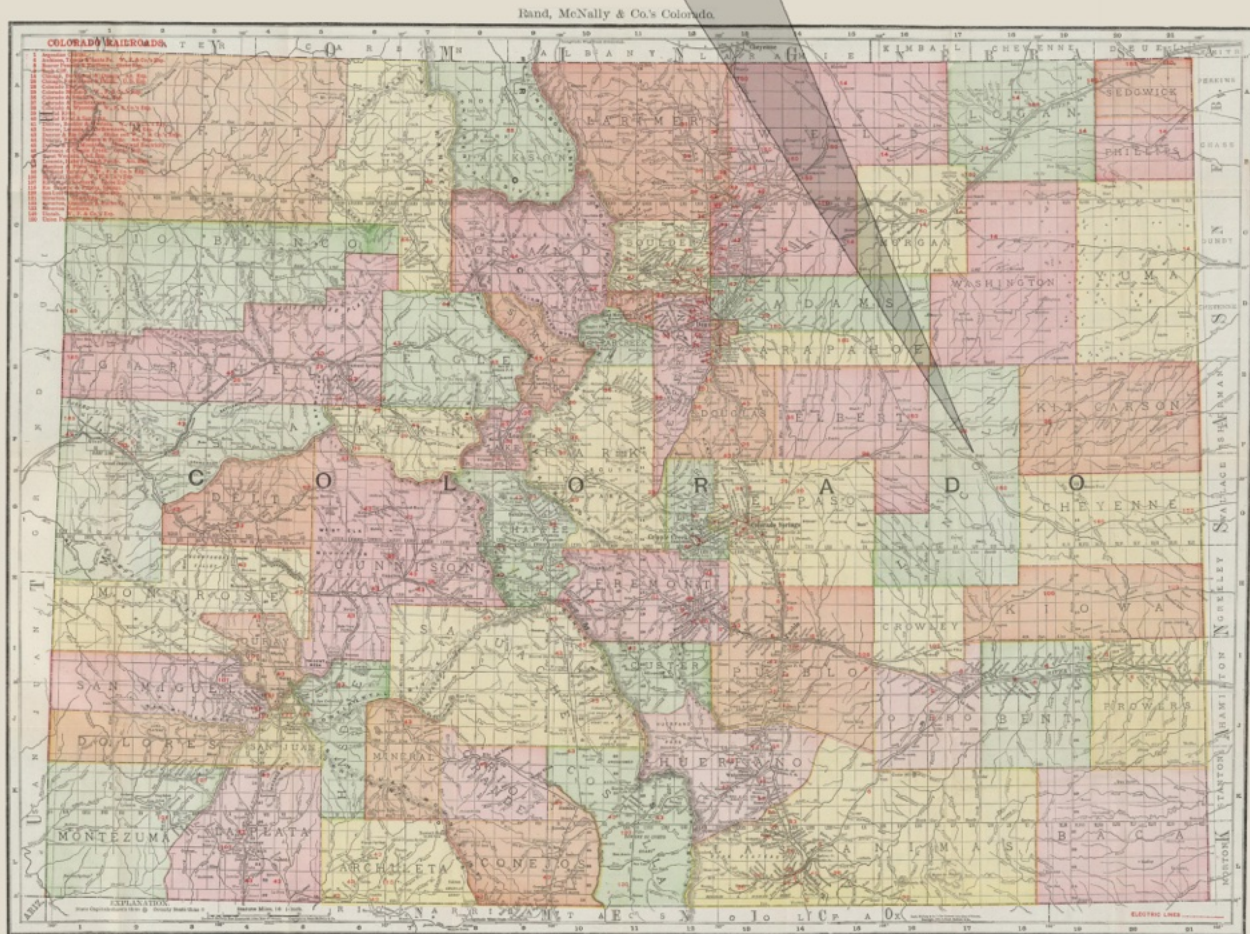


Lincoln County



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Established: April 11, 1889

County Seat: Hugo

LINCOLN COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

On April 11, 1889 the Colorado Legislature authorized the creation of Lincoln County. Hugo was selected to be the county seat. Since its creation the county boundaries and county seat have remained unchanged.

The area that now comprises Lincoln County was first divided between Arapahoe County, Douglas County and the Indian Reserve. With the dissolution of the Indian Reserve, a portion of the future county became a part of the short-lived Greenwood County. In 1874 Greenwood County was divided between the new Elbert and an expanded Bent County. Those boundaries remained unchanged until 1889 when Elbert and Bent Counties were carved up to create the reduced Elbert and Bent Counties. In the same year six new counties were authorized: Lincoln, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Otero and Prowers.

The shape of Lincoln County is a slightly irregular, reversed "L." The maximum north-south dimension is seventy-two miles. At the top of the "L" the east west dimension is thirty miles and at the base of the "L" it is forty-eight miles.

The northern boundary is shared with Arapahoe County. The eastern boundary is shared with Kit Carson, Cheyenne and a short section with Kiowa County. The southern boundary is with Kiowa and Crowley Counties. On the west Lincoln County shares a boundary with El Paso and Elbert Counties.

The topography of Lincoln County is typical of the high plains of eastern Colorado. It is rolling countryside, well dissected by a large number of seasonal and intermittent streams. There is some drainage north to the South Platte River while most of the southern portion of the county drains south to the Arkansas River. Both the Arickaree and the Republican River have their headwaters in eastern Lincoln County. Two other major streams are Horse Creek and Big Sandy Creek.

Some portions of southern Lincoln County are quite level and well scattered with small ponds and reservoirs.

Settlement of Lincoln County was a bit slow to develop. The Smoky Hill Trail and the Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Stage Route crossed the county but of the stations along those trails only Hugo eventually developed into a long-lasting community.

In 1870 the Kansas Pacific Railroad entered the area and followed Big Sandy Creek northwestward across the county. In 1888 the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad built west through Lincoln County. The two railroads crossed tracks at present day Limon. The Kansas Pacific, now a part of the Union Pacific Railroad is still in operation. The Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad became the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad. The Rock Island tracks from Limon to Colorado Springs have been removed and the section east from Limon is under private operation but it still serves the towns along its route.

The railroads became the principal avenues of travel across the county and were the focus for the development of several towns, some of which still survive. As travel shifted from rail to highway, US Highway 40 paralleled The Union Pacific and US Highway 24 paralleled The Rock Island. US Highway 287 shares the road with US 40. In the later twentieth century, US 24 was largely replaced by Interstate 70.

From north to south, Colorado Highway 71 crosses the county, intersecting US 40 and Interstate 70 at Limon. Colorado Highway 94 departs from US 40 at Aroya, just east of the county line and crosses the southern portion of the county going on to Colorado Springs. Other than Limon, there are no towns and hence no services along either of these roads.

There is an extensive network of county roads within Lincoln County. Most of the county roads are unpaved and long distance travel in the county usually requires stair stepping from one road to another.

Visiting the post office sites in the southern portion of Lincoln County is not a simple operation. They are scattered in an area that, for the most part, lacks through roads. Thus, plotting a tour of the area involves a lot of changes in direction. The directions that will be given with the discussion of each post office are more direct than the path I followed in visiting the sites. If you are going to explore this portion of Lincoln County, I strongly recommend acquiring a copy of the *Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer* published by Delorme Mapping. You may need a magnifying glass to read the road names, but plot the locations and then good luck in your travels.

The economy of Lincoln County has been almost exclusively based on agriculture. Much of the land is devoted to the raising of livestock – cattle and sheep. Recently there is small but growing focus on more exotic livestock – bison and elk. Farming is also important with a number of large farms producing a variety of grains. Both ranching and farming can be problematic as they depend on an adequate supply of water. Rainfall can be sparse and stream flow is seasonal, thus, to a large extent irrigation for crops depends on water from deep wells.

The railroads and the principal highways with their requirements for maintenance and support of the traffic they carry have contributed to the county economy. With the completion of Interstate 70 a large complex of truck stops, restaurants and service stations has developed at Limon.

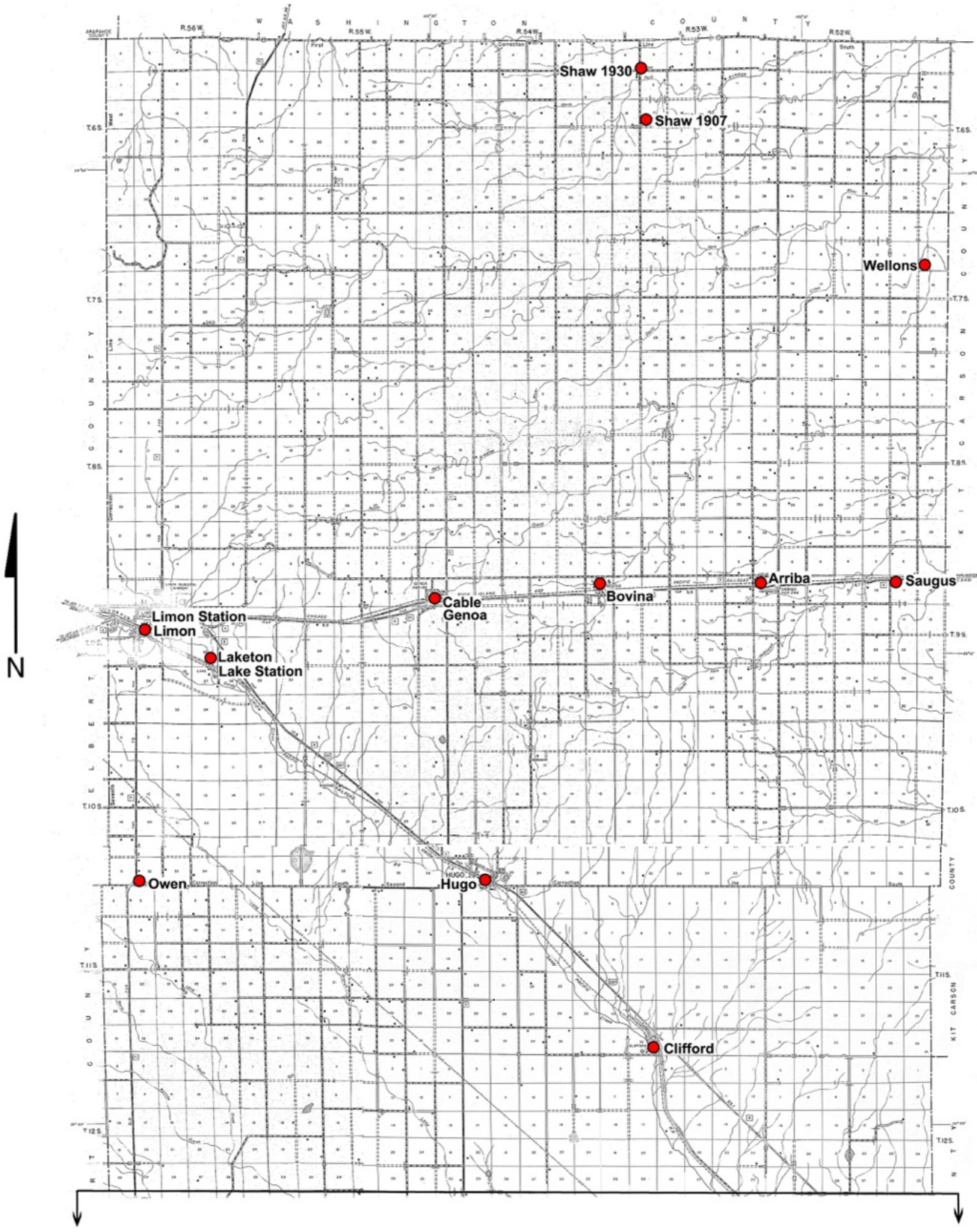
Limon and Hugo seem destined to survive. The eventual survival of Genoa and Arriba is questionable; both depend on agriculture and have lost a large portion of their commercial districts to the larger Limon and Burlington.



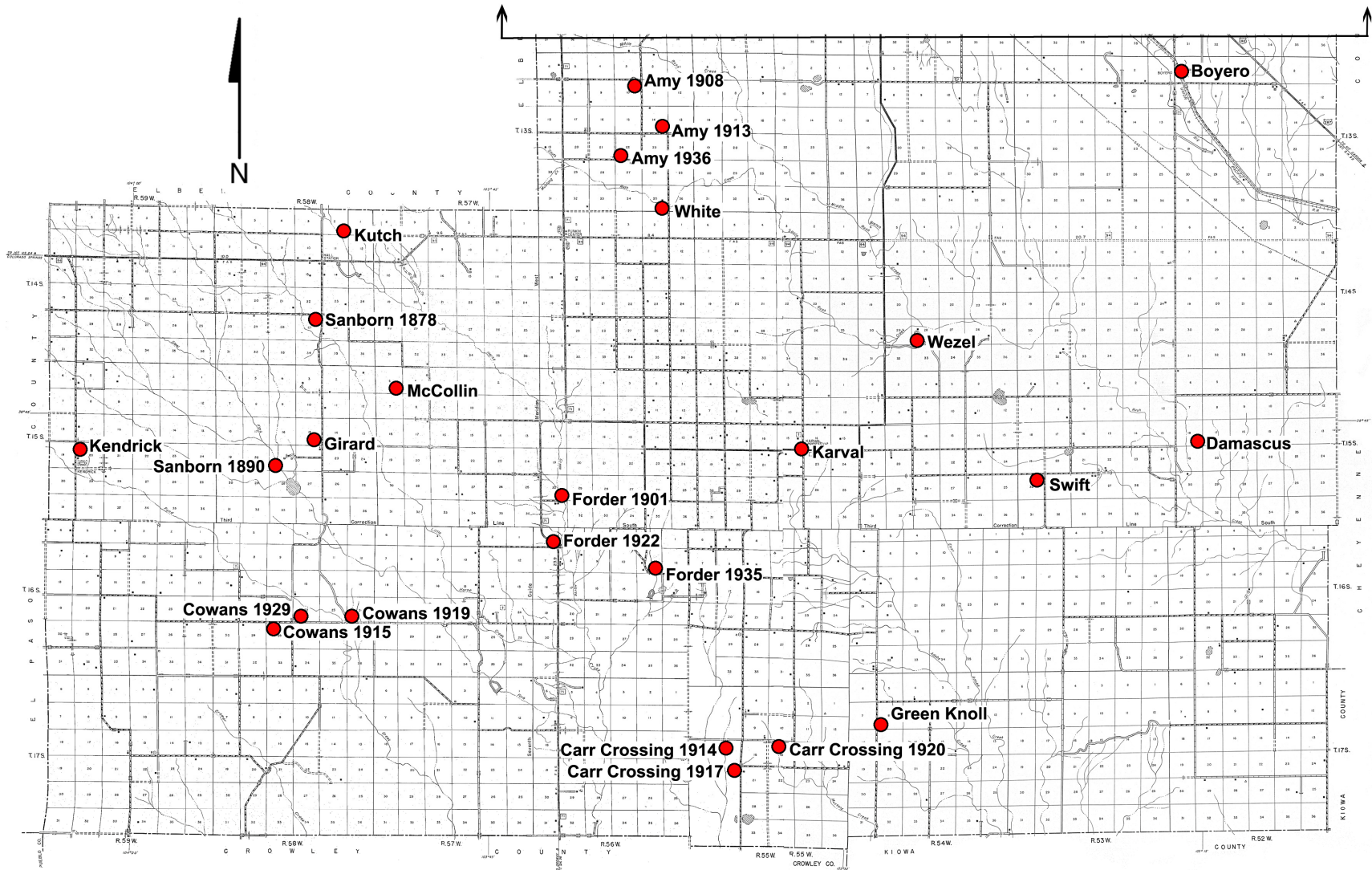
Wezel, Colorado – Site Overview

Photograph by William H. Bauer

October 17, 1996



Post Office Location Map – Northern Lincoln County



Post Office Location Map – Southern Lincoln County

AMY

Amy was a rural post office south of Limon and east of Boyero. The area is grassland and farmland thus the description of Amy as a rural post office is appropriate.

It has been reported that postmaster Miss Ella Gilmore named the post office for her niece, Miss Amy Collins, who lived in Iowa. However, the name Ella Gilmore does not appear in the Records of Postmaster Appointments for the Amy Post Office. That alone does not preclude the place having been named for an Amy Collins.

Many of the rural post offices in southern Lincoln County and eastern Colorado as a whole, often moved from ranch to ranch during their periods of operation. Amy was one such post office and three locations were reported to Washington.

From Limon, drive south on Colorado Highway 71 to Lincoln County Road 2G and turn east. Go three miles to the intersection with County Road 23. The 1908 site of Amy was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. There is no sign of anything at that location. Turn south on County Road 23 and go two miles to the intersection with County Road 2E. The 1913 location of Amy was in the northeast quadrant of this intersection. There is one old building at the intersection but on the wrong side of the road. Continue south one mile on Road 23 to County Road 2D and turn west one mile to the final (1936) site of Amy, on the north side of the road. This is another open field, but there are signs of past activity in the vicinity.

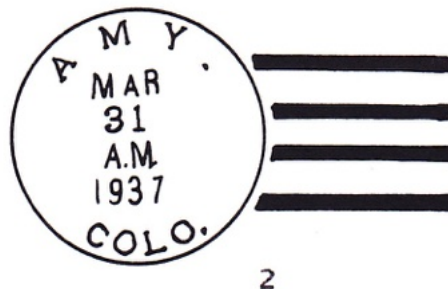
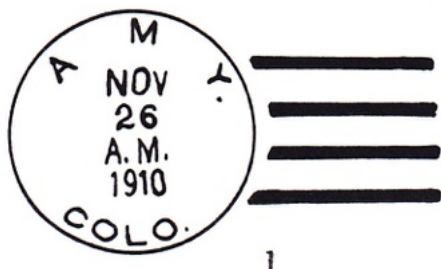
From this final site you can continue west to Colorado Highway 71 or reverse direction and go to the site of the White Post Office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 28 1908	---	NE/4 Sec 10 T13S R56W Rush Creek is one mile north of office Proposed postmaster - Aletha F. Dryden	
Feb 2 1909		Established	
Feb 2 1907		Dryden, Aletha F.	
Jul 14 1913		Shaw, Bessie	
Aug 25 1913	---	From: NE/4 Sec 10 T13S R56W To: SE/4 Sec 14 T13S R56W A move one mile east and two miles south of a previous location	
Apr 27 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 14 T13S R56W 2 miles south of Rush Creek	
Aug 17 1936	---	SW/4 Sec 22 T13S R56W A move 1-1/2 miles southwest of a previous location 1/4 mile north of South Rush Creek NOTE: This was moved January 24 after office was destroyed by fire	
Aug 21 1936		Selbe, Mrs. Jessie C.	Confirmed
Mar 11 1937		Selbe, Mrs. Jessie C.	Appointment rescinded
Jan 21 1937		Ordered closed	
Mar 31 1937		Discontinued Mail to Hugo	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AMY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 26 1910 Aug 25 1927
2	AMY, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 15 1931 Mar 31 1937



ARRIBA

Arriba is one of the series of towns that were established along the line of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad. The railroad was built under the auspices of a subsidiary, the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway. On September 17, 1888 Charles A. Creel filed a town plat for Arriba.

Arriba is a Spanish word meaning, "above, over, up, or high." This is a reference to its elevation of 5,239 feet, higher than that of other communities in the region.

With its location on the railroad, Arriba became a shipping and supply point for ranchers and farmers in the vicinity. Arriba is still an active community, although reduced in size and importance from its early days. There are a few small operating businesses and a number of occupied residences.

For a short time in the early 1990's there was an evening "dinner excursion" train that ran from Limon to Arriba and return. Together with Jim Ozment and Bob Richardson I rode the train. It was a hot summer evening on a train with no air conditioning and it turned out to be a "dessert" train, not dinner. In spite of that, it was a very interesting example of local history at work.

Arriba is located on the north side of Interstate 70 with access from Exit 383. It is seven miles west of the Lincoln-Kit Carson County line.

Latitude = 39:17:10 North Longitude = 103:16:30 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 27 1888	---	NW/4 Sec 12 T9S R53W Located on the line of the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railroad Proposed postmaster - George B. Nixon	
Feb 4 1889		Established	
Feb 4 1889		Nixon, George B.	
Oct 5 1894		Calkins, Charles	
Feb 13 1899		Coleman, Charles C.	
Jan 17 1906		Graves, Charles S.	
Nov 25 1907		Graves, Bessie S.	
Jan 15 1909		Ashter, Bessie E.	
May 13 1910		Cole, Frederick E.	
Jul 1 1911			Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1912			Office relegated
Aug 21 1912		Cole, Frederick E.	
Apr 22 1914	---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 12 T9S R53W 567.2 feet from center of main line track of C.R.I.& P. RR	
Jun 23 1914		Davis, John	
Oct 1 1918			Office made Presidential
Feb 18 1920		Davis, John	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Mar 5 1924		Davis, John	P&S
Mar 8 1928		Davis, John	P&S
Apr 22 1928		Davis, John	Nominated
May 19 1928		Davis, John	Confirmed
Jun 21 1928		Davis, John	Commissioned
May 28 1936		Kraxberger, John R.	Nominated
Jun 5 1936		Kraxberger, John R.	Confirmed
Jun 16 1936		Kraxberger, John R.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 1 1936		Kraxberger, John R.	Commissioned
Jul 8 1936		Kraxberger, John R.	Assumed charge
Nov 29 1940		Kraxberger, John R.	Nominated
Dec 9 1940		Kraxberger, John R.	Confirmed
Dec 11 1940		Kraxberger, John R.	Appointed Presidential
Jan 7 1941		Kraxberger, John R.	Commissioned
Jan 31 1941		Kraxberger, John R.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 12 T9S R53W	
Aug 29 1962		Kraxberger, Mrs. Esther L.	Assumed charge
Sep 4 1962		Kraxberger, Mrs Esther L.	Acting

ARRIBA – Continued

Jan 24 1964	Lee, Ole H.	Acting
Jun 4 1965	Lee, Ole H.	Assumed charge
May 21 1965	Lee, Ole H.	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Lee, Ole H.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 8 1965	Lee, Ole H.	Commissioned



Arriba, Colorado Post Office

Photograph by William H. Bauer

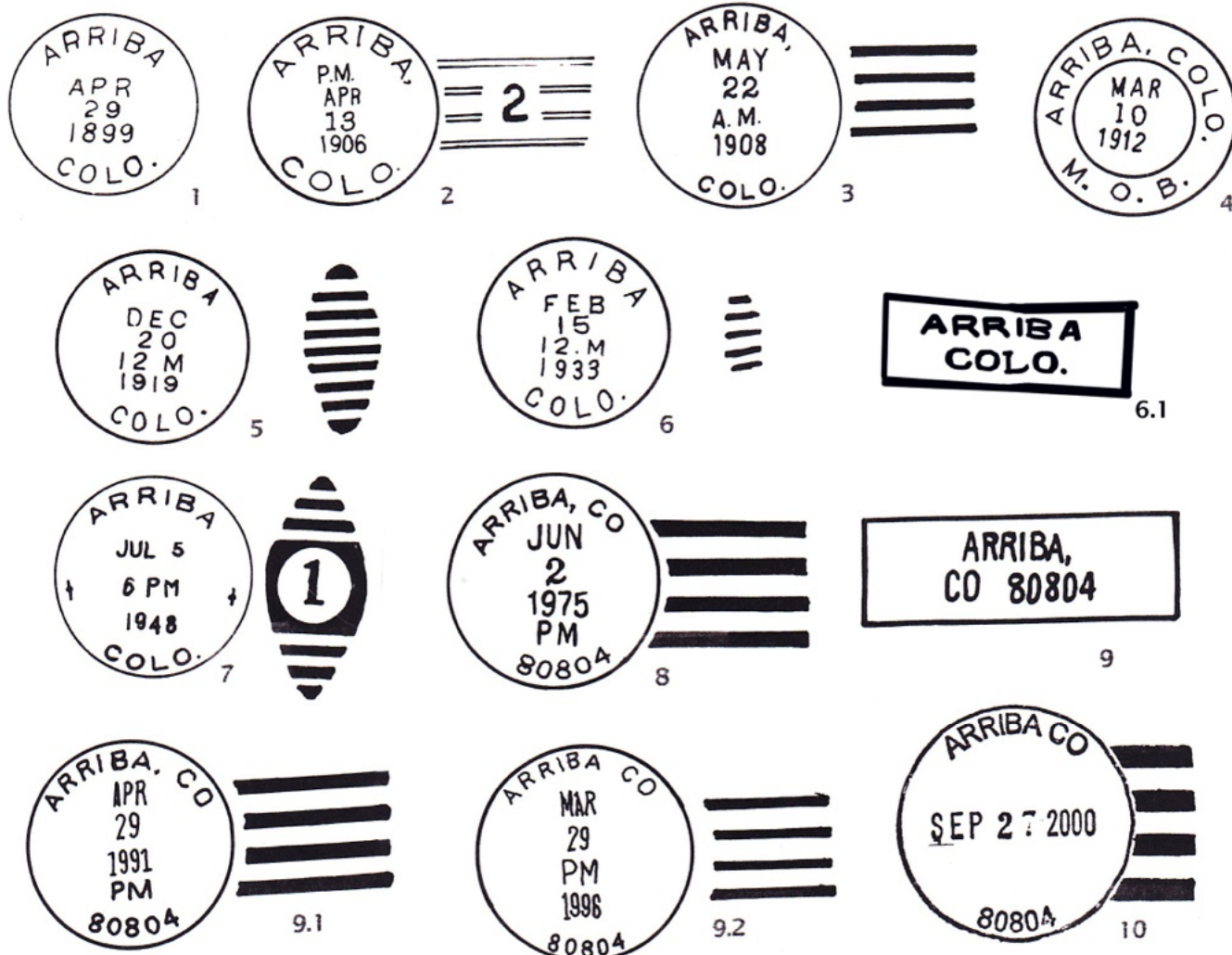
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Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ARRIBA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target	Apr 9 1899 May 12 1901
2	ARRIBA, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Doane Type 2 with 2, S-22x13mm	Sep 30 1905 Apr 24 1907
3	ARRIBA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Sep 7 1907 Apr 24 1909
4	ARRIBA, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.5/17.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 10 1912
5	ARRIBA / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Sep 8 1914 Dec 20 1919
6	ARRIBA / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, ???	Sep 8 1931 Feb 15 1933
6.1	ARRIBA / COLO. 10P 38.0x14.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box	1930s
7	ARRIBA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Nov 3 1933 Apr 5 1965
8	ARRIBA, CO / 80804 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Apr 19 1965 May 1 1980

ARRIBA – Continued

9	ARRIBA, / CO 80804 RC 10P 49.0x17.0	May -- 1981 Hstp Parcel Post box cancel
9.1	ARRIBA, CO / 80804 CI 10P 31.0	Feb 25 1986 May 28 1993 4bars S-23x18mm
9.2	ARRIBA CO / 80804 CI 10P 33.0	Feb 17 1993 Mar 29 1996 4bars S-19x16mm
10	ARRIBA CO / 80804 CI 10p 36.0	Sep 27 2000 Jan 26 2001 4bars S-13x24mm



TARADO MUSEUM STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 31 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ARRIBA CO 80804 // TARADO MUSEUM STATION CI 10P 32.5	Aug 31 1986 Pict Scene - Museum Building
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ARRIBA TARADO MUSEUM STATION – Continued



BOVINA

On October 20, 1888 J. F. Jilson filed a plat for the town of Bovina. Mr. Jilson was the individual who filed plats for Claremont, Mattison, Resolis and Seibert. All of these communities were on the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad, so it would appear that Mr. Jilson was the agent in Colorado for the Rock Island's Lincoln Land Company.

The name Bovina is a corruption of Bovine, a reference to the importance of cattle ranching in the surrounding countryside.

Bovina did develop into a small community with a station and a siding on the railroad. Almost all of that is gone. A few scattered homes remain on the north side of Interstate 70 but there is no direct access from I-70. From Exit 383 at Arriba, go north one mile on Lincoln County Road 43 to County Road 3H and turn west. This will take you to the north of Arriba. Seven miles from Road 43 you will be north of the location of Bovina which was between Roads 36 and 37. There is a side road to the south that will take you down among the remaining buildings.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 15 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W 1/2 mile west of Hackberry Creek 40 rods north of the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railroad Proposed postmaster - Ephraim S. Weaver	
Jan 8 1889		Established	
Jan 8 1889		Weaver, Ephraim S.	
Oct 5 1894		Rose, Jasper N.	
Sep 14 1897		Graham, Grace	
Jul 18 1901		Heimbach, Clara M.	
Jan 23 1905		Graham, Grace	
Feb 4 1909		Bussey, Plummer F.	
Dec 28 1911		Fred, John T.	
Apr 22 1913		Murray, Charles F.	
Dec 15 1914		Weaver, Ella	
Nov 18 1915	---	NW/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W A move 800 feet north of a previous location 950 feet north of the C.R.I. & P. RR	
Apr 25 1919		Heimbach, Ellsworth G.	
Oct 27 1919		Wallace, Dollie E.	
Dec 2 1919	---	SW/4 NW/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W 1/4 mile west of Hackberry and Arickaree Creeks Site changed 480 feet southwest	
Feb 12 1920	---	SE/4 NW/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W 1/4 mile north of Hackberry Creek 610 feet north of C.R.I. & P. RR	
Jun 23 1921		Minger, Dollie E.	Confirmed
Jul 7 1921		Minger, Dollie E.	Commissioned
Jul 11 1921		Minger, Dollie E.	Assumed charge
Dec 16 1936		Freeman, Mrs. Ruby	Assumed charge

BOVINA – Continued

Jan 4 1937	Freeman, Mrs. Ruby	Acting
Apr 10 1937	Freeman, Mrs. Ruby	Confirmed
May 13 1937	Freeman, Mrs. Ruby	Commissioned
Apr 1 1938	Kunath, Mrs. Alma C.	Assumed charge
Apr 6 1938	Kunath, Mrs. Alma C.	Acting
Jun 4 1938	Kunath, Mrs. Alma C.	Confirmed
Aug 3 1938	Kunath, Mrs. Alma C.	Commissioned
Oct 29 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W Bovina Station of C.R.I. & P. RR is 1/4 mile south of office	
Oct 13 1945	Kaufman, Mrs. Bernice M.	Acting
Mar 22 1946 ---	W/2 SW/4 Sec 12 T9S R54W A move 2,650 feet southwest of a previous location	
Jan 8 1947	Kaufman, Mrs. Bernice M.	Confirmed
Jan 29 1947	Kaufman, Mrs. Bernice M.	Commissioned
Nov 4 1955	Ordered closed	
Nov 30 1955	Discontinued Mail to Genoa	

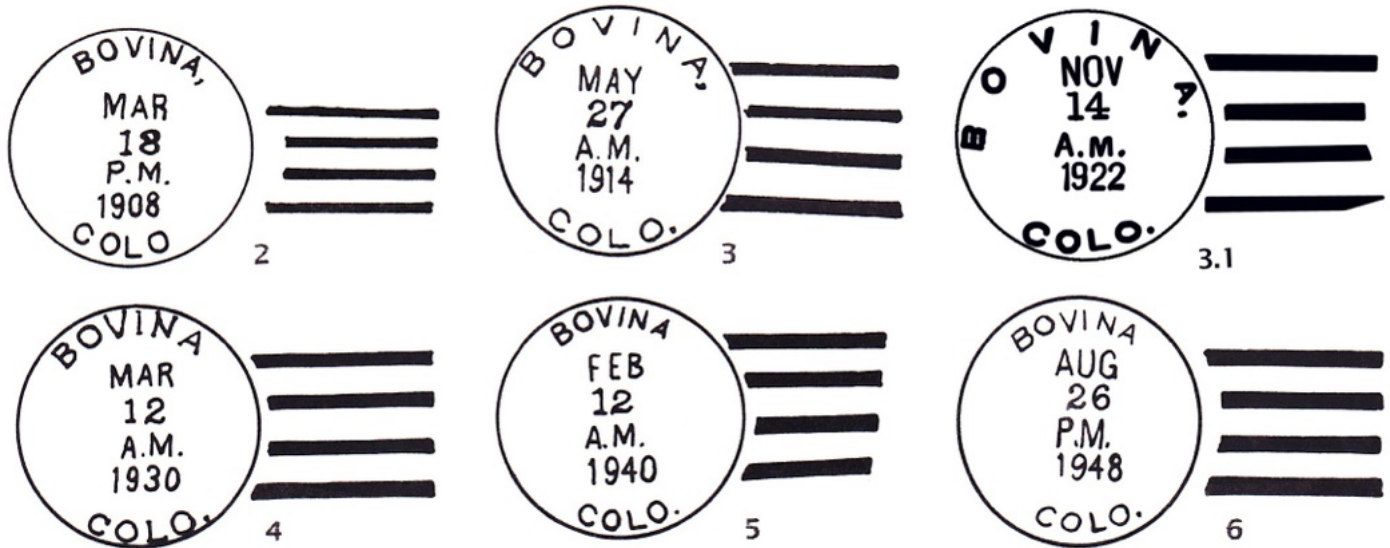


BOVINA, / COLO. October 1, 1907

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BOVINA, / COLO. CI 10P ???	Doane Type 2, with 1 [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Nov 27 1904 Dec 23 1906
2	BOVINA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Apr 1 1907 Dec 23 1909
3	BOVINA, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 12 1910 Dec 19 1917
3.1	BOVINA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x21mm	Nov 14 1922 Distorted to oval
4	BOVINA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	May 20 1927 Oct 9 1934
5	BOVINA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 12 1940 Jun 4 1942
6	BOVINA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Aug 26 1948 Nov 30 1955

BOVINA – Continued



BOYERO

Boyero was established after the Kansas Pacific Railroad built northwest along Big Sandy Creek on the way to Denver. A siding and stockyards were erected at the site. Over the course of several years the community grew and at one time reached a population of about 250. Boyero once had four general stores, three cream stations, two hotels, a blacksmith shop, livery stable, and a boarding house – all the necessities of a growing community serving the surrounding countryside.

The decline of Boyero began when the highway, US 40 and 287, between Wild Horse and Hugo was straightened. That left Boyero and nearby Arroya off the principal route of travel and gradually the businesses closed and most of the people moved away.

My first visit to Boyero was in 1972. The post office was in a small white building and was still an independent office. In 1973 it became a Community Post Office under administration by the Hugo Post Office. That status continued until March 1992 when the post office at Boyero was closed. In 1996 I revisited Boyero. The post office building was still there but it seemed that there were fewer occupied homes.

The derivation of the name Boyero is not as clear as many writers have believed. Most people attribute it to Mexicans who named it for the stock pens at the railroad. The interpretation is that in Spanish boyero means “bull pen.” Checking my Spanish dictionary I find that boyera means ox-stall or cow house and that boyero means ox herd. That latter definition has been accepted by some and seems to be the correct interpretation of the name, although local usage and sentiment may have been more in line with bullpen.

If you are coming from the direction of Hugo, drive southeast on US 40 to Lincoln County Road 43. That road will take you south three miles to the Union Pacific tracks where you again turn southeast and into the community that is Boyero. Coming from the other direction, I suggest exiting US 40 at Colorado Highway 94, going to the railroad and turning north to follow along the east side of the tracks for some eight miles to Boyero.

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BOYERO – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

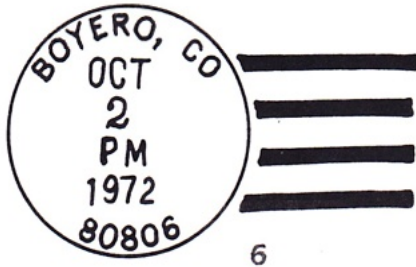
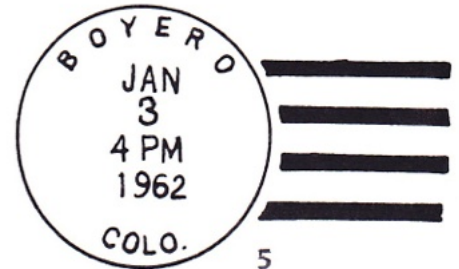
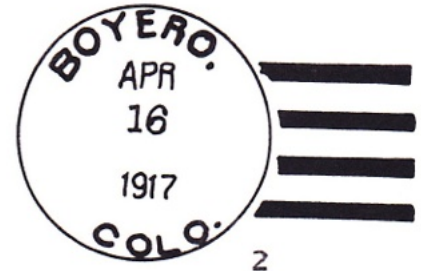
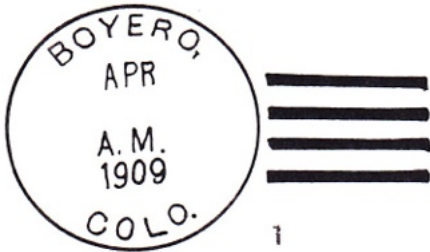
Jan 7 1902	---	NE/4 Sec 6 T13S R52W 100 yards north of the Big Sandy Creek 50 feet north of the Union Pacific tracks Proposed postmaster - Christ B. Hoenchs	
Mar 3 1902		Established	
Mar 3 1902		Hoenchs, Christopher B.	
Jun 21 1906		Phillips, Owen	
Sep 10 1907		Heglund, August E.	
Dec 24 1908		Davis, Harry F.	
Nov 15 1917		Horton, Marguerite L.	
Oct 2 1913		Davis, Harry F.	
Apr 22 1914	---	Sec 6 T13S R52W 90 rods west of Big Sandy Creek 1,042 feet east of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Mar 16 1917		Walters, Alma S.	
Oct 29 1920		Folger, Vera S.	
Apr 8 1927		Groman, Miss Iva P.	Acting
May 19 1927		Groman, Miss Iva P.	Appointed
Apr 10 1928		Davis, Bradley W.	Acting
Jul 17 1928		Hogsett, Nettie E.	Confirmed
Jul 27 1928		Hogsett, Nettie E.	Commissioned
Aug 1 1928		Hogsett, Nettie E.	Assumed charge
Oct 16 1936		Egbert, Earl	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1936		Egbert, Earl	Acting
Jul 12 1937		Egbert, Earl	Confirmed
Oct 4 1937		Egbert, Earl	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 6 T13S R52W Big Sandy Creek is 1/4 mile west of office Boyero Station of Union Pacific RR is 1000 feet northwest of post office	
Oct 1 1942		Summers, Mrs. De Nalda H.	Assumed charge
Oct 7 1942		Summers, Mrs. De Nalda H.	Acting
Feb 13 1943		Summers, Mrs. De Nalda H.	Confirmed
Apr 23 1943		Summers, Mrs. De Nalda H.	Commissioned
May 30 1943		Brown, Mrs Letha	Assumed charge
Jun 18 1943		Brown, Mrs Letha	Acting
May 1 1944		Brown, Mrs. Letha	Appointed & Confirmed
May 29 1944		Brown, Mrs. Letha	Commissioned
Jun 2 1944		Brown, Mrs. Letha	Possession
Sep 30 1945		McClain, Mrs. Elsie Anna	Possession
Oct 31 1945		McClain, Mrs. Elsie Anna	Acting
Sep 5 1946		McClain, Mrs. Elsie Anna	Appointed
Sep 27 1946		McClain, Mrs. Elsie Anna	Commissioned
Dec 31 1946		McClain, Mrs. Elsie Anna	Possession
Feb 7 1949		Randolph, Mrs. Edna Ruth	Possession
Feb 17 1949	---	SE/4 Sec 6 T13S R52W Big Sandy Creek is 2-1/2 blocks west Boyero Station of Union Pacific is 1 block west of post office A move 75 yards south of previous location in same block	
Mar 10 1949		Randolph, Mrs. Edna Ruth	Acting
May 6 1949		Randolph, Mrs. Edna Ruth	Appointed
Jul 13 1949		Randolph, Mrs. Edna Ruth	Commissioned
Sep 30 1949		Randolph, Mrs. Edna Ruth	Possession
Jun 21 1973		Davis, Mrs. Margaret	Officer in charge
Jul 20 1973		Converted to Community Post office of Hugo	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BOYERO, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Apr 8 1909 Dec 21 1909
1.1	BOYERO, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 23 1911
2	BOYERO, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Mar 19 1917 Apr 16 1917

BOYERO – Continued

3	BOYERO / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 8 1928 Aug 17 1937
4	BOYERO / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 30 1939 Mar 24 1952
5	BOYERO / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Mar 2 1960 Apr 30 1963
6	BOYERO, CO / 80806 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 12 1971 Mar 16 1973



CABLE

Cable was established in 1888 on the newly constructed Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad, which in 1891 became the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway. Initially the station was known as Creech or Creach and a post office was requested with that name. That suggestion was rejected and the post office was named for R. R. Cable, president of the railroad. In 1895 the name of the post office was changed from Cable to Genoa.

Cable/Genoa was a siding on the railroad and as such, it was a point for shipping livestock and produce from the surrounding area and it served as a supply center for those farms and ranches.

Exit Interstate 70 at Exit 371 and turn north on Lincoln County Road 31. Cross the railroad and turn west into present day Genoa.

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

Dec 29 1892 --- SW/4 Sec 12 T9S R55W About 100 yards south of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Suggested names: Fremont, West Point, Seward, Hope, Henry, Berlin
Proposed postmaster - Henry A. Roehling

Jul 9 1893 Established
Jul 19 1893 Roehling, Henry A.
Jan 30 1895 Name changed to Genoa

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CABLE / COLO. Nov 7 1894
CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Not present

**CARR CROSSING**

Carr Crossing was the southernmost post office in Lincoln County and like several others in this rolling ranchland it moved from its original location to two other sites.

The 1914 Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report indicates that Rose was the desired name for the post office. That was rejected and the post office took the name of the first postmaster, Eli Carr. Perhaps Rose was his wife.

The area that was home to the Carr Crossing Post Office is open, rolling ranchland. There is no evidence for any organized community.

From the final site of Forder, on County Road L, drive three miles east to Lincoln County Road 27 and turn south. Go six miles to what would be County Road E. The final, 1920, location of Carr Crossing was a mile east of Road 27. There is access to that point via Road E but the only thing there is a stock tank on the north side of the road, opposite where the ranch would have been.

Back at Road 27, there is a "road" to the west that would go one mile to the original (1914) location of Carr Crossing. Unfortunately in 1996 when I visited the area that road was gated off. From Road 27 I could see in the distance a tree on top of hill. That might have been associated with a ranch of some sort.

Continue south on Road 27 one mile to Road D. The 1917 location was in the southwest quadrant of this intersection. There is an old ranch building in the southeast corner of the intersection but nothing was visible on the west side of the road. From here, I suggest driving east on Road D towards Green Knoll.

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 12 1914 --- NW/4 Sec 17 T17S R55W Sand Arroyo is 1/2 mile east of post office
Proposed postmaster - Eli Carr

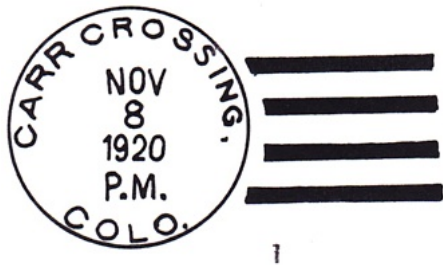
Mar 25 1915 Established
Mar 25 1915 Carr, Eli
Sep 28 1917 --- NE/4 Sec 20 T17S R55W 3 miles north of Sand Arroyo
2 miles north of the county boundary

CARR CROSSING – Continued

Oct 8 1917	Darnell, Vernie A.
Oct 8 1918	Alcox, Vyeva N.
Mar 10 1920 ---	NW/4 Sec 15 T17S R55W A move 3/4 mile northeast of a previous location
Apr 16 1920	Cowley, Victoria
Jan 10 1925	Frey, Mrs. Julia
Mar 28 1930	Ordered closed
Apr 15 1930	Discontinued Mail to Sugar City

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CARR CROSSING, / COLO.	Jul 5 1915 Nov 16 1921
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x18mm



CLIFFORD

Clifford was a stop on the Union Pacific Railroad about eight miles southeast of Hugo. There was likely a siding with loading facilities for livestock and other produce from the surrounding countryside. However, there is no evidence for a community of more than a very small number of residences. The place was known as Mirage, a name that continued in use by the railroad even after a post office was obtained.

There was no post office at this location until 1908 when the Clifford Post Office opened. At that time there was a Mirage Post Office in Saguache County so another name had to be chosen. William Clifford, a local rancher and former employee of the railroad is credited as being the source of the name.

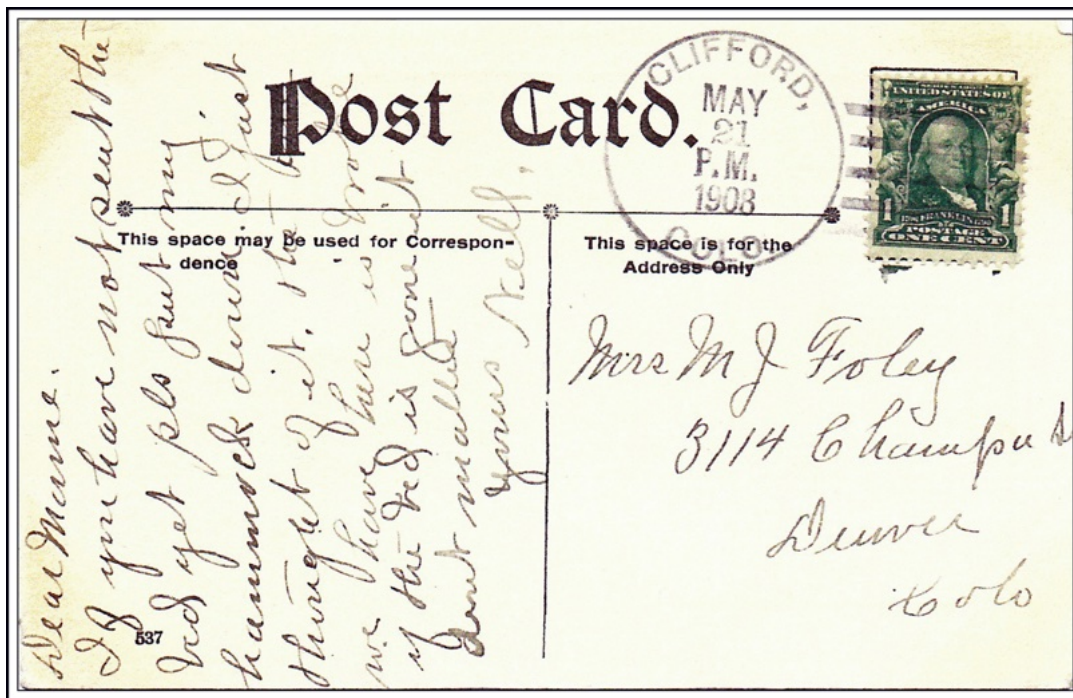
From Hugo drive southeast on US Highway 40 and 287 to Lincoln County Road 39. The Union Pacific Railroad and the site of Clifford are only a short distance from the main highway but the actual site is on the west side of the railroad, between the railroad and Big Sandy Creek. There are some buildings to the west of the railroad, mostly obscured by trees. There is one older building and a more modern trailer. A private road leads in that direction but in 1996 it was blocked by a couple of gates, one of which was locked. I did walk to the railroad from where I could see the buildings.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 2 1908 ---	SE/4 Sec 32 T11S R53W Kansas Pacific Railroad is 250 feet east of post office Big Sandy Creek is 1/2 mile south Coon Creek 1 mile north From the sketch map there may have been some intention to name the office Mirage (Railroad station)
Apr 11 1908	Established
Apr 11 1908	Monahan, Mike
Oct 31 1910	Beavers, John R.
Jun 11 1913	Murray, Andrew W.
Apr 10 1917	Cox, George
Feb 28 1918	Discontinued Mail to Hugo

CLIFFORD – Continued



CLIFFORD, / COLO.

May 21, 1908

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CLIFFORD, / COLO. May 21 1908 Dec 6 1914
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x14mm



COWANS

Cowans was one of the small ranch post offices in the southern portion of Lincoln County. This portion of the county has always been primarily grazing land for cattle and sheep with some agriculture where the soil is suitable and water for irrigation is available.

Like most ranch and rural post offices that survived for a few years, the Cowans Post Office moved from one site to another. In most instances there is no indication as to why the moves took place. Perhaps the rancher tired of the job or perhaps he tired of the hardscrabble life on the plains.

Barney L. Cowan was the first postmaster for Cowans. Most likely the office was at his ranch and thus was given his surname.

From the location of Girard, continue south four miles on Lincoln County Road 11 to County Road M. Go west one mile to Road 10 and then south three miles to County Road J. All three sites of Cowans were along Road J. The first site, 1915, was one mile west of the intersection of Roads 10 and J.

COWANS – Continued

and on the south side of Road J. The location is an open field but there are signs that once there was a farm pond near the road.

The second site of Cowans was two miles east of the intersection of Roads 10 and J. At that point the road crosses Pond Creek and a smaller stream. In 1996, in the trees north of the road, there was an old house.

The third and final site of Cowans was at the intersection of Roads 10 and J. The stated location was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. There were some debris and a foundation slab at that location. On the southwest corner of the intersection there was an old, seemingly abandoned, brick building. A rusting merry-go-round in the yard suggests that the building may once have been a school. If the building was indeed a school, it might be that Cowans included more than a single dwelling centered on the road intersection.

After visiting Cowans, and if you wish to continue the exploration of southern Lincoln County, then drive east on County Road J to Colorado Highway 71 and to the next stop on the tour – Forder.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 27 1915	---	NW/4 Sec 28 T16S R58W 2 miles south of Pond Creek	
		Applicant for postmaster - B. L. Cowan	
Nov 2 1915		Established	
Nov 2 1915		Cowan, Barney L.	
Nov 15 1919	---	SW/4 Sec 24 T16S R58W A move 2-1/2 miles east of a previous location	
Dec 6 1919		Kirkland, Clara	
Jul 8 1921		Kirkland, Sinah K.	Acting
Nov 16 1921		Kirkland, Sinah K.	Appointed
May 2 1929	---	SW/4 Sec 22 T16S R58W A move 2 miles west of a previous location	
		1-3/4 miles west of Pond Creek	
May 15 1929		Crum, Verrie	Acting
Jul 31 1929		Discontinued Mail to Ordway	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COWANS / COLO. May 29 1916 Dec 20 1923
CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-??x19mm



DAMASCUS

Damascus is another post office that fits the description of a ranch or rural post office. Like Swift, its neighbor to the southwest, there is no evidence for anything more than a single ranch at the location.

I have no information why this name was selected.

From Swift, drive east one mile on County Road R to Road 39. Turn north one mile to Road S, and then east four miles to Road 43. This is a “T” intersection and Damascus was in the northeast quadrant. Other than arid prairie, only a few scattered small shrubs are to be seen. There is no visible evidence of a former habitation.

DAMASCUS – Continued

From Damascus it is eight miles north on Road 43 to Colorado Highway 94. Continuing across Highway 94 six miles would bring you to Boyero on the Union Pacific Railroad.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 12 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 18 T15S R52W 1-1/4 miles east of Rush Creek
		Applicant for postmaster - William S. Beall
Jun 6 1914		Established
Jun 6 1914		Beall, William R.
Feb 15 1917		Discontinued Mail to Swift

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	DAMASCUS, / COLO.	Sep 13 1914
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm

**FORDER**

Forder was a rural post office located along Horse Creek in the central portion of southern Lincoln County. In the forty plus years that the Forder Post Office was in operation four different locations were reported to the Post Office Department. That wandering history supports the conclusion that Forder was not an organized community. The surrounding countryside is largely grazing land for livestock.

Forder was named after a prominent early rancher, Adolph Forder, who was the first postmaster.

I will provide two possible routes to the location of Forder. If you have just been to the sites of Cowans, then from there drive east on Lincoln County Road J to Colorado Highway 71. The extension of Road J to the east of Highway 71 will take you a short distance into the ranch that was the 1917 location of Forder. Back at the intersection, go north on Highway 71 to County Road M (see description below).

The second route is to drive south from Colorado Highway 94 on Colorado Highway 71. From Highway 94 it is ten miles to Lincoln County Road P. Turn east one mile to an active ranch at the end of the road. That was the original location of Forder. I assume that this was the ranch that belonged to Alfred Forder.

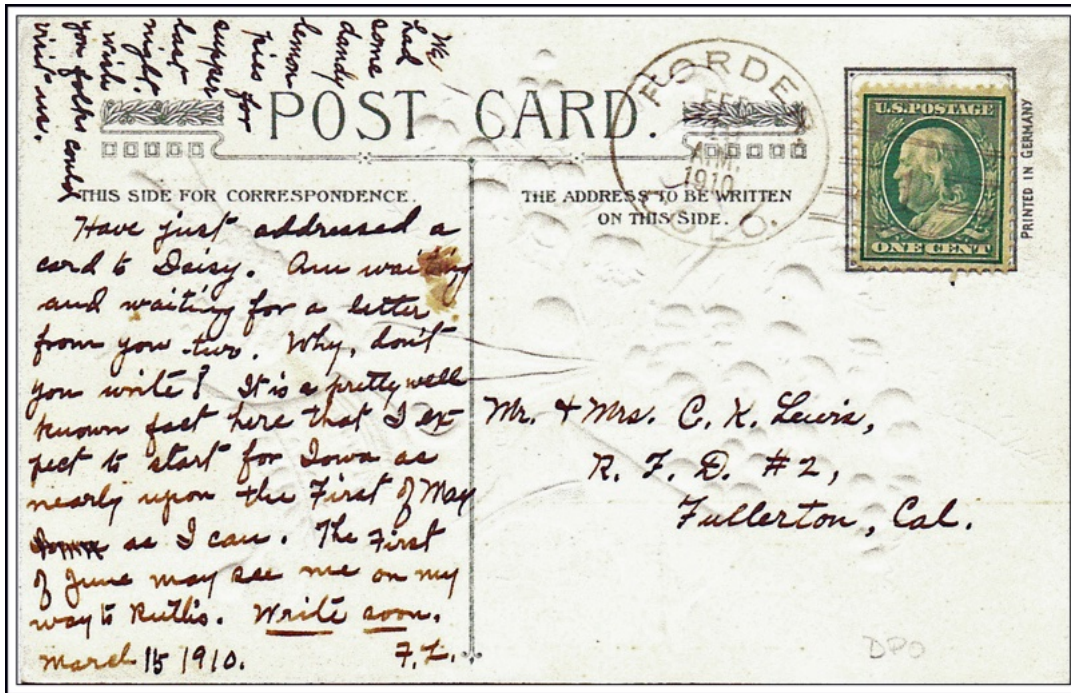
Return to Highway 71 and go a mile and a half south to the intersection with County Road M. The third location of Forder was at this intersection. There is a ranch to the northeast of the intersection that was likely the location of the post office.

The second, 1917 site of Forder, as previously described, is at the east end of County Road J, three miles south of this intersection.

The final location of the Forder Post Office was about four miles east of the intersection of Highway 71 and Road M, along a southeast trending stretch of road that connects Road M to Road L. There are two old ranches in the section of road before you swing back to due east on Road L. The post office was most likely at one of those ranches. From the number of scattered buildings at this location there could have been a small settlement.

FORDER – Continued

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FORDER, / COLO.

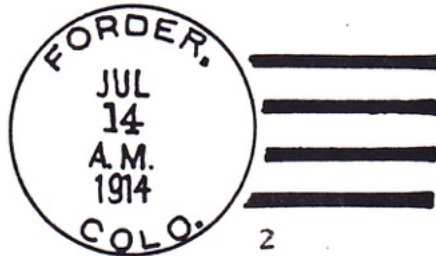
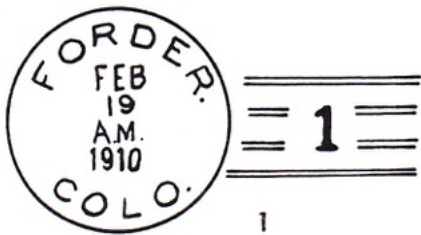
February 19, 1910

Chronology of the Post Office

- Feb 19 1901 --- SE/4 Sec 30 T15S R56W On the west side of Horse Creek
Proposed postmaster - Adolph Forder
- Mar 5 1901 Established
- Mar 5 1901 Forder, Adolph
- Jul 10 1903 Henderson, Margaret J.
- Feb 14 1908 Henderson, Ivan L.
- Mar 4 1910 Schriber, Ola P.
- May 6 1914 Henderson, Louella M.
- Sep 7 1917 Hewitt, Julian A.
- Dec 31 1917 --- SE/4 Sec 29 T16S R56W A move 3 miles southwest of previous location (SE/4 Sec 22)
- Mar 2 1920 --- NE/4 Sec 29 T16S R56W A move 2 miles west of a previous location
- Mar 9 1920 Sigler, Charles E.
- Jan 21 1922 Benning, Hattie R. Acting
- Feb 21 1922 --- SE/4 Sec 6 T16S R56W A move 3 miles north, 1 mile west of a previous location
- Feb 28 1922 Benning, Hattie R. Appointed
- Aug 5 1935 Wineinger, Mrs. Celia H. Assumed charge
- Aug 26 1935 Wineinger, Mrs. Celia H. Acting
- Sep 2 1935 --- SW/4 Sec 11 T16S R56W 3 miles east of Horse Creek
A move 3 miles east and 9/10 mile south of a previous location
- Feb 9 1937 Wineinger, Mrs. Celia H. Confirmed
- May 13 1937 Wineinger, Mrs. Celia H. Commissioned
- Oct 20 1941 --- SW/4 Sec 11 T16S R56W Sketch map plots it in SE/4 Sec 11
- Sep 30 1944 Discontinued Mail to Ordway
- Oct 5 1944 Ordered closed

FORDER – Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	FORDER. / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Nov 30 1906 Feb 29 1910 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13
2	FORDER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jul 14 1914 4bars S-24x20mm
3	FORDER. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jun 23 1930 Dec 20 1937 4bars S-24x20mm
4	FORDER / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jun 26 1939 Dec 21 1942 4bars S-23x18mm

**GENOA**

This community was established in 1888 as Creech or Creach, but when a post office was acquired it was with the name of Cable. That was soon changed to Genoa. The name change lasted only a few months before the post office was closed in June 1895. It did not reopen until 1903. When it did reopen there appears to have been some sentiment for restoring the old name of Cable or perhaps adopting the name of Kimble. But, the reopened post office took the name of Genoa and has remained thus ever since.

On May 19, 1906, John A. Nolan and W. H. Echternacht filed a town plat for Genoa. Some reports state that Genoa was incorporated in 1905 but that seems doubtful if the town plat was not submitted until 1906.

Cable/Genoa was a siding on the railroad and as such, it was a point for shipping livestock and produce from the surrounding area and it served as a supply center for those farms and ranches.

Genoa is still an active community, although reduced in size and importance from its early days. There are a few small operating businesses and a number of occupied residences.

Exit Interstate 70 at Exit 371 and turn north on Lincoln County Road 31. Cross the railroad and turn west into present day Genoa.

In 1926 Genoa became home to one of the most famous tourist attractions east of Denver – “The Tower.” This roadside restaurant and museum boasted an 80-foot tower and claimed that from the top, on a clear day, you could see six states. Given the distances involved and the curvature of the earth, I seriously question that claim. The Tower is still there, but it is not the attraction it once was. You have to wander around the streets of Genoa and cross the railroad. In 1996, the last time I visited The Tower it was open, but was more of a “junk shop” than anything else. The following article was published in The Silver State Record Volume 3, Number 1, May 1965, page 3:

GENOA – Continued

THE TOWER AT GENOA

"World's Wonder View" – "Summit of the Plains" – "Gateway to the Rockies," is located one-half mile west of Genoa, Colorado in Lincoln County, 2,000 yards north of Highway 24 and new Highway 70, was erected in 1926 by C. W. Gregory and Myrtle Le Bow. The elevation is 5,671 plus the 80 foot height of the Tower, making a total of 5,751 which is 397 feet higher than the 15th step of the state Capitol Building in Denver, which is one mile above sea level.

Featured in "Believe It Or Not." Ripley proved that it is possible to see six states from the top of the Tower: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, and South Dakota. When the weather is clear, there is a panoramic view of Pikes Peak, Mt. Evans, and Longs Peak, 150 miles away, and at times the Grand Tetons, 500 miles distant.

The museum contains many interesting objects, including a two-headed calf, the largest rock and petrified wood collection in Eastern Colorado; prehistoric fossils, early day relics, ancient pictures, Indian artifacts and many old guns.

The Pictograph Museum was started in 1937, and it is the only one of its kind in the United States. It is of concrete, steel, and rock construction with rocks representing every state and some foreign countries. The ceilings are of beautiful rock crystal, petrified wood, iron pyrite, quartz, and many varieties. It contains the following rooms:

The Indian Room - with paintings by Raven Wing, a Sioux Indian Princess. The Barbecue Room - at one time delicious meals were served here, including bear-meat, deer, elk, and buffalo. The Branding Room - here early day cow-brands are painted on the stones. The Petrified Room - where the fireplace is all built of petrified wood. Built into this fireplace is a replica of the mountain range near Silverton and Durango, with a miniature narrow-gauge railroad traversing back and forth through the wall between the two rooms. This is a spectacular thing, very skillfully created. Here again are more paintings by Raven Wing. Last but certainly not the least, is the Colorado Room - where ancient paintings and photographs can be seen. At one time, there was dancing to old time music as well as Indian dances. Here also is a stage where the founder gave lectures. Stage plays were presented here, and were known over a wide area.

Other interesting sights to be seen at "The Tower," are:

Ruts of the old stage routes where the Texas-Montana Cattle Trails crossed; the old spring is near where early-day herds and cowboys quenched their thirst.

The monument is built entirely of petrified wood. Here is the smallest oil filling station in the world. See the snake pit. A replica of Pikes Peak and the Snowy Mountain Range is visible atop the Pictograph Museum. Take time to make a wish at the Old Wishing Well.

The tower is owned and operated by W. J. Bonner, assisted by Elvelyn Lowery.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 5 1895	---	SW/4 Sec 12 T9S R55W On the east side of Saw Creek, about 300 feet from railroad tracks
Jan 30 1895		Formerly named Cable
Jan 30 1895		Roehling, Henry A.
Jun 29 1895		Discontinued Mail to Limon Station
Jan 12 1903	---	SW/4 Sec 12 T9S R55W 1/2 mile southwest of the head of Hell Creek South side, 200 yards from Depot of CRI&P RR Proposed postmaster - Carrie B. Echernacht
Mar 31 1903		Reestablished
Mar 31 1903		Echernacht, Carrie B.
Apr 22 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 12 T9S R55W 1-1/2 miles south of a branch of the Arickaree River 300 feet north of the CRI&P RR
Oct 13 1914		Tinnes, Mabel
Nov 27 1918		Spears, Zoa R.

GENOA – Continued

Jul 1 1921		Office made Presidential
Feb 10 1922	Owen, Edward P.	P&S
Feb 23 1926	Owen, Edward P.	P&S
Mar 8 1930	Owen, Edward P.	P&S
Jul 16 1930	Hoffman, Walter M.	Assumed charge
Jul 19 1930	Hoffman, Walter M.	Acting
Jul 28 1930	Hames, Jenner A.	Acting
Aug 8 1933	Hames, Jenner A.	Assumed charge
Jul 10 1935	Hames, Jenner A.	Nominated
Jul 17 1935	Hames, Jenner A.	Confirmed
Jul 22 1935	Hames, Jenner A.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 1 1935	Hames, Jenner A.	Commissioned
Dec 24 1936	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Acting
Jan 1 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Assumed charge
Jun 10 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Nominated
Jun 22 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Confirmed
Jun 29 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Appointed Presidential
Jul 23 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Commissioned
Jul 31 1937	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Assumed charge
Oct 17 1941	--- NW/4 Sec 12 T6S R56W Main Street	
	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific tracks 600 feet south of post office	
Oct 29 1941	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Nominated
Nov 6 1941	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Confirmed
Nov 7 1941	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Appointed Presidential
Nov 28 1941	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Commissioned
Dec 3 1941	Burrous, Mrs. Mary	Assumed charge
Sep 3 1949	Stramp, Mrs. Mary	Name changed by marriage



“The Tower” – Genoa, Colorado

Photograph by William H. Bauer

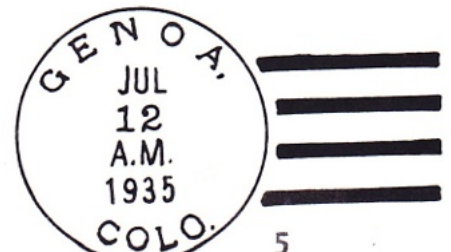
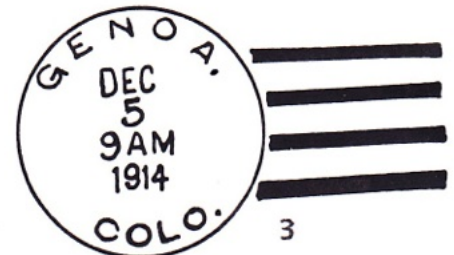
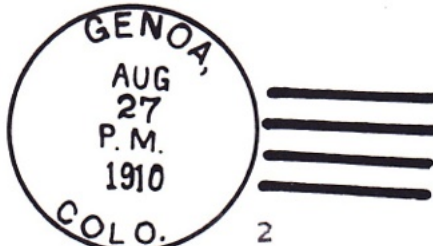
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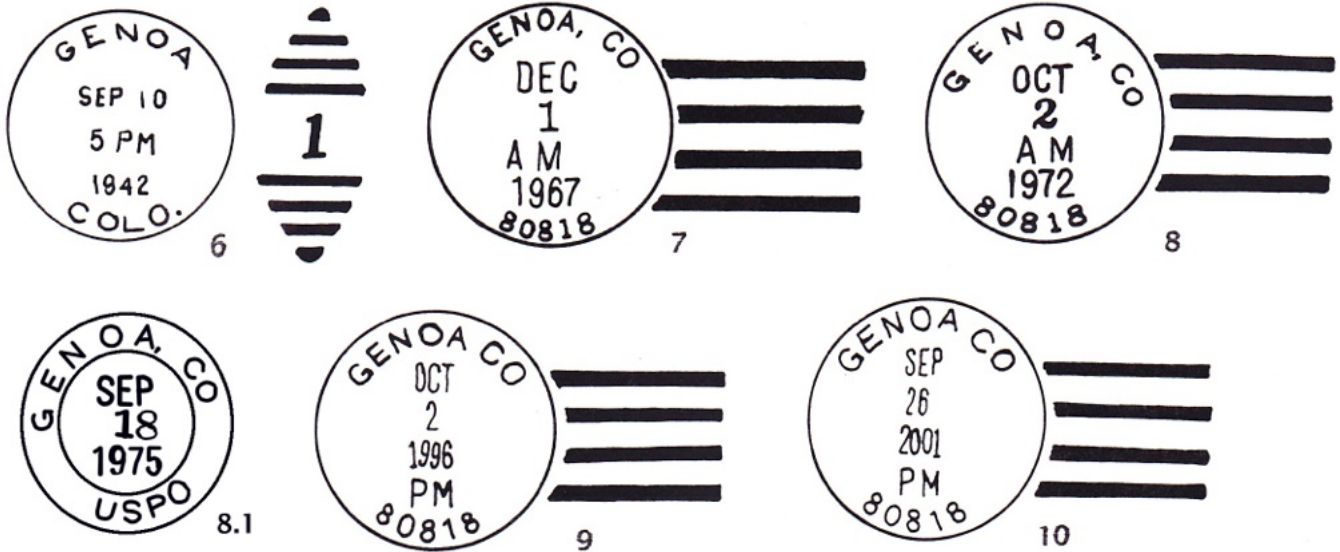
Mar 15 1963	Einertson, Mrs. Alice B.	Acting
Jul 31 1964	Kaufman, Wilbur D.	Acting
May 21 1965	Kaufman, Wilbur D.	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Kaufman, Wilbur D.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 4 1965	Kaufman, Wilbur D.	Assumed charge
Jun 8 1965	Kaufman, Wilbur D.	Commissioned
Aug 19 1966	Einertson, Mrs. Alice B.	Acting
Oct 7 1966	Einertson, Mrs. Alice B.	Clerk in charge
Jun 20 1968	Dotter, Roscoe H. Jr.	Appointed
Jun 27 1968	Dotter, Roscoe H. Jr.	Assumed charge
Sep 6 1974	Amburger, Mrs. Leilia F.	Officer in charge
Dec 7 1974	Bowen, James L.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GENOA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Nov 14 1907 Sep 24 1912
2	GENOA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Jan 28 1910 Dec 29 1910
3	GENOA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Dec 5 1914
4	GENOA, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm (distorted or damaged)	Feb 5 193- Mar 2- 1932
4.1	GENOA, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 5 193- Distorted
5	GENOA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 20 1933 Oct 2 1939
5.1	GENOA, / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0		1930s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
6	GENOA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 1	Oct 27 1939 Mar 11 1964
7	GENOA, CO / 80818 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Dec 1 1967 Mar 23 1976
8	GENOA, CO / 80818 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jul 31 1969 May 21 1993
8.1	GENOA, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.5/18.5	Hstp No killer	Sep 18 1975
9	GENOA CO / 80818 CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-23x17mm	Oct 2 1996
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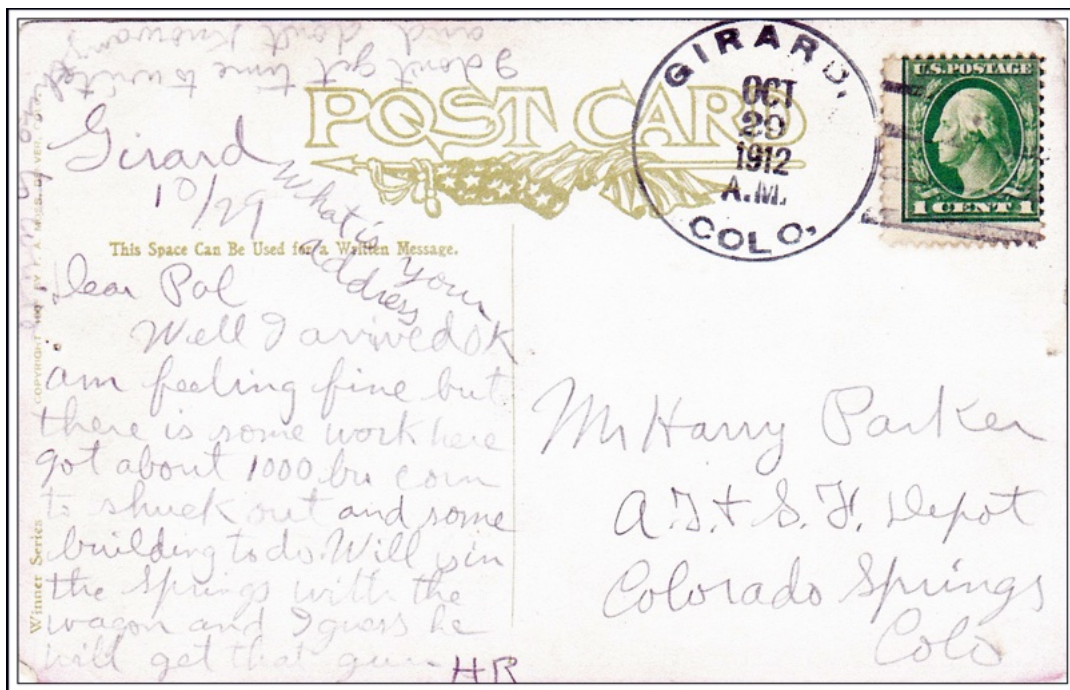


GENOA – Continued



GIRARD

Girard was an early twentieth century ranch post office on the plains of eastern Colorado. It was in the general area of the earlier Sanborn Post Office. The Sanborn Post Office closed in 1905 and was moved north to become Kutch. Girard opened in 1912. At that time there was no other nearby post office so for a few years it provided postal services for ranchers and farmers in a large area of southern Lincoln County. There is no evidence that there was an organized community at Girard.



GIRARD, / COLO.

October 29, 1912

GIRARD – Continued

Follow the directions for visiting the sites of Sanborn. From the original site of Sanborn, drive five miles south on County Road 11 to Lincoln County Road S. This is seven miles south of Colorado Highway 94. Girard was located to the west of County Road 11. Not much is to be seen at this location. There is a windmill and a lone tree with some trash near it.

From the location of Girard continue on to the nearby second site of Sanborn and further south to the sites of Cowans.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 22 1912	Established
Mar 22 1912	Tucker, Cidnia J.
Apr 23 1914 ---	SW/Corner of SE/4 Sec 15 T15S R58W One mile east of Steel Fork
Nov 24 1914	Gustavson, Carl L.
Feb 3 1916	McCarthy, Lewis L.
Feb 24 1917	Baker, Nellie F.
Nov 30 1917	Discontinued Mail to Rush

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GIRARD, / COLO. Oct 29 1912 Aug 22 1914
CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-24x19mm



GREEN KNOLL

It has been reported that in 1885 the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad surveyed a route through this region. In anticipation of a possible railway a settlement called Urbana sprang up. When plans for the railroad were abandoned, so was the settlement of Urbana. Locally the place was also known as Dawn or Adobe.

In 1916 a rural post office was established, supposedly named for a nearby hill. According to the Geographic Site Location Reports the Green Knoll Post Office moved once during its sixteen-year life.

From the location of Carr Crossing, drive east five plus miles to Lincoln County Road 32. Turn north one mile. The original site of Green Knoll was on the east side of Road 32. At that point you are on a slight rise in the road and can look east at a small grove of cottonwoods and what appears to be the roof of a collapsed building.

Drive one mile further north to County Road F. The second site of Green Knoll was in the northwest quadrant of this intersection. There is a stock loading chute near the road and about a half mile from the road a tree with some other structures.

In 1996 there was no evidence of either location being occupied.

From Green Knoll, continue north on County Road 32 towards Karval.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 31 1917	Established
Mar 31 1917	Henry, Charles N.

GREEN KNOLL – Continued

Jun 8 1917	---	SW/4 Sec 8 T17S R54W 2 miles southwest of Adobe Creek Applicant for postmaster - C. N. Henry
Jul 22 1927	---	SE/4 Sec 6 T17S R54W A move 1-1/8 mile northwest of a previous location Three miles west of Adobe Creek NOTE: It was moved July 1st 1927, change of postmasters
Sep 8 1927		Cross, Edwin A.
Jul 13 1933		Ordered closed
Jul 31 1933		Discontinued Mail to Arlington

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GREEN KNOLL / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Dec 17 1918 Jul 20 1933 4bars S-25x19mm
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**HUGO**

Settlement at this location began as a stop on the Smoky Hill trail known as Willow Springs. When the Kansas Pacific Railroad built through the area in 1870 the settlement was renamed Hugo.

The source of the name needs clarification. Almost everyone agrees that it was named for an early Colorado pioneer, but opinion is split on whether his name was Hugo Richards or Richard Hugo. There is a minority opinion that attributes the name to honoring the French writer, Victor Hugo.

Initially growth must have been slow as George Crofutt in his 1881 book described Hugo as, "An eating station on the "K. P." Division of the Union Pacific Railway, and not much of that." On April 11, 1889 Lincoln County was authorized by the Colorado Legislature and Hugo was designated the county seat. At the time, even if it was small, it was the largest community in the new county.

With the importance of holding the county seat, Hugo did grow and became an important commercial and residential center in Lincoln County. Its location on US Highways 40 and 287 added to its commercial well being. However, that benefit has been somewhat reduced as much of the east-west traffic to and from Denver now uses Interstate 70, some ten miles to the north of Hugo.

Hugo is about fourteen miles southeast of Limon.

Latitude = 30:08:10 North Longitude = 103:28:10 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 1 1871	Established
Dec 1 1871	Hill, W. A.
May 13 1875	---
	SW/4 Sec 32 T10S R54W 1/2 mile north of Big Sandy Creek 250 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad
Jul 10 1878	Rogers, Clifford J.
Jan 26 1881	Merrill, Jerome P.
Sep 15 1882	Clarke, Andrew K.
Jul 29 1889	Dickinson, John P.
Feb 18 1890	Barnum, Henry C.
May 12 1891	Clowes, William L.

HUGO – Continued

May 6 1891	Henry, Oliver C.	
May 6 1895	Henry, Oliver C.	
Mar 17 1898	Waggoner, Mary N.	
Jul 1 1899 ---	SW/4 Sec 32 T10S R54W 1/2 mile north of Big Sandy Creek 250 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Mar 24 1904	Rothwell, William J.	
Jul 1 1908		Office made Presidential
Feb 9 1909	Rothwell, William J.	P&S
Mar 2 1911	Sauer, George	P&S
Apr 27 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 32 T10S R54W 2500 feet north of the Big Sandy Creek 500 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Mar 3 1915	Cowdin, Ray H.	P&S
Aug 5 1919	Cowdin, Ray H.	P&S
Jan 22 1924	Hathaway, Charles D.	P&S
Jan 27 1928	Hathaway, Charles D.	P&S
Feb 1 1932	Hathaway, Charles D.	Nominated
Feb 17 1932	Hathaway, Charles D.	Confirmed
Mar 23 1932	Hathaway, Charles D.	Commissioned
Apr 17 1936	Jones, William M.	Nominated
Apr 22 1936	Jones, William M.	Confirmed
Apr 25 1936	Jones, William M.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 1 1936	Jones, William M.	Commissioned
Jun 24 1940 ---	Not Reported A move 125 feet east of a previous location, on north side of US-40	
Aug 1 1940	Dillow, Lester William	Nominated
Aug 8 1940	Dillow, Lester William	Confirmed
Aug 13 1940	Dillow, Lester William	Appointed Presidential
Aug 23 1940	Dillow, Lester William	Commissioned
Sep 30 1940	Dillow, Lester William	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941 ---	T10S R54W 300 feet south and west of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Mar 14 1963	Bowhan, F. Keith	Acting
Jul 25 1963	Bowhan, F. Keith	Confirmed
Jul 26 1963	Bowhan, F. Keith	Commissioned
Aug 16 1963	Bowhan, F. Keith	Assumed charge



HUGO, ELBERT CO., / COLO.

June 22, 1881

HUGO – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Jan 5 187- Jul 29 187- Hstp Cork, double "hobnail" grid
2	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	----- Hstp Not recorded
3	HUGO, ELBERT CO., / COLO. CI 21P 31.0/28.5/17.5	May 22 1881 Jun 22 1881 Hstp Fancy, Maltese Cross
4	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Jun 3 187- Jul 6 18-- Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
5	HUGO, COLORADO. // Registered CI 11P 29.5/18.5	Sep 22 1881 Hstp No killer
6	HUGO, / ELBERT CO. COLO. CI 20T 29.0/26.0	Nov 6 1882 Hstp Fancy, Arabesque/floral circular pattern
7	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Mar 4 1883 Hstp Not present
8	HUGO, / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Mar 5 1884 Jun 7 1892 Hstp Grid, Several bars with vertical cuts
9	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	May 1- 1894 Aug 24 1894 Hstp Not recorded
10	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 5 1897 Apr 1- 1899 Hstp Not present
10.1	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 30.5	May 10 1907 Sep 9 1907 Dplx 9-bar oval
10.2	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dec 22 1913 Nov 25 1917 Dplx 8-bar oval
11	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Nov 23 1926 Dec 17 1930 Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters
12	HUGO / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Aug 10 1931 Feb 4 1941 Mach 7 wavy lines, small letters
12.1	HUGO, COLO. / PARCEL POST CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Jul 14 1934
12.2	HUGO, / COLO. RC 10P 34.0x17.0	Jul 14 1934 Hstp No killer Parcel Post Box on cover with 12.1 of same date
13	HUGO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/18.5	Feb 24 1941 Hstp No killer
14	HUGO, / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Aug 13 1941 Jun 9 1949 Mach 7 wavy lines
14.1	HUGO / COLO. RC 10P 38.0x18.0	1960s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box
14.2	HUGO, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jun 10 1960 Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
14.3	HUGO, CO / 80821 CI 10P 20.0	Oct 13 1970 Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters
15	HUGO, CO / 80821 CI 10P 30.5	Sep 8 1969 Jun 28 1976 4bars S-24x18mm
15.1	HUGO, CO / 80821 CI 10P 30.5	Feb 28 1987 4bars S-??x17mm
16	HUGO, CO / 80821 CI 10P 34.0	Jun 22 2000 Jan 30 2001 4bars S-25x20mm



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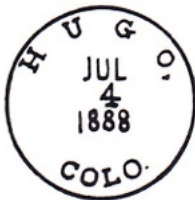
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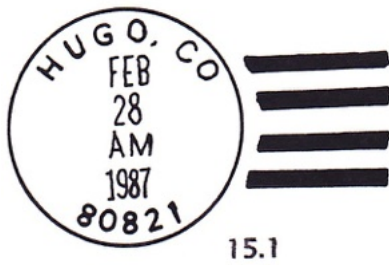
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HUGO - Continued



HUGO – Continued



BOYERO COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 20 1973 Established as a Community Post Office of Hugo
- Mar 16 1992 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|-----------------|------------|
| 7 | BOYERO, CO / CPO
CI 10P 33.0 | Hstp No killer | Dec 3 1980 |
| 8 | BOYERO CO / 80806
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-23x18mm | Mar 3 1992 |
| 9 | BOYERO CO 80806 / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Mar 3 1992 |



CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

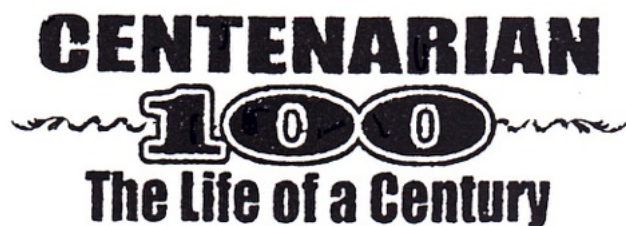
Chronology of the Post Office

- Jun 15 2000 Operated as a special Commemorative Station

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|---|-------------|
| 1 | Hugo, CO 80821 // Celebrate the Century Station
SL 00R 89.0x3.0 | Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century | Jun 15 2000 |
|---|--|---|-------------|



June 15, 2000 – Celebrate the Century Station, Hugo, CO 80821

KARVAL

In the area south of Colorado Highway 94, Karval was the only place that developed into a community of more than a small cluster of ranches. A central community did develop at Karval and at the beginning of the twenty-first century it can still be found on highway maps and it is the only active post office in Lincoln County south of Hugo.

Among the first pioneers in this area of southern Lincoln County were the Messers. Cooper, Matheson, and Hersberger. For a time the area was known as Hersberger Flats. In 1910 G. K. Kravig, originally from Norway, homesteaded in the area. Mr. Kravig applied for and was granted a post office with himself as the postmaster.

At this point the derivation of the name Karval becomes confusing. There are three different opinions.

1. Rather than name the place Kravig the Post Office Department somehow contrived to turn that name into Karval.
2. The place was named for Mr. Kravig's former home in Norway.
3. Mr. Kravig combined the name of his former home in Norway, Kars with "val" for valley to create Karval.

Of these three possibilities, my choice would be the third one, which seems the more logical explanation for an odd name.

To reach Karval, the simplest procedure is to drive east on Colorado Highway 94 eight miles from Highway 71 (Punkin Center) to Lincoln County Road 32. Seven miles south of Highway 94 the primary road turns west for one mile and then turns south as Road 31. In one mile it intersects County Road S. Turn west and it is two miles to Karval, which is centered on the intersection of Lincoln County Roads S, and 29.

Karval is a small community with several occupied residences and offers some limited services and supplies. In 1996, as I was touring Lincoln County, I was hoping to get some gas at Karval. Unfortunately that was not possible and I had to go on east, "running on fumes," and eventually finding gas in Kit Carson. The ranchers in this part of the state stock their own fuel supplies.

An alternate route to Karval is from the south. From the site of Green Knoll, continue north on Road 32. Six and one half miles from Green Knoll the road turns west to County Road 31, then back north three more miles to Road S.

Latitude = 38:44:03 North Longitude = 103:32:07 West

Chronology of the Post Office

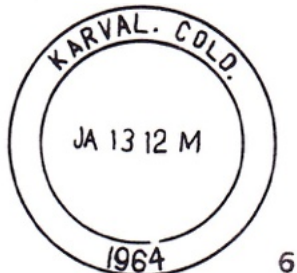
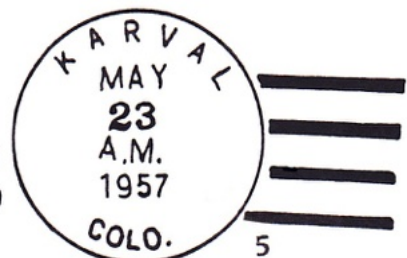
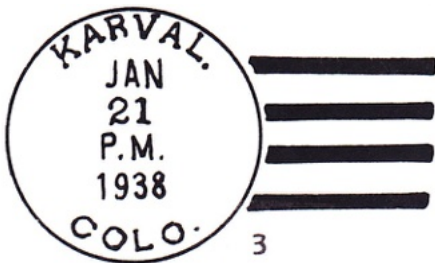
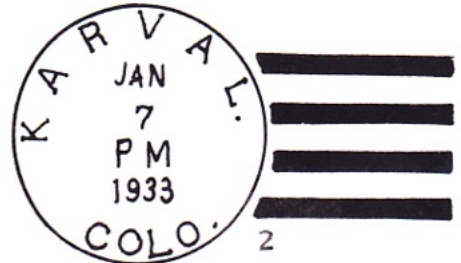
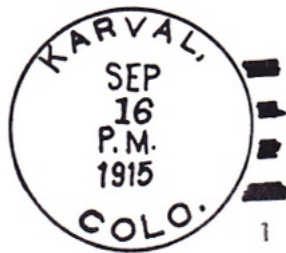
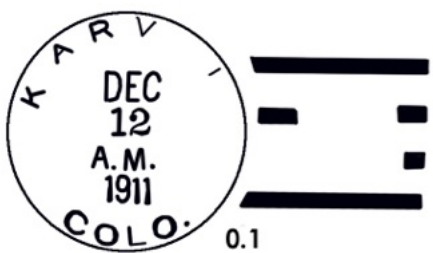
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		Proposed postmaster - G. K. Kravig	
Mar 2 1911		Established	
Mar 2 1911		Kravig, Gilbert K.	
Jul 26 1912		Kravig, Gena Marie	
Jul 26 1915		Page, Lloyd L.	
Jun 15 1918		Middleton, Clarence L.	
Sep 11 1919	---	NE/4 Sec 22 T15S R55W	
Mar 28 1920	---	NE/4 Sec 22 T15S R55W	
Feb 17 1934		Miller, Mrs. Ruth	Possession
Mar 1 1934		Miller, Mrs. Ruth	Acting
Jan 30 1935		Miller, Mrs. Ruth	Appointed
Mar 11 1935		Miller, Mrs. Ruth	Commissioned
Mar 31 1935		Miller, Mrs. Ruth	Possession
Oct 31 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T15S R55W	
Aug 1 1947	---	NW/4 Sec 23 T15S R55W	A move 399 feet south of a previous location
Aug 17 1947	---	NW/4 Sec 23 T15S R55W	A move 450 feet south of a previous location

KARVAL – Continued

Jul 15 1947	Leonard, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Possession
Aug 4 1947	Leonard, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Acting
Jan 9 1948	Inness, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Name changed by marriage
Oct 20 1948	Inness, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Appointed
Nov 12 1948	Inness, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Commissioned
Nov 29 1948	Inness, Mrs. Kathryn M.	Possession
Jul 1 1957		Office made Presidential
Jun 28 1974	Leonard, Mrs. Patricia L.	Officer in charge
Nov 23 1974	Leonard, Mrs. Patricia L.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	KARVAL, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Dec 12 1911 May be a Doane
1	KARVAL, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Sep 16 1915 Apr 8 1916
2	KARVAL, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x21mm	Jan 7 1933 Oct 30 1933
3	KARVAL, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jan 21 1938 Apr 17 1939
4	KARVAL/ COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jan 24 1940 Jun 18 1950
5	KARVAL/ COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 17 1954 May 23 1957
6	KARVAL. COLO. CI 11P 35.0/27.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1960 Jul 6 1964
7	KARVAL, CO / 80823 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 20 1969 Apr 2 1987
8	KARVAL, CO / 80823 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 29 1990 Oct 17 1996
9	KARVAL, CO / USPO CI 11P 27.5/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 15 1992



KARVAL – Continued



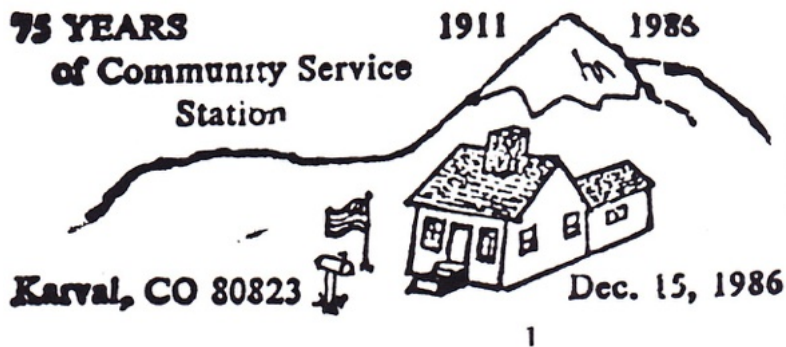
75 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 15 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Karval, CO 80823 // 75 YEARS / of Community Service Dec 15 1986
 IR 100.0x38.0 Pict Scene - Mountains and house; text – 1911 1986
 / 75 YEARS / of Community Service / Station



KENDRICK

Kendrick was another rural post office in southern Lincoln County. The surrounding area is mostly ranchland with some irrigated cultivation.

Kendrick was named for a Dr. Kendrick who had settled in the area. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report was sent to a W. H. Kendrick; however, he was never the postmaster of Kendrick. The post office at Kendrick lasted for over fifty years and was always in same quarter section.

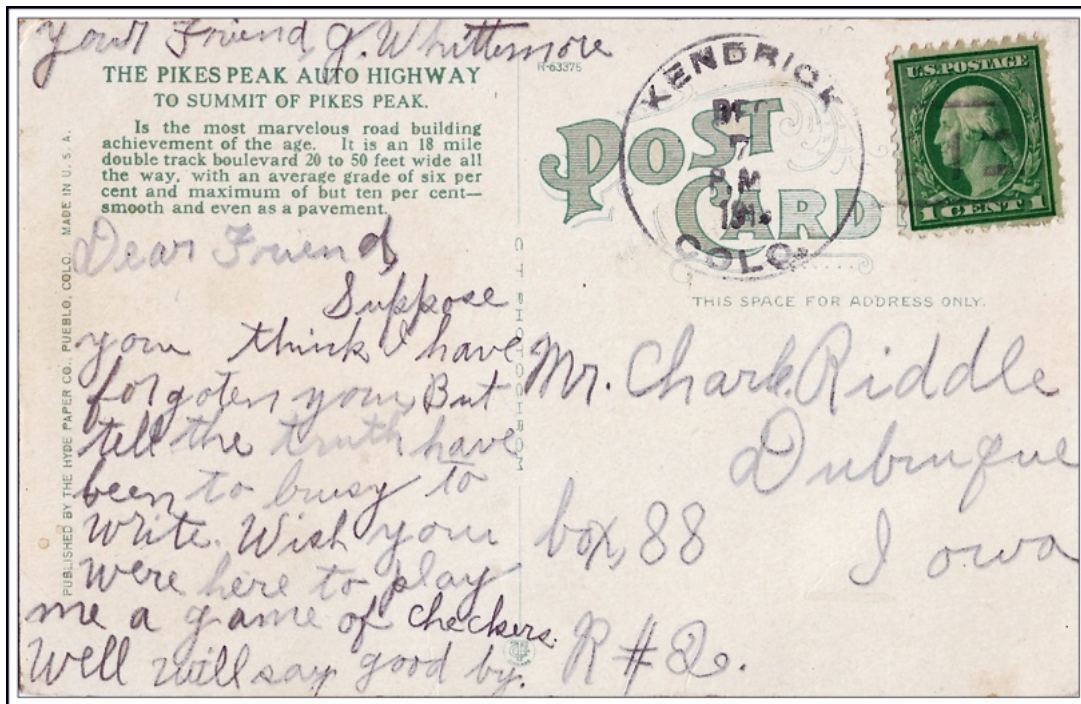
Begin your visit on Colorado Highway 94, one mile east of the Lincoln-El Paso County line. Turn south on Lincoln County Road 2. Drive seven miles south to County Road S (Truckton Road in El Paso County). Kendrick was located in the southeast quarter of the intersection. At that site there is older ranch house in a large grove of big trees.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Dec 12 1905 --- NW/4 Sec 20 T15S R59W
 Proposed postmaster - John M. Mortimer However document was
 originally sent to W. H. Kendrick
- Jan 25 1906 Established
- Jan 25 1906 Mortimer, John M.
- Apr 28 1914 --- NW/4 Sec 20 T15S R59W
- Aug 25 1919 Wilkins, Cora R.

KENDRICK – Continued

Sep 8 1919	Wilkins, Cora R.	Commissioned
Oct 1 1919	Wilkins, Cora R.	Assumed charge
Aug 9 1933	Ramsey, Robert M.	Assumed charge
Aug 16 1933	Ramsey, Robert M.	Acting
Dec 29 1934	Killer, Aaron E.	Confirmed
Feb 4 1934	Killer, Aaron E.	Commissioned
Feb 8 1934	Killer, Aaron E.	Assumed charge
Nov 15 1939	Ramsey, Robert M.	Assumed charge
Nov 26 1939	Ramsey, Robert M.	Acting
Dec 2 1939	Ramsey, Robert M.	Confirmed
Dec 21 1939	Ramsey, Robert M.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	--- NW/4 Sec 20 T15S R59W	Dead Horse Creek is 1/2 mile west of post office
Jan 19 1942	Ramsey, Mrs. Lutie C.	Assumed charge
Jan 29 1942	Ramsey, Mrs. Lutie C.	Acting
Apr 21 1942	Ramsey, Mrs. Lutie C.	Confirmed
May 8 1942	Ramsey, Mrs. Lutie C.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1953	House, Charles A.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1953	House, Charles A.	Acting
Sep 9 1955	Kilpatrick, Joseph C.	Confirmed
Oct 6 1955	Kilpatrick, Joseph C.	Appointed
Oct 15 1955	Kilpatrick, Joseph C.	Commissioned
Aug 24 1956	Kilpatrick, Margaret E.	Assumed charge
Sep 10 1956	Kilpatrick, Margaret E.	Acting
Nov 30 1956	Discontinued	



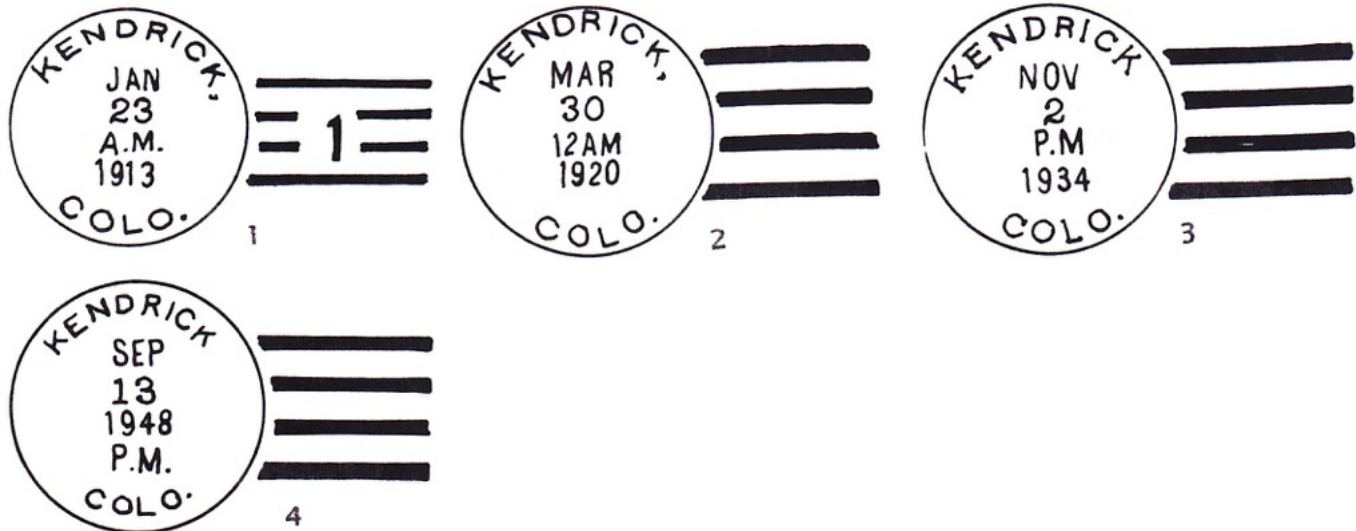
KENDRICK / COLO. December 7, 1911-

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	KENDRICK, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Aug 3 1907 Sep 3 1914 Doane Type 3 with 1; S-23x14
2	KENDRICK / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Jun 19 1919 Aug 3 1921 4bars S-23x20mm

KENDRICK – Continued

3	KENDRICK / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jan 7 1924 Oct 26 1943
4	KENDRICK / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-19x23mm	Sep 13 1948 Aug 2 1956



KUTCH

In 1899 an application was filed for a post office on the ranch of Ira Baker Kutch, to take the name of Kutch. The Post Office lasted only three months and was rescinded with no reason given, and likely was never in operation.

In 1905 the post office at Sanborn was moved to the Kutch ranch and took the name of Kutch. This location was in Lincoln County, little more than a mile south of the Elbert-Lincoln County line. In 1911 the Kutch Post Office moved north into Elbert County and three subsequent moves shifted it further north to the final location in the southwest corner of the intersection of Elbert County Roads 14 and 173. The original location is four miles south of the final location.

From this wandering history of the post office and having viewed the sparsely populated countryside, I conclude that there was no organized community of Kutch and that it was another of eastern Colorado's ranch post offices. Kutch enjoyed a much longer life than most such post offices, lasting until 1971.

From Colorado Highway 94 turn north on Lincoln County Road 11 and go north two miles to the county line. In Elbert County, this road becomes Elbert County 173. The 1905 location of Kutch was east of the highway on the north side of Horse Creek. Near the county line there is a ranch road that leads to a good sized grouping of ranch buildings along Horse Creek. I believe that was the initial site of Kutch.

The later locations of Kutch are discussed in the section for Elbert County.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 17 1899	Established
Jul 17 1899	Kutch, Ira B.
Oct 9 1899	Discontinued
May 13 1905 ---	SE/4 Sec 2 T14S R58W (Lincoln County) On the north side of Horse Creek
	Proposed Postmaster - Ira Baker Kutch
Jun 3 1905	Post office moved from Sanborn

KUTCH – Continued

Jun 3 1905	Kutch, Ira B.
Aug 20 1906	Park, Mararete M.
Feb 27 1911	--- SW/4 Sec 35 T13S R58W On north side of Horse Creek Site in Elbert County
Jan 31 1971	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

See Elbert County for the complete listing of postmasters and postmarks

LAKE STATION

Hedinger's Ranch, or Hedinger's Lake Station was located at the junction of Lake Creek with Big Sandy Creek. This was the site of Station 24 on the Leavenworth and Pike Peak Express and a junction of two branches of the Smoky Hill Trail. In 1870 the Kansas Pacific Railroad (Union Pacific) reached the location and established a station. There was a post office here for a few months, however the station continued for many years.

In 1881 the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad entered the area, crossing the tracks of the Union Pacific three miles to the northwest at what is now Limon. Gradually that community grew and activity at Lake Station diminished.

Please refer to the discussion of Laketon for directions to the site.

Chronology of the Post Office

	No document was found in the Lincoln County Geographic Site Location Reports
Jul 27 1870	Established
Jul 27 1870	Mass, Thomas
Oct 12 1871	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LAKE STATION

LAKETON

Laketon was at the site of the earlier post office of Lake Station. Originally the site was known as Hedinger's or Hedinger's Lake Station. It was also the site of Station 24 on the Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Express Company stage route.

The Kansas Pacific Railroad reached the site in 1870 and the Lake Station Post Office operated here for a year and a half. At the time the area was included in Greenwood County, which in 1874, was dissolved and divided between Elbert and Bent Counties.

It was thirteen years after the closure of the Lake Station Post Office that the Laketon Post Office opened. Laketon lasted less than two years and it was another three years before a post office opened at Limon Station, three miles to the northwest.

It is puzzling why there was this erratic postal activity. In 1881 the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad reached the future site of Limon and crossed the Union Pacific tracks to continue on to Colorado Springs. Did that crossing not generate enough activity to warrant a post office? Apparently from 1884 until 1889 everyone was satisfied with relying on River Bend, eight miles to the northwest, or Hugo ten miles to the southeast to meet their needs for mail service. The creation of Lincoln County on April 11, 1889 may have had something to do with the establishment of the Limon Station Post Office. At the same time that Limon Station was growing in size and importance, Laketon was shrinking.

Today, nothing remains at Laketon. It has become the site of a small rail yard that is used mostly for temporary storage of rolling stock.

LAKETON – Continued

Access to the location is from US Highways 40 and 287. US 40/287 passes through the center of Limon, while Interstate 70 skirts the city on the north side. Go east on US 40/287 about three and a half miles to Lincoln County Road 23, which angles back to the northwest along the railroad. That road will take you into the site of Laketon (Lake Station).

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 19 1884	---	Sec 22 T9S R56W 1/2 mile north of Big Sandy Creek On north side UPRR 4 rods, and Lake Station Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Mary Quine
Oct 9 1884		Established
Oct 9 1884		Quine, Mrs. Mary
Jan 19 1885		Ottken, Mrs. Ida
Mar 27 1886		Discontinued Papers to River Bend

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LAKETON

LIMON

The first settlement here was known as Limon’s Camp, created when construction crews of the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway reached the line of the Union Pacific and prepared to cross those tracks on the way on to Colorado Springs. Subsequently the location was known as Limon’s Junction, then when a post office was authorized it became Limon Station. In 1903 the name was shortened to Limon.

The town plat for Limon Station was filed on April 29, 1889 but it was not until 1909 that it was incorporated as Limon.

Initially Limon was a center for shipping livestock and produce from ranches in the surrounding area. It was also a major supply point for those ranches and farms. Limon continues to meet those needs. It is a modest sized town with an active business district and a surrounding residential community.

Please refer to the discussion of Limon Station for thoughts on the origin of the community name.

As travel shifted from railroads to motor vehicles, Limon became one of the more important way stations in eastern Colorado for travelers on US Highway 40. In the later part of the twentieth century Interstate 70 was built east into Colorado and intersected US 40 at Limon. Since that event a large truck stop and service plaza complex has developed at Exit 361 on the northern edge of Limon. Both Exits 361 and 363 give access to Limon.

Latitude = 39:15:50 North Longitude = 103:41:30 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 14 1903		Formerly named Limon Station	
Nov 14 1903		Carman, Francis M.	
Oct 1 1908			Office made Presidential
Dec 16 1908		Carman, Francis M.	P&S
Jan 12 1910	---	SE/4 Sec 17 T9S R56W 36 rods north of the railroad	
Apr 24 1911		Bloom, William H.	P&S
Apr 21 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 17 T9S R56W 350 feet north of Big Sandy Creek 225 feet north of the C.R.I. & P. RR	
Dec 16 1915		Bloom, William H.	P&S
Feb 18 1920		Bloom, William H.	P&S
May 14 1924		Kessinger, John C.	P&S
May 12 1928		Kessinger, John C.	P&S
Apr 1 1932		Kessinger, John C.	Nominated

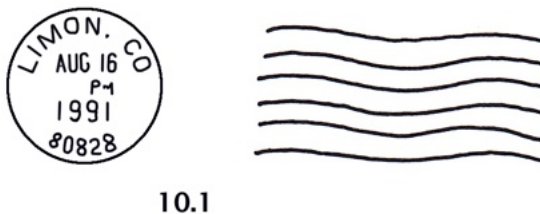
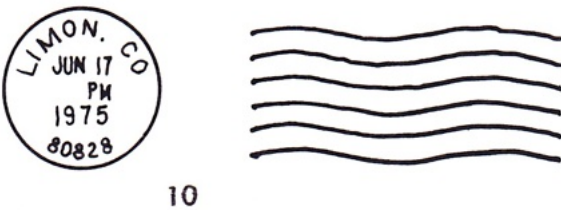
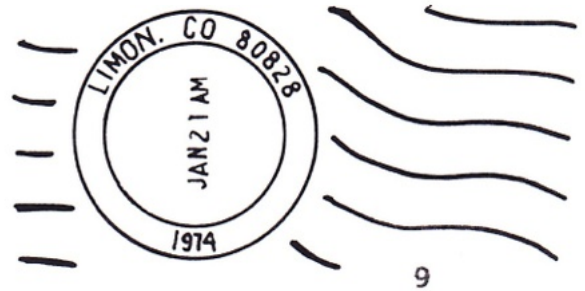
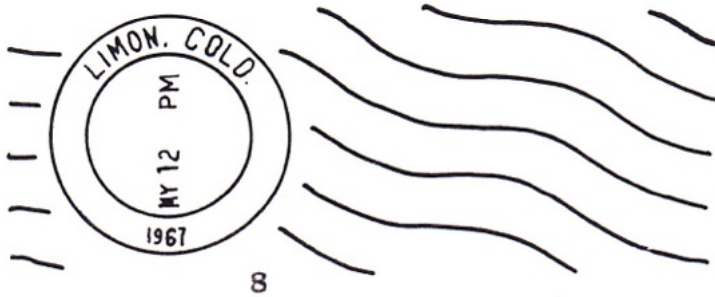
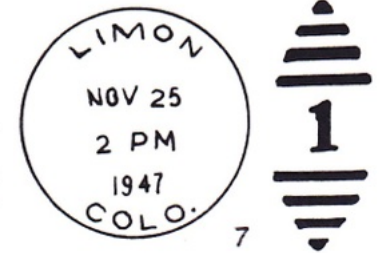
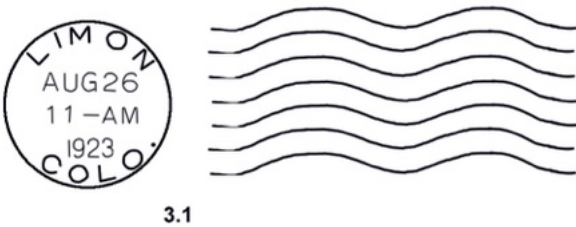
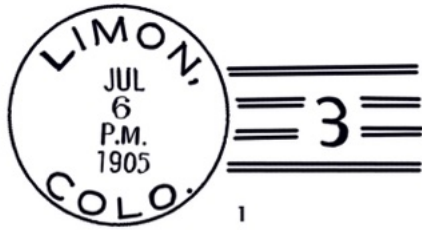
LIMON – Continued

Apr 27 1932	Kessenger, John C.	Confirmed
Jun 25 1932	Kessenger, John C.	Commissioned
Apr 29 1936	Bell, Clinton C.	Nominated
May 7 1936	Bell, Clinton C.	Confirmed
May 13 1936	Bell, Clinton C.	Appointed
Jul 1 1936	Bell, Clinton C.	Assumed charge
May 20 1940	Bell, Clinton C.	Nominated
May 24 1940	Bell, Clinton C.	Confirmed
May 29 1940	Bell, Clinton C.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 27 1940	Bell, Clinton C.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1940	Bell, Clinton C.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941 ---	Sec 17 T9S R56W 206 E Avenue	
May 28 1952	Christenson, Jess C.	Acting
Feb 28 1954	Snyder, Ray E.	Assumed charge
Apr 15 1954	Snyder, Ray E.	Acting
May 18 1954	Snyder, Ray E.	Nominated
Jun 23 1954	Snyder, Ray E.	Apptd Presidential, Confirmed & Commissioned
Jun 30 1954	Snyder, Ray E.	Assumed charge
Oct 7 1957	Hendrix, Harold E.	Assumed charge
Nov 5 1957	Hendrix, Harold E.	Acting
Feb 16 1959	Hendrix, Harold E.	Nominated
Jun 30 1959	Hendrix, Harold E.	Appointed Presidential & Confirmed
Jul 22 1959	Hendrix, Harold E.	Commissioned
Jul 24 1959	Hendrix, Harold E.	Assumed charge

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LIMON, / COLO. CI 10P ????	Doane Type 2 with 3	May 23 1904 Jul 6 1905
2	LIMON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3, with 5, S-24x14mm	Sep 4 1905 Jan 23 1909
3	LIMON / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid 8-bar oval	Aug 25 1909 Feb 6 1917
3.1	LIMON / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 2 1919 Aug 26 1923
4	LIMON, COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Flag 13 star waving flag	Dec 3 1926 Aug 16 1928
5	LIMON / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Jul 7 193- Aug 20 193-
6	LIMON / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	May 3 1935 Jan 3 1964
7	LIMON / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Jun 20 1941 Nov 25 1947
8	LIMON. / COLO. CI 11P 31.5/23.0	Rolr 7 wavy lines	May 12 1967
9	LIMON, CO 80828 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Rolr 7 wavy lines	Oct 23 1967 Feb 20 1987
10	LIMON, CO / 80828 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 18 1967 Jul 3 1990 or may be 6 wavy lines
10.01	LIMON, CO / 80828 CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-18x24mm	Nov 22 1971
10.1	LIMON. CO / 80828 10P 20.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Aug 16 1981
11	LIMON CO 80828 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 29 1996
12	LIMON CO / 80828 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-15x24mm	Sep 26 2001

LIMON – Continued



LIMON – Continued
AUXILLARY CANCELA-1 limon, colo.
IR 00P 38.0x18.0

Aug 28 1946

AUX Hstp pointing hand, RETURNED / TO / WRITER
With REASONS CHECKED box below hand**CENTENNIAL STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 3 2009 Operated as a special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 LIMON, CO 80826 / CENTENNIAL STATION Nov 3 2009
CI 10H 50.0 Pict scene - wheat and RR track in 30x50 mm rectangle;
text - LIMON / 100 / YEARS /1909-2009



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LIMON STATION

In 1870 the Kansas Pacific Railroad (Union Pacific) built through this location but placed its station three miles to the southeast at Lake Station, later named Laketon. In 1888 the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad built through on its way to Colorado Springs. It crossed the tracks of the Union Pacific at what is now the town of Limon.

Initially the site was a construction camp called Limon's Camp. As construction moved westward the place became known as Limon Junction and finally when a post office was established it was named Limon Station. In 1903 the name was shortened to Limon. The initial Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report provides evidence that the intention was to name the post office Ulysses.

Limon is Spanish for lemon. But why name a town on the high plains of Colorado for a tropical fruit? Most sources now accept that Limon was the name of the foreman of the construction crew working at the site. He has been noted as John Limon. It should also be remarked that Limon can be a Spanish surname.

The town was platted in 1889 and as a railroad junction it began to grow.

Limon Station (Limon) can be accessed from either Exit 361 or Exit 363 from Interstate 70.

LIMON STATION – Continued



LIMON STATION / COLO. December 16, 1889

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jun 10 1889 — SE/4 Sec 17 T9S R56W 60 rods north of Depot, CRI&P RR
Proposed postmaster - Edgar L. Montgomery
- Aug 6 1889 Established
- Aug 6 1889 Felton, Richard
- Sep 27 1892 Freed, George D.
- Oct 21 1896 Weaver, Ephraim S.
- Jul 27 1897 Beistline, Richard
- Nov 15 1901 Carman, Francis M.
- Nov 14 1903 Name changed to Limon

Confirmed types of postal markings

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 CI 10P 27.0 2 LIMON STATION / COLO.
 CI 10P 27.0 3 LIMON STATION / COLO.
 CI 10P 29.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 16 1889 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm Feb 9 1895 Apr 18 1899 Hstp Cork, smudge; Target, 4-ring 16mm Jul 20 1902 Aug 13 1903 Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval |
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LUSLO

I have found no information as to where this proposed post office might have been located. The establishment was rescinded, thus it appears that either it was determined that there was no need for the office or, that the "postmaster" changed his mind or did not qualify and no willing substitute was available. There is no Geographic Site Location Report on file.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 18 1904	Established
Aug 18 1904	Morrow, S. Guy
Nov 30 1904	Order rescinded

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LUSLO

McCOLLIN

Although the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports provide a location for the McCollin Post Office I was not able to visit the location. The site is a little over a mile west of Lincoln County Road 15 and about the same distance south of the junction of Roads 14 and V. Unfortunately, there is no access from these county roads and the rolling countryside did not permit me to see anything that might be at the appropriate location.

From the original location of Sanborn at Lincoln County Roads 11 and X, drive east on Road X one mile to Road 12, one mile south to Road W, two miles east to Road 14 and one mile south to Road V.

Considering the geographic location and the brief existence of the McCollin Post Office it is logical to describe it as a rural or ranch post office that was named for the one and only postmaster, Joseph A. McCollin. McCollin has not been mentioned in any of the sources of Colorado history that I have read.

Chronology of the Post Office

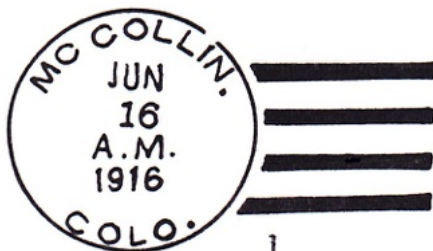
Mar 10 1915 ---	SE/4 Sec 6 T15S R57W
	Applicant for postmaster - Joseph A. McCollin
Jun 10 1915	Established
Jun 10 1915	McCollin, Joseph A.
Nov 30 1917	Discontinued Mail to Rush

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 McCOLLIN. / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0

Jun 16 1916 (Year date is questionable)

4bars S-24x19mm



OWEN

I have found no reference to Owen in the Colorado historical literature. The location from the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places it nine miles due south of Limon. That area is rolling prairie grasslands, thus I assume that there was no organized community and that Owen was a ranch post office. The post office name is that of the only postmaster – Anna Owen.

From Limon drive south on Colorado Highway 71 nine miles to Lincoln County Road 2W. Highway 71 makes a slight bend to the west at this point, Road 2W being on a correction line for the Federal Land Survey System. The site of Owen was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection.

There is nothing at the intersection but about a half mile north there is a clump of trees with some old shacks.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 2 1908	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T10S R56W
		Proposed postmaster - Miss Anna Owen
Sep 26 1908		Established
Sep 26 1908		Owen, Anna
Dec 31 1915		Ordered closed
Jan 15 1916		Discontinued Mail to Limon Order modified to Dec 31 1915

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	OWEN, / COLO.	Nov 15 1910	Oct 2 1915
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x14mm	



SANBORN

Sanborn was a ranch post office on the rolling plains of southern Lincoln County, south of Colorado Highway 94. There were two locations for the Sanborn Post Office. Both were at ranches in an area devoted to raising cattle and sheep.

Jeremiah Sanborn was the first postmaster of Sanborn; thus the post office took his family name.

The following directions will lead you south to the sites of Sanborn and on to Girard and Cowans. Begin at the intersection of Colorado Highway 94 and Lincoln County Road 11. The later road would also take you north to the locations of Kutch. Drive south on Road 11, two miles to County Road X. The original (1878) site of Sanborn was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. There is nothing at the intersection, but about a mile to the west, on the west side of Little Horse Creek and in a grove of cottonwoods, there is a cattle loading pen and the remnants of a chimney and a house pit. There is evidence for another ranch on the north side of Road X. I would suspect that this was at least a part of the original settlement of Sanborn.

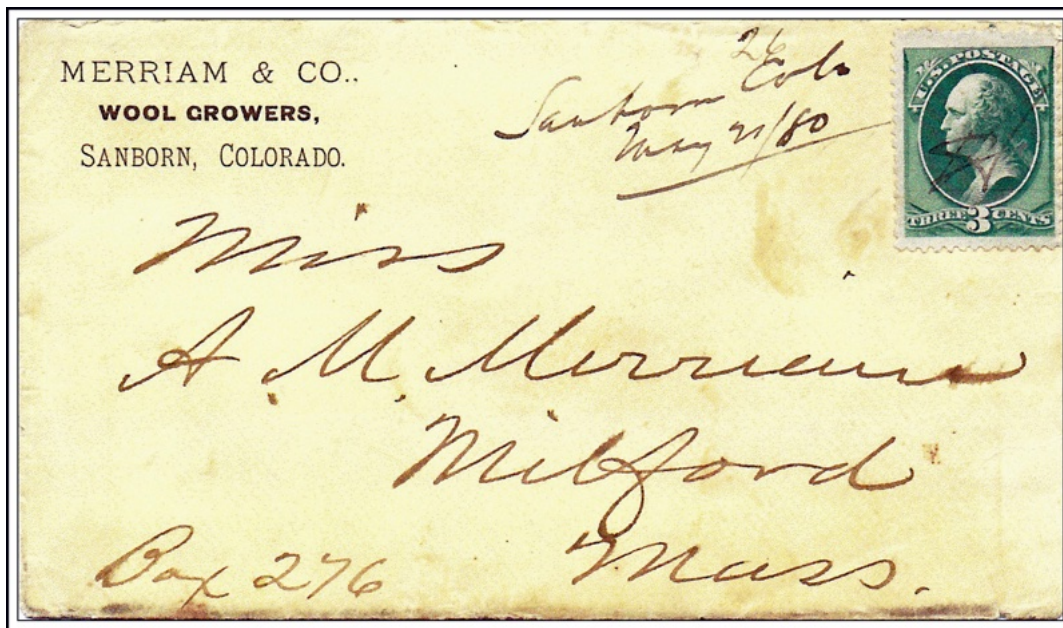
The second site of Sanborn is several miles south of the original site. Continue south on County Road 11 five and one-half miles to County Road R.5. This is a dead end road that takes you to a location at a large, active ranch on Steeles Fork of Horse Creek. The ranch is a mile and a half west of Road 11.

The Sanborn Post Office closed in 1905 and was moved ten miles north to the ranch of Ira B. Kutch, to become the first location for the Kutch Post Office.

SANBORN – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

May 17 1878	Established
May 17 1878	Sanborn, Jeremiah
May 29 1878 ---	NE/4 Sec 27 T14S R58W On Horse Creek Sketch map places in NE/4 NE/4 Sec 27
Dec 13 1878	Ward, Thomas F.
Oct 6 1882	McIntyre, Archibald
Apr 1 1890 ---	SW/4 Sec 21 T15S R58W On northeast side of Steeles Fork of Horse Creek
Apr 21 1900	Harrison, Joseph
Jun 3 1905	Moved to Kutch



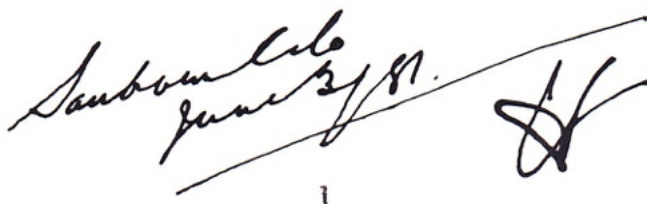
Manuscript postmark

Sanborn Colo

May 2, 1880

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Sanborn Colo MS	May 2 1880 Jul 17 1881
2	SANBORN, / COLORADO. CI 10P 31.0	Mscp Pen cancel, "H" Aug 21 1889 Oct 19 1889
3	SANBORN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target Oct 22 1897 May 14 1902
		Hstp Target, 4-ring



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SAUGUS

Saugus was a small post office located on the Rock Island Railroad a little more than five miles east of Arriba. It was likely a shipping point for produce and livestock but it had a very short life, undoubtedly losing its business to either Arriba to the west or Flagler to the east.

There is a divergence of opinion as to the meaning of the name Saugus. It is claimed that it was for Saugus, Massachusetts. One source claims it to be an Algonkian word meaning "small outlet." A second source claims it to be a Natick word for "great" or "extended."

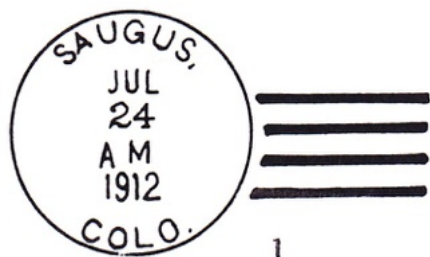
According to the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report Saugus was south of the railroad and modern Interstate 70 and west of Lincoln County Road 48. Nothing remains at the site and it is likely that the construction of Interstate 70 eliminated anything that might have remained there. The location is one mile west of the Lincoln-Kit Carson County line.

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 2 1907	---	NE/4 Sec 11 T9S R52W
		Proposed postmaster - Lucy Alice Collins
Jan 4 1908		Established
Jan 4 1908		Collins, Lucy A.
Aug 17 1908		Leeper, Mary C.
Jan 31 1914		Discontinued Mail to Arriba

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SAUGUS, / COLO.	Aug 10 1908 Jul 24 1912
	CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-23x13mm



SHAW

Charles Shaw moved from Iowa to the northern edge of Lincoln County. He opened a store and secured a post office to serve the surrounding area of farms and ranches. However, according to the Post Office Department Records, Mr. Shaw was never postmaster of the community named for him.

From just east of Bovina, drive ten miles north on Lincoln County Road 37, and turn east for one mile to Lincoln County Road 38. Drive north six miles to Lincoln County Road 4A. The original site of Shaw was in the northeast corner of this intersection. When I visited the area in 1997 there was nothing at this site. Continue north two miles to Lincoln County Road 4C. In 1930 Shaw was located in the northeast quadrant of this intersection. In 1941, it was on the west side of Road 38. The northeast corner has been scraped clean. There was an abandoned building a short distance to the south and a quarter mile to the west there were some trees and remnant debris. There is other scattered trash in the area, thus it appears that there may have been a loose community centered on the intersection of Roads 38 and 4C.

Chronology of the Post Office

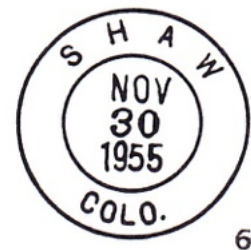
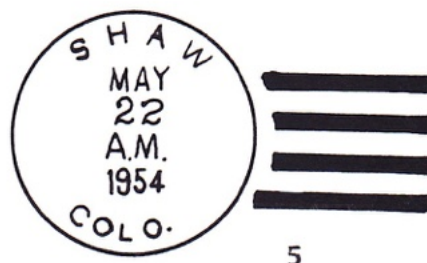
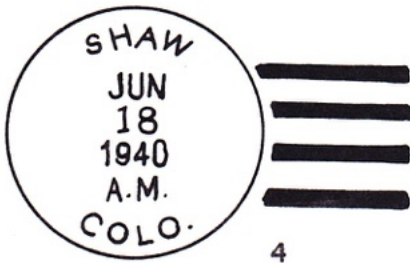
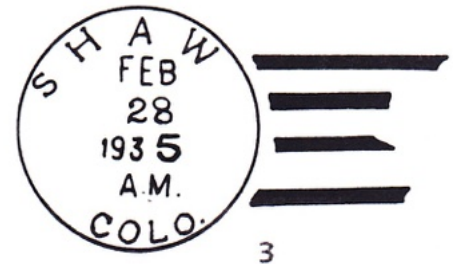
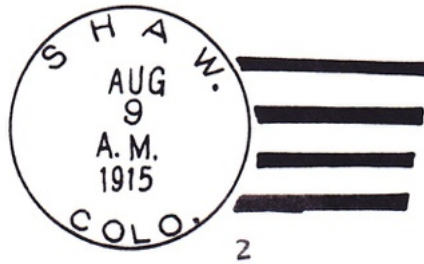
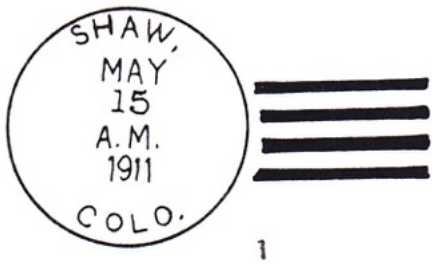
Dec 19 1907	---	SW/4 Sec 17 T6S R53W
		Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hockenbery
Feb 24 1908		Established

SHAW – Continued

Feb 24 1908	Hockenbery, Elizabeth A.	
Jun 24 1913	Dumbauld, Samuel M.	
Sep 25 1922	Dumbauld, Marie L.	
Jan 10 1925	Hollester, Carrie	
Apr 3 1930	Adams, Henry R.	Acting
Apr 4 1930 ---	SW/4 Sec 5 T6S R53W A move 1-1/4 miles north west of a previous location 100 rods south of Bob Tail Creek	
Dec 2 1930	Adams, Henry R.	Appointed & Confirmed
Dec 17 1930	Adams, Henry R.	Commissioned
Apr 21 1938	Smith, Mrs. Minnie E.	Assumed charge
May 4 1938	Smith, Mrs. Minnie E.	Acting
Sep 30 1938	Schneider, Mrs. Marie	Confirmed
Oct 7 1938	Smith, Mrs. Minnie E.	Confirmed
Oct 17 1938	Schneider, Mrs. Marie	Appointment rescinded
Oct 12 1938	Smith, Mrs. Minnie E.	Commissioned
Oct 13 1938	Smith, Mrs. Minnie E.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 6 T6S R53W	
Apr 30 1953	Hicks, Mrs. Lulu M.	Assumed charge
May 27 1953	Hicks, Mrs. Lulu M.	Acting
Nov 4 1955	Ordered closed	
Nov 30 1955	Discontinued Mail to Genoa	

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | SHAW, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-23x13mm | May 15 1911 |
| 2 | SHAW, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-??x19mm | Feb 3 1908 Aug 9 1915 |
| 3 | SHAW / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-24x19mm | Feb 19 1935 Feb 28 1935 |
| 4 | SHAW / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-24x19mm | Nov 6 1939 Jul 14 1949 |
| 5 | SHAW / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-17x23mm | May 22 1954 Nov 30 1955 |
| 6 | SHAW / COLO.
CI 11P 30.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Nov 30 1955 |



SWIFT

Swift was another of the rural post offices in the southern portion of Lincoln County. As with the other rural post offices in this area there is no evidence for an associated community. The area is rolling prairie, typical of this portion of eastern Colorado.

The application for a post office suggested the name Galpin, the surname of the proposed postmaster William Orville Galpin. This was rejected, undoubtedly because of its similarity to Gilpin in Gilpin County. I have no thoughts as to why the name Swift was then chosen.

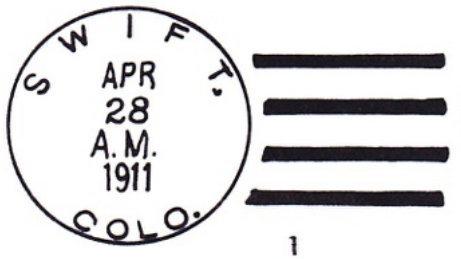
Follow the directions that would take you to Karval. Start this trip at the intersection of Lincoln County Roads S and 31, two miles east of Karval. Go east on Road S two miles to Road 33. Turn south one mile to County Road R. Go east on Road R five miles to the intersection with Road 38. Swift was located in the southwest quadrant of this intersection. There is an active ranch, the Yoder Ranch, at that location (1996).

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 21 1910	---	NE/4 Sec 30 T15S R53W
		Proposed postmaster - William Orville Galpin
Dec 17 1910		Established
Dec 17 1910		Galpin, William O.
Nov 8 1917		Bond, Fannie L.
Dec 31 1919		Discontinued Mail to Karval

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SWIFT, / COLO.	Apr 14 1911 Feb 13 1912
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm



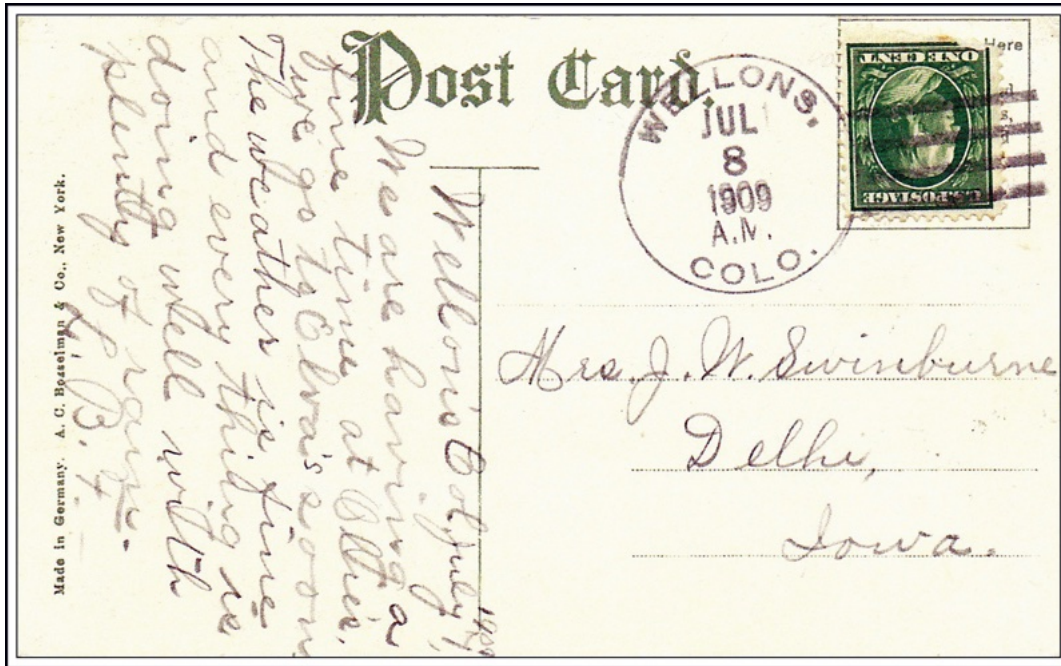
WELLONS

Wellons was a rural post office eleven miles north of the site of Saugus (Exit 388, Interstate 70). The area in which Wellons was located is wide open and quite level. It is mainly farmland with some ranching.

The first postmaster was John F. Wellons, thus it appears that the post office took his family name and was most likely at his home. There were two subsequent postmasters, but only the initial Geographic Site Location Report. That leaves it unclear as to whether there was a cluster of buildings at Wellons, that no additional Site Location Reports were filed, or that in spite of changes in postmaster the post office remained at the original location.

The overpass at Exit 388 is Lincoln County Road 48. It is one mile west of the Lincoln-Kit Carson County line. Drive ten miles north on County Road 48 to County Road 3U. This will bring you to a point one mile south of the location of Wellons. Unfortunately there is no (1996) access to the actual site and there is nothing visible from the intersection of Roads 3U and 48.

WELLONS – Continued



WELLONS, / COLO. July 8, 1909

Chronology of the Post Office

- Apr 8 1908 --- SW/4 Sec 12 T7S R52W
Proposed postmaster - J. F. Wellons
- Jun 10 1908 Established
- Jun 10 1908 Wellons, John F.
- Jan 13 1910 Hulse, Earnest F.
- Oct 28 1913 McCune, Annie
- Jun 30 1916 Discontinued Mail to Flagler

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 WELLONS, / COLO. May 13 1909 Dec 21 1910
- CI 10P 31.5 4bars S-??x14mm



WEZEL

Wezel has been described as a ranch post office. Although it operated for several years there is no evidence that it was more than a post office at a ranch that provided services to the neighboring ranches. The one and only postmaster here was Louis Wezel. Obviously the post office took his surname.

WEZEL – Continued

If you have just visited or are on the way to Karval, Wezel is a short side trip. On the way to or from Karval, turn east from Lincoln County Road 32 on to County Road W. One mile east of Road 32 the road curves to the south, becoming Road 33. Wezel was located in the quadrant northeast of the turn in the road. There are two groups of buildings in the area. One is in a group of trees some distance to the east of the turn. The other group is near the road, but it appears to be relatively recent. I suspect that Wezel was at the site in the distance.

When I visited this site in 1996 I was using a map dated 1963 and it did not show the portion of Road 33 between Roads W and U.

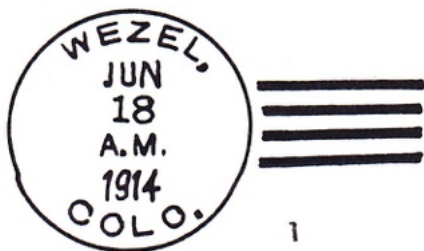
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Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 15 1910	---	SW/4 Sec 28 T14S R54W
		Proposed postmaster - Louis Wezel
Feb 8 1911		Established
Feb 8 1911		Wezel, Louis
Jul 15 1919		Discontinued Mail to Boyero

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WEZEL, / COLO.	Aug 1 1911 Jun 18 1914
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x12mm



WHITE

I have found no reference to a White in Lincoln County in any of the Colorado historical literature that I have read. The location is in the prairie land of southern Lincoln County; thus it is reasonable to assume that this was a rural post office. The White Post Office was a predecessor to the Amy Post Office in the area northeast of the intersection of Colorado Highways 71 and 94 at Punkin Center.

If you have just been to the 1936 location of Amy on Lincoln County Road 2D, turn back east and go two miles to County Road 24 and turn south two miles to the location of White. This is one mile north of Colorado Highway 94 and four miles east from the intersection at Punkin Center.

There is a ranch road that leads to a cluster of trees and ranch buildings about a quarter mile from the county road. The trees have been there for a long time, but the buildings are newer. Still, this seems a likely site for the White Post Office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 21 1901	---	SE/4 Sec 35 T13S R56W On south side of South Rush Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Hector Matheson
Mar 6 1901		Established
Mar 6 1901		Matheson, Hector

WHITE – Continued

Nov 20 1901	Ordered closed
Nov 30 1901	Discontinued Papers to Forder

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WHITE

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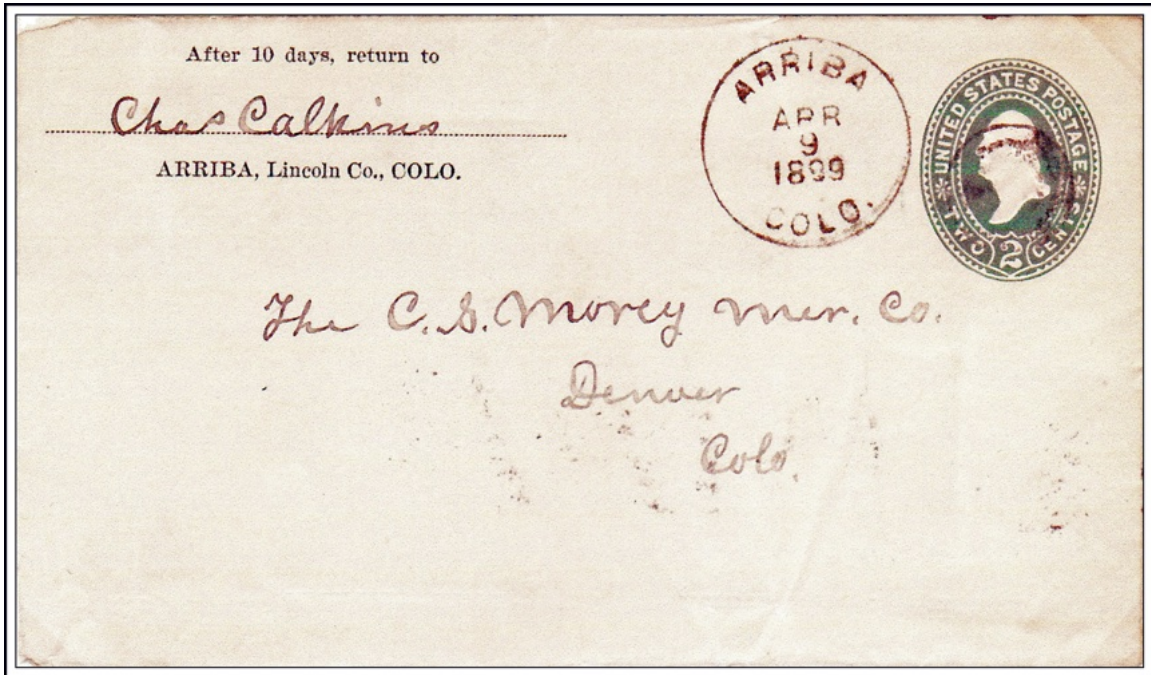
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A GALLERY OF LINCOLN COUNTY COVERS



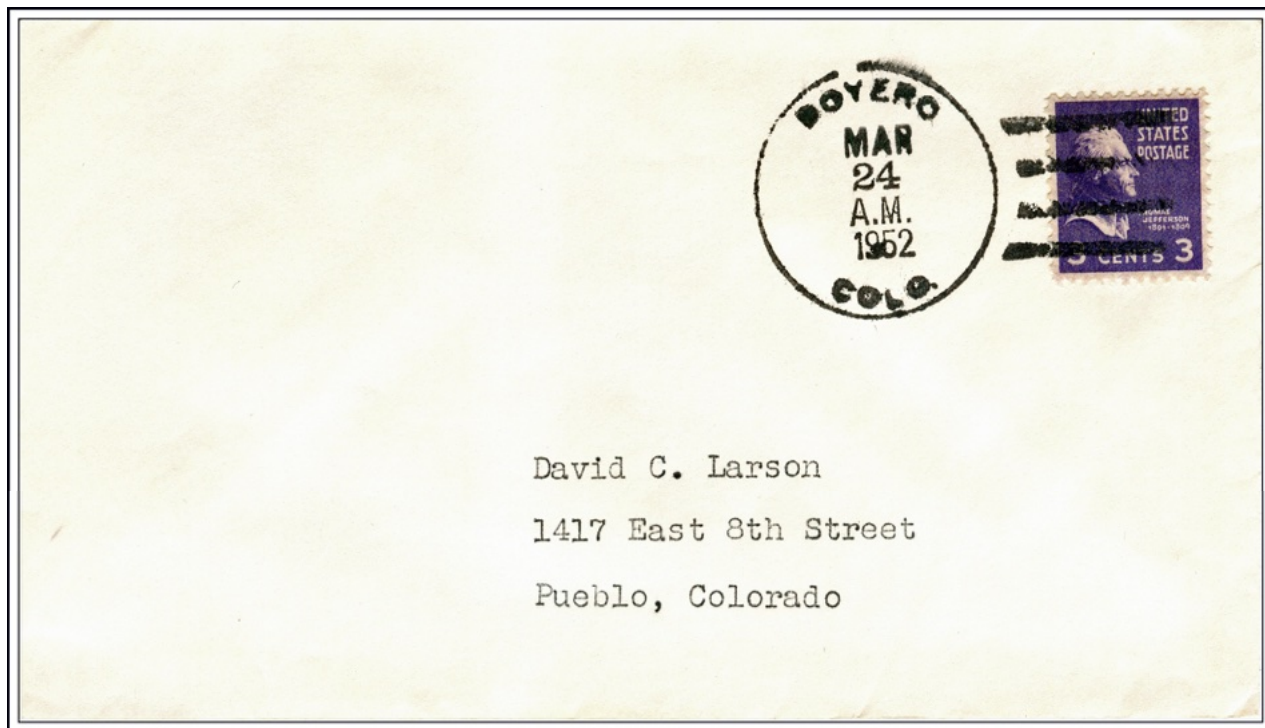
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BOYERO / COLO.

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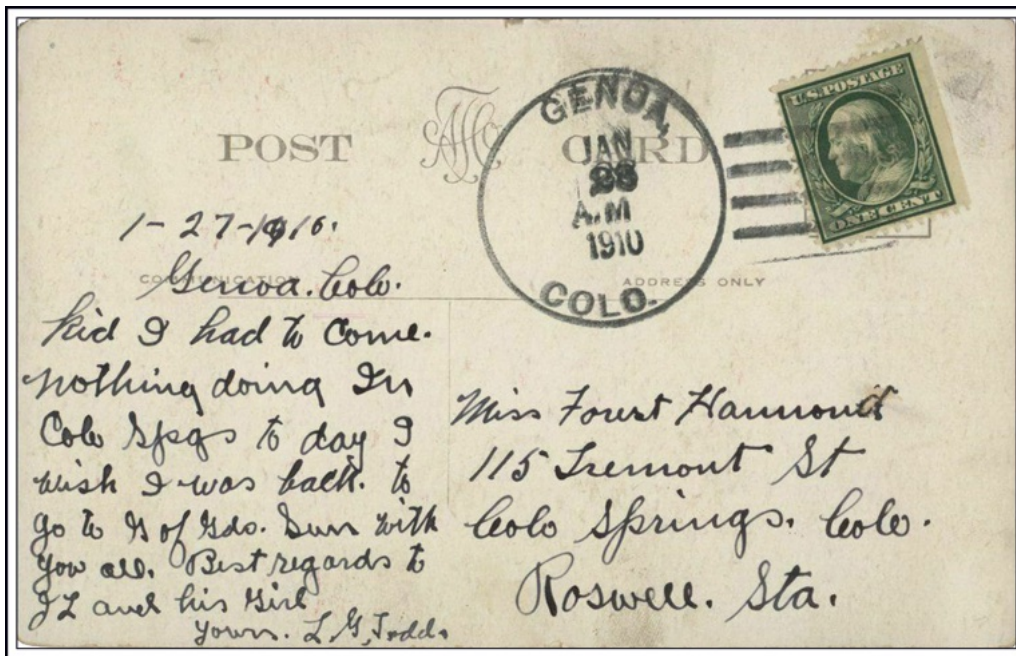
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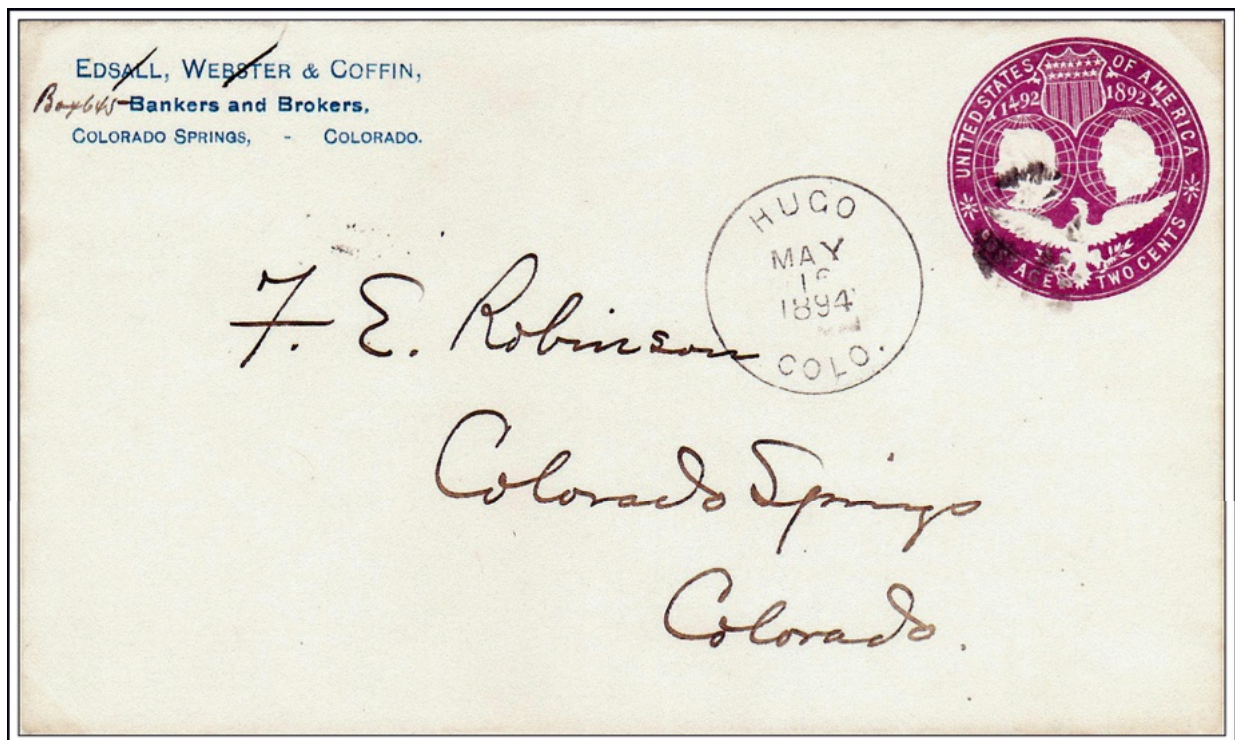
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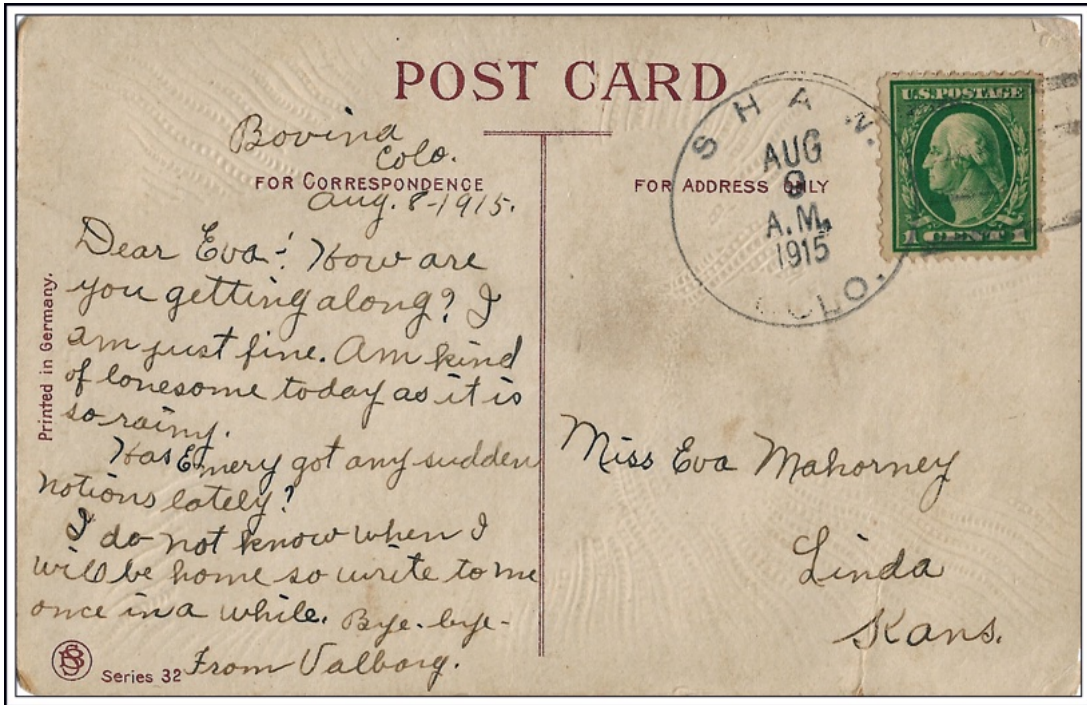
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HUGO / COLO.

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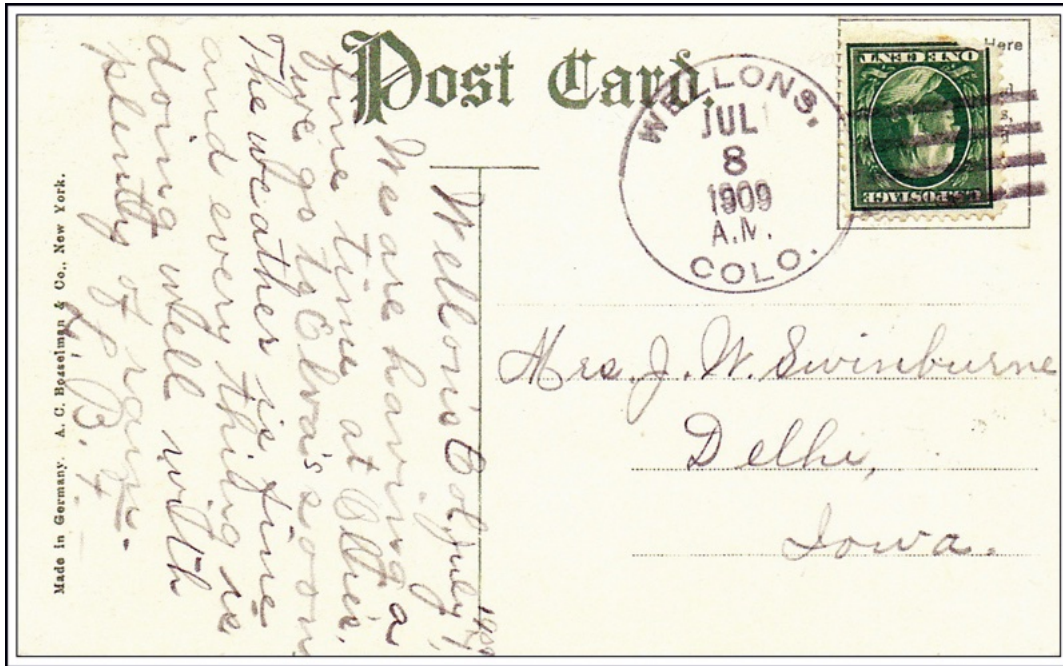
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