



WEDDINGS

2025



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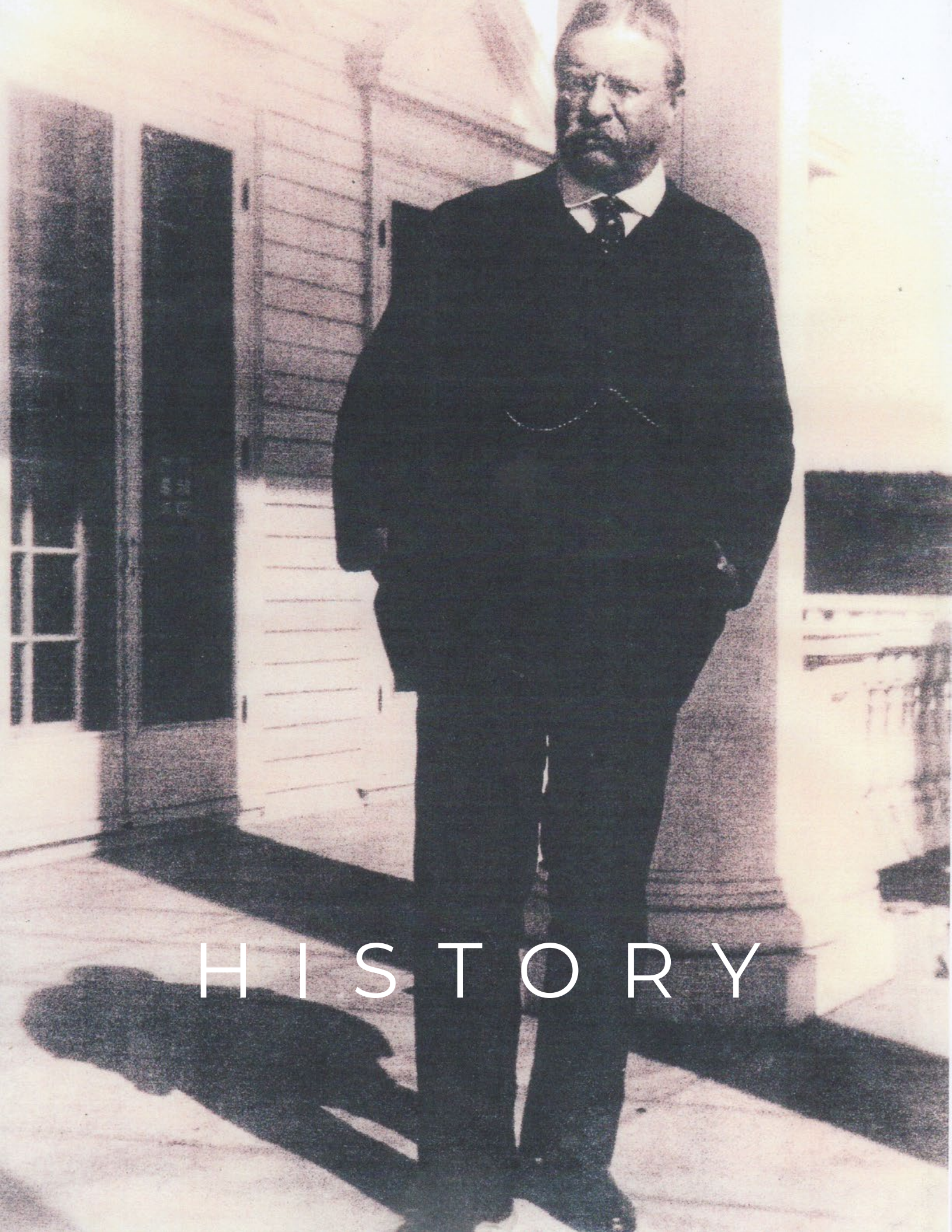
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Gracie Marie

Please allow us to send a warm, heartfelt congratulations on your engagement. Our exclusive 12,000 square-foot estate has hosted US Presidents and other dignitaries from Teddy Roosevelt (pictured on the next page on our front porch) to William Howard Taft, Babe Ruth to Lou Gehrig and the humorist Will Rodgers. Built in 1914, our property is one of the first major homesteads in the Southwest Denver area and remains one of the few landmarks of years past. Sitting high on a hill in the Ken Caryl Valley, we have spectacular views of the entire front range. From Red Rocks to Roxborough and right onto Downtown Denver through the famous hogback. We look forward to hearing more about your wedding plans and sharing our beautiful property with you.

We thank you for your interest in The Manor House.



THANK
YOU



Year Built
1914

Architect
Frank E Edbrooke
1840-1921

Square Footage
12,000 Main House
2,000 Guest House



OCTOBER 17, 1914 - John Charles Shaffer purchased the first 2,660 acres of what would become the Ken-Caryl Ranch for \$100,000. He and his wife, Virginia Conser Shaffer (1850 – 1932), named it Ken-Caryl after their sons, Kent and Carroll. John Charles Shaffer (1852 – 1943) was born in Baltimore. He arrived in Chicago in 1874 where he worked as a grain commission trader. A few years later he purchased his first street railway company in Richmond, Indiana. From there he purchased street car lines in Indianapolis and Chicago. In 1901 he purchased the Chicago Evening Post newspaper and from there went on to acquire a string of newspapers in the Midwest. After visiting his son Kent, who was living in Denver, in 1913 Shaffer expanded his empire with the purchase of the Rocky Mountain News, the Denver Times and the Denver Republican newspapers.

The Denver Times reported that “Mr. Shaffer gave instructions for the drawing of plans for a summer home modeled on the colonial style to cost approximately \$100,000. This building will be situated on the highest portion of the estate and is prophesied to become the nucleus of a colony of summer retreats for millionaires.” He immediately commissioned the architect Edbrooke, famous for his work on the Brown Palace, Oxford Hotel and many other prominent Denver buildings.

The Manor House included over 8,000 square feet of living area, with 20 rooms, six baths and a living room

that was 80 feet long with mirrored fireplaces at each end. The dining room featured an enormous picture window overlooking a view so spectacular it was treated as a painting. Special draperies were designed to frame the view without obscuring it.

The Shaffers had friends in high places. Shaffer supported Theodore Roosevelt’s Bull Moose party, and was friends with presidents William Taft and Warren Harding. Indiana Senator Albert Beveridge was one of his closest and oldest friends. President Theodore Roosevelt was a luncheon guest at the Manor House on October 24, 1916. Shaffer’s relationship with Roosevelt was so close in 1917 that he carried a letter granting him immediate admittance to the president. This letter hangs on the walls of the mansion today. Presidents were not the only distinguished guests of The Manor House. The Shaffers hosted other industrial chieftains, actors, musicians and other prominent figures from the era.

The 110 foot flagpole behind The Manor House has a light at the top that was originally battery operated. The light could be seen from Denver through the saddle of the Dakota Hogback and when lit was an invitation to the social community to come join the Shaffers for a grand celebration.

We are proud to continue this tradition of hosting special guests and memorable events at The Historic Manor House.



MANSION RENTAL



ALL INCLUDED

The Manor House is an exclusive venue.

You are our only event during your rental time.

Site rental allows guest access to our entire property, which includes:

- Private Heli-Pad
- Incredible 360 degree views from Downtown Denver to Red Rocks and the surrounding foothills
- Wrap-around slate terrace with outdoor seating and fire pits
- Ballroom seating for up to 200
- Indoor / outdoor ceremony sites
- Reception tables & white Chiavari chairs
- White ceremony chairs
- Full selection of tablecloths and napkins
- Standard china, glassware and flatware (upgrades available)
- Private Bridal Suite with attached balcony
- Private Groom's Room with pool table
- Private Guest House (Kent's Cottage): Included with full day buyout or \$1,500 with PM venue rental

FRIDAY / SUNDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)*

11,000

FRIDAY / SUNDAY PM (3PM-11PM)

8,000

SATURDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)*

15,000

(14,000 food and beverage minimum)

MONDAY - THURSDAY BUYOUT (10AM-11PM)*

8,000

MONDAY - THURSDAY PM (3PM-11PM)

5,000

AM BRUNCH WEDDING (7AM - 2PM)

6,000

*BUYOUT INCLUDES GUEST HOUSE

off season and holiday rates may apply



The Food



\$64/PERSON	\$68/PERSON	\$76/PERSON	\$84/PERSON	\$105/PERSON
SINGLE ENTREE PLATED	GUEST CHOICE PLATED (2 PROTEIN)	DUAL ENTREE (PLATED OR BUFFET)	GUEST CHOICE PLATED (3 PROTEIN)	SURF & TURF PLATED
TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	THREE PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	TWO PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES	STEAK AND LOBSTER
ONE SALAD	ONE SALAD	ONE SALAD	CHARCUTERIE BOARD	THREE PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES
TWO SIDE DISHES	TWO SIDE DISHES	TWO SIDE DISHES	ONE SALAD	CHARCUTERIE BOARD
			TWO SIDE DISHES	ONE SALAD
				TWO SIDE DISHES

The Manor House is a full-service venue with experienced service staff. Executive Chef Rhett Montague, CEC has put together a full range menu for your guests to enjoy. Of course, any menu can be customized if you have something specific in mind. The process of selecting your menu is quite simple. During our off season we invite you to one of our tasting events. This get together allows you to sample the many different menu options we provide within a relaxed dining experience.

In addition to the tasting, we will work with you on some planning details including timelines and decor setup. We are happy to help out in any way that we can during the wedding planning process.

To view our current menus check out www.themanorhouse.com/menus

DUAL ENTREE SAMPLE MENU

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

MANOR HOUSE MINI CRAB CAKE

FIG & BRIE GRILLED CHEESE

SEARED STEAK W/ BLEU CHEESE MOUSSE ON CROSTINI

SALAD COURSE

THE MANOR HOUSE SALAD

spring mix, goat cheese, pear, candied walnuts, balsamic vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE

GRILLED FLATIRON STEAK WITH ROSEMARY CABERNET DEMI

USDA Choice flatiron steak grilled to perfection

SALMON WITH LEMON DILL CREAM

Skuna Bay salmon shallow-poached in white wine

RUSTIC LYONNAISE POTATOES

CHEF'S CHOICE OF ROAST VEGETABLES

SAMPLE MENU





SODA, TEA & COFFEE

Included in all Bar Packages

\$5 / person without Bar Package

BEER & WINE

\$30 / person (four hours)

\$5 / person (each additional hour)

HOUSE WINE (ALL VARIETALS)
DOMESTIC BEER

HOUSE BAR

\$35 / person (four hours)

\$6 / person (each additional hour)

HOUSE WINE (ALL VARIETALS)
DOMESTIC BEER

BRECKENRIDGE VODKA & GIN, DON Q RUM,
FOUR ROSES WHISKEY, SCORESBY SCOTCH,
PEPE LOPEZ TEQUILA

CALL BAR

\$40 / person (four hours)

\$7 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE HOUSE BAR PLUS
CORONA

SMIRNOFF, TANQUERAY, JOHNNIE RED, JACK
DANIELS, JIM BEAM, JAMESON, EL JIMADOR
TEQUILA, BACARDI, CAPTAIN MORGAN

PREMIUM BAR

\$45 / person (four hours)

\$8 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE CALL BAR PLUS
FAT TIRE AND BLUE MOON

TITOS, KETEL ONE, BRECKENRIDGE
BOURBON, MAKERS MARK, HENDRICKS GIN,
GLENFIDDICH 12 YEAR, DON JULIO BLANCO

ULTRA PREMIUM BAR

\$55 / person (four hours)

\$10 / person (each additional hour)

ALL OF THE PREMIUM BAR PLUS
EVERY BEER OPTION WE HAVE AVAILABLE
CHANDON CHAMPAGNE, HARD SELTZERS

LAWS BOURBON AND RYE WHISKEY, BALVENIE
12 YEAR, WOODFORD RESERVE, DON JULIO
ANEJO AND REPOSADO

BRUNCH BAR

\$25 / person (morning events only)

DOMESTIC BEER & HOUSE WINE BAR PLUS
MIMOSAS & BLOODY MARYS

***PRICING & AVAILABILITY ON ALL BAR ITEMS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Bar



BAR UPGRADES

(Bar Package required)

CHAMPAGNE WELCOME

or

CHAMPAGNE TOAST

\$3 / person

or bundle and save . . .

CHAMPAGNE BUNDLE

\$5 / person

WINE UPGRADES

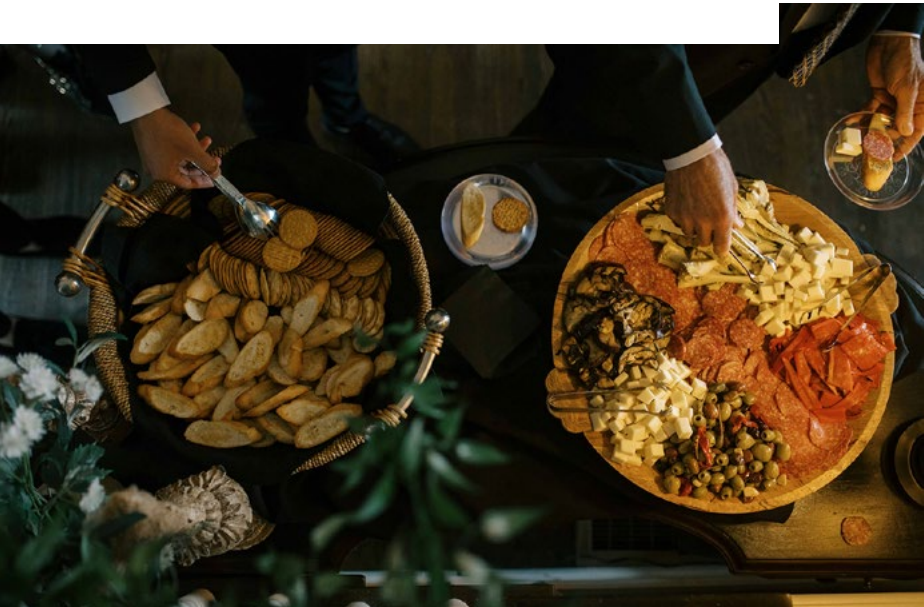
available by the case

View our wine list



A little something extra

SOME EASY ADDITIONS
TO COMPLETE THE PACKAGE



SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

starting at \$2 / person

View our signature cocktail list

CRAFT BEER & HARD SELTZERS

starting at \$5 / person



EXTRAS

LATE NIGHT SNACK

\$6 / person

GOLD FLATWARE

\$3 / person

GETTING READY LUNCH

\$20 / person

MIMOSA BAR

starting at \$40



Kent's Cottage

\$1,500

*** INCLUDED IN BUYOUT ***

INCLUDES GETTING READY TIME IN

2,500 SQ. FT. HOUSE

3 BEDROOM / 2 BATH

LUNCH & BEVERAGE SERVICE

ON-CALL CONCIERGE

10 AM CHECK-IN

END OF RECEPTION CHECKOUT

John Shaffer and his wife Virginia had two sons, Kent and Carroll, which is how this gorgeous valley came to be named Ken-Caryl. Shaffer decided to build The Manor House in the foothills of Colorado because the high altitude helped to alleviate his son Kent's health issues. As his sons grew older, Mr. Shaffer went on to build homes for Kent, Carroll and their families. Today, the Kent House is known as 'Kent's Cottage,' while the two-story Carroll House no longer exists.

Kent was born October 9, 1885. He attended Hill School, followed by Yale. Later, Kent married Helen Phillips. The couple along with their two children lived in the cottage from 1917 into the 1930's.

Kent was a talented composer of music. His war ballad, "I Am Thinking Dear Of You" was presented in a concert in City Park in 1917 and all proceeds went to the Red Cross for the purchase of Liberty Bonds. Kent also composed the song "Ken-Caryl March" which he dedicated to the class of 1900 at Hinman School in Evanston, Illinois.

Kent's Cottage now serves as the guesthouse to The Manor House. The spacious home is ideal for hair and makeup, photos of the wedding party and of course, mimosas! Our dedicated wedding party attendant will make sure you have everything you need!



Sample Proposals



Site Fee	\$5,000	(Thursday evening site fee)
Food	\$6,400	(One entrée buffet @ \$64/guest x 100 guests)
Bar	\$3,000	(4 hour Beer & Wine Package @ \$30/guest x 100 guests)
Tax	\$470	(Based on 5% of the Food & Beverage)
Service	\$1,974	(Based on 21% of the Food & Beverage)
TOTAL	\$16,844	

Site Fee	\$15,000	(Saturday Buyout site fee)
Food	\$9,120	(Dual Entree, Three App Package @ \$76/guest x 120 guests)
Bar	\$5,400	(4 hour Premium Bar Package @ \$45/guest x 120 guests)
Tax	\$726	(Based on 5% of the Food & Beverage)
Service	\$3,050	(Based on 21% of the Food & Beverage)
TOTAL	\$33,296	

Special thanks to our amazing vendors for providing such wonderful photography.

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