

## KAROSE RESORT

### Owners:

Mining Camp on the property - late 1880s – town of Monarch. Then, Hans Dierks built sawmill and box factory.



**Donkey Engine**

**Flume to bring logs to Monarch Lake**

**Town of Monarch**



Harry L. Dierks, Vice-President Dierks Lumber & Coal Co., Kansas City, MO, who built it, named it for his two daughters.- 1927  
Under CO-BT 1946

**Location:**

16 miles southeast of Grand Lake, 15 miles northeast of Granby, 2 miles below Monarch Lake (Reservoir), adjacent to Arapaho Creek.  
"Built on and expanded from the abandoned town of Monarch along the south fork of the Colorado River."



**Colvin Kemp at  
KaRose**

### **General Ranch Information:**

- \* Dierks installed a fish hatchery, and put fingerlings in Monarch Lake.
- \* "Large resort... a small community... cottages, a small hotel, bowling alley, theater and dance hall... Most cabins were housekeeping units, but the American Plan was offered in the lodge. Horseback riding, fishing, and other diversions were offered."
- \* "Take Victory Highway, U.S. 40 out of Denver to Granby. KaRose auto meets trains and stages at Granby."
- \* 1946, the dance hall sold to Arapaho Valley Ranch, and property flooded for CO-BT. Bowling alley went to Granby. "Francis Osborne, who with two partners bought Monarch Lake, moved some of the buildings from KaRose to the lake where they built a small resort. The government later bought Monarch Lake and removed all evidence of the buildings there." The barn was moved from KaRose to present-day Arapaho Valley Ranch. (from Jon Ogden)
- \* "While the natural beauty and wildness of the park has been preserved, many conveniences... long distance telephone, general store, daily delivery of mail from Granby, KaRose has its own electric light plant and pipes its own supply of pure delicious snow water. Modern Hotel - Excellent meals. Rates - \$4.00 per day American plan. Completely furnished cabins electrically lighted - \$15.00 per week and up. Season June 15th to October 1st." (about 1930s)
- \* KaRose Club formed of backers (see advertising brochure in file). President, Treasurer, Director was Frank Cooksey, Granby.
- \* Flume from Monarch used at KaRose "to refrigerate milk, watermelons, butter, and other perishable items since some of the cabins did not have refrigerators."
- \* "There was a beautiful winding country road with a pretty wooden bridge leading to KaRose. Prairie chickens would jump out in front of your car and hundreds of deer used to graze on what are now the western slopes of Lake Granby, along the 'Knight Ridge'."
- \* "Ed McDonald, a dude rancher, put a Cadillac touring car on flanged wheels to carry mail, supplies, passengers to his ranch, KaRose, and the Lehman Ranch." There were a power plant and street lights (from Jon Ogden)
- \* One of the Dierks daughters (granddaughter?), whom KaRose was named after, married Neenan (later the construction company?) , and had 12 children. They all stayed in a cabin at Jackie Boyd's when they'd come up to visit.

**Files:** KaRose

**Pictures:** Advertisement, Hotel, Plat Map, Brochure

Lake Granby was down in water level several years ago and the foundations of Monarch and KaRose were exposed. Joe Cunningham took these pictures.

