







By all accounts the Class of 1914 liked each other a lot, and remained in touch throughout the decades, as you can see in this undated photograph. That's Daisy in front, Jane in back.





Professional nurse Emma Powers came to Larimer County in 1873. She opened the Powers Maternity Hospital (505 East Oak Street) in 1916, and operated it for three years. After Larimer County Hospital opened, she joined its staff to take charge of the maternity ward.

Here are two shots labeled “Powers Maternity Hospital,” one undated, and one from 1927, after it served as the maternity hospital.



Clara Ray served as a pediatric nurse from 1929 to 1972 at Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital and its predecessors. In those early years at what was called the old Poor Farm, Clara stoked fires in the coal-burning stoves and cleaned rooms as well as caring for patients. In those days, the nursing “staff” was Clara and a registered nurse, and they worked and lived in the frame building, essentially on duty 24/7.

If there was an emergency night surgery, one of them assisted; when a patient was critically ill, they took turns napping and tending the patient. Clara could always be found rocking a young child to sleep, as she is here in a photograph at center from her retirement party in 1972 (the photo on the left was taken in 1958). In an oral history at the Archive at FCMoD, you can listen to an audio clip of Clara playing music she composed on the autoharp.

