



WEDDINGS

2025



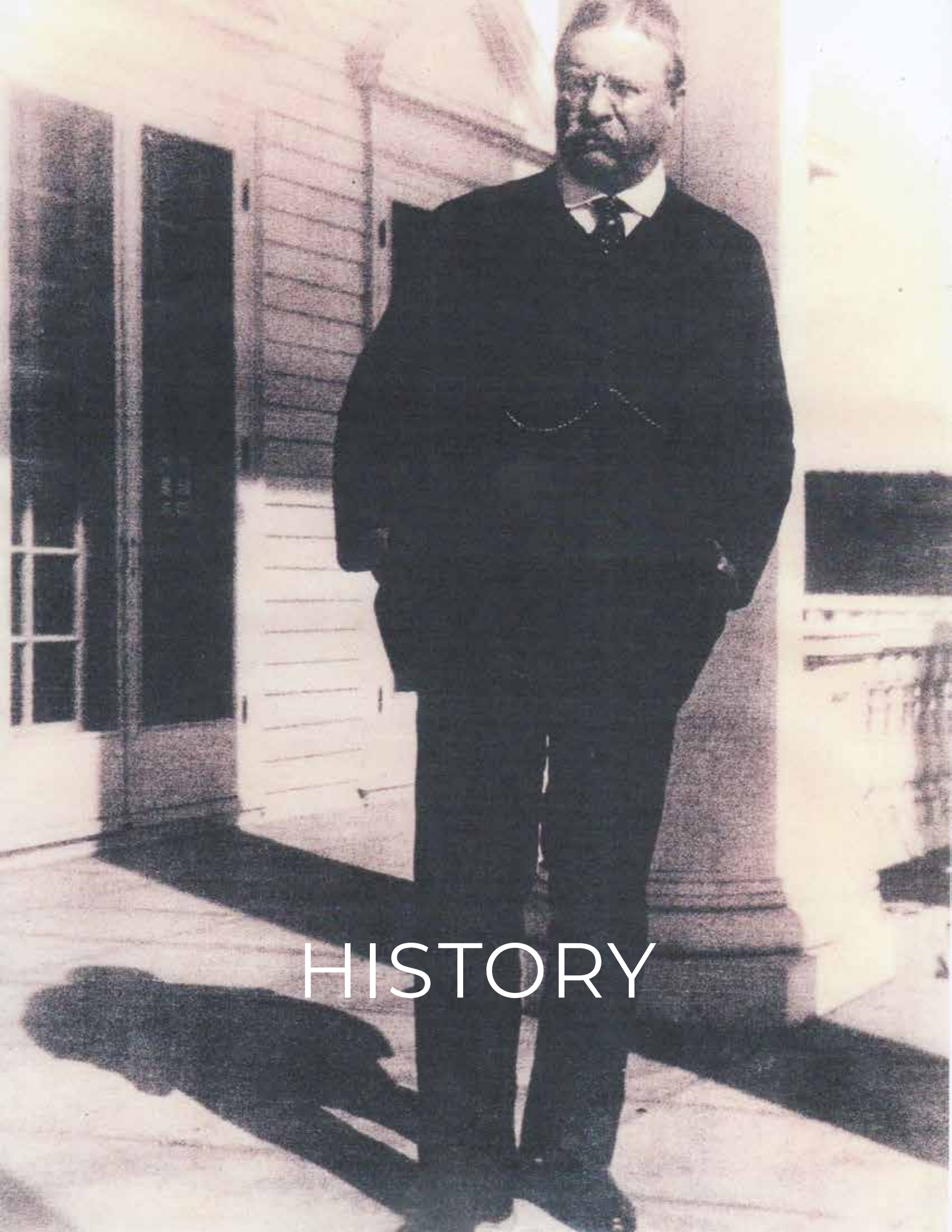
*Cover photo*  
Grace Gatto

*Left*  
Nate Shepard

Please allow us to send a warm, heartfelt congratulations on your engagement. Our exclusive 12,000 square-foot estate has hosted US Presidents and other dignitaries from Teddy Roosevelt (pictured left on our front porch) to William Howard Taft, Babe Ruth to Lou Gehrig and the humorist Will Rodgers. Built in 1914, our property is one of the first major homesteads in the Southwest Denver area and remains one of the few landmarks of years past. Sitting high on a hill in the Ken Caryl Valley, we have spectacular views of the entire front range. From Red Rocks to Roxborough and right onto Downtown Denver through the famous hogback. We look forward to hearing more about your wedding plans and sharing our beautiful property with you.



THANK  
YOU



# HISTORY

*Year Built*  
1914

*Architect*  
Frank E Edbrooke  
1840-1921

*Square Footage*  
12,000 Main House  
2,000 Guest House



OCTOBER 17, 1914 - John Charles Shaffer purchased the first 2,660 acres of what would become the Ken-Caryl Ranch for \$100,000. He and his wife, Virginia Conser Shaffer (1850 – 1932), named it Ken-Caryl after their sons, Kent and Carroll. John Charles Shaffer (1852 – 1943) was born in Baltimore. He arrived in Chicago in 1874 where he worked as a grain commission trader. A few years later he purchased his first street railway company in Richmond, Indiana. From there he purchased street car lines in Indianapolis and Chicago. In 1901 he purchased the Chicago Evening Post newspaper and from there went on to acquire a string of newspapers in the Midwest. After visiting his son Kent, who was living in Denver, in 1913 Shaffer expanded his empire with the purchase of the Rocky Mountain News, the Denver Times and the Denver Republican newspapers.

The Denver Times reported that “Mr. Shaffer gave instructions for the drawing of plans for a summer home modeled on the colonial style to cost approximately \$100,000. This building will be situated on the highest portion of the estate and is prophesied to become the nucleus of a colony of summer retreats for millionaires.” He immediately commissioned the architect Edbrooke, famous for his work on the Brown Palace, Oxford Hotel and many other prominent Denver buildings.

The Manor House included over 8,000 square feet of living area, with 20 rooms, six baths and a living

room that was 80 feet long with mirrored fireplaces at each end. The dining room featured an enormous picture window overlooking a view so spectacular it was treated as a painting. Special draperies were designed to frame the view without obscuring it.

The Shaffers had friends in high places. Shaffer supported Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose party, and was friends with presidents William Taft and Warren Harding. Indiana Senator Albert Beveridge was one of his closest and oldest friends. President Theodore Roosevelt was a luncheon guest at the Manor House on October 24, 1916. Shaffer's relationship with Roosevelt was so close in 1917 that he carried a letter granting him immediate admittance to the president. This letter hangs on the walls of the mansion today. Presidents were not the only distinguished guests of The Manor House. The Shaffers hosted other industrial chieftains, actors, musicians and other prominent figures from the era.

The 110 foot flagpole behind The Manor House has a light at the top that was originally battery operated. The light could be seen from Denver through the saddle of the Dakota Hogback and when lit was an invitation to the social community to come join the Shaffers for a grand celebration.

We are proud to continue this tradition of hosting special guests and memorable events at The Historic Manor House.



# MANSION RENTAL

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)  
11,000

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY PM (3PM-11PM)  
8,000

SATURDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)\*  
15,000

\*14,000 food and beverage minimum

MONDAY - THURSDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)  
8,000

MONDAY - THURSDAY PM (3PM-11PM)  
5,000

AM BRUNCH WEDDING (7AM - 2PM)  
4,000

off season and holiday rates may apply



## ALL INCLUDED

*The Manor House is an exclusive venue. You are our only event during your rental time.*

Site rental allows guest access to our entire property, which includes:

- Private Heli-Pad
- Incredible 360 degree views from Downtown Denver to Red Rocks and the surrounding foothills.
- Wrap-around slate terrace with outdoor seating and fire pits
- 200 White Chiavari chairs
- Full selection of tablecloths and napkins
- Standard china, glassware and flatware (upgrades available)
- Private bride's dressing room as well as a dedicated man-cave for the groom's men to get ready.

# The Food



\$64/PERSON	\$68/PERSON	\$76/PERSON	\$84/PERSON	\$105/PERSON
SINGLE ENTREE	GUEST CHOICE PLATED	DUAL ENTREE	GUEST CHOICE PLATED 3 PROTEIN	SURF AND TURF STEAK AND LOBSTER
TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	THREE PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	THREE PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES
ONE SALAD	ONE SALAD	ONE SALAD	CHARCUTERIE BOARD	CHARCUTERIE BOARD
TWO SIDE DISHES	TWO SIDE DISHES	TWO SIDE DISHES	ONE SALAD	ONE SALAD
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The Manor House is a full-service venue with experienced service staff. Executive Chef Rhett Montague, CEC has put together a full range menu for your guests to enjoy. Of course, any menu can be customized if you have something specific in mind. The process of selecting your menu is quite simple. During our off season we invite you to one of our tasting events. This get together allows you to sample the many different menu options we provide within a relaxed dining experience.

In addition to the tasting, we will work with you on some planning details including timelines and decor setup. We are happy to help out in any way that we can during the wedding planning process.

## PASSED HORS D’OEUVRES

### MANOR HOUSE CRAB CAKE

*Lump and Claw blue crab meat with just enough bread crumbs to hold them together and spiced just right.*

### BEEF WELLINGTON

*Beef tenderloin with a rich mushroom duxelle wrapped in puff pastry.*

ADDITIONAL PASSED HORS D’OEUVRES \$4/PERSON

## SALAD COURSE

### THE STEAKHOUSE WEDGE

*Baby iceberg wedge with crisp bacon lardons, buttermilk blue cheese, grape tomato, julienne red onion dressed with cracked black pepper ranch.*

## MAIN COURSE

*Based on Dual Entree Selection*

### GRILLED FLAT-IRON STEAK

*USDA choice flat iron steak grilled to perfection topped with au poivre sauce.*

### SKUNA BAY SALMON

*Topped with a Creole Cream Sauce*

### MIXED MUSHROOM RISOTTO

*and*

### ROASTED BABY CARROTS and ASPARAGUS

# SAMPLE MENU



## ADDITIONAL STATIONS

Prices Vary

### SEAFOOD STATION

*Court bouillon poached shrimp, fresh shucked oysters, assorted local hot sauces, cocktail sauce.*

### WHITE CHEDDAR MAC&CHEESE

*Chopped bacon, scallions, sauteed mushrooms, fried onion strings, truffle oil, sun-dried tomatoes, parmesan cheese.*



## SODA, TEA & COFFEE

Included in all Bar Packages

\$5 / Person without Bar Package

## BEER & WINE

\$30 / person (four hours)

\$5 / person (each additional hour)

COASTAL VINES (ALL VARIETALS)  
DOMESTIC BEER

## HOUSE BAR

\$35 / person (four hours)

\$6 / person (each additional hour)

COASTAL VINES (ALL VARIETALS)  
DOMESTIC BEER

CANE RUM, FOUR ROSES WHISKEY,  
GORDON'S GIN, VANJAK VODKA, SCORESBY  
SCOTCH, PEPE LOPEZ TEQUILA

## CALL BAR

\$40 / person (four hours)

\$7 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE HOUSE BAR PLUS

CORONA

SMIRNOFF, TANQUERAY, JOHNNIE RED, JACK  
DANIELS, JIM BEAM, JAMESON, BACARDI, EL  
JIMADOR TEQUILA, CAPTAIN MORGAN

## PREMIUM BAR

\$45 / person (four hours)

\$8 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE CALL BAR PLUS FAT TIRE AND BLUE  
MOON

TITOS, KETEL ONE, CROWN ROYAL, MAKERS  
MARK HENDRICKS GIN, GLENFIDDICH, DON JULIO  
BLANCO

## ULTRA PREMIUM BAR

\$55 / person (four hours)

\$10 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE PREMIUM BAR PLUS  
EVERY BEER OPTION WE HAVE AVAILABLE  
CHANDON CHAMPAGNE AND HARD SELTZERS

LAWS BOURBON AND RYE WHISKEY, BALVENIE  
12 YEAR, WOODFORD, DON JULIO ANEJO AND  
REPOSADO

## BRUNCH BAR

\$25 / person (morning events only)

DOMESTIC BEER & HOUSE WINE BAR PLUS

MIMOSAS & BLOODY MARYS

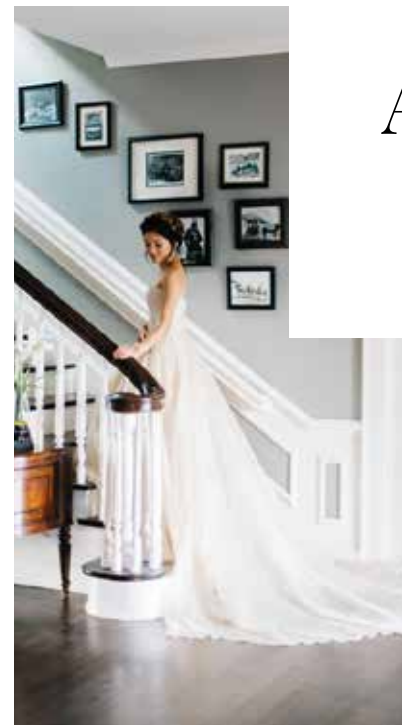
\*\*\*ALL BAR ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND  
AVAILABILITY

The  
Bar



# A little something extra

SOME EASY ADDITIONS  
TO COMPLETE THE PACKAGE



## COLORADO CRAFT BEERS

\$5 / person for 2 bottle selections  
from:

Hard Seltzers  
Great Divide  
New Belgium  
Odell  
Oskar Blues  
Ska  
and more . . .

## CHAMPAGNE WELCOME OR TOAST

\$3 / person with a bar package

\$5 / person without



## WINE UPGRADES

Extensive Wine upgrades available

For those who expect the best for their  
guests, please check the full menu of  
potential wine upgrades!



## EXTRA SNACKS

## GETTING READY

Starting at \$15/person

## ROSE GOLD FLATWARE

\$3 / person

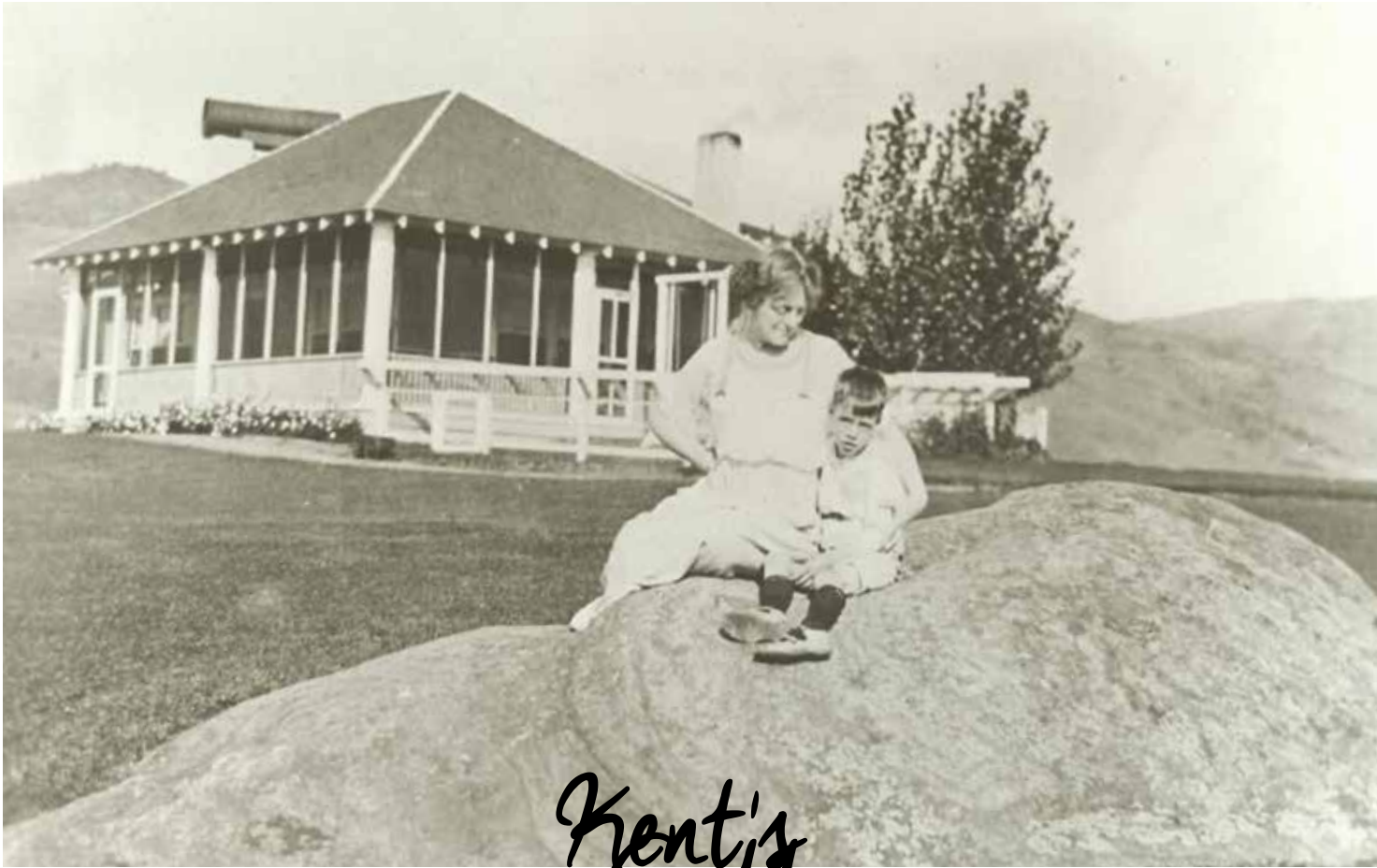
## GOLD FLATWARE

\$3 / person

## LATE NIGHT

Starting at \$6/person





## Kent's Cottage

**\$1,500**

INCLUDES GETTING READY TIME IN

2,500 Sq. Ft HOUSE

3 BEDROOM / 2 BATH

FULL KITCHEN

10 AM CHECK-IN

END OF RECEPTION CHECKOUT

John C. Shaffer and his wife Virginia had two sons, Kent and Carroll, which is how this gorgeous valley came to be named Ken-Caryl. John Shaffer decided to build The Manor House in the foothills of Colorado because the high altitude helped to alleviate his son Kent's health issues. As his sons grew older, Mr. Shaffer went on to build homes for Kent, Carroll and their families. Today, the Kent House is known as 'Kent's Cottage,' while the two-story Carroll House no longer exists.

Kent was born October 9, 1885. He attended Hill School, followed by Yale. Later, Kent married Helen Phillips. The couple along with their two children lived in the cottage from 1917 into the 1930's.

Kent was a talented composer of music. His war ballad, "I Am Thinking Dear Of You" was presented in a concert in City Park in 1917 and all proceeds went to the Red Cross for the purchase of Liberty Bonds. Kent also composed the song "Ken-Caryl March" which he dedicated to the class of 1900 at Hinman School in Evanston, Illinois.

Kent's Cottage now serves as the guesthouse to The Manor House. With a 1pm check-in time on the day of the wedding, the spacious house is an ideal place to begin the day with lunch, hair and makeup and photos of the wedding party.



# Sample Proposals



<b>Site Fee</b>	\$5,000	(Thursday evening site fee)
<b>Food</b>	\$6,400	(One entrée buffet @ \$64/guest x 100 guests)
<b>Bar</b>	\$3,000	(4 hour Beer & Wine Package @ \$30/guest x 100 guests)
<b>Tax</b>	\$470	(Based on 5% of the Food & Beverage)
<b>Service</b>	<b>\$1,974</b>	<b>(Based on 21% of the Food &amp; Beverage)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,844</b>	

<b>Site Fee</b>	\$15,000	(Saturday Buyout site fee)
<b>Food</b>	\$9,120	(Dual Entree, Three App Package @ \$76/guest x <b>120</b> guests)
<b>Bar</b>	\$5,400	(4 hour Premium Bar Package @ \$45/guest x <b>120</b> guests)
<b>Tax</b>	\$726	(Based on 5% of the Food & Beverage)
<b>Service</b>	<b>\$3,050</b>	<b>(Based on 21% of the Food &amp; Beverage)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,296</b>	

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#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

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