

ARAPAHO VALLEY RANCH

Owners:

(Miss Murray, spinster - homesteaded 360 acres, 1896, became Murray Camp, about a half mile east of Monarch)

(Brother of Miss Murray, lease camp to the Quinn Family)

(Harriet McCall Murray (or Mrs. Harriet McColl) Murray Fishing Camp/Resort - 1916)



Harriet and Bob Woolfolk. Harriet marries Bob Woolfolk, 1928

@1945 Woolfolks move Murray Camp buildings, and others, to form Arapaho Valley Ranch as original site to be flooded for CO-BT. Barn from KaRose (information from Jon Ogden)

Bob Woolfolk, upon death of Harriet - 1950/1960

Carol & Bob Wild - 1962/3

Matt and Barb Gold - 1980- 1985



Present Location:

Between Lake Granby and Monarch Lake, 160 acres

General Ranch Information:

* Murray Camp (Miss Murray), 360 acres homesteaded, "consisted of cattle, hay, guests and fishing."

* Murray Resort, (Quinn's lease) 1913 on the route of Denver and Salt Lake Railroad, advertised as 50 guests, \$2.00 or \$12.00/day. ("Maintained the guest ranch but focused primarily on cattle operations.")

* "Led to the development of the Arapaho Valley Ranch. Harriet McCall Murray (or Mrs. Harriet McColl) started at Murray Camp... When Mrs. Murray married Bob Woolfolk, they bought the Murray Camp buildings as well as some from the McDonald Ranch, KaRose Resort and the Knight Ranch... and moved them east to the present Arapaho Valley... The main lodge was created by connecting two of the Knight buildings. The recreation hall was the dance hall from the KaRose Resort.

* Harriet died in 1950. Bob Woolfolk "then rented cabins on a do-it-yourself basis. When he sold the ranch, he kept some acreage nearby which he divided into lots. Jon Ogden of Granby worked for them at age 16 in 1946-48. He made 50 cents a day with room and board, stayed with the cowboys, delivered wood and water to cabins and washed dishes.



**Bob Woolfolk, Jon Ogden, Robert & Harry
1948**



* When they bought it in 1962, Wilds started a dude ranch. The Wilds leased out the horse operation. Frank Wright's son Jim ran the horses. "Frank Wright later operated the horse concession. There was not enough meadow land to raise hay and most of it had to be purchased. Carol did the cooking, cleaning, and the paper work for the ranch, and Bob did the maintenance. Both entertained the guests. As their girls grew older, one baby-sat and the other helped with the horses. Their maximum number of guests was 100, which was about 50% American Plan and the other half housekeeping. 13 helpers in summer, and Wright had 4-6 wranglers.

*Golds ran the horse concession themselves.

* "Valhalla", the original Bob Woolfolk ranch house, is presently right across the bay on the left as you follow the road after it curves at the end of Arapaho Bay. The buildings moved up from the original site are in the present Arapaho Valley Resort, on the right side of the road. Bob Woolfolk would ride his motorcycle around out there.

Files:

Arapaho Valley
Murray Family

Pictures:

Newspaper article picture of Harriet Woolfolk, 1922
Other pix from "Dude Ranches"
Murray Family photos



