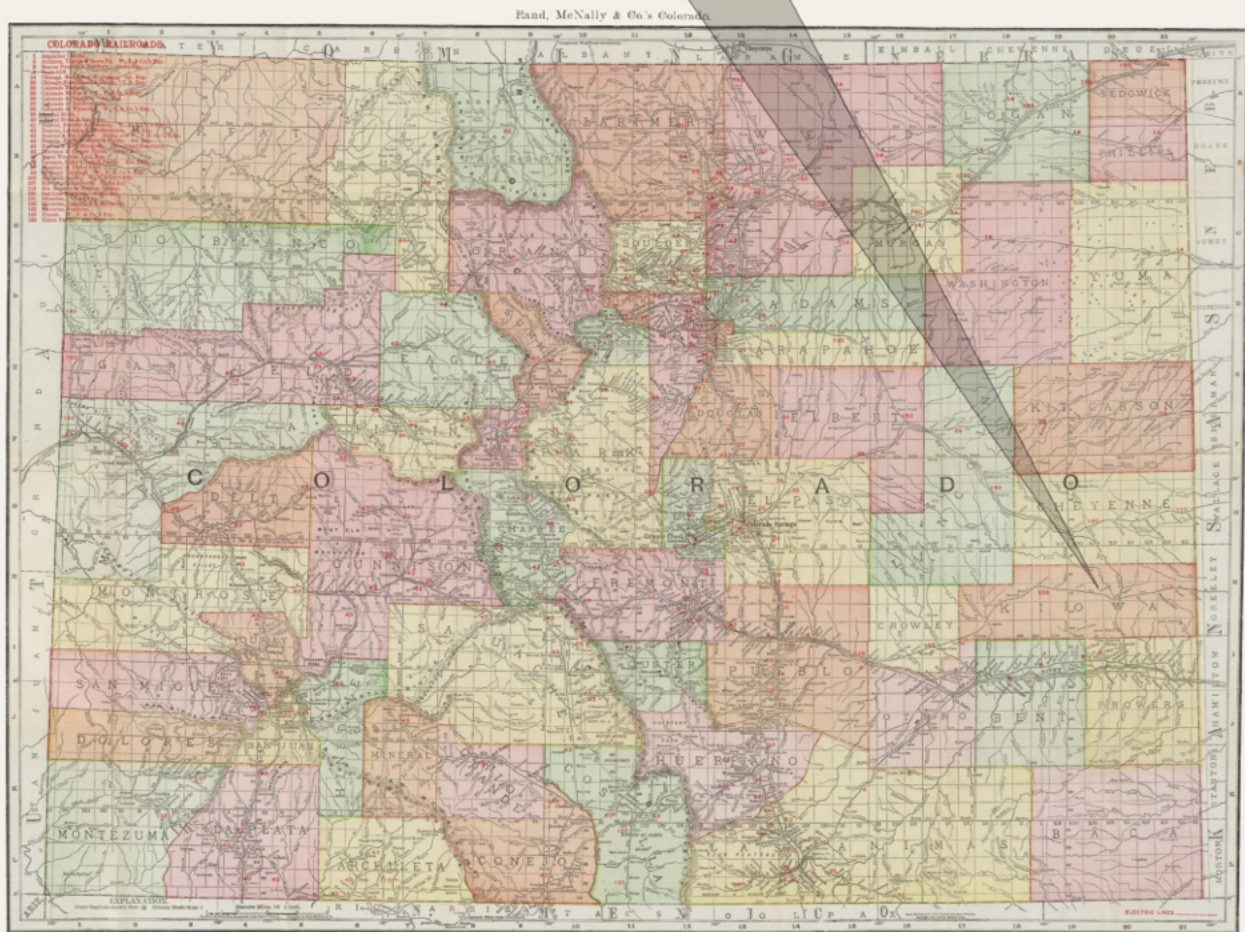


Kiowa County



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Established: April 11, 1889

County Seat: Eads

KIOWA COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Kiowa County lies on the High Plains of Eastern Colorado. It is north of the Arkansas River Valley. The drainage, by several ephemeral streams, principally by Big Sandy Creek and Rush Creek, is southward to the Arkansas River. The county is basically a narrow, east-west rectangle 80 x 24 miles with an 18 x 6 mile notch in the northwestern corner. The topography is rolling, rising gradually from about 3,800 feet in the southeast corner to nearly 4,800 feet in the northwest corner. It is bounded on the east by Kansas; on the south by Prowers, Bent and Otero Counties, on the west by Crowley County and on the north by Lincoln and Cheyenne Counties.

The county is bisected east-to-west by Colorado Highway 96 and north-to-south by U.S. Highway 287. The Missouri Pacific Railroad parallels Highway 96 across the county. When built, the railroad was known as The Pueblo and State Line Railroad.

The original county seat was at Sheridan Lake but in 1902 it was moved to the present location at Eads. The first post office in the county was at Sheridan Lake but first with the name of Bee. This original name lasted for only a few weeks before being changed to Sheridan Lake. However, Sheridan Lake reverted to Bee for a very brief period before settling on its present name. Including Sheridan Lake/Bee, there have post offices at 18 locations. One of these existed with two spellings of its name: Stewart and Stuart. Of the eighteen sites, thirteen are along the Highway 96 – Missouri Pacific Railroad corridor and it was the coming of the railroad that gave impetus to their establishment and naming. Most interesting is the alphabetic sequence of names that was applied to the settlements west of Sheridan Lake. Beginning with Arden and continuing with Brandon, Chivington, Diston, Eads, Fergus, Galatea, Haswell, Inman, Joliet, Kilburn and continuing into Crowley County with Lolita, Meredith, Numa, Olney and Pultney. There never was a post office at Inman and when Joliet acquired a post office it did so with the name of Arlington. Four post offices were established in the area south of Eads and one was to the northwest of Sheridan Lake. At this time, there are active post offices at Sheridan Lake, Eads, Haswell and Arlington. Until recently Brandon and Chivington had Community Post Offices but both have closed and the Brandon Post Office building is now in Sheridan Lake.

Kiowa County is an agricultural county dominated by grazing land but with a significant production of grain and hay. An increasingly important product of the high plains is sunflower seed. The changing face of American agriculture, particularly on the High Plains, is obvious in Kiowa County. I spent nearly three hours driving through the area south of Highway 96. During that time I did not pass a single ranch that I thought to be permanently occupied. Most of the remaining buildings are used only for storage of equipment or as temporary residences during planting and harvesting seasons. The people now live in the larger towns such as Eads, Sheridan Lake or even beyond the county boundaries. I believe that the reasons are obvious. In today's economy the small farm or ranch can not support an average family in a modern lifestyle. Today families want to be close at hand to shopping, health care, schools, friends and social activities. The result is bigger and bigger farms with a concentration of people into a few towns that have or can provide the desired convenience. I feel reasonable in predicting that within perhaps 25 years, certainly within 50 years, the only towns on the Eastern Colorado plains will be the county seats or those towns fortunate enough to be at a major highway intersection. This does not bode well for the towns of Kiowa County with the exception of Eads and perhaps Sheridan Lake. These changes will not please those who desire a return to the life of simpler times but the change seems inevitable.



Monument at Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

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Post Office Location Map – Kiowa County

ARDEN

Arden was a railroad siding approximately two and a half miles west of Sheridan Lake. The application for a post office proposed Mrs. Evan S. Bleeker to be the postmaster but it was apparently her husband who got the job. The post office lasted only four months, losing out to the larger settlement of Sheridan Lake. The railroad siding is gone but there is a well-kept ranch with several grain storage bins at or very near the site.

This was the first of the “alphabetical” towns named by the railroad, several of which were named for officials of the railroad.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 9 1888	---	S/2 Sec 28 T44S R18W (T18S R44W) Not more than 80 rods from Arden Station of Pueblo and State Line Railroad Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Evan S. Bleeker
Jun 22 1888		Established
Jun 22 1888		Bleeker, Evan S.
Nov 5 1888		Discontinued Papers to Sheridan Lake

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM ARDEN

ARLINGTON

The community was first located a mile to the north and west of today’s highway and railroad and was called Joliet. With the arrival of the railroad, the center of activity moved closer to the railroad. When the post office opened in 1887 it did so under the new name of Arlington.

Joliet was the “J” entry in Jessie Thayer’s alphabetical naming of sites along the Pueblo and State Line Railroad. Apparently the parent Missouri Pacific preferred Arlington to honor a company official.

From the beginning, Arlington was a supply and shipping center for a large cattle and dry land farming area. One report describes Arlington as having, “the largest cattle shipping facilities between Pueblo and Kansas City with the exception of Osawatomie, Kansas.” The twelve-room schoolhouse still stands but is no longer in use as a school. Nearly all business activity has departed but there are still (1997) a few scattered residences in what was once a significant community.

Arlington is in the southwestern corner of Kiowa County, on Colorado Highway 96. It is marked, so is easily found. The post office is still active and is located at a ranch a short distance south of the highway and the railroad. The post office occupies one corner of a large metal building at the ranch. Like many small rural post offices it is open for only a short period each day.

Latitude = 38:20:10-North Longitude = 103:20:34-West

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 5 1887	---	SE/4 Sec 5 T20S R53W Two miles west of Adobe or Coffee Creek Proposed postmaster - George M. Hunt
Aug 16 1887		Established
Aug 16 1887		Hunt, George M.
Apr 6 1889		Wells, George P.
Jan 28 1892		Gibson, William R.
Dec 10 1892		Neen, Jonas
Jan 28 1892		Gibson, William R.
Jan 22 1894		Patton, William W.
Sep 19 1894		Woolsey, Gillett
Jan 27 1900		Mahoney, Frank A.
Mar 10 1902		Best, Boon

Rescinded Dec 22 1892

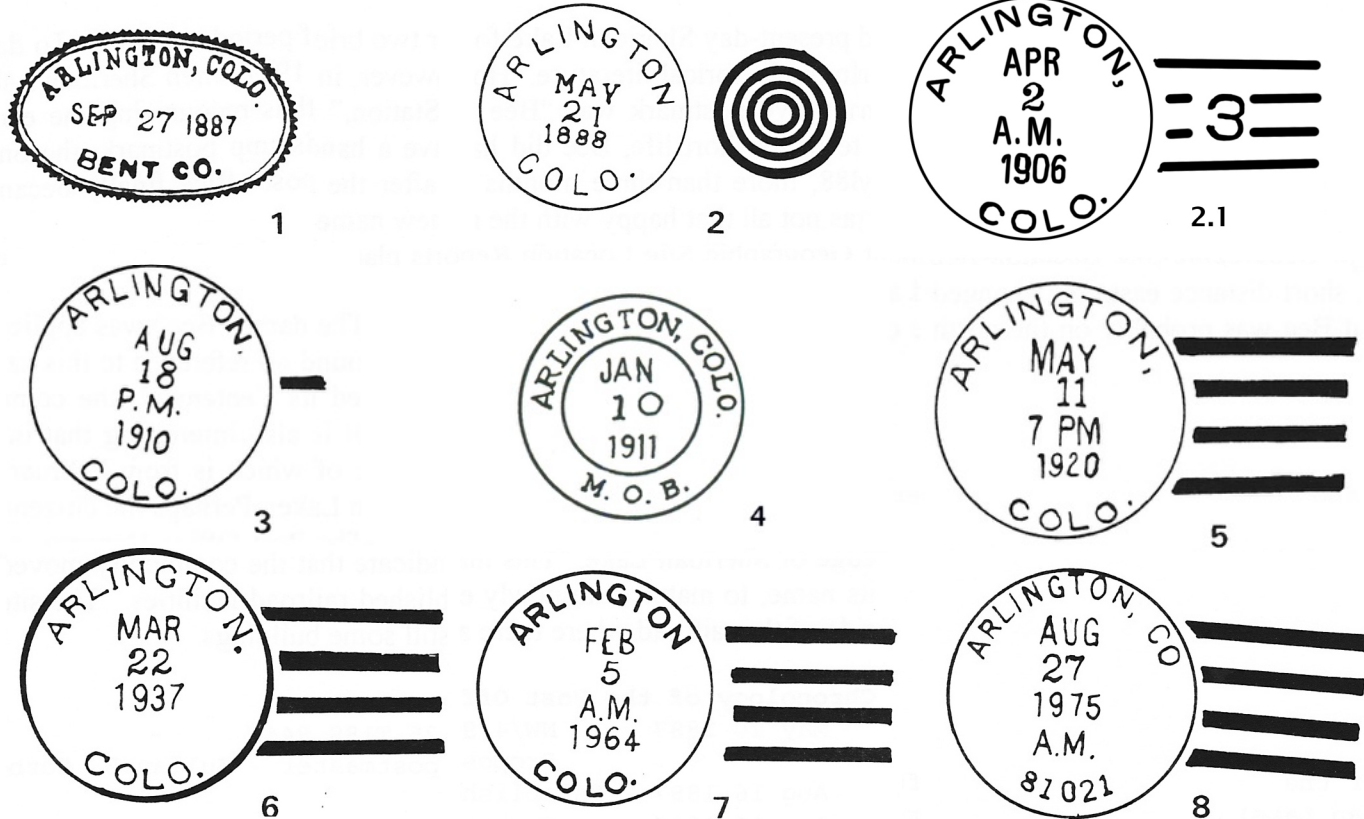
ARLINGTON – Continued

Jan 5 1904	Mayer, Rudolph G.	
Jul 19 1905	Hagaman, Mary R.	
Dec 12 1906	Clark, Charles W.	
Apr 27 1914	--- NE/4 Sec 9 T20S R53W One mile west of Adobe Creek 200 feet west of the M. P. Railroad	
Jan 5 1915	Clark, Arthur P.	
Oct 11 1919	Clark, William C.	
Nov 20 1923	Philpy, Lola I.	Acting
Jan 31 1924	Philpy, Lola I.	Appointed
Feb 4 1927	Philpy, Raymond J.	<i>Ad int.</i>
May 20 1927	Philpy, Raymond J.	Acting
May 23 1927	Lamberson, Mrs. Vera M.	
Apr 23 1929	Sprague, Dora A.	
Apr 1 1931	Applegate, Elizabeth	Assumed charge
Apr 4 1931	Applegate, Elizabeth	Acting
Oct 24 1931	Bunce, James E.	Confirmed
Oct 31 1941	--- Adobe Creek is one mile north of post office	
Nov 13 1931	Bunce, James E.	Commissioned
Nov 16 1931	Bunce, James E.	Assumed charge
Sep 8 1941	Bohl, Ernest E.	Possession
Sep 9 1941	Bohl, Ernest E.	Assumed charge
Sep 20 1941	Bohl, Ernest E.	Acting
Mar 7 1942	Bohl, Ernest E.	Confirmed
Mar 23 1942	Bohl, Ernest E.	Commissioned
Apr 6 1942	Bohl, Ernest E.	Possession
Jan 7 1955	Ellison, Mrs. Delilah V.	Possession
Feb 2 1955	Ellison, Mrs. Delilah V.	Acting
Mar 29 1955	Ellison, Mrs. Delilah V.	Confirmed
Apr 26 1955	Ellison, Mrs. Delilah V.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1955	Ellison, Mrs. Delilah V.	Possession
Mar 29 1968	Lessenden, Mrs. Wanda L.	Acting
Aug 26 1968	Lessenden, Mrs. Wanda L.	Commissioned
Sep 8 1968	Lessenden, Mrs. Wanda L.	Possession
Aug 12 1978	Wyckoff, Michelle A.	Officer in charge
Nov 3 1979	Wyckoff, Michelle A.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ARLINGTON, COLO. / BENT CO. OV 20T 38x23/35x20	Hstp Grid, 11-bar circular	Sep 27 1887 Oct 13 1887
2	ARLINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	May 21 1888
2.1	ARLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3 with 3	Mar 25 1906 Jan 5 1908
3	ARLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x??mm (narrow)	Mar 21 1908 May 27 1911
4	ARLINGTON, COLO / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 10 1911 Aug 17 1914
5	ARLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 1 1912 Nov 23 1920
6	ARLINGTON. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 14 1934 Dec 19 1940
7	ARLINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-22x18mm	Nov 31 1941 Feb 5 1964
8	ARLINGTON, CO / 81021 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 22 1968 Aug 27 1975

ARLINGTON – Continued



Post Office – Arlington, Colorado
Photograph by W. H. Bauer
May 12, 1997

BEE

The name Bee was applied to present-day Sheridan Lake for two brief periods in 1887. To date I have found no reference to this name in the historical literature. However, in 1987 when Sheridan Lake celebrated its centennial, the commemorative postmark was Bee Station, thus recognizing the early name. It is also interesting that in spite of its short life, Bee did have a handstamp postmark, the only example of which is from February 1888, more than three months after the post office finally became Sheridan Lake. Perhaps the citizenry was not all that happy with the new name.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports place the site of Bee at the west edge of Sheridan Lake. This may indicate that the community moved a short distance east and changed its name to match with newly established railroad facilities. The site of Bee was probably on the north side of the railroad where there are still some buildings.

Chronology of the Post Office

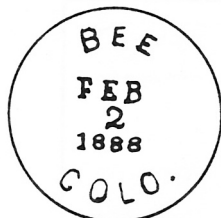
May 20 1887	---	NW/4 Sec 25 T18S R44W
		Proposed postmaster - Julian B. Corberand
Aug 16 1887		Established
Aug 16 1887		Corberand, Julian B.
Sep 20 1887		Name changed to Sheridan Lake
Oct 15 1887		Change of name rescinded
Oct 27 1887		Name changed to Sheridan Lake

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 BEE / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0

Feb 2 1888

Hstp cork, smudge, (Used after the name reverted to Sheridan Lake)



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BRANDON

Brandon was the second in the alphabetical sequence of site names created by The Missouri Pacific Railroad. It is about seven miles west of Sheridan Lake and still has a few residences. In 1963 the post office was converted to a Rural Branch of Eads and finally closed sometime prior to 1997. The small building that last housed the post office at Brandon has been moved to Sheridan Lake and is now part of a private historical collection/museum on the south side of Highway 96.

There is a nearby reservoir, Lake Brandon. Some have speculated that the community was named for the lake but the reverse seems more likely and in all probability the name honors another official of the railroad. Although established in late 1887 the townsite was not platted until I. S. Ritchey filed a plat on March 25, 1910.

Brandon was an agricultural supply center with a store and grain elevators.

Latitude = 38:26:47-North Longitude = 102:26:21-West

BRANDON – Continued**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 20 1888	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T18S R45W 350 feet south of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Proposed postmaster - John T. Lewis	
May 19 1888		Established	
May 19 1888		Lewis, John T.	
Jul 3 1889		Whitehead, David F.	
Jan 5 1891		Dailey, Melvin	
Sep 3 1891		Ridgely, William H.	
May 3 1893		Discontinued Mail to Sheridan Lake	
May 8 1908	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T18S R45W Missouri Pacific is 420 feet north of post office	
May 28 1908		Re-established	
May 28 1908		Blanchard, Charles D.	
Sep 21 1911		Norton, Ida M.	
Feb 5 1912		Clark, Ida M.	
Mar 28 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T18S R45W	
Dec 22 1914		Coons, Joseph W.	
Feb 20 1920		Kensley, Arthur C.	Confirmed
Mar 10 1920		Kensley, Arthur C.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1920		Kensley, Arthur C.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T18S R45W Missouri Pacific is 750 feet north of post office	
Jun 30 1946		White, Owen Aubrey	Assumed charge
Dec 30 1947		Dawson, Mrs. Mattie Lou	Confirmed
Feb 20 1948		Dawson, Mrs. Mattie Lou	Commissioned
Feb 29 1948		Dawson, Mrs. Mattie Lou	Assumed charge
Jul 26 1948	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T18S R45W A move 2 blocks northwest of a previous location	
Feb 28 1963		Converted to a Rural Branch of Eads Now a Community Post Office	
<1997		Discontinued	



BRANDON / COLO.

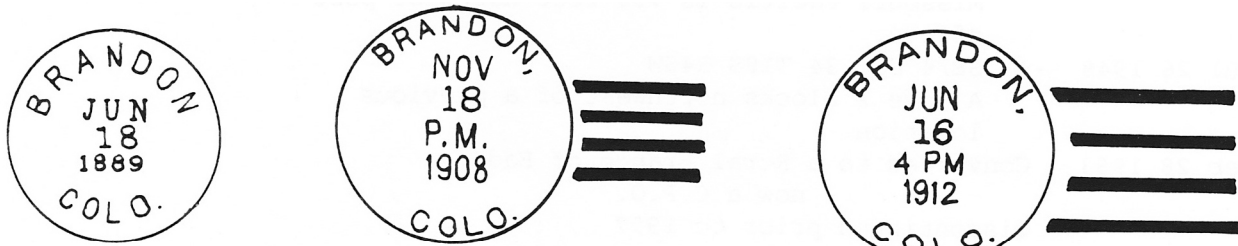
June 18, 1889

BRANDON – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BRANDON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Jun 18 1889 Jun 22 1889
2	BRANDON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Nov 18 1908 Nov 2 1911
3	BRANDON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 21 1912 Nov 27 1918
4	BRANDON, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-25x20mm	Feb 15 1933 Jan 15 1934
4v	BRANDON, COLO. CI 10P ??	4bars As previous, badly distorted cds	Apr 19 1937 Oct 3 1939
5	BRANDON, COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm, wide spaced letters	Jul 11 1940 Sep 14 1941
5.1	BRANDON, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 16 1944
6	BRANDON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm, close spaced letters	Mar 24 1948 Apr 11 1960
7	BRANDON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x20mm, wide spaced small letters	Jan 10 1962 Oct 5 1964

FOR LATER POSTMARKS, SEE EADS, BRANDON RURAL BRANCH



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CHIVINGTON

The "C" in the railroads alphabetical sequence, six miles west of Brandon. The name honors Colonel John M. Chivington, a minister and the commander of the volunteer troops that were engaged in the 1864 bloody battle with Indians at Sand Creek, not far from the community's location.

The Chivington Post Office is reported to have closed November 23, 1990 but there is no confirmation of that date or whether it was the date the doors shut or the official closing date.

The railroad established a Division Point at Chivington which had a roundhouse and shops. The town had a three story stone hotel and thirteen saloons at one time and one source claims a population of 2,500 to 3,000 (that seems unreasonable). In 1899 the railroad deleted Chivington as a Division Point and the community began a steady decline. I first visited Chivington in 1972; the post office was in a residence on the north side of the railroad. When I returned in 1997 the residence appeared to be unoccupied, the school building (or the hotel?) was only a shell; very few buildings remained and even fewer appeared to be occupied. Chivington seems to be destined to join the ranks of Colorado ghost towns.



CHIVINGTON / COLO. February 2, 1899

Latitude = 38:26:11-North Longitude = 102:32:35-West

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 13 1887	---	NW/4 Sec 2 NE/4 Sec 3 T19S R46W Within 300 feet of depot One mile east of Rush Creek Proposed postmaster - Ethel Saint
Oct 24 1887		Established
Oct 24 1887		Saint, Ethel
May 11 1889		Liggett, C. Frost
Oct 5 1894		Fluke, John
Jul 31 1897		Abrams, John
Nov 14 1913		Austin, Alice A.
Jul 25 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T19S R46W 228 feet north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad
Mar 12 1915		Cowles, Edith M.

CHIVINGTON – Continued

Apr 19 1919	Medill, Sarah	
Sep 29 1919 ---	NW/4 Sec 2 T19S R46W	448 feet north of the Missouri Pacific tracks
Dec 12 1929	Jenkins, Mrs. Marion	Possession
Feb 5 1930	Jenkins, Mrs. Marion	Acting
Aug 21 1930	Jenkins, Mrs. Marion	Appointed
Sep 5 1930	Jenkins, Mrs. Marion	Commissioned
Sep 11 1930	Jenkins, Mrs. Marion	Possession
Oct 22 1934	Arnold, Mrs. Cecil	Appointed
Nov 9 1934	Arnold, Mrs. Cecil	Commissioned
Nov 19 1934	Arnold, Mrs. Cecil	Possession
Jan 20 1942 ---	NW/4 Sec 2 T18S R46W (Error - T19S)	State Highway 96 20 rods south of post office Missouri Pacific 1/4 mile south
Apr 30 1951	Marble, Mrs. Mary Emma	Possession
May 10 1951	Marble, Mrs. Mary Emma	Acting
Apr 9 1952	Marble, Mrs. Mary Emma	Appointed
Apr 24 1952	Marble, Mrs. Mary Emma	Commissioned
Jun 30 1952	Marble, Mrs. Mary Emma	Possession
Nov 23 1990	Discontinued (Date unconfirmed)	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CHIVINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Oct 6 1894 Hstp Cork, smudge
2	CHIVINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 2 1899 Dec 12 1899 Hstp Target, 4-ring, smaller letters
2.1	CHIVINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 16 1908 Sep 7 1908 Doane Type 3 with 2
3	CHIVINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 28 1908 Apr 17 1917 4bars S-25x14mm
3.1	CHIVINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 6 1914 Sep 1 1915 4bars S-25x20mm
4	CHIVINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	Sep 23 1935 Apr 9 1936 4bars S-25x20mm
5	CHIVINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Oct 3 1939 4bars S-24x19mm, small letters, wide spaced "COLO."
6	CHIVINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Feb 1 1941 4bars S-24x19mm, larger letters
7	CHIVINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Aug 30 1948 Feb 6 1960 4bars S-25x20mm, small letters, close spaced "COLO."
8	CHIVINGTON, CO / 81031 CI 10P 31.0	Jan 4 1966 Oct 23 1975 4bars S-??x19mm
9	CHIVINGTON, CO / 81031 CI 10P 33.0	Jan 16 1986 Apr 18 1991 4bars S-25x19mm



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CHIVINGTON – Continued



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CHIVINGTON – SAND CREEK STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 24 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 CHIVINGTON, CO. 81031 // SAND CREEK STATION Oct 24 1987
IR 10P 65.0x38.0 Pict Scene - Arrowhead shape, Pony rider and USPS Logo,
1887 - 1987 (Post Office Centennial)



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DAYTON

Dayton was a short-lived town approximately 2-1/2 miles south-southeast of Eads. It was established with prospects of being on the advancing Pueblo and State Line Railroad. However, the railroad chose an alignment some two miles to the north and Eads became the area's railroad access. Dayton died and although it has been called a "town" and a townsite was laid out, it is doubtful that it was more than a handful of buildings, most of which were soon moved to Eads.

To reach the site, Colorado 96 (US 287) drive three miles east from Eads to where US 287 turns south. Continue south a little more than two miles to County Road N, then turn west one mile. This will bring you into a small valley; on the west side of which there is a collection of ranch buildings now used for equipment storage. The site of Dayton was in this area.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 10 1887	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T19S R48W
Jun 1 1887		Established
Jun 1 1887		Pulliam, Benjamin M
Dec 8 1887		Discontinued Papers to Eads

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM DAYTON

DISTON

Very little is known about Diston. It was the fourth of the alphabetic towns west of Sheridan Lake and did remain a railroad siding for many years. It is reported that at one time Diston had its own bank, a school and a small business center with a number of residential buildings.

Today nothing remains of Diston. To visit the site from Eads drive east seven and one-half miles on Colorado 96. At this point the road turns slightly more to the southeast, separates somewhat from the railroad and descends a gentle grade. The post office location for Diston was in this area.

Chronology of the Post Office

		No document was found in the Kiowa County Geographic Site Location Reports
Jun 29 1908		Established
Jun 27 1908		Patton, Mattie J.
Aug 15 1908		Establishment rescinded

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM DISTON

EADS

Eads was established in 1887 and incorporated in 1916. Eads is the principal town and the county seat of Kiowa County. It is a platted town but the plat on file with the county has neither a date nor the name of the person filing the plat.

Eads was another creation of the Pueblo and State Line Railroad (Missouri-Pacific). The initial Geographic Site Location Report seems to indicate that the name Eads was first applied to the settlement at Dayton and that the office was then moved from Dayton to Eads. But the end date for Dayton overlaps the start date for Eads, leaving an impression that for almost a month both post offices were in operation. However, the documents may not accurately reflect what was really happening in Kiowa County.

EADS – Continued

The location of Eads, on the railroad, nearly in the geographic center of the county and at the intersection of the major east-west and north-south highways that traverse the county has made Eads the principal center of business activity in the county. By 1902 a rapid growth, in size and importance, resulted in the removal of the county seat from Sheridan Lake to Eads.

The name was another bestowed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, it honors James Buchanan Eades who designed the railroad bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis. With the completion of the Eades Bridge in 1874, trains no longer had to be ferried across the Mississippi and the transcontinental railroad was at last complete. For some reason, the second “e” of Eades name has vanished in Kiowa County.

**EADS, COLO.****May 25, 1888****With a corner card illustrating Pacific Express Company car****Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 28 1887	---	NW/4 Sec 22 NE/4 Sec 21 T18S R48W	There is indication that this is a move from a location in the NW/4 Sec 2 T19S R48W, moving 3 miles to the northwest
Nov 18 1887		Established	
Nov 18 1887		Pritchard, John	
Oct 9 1888		Patterson, John M.	
Jun 14 1889		Slade, Samuel Sr.	
Oct 12 1894		Fain, Thomas J.	
Jul 9 1895		Goff, Lizzie A.	
Sep 10 1898		Kerr, Lida A.	
Feb 2 1899		Kerr, Mattie A.	
Jan 2 1914		Fluke, Henry J.	
May 30 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 22 T18S R48W	About 450 feet north of the Missouri Pacific tracks
Jan 1 1916			Office made Presidential
Feb 15 1916		Fluke, Henry J.	
Sep 8 1919		Norris, Jack I.	Acting

EADS – Continued

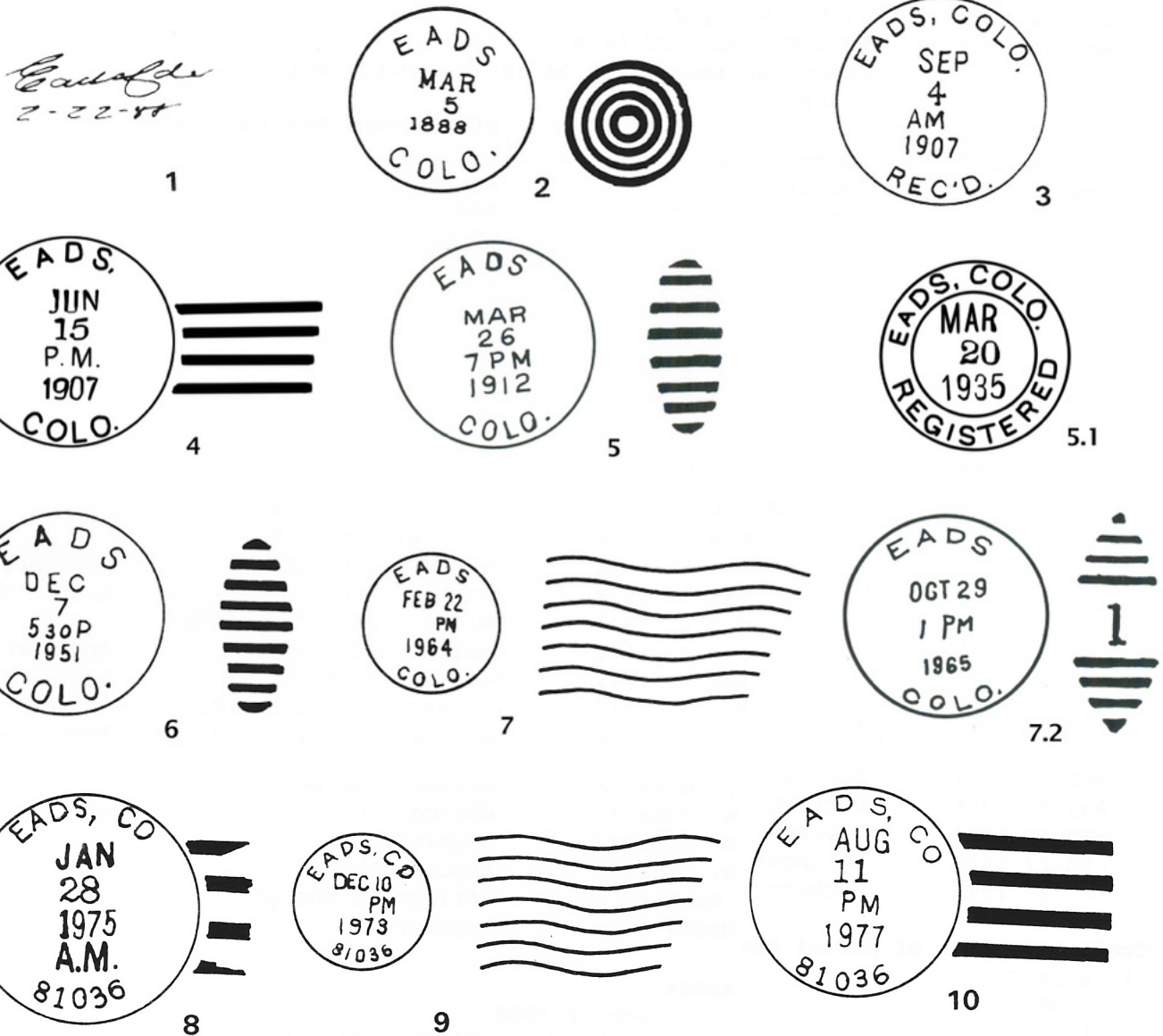
Feb 18 1920	Norris, Jack I.	P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jun 4 1924	Kerr, William V.	
May 22 1928	Kerr, William V.	
Apr 29 1932	Kerr, William V.	Nominated
Apr 19 1932 [?]	Kerr, William V.	Confirmed
Jun 21 1932	Kerr, William V.	Commissioned
May 15 1934	Jenkins, Ithal	Acting
May 23 1934	Jenkins, Ithal	Nominated
May 25 1934	Jenkins, Ithal	Assumed charge
May 31 1934	Jenkins, Ithal	Appointed
Jun 30 1934	Jenkins, Ithal	Commissioned
Apr 29 1938	Jenkins, Ithal	Nominated
May 3 1938	Jenkins, Ithal	Confirmed
May 31 1938	Jenkins, Ithal	Appointed Presidential
May 28 1938	Jenkins, Ithal	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 22 T18S R48W	
Jul 23 1942	Jenkins, Ithal	Nominated
Aug 20 1942	Jenkins, Ithal	Confirmed
Aug 25 1942	Jenkins, Ithal	Appointed Presidential
Sep 18 1942	Jenkins, Ithal	Commissioned
Sep 30 1942	Jenkins, Ithal	Assumed charge
Nov 30 1947	Lancaster, Julius M.	Acting
Dec 1 1947	Lancaster, Julius M.	Assumed charge
May 12 1949	Lancaster, Julius M.	Nominated
Jun 1 1949	Lancaster, Julius M.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949	Lancaster, Julius M.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 30 1949	Lancaster, Julius M.	Assumed charge
Sep 18 1953	Durrett, W. Donald	Assumed charge
Oct 19 1953	Durrett, W. Donald	Acting
Aug 4 1954	Durrett, W. Donald	Nominated
Aug 19 1954	Durrett, W. Donald	Confirmed
Aug 20 1954	Durrett, W. Donald	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1954	Durrett, W. Donald	Assumed charge
Jan 17 1975	Bolinger, Richard W.	Officer in charge
Mar 29 1975	Hockett, Merle M.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

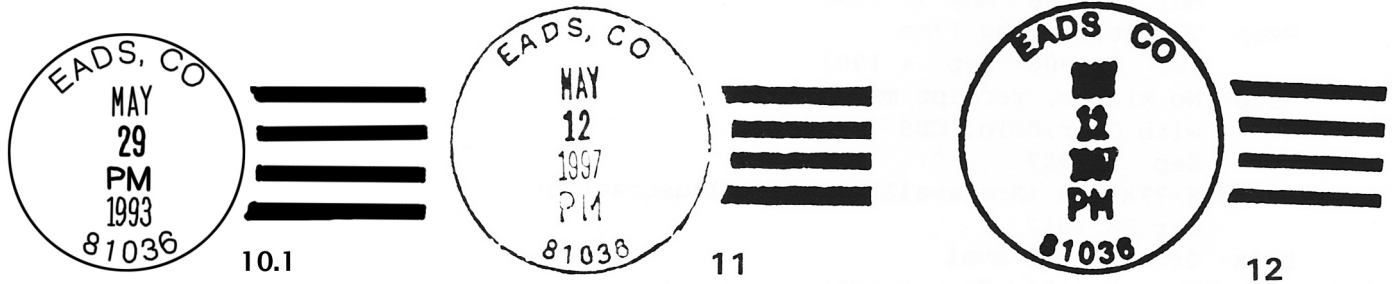
1	Eads Colo. MS	Jan 7 1888 Feb 22 1888 Mscp No killer, registry receipt
2	EADS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 15 1888 Oct 6 1902 [Or Mar 5 as traced? Xerox not available]
3	EADS, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 31.0	Jul 8 1906 Sep 4 1907
4	EADS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer, receipt marking, Apr 16 1907 Sep 28 1911
5	EADS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-??X14mm Mar 26 1912 Jun -6 1920
5.1	EADS, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/18.5	Dplx Grid, 8 bar oval Mar 20 1935
6	EADS / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp No killer Dec 12 1931 Dec 7 1951
7	EADS / COLO. CI 10P 20.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval, wide spaced letters Nov 2 1954 Feb 22 1964
7.1	EADS, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0x17.0	Mach 7 wavy lines 1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION

EADS – Continued

7.2	EADS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Oct 29 1965
8	EADS, CO / 81036 CI 10P 33.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1 Oct 2 1972 Jan 28 1975
9	EADS, CO / 81036 CI 10P 21.0	4bars S-??x??mm, close spaced letters Aug 27 1968 Jul 6 1977
10	EADS, CO / 81036 CI 10P 31.0	Mach 7 wavy lines Aug 11 1977
10.1	EADS, CO / 81036 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm, wide spaced letters May 29 1993
11	EADS, CO / 81036 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-23x19mm May 12 1997
12	EADS CO / 81036 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-20x15mm, probable last day of use of this device May 12 1997 Jun 26 2000
		4bars S-20x16mm, First day of use of this device



EADS – Continued



EADS BRANCHES AND STATIONS

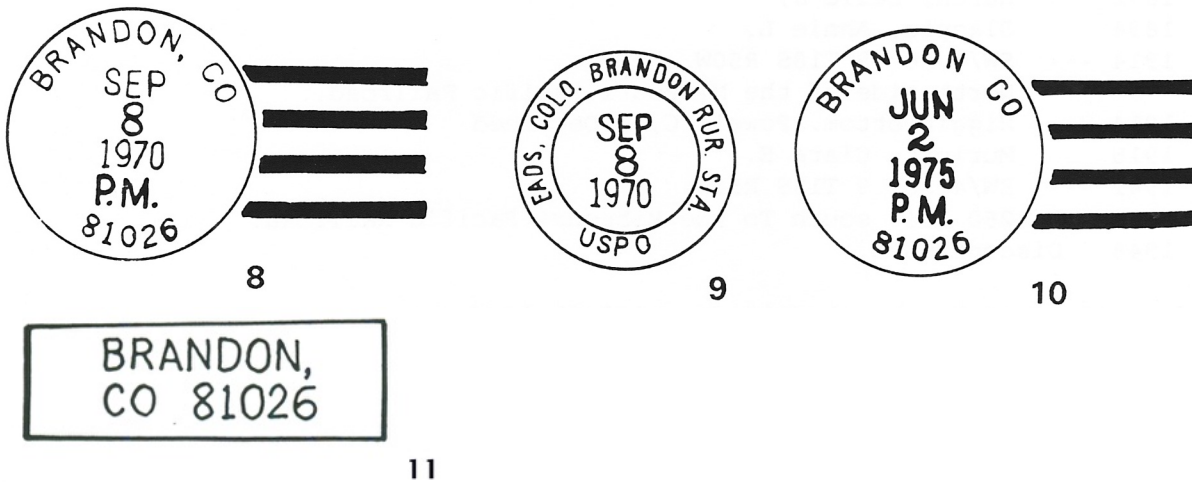
BRANDON RURAL BRANCH / COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

Chronology of the Post Office

FOR EARLIER POSTMARKS (Types 1-6), SEE BRANDON

Confirmed types of postal markings

7	BRANDON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Oct 5 1964 4bars S-23x20mm, wide spaced small letters, continued in use after conversion to Rural Station
8	BRANDON, CO / 81026 CI 10P 33.0	Mar 24 1969 Oct 17 1974 4bars S-24x20mm
9	EADS, COLO. BRANDON RUR. STA. / USPO CI 11P 28.5/19.5	Mar 18 1963 Sep 8 1970 Hstp No killer
10	BRANDON CO / 81026 CI 10P 32.5	Jun 2 1975 4bars S-??x19mm
11	BRANDON, CO / 81206 RC 10P 48.0x16.0	--- 1987 Hstp No killer; Parcel Post box style



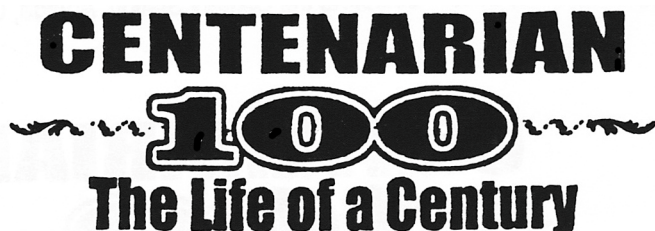
CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

EADS BRANCHES AND STATIONS – Continued**CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Eads, CO 81036 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000
IR 00R 93.0 x 35.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century



June 15, 2000 – Celebrate the Century Station, Eads, CO 81036

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SAND CREEK MASSACRE STATION**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 28 2007 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Eads, Colorado 81036 // Sand Creek Massacre / Station Apr 28 2007
RC 10T 65.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Teepee; Text - Kiowa County /
National Historic Site Dedication



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FERGUS

Fergus was the "F" in the alphabetic naming scheme for Kiowa County. There was a post office here for slightly more than two years. For many years it was a railroad spur and siding for the shipment of livestock. In later years the site was known as Hawkins Spur, however, it was still shown as Fergus on a 1923 map. The origin of either name is unknown but most likely were the names of railroad officials or local landowners.

The site is along Colorado Highway 96, eight miles west of Eads and five miles east of Galatea. Nothing, not even the railroad spur, remains of Fergus.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 8 1888 --- SE/4 Sec 18 T18S R49W 80 rods south of the Missouri Pacific, Fergus Station
Proposed postmaster - Henry S. Savage
Jun 7 1888 Established
Jun 7 1888 Savage, Henry S.
Sep 2 1890 Discontinued Papers to Galatea

FERGUS – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM FERGUS

GALATEA

Galatea was number seven in the westward progression of location names assigned by Jessie Thayer for the Pueblo and State Line Railroad. Local belief is that Galatea was named for the heroine of Cervantes novel *Saevedra*. Galatea is also a heroine of Greek legend.

Galatea is 13 miles west of Eads at the intersection of Colorado Highway 96 with County Road 27. Only a few buildings and a grain elevator remain but most are abandoned. At one time Galatea was a respectable farm community, large enough to have its own newspaper, *The Galatea Courier* and a post office as late as 1948.

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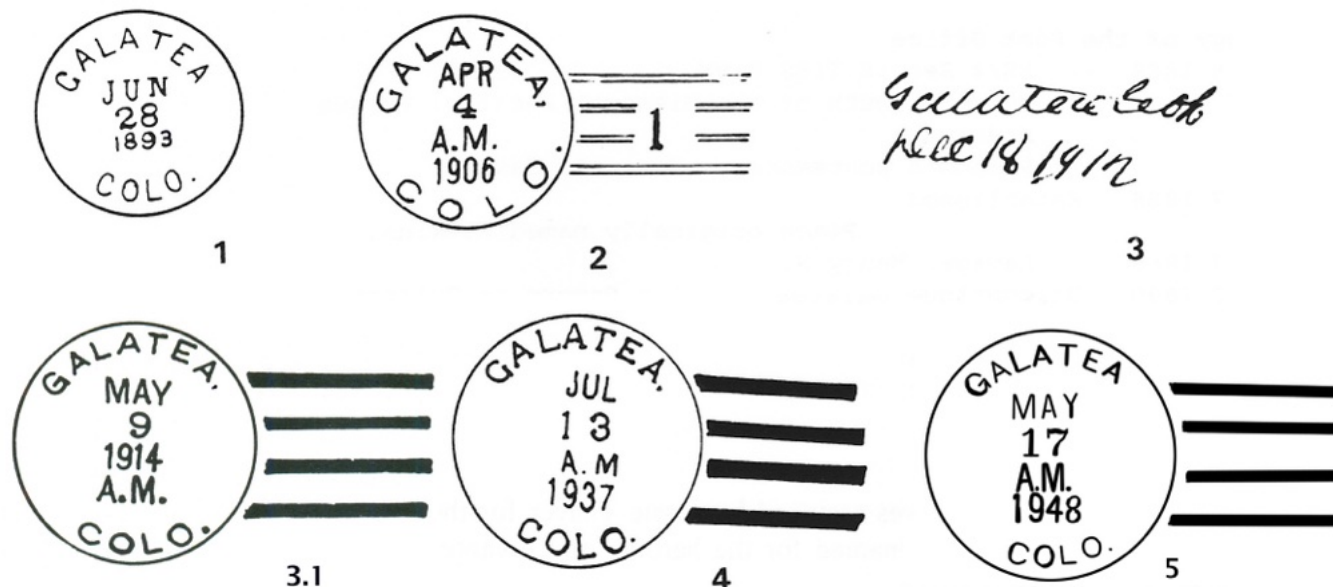
Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 21 1887	---	SE/4 Sec 8 T18S R50W 500 feet north of the Pueblo and State Line Railroad	
		Proposed postmaster - Harry W. Hutchcraft	
Dec 22 1887		Established	
Dec 22 1887		Hutchcraft, Harry D.	
Jan 13 1892		Huron, Belle J.	
Jun 1 1894		Glaspie, Annie L.	
Apr 18 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 9 T18S R50W North side of the Missouri Pacific Railroad	
Dec 22 1914		Higginbottom, Powell C.	Declined
Mar 25 1915		Muriott, Clara E.	Confirmed
Apr 26 1915		Muriott, Clara E.	Commissioned
May 5 1915		Muriott, Clara E	Assumed charge
Oct 22 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 9 T18S R50W 250 feet south to the Missouri Pacific Railroad	
Feb 28 1946		Pingley, Norman J.	Assumed charge
Aug 29 1946		Steward, Mrs. F. Eileen	Confirmed
Sep 27 1946		Steward, Mrs. F. Eileen	Commissioned
Oct 13 1946		Steward, Mrs. F. Eileen	Assumed charge
Jul 27 1948		Ordered closed	
Jul 31 1948		Discontinued Mail to Eads	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GALATEA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Jun 28 1893
2	GALATEA, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13mm	Apr 4 1906 Aug 3 1911
3	Galatea / Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Dec 18 1912
3.1	GALATEA, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 9 1914
4	GALATEA. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 13 1933 Feb 11 1941
5	GALATEA / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	May 17 1948

GALATEA – Continued



HASWELL

The name Haswell dates from the coming of the railroad in 1887. However, the post office dates only from early 1903, the community from 1905 and it was incorporated in 1920. The “H” for Haswell fits the alphabetic scheme but why it was chosen, is unknown; perhaps for another railroad official. Local whimsy attributes the name to thirsty residents, who having finally struck water, declared their community “Has a well!”

As late as 1966 the population of Haswell was 150 and it still provided some supplies and services to the surrounding ranches and farms. In 1997 the post office was still in the same white-painted brick building that it occupied on my first visit in 1972. There is still a small community at Haswell, however, since 1972, the closing of several small businesses and the departure of a number of residents may add Haswell to the group of Plains towns with an uncertain future.

Haswell is located on Colorado Highway 96, between County Roads 19 and 20, seven miles west of Galatea.

Latitude = 38:27:08-North Longitude = 103:09:45-West

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 30 1902	---	SW/4 Sec 30 T18S R51W 300 feet north of the Missouri Pacific Proposed postmaster - Andrew F. Schies
Mar 31 1903		Established
Mar 31 1903		Schies, Andrew F.
Dec 9 1903		Sawrey, William F.
Feb 8 1905		Allen, Jesse C.
Jun 3 1905		Shockley, Richard E.
Oct 12 1905		Comstock, Lawrence
Mar 15 1907		Patterson, Claude
Aug 5 1907		Castledine, William V.
Mar 8 1909		Manlove, Laura
Apr 20 1914	---	NW/4 NE/4 Sec 31 T18S R51W 495 feet south of the Missouri Pacific Railroad
Dec 21 1914		Frame, Ruth N.
Oct 1 1917		Office made Presidential

HASWELL – Continued

Jan 24 1918	Frame, Ruth N.	P&S
Mar 27 1922	Danford, Anna B.	
Apr 28 1926	Danford, Anna B.	
Jul 1 1928		Office relegated
Aug 22 1928	Danford, Anna B.	
Jan 10 1929	Gray, Kathryn	Acting
May 28 1929	Gray, Kathryn	Appointed
Aug 16 1930	Manlove, Mrs. Laura L.	Possession
Sep 23 1930	Manlove, Mrs. Laura L.	Acting
Jan 28 1931	Buck, Mrs. Minnie E.	Confirmed
Feb 14 1931	Buck, Mrs. Minnie E.	Commissioned
Feb 19 1931	Buck, Mrs. Minnie E.	Assumed charge
Jan 25 1932	Thorne, Mrs. Edna	Assumed charge
Feb 23 1932	Thorne, Mrs. Edna	Acting
May 11 1932	Thorne, Mrs. Edna	Confirmed
May 25 1932	Thorne, Mrs. Edna	Commissioned
May 21 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Acting
May 22 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Assumed charge
May 31 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Acting
Oct 10 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Appointed & Confirmed



Post Office building, Haswell, Colorado
 Photograph by W. H. Bauer May 12, 1997

Oct 25 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Commissioned
Oct 31 1939	Johnson, Mrs. J. Eloise	Assumed charge
Nov 8 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 30 T18S R51W Missouri Pacific	is 440 feet northwest of post office
Jul 1 1949		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1959		Office Relegated
Jul 1 1953 [1963?]		Office made Presidential

HASWELL – Continued

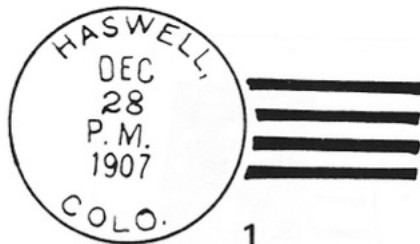
Aug 31 1963	Willits, Mrs. Margaret S.	Acting
May 21 1965	Willits, Mrs. Margaret S.	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Willits, Mrs. Margaret S.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 4 1965	Willits, Mrs. Margaret S.	Assumed charge
Sep 26 1975	Jeppesem, Bertha O.	Officer in charge
Jan 23 1976	Voss, Dorothy M.	Officer in charge
Aug 1 1978	Price, Mrs. Morena M.	Officer in charge
Aug 12 1978	Lessenden, Mrs. Wanda L.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Target	Oct 15 1905
1	HASWELL, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Dec 28 1907 Dec 20 1912
1.1	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 8 bar oval	Jan 6 1914 Jun 27 1914
2	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Oct 30 1935 Feb 16 1936
3	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Apr 28 1940 Mar 9 1949
4	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Mar 31 1951 Feb 14 1959
5	HASWELL / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 14 1960 Feb 27 1964
6	HASWELL, CO / 81045 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Nov 9 1968 Jun 2 1975



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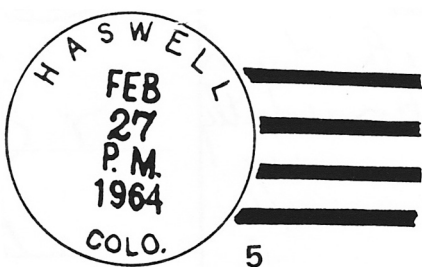
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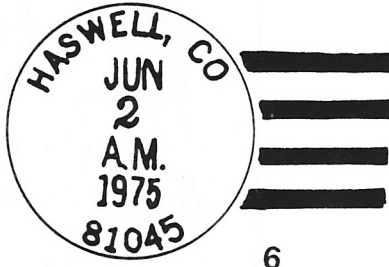
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KILBURN

Kilburn was another short-lived post office at a siding on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. As with most of these locations, named by Jessie Thayer, the derivation and reason for the choice of the name has been lost to history.

It is unlikely that Kilburn was more than a shipping point for livestock. The site is on Colorado Highway 96, six miles west of Arlington. Only a pair of cottonwoods stands at the likely site. Nearby is a goat ranch.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1890	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T20S R54W 150 feet south of the Missouri Pacific Railroad
		Proposed postmaster - Charles H. Coddington
Jul 17 1890		Established
Jul 17 1890		Coddington, Charles H.
Oct 2 1891		Discontinued Mail to Arlington

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM KILBURN

QUEEN BEACH

Queen Beach was fifteen miles north of Lamar and a mile north of the Prowers County line. It was conceived as a planned recreational community and was the first community in Kiowa County to incorporate: September 22, 1910. The plat for Queen Beach was prepared by the Ball Land and Engineering Company and filed August 26, 1908 on behalf of the Queen Beach Resort and Amusement Company.

The site is at the southeast corner of Neeskah Reservoir. Apparently this was first known as Kings Reservoir, which led to the name choice of Queens Beach. The resort enjoyed considerable local popularity until World War I which dampened activity. The Dust Bowl years brought an end to the resort and for years only the foundation of the saloon remained. Even that has now disappeared.

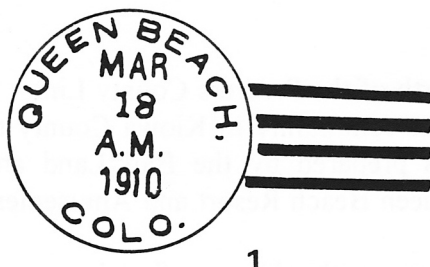
The location is on the east side of County Road 49, one mile north of the county line. The reservoir is to the west of the road and in 1997 it seemed to be no longer in use.

Chronology of the Post Office

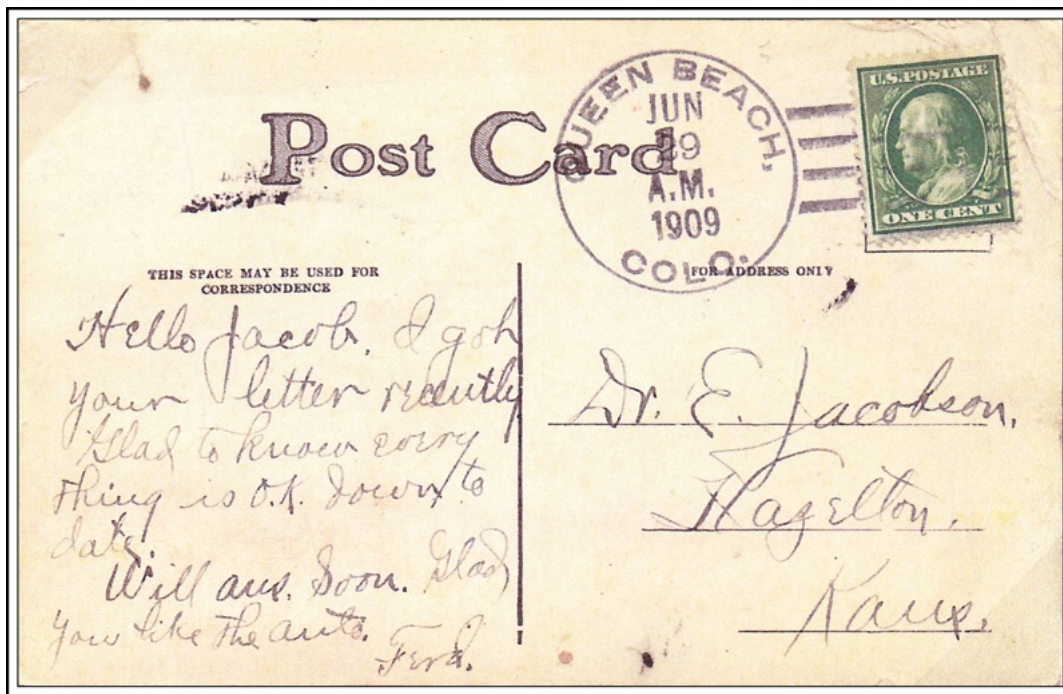
Aug 10 1908	---	NW/4 Sec 31 20S R46W The sketch map shows it in the extreme SW/4 of the NW/4 of the section
Nov 9 1908		Established
Nov 9 1908		Burnett, Fred
May 26 1910		Stokesburg, Samuel G.
Sep 30 1911		Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	QUEEN BEACH, / COLO.	Feb 12 1909	Mar 18 1910
	CI 10P 32.0		4bars S-24x14mm



QUEEN BEACH – Continued



QUEEN BEACH, / COLO.

June 29, 1909

SEGREGANSET

Segreganset was a rural post office about twelve miles north of Hasty in Bent County and approximately 16 miles southwest of Eads, two miles north of the county line.

In 1997 the site is open fields with no sign of former habitation. From that, I suspect that it was never more than a ranch that provided postal services for other ranches in the area. There is no direct road to the site. The easiest, fewest turns, is to go three miles west of Eads to County Road 37, turn south eight miles to County Road H, then west six miles to County Road 31 and finally south 5 miles, just south of County Road D, to the site of Segreganset. This location can be reached from the east, turning west from County Road 49, going around the south end of the reservoirs and then west to County Road 31 and eventually to the location south of Road D. Be sure you have a full gas tank, this is lonely country.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 27 1911	---	SW/4 Sec 19 T20S R49W
		Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Sarah Stahl
Jul 7 1914		Established
Jul 7 1914		Stahl, Sarah
Jul 31 1917		Discontinued Mail to Eads

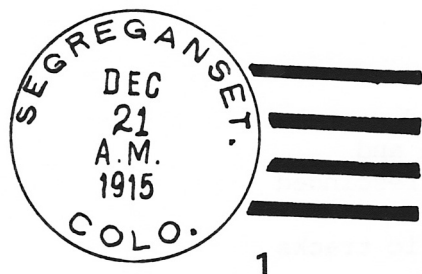
Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SEGREGANSET. / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0

4bars S-24x20mm

Dec 21 1915 Jan 3 1916

SEGREGANSET – Continued



SHERIDAN LAKE

Even before the railroad entered Colorado, land speculators were acquiring lands along the right-of-way. They incorporated the Sheridan Lake Town Company, created an elaborate town plat and began selling town lots. The actual plat is no longer in existence, probably having been lost when the Bent County Court House burned. The village itself came into existence in 1887. On April 11, 1889, when Kiowa County was carved from Bent County, Sheridan Lake was designated as the county seat. In 1902 it would lose that honor to Eads.



Sheridan Lake, Colorado The post office is located in the former Sheridan Lake School Building.
Photograph by James L. Ozment

June 19, 2002

SHERIDAN LAKE – Continued

The town promoters are responsible for the name. The townsite was near some large buffalo wallows, which in real estate terms became a beautiful lake. The same promoters also claimed that this “lake” was the most favorite camping spot in all of eastern Colorado for General Phil Sheridan. Historians doubt that General Sheridan ever visited the location and the beautiful lake; well, the buffalo are gone but it is still a big stretch of one’s imagination to call it a lake.

Throughout its existence, Sheridan Lake has been an important supply center for the ranches and farms in eastern Kiowa County and the surrounding area. With grain elevators and stockyards it was a shipping point for produce from much of Kiowa County. Those activities continue today, however, to a lesser extent than in the past.

The full relation of Sheridan Lake and Bee is not completely clear. Both the Bee and the Sheridan Lake post offices were located in Section 25, T18S R44W, along the railroad and what is now Colorado Highway 96. Bee was in the northwest quarter of the section and Sheridan Lake was in the northeast quarter, thus the sites were within a mile of each other. The dates of operational overlap and the change in name, more likely a physical move, from Bee to Sheridan Lake was temporarily reversed before settling into place as Sheridan Lake. A Bee postmark was still in use three months after the change.

Latitude = 38:28:00-North Longitude = 102:17:30-West

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 2 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 25 T18S R44W 25 feet north of the Sheridan Station on the Pueblo and State Line Railroad	
Sep 20 1887		Name changed from Bee	
Sep 20 1887		Corberand, Julian C.	
Oct 15 1887		Re-named Bee	
Oct 27 1887		Name change rescinded	
Oct 27 1887		Corberand, Julian C.	
Aug 8 1889		Jones, Hanson A.	
Dec 18 1890		Rusk, Obadiah A.	
Jul 17 1894		Stanard, Samuel L.	
Apr 12 1898		Wolever, Charles C.	
Jan 4 1901		Johnston, Thomas S. Jr.	
Mar 9 1903		Gamble, Howard	
Apr 27 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 25 T18S R44W 345 feet north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad	
Apr 23 1927		Delany, George	Acting
Jun 2 1928		Runyon, Anna A.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1928		Runyon, Anna A.	Commissioned
Sep 1 1928		Runyon, Anna A.	Assumed charge
---	---	Shockley, Mrs. Anna A.	Name changed by marriage
Oct 3 1937		Myers, Eli	Assumed charge
Oct 26 1937		Myers, Eli	Acting
Jan 20 1938		Tinsley, Mrs. Gladys	Confirmed
Feb 21 1938		Tinsley, Mrs. Gladys	Commissioned
Feb 25 1938		Tinsley, Mrs. Gladys	Assumed charge
Aug 5 1940		Steele, Edward	Possession
Aug 6 1940		Steele, Edward	Assumed charge
Aug 14 1940		Steele, Edward	Acting
Dec 27 1940		Steele, Edward	Appointed & Confirmed
Jan 18 1941		Steele, Edward	Commissioned
Jan 25 1941			Appointment and commission rescinded
Feb 15 1941		Wiebers, Mrs. Irene F.	Assumed charge
Eeb 20 1941		Wiebers, Mrs. Irene F.	Acting
Oct 10 1941		Wiebers, Mrs. Irene F.	Confirmed
Oct 18 1941		Wiebers, Mrs. Irene F.	Commissioned

SHERIDAN LAKE – Continued

Oct 20 1941	Wiebers, Mrs. Irene F.	Possession
Oct 21 1941 ---	T18S R42W Located on Highway 51	Missouri Pacific tracks 200 feet east
Feb 6 1942 ---	Main Street A move 75 yards south of a previous location to intersection of Highways 51 and 96	
Jul 1 1961		Office made Presidential
Apr 30 1971	Richardson, Mrs. Mary Ann	Officer in charge
Jan 22 1975	Bollinger, Richard W.	Appointed
Mar 28 1975	Bollinger, Richard W.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SHERIDAN LAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Feb 24 1888 Jun 25 1888
2	SHERIDAN LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Oct 8 1888 May 25 1889
2.1	SHERIDAN LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring, 17mm	Dec 21 1898
2.2	SHERIDAN, LAKE, COLO. / REC'D CI 10P 31.0	Hstp Target, No killer	May 3 1908
3	SHERIDAN, LAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars P-22x13mm	Jul 9 1908 May 28 1911
4	SHERIDAN LAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Seen with comma after Sheridan Oct 28 1912 Dec 2 1924
5	SHERIDAN LAKE, COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars P-??x18mm	Mar 24 1934 Apr 24 1942
6	SHERIDAN LAKE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Sep 13 1938 Dec 21 1945
7	SHERIDAN LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 22 1948 Nov 23 1955
7.1	SHERIDAN LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 30 1959 Feb 19 1960
7.2	SHERIDAN LAKE / COLO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 31 1959
7.3	Sheridan Lake, / Colo. RC 10P 34.0x17.0	Hstp No killer Parcel Post Box	1950s
8	SHERIDAN LAKE, CO / 81071 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 31 1965 Sep 21 1970
9	SHERIDAN LAKE, CO / 81071 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 20 1968 Sep 3 1976
9.1	SHERIDAN LAKE, CO / 81071 CI 10P 34.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 4 1989
10	SHERIDAN LAKE, CO / 81071 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	May 29 1990 Jan 26 2000
11	SHERIDAN LAKE CO 81071 / USPS CI 11P 29.5/19.5	Hstp No killer	May 12 1997

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SHERIDAN LAKE – Continued



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SHERIDAN LAKE – BEE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 27 1987

Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

SHERIDAN LAKE – BEE STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SHERIDAN LAKE, COLO 81071 / BEE STATION Oct 27 1987 Oct 27 1987
IR 00R 100.0x32.0 Pict Scene - Buffalo, barbed wire, 1887-1987



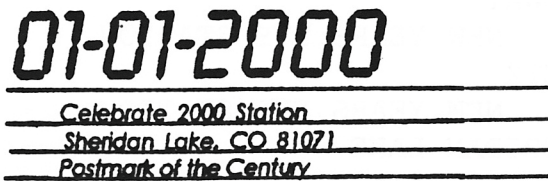
SHERIDAN LAKE – CELEBRATE 2000 STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 1 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Sheridan Lake CO 81071 // Celebrate 2000 Station Jan 1 2000
IR 00R 73.0x22.0 Pict Text only - Postmark of the Century



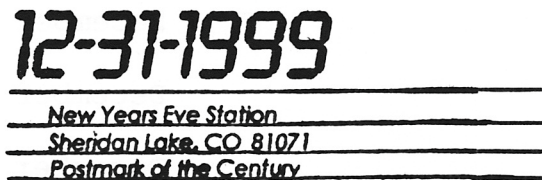
SHERIDAN LAKE – NEW YEAR’S STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Sheridan Lake, CO 81071 // New Years Eve Station Dec 31 1999
IR 00R 72.0x22.0 Pict Text only - Postmark of the Century



STEWART

Stewart was another of the small communities that arose along the route of the Pueblo and State Line Railroad as the railroad traversed Kiowa County. Located halfway between Sheridan Lake and Towner, and 8 plus miles east of the state line, Stewart had a siding, a few dwellings and a grain elevator. In 1997 the only thing at the site was a large ranch complex on the south side of Highway 96.

STEWART – Continued

The origin of the name is unknown. Apparently it was not for a local resident as there was confusion as to how the name should be spelled: Stewart or Stuart? Both versions appear on maps. The Post Office Department knew it as Stewart from 1888 to 1899 when the office closed. However, in 1910 when the post office reopened for a two year run, the accepted spelling was Stuart. Also, from the descriptions on the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports, the original Stewart would have been on the north side of the present-day highway and later Stuart on the south side of the highway.



STEWART COLO.

December 26, 1897

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 29 1888	---	S/2 SW/4 Sec 24 T18S R43W North side of Missouri Pacific less than 80 rods	
		Proposed postmaster - Cephas Lilly	
Apr 23 1888		Established	
Apr 23 1888		Lilly, Cephas	
Oct 24 1889		Bailey, Blackwell	
Jan 3 1891		Greambar, Charles	
Jan 14 1892		McCain, Samuel	
Dec 7 1893		Wieman, William H.	
Apr 4 1895		Kella, James J.	
Feb 19 1896		Clason, John H.	
Jul 2 1898		Wooster, Catherine A.	Declined
Mar 2 1899		Hammer, George M.	
Apr 25 1899		Discontinued	

STEWART – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	STEWART / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Feb 10 1889 Feb 12 1894 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
2	STEWART / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Dec 26 1897 Mar 22 1899 Hstp Target



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STUART

For the discussion of this community, refer to Stewart.

Latitude = 38:28:17-North Longitude = 102:11:39-West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 5 1910	---	NW/4 Sec 25 T18S R43W Stewart Station on Missouri Pacific is 968 feet North of Post Office
Mar 18 1911		Established
Mar 18 1911		Jackman, Olive L.
Jun 14 1912		Stuart, Thomas P.
Nov 20 1912		Discontinued Mail to Towner

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM STUART

SWEETWATER

Sweetwater, like Segreganset, was a rural post office in south-central Kiowa County. A visit to the site leads to the conclusion that Sweetwater was a ranch that for some ten years provided postal service to the area west of the large irrigation storage reservoirs.

To reach the site, drive eight and one half miles south from Eads on County Road 40, turn west on Road G for one half mile then continue south on Road 40 (It should be Road 39.5) four miles to Road C. Turn east to the drainage from one of the reservoirs. In 1997 there was still some debris near the road intersection, a farm road north along the creek goes through what appears to have been a ranch yard with a corral and buildings.

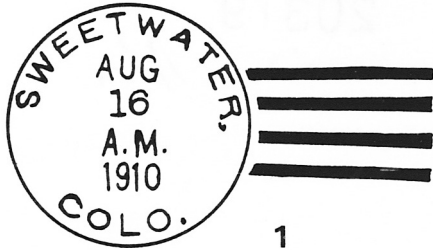
Chronology of the Post Office

May 4 1908	---	SE/4 Sec 21 T20S R48W Proposed postmaster - Elmer H. Myers
May 28 1908		Established
May 28 1908		Myers, Elmer H.
Aug 23 1913		Reeves, Henry
Aug 15 1918		Discontinued Mail to Eads

SWEETWATER – Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**1 SWEETWATER, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0

Feb 13 1909 Apr 10 1915

4bars S-25x14mm

**TOWNER**

Towner was founded by the Missouri Pacific Railroad and was named for an official of the railroad. Several of the original settlers were from Tennessee and they had chosen Memphis as the name for their community. The railroad had other desires and prevailed over the residents.

The community was never a large one but it did provide supplies and services for an area that extended into western Kansas. Although the post office has closed, the community has a church and a community hall to meet the social needs of the residents and a grain elevator, some small stores and several homes. In 1962 a new school was built to serve the residents of Towner, Sheridan Lake and Brandon.

In March of 1931 Towner made national headlines when a school bus with twenty-two children was trapped by a heavy spring snowstorm. The bus driver started on foot for help and died only a few miles from the bus. Before help arrived, five children in the stranded bus had frozen to death. Bryan Untiedt was the hero as he kept the children moving, playing games and doing exercises until they were rescued.

Towner is at the extreme eastern end of the county, a little more than two miles west of the state line and at the intersection of Colorado Highway 96 with County Road 78

Latitude = 38:28:15-North Longitude = 102:04:45-West

Latitude = 38:27:47-North Longitude = 102:05:44-West CEMETERY

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 30 1888	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T18S R42W	
		Proposed postmaster - Eva B. Brown	
Feb 20 1888		Established	
Feb 20 1888		Brown, Eva B.	
Jul 12 1889		Taylor, Abram M.	
Mar 7 1890		Kella, Emma	
May 2 1895		Weiman, William H.	
Dec 21 1899		Waters, Elvina	Rescinded Jul 9 1900
Aug 10 1901		Coleman, Monroe	Declined
Nov 23 1901		Kella, Jane J.	
Jul 1 1904		Bennett, William F.	
Mar 24 1907		Mahoney, Lafayette	
Feb 4 1908		Ritchey, Isaac S.	
Jan 29 1910		McGrath, Ella C	
Jul 13 1911		Swigart, Paul J.	
Apr 20 1914	---	SE/4 SW/4 Sec 24 T18S R42W	296 feet south of the Missouri Pacific Railroad

TOWNER – Continued

Apr 15 1920	Mahler, Laura	
Oct 1 1923		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1924	Mahler, Laura	
Jul 1 1926		Office relegated
Jan 12 1927	Jones, Nora	Confirmed
Jan 22 1927	Jones, Nora	Commissioned
Jan 28 1927	Jones, Nora	Assumed charge
Jan 9 1934	Remley, Harry L.	Assumed charge
Jan 18 1934	Remley, Harry L.	Acting
Jun 13 1934	Remley, Harry L.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1934	Remley, Harry L.	Commissioned
Apr 5 1935	Beachy, Mrs. Grace	Assumed charge
Apr 23 1935	Beachy, Mrs. Grace	Acting
Nov 4 1935	Beachy, Mrs. Grace	Confirmed
Dec 2 1935	Beachy, Mrs. Grace	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 25 T18S R42W Missouri Pacific Railroad 624 feet north of post office
Mar 31 1958	Owen, Mrs. Vera L.	Assumed charge
Apr 3 1958	Owen, Mrs. Vera L.	Acting
Jun 29 1959	Morris, Mrs. Bettie L.	Appointed
Jul 10 1959	Morris, Mrs. Bettie L.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1961		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1964		Office relegated
Jul 1 1967		Office made Presidential
Jul 28 1989	Last day of operation	
May 9 1992	Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

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2	TOWNER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	Apr 29 1909 Jul 30 1910 4bars S-24x14mm
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5	TOWNER / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Mar 21 1942 Feb 17 1960 4bars S-24x19mm, small letters
6	TOWNER / COLO. CI 10P 35.0	Sep 24 1948 Mar 19 1952 4bars S-25x20mm, large letters
7	TOWNER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Mar 23 1965 4bars S-23x18mm, wide spaced letters
8	TOWNER. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Sep 2 1966 4bars S-23x19mm, close spaced letters
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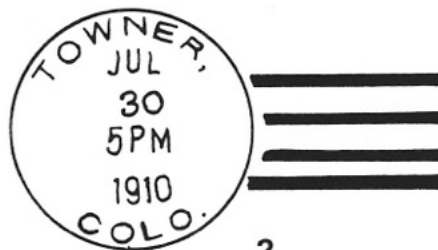
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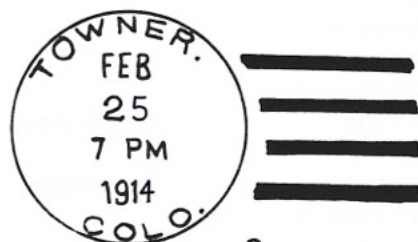
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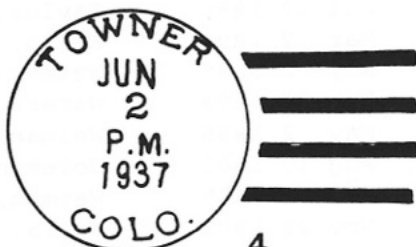
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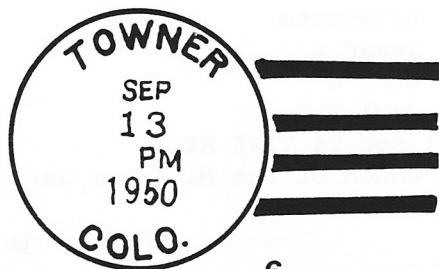
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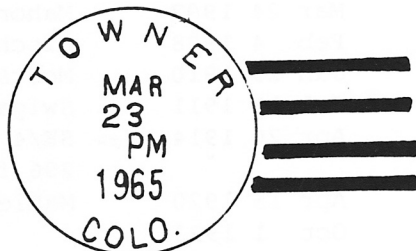
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WATER VALLEY

Water Valley was the only Kiowa County post office north of the railroad. It was established as an agricultural development and community along Big Sandy Creek. A shortage of reliable water doomed successful farming and today the countryside relies on deep well irrigation or is primarily grazing land.

To reach the site from Brandon drive west one mile to County Road 59. Turn north three and one half miles to County Road S, turn west one mile to County Road 58, then north. Water Valley was on the west side of Road 58. There are a few farms in the area but most of it is open fields.

WATER VALLEY – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 19 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T18S R45W 1-1/2 miles east of Big Sandy Creek Proposed postmaster - Melville M. Tracy
Sep 9 1887		Established
Sep 9 1887		Thompson, Abraham C.
Jan 30 1888		Tyler, Albert S.
Jul 9 189		Fluke, John
Aug 6 1890	---	SE/4 Sec 8 T18S R45W 1-1/2 mile east of Big Sandy Creek
Sep 12 1894		Discontinued Papers to Sheridan Lake

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED FROM WATER VALLEY

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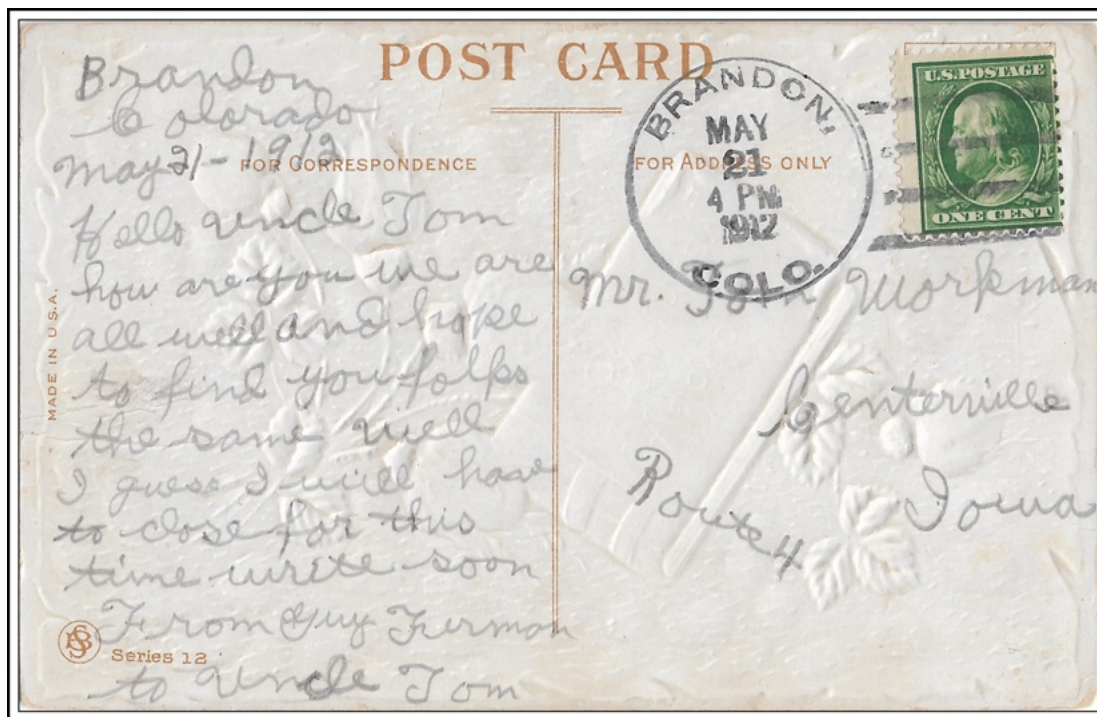
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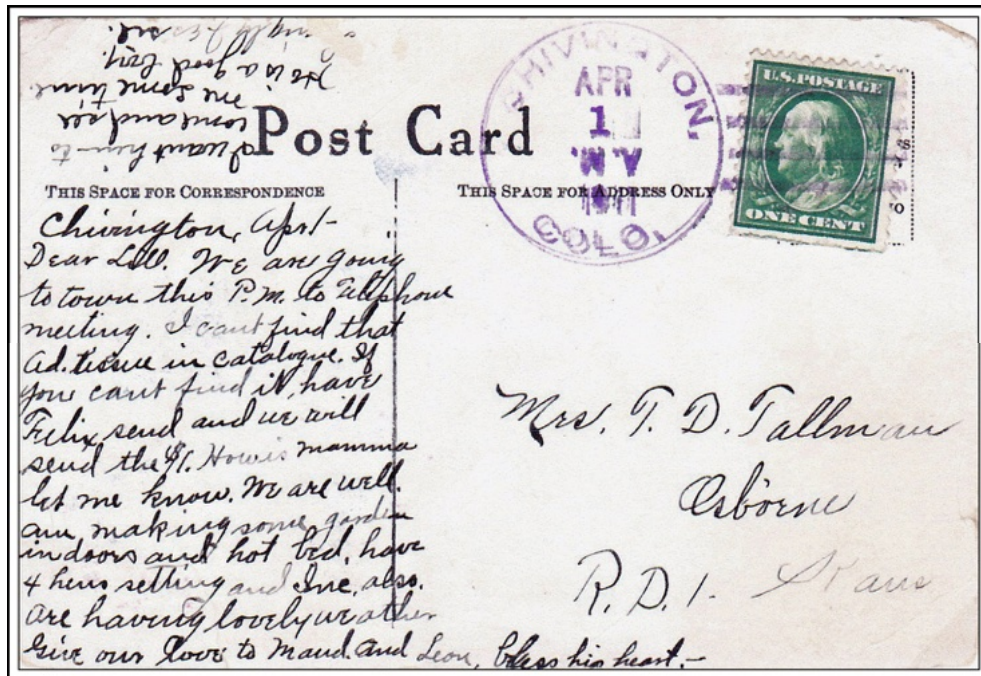
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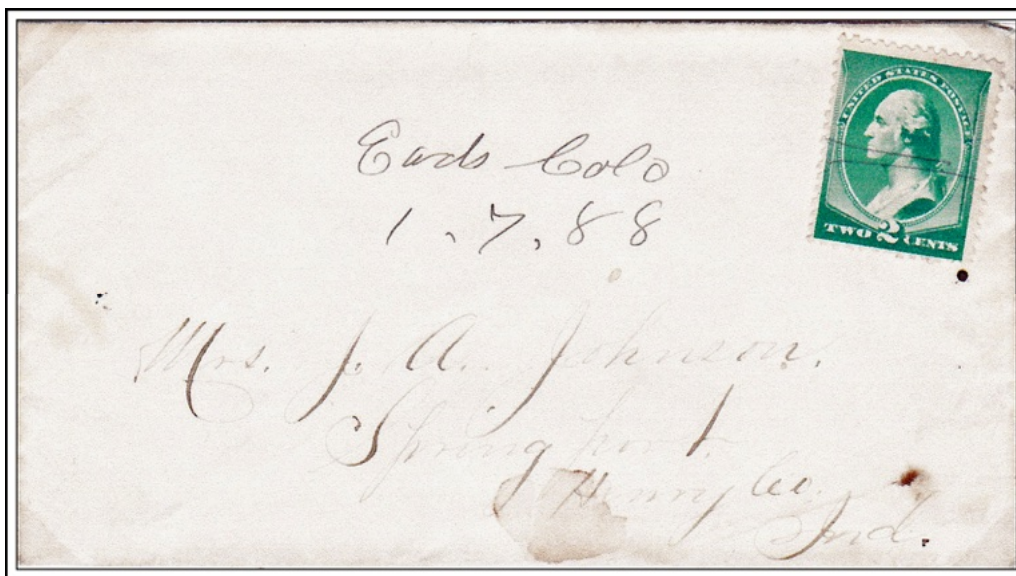


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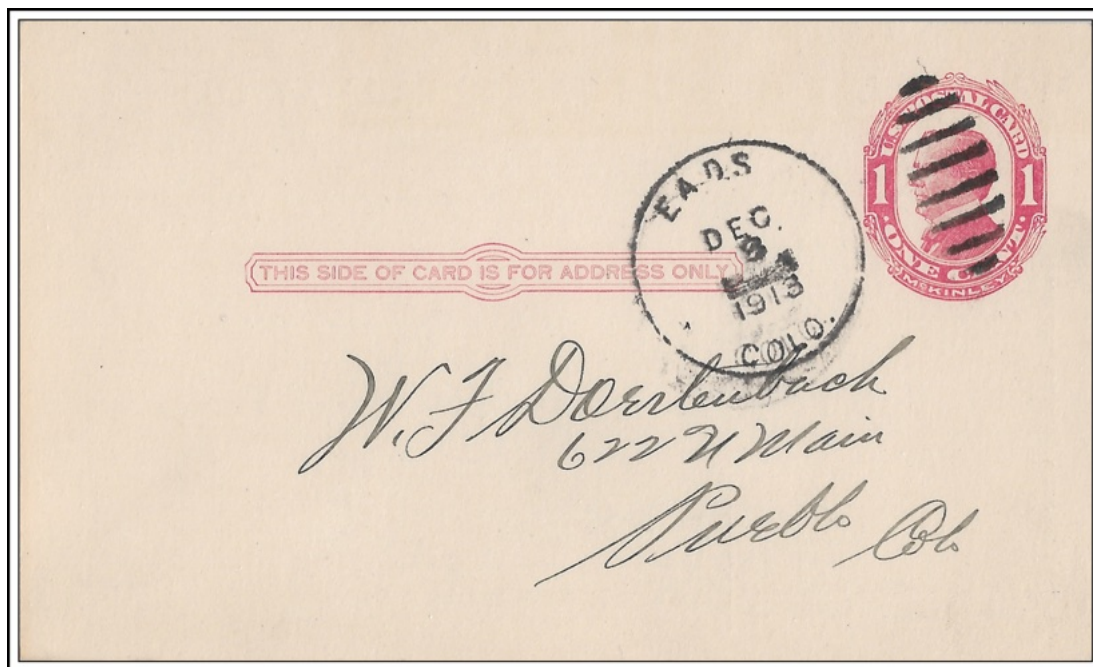
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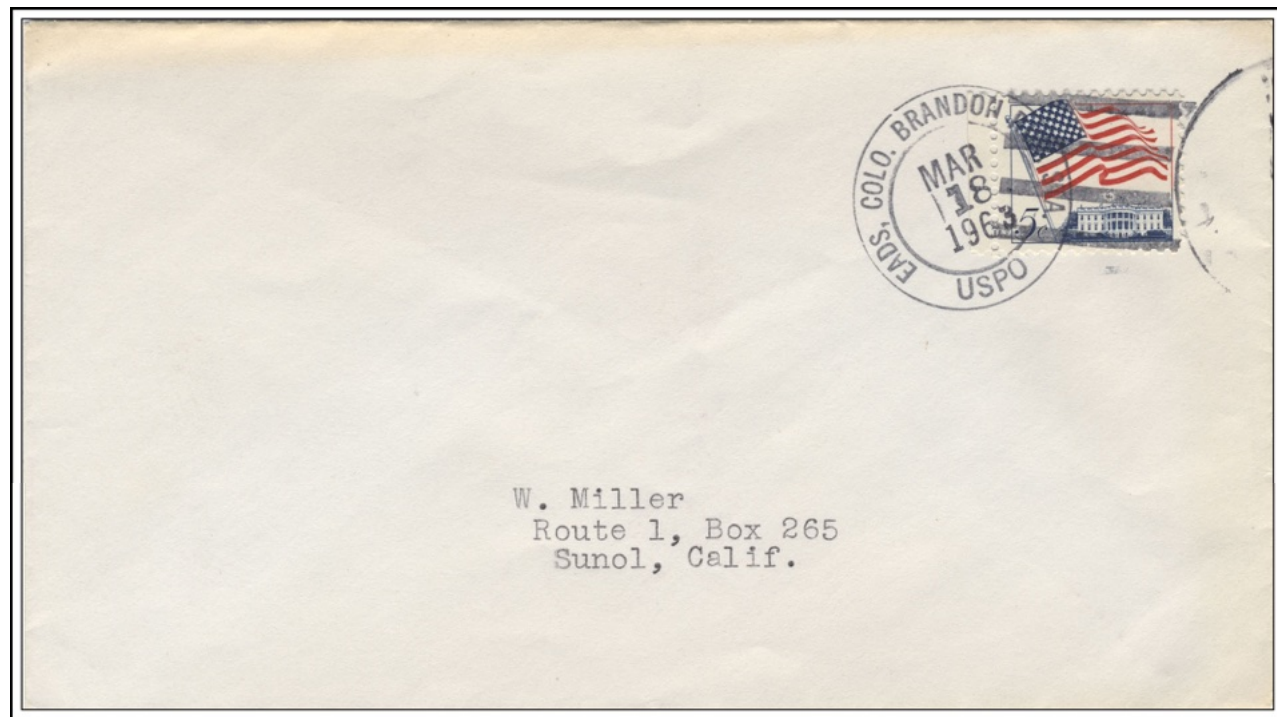
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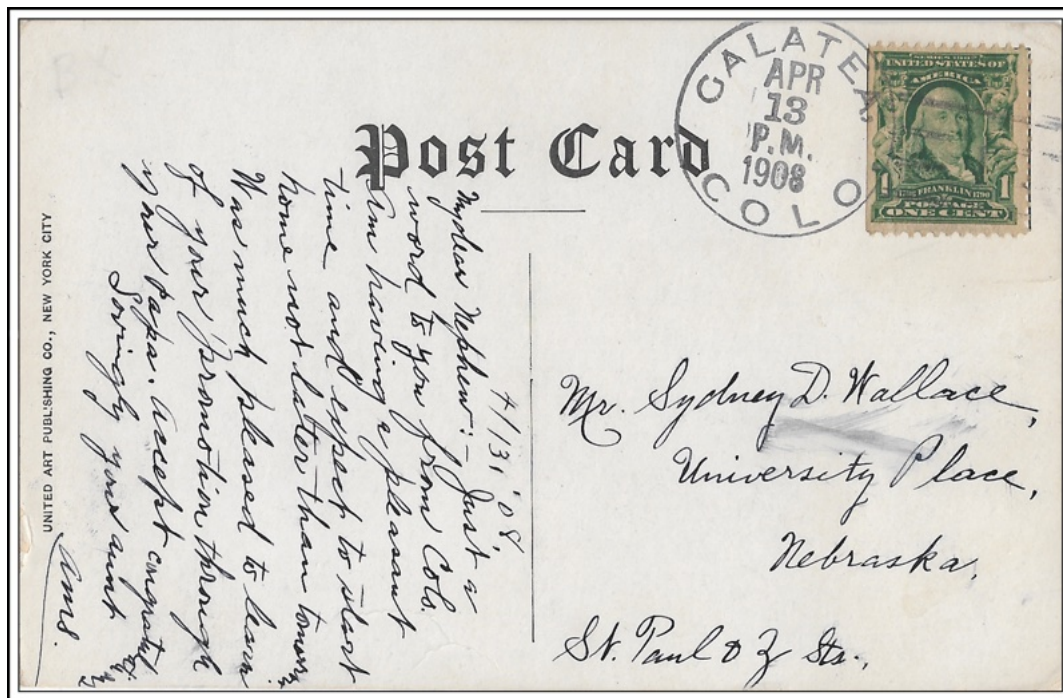
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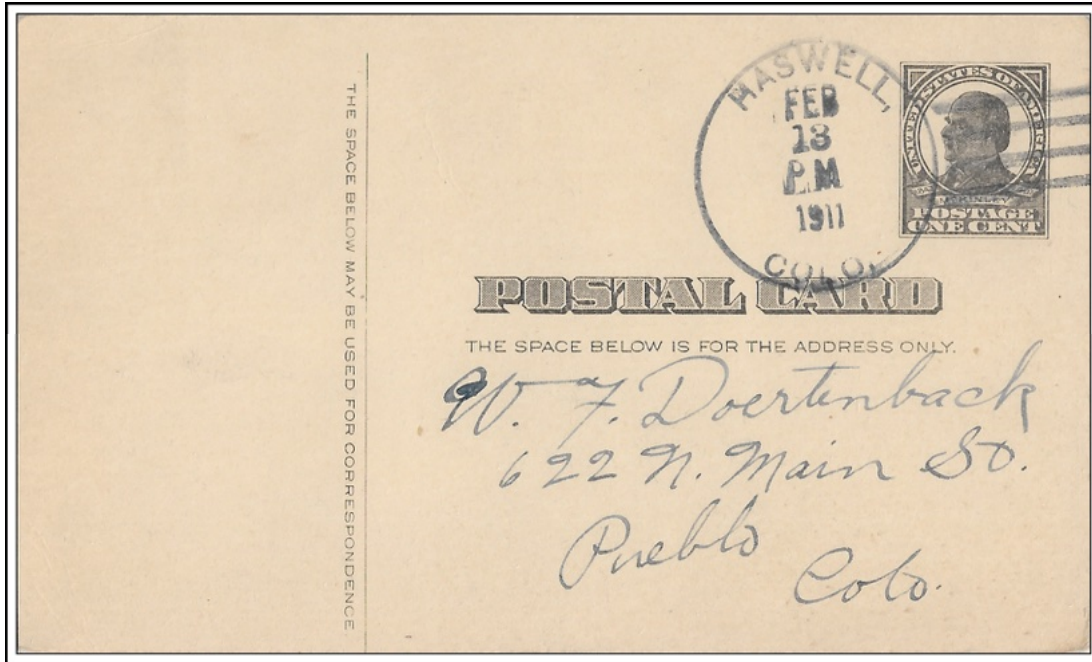
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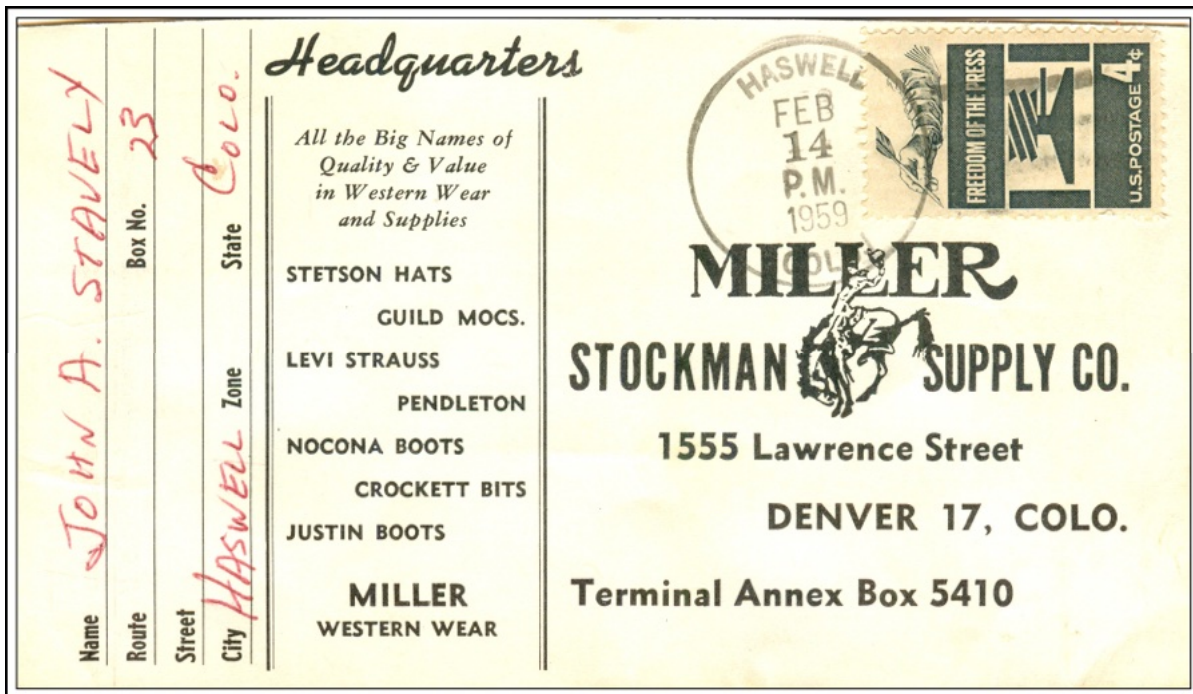
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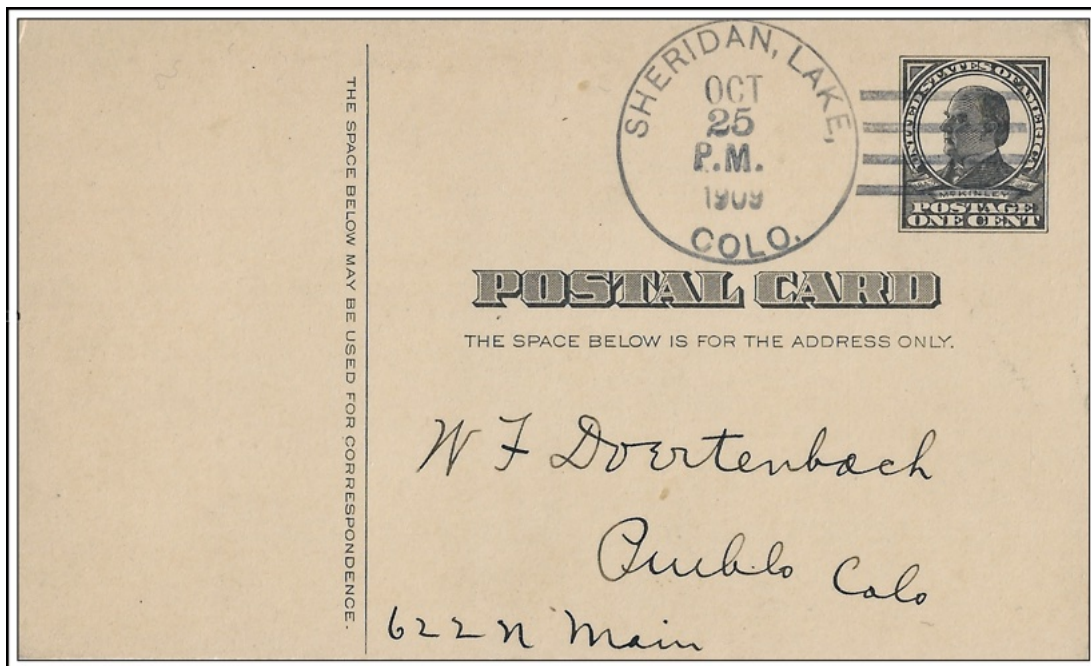
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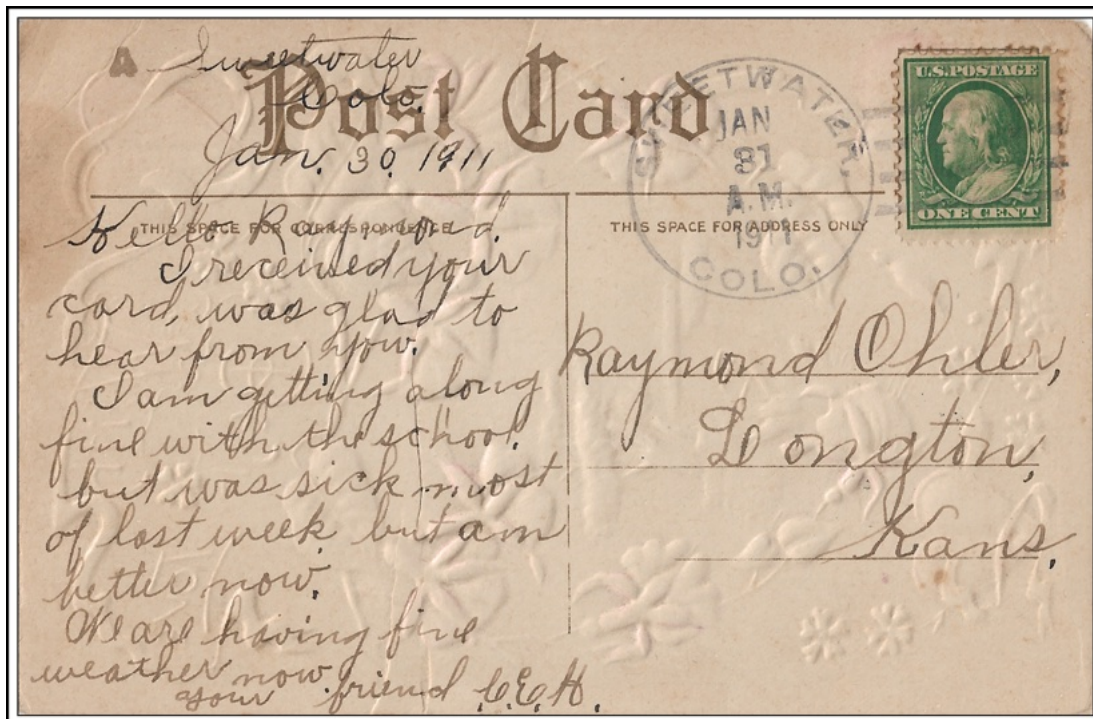
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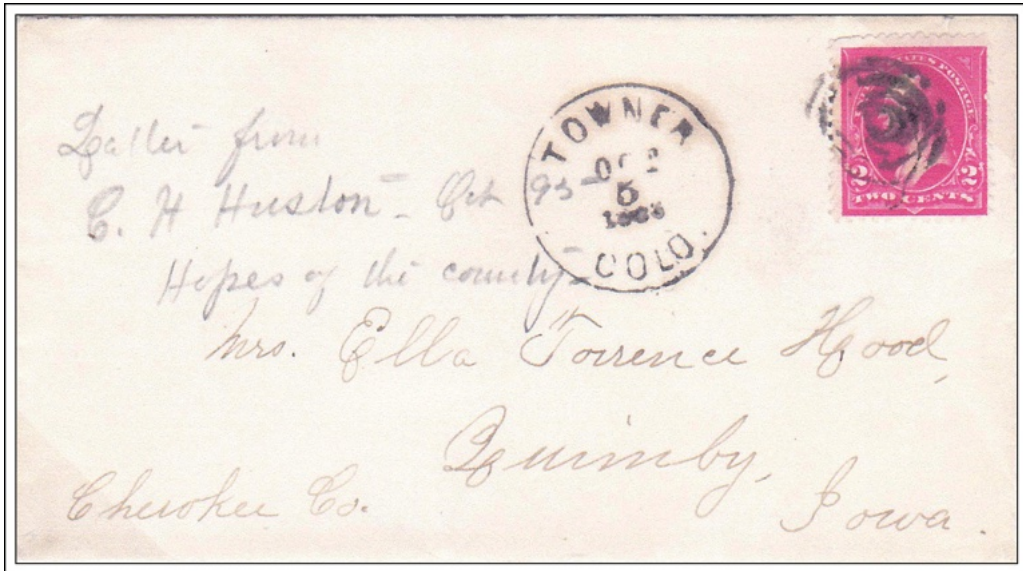
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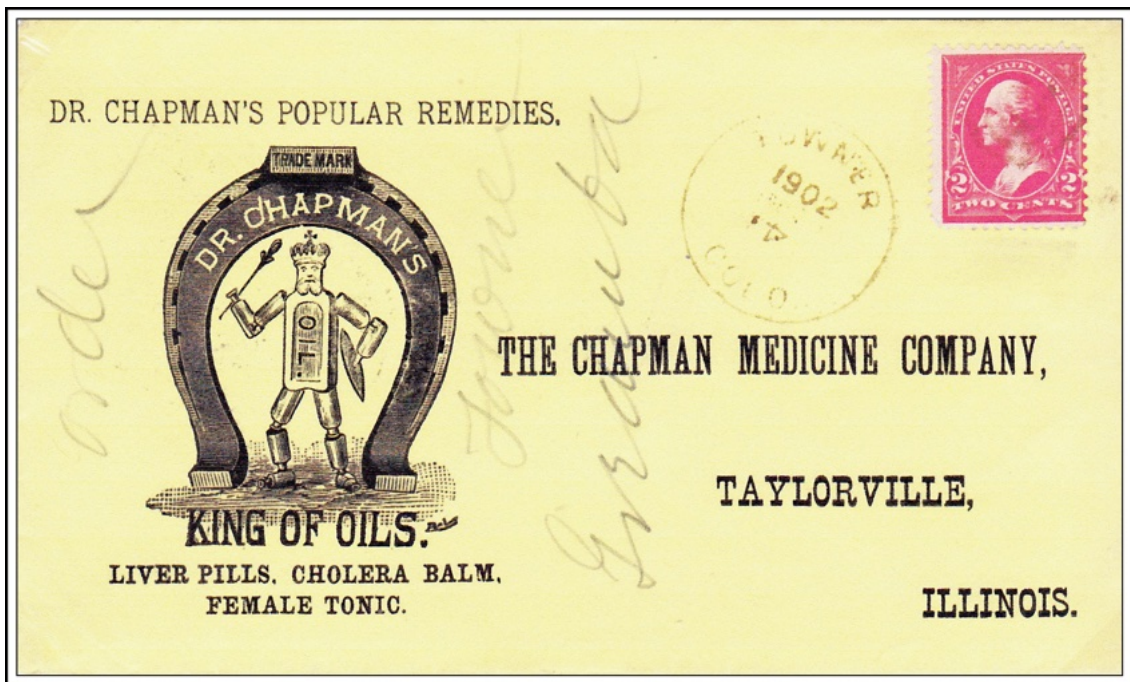
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