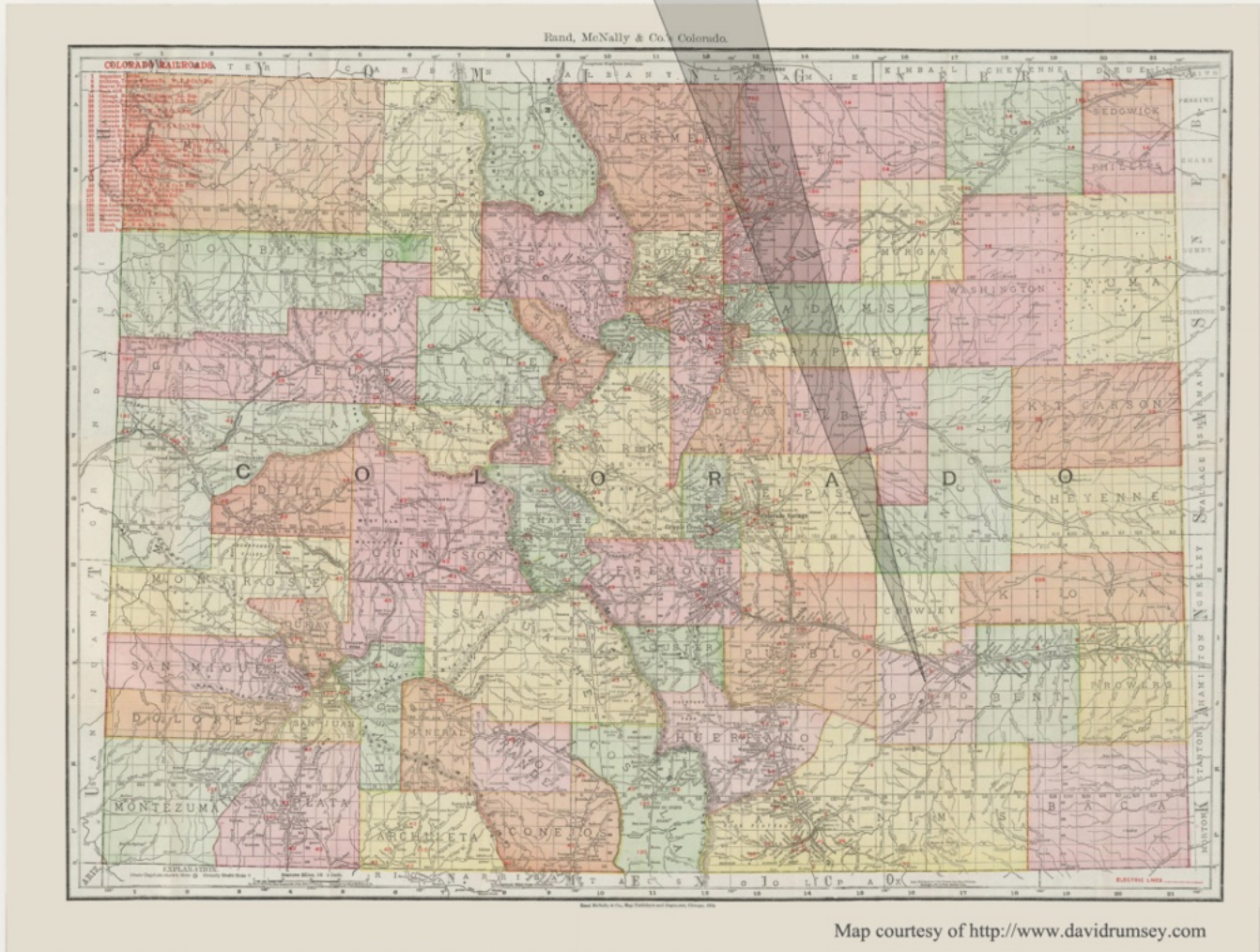


# Otero County



*Established: March 25, 1889*

*County Seat: La Junta*



## **OTERO COUNTY**

By William H. Bauer

The area that today forms Otero County underwent a complex series of governmental jurisdiction changes. When the seventeen original counties were created by the Territorial Legislature in 1861 a small portion of the area was in Huerfano County and the remainder in the Indian Reserve.

In 1870 the Indian Reserve disappeared and Greenwood and Bent Counties were carved from the Reserve and a portion of Huerfano County. Greenwood County existed for only a short time before Bent County absorbed it.

Bent County remained unchanged until 1889 when Prowers, Kiowa, Otero, a portion of Lincoln and a portion of Cheyenne Counties were carved from the large Bent County, leaving a greatly reduced Bent County. Otero County was authorized March 25, 1889.

May 29, 1911 Crowley County was formed from the northern portion of Otero County, leaving the county with its present boundaries. The eastern boundary is with Bent County. The southern boundary is with Las Animas County. And the western boundary is with a small portion of Las Animas County but mostly with Pueblo County.

The northern boundary of Otero County is irregular and is mostly with Crowley County. From the junction with Pueblo County it follows the Arkansas River to a point north of the site of Vroman. From there it goes due east some nine miles, north four miles, east again for six miles, north for six miles to Kiowa County and finally east another six miles to a common corner with Bent County.

North to south, Otero County is a maximum of forty miles and a minimum of thirty miles. East to west it is a constant thirty-six miles.

The Arkansas River traverses the county from west to east and dominates the drainage of the county. Only a small area in the northeastern portion of the county does not drain to the Arkansas River. The Purgatoire River crosses the southeast corner of the county on its way north to the Arkansas River. Timpas Creek, Dry Creek and Apishapa Creek are the other principal northeastward drainages.

The topography is irregular but not of great relief. The Arkansas Valley is a few miles wide, fairly level and on both sides there is a quick rise to a higher rolling tableland dissected by the major tributary streams.

From the earliest days of settlement The Arkansas River has provided water for irrigation of the valley floor. With that resource, the Arkansas Valley became a major agricultural district growing extensive crops of melons, sugar beets, other vegetables and fruit. The demand for water by the urban population along the Front Range has caused the municipalities to purchase water rights from the farmers with a resulting decrease in the produce coming from the Arkansas Valley.

Away from the river, the farmers and ranchers rely on dry farming techniques and deep wells to supply water for grain crops and livestock. To all practical purposes the economy of Otero County depends on agriculture. Other industries are small but may become more important in the future.

The Arkansas River through Otero County has always been a transportation and travel corridor. First there were the early Native American trails. Then came the Santa Fe Trail followed by branches west to Pueblo and to Denver.

The first railroad to penetrate the county was the Arkansas Valley Railroad, a Union Pacific subsidiary, coming southwest from Kit Carson. It soon had competition, which it could not meet, from the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, that followed the Arkansas River to La Junta and then turned southwest to Trinidad and Raton Pass. A branch was extended west to Pueblo, and the Arkansas Valley Railroad called it quits and pulled up its tracks.

In the early twentieth century through a subsidiary, the Holly and Swink Railroad, the AT&SF built a line north of the river to provide better transportation to the area and in the process created a series of towns along the new railroad. Stagecoaches and wagon traffic followed much the same path as the Santa Fe Railroad and when the automobile took over the new highways were along the old routes.

La Junta got its name because it was a railroad junction and for the many years, during which the Santa Fe maintained shops at La Junta, the railroad was a significant economic factor. Today La Junta is still a junction point. It lies astride a major east west highway, US 50. From La Junta Colorado 109 goes south into Las Animas County and continues north a few miles to Cheraw. US 350 goes southwest to Trinidad and Colorado 10 goes west southwest to Walsenburg.

Within the Arkansas Valley there is an extensive network of county roads. Away from the valley the network thins rapidly with only a few roads penetrating the areas between the state highways.

Settlement began along the Arkansas River. In the twenty-first century the valley is still the center for the county's population.

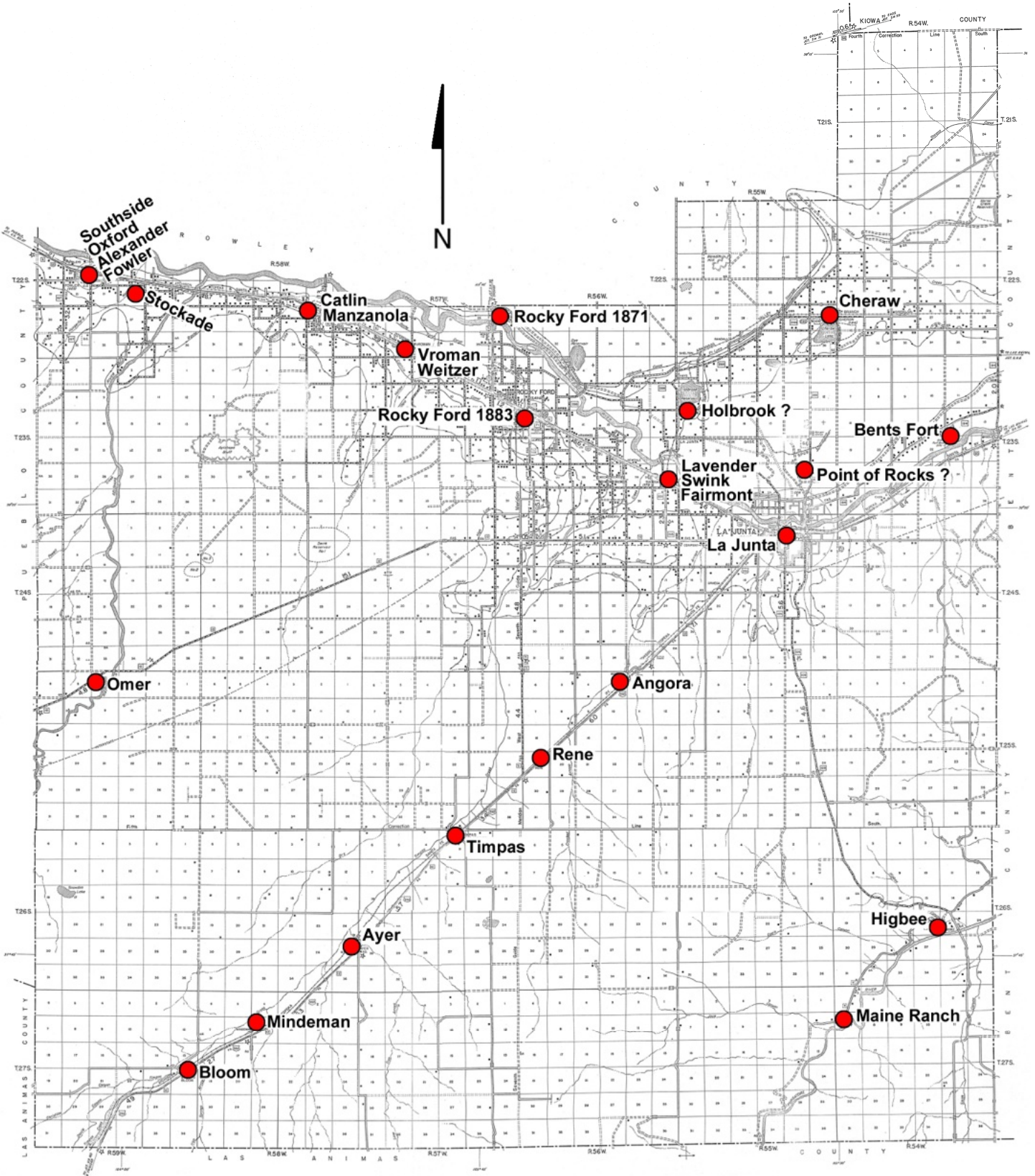
Southwest of La Junta, at approximately five-mile intervals along the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, there was a series of sidings and livestock shipping points. In the years that followed the arrival of the railroad, six of the sidings enjoyed enough activity to warrant the establishment of a post office. From La Junta southwestward, the offices were Angora, Rene, Timpas, Ayer, Mindeman and Bloom. Today only Timpas is still inhabited.

All but four of the post offices that at one time existed in Otero County were not in the Arkansas Valley nor along the Santa Fe Railroad.



**Bent's Old Fort, outside La Junta in Otero County, Colorado**

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Post Office Location Map – Otero County

## ALEXANDER

Alexander was the name applied to the Fowler Post Office for a few days in 1900. W. E. Alexander was the president and general manager of the Fowler Town and Land Company. The citizens raised a fuss and in objection a "remonstrance" signed by over 200 citizens was sent to Washington. After eleven days, the Post Office Department rescinded the change. It is unlikely that postmaster Urias Ringer ever implemented the change in name. The existence of an Alexander postmark would be most surprising.

### Chronology of the Post Office

<b>Mar 20 1900</b>	<b>Name changed from Fowler</b>
<b>Mar 20 1900</b>	<b>Ringer, Urias S.</b>
<b>Mar 31 1900</b>	<b>Name change rescinded Re-named Fowler</b>

### Confirmed types of postal markings

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ALEXANDER**

## ANGORA

For a brief time Angora was a post office on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad approximately six miles southwest of La Junta. Benton was the name preferred by the local residents. However, with reference to the name Benton, the Post Office Department stated "can not be granted." It seems that it was a conflict with a Benton Post Office in California.

The name Benton has continued in use long after the Angora Post Office was closed. It is still shown on the 1977 County Highway Map of Otero County, prepared by the State Department of Highways.

Beginning at US Highway 50 in La Junta, drive eight miles southwest on US Highway 350. At that point, a farm road to west goes under the railroad. I visited the site on a cold and very foggy morning in January 1998. Other than three horses in a pasture, and thanks to several inches of snow, there was nothing visible to mark the location. It seems probable that there never was an organized settlement and that Benton was merely a siding on the AT&SF.

### Chronology of the Post Office

<b>May 11 1891 ---</b>	<b>NE/4 Sec 3 T25S R56W On west side of AT&amp;SF tracks, Benton Station Name requested - BENTON - "cannot be granted" Proposed postmaster - John N. Bovee</b>
<b>Jun 18 1891</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Jun 18 1891</b>	<b>Bovee, John N.</b>
<b>Jul 7 1894</b>	<b>Discontinued Mail to La Junta</b>

### Confirmed types of postal markings

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ANGORA**

## AYER

Ayer was another in the series of railroad post offices along the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad southwest of La Junta. The location is five and one-half miles southwest of Timpas, at the junction of US Highway 350 with Otero County Road 13 to the south.

There was a station on the railroad and likely it was a shipping point for livestock. There may have been a few buildings and perhaps a small store. Nothing more relative to Ayer has been reported and I have found no reference to the source of the name.

In 1998, no structures remain. There was a Highway Department gravel pile, marking the location.

**AYER – Continued**

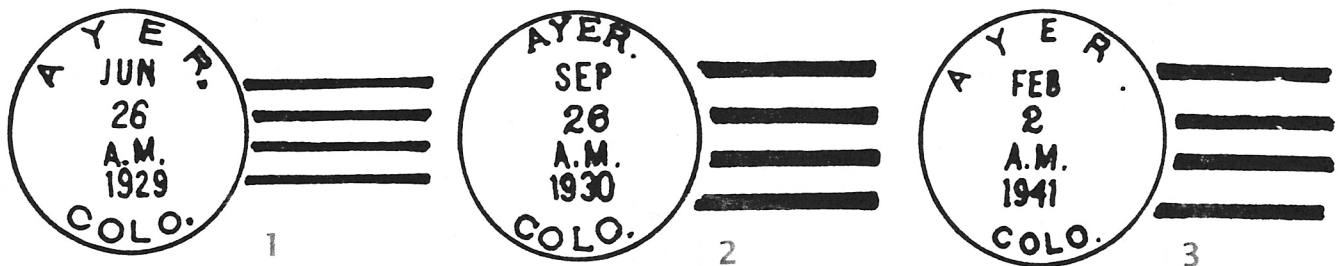
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 12 1911	---	S/2 NE/4 Sec 25 T26S R58W 1/4 mile SE of Timpas Creek 175 feet SE of AT&SF	
Oct 18 1911		Established	
Oct 18 1911		Hohenbaum, Mrs. Mary	Confirmed
Feb 21 1912		Hohenbaum, Mrs. Mary	Commissioned
Mar 1 1912		Hohenbaum, Mrs. Mary	Assumed charge
Apr 28 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 25 T26S R58W 1/4 mile south of Timpas Creek 215 feet south of AT&SF, Ayer Station	
Sep 3 1941		Ordered closed	
Aug 31 1941		Discontinued Mail to Timnpas	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	AYER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Jun 26 1929 Feb 18 1930
2	AYER. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 17 1930 Sep 26 1930
3	AYER, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 2 1941



**BENTS FORT**

Bent's Fort was one of the oldest settlements in what is now the state of Colorado but it did not gain a post office until 1863, more than three years after the 1859 Gold Rush began.

The principal reason for the discrepancy is that in 1849 the United States Government attempted to purchase the fort. The negotiations could not be concluded to the satisfaction of the Bent brothers and tiring of the argument they destroyed the original fort and in 1853 built a new fort, forty miles down the Arkansas River.

In 1860 the U. S. Government did acquire the New Bent's Fort and gave it the name of Fort Wise. A post office opened under that name but in 1862 it was renamed Fort Lyon. For a more detailed discussion of Fort Wise and Fort Lyon, please refer to the Bent County chapter of *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*.

In 1863 the Barlow and Sanderson Overland Mail Company placed a stage station at the site of Old Bent's Fort. The location had become an important junction for the stage and wagon roads coming west along the Arkansas River and at Bent's Old Fort, branching to Santa Fe and to Pueblo and Denver. The advancement into Colorado of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad diverted traffic to the south side of the river. By 1873, even though the railroad was stalled at Granada, the stage station at Bent's Old Fort was no longer needed and the post office closed.

**BENTS FORT – Continued**

The Bent's Fort Post Office served only the stage coaches and station workers. No community developed at that time and most travelers did not make use of the post office. A measure of the postal business at Bent's Fort is that for the fiscal year 1864-1865 the postmaster received only \$13.61 in compensation.

Charles and William Bent began trading in Colorado in the early 1830's. It is generally accepted that by 1833 they had completed their trading post on the north side of the Arkansas River (the south side was still part of Mexico). The fort was impressive to the native tribes and to travelers. It measured 180 feet by 135 feet. The walls were four feet thick and fifteen feet high. Two watch towers, each ten feet in diameter and thirty feet high, were placed at opposite corners of the enclosure. Living quarters, stores, and storage facilities ringed the inside of the wall and opened into the central courtyard. William Bent operated the fort while brother George, with Ceran St. Vrain, became active in the general mercantile business in Santa Fe and Taos.

The fort was in a prime location to trade with the native tribes of the western plains and with the Mexicans to the south. It was also near where the Santa Fe Trail left the Arkansas River to follow the Purgatoire River to and over Raton Pass. Bent's Fort was the last chance for travelers on the trail to acquire supplies before they reached Santa Fe.

In 1846 The U. S. Government leased the fort and it served as a staging point for General Stephen Watts Kearney before he took his army to Santa Fe. Although there was not a post office at Bents Fort during those early years, at least one letter is known that was written at Bents Fort by a soldier in Kearney's army. It was sent back east by military courier.

After the departure of Barlow and Sanderson, the fort once again fell into disrepair. The following, written by Mr. U. L. Hiatt, appeared in the *Silver State Record* Volume 2, Number 8, December 1964:

"It is said that cattlemen corralled their herds of cattle at the old fort during the annual round-up. A Mr. Reynolds, who owned the farm land on which the old fort was located, deeded the land immediately surrounding the fort to the Daughters of the Republic of La Junta, who erected a monument commemorating the site of the old fort. They also planted trees around the area and built a large stone gateway leading from the highway to the location of the fort. In later years the D.A.R turned the old fort and surrounding land over to the State Historical Society. Now permanent ownership has been acquired by the National Parks Association and it has been designated as Bent's Old Fort National Park Site. Presently they are completing excavations of the old fort."

Bent's Old Fort has been restored, and is open to the public. From La Junta drive north across the river on Colorado 109. A mile north of the river, turn right on Colorado 194. It is five miles to the fort.

Latitude = 38:05:37 North Longitude = 103:05:17 West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	<b>No Site Location Report was found under Otero, Bent, Pueblo, Huerfano or Pueblo Counties</b>
<b>Jun 4 1863</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Jun 4 1863</b>	<b>Barnum, Lewis</b>
<b>Nov 2 1865</b>	<b>Lansing, Edward W.</b>
<b>Apr 18 1866</b>	<b>Cooper, James M.</b>
<b>Feb 17 1868</b>	<b>Holbrook, Daniel W.</b>
<b>Jan 18 1869</b>	<b>Lauder, Philip</b>
<b>Feb 25 1873</b>	<b>Brewer, Watson M.</b>
<b>Dec 2 1873</b>	<b>Discontinued</b>



**BENTS FORT – Continued**



**BENT'S FORT / COL.**

**April 18**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--|--|
| 0 | Bents-Fort<br>--                       | Aug 1 1846<br>CDS Kearney Expedition Letter, Datelined<br>Bents Fort Aug 1, 1846 with cds FORT LEAVENWORTH, MO /<br>Aug 31 [NOT ILLUSTRATED] |
| 1 | Bents-Ft. C T<br>MS                    | Apr 30 1865 Jul 8 1865<br>Mscp Pen cancel  |
| 2 | BENT'S FORT / COL.<br>CI 11P 24.0/13.0 | Mar 23 186- Aug 28 186-<br>Hstp Cork, circle of wedges, smudge   |

*Bent's Fort  
April 18* 1



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**BLOOM**

From La Junta southwestward along the route of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad there were six locations that at one time or another were home to a post office. Bloom was the last of the group, four miles by road from the Otero-Las Animas County line.

In 1862 Henry C. Withers established a stage station on the Santa Fe Trail at Iron Springs. Ten years later the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad replaced the stage line between La Junta and Trinidad. A station was established on the railroad but about two miles west-northwest of the Iron Springs Station, which was at the end of present day Otero County Road 9.

The new station on the railroad took the name of Bloom, for Frank Bloom, a pioneer banker, businessman and son-in-law of M. D. Thatcher. Thatcher was a prominent cattleman and Frank Bloom operated several of the ranches belonging to Thatcher.

### **BLOOM – Continued**

Like the other post office sites along the AT&SF, Bloom was a siding and a shipping point for livestock. The post office at Bloom lasted for nearly forty years. That implies that the location had a reasonable amount of activity and served a reasonable number of local ranchers.

The Bloom site is uninhabited but in 1998 there were still the remains of a small cluster of buildings on the east side of US Highway 350, five miles northeast of the old Delhi Store in Las Animas County.

Latitude = 37:41:15 North Longitude = 103:57:22 West



**Bloom, Colorado – Ruins of buildings on the east side of US Highway 350**  
 Photograph by William H. Bauer January 11, 1998

### **Chronology of the Post Office**

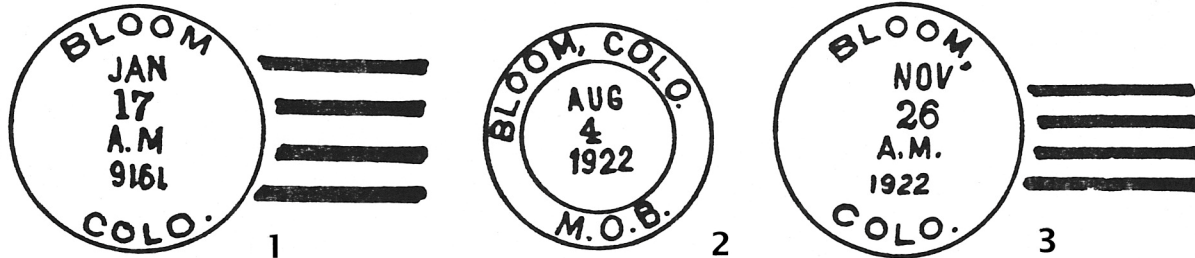
Apr 18 1899	Established
Apr 18 1899	Watts, James W.
Dec 11 1899	Establishment rescinded
Apr 29 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 24 T27S R59W (document reads 27N) 300 feet south of the AT&SF
Apr 19 1913	Moved from Delhi
Apr 19 1913	Williams, Frances L.
Jun 10 1915	Meade, Alah
May 3 1916 ---	NW/4 NE/4 Sec 24 T27S R59W 1/4 mile east of Timpas Creek 185 feet north of AT&SF
Jun 9 1917	Killian, John J.
Jan 26 1921	Heinzman, Daisy
May 31 1938	Discontinued

### **Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	BLOOM / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jan 17 1916 4bars S-24x19mm
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**BLOOM – Continued**

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|---|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | BLOOM, COLO. / M.O.B.<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer  | Jul 17 1922 Aug 4 1922  |
| 3 | BLOOM, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 33.0             | 4bars S-25x14mm | Jun 26 1922 May 31 1938 |



**CATLIN**

Catlin was located on the south side of the Arkansas River, west of La Junta. It was on the eventual line of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. The area was settled as early as 1869 by two stockmen, Jasper M. and James W. Beaty and a grocer, William H. May. An early irrigation project in the area was the Catlin Ditch; it is said that one of the early settlers was a man named Catlin. Thus there is a small question as to whether the town was named for the man or for the ditch. In 1891 the town was incorporated under the name Catlin but after the name had been changed to Manzanola. The town was re-incorporated in 1900.

During the period when the town was known as Catlin there were a number of good farms in the vicinity but the principal activity was raising livestock.

For a discussion of the post-1895 history of this location, please refer to the discussion of Manzanola.

Catlin and Manzanola were at the same location, eighteen miles east from La Junta, on US Highway 50.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

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|-------------|-----|--|
| Oct 30 1879 | --- | NW/4 Sec 26 T22S R58W 1/4 mile south of Arkansas River<br>South side of railroad, Apishapa Station<br>Proposed postmaster - William H. May |
| Nov 6 1879  |     | Established  |
| Apr 6 1879  |     | May, William H. <a href="#">[SRM: No record of William H. May in US Appts. of Postmasters]</a>   |
| Oct 16 1882 |     | Beaty, Jasper N.   |
| Nov 4 1895  |     | Name changed to Manzanola  |

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | CATLIN / COLORADO<br>CI 20P 27.0/25.5 | Hstp Fancy, Star-in-circle | May 3 1885 Apr 8 1888   |
| 2 | CATLIN / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.0         | Hstp Not recorded          | Nov 14 1891 Mar 14 1895 |



**CHERAW**

Cheraw is a small community in the northern portion of Otero County. It was a latecomer to the scene having been platted in 1907 and incorporated in 1917. It was on the Holly and Swink Railroad, a subsidiary of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. This railroad was on the north side of the Arkansas River and provided better access to market for the farmers growing sugar beets on the irrigated lands north of the river. It seems likely that the railroad provided the impetus for platting the town.

There seems to be a general consensus that the name is taken from the Cheraw tribe of Indians that once lived in Virginia and the Carolinas. There is a Cheraw, South Carolina. The meaning of the name is in doubt. Some authors state that it means, "sparkling waters" and may refer to the nearby Lake Cheraw. Another claim is that the word means "fire." However, "...according to South Carolina place name scholars, the meaning is unknown." (Maxine Benson in *1001 Colorado Place Names*)

In 1997 Cheraw was still an active but small community. It consists of a number of scattered residences and a small business district. From La Junta drive north on Colorado Highway 109 eight miles and turn east on Grand Avenue into Cheraw.

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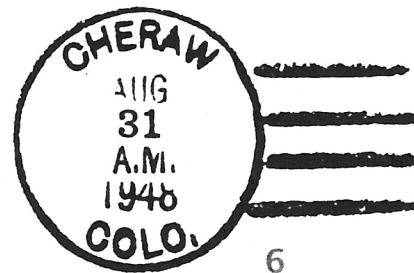
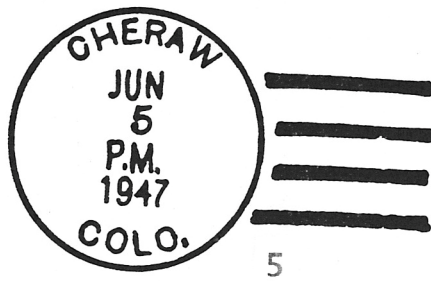
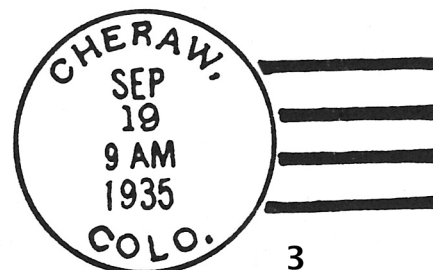
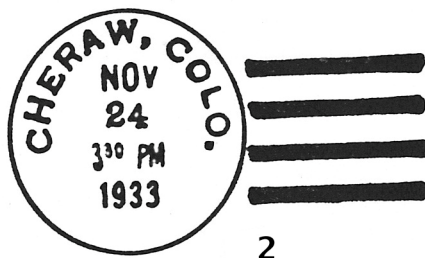
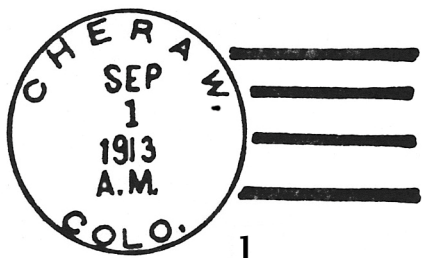
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 2 1910	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T22S R55W Total Population to be supplied with mail: " About 80 at present not counting Mexicans. Including them about 150." Proposed postmaster - Albert F. Glase
Aug 13 1910		Established
Aug 13 1910		Glase, Albert F.
Oct 14 1910	---	NE/4 SE/4 Sec 25 T22S R55W On south side of track about 150 feet from the depot
Feb 14 1919		Ayres, John L. Declined appointment
Jun 13 1919		Beman, Adah M.
Dec 9 1919	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T22S R55W 150 feet from AT&SF track
Oct 2 1920		Little, Adah Beman Declined appointment
Jan 24 1921		Wade, Nellie S. Confirmed
Feb 10 1921		Wade, Nellie S. Commissioned
Oct 23 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T22S R55W On state 109 100 feet SW of AT&SF station
Sep 2 1945	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T22S R55W Move 100 feet east of previous site "Nellie S. Wade P.M. is deceased, Burton S. Wade asst."
Jun 12 1946		Wade, Howard F. Appointed & Confirmed
Jun 27 1946		Wade, Howard F. Commissioned
Jun 30 1946		Wade, Howard F. Assumed charge
Jul 1 1946		Office made Presidential
Jan 10 1947		Wade, Howard F. Nominated
Jul 11 1947		Wade, Howard F. Confirmed
Jul 14 1947		Wade, Howard F. Appointed Presidential
Sep 9 1947		Wade, Howard F. Assumed charge
Sep 14 1947		Wade, Howard F. Commissioned
Jul 1 1948		Office relegated
Jul 6 1948		Wade, Howard F. Appointed & Confirmed
Aug 30 1948		Wade, Howard F. Commissioned
Sep 30 1948		Wade, Howard F. Assumed charge
Jul 1 1949		Office made Presidential
Mar 8 1968		Wade, Mrs. Retha Jean Acting
Jul 10 1970		Hanson, Mrs. Barbara Officer in charge
Feb 20 1971		Schaefer, Fred E. Assumed charge as postmaster
Jun 21 1974		Hansen, Mrs. Barbara A. Officer in charge
Jun 29 1974		Hansen, Mrs. Barbara A. Appointed
Mar 21 1980		Terrones, Ms. Maria Officer in charge
Jul 26 1980		Terrones, Ms. Maria Appointed

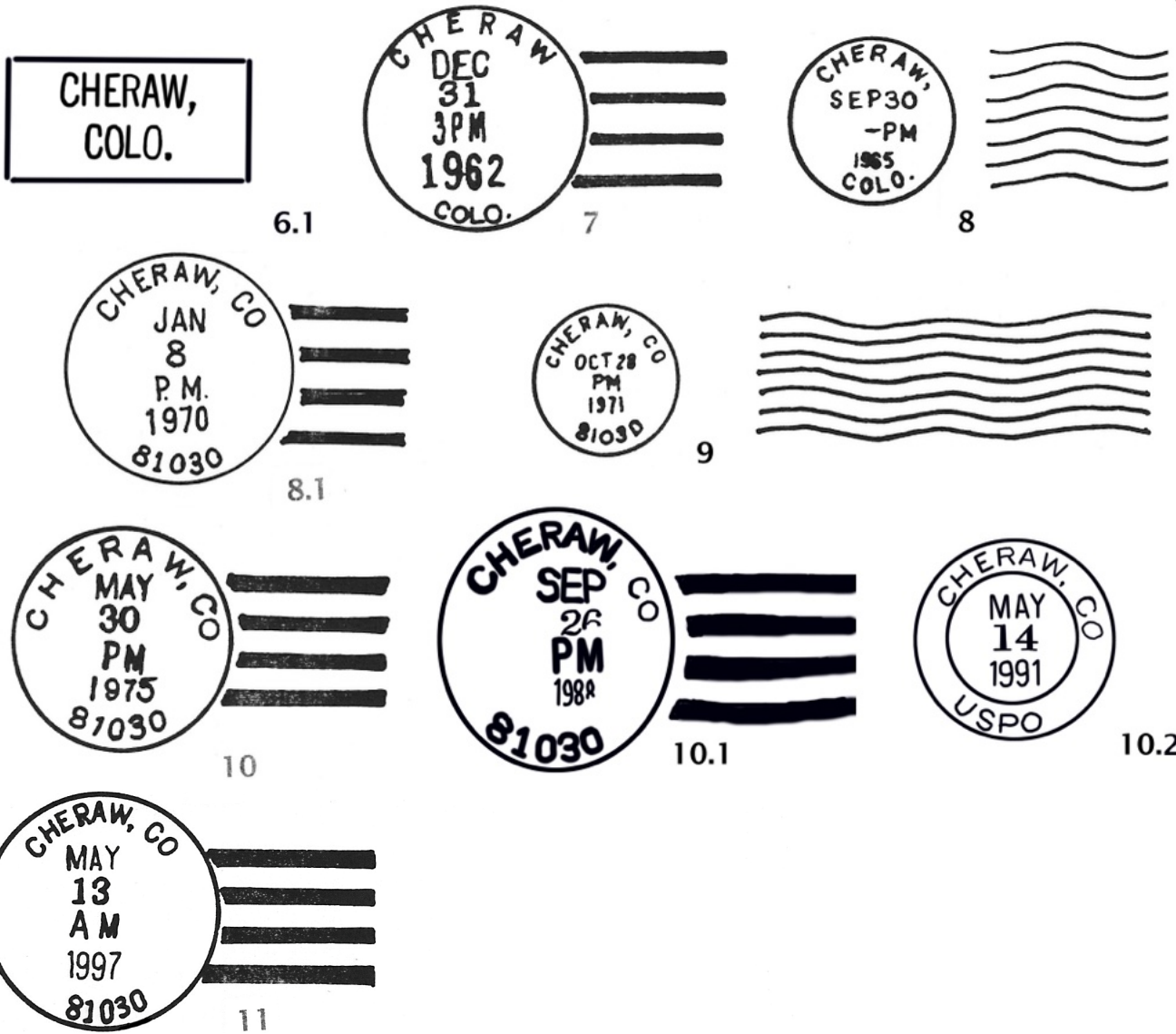
**CHERAW – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	CHERAW, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 1 1913 Jun 5 1918
2	CHERAW, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Nov 24 1933
3	CHERAW, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 28 1935 Jul 5 1940
4	CHERAW / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 28 1940 Feb 6 1945
5	CHERAW / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 5 1947
6	CHERAW / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 31 1948 Mar 3 1955
6.1	CHERAW, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0x18.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1950s
7	CHERAW / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 9 1959 Jan 10 1966
8	CHERAW, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	May 23 1963 Sep 30 1971
8.1	CHERAW, CO / 81030 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jan 8 1970
9	CHERAW, CO / 81030 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 28 1971 May 25 1990
10	CHERAW, CO / 81030 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x18mm	May 30 1975
10.1	CHERAW, CO / 81030 CI 10P 36.0?	4bar S-26x21 Distorted	Sep 26 1988
10.2	CHERAW, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 14 1991
11	CHERAW, CO / 81030 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	May 13 1997 Apr 11 2001



CHERAW – Continued



**FAIRMOUNT**

Prior to the platting of the town of Swink in 1906, there was little more than a railroad boxcar that served as a depot at this location. The depot was named Fairmount and was a shipping point on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. In addition to the depot it seems likely that there were a few homes and a small business or two.

In 1906 the community was renamed for Senator George Swink

In addition to the post office with the names Fairmount and Swink, there was an even earlier post office at this location - Lavender. The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports for Lavender indicate that the two places were no more than a few hundred yards apart, with Lavender being to the east of the Fairmount location.

Please refer to the discussions of Lavender and Swink for more information on this location.

Fairmount (Lavender, Swink) is on US Highway 50 and the Atchison Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad four miles west of La Junta.

**FAIRMOUNT - Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 2 1899	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T23S R56W 1/2 mile south of Arkansas River 1/2 mile east of Timpas Creek South side of AT&SF 150 feet from Swink Station Proposed postmaster - Charles A. Reynolds
Jan 19 1900		Established
Jan 19 1900		Reynolds, Charles A.
Feb 7 1906		Name changed to Swink

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	FAIRMOUNT / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 22 1906 Hstp Cork, smudge [Used after change in name to Swink]
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**FOWLER**

Settlement at this place began in the 1860's with the ranch and stage station known as South Side. The South Side Post Office lasted from 1869 to 1877. For the next five years there was apparently no need for a post office in the area. In 1882 the Oxford Post Office opened and lasted until 1890 when the name was changed to Fowler. There was also a brief period in 1900 (eleven days) when the post office was officially known as Alexander. Since that brief interlude it has remained the Fowler Post Office. Somewhere in the history of this town, the name Sibley was also in use but not as a post office.

In her book *1001 Colorado Place Names* Maxine Benson reports the following:

"Shortly before his death in 1887, the noted phrenologist Orson Squire Fowler embarked on a new project, the Fowler Colony Irrigation and Industrial Company. His aim, he told prospective investors, was "to organize in southern Colorado a wealth and health producing enterprise," where "people could come from the East and acquire a practical knowledge of farming, stock raising and other healthful and profitable industries of the west. The site chosen on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, he noted, was at the station now known as "Oxford" but which will probably be changed to "Fowler."

The town of Fowler was platted in 1887 and probably included the existing Oxford Post Office within the town plat. However, it was three years before the post office name was changed to Fowler. Fowler was incorporated in 1900.

Like the other towns along the Arkansas River, the economy of Fowler depended on agriculture. At first it was stock-raising but as irrigation expanded along the river other crops became important. Melons were important, sugar beets flourished, and other vegetables were produced. The presence of a railroad siding offered prompt shipment of the produce to markets.

As the twentieth century came to a close, the importance of crops that depended heavily on irrigation went into decline. Once again livestock took a more central position in the economy of this portion of Otero County.

**FOWLER – Continued**

Fowler is situated on US Highway 50 and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, two miles east of the Otero-Pueblo County line. Colorado Highway 167 from the north intersects US 50 at Fowler. The town is an active residential and business community. As late as 1997 the post office was housed in an attractive two-story stone building that has the appearance of once having been a bank building.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 6 1890	Name changed from Oxford	
Sep 6 1890	Rogers, Alfred H.	
Mar 12 1891	Rider, David	
Apr 13 1891	Rider, Samuel D.	
Dec 24 1891	Denney, Sylvester W.	
Aug 27 1897	Ringer, Urias S.	
Mar 20 1900	Name changed to Alexander	
Mar 31 1900	Name change to Alexander rescinded	
Aug 30 1901	Balch, Daniel E.	
Apr 8 1903	Gilbert, James S.	
Jul 27 1906	Williams, William L.	
Jul 7 1907	Williams, William L.	
Mar 2 1911	Williams, William L.	P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jul 9 1914	--- SW/4 Sec 17 T22S R59W 450 feet south of AT&SF	P
Mar 23 1915	McDonald, William J.	P&S
Dec 16 1915	McDonald, William J.	P&S
Feb 16 1920	McDonald, William J.	P&S
Mar 1 1924	Glaze, Ben H.	
Mar 1 1928	Glaze, Ben H.	Confirmed
Mar 1 1932	Glaze, Ben H.	Nominated
Apr 1 1932	Glaze, Ben H.	Confirmed & Commissioned
Apr 13 1936	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Nominated
Apr 18 1936	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Confirmed
Apr 21 1936	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Appointed Presidential
Apr 24 1936	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Commissioned
May 18 1936	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Assumed charge
Apr 15 1940	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Nominated
Apr 24 1940	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
May 16 1940	Mutz, Roscoe D.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	--- 116 Main St. SE/4 Sec 17 T22S R59W	
Apr 21 1944	--- 123 Main St. SE/4 Sec 17 T22S R59W AT&SF 1 block (400 feet)	
Mar 31 1946	Teilborg, Richard M.	Acting
Apr 1 1946	Teilborg, Richard M.	Assumed charge
Feb 26 1947	Teilborg, Richard M.	Nominated
Jul 11 1947	Teilborg, Richard M.	Confirmed
Jul 14 1947	Teilborg, Richard M.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1947	Teilborg, Richard M.	Assumed charge
Jun 20 1972	Donovan, Thomas J.	Officer in charge
Nov 25 1972	Donovan, Thomas J.	Appointed
Sep 27 1973	Stubbs, Mrs. Ruby	Officer in charge
Feb 2 1974	Buchner, Mrs. Connie L.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	FOWLER / COLO.	Feb 18 1891
	CI 10P 26.0	
	Hstp Not present	



**FOWLER – Continued**

**1.1 FOWLER, COLO. / M.O.B.  
CI 11P 29.5/19.0**

**Oct 23 1899**

**Hstp No killer**

**[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]**

**1.2 FOWLER / COLO.  
CI 10P 28.0**

**Dec 1- 1901 Mar 19 1902**

**Hstp Cork smudge**

**1.3 FOWLER, COLO. / REC'D.  
CI 10P 29.5**

**Jul 11 1907 Sep 28 1907**

**Hstp No Killer**

**2 FOWLER / COLO.  
CI 10P 30.0**

**Oct 24 1907 Dec 29 1914**

**Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval**

**3 FOWLER / COLO.  
CI 10P 22.0**

**Jun 27 1927 Feb 12 1936**

**Mach 7 wavy lines**

**4 FOWLER / COLO.  
CI 10P 30.0**

**Dec 15 1925 Dec 7 1934**

**Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval**

**5 FOWLER. / COLO.  
CI 10P 30.0**

**Oct 23 1935 Oct 19 1965**

**Dplx Grid, oval with 1**

**6 FOWLER, / COLO.  
CI 10P 23.0**

**Dec 22 1946 Jan 28 1968**

**Mach 7 wavy lines**

**6.1 FOWLER, / COLO.  
RC 10P 40.0x23.0**

**1950s**

**Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style**

**7 FOWLER / COLO.  
CI 10P 30.0**

**Jun 25 1962**

**Dplx Grid, diamond with 1**

**8 FOWLER, CO / 81039  
CI 10P 32.0**

**Apr 29 1966 Jul 19 1977**

**4bars S-23x19mm**

**9 FOWLER, CO / 81039  
CI 10P 22.0**

**Jan 29 1968 Jun 22 1976**

**Mach 7 wavy lines**

**9.0 FOWLER, CO 81039 / USPS  
CI 11P 27.5/18.5**

**Oct 29 1988**

**Hstp No killer**

**9.1 FOWLER, CO / 81039  
CI 10P 21.0**

**May 8 1990 Jun 25 1990**

**Mach 7 wavy lines**

**10 FOWLER, CO / 81039  
CI 10P 34.0**

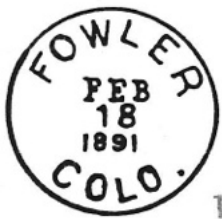
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**4bars S-21x16mm**

**11 FOWLER, CO 81039 / USPS  
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**Apr 4 1992**

**Hstp No killer**



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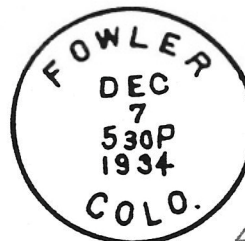
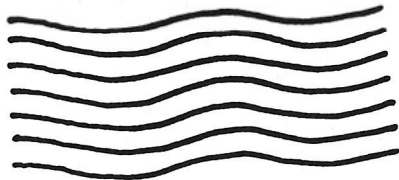
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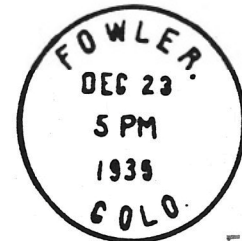
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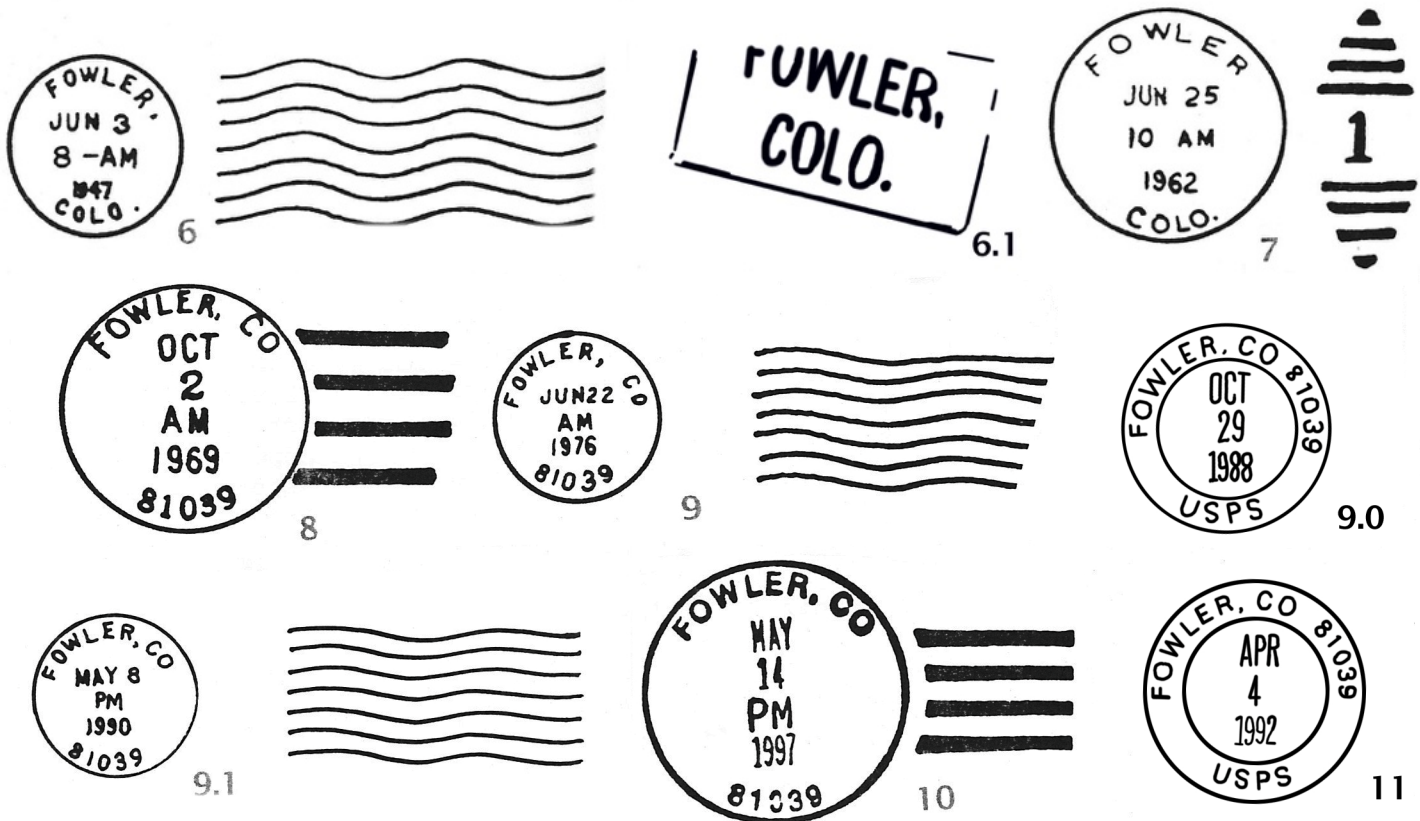
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## FOWLER – Continued



## HIGBEE

In 1860 Uriah Higbee settled at Trinidad. In 1866 he moved down the Purgatoire River to a place known as "Nine Mile Bottom." In 1869 the Jones brothers, Jim, Peyton and Steve joined him in the area. They established the JJ Cattle Ranch. In 1881 the Jones brothers sold their ranch to the Prairie Land and Cattle Company. Higbee partnered with Sam Smith to run one of the more important cattle ranches of southeastern Colorado. Other early settlers in the area were William Richards, John Carson and Jim Elkins.

Mr. Higbee's name has caused confusion. It has been spelled Uriah, Urial, Uriel, and even Riley.

The "town" of Higbee was never more than a functional center for the ranch families along the Purgatoire River.

The 1872 Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the Higbee Post Office on the west side of modern Colorado Highway 109, just before the highway crosses the Purgatoire River. Today this area is open meadow and marshland along the river with no remaining structures.

Approximately two miles north of the Purgatoire River bridge, there is a side road south from Highway 109. About one mile from Highway 109 the Higbee Cemetery is located between the road and the river. It is still in active use and is maintained as an historical site. Another two miles down this road is a ranch complex on the north side of the road that local residents claim was another, late site of the Higbee Post Office. However, that location is not recorded in the Site Location Reports.

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**HIGBEE – Continued**



**Higbee Colo                      November 7, 1876**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Apr 13 1872 --- SE/4 Sec 22 T26S R54W On north side of Las Animas Creek (River)
- Apr 25 1872     Established
- Apr 25 1872     Smith, Samuel T.
- Dec 8 1874      Robinson, Riley
- Nov 27 1885     Christie, Robert
- Dec 6 1894      Wood, Miss Cora
- Feb 26 1898     Wilson, Dora
- Jul 20 1904     Warren, Frances
- Sep 11 1909     Wilson, Dora
- Jul 1 1919      Bell, Florence H.
- Jan 14 1925     Ordered closed
- Feb 28 1925     Discontinued Mail to La Junta

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1.A	Higbee Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Dec 12 1874 Nov 20 1877
1.B	Higbee Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Nov 7 1876 Jul 30 1878
2	HIGBEE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Mar 20 1895 Apr 13 1899
3	HIGBEE, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 2, S-23x13mm	Oct 17 1906 Oct 24 1910
4	HIGBEE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 21 1910 Jun 17 1919

HIGBEE – Continued

*Higbee Col*  
*Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 77*

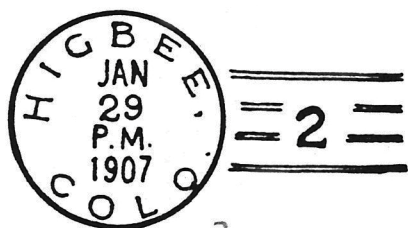
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*Higbee Co*  
*Nov 2/76*

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**HOLBROOK**

The 1906 date for the establishment of Holbrook is an indication that it was connected to the Holly and Swink Railroad, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad subsidiary on the north side of the Arkansas River.

There is no Geographic Site Location Report for Holbrook so I do not have a reasonably firm location for the post office. However, three miles north of Swink and on the east side of the railroad there is the Holbrook Reservoir, an artificial lake to store water from the river for irrigation use during the summer growing season. At the south end of the reservoir on an east-west road there is a grouping of residences along the road. I suspect that the Holbrook Post Office would have been in this area and close to the railroad.

A request for a postmaster was filed and apparently a postmaster was appointed. For some unknown reason the appointment was placed on hold and eight months later the establishment of the Holbrook Post Office was rescinded. There is no reason to believe that Holbrook was ever in operation as a post office.

From Swink, cross the Arkansas River and drive north somewhat less than three miles. A road to the east will take you to the south end of the Holbrook Reservoir and the suspected location of Holbrook.

Latitude = 38:05:03 North Longitude = 103:32:36 West HOLBROOK CEMETERY

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 6 1906	Established	
Jun 6 1906	Luginbill, David A.	Appointment placed on hold
Feb 27 1907	Establishment rescinded	It is unlikely that Holbrook ever operated.

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM HOLBROOK**

**LA JUNTA**

An early name for this location was Kings Ferry. As such, it was apparently a way stop for stagecoaches and travelers. Morris F. Taylor in *First Mail West* includes a statement: "They stopped for a change of mules at Kings Ferry (the site of La Junta, Colorado)."

**LA JUNTA – Continued**

The meaning of the name La Junta is not open to question. It is Spanish for, “the junction.” The question is what junction? There are three choices. First, for the road up the Arkansas River it was the junction for the roads on to Trinidad and Pueblo. Second, it was a junction of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe with the Arkansas Valley Railroad (a Union Pacific Subsidiary). Third, it became the junction of the Santa Fe main line to Trinidad and over Raton Pass with the branch to Pueblo.

The location of La Junta was on the Vigil and St. Vrain Mexican Land Grant as originally specified. One source claims that James Bonney settled there in 1842. The Santa Fe arrived at the site in 1875 and for a short time the location was the end-of-track. It became an important transshipment point. The firm of Otero, Sellar, and Company operated a large warehouse and the developing community took the name of Otero for Miguel Antonio Otero.

The Santa Fe preferred a different name and chose La Junta as representative of the town’s position on the railroad. When the post office opened in January 1876 it was with the name of La Junta.



**La Junta Col**

**March 23, 1879**

A cover exists with an 1875 manuscript postmark of La Junta. I believe this to be a forgery as in 1875 there was no post office at the place and it is more likely that in 1875 a return address would indicate Otero not La Junta.

The Santa Fe constructed machine shops and a roundhouse at La Junta and for many years it was perhaps the most important Santa Fe rail center in Colorado. It was a meal stop for trains passing through and was home to many of the train crews of the Santa Fe Railroad.

With its prominence as a rail center, La Junta also became a commercial center for a large surrounding area. Even though La Junta is no longer a major rail center, it continues to be an important point for the shipment of produce and livestock

The town was platted, probably in 1876 or 1877; however no plat is on file. The early records for Bent County were destroyed when the Bent County Court House in Las Animas was destroyed by fire. I do not know if a new plat was filed. La Junta was incorporated in 1881.

**LA JUNTA – Continued**

In 1889, the large Bent County was broken down to create a remnant Bent County, Kiowa, Prowers and Otero Counties, and portions of Lincoln and Cheyenne Counties. La Junta was designated the county seat for the new Otero County, a position that it has continuously held.

In the twenty-first century La Junta is a principal commercial and residential center east of Pueblo on the Arkansas River. The town still has rail service. It lies on US 50, a major east-west highway. And as the junction for several Colorado Highways (numbers 10, 71, 109 and 194), it still deserves its name.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 18 1876	---	SW/4 Sec 2 & SE/4 Sec 3 T24S R55W 1/4 mile south of Arkansas River South side of railroad, 700 feet from depot	
Jan 26 1876		Established	
Jan 26 1876		Lutcher, Charles	
May 16 1877		Kuck, Fred M.	
Jul 27 1877		Discontinued	
Sep 20 1878		Re-established	
Sep 20 1878		Brundage, Miss Florence M.	
Dec 27 1878		Alexander, G. A.	
Jan 8 1879		Brundage, Miss Florence M.	
Mar 16 1880		Dunn, James C.	
Aug 4 1881		Hollingsworth, Ray	
Feb 27 1882		Phillips, Rufus	
Nov 27 1885		Hickman, Alex G.	
May 15 1889		Hickman, Alex G.	P&S
Feb 12 1890		Howard, Thomas J.	P&S
Jan 8 1894		Kintner, William M.	P&S
Jan 10 1898		Parks, Charlie D.	P&S
Jan 21 1902		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
Jan 24 1906		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
Jan 19 1910		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
Jan 27 1914		McCauley, Marion R.	P&S
May 4 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 2 T24S R55W 300 feet south of AT&SF	
Feb 21 1916	---	SE/4 Sec 2 T24S R55W "Effect. Apr 1, 1916 Federal Bldg."	
Aug 20 1919		McCauley, Marion R.	P&S
Sep 1 1921		Dalton, Richard G.	Acting
Feb 10 1922		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
Feb 23 1926		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
Feb 25 1930		Dalton, Richard G.	P&S
May 9 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Acting
May 23 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Nominated
May 31 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Confirmed
Jun 1 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Assumed charge
Jul 5 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Commissioned
Jul 9 1934		Wilson, Carlos M.	Assumed charge
Apr 29 1938		Wilson, Carlos M.	Nominated
May 3 1938		Wilson, Carlos M.	Confirmed
May 31 1938		Wilson, Carlos M.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 28 1938		Wilson, Carlos M.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	---	316-322 Colorado Ave. SE/4 Sec 2 T24S R55W	
Jul 23 1942		Wilson, Carlos M.	Nominated
Aug 20 1942		Wilson, Carlos M.	Confirmed
Aug 25 1942		Wilson, Carlos M.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 23 1942		Wilson, Carlos M.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1942		Wilson, Carlos M.	Assumed charge
Sep 30 1951		Klein, Henry G.	Assumed charge
Oct 24 1951		Klein, Henry G.	Acting

**LA JUNTA – Continued**

Mar 12 1952	Klein, Henry G.	Nominated
Mar 27 1952	Klein, Henry G.	Confirmed
Mar 28 1952	Klein, Henry G.	Appointed Presidential & Commisioned
Jun 30 1952	Klein, Henry G.	Assumed charge
Dec 31 1967	Rogers, M. C.	Acting
Feb 16 1968	Grenard, Garth W.	Acting
Feb 20 1970	Rogers, Max C.	Acting
Feb 6 1971	Rogers, Max C.	Assumed charge as postmaster
Jan 12 1979	Tate, James D.	Officer in charge

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

0.1	La Junta C.T. MS	Jul 21 1874 Sep 3 1875
1	La Junta Col MS	Mscp These covers are believed to be fakes Feb 18 1879 Mar 23 1879
2	LA JUNTA, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Mscp Pen cancel Dec 27 1879 Apr 18 1881
3	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Fancy, Solid Maltese Cross; cork, smudge, negative X-roads Oct 16 1882 Mar 10 1886
4	LA JUNTA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Large positive "P", smudge Apr 30 188- Jun 5 1881
5	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 26.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 20mm Sep 3 1887 Aug 20 1888
6	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge May 27 1889 Sep 25 1889
7	LA JUNTA, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads May 6 1893 Feb 17 1899
8	LAJUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Fancy. Positive star, Cork, Smudge Mar 27 1899 Sep 7 1900
8.1	LAJUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval Apr 22 1902
9	LAJUNTA, / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval Feb 27 1903 Jul 22 1904
9.1	LAJUNTA, COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle Mar 12 1911 Jun 4 1913
10	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle Two digit year date Nov 10 1906 Oct 8 1912
11	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag with "1" in bars, split year date Jan 20 1913
12	LA JUNTA, / COLO. SL 00R 25.0x21.0	Flag 13 star waving flag, split year date Apr 20 1913 Apr 4 1916
13	LAJUNTA / COLO. OV 11P 27x21/17x9	Mach 8 straight lines --- -- 1920s
14	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 20.5	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post mute --- -- 1920 Aug 30 1920
14.1	LA JUNTA. COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: BE CAREFUL / WITH FIRE / IN THE / MOUNTAINS Mar 16 1921 Sep 19 1929
15	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Hstp No Killer Dec 16 1918 Jul 15 1940
15.1	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 11P 29.0	Mach 6 wavy lines; narrow space in 'LA JUNTA' Feb 15 1924
15.2	LA JUNTA COLO. / REGISTERED CI 10P 29.0/19.0	Grid, oval with 1 and circle Two digit yr date May 27 1926
		Hstp No killer

LA JUNTA – Continued

*La Junta C.T.*  
9/3/70

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*La Junta Cal*  
2/18/79

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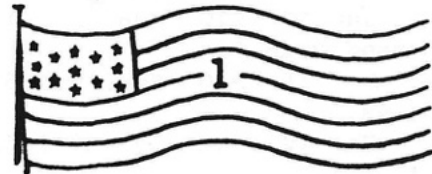
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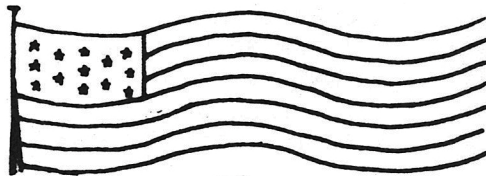
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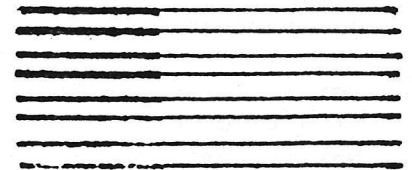


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LA JUNTA,  
SEP 9-13  
—:—PM  
COLO.

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| 16   | LA JUNTA / COLO. M.O.B.<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0      | Jan 30 1928  |
| 17   | LA JUNTA. COLO. / GEN. DEL.<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0  | Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]<br>May 10 1935 May 12 1936 |
| 18   | LA JUNTA / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.0                  | Hstp No killer<br>Nov 16 1936 May 15 1939                                  |
| 19   | LA JUNTA / COLO.<br>CI 10P 30.0                  | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle<br>Jun 12 1940 Jun 9 1949                |
| 20   | LA JUNTA / COLO.<br>CI 10P 20.5                  | Dplx Grid, diamond with 1<br>Nov 15 1940 Apr 8 1959                        |
| 20.1 | LA JUNTA, COLO. / REGISTERED<br>CI 11P 28.0/19.0 | Mach 6 wavy lines<br>Jul 22 1943   |
|      |  | Hstp No killer   |



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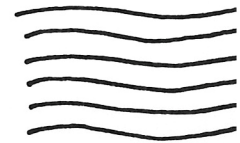
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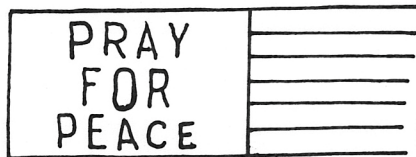
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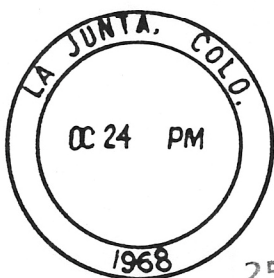
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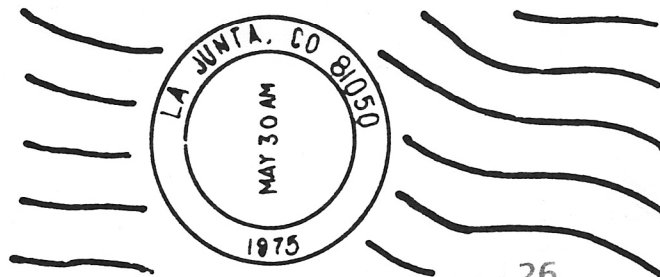
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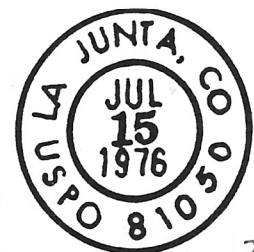
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21	LA JUNTA, COLO. / (GEN. DEL.) CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 12 1940 Oct 8 1941
22	LA JUNTA, COLO. / GEN. DEL. CI 11P 27.5/17.5	Hstp No killer	May 10 1948
23	LA JUNTA, COLO. / PARCEL POST CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 21 1949
23.1	LA JUNTA / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE	Jun 9 1961 Apr 26 1969
24	LA JUNTA, CO / 81050 CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE	May 12 1966 Oct 15 1976
25	LA JUNTA, COLO. CI 11P 35.0/27.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 8 1959 Oct 24 1968
26	LA JUNTA, CO 81050 CI 10P 31.5/23.0	Rolr 7 wavy lines	May 30 1975
27	LA JUNTA, CO / USPO 81050 CI 11P 30.0/17.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 15 1976
27.1	LA JUNTA, CO / 81050 CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 9 1977 Nov 17 1981
27.2	LA JUNTA, CO / 81050 CI 10P 31.0	4bar S-24x18mm	Nov 3 1988
28	LA JUNTA CO / 81050 CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: MAIL EARLY -- / ALWAYS USE / ZIP CODE	Feb 8 1990 Jul 2 1990
29	LA JUNTA, CO / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 15 1991
30	LA JUNTA CO / 81050 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Apr 12 1993
30.1	LA JUNTA CO 81050 / USPS CI 10P 27.0/17.5	Hstp No killer	May 23 1993 Nov 21 2000
31	LA JUNTA, CO 81050 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 13 1993 Jun 26 2000



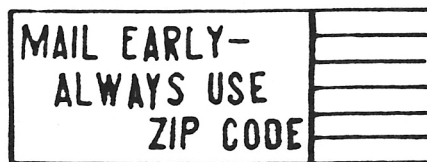
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**LA JUNTA – Continued**

**MAILERS POSTMARK PERMIT**

Mailer's Postmark Permits do not constitute a Postal Station. However, they are legitimate postal markings and, where known, are included for the record.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

----- No official dates of use are known

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- M 1 LA JUNTA CO / 81050 :: MAILER'S / POSTMARK / PERMIT / 1 Jun 11 1981  
CI 10P 25.0 Hstp 4 short wavy lines
- M 2 LA JUNTA CO / 81050-0100 :: MAILER'S/POSTMARK/PERMIT 1 May 5 1986  
CI 10P 32.0 Hstp 4 short wavy line



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**LA JUNTA STATIONS**

**AIR BASE BRANCH**

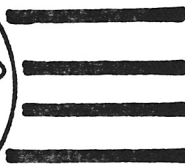
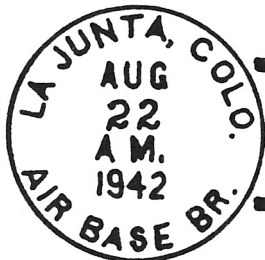
**Chronology of the Post Office**

The Geographic site Location Report does not specify an exact location. However, from an accompanying map, it appears that it was at the location of the present La Junta Airport

- Aug 15 1942 Established as a Classified Branch of La Junta
- Nov 1 1943 Converted to Branch of La Junta
- Apr 16 1946 Closed
- Nov 15 1949 Discontinued officially

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 LA JUNTA, COLO. / AIR BASE BR. Aug 20 1942 Aug 29 1942  
CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-24x20mm



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## LA JUNTA STATIONS – Continued

**C.O.D. STATION**

This station would have been a window within the Main La Junta Post Office.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

---- Date established unknown

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 LA JUNTA (C.O.D.STA.) COLO. / M.O.B. Jan 3 1928  
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



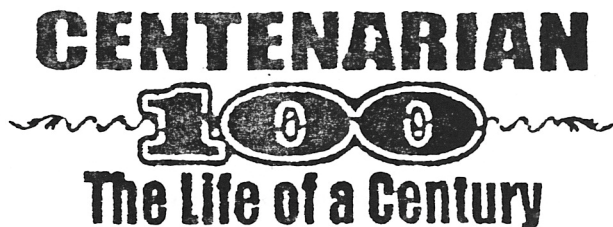
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**CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 La, Junta CO 81050 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000  
SL 00R 97.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /  
The Life of a Century



June 15, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station La Junta, CO 81050 1

**CENTENNIAL STAMP CLUB STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 5 1985 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 LA JUNTA, CO 81050 // CENTENNIAL STAMP CLUB STA. Oct 5 1985  
IR 00R 68.0x38.0 Pict Scene - Flying boat over ocean

**CENTENNIAL STAMP CLUB STA.**

OCT 5 1985  
LA JUNTA, CO. 81050

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**LA JUNTA STATIONS – Continued**

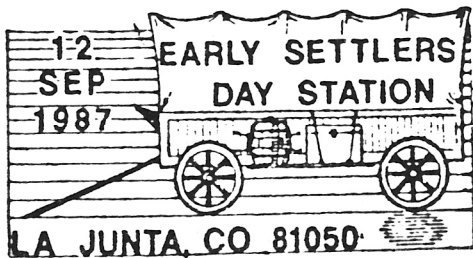
**EARLY SETTLERS DAY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Sep 12 1987      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
  - Sep 10 1988      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- It is possible that this post office operated in years other than 1987 and 1988

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | LA JUNTA, CO 81050 // EARLY SETTLERS / DAY STATION<br>IR 10P 63.0x32.0 | Sep 12 1987<br>Pict Scene - Covered Wagon          |
| 2 | LA JUNTA, CO 81050 // EARLY / SETTLERS DAY STATION<br>IR 00R 84.0x43.0 | Sep 10 1988<br>Pict Scene - Steam engine on tracks |



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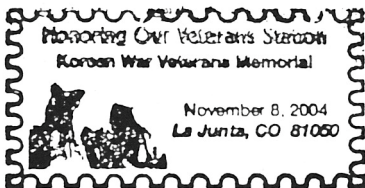
**HONORING OUR VETERANS STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Nov 8 2004      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | La Junta, CO 81050 // Honoring Our Veterans Station<br>RC 10T 48.0x24.0 | Nov 8 2004<br>Pict Scene – Korean War Veterans Memorial;<br>Text – Korean War Veterans Memorial |
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**KIDS RODEO STATION**

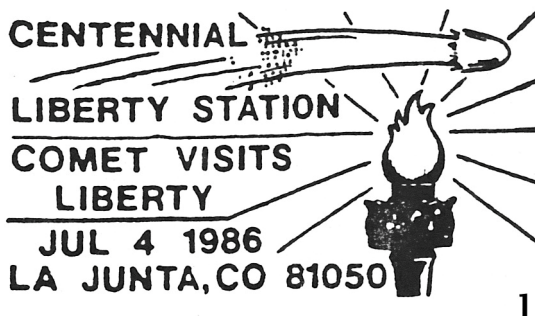
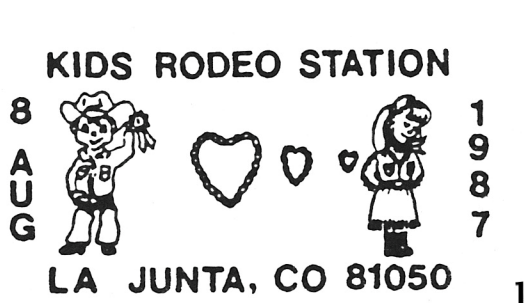
**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Aug 8 1987      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | LA JUNTA, CO 81050 // KIDS RODEO STATION<br>IR 00R 63.0x32.0 | Aug 8 1987<br>Pict Scene - Young boy and girl with rope hearts |
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LA JUNTA STATIONS – Continued  
KIDS RODEO STATION – Continued



**LIBERTY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 4 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 LA JUNTA, CO 81050 // CENTENNIAL / LIBERTY STATION Jul 4 1986  
IR 00R 70.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Liberty torch, comet; Text – COMET VISITS / LIBERTY

**LOCAL MAIL AGENT**

This was an operation in conjunction with the Railway Mail Service.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

1880's Date established unknown

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR THE LOCAL MAIL AGENT

**R.F.D. STATION**

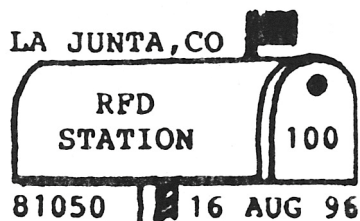
This was a commemorative station, not a normal Rural Free Delivery operation.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 16 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 LA JUNTA, CO / RFD / STATION / 81050 Aug 16 1996  
IR 00R 45.0x26.0 Pict Scene - Rural Mail Box; Text "100" (on box)









**MAINE RANCH – Continued**

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report places Maine Ranch about four miles southwest of Higbee, on the north side of the Purgatoire River.

To reach this location, drive south from La Junta on Colorado Highway 109. About two miles north of the bridge over the Purgatoire River there is a side road to the south. This side road passes the Higbee Cemetery. Approximately five miles from Highway 109 there is an active ranch complex on the river side of the road. Close to the road is a large, old, stone ranch house. In 1999 this was the Simmons Ranch and it seems a reasonable location for the Maine Ranch Post Office. There is a small cemetery on the opposite side of the road a short distance before you come to the ranch. The road continues for another two miles before a locked gate blocks it, but there are no other ranches between the gate and the Simmons Ranch.

This area was part of the “Nine Mile Bottom” where Uriah Higbee settled in 1866.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 5 1872	Established
Mar 5 1872	Voss, Rufus C.
May 15 1875 ---	E/4 Sec 7 T27S R54W North side of the Purgatoire River
Dec 22 1875	Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MAINE RANCH**

**MANZANOLA**

Settlement at this location began perhaps as early as 1869. The community was first known as Catlin and in 1891 was incorporated under that name. In 1895 the post office name, and presumably the town name, was changed to Manzanola. The town was reincorporated under the new name in 1900.

First developed as a stock raising community it soon became more agricultural with a number of apple and cherry orchards. In Spanish, Manzanola is said to mean, “red apple.” Thus it seems the name was changed in order to promote a principal product of the residents.

Manzanola is located on US Highway 50 eighteen miles east of La Junta. It is an active community with a modest residential population and a business district that continues to serve the community and surrounding farms and ranches.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 4 1895	Name changed from Catlin
Nov 4 1895	Beaty, Jasper N.
Dec 30 1895 ---	NW/4 Sec 26 T22S R58W About 50 feet from AT&SF mainline & near side track "Late CATLIN"
Oct 14 1897	Williams, Charles W.
Nov 15 1901	Sheldon, Daniel W.
Jun 21 1906	Stanley, Thomas J.
Jan 23 1908	Stanley, Thomas J.
Nov 23 1911 ---	NE & NW/4 Sec 26 T22S R58W About 900 feet south of AT&SF
Dec 20 1911	Stanley, Thomas J.
May 9 1914	Stanley, Annie P. Acting
Jun 16 1914	Russell, Edward O. P&S
Aug 17 1914 ---	E/2 NW/4 Sec 26 T22S R58W 900 feet south of AT&SF
Sep 22 1922	Miller, Henry P&S
Dec 14 1926	Miller, Henry P&S

## MANZANOLA – Continued

Dec 18 1930	Miller, Henry	P&S
May 21 1935	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Nominated
Jun 4 1935	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Confirmed
Jun 7 1935	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 20 1935	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Commissioned
Jul 5 1935	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Assumed charge
Jun 22 1939	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Nominated
Jul 5 1939	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Confirmed
Jul 12 1939	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Appointed presidential
Aug 22 1939	McClain, Mrs. James W.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	Park St. Sec 26 T22S R58W 20 feet south of U.S. 50 1103 feet south and east from RR Station	
Aug 31 1944	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Acting
Sep 1 1944	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Assumed charge
May 17 1945	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Nominated
May 31 1945	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Confirmed
Jun 1 1945	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Appointed Presidential & Commisisoned
Aug 22 1945	McClain, Mrs. Irene B.	Assumed charge
Dec 31 1972	Swick, Mrs. Betty	Officer in charge
Feb 17 1973	Swick, Mrs. Betty	Appointed

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MANZANOLA / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 13 1891 Mar 19 1898
2	MANZANOLA, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 11 1898
3	MANZANOLA / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Mar 9 1900 Dec 17 1915
4	MANZANOLA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-21x13mm	Sep 6 1907 Apr 27 1910
5	MANZANOLA / COLO. CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 21 1919 Jul 19 1937
6	MANZANOLA / COLO. RC 10P 43.0x15.0	Rolr No killer, continuous impression	--- -- 1920s
7	MANZANOLA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Oct 9 1936 Apr 27 1958
7.1	MANZANOLA / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x16.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1950s [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
7.2	MANZANOLA, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 26 1964
8	MANZANOLA, CO / 81058 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 13 1965 Jul 25 1972
9	MANZANOLA, CO / 81058 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 8 1971 Dec 11 1975
10	MANZANOLA, CO / 81058 CI 10P ?	Mach 7 wavy lines	May 7 1976 Aug 15 1990
11	MANZANOLA, CO / 81058 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 7 1976
11.1	MANZANOLA, CO / 81058 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-26x20mm	Sep 26 1988 Apr 22 1991
12	MANZANOLA CO / 81058 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-13x23mm	May 14 1997
A 1	manzanola, colo SL 00R 42.0x14.0	Aux Hstp Mailed on / Rural Route	--- -- 1920s

MANZANOLA – Continued



Post Office – Manzanola, Colorado  
Photograph by James L. Ozment  
October 5, 1997



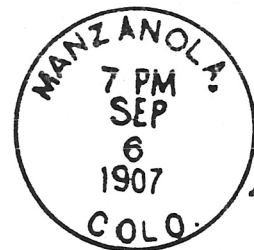
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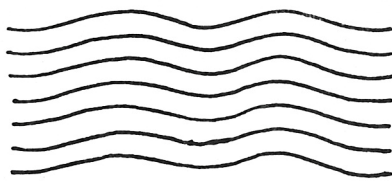
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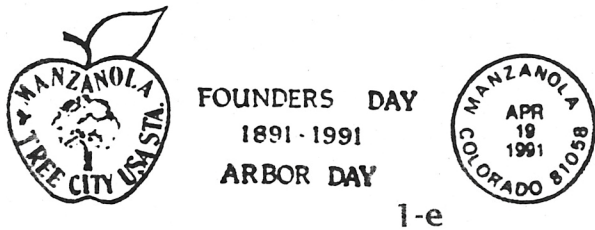
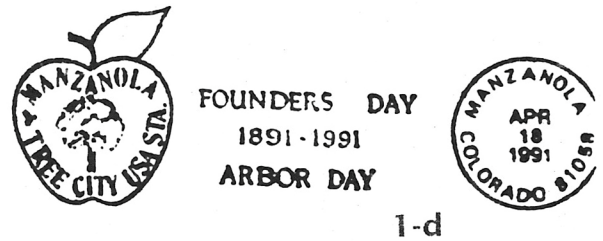
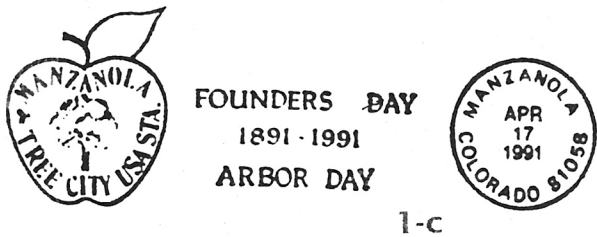
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**MANZANOLA – TREE CITY USA STATION – Continued**



**MINDEMAN**

This location was known to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad as Symons. At some point in time, Edwin Mindeman came to Symons, reportedly for his health. When a post office opened in 1917 the name requested was Symons, for the railroad station. However, for unknown reasons that choice was rejected and Mindeman was the assigned name.

Adina Mindeman was the first postmaster and her husband, Edwin, was operating a general store at the site, so the choice of Mindeman was logical, even though by that time the Post office Department did not favor naming new post offices for the postmaster. As with the other locations along the railroad there was a siding at Mindeman that was used for shipping livestock.

Four miles southwest of the site of Ayer, at the intersection of US Highway 350 with Otero County Road 9 you will see a small group of trees on the east side of the highway. There is some evidence among the trees for previous structures but no buildings remain. This location is marked as Mindeman on the 1977 County Highway Map.

Latitude = 37:42:25 North Longitude = 103:54:58 West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Mar 17 1917 --- NW/4 Sec 9 T24S R58W 800 feet south of Timpas Creek  
100 feet north of AT&SF Symons Station  
Application for postmaster - Mrs. Adina Mindeman  
Proposed as SYMONS - rejected
- Jun 9 1917 Established
- Jun 9 1917 Mindeman, Adina
- Jan 14 1921 --- Move 1000 feet SE to NE cor NW/4 SW/4 Sec 9 T27S R58W  
306 feet south of AT&SF RR Station "SYMONS"
- Nov 22 1927 O'Dell, Mary C.
- Nov 27 1934 Ordered closed
- Dec 31 1934 Discontinued Mail to Bloom

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 MINDEMAN / COLO. May 11 1919 Jan 11 1927  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-??x19mm
- 2 MINDEMAN, / COLO. Dec 31 1934  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-25x20mm Last Day cancel

MINDEMAN - Continued



OMER

The name Omer appears briefly in three different references; however, the descriptions are difficult to relate to the place in Otero County described in the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report.

The Post Office Department location places Omer about two miles east of the Otero-Pueblo County line, on the north side of present day Colorado Highway 10 and on the west side of Apishapa Creek.

That area is wide-open rangeland and there is no easily visible evidence of habitation at the location. There are some trees and an old corral a quarter mile north of the highway. The office existed for only a few years at the beginning of the twentieth century. When the Rural Free Delivery System was developed, the need for such isolated rural post offices nearly disappeared and the subsequent one hundred years have cleansed the landscape.

The location is best reached by driving west and south from La Junta on Highway 10, the road from La Junta to Walsenburg. It is about twenty-five miles to Apishapa Creek, where after a mile of due-east west direction, the road turns to the southwest after crossing the creek. It is another two miles to the county line, if you are coming from Walsenburg, the county line is the marker from which to measure.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 26 1900 --- NW/4 Sec 4 T25S R59W 3/4 mile west of "Apichapaw" Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Melissa Stahlnecker
- Aug 30 1900 Established
- Aug 30 1900 Stahlnecker, Melissa
- Feb 24 1906 Lincoln, Kate
- Dec 21 1906 White, Grant
- Jul 31 1909 Discontinued Mail to Mercier

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 OMER / COLO. Dec 4 1903 May 11 1909
- CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Not present



**OXFORD**

Oxford, located within the city limits of today’s Fowler, was the successor to the South Side Post Office and the predecessor to the Fowler Post Office.

Oxford was the name given by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad to its station and to the post office that operated from 1882 to 1890 when the name was changed to Fowler.

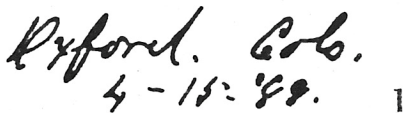
Please refer to the discussions of South Side, Fowler and Alexander for more of the postal history of this location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 15 1882	--	SW/4 Sec 16 T22S R59W AT&SF 3/8 mile NW, Oxford Station
		Proposed postmaster - Andrew Jackson Hollis
Apr 27 1882		Established
Apr 27 1882		Hollis, Andrew J.
Apr 4 1890		Rogers, Alfred H.
Sep 6 1890		Name changed to Fowler

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Oxford Colo	Apr 15 1888	May 3 1888
	MS	Mscp	Pen cancel



*Oxford, Colo.*  
*4-15-88.* 1

**POINT OF ROCKS**

Point of Rocks has been frequently mentioned in the literature of Colorado’s history. However, in spite of the numerous citations, the location of this place is rather uncertain.

In Hall’s *History of Colorado* it is stated that the in 1863 the Indian Agency serving the Arapahoe and Cheyenne was “removed to Point of Rocks where building began on a somewhat extensive scale, and the next spring 300 to 400 acres of land were planted and an irrigation ditch taken out.” Samuel G. Colley was the Indian Agent at the time the agency was moved from Big Timbers to Point Of Rocks. He was the one and only postmaster for that post office.

Thayer’s 1871 map shows Point Of Rocks some four to-five miles southwest of Bents Fort (Old). If that location were correct, then the site would be on the north side of the Arkansas River, opposite La Junta. That area does lie below an exposed ridge of rock and there is plenty of room for the claimed planting of 300-400 acres.

This attempt to settle the Indians on a permanent reservation failed, as they showed little to no interest in taking up farming. The events that led to, and followed the Sand Creek Massacre in 1863 eliminated any need for an Indian Agency in the vicinity of La Junta.

I have driven north from La Junta on Colorado 109 to the area west of the La Junta Municipal Airport. There is a prominent ridge of rock south of the Colorado Boys Ranch but more modern development has obscured any evidence of an early settlement at that location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

		No Site Location Report was found under Otero, Bent, Huerfano, Las Animas or Pueblo Counties	
May 12 1864		Established	
May 12 1864		Colley, Samuel G.	
Mar 16 1865		Discontinued	

**POINT OF ROCKS – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM POINT OF ROCKS

**RENE**

Travelling southwest on US Highway 350, the site of Rene is the second in sequence from La Junta on the way to Trinidad. It was another railroad post office at a siding of the same name on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

For a few years Rene may have actually supported a small community associated with the siding. The siding is believed to have served as a shipping point for livestock during and after the existence of the Rene Post Office.

The site is a little less than four miles beyond the location of Angora. And, as with Angora, it is hard to discern any sign of previous habitation. There is a railroad signal and some sign of disturbed ground. The siding is shown on the 1977 County Highway Map but it may have been subsequently removed. Snow cover in January 1998 prevented more than a cursory examination of the location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

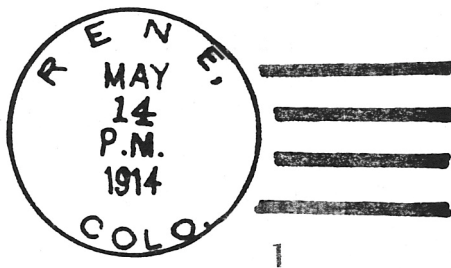
Aug 2 1911	---	NE/4 Sec 19 T25S R56W 300 feet NW of AT&SF 1 mile east of Timpas Creek
Feb 16 1912		Established
Feb 16 1912		Campbell, Olivia M.
Apr 20 1916		Baker, Mary P.
Apr 5 1918		Gay, John W.
Sep 25 1919		Marburg, Leonard
Sep 30 1921		Discontinued Mail to Timpas

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 RENE, / COLO.  
CI 10P 32.0

May 14 1914 Oct 27 1916

4bars S-25x19mm

**ROCKY FORD**

In reality there have been two Rocky Fords. The first was a small stage station on the north side of the Arkansas River and was at a ford used by freighters and cattle drivers in times of high water. The name came from the nature of the riverbed at the ford. The gravel streambed made it a stable surface for crossing the river. Ashael Russell located there in 1868 and Gordon W. Swink joined him in 1870.

When the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway was extended west from La Junta to Pueblo the settlement on the river, and its post office, moved some four miles southeast to the railroad. The new Rocky Ford was platted and recorded July 4, 1876. But for some reason this action had no legal status, perhaps because the land was under the control of the railroad. The Santa Fe was persuaded to plat a townsite. Rocky Ford was incorporated on August 19, 1887.



**ROCKY FORD – Continued**

Rocky Ford became the center of a rich farming district that became particularly famous for its melons: watermelons and cantaloupes. [More than once, returning home to New York from Colorado I “freighted” a couple of watermelons to the east.]

Modern Rocky Ford is located on US Highway 50 eight miles east of La Junta. It is a significant town with a solid residential community and a strong business district.

To reach the site of the original Rocky Ford, drive east from present day Rocky Ford to Colorado Highway 71 and turn north to the Arkansas River Bridge. The location was on the north bank of the river, east of Highway 71. There is an active ranch a short distance east of the highway.

Latitude = 38:06:09 North Longitude = 103:43:58 West



**ROCKY FORD, / COLO.                      June 24, 1880**  
**(From a faded 35mm slide)**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 14 1871	---	Sec 25 T22S R57W On north side of Arkansas River	
Dec 1 1871		Established	
Dec 1 1871		Williford, George W.	
May 20 1872		[Can not read name on microfilm]	
Jun 28 1875		Swink, George M.	
Jun 4 1883	---	NE/4 Sec 18 T23S R56W 67 feet north of the main track of the AT&SF	
Dec 12 1884		Hartig, Lothar	
Apr 15 1886		Hendricks, Lavender N.	
Dec 31 1889		Elser, John J.	
Mar 6 1894		Lalyer, George P.	P&S
Jan 10 1898		Young, Samuel H.	P&S
Aug 19 1904		Lance, Henry W.	P
Dec 15 1904		Lance, Henry W.	P&S
Dec 16 1908		Lance, Henry W.	P&S
Jun 27 1913		Brown, W. J.	P&S

**ROCKY FORD – Continued**

May 4 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 18 T23S R56W 694 feet north of AT&SF	
Apr 1 1919		Ferril, Otto	Acting
Oct 28 1919		Stratton, Thomas H.	P&S
Jan 16 1920		Ferril, Otto	Acting
Jan 28 1922		Anderson, Mary J.	P&S
Jan 28 1926		Anderson, Mary J.	P&S
Feb 14 1930		Anderson, Mary J.	P&S
Sep 26 1933		North, Fred [James F. North ?]	Acting
Oct 1 1933		North, Fred	Assumed charge
May 23 1934		North, James F.	Nominated
May 31 1934		North, James F.	Confirmed
Jul 5 1934		North, James F.	Commissioned
Apr 29 1936	---	New Federal Building SW/4 Sec 7 NW/4 Sec 18 T23S R56W	
Apr 29 1938		North, James F.	Nominated
May 3 1938		North, James F.	Confirmed
May 31 1938		North, James F.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 8 1938		North, James F.	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941	---	401 North 9th St. SW/4 Sec 7 & NW/4 Sec 18 T23S R56W	
Jul 13 1942		North, James F.	Nominated
Sep 21 1942		North, James F.	Confirmed
Sep 22 1942		North, James F.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942		North, James F.	Commissioned
Dec 31 1953		Ryan, Millard E.	Assumed charge
Feb 10 1954		Ryan, Millard E.	Acting
Feb 4 1955		Ryan, Millard E.	Nominated
Mar 8 1955		Ryan, Millard E.	Confirmed
Mar 9 1955		Ryan, Millard E.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jan 5 1973		Mackey, Homer R.	Officer in charge
Sep 29 1973		Donovan, Thomas J.	Appointed
Dec 2 1977		Blodgett, Duane E.	Officer in charge
Mar 9 1978		Simpson, Keith	Officer in charge
Dec 2 1978		Juarez, Jacob V.	Appointed
Jul 24 1980		Blazel, Robert	Officer in charge

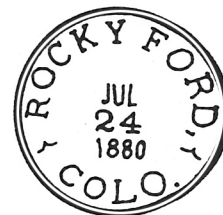
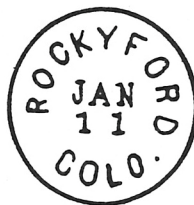
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Rocky Ford Colo MS	Mscp Townmark only	Jan 24 1876
2	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 11 1879
3	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 11P 28.0/26.5	Hstp Pen cancel	Jan 30 1879 Jun 15 1883
4	Rockyford Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Sep 24 1884
5	ROCKY FORD / COLORADO CI 10P 32.0	Hstp Target, 3-ring 16mm	Aug 2 1887 Dec 19 1887
6	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Hstp Target	Jun 15 1888 Oct 18 1888
7	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge; Target, 4-ring 19mm	Aug 21 1889 Jun 17 1891
8	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Not present	Oct 28 1892 Apr 15 1894
9	Rocky Ford, Colo. // Registered No ____ SL 00R 50.0x25.0	Hstp Cork, Geometric pattern	Jul 12 1899
10	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Mar 4 1898 Mar 30 1899

**ROCKY FORD – Continued**

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| 10.1 | ROCKY FORD / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.5                | Hstp Cork, Smudge                 | May 9 1898              |
| 11   | ROCKYFORD, / COLO. // R.F.D.<br>SL 00R 27.0x16.0 | RFD 5 bars with 1                 | Jun 3 1901 Dec 13 1901  |
| 11.1 | ROCKYFORD / COLO.<br>CI 10P 30.0                 | Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval             | Aug 15 1901             |
| 12   | ROCKYFORD, COLO.<br>CI 10P 26.0                  | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle | Oct 28 1903 Aug 23 1912 |

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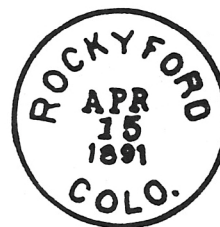
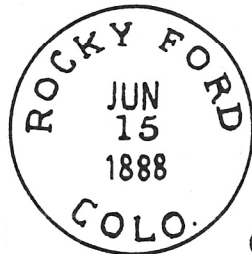


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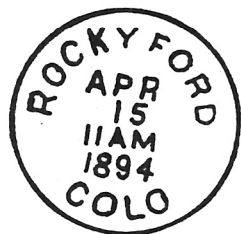


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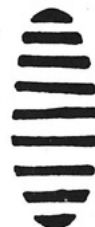
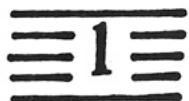
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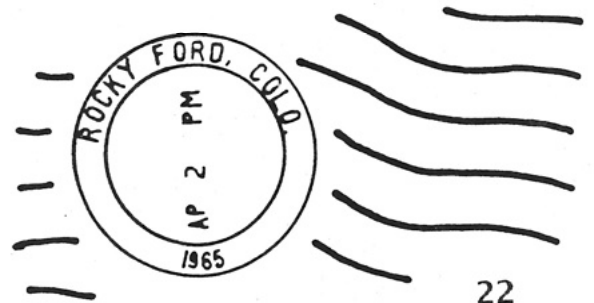
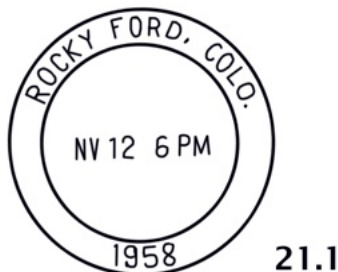
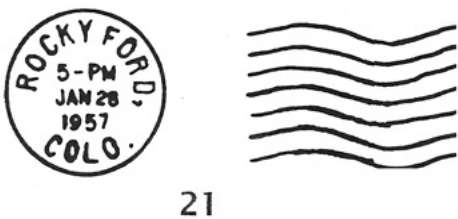
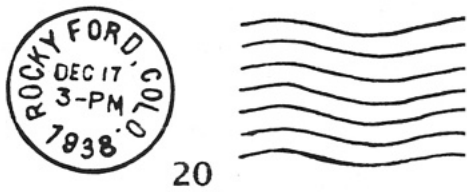
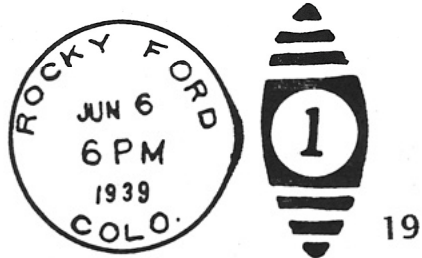
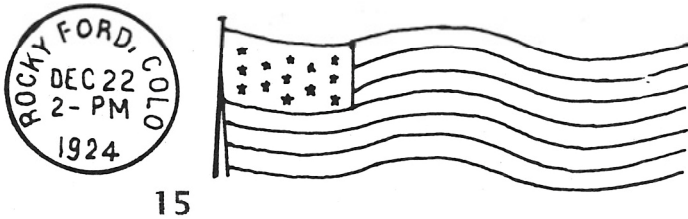
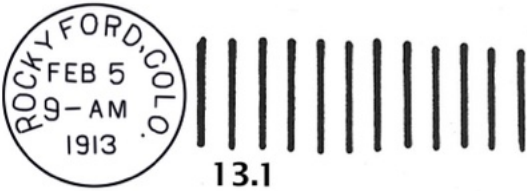
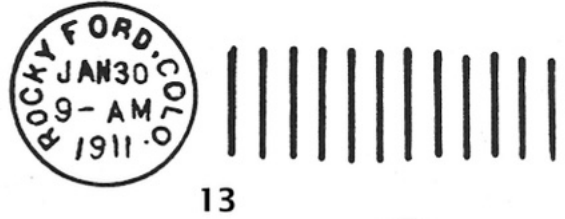
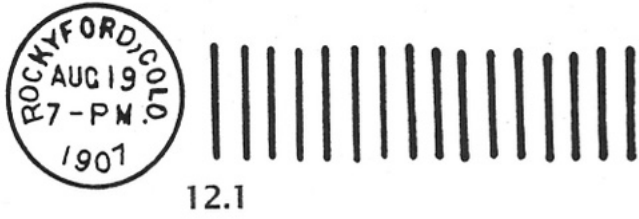
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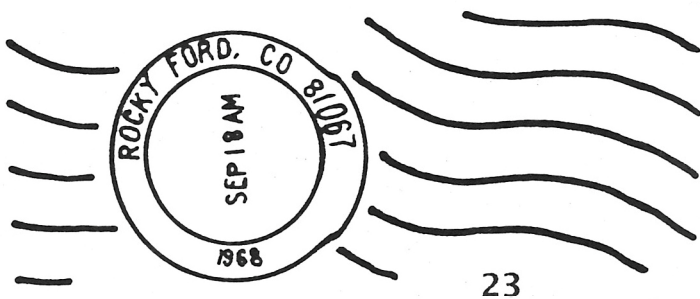
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| 13   | ROCKY FORD, COLO.<br>CI 10P 23.5  | Mach Vertical bars                | Dec 14 1908 Dec 22 1911 |
| 13.1 | ROCKY FORD, COLO.<br>CI 10P 24.0  | Mach Vertical bars                | Dec -1 1912 Feb 5 1913  |
| 14   | ROCKY FORD / COLO.<br>CI 10P 26.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle | Jun 14 1914 Jun 14 1916 |
| 15   | ROCKY FORD, COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0  | Flag 13 star waving flag          | Mar 8 1912 May 30 1926  |

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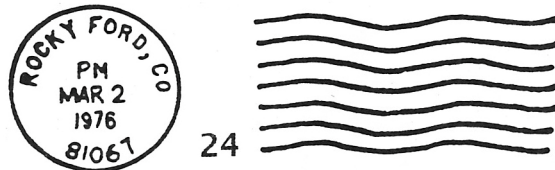


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17	ROCKY FORD, COLO. CI 10P 22.5	Apr 23 1923 Jul 31 1923 Flag Waving flag with slogan: ARKANSAS / VALLEY FAIR / ROCKY FORD / COLORADO / SEPT. 4-7 1923
18	ROCKY FORD, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Apr 1 1927 Dec 13 1937 Mach 7 wavy lines
19	ROCKY FORD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Apr 29 1937 Mar 20 1952 Dplx Grid, oval with 1
20	ROCKY FORD, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Dec 2 1938 Nov 11 1954 Mach 7 wavy lines
20.0	ROCKY FORD, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Aug 2 1946 Hstp No killer
20.1	ROCKY FORD, / COLO. RC 10P 38.0x17.5	1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
21	ROCKY FORD, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Jan 28 1957 Aug 18 1965 Mach 7 wavy lines
21.1	ROCKY FORD, COLO. CI 11P 35.0/26.0	Nov 12 1958 Hstp No killer
22	ROCKY FORD, COLO. CI 11P 31.5/23.0	Apr 2 1965 Rolr 6 wavy lines
23	ROCKY FORD, CO 81067 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Sep 18 1968 May 30 1975 Rolr 7 wavy lines
24	ROCKY FORD, CO / 81067 CI 10P 21.0	Feb 18 1967 Mar 30 1982 Mach 7 wavy lines
25	ROCKY FORD, CO / 81067 CI 10P 21.5	Apr 12 1987 Jul 9 1987 Mach Slogan in bars: ROCKY FORD, COLORADO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY / 1887 --- 1987
26	ROCKY FORD, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Nov 9 1988 Hstp No killer
27	ROCKY FORD, CO / 81067 CI 10P 22.0	May 22 1991 Mach 7 wavy lines



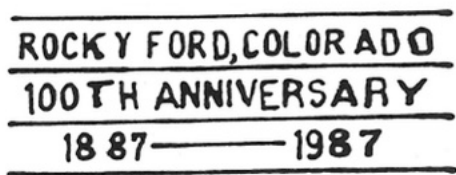
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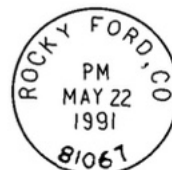
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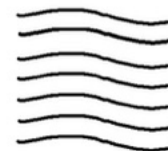
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**ROCKY FORD – Continued**

**AUXILIARY MARKINGS**

- A 1 rocky ford  
SL 00R 56.0x8.0
- A 2 rocky ford / colo  
IR 00R 37.0x25.0 Hstp

--- -- 1910s

Hstp Aux. marking MISSENT TO / ROCKYFORD, COLO

Aug 25 1930

Hstp Auxiliary marking Pointing hand with  
RETURNED / TO / WRITER / UNCLAIMED

MISSENT TO  
ROCKYFORD, COLO



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**UNCLAIMED**

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**ROCKY FORD – STATIONS**

**ANNIVERSARY STATION**

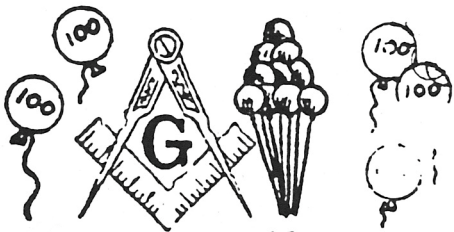
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 18 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 ROCKY FORD, CO 81067 // ANNIVERSARY STATION Sep 18 1989  
IR 00R 58.0x45.0 Pict Scene - Masonic emblem and balloons

**ANNIVERSARY STATION**



18 SEP 1989

ROCKY FORD, CO 81067 1

**CENTENNIAL STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

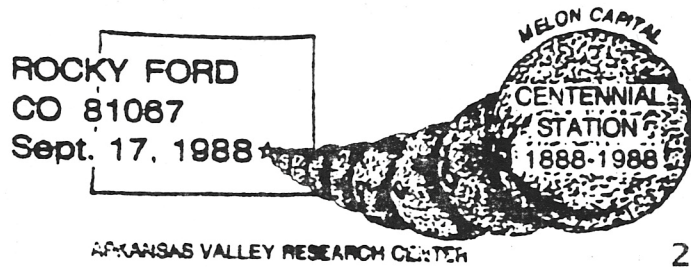
Aug 19 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Sep 17 1988 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 ROCKY FORD / COLORADO :: 80167 Centennial / Station Aug 19 1987  
IR 10P 53.0x25.0 Pict Scene - Sweet Melon / Capital
- 2 ROCKY FORD / CO 81067 :: CENTENNIAL STATION Sep 17 1988  
IR 00R 89.0x33.0 Pict Scene - Tornado; Text - MELON CAPITAL / ARKANSAS  
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**ROCKY FORD – STATIONS – Continued  
CENTENNIAL STATION – Continued**



**SOUTH SIDE**

A post office was established here in 1869. It is unconfirmed but likely that there was settlement here prior to that date.

The location is on the south side of the Arkansas River, hence the name, and west of Apishapa Creek. Southside was a ranch and a station and rest stop on the stage road from the east to Pueblo.

With the arrival of the railroad, a siding was built at Southside but it was given the name Oxford. Five years after the Southside Post Office was closed, a new office opened a short distance east of the former Southside but took its name from the railroad siding – Oxford.

In 1890 Oxford became the Fowler Post Office. There was a brief flirtation with changing the name of Fowler to Alexander but that change was quickly rescinded. Thus there have been four different post offices within what is has for over a hundred years been Fowler: Southside, Oxford, Alexander and lastly Fowler. Other names that were reportedly applied to this site were Sybil and Sibley.

Southside (Fowler) is on US Highway 50 two miles east of the Otero-Pueblo County line. The precise location is uncertain but was likely to the southwest of the intersection of US 50 with Colorado Highway 167 where it turns north to cross the Arkansas River.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Feb 22 1869      Established
- Feb 22 1869      Smith, Burril D.
- Jan 19 1871 ---      Not surveyed This office is 30 rods from said river (Arkansas),  
On the north side of it, and is 1-3/4 miles from said nearest creek (Apishapa)  
on the south side of it
- Jul 22 1876 ---      SE/4 Sec 17 T22S R59W 18 miles east of Booneville 1/4 mile from Arkansas River  
on the north side of it (sic) 4 miles north of Apishapa Creek No sketch map  
NOTE: The directions in the above descriptions are directions  
from the post office to the feature, not the reverse. Confusing at times.  
To further confuse the matter, see the description for the location Stockade (below)  
It seems strange that a post office would be given the name South Side  
if was on the north side of the river.
- Sep 12 1877      Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1      South Side Colo      Apr 28 187-
- MS      Mscp Pen cancel

*South Side Colo Apr 28 1877*

**STOCKADE**

The only information that I have relative to Stockade is that taken from the Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments and the Geographic Site Location Report.

The most likely location is two miles east of Fowler and a half-mile south of US Highway 50. At that point there is a large farm/ranch there with several older buildings.

The close proximity to what at the time was the Southside Post Office is strange but it was authorized. It was evidently no more than a ranch post office and eventually could not justify its continued existence.

The name may be a reference to an early stock corral or holding pen.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 13 1872	---	T22S R59W The name of the nearest post office is South Side P.O. on north side of River The proposed office will be on river bank on the south side Proposed as APISHAPA - rejected
Mar 21 1873		Established
Mar 21 1873		Hungerford, Charles H.
Jan 30 1874		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STOCKADE**

**SWINK**

Lavender was the first post office at this location. It was followed by Fairmount and in 1906 the name was changed to Swink to honor State Senator George Washington Swink.

Throughout the twentieth century Swink has been a small community with an economy based on agriculture - melons and sugar beets. For many years Swink celebrated "Watermelon Day." Heaps of melons were brought to town and were free for the eating. Unfortunately, in recent years the strength of the agricultural economy has slowly declined.

Swink is on US Highway 50, four miles east of La Junta. There is still a small business district but the proximity to La Junta has reduced it to serving spur of the moment needs.

For more information on the early history of this location refer to the discussions of Lavender and Fairmount.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 7 1906		Name changed from Fairmount
Feb 7 1906		Reynolds, Charles A.
Dec 17 1908		Morris, Frank P.
Sep 1 1911	---	E/2 SW/4 Sec 25 T23S R56W 100 feet from AT&SF track
Apr 28 1914	---	E/2 SW/4 Sec 25 T23S R56W 1/4 mile east of Timpas Creek 200 feet south of AT&SF
Apr 16 1915		Fox, David M.
Oct 1 1916		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1917		Kentner, William M. Acting
Feb 19 1918		Kentner, William M. P&S
Mar 14 1922		Kentner, William M. P&S
Oct 2 1923		Reynolds, William A. Acting
Jan 8 1924		Reynolds, William A. Appointed
May 26 1928		Newkirk, Henry M. Confirmed
Aug 22 1928	---	for change of site as of Aug 17, 1928 734 feet SW N/2 SE/4 Sec 25 T23S R56W 1/2 mile east of Timpas Creek about 450 feet south of AT&SF

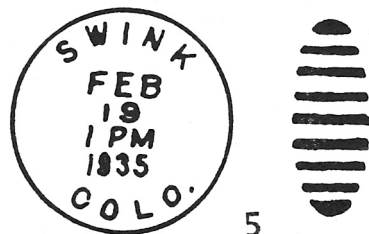
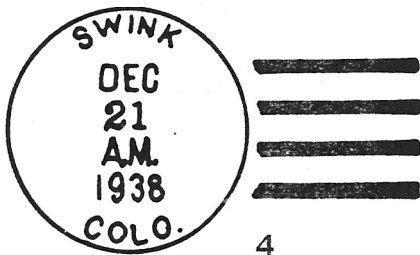
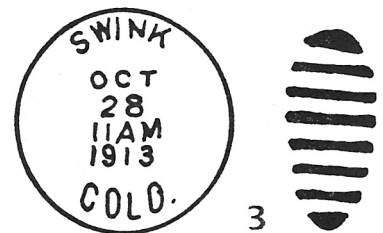
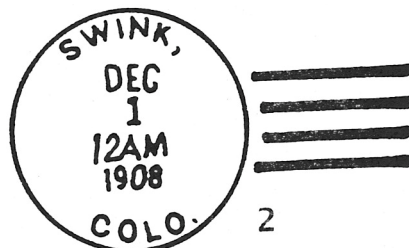
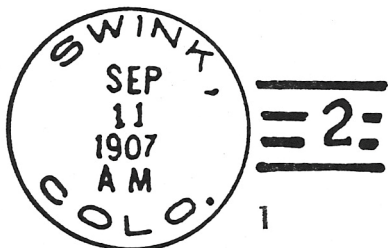


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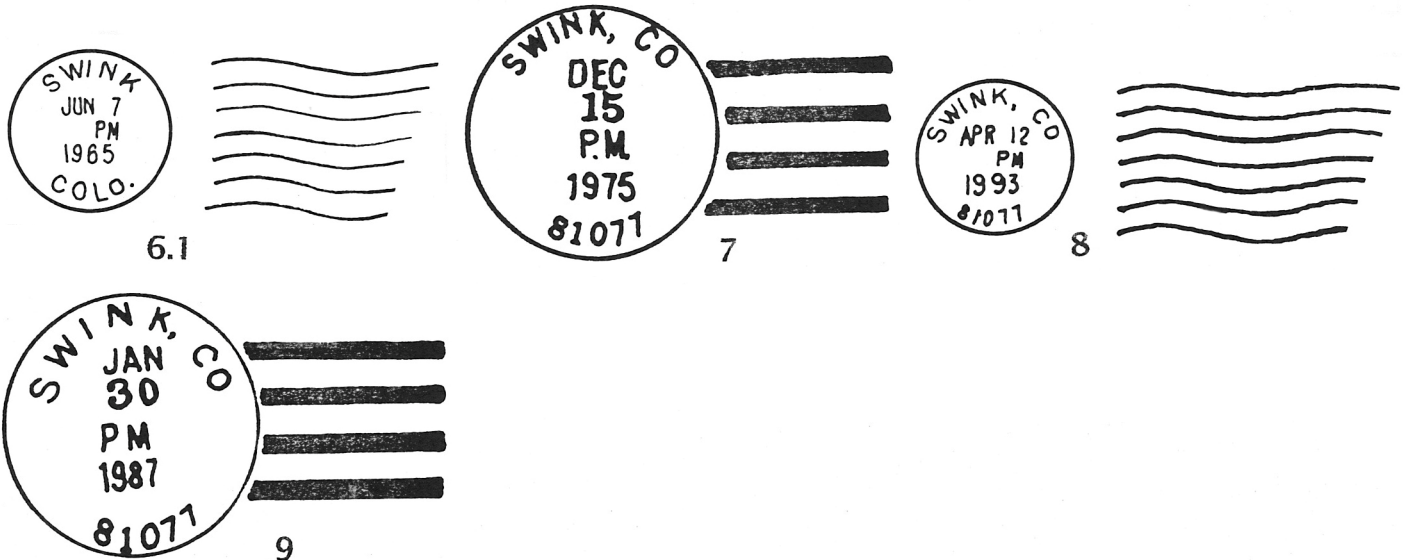
Apr 12 1932	Newkirk, Henry M.	Nominated
Apr 27 1932	Newkirk, Henry M.	Confirmed
May 28 1932	Newkirk, Henry M.	Commissioned
Jan 26 1937	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Nominated
Feb 1 1937	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Confirmed
Feb 4 1937	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Appointed Presidential
Feb 17 1937	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Commissioned
Feb 21 1937	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Assumed charge
May 26 1941	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Nominated
Jun 1 1941	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Confirmed
Jun 14 1941	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 30 1941	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Assumed charge
Jul 7 1941	Reynolds, Clarence A.	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941 ---	3rd & Columbia S/2 Sec 25 T23S R56W 765 feet west of station	
Oct 31 1969	Matern, Mrs. Josephine	Acting
Mar 20 1971	Wadleigh, Charles E.	Assumed charge as postmaster

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	SWINK, / COLO. CI 10P 30.5	Oct 18 1905 Dec 2- 1907 Doane Type 3 with 2, S-??x13mm
2	SWINK, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Dec 1 1908 July 17 1911 4bars S-23x13mm
3	SWINK / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Oct 28 1913 Oct 29 1921 Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
4	SWINK / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Dec 21 1938 Dec 24 1941 4bars S-23x18mm
5	SWINK / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Feb 19 1935 Feb 11 1946 Hstp Grid, 9-bar oval
6	SWINK / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Sep 24 1948 Nov 5 1971 Dplx Grid, diamond with 1
6.1	SWINK / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Jun 7 1965 Dec 27 1965 Mach 7 wavy lines
7	SWINK, CO / 81077 CI 10P 32.0	Dec 15 1975 Feb 28 1995 4bars S-25x20mm
8	SWINK, CO / 81077 CI 10P 20.0	Jun 23 1976 Apr 12 1993 Mach 7 wavy lines
9	SWINK, CO / 81077 CI 10P 34.0	Jan 30 1987 4bars S-26x20mm



SWINK - Continued



**CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 7 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Swink CO 81077 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 7 2000  
SL 00R 91.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /  
The Life of a Century



June 7, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station, Swink, CO 81077

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**TIMPAS**

It is claimed that settlement at Timpas began in 1868 with the arrival of George Round. He operated a station on the Santa Fe Trail from Bent's Fort to Trinidad and Raton Pass. With the arrival of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, the location became a station on the railroad and began to develop into a small community. Mr. Round is credited with laying out the townsite in 1887. With George Round as the first postmaster, a post office opened in 1891 and continued to operate until 1970.

Sufficient water for farming was, and still is, a major problem for the area. Dry farming was practiced but with only moderate success. In recent years the raising of livestock is the principal activity.

Timpas did develop into a small town, however only a few scattered buildings remain. The Timpas School has been converted to a residence and there are no businesses operating in the community.

**TIMPAS - Continued**

The name Timpas was taken from Timpas Creek. Present in the area is the Timpas Limestone, which most likely was named from prominent outcrops along the creek. Which name came first, the creek or the limestone is open to question.

Most writers claim that the name refers to a Timpa or Tymp stone, which is used in front of an open-hearth blast furnace. The derivation is Spanish and ultimately Latin.

A dissenting opinion reports that in the language of the Southern Paiute *tump* means stone or iron.

Timpas is mainly on the east side of US Highway 350, eighteen miles southwest of La Junta. It is the first “significant” cluster of buildings encountered after leaving the vicinity of La Junta.

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**Timpas, Colorado – Formerly a school, this building is now a private residence.**

Photograph by William H. Bauer

January 11, 1998

**Chronology of the Post Office**

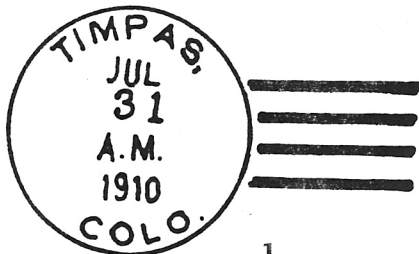
May 27 1891	Established
May 27 1891	Round, George B.
Jul 18 1891 ---	NE/4 Sec 3 T26S R57W Office in station of AT&SF, on west side of railroad
Aug 27 1897	Lance, Frank
Apr 9 1898	Van Riter, Ida
Nov 18 1898	Hazzard, D. L.
Jun 13 1899	Haines, Asa T.
Apr 7 1911	Lance, James F.
Dec 17 1912	Ramsey, William G.
May 9 1914 ---	NE/4 Sec 3 T26S R57W 1600 feet east of Timpas Creek 330 feet east of AT&SF
Oct 14 1920	Shellman, Jessye R. Confirmed

TIMPAS – Continued

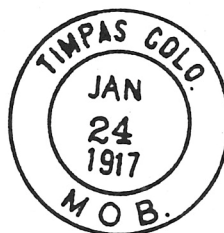
Oct 15 1920	Shellman, Jessye R.	Assumed charge
Nov 24 1920	Shellman, Jessye R.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1930	Pritchard, Mrs. Jessye R.	Name changed by marriage
May 25 1932	Halsey, Mrs. Lizzie	Assumed charge
Jun 2 1932	Halsey, Mrs. Lizzie	Acting
Nov 21 1932	Halsey, Mrs. Lizzie	Appointed & Confirmed
Dec 8 1932	Halsey, Mrs. Lizzie	Commissioned & Possession
Oct 20 1941 ---	Front St. NE/4 Sec 3 T26S R57W On U.S. 350	
May 18 1945	Morgan, Mrs. Irene Ruth	Possession & Assumed charge
Jun 23 1945	Morgan, Mrs. Irene Ruth	Acting
Jan 18 1946	McCoy, Mrs. Pearl H.	Confirmed
Feb 20 1946	McCoy, Mrs. Pearl H.	Commissioned
Feb 28 1946	McCoy, Mrs. Pearl H.	Possession
Jun 4 1946 ---	NE/4 Sec 3 T26S R57W 25 feet south of U.S. 350 250 feet south of railroad	
Jan 12 1954	Miller, Mrs. Ruby N.	Acting
Dec 9 1954	Miller, Mrs. Ruby N.	Assumed charge
Jun 3 1955	Miller, Mrs. Ruby N.	Appointed & Confirmed
Aug 17 1955	Miller, Mrs. Ruby N.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1955	Miller, Mrs. Ruby N.	Possession
Oct 23 1970	Discontinued Mail to Delhi	

Confirmed types of postal markings

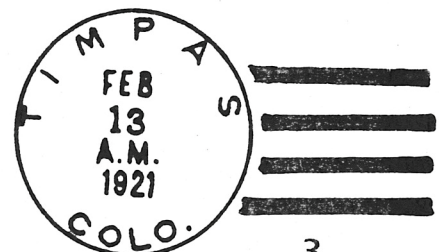
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2	TIMPAS COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 13 1921 Apr 28 1923
3	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Dec 23 1925 Aug 23 1929
4	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Mar 6 1930 Apr 2 1932
4.1	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 12 1935 Jun 29 1939
5	TIMPAS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 1 1941 Oct 23 1951
6	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-23x19mm	May 10 1955 Mar 22 1964
7	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Aug 27 1964
8	TIMPAS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jul 8 1969 Aug 17 1970
9	TIMPAS, CO / 81079 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	



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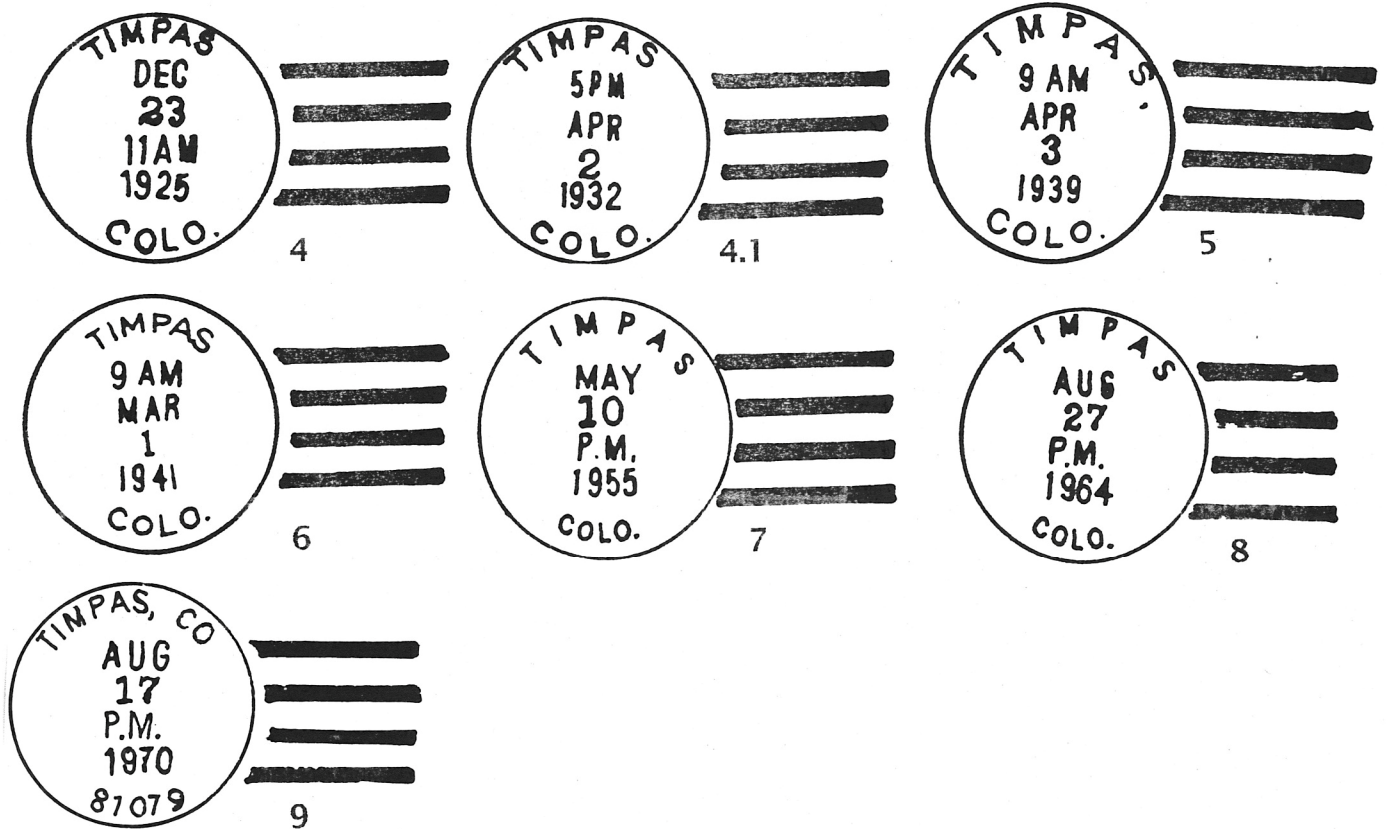


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**TIMPAS – Continued**



**VROMAN**

In 1918, in response to anti-German sentiment, the name of Weitzer was changed to Vroman for John C. Vroman, an early local landowner.

Vroman (Weitzer) was never a solid community. It had a depot and perhaps a store or two but it was mostly a scattering of homes and small farms.

The post office at Vroman was discontinued in 1954 but Vroman was still named on the Otero County Highway Map of 1977.

In 1997 a couple of houses and a produce stand on the north side of US Highway 50 were all that remained at the site of Vroman. The location is three and a half miles east of Manzanola and four and a half miles west of Rocky Ford.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

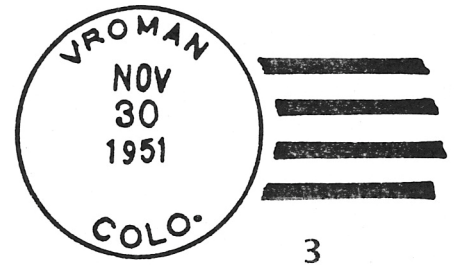
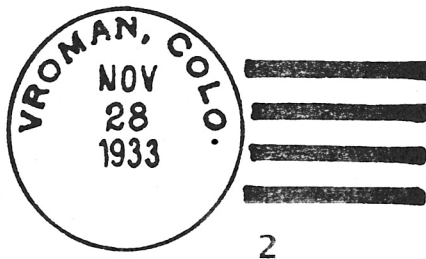
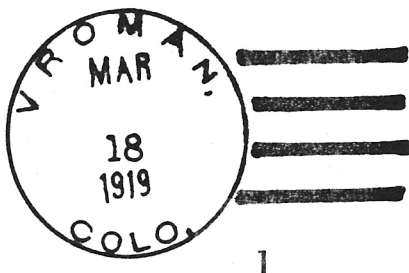
Jul 22 1918	Name changed from Weitzer	
Jul 22 1918	Zimmerman, Benjamin F.	Acting
Aug 7 1918	Zimmerman, Benjamin F.	Assumed charge
Dec 18 1920	---	NW/4 SE/4 Sec 32 T22S R57W 110 feet north of AT&SF tracks
Oct 27 1941	---	NW/4 SE/4 Sec 32 T22S R57W 345 feet west of station, 110 feet north of tracks
Jul 31 1947	Schell, Louis D.	Assumed charge
Aug 1 1947	---	Vroman station 1/8 mile south and east of post office 150 feet north of tracks
Oct 10 1947	Schell, Louis D.	Confirmed
Oct 31 1947	Schell, Louis D.	Commissioned
Aug 10 1948	Bales, Mary O.	Assumed charge
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Oct 6 1948	Bales, Mary O.	Commissioned

**VROMAN – Continued**

Dec 3 1954      Ordered closed  
Dec 31 1954      Discontinued Mail to Rocky Ford

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | VROMAN, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-??x20mm | Mar 18 1919 Nov 3 1925  |
| 2 | VROMAN, COLO.<br>CI 10P 31.0   | 4bars P-25x19mm | Nov 28 1933 Oct 9 1940  |
| 3 | VROMAN / COLO.<br>CI 10P 32.5  | 4bars S-23x18mm | Jan 21 1943 Dec 31 1954 |



**WEITZER**

Weitzer was a small community on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad three and one half miles east of Manzanola. It was little more than a scattering of homes, one or two businesses and the railroad depot.

It is stated that the post office was named for a local farmer of German descent. During World War I, anti-German sentiment brought a change in name to Vroman, for John C. Vroman, an early landowner. This seems problematic, as the name Vroman sounds German, it is more likely Dutch (Holland).

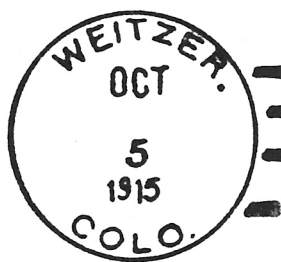
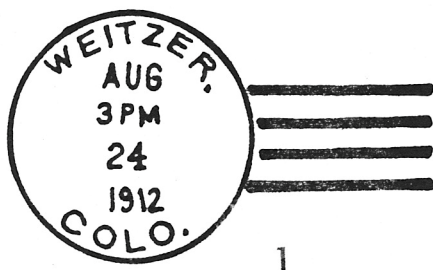
Refer to the discussion of Vroman for the later history of this location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jun 11 1908 --- NW/4 SE/4 Sec 32 T22S R57W Weitzer Station 175 feet south and east of post office
- Jun 27 1908      Established
- Jun 27 1908      Zimmerman, Benjamin F.
- May 11 1914 --- NW/4 SE/4 Sec 32 T22S R57W 108 feet north of AT&SF tracks
- Jul 22 1918      Name changed to Vroman

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | WEITZER, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-25x13mm | Mar 11 1912 Aug 24 1912 |
| 2 | WEITZER. / COLO.<br>CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-??x19mm | Oct 5 1915 Apr 15 1917  |



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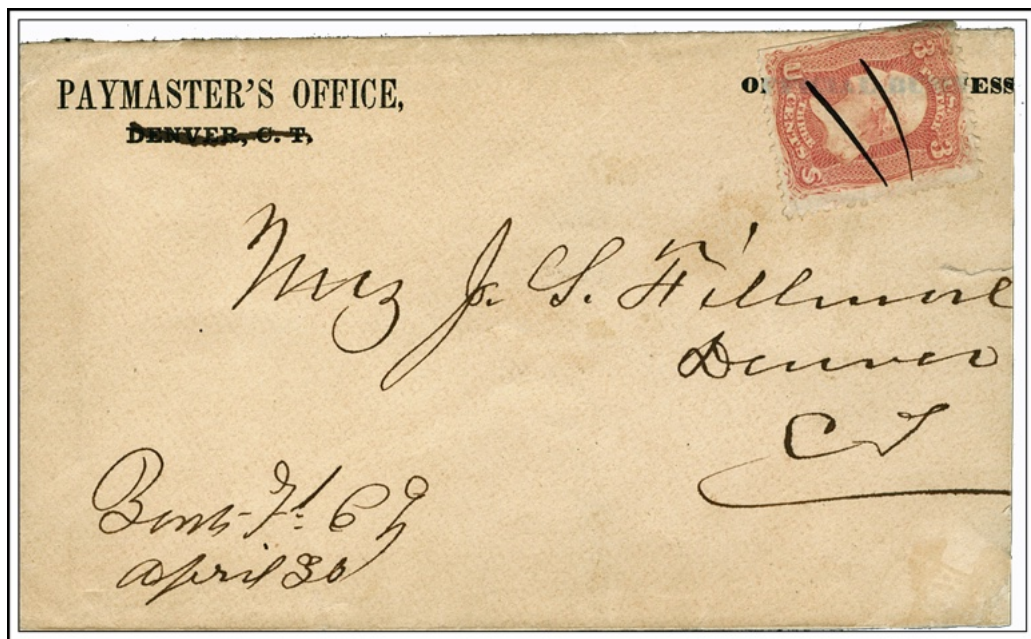


A GALLERY OF OTERO COUNTY COVERS



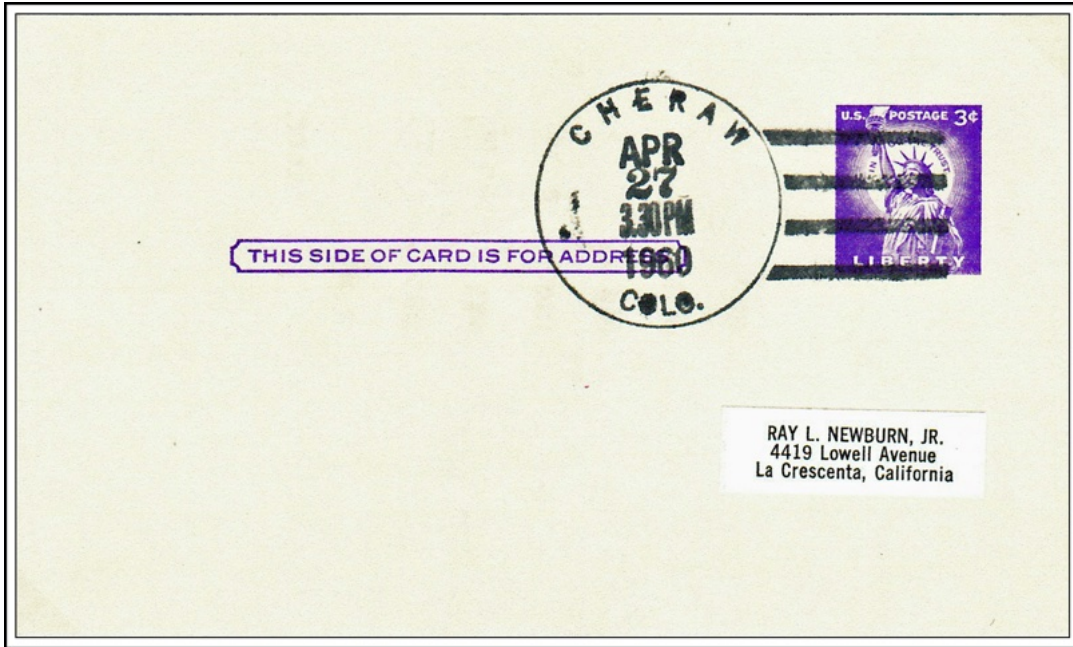
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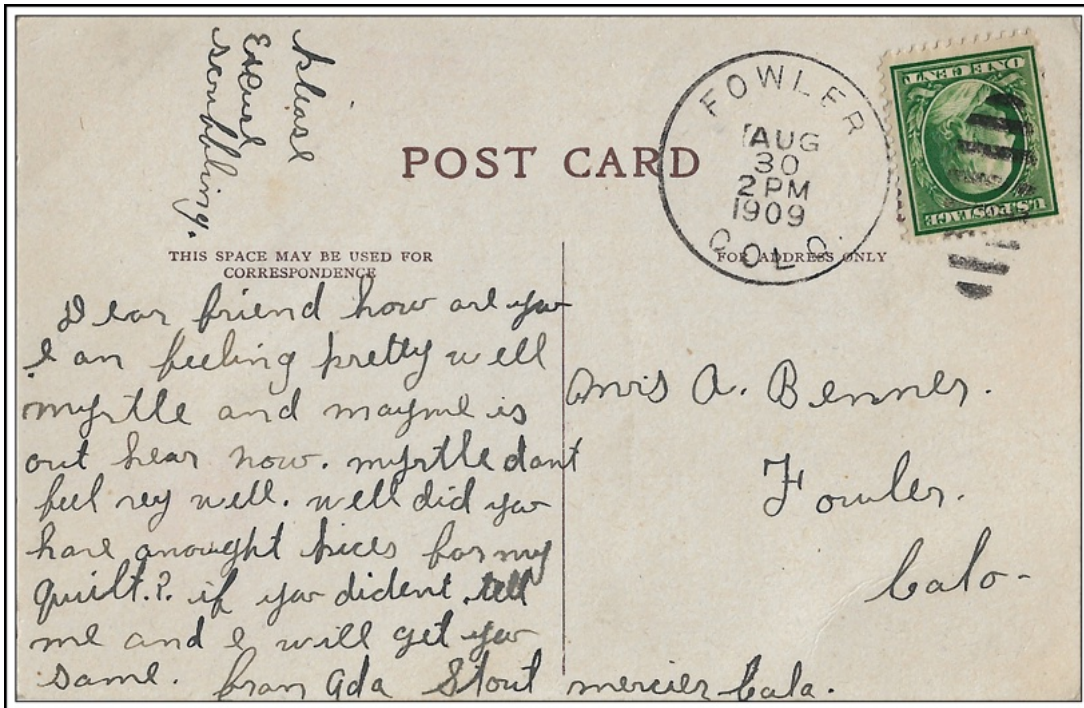
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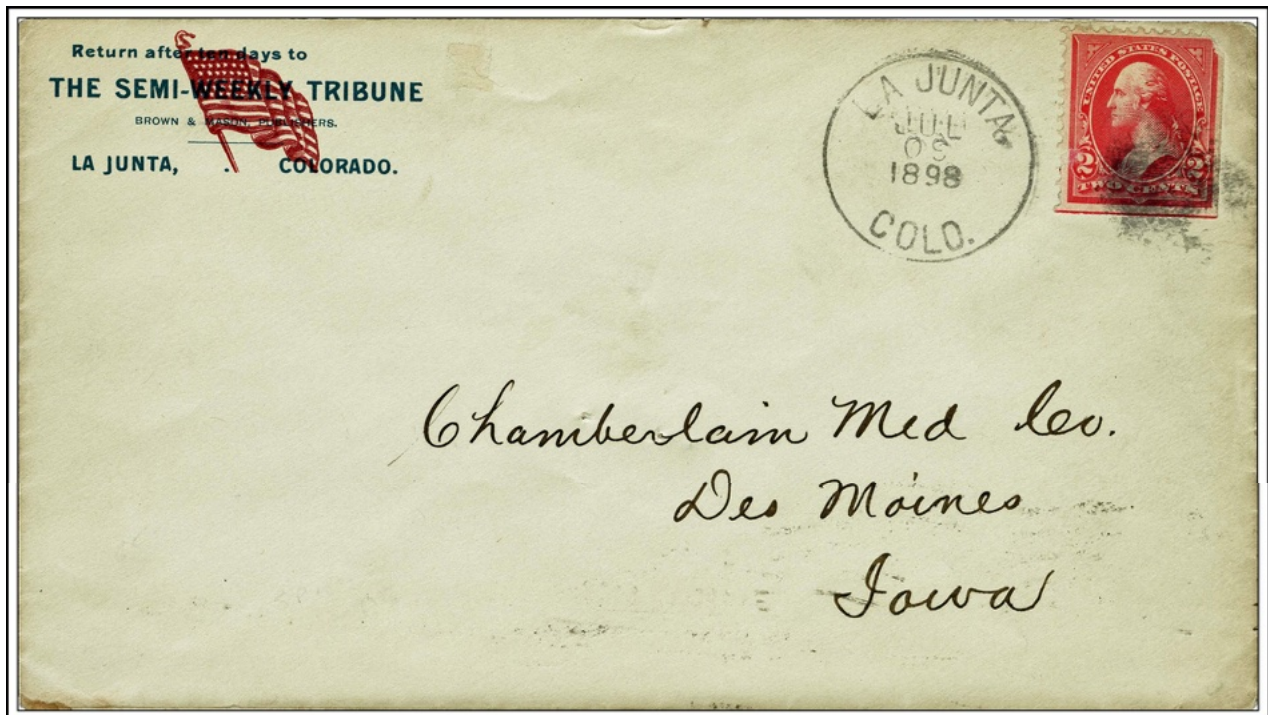
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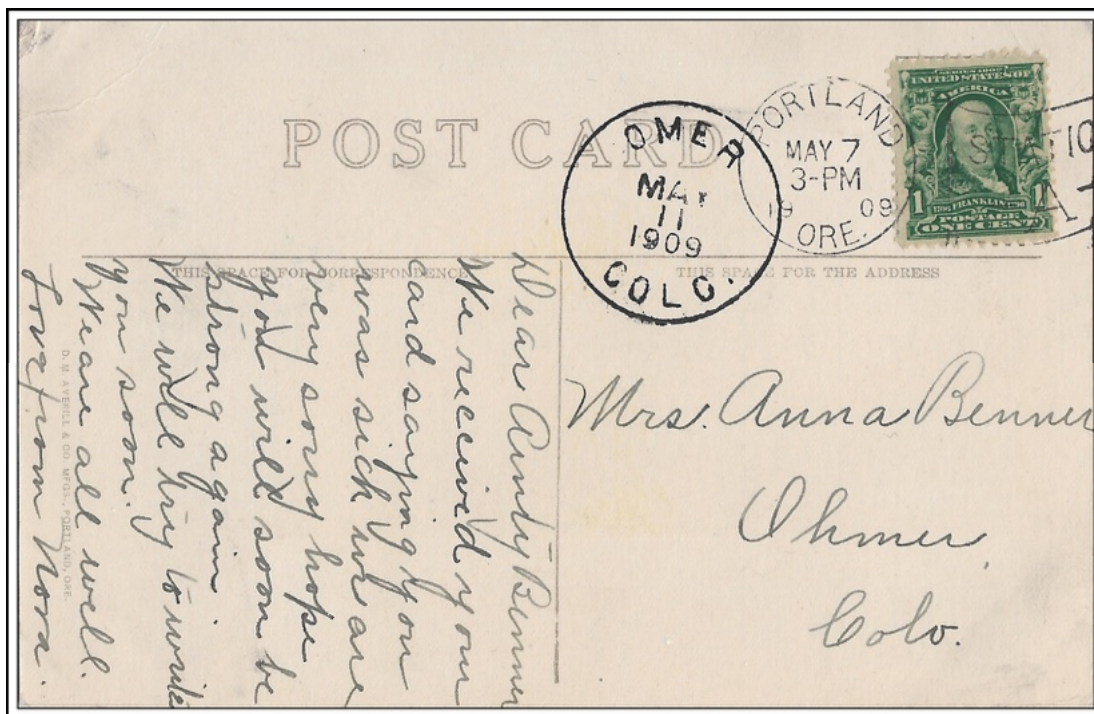
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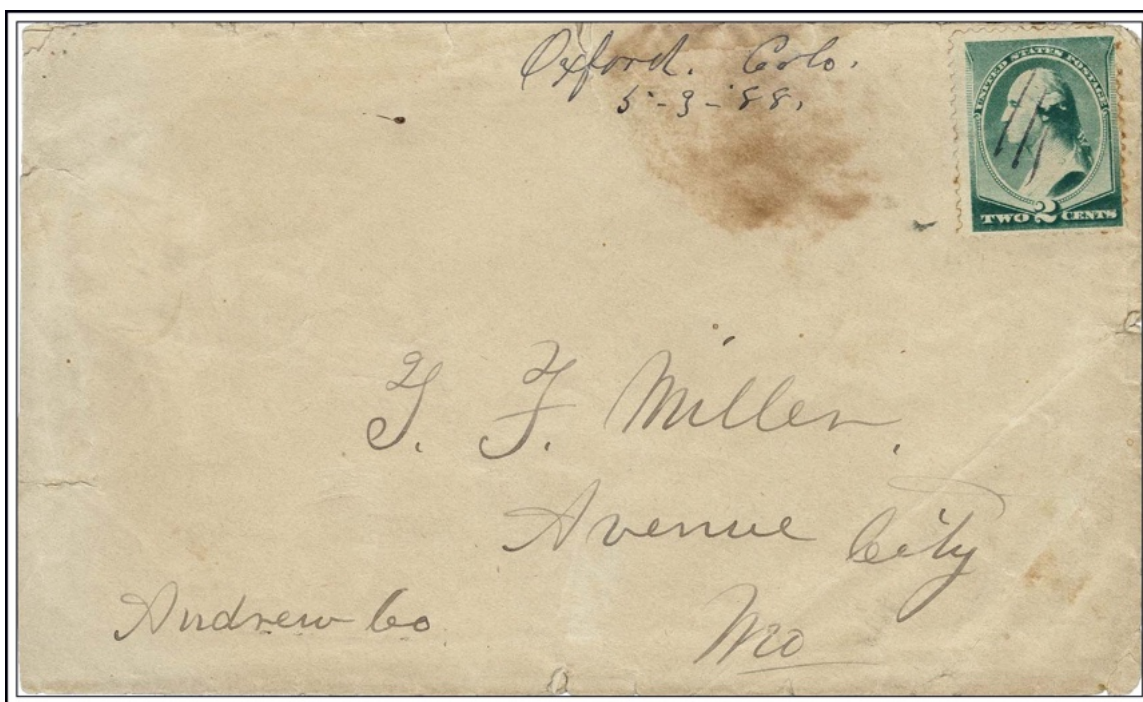
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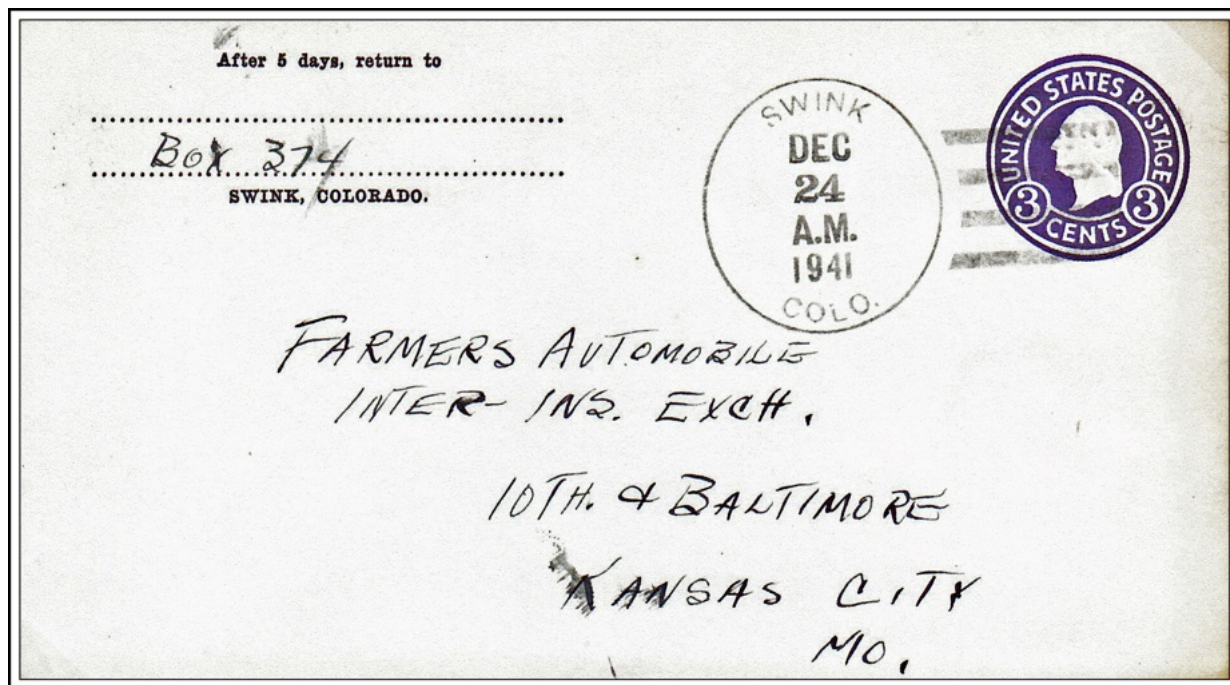
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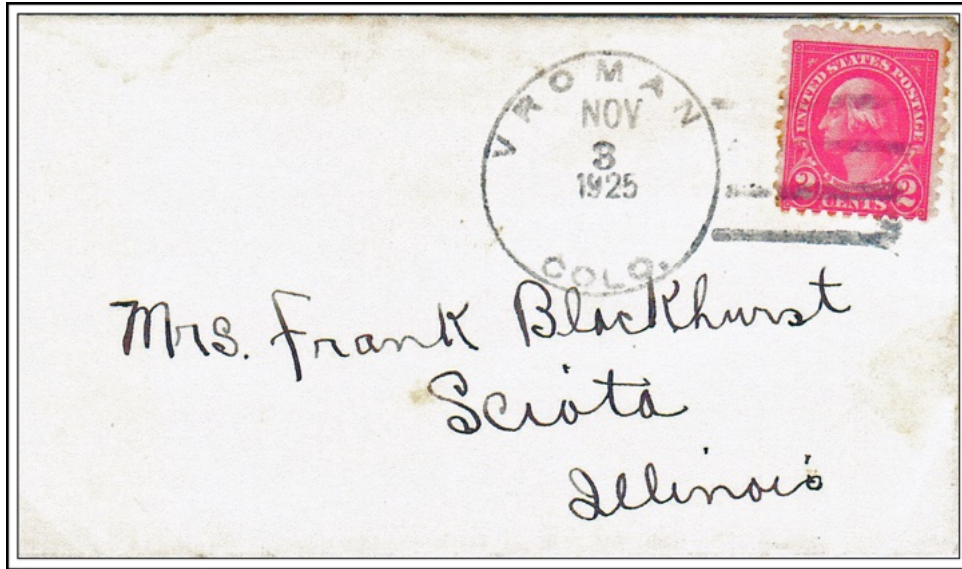
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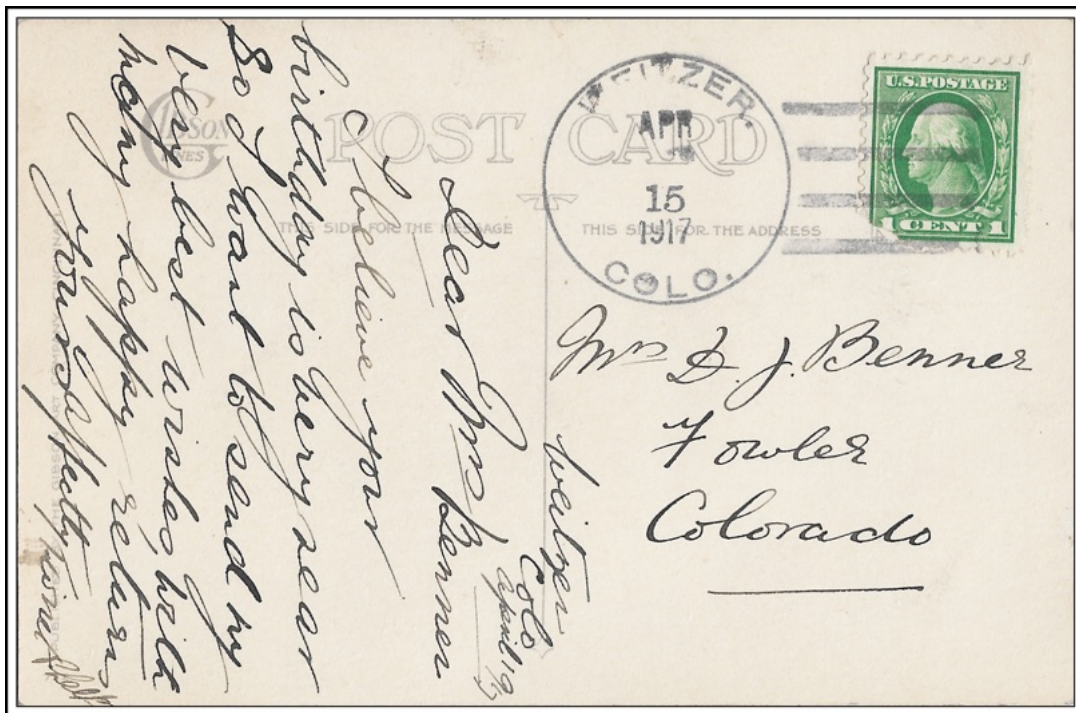
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