

# THE SANFORD HISTORIAN

*Today is tomorrow's history.*

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## Thanks and Honor

While giving thanks during November, let us remember those who have served our country. Veterans' Day is an opportunity to reflect on those from our families and our area who gave their time and effort – even their lives – to protect and preserve the United States.

*Frankie Colton,  
Sanford Museum Board President*



## MUSEUM WINTER HOURS

The museum is open by appointment by calling one of these numbers:

(719) 580-4114

(719) 588-5540

(719) 588-6410

## TRIVIA CORNER

1. What is the Pea Pod?

2. Where is Little Denmark?

3. What is Frog Town?

*See page 2 for answers.*



## Veterans of Sanford

Sanford has sent many young men and women to serve our country on nearly every continent and on islands ships in the sea. Our Veterans served as gunners, drivers, nurses, clerks, radio operators. Far from home they saw cathedrals, ancient cities, and raging storms at sea. Most experienced homesickness and some of experienced horrors that were difficult to talk about for the rest of their lives. Some gave their lives. We honor them by remembering them.

The list of names is much too long to include in entirety here, but it includes Clarence Martin, Jack Galvez, Ralph Mortensen, Guy Garcia, Edker Wilson, Ned G. Christensen, Thomas Price Smith, and Viola Garcia to name just a few.

Thanks to the tireless work of past volunteers like Wanda Rae Westbrook Rackham, and thanks to donations from community members, the Sanford History Museum has a wonderful military collection. We invite you to visit and be reminded of the contributions made by our very own Veterans.

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. *In the early part of the last century, La Jara was sometimes called the Pea Pod because it was where fresh peas were packed in ice from the local ice house shipped out on the railroad.*

2. *Sanford was sometimes called "Little Denmark" because of the large number of Danish people who settled here.*

3. *Manassa was called Frog Town because of frequent spring flooding. Sometimes residents were teased about living "out there in the lily pond." The creation of reservoirs upstream eventually reduced seasonal flooding on the Valley floor.*

## Volunteers Needed

We love our volunteers! The Sanford Museum does not have any paid staff. Volunteers are very much appreciated. If you would like information about becoming a museum volunteer, please contact one of our board members.

We invite you to become a Friend of the Sanford Museum. Annual dues are only \$50.00, or contact a Board member about using volunteer hours in lieu of payment. Donate at [www.sanfordhistorymuseum.org](http://www.sanfordhistorymuseum.org) Or make checks payable to *Sanford History Museum* and mail to:  
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## BIOGRAPHY CORNER

### Eunice Dunn Wilson

In May of 1889, Simeon Adams Dunn and his wife Emily left Washington, Utah and traveled by wagon to Sanford, Colorado. They brought with them their four living children, their livestock, and their household goods. They arrived in July. In the beginning, the family lived in a dugout. On October 9, 1889 baby Eunice was born.

A year or two later her family joined with others to settle the town of Eastdale 25 miles southeast of Sanford. Eunice recorded many happy memories of her youth in Eastdale. She attended school taught by Clara Funk. On her eighth birthday she was baptized in the Costilla Creek which ran a couple of blocks from her house. She recalled running home afterward to change into dry clothes before her confirmation. As she grew older, she and other young people loved every opportunity to socialize with others at dances and conferences in Sanford and Manassa.

Eunice's family left Eastdale in 1909 when the town was dissolved due to water issues. You can read more about Eunice's story and the stories of others who were part of the Eastdale settlement in the Personal History Collection at the Sanford History Museum.

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Would you like to submit a short biography of someone in Sanford's history? Send it to [administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org](mailto:administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org).

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