

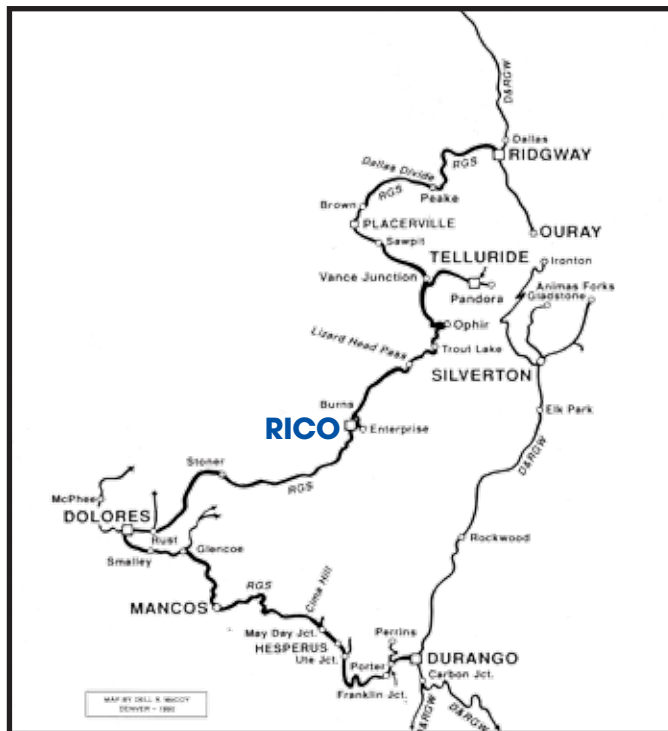
# We Need Your Help

to maintain the cemetery in a respectful manner

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P.O. Box 194  
Rico, CO 81321

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# Valley Rico Cemetery

## Rico, Colorado

### FIRST BURIAL

The need for a cemetery in Rico came about with the murder of Julius “Frenchy” Burgen on August 31, 1879 by George The “Kid” McGoldric (burial location unknown)



### MINING FATALITIES

Historically, 18 deaths have been recorded due to mining accidents; many of whom now reside in the Valley Rico Cemetery



### FIRST LAWMAN

First Lawman killed in the line of duty was Marshal George A. Smith; shot while trying to apprehend Tom Wall and Charlie “Trinidad” Cummings for stealing saddles from Schueler and Bang’s store on June 3, 1882. (burial location unknown)



### HARSH LIVING CONDITIONS

Harsh winters and primitive living conditions contributed to many deaths. Pneumonia and influenza were fairly common among children.



# MILITARY VETERANS

Memorial Day is a special event in Rico. People come from far and wide, rain or shine to honor veterans.

One of the first children to be buried in the Valley Rico Cemetery was Frankie L. Turner who died in 1880.

The Rico Cemetery is not without its' ghosts. Legend has it that the ghost of Georgie Edwards (killed when a horse dragged him through rocks and stumps) on June 6, 1897 has been seen sobbing for his mother in the west cemetery.

This brochure and improvements to The Valley Rico Cemetery were made possible by funding from The Rico Center and countless hours of work by our volunteers.

For more information,  
please visit:

The Rico Museum

The Rico Library

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Every year new flowers appear on this grave even though the name on the marker is hardly legible.

Reportedly, on the east side, he Wakeman brothers, baby Russell (died September 4, 1882) and older brother, Ralphie (died April 6, 1902) have appeared together as luminous forms.

