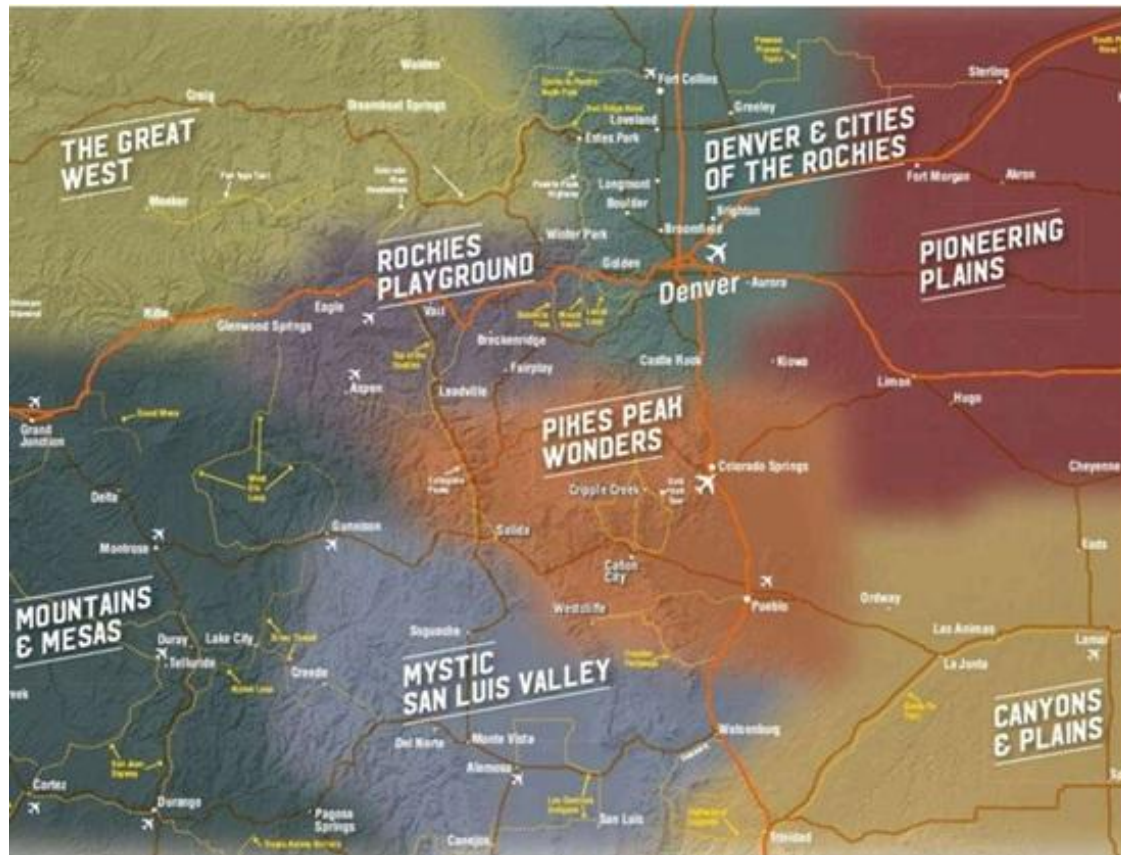
- **Increase** representation and voices in Colorado's documented history
- **Collect** at least 150 stories from every region in the state in collaboration with communities, individuals, internal staff, and external partners
- **Equip** communities with the tools to document and preserve their local Colorado histories
- **Empower** local communities to collect and share stories through oral history.



Top Left: Antonito Labor Day Breakfast, 2022;
Top Right: Students at Capitol, Black Lives Matter Movement,
November 2020 (Courtesy Juan Fuentes, 2023.54.11);
Bottom Left: Interview-Gerri Cummings, Antonito 2023;
Bottom Right: Auraria Memory Workshop, Denver 2022



WHERE WILL WE GO?



Guiding Variables for Resource Allocation



Geographic region/county	Story/stories reflect geographic regions outside of the Front Range / Region 3: Denver & Cities of the Rockies
Racial/ethnic/cultural	Story/stories reflect racial, ethnic, or cultural backgrounds that differ from Caucasian/white and/or without distinct cultural, racial, or ancestral markers
Subculture/local group	Story/stories are part of an organization that reflect a specific way of life, customs, and/or ideas of a particular group of people, interest, or field
Industry/occupation	Story/stories reflect a specific type of work important to that region and/or the state
Sex/gender	Story/stories reflect sexual and gender identities outside of heterosexual / cisgender identities
Youth/Elder	Story/stories share experiences and perspectives of youth and/or elders
Military	Story/stories reflect military participation
Disabled community	Story/stories reflect experiences and perspectives of individuals and/or groups with disabilities
Religion	Story/stories reflect beliefs and religious affiliations other than Christianity
In HC collection?	Story/stories fill a gap that in the History Colorado collection

WHAT RESOURCES DO WE OFFER?

- Consultation
- [Online Oral History Toolkit](#)
- [Audio recording equipment and photo scanner lending program](#)
- How-To Programs based on community needs
- [PoCo Flyer](#)
- History Colorado [SoundCloud](#) and [YouTube](#)





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Are you currently or planning to document Colorado stories?
- Do you have events or other activities across the state to share?
- Do you – or your internal/external partners, communities, and collaborators -- need support in recording oral histories?

Please reach out to me!

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America 250 – Colorado 150

<https://www.historycolorado.org/colorado-150>



Interview-Herman Gallegos, Antonito 2023



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**AFFILIATE
NETWORK**

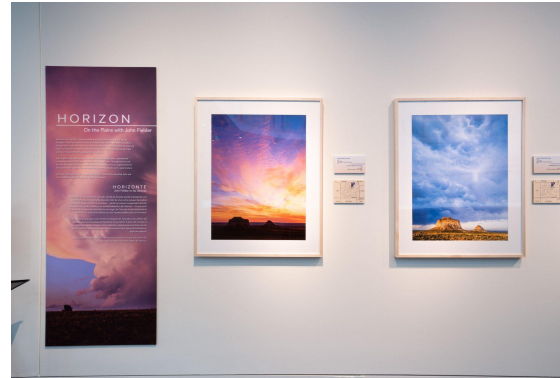
History Colorado's Affiliate Network is an initiative to support, connect, and grow Colorado's 400+ history museums and organizations. Join a network of over 90 history organizations to participate in shared learning, education, and collaboration.



Membership Includes Discounts on Traveling Exhibits!

Other Benefits Include:

- Discounts on Classes and Services
- Promoted on HC website
- Monthly Virtual Discussions
- Free Admission to all HC Museums
- Monthly Newsletter
- Site Visits & Coaching
- Two Free Copies of CO Magazine
- In Person Summit



JOIN HERE!- <https://www.historycolorado.org/affiliate-network>

Questions? Contact-Leah.androne@state.co.us





Upcoming Webinars For Affiliates Network

**Nov. 19th @12pm-1pm Portrait of Colorado at 150
Storytelling Initiative**

Dec. 3rd @12pm-1pm: Print-on-Demand 250/150 Exhibit!

**Contact Leah.androne@state.co.us for more info and
registration Link**

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QUESTIONS?

