

Eliza Cowden

18 Mar 1938 Colorado Statesman, Obit: ""MOTHER" ELIZA COWDEN, 100 YEARS OLD, FOUND DEAD Eliza Cowden late of 2522 Clarkson St., and a resident of Denver for nearly 70 years was found dead in her home last Saturday by a neighbor, Miss Lera Morgan of 2515 Clarkson. "Mother" Cowden as she was called formed a connecting link in the chain of Colorado, immediately after the Civil War and the present time. She is survived by a daughter, Mattie (Cowden) Hackley of Cheyenne, Wyo., a son, Richard of Denver, a grandson, son-in-law Ed Hackley and other relatives. She will be remembered for her many charitable acts extended to the sick and needy before the years of her infirmity. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The Douglass Undertaking Co. in charge." (11).

Ref: 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado. Found Eliza Cowden 55, b. Mar 1845 in MO, widow, in the home of dau: Cora Cowden 35, b. May 1865 in MO; dau: Mattie 23, b. Apr 1877 in MO; son: William 33, b. Oct 1866 in MO; & son: Richard 28, b. Aug 1861 (sic) in MO.

Ref: 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Found Eliza Cowden 59, b. in Virginia, living in the household of her daughter Mattie Cowden 31, b. in Missouri, and son Richard 38, b. in Missouri. Ref: 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Eliza 75, b. in Missouri, a widow, is listed in the household of her son Richard W. Cowden 55, b. in Missouri, and his wife Lucy P. 49, b. in Maryland.

13 Mar 1938 Rocky Mountain News, p. 8, News Article: "Aged Negro Dies" "Mrs. Eliza Cowden, Negro, believed to be 100 years old, died yesterday at her home, 2522 Clarkson st. Deputy Coroner John Killham said no records were available but relatives and neighbors set her age at the century mark. Old age was given as cause of death." (13).