

BOB & ROSEMARY METZLER HISTORY

The Property:

There are four man-made buildings on the property, plus a brick silo. The residential home was originally built in 1899 but had an addition built in 1997; the total square footage of the residence currently is 3693 sq. ft. Next to the residence is a 2-door garage and storage area built in 1946 that was formerly a dairy milking barn. Between the garage and the home is a small former chicken coop built in 1950. On the other side of the garage is a large dairy barn and brick silo used for grain silo, built in 1950.

Family History:

- Bob & Rosemary are the grandchildren of Patrick and Margaret Lucas. Patrick and Margaret (McCardle) Lucas were born in Ireland, but met when they were both in the Grand Army in Arizona and married in 1889. In 1894, they were among the first homesteaders in this area of Douglas County, settling 160 acres in what is now Castlewood Canyon State Park. The Lucases built a wooden house first in 1894, then a larger two-story concrete house in 1898 to raise their 8 children, which was very unusual for the time and area. The ruins of the concrete house are still visible today. The Lucas Homestead was purchased by Colorado State Parks from Bob and Rosemary in 1979, who wished to honor the memories of their grandparents.
- Patrick and Margaret Lucas planted lilac and rhubarb shrubs as well as apple trees around their concrete house. Bob collected several apples and tried to grow apple trees at the Metzler property.
- McCardle (Bob's grandmother) family had married into the Guinness family.
- Like their grandparents, Bob & Rosemary had a dairy farm with milking cows on the Metzler homestead property.
- Patrick Lucas died in the concrete house in 1936 and is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Margaret moved to Denver in 1941 but passed away soon afterwards in 1945. She is also buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.
- Bob & Rosemary are the children of Mary (Lucas) Metzler and August (Gus) Metzler. Mary was previously married to Herman Bernard Metzler and they had one son, H Gordon Metzler (Bob & Rosemary's half-brother who died in 1937). Following Herman's death in 1921, she married August, Herman's brother.
- Mary Lucas was one of the first women in Douglas County to get a high school education, going to a high school in Denver, boarding with a family of a prominent Denver doctor and working as their nanny.
- One of Bob's uncle's (name unknown) worked for the Town of Castle Rock as a street lighter of the gas-burning lights on the streets.
- George Engel is Bob & Rosemary's great-great grandfather.

Bob Metzler:

- September 5, 1923 – July 6, 2020 (died at 96)
- Bob was a cattle rancher, educator, artist, adventurer, developer, and philanthropist.
- Graduated from DCHS then received his BA and MA degrees from University of Denver in 1952 and 1955. He also has an honorary doctorate from Columbia University for his innovative

contributions to education and an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree from British Guiana.

- Began as a teacher in a one-room school in 1944 then served as principal. He was elected the County Superintendent for the Douglas County School District beginning in 1952, while still maintaining the cattle on the Metzler ranch. Bob worked as the Superintendent of Schools for Clear Creek County between 1964 and 1974. He also worked with the Colorado Mountain College administration.
- With a team from Columbia University, Bob presented ideas to innovate and improve education with individualized learning at the 1964 World's Fair.
- Bob stressed the importance of providing better quality education to assure the best possible education for the students. He is recognized nationally as an educational specialist, lecturing across the nation on new innovations in education.
- Bob and his sister Rosemary endowed a scholarship fund at the University of Denver's Morgridge College of Education for future educators and school leaders. Their combined gift of \$2,750,000 was the largest in the history of the Morgridge College of Education. They also established the Metzler Family Learning Center for Rocky Mountain Public Media – PBS.
- In 1965, Bob moved to a historic stone castle in Idaho Springs that was built in 1870.
- Buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Rosemary Metzler:

- July 18, 1928 – February 15, 2017 (died at 88)
- Rosemary received her BA from the University of Denver in 1960 and her MA in 1970.
- In addition to teaching English for 33 years in Douglas County, Rosemary also taught at the American School in Izmir, Turkey and Sierra Leone and lectured at DU.
- Author of Snooty the Fox, Snooty the Fox Meets Dead-Eye Dick, and Snooty the Fox and the Mysterious Black Box children's books.
- Buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery.