

State Mining Pioneer Dies

DENVER, March 8 (AP)—The man who gave his name to Van Houten, a northern New Mexico mining town, died in Denver today.

Jan Van Houten succumbed at the age of 81. He was widely known in Colorado and New Mexico financial circles.

Until a week ago when he became ill, he had been active in the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coal Mining Co., of which he was the head.

Van Houten formed the mining firm in 1905 at Raton, N. M. One of its mining camps, 16 miles southwest of Raton, was given his name.

Van Houten was a native of Gronningen, Holland. He came to the United States at 19 and settled in Colfax county as manager of the Maxwell Land Grant Co.

He moved to Denver in 1937. He was a director of the Denver National Bank, American Crystal Sugar Co., and California Electric Co.

Jan Van Houten Obit

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