

YOU HOLD THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF COLORADO'S LIBERTY BELL IN YOUR HANDS.

Restoration of Colorado's Liberty Bell will bring back a rich history, celebration of commemorative events, and will preserve Colorado's icon of freedom for generations to come.



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a lineage society that is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to patriotism, historic preservation, education, and service to veterans.



DONATIONS can be made online through the project's website (<http://www.coloradolibertybell.com>) or by check, made out to Mount Rosa Chapter, NSDAR, Liberty Bell Project, and mailed to 7505 E. Long Avenue, Centennial, CO, 80112.

We hope you will become part of the solution by providing support for Colorado's Liberty Bell restoration. For more information, please contact Sue Johnson, Historical Preservation Chairman; email: suejohnsonskj@comcast.net or phone: 303-796-0453.

Mount Rosa Chapter, NSDAR, is spearheading the effort to restore Colorado's bell and has obtained approval from Capitol committees to proceed. Chapter members have already raised over \$10,000 to create public awareness about the bell, survey the property, and have the bell's support system scientifically analyzed. The professional findings and recommendations will be used to appropriately restore Colorado's Liberty Bell. In addition to the money already raised, restoration costs could total \$50,000!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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What message does the deteriorating condition of Colorado's Liberty Bell convey about the importance of preserving freedom?

HISTORY

The history of Colorado's Liberty Bell goes back to 1950, when the U. S. Department of Treasury commissioned the casting of 55 full-sized replicas of the original Liberty Bell. Each state and territory was given a bell as part of a savings bond drive, "Save for Your Independence." The bell in each state and territory was to be displayed and rung on patriotic observances.

After dedicating it in Civic Center Park, the replica toured throughout Colorado communities. Since then, Colorado's Liberty Bell has been displayed in four locations:

- Briefly inside the Capitol building
- On the lower level of the Old State Museum until 1974
- Outside the Colorado Historical Museum at 14th Avenue and Sherman Street until 1986
- Currently outside on the west lawn of the lower Capitol grounds in Lincoln Park

By 1974 two steel bars were welded to the A-frame to support the bell from below. At the same time, the clapper was secured – silencing the bell!

Replica of Liberty Bell Rings in State Bond Drive

A replica of the famed Liberty Bell—exact except for the familiar crack—pealed out at Civic Center last night and launched the 1950 Savings Bond drive in Colorado.

The one-ton, copper-cast replica of the famed bell concluded a rally and ceremonies in the center's Greek Theater where Governor Johnson and Mayor Newton touched off the drive.

The bell also was given to the state for historical preservation at the rally.

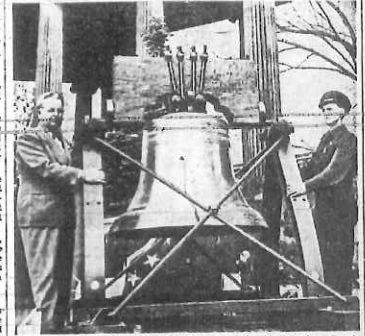
It will be on display in Civic Center today and then will be hoisted on a truck and carried 2400 miles over the state to most cities and towns where similar ceremonies will take place.

It will be driven over the state by Warren C. Sullivan, Longmont truck driver, who will be custodian of the bell until it is brought back to Denver for permanent display.

At the ceremonies last night, Coloradans were reminded the state has for its 1950 quota the purchase of \$5,340,000 in Series E bonds. Denver has for its quota \$2,935,000.

Speakers at the ceremonies, in addition to the governor and the mayor, were Clarence Moore and Gerald Peters, Denver volunteer Savings Bond chairman.

Before the ceremonies the 123rd Air Force Band from Lowry Air Force Base gave a concert. Invocation was given by the Rev. Robert M. Redenbaugh, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.



Dewey M. Smith, Colorado chairman of the 1950 Savings Bond drive, left, and Warren C. Sullivan of Longmont stand beside the one-ton replica of the Liberty Bell which last night was presented to the state of Colorado for historical purposes.

Pen Terms Handed Two Of Counterfeiter Gang
NEW YORK, May 28.—(UP)— to 10 and 3 years prison terms, re-

Denver Post news article, May 1950

CURRENT REALITIES



The bronze bell itself is in good shape; however, the condition of the yoke, steel hardware, and frame are no longer adequately supporting the weight of the bell!



Faulty bearing system which attaches to the yoke



Broken welds to the support bar on which the bell rests



Cracked yoke with rusted, possibly unstable bolts



Missing historical plaques and eroded cement pad

LET FREEDOM RING AGAIN!

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