

COLOROW SCHOOL
Grand County, Colorado, School District No. 6

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FIRST COLOROW SCHOOL

The following is a combination of portions of the handwritten Daisy Jenne papers (Courtesy GCHA), the 1939-1940 Grand County Grade School history project, GCHA MS File 15, and portions of a letter from Clara Yust Howe to Beulah Yust dated May 12, 1964:

The first trail across School District 6 was the old Ute Trail over which the stagecoaches traveled, connecting the East to the West. It crossed between Lawson Ridge and Blue Ridge (Copper Mountain) just north of the old Harsha place. It then dropped down the river to about one and one-half miles south of Colorow School (1939 location) to the ford at the Pharo place. Here it swung over toward Dice hill. Horses were changed at the Abbett place. Then the Ute trail swung over Dice Hill and down Sheephorn Creek.

Freighters from Kremmling to Dillon sometimes changed horses at Colorow Post Office (Pharo Ranch). A bridge (same location as the ford) was just below the Pharo house, and that road led to the first Colorow school house on the flats across west of the Blue River opposite the Thomas Pharo place. The first annual meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 6 Colorow Grade School near Kremmling was held May 6, 1889 at the residence of Thomas Pharo. Here a board of directors was elected. Mrs. Peter Engle got the ranchers with children interested and put up a building of logs. [This building was seemingly closer to the Engle/Shufelt/Noonan Ranch than the later hewn log building that was located on the edge of the flat west of the Pharo house]. The schoolhouse was not very warm because it was built of green logs which left big cracks between them when they dried. This school building was of unhewn logs, the roof of slabs and flat. The ceiling was not very high and was not ceiled inside. The door and one window was in the south, one window on either side. Ranchers bought soap in large quantities in big wooden boxes. By putting legs on them they were converted into desks for the pupils. Furniture consisted of wooden tables, teepee [Sibley?] stoves and seats (benches) made of plain slabs. There is no known photo of this school.

County Superintendent J. N. Pettingell recommended the Harper Bros. System of text books, which was adopted at the May meeting, 1890.

The children who went to that first school were Maude Engle, Henry Pharo, Charles and Clara Yust, Luther Shufelt and his sister Gladys. Colorow's first teacher was Amelia McKay, whose wages were \$60. Total. The teacher in 1890 was Ada Eubank, who taught for six months and board for \$20. per month. (Board at this time was \$12 per month). She also taught the next year for the same wage/price for 4 months.

I suspect this is the same building and location as described by Clara Amelia Yust Howe in letter to Beulah Yust May 12, 1964:

"...local families voted in school elections at the school houses... "ours Dist. #6 -- the first school house, a dirt roofed log cabin four windows no screens so plenty of mosquitoes and flies in summer as we had summer school in the early days.

"4 Pharo, 1 Shufelt, 1 Engle, (Mrs.) Dora Wendling Field, 4 Yust. Mrs. Clorinte Duquette Jefferson never attended the Colorow School. Frank Stafford and Smiths, then later Alice Stafford's sisters stayed with Engles and attended the Colorow School."

Other notes from GCHA MS File 15

In 1892 Louise Klein was hired at \$25 per month and board for a term of four months.

In 1894 Alice Thompson was hired for \$40 per month for a five or six month school term. At the end of three months Miss. C. M. Ritchie substituted and finished the term.

In 1896 the wages were lowered to \$25 per month. In 1904 Lottie McDonald taught Colorow's first seven month term. (Any connection to Jim McDonald, who married Maude Pharo?)

The 1889 road led past the school house to Peter Engle's house, later M. E. Noonan's ranch and then to the (E. C.) Yust ranch.

Downstream you crossed the Blue River above [the later?] Ed Yust's place on a pole bridge, one small pole beside another (corduroy), no banisters (railings).

[Editor's question: A few piling and part of an approach road for the west end of a bridge as well as part of an approach road on the east still remain in 2011. Is this the same bridge or location as the bridge which E. C. Yust helped build in 1908? This bridge was replaced by the two span steel bridge built by Charlie Switzer/Levy Construction Co. for State Highway #11 (Trough Road, Grand Country Road #402, now Grand County Road #1) in 1914.

Maude Pharo McDonald gave Grand County a Quit Claim Deed dated Nov. 2, 1914 for a ROW for the two span steel bridge erected at the present Yust ranch headquarters. This replaced the log bridge that was built ½ mile upstream in 1908 (some piling on the west approach and parts of this older Trough Road are still in evidence. E. C. Yust helped build this bridge. See description of this bridge in GCHA papers -- countywide Grade school project 1939-1940, MS Collection 15-- and below)].

Tom Pharo Sr. freighted from Dillon, in the fall, and stored groceries, barrels of flour, sorghum from Missouri, to be sold to the people in the winter. When the snow was bad people had to snowshoe down the Blue River. Mr. Charles Free, Sr. from the Sheephorn, carried the mail on the Blue in 1898 by snowshoe.

In the early days there was not money enough in the School Fund so the parents had to make up the balance of \$25.00 per month to pay the teacher and board her besides.

Mrs. E. H. (sic E. C.) Yust who then lived in the Colorow District told about riding horseback from their ranch on the Blue through Byers Canyon with money to pay their taxes along with those of two neighbors in 1893 (year of the panic). The teacher being paid with warrants that could not be cashed. So she paid the taxes with the teacher's warrants, which the County Treasurer could not very well refuse, so gave the teacher her money.

SECOND COLOROW SCHOOL

Colorow School District 6, was held second c.1901-1902 in the homestead cabin of Capt. Charles Yust, who came from Canton, Missouri for a visit in 1899, filed a homestead application on 160 acres adjoining south of the E. C. (Charley) Yust Homestead west of the Blue River on Sept. 8, 1900, settled on the land Sept. 17, 1900, established actual residence May 1, 1901, Final Patent was approved by the U. S. General Land Office on Nov. 19, 1904. (See Daisy Jenne paper below).

See GCHA photo #3706, acc. #86-51-1, donated by Glenn Pharo, date 1901-1902.

Adults standing back row, left to right: Maude Pharo (McDonald/Switzer), Henry W. Pharo, Dora Wendling (teacher; m. Fred Field 1900), Miss. Katherine Mills – teacher.

Front row, Left to right: Ted Engle, Bill Yust [born Sept. 13, 1889], Tom Pharo (younger), unknown boy, Nettie A. Pharo (Hartman). Compare Nettie Pharo, Maude Pharo, Bill Yust and Ted Engle in the Clara Yust wedding photo Sept. 16, 1903.

Henry Yust moved this cabin up "Henry's Gulch" northwest of the E. C. Yust Homestead (Old Place/Home Place/Old Home Place) in the teens to use as his homestead cabin, then Ed Yust moved it c.1948 with his new D6 Caterpillar to Beaver Creek where Al Erickson converted it into a fish hatchery.

(Al was also the stone mason who built the stone walls on both sides of US 40 on the steep hill west of Empire. Two of these walls are still in place on the uphill (North) side of U. S. Highway 40. He also built the "White House" and the smaller Bunkhouse at the Ed Yust ranch headquarters out of the "Old Hotel" - General Office and Rooming House of the New Century Light and Power Company - that was built after 1902 in the mouth of Gore Canyon).

The cabin fell into disuse after Al died, then in summer in the early 1970's [1972 or 73?] Jim Yust went to the Ponds to go fishing and found that irrigating water from the adjoining Jedd Roe's Eagle Pass ranch had slid the hillside and dumped the cabin into a pond. A couple of the logs are stored at the E. C. Yust Homestead. Some logs and the hatchery boxes are still in the pond. So far no photos of the cabin in either its' second or third locations have turned up.

THIRD COLOROW SCHOOL

Colorow School was held third in a hewn log building on west side of Blue River at top of hill above the log Pharo bridge/ford [current location of the concrete bridge built by Blue Valley Ranch/Paul Jones]. There is no known photo of the school in this location.

In 1906 Grace Gregory taught a four month (winter) school for \$40 per month. Wages were at a standstill then until 1911 when Helen Singleton received \$50 per month.

A note in one of Dorothy Yust Traber's books says a Miss. Bleesdale was teacher in School District #6 (Colorow) in 1909.

A reference elsewhere says a Lily Bleersdale Gibbs was at Colorow 1909-1910.

In 1910 Colorow joined Kremmling for a Union High School, and a six month term was voted for Colorow.

FOURTH COLOROW SCHOOL

Ed Yust attended 2nd Grade in Chief Colorow's dugout/cabin in its' Elliott Creek location at age 8, 1910. The teacher was Miss. Rhea Gallinger (Esmiol). After 1912 Rhea taught the Slate Creek School in Summit County. See Paul Gilbert photo Oct. 27, 1979 of Ed Yust at the Chief Colorow dugout/ cabin site.

FIFTH COLOROW SCHOOL

Marion DeBerard Pharo taught school at Grand Lake, Colorado in 1901 and 1902, and taught school at Colorow (probably summer school) in 1903, she met Henry Pharo while teaching at Colorow and boarding at Pharo's Colorow Ranch, and married him in Oct. 1903. Henry died in 1908. Marion (Marian) was a daughter of Willis DeBerard of the Kremmling DeBerard family. After Henry died, Marion taught school at Grand Lake 1910-1911, met Jack Schilz there, and married him in Golden,

Colorado June 11, 1911

In 1911 it was decided to move the [hewn log] school from the old location [where it had been built west of the Pharo bridge] to a point on the county road [later Colo. 9] near J. H. Cather's house (now John Deringer's). The ground was donated by Cather so long as used for school purposes. The work of moving the school house was donated. [It was disassembled, moved, then re-assembled]. An eight month term was voted for the school.

The hewn log building at the third Colorow School location was disassembled and moved to the fifth and final location for holding school (second location for this building) on the William "Billy" Bauer/J. H. Cather/John F. Deringer place [later Harold and Warren Taussig] c. 1911/12 where Ed Yust went to third grade.

See Photo - Colorow School (Wm. "Billy") Bauer Place.

The following paragraph is quoted from History of Grand County School Districts Compiled by Grand County Grade Pupils, 1939-1940, GCHA MS 15.

It is constructed of log, then inside papered with wall paper and wainscoted. A heatrola stove and adjustable seats and desks with drop-lid tops, a water-cooler for water, a book case with a good collection of library books, dictionaries, typewriter, piano and many other modern conveniences may be found in the school room today. Modern swings and rings have been provided for the children's recreation. The school room is equipped with a fire extinguisher.

Ed Yust attended Colorow School at its fifth location during his 3rd through 6th grade years.

3rd grade at the location on the Cather/ Bauer /Harold Taussig Place, age 9, 1911 [see book "Pigs Is Pigs" given to Ed by his teacher, Miss. Gallinger for Christmas, 1911] See Yust family photos, log building and same building with fake brick metal siding added (same siding was on more than one local school).

4th grade, age 10, 1912, teacher Rhea Gallinger.

5th grade, age 11, 1913, teacher Marie Bellman.

Island in the Rockies (Bob Black) p. 333 says that a very young lady teacher, Marie Bellman was at Colorow in 1913.

Rhea Gallinger taught at Slate Creek in Summit County in 1913 (Taught children named Palmer, Christensen, Lindstrom etc.) She also helped found the Episcopal Church in Kremmling in 1913, married Cliff Esmiol in 1917, her first child Elbert, born 1920, worked long time for USBR, died Aug., 2009.

Ed attended 6th grade at Colorow School, age 12, 1914 (two months of school, teacher said he didn't have enough school to get in to 7th grade).

In 1914 Edward (Ed) Yust was given a 1st Edition 1907 copy of The Lure of the Dim Trails by B. M. Bower by his teacher, Clara Ganson.

Long time friend of Dorothy and Georgia Yust, Ethel (Barnsie) Barnes, daughter of long time DNW&P/D&SL Conductor George Barnes was a teacher (at Colorow ?) in 1914. One photo shows her riding a roan MY horse at the E. C. Yust Home Place/ Old Place, so suspect she was boarding at the Yust Ranch at the time. Dorothy Yust (Traber) graduated from high school in Kremmling in 1914 then went to Teacher's Colleges at Greeley for two years to get a teacher's certificate.

In 1918 an anteroom or hall [claokroom? the end of the roof was sloped] with the entrance door facing east was added to the school house.

Teacher's wages in 1916 were \$60 per month. In 1922 Ina Moore received \$100 and \$80 for two months after Christmas. In 1923 wages were lowered to \$80. In 1926 wages were raised to \$90. Then again they were lowered to \$80 until 1939 when they were raised to \$90.

See Yust family photo - File 8033 probably taken by Dorothy Yust (Traber).

See Yust family photo - File 8063 Colorow School w/Swing Set.

When Jeanne Yust (born Aug. 15, 1936) was ready to start school, Ed and Beulah had no use for Mrs. "B" Baumgarten so Ed had part of the ranch shifted into the Kremmling school district since Mrs. B was teaching at Colorow. See letter (original in Grand County Assessor's files) from Idelia D. Baumgarten, Grand Co. Supt. Schools, to Grand County Assessor dated January 10, 1949 authorizing the Assessor to transfer 200 acres owned by Ed Yust in School District #6 (Colorow) to School District #5 (Kremmling).

Rudy Parrott moved the building to Gore City in Kremmling possibly in 1959, probably in 1960 (moved by Dewey Carr of Parshall) but prior to 1961 when Rudy broke his leg while working on the roof. The cloakroom and sloped roof end were still in place at that time.

Jack McElroy moved the building to his yard about 1974-75. The cloakroom and sloped end roof are not in Jack's yard. See Keith Nunn photo Sept. 1977.

MISCELLANEOUS COLOROW SCHOOL NOTES

Ethel Yust was given a copy of Carpenter's Geographical Reader 1899 (South America) by Miss. (Lizzie?) Sullivan Nov. 12, 1900.

Ethel was promoted at School District 6, Colorow, from 5th to 6th grade by Maude Qwynn, teacher, July 15, 1898; she was promoted at School District Colorow, No. 6, from 6th to 7th grade by Miss. Katherine Mills, teacher, June 8, 1900; and she was promoted at School District No. 6 from 7th to 8th grade by Marion de Berard (Pharo), teacher, Feb. 20, 1903.

Henry Yust was promoted at School District 6, Colorow, from 4th to 5th grade by Marion de Berard, teacher, Feb. 20, 1903.

William Jay "Bill" Yust was promoted at School District 6, Colorow, from 4th to 5th grade by Miss. Katherine Mills, teacher, June 8, 1900.

Lizzie Yust was given a copy of Carpenter's Geographical Reader 1898 (North America) by Miss. (Lizzie?) Sullivan (Teacher, Colorow School?) Nov 12, 1900. Inscribed further to Henry (Yust) June 17, 1906 (Lizzie died June 20, 1906).

Carter Yust was given a book of Anderson's Fairy Tales, stamped note says "RETURN TO C. B. YUST DILLON, COLO." saying "Merry Christmas to Carter from Miss. Hersey (possibly a teacher at Colorow) dated Dec. 25, 1901.

In July, 1931, Jack Schilz was operating the Middle Park Auto Co. in Granby, Colorado, and came to Kremmling to see Henry H. H. Yust who was helping his brother Ed build the new (first) cable suspension bridge flume over the Blue River. Jack asked Henry if Henry wanted to work as a mechanic; Henry asked Ed if Ed "wanted the ranch", Ed said "sure" and Henry left. In later years, Henry returned to Kremmling, operating his first garage and filling station in the building that later became the Kremmling Town Hall, then later building a new brick Standard Oil garage and filling station which he operated until he retired and leased the operation to Doyle Likely, then spent many years running a Rock Shop in part of the garage stalls he had on the property. The brick building is now O'Acres Liquor.

Ed Yust went to Kindergarten in Denver, then 1st Grade in Kremmling, age 7, 1909.

In a copy of Hygienic Physiology by J. D. Steele, copyrights 1883, 1884 1888, and 1901, and Indorsed 1889, inscriptions:

Bought 1899, Charles H. Yust.

Lost by Lizzie Yust 1900. Secured by Doroth(y) Yust Aug. 18, 1909 Kindness Miss Bleesdale, Teacher Dist. No. 6 (Colorow) Grand County, Colo.

Jan. 1916 Just found book I lost

at home place in bookcase. This is either Tead Engles or Charles Hartmans.

Flyleaf says Ted A. Engle, Charles H. Hartman (not) is crossed out.

Next flyleaf says Charles H. Yust.

Inside back cover says Ted A. Engle twice. Mrs. Ted (?) Engle is crossed out.

More on Ed Yust's schooling.

From Ed Yust's Biography, recorded in 1984:

Most anyone could tell Yust boys when they saw them. Georgia [Jones] and I went to school in Boulder one winter. It was her first year in High School [see the white and gold mug Georgia made for Ed that winter]. Dorothy [Traber, born 1896] graduated out of Kremmling [1914] and went 2 years to Greeley to get a teachers certificate.

I followed the family around and rode horses and followed cattle across the river when they got on the wrong side of it at about age 6 or 7. I was 7 before I finished first grade in Kremmling. I went to Kindergarten in Denver. I met the Brandt girls [who would be lifelong friends] and played games a lot with them. I went to Colorow School in 2,3,4,5 &6th grades. We had 3 months of school in the summer. I had only 2 months of 6th grade. The teacher said I didn't have enough school to get in 7th grade. I went to New Mexico Military Institute 1 year. They called home in January [1920] when I was sick in New Mexico with Typhoid and said I'd go home in a box (coffin). My 7th grade was in Boulder. 8th grade was in Kremmling. I played basketball. Mrs. Esmiol [Rhea Gallinger] was the only teacher I really remember. She was one of 2 who ever paddled my bottom. The other one paddled me for swearing.

7th grade 2 months in Boulder, age 13, 1915, this year his sister Georgia Yust (Jones) was a Freshman in High School, taking art classes and firing pottery. The white and gold mug in the Old Place display case was made by Georgia and given to Dad at this time. When the family (Mary Mann Yust, Georgia Yust and Ed Yust) was ready to leave Boulder, Ed had to pick up the mug up on the Hill at Chautauqua - riding a bicycle with no brakes - and get to the train station downtown. He got there with the mug unharmed!!!. The mug is now in the display case at the E. C. Yust Homestead National Historic Site.

At Whittier School in 7th Grade in Boulder Ed drafted plans for Shoeblicking Box (see at Old Place), and Miter Box (have plan, have never seen the miter box).

8th Grade in Kremmling, age 14, 1916. Ed was 6' 4" but played guard, not center. Others could jump higher but couldn't get past Ed to make a basket. He played basketball in Boulder and Fort Collins, and played for Kremmling Union High School (later West Grand) as an 8th grader.

Elise Kienholz, aunt of Cecile Kienholz (Yust/Ward) ran the Schuler Rooming House (Eastin Hotel) c.1906 (when built) to 1925. Ed roomed and boarded there for the second part of his 8th grade year, having boarded the first part with Mrs. Craven. He was a lifelong friend of Marie Craven (George).

For further schooling, Ed attended:
1 year (6th Class[Rabbit/Rat]year) at New Mexico Military Institute, 1919-1920.
Colorado A & M (CSU) Short Course, c. 1921-22.

He also attended the Western Motor Mechanics School in Denver for 3 or 4 months, writing the following checks: ck #20 Dated Feb. 13, 1924 and canceled Feb 21 1925 for \$10.00; ck #23 dated Mar 2 1924 and canceled Mar. 5, 1925 for \$50.00; ck #24 dated Mar. 23, 1925 and canceled Mar. 26, 1925 for \$16.10; and ck #25 dated Mar. 23, 1925 and canceled Mar. 26, 1925 for \$50.00.

During many years of ranching it was quite hard for Ed to keep animals alive prior to the invention of vaccines.

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More from Ed Yust's Bio:

I met Madelon [Pike Chase] at a dance she put on at Colorow School. Mrs. Paul Heeney [a Smith] (a very nice gal) provided Madelon a home while Madelon got a divorce. I asked Madelon for a date at that dance and we went to dances together and she told me her troubles with her husband and asked if I knew a lawyer who wasn't at Kremmling and I did: Kaiser at Breckenridge. Madelon taught school. Her brothers had known her first husband. I got married at age 33 in 1935. Madelon was nothing like so many girls around there. She was a smart girl was all. Paul Heeney said, "Be sure and don't let her get away from here." She was outstanding. I couldn't get interested in the other girls around there. We went to High School plays, dances, anything interesting, Most of the time I had plenty of work to do and was tired. She had been helping Mrs. Paul Heeney clean a house and we went to Denver and she smelled from all the sweating she had been doing and she changed her clothes in the car and smelled very well then. I promised not to run off the road trying to see her. We were married out at Granma Pike's home (Madelon's parents house) in the evening and stayed there all night (in the stone house built in 1932). We bought two crates of oranges and went to Arizona and saw the Grand Canyon. It wasn't much more than a week. We went right along. The car we wrecked was Henry's so the new one was his too. I was going fast on an icy curve and took my foot off the gas and broke a post off. We lived in the ranch house I'd built for my sister Dorothy. We just had 2 men hired to finish haying. There were no surprises or adjustments to being married. We found out before a month was up she was going to have a child (Jeanne). Madelon knew how to do everything: get meals, hayfield, ride horses, drive cattle & teach school. She didn't teach school after we were married. [She taught in the school on Yellow Jacket Pass between Phippsburg and Steamboat Springs, above the future site of Stagecoach reservoir].

In a year or so after Dad died at age 79, I asked Mother if she wanted to sell the ranch to me and she did. Charlie didn't want the canyon meadow. Dad died in 1930.

Jeanne was born August 15, 1936 in Dr. Sudan's house which Sheephorn folks had before him. Jeanne was a little more sophisticated way to spell it.

We'd been to a dance in Kremmling and I took her to Heeney's and she was in a hurry to get home so I just said "Can we get married?" She said, "Yes and goodnight." Our engagement was not announced.

Notes on the Pharo family, try to compare with ages of people in photos...:

Thomas E. Pharo (elder) purchased the (later) West place July 29, 1899. Tom, widower with four children, married Mary Thompson, widow with four children, on Oct. 20, 1902. He died between Feb. 13 and July 31, 1903.

Maude E. Pharo was born Apr. 14, 1883.

Maude E. Pharo married James H.(Jim) McDonald May 9, 1906, had daughter Marion.

Henry W. Pharo was born 1880.

Henry W. Pharo (father of Glenn, took the 1903 wedding photo for Clara Yust and Wynn Howe), was guardian of Nettie Pharo, Maude McDonald and Thomas E. Pharo (younger) as of Feb. 19, 1908.

Thomas E. Pharo (younger) born 1886.

Nettie A. Pharo was born 1890.

Nettie A. Pharo married George M. Hartman on June 1, 1909, he born Jan 10, 1887.

Maude Pharo McDonald married Charles A. Switzer (who was the contractor who built the steel bridge mentioned above, plaques in display case at Old Place) on June 7th, 1915. Charlie Switzer's 320 acre homestead filing (Slab Pile, former railroad tie sawmill site) was held by Dorothy Yust [Traber] until Ed Yust was old enough to prove up on it.

Maude died of a heart attack in Denver mid 1940's ?? Charlie was so distraught that he committed suicide, so there was a double funeral. They are buried in Crown Hill Cem., Denver.

I got these dates from someone; additions and corrections are welcome.

Hartman Family

H	Mar. 4, 1885
George	Jan 10, 1887
Lutzie	Aug. 14, 1888
Charles	Feb. 8, 1890
Ralph	Jan 22., 1892
Marie (Eastin)	May 17, 1894
Nena (Austin)	Nov. 27, 1896
Phill	June 2, 1899
Mattie (Sudan)	Apr.18, 1902

THE COLOROW SCHOOL BELL

see pictures 20100729THRU31COLOROWBELL3PALMERS etc 008-011.

This schoolyard bell was used at the second Colorow School location of this structure. It was given to Lloyd (Sprout) Palmer by Jim Noonan after the structure was no longer used as a school.

The somewhat hard to read castings seem to say:

JPRIBNY 1886

No 2 Yoke 1886
C S Bell
Hillsboro O(hio?)
CRYST (further letters covered by metal bracket).

Compare with the same size and shape bell used at the E. C. Yust Homestead:
No 2 Yoke 1886
Montgomery Ward Chicago Ill
CRYSTAL METAL

could both bells have been made by the same foundry for different customers??

Clara Yust passed Summer Term, 1897, Alice Weaver teacher, signed by Mrs. M. E. Yust, July 7, 1897
Clara Yust passed fall term, 1898, Olive Morse teacher, signed by Mrs. Mary Yust, Nov 12, 1898
Teacher Olive Morse presented Lizzie Yust with a depiction of The Flight Into Egypt, date unknown.
Clara Yust was promoted from Seventh to Eighth Grade at Colorow School, District 6 by Maude Gwynn on July 15, 1898.
Clara Yust was promoted from 9th Grade to 10th Grade at Summit County Breckenridge School District by Geo. L. Harding on May 24, 1901. See notes located by Kathy Naples.