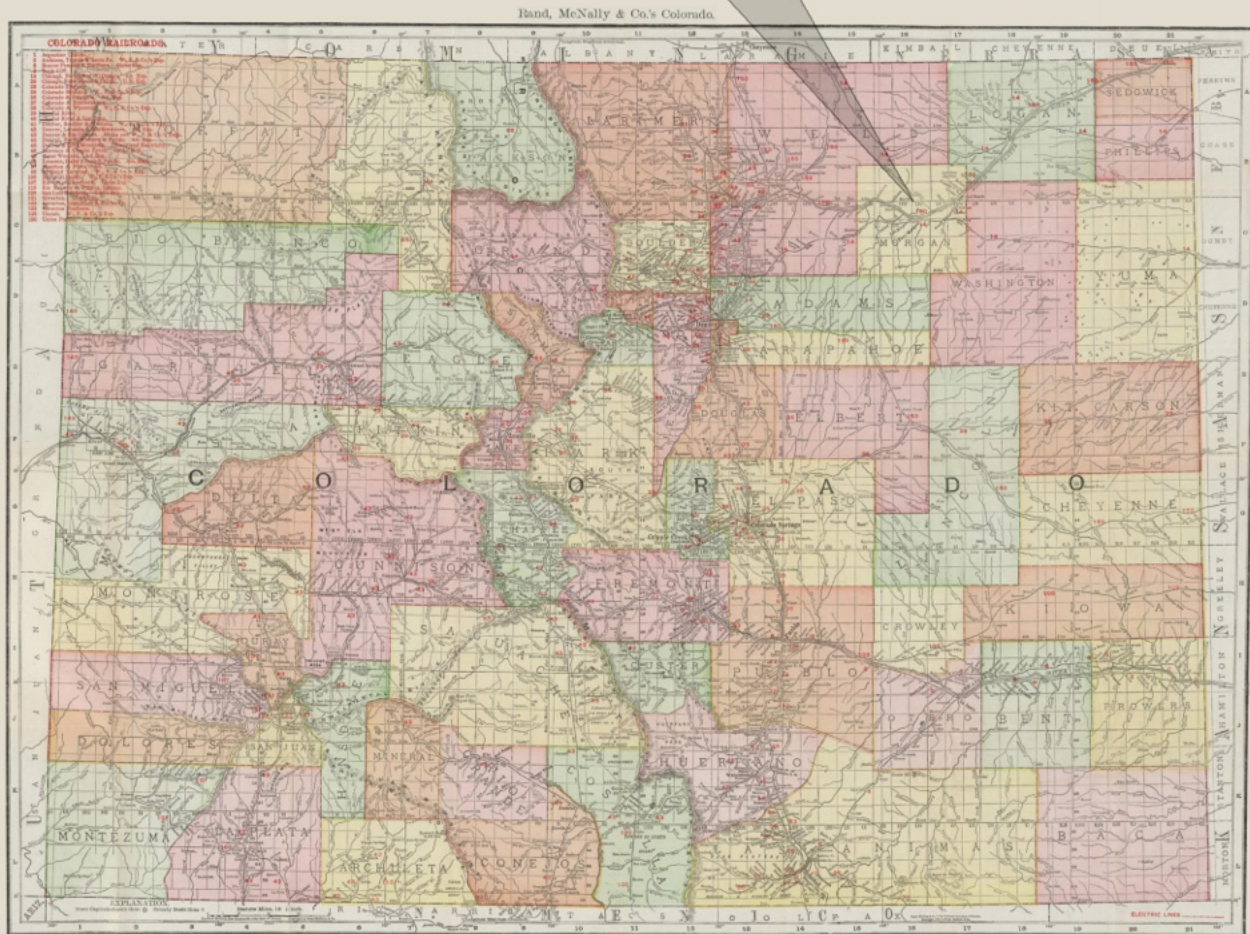


Morgan County



Map courtesy of <http://www.davidrumsey.com>

Established: February 19, 1889

County Seat: Fort Morgan

MORGAN COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Morgan County is situated in the northeastern corner of Colorado. The South Platte River bisects the county from east to west and it is the river and its valley that have dominated the history and the economy of Morgan County. Morgan County has a square shape, 36 miles by 36 miles. The county is bounded at the northeast corner by Logan County, on the east by Washington County, on the south by Washington and Adams Counties, and by Weld County on the west and north.

The valley of the South Platte River was one of the major access routes into what is now the State of Colorado. It provided a reasonably level route for wagons to travel, the river was a source of water and there was wood for fires and grass for the livestock. Several of the early western exploration parties followed the river and the 1842 expedition of John C. Fremont even left a name - Fremonts Orchard - that was applied to one of Fremont's campsites.

The 1858 discovery of gold in the mountains of Colorado set the scene for the 1859 Gold Rush. Many of the gold-seekers followed the South Platte River west to the Rocky Mountains. From Denver the South Platte River flows northward to a point near Greeley. At Greeley the river turns eastward and curves slightly to the southeast before turning northeastward at Fort Morgan and finally leaving the state at Julesburg in the extreme northeastern corner of the state.

Initially, travel followed the course of the river from Julesburg to Denver but the emigrants were always seeking a faster and shorter road. A shortcut was soon established from a point near present day Fort Morgan to Denver. This became known as the Fort Morgan Cut-off. The new road saved many miles and several days of travel. It did have a disadvantage of not following a principal stream and crossed a dry, often sandy terrain, that made travel more difficult than the path along the South Platte River.

The completion of the Union Pacific Railroad to Cheyenne, Wyoming and beyond, in the late 1860's greatly reduced travel along the South Platte. However, in 1881 traffic returned to the route with the construction by the Union Pacific and its subsidiaries of a railroad direct to Denver. That road passed through Morgan County in 1881. The next year, 1882, the Burlington Railroad came into the county directly from the east to Brush and to the vicinity of Fort Morgan where it then followed the old cut-off route on to Denver. Later the Burlington would construct a connection from Brush to the Union Pacific at Pawnee and make use of Union Pacific tracks from Pawnee to Sterling, where a branch line would continue north to Sidney and Alliance in Nebraska and on to Billings, Montana.

In the twentieth century, automobile traffic developed rapidly and the South Platte Valley once again became a major route for traffic to Denver. US Highway 6 paralleled the Union Pacific from Sterling to Fort Morgan and then followed the Burlington Railroad the remainder of the way to Denver. US Highway 34 joined US 6 from Brush west to Wiggins.

In the late twentieth century, Interstate 76 was constructed from Denver to Julesburg as a diagonal connection between Interstates 70 and 80. Although I-76 follows US 6 and the old Fort Morgan Cut-off from Denver to Brush, I-76 remains on the south side of the river until it joins I-80 in Nebraska.

Away from the river, travel is on a network of county roads. Colorado Highway 71 does cut the county from north to south, passing through Brush and there are short segments of State Highways 39, 52 and 144 within Morgan County. The county road system is typical of most eastern Colorado counties. Numbered roads, north-south, begin on the west edge of the county and increase to the east. The east-west roads begin with the letter A on the south edge of the county and increase to the north. As usual, there is no Road I or Road O, and the next road north of Road Z is Road AA and so on to the northern county line. Most of the county roads are well maintained but some can become very muddy after a heavy rain.

Drainage of the county is either north or south to the South Platte River. From the south, Kiowa Creek, Bijou Creek, Sand Arroyo, Badger Creek and Beaver Creek flow north to the South Platte. From the north, Cottonwood Creek and Wildcat Creek are the most important streams.

The early roads along the South Platte were the location of several early stage stations; however, the stage stations left no permanent settlements. In 1864 during the height of the Indian troubles, a military post was established at what is now Fort Morgan. By 1868 the post was no longer needed and it was closed.

The early travelers recognized that the South Platte Valley was fertile farmland and agriculture soon developed along the river. A network of irrigation canals was constructed to provide water to the farms during the dry summer months. To the north and south of the river, the higher and drier terrain was more suited to ranching and large cattle and sheep ranches quickly developed. In the twentieth century, the drilling of deep wells provided water for irrigation and grain production spread into those areas.

Since the days of the early travelers agriculture has played the most important role in the economy of Morgan County. To a large extent the modern economy of Morgan County still depends on agriculture but also on a number of small businesses in Fort Morgan and Brush, and traffic along Interstate 76.

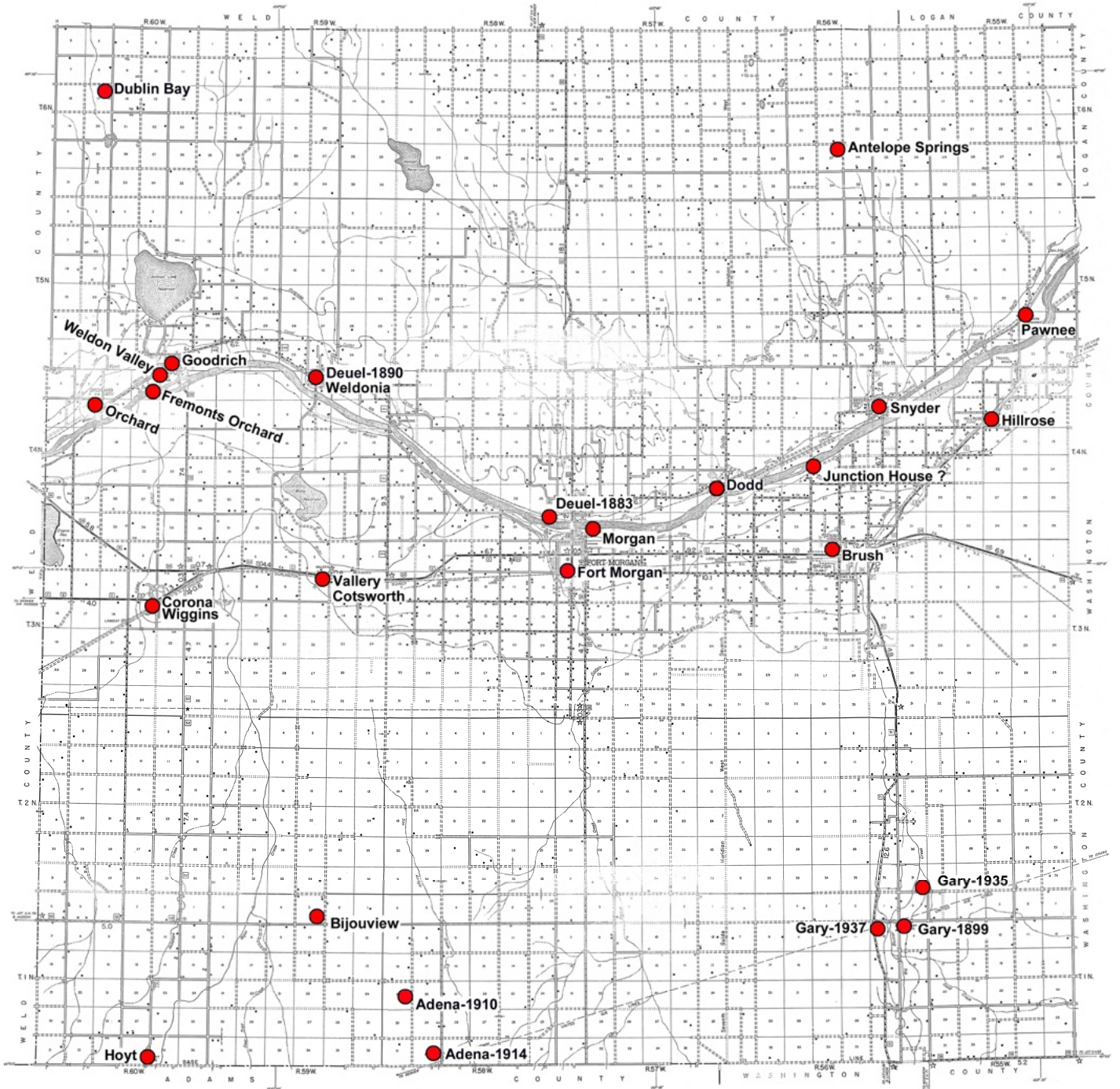
Politically, the area that is now Morgan County was initially within the original boundaries of Weld County. Morgan County was severed from Weld County on February 19, 1889 and Fort Morgan was selected to be the county seat. Most of the towns and post offices in Morgan County have been located in the South Platte River Valley and along the railroads. The few post offices away from the river were either short lived or served larger communities of scattered ranches and farms rather than organized towns.



Main Street Fort Morgan, Morgan County, Colorado

Photograph by [J. Stephen Conn](#)

July 27, 2011



Post Office Location Map – Morgan County

ADENA

The first residents in this vicinity came mostly from Illinois and Nebraska. The area was, and still is, one of scattered ranches with some farming. It is doubtful that there was a central community. Adena would be best classified as a “ranch post office.”

The story is that the name was that of the sweetheart, Edna Adena, of one of the settlers. One reference indicates that Sand Arroyo was another name proposed for the post office. Other than these few facts, nothing more has been written about Adena.

From Fort Morgan drive south on Morgan County Road 19 to County Road F. Turn west on Road F to County Road 14, then turn south on Road 14. The 1914 and later sites of Adena were just north of the Morgan-Adams County line. In 1996 on the east side of Road 14 there were still a couple of buildings, including the abandoned Sand Arroyo 4-H Club and the Adena Town Club building. A side trip is necessary to visit the first site of Adena (1910). After making the turn south on County Road 14, go two miles then turn west on County Road D. Go one mile then turn south on County Road 13. A half-mile from the turn you will be at a ranch with a modern trailer and some older barns. You will have to backtrack to Roads D and 14 as the ranch and the site are at the end of the road.

Latitude = 40:00:30 North Longitude = 104:53:10 West



Abandoned Sand Creek Arroyo 4-H Club Building, Adena, Colorado
 Photograph by William H. Bauer May 14, 1996

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 10 1910	---	E/2 Sec 19 T1N R58W
Nov 8 1910		Established
Nov 8 1910		Hawthorn, W. Carl
Dec 27 1912		Durben, Joseph M.

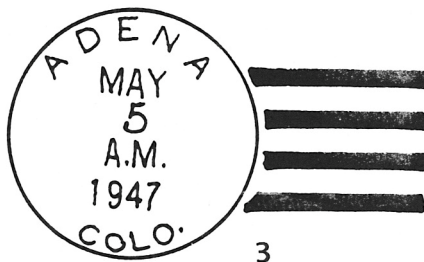
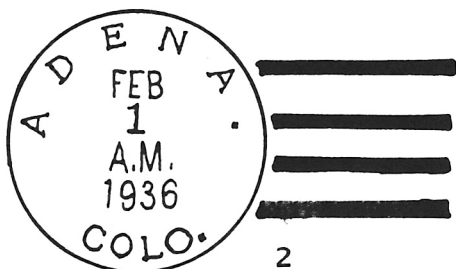
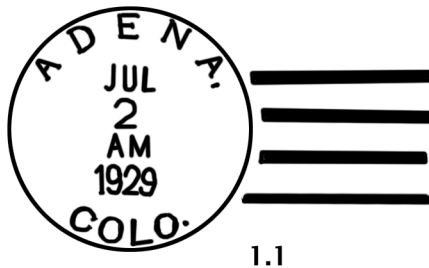
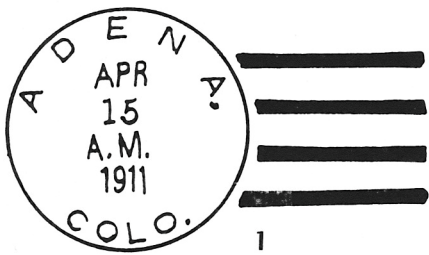
**COLORADO POSTAL ENCYCLOPEDIA
MORGAN COUNTY**

ADENA – Continued

Jul 10 1914	---	NE of S/2 Sec 32 T1N R58W	
May 8 1916	---	SW/4 Sec 33 T1N R58W	
Jun 15 1916		Groves, Elmer H.	
Jul 3 1916		Groves, Elmer H.	Commissioned
Jul 11 1916		Groves, Elmer H.	Assumed charge
Feb 2 1934		Dyrben, Louise K.	Assumed charge
Feb 8 1934		Dyrben, Louise K.	Acting
Jan 17 1935		Dyrben, Louise K.	Confirmed
Jan 31 1935		Dyrben, Louise K.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T1N R58W	
Apr 30 1946		Falkey, Mrs. Betty J.	Assumed charge
Jan 29 1947		Falkey, Mrs. Betty J.	Confirmed
Feb 13 1947		Falkey, Mrs. Betty J.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1948		Helget, Mrs. Iris M.	Assumed charge
Jul 3 1948	---	S/2 Sec 33 T1N R58W A move 60 yards east of a previous site Probably across the road from Section 32	
Sep 27 1948	---	SW/4 Sec 33 T1N R58W A move 150 feet straight east of a previous location	
Oct 26 1948		Helget, Mrs. Iris M.	Confirmed
Dec 17 1948		Helget, Mrs. Iris M.	Commissioned
Sep 1 1949		Ordered closed	
Sep 15 1949		Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ADENA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 15 1911 Oct 25 1922
1.1	ADENA, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jul 2 1929
1.2	ADENA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars not presents	Feb 26 1932
2	ADENA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 20 1934 Aug 21 1942
3	ADENA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	May 5 1947 Dec 21 1948



ANTELOPE SPRINGS

Antelope Springs was an early twentieth century ranch post office about eight miles north of Snyder. The name is a reference to the nearby Antelope Creek and the animal called pronghorn antelope, *Antilocapra americana*.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports provide two locations for the Antelope Springs Post Office. The first site (1911) is a mile west of Colorado Highway 71 in the southeast quarter of the intersection of Morgan County Roads 28 and GG. The second site (1914) is on the east side of Highway 71, one mile north of County Road GG. Nothing remains at the older site but there are active ranch buildings at the 1914 site.

Antelope Springs was not an organized community but there was a school and a few ranches in the vicinity.

Starting at the point in Snyder where Highway 71 turns due north, it is about nine and one-half miles north to the intersection with County Road GG.

Latitude = 40:26:02 North Longitude = 103:36:22 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 16 1911	---	NE/4 Sec 27 T6N R56W
Mar 27 1911		Established
Apr 25 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 13 T6N R56W
Mar 27 1911		Mitchell, Sylvester A.
Sep 9 1912		Wilson, Lewis W.
Aug 15 1917		Discontinued Mail to Snyder

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ANTELOPE SPRINGS, / COLO. Dec 21 1912
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-??x19mm

**BIJOU VIEW/BIJOUVIEW**

Bijou View was another of the remote ranch post offices in the southern portion of Morgan County. There was no organized community at the site.

The name is most likely a reference to Bijou Creek, which crosses County Road F about two miles west of the site of Bijou View. Another story for the name claims that it is a corruption of the name of Joseph *Bijou* a French guide who is said to have accompanied the Stephen H. Long expedition in 1820. Perhaps that version is more appropriately applied to the naming of the creek and thus eventually the post office.

After visiting the sites of Adena, return to Morgan County Road F and turn west. Bijou View was in the northwest corner of the intersection of County Roads F and 10. This is four miles west of Road 13 and nine miles west of County Road 19, the road south from Fort Morgan. Road 10 to the south, is now (1996) the entrance to the Thomas Ranch. There is nothing remaining at the site of Bijou View, however the faint track of an old wagon road does go northwest cross-country from the intersection.

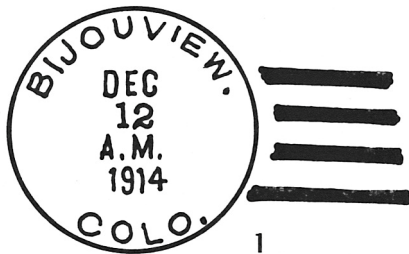
BIJOU VIEW / BIJOUVIEW – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 26 1913	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T1N R59W 2 miles west of Bijou Creek [SRM: east, description is in error but site map shows it correctly as east of the creek] Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Lizzie Worley
Apr 3 1914		Established
Apr 3 1914		Worley, Lizzie
Sep 2 1915		Edwards, Louis W.
Jul 31 1916		Thompson, Susa J.
Jun 10 1921		Formerly spelled Bijouview Spelling changed to Bijou View
Jun 10 1921		Thompson, Susa P.
Oct 31 1925		Ordered closed
Nov 16 1925		Discontinued Mail to Wiggins

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BIJOUVIEW. / COLO.	Dec 12 1914
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm



BRUSH

In May 1882 A. B. Smith, working for the Lincoln Land Company, surveyed a townsite which was named Brush for Jared L. Brush. Jared Brush was one of the early cattlemen in northeastern Colorado who ranged cattle in the territory south of the South Platte River from Julesburg to Greeley. In 1894 and again in 1896 Jared Brush was elected Lieutenant Governor of Colorado.

Early settlements at this location went by the name of Beaver Creek. The town plat was filed June 4, 1881 and Brush was incorporated in 1884.

The site of Brush was on the route of the Burlington Railroad that was building west from Kansas into Colorado on the way to Denver. Founded at about the same time as Fort Morgan, ten miles to the west, the two towns were rivals to become the commercial center of Morgan County. When Morgan County was created, Fort Morgan was named the county seat, assuring its preeminence in the county. However, Brush did not fade away as did so many of the early railroad towns. Brush remains a sizeable town with an active business district and a number of commercial establishments serving the surrounding ranches and farms.

In 1906 the Great Western Sugar Company built a sugar beet processing plant at Brush and for many years that was a major contributor to the town's economy.

Brush was also the junction point for the Burlington main line with a branch railroad that went northward to Sidney, Nebraska and eventually to Billings, Montana.

Brush is located on the south side of Interstate 76 between Exits 90 and 92. Exit 92 also provides direct access to Colorado Highway 71, which is the road south to Gary or north to Snyder, Hillrose, Pawnee and Antelope Springs.

Latitude = 40:15:32 North Longitude = 103:37:24 West

BRUSH – Continued

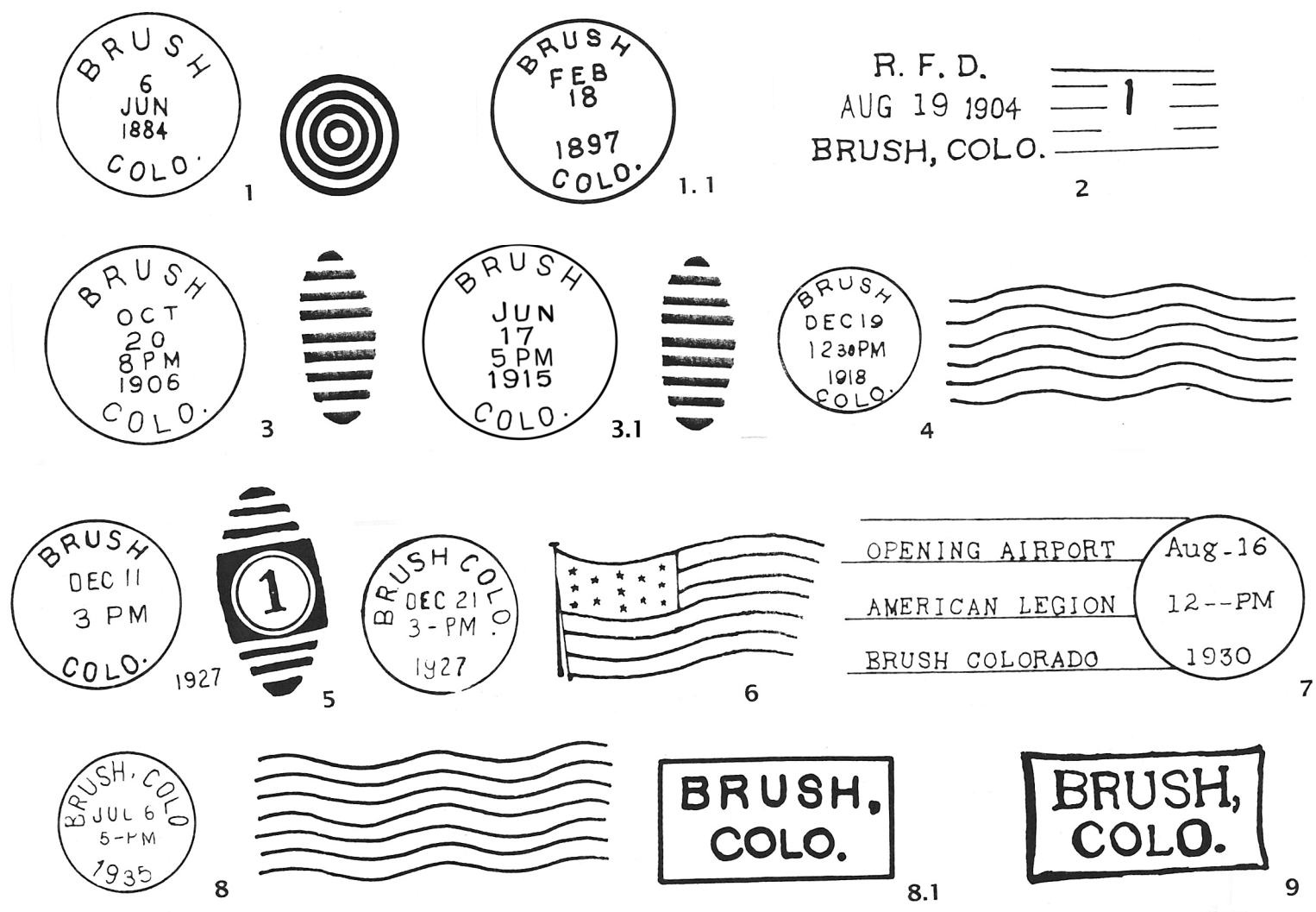
Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 31 1882	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T3N R56W 1 mile west of Beaver Creek Proposed postmaster - Rasmus Nelson	
Sep 19 1882		Established	
Sep 19 1882		Nelson, Rasmus	
Nov 20 1885		Leavitt, Mrs. Mary	
Aug 25 1894		Whiting, William E.	
Feb 28 1896		Whiting, Jennie C.	
Feb 28 1898		Knearl, William	
Jan 15 1906		Knearl, William	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jan 19 1910		Knearl, William	
Jan 27 1914		McMullen, Charles E.	P&S
May 8 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T3N R56W 3/4 mile west of Beaver Creek	
Sep 5 1918		McMullen, Charles E.	P&S
Dec 9 1922		Saunders, David P.	
Dec 14 1926		Saunders, David P.	
Jan 13 1931		Saunders, David P.	
Feb 1 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Assumed charge
Feb 7 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Acting
Jun 4 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Nominated
Jun 14 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Appointed
Aug 7 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1934		Kastler, Patrick H.	Assumed charge
Jun 7 1938		Kastler, Patrick H.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938		Kastler, Patrick H.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938		Kastler, Patrick H.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 1 1938		Kastler, Patrick H.	Assumed charge
Jul 16 1938		Kastler, Patrick H.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 2 T3N R56W Railroad station 700 feet southwest of post office	
Aug 6 1942		Kastler, Patrick H.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942		Kastler, Patrick H.	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942		Kastler, Patrick H.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942		Kastler, Patrick H.	Commissioned
Nov 30 1942		Kastler, Patrick H.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1967		Norwood, Mrs. Isabelle N.	Acting
Mar 6 1971		Norwood, Mrs. Isabelle N.	Assumed charge as postmaster

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; Target, 4-ring 17mm	Jun 6 1884 Apr 26 1899
1.1	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Feb 18 1887
2	BRUSH, COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 35.0x17.0	RFD 5 bars with 1	Aug 19 1904
3	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Oct 20 1906 Feb 24 1915
3.1	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jun 17 1915
4	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Dec 19 1918 Apr 18 1919
5	BRUSH / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Dec 11 1927 Dec 24 1934
6	BRUSH COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Flag 13-star flag	Dec 21 1927

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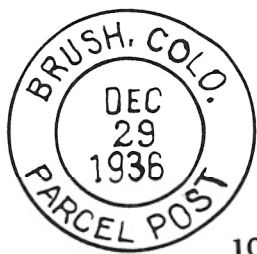


- 7 **BRUSH COLORADO**
IR 00R 69.0x25.0
Aug 16 1930
Hstp Slogan Town-State and text at left between
4 thin bars attached to 25mm circle at right containing date
Appears typewritten. Text – OPENING AIRPORT /
AMERICAN LEGION
- 8 **BRUSH, COLO.**
CI 10P 20.5
Feb 1 1932 Mar 4 1957
- 8.1 **BRUSH, / COLO.**
RC 00H 32.0x19.0
Mach 7 wavy lines
May 29 1934
- 9 **BRUSH, / COLO.**
RC 00H 37.0x20.0
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
Dec 29 1936
- 10 **BRUSH, COLO. / PARCEL POST**
CI 11P 31.0/20.0
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
Dec 29 1936
- 11 **BRUSH, / COLO.**
RC 00H 47.0x25.0
Hstp No killer, used with "box" cancel
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- 12 **BRUSH / COLO.**
RC 00H 38.0x26.0
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style,
large, thick letters, no date line
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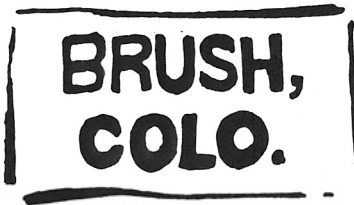
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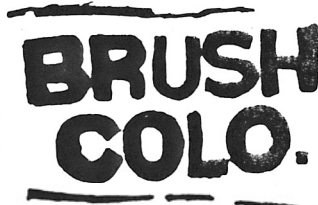
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13.0.2	BRUSH / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer Apr 30 1948 or Dec 10 1951? Image not available
13.0.3	BRUSH / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0	Hstp No killer 1950s
13.0.4	BRUSH / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box May 25 1961
13.1	BRUSH, COLO. CI 11P 31.5/23.0	Hstp No killer Oct 4 1962 Apr 17 1967
13.2	BRUSH, CO / 80723 CI 10P 21.0	Rolr Wavy lines Oct 15 1965 Jun 30 1990
14	BRUSH, CO / 80723 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines Apr 30 1973 May 31 1991
15	BRUSH, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Mach 7 wavy lines Dec 13 1975
15.0	BRUSH, CO 80723 CI 11P 34.0/24.0	Hstp No killer Feb 10 1986
15.1	BRUSH, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Rolr Apr 15 1987
15.2	BRUSH, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer Jul 10 1989
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		Hstp No killer



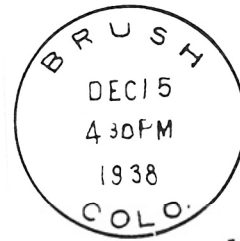
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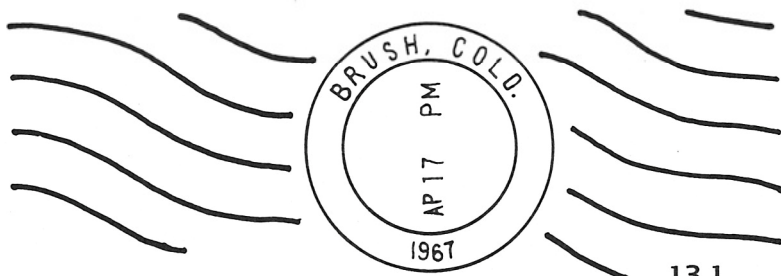
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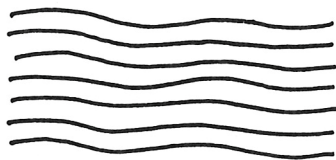
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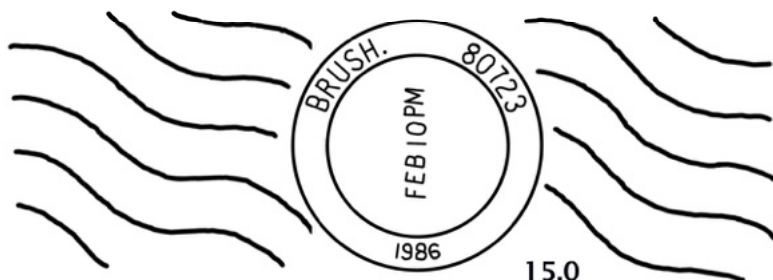
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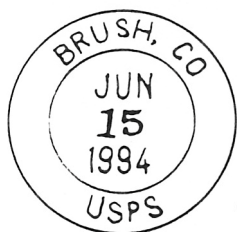
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AUXILIARY MARKING

A1 brush, colo.
IR 00R 34.0x16.0

Jun – 2000

Hstp Pointing hand with RETURNED / TO / SENDER /
NO SUCH ADDRESS



NO SUCH ADDRESS

A-1

BRUSH STATIONS

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

This station and postmark were not placed in use. The person who would have been honored died before the event was scheduled to take place. It is listed here for the record.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station – Not Activated

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR STATION

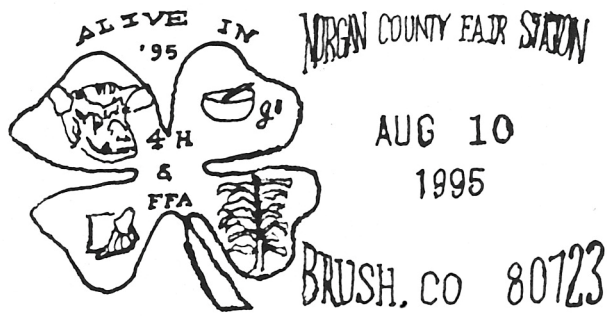
Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 10 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 BRUSH, CO / 80723 / MORGAN COUNTY FAIR STATION Aug 10 1995
IR 00R 78.0x38.0 Pict Scene - 4-leaf clover with various symbols;
Text - ALIVE IN / '95 / 4-H / & / FFA



WORLDS LARGEST AMERICAN RODEO STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Brush, CO / 80723 / Worlds Largest American Rodeo Sta. Jul 1 1995
IR 00R 60.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Bronc rider, no additional text



CAMP WARDELL JUNCTION

There was no official post office at Camp Wardell but a cover does exist with a manuscript marking showing that it originated at the camp. The history of Camp Wardell is discussed as a portion of the history of Fort Morgan.

Chronology of the Post Office

1860's Military post. It was not an official post office. Believed to be a predecessor to Fort Morgan.

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Camp Wardell Junction Col. --- 186?
MS Mscp Pen cancel

*Camp Wardell
Junction
Col.* 1

CORONA

The early history of Corona is somewhat imprecise. The name was first applied to what was originally the Green City Colony that was located in present day Weld County. The change in name took place when the Colony was reorganized in 1871 or 1872.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports indicate that in 1874 the post office was “moved” from Green City and became Corona. However there is no specific location for the post office at that time. By 1883 the Corona Post Office was specifically located in Morgan County on the Burlington Railroad about eight miles southeast of the old Green City location. It is possible that the Corona Post Office remained at Green City until construction of the railroad.

With a more advantageous location on the railroad, Corona did develop into a small commercial community.

The confusion in the history of Corona does not end with the move to the railroad. The community was platted in 1888. At some subsequent time one Oliver P. Wiggins enters the picture. He was a Canadian by birth and claimed to have been a scout with at least one of the Fremont expeditions. That claim and many of his other stories are considered tall tales. However, he apparently was of sufficient notoriety and respect that in the mid-1890’s the community was renamed Wiggins in his honor. The change in the post office name took place in December 1896 and not in the early twentieth century as reported by some writers.



CORONA, / COLO.

July 13, 1884

Corona, now Wiggins, is on the south side of Interstate 76 at Exit 66, four miles east of the Morgan-Weld County line.

There is more confusion with the post office names in this area along the modern Interstate 76. There are claims that Corona/Wiggins began life as Vallery. Also, for a brief period in 1882-1883, there was a Cotsworth Post Office in the area. Cotsworth may have been closely associated with the Corona community but more likely was some four miles east of Corona/Wiggins. Please refer to the discussions of Cotsworth, Vallery and Wiggins for more comments on this rather confusing situation.

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

Apr 14 1874	Moved from Green City
Apr 14 1874	Payne, David H.
Dec 11 1876	Heiskill, T. D.
Jul 16 1877	Kerr, Lorenzo D.
Dec 20 1878	Discontinued
Nov 10 1882	Re-established
Feb 24 1883	--- NE/4 Sec 15 T3N R60W Two miles west of Bijou Creek
Jul 10 1883	Higgins, John F.
Jan 9 1885	Beardsley, Gideon L.
Apr 9 1886	McFaul, James R.
Aug 3 1887	Kemper, Zachary L.
Mar 16 1889	Knox, Archie
Oct 27 1894	Myers, John
Dec 2 1896	Name changed to Wiggins

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CORONA, / COLO. CI 20P 27.0/26.0	Jun 5 1884 Jul 21 1887 Hstp Fancy, Target with perforated outer ring
2	CORONA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 2 1888 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
3	CORONA / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	May 16 1894 Oct 11 1896 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm



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COTSWORTH

Cotsworth has received only a brief mention in the historical literature of Colorado. It is simply described as, “a railroad post office eleven miles west of Fort Morgan.” That estimate of distance would place it about four miles east of present day Wiggins and south of Interstate 76.

At the approximate location there is a small ranch or farm complex just south of the railroad. I stopped on I-76 and walked up to the railroad to take photographs of these buildings. It should be possible to get to the site by exiting Interstate 76 at Exit 73 (Long Bridge Road). Go south one mile to Road S and turn west three miles to Road 8 and then north to the railroad. The buildings are on the west side of Road 8.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, mentioned below, supports this location and perhaps indicates that there was an intention to re-establish the Corona Post Office at this place. That did not happen. The Corona Post Office did reopen, little more than a month after the Cotsworth Post Office was established.

The short life of the Cotsworth Post Office indicates that it could not compete with Corona, only four miles to the west. Although at first there might have been plans to establish the Corona Railroad Station at this site, apparently that did not happen and without the railroad station there was nothing to support the development of a community.

The community name was the family name of the one and only postmaster – Arthur L. Cotsworth.

COTSWORTH – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 26 1882	---	None reported The document is confusing. It appears that the name was originally entered as Corona, then written over as Cotsworth. The second page refers to Corona. 5 miles southeast of the Platte River and two miles west of Bijou Creek. "On line of Burlington Missouri and will be kept in station house at Corona Station." NOTE - W.H.B.: This appears to refer to Corona/Wiggins, not to the site I have plotted for Cotsworth. Proposed postmaster - Arthur Thomas Cotsworth
Sep 28 1882		Established
Sep 28 1882		Cotsworth, Arthur L.
Jun 17 1903		Discontinued Mail to Corona

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COTSWORTH

DEUEL

In 1883 the Morgan Post Office was closed and the Deuel Post Office was opened. This involved a move of the office about two miles further west along the Union Pacific Railroad.

On April 5, 1886 Lafayette More filed a town plat for Deuel. Lafayette More was the one and only postmaster at Morgan but did not continue as postmaster when that office was closed and moved. Today, this area west of Colorado Highway 52 is mostly farmland with some scattered residences.

By 1890 the wandering post office and the community name had moved again, this time to a location between the Union Pacific Railroad and the South Platte River some eight miles to the northwest of the original location. In 1907 the post office would move once more, a half-mile north to a location on what is now Colorado Highway 144 and would change its name to Weldona.

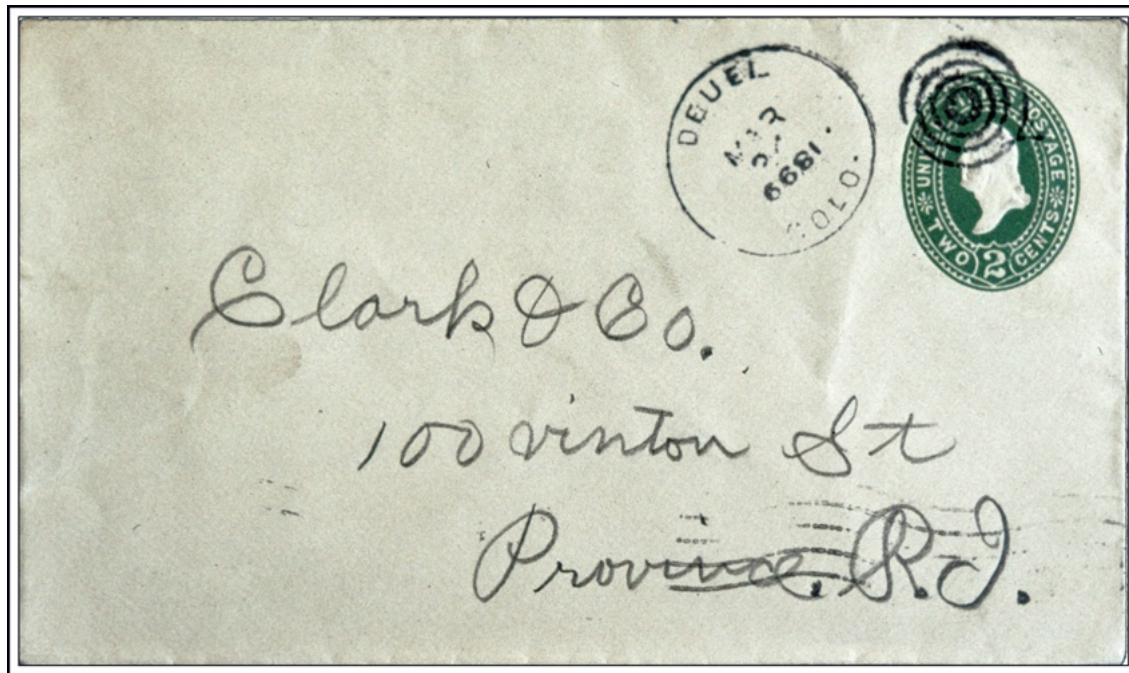
I have been unable to find any information that would explain the source of the name Deuel.

To reach the second location of Deuel, begin at Exit 79 on Interstate 76 - the exit for Log Lane Village and Colorado Highway 144. Drive northwest on Highway 144 ten miles to Weldona. At Weldona turn south on MorganCounty Road 9. According to the Geographic Site Location Report, Deuel was located to the east of Road 9 and on the north side of the South Platte River. This area is open farmland with a few farm buildings near the river.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 15 1883		Moved from Morgan
Feb 15 1883		Lawton, Charles J.
Feb 28 1883		Lawton, Charles J.
Mar 21 1883	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T4N R58W 20 rods north of the South Platte River
Dec 15 1886		Karenes, Mrs. Mary B.
Jan 12 1888		Yonker, Charles E.
Jan 8 1890		Erb, F. G.
May 29 1890	---	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 3 T4N R59W 1/2 mile north of the South Platte River Proposed postmaster - Casper Giger
Jun 25 1890		Giger, Casper
Jun 28 1894		Davis, D.
Jul 11 1894		Davis, Stephen A. D.
Jul 25 1898		Giger, Emile
Jun 9 1905		Rowlinson, Charles A.
Jul 18 1907		Name changed to Weldona

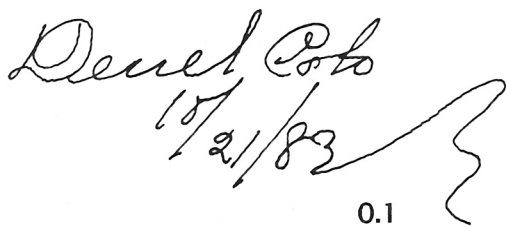
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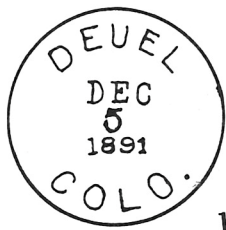
DEUEL / COLO. March 24 1899

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1 | Deuel Colo
MS | Mscp Pen cancel | May 24 1883 Oct 21 1883 |
| 1 | DEUEL / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Hstp Not recorded | Dec 5 1891 Feb 1 1892 |
| 2 | DEUEL / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm | Mar 24 1899 Feb 2- 1904 |
| 3 | DEUEL. / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | Doane Type 3 with 3 | Apr 5 1906 Aug 22 1907 |



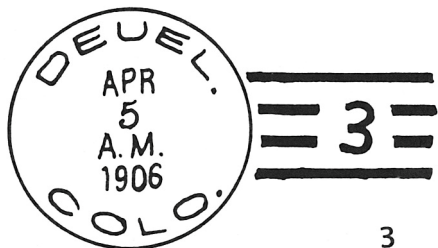
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DODD

Two sources refer to Dodd as, "A railroad post office about eight or nine miles northeast of Fort Morgan on the Union Pacific Railroad." This description does not agree with the information that I have at hand.

The 1973 General Highway Map of Morgan County locates Dodd as a Union Pacific siding approximately five miles east of Colorado Highway 52. That location is in Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 57 West. The location given in the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is in Section 31, some five miles to the west in the same township and range but still on the railroad. That location is in the half-mile between the original location of Morgan and Highway 52.

Given the proximity of the described location to Fort Morgan, placing the Dodd Post Office at Dodd siding seems more logical but stranger things have happened.

The location near Highway 52 is described in the discussion of Morgan later in this chapter. To reach the other site drive about one mile north from the South Platte River bridge on Colorado Highway 52 to Morgan County Road T.5. Turn east. It is about five miles to Dodd Siding which is located between County Roads 23 and 24. There are active farms in the area but the siding has been removed. The grade is still visible.

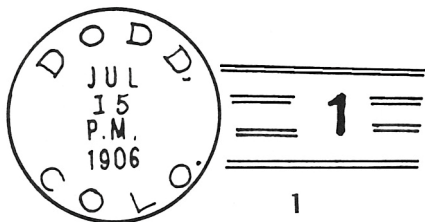
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Chronology of the Post Office

- Feb 29 1904 --- NE/4 Sec 31 T4N R57W 1/4 mile north of the South Platte River
NOTE - W.H.B.: This location is four miles west of the location of
Dodd Siding on the railroad
Proposed postmaster - Levitt Morrow Tudor
- Apr 7 1904 Established
- Apr 7 1904 Tudor, Leavitt M.
- Aug 23 1905 Sullivan, Richard
- Mar 28 1906 Young, George B.
- Dec 3 1907 Ordered closed
- Dec 31 1907 Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 DODD, / COLO. May 24 1906 Jul 15 1906
- CI 10P 28.0 Doane Type 2 with 1 S-23x13mm



DUBLIN BAY

I have been unable to find any reference to Dublin Bay other than what is reported in the Post Office Department records. Even those records are not clear as to the status of this "post office."

There is a Geographic Site Location Report for the proposed Dublin Bay Post Office so it can be determined where Dublin Bay was to be located. There is also a record of the appointment of a postmaster and supposedly the establishment of the office concurrent with his appointment. From then on the records are silent. There are no further entries of subsequent postmasters or a date on which the office

DUBLIN BAY – Continued

was either discontinued or the establishment rescinded. No postmarks have been reported from Dublin Bay, therefore I suspect that the post office was never in operation.

The choice of the name Dublin Bay is an odd choice for a location in the extreme northwestern corner of Morgan County. The Site Location Report indicated a preference for the name Laverne but that was rejected by the Post Office Department.

Starting at Colorado Highway 144 in Orchard drive a very short distance north to Morgan County Road X. Turn east a short distance to County Road 2 and then head north. The pavement soon ends but the road continues. I made this trip in May of 1996. At a point some nine miles north of County Road X, Road 2 came down a low hill and disappeared into a lake. There was an unimproved dirt track to the west that curved around the end of the lake and rejoined Road 2 on the north side of the lake. Another mile and a half and a half-mile north of County Road HH I found two small, lonely, abandoned buildings, near the southern edge of the quarter section described for the location of Dublin Bay. Other than those buildings, the road and a power line along the road there was nothing else visible in any direction. Lots of wide-open, lonesome ranchland.

Maps indicate that one might be able to continue north, eventually intersecting Colorado Highway 14 between Briggsdale and Buckingham in Weld County. After taking pictures I chose the known road and returned to Orchard.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 20 1916	---	NE/4 Sec 17 T6N R60W
		Applicant for postmaster - Harry A. Tyler
Jul 18 1916		Established
Jul 18 1916		Tyler, Harry A.
		No further entries Probably rescinded
		Not listed in Postal Guides
---	----	Discontinued No date given for closure of office

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DUBLIN BAY

FORT MORGAN

The site that would eventually become Fort Morgan began as a campground for travelers on the Platte River Trail to Denver. The location was also near the place where the trail divided. One branch followed the South Platte River westerly towards the mountains with access to the gold mines through Boulder.

The other branch of the trail ran southwesterly to rejoin the South Platte at Denver, avoiding the longer arc that the river took. This became known as the Fort Morgan Cut-off. Although it was considerably shorter, it was also dryer and plagued with stretches of soft sand.

In 1864, in order to protect travelers and the U.S. Mails from Indian depredations, a military post was established at the old camp ground and given the name of Camp Tyler. In 1865 the post was renamed Fort Wardell. Historians seem confused about the correct spelling for this Fort. Almost equal numbers choosing Wardell as those choosing to spell it Wardwell. There was no official U. S. post office at either the camp or the fort but one cover does exist with a manuscript docketing "Camp Wardell / Junction Colo."

On June 23, 1866 the spelling was resolved when the name of the military post was again changed, to Fort Morgan, in honor of Colonel Christopher A. Morgan, a prominent Union officer who died on January 20, 1866.

FORT MORGAN – Continued

One more time history becomes confusing. Colonel Morgan has been reported as the first commanding office at Fort Morgan but most writers state that Colonel Morgan was never west of Saint Louis.

With the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad to Cheyenne, Wyoming there was a significant decline in traffic along the South Platte River and hence the need for military protection. On May 18, 1868 Fort Morgan was abandoned. The fort was occasionally occupied but sheepmen and cattlemen slowly dismantled the buildings for the timber that was otherwise in short supply.

In 1881 the Union Pacific Railroad built along the north side of the South Platte River. A year later the Burlington Railroad built along the south side of the river and thus the location of the old Fort Morgan was between the two railroads. A new community began to develop and on May 1, 1884 Abner and Sarah Baker filed a plat for the town of Fort Morgan.

There had been a post office at the military Fort Morgan but it was discontinued a few weeks after the fort was closed. On May 28, 1884 Fort Morgan once again acquired a post office. The growing town was incorporated in 1887. On February 19, 1889 the Colorado Legislature authorized the creation of Morgan County from the southeastern corner of Weld County, the final reduction of Weld County. Fort Morgan was chosen to be the county seat for the new county.

With its location on two railroads and on the South Platte River, Fort Morgan quickly developed into a major agricultural and commercial center for a large area between Denver and Sterling. It continues to enjoy that status to the present day.

Access to Fort Morgan is from Interstate 76 at either Exit 79 or Exit 80.

Latitude = 40:15:01 North Longitude = 103:47:58 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 16 1866	Moved from Junction House	
Jul 16 1866	Williams, Charles L.	
Oct 4 1866	Boughton, Martin V.	
Feb 19 1868	Etchinson, William P.	
Jun 26 1868	Discontinued	
May 12 1884 ---	SE/4 Sec 6 T3N R57W 1 mile south of the South Platte River	
	About 300 feet north of the Burlington & Missouri tracks	
	Proposed postmaster - William Henry Clatworthy	
May 28 1884	Re-established	
May 28 1884	Clatworthy, William H.	
Nov 1 1893	Redfield, George S.	
Mar 14 1898	Baker, Frank E.	
Jul 26 1899	Baker, Frank E.	P
Dec 13 1899	Baker, Frank E.	P&S
Jan 4 1904	Baker, Frank E.	P&S
Feb 4 1908	Baker, Frank E.	P&S
Jan 24 1912	Baker, Frank E.	P&S
Feb 10 1913	Farnsworth, Joseph B.	Acting
Jun 17 1913	Reinert, F. F.	P&S
May 2 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 6 T3N R57W	
Jul 21 1917	Reinert, F. F.	P&S
Feb 1 1920	Sutor, Frank L.	Acting
Jul 13 1920	Everly, Edwin G.	P
Nov 9 1921	Boillot, Edward L.	P&S
Dec 14 1925	Boillot, Edward L.	P&S
Dec 16 1929	Boillot, Edward L.	P&S
Feb 10 1934	Wagner, Carl E.	Nominated

FORT MORGAN – Continued

Jun 7 1934	Wagner, Carl E.	Confirmed
Jul 16 1934	Wagner, Carl E.	Commissioned
Jun 7 1938	Wagner, Carl E.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938	Wagner, Carl E.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938	Wagner, Carl E.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 16 1938	Wagner, Carl E.	Commissioned
Oct 17 1941	--- US 6 & 34 is 4 blocks north of Post Office	
Aug 24 1942	Wagner, Carl E.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Wagner, Carl E.	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942	Wagner, Carl E.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942	Wagner, Carl E.	Commissioned
Nov 30 1942	Wagner, Carl E.	Assumed charge
Dec 31 1948	Bales, William E.	Acting
Jan 1 1949	Bales, William E.	Assumed charge
Mar 27 1950	Bales, William E.	Nominated
May 11 1950	Bales, William E.	Confirmed
May 15 1950	Bales, William E.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 30 1950	Bales, William E.	Assumed charge
Apr 20 1956	Martin, Robert W.	Assumed charge
May 15 1956	Martin, Robert W.	Acting
Mar 4 1958	Martin, Robert W.	Nominated
May 22 1958	Martin, Robert W.	Confirmed, Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
Jun 13 1958	Martin, Robert W.	Assumed charge as postmaster
Aug 16 1972	Norwood, Isabelle N.	Officer in charge
Nov 13 1972	Rosenspiess, Harry W.	Officer in charge
Jun 30 1973	Rosenspiess, Harry W.	Appointed

**Post Office – Fort Morgan, Colorado**

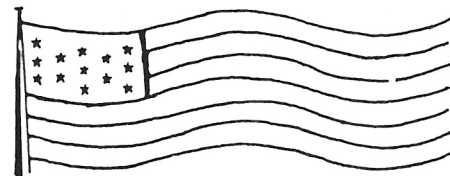
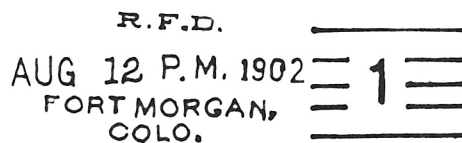
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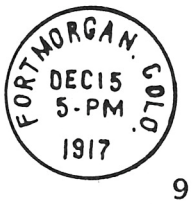
Confirmed types of postal markings

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2	FORT MORGAN, / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Nov 4 1886 Nov 26 1886 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2.1	FORT MORGAN, / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dec 29 1886 Hstp Smudge Serifs much larger
3	FORT MORGAN / COLO. CI 10P 26.5	Jun 9 1887 Jul 17 1890 Hstp Cork, Smudge, negative X-roads, Target 4-ring
4	FORT MORGAN, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 28.0	Mar 1 1890 Hstp Target, 4-ring
5	FORT MORGAN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	May 26 1893 Feb 17 1900 Hstp Cork, smudge
6	FORT MORGAN, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 38.0x17.0	Aug 12 1902 RFD 5 bars with 1
7	FORT MORGAN / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Sep 23 1903 May 29 1908 Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval

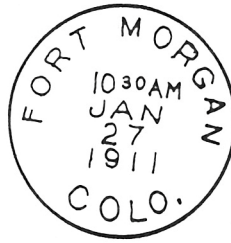
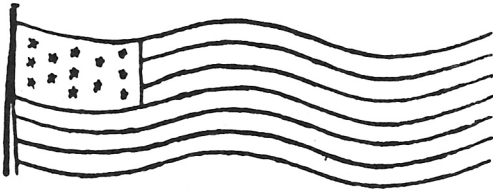


8	FORT MORGAN / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	JuL 14 1908 Nov 4 1910 Flag 13 star waving flag, split year date
9	FORT MORGAN, COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Apr 2 1909 Jul 14 1926 Flag 13 star waving flag
10	FORT MORGAN / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jan 27 1911 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
10.1	FORT MORGAN, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Oct 27 1915 Hstp No killer
10.2	FORT MORGAN, / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x16.0	Oct 27 1915 Hstp No killer

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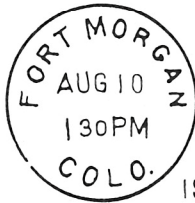
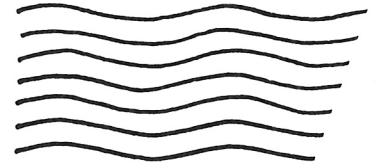


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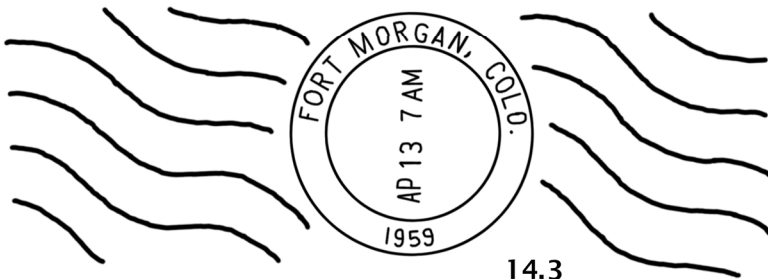
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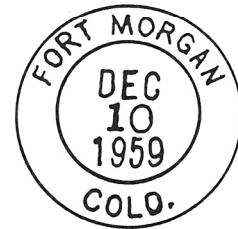
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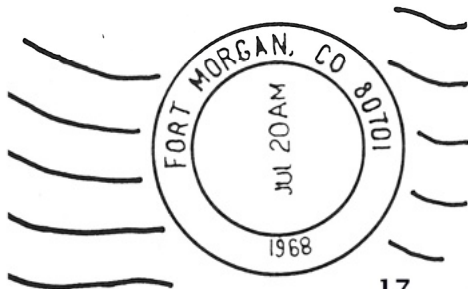
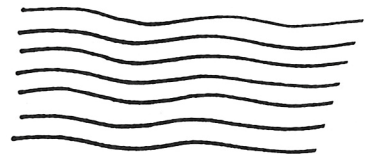
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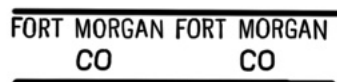
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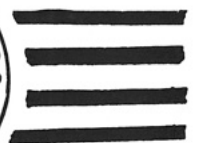
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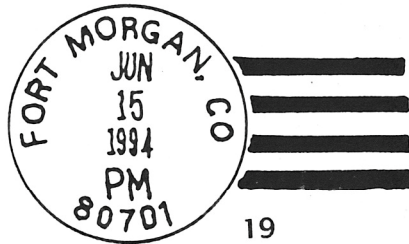
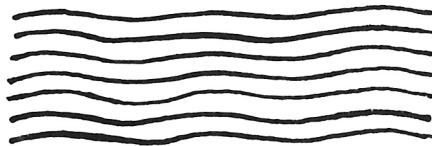


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| 11 | FORT MORGAN / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Oct 11 1918
Dplx Grid, Oval with ??? |
| 12 | FORT MORGAN, COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 9 1933 Nov 20 1957
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 13 | FORT MORGAN / COLO.
CI 10P 25.0 | Aug 10 1936
Dplx Grid, Oval with 1 and circle |
| 14 | FORT MORGAN / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Aug 27 1940 Aug 13 1941
Dplx Grid, Diamond with 1 |
| 14.1 | FORT MORGAN, / COLO.
RC 10P ? X ? | 1940s
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style, Partial strike
NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION |
| 14.2 | FORT MORGAN COLO. / PARCEL POST
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Mar 17 1945
Hstp No killer, Partial strike
NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION |
| 14.3 | FORT MORGAN, / COLO.
CI 11P 33.0/23.0 | Apr 13 1959
Rolr 6 wavy lines |
| 15 | FORT MORGAN / COLO.
CI 10P 29.0/19.0 | Dec 10 1959
Hstp No killer |
| 16 | FORT MORGAN, / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | May 24 1961 Sep 14 1962
Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE |
| 16.1 | FORT MORGAN, / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Jul 1 1965 Feb 18 1966
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 17 | FORT MORGAN, CO 80701
CI 11P 33.0/23.5 | Jul 20 1968 Jan 2 1976
Rolr 6 wavy lines |
| 17.0 | FORT MORGAN FORT MORGAN / CO CO
RC 10P 46.0X10.0 | 1980s
Hstp No killer |
| 17.1 | FORT MORGAN, CO / 80701
CI 10P 31.0 | Apr 16 1990
4bars S-23x17mm |
| 18 | FORT MORGAN, CO / 80701
CI 10P 21.0 | Jul 19 1969 May 28 1992
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 19 | FORT MORGAN, CO / 80701
CI 10P 30.0 | Jun 15 1994
4bars S-22x18mm |
| 20 | FORT MORGAN CO 80701 / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Apr 15 1993 Jun 23 2000
Hstp No killer |
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4bars S-16x20mm; (date in cds is Feb 0 0 90) |



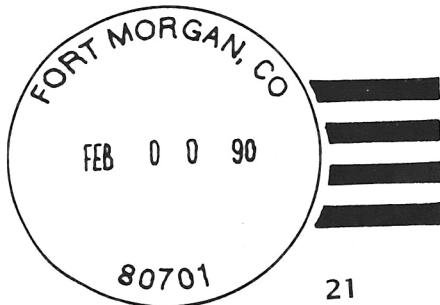
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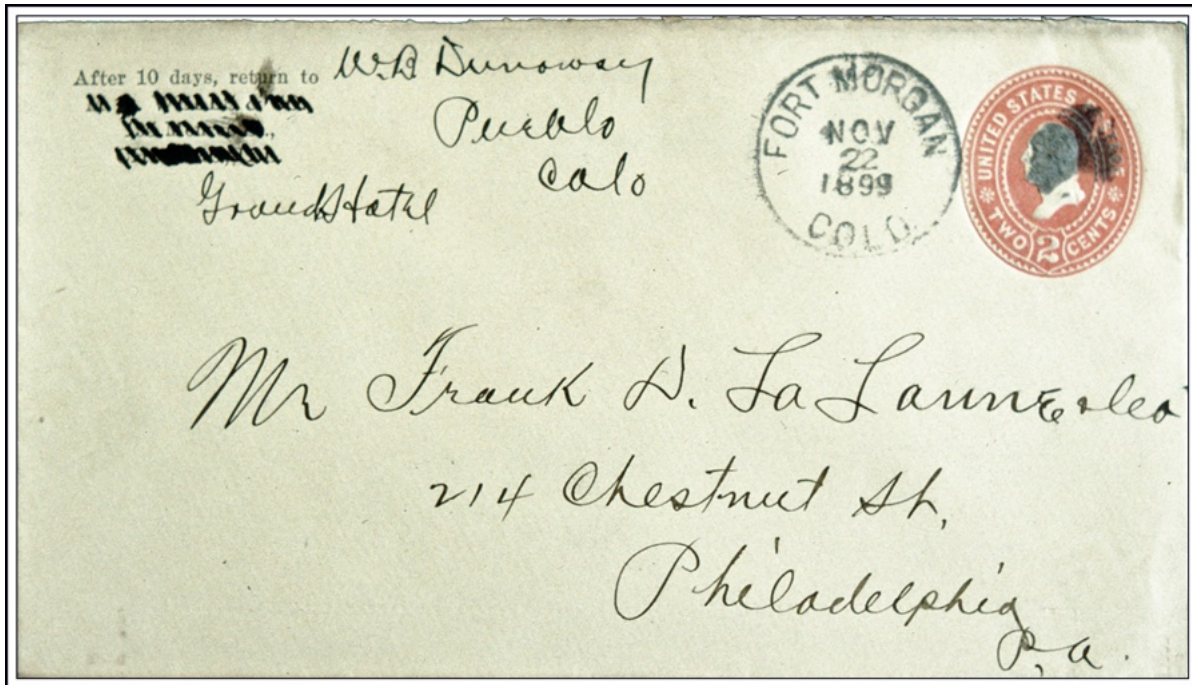
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Mar 16 194-

Hstp pointing hand, RETURNED / TO / WRITER /with reasons



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FORT MORGAN / COLO.

November 22, 1899

FORT MORGAN STATIONS

FORT MORGAN – CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Fort Morgan CO 80701 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000
SL 00R 61.5x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century

CENTENARIAN



The Life of a Century

June 15, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station, Fort Morgan, CO 80701

FORT MORGAN STATIONS – Continued

FORT MORGAN – GLIDER TRAINING DETACHMENT

During the transcription of data from the microfilmed Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports, the note, reported below under the chronology of the post office was discovered. It was a puzzle; as until that time I had not found mention of any type of Branch Post Office at Fort Morgan. I called Jim Ozment who is greatly interested in the Colorado Post Office Stations and Branches. He too had never heard of any such facility at Fort Morgan.

A few days after my phone call Jim was having lunch with some of his friends, one of whom had been in the army during World War II. Jim asked the question if any one had ever heard of a Glider Training Facility at Fort Morgan. The army veteran answered, “Yes. I was stationed there!”

Okay, so now we had confirmation that the facility did indeed exist but did it have a post office? Several months later Jim went through Fort Morgan and went to the address mentioned in the note below. While standing there pondering the situation, an elderly lady came walking by. Jim, at times not bashful, stopped her and asked if she had lived in the area for any length of time. She replied, “Yes.” Next question, did she remember the Glider Training Facility? Answer, again “Yes.” The big question: did she recall if they had a post office and where was it? Her answer: “In the vacant lot on the other side of the street.”

Now we knew there was such a facility and they had some sort of a post office but did they process mail?

About a year later I was at a stamp show and going through a box of rather common covers when I found a nice World War II Patriotic Cover with a very clear August 1, 1942 Fort Morgan, Colo. machine postmark. For, if I recall correctly, \$3.00, I thought it worth taking home. Then I turned the cover over and discovered a penciled note on the reverse: “Carried by K. Stuhlduher on ferry trip of planes.” It seems likely that Mr. Stuhlduher was a collector and was involved with bringing planes into the Glider Training Facility.

There is no postmark evidence on the cover to prove that it passed through the post office at the facility and to date no postmarks have been reported. My supposition is that the facility post office did not normally cancel mail but mail was received and taken the few blocks to the main Fort Morgan Post Office for postmarking and dispatch. The post office at the facility was most likely concerned with financial transactions, money orders to and from the base personnel.

There may be Fort Morgan Glider Training Facility postmarks yet to be found, so keep your eyes open.

Chronology of the Post Office

NOTE – “The Post Office at the Glider Training Detachment is in the middle of the block of 1100 Lake St., Fort Morgan, Colo., which is in the northeast part of the city. (Block 9 Old Fort Morgan Addition to Ft. Morgan, Colo.)”

C. M. Wagner, P.M.

September 24, 1942

NOTE - W.H.B.: I have no other indication that there was a "branch" office at Fort Morgan.

FORT MORGAN - THE MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 1 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

FORT MORGAN - THE MART STATION – Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 FORT MORGAN CO 80701 / USPS :: The Mart Station Jun 1 1995
CI 11P 28.0/18.5 Pict Scene - Reel of film; text - Legends / of Hollywood



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FREMONT'S ORCHARD

In 1842 the expedition led by John C. Fremont camped in an extensive grove of cottonwood trees where Kiowa Creek from the south enters the South Platte River. The location came to be known as "Fremont's Orchard" because the cottonwoods resembled an old fruit orchard. With the start of the 1859 gold rush to Colorado, the principal route of travel for immigrants and freight wagons was along the southern side of the South Platte River. A stage station was built at Fremont's Orchard and a post office briefly operated there in 1863-1864.

In 1874 another post office with the name of Fremont's Orchard opened. The re-establishment may or may not have been at the same location as the earlier office but was certainly nearby. This time the post office lasted almost three years but it soon closed as travel west from the area of old Fort Morgan gradually shifted to the north side of the South Platte River.

To reach the 1874 location specified for Fremont's Orchard, drive south from Goodrich on Colorado Highway 39. After crossing the South Platte River the highway angles to the southeast for about a half-mile. In that short stretch of the highway and before the highway rises out of the valley, there is an unimproved road to the west. In 1996 I was able to drive a mile west on that road before coming to a locked gate. The plotted location for Fremont's Orchard was a half-mile further west, but from the gate I could not see any buildings or other evidence of a settlement.

It is likely that the 1874 version of Fremont's Orchard was no more than a ranch post office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 28 1863	Established
Aug 28 1863	Kinnear, John D.
Apr 9 1864	Discontinued
Oct 8 1874	--- SE/4 Sec 3 T4N R60W 1/4 mile south of the Platte River One mile east of Kiowa Creek (sketch map places it west of Kiowa Creek)
Oct 26 1874	Re-established
Oct 26 1874	Brown, I. D. Hollis
Mar 2 1877	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FREMONT'S ORCHARD

GARY

Gary was a rural post office located twelve miles south of Brush and to the east of Colorado Highway 71. The location is in the farmland and cattle range countryside of southeastern Morgan County. There is no evidence that there was any sort of an organized community at the location.

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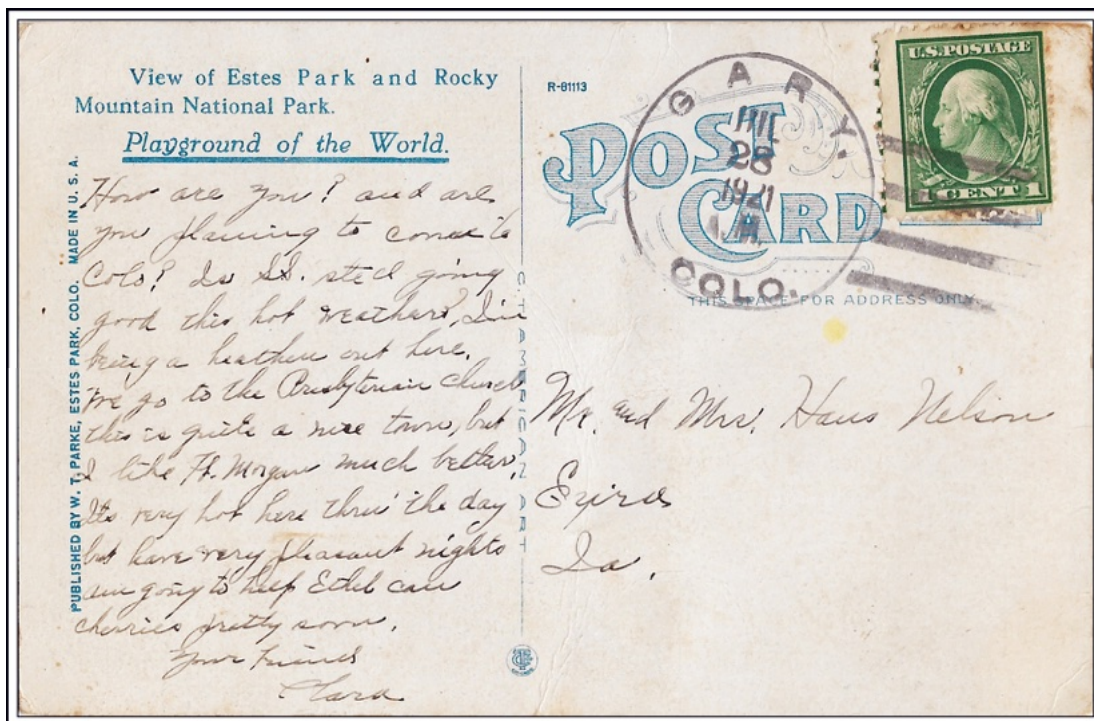
To visit these sites, from Brush drive south on Colorado Highway 71 to Morgan County Road F. The reported 1937 site of Gary was in the southeast corner of the intersection of the two roads. There is an active ranch complex at that location.

The first site of Gary, 1889, was one mile to the east of the intersection of Highway 71 and Road F, in the southeast corner of the intersection of County Roads F and 30. There are buildings at this location but they appear to be of fairly recent construction.

To reach the second, 1935 site of Gary, continue west on Road F one mile to Road 31 and turn north. In one mile Road 31 intersects Road G where you are forced to turn. A short distance west of that intersection there is another active ranch complex continuing some older buildings. After visiting the third site, continue back to the west to Highway 71.

In 1996 when I visited the three sites they all appeared to be inhabited, active ranches.

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GARY, / COLO.

July 28, 1921

Chronology of the Post Office

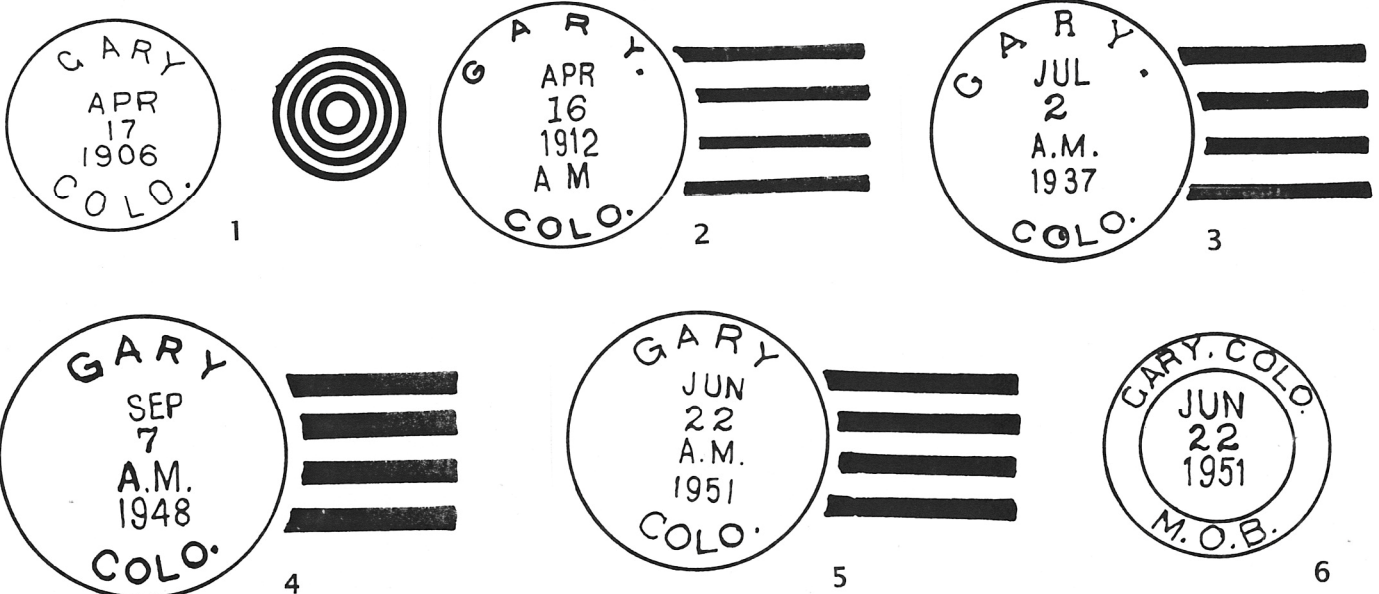
Jan 12 1899	---	NW/4 Sec 7 T1N R55W 1/2 mile east of Big Beaver Creek	
		Proposed postmaster - Robert Tennant	
Feb 7 1899		Established	
Feb 7 1899		Tennant, Robert	
Aug 31 1899		Smith, John M.	
Mar 16 1910		McDowell, Thomas H.	
May 11 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 7 T1N R55W 1/4 mile east of Beaver Creek	
Jun 11 1923		Buckles, Robert C.	
Oct 11 1924		Sweet, Charles	Confirmed
Oct 27 1924		Sweet, Charles	Commissioned
Nov 5 1924		Sweet, Charle	Assumed charge

GARY – Continued

Aug 10 1935	Stoops, Victor V.	Assumed charge
Aug 16 1935 ---	SE/4 Sec 31 T2N R55W A move 320 rods north, 240 rods east of a previous location. "Former postmaster deceased. Heirs would not grant lease to acting postmaster." 80 rods east of Big Beaver Creek	
Aug 24 1935	Stoops, Victor V.	Acting
Nov 23 1935	Stoops, Victor V.	Confirmed
Dec 21 1935	Stoops, Victor V.	Commissioned
Feb 17 1937	Ely, Mrs. Marjorie M.	Assumed charge
Feb 23 1937	Ely, Mrs. Marjorie M.	Acting
Feb 23 1937 ---	NW/4 Sec 12 T1N R56W 175 yards west of Beaver Creek A move 1-5/8 miles southwest of previous location	
Apr 27 1937	Ely, Mrs. Marjorie M.	Confirmed
May 13 1937	Ely, Mrs. Marjorie M.	Commissioned
May 1 1937 ---	NW/4 Sec 12 T1N R56W 150 rods west of Beaver Creek A move 128 rods west of a previous location "Moving our home onto new highway, out of flood area."	
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/2 Sec 12 T1N R56W Beaver Creek 1/2 mile east of post office	
Apr 26 1954	Ordered closed	
May 31 1954	Discontinued Mail to Brush	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GARY / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Apr 17 1906 --- 1910
2	GARY. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 20 1912 Feb 20 1928
3	GARY, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jul 25 1933 Apr 12 1945
4	GARY / COLO. CI 10P 37.5	4bars S-25x22mm	Sep 7 1948 May 6 1954
5	GARY / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 22 1951
6	GARY, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.5/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 22 1951



GOODRICH

The settlement of Goodrich began in 1882 shortly after the Union Pacific Railroad built west along the South Platte River. Goodrich was another of the small agriculture based communities that developed along the river and the railroad. The settlement was named for a Mr. G. T. Goodrich, a pioneer settler in the area and a member of the first board of County Commissioners for Morgan County.

Although the community originates in 1882 it was not until July 20, 1911 that the town was platted by Warner Coontz, president of the Riverside Lumber Company.

There is still a small community some five miles west of Weldona. Follow Colorado Highway 144 west from Weldona to the intersection with Colorado Highway 52, turn south on Highway 52 and immediately into what remains of Goodrich. There are a few remaining homes and some business buildings that may or may not still be in use.

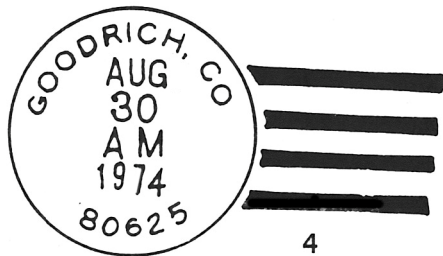
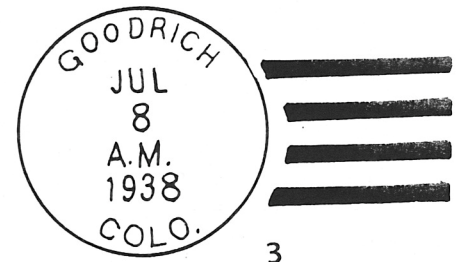
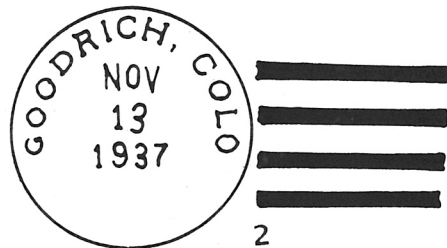
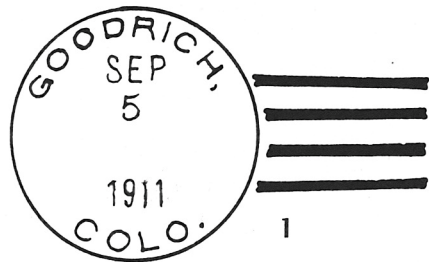
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Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 3 1908	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T5N R60W	
Dec 14 1908		Established	
Dec 14 1908		Coontz, Warner	
Jul 20 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T5N R60W	140 feet south of the Union Pacific track
Nov 30 1921		Kerlee, Ozzie R.	
Apr 30 1923		Wilson, Clarence L.	
Dec 27 1923		Ferguson, V. E.	Acting
Jan 5 1924		Ferguson, V. E.	Appointed
Aug 15 1925		Young, Ray C.	
May 9 1927		Johnson, Clyde	Acting
Aug 5 1927		Johnson, Clyde	Appointed
Jun 6 1928		Swift, Deane	
May 8 1929		Butterbaugh, Wayne W.	Acting
May 28 1929		Ireland, Floyd C.	
Jun 9 1929		Butterbaugh, Wayne W.	Confirmed
Jan 25 1930		Butterbaugh, Wayne W.	Commissioned
Feb 1 1930		Butterbaugh, Wayne W.	Assumed charge
Mar 22 1932		Grant, Robert A.	Confirmed
May 11 1932		Grant, Robert A.	Commissioned
May 27 1932		Grant, Robert A.	Assumed charge
May 8 1937		Ward, Chester A.	Confirmed
May 19 1937		Ward, Chester A.	Commissioned
May 22 1937		Ward, Chester A.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941	---	Sec 35 T5N R60W	Union Pacific station 150 feet east of post office
		South Platte Rive	1/2 mile south of post office
Dec 31 1952		Mesmer, Mrs. Letha P.	Possession & Acting
Jan 13 1953		Mesmer, Mrs. Letha P.	Acting
Jun 17 1953		Mesmer, Mrs. Letha P.	Appointed
Jul 20 1953		Mesmer, Mrs. Letha P.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1953		Mesmer, Mrs. Letha P.	Possession
Aug 28 1959		Meek, Mrs. Ethel E.	Possession
Aug 31 1959		Meek, Mrs. Ethel E.	Acting
Aug 11 1960		Meek, Mrs. Ethel E.	Commissioned
Aug 19 1960		Meek, Mrs. Ethel E.	Possession
Aug 30 1974		Discontinued	Mail to Weldona

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

1	GOODRICH, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Jul 27 1909 Dec 23 1916
2	GOODRICH, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 12 1933 Nov 13 1937
3	GOODRICH / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 8 1938 Feb 15 1960
4	GOODRICH, CO / 80625 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm, last day cover	Jul 20 1968 Aug 30 1974

**HILLROSE**

Hillrose is a farming community that was established by the Lincoln Land Company, the townsite corporation acting on behalf of the Burlington Railroad. It is located on the Burlington branch that ran from Billings, Montana to the main Burlington line at Brush. The townsite was surveyed May 17, 1900 by A. B. Smith. The town plat was filed on October 8 of the same year.

Mrs. Kate Emerson deeded the land to the railroad and was permitted to select the name for the new community. She chose to use her sister's name, Rose Hill, but reversed and combined the names to create Hillrose.

Hillrose continues to exist as a small residential and commercial community about six miles northwest of Brush on the railroad and on US Highway 6. To reach the site from the point on the east side of Brush where Colorado Highway 71 turns south, continue east and northeast on US 6 some five miles to the diagonal intersection with Morgan County Road W. From there turn east into Hillrose.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 6 1900	---	SW/4 Sec 10 T4N R55W A move 1/2 block west of a previous location Proposed postmaster - August C. Baillot [SRM: Correct spelling of name not clear from records]
Nov 26 1900		Established
Nov 26 1900		Boillot, August C.

HILLROSE – Continued

Feb 1 1901	Boillot, August C.	
Apr 23 1903	Monroe, Duncan D.	
Nov 1 1910	Coffin, Clarke A.	
Jul 24 1914	--- SW/4 Sec 10 T4N R55W 1 mile east of Beaver Creek 1-3/4 miles south of the South Platte River	
Apr 20 1915	Boillot, Louis J.	
Feb 27 1919	Hensley, Clyde	
May 19 1920	Henderson, Chester H.	
May 1 1922	Sickels, Blaine A.	Confirmed
May 12 1922	Sickels, Blaine A.	Commissioned
May 18 1922	Sickels, Blaine A.	Assumed charge
May 3 1937	Samples, Robert W.	Assumed charge
May 7 1937	Samples, Robert W.	Acting
Aug 24 1937	Samples, Robert W.	Confirmed
Sep 20 1937	Samples, Robert W.	Commissioned
Jan 14 1940	Hagler, Harold E.	Assumed charge
Jan 26 1940	Hagler, Harold E.	Acting
Mar 12 1940	--- SW/4 Sec 10 T4N R55W A move 115 feet northeast of a previous location	
Oct 18 1940	Hagler, Harold E.	Confirmed
Nov 25 1940	Hagler, Harold E.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	--- SW/4 Sec 10 T4N R55W	
Jun 19 1945	Henderson, Hugh	Acting
Jun 20 1945	Henderson, Hugh	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential
Jan 18 1947	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Acting
Jan 19 1947	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Assumed charge
Apr 28 1947	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Nominated
Jun 1 1947	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Confirmed
Apr 20 1948	--- SW/4 Sec 10 T4N R55W	
Jun 2 1949	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1949	Graham, Miss Florence M.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1967		Office relegated
Nov 7 1968	Riechers, Johanna Katherine	Acting
Apr 1 1972	Pabst, Mrs. Betty L.	Appointed
Apr 1 1972	Pabst, Mrs. Betty L.	Assumed charge

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HILLROSE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jun 1 1906 Sep 10 1910
2	HILLROSE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3 with ?	Aug 23 1907 Jul 30 1908
3	HILLROSE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars P-24x13mm	Mar 2 1908 Nov 1 1909
4	HILLROSE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jan 17 1910 Nov 6 1933
5	HILLROSE, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 30.0/19.5	Hstp No killer, backstamp	Dec 6 1920
6	HILLROSE. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 28 1934 Aug 14 1935
7	HILLROSE. / COLO. CI 10P 36.0	4bars S-28x21mm	Jan 15 1937 Aug 17 1937
8	HILLROSE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	May 9 1938 May 3 1960
8.0	HILLROSE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0 4	bars S-25x20mm	Apr 9 1962
8.1	HILLROSE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 5 1965 Mar 1 1965

HILLROSE – Continued

9	HILLROSE, CO / 80733 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 29 1969 Oct 28 1977
10	HILLROSE, CO / 80733 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm,	Jul 15 1989 Jun 15 1994
11	HILLROSE, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 15 1994
12	HILLROSE CO / 80733 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-21x16mm	Dec 1 2000
13	HILLROSE CO 80733 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 13 2001 Nov 8 2005
14	HILLROSE CO / 80733-9998 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-17x22mm	Nov 8 2005

AUXILLIARY MARKING

A-1 hillrose, colo.
RC 10P 61.0x 27.0

Jul 25 1947
Hstp RETURNED TO WRITER /
REASONS FOR NON DELIVERY CHECKED



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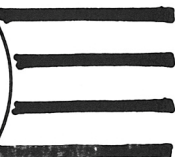
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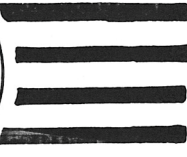
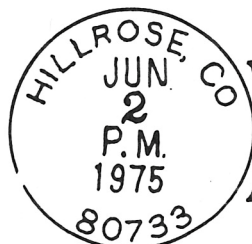
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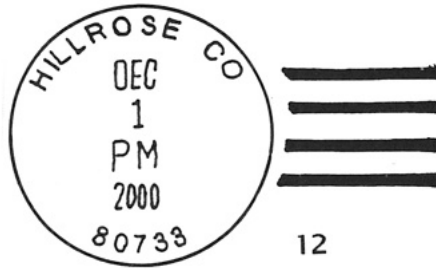


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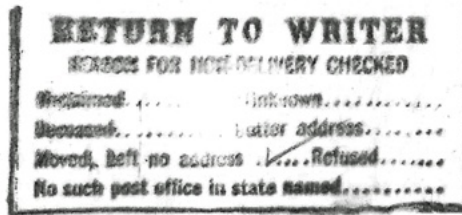
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Post Office – Hillrose, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer

May 12, 1996

HOYT – Continued

Oct 25 1922	Sebring, Lettie E.	Appointed
Feb 18 1938	Gray, Charles A.	Assumed charge
Mar 3 1938	Gray, Charles A.	Acting
May 26 1938	Gray, Charles A.	Appointed
Jun 7 1938	Gray, Charles A.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1938	Gray, Charles A.	Possession
Oct 23 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 34 T1N R60W	
Sep 30 1948	Lind, Mrs. Doris L.	Possession, Acting
Oct 20 1948	Lind, Mrs. Doris L.	Acting
Jan 5 1949	Lind, Mrs. Doris L.	Appointed
Feb 1 1949	Lind, Mrs. Doris L.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1949	Lind, Mrs. Doris L.	Possession
Jun 21 1949 ---	SW/4 Sec 35 T1N R60W A move 1 mile north of a previous location Bijou Creek 1/4 mile east of post office	
Jan 11 1957	Meyer, Mrs. Bertha W.	Appointed as postmaster
Oct 8 1976	Musgrave, Ms Mary M.	Officer in charge
Dec 30 1977	Keefer, Mrs. Carol L.	Officer in charge
May 3 1980	Keefer, Mrs. Carol L.	Appointed
Aug 10 1991	Discontinued	



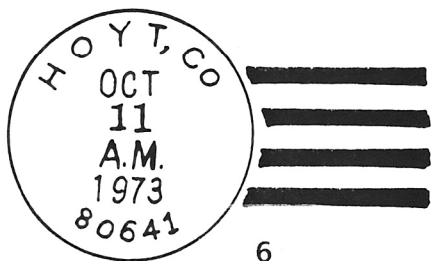
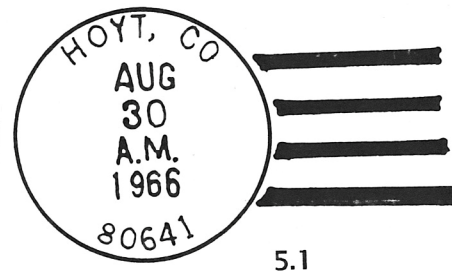
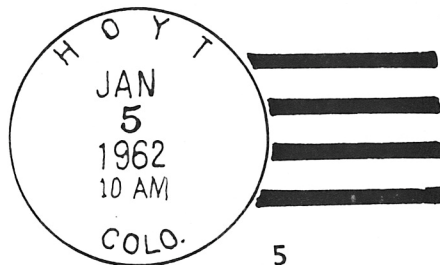
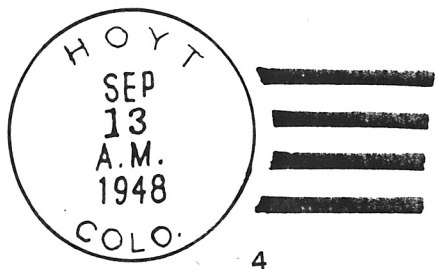
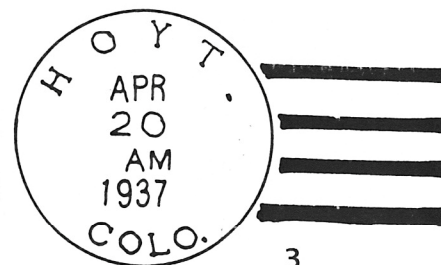
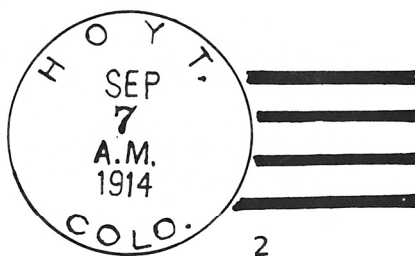
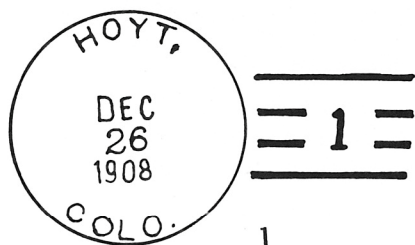
**Hoyt, Colorado – This building was the final location of the Hoyt Post Office.
Photograph by William H. Bauer November 8, 2005**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HOYT, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Mar 9 1907 Jun 15 1911
2	HOYT, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3, with 1 Sep 2 1913 Sep 7 1914 4bars S-??x19mm

HOYT - Continued

3	HOYT, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 20 1937 Feb 23 1945
4	HOYT / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23X19mm	Sep 13 1948 Feb 18 1960
5	HOYT / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 5 1962 Dec 26 1962
5.1	HOYT, CO / 80641 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 29 1965 Dec 5 1967
6	HOYT, CO / 80641 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 29 1965 Oct 9 1987



JUNCTION HOUSE

The Junction House Post Office presents several possible locations and it is difficult to decide exactly where this post office was located.

An excellent reference for the early history of the South Platte Valley is the *Historic Trail Maps of the Sterling 1 x 2 Quadrangle, Northeastern Colorado* prepared by Glenn R. Scott and published by the United States Geological Survey. This particular map shows three possible locations in the strip from Merino to Fort Morgan. All are on the south side of the South Platte River.

The easternmost is in Washington County about two miles south of Merino and on the east side of US Highway 6. The second is in Morgan County, approximately three miles northwest of Brush. Both of these locations are labeled "Junction House".

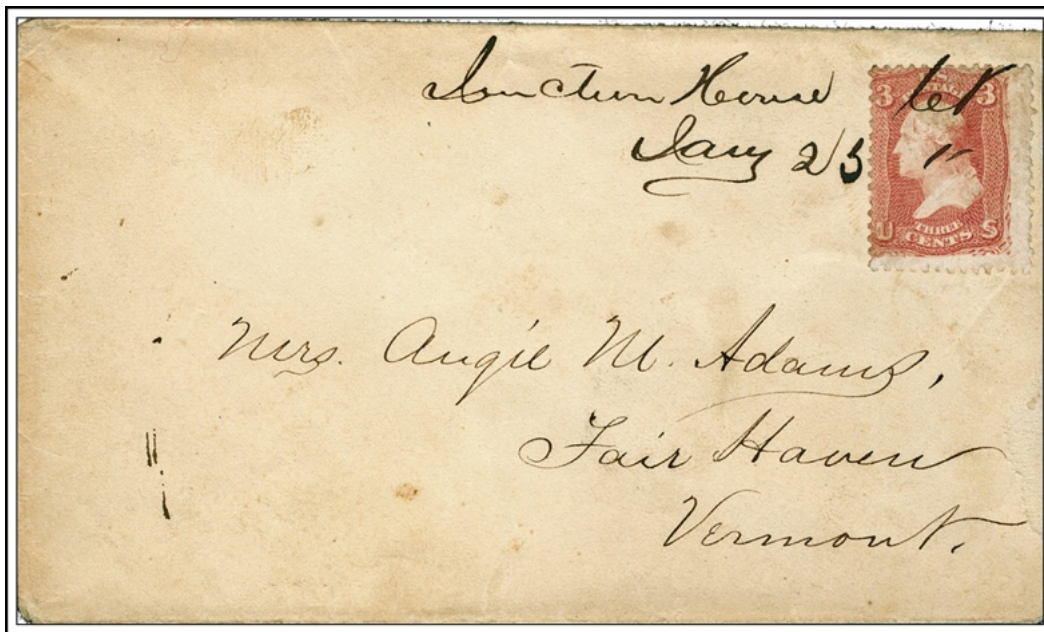
JUNCTION HOUSE – Continued

The third possible location is just north of present day Fort Morgan but is labeled “Junction Ranche.”

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report is too indefinite in its description to be of any real help. The Post Office Department records indicate that when it closed the Junction House Post Office was moved to Fort Morgan. That does seem to be correct but it does not necessarily support a choice of the Junction Ranche site near present day Fort Morgan as the site of the Junction House Post Office. In the 1860’s post offices could be, and were, moved several miles when settlement patterns changed.

In Colorado Historical literature I found three mentions of Junction House. Two of those references place Junction House *about four miles northeast* of Brush.

Junction House is described as a stage station on the Overland Route to Latham. From the name it would seem that it was associated with the junction of the main trail along the South Platte River and the cut-off trail to Denver. At first the Fort Morgan Cut-off did begin at a point north of Brush. At some point, probably around the time the military post (Camp Tyler) was established, the junction of the trails moved to the vicinity of the military post. Camp Tyler was established in 1864 which fits with the opening of the Junction House Post Office.



Junction House C. T.

January 25, (1865)

Trying to make sense of this is difficult. I first thought the post office was at the site north of Brush and perhaps it was there briefly. It now seems more reasonable to locate it at what Glenn Scott refers to as “Junction Ranche,” in the area north of Fort Morgan and slightly east of modern Colorado Highway 52 before that road crosses the South Platte River.

The site near Brush is not accessible by road but from a distance there does not seem to be any remnant structures.

The site near Fort Morgan is now part of the city of Fort Morgan and urban sprawl and the construction of Interstate 76 have replaced any older buildings.

More study is needed to resolve the questions relative to the location of the Junction House Post Office.

JUNCTION HOUSE – Continued**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 5 1864	---	On the south side of the Platte River Denver 100 miles southwest Kellys Ranch 50 or 60 miles easterly On the Overland Route
Dec 14 1864		Established
Dec 14 1864		Holmes, Charles
Jul 8 1865		Veatch, Elias
Dec 19 1865		Williams, Charles L.
Jul 16 1866		Moved to Fort Morgan

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Junction House C T MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Jan 25 1865 Nov 19 1865
2	JUNCTION HOUSE / COL. CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Target	Jun 6 186-

*Junction House C T
MS
May 23*

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**MORGAN**

One reference reports that Morgan was shown on 1887 maps of Colorado and that it may have been the same site as Deuel. No other information is available. The Morgan Post Office came into existence in late 1879 and continued to operate until 1883. I believe it was established in anticipation of the railroad that was planned for construction along the north side of the South Platte River. Morgan lasted beyond the arrival of the Union Pacific's railroad but when the Burlington Railroad was built through the area on the south side of the river the commercial focus shifted to the new Fort Morgan, south of the river.

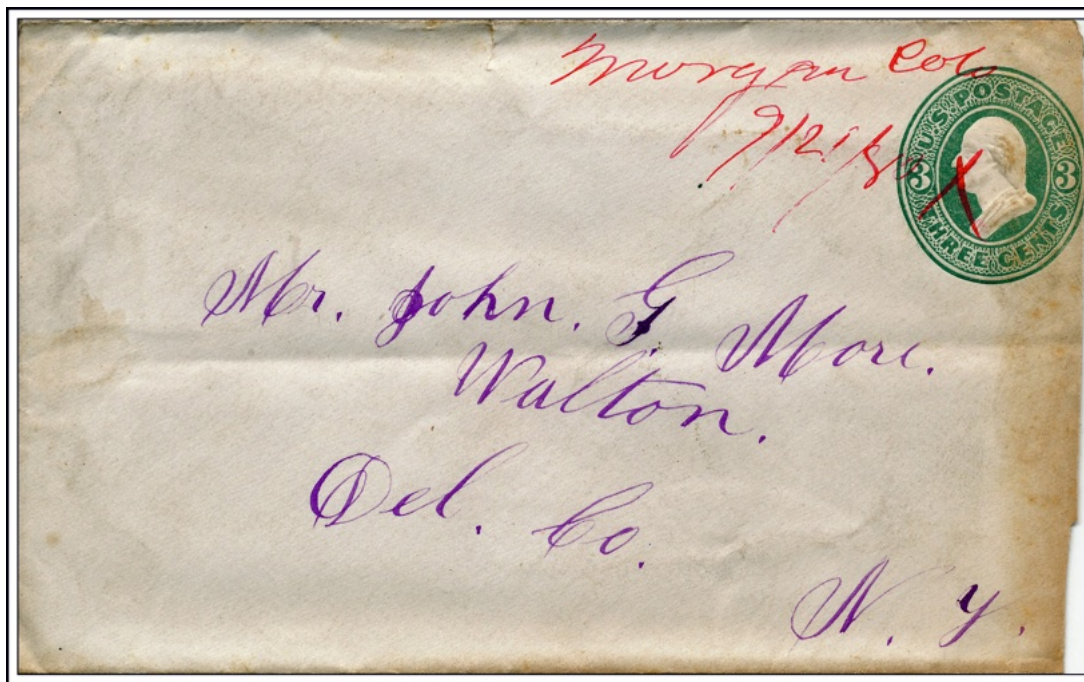
There would also have been potential confusion within the Post Office Department between the names Morgan and Fort Morgan, particularly when these places were so close together. In February 1883 the Morgan Post Office closed and was moved about a mile and half to the west taking a new name - Deuel. By 1890 the Deuel Post Office had been moved six miles to the northwest.

The location from the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports is opposite Fort Morgan and on the north side of the South Platte River. From Interstate 76 Exit 80, go north on Colorado Highway 52 across the river to the railroad. There is still a small railroad yard east of Highway 52 with some warehouses and a feed plant. The Morgan Post Office was somewhere within that small industrial complex, approximately a half mile east of the highway. No buildings of the period remain.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 10 1879	---	NW/4 Sec 32 T4N R57W 1/4 mile north of the South Platte River 5 miles west of Wild Cat Creek Proposed Postmaster - LaFayette More The sketch map notes "Old Fort Morgan (dismantled)"
Nov 26 1879		Established
Nov 26 1879		More, LaFayette
Feb 15 1883		Moved to Deuel

MORGAN – Continued



Morgan Col September 21, 1880

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Morgan Colo
MS

Sep 21 1880 Sep 15 1881

Mscp Pen cancel

*Morgan Colo
9/21/80*

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ORCHARD

The Orchard Post Office was established in 1882, shortly after the Union Pacific Railroad built through the area. However, the town was not surveyed and platted until March 7, 1890 when George M. West and P. W. Putnam laid out the townsite. The townsite, on the north side of the South Platte River, is about five miles west of a grove of stunted cottonwood trees that came to be known as Fremont's Orchard because the grove was a campsite during John C. Fremont's 1842 expedition. The shortened name perpetuates the original name.

In 1881 there was a railroad station and about twenty settlers, mostly stock raisers. By 1906 Orchard was described as having "a railroad station, post office, a general merchandise store, a hotel, and the homes of farmers and railroad people."

There have been some claims that the Orchard Post Office was a successor to the Weldon Valley Post Office that operated briefly in 1880. However, the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Weldon Valley locates that office some three miles to the east and only a short distance west of the later location of the Goodrich Post Office.

ORCHARD – Continued

There is still a small community at Orchard with a number of homes and some small agricultural and service businesses. As happened at Weldona, the post office has moved from an older, brick-fronted building (1976) to a standard design building typical of small town post offices.

From Goodrich continue west three miles on Colorado Highway 144 to Orchard.

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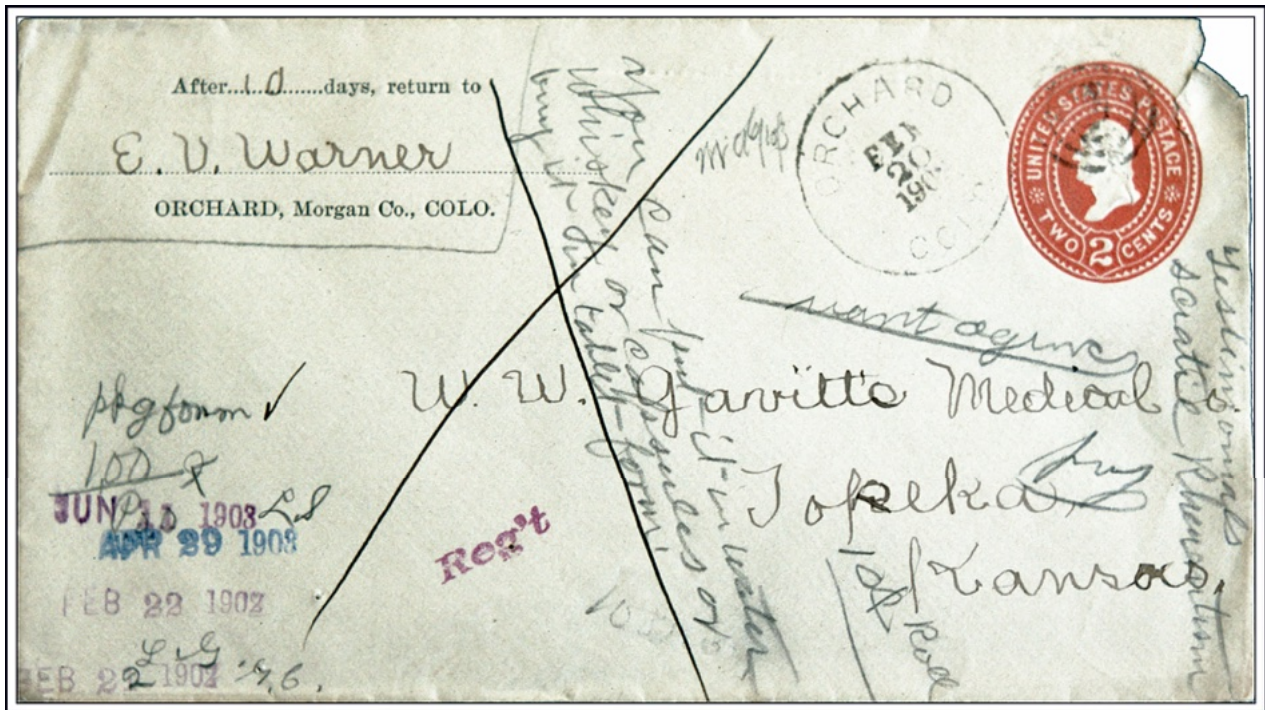
This building, on the east side of Grand Avenue, once housed the Orchard, Colorado Post Office.
 Photograph by William H. Bauer November 8, 2005

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 15 1882	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T4N R60W 1/2 mile north of the South Platte River	
		Proposed postmaster - George La Munyon	
Mar 6 1882		Established	
Mar 6 1882		La Munyon, George	
May 17 1882		Williams, Fred S.	
Feb 5 1886		Burnett, Percy J.	
Nov 13 1886		Parrott, James M.	
May 21 1889	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T4N R60W	
Jul 10 1909		Richeson, Stasia	
Apr 30 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T4N R60W 1/4 mile north of the South Platte River	
Sep 29 1914		Koraski, Joseph	
Jan 1 1921			Office made Presidential
Jan 1 1922			Office relegated
Apr 25 1922		Gabbett, Pearl L.	P&S
Jul 25 1922		Gabbett, Pearl L.	P&S
Sep 18 1922		Richeson, Pearl L.	Confirmed

ORCHARD – Continued

Jul 1 1932		Made Presidential
Sep 6 1933	Korsoski, Joseph	Confirmed
Sep 27 1933	Korsoski, Joseph	Commissioned
Oct 3 1933	Korsoski, Joseoh	Assumed charge
Apr 6 1937	Korsoski, Mrs. Ida M.	Assumed charge
Apr 19 1937	Korsoski, Mrs. Ida M.	Acting
Jul 20 1937	Korsoski, Mrs. Ida M.	Confirmed
Jul 31 1937	Korsoski, Mrs. Ida M.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1952	Miller, Mrs. Imogene	Assumed charge
Apr 16 1952	Miller, Mrs. Imogene	Acting
Jan 21 1954	Groves, Mrs. Clarise C.	Appointed
Mar 17 1954	Groves, Mrs. Clarise C.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1954	Groves, Mrs. Clarise C.	Possession



ORCHARD / COLO.

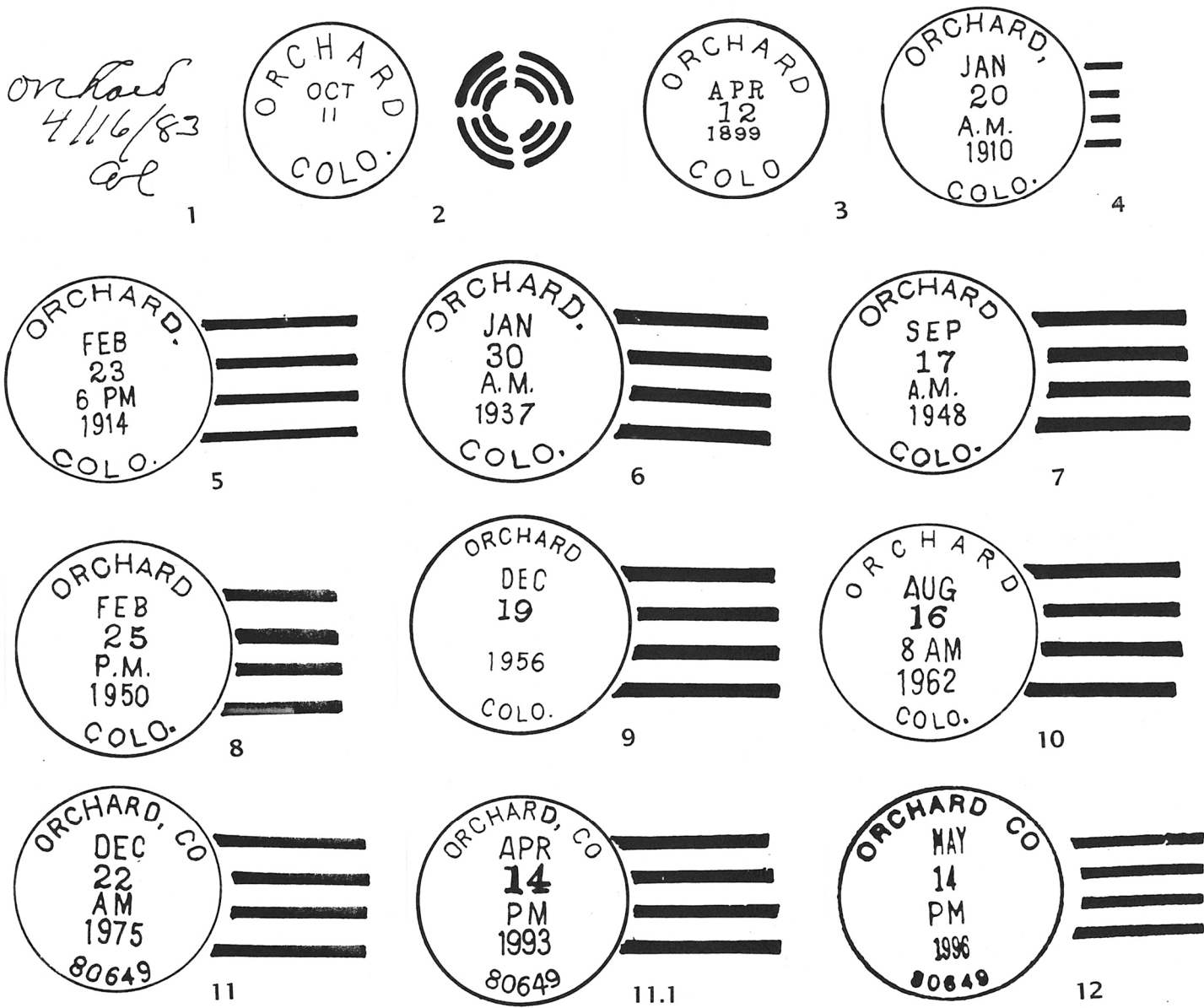
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Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Orchard / Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Apr 16 1883
2	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 3-ring	Jan 8 1884 Jun 8 1884
3	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Feb 26 1898 Feb 20 1902
4	ORCHARD, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Sep 11 1909 Jan 22 1910
5	ORCHARD. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 14 1911 Jan 8 1932
6	ORCHARD. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Aug 26 1936 Apr 10 1943
7	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 7 1943 Sep 17 1948

ORCHARD – Continued

8	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Feb 25 1950
9	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x20mm	May 11 1956 Feb 17 1960
10	ORCHARD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Aug 16 1962 Dec 8 1962
11	ORCHARD, CO / 80649 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 12 1968 Mar 5 1993
11.1	ORCHARD, CO / 80649 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Oct 18 1991 Apr 14 1993
12	ORCHARD CO / 80649 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-20x16mm	May 14 1996 Sep 3 1996



PAWNEE

Pawnee was a railroad post office at Union Junction where the Burlington Branch, having used the Union Pacific tracks from Sterling, branched off to continue south across the South Platte River to meet the Burlington main line at Brush.

A small community did develop at the location but it never grew to any size and by 1996 only a few abandoned buildings remain to mark the site. One of the buildings still standing and seemingly in fairly decent shape, is a large two-story structure. It was likely a store and perhaps it was home to the Pawnee Post Office.

The town name is that of an Indian tribe that once inhabited the plains of Kansas and eastern Colorado. When the post office application and Geographic Site Location Report were filed three names were suggested for the post office: Union, Brooks and Pawnee. Pawnee was accepted. The railroad siding at this location is still known as Union.

To get to Pawnee, follow the directions from Brush to either Snyder or Hillrose. From Hillrose, and the intersection of Morgan County Road W with US Highway 6, drive north on County Road 33 and cross to the north side of the South Platte River to the road that parallels the Union Pacific Railroad. Turn northeast and in about a mile and a half you should encounter the previously mentioned buildings.

From Snyder, a road on the south side of the railroad goes northeast along the railroad to the buildings at Pawnee. The buildings are just east of the branch railroad to the south.

The Burlington Branch may no longer be in operation but the railroad grade should be obvious.



This abandoned building at Pawnee, Colorado has the appearance of having been a store.

Perhaps it was once home to the Pawnee Post Office.

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November 8, 2005

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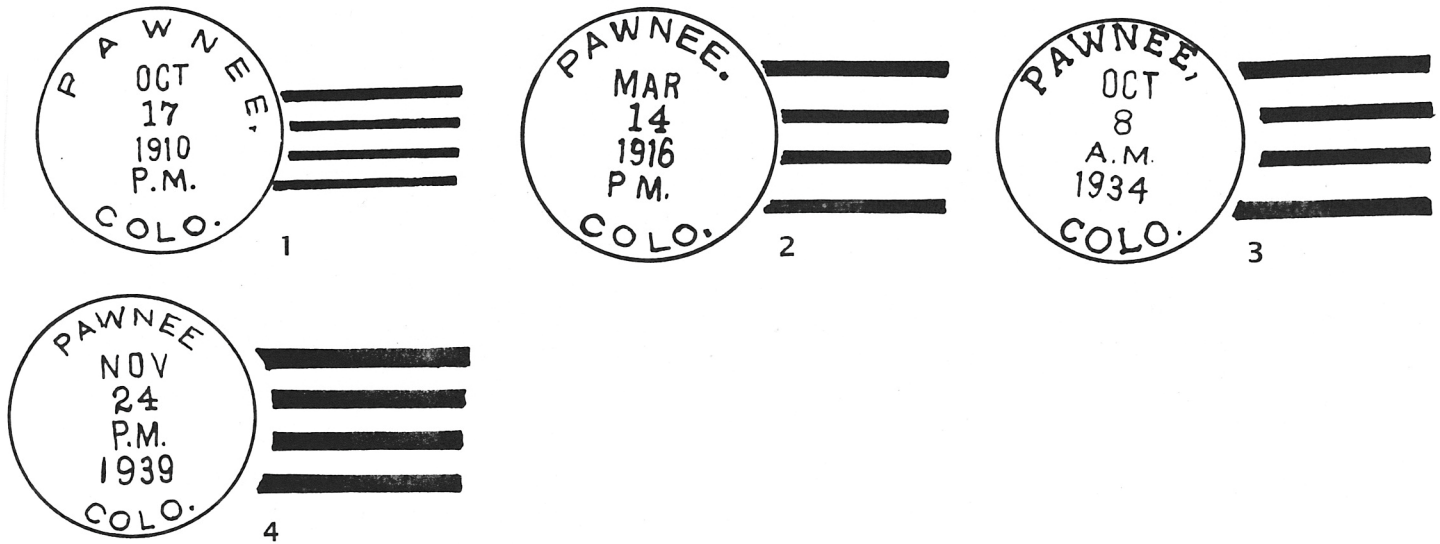
Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 4 1903	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T5N R55W 15 feet north of the Union Pacific Names suggested: UNION, BROOKS or PAWNEE Proposed postmaster - James Richard Marshall	
Oct 26 1903		Established	
Oct 26 1903		Marshall, James R.	
Oct 20 1909		Kane, Van Ness	
Jul 29 1910		Graham, Frank T.	
Sep 11 1911		Bailey, Joseph B.	
Jul 10 1912		Ownby, James A.	
May 5 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T5N R55W	
Feb 5 1917		Haines, Charles F.	
Mar 31 1925		Haines, Dale M.	
Oct 30 1925		Bailey, Muriel M.	
Mar 26 1926		Borgmier, Retha	
Nov 3 1926		Haines, George A.	Acting
Nov 16 1926		Haines, George A.	Appointed
May 18 1930		Haines, Charles F.	Acting
Nov 13 1930		Haines, Charles F.	Possession
Jan 1 1931		Borgmier, Mrs. Retha	Possession, Acting
Jan 8 1931		Borgmier, Mrs. Retha	Acting
Feb 26 1931		Borgmier, Mrs. Retha	Appointed
Mar 9 1931		Borgmier, Mrs. Retha	Commissioned
Jan 19 1936		Clark, Mrs. Retha	Name changed by marriage
May 7 1937		Asnicar, Mrs. Vadah	Assumed charge
May 26 1937		Asnicar, Mrs. Vadah	Acting
Nov 1 1937		Asnicar, Mrs. Vadah	Confirmed
Nov 11 1937		Asnicar, Mrs. Vadah	Commissioned
Mar 15 1939		Asnicar, Mrs. Marjorie F.	Confirmed
Mar 30 1939		Asnicar, Mrs. Marjorie F.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1939		Asnicar, Mrs. Marjorie F.	Assumed charge
Oct 30 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T5N R55W Union Pacific Station 670 feet west of post office	
Apr 1 1942		Pearl, Mrs. Oralee	Assumed charge
Apr 15 1942		Pearl, Mrs. Oralee	Acting
Jun 30 1942		Pearl, Mrs. Oralee	Confirmed
Aug 28 1942		Pearl, Mrs. Oralee	Commissioned
Jan 31 1944		Discontinued Mail to Snyder	

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	PAWNEE, / COLO. CI 10P ???	Doane Type 2 with 1 [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Apr 10 1908 Mar 16 1909
1	PAWNEE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Jan 27 1907 Oct 17 1910
2	PAWNEE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 14 1916 Feb 12 1914
3	PAWNEE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 8 1934 Jun 30 1935
4	PAWNEE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Nov 24 1939 Feb 8 1943

PAWNEE – Continued



SNYDER

J. W. and H. D. Snyder came to Colorado to assist in the round-up and sale of cattle belonging to the estate of J. W. Iliff. For their base of operations they chose a site north of the South Platte River in what is now eastern Morgan County. A small community of cowhands developed at the camp and when the Union Pacific Railroad built along the north side of the South Platte River the settlement grew into one of the principal cattle shipping centers in the state.

In 1882 a post office was acquired and took the name Snyder in honor of the Snyder brothers. The town was unorganized until H. N. Claney and H. B. Davis filed a plat for Snyder on September 22, 1887.

In its early days Snyder was a significant commercial center but as Brush, five miles to the south grew, and grew rapidly, the importance of Snyder declined.

Snyder is still a modest sized community with a few businesses providing the local and nearby residents with some basic services. However, it has become more of a residential community than a commercial center.

From Brush or from Exits 90 or 92 on Interstate 76, drive north on Colorado Highway 71 and cross to the north side of the South Platte River. Snyder is just north of the river, on the east side of the highway. The post office is on Carson Street, just south of Edison Street.

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Chronology of the Post Office

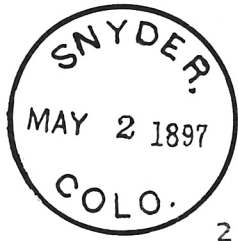
Jun 5 1882	--	SE/4 Sec 12 T4N R56W 1/8 mile north of the South Platte River Proposed postmaster - Aaron J. Woodruff
Jun 16 1882		Established
Jun 16 1882		Woodruff, Aaron J.
Jan 15 1883		Balch, John J.
Sep 3 1884		Riesdorff, D. Eugene
Oct 9 1894		Boillot, August C.
Jul 26 1901		Boyd, Davis S.
Mar 13 1906		Stockham, Samuel T.
Mar 25 1907		McDowell, Thomas H.
Mar 25 1908		Young, Archie H.

SNYDER – Continued

May 17 1911	Beery, William L.	
Sep 19 1913	Beery, Lyda E.	
Apr 25 1914 ---	Center Sec 12 T4N R56W	
Mar 31 1920	Skiles, Della M. (Della M. Reno)	
May 29 1928	Berry, Lester R.	Acting
Oct 6 1928	Berry, Lester R.	Appointed
Nov 12 1928	Beery, Lester R.	Commissioned
Aug 22 1933	Gehrig, Mrs. Corrine	Assumed charge
Aug 30 1933	Gehrig, Mrs. Corrine	Acting
Sep 6 1934	Williams, Elwood E.	Appointed
Oct 1 1934	Williams, Elwood E.	Commissioned
Oct 6 1934	Williams, Elwood E.	Assumed charge
Oct 22 1941 ---	Corner of Winchell Ave and 2nd Street	
Apr 10 1942	Berry, Lester R.	Acting, during military leave
--- -- ----	Williams, Elwood E.	Failed to return after military furlough
Apr 11 1942	Berry, Lester R.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1942	Berry, Lester R.	Acting, during military leave
Apr 30 1945	Reno, Mrs. M. Lucille	Assumed charge
Jun 5 1945	Reno, Mrs. M. Lucille	Acting, during military leave
Aug 29 1949 ---	T4N R56W Union Pacific station is 375 feet south of the post office	
Jul 1 1953		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1954		Office relegated
Mar 7 1958	Reno, Mrs. Mary Lucille	Assumed charge as postmaster
Mar 10 1958	Reno, Mrs. Mary Lucille	Appointed
Jul 1 1971		Office advanced to 3rd class
Dec 22 1978	Baggs, Donna	Officer in charge

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Sep 1 1890 Sep 15 1890 Hstp Cork, smudge, Target, 4-ring 17mm [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
2	SNYDER, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	May 2 1897 Hstp Not present
3	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Mar -3 1897 Sep 8 1899 Hstp Cork, smudge
4	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Jan 15 1904 Oct 30 1908 Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
4.1	SNYDER, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Mar 16 1932 Oct 27 1934 4bars P-28x20mm Distorted
5	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Jan 12 1929 Feb 22 1943 4bars S-25x19mm
6	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	May 27 1947 Aug 29 1953 4bars S-23x19mm
7	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 13 1959 Feb 20 1962 4bars S-23x19mm, small, wide spaced letters
8	SNYDER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	May 20 1968 4bars S-23x20mm, large, wide spaced letters
8.1	SNYDER, CO / 80750 CI 10P 33.0	Jul 24 1969 4bars S-24x20mm



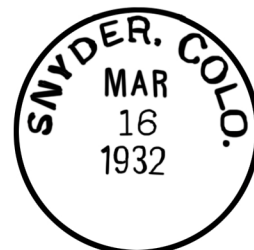
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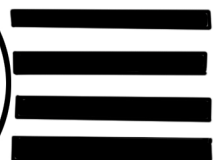
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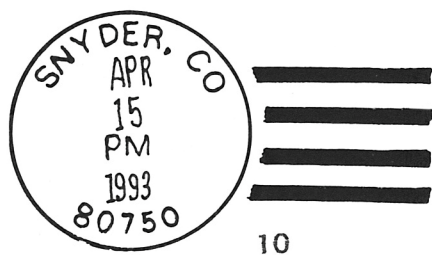
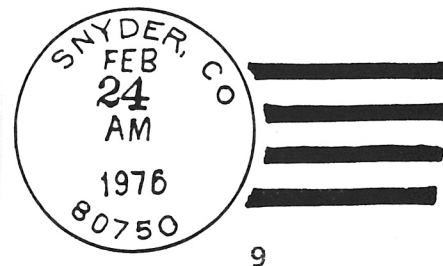
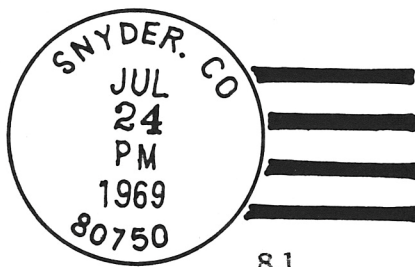
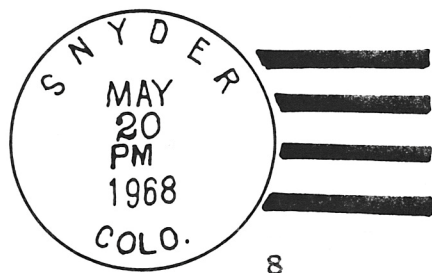
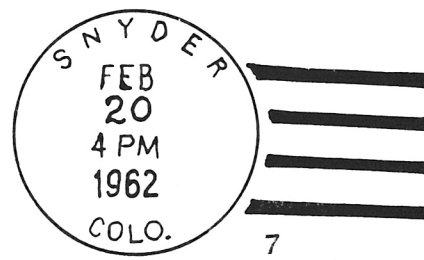
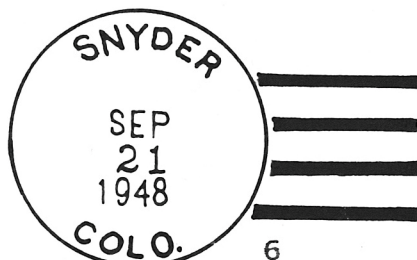
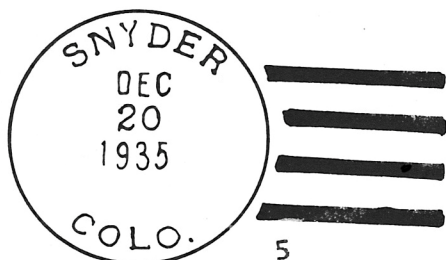
- 9 SNYDER, CO / 80750
CI 10P 31.0
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CI 10P 31.0

May 1 1971 Oct 19 1977

4bars S-24x18mm

Nov 17 1987 Apr 15 1993

4bars S-24x17mm



VALLERY

There is mention in the Colorado historical literature of a Vallery Station associated with the location of Corona/Wiggins. However, I do not believe that to be correct.

The Vallery Station on the Burlington Railroad was about five miles east of Wiggins, opposite milepost 72 on Interstate 76. On March 11, 1908 the Lincoln Land Company filed a town plat for Vallery. The town was named after John Vallery, a general freight agent for the Burlington Railroad.

A small community did develop at Vallery but all that remains in the twenty-first century are a few farms along the frontage road on the north side of Interstate 76. Apparently it could not compete with nearby Wiggins and with the much larger Fort Morgan to the east.

To reach the site, take Exit 73 (Long Bridge Road) from Interstate 76. Turn north and then go west on the frontage road on the north side of the interstate. Vallery was approximately one mile west of the exit.

Chronology of the Post Office

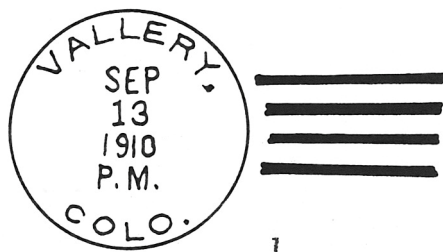
- Nov 5 1907 --- NE/4 Sec 10 T3N R59W Bijou Creek is 1 mile north of post office
- Dec 21 1907 Established
- Dec 21 1907 Graham, Florence H.
- Feb 15 1909 Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan

VALLERY – Continued

Jan 3 1910 --- NE/4 Sec 10 T3N R59W Bijou Creek is 1/2 mile north of post office
 Feb 12 1910 Re-established
 Feb 12 1910 Edwards, Tarvin E.
 Nov 11 1911 Hay, John T.
 Mar 14 1918 Boyce, Agnes
 Aug 15 1919 Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 VALLERY, / COLO. Jun 13 1910 Oct 9 1913
 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-23x13mm

**WELDON VALLEY**

George Crofutt described Weldon Valley thusly: "On the north side of the South Platte River, opposite Fremont's Orchard is a ranche and post office, for the accommodation of a few hundred people who are engaged in farming and stock raising. The place is on the line of the O. & D. S. L. of the Union Pacific Railway." Crofutt's guidebook was published 1881, so he was most likely describing the situation in 1880 when the Weldon Valley Post Office was in operation. "O. & D. S. L." is a reference to the Omaha, Denver & Salt Lake, apparently the early but discarded name for the railroad to be built from Julesburg to Denver.

Weldon Valley has been claimed to be a predecessor of Orchard but it is three miles east-northeast of Orchard and only a very short distance west of the site of Goodrich.

Follow the directions to Goodrich but continue west on Colorado Highway 144 from Goodrich towards Orchard. That area is now open farmland, with an occasional complex of farm buildings.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 21 1879 --- NW/4 Sec 2 T4N R60W Not more than 1/2 mile north of the Platte River
 No railroad running, but builded(sic.) 50 rods south of bed
 Proposed postmaster - Cynthia B. Paul
 Mar 8 1880 Established
 Mar 8 1880 Paul, Cynthia B.
 Nov 19 1880 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WELDON VALLEY

WELDONA

In 1907 the post office that began life as Morgan on the Union Pacific Railway, then moved a couple miles west to become Deuel, then moved again eight miles northwest but still on the railroad, finally found a permanent home as Weldon on what is today Colorado Highway 144.

WELDONA – Continued

The common understanding is that the town was named after a General Weldon. The area is referred to as the Weldon Valley, even though the South Platte River forms the valley in which the community is located.



This building once housed the post office at Weldon, Colorado.

Photograph by William H. Bauer

November 7, 1996

Settlement in the area may have begun as early as 1866. On February 24, 1893 Prucius Putnam filed a plat for the town of Weldon. When a post office was established, the additional letter, “a,” was added to Weldon, supposedly to avoid confusion with Walden in Jackson County. A postmark with the spelling Weldon is known to have been used in 1944.

From the beginning of settlement, the South Platte River has provided water to irrigate the fertile land along the river. Weldon developed as a small community providing agricultural related and other services for the surrounding area.

Colorado Highway 144, which parallels the railroad, is the main street of Weldon. There are still a few small businesses in the community and a fair number of occupied residences. My first visit to Weldon was in 1976. The post office was in a small, neat brick building on the north side of the highway. When I returned twenty years later, the brick building was still standing but the post office had moved to one of the now standard small, nondescript buildings that resemble a mobile home.

Colorado Highway 144 begins at Exit 79 from Interstate 76, just west of Fort Morgan.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 18 1907 Formerly named Deuel

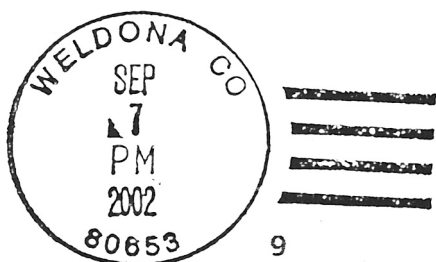
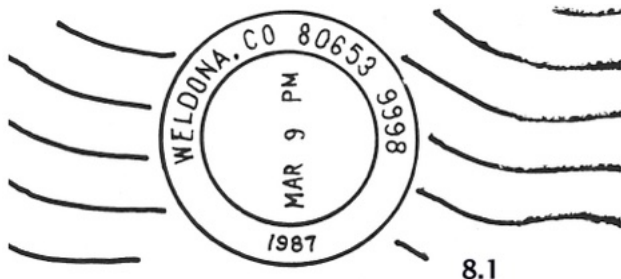
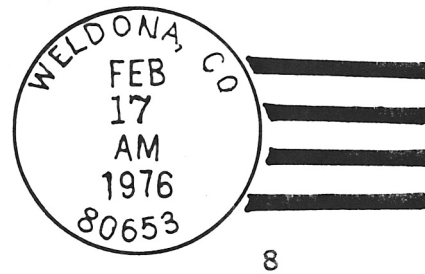
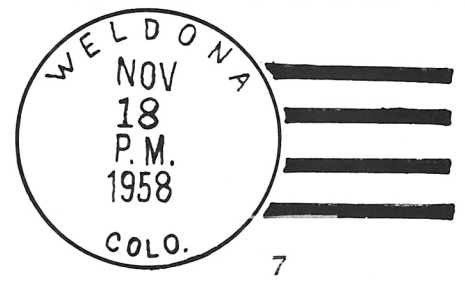
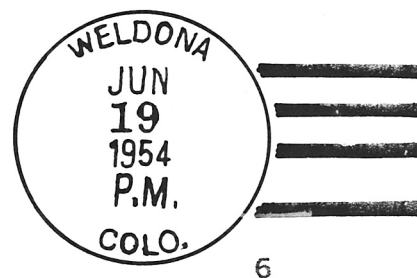
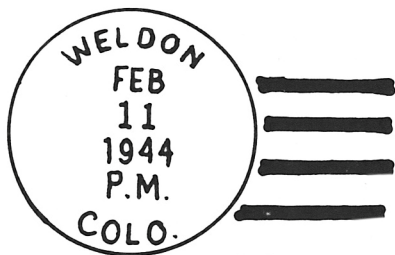
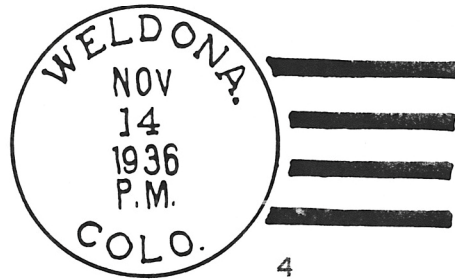
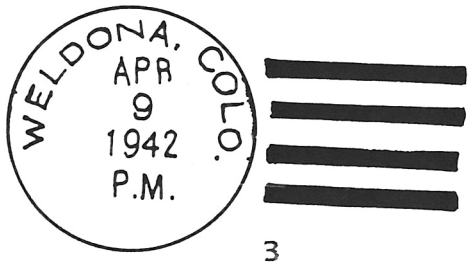
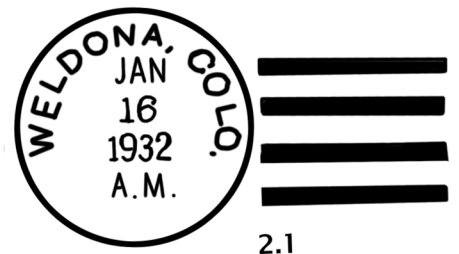
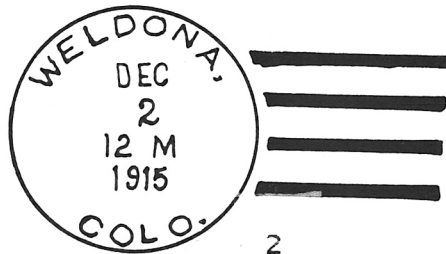
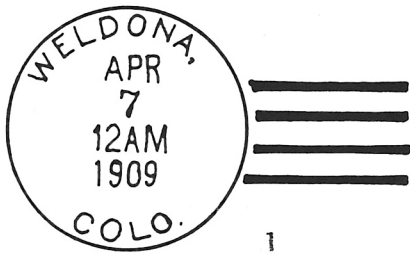
WELDONA – Continued

Jul 18 1907	Griffith, Grace	
Jun 2 1908	Day, William L.	
Apr 28 1914 ---	N central Sec 3 T4N R59W 1/2 mile north of the South Platte River 100 feet north of the Union Pacific Tracks	
Sep 18 1914	Johnson, Edwin	
Jul 11 1918	Valcott, Charles L.	
Jul 1 1920		Office made Presidential
Dec 16 1920	Markley, Alfred	Acting
Nov 9 1921	Boyd, Hubbard D.	P&S
Dec 14 1925	Boyd, Hubbard D.	P&S
Jan 22 1930	Boyd, Hubbard D.	P&S
--- -- ----	Office relegated	
Sep 8 1934	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Assumed charge
Sep 11 1934	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Acting
Jan 21 1935	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Confirmed
Feb 19 1935	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Commissioned
Jul 8 1936	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Appointed & Confirmed
Jul 30 1936	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Commissioned
Jul 31 1936	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 3 T4N R59W South Platte River 1/2 mile south of post office	
Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential
Sep 28 1945	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Nominated
Oct 29 1945	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Confirmed
Oct 30 1945	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Appointed & Commissioned
Feb 1 1946	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1948		Office relegated
Sep 2 1948	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Appointed & Confirmed
Oct 6 1948	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Commissioned
Oct 31 1948	Jespersen, Mrs. Christine	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1952		Office made Presidential
May 31 1954	Talcott, Mrs. Cleo F.	Acting
Jul 27 1954	Talcott, Mrs. Cleo F.	Acting
Jul 13 1955	Talcott, Mrs. Cleo F.	Nominated & Confirmed
Jul 13 1955	Talcott, Mrs. Cleo F.	Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
Sep 30 1955	Talcott, Mrs. Cleo F.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1970	Matheny, Mrs. Lora Lee	Officer in charge
Apr 1 1972	Wheeler, Harold L.	Appointed & Assumed charge
Nov 7 1972	Matheny, Mrs. Lora Lee	Officer in charge
Aug 4 1973	Matheny, Mrs. Lora Lee	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

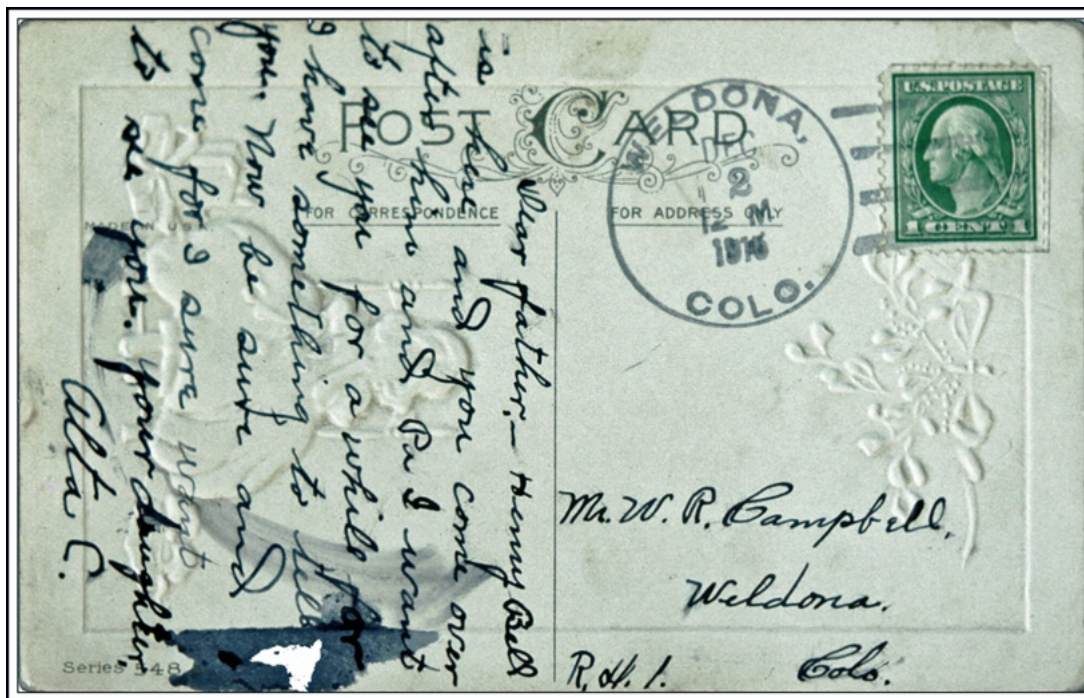
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2.1	WELDONA, COLO. CI 10H 31.0	4bars P-25x20mm	Jan 16 1932
3	WELDONA, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars P-25x19mm, Damaged, distorted	Feb 10 1933 Apr 9 1942
4	WELDONA, / COLO. CI 10P 34.5	4bars S-25x20mm	May 8 1935 Nov 24 1941
5	WELDONA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Nov 5 1943 Jul 6 1951
5.1	WELDON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm [Error in spelling]	Feb 11 1944

WELDONA - Continued



WELDONA – Continued

6	WELDONA / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 4 1952 Jun 19 1954
7	WELDONA / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Nov 18 1958 May 11 1960
7.1	WELDONA, CO / 80653 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Apr 5 1968 Jun 16 1969
8	WELDONA, CO / 80653 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 18 1966 Mar 10 1977
8.1	WELDONA, CO 80653 9998 CI 11P32.5/23.0	Rolr 6 wavy lines	Mar 9 1987 May 16 1991
8.2	WELDONA, CO / 80653 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-13x20mm	Dec 6 1991 Jun 6 1993
8.2v	WELDONA, CO / 80653 CI 10P 34.0	No bars	Oct 6 1987 Nov 10 1989
9	WELDONA CO / 80653 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-20x16mm	May 14 1996 Sep 7 2002
10	WELDONA CO 80653 / USPS CI 10P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 7 2002



WELDONA, / COLO. December 2, 1915

WIGGINS

I assume that you have read the previous discussions of the post offices at Corona, Cotsworth and Vallery and are thus cognizant of the confusion in the names and locations of the post offices along what is now Interstate 76 in west-central Morgan County.

Several historical discussions of Wiggins make the claim that the Wiggins Post Office was not established (with that name) until the early 1900's. However the post office records are clear that the Wiggins Post Office came into existence on December 2, 1896 as a change in name from Corona.

WIGGINS – Continued

By 1896 Wiggins/Corona was an established commercial community on the Burlington Railroad, serving farmers and ranchers in western Morgan and southeastern Weld Counties. It remains so into the twenty-first century.

The community was first surveyed and platted as Corona on September 10, 1888 by Thomas J. McCartney. On May 12, 1908 Frank McCartney and Everett Owens filed a town plat for Wiggins. By that time the name Wiggins was well established and the Wiggins Post Office had been operating for twelve years.

The name Wiggins honors one Oliver P. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins was at best a local character, and it seems certain a teller of “tall tales.” He was, it is accepted, a Canadian by birth. He claimed to have come to Colorado as a guide and scout for Captain John C. Fremont in the 1840’s and to have been associated with Kit Carson. He also claimed to have worked for the Hudson Bay Company. He became known as “Old Scout” and sometime, somehow, acquired the title of “Major,” titles that he likely created for himself. It is now suspected that most of his history was fabrication on his part. It is accepted that Mr. Wiggins did open a store at Corona and that the post office came to be located in his store, which probably led to the change in name to Wiggins.

Wiggins is located south of Interstate 76 (Exit 66), about four miles east of the Weld-Morgan County line. In 1996 the post office was in a small strip mall on US Highway 6, north of the railroad.

Latitude = 40:13:50 North Longitude = 104:04:20 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 2 1896	Name changed from Corona	
Dec 2 1896	Myers, John	
Jan 14 1901	Eyser, Charles P.	
Jun 16 1903	Myers, John	
Jun 27 1905	Kiner, Anna	
Aug 3 1906	Clark, James I.	
Feb 19 1907	Taylor, Emmett	Appointment rescinded Apr 8 1907
Feb 24 1909	Harshman, Merrill D.	
May 7 1914 ---	NE/4 Sec 15 T3N R60W	
Jan 1 1918		Office made Presidential
Sep 5 1918	Harshman, Merrill D.	P&S
Feb 24 1923	Harshman, Merrill D.	P&S
Feb 12 1927	Harshman, Merrill D.	P&S
Feb 20 1931	Harshman, Merrill D.	P&S
Sep 7 1934	Harshman, Merrill D.	Appointed
Sep 24 1934	Harshman, Merrill D.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1934	Harshman, Merrill D.	Assumed charge
Oct 25 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 15 T3N R60W	
Jul 1 1943		Office made Presidential
Feb 10 1944	Harshman, Merrill D.	Nominated
Feb 17 1944	Harshman, Merrill D.	Confirmed
Feb 18 1944	Harshman, Merrill D.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jan 29 1945 ---	NE/4 Sec 15 T3N R60W A move 50 feet north of a previous location Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR 750 feet north and east of post office	
Jun 30 1955	Thomas, Harry Van Dyck	Assumed charge
Aug 15 1955	Thomas, Harry Van Dyck	Acting
Oct 15 1955	Haarhues, Calvin C.	Assumed charge
Nov 30 1955	Haarhues, Calvin C.	Acting
May 7 1956	Haarhues, Calvin C.	Nominated
Jun 20 1956	Haarhues, Calvin C.	Confirmed, Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
Jun 29 1956	Haarhues, Calvin C.	Assumed charge

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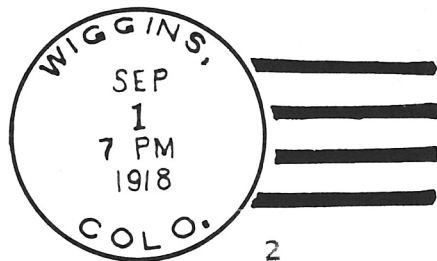
Jun 23 1960	Horenberger, Mrs. Mary O.	Assumed charge
Jun 24 1960	Horenberger, Mrs. Mary O.	Acting
Oct 6 1961	Von Loh, Faye V.	Assumed charge
Oct 18 1961	Von Loh, Faye V.	Acting
Jul 25 1966	Von Loh, Faye V.	Nominated & Confirmed
Jul 27 1966	Von Loh, Faye V.	Appointed
Aug 8 1966	Von Loh, Faye V.	Commissioned
Aug 12 1966	Von Loh, Faye V.	Assumed charge
Jun 6 1975	Ellis, William	Officer in charge
Nov 22 1975	Swope, Duane E.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WIGGINS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Apr 18 1907 Oct 3 1910
2	WIGGINS, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 21 1912 Jan 3 1919
2.1	WIGGINS, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 30.0/29.0	Hstp No killer	Nov 17 1925
3	WIGGINS / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jul 5 1921 Mar 14 1947
3.1	WIGGINS, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No Killer	Jun 2 1943
4	WIGGINS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Sep 26 1950 May 24 1961
5	WIGGINS. / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 31 1962 Apr 29 1967
5.1	WIGGINS, CO / 80654 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 10 1969 Jan 17 1974
6	WIGGINS, CO / 80654 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 19 1975 Apr 29 1988
7	WIGGINS, CO / 80654 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-20x15mm	Dec 9 1988 Jun 15 1994
8	WIGGINS, CO 80654 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 15 1994
9	WIGGINS, CO / 80654 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 4 1973 Jun 15 1994
10	WIGGINS CO / 80654 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-21x16mm	Jul 5 2000 Sep 7 2002
11	WIGGINS CO 80654-9998 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/22.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 7 2002
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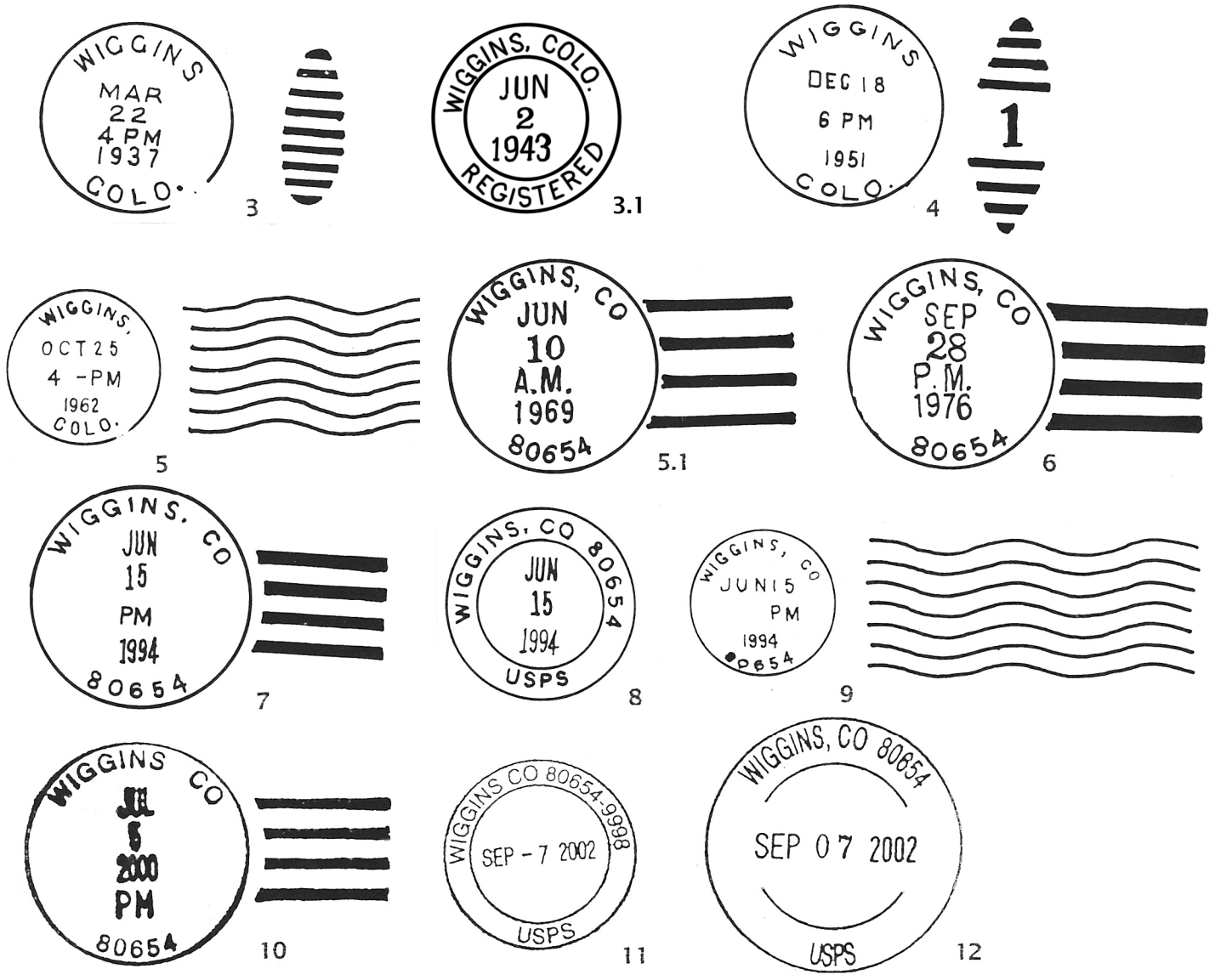


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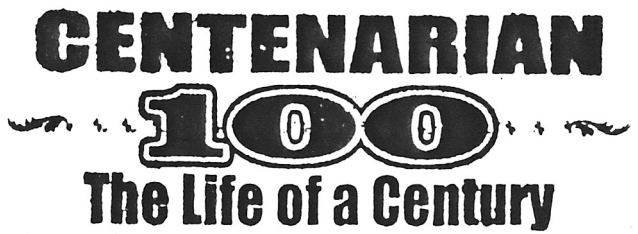
CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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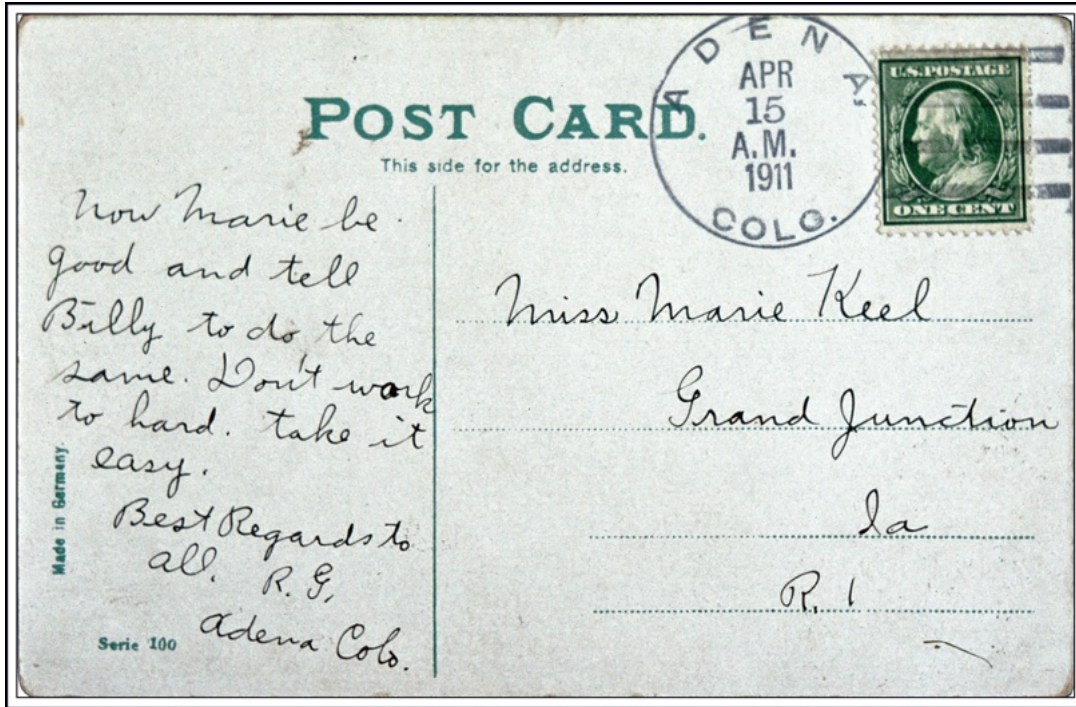
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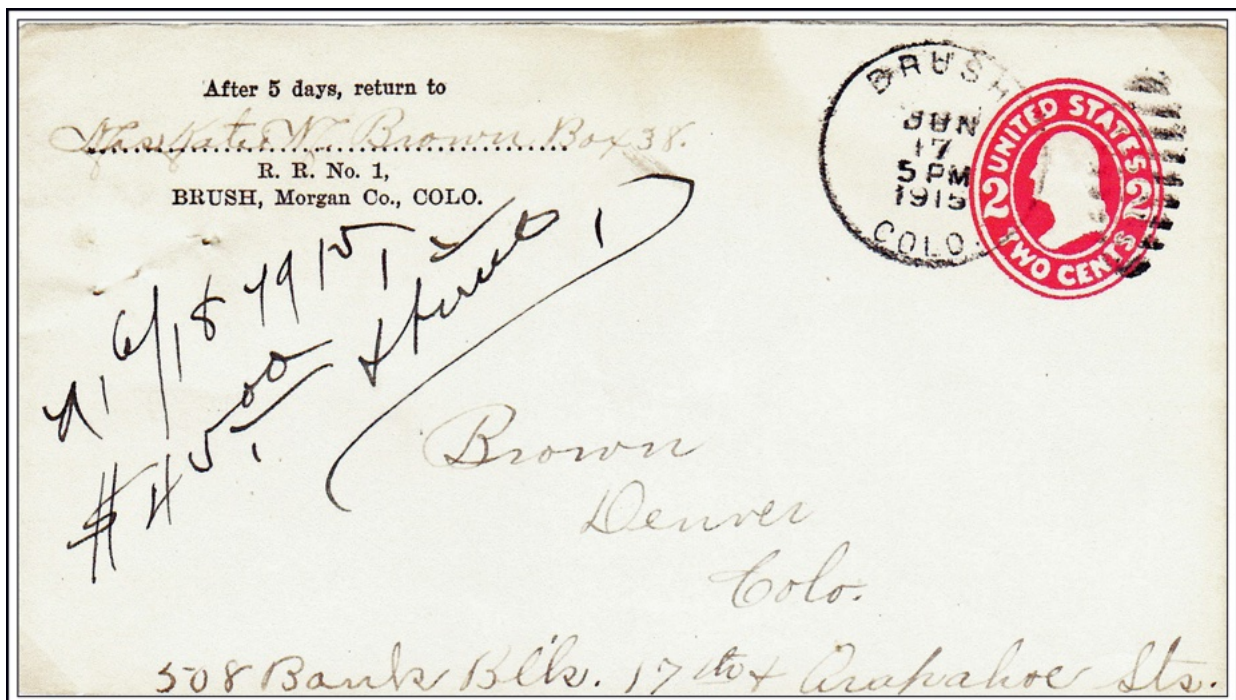
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A GALLERY OF MORGAN COUNTY COVERS



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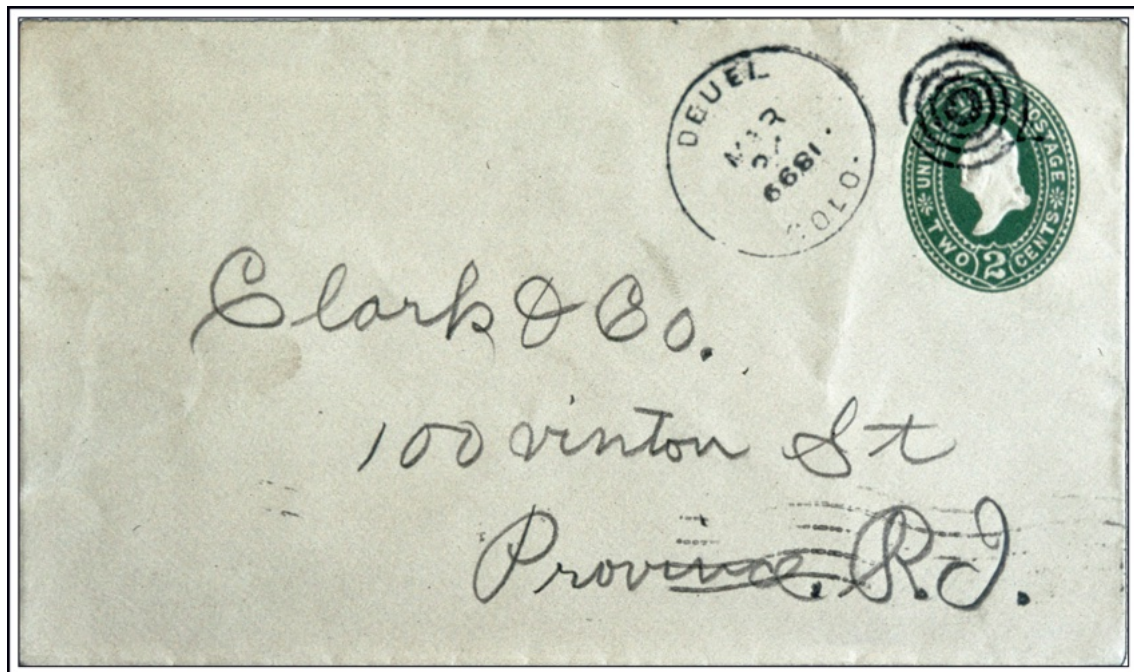


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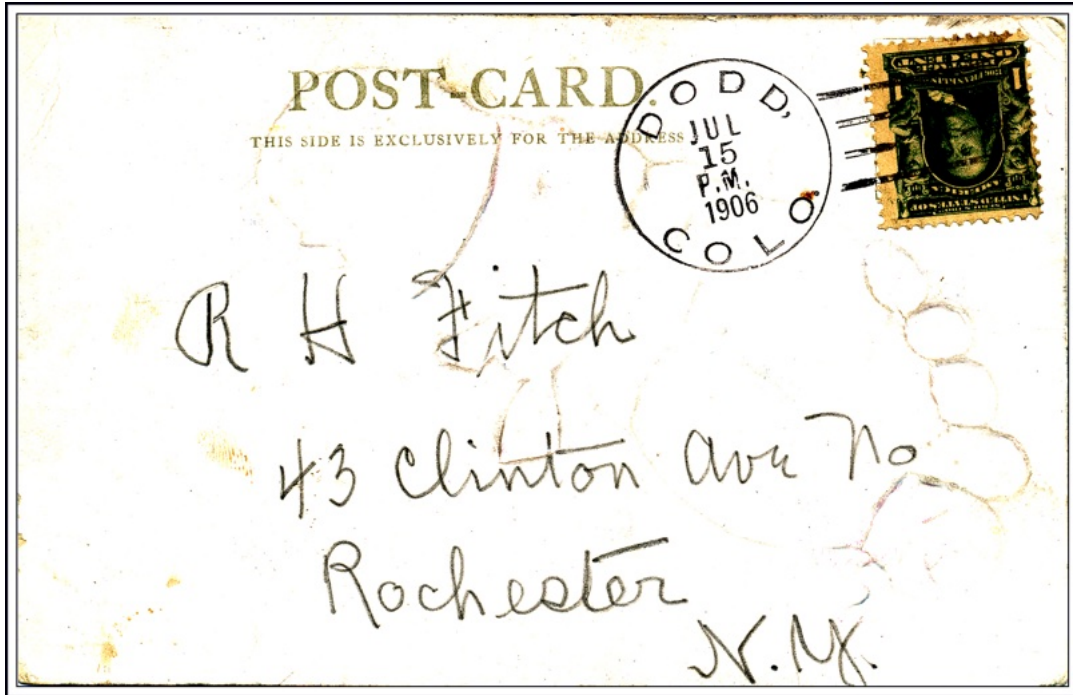


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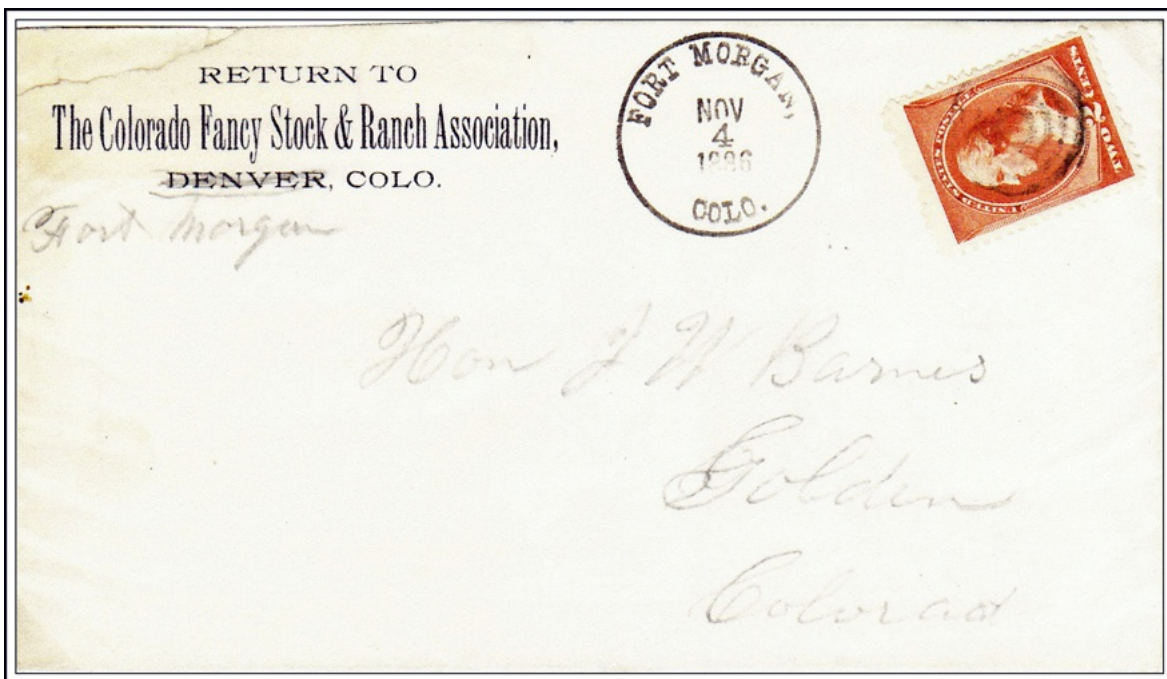
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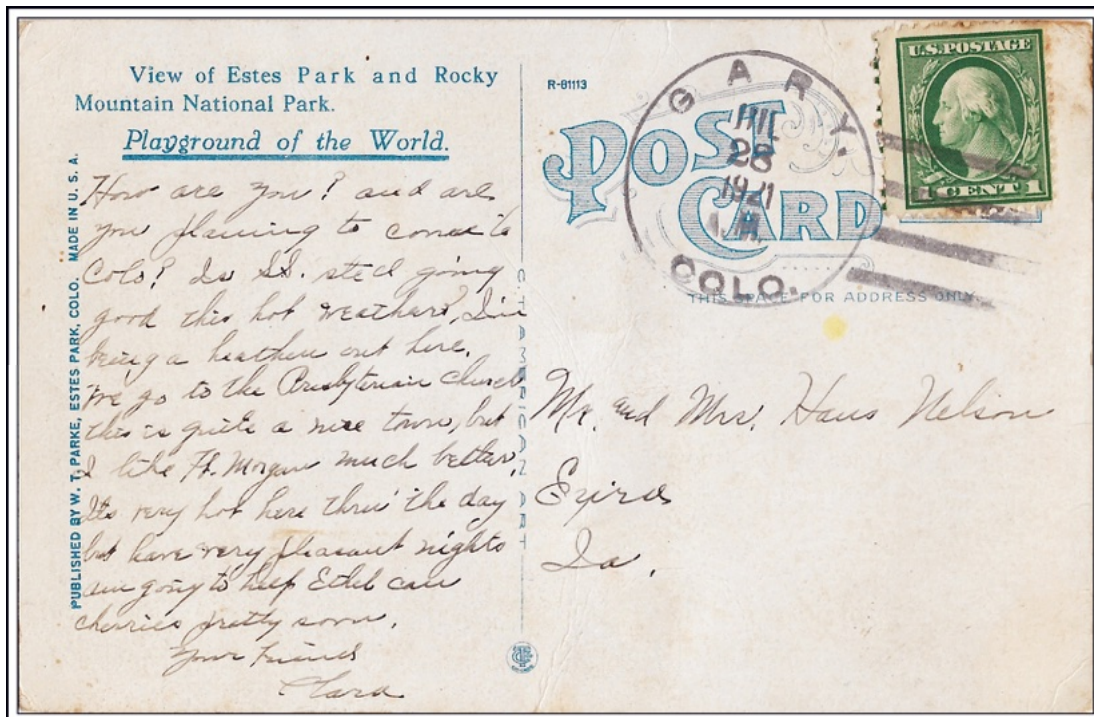
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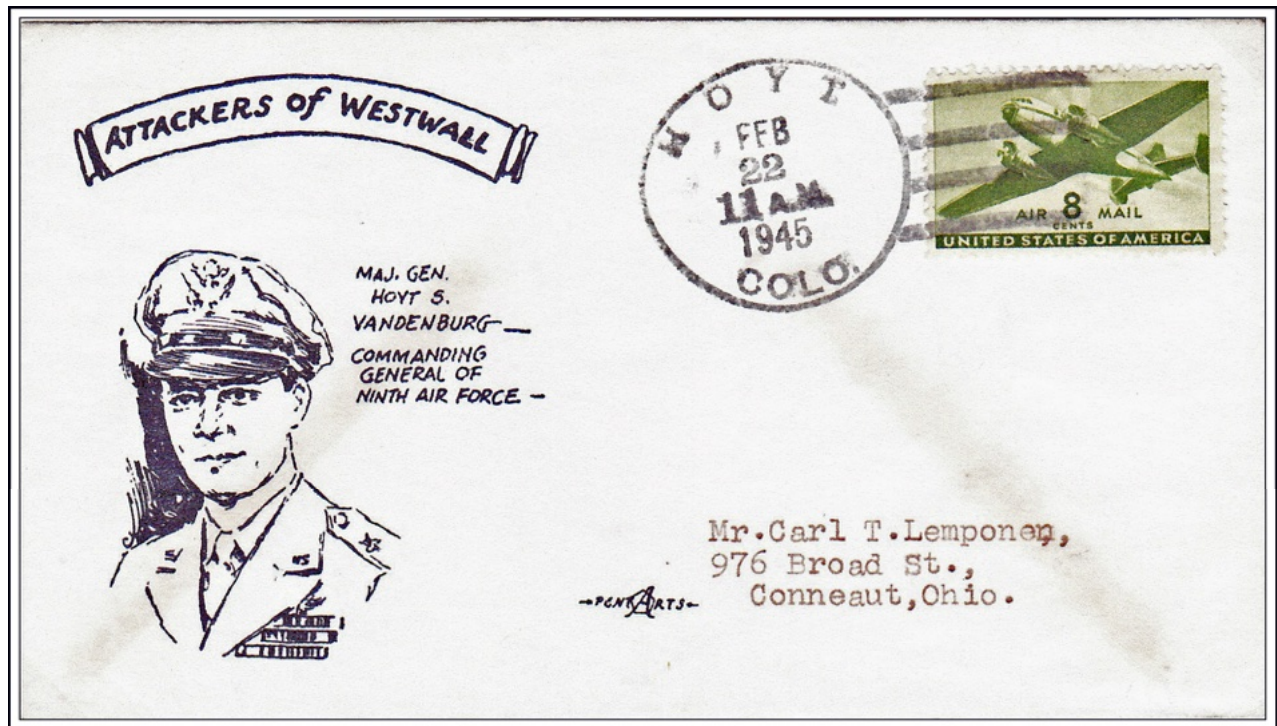
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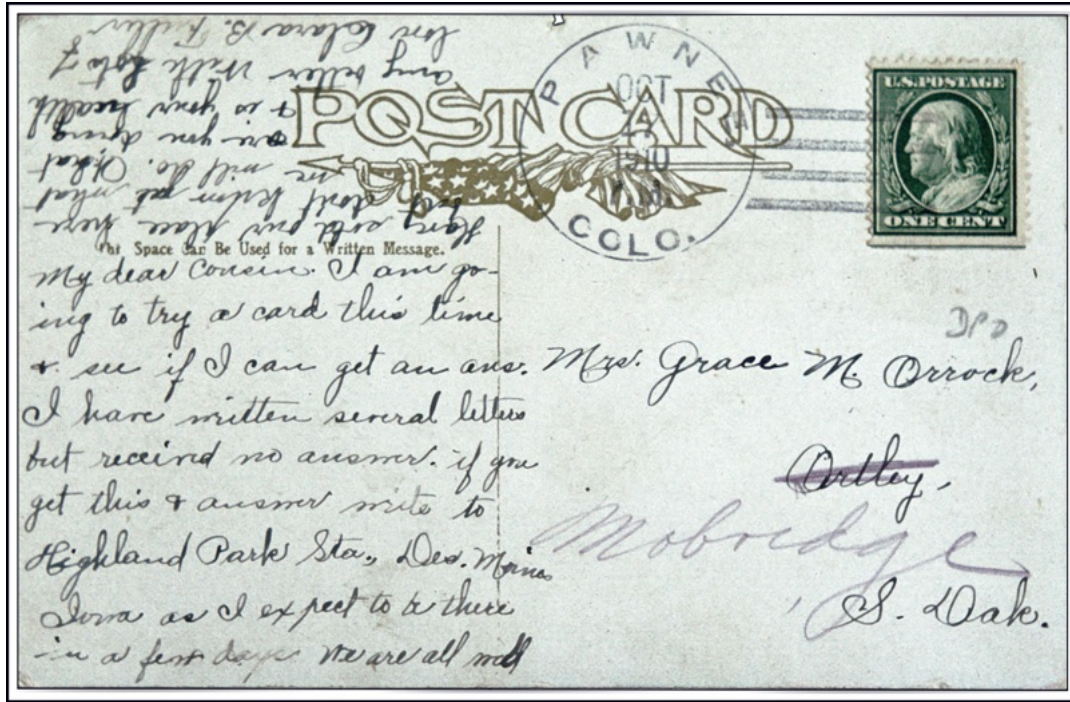
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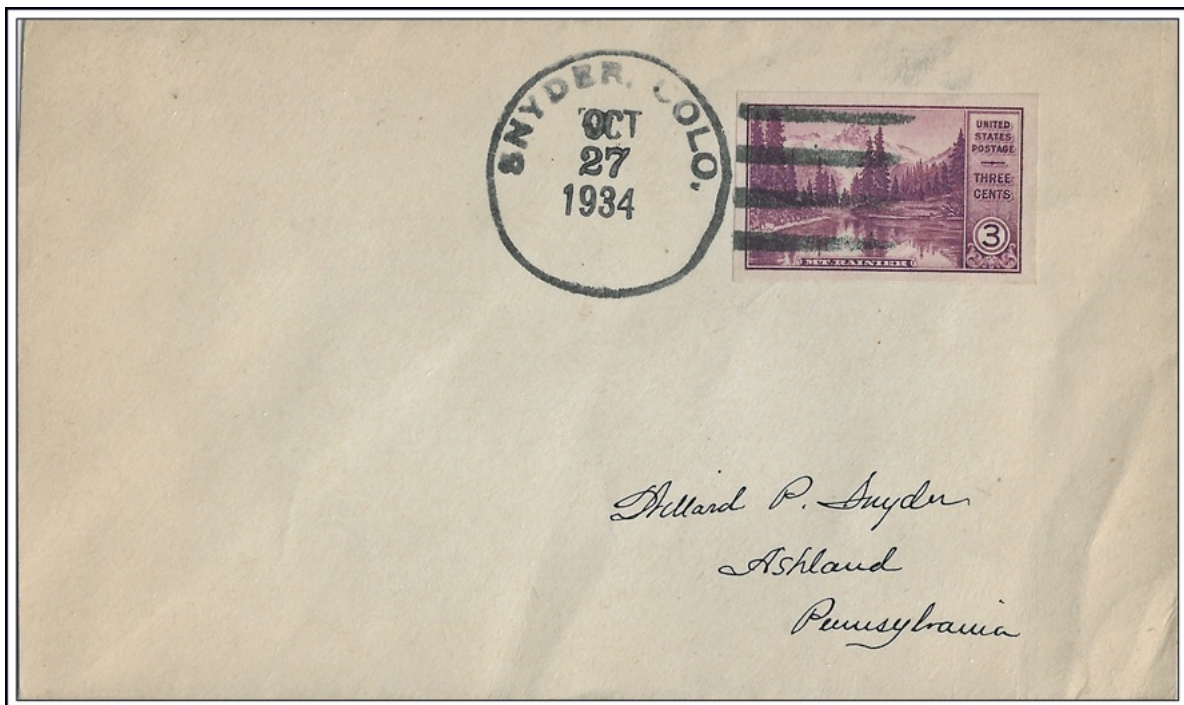
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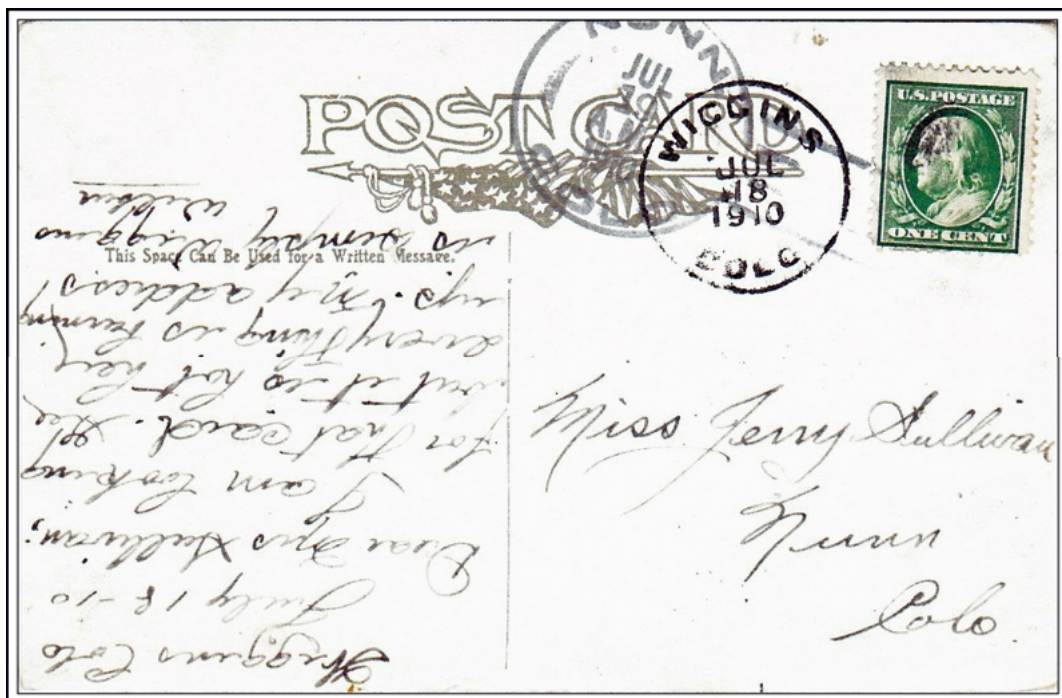
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