

The Chamberlains of 2159 Lafayette St, Denver, Colorado

From History of 2100 Block of Lafayette Street, 1987

William G. Chamberlain, the father of William J. was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts on November 9, 1815. When he was about nine years old the family moved to Boston, where, with the exception of a few years in Lowell, he remained until 1839. He was given the opportunity to visit South America, and took passage in New York, via Cape Horn, for Lima, Peru, a trip which was accomplished in 93 days. He remained there for thirteen years, with the exception of a brief trip, via the Isthmus of Panama, to Boston on business. He was shipwrecked on the way back while entering the harbor of Chagres (now Colon).

The Peruvian government encouraged the manufacture of silk, and Chamberlain obliged, importing the mulberry into that country from the United States, obtaining the eggs of the silk worm from France, and obtaining a spinning machine from his inventor father. His initial attempts were successful, and buoyed by the initial success and the prodding of the government, tried unsuccessfully to establish a large plantation near the coast. He severed his connection with this industry in 1847. While working in the silk business, he met and married Miss Francis Allen, a young English lady whose parents resided in Lima. Since Protestant services were illegal in Peru and they were not favorably inclined toward Catholicism, they were married on 28 July 1846 by Albert Jewett, the US Charge d'Affairs. At this point in his life he had money and a great deal of leisure. He purchased Daguerreotype equipment for \$300, and became proficient in its manipulation. (Francis had broken both legs in a shipboard accident, and the legs had healed at different lengths. She walked on the toes of one foot, and this coupled with the long dresses of the day made her limp practically unnoticeable.)

In 1848 Chamberlain became associated with two other American residents of Lima in a mining venture in the noted silver mining section of Cerro de Pasco. Believing that a rich mine originally operated by the Spaniards had been abandoned because the Indians could not keep it pumped out by hand, they purchased a small 8 horsepower steam engine. They then had to transport it a distance of 150 miles over the Andes to the eastern slope. With the expectation of living in Pasco, Chamberlain took his wife and infant daughter Josephina Helena and possessions there as well by mule train. After pumping out the mine, he found that not only had it been submerged for years, but also it was worthless. Disappointed and with a decimated balance sheet, he took passage to California in early spring 1849 to join the gold rush. He retrieved much of his misfortune and returned to his family in Lima in less than two years. He remained in Lima until the depression, and returned to Boston by way of

Panama in 1852. While residing in Lima, his first three children were born, Helena, William J, and Fanny.

After visiting his parents, the family made a tour of the states, finally arriving in Chicago where he remained until 1855. He went into business as a photographer, and opened a shop on Lake Street. Unfortunately the chemicals used in daguerreotyping damaged his health and he retired to a country home outside of Chicago. On 7 May 1854, Lucy Annette was born.

At about that time he became acquainted with people from New England who had formed a company to locate a township in northwestern Iowa. In the fall of 1885 the party decided to make a trial of pioneer life. The location of their township was unfortunate. The Little Sioux River overflowed their property in the spring, and it was consumed by prairie fires in the fall. Kate was born 27 Feb 1857 and they "lost little Lucie" on 29 Dec 1857 in Kennebec, Monona Co, Iowa. The family endured the hardships until 1859 when Chamberlain decided to move on. He and a small party departed for the Pikes Peak gold fields. On the way, they met so many disillusioned returnees, that they pushed on to California instead. He returned to his family in Iowa in the winter of 1860, intending to take them to California, but found that his family had increased by one (Walter born 23 Sep 1859), and that his wife was in too poor health to undertake the trip. They departed for Denver the following year in an ox-cart, intending to winter there before going on. Mrs. Chamberlain's health improved to the extent that they decided to make Denver their permanent home. He opened a studio in June 1861 and became famous for his pictures of mountain scenery which he accumulated during extended trips to the mountains each summer. Existing dairies show that these were strenuous trips due to poor roads and the problems of transporting the darkroom and glass plates over trails impassable by wagon. He was extremely successful, and remained in business until he sold his studio in 1881 to F.D. Storm. The whereabouts of his thousands of negatives is unknown to this day. It seems that he was grooming his son Walter to take over the business, as they were listed together in the state business directory in 1881, but after a few years with his father and a few years with William Henry Jackson, Walter became the manager of William's smelter in Boulder. Chamberlain died in 1910. Francis died at age 90 at her son, William's home in the Perrenoud Apartments on 12 May 1920.

William J Chamberlain was born in Lima Peru on 23 May 1849. After returning to the United States with his father, and moving by ox cart to Denver, he married Matilda Rose Marselis on 31 May 1869. They settled in Athens, N.Y. where their children, Allen and Harriet were born. When Matilda died of pneumonia on 7 Mar 1877 he took his children to his parents' home in Denver where his mother assumed the task of raising them. He devoted himself to mining. In the late 1870's he was associated with the Park Consolidated Mining Company of Aspen. This firm operated properties in the Tourtelotte Park, on Aspen Mountain. The company was capitalized at \$500 000. Serving

on the board in addition to Chamberlain, was DM Van Hoesvenbergh. Chamberlain married Mary "Mame" Van Hoesvenbergh Emigh in Aspen on 5 December 1886. By this time Chamberlain and Dillingham (who married Chamberlain's sister Kate on 8 Oct 1877) had formed the Chamberlain Dillingham Ore Co, and had become a powerful force in the market. They were highly respected.

The Chamberlains moved to Denver, and built a suitable residence at 2159 Lafayette. Mary had purchased the property from William Wilkinson in 1888. The records are not clear as to who designed the building, but it appears to have been James Murdoch. Chamberlain lived on Lafayette Street at the pinnacle of his career. His firm prospered. In 1892 he raised \$1 000 000 by selling stock at \$1 a share. He had reduction mills in Blackhawk, Boulder, Idaho Springs, and Denver. Thru the Georgetown office he carried out numerous assays for his neighbor LeNeve Foster. He had a weekly column in the Denver Times analyzing the mining situation, and became active in the Masonic Temple. He joined the El Jebel Shrine in 1899 and served as treasurer 1907-1913 and as Chairman of the Building Committee for the Shrine at 18th and Sherman. He retained the Baerresen Brothers, who had designed his neighbor Cooke's house as architects. Chamberlain's lifestyle had a distinctive flair. He was an immaculate dresser whose favorite piece of music was "LaPaloma." He drank his coffee brewed thick and sweetened with honey. His special blend of Turkish Tobacco was wrapped in paper imprinted with his monogram in gold. At home on Lafayette Street "Playing solitaire while his gentle German Shepherd, Spunk, lay at his feet is a never-to-be-forgotten picture."

Family relationships were sometimes strained. Mary "Mame" related well to her stepdaughter Harriet, but not to stepson Allen. He was sent to the Highland Military Academy in Worchester, Massachusetts. Allen developed a singular fondness for his half sister Marguerite which lasted a lifetime. The Chamberlains lived on Lafayette Street until Mame died of apoplexy on 9 May 1907. Funeral services were held at the home by Rev H R O'Malley. Chamberlain owned the house until 1923 and rented it to Frederick Williams. In spite of Williams' immense stature, Chamberlain's departure marked the beginning of the decline of the neighborhood.

After Mame's death he lived at a variety of prestigious addresses including the Brown Palace, and The Perrenoud (see directory listings). On September 2, 1915, Chamberlain married a much younger woman, Miss Eugenia Brooks, who may even be the same Miss Brooks listed in the Denver Directory as a singer. They were divorced with much acrimony on June 16, 1919. The divorce was a society event of some notoriety. She accused him of consorting with the maid, and she appeared to collect the \$10 850 in settlement money with a man on her arm, and a picture of the smiling couple in the newspapers. Chamberlain withdrew from mining activities in 1919 for reasons still unclear.

In 1920, unsuccessful cataract surgery cost him the vision in one eye. His last years were spent at the home of his daughter Marguerite, where he died under her care on 8 Sep 1928. He was buried at Fairmont Cemetery at a service conducted by his old friend Charles H Marshall, Pastor Emeritus of St Barnabas Episcopal Church. On the day after his death, the old Chamberlain-Dillingham ore reduction mill at West 42nd and Galapago burned in a spectacular general alarm fire.

Allen G Chamberlain was also active in the mining business, eventually in his fathers firm. When he returned to Denver in 1891 he and his wife Emelia "Mille" Frances (daughter of Fred Walsen, founder of Walsenberg and State Treasurer of Colorado, and coconspirator with Otto Mears and Jerome Frank) lived in Blackhawk, and then in Central City and Idaho Springs before returning to Denver. He was active in a wide range of mining enterprises in Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties, and in the Central City and Breckinridge areas. In addition to his work with his father, he was active in the ownership and management of the old Globe Smelter in Denver. He followed in his fathers footsteps in the Masonic Order, and served as Chief Rabban of the El Jebel Shrine from 1921-3. After his retirement from mining, he became active in politics. He founded a moving company, US Transfer, in business to this day, and worked for the City Auditors Office and the Improvement and Parks Department. He divorced Mille, the mother of his two children, on 17 Oct 1924. He married and divorced Ora A Sayres and married and divorced Constance Hyde. He remarried Ora Chamberlain, and remained married to her until he died of a heart attack 11 May 1939 while dining with his family in their home at 456 S. Lincoln at the age of 63.

Denver Directory Listings for WJ Chamberlain Family

1887	Chamberlain William J no listing
1888	Chamberlain William J (James F Matthews and Co) r, Aspen, Co
1889	Chamberlain William J (James F Matthews & Co) r 1133 17th Ave
1889	Chamberlain Walter A photographer WH Jackson & Co r 77 Byers
1890	Chamberlain William J (WJ Chamberlain and Co) r 2159 Lafayette
1890	Chamberlain WJ and Co (WJ Chamberlain and Frank Dillingham) ore and bullion brokers, 1315 16th St
1891	Chamberlain William J (WJ Chamberlain and Co) r 2159 Lafayette
1892	Chamberlain William J (WJ Chamberlain and Co) r, 2159 Lafayette
1893	Chamberlain WJ and Co (WJ Chamberlain and Frank Dillingham) ore and bullion brokers
1315 16th	
1893	Chamberlain William J (WJ Chamberlain and Co) r 2159 Lafayette
1894	Chamberlain and his co same as 1893
1895	Chamberlain same
1896	Chamberlain same
1897	Chamberlain same
1898	Chamberlain same
1899	Chamberlain same
1901	Chamberlain same
1902	Chamberlain same
1903	Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co WJ Chamberlain pres, WO Manson Vise-pres, Frank Dillingham treas, Robert James sec, 114 Boston Bldg
1903	Chamberlain WJ Pres Chamberlain Dillingham Ore Co, 114 Boston Bldg, r 2159 Lafayette St
1904	Chamberlain same co minimal difference
1906	Chamberlain same as 1904

1907 Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co WJ Chamberlain pres, Frank Dillingham treas,
Robert James sec, 514 Symes bldg

1907 Chamberlain same

1908 Chamberlain Co Symes bldg c16th cor Champa

1908 Chamberlain William J pres Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co 514 Symes Bldg r 1760

Williams

1909 Chamberlain William J pres. Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co. r 2 The Perrenoud
17th ave sw cor Emerson

1910 Chamberlain same

1911 Chamberlain William J Pres Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co r Brown Palace Hotel

1913 Chamberlain William J Pres Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Co r 25, 1554 Logan

1914 Chamberlain William J pres WJ Chamberlain Ore Co 509 Symes Bldg r 1554
Logan (also a listing for the company)

1915 Chamberlain William Jr 1610 14th Ave. also listings for Allen and for the company

1917 Chamberlain William J pres WJ Chamberlain Ore Co r 1400 Cook. Also listings for
Allen G and Allen G Jar at 2260 Bellaire. Jr listed as student. Also listing for Company.

1917 Chamberlain Mrs. Jennie H r 7 1316 Colfax Ave.

1918 Chamberlain William J Pres WJ Chamberlain Ore Co. r 2 The Perrenaud. Also
listing for Allen but not Jr

1918 Chamberlain Mrs. Jennie H r 6 1224 California

1919 Chamberlain William r c2 The Perrenaud 17th av sw cor Emerson. Allen G is
listed as vice-pres Bankers Loan and Mortgage Co, living at 2260 Bellaire, and Jr as clk
first Natl Bank r 2260 Bellaire

1919 Chamberlain Mrs. Jennie H same as 1918

1920 Chamberlain Mrs. Jennie H same as 1919

1920 Chamberlain William J r c2 the Perrenaud. Allen G pres and treas Brown Transfer
and Transportation Co 1934 Broadway r 3260 Bellaire phone York 4722, Allen Jr salesman
RR Hall Cadillac Co r 2260 Bellaire.

1921 Chamberlain Allen G Pres US Transfer and Storage Warehouse Co r 2260 Bellaire,
Jr sec US Transfer and Storage Warehouse r 2260 Bellaire. Wm J c2 Perrenaud

1921 Chamberlain Mrs. Jennie h same as 1920

1922 Chamberlain Allen g same (Millie W), Jr as clk AB&T Co r 2260 Bellaire. WJ same

1922 Chamberlain Jennie widow of Walter r 2759 Josephine

1923 Chamberlain Jennie no listing

1923 Chamberlain WJ same. Allen G pres United States Transfer and Storage
Warehouse r 3 1400 Ash. Jar r 849 Garfield

1924 Chamberlain Jennie no listing

1925 Chamberlain WJ listed as pres US Transfer and SW Co r Perrenaud, WJ
Chamberlain Ore Co W 43rd Ave sw Cor Galapago. Allen G treas mgr United States Transfer
and SW Co r 1863 Lincoln. Allen G Jr 849 Garfield ?job?

1926 Chamberlain Wm J h 1275 Humboldt. Chamberlain Allen G (Ora A) (Us Transfer
Co) h 22 1835 Lincoln. Chamberlain Millie W Mrs. h 849 Garfield

1927 Chamberlain Wm J h 1275 Humboldt. Allen G (Ora A) pres US Transfer Co h 2629
Clermont. Millie as before

1928 Chamberlain Wm J and Mille as before no listing for Allen G (jr) or Ora

1929 Chamberlain Allen G (jr) (Ora A) h 380 S Pearl. Millie and Wm J as before

1930 Chamberlain no listing for WJ. Millie same. Allen G (Jr) (Ora A) acct City Aud h 380 S Pearl.

1931 Chamberlain Allen same. Mille r 3 1427 Humboldt. no WJ

1932 Chamberlain Millie same. No Ora or Allen

1933 Chamberlain Allen Ora Millie WJ all gone

1934 Chamberlain Allen G bkkpr r 1275 Humboldt. no Ora Millie or WJ. Note that this
is a previous address for WJ

1935 Chamberlain Ora A, Mrs. r 1 967 Marion. no Millie Allen or WJ

1936 Chamberlain Allen G, bkkpr City r 22 1000 Lincoln. No listing for Ora Millie or WJ

1938 Chamberlain Allen G (Ora A) bkkpr Mgr Improvements and Parks h 5 1071
Marion; Ora a Mrs. h 3 840 Ogden

1939 Chamberlain Ora A (wid Allen G) h 456 S Lincoln

References

Harper, RL, Colorado mines Carson Hurst and Harper Art Printers Denver. p 19, 31

The Park Consolidated. The Park Consolidated Mining Company owns three of the oldest and most favorably regarded claims in Tourtelotte Park, The Buckhorn, the Castle No 2 and the Tanner. They were located in 1879 by Henry Tourtelotte after whom the Park was named. Eight shafts have been sunk on the claims. Most of these are less than 100 feet deep, but several of them have exposed the contact and from face of them bodies of ore have been opened up. The company is

organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, with a capital stock of \$500 000 divided into shares of the par value of \$1 each. The directors of the company are DM Van Hoesvenbergh, president; George W. Crowe, HT Tissington, WW Cooley and WJ Chamberlain.

WJ Chamberlain. The ore purchasers form an important part of the mining industry. They are to the miner what the merchant is to the planter in many states. They do a cash business and always afford a ready market for ores of all kinds. There are a number of large companies operating along this line, but none are more substantial than that represented by Mr. Chamberlain, the senior member of the firm of WJ Chamberlain and Co, Denver. Mr. Chamberlain was born in Lima, Peru in 1849. He came to Colorado in 1861 and had been engaged in business connected with mines since 1872. He has associated with him Mr. Frank Dillingham, a courteous gentleman, who has assisted in making the firm's success what it is. Messrs Chamberlain and Co do a large ore buying business, their transactions aggregating many thousands annually. They are at all times reliable and prompt.

Mangan TW Colorado on Glass, Sundance Ltd, 100 Kalamath St, Denver Co 80223. Chapter III p31-60

Mrs. William Chamberlain Obit M Blake P Scrapbook I, 39 Western History Dept, Denver Public Library

This appears to be a collection of unidentified newspaper clippings by Mrs. Charles Blake and assorted other papers.

Mrs. Chamberlain dies at son's home, was 92 years old.

Mrs. Frances Chamberlain, mother of WJ Chamberlain of the Chamberlain Ore Company, died at the home of her son in the Perrenoud Apartments Thursday evening. She was 92 years old [12 My 1920].

Mrs. Chamberlain was the widow of William G. Chamberlain, a pioneer of Colorado and proprietor of the first photographic gallery in Denver, who died in 1910. As Frances Rogers Allen, an English Girl living in Lima Peru with her parents, she met and married Mr. Chamberlain, who at the time was engaged in the manufacture of silk in South America. They made Lima their home until after the financial depression in 1852 when they came to the United States.

Besides her son, two daughters, Mrs. Frank Dillingham and Mrs. Robert James survive Mrs. Chamberlain.

Funeral services will be held from the Martin funeral parlors Saturday afternoon with internment in Riverside Cemetery

M Blake P Scrapbook I, 39 Western History Dept, Denver Public Library

Pioneer Denver Woman is Dead

Mrs. Frank Dillingham had lived here nearly sixty years

Mrs. Frank Dillingham, 63 years old, a resident of Denver for fifty nine years and a sister of WJ Chamberlain, prominent retired Denver ore buyer and broker, died Saturday in Omaha at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles A Mantz, with whom she was visiting. Death was due to heart disease. The body has been brought to Denver for burial.

Born in Iowa, Mrs. Dillingham came to Denver with her parents when she was four years old. She had made her home here ever since altho (sic) during the last few years she had spent much of her time visiting in the east.

Frank Dillingham, her husband, who died a few years ago.....

Harber, Opal Photographers and the Colorado Scene 1853 thru 1900, Denver Public Library Western History Department 1961

Colorado State Business Directory 1881 Chamberlain is listed with son, Walter.

Cragin microfilm index ,Early Far West Notebook XX 17, Western History Department, Denver Public Library

Mr. Chamberlain, W.G. says (Sept 28, 1903) that young Mr. Tritch, of Denver Hardware firm of Tritch & Co once came to Mr. Ch. for any pictures of old photos of Denver scenery. Mr. Chamberlain took a photo of Ft. Lyon in spring of 1864. From Mr. Chamberlain I bought Sept 29 Wilhelms Denver Directory of 1866 at \$5, large photo of Josephine Meeker taken by Chamberlain in 1879, and 12 small Ind & other photos (the ones taken in later sixties \$1.25) Mr. E. S Allen of Loveland, Colo. is a brother of Mr. Chamberlain and he may have a picture of old Mariana. She thinks her brother-in-law E, H, Chamberlain of the Clinton Hotel, 133 E Huerfano St has a stereoscopic view of Manitou Springs, showing it wholly unimproved, being the first photo of it ever taken; taken in the early sixties (note 1906-E.H.C. died some 2 years ago; widow lives in Denver-FWC)

Cragin Microfilm index op cit V 44 makes reference to WG Chamberlain photographing Elbridge Gerry playing cards.

Mrs. Francis Chamberlain Obit Trail 13:31 June 1920

Mrs. Francis Chamberlain, mother of W.J. Chamberlain of the Chamberlain Ore Company, died at the home of her son in the Perrenoud Apartments on May 12th. She was 92 years old. Mrs. Chamberlain was the widow of William G. Chamberlain. a pioneer of Colorado and proprietor of the

first photograph gallery in Denver, who died in 1910. As Frances Rogers Allen, an English girl living in Lima Peru, with her parents, she met and married Mr. Chamberlain, who at the time was engaged in the manufacture of silk in South America. They made Lima their home until after the financial depression in 1852, when they came to the United States.

Besides her son, two daughters, Mrs. Frank Dillingham and Mrs. Robert James, Survive Mrs. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Mille W Chamberlain obit Rocky Mountain News 31 Jan 33 p 14

Funeral services for Mrs. Mille Walsen Chamberlain, 56, a life long Colorado resident, who died at her home 1427 Humboldt yesterday after a long illness, will be held at 3:30 pm today at the Hofmann Mortuary. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Mrs. Chamberlain, whose father, Fred Walsen, founded the town of Walsenburg in 1876, was born in Walsenburg and moved to Denver with her family in 1882, when her father was elected state treasurer.

She is survived by two children Beth M and Allen G Chamberlain, one brother, Fred G Walsen of Denver, and two sisters Mrs. W E Renshaw of Idaho Springs and Mrs. M B Shannon of Dallas, Texas.

Daughter of founder of Walsenburg dies. MW Chamberlain obit Denver Post 31 Jan 33 p 4 same info as in Rocky Mountain News

AG Chamberlain obit Rocky Mountain News 12 May 39 p21

Mining Man Long Active in Politics, Dies

AG Chamberlain, Former Manager of Globe Smelter

Allen G Chamberlain, veteran Colorado mining man, and a life long resident of Denver, died of a heart attack last night as he was dining with his family in their home at 456 S Lincoln St. He was 63.

Mr. Chamberlain, who had been active in Denver politics for many years, was born in New York State, but came to Denver and Colorado when he was a small boy with his father, the late William J Chamberlain, one of the early large scale mining operators.

Managed the Globe Smelter.

The younger Mr. Chamberlain also became active in a wide range of mining enterprises in Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties and at Blackhawk and Breckinridge. He was also active in the management and ownership of the old Globe Smelter here

Mr. Chamberlain, who was educated in Massachusetts schools, became active in local political affairs after his retirement from the mining industry. He was for four years employed in the city auditors office and for the last four years was an employee of the Improvements and Parks Department.

Mason and Schriener

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ora Chamberlain, two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Morse of Excelsior Springs Mo and Mrs. Walter Schaeffer of Elmwood, Minn, a son Allen G Chamberlain, Jr of Pueblo, a daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry, also of Pueblo and two stepdaughters, Mrs. O D Campbell and Mrs. Maxine Glen, both of Denver.

Mr. Chamberlain was a Shriner and was active in the Masonic Lodge.

A.G. Chamberlain obit Denver Post 12 May 39 p 17 same basic information.

Mrs. Mary Chamberlain is dead of apoplexy, Denver Post 10 May 1907

Mrs. Mary Van Hovenheigh Chamberlain died suddenly of apoplexy at her home 2159 Lafayette Street at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mrs. Chamberlain was the wife of W.J. Chamberlain, president of the Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Company and twin sister of Mrs. Sarah Hight, deputy United States surveyor of customs. She had been enjoying good health until within the past few days and her death came as a shock to her relatives and many friends.

Although Mr. Chamberlain is a Mason and Mrs. Chamberlain is well known in Masonic circles, owing to the very quiet life she had chosen to lead her interment will be private. Funeral services will be held at the home tomorrow at 2 o'clock under the Episcopalian rites, Rev H.R. O'Malley officiating.

Minor death notice in Rocky Mountain News 10 May 1907 on death of Mary Chamberlain

Shriners Ball in El Jebel is Brilliant Affair. Rocky Mountain News 1 Nov 1907 p3

This is the story of the grand opening of the El Jebel Shrine. It was preceded by a big party on 31 Oct and the dedication the following day. The building was located at 18th and Sherman. WJ Chamberlain was the treasurer of the organization.

Riverside Cemetery Records

The entirety of lot 197 is owned by Wm J Chamberlain. He has a large marker surrounded by other identical markers. There is one moved there which is not like the others.

1875 Catherine A Allen, to the memory of our mother 1875. There is no record of burial, and the body must have been moved here.

Allen G 1873-1939 age 65 interred 13 May 1939 Ollinger Mortuary

Hyla C. Found Oct 1885- Sep 1925 age 39 interred 16 Mar 25 Ollinger

Jennie H Mar 10 1861-Sep 2, 1922 age 61 interred 6 Sep 1922 Martin

Catherine C. Lay 30 Oct 1837-2 Feb 1920 age 83 interred 6 Feb 1920 Martin

Walter A 23 Sep 1859-14 Sep 1916 age 57 interred 17 Sep 16 Martin

Francis R Mar 16, 1830-13 May 1920 age 90 interred 15 May 20 Martin

William G 9 Nov 1815-19 Mar 1910 age 94 interred 20 Mar 1910 Martin

To the memory of Fannie Allen Chamberlain born July 4, 1851 died January 10, 1863, moved from City Cemetery and interred at Riverside 31 Mar 1893 Farmer and Hale Mortuary

WJ 1849-1928 age 79 Rogers (interment date??)

Mary V (buried next to WJ) 1854-1907 age 53 interred 11 May 1907 Martin.

Blaze Levels Ore Reduction Plant; \$20 000 Loss, Denver Post 10 Sep 1928

Nearby Dwellings Saved as Spectacular Fire Destroys Frame Mill.

A spectacular fire, believed to have been caused by faulty wiring, totally destroyed the old Chamberlain-Dillingham ore reduction mill at West Forty-second avenue and Galapago street at noon Sunday. A small shack at the rear of the mill was gutted and the main building was reduced to a skeleton of smoldering framework before the entire fire department, responding to a general alarm, could put the flames under control. Damage was estimated at \$20 000.

The blaze started in the smaller building but quickly spread to the main structure, where thousands of dollars worth of mining machinery had been stored by W.L. Jameson, 23215 Elm Street. The machinery was said to be a total loss.

Only the valiant work of firemen prevented the spread of the flames to nearby residences. Dozens of firemen risked their lives swarming over the burning framework of the roof to carry lines of hose to positions from which the fire could be reached.

The fire fighters were ordered off the roof just before the structure collapsed, burying the stored machinery under a mountain of flaming debris.

A string of box cars on a nearby siding burst into flames and was hauled farther down the track where several lines of hose extinguished the roofs of the cars, which were badly burned.

Hundreds of spectators gathered at the scene and scores of persons were thoroly (sic) drenched when a large fire department pumper burst, throwing a heavy column of water high into the air.

The mill was closed several years ago by the Chamberlain-Dillingham company and had been under lease to Jameson, a miningman (sic) with extensive interests in Wyoming.

William J. Chamberlain, One of Early Denver Pioneers, Is Dead, Denver Post 8 Sep 1928 p7

Came here from Iowa in Ox wagon with parents in 1860--was prominent many years in mining industry.

William Joseph Chamberlain, one of the last of the early pioneers of Denver, died early Saturday at his home, 1275 Humboldt Street, after a long illness. He was 79 years old.

Mr. Chamberlain came to Denver in 1860. With his parents--Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Chamberlain-- he came across the plains in an ox wagon from Iowa. His father was Denver's first photographer.

For many years Mr. Chamberlain was actively engaged in mining. He was president and one of the founders of the Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore company, which later became the WJ Chamberlain Ore company.

Mr. Chamberlain was active in the Shrine and for many years was treasurer of the El Jebel Temple Building Association. He also was a member of the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in Lima Peru. From there his parents moved to Iowa, and then to Denver.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed but the services probably will be held at the residence Monday afternoon, with the Rev Charles Marshall, pastor emeritus of St Barnabas' Episcopal church officiating. Mr. Chamberlain is survived by two daughters and a son--Mrs. E.L Morse of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Mrs. Walter G Schaefer and Allen G. Chamberlain of Denver.

WJ Chamberlain to be buried tomorrow, Rocky Mountain News 9 Sep 28

Colorado mining man came to Denver by ox team in 1860

Funeral services for William J Chamberlain, retired Colorado mining man and pioneer who died yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at the family home, 1275 Humboldt St.

Services will be conducted by Rev Charles H Marshall, a long time friend.

Mr. Chamberlain for years was one of the most familiar figures to Colorado mining activity. Aspen, Colo saw his greatest activity. Until nine years ago he was president of the W J Chamberlain Ore Co.

He was born in 1849 in Lima, Peru where his father, a Bostonian, was engaged in business. Mr. Chamberlain came to Denver in 1860 with his parents by ox team.

He was active in club circles, being a member of Masonic orders and the Elks.

Surviving him are a son, Allen G Chamberlain of Denver, and two daughters, Mrs. Walter Schaefer of Denver and Mrs. F Morse of Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Walter A Chamberlain dies in New Mexico, Rocky Mountain News 16 Sep 1916

Walter A Chamberlain, 1224 E Colfax Ave, died suddenly yesterday morning in Chama, N.M., where he was visiting friends. He had been a resident of Denver since 1861 and was 58 years old. For many years Mr. Chamberlain had been associated with his brother in the WJ Chamberlain Ore Company. Mr. Chamberlain leaves, besides his brother, a widow, one son, EH Chamberlain of Pueblo, and two daughters, Mrs. BS Tedmon of Wheatland, Wyo, and Mrs. Hela Kathrens of Denver. The remains will be brought to Denver.

Mining Reporter V45 p 343 3 April 1902

Clear Creek County

The incorporation of the Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Company with a capital stock of 1 000 000 shares of \$1 par value marks the most important event of the week in Clear Creek county. It means that in future but one sampling works will be run in Georgetown and Idaho Springs as well as in the towns of Black Hawk, Breckinridge and Boulder and other counties. In Georgetown there is one sampling works yet to come in, that of Dewey and Wheeler, but there is every reason to believe that these works will eventually come into the combination.

Mining Reporter v 48 p59 16 July 1903

Mining News

Chamberlain-Dillingham Ore Purchasing Company

It is announced that this company of Denver, having branches at Idaho Springs, Georgetown and Black Hawk, states they will purchase all the ore offered, regardless of the strike on at the Denver smelters.

Portrait and Biographical Record of the State of Colorado Chapman Publishing Co Chicago 1899

Walter A Chamberlain is one of the most popular and enterprising young men or Boulder. He was born near Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 23, 1859, and is the son of William G. and Francis Rogers (Allen) Chamberlain.....The youngest of the family, our subject, was reared in Denver, and educated in the public and high schools until he reached his sixteenth year, when he entered his father's store and learned the business under him. He afterwards accepted a position with WH Jackson in the same business and remained with him for eleven years.....In 1892 he resigned this position to take charge of the Chamberlain sampling works in Boulder WJ Chamberlain and Co have branch works in Georgetown, Blackhawk and Denver, besides the one in Boulder. This is a steam plant, with a capacity of thirty tons and is the oldest of the kind in Boulder. The company do crushing and assaying, and purchase a large quantity of ore outright. ...He has three children and there is a list of organizations

Rocky Mountain News 27 Feb 1881 p8 c6 Chamberlain sells business to F.D. Storm

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS ARTICLE, SOMETIME IN 1917

Mrs. Chamberlain remarries.

Comes to get divorce prize.
Sequel to sensational trial last June written in Ohio.

Mrs. Eugenia Chamberlain, whose sensational divorce suit against William J. Chamberlain, wealthy oil operator terminated last June with the award to her of \$10,000 alimony has embarked on a second matrimonial venture according to Denver friends to whom she divulged the secret. Her second marriage took place in Cleveland, Ohio last September when she was married to F.W. McCreery, a former Denver man. The ceremony was the result of a rapid courtship which began almost immediately after the couple met last July in the Brown Palace Hotel where they were both living.

Though an attempt was made to keep the recent marriage a secret, the news leaked out last Wednesday when Mrs. McCreery came to Denver from Barbarton, Ohio, where she and her husband are living, to obtain her \$10,000 alimony prize. Mrs. McCreery spent two days in Denver settling up her affairs here and stayed at the Brown Palace Hotel where she registered as Eugenia B. Chamberlain.

Mr. McCreery, who formerly was connected with the Republic Rubber Company's force in Denver and is widely known among automobile men here, is now sale manager for the Portage Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. The Chamberlain difficulties which kept the divorce court busy for almost two years, date back to September of 1917, two years after their marriage. Mrs. Chamberlain first instituted separate maintenance proceedings against her husband, demanding \$700 a month alimony and \$7,000 in cash. She names her maid a correspondent and charged her husband with a list of cruelties which covered more than 40 pages, a larger document than any similar paper that has ever before come to the notice of the court.

Mr. Chamberlain contested the divorce, claiming that Mrs. Chamberlain was extravagant. Hot contention between the lawyers delayed the case until early last June when Mrs. Chamberlain was granted \$3,500 which she refused to accept. She was later awarded \$10,800 in addition to the \$125 per month which she was awarded each month pending the outcome of the case.