

Mary (Mamie) Schnoor

Mary was born about 1906 in Grand Lake to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schnoor. Her mother left shortly after she was born. (Some references say she died and others just say she left.)

Henry Schnoor sent his children to an orphanage in Denver for a short time but Mary needed personal care so Henry brought them back to Grand Lake and placed under the care of the Harbison family in 1907. Rob Harbison said that little Mary was so weak she was unable to raise her head when the girls were brought to the ranch. He remembers his mother bringing her home and carrying her into the cabin on a pillow.



Mr. Schnoor regularly came to the ranch to see the children and when he remarried Carrie Schuster in 1913, wanted them to live with him. The older daughter, Beatrice, went but Mary refused to leave the only home she knew and was raised by the Harbisons.

Mary attended school in Grand Lake.



Mary had a son, Howard James born in March 8, 1932, died Aug 3, 2003.

In 1938 the Harbison sisters died and Mary Schnoor received the Harbison ranch from the sisters' estates. Their brother Rob received land in Grand Lake. Mary married Clyde Gudgel, the Ranch's hired man from Carbondale, Colorado and they continued to operate the ranch. In 1952 Rocky Mountain National Park purchased 130 acres from the Gudgels for \$28,000. In 1953 the park purchased 14 acres in Columbine Subdivision #2 from Mr. and Mrs. Rob Harbison for \$2,000.

