



## THE ALICE SCHOOL

The town of Alice, Colorado was settled in the 1880's when gold was discovered on Fall River Road. It was an important stop on the road from Idaho Springs to Central City. The town was named after the wife of George Taylor who worked the property prior to The Alice Mining Company. Alice was the largest and most active mining community in the area. Alice died out around the turn of the century when the mines shut down.

The first Alice Schoolhouse was located in a log cabin just east of the current building, across Silver Creek Road. The school opened in the fall of 1896. Cecelia Gettings of Yankee was the first teacher at Alice. The school moved to its new location in 1906.

The "new" Alice Schoolhouse opened in 1906. It was not unusual to find fewer than a dozen children attending. The bars on the ceiling of the schoolhouse were used to install swings for the children to play on during the long winter months. The school was open until 1927 when it closed because of the small number of children enrolled. It was reopened for a brief period from 1935-39. In the early 1950's a Girl Scout troop from the Denver Area Council leased the school and did extensive remodeling. The school was abandoned shortly after that. It was not until 1975 that the building was to experience rejuvenation. The schoolhouse now serves as a community center and local history museum for the area.



1896



1906 – Present (July 2018)