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Mary Curtis is known for, above all other things, her involvement and dedication to the Golden Pioneer Museum, which she has nurtured from its infancy to its present day size, location and stature.

After having grown up in the southwest and then having lived in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Wyoming, Montana, Washington D.C. and Brazil, Mary and her husband Bill moved to Lakewood, Colorado in 1976.

Since coming to Lakewood, she has been active with the Green Mountain Methodist Church, served as the vice-president of the Boulder chapter of Colonial Dames XVII Century, been governor of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, been a member of Dames of the Court of Honor, and been a member of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, and more.

As a past Regent in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary has successfully used her ability to inform and engage those around her to achieve numerous lofty goals. Although she has been involved in countless endeavors and organizations in and around Golden, among them the organizing of the City's first Candlelight Walk, the creating the partnership between the Golden Pioneer Museum and the Golden Landmarks Association in their annual Holiday House Tour, and in the founding of the Golden Cultural Alliance, which seeks to provide all of Golden's cultural organizations with a common forum in which to interact and communicate, she is known first and foremost for her contributions to the Pioneer Museum.

According to Mary, "When I first began dedicating my time at the museum, about 1978, they did not even have a typewriter! I took care of that."

Through the years, there have been many ups and downs for the Golden Pioneer Museum, but through it all Mary says that it has been the joy of her life to learn about the history of Golden and share it with visitors and tour groups who come to the museum.

The name Mary Curtis has become synonymous with the name Golden Pioneer Museum.