

Biography of William Albert Dole  
(From *History of the 2100 Block of Lafayette Street*, Updated 2001)

William A. Dole was born in Whitestown N.Y. on November 12, 1840. He lived with his Aunt Linda, his mother, her sister and her sister's husband until he was about 26 years old in Ogden, Monroe County, New York. He had two brothers. During the Civil War he worked with Boone and Co, a bridge building firm of Chicago, which was under control of the government. He worked for the firm for three years in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. After the War, he settled in Spencerport, N.Y., where he became a Mason. For a time before moving to Colorado he lived a peripatetic life. He caught typhoid fever after the War. In addition to working in the oil fields in Pennsylvania, he lived in Chicago (for six years), Colorado, and California before settling in Colorado for good. While in California he married Rosa on 3 April 1879. When he moved to Colorado, he became postmaster of Estabrook in Park County in 1886. From there he moved to Denver, where he was first listed in 1891 in the house he built at 941 S 11th, now a part of the Eleventh Street Historic District.

He was a pioneer builder, whose career spanned the turn of the century, building many of Denver's business structures and homes. He built his own home at 2154 Lafayette, and the Baerresen designed home at 2150 Lafayette, as well as the outbuildings for the Murdock designed home at 2159 Lafayette (the builder of the residence at that address is unknown). He built the First Unitarian Church at 17th and California Streets (now demolished). Only after his eightieth birthday did he retire.

Dole was involved in mining to some extent. At one point he owned 5000 shares in the Orphan Boy Mining and Milling Company. That company owned the Orphan Boy, Kaiser Wilhelm and Emperor mines in Copper Rock wherever that is). The company was sold at a sheriff's sale on 30 March 1896.

He was a respected member of the Masonic Order for forty years. He was a member of the Colorado Commandery No 1, Knights Templar, the Denver Chapter No 2 of the Royal Arch Masons, serving as High Priest, and of El Jebel Temple. He commonly served as secretary of the various Masonic organizations, and served as High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons.

The Dole home must have been an elegant place. The Victorian furnishings are all still in the possession of the family as are the fine linens and China. Rosa was an accomplished painter, and her oil paintings remain with the other furnishings. Descendants have been generous in providing copies of documents and copies of photographs.

His family remained at the home at 2154 Lafayette long after the decline of the neighborhood. Dole's wife, Rosa, 14 years his junior, died about fourteen years before

he did. His daughter, Alice, remained with him after his wife's death, only marrying herself at age 35 in 1926. Alice and George married four years after George moved to Denver. When Dole died in 1931 at the age of 90, his daughter and son-in-law remained at the family home on Lafayette. The Williams lived there until 1934. George Williams died in 1971 at the age of 83. Dole is buried in Fairmount. Lot 9 section 1/2 plot 44.

The carriage house was a small grocery store in 1929 run by a man named Wren (Rehn?). There was a filling station across the street on the nw corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Humboldt.

## References:

Certificate of appointment as postmaster of Estabrook, Park County, Colorado 20 December 1888  
Obituary, Dole, William A, Denver Post 2 Mar 1931. William A Dole, Pioneer Builder, Dies at age of 90;

Erected many Denver business structures and houses

William A Dole, 90 years old, pioneer Denver contractor and builder and a resident here since 1873, died at his home at 2154 Lafayette street, Sunday night following a brief illness.

Mr Dole, who built many of Denver's business structures and homes in his active career her, retired about ten years ago. He was born in Whitestown, NY in 1840. During the Civil War he worked with Boone and Co, a bridge building firm of Chicago then under control of the government.

He became a Mason July 7, 18xx at Spencerport, NY. For forty years he had been a member of the Colorado Commandery No 1, Knights Templar, the Denver chapter No 2 Royal Arch Masons, and the El Jebel Temple

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs George P Williams, who resides at the family home with her husband, George P Williams of the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Obituary, Dole, William A, Rocky Mountain News 3 Mar 1931, Dole Funeral Rites will be held Today; Pioneer Denver contractor expires at his home at age of 90.

Funeral services for William A Dole, 90, pioneer Denver contractor and builder, will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the Olinger Mortuary, Speer blvd. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery.

Mr Dole died Sunday night at his home, 2154 Lafayette St following a short illness.

Mr Dole was born in Whitestown, NY, Nov 1? 1840. A resident of Denver since 1873, he built many of Denver's early business structures and homes.

Among the buildings he erected here was the old First Unitarian Church, which stood on the present site of the International Trust Co at 17<sup>th</sup> and California sts. He retired from active business 10 years ago.

During the Civil War Mr Dole was connected with the bridge building firm of Boone and Co of Chicago. The firm at that time was under control of the government.

A Mason since July 7, 1866, when he joined the order at Spencerport, NY, Mr Dole has been a member for 40 years of Colorado Commandery No 1 Knights Templar; Denver Chapter No2 Royal Arch Masons, and El Jebel Temple. He was past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons chapter.

A daughter, Mre George P Williams survives Mr Dole.

Obituary, Williams, George P *Rocky Mountain News* 29 September 1971, p 108.

Funeral services for George P Williams, an insurance agent, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Olinger Mortuary, Magnolia Street. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Williams, who lived at 2651 Forest St, died Sunday in Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital. He was 83

He was born August 9, 1888 in Gallipolis, Ohio, and moved as a child to Ashland, KY where he was reared and attended school. He moved to Denver in 1922 and was married to the former Alice M Dole in Denver on January 30, 1926.

Williams was associated with Union Central Life Insurance Co, retiring as manager of the Denver agency in 1956 after 34 years. He remained an agent until his death.

He was recently honored for over 50 years service to the Denver YMCA. He was a life member of El Jebel Shrine and a past president of the Denver Life Underwriters Association.

Williams was a member of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Park Hill Masonic Lodge 148, where he was a past secretary, Montview Chapter 50 RAM[Royal Arch Masons] where he was a past secretary, and Coronal Commandery 36, where he was also a past secretary.

Surviving, in addition to his widow , are a son, G Preston Jr of Elk Mountain Wyo and three grandchildren.

Obituary, Williams, George P, Denver Post 29 September 1971 p 62.

Services for George P Williams, 83, of 2651 Forest St, retired manager of Union Central Life Insurance Co.'s Denver agency, were Wednesday at Olinger Mortuary. E Colfax Ave and Magnolia St. Burial was at Crown Hill.

Born August 9, 1888 in Gallipolis, Ohio, he died Sunday at Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital.

Williams was honored by the YMCA for more than 50 years of service. He was a life member of El Jebel Shrine and a member of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Park Hill Masonic Lodge 148, Montview Royal Arch Masons Chapter 50 and Coronal Commandery 36.

He also was a former president of the Denver Life Underwriters Association.

Williams married Alice M Dole January 30, 1926 in Denver.

Survivors include his widow; a son, G Preston, Jr Elk Mountain, Wyo and three grandchildren.

Williams, Alice, Manuscript on family history provided by family

### **List of building permits available for William Dole**

Notes: Dates are listed in the form yymmdd. The comments section is incomplete, but has some information on the current status of many in of the buildings (in 1987). (photo) indicates that there is a photo of the building available at the office. The Denver Building Permits Files are incomplete. Some duplication may result from the use of alternate sources of information. Note in March 2001. A better source of information is the index of building permits and the index of published building announcements which was published after this search was made.

Date 900322

Permit number 000499

Address 1453-5 Glenarm

Owner Mrs. Salomie Smith

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 2 story brick dwelling 25 x 58 \$5000 on Glenarm bet. 14th and 15th lot 30 block 172 East Denver

Date 900422

Permit number 000694

Address ?1109 California

Owner T G Anderson

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 2 story brick store building 25 x 52 \$3000 on California bet. 11th and 12th sts lot 17 block 135 East Denver

Comment actually lot 17 is the corner of 8th and California just east of Cherry Creek

Date 900514

Permit number 000850

Address 1154 Stout

Owner T G Anderson

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 1 story brick dwelling 21 x 48 \$1800 on Stout bet. 12th St. and Cherry Creek lot 12 block 135 East Denver

Comment DEMOLISHED

Date 900526

Permit number 000951

Address 1024 9th

Owner Mary D Gardner

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 1 story brick addition to dwelling 10 x 17 \$200 on 9th bet Curtis and Champa lot 10 block 42 West Denver

Date 900526

Permit number 000950

Address 1041 9th

Owner F Wheeler

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 2 story brick barn 18 1/2 x 21 \$600 on 9th bet Curtis and Champa lot 9 block 42 West Denver

Date 900802

Permit number 001362

Address 2455 Humboldt

Owner Mrs. M Schnider

Builder W A Dole

Architect W A Dole

Entry 1 story 2 brick dwellings 21 1/2 x 38 \$2900 on 25th Ave bet. Humboldt & Lafayette lots 28-30 block 19 Schinners

Comment there were three of these little houses on this lot and the one on the corner is permit 1361 & gone

Date 900802

Permit number 001361

Address 2455 Humboldt

Owner Mrs. M Schnider

Builder W A Dole

Architect W A Dole

Entry 1 story brick dwelling 25 x 37 \$2100 on Humboldt bet. 24 and 25 aves. lots 28-29 block 19 Schinners

Comment DEMOLISHED

Date 900804  
Permit number 001370  
Address 908 11th St  
Owner Fred Rabe  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect W A Dole  
Entry 2 story double brick dwelling 42 x 35 \$4900 on Stout bet. 10th and 11th  
Sts. lot 1 block 28 West Denver

Date 900804  
Permit number 001371  
Address 928 11th St  
Owner Fred Rabe  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect W A Dole  
Entry 2 story brick barn 16 x 26 \$600 on 11th st. bet. Stout and Champa lot 3  
block 28 West Denver

Date 900906  
Permit number 001620  
Address 1149 8th St  
Owner Riley Martin  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 story brick dwelling 13 x 30 \$500 8th St. bet. Lawrence & Curtis lot 8  
block 65 West Denver

Date 910410  
Permit number 410411  
Address 2154 Lafayette  
Owner W A Dole  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect W A Dole  
Entry 1 1/2 brick dwelling and barn 26 x 50 \$4500 on Lafayette bet. 21st and  
22nd Aves lots 1-2 block 46 Schinners

Date 910608  
Permit number 000820  
Address 1103 10th  
Owner L. Dohney  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect

Entry 1 story brick dwelling 21 1/2 x 43 \$1500 on S. 7th St bet. 12th and 13th  
Aves lot 3 block 9 (?) Hunts  
Comment RECHECK THIS MAY BE ON FOX

**Date 920218**

**Permit number 000179**

**Address 2159 Lafayette**

**Owner W J Chamberlain**

**Builder W A Dole**

**Architect**

**Entry 1 1/2 story brick barn 20 x 33 \$980 on Lafayette bet. 21 and 22  
aves. lots 28-29 block 47 Schinners**

Date 920305

Permit number 000272

Address 1420 23rd

Owner Wm Wise

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 1 1/2 brick barn 19 x 22 \$625 on York bet. 22 and 23 lot 30 block 24  
McCollughs

Comment demolished

Date 920531

Permit number 000705

Address 1165 10th

Owner B M Sanford

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 1 story brick addition 9 x 15 \$475 on 10th bet. Lawrence and Curtis lot  
7 block 30 W. Denver

Comment Auraria

Date 921019

Permit number 001517

Address 1839 Lawrence

Owner C A Lovelace & Co. (agts)

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry reshingling roof 10 x 15 \$25 on Lawrence bet. 18 and 19 sts. no lot or  
block E Denver

Date 000302

Permit number 000158

Address 2553 Marion  
Owner C W Houtz  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story residence 30 x 34 \$3000

Date 000929  
Permit number 000845  
Address 1133 Corona  
Owner A D White  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 1/2 story brick barn 22 x 24 \$800

Date 001114  
Permit number 001026  
Address 2214 Franklin  
Owner E R Lemmon  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story residence 22 x 40 \$4000 on Franklin bet. 22nd and 23rd Aves lot  
12 block 36 Schinners  
Comment EB Lemmon in 1901 cd r 2210 Franklin

Date 010315  
Permit number 000253  
Address 1008 9 th St  
Owner Mrs. M J Hart  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 story two house brick terrace 43.6 x 35 \$2000 on Champa bet. 8th and  
9th lot1 block 64 West Denver  
Comment Auraria

Date 010909  
Permit number 001032  
Address 1255 Humboldt  
Owner Alford Cordingly  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story brick residence 36 x 38 \$7000 on Humboldt bet. 12 and 13 lots  
31 -32 block 4 Insley  
Comment demolished

Date 020108  
Permit number 000027  
Address 2325 Humboldt  
Owner Francis Moon  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 story brick residence 24 x47 on Humboldt bet. 23 and 24 lots 21-22  
block 30 \$2000

Date 020402  
Permit number 000453  
Address 2067 Ogden  
Owner Chas. Harriman  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry general repairs and addition 8 x 10 \$200

Date 020409  
Permit number 000497  
Address 803-817 22nd ave  
Owner E B Lemmon  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story brick residence 27 x 40 on 22nd Ave between Franklin & Gilpin  
lots 14-15 block 57 Schinners \$5000

Date 020428  
Permit number 000621  
Address 2305 Gaylord  
Owner S H Alexander  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect Thomas Harlan  
Entry 2 story brick residence 32 x 34 \$2500 on Gaylord bet. 23 and 24 lots 16-  
17 block 18 McCollough's  
Comment now Loyola Rectory

Date 020923  
Permit number 001240  
Address 1579 Gilpin  
Owner Fritz Marguardom  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 story brick residence 26 x 56 on Gilpin bet. 15 and 16 lot 5 block 20  
Wymans \$3000



Comment demolished

Date 030331

Permit number 000465

Address 1819 Gaylord

Owner S T Kostitoh

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry 2 story residence 28 x 48 \$8000 on Gaylord between 18th and 20th no more in the listing

Comment demolished

Date 030617

Permit number 000918

Address

Owner J J Maxey

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry \$4000 1 story brick residence (double) 44 x 57 on Welton bet. 20 and 21 no more in listing

Comment not is 1903-5 directory

Date 031020

Permit number 001608

Address

Owner J J Walley

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry \$240 1 story 3 outbuildings 6 1/2 x 7 1/2 on 12th St. bet. Lawrence and Curtis

Comment

Date 040708

Permit number 001029

Address 1318 11th Ave

Owner R B Hind

Builder W A Dole

Architect

Entry \$4000 2 story brick residence 30 x 42 on W 11th bet. S. 7th and S. 8th lots 38-40 block 25 Hunts

Comment address from 1905 Directory note conflict

Date 041026

Permit number 000555

Address 1050 S 9th  
Owner Thomas P St. John  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$3000 2 story brick residence 34 x 33.6 on S. 9th between 10th and  
11th aves. lots 8-9 block 23 Hunts  
Comment address form 1905 directory

Date 050712  
Permit number 001320  
Address 651-3 S Logan  
Owner Martha Lamplugh  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 story brick residence \$2000 24 x 41 on So. Logan between Center and  
Exposition lots 36-38 block 5 Exposition

Date 050712  
Permit number 001321  
Address 2647 Welton  
Owner S T Rostitch  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$1800 2 story warehouse and stable 26 x 30.6 on Welton between 26  
and 27 lots 28 block 151 Park

Date 070812  
Permit number 001526  
Address 2241-2245 Gilpin  
Owner John Walters  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$7000 2 story brick res. (double) 46 x 34 Gilpin bet. 22 and 23 lots 25-  
26 block 37 Schinners

Date 110218  
Permit number 000295  
Address 1475 St. Paul  
Owner T H Protheroe  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$400 1 story garage 14 x 20

Date 110513

Permit number 000987  
Address 1175 Josephine  
Owner W A Dole  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$3000 1 story brick residence 26 x 32 on Josephine bet. 12 and 13 lots  
1-2 block 3 C A Sorelace

Date 110811  
Permit number 001598  
Address 320 17th St.  
Owner James Collins  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$200 change store front

Date 110822  
Permit number 001655  
Address 1248 Columbine  
Owner W H Rouse  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$400 1 story brick garage 13.6 x 18

Date 120501  
Permit number 000681  
Address 334 17th St.  
Owner James Collins  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$200 change store front

Date 120805  
Permit number 001345  
Address 2657 Welton  
Owner S Kostitch  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$200 alterations to storefront

Date 120809  
Permit number 001393  
Address 2958 E. Humboldt  
Owner W C McKeown

Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$300 1 story brick garage

Date 121019  
Permit number 001897  
Address 2422 E Clarkson  
Owner F C Payne  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$500 1 story brick addition 14 x 18

Date 121203  
Permit number 002147  
Address 250 S. Pearl  
Owner George Washington  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$200 front porch addition 7 x18

Date 130307  
Permit number 000208  
Address 2926 Race  
Owner L B Meek  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$200 1 story brick garage and porch 18 x 22

Date 130917  
Permit number 001451  
Address 3548 Tennyson  
Owner L B Meek  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$100 cor. Iron shed 8 x 10

Date 140327  
Permit number 000840  
Address 2643 Lafayette  
Owner W Burst  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$80 reshingle brick residence

Date 140424  
Permit number 001299  
Address 2945 Humboldt  
Owner W C McKeown  
Builder W A Dole  
Architect  
Entry \$300 1 story brick garage 12 x 19

Date 890819  
Permit number 001072  
Address 919 11th  
Owner J.J. Wally  
Builder W. A. Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story double brick dwelling 28 x 44 \$3200 on 11th bet. Champa and Stout lot 8 block 13 West Denver  
Comment even 11th St is gone DEMOLISHED

Date 890820  
Permit number 001083  
Address 1057-65 Kalamath  
Owner F. A. Walls  
Builder W. A. Dole  
Architect  
Entry 1 1/2 story brick dwelling 25 x 48 \$2800 on South 11th (Kalamath) bet. 10th and 11th Aves. lots 36-37 block 22 Hunts  
Comment two houses there both 1 1/2 and old. two lots next to 11th=new church. RECHECK (photo)

Date 890909  
Permit number 001223  
Address 2632 Champa  
Owner W. Wise  
Builder W. A. Dole  
Architect  
Entry 2 story brick dwelling 22 1/2 x 46 \$3000 on Champa bet. 26th and 27th sts. lot8 block 119 Schaffenbergs  
Comment DEMOLISHED

Date 890921  
Permit number 001335  
Address 855 11th  
Owner A. Moleen  
Builder W. A. Dole

Architect

Entry 2 story brick addition 22 x 44 \$2000 on 11th St bet. Stout and Colfax lot  
8 block 14 West Denver

Comment DEMOLISHED

### **Denver Directory Listings for William Dole family**

1890 Dole W A no listing  
1891 Dole William A carpenter r. 941 S. 11th  
1892 Dole William A carp r 2154 Lafayette  
1893 Dole William A contractor r 2154 Lafayette  
1895 Dole William A contractor r 2154 Lafayette  
1896 Dole William A contractor r 2154 Lafayette  
1898 Dole William A builder r 2154 Lafayette  
1899 Dole William A builder r 2154 Lafayette  
1901 Dole William A carpenter r 2154 Lafayette  
1902 Dole William A carp r 2154 Lafayette  
1903 Dole William A contractor r 2154 Lafayette  
1904 Dole William A contractor  
1904 Dole William A listed in commercial section under Carpenters and  
builders  
1904 Dole William A contractor r 2154 Lafayette  
1905 Dole William A genl contractor 213 Continental Bldg r 2154  
Lafayette  
1906 Dole William A gen'l contractor 213 Continental Bldg. r 2154  
Lafayette  
1907 Dole William A carp. r 2154 Lafayette  
1908 Dole William A genl contractor 312 Continental Bldg r 2154  
Lafayette  
1909 Dole William A gen'l contractor 312 Continental Bldg. r 2154  
Lafayette  
1910 Dole William A same as 1909  
1911 Dole William A same as 1910  
1913 Dole William A same as 1911  
1914 Dole William A same as 1913  
1915 Dole William A contr r 2154 Lafayette  
1916 Dole William A same as 1915  
1917 Dole William A bldg contr r 2154 Lafayette  
1918 Dole William A same as 1917  
1919 Dole William A same as 1918  
1920 Dole Miss Alice M same as 1921  
1920 Dole William A same as 1919  
1920 Dole William A same as 1919  
1921 Dole Alice M sec Union Central Life Ins. Co r 2154 Lafayette

1921	Dole William A 2154 Lafayette
1921	Dole William A same as 1920
1922	Dole Alice M same as 1921
1922	Dole William A same as 1921
1923	Dole William A same
1923	Dole Alice M same as 1922
1924	Dole Alice M same
1924	Dole William A same
1925	Dole William A no listing
1925	Dole Alice M same
1926	Dole William contr. h 2154 Lafayette
1926	Dole Alice no listing
1927	Dole Alice no listing
1927	Dole William same
1929	Dole Alice no listing
1929	Dole William A same
1930	Dole William same
1930	Dole Alice no listing
1931	Dole William no listing
1932	Dole William no listing