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**Columbus Day at the Old Center Meeting House - Wednesday, October 12, 1892**



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Title: Columbus Day at the Old Center Meeting House - Wednesday, October 12, 1892

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People

Description: The 400th anniversary of Columbus' landing in America inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in the United States. President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation in 1892, recommending to the people the observance in all their localities of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America and describing Columbus as the pioneer of progress and enlightenment. On the four hundredth anniversary teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress. Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937.

Celebrants in this photograph of the 1892 anniversary are dressed in their best wool and satin. Many of the children are holding flags and several of them sport berets made of starred fabric. One young woman holds a violin.

Left to Right: as originally written in Eleanor Mayo's notes.

Charles "Charlie" Andrew Hodgdon (1874-1907)

Arthur Heslyn Rumill (1883-1948)

Herbert G. Butler (1883-1942)

Serena "Rena" W. Stanley (1882-1977) - later Mrs. Clarence Hadlock Spurling

Nida Seavey (1883-1947) - later Mrs. Eugene Sylvester Murphy

Vilda E. Stanley (1886-) - Mrs. Arthur Stanley Rowe

Phoebe Elizabeth Walls (1885-1974) - later Mrs. Chester Calvin Robbins

Oscar R. Harper (1886-)

William Lawton Butler (1877-1943)

Deda Belle Dow (1866-1935) - Mrs. James Albert Gray

Phoebe Hodgdon (1858-1930) - Mrs. Henry N. Robbins

May A. Dow (1856-1905)

Unknown

May Butler Harper

Myra J. Farrell (1884-1931) - later Mrs. George W. Butler  
Bertie Norwood  
Sophia Dow  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Clinton Gray (1887-1949)  
Mildred "Millie" G. Butler (1887-1969) - later Mrs. George Henry  
Freeman  
Neal Lester Farrell (1889-)  
Jane "Janie" Anne Ober (1888-1969) - later Mrs. Chester Arthur  
Butler  
Foster Farrell  
Susie Robinson (1883-) - later Mrs. Winfield Norwood  
Wesley Bassett Dow (1888-)  
Martha "Mattie" A. Dow (1884-) - Mrs. LaBelle  
Sadie F. Young (1878-1929) - later Mrs. Harlow Harper Murphy  
Bennett Stanley  
Ellen Kenny (1837-1909) - Mrs. William Ober Jr.  
Charles William Hodgdon (1889-)  
Winfield "Win" McClellan Dow (1863-1900)  
William Alphonso "Phon" Farrell (1855-)  
Olive M. Nutter (1864-) - Mrs. William Alphonso Farrell  
Ethel M. Reed (1883-)  
Delmont Harper Murphy (1883-1963)  
Teacher - Mrs. Rich ?  
Albert "Bert" Winfield Dow (1876-)  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Anna R. Robinson (1859-) - Mr. Harmon  
Ida M. Leonard (1877-)  
Mattie Seavey Brown  
Capt. Stephen Billings (1833-1909)  
William "Will" O. Hodgdon (1856-1922) or William A. Hodgdon  
(1852-)  
George Ripley Fuller (1857-1937)  
Carie B. Ober (1862-1932) - Mrs. William Frederick Stanley and  
Gerald Kenneth Stanley (1890-1919)  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Josie A. Billings (1872-1936) - Mrs. Elmer B. Stanley  
Will Murphy  
Abbie Belle Dow (1877-)  
Dora Farrell Harper  
Unknown  
Lucretia "Cretia" S. Bartlett (1873-1957) - Mrs. Alton Abner Pomroy  
Unknown  
Abbie T. Ober (1877-1897) "Mrs. Phippen's sister who died"  
Unknown  
Viola M. Dow (1878-)  
Ida S. Bartlett (1870-1946) - Mrs. Charles L. Bartlett  
Lydia Black Ober (1836-) Mrs. William Johnson Farrell

Fannie Ellen Ober (1868-) Mrs. Loren Calvin Herrick  
 Margaret Maker (1847-1928) - Mrs. Richard E. Seavey  
 Mr. Warman - Minister  
 Fannie Ellen Ober (1868-) - "also number 30"  
 Unknown  
 Lurena "Nina" Hodgdon (1882-1967) - sister to Charles William Hodgdon  
 Clara A. Robbins (1853-1930) - Mrs. Shubeal Norton Dow  
 Martha Elva Robbins (1855-1945) - Mrs. John Leonard Stanley  
 John Leonard Stanley (1855-1898)  
 Mary Jane Hodgdon  
 Hannah Stewart Dow (1836-1914) - Mrs. Stephen Billings  
 Unknown  
 Mame L. Galley (1869-) - Mrs. Clinton H. Gray  
 Lennie Stanley (1890-1973) - later Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. William Andrew Clark  
 Zulma Spurling Stanley (1833-1913)  
 Mabelle "Belle" Iola Ober (1876-1950) - later Mrs. Charles Andrew Hodgdon  
 Unknown  
 Unknown  
 William Wallace Hodgdon (1834-1904)  
 Unknown  
 Gilbert "Gill" Hodgdon (1845-1915) and child  
 Fannie E. Billings (1862-1948) - Mrs. Edward C. Harper  
 Harry Victor Seavey (1878-1956)  
 Lena E. Schuman (1845-1933) - Mrs. Andrew J. Butler - the older woman at the far right of the photograph - at the corner of the building.  
 Mabel Harriet Gray (1884-1939) - later Mrs. Delmont Harper Murphy - "just behind Janie"

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