

Meet Sophia Katherine Holzwarth



Sophia Katherine Holzwarth was born on September 16, 1900.

Sophia married Andrew W. Geeck, Sr. of Denver in 1918. They had two children. Avalon J. Clark went to business school, married and had two children, Howard A. Clarke and Joan Clarke. Charlene M. Geeck was Sister Marie Jeanne of Carmelite Monastery in Littleton. After leaving the convent she went to Loretta Heights, received a teaching degree and taught in the ghetto area of Chicago. Charlene operated a gift shop in Grand Lake and now lives in Grand Lake.

After Papa died, Sophia added a room to her house in Denver for Mama for one or two years. She and her husband spent summers during 1930's and 1940's living at Hilltop Manor and worked at the Holzwarth Ranch. According to Avalon they cooked for 50-60 people over an 8' coal stove 16-17 hrs/day. Sophia helped run tourist cabins at the Homestead. Andy contributed his labor to the Homestead in form of repair work

Sophia (Johnnie's sister) was ambitious, according to Frances Lebfromm. She cooked at the hotel for years, before and during the war. Hilltop was hers. She had a gift shop in Englewood and came up on weekends and helped her mother. She started the gift shop that Charlene ran in Grand Lake.

Sophia died March 22, 1971. She was 70 years old.



