

## THE QUICK MEAL STOVE

The Quick Meal Stove now appearing in the Broomfield Depot Museum was purchased from a grant by the Chimney Sweeps Questers in 1992.

During 1924 Chester and Emma Witt purchased this stove in Carroll, Nebraska. As renters they moved from one farm to another always taking the stove with them.

In 1933, during the very bad depression, they moved to Denver and a job for Chester in a creamery; the stove and all their other belongings were towed behind their 1929 Chevrolet in a lumber wagon box mounted on a rubber tired Model T Ford truck chassis.

Too many long work hours in the creamery and a yearning to return home motivated them to tow everything back to Nebraska in 1935 where a 560 acre ranch was rented near the town of Chambers (about 120 miles north of Grand-

Island) Nebraska. During the especially cold winter of 1935-36 the cook stove oven was used to dry green cottonwood for fuel to cook and to heat the ranch house.

After several other moves in Nebraska they again returned to Denver in January 1937, then to Westminster, Colorado and then finally to their first owned home at 7410 Zuni Street.

The stove was actively used for cooking and heating until the year 1960 when it was relegated to the basement of a new house, where it provided heat for a comfortable family room or to about 1987.



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