



Werner Family Collection

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TITLE: Werner Family Collection **Box titles: Werner Collection Boxes 1-4**

CREATOR: National and regional Magazines, professional & amateur photographers, ski manufacturers etc.

DATES: 1948-2001

MEDIA: paper, film and material artifacts

LOCATIONS: Collection Facility, upstairs & downstairs (exact locations listed below)

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Collection is open for Research and Use. Permission to publish material must be obtained from Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: The processing, arrangement, and description of the collection was completed in 2018 by curator Katie Adams.

BIOGRAPHY: This collection represents immediate family members from the Werner family of Steamboat Springs, which consist of:

Edward Bernard "Pop" Werner (1905-1970): Ed came to Steamboat Springs in 1912 with his family to run a ranch. Ed worked at CCC camps, the family ranch, put up hay, hauled coal, and was an employee for Larson Transportation Co. for twenty years. He was a 23-year member of the volunteer fire department, a Kiwanis club member, president of Winter Sports Club (1946), and a National Jumping judge. He and his wife Hazie raised three children, all Olympian ski racers.

Hazel Mae "Hazie" Ralston Werner (1911-1993), grew up on a homestead near Yellow Jacket Pass north Meeker, CO. Her father Wallace Ralston, a stage driver, and mother Neva Jones Ralston had ten children (two sisters were also notable Steamboat citizens, Benita Bristol and Ruby Heid). Hazie married Pop in 1931 and the family moved from the ranch on Elk River to their home at 8th and Aspen St. in 1950 in order for the three children to attend school in Steamboat. Hazie helped to support the family and the kids skiing by cleaning houses, working at the laundry, the bakery, swimming pool, and for 19 years at Boys Market. She was a renowned cook, hostess and long-time proprietor of the Winter Sports Club's concession stands. She and daughter Skeeter managed the Storm Hut sporting goods store for a number of years. Hazie learned to ski at age 62, received a new horse for her 80th birthday, and continued working until her death at age 81. The Steamboat Ski area named a popular gourmet restaurant, located on the top of Storm Mountain, after her. A life-size bronze statue of her sits at the Bud Werner Memorial Library, and the Steamboat Ski area's annual Hazie Werner Award of Excellence honors outstanding women in the community each year.

Gladys "Skeeter" Werner Walker (1933-2008), the oldest of the Werner children, Skeeter learned to ski at age one. In high school she was the "Queen of the Junior Nationals circuit." In 1954, Skeeter became the youngest FIS Alpine Team member, she was the North American Champion at the 1955 California Sugar Bowl and was an Olympic Alpine Team member in 1956; she placed 10th in downhill. Following her ski career, Skeeter was a

“Girl Friday” for Madame Eleanora Garnett’s exclusive international fashion house in New York City. She starred in tv commercials, recorded an album of ski exercises (avail. in digital format in the museum’s collection), and designed upscale sportswear for Gordon Ford on the 79th floor of the Empire State Building. Skeeter returned to Steamboat Springs in 1962 to organize the first ski school at the newly formed Storm Mountain Ski Corp. and managed the first ski rental and sales shop, Storm Hut (a second shop opened later on Lincoln Ave.) The ski shop and sporting goods shop on Lincoln were renamed Werner Hut in 1979. Skeeter married Texan Doak Walker in 1969. Skeeter was inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in 1984. Wallace “Buddy” Werner (1936-1964), was posthumously inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1964, the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in 1977, and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 1967. Werner is fondly referred to as “Steamboat’s son”, he is the most decorated athlete the town has produced (each accolade will not be listed in this brief bio.). Buddy was a FIS Alpine team member in 1954, 1958, and 1962, he was a U.S. Olympic team member in 1956, 1960, and 1964. He won the Holmenkollen in Norway three times, recording the best showing by an American skier ever in international competition and the first American male skier to win a major European title. Buddy was the subject of a documentary and book of the same title, “I Never Look Back”. Buddy also was an innovator in ski technology and ski race apparel. In March of 1964 Buddy joined 17 international skiers in St. Mortiz, Switzerland to film a ski documentary for Willie Bogner. An avalanche was set off and killed Buddy and Barbi Henneberger. Following Buddy’s death, Steamboat ski area, Storm Mountain was renamed Mt. Werner in 1965, the University of Colorado (where Buddy attended) established the Buddy Werner Memorial Scholarship Foundation, and the Bud Werner Memorial Library was built in Steamboat Springs in 1967.

Loris Werner (1941-), like his brother, Loris started as a ski jumper and transitioned into ski racing. Loris was an Olympic team member in 1964 (as an alternate in jumping) and in 1968 on the Alpine team. He won the National Downhill Championships in 1967, and both jumping and downhill championships at Junior Nationals in 1958. He served as the Vice President of Operations at the Steamboat Ski Area for approximately 20 years, the Mountain Manager (1981-84), and Ski School Director (1969-81).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION: The collection is comprised mainly of magazines and newspaper clippings of Buddy Werner. A large volume of scrapbooks created by Hazie Werner and Buddy’s wife Vonda Werner chronical Werner’s skiing career. A collection of 40 8 and 16mm home movie films depict family camping and hunting trips in surrounding mountains, ski competitions, and annual Winter Carnival events in Steamboat Springs. 3D objects such as jackets, sweaters, trophies, and skis complete the collection.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Skeeter & Bud (05.306.3):	
		Rocky Mt. Empire Magazine	Feb. 26 ,1950
		Photograph, Buddy, 2 copies (4126 & 75.13.208)	
		Newspaper page, Rocky Mt. News “Avalanche kills..”	April 13, 1964
		Newspaper clipping, “Profile of Sportsmanship”	
		Proclamation and induction of Bud to U.S. Ski Hall of Fame	June 14, 1964
		Funeral card, Skeeter Werner Walker	July 20, 2001
		Program, CO Ski Museum Hall of Fame Banquet	Mar. 14, 1984
		Funeral card, Doak Walker	Sept. 27, 1998
		Notecard, to Bill from Skeeter	
		Race results for Bud Werner	1947-1956
		Post card (05.448.1)	1951
		Post card, Bud Werner Memorial Library (by Ellen Winchell)	
	2	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. prints and papers	
		Color image of Hazie Werner	
		Black/white image a ski jumper at Howelsen Hill (Loris?)	
		“ (Loris?) (image by M.A. Compestine)	

Black/white image of Loris skiing at Aspen	1958
b/w print image of Marvin Crawford & Skeeter Werner Walker	
b/w print image of Buddy, Hazie, Ed Werner	
b/w image of Skeeter skiing (image by Dick Smith)	
b/w image of Skeeter skiing, close up (image by D.Smith)	
b/w image of ski jumper wearing bib #9	
b/w postcard of Skeeter skiing in Europe	
Postage stamps, 4 count, "VIII Olympic Winter Games, Calif. 1960"	
Program "Rocky Mountain Division directory"	1964-1965
b/w image of Buddy skiing with zigzag pattern sweater	
b/w image of Buddy ski racing with USA helmet	
b/w image of Buddy standing with skis on hill	
print material of Buddy	
program "In Memoriam of Wallace "Buddy" Werner"	
b/w image of Buddy ski racing at Innsbruck, mounted on board	
Cover page, Rocky Mountain News Parade	Jan. 22, 1956

(inside Box 1, top to bottom:)

Magazines

"Buddy Werner Ski League manual"	1967
"Denver"	Mar. 1965
"Steamboat Magazine"	1990
"Sports Illustrated" "The Winter Olympics"	Jan. 27, 1964
"Sports Illustrated" (10.306.4, 17.347.60) (3 copies)	Mar. 14, 1955
"Ski" "1960 Olympic Issue"	Feb. 1960
"Denver" (features The Story of Buddy Werner by Burroughs)	May, 1965
"Sports Illustrated" (10. 306. 5)	Feb. 3, 1958
"Sports Illustrated" (17.347.61) (2 copies)	Nov. 21, 1955
"Skiing" "Olympic Souvenir Issue"(17.306.2, 68.13.98a) (4 copies)	Feb.1964
"Life" "Avalanche Kills Skier..." (15.581.1)	Apr. 24, 1964
"Skiing"	Mar. 1964
"Skiing" "I'll Try Again"	Nov. 1962
"Life" "Doak Walker of Southern Methodist" (2 copies)	Sept. 27, 1948

BOX 2 Location: C.F. Upstairs Rack 1, Sec. 1C, Shelf 2

2	Werner family films (17.347.1-30) (<i>digital copies avail.</i>)	c. 1950-1963
3	Werner family films (17.347.31-45) (<i>digital copies avail.</i>)	c. 1952-1964

BOX 2 & 3 Location: C.F. Upstairs, Rack 2, Sec. 2A, Shelf 1

4	Werner Artifacts	
	Helmet, leather (17.347.46)	1957
	Helmet, plastic (17.347.47) *Located in Helmet Box 3	1957
	Helmet, leather (17.347.48)	
	Gloves, knit (17.347.49 a,b)	
	Sports Jacket (17.347.50) *Located on hanging Rack 9, Rod B	1968
	Jacket, canvas (17.347.51)	1958
	Trophy (17.347.52)	1956
	Trophy (17.347.53)	1951
	Silver cup award (17.347.54)	
	Trophy (17.347.55)	1952
	Award mug (17.347.56)	1961
	Award mug (17.347.57)	
	Award mug (17.347.58)	1952
	Award, medal NCAA, Buddy (10.529.1) *on display	

Camera (17.347.60)	
Film reel, empty (17.347.61)	
Skis, Kastle, Buddy (17.347.59a,b)*Located upstairs Rack 3, A	
Skis, Head (02.347.4) Buddy *Located Rack 3, A	
Skis, jumping skis, wood, Loris (02.347.5) *Located Rack 1, A	1958
Skis, jumping, Loris (97.355.1a,b) *Located Rack 2A	
Skis, jumping, Loris (97.355.2a,b) *Located Rack 2A	
Skis, Kastle, Loris (97.355.3a,b) *Located Rack 2A	
Skis, Kastle, Buddy (97.355.4a,b) *Located Rack 2A	
Skis, Kastle, Buddy (13.341.1a,b) *Located Rack 2A	
Sweater, kids knit (02.347.2) *Located TX 30	c.1950s
Sweater & hat, kids, knit (02.347.3a,b) *Located TX 30	
Boot, ski, kids (92.355.1) *Located Ski Box 5	1930s
Jacket, Olympic, Loris (92.347.1) *Located TX 83	1968
Necklace, jade, Hazie (12.282.1a,b)	
Record, vinyl, Skeeter (13.279.1) *Located upstairs PK 62	1958

BOX 4 Location: C.F. Basement, Rack 6, Sec. 1B

Color Slides Box 1 (inside boxes 1d-1e)

Werner family color photograph collection

1954-1955

A collection of approx. 700 slide transparency images featuring Werner family members skiing, hunting, and on site at international destinations

(digital copies avail.)

Color Slide Box 1 Location: C.F. Upstairs, Rack 1, Sec. 1H, Shelf 1

Collection of 19 bound scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, correspondence, magazine stories, and photographs of Buddy Werner's career.

Scrapbook Location: Collection Facility Upstairs, Drawer Unit 2, B & C

Historical photographs relating to the Werner family can be found on the museum's photograph database. www.treadofpioneers.org/photos.