



HISTORY *Colorado*

Ludlow Sources in the Stephen H. Hart Library & Research Center

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Manuscript Collections

[Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation, Mss.01057](#)

[Hildreth Frost, Mss.00254](#)

[John Henry Nankivell, Mss.00461](#)

[Edward Verdeckberg, Mss.00648](#)

[Jesse Floyd Welborn, Mss.01218](#)

Photographs

[Louis R. Dold photograph collection, Ph.00496](#)

Adolph Germer photograph collection, Ph.00570

John Kemp photograph collection, Ph.00238

Welborn photograph collection, Ph.00467

Photo Subject File Collection

- Military-Strikes-Ludlow
- Military-Strikes-Ludlow-Denver Post Collection
- Military-Strikes-Ludlow-Ludlow Monument
- Military-Strikes-Ludlow-Memorial Service
- Military-Strikes-Ludlow-UMW Collection

References to other photo subject files related to the Ludlow Massacre:

- Military-Strikes-Walsenburg
- C-Ludlow
- C-Trinidad
- C-Walsenburg
- BPF-Jones, Mary "Mother"
- BPF-Tikas, Louis
- BPF-Welborn, Jesse F.

Newspapers

In addition to the coverage in the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post*, the following Trinidad and Walsenburg newspapers were in publication during the period of the strike and massacre.

- *Advertiser-Monitor*, OEH1850, 1912-1916
- *The Independent*, OEH1525, 1909-1933
- Miscellaneous Newspapers of Colorado, Misc. Z98-4
- Miscellaneous Newspapers, Hinsdale County through Otero County, Misc. Z99ch
- Miscellaneous Trinidad Newspapers, Misc. Z99cz4 (shorter runs of multiple titles)
- *Trinidad Chronicle-News*, OEH1847, 1898-present
- *The Walsenburg World*, OEH1530, 1889-1933 (available online 1889-1920 via the [Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection](#))

Oral Histories

[Oral history interview with Michael S. Livoda, OH 382](#)

[Oral history interview with William M. Nevius, OH 361](#)

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Lovdji Jeff, Crist S. *Memories of a massacre: the Ludlow massacre*. 1996.

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Munsell, F. Darrell. *From Redstone to Ludlow: John Cleveland Osgood's struggle against the United Mine Workers of America*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2008.

- O'Neal, Mary T. *Those damn foreigners*. Hollywood, CA: Minerva Book, 1971.
- Papanikolas, Zeese. *Buried unsung: Louis Tikas and the Ludlow Massacre*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1982.
- Rees, Jonathan H. *Representation and rebellion: the Rockefeller plan at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, 1914-1942*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2010.
- Rockefeller, John D. *The Colorado industrial plan, including a copy of the plan of representation and agreement adopted at the coal and iron mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company*. New York: 1916.
- . *Statement of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., before United States Commission on industrial relations, January 25, 1915*. New York: 1915.
- Sampson, Joanna. *Remember Ludlow: Ludlow massacre, April 20, 1914*. 1999.
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Ephemera

Divided into several categories: Biographical, Geographical, Organizations, and Subject. Ludlow related file titles include:

- Geography – Ludlow Monument
- Organizations – United Mine Workers
- Subject – Labor – Coal Strike of 1913-1914, President’s Report on Labor Difficulties
- Subject – Labor – Ludlow Strike (2 files)
- Subject – Labor – Unions – Strikes – Ludlow
- Subject – Labor – Ludlow – Colorado National Guard, 1913-1914
- Subject – Labor – Strikes – Ludlow – Junior Order, United American Mechanics, Report

CWA Index to the History Colorado Collection

Divided into 3 categories by Subject, Biographical, and Place names, this index includes thousands of entries referencing information held elsewhere in our collection and in Colorado newspapers. It is a great source for locating multiple sources of information on a subject. A sample of Ludlow related entries:

- Biographical – Jones, Mary “Mother”
- Subject – Labor – Ludlow
- Place – Ludlow

Additional Resources

[The Colorado Coal Project](#) (collection held by CU Boulder’s Archives department) was conducted by Eric Margolis and Ron McMahan, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado. Between 1974 and 1982 they documented on videotape the history, technology, and lives of the coal miners in Colorado through interviews and photographs. Topics covered include: Boulder County, the Columbine Incident, the Great Depression, Immigration, the IWW, Mother Jones, the Ludlow Massacre, UMWA, labor unions, and strikes.