

# “...NOT EVEN GHOSTS, BUT RATHER PHANTOMS...”



## From Ashes to Resort

In 1912, what was left of the town of Monarch was converted into the plush Ka Rose Resort. The resort catered to the elite.

Celebrities such as Charles Lindbergh frequented the resort. Lindbergh would land his plane on Harry Knight's ranch, who was of the Mumm's champagne family and who helped finance Lindbergh's flight to Paris. In 1946, when construction of the Granby Reservoir began, Ka Rose was moved and the land was purchased by the government.

Scenic Byway



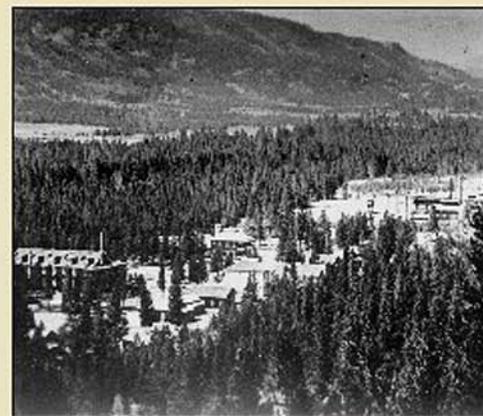
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*“It gave us a queer feeling to realize that substantial things like railroads and buildings that we helped build have vanished. Was it all a dream? Monarch and the railroad are not even ghosts but rather phantoms that now exist only in memory and imagination.”*

~ Frank Wolcott

Frank Wolcott was one of the original workers of the Rocky Mountain Lumber Company that constructed the town of Monarch. In 1904, they had created a minor empire based on timber harvesting. They built a company town complete with a sawmill, box factory, offices, homes, an assembly hall and their own railway company. Using Japanese and Bulgarian laborers, a dam was built across Arapaho Creek creating Monarch Lake. The lake, along with a system of man-made canals and flumes, served to transport logs to the sawmill. They also imported the bulk of the town's population, en masse, from the timberlands of Michigan.



The historic town of Monarch



Working on the historic Rocky Mountain Railroad

Unfortunately, when the box factory burned in 1908, the town collapsed like a house of cards. There was an attempt to reorganize, but it failed. Eventually, the remains of the town and railroad were removed. Highway 34 from Granby to Grand Lake is the old railroad grade. What was left of the town now lies at the bottom of Lake Granby.

Arapaho National Forest



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