

Meet Julia Katherine Holzwarth



Julia Katherine Holzwarth the daughter of Sophie and John was born in Denver September 4, 1896.

Julia attended Barnes School of Business in Denver where she learned accounting and bookkeeping. She worked with Gates Rubber Company and Schrader Trunk Company (Samsonite Luggage) for \$3/week

Julia joined Hilb Company in Denver, a wholesaler in ready-to-wear and notions and worked there for 50 years. She became credit manager and treasurer. According to Avalon, her niece, Julia worked 15-17 hr/day, seven days a week. She saved and invested wisely and was the financial anchor for family. In 1928 Julia loaned \$13,500 for the establishment of the Holzwarth Dude Ranch and deeded 1 acre of land at the center of the main lodge to her mother. She also purchased Hilltop Manor, cabin on the homestead, for her sister Sophia in 1928. Julia paid for her mother's second trip to Germany in 1933.

Julia never married. Mama stayed with Julia in Denver during cold winters. Julia has a beaver coat from Johnnie's trap lines.

Information from Mr. Ed Goode who worked with Julia at Hilb and Co. – July 1, 1981:

Julia was determined, had a mind of her own, hard working, would come to work about 11 a.m. in a cab and would stay late into the night. She maybe never had a car. She never had a TV until late in life. She was very spry, talked fast, intelligent. She was protective of the girls that worked in the office – a mother hen. One time a man who worked at Hilb and Co. had some business he had to discuss with Julia. He was apprehensive about talking to her. Finally he said, "Maybe I'll just write her a note." Hilb and Co. is 75 years old, Julia worked there 50 years. She was presented with a diamond pin in the hospital. She worked as long as she could. The company moved in 1966 and she moved with them but never got to set up an office. She became ill and died of cancer. She was about 70 at the time.

Julia Holzwarth died January 4, 1967. Johnnie said she was worth \$400,000 at her death. Johnnie and Sophia received some \$30,000 each from her estate.

