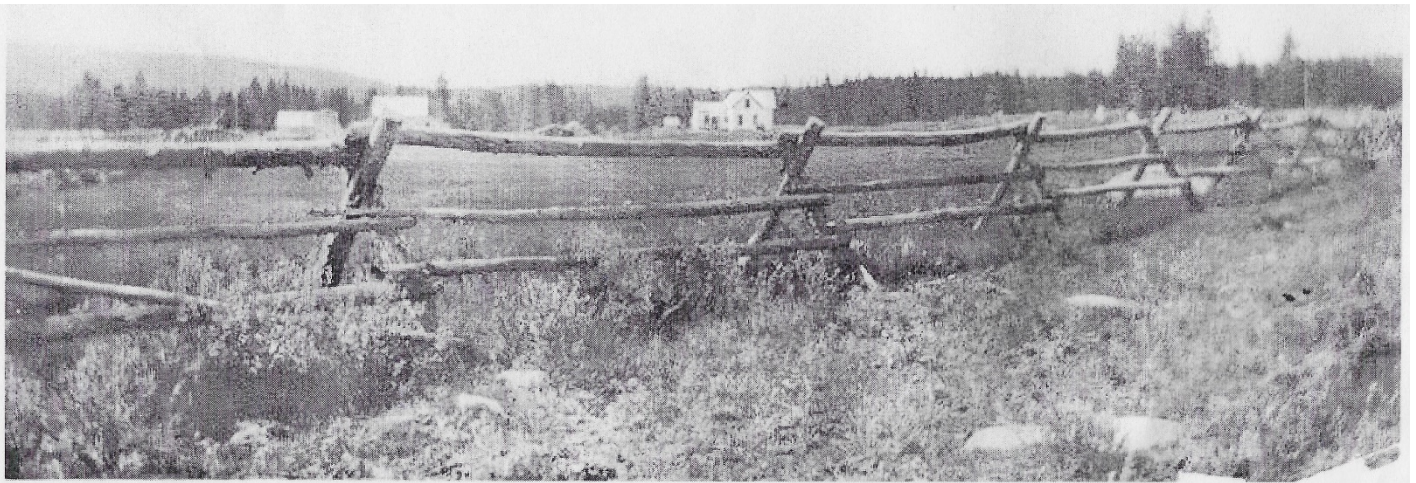
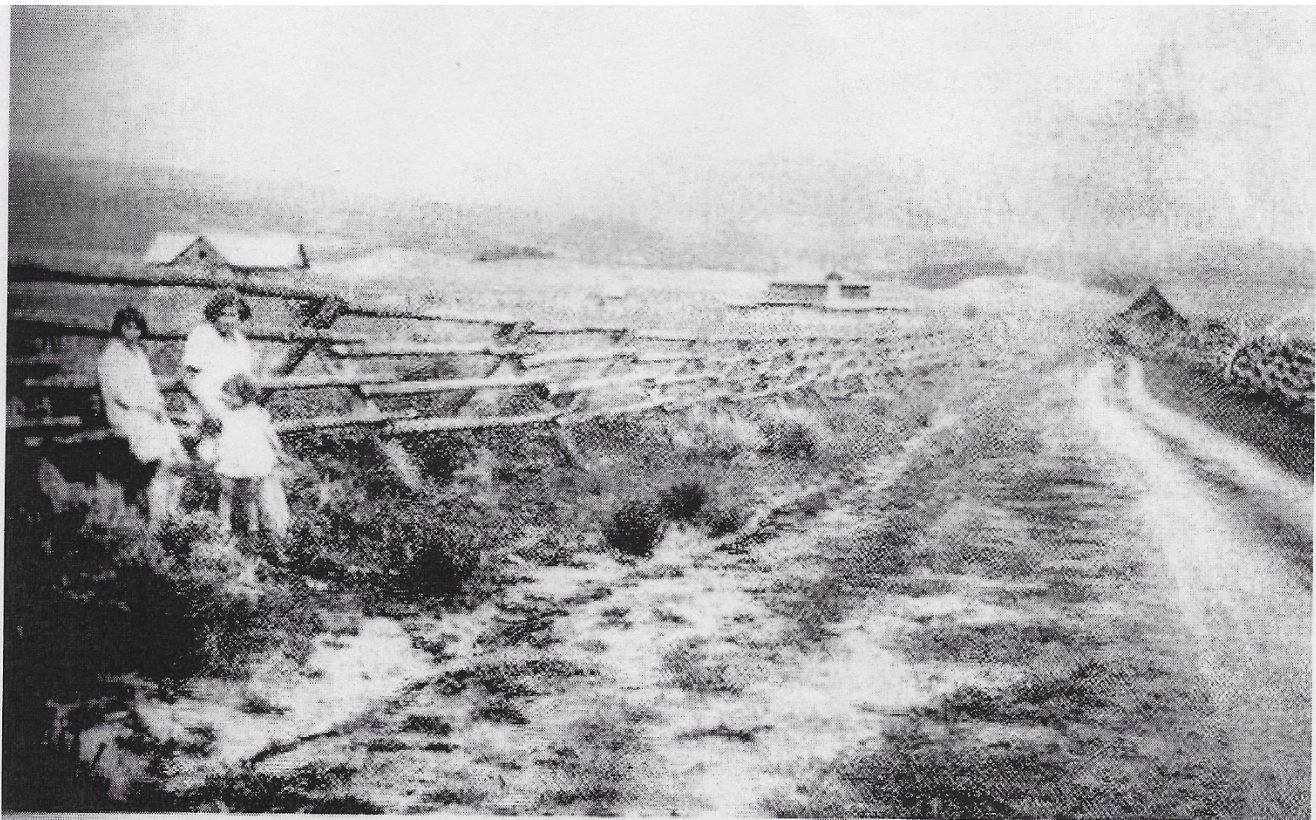


Homesteaders and Ranchers

The Homestead Act of 1861 opened up the West to settlement, offering Civil War veterans and Americans from the crowded cities of the East an opportunity for free land – 160 acres available for a \$10 filing fee and proof of improvement; and after five years a deed to the property was awarded to the applicant. The Grand Lake area was late in the development of ranches due to the poor roads and long winters. The Lehman, Harbison, Johnston, Spitzmiller, Adams families and others established ranches in the area below Grand Lake during the late 1800s and raised cattle. In the early 1900s the Holzwarth and Rhone families homesteaded in the Grand River Valley.



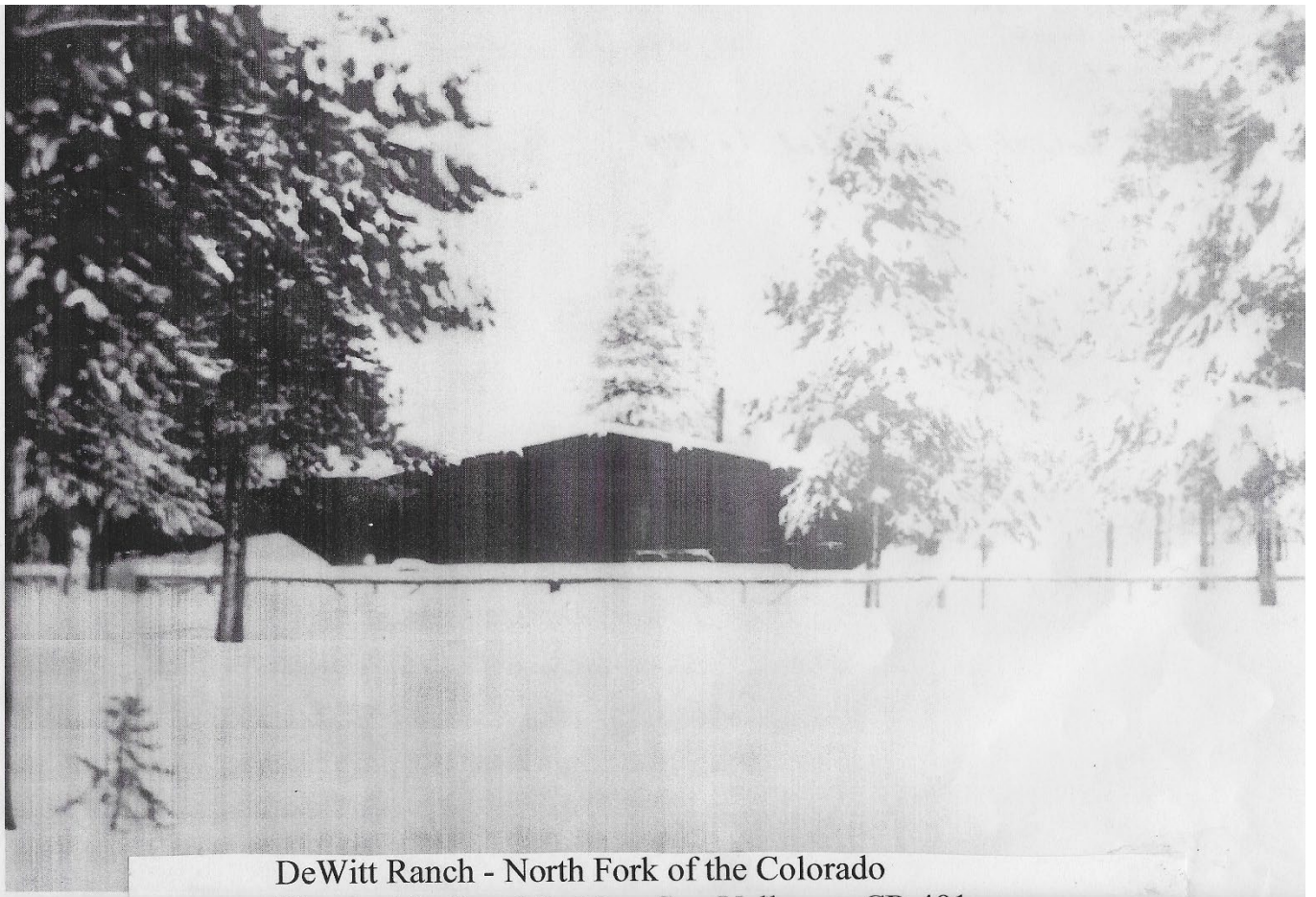
Stillwater Ranch - now under Granby Reservoir



Buck fences line the road on the Stillwater Ranch, Grand Lake.



Harbison Cabin on Columbine Lake
Originally was a fish hatchery in late 1890s.



DeWitt Ranch - North Fork of the Colorado

HOMESTEAD PATENT -- KITTIE HARBISON 1902

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The United States of America,

To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 5570

Application 17477

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Denver, Colorado, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, a claim of Kate Harbison has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the Lots numbered three and four of Section thirty and the Lots numbered one and two of Section thirty-one and two townships four north of Range seventy-five West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Colorado, containing one hundred and sixty-two acres and sixty-six hundredths of an acre according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now Know Ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Kate Harbison

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Kate Harbison and to her heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof I, Theodore Roosevelt, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.



Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT: Theodore Roosevelt
By: J. M. Mitchell Secretary.

Colorado.
Recorded, Vol. 107, Page 386

By: J. M. Mitchell
Recorder of the General Land Office.

Filed for record on the 1st day of Dec. A. D. 1901, at 3 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded in Book 17 at page 226
By: Kate Harbison
Deputy.
D. H. Harrison
Recorder.

BOOK 17, 226

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HOMESTEAD PATENT -- ANNIE HARBISON 1902

The United States of America,

To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 5569

Application 17473

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Denver, Colorado, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Annie Harbison has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section thirty and the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section thirty, in Township four North of Range seventy the West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, T6S, R70W, Colorado, containing one hundred and sixty acres according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now Know Ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Annie Harbison the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Annie Harbison and to her heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof I, Theodore Roosevelt, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirtieth seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

By

T. M. McLean Secretary

W. H. Brush Recorder of the General Land Office.

Colorado
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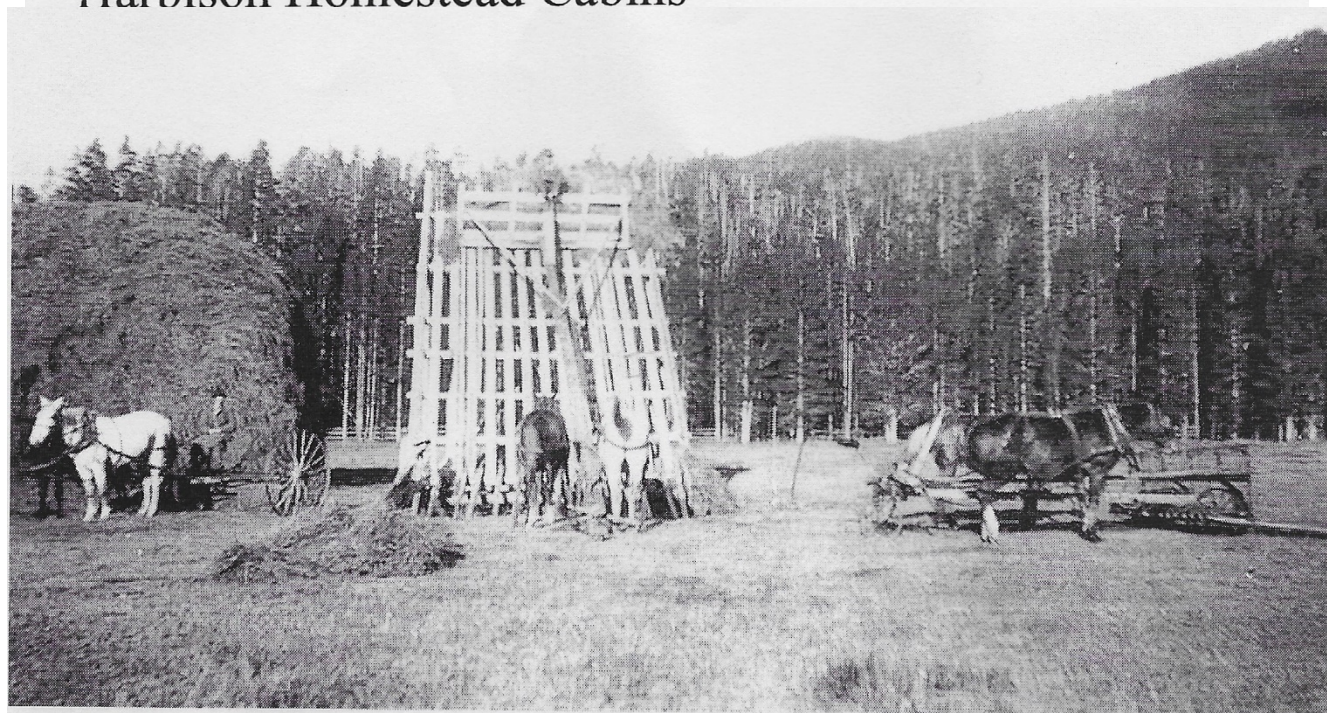
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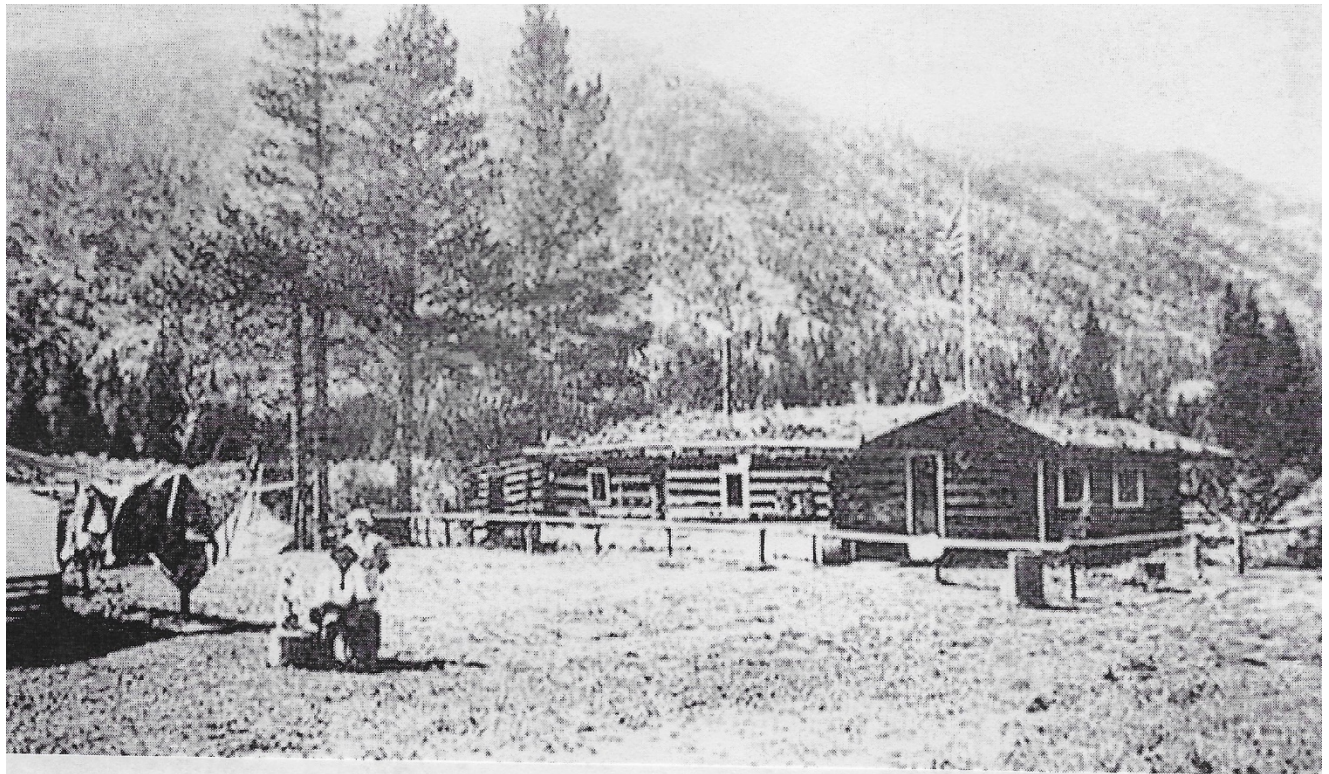
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Harbison Homestead Cabins



Haying on Harbison Meadow in 1925



Robert Wheeler's Hotel de Hard Scrabble
1/2 mile up the Colorado River Trail in RMNP



Picture taken in 1911 near Grand Lake
Margaret, Eva B., and Minnie Gebhard



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you will find ---

answers every question you have in mind regarding a vacation in Colorado.

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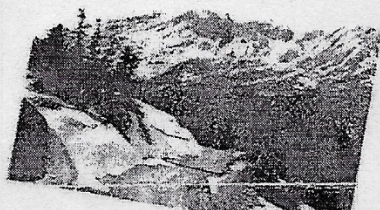
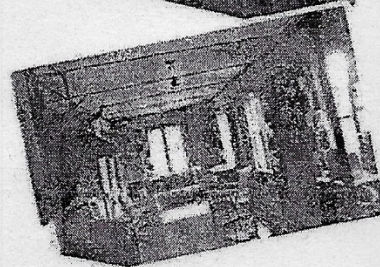
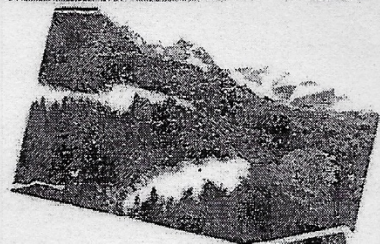
If you are driving out, the ideal route to Holzwarth's from Denver is via the Big Thompson Canon to Estes Park, thence across the Continental Divide through unforgettable scenic grandeur by way of the Trail Ridge Road which leads directly to our door.

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