



THE VALENTINE MCGILLYCUDDY HOUSE

Historic Rapid City Inc. is seeking assistance in finding interested parties to complete the first-floor framing of the McGillicuddy House. The non-profit organization has been diligently working for a number of years to complete the restoration of this historic home. Most of the work has been completed by volunteers and through generous donations from the Rapid City contracting community.

Please consider sharing your expertise on this project. If you are interested in obtaining additional details, hearing a presentation and/or scheduling a tour of the house, please feel free to contact Jean Kessloff directly at 605.341.5398. You can also visit the facebook page for photos, history and updates on the project.

<https://www.facebook.com/mcgillicuddyhouse/>

Brief History of the House

Restoration of the McGillicuddy home is a labor of love by Historic Rapid City and numerous volunteers and local businesses who see the value in saving a home and landmark. This beautiful home was built for Valentine T. McGillicuddy and his wife, Fanny. Valentine was a surgeon who originally came to the Black Hills area as a topographer with the Newton-Jenney Party. He was also Contract Surgeon during the Battle of the Rosebud, Battle of Slim Buttes, and the Horsemeat March. Valentine later was Assistant Post Surgeon at Fort Robinson (Nebraska) where he tended to Crazy Horse after the warrior was fatally stabbed.

Valentine was appointed Indian Agent at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation from 1879-1882. He moved to Rapid City and had this "mansion" built. While in Rapid City, he served as president of a bank, Dean of South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, served as mayor and the state's first Sate Surgeon General. When Fanny passed away in 1897, he moved to California. He re-married, worked as medical inspector for an insurance agency and served in WWI. Upon his own death, his ashes were buried atop of Black Elk Peak.