

101 Horn Street, Black Hawk, CO 80422

Otto Rudkamp was the owner of the house which can still be found in the archive pictures of Black Hawk from the 1880's. After he bought it he started to put in modern plumbing although being a practical man left the outhouse. It is still located to the side of the main house today. But Otto was in failing health and required nursing care. He hired Mrs. Collins, the marshal's wife. She inherited the house and later passed it on to her three children.

The Lorenz family purchased the house in fall of 1963. It was gutted and remodeled including 2 1/2 functional bathrooms. Finished in February 1964 Bill and Kay moved in with 2 small daughters. One month later a first born son arrived to a new nursery. Two more children filled the bedrooms. In 1978 the garage was erected with a pool room above. It was built uphill from the house to accommodate the rock outcroppings. The space between the two buildings created room for a pantry and a breakfast area.

The original front yard space was quite small. Work was begun several years after they moved in on rock terraces from the street to the house. By 1970 the children had an enclosed area safe from traffic. To not incur further property taxes an above ground pool was installed on the lowest terrace. The rock outcroppings were skirted and the stairs zigged around them. The original property which is similar to the landscape to the immediate south had been transformed.

With the children grown the family downsized and Bill and Kay moved to their ranch property leaving behind many memories of happy times.