

Ormes, Robert M.
English Department 1952-1973

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR THE COLORADO COLLEGE ARCHIVES

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DATE: 1/18/77

Name (print in full) Robert Manly Ormes

(as usually signed) Robert M. Ormes

ADDRESS Resident 22 E. Del Norte

Business same and CC Biology area

Date of Birth 9/27/1904 Place of Birth Colo. Springs

died Dec 22, 1994

Marriage (Date, Place, Wife's or Husband's Names, Where and When Born)

Suzanne Viertel, ^B2/4/1912, Staten Island N.Y.

Married in CS 12/25/1937

Subsequent Marriage(s) (Same Facts)

Children (Name, Dates, Places of Birth, Deaths, if any, Married Names, Present Addresses)

Jonathan Fairfield Ormes: 7/18/39;

Stephanie Jean (Ormes) Mader 4/17/42 (divorced)
PLFM Apartado 17 Huehuetenango,
Huehuetenango, Guatemala (C.A.)

Any Information About Your Forebears

Mother's forebears Scotch-Irish, Philadelphia
immigrants 19th Century

Father's forebears Revolutionary inhabitants
of Vermont - his grandfather Jonathan O. was
Revolution drummer boy, Gen of Vermont militia
in War of 1812; Family moved to Flint, Saginaw, etc
in Michigan 19th Century.

Relatives Who Have Attended Colorado College or Who Have Been Employed by C.C. (Dates)

Your Education (School, College, Dates, Degrees, Major)

College or University	Dates	Major	Degree	Date
Colorado College	AB 1926 1922-3, 1924-26	Eng	A B	1926
(1 year - a freshman repeat at Yale) 1923-4			MA	?
CC				

Thesis Subject: M.A. E. A. Robinson
 Ph.D. _____

Academic Honors, Fellowships, Honorary Degrees, etc.

Colorado College Information (When, Why, How You Came to Colorado College)

Lived here
 Tuition free

→ Taught English at Colorado College 1952-1973

Career History

Sprinkled with mountain-related
 inter ludes; included high school teaching
 1 year Hanover, SE of Fountain, 3 years Raton
 High, 1 year Segundo, Colo. Private schools in
 Colesprings - San Luis, Fountain Valley

Memberships in Organizations

- Professional
- Civic
- Social
- Church

Mountaineering: { American Alpine Club
 Colo Mtn Club
 Saturday Knights
 Face Poker

Public Positions Held (Dates, Places, etc.). Other Civic Service

Published Books, Articles, if Applicable

On record

Any Military Service (Dates, Places, Branches)

*Civilian Instructor, Mt. Cold Weather
Training Command 1940's*

Officers' English Classes (to eliminate Reportese)

Your Special Interests, Activities, Hobbies, etc.

Mtns - exploring, writing, mapping

Bridge

Wood splitting

Any Other Facts Which Would Be of Interest to Your Family, The Public or Historians
In Later Years

*I'm working up some memoir material.
Maybe it will be available in typed form.*

Date

1/18/77

Signature

Robert M. Ormes

Please enclose or send later a photograph if convenient, and mail to Special
Collections Librarian, Tutt Library, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903

*Note: Additional information will be appreciated -- on reverse of these pages or
other pages.*

RESUME: ROBERT MANLY ORMES

Personal Information

Birth: Sept. 27, 1904, Colorado Springs, Colo.; son of Eleanor and Manly Dayton Ormes, Colorado College Librarian 1904-1929
Marriage: Dec. 25, 1937, to Suzanne Ormes
Children: Jonathan, born 1939, and Stephanie Jean, born 1942
Current address: 22 E. Del Norte St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Telephone: (303) 634-7480

Education

B.A. Colorado College, 1926 (English)
M.A. Colorado College, 1927 (English)

Career

Teacher and principal, Colo. and New Mexico public schools, 1927-34
Teacher, Fountain Valley School, Fountain, Colo., 1935-51
Rock climbing and ski instructor, Camp Carson's Mountain and Cold Weather Training Command, World War II
Alpinist ranger, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.
English professor, Colorado College, 1952-73; Emeritus 1973-
Writer, lecturer, mountaineer, 1940's-present

Publications

See attached bibliography for books, atlases and articles
Most notable is Guide to the Colorado Mountains, now in its eighth edition
Forthcoming: Farewell to Ormes, autobiography scheduled for publication December 1984

Public Service

Member/teacher/leader of Adaman Club, American Alpine Club, Colorado Mountain Club, Saturday Knights (a Colorado Springs hiking club which has gone out every Saturday since 1904)
Member Colorado Education Association, National Education Association
Member Recreational Trails Committee, Colorado Division of Wildlife
Lecturer/leader of hikes (selected examples):
Lecture, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, "Poetry and the Land", October 1964
Colorado College Freshmen seminars on railroads, 1969-73
Three part lecture, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, on Colorado Railroads, 1975
Lectures and series of hikes, Past as Prologue series of Pikes Peak Regional Libraries, funded by National Endowment for the Humanities, 1981

Ongoing Projects

Naming mountains: with consultation of Colorado Mountain Club Committees, has worked over a long period of time to document names of many Colorado summits and get them officially accepted by National Board of Geographers
Atlas maps of various Colorado mountain regions: continues to work alone on this series; currently preparing atlas of Sangre de Cristo range

PUBLICATIONS OF ROBERT M. ORMES

- Ormes, Robert M., Colorado Skylines. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1967-74. 4 vol., illus. Book 1. Front range from the East; Book 2. The Parks; Book 3. Colorado River basin; Book 4. Southern section.
- Ormes, Robert M., The Elk range atlas. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978. 22 col. maps on 1 sheet.
- Ormes, Robert M., Gore-Tenmile atlas. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978. 2 maps on 1 sheet.
- Ormes, Robert M., ed., with the Colorado Mountain Club. Guide to the Colorado Mountains. 8th edition. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1983. First edition. Denver, Sage Books, 1952.
- Ormes, Robert M., Holy Cross area atlas. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978.
- Ormes, Robert M., Pikes Peak Atlas. Colorado Springs, Colo., 2nd edition, rev. 1966. First edition 1959.
- Ormes, Robert M., Railroads and the Rockies; a record of lines in and near Colorado. Denver, Sage Books, 1963.
- Ormes, Robert M., San Juan trio. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978. 3 maps: Silverton south atlas; Ouray to Lake City atlas; Ouray west and south atlas.
- Ormes, Robert M. Tracking ghost railroads in Colorado: a five-part guide to abandoned and scenic lines. Colorado Springs, Colo.: Century One Press, 1976, c1975.
- Ormes, Robert M., White River Plateau atlas. Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978.

In addition Professor Ormes has written articles for numerous magazines, including the Saturday Evening Post, Audobon Magazine, Science, Ski Magazine, Trail and Timberline, Field and Stream, Natural History, Sports Afield, Restaurant Management, American Alpine Journal, The Colorado College Magazine.

One of his first articles was a thirty page spread titled "Colorado's Friendly Topland" in the August 1951 issue of National Geographic.