

RHONE RANCH

Owners:

John H. "Johnny" Gains

Henry Wolcott Rhone - cabin built 1918, homesteaded 1920

Portion of property lying east of Colorado River sold to US January 1951.

Rest of property sold to Holzwarth interests; acquired by Nature Conservancy March 1974, transferred to US February, 1975.

Location:

North Fork, nine miles from Grand Lake

W1/2 of the SW1/4, the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, and the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 25, Town 5 North, Range 76 West

General Ranch Information:

* Original property was 360 acres, reduced to 180 acres over time. Jimmy Reed presently owns the back 80 acres, near the GL Golf Course.

* According to Aron Rhone, Gains built the Gains Ditch, which ran a bit below the later Red Top Valley Ditch (see Church Ranch). The Gains Ditch started above Winding River Ranch, and went past the old "dump road" 466. RMNP wanted to buy the irrigation rights (#12?) , but Gains refused. Aron says the Gains Ditch was "pretty much ignored" once the Red Top Valley Ditch was built, but Jackie Boyd disagrees as no one there has water in the Red Top Ditch. They would have to use the Gains Ditch, unless they just use the Red Top to transport water.

* By 1921, Henry Rhone family in town, Corner Cupboard, not on homestead.

* Developed land along Shadow Mountain Reservoir, "Shorewood"

Files:

Rhone, Henry W. & Carolyn

Pictures:

Brochure for Shorewood
Pix of Carolyn and Henry

**Cabin construction
unusual for the area.
Vertical logs typical of
French construction.**

