



THE GRANT-HUMPHREYS MANSION

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MANSION HISTORY

Erected in 1902, the Grant-Humphreys Mansion has been home to two different families with significant ties to Colorado and American history.

It was built for James Benton Grant, the third Governor of the state of Colorado, whose two-year term ended in 1885. Grant was a mining engineer and probably best known for his work in the smelting industry. Initially plying his trade in the boomtown of Leadville, Grant eventually moved to Denver. Located two miles northeast of downtown, the Grant Smelting Company featured what, at the time, was the tallest furnace stack in the United States, and third tallest in the world.

During his time in Leadville, Grant met Mary Matteson Goodell, whom he would marry. Goodell, who was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, would feature prominently in Denver society and helped to found a home for destitute children.

After Grant died in 1911, his wife lived in the mansion for the following six years. She finally sold the house to Albert E. Humphreys in 1917.

A.E. Humphreys earned renown for being the so-called “King of the Wildcatters” after his profitable oil-drilling ventures in Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Texas. Humphreys came to Denver with his wife, Alice, and his two sons, Ira and Albert, Jr., in 1898. Along with associations with the turn-of-the-century oil industry, the Humphreys were also known for their active philanthropic contributions. Ira, considered the family’s mechanical genius (he would, over the course of his life, introduce a number of technological innovations to oil drilling and mining), and Albert, Jr., who would move into a managerial role within the family oil business, were both fascinated by airplanes. In fact, Ira opened Denver’s first commercial airport in 1919. Subsequently renamed Stapleton International Airport, its tower still stands just south of Denver International Airport. Both Ira and Albert, Jr. were eventually inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

Albert, Jr. lived in the mansion with his parents until their deaths. When Albert, Jr. himself died suddenly in 1968, Ira took over the property, as well as operations of the family business. Ira bequeathed the family home to the Colorado Historical Society, which took possession of the mansion after Ira’s death in 1976. By this time, the house was in a state of severe deterioration resulting from years of neglect. A new roof, brick replacement, and waterproofing of the foundation have all been completed since the Historical Society took possession.

RENTAL FEES & TIMES

The mansion is open for photo shoots, video shoots and other special programs such as ghost tours, paranormal investigations, or other programs as needed. The timeframe of these events are typically scheduled Monday through Thursday from 7 AM to 3 PM and include

- 30 minutes of set up time
- Up to 5 hours of event time
- 30 minutes of clean up time

- The Mansion is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day
- **Rates for Fridays vary based on the timing of the event and season
- Photo shoots, video shoots, and other special programs can be scheduled no earlier than 30 days in advance.

MONDAY – THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 HOUR TIME BLOCK	6 HOUR TIME BLOCK	6 HOUR TIME BLOCK	6 HOUR TIME BLOCK
\$50/hour Extra hourly fee \$200	\$100/hour Extra hourly fee \$300	\$250/hour through 3 PM, extra hourly fee \$400/hour after 3 PM	\$200/hour through 3 PM, extra hourly fee \$300/hour after 3PM

RESERVATIONS, BOOKINGS, PAYMENTS, REFUNDS AND CANCELATIONS

- A 1-week hold may be placed on a date without obligation.
 - This hold will be released once that one week has expired.
- A signed **Rental Agreement** will secure your reservation. Payment of shoot or special engagement is due day of event unless event occurs on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. In this case, rental fee is due in full 10 days from the receipt of rental agreement. See agreement for specific listed due dates.
- Any **changes or additions** to the Rental Agreement and any exceptions to the Use Guidelines must be requested of the Mansion’s Director and approved in writing.

PAYMENT:

- The following are accepted for payment: Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express, checks, cash.
- Checks are to be made payable to “History Colorado” and mailed to the
 - The Grant Humphrey’s mansion
 - c/o the Director of Events and Sales
 - 770 Pennsylvania Street

MANSION USE GUIDELINES

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- Once the final deposit has been paid, there are no event refunds for any reason.
- **Failure by the renter to pay any fees by their due dates will be grounds for cancellation by the History Colorado and/or the Director of Events at the Grant Humphrey's Mansion.**

● CANCELLATIONS:

- If an event cancels, the Mansion must receive written notification from the renter as soon as possible
- If payment has already been received as per due date, ½ of the payment is non-refundable. If payment was not due until day of shoot, no penalty will occur. However, if less than 24 hours notice is given of the cancellation of the shoot or special engagement, it is unlikely that History Colorado will accept future reservations from this agency.

YOUR (THE RENTER'S) RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Expected to know the Mansion's Use Guidelines and to help enforce them when necessary.
- Responsible for coordinating the removal of food, alcohol, flowers, etc. and to sign-out with the Mansion Representative before leaving.
- Financial responsibility for the rental of the Mansion:
 - If an organization or business rents the Mansion, an individual with signing authority must be named on the Rental Agreement.
- Informing vendors and personal representatives of the Mansion's Use Guidelines.
- Conduct of your guests:
 - Liable for injuries to other guests, Mansion staff or property damaged due to misconduct by your guests.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Having a Mansion Representative present during your event, who will:

- Be available to work with your personal representative, assist vendors, bridal parties and guests:
 - However, the Mansion Representative is not responsible for the set-up, moving furniture or clean-up.

- Be responsible for the safety and security of your guests and the site:
 - Therefore, this person will enforce the Mansion's policies and has the authority to phone the police or to terminate the event, if necessary.

THE MANSION IS UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AT ALL TIMES.

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CATERING/ALCOHOL POLICY

- During the course of a photo/video shoot, client may bring in food or beverage but is responsible for all clean up post event.
- No alcohol may be served at any time for any reason during a photo or video shoot

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Detailed guidelines for caterers, photographers, musicians, and for decorating are available upon request.