



**A & D. RAMSHORN RANCH DISTRICT**  
**28605 County Road 37, 14 miles southeast of Hayden**

Ridges and stone outcroppings are located to the north of the Ramshorn Ranch building complex area; an open meadow with a spring is located to the south. The Ute Indians used the water from the spring and the meadow as a gaming area; Native American artifacts have been found on the property. The District consists of the main house, the lambing barn, a cold cellar, the white outhouse, the Mount Harris House, an open shed and other sheds, the gray barn, the old wooden barn (pictured), the calving shed, the combination outhouse and shed, chicken coops, and the homestead house. Landscape features, structures, and objects include fencing livestock pens and corrals, a chute, a natural spring, an open meadow, and native grasses, flowers, and shrubs. The Ramshorn Ranch represents the homesteading movement in Routt County and the continuation of the region's agricultural heritage in high-country ranching and farming. Its buildings display the typical modest construction indicative of the area, and demonstrate evolving needs over time and through various owners.

The horizontal-wood-sided, hipped metal roofed, 12' x 24' Mount Harris House was originally located in the Mount Harris mining community and was auctioned and relocated to its current location in 1958. The moving of buildings was indicative of a homesteading-days' practice; many other Mount Harris houses, build by the coal company for its workers, are currently located in Steamboat Springs.

William Yoast acquired a patent on 260 acres in 1901. He and his family, early settlers of the area, cleared the land of sagebrush to successfully raise hay, grain, and cattle. They also constructed the homestead house. An additional 80-acre parcel was acquired in 1911. The Yoasts' efforts helped the nearby community by the provision of agricultural products as well as proved that agriculture was viable in the area, which provided a framework for future settlers.

George Dunckley, considered another pioneer homesteader, owned parcels of land that have since been absorbed into the current 400-acre Ramshorn Ranch. Over time, Dunckley expanded his land and cattle holdings, served as a Routt County Commissioner, and was the

Dunckley Postmaster for 15 years. Such land acquisition methods reflect the broader homestead movement and land settlement in the West.