

Rock Ledge Ranch

Rock Ledge Ranch is a sweet little historic site on the west side of Colorado Springs, next to Garden of the Gods. This old homestead is like stepping into a time machine from 1862-1907.

It all started when the Chambers Family traveled from Pennsylvania to Denver to improve Mrs. Chambers' health. They settled a 160 acre homestead just between Camp Creek and Garden of the Gods. They bought this land for \$1,400.00!

They worked the land by setting up tiny steam-powered greenhouses and digging ditches. Then, they started taking care of the community. Mrs. Chambers started a school for children. In addition, they used the second floor of their home to board tuberculosis patients. They were so helpful in their community!

In 1900 the Chambers Family sold Rock Ledge Ranch to William Jackson Palmer for \$17,000. Imagine that piece of real estate! Later, it became part of the Glen Eyrie Estate. Now, it is a really neat place where people of all ages can imagine being alive in the 19th century.

Rock Ledge Ranch is one of my favorite places to visit. There are so many cool things to learn from the past. If you want more information about Rock Ledge Ranch, go to www.rockledgeranch.com .