

KNIGHT RANCH

Owners:

Harry F. Knight- early 1920s

Harry H. Knight - 1933

Flooded for CO-BT - 1946

Location:

1,500 acres in original ranch, early 1920s

Under Granby Reservoir, along the lower end of the "Knight Ridge", still visible from Arapaho Bay Road (Hwy 6).



Knight Landing Field

General Ranch Information:

* The original road, now under Lake Granby, ran along the bottom of Knight Ridge, past Knight Ranch, McDonald Ranch, KaRose, The Angler's Club, Knight School, et al.

*Earliest ranch "boasted a miniature golf course, a 28-room estate, a private guest 'cabin', a good selection of livestock, and an array of entertainment..." (Harry F. Knight Ranch)

* "With the help of Harry Morris, ranch manager, (Harry H.) Knight turned the ranch into a major breeding and beef cattle operation." Harry H., with Lindbergh and one other partner, formed The Spirit of St. Louis organization and funded Lindbergh's 1927 trans-Atlantic flight.

*CO-BT would flood the property. "Morris bought out the cattle and most of the buildings were sold..." Some buildings sold to Harriet McCall Murray Woolfolk for the Arapaho Valley Ranch. Their "main lodge was created by connecting two of the Knight buildings."

* Knight Ranch bought up Lehman Ranch, Killie Ranch.

* Knight School, according to Jackie Boyd, was about where the South Fork ran into the Colorado, near the present Bill Welch house (which was moved up for CO-BT). , Since moved up on side of Table Mountain by Bill Welch. Tim Coulter also lived in it. (The house recently, early 2012, had extensive roof damage; winds blew it off.)

* Some buildings on the right across from present Arapaho Bay Campground are Knight Ranch originals.

* Ray Matson was also ranch manager.

* Pat Raney explained that the view overlook off Hwy 34 says Harry Knight made his fortune with Mumm Champagne.

Files:

Knight, Harry

Murray, Thomas, Lou

KaRose

Pictures:

Arapaho Valley showing Knight Landing Field

Knight Ranch from the air



Lindberg Plane – Richard Spitzmiller and children



Knight Ridge today