

COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



Louie Croft Boyd RN

- She came to Denver at 21 and enrolled in the Colorado Training School for Nurses, graduating in 1899. She went to Chicago to complete post-graduate training, returning to Denver to teach at Denver General
- She was superintendent of nursing at Denver General, St. Luke's and Rio Grand Hospitals in Colorado and Wyoming General in rock Springs, Wyo. She sought roles where she could affect working conditions and educational standards
 - In 1904, she was among a small group of nurses who formed what was incorporated as the Colorado State Trained Nurses Association, now CNA. She was the association's first lobbyist, and wrote what was to become HB32 and SB9, providing for licensure of nurses. When the bill passed, she became the first licensed nurse in Colorado
- Licensure of nurses led to improved and consistent education, which in turn elevated the role of the nurse and gave dignity to the profession