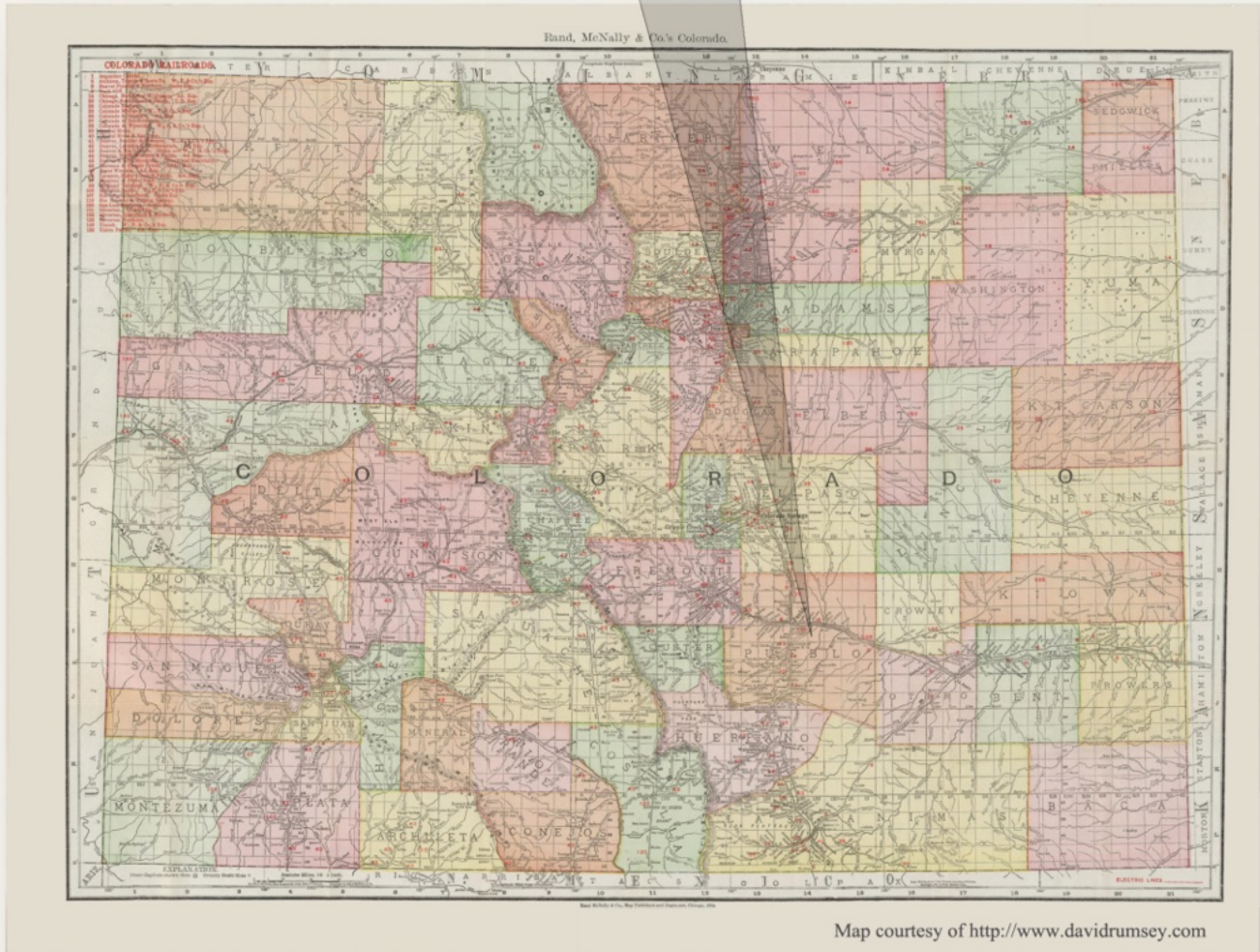


# Pueblo County



*Established: November 1, 1861*

*County Seat: Pueblo*



## **PUEBLO COUNTY**

By William H. Bauer

Pueblo was one of the original seventeen counties authorized on November 1, 1861 by the Colorado Territorial Legislature. The village of Pueblo was chosen as the county seat, and has continued in that role as Pueblo grew into a prominent city.

When Las Animas County was carved from Huerfano County on February 9, 1866 a portion of Huerfano County was added to Pueblo County, altering the southern boundary of the county. Since then the county boundaries have remained unchanged. El Paso County lies to the north; Crowley and Otero Counties mark the eastern boundary. Las Animas and Huerfano Counties are along the southern border. Custer and Fremont Counties form the western boundary of Pueblo County.

The county lies astride the Arkansas River, which drains the entire county. Several major streams feed into the Arkansas River. From the north Fountain Creek is the most prominent stream. From the south the St. Charles River, Greenhorn Creek and the Huerfano River are the major streams. Together with the Arkansas River these streams are a source of water for irrigation in the bottomlands along their courses.

The western edge of the county is on the eastern slopes of the Wet Mountains, which culminate at Greenhorn Mountain (12,234 feet), in the southwest corner of the county. More than ninety percent of the county is east of the mountains. That portion is a rolling topography, in places sharply incised by the creeks and rivers that flow through it.

At first the area that comprises Pueblo County was the contested territory of the Ute and Comanche Indians. Occasionally other tribes encroached on the area. The Spaniards and the Mexicans explored the area and made some attempts at settlement but unsuccessfully so.

In the early 1800's exploration parties from the United States also entered the area but it was the trappers and mountain men that first established settlements. Trading posts related to the larger Bent's Fort were established on Hardscrabble Creek and where Fountain Creek joins the Arkansas River was the settlement that would one day become Pueblo. These posts had hard times, as the Indians did not favor their presence. On Christmas Day 1854 the Utes attacked the "Pueblo" and the settlers were killed.

During the late 1840's and into the 1850's there were attempts to settle on the large land grants that had been made by the Mexican government prior to the annexation of the area by the United States. The most prominent of those was that of Charles Autobees on the Huerfano River near the Arkansas River.

In 1858 the start of the Pikes Peak Gold Rush was the beginning of extensive settlement in Pueblo County. As the gold rush grew in intensity, the Arkansas River Valley became an important route for emigrants traveling to the mountain mining districts. A major north-south road developed along Fountain Creek and southward to connect Denver with Santa Fe and Taos. Pueblo, the county and the town, were at the crossing of these roads.

The crossroads position would be maintained with the coming of the railroads. The Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe from the east, and the Denver and Rio Grande from the north. Today the railroads are still there but Interstate 25 and US Highway 50 carry the passenger traffic and much of the freight.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad was another railroad that entered Pueblo County from the east and the Colorado and Southern – originally the Denver, Fort Worth, and New Orleans – came from Denver on its way to Trinidad and beyond.

For the most part mining played a minor role in the economy of Pueblo County. There were attempts at precious metal mining in the Wet Mountains but no major discoveries were made. Some coal

was mined but again not to the extent that took place in neighboring Huerfano and Fremont Counties. Sandstone and limestone quarries were also active in Pueblo County.

However a major steel industry did develop at Pueblo. The extensive, nearby deposits of coal and lime made it profitable to exploit iron deposits in other areas of Colorado and ship the ore to Pueblo for smelting. For many years the large steel mill of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Pueblo provided the city with a major employer and gave it the title of the "Steel City" or "Pittsburg of the West."

From the earliest days it was agriculture that contributed most to the economy of the county. The Arkansas Valley, with irrigation produced a wide variety market garden produce. The other major streams watered hayfields and grain fields. Away from the river livestock, mainly cattle, were fed on the extensive grasslands of Pueblo County.

The agricultural areas of Pueblo County foster a large number of rural post offices. Some developed into small communities. Others that were mainly ranch or farm post offices operated briefly before disappearing.

Pueblo has always been the center of population and activity in the county. In recent years the developments at Colorado City and Pueblo West have also become centers of population but they have not supplanted Pueblo as the commercial center for the county.

For the collector of postal history, Pueblo County seems to have a high number of these small post offices from which I have not yet recorded any postmarks.

**A Warning:** The road names or numbers used in the descriptions of the towns are the names that either I read from road signs when I visited the area or the names shown on a 1990s (?) version of *Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer* produced by DeLorme Mapping. It is my observation that Pueblo County, like El Paso County its neighbor to the north, is moving away from number or letter designations for county roads. Instead the roads are being given specific names; hence it is possible that there have been changes since my sources were created.

**Another comment:** At Avondale US Highway 50 divides with one branch being called US Highway 50 Business or Bypass. One branch is south of the Arkansas River, the other in north of the river. The DeLorme *Colorado Atlas and Gazetteer* labels the northern branch as US 50 Business. However, highway maps label the southern branch as US 50 Business. I have chosen to designate the northern branch as US 50 Bypass and the southern branch as US 50.

**Google Earth:** For some reason, Pueblo County seems to have more post offices for which there is no public access or whose location is unknown. I seek your help in identifying locations for the latter group. [SRM: Several of the post office locations are speculative. I have indicated such locations on the maps by placing a question mark after the post office name.]

Recently I acquired Google Earth and I have attempted to use it to view the locations to which there is no public access. It takes some effort to gain proficiency with the product. Another complication is matching a road map to the satellite imagery. In some cases it is easy but in others it is not. I have attempted to do this but in one or two cases I may have not matched correctly.

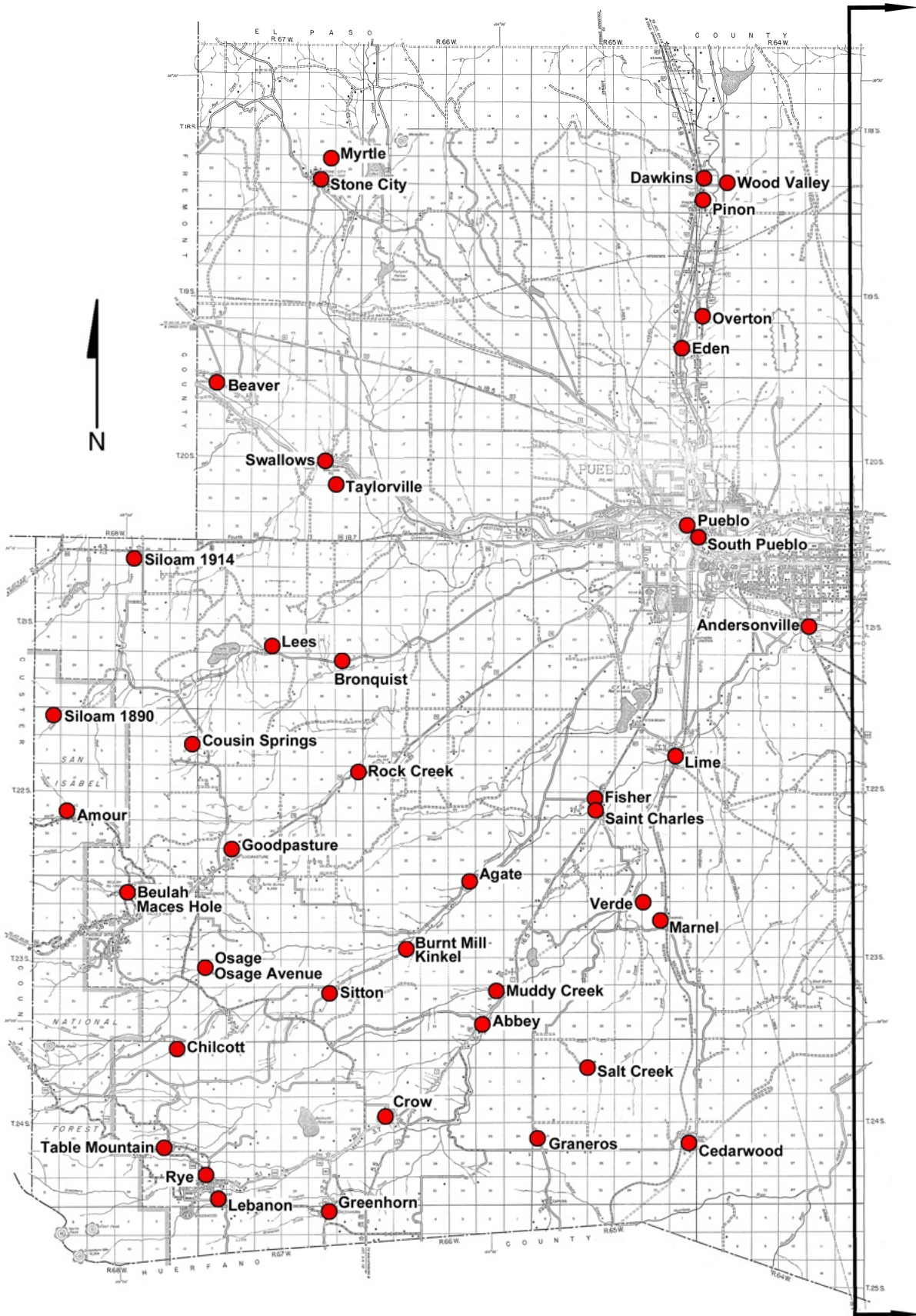


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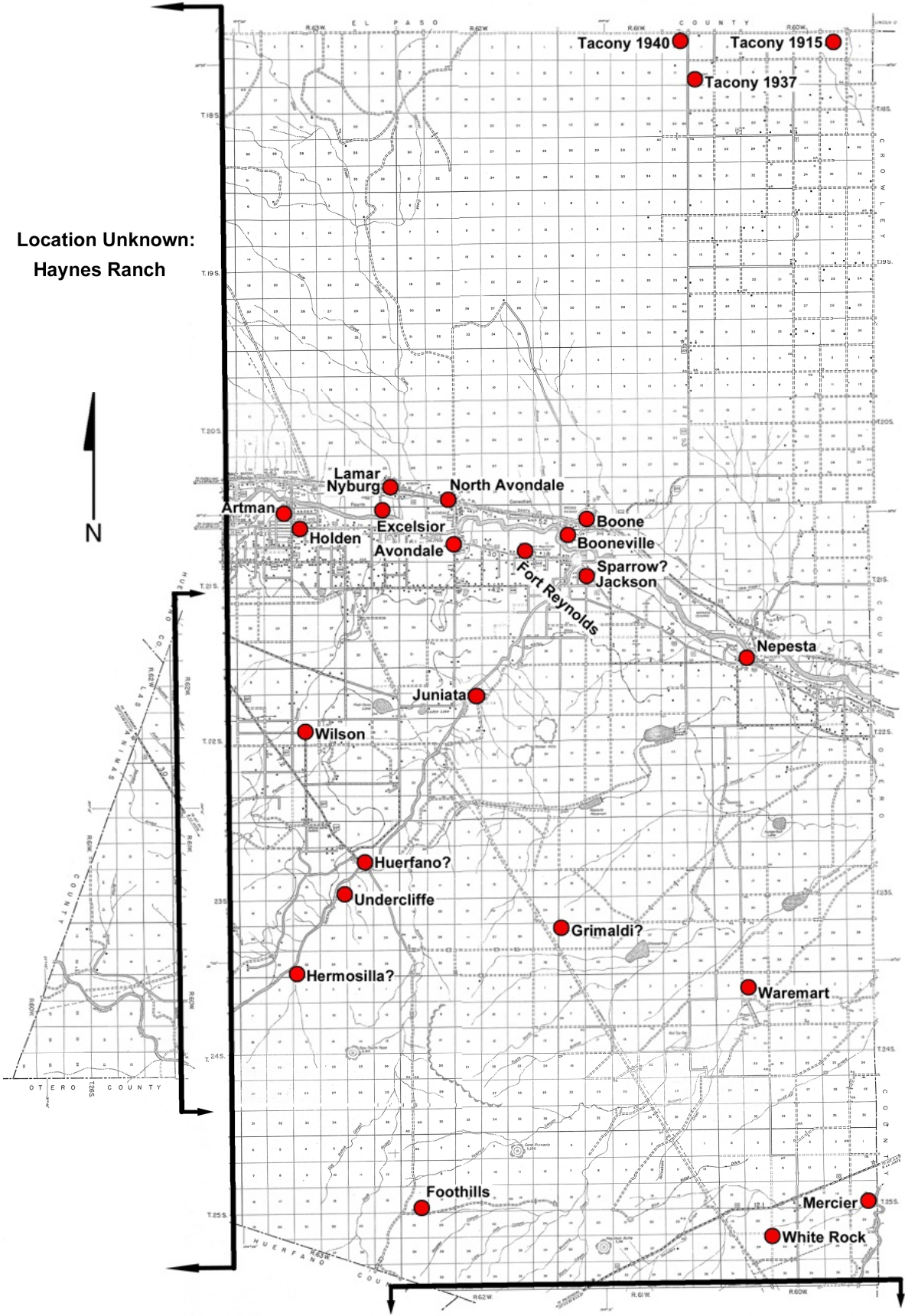
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**June 2, 2020**



Post Office Location Map – Western Pueblo County



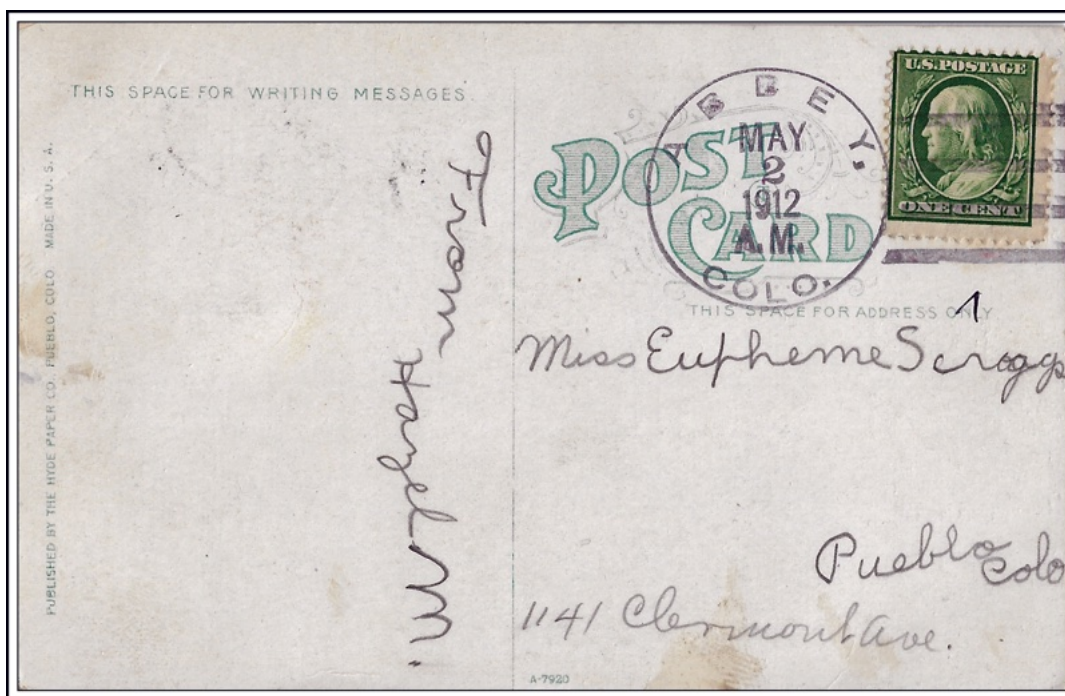
Location Unknown:  
Haynes Ranch

Post Office Location Map – Eastern Pueblo County

**ABBEY**

Abbey was a rural post office on the road from Pueblo to Walsenburg. There is no indication or record, that it was more than a ranch or farm complex near the Greenhorn River. S. A. Abbey, the Pueblo Postmaster, filed the Site Location Report. Apparently this is another post office in this area that was named for a Pueblo Postmaster (see Crow).

The site of Abbey is on the east side of Interstate 25 about a mile north of Exit 77. Exit there and take the frontage road north. At the location of Abbey there is an underpass but no ramp to I-25. There is a large, well-kept ranch complex to the east of the interstate. In 2001 the ranch appeared to be the headquarters of the Cedarwood Land Development Company. Perhaps Abbey is about to become a community, more than a hundred years after it was established.



**ABBEY, / COLO.**

**May 2, 1912**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Apr 28 1891 --- NE/4 NW/4 Sec 35 T23S R66W 1 mile west of Greenhorn River  
One mile north of Muddy Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Della S. Stanley  
Report filed by S. A. Abbey, Postmaster at Pueblo
- May 29 1891 Established
- May 29 1891 Stanley, Della S.
- Apr 2 1895 Scroggs, William C.
- May 4 1898 Stanley, Carl Order rescinded Jul 14 1898
- Jul 28 1910 Moyer, Edward B.
- Dec 31 1914 Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 0.1 ABBEY, / COLO. Jun 25 1895  
CI 10P 29.0 Hstp Fancy Star in circle
- 1 ABBEY / COLO. Sep 29 1899 Oct 25 1910  
CI 10P 28.0 Hstp No killer



**ABBEY – Continued**

2 ABBEY, / COLO.  
CI 10P 31.0

Apr 18 1911 Dec 25 1914

4bars S-25x19mm



**AGATE**

Agate was a small settlement and rural post office on the St. Charles River. Located on the river, the river bottoms could be irrigated to grow crops. The surrounding countryside, away from the river, was good grazing land for livestock.

Take Exit 88 from Interstate 25 and go west on Burnt Mill Road. To begin this is Pueblo County Road 247. It soon becomes County Road 246 and then intersects County Road 230. By this route, the location of Agate was six miles from Interstate 25.

Agate was on the southeast side of the St. Charles River but in 2001 there was no road on that side of the river. From Burnt Mill Road I could see no evidence of buildings or a settlement south of the river. I did observe a small dam and diversion canal on the river at about the location of Agate.

The early and brief period that this Agate Post Office existed makes it unlikely that anything remains at the actual site.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Mar 1 1880 --- NE/4 Sec 3 T23S R66W One quarter mile southeast side of St. Charles Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Jahzeel S. Piper  
Report submitted by William S. Goodpasture, PM at Muddy Creek
- Apr 7 1880 Established
- Apr 7 1880 Piper, Jahzeel S.
- Apr 15 1881 Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**ANDERSONVILLE**

Andersonville was a short lived rural post office on the St. Charles River about seven miles southeast of Pueblo. Some sources claim that it was southwest of Pueblo but reliable sources, including the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report, support a direction to the southeast of Pueblo. Given the early date of the post office it may have been a stage or rest stop on the early road along the St. Charles River.

Go east from Pueblo on US 50 to 25th Lane. Turn south and go to South Road and then east a short distance to 27th Lane and turn south. In about a mile the road crosses the St. Charles River.

Andersonville was on the north side of the river along the present day road. In 2001 there was one small house in the trees near the river. Pueblo is rapidly expanding in this direction so the situation may have changed since 2001.

From Andersonville you can continue south to the sites of Wilson, Undercliffe, Huerfano and Hermosillo.

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

Jul 14 1868	---	Unsurveyed Four miles south of the Arkansas River, on the north bank of the St. Charles Fort Reynolds distant fourteen miles in an easterly direction Report submitted by Joseph W. Anderson
Dec 1 1868		Established
Dec 1 1868		Anderson, Joseph W.
Aug 19 1869		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**ARLAND**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. A postmaster was appointed but six months later the appointment was rescinded. It is probable that Mr. Fulton could not qualify or was no longer on site. I believe the post office was never in operation.

There is no Geographical Site Location Report on file; therefore I have no information as to where Arland might have been.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

		No entry in the Geographic Site Location Reports	
Jan 7 1895		Established	
Jan 7 1895		Fulton, Charles T.	Order rescinded Jul 15 1895
Jul 15 1895		Establishment rescinded	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**ARMOUR**

I have not found any historical references to this rural post office that was located northwest of Beulah and only a mile from the Pueblo-Custer County line on North Creek, a tributary of the St. Charles River. Ranching and possibly lumbering would have been the activities in the area of Armour. I have no information as to the origin of the name.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does provide a location that spots it on Pueblo County Road 212, which at some point becomes Forest Service Road 307.

County Road 212, also called North Creek Road, begins on the east edge of Beulah. From the turn onto Road 212 it is five and two-tenths miles to a group of older buildings along the road. There is an occupied dwelling. There is also an old barn and an old part-log building along the road.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 25 1886	---	SW/4 Sec 20 T22S R68W Proposed postmaster Mrs. Mary Rowland
May 6 1886		Established
May 6 1886		Rowland, Mrs. Mary
Jun 12 1889		Donley, Thomas
Feb 3 1892		Discontinued Mail to Beulah

**ARMOUR – Continued**



**Buildings at the site of Armour, Colorado – View west along North Creek Road**  
Photograph by William H. Bauer  
May 26, 2001

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1     Armour / Colo.  
       MS

Dec 22 1894

Msep No killer

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**ARTMAN**

I have not found any historical reference to this place in Pueblo County.

The one and only postmaster was Lewis J. Artman, thus it would seem that the post office took his family name. The post office did last for eight plus years. That might indicate the presence of a store at the location. The post office would have served farmers along the south side of the Arkansas River.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places Artman south of the Arkansas River and east of the St. Charles River. From Pueblo drive east on US Highway 50 to the community known as Vineland. Turn north on Pueblo County Road 331 and go one mile. Artman was located on the west side of Road 331 and south of the Arkansas River.

In 1997 I could not identify any buildings that would possibly date from the period the Artman Post Office was in operation.

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

Jul 12 1892	---	NE/4 Sec 5 T21S R63W One mile south of the Arkansas One mile east of St. Charles Creek Proposed as "either Olive, Clyde, or Walter." All rejected Proposed postmaster - Lewis J. Artman
Aug 31 1892		Established
Aug 31 1892		Artman, Lewis J.
Feb 7 1901		Ordered closed
Feb 14 1901		Discontinued Papers to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	ARTMAN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Apr -- 1895 Dec 29 1897 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
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**AVONDALE**

The eventual site of Avondale is believed to have been homesteaded by a son of Charles Autobees. Most accounts agree that about 1890 Sam Taylor, an Englishman, moved to the area. He opened a general store and named the community for his hometown of Stratford-on-Avon, England – the home of William Shakespeare.

An alternate derivation of the name traces it to a subdivision in Pueblo, which J. E. Green developed before platting Avondale. Perhaps there was a family connection to William Wallace Green, the first postmaster.

Avondale became a small community that supplied the surrounding farms and ranches. This area along the Arkansas River, taking irrigation water from the river, was a market-garden area raising produce for sale in the larger Colorado cities. Away from the river ranching predominated.

Over the years the town included a school, church, café, service station and many residences. Avondale has not changed a great deal. Development from Pueblo has spread mostly to the west but there has been some development to the east. The Pueblo Army Depot, the Transportation Department Test Track and the Pueblo Municipal Airport provide employment for area residents.

From Pueblo drive east on either US Highway 50 or US 50 Bypass. The two roads join at Avondale.

Latitude = 38:14:15 North Longitude = 104:21:02 West AVONDALE

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 26 1892	---	SW/4 Sec 4 T21S R62W Proposed as Concord Proposed postmaster - William W. Greene
Mar 22 1892		Established
Mar 22 1892		Greene, Wm W.
Aug 11 1892	---	NE/4 Sec 9 T21S R62W
Oct 1 1894		Whithock, Mrs. Jason Error in name
Oct 31 1894		Whitlock, Sarah A.
Aug 8 1898		Taylor, Samuel

**AVONDALE – Continued**

Mar 29 1914 ---	NE/4 Sec 8 T21S R62W	
Feb 25 1921	Hobson, Ed	Acting
Aug 10 1921	Hobson, Ed	Appointed
Feb 1 1927	Montgomery, Charles G.	
Oct 8 1928	Russell, Jackson H.	Acting
Jan 2 1929	Russell, Jackson H.	Confirmed
Jan 21 1929	Russell, Jackson H.	Commissioned
Jan 31 1929	Russell, Jackson H.	Assumed Charge
Nov 7 1939	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Assumed Charge
Nov 29 1939	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Acting
Mar 1 1941	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Appointed
Mar 14 1941	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Commissioned
Nov 12 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 8 T21S R62W	
Jul 1 1943		Office made Presidential
May 12 1944	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Nominated
May 29 1944	Roe, Mrs. Vida M.	Appointed/Commissioned
Mar 31 1967	Vialpando, Mrs. Gloria A.	Acting
Feb 20 1971	Vialpando, Mrs. Gloria A.	Assumed charge as postmaster

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

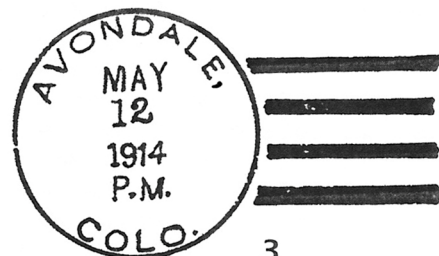
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4	AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Apr 10 1937 Feb 22 1941
5	AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 24 1942 May 7 1949
5.1	Avondale / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1940s
6	AVONDALE / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/20.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Aug 10 1951 Jan 6 1953
7	AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 38.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Oct 4 1956
8	AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jan 23 1964
9	AVONDALE, CO / 81022 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Oct 5 1967 Sep 21 1970
10	AVONDALE, CO / 81022 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	May 30 1975 Feb 8 1983
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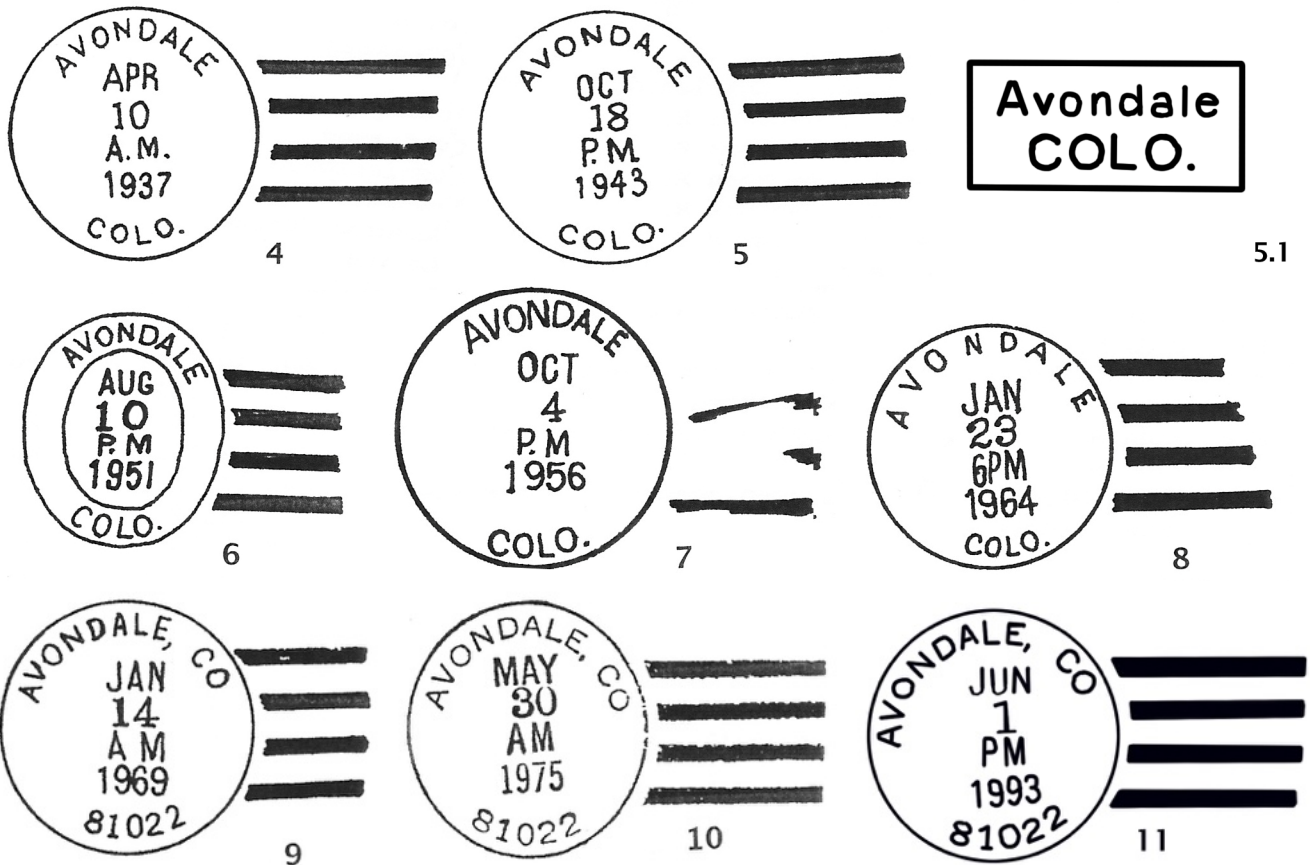


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## AVONDALE – Continued



## BEAVER

I am not certain that this post office should be included in Pueblo County. The post office began life as Beaver Creek, a short distance west of the Pueblo-Fremont County line. In 1902 the post office name was shortened to Beaver. A 1902 report for Beaver is the last one found in the Fremont County file of Geographical Site Location Reports. In the Pueblo County file there is a report for Beaver that appears to indicate a move of the Beaver Post Office to a location less than a mile east of the Pueblo-Fremont County line.

Beaver was the third and final name to be applied to a post office located where Beaver Creek joins the Arkansas River. For directions to this site, its history and a description of the location, please refer to the discussions of Toof and Beaver Creek in Fremont County. That location on the USGS Topographic Map of Pueblo County (Sheet 1) is labeled Dobson.

The information that follows is largely what was included in the Fremont County chapter of *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*.

In 1862 a post office with the name Beaver Creek was opened on the north side of the Arkansas River where Beaver Creek joins the river. The area was one of farms raising vegetables for sale in the mining camps. In 1868 George W. Toof became the postmaster of Beaver Creek but two years later the office closed.

A post office would reappear at this location in 1881 but it was called Toof. However, the name of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Station continued to be called Beaver Creek and soon the post office name was changed to Beaver Creek.

**BEAVER – Continued**

There is no evidence that there was an organized community here on the flats along the north side of the Arkansas River where Beaver Creek flows into the river. There was an early flour mill at Beaver Creek and the railroad station became a shipping point for the ranches and farms along Beaver Creek.

I have not visited the location in Pueblo County. Access would be south from US Highway 50, approximately a mile east of the county line and via Pueblo County Road 101. The aforementioned USGS map does indicate some buildings on the north bank of the Arkansas River.

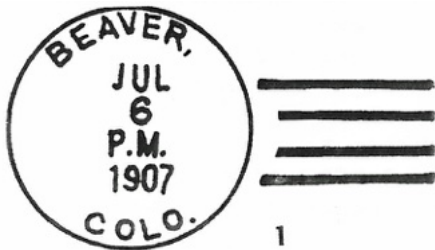
**Chronology of the Post Office**

**FREMONT COUNTY**

Apr 11 1902	Formerly named Beaver Creek	
Apr 11 1902	Hayton, William	
Jun 22 1902 ---	Location not given	Near the Arkansas River on the north side of it and is 1/4 mile east of Beaver Creek Post Office is located in the railroad Station (D&RG)
Feb 13 1904	Wright, Elizabeth L.	Rescinded
Mar 24 1904	Wright, Elizabeth L.	
May 17 1904 ---	NE/4 Sec 26 T19S R68W	88 rods north of the Arkansas River 100 feet east of Beaver Creek 75 rods from the D&RG (north of) Apparently it was being moved from this site (Fremont County) to a site in SW/4 NE/4 Sec 6 T20S R67W in Pueblo County
Nov 2 1909	Challis, Arthur L.	
Apr 30 1910	Discontinued	Mail to Swallows

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	BEAVER, / COLO.	Jun 14 1907	Mar 18 1910
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	



**BEULAH**

Beulah is located on the open, but sloping, alluvial fan in the foothills of the Wet Mountains where several streams join to form the North St. Charles River. The location has an interesting but confusing history.

There are references to this place first being known as Fisher’s Hole. Robert Fisher was an early trader and trapper. More commonly it was known as Maces Hole, for Juan Mace, a Mexican outlaw that supposedly roamed the countryside from the Arkansas River to Taos and Santa Fe. However, there are no records of anyone who actually knew Juan Mace, thus it seems that the story may be nothing but a legend.

Another reference claims that during the Civil War, following the Battle of Glorieta Pass, Maces Hole was a refuge for Confederate sympathizers. Perhaps that has some validity as by 1862 a small community was beginning to develop.

In 1865 John Jacob Sease moved his family to Maces Hole. In 1867 John L. Boggs and his four sons – David W., Oliver L., Lewis G. and J. Denver, joined him. Lewis G. Boggs would be the postmaster for Maces Hole and continued in the post after the change of name to Beulah.

**BEULAH – Continued**

By 1876 the residents had become unhappy with the name Maces Hole and its unsavory connections to outlaws and rebels. Several names were suggested – Silver Glen, Spruce Valley, Glen Eden and Beulah. In the end the residents voted for the name Beulah that had been suggested by a Reverend Gaylord.

Beulah has biblical connotations but Beulah, “a land of peace and rest” was more popularly associated with John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*.

Initially there was interest in mining and trapping for furs. The fur animals disappeared and the mining never amounted to anything.

The area then became devoted to agriculture and stock raising. Lumbering was also an important contributor to the economy of Beulah. Those activities are still important to Beulah but the village has become a haven for summer homes and camps. It is also adjacent to the Pueblo Mountain Park.

There is a small business district and the school serves a wide area west of Pueblo. For many years Kansas State University has based its summer geological field camp at Beulah. The Beulah Outdoor Art Show is an annual event. For the Christmas Holidays, the Yule Log Hunt and Festival attracts a large number of visitors to Beulah.

From Pueblo, drive west on Colorado Highway 76. Beulah, in the foothills, is a short distance north of the highway but is well marked by road signs.

Latitude = 38:04:30 North Longitude = 104:59:10 West BEULAH

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 14 1873	---	SW/4 Sec 3 T23S R68W - Originally filed as MACES HOLE	
Oct 25 1876		Formerly named Maces Hole	
Oct 25 1876		Boggs, Lewis G.	
Jun 28 1877		Fornia, Mrs. Elizabeth	
Jan 29 1878		Crawford, R. S.	
Jun 5 1878		Long, William B.	
Apr 7 1879		Davis, Mrs. Rhoda E.	
Jan 14 1886		Patten, Robert	
Mar 18 1889		Reynolds, George E.	
Dec 7 1893		Goodpasture, William F.	
Nov 9 1897		Ingraham, David P.	
Jun 2 1904		Drake, Edwin L.	
Jul 11 1904	---	SW/4 Sec 3 T23S R68W	
Feb 16 1906		Townsend, Helen M.	
Mar 21 1907		Keithly, Marion L.	
Feb 10 1913		Gibson, Harvey W.	
Mar 27 1915		Walker, Quincy C.	
Jan 15 1918		McKibban, Harry C.	
Feb 20 1919		Hirdman, Gladys J.	
Jun 16 1920		Traeber, Alice E.	Appointed
Jul 14 1920		Traeber, Alice E.	Commissioned
Aug 5 1920		Traeber, Alice E.	Assumed charge
Feb 12 1924	---	NW/4 SE/4 Sec 3 T23S R68W	
Jun 16 1924	---	NE/4 SW/4 Sec 3 T23S R68W	
Oct 24 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T23S R68W	
Jul 1 1950		Miller, Raymond G.	
Apr 30 1968		Traeber, Mrs. Patricia A.	Clerk in charge
Dec 27 1968		Youngren, Raymond A. Jr.	Acting
Mar 6 1971		Youngren, Raymond A. Jr.	Assumed charge as postmaster



BEULAH – Continued



Beulah Colo

July 5, 1880

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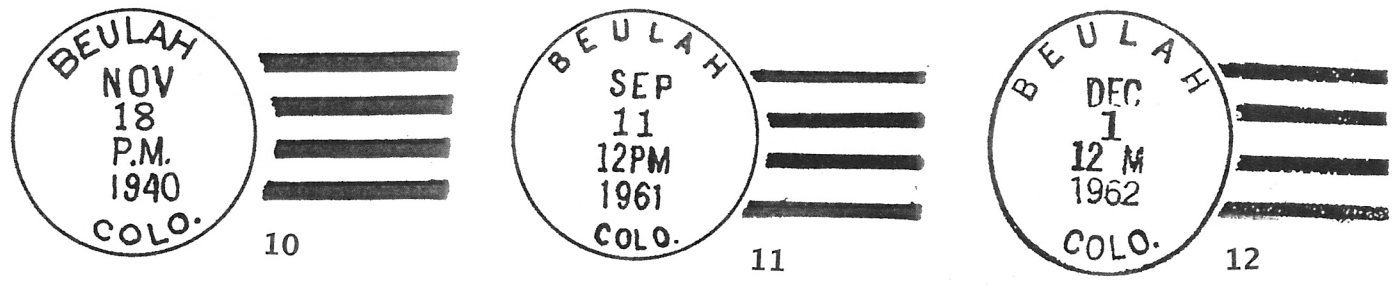
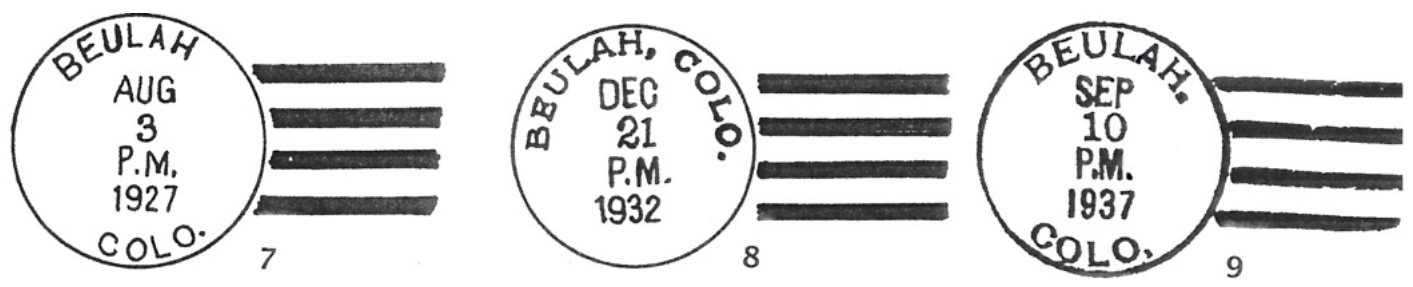
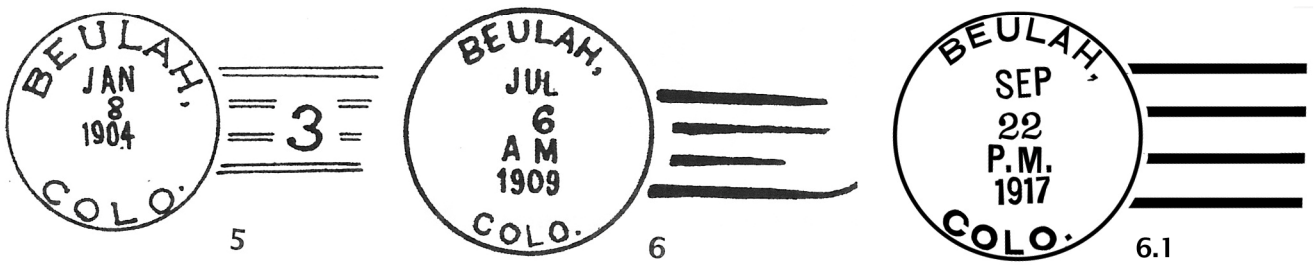
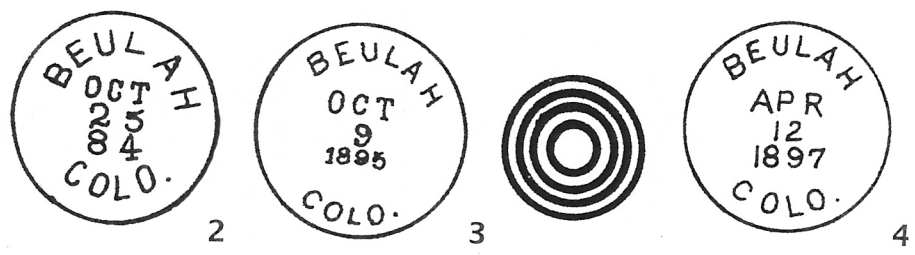
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4	BEULAH / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm	Nov 23 1896 Apr 12 1897
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9	BEULAH, / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 8 1936 Sep 10 1937
10	BEULAH / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jul 19 1940 Jun 6 1958
11	BEULAH / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 8 1959 Aug 6 1964
12	BEULAH / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jan 7 1960 Aug 6 1964
13	BEULAH, CO / 81023 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Aug 24 1968 Oct 21 1991
14	BEULAH, CO / 81023 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Dec 16 1969 Aug 31 1987

BEULAH - Continued

- 14.1 BEULAH, CO / 81023  
CI 10P 21.5
- 15 BEULAH / COLO.  
CI 11P 29.0/19.0
- 16 BEULAH CO / 81023-9998  
CI 10P 34.0
- 17 BEULAH CO 81023 / USPS  
CI 11P 30.5/22.0

- Jun 24 1978
- Mach 7 wavy lines
- Apr 14 1993
- Hstp No killer
- Jun 27 2000 Oct 6 2000
- 4bars S-23x13mm
- May 26 2001
- Hstp No killer

*Beulah CO  
10/25/84 H*





**BEULAH – Continued****PUEBLO MOUNTAIN PARK STATION – Continued**

1919 Pueblo Mountain Park became the first recreation development in a US National Forest Placed in the National Historical Register September 18, 1993.

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**YULE LOG FESTIVAL STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 12 1993

Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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BEULAH CO 81023 // YULE LOG FESTIVAL STATION

Dec 12 1993

CI 10P 44.0

Pict Scene - in center of cds, undated; text at right -  
41st ANNUAL / YULE LOG / HUNT /  
A CHRISTMAS / TRADITION IN / BEULAH CO.  
SINCE / DEC. 1952 "HALUEB"



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**BOONE**

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The arrival of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad made Booneville the commercial center for the ranches and farms along the Arkansas River east of Pueblo.

According to the original Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report, Booneville was slightly to the west of present day Boone. The arrival of the railroads and the stations they established were likely the reason the community grew eastward into its modern location on Colorado Highway 96.

**BOONE – Continued**

To the north of Boone, the country is grazing land for livestock. Along the Arkansas River irrigation made possible the growing of a variety of market garden crops. Among the products shipped from Boone were corn, beets, watermelon, hay, and pinto and dried beans. Pinto beans were a major local product and for many years Boone held an annual Pinto Bean Festival.

In 1891 the name of Booneville was shortened to Boone.

I have not found a reference as to when the Town of Boone(ville) was platted. It may have been at an early date but it was not until 1956 that Boone was incorporated.

Boone still has a small business district and a good number of small homes. The Pueblo Army Depot and the Transportation Department Test Track, to the northwest, provide employment for residents of Boone.

Latitude = 38:14:55 North Longitude = 104:15:23 West BOONE

**Chronology of the Post Office**

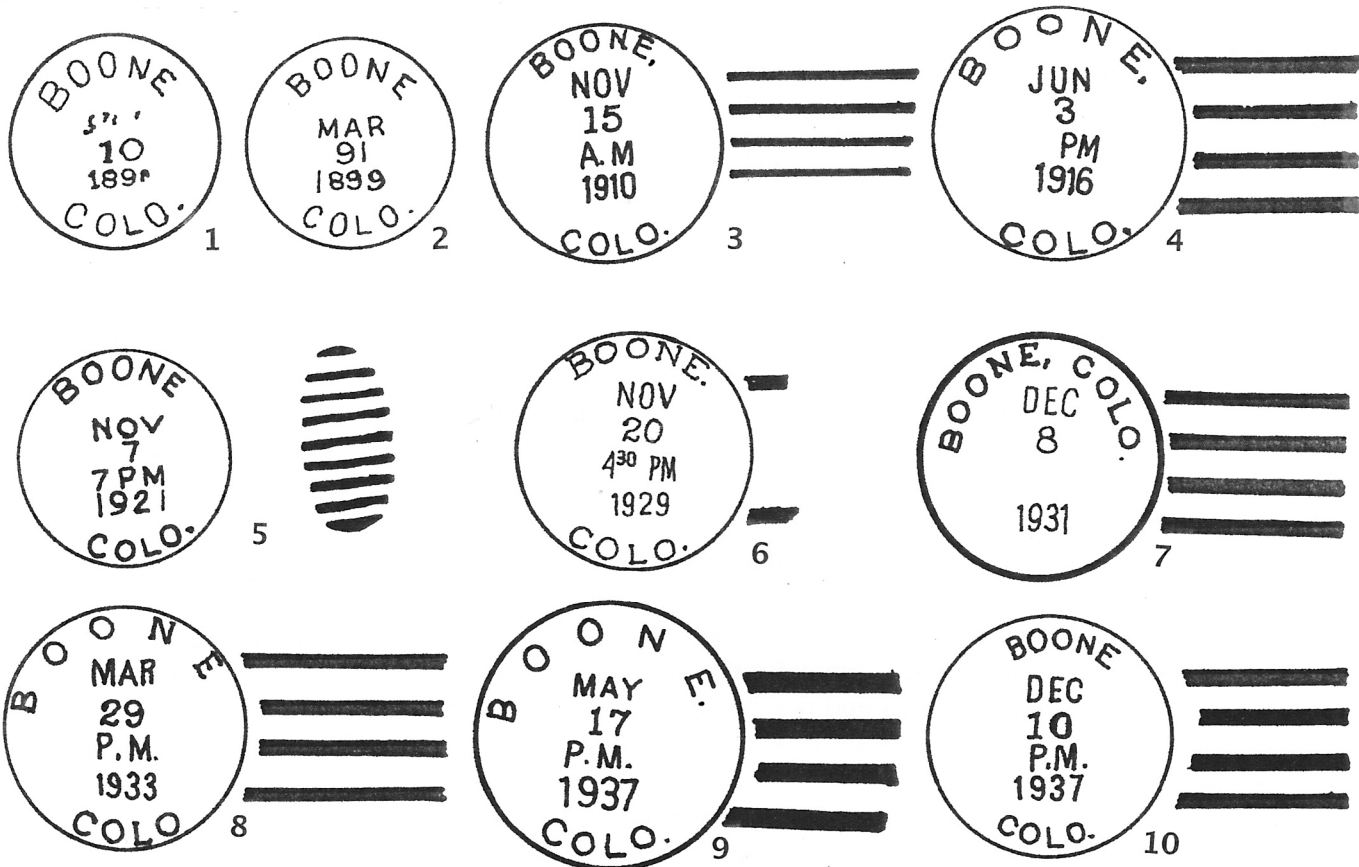
Jan 20 1871	---	NW/4 Sec 7 T21S R61W	[Report filed for Booneville]
Dec 5 1891		Formerly named Booneville	
Dec 5 1891		Hughes, George B.	
Sep 28 1892		Russell, William L.	
Jun 4 1898		Neun, Jonas	
Jul 8 1901		Russell, William L.	
Apr 14 1910		Hensley, Horace H.	
Jan 26 1920		White, Grace R.	
Jul 1 1920		Office made Presidential	
Feb 10 1922		Danielson, Henry A.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
May 2 1922	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 6 T21S R61W	400 feet from Railroad station
Feb 23 1926		Danielson, Henry A.	P&S
Mar 8 1930		Danielson, Henry A.	P&S
Jul 1 1933			Office Relegated
Oct 12 1933		Allensworth, Ben K.	Confirmed
Oct 27 1933		Allensworth, Ben K.	Commissioned
Nov 13 1933		Allensworth, Ben K.	Assumed Charge
Nov 1 1935		Bailey, Oral M.	Assumed Charge
Nov 14 1935		Bailey, Oral M.	Acting
Feb 26 1936		Bailey, Mrs. Jennie F.	Confirmed
Mar 18 1936		Bailey, Mrs. Jennie F.	Commissioned
May 1 1936		Bailey, Mrs. Jennie F.	Assumed Charge
Oct 20 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 6 T21S R61W	On Kansas-Colorado Boulevard
May 12 1942		White, Mrs. Opal	Assumed Charge
May 16 1942		White, Mrs. Opal	Acting
Dec 23 1942		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Appointed
Jan 6 1943		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Commissioned
Jan 13 1943		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1943			Office made Presidential
Dec 8 1943		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Nominated
Jan 12 1944		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Confirmed/Commissioned
Feb 12 1944		McMullen, Mrs. Vina M.	Assumed charge
May 9 1946	---	SE/4 Sec 6 T21S R61W	From sketch map, it was in the SE corner of the road intersection from the south and the east and south of railroad.
Aug 26 1954		Fillmore, Mrs. Vina M.	Name changed by marriage
Jan 31 1958		Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Assumed Charge
Feb 3 1958		Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Acting
Jun 16 1958		Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Nominated
Jul 23 1958		Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Confirmed
Jul 24 1958		Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Commissioned

**BOONE – Continued**

Aug 8 1958	Horsman, Mrs. Helen I.	Assumed charge
Jun 20 1975	McPhaul, Ms. Barbara J.	Officer in charge
Sep 27 1975	Willits, Mrs. Margaret S.	Appointed
Oct 3 1980	Poulson, William L.	Officer in charge
Mar 7 1981	Patterson, Joseph W.	Appointed

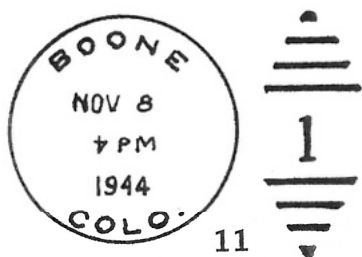
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target	--- 10 189-
2	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm	Mar 16 1899 Jul 20 1899
3	BOONE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-??x14mm	Mar 9 1908 Jun 2 1913
4	BOONE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Nov 18 1914 Jul 21 1916
5	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Mar 21 1921 Jul 8 1924
6	BOONE. / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Killer portion not visible on copy	Nov 20 1929
7	BOONE, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Dec 8 1931
8	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 29 1933
9	BOONE. / COLO. CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-??x20mm	May 17 1937



BOONE – Continued

10	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Dec 10 1937 Jan 21 1943
11	BOONE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Nov 8 1944 Mar 25 1964
12	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 17 1965 Feb 3 1966
12.1	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x17mm	Oct 29 1971
		<b>[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]</b>	
13	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-23x18mm	Mar 13 1973 May 29 1990
14	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 21 1977 Apr 14 1992
15	BOON, CO / 81025 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm;	Oct 7 1981 Jan 6 1982
16	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 40.0	4bars S-??x24mm	Error in spelling Dec 3 1982 Jun 4 1984
17	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 36.0	4bars S-??x22mm	Feb 9 1983 Jun 22 1983
18	BOONE, CO / 81025 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Apr 30 1987 Nov 14 2000
19	BOONE CO 81025 / USPS CI 10P 35.5	4bars S-23x12mm	Sep 1 1995



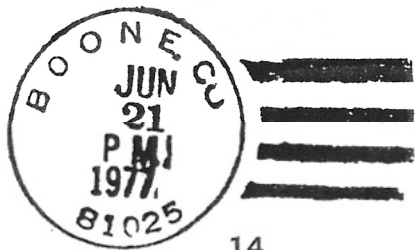
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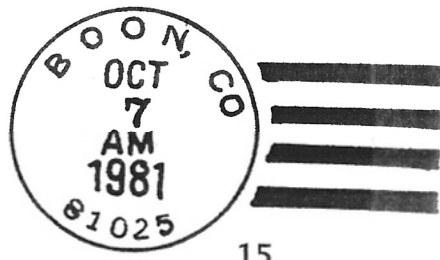
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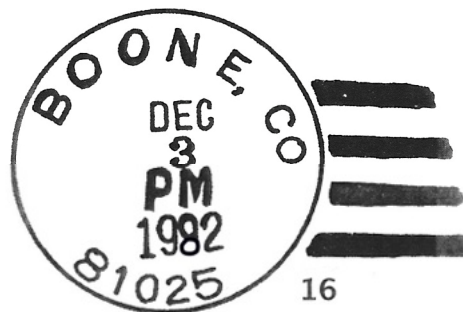
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## BOONEVILLE

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One source states that Fosdick was the first name for this settlement. However, it is more accepted that the name Fosdick was applied to the Missouri Pacific Railroad station at Booneville. Henry M. Fosdick, a civil engineer, was the second postmaster at Booneville.

For a few years Booneville was a stage station on the Barlow, Sanderson, and Company Stage Line between Pueblo and Bent's Old Fort. In early 1863 the stage station at Haynes Ranch was closed. Operations were moved to Booneville and the recently opened Booneville Post Office supplanted the post office at Haynes Ranch.

Booneville was served by two railroads: the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe and the Missouri Pacific.

Booneville may have been platted as a town but was not incorporated under that name.

With railroad connections, Booneville became the commercial center for this portion of eastern Pueblo County. It served the farms and ranches of the area providing supplies and a shipping point for produce and livestock. For a few years it was also a supply center for Fort Reynolds located nearby, on the south side of the river.

In 1891, the name of the town and post office was shortened to Boone.

According to the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report, the site of Boone was slightly to the west of modern day Boone. If that location is correct and early reports are sometimes less than accurate, the early community was located in the area south of Colorado Highway 96 and west of Colorado Highway 209, which connects Colorado 96 to US 50 on the south side of the river. Most of that area is overgrown with trees and brush.



**Booneville Colo      Sep 7 186-**



**BOONEVILLE – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 6 1862	---	No Survey North side of Arkansas River
Jan 2 1863		Established
Jan 2 1863		Boone, Albert G.
Dec 28 1868		Fosdick, Henry M.
Jan 20 1871	---	NW/4 Sec 7 T21S R61W
Jun 2 1888		White, Nathaniel S.
May 9 1889		Hamilton, James A.
Oct 9 1889		Fryes, F. B.
Apr 17 1890		Livingston, James H.
Sep 12 1890		Fahnestock, Levin W.
Feb 16 1891		Stewart, Elza R.
Jun 12 1891		Hughes, George P.
Dec 5 1891		Name changed to Boone

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	BOONEVILLE / COL. CI 10P 24.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm	Apr 27 186- Jan 9 1869
2.A	Booneville Colo. MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Jul 15 1872 Sep 25 1879
2.B	Booneville Colorado MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Sep 4 1881
3	BOONEVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target	May 8 1889 Jan 8 1890



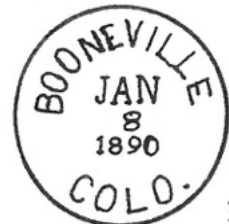
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*Booneville Colo.  
July 15th 1872*

2.A

*Booneville Colorado  
September 4th 1881*

2.B



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**BRONQUIST**

The only reference to Bronquist that I have encountered is in *Colorado Ghost Towns, Volume II* by Leanne C. Boyd and Glenn Carson. Unfortunately, I have difficulty with their description. They class Bronquist as a “roaming site,” and report that an 1885 map shows it as a stop on the discontinued Pueblo, Silver Cliff, and Pacific Railroad. A Pueblo and Silver Cliff Railroad was chartered but it was never constructed. That railroad would have run west from Pueblo and along Red Creek, where, in the twentieth century, the Bronquist Post Office was located. That could indicate a long history for the place, before it actually acquired a post office.

Next, they state that Bronquist was shown northeast of Goodpasture, on Colorado Highway 76 on a 1924 map. That is also open to question as, according to the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report, in 1924 Bronquist was at a location on what is now Red Creek Road.

Since the post office only operated between 1917 and 1925, it is possible that at an earlier date the name Bronquist was attached to some other location(s).

A further complication is that the DeLorme *Colorado Atlas and Gazetteer* places Bronquist at what was the location from 1897 to 1904 of the Lees Post Office.

The area surrounding the Bronquist and Lees Post Offices is grassland used for raising livestock.

Follow the directions to the Lees Post Office that are given below. Continue east another two and one half miles. Bronquist would have been on the north side of the road. The only thing visible is an old corral on the hill.

**BRONQUIST – Continued**

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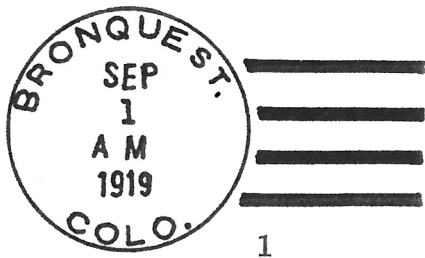
**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 17 1917	---	NW/4 Sec 25 T21S R67W 200 yards north of Soda Creek Applicant for Postmaster - Nora E. Simmons
Aug 30 1917		Established
Aug 30 1917		Simmons, Nora E.
Feb 7 1922		Satterlee, Elizabeth
Jun 9 1925		Ordered closed
Jun 30 1925		Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**1 BRONQUEST, / COLO.  
CI 10P 32.0

Sep 1 1919 Jun 21 1925

4bars S-24x20mm Note the error in spelling of the name.

**BURNT MILL**

In November 1907 the name of the Kinkel Post Office was changed to Burnt Mill. I have found no explanation for the change. Perhaps it was simply dissatisfaction with the odd name of Kinkel.

There was a gristmill at the site operated by the Dotson brothers. The mill was apparently called "La Marquina de San Carlos." I assume this is Spanish but I have been unable to find a translation of "La Marquina."

The name indicates the fate of the mill. One story has it that the owners were operating an illegal still in the mill. The still blew up and burned the mill to the ground.

Follow the directions to Agate that have been described previously. Continue southwest on Burnt Mill Road (Pueblo County Road 230) to the intersection with Pueblo County Road 221 (3R Road).

According to a local rancher, the site of Burnt Mill was on the south side of the St. Charles at the ranch on the bluff above the river.

Latitude = 38:03:06 North Longitude = 104:47:45 West BURNT MILL

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 22 1907	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 17 T23S R66W Possibly on north side of St. Charles [Report filed for Kinkel]
Oct 7 1911		Formerly named Kinkel
Oct 7 1911		McFedrie, Alexander St.C.
Dec 9 1915	---	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 17 T23S R66W 50 yards south of the St. Charles Creek Sketch map shows it just east of the wagon road crossing of the creek.
May 5 1920		Blain, Pauline
Sep 30 1921		Discontinued Mail to Goodpasture

**BURNT MILL – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 BURNT MILL, / COLO. Oct 15 1912 Jan 25 1916  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-25x19mm



**CEDARWOOD**

Cedarwood was established in late 1911 or 1912. It was located on the route of the Colorado and Southern Railroad. Later, the Denver and Rio Grande also had tracks passing through Cedarwood.

The name of the community was suggested by the Reverend J. H. White, a minister and ranch owner, for the cedar trees present in the area.

A small community did develop at Cedarwood but was never platted. The Cedarwood Station and post office would have served the surrounding ranches and farms.

Exit from Interstate 25 at Exit 74 (Colorado City). Turn east from the interstate and go south on the frontage road to Abbey Road (Pueblo County Road 345) and there turn east. Go to the intersection with Cedarwood Road (County Road 342). Take Cedarwood Road east to the railroad tracks. In 1999 there were still some abandoned buildings on both sides of the railroad.

Latitude = 37:56:30 North Longitude = 104:37:01 West CEDARWOOD

**Chronology of the Post Office**

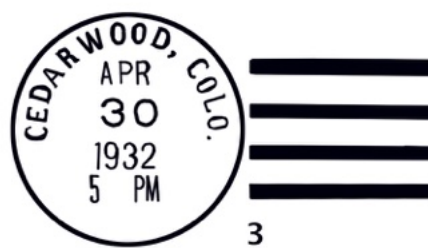
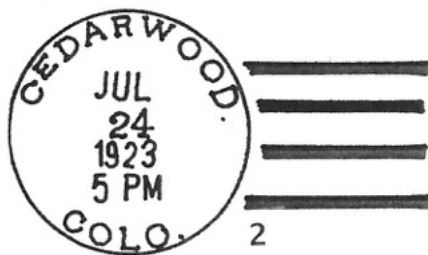
Aug 3 1911	---	SE/4 Sec 24 T24S R65W	
Mar 22 1912		Established	
Mar 22 1912		Henderson, Burdella	
Apr 1 1913		Cunningham, John W.	
Apr 30 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 24 T24S R65W Near middle of west side 200 feet east of Colorado & Southern Railroad	
Oct 3 1918		Punkard, Ollie G.	
Aug 18 1919		Cave, Ollie G.	
Jul 27 1923		Nance, Mrs. Rachel A.	
Nov 19 1926		Cave, Mrs. Ollie G.	Confirmed
Dec 10 1926		Cave, Mrs. Ollie G.	Commissioned
Jan 1 1927		Cave, Mrs. Ollie G.	Assumed Charge
Apr 13 1929	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 18 T24S R66W [SRM: Refers to location of Crow not Cedarwood]	
Oct 1 1935		Nance, Mrs. Rachel A.	Assumed Charge
Oct 7 1935		Nance, Mrs. Rachel A.	Acting
Jan 14 1936		Nance, Mrs. Rachel A.	Confirmed
Jan 28 1936		Nance, Mrs. Rachel A.	Commissioned
Jan 1 1940		McDaniel, Mrs. Gertrude	Assumed Charge
Jan 20 1940		McDaniel, Mrs. Gertrude	Acting
Feb 11 1940		McDaniel, Mrs. Gertrude	Confirmed
Feb 16 1940		McDaniel, Mrs. Gertrude	Commissioned
Jun 23 1941	---	Sec 24 T24S R65W Four miles north of the Huerfano River On the east side of the Colorado & Southern Railroad Office being moved - "Lease on present building not renewable."	

**CEDARWOOD – Continued**

Nov 5 1941	---	Location not given	
Aug 4 1942		Basgnes, Mrs. Mary B.	Assumed Charge
Aug 8 1942		Basgnes, Mrs. Mary B.	Acting
Mar 15 1943		Discontinued Mail to Rye	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	CEDARWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 25 1915 Aug 29 1919
2	CEDARWOOD. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 24 1923 May 20 1941
3	CEDARWOOD, COLO. CI 10P 30.5	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 30 1932

**CHILCOTT**

Chilcott was a ranch post office on Spring Branch, a tributary of the St. Charles River. It was named for George M. Chilcott who was an early settler at Pueblo and a United States Senator. In 1884 Harry S. Chilcott served as the second postmaster. From that I assume that George Chilcott may have been involved in ranching in the area.

The initial request was to name the post office “Spring Branch, for its location.”

The easiest route to Chilcott is to begin on Colorado Highway 78, east of Beulah. From Highway 78 turn south on Pueblo County Road 230 (Three R Road) and go five and seven-tenths miles. At that point County Road 230 makes a sharp turn from south to east-northeast. At the turn there is an unmarked road to the southwest. That road, on private property, should go to the two sites of Chilcott on Spring Gulch. Unfortunately when I visited the location in 2001 a locked gate blocked the road. It was not an impressive looking road. I doubt that there would be much to see if you could get to the locations.

The October 1884 location is about two miles from Road 230 and the March 1884 location is another mile up the valley.

An examination of the area using Google Earth, does not show any recognizable structures near the October 1884 location. It is difficult to determine the March 1884 location but I do not believe there is anything there either. From Google Earth it does appear that it might be possible to reach the March 1884 sight from Colorado Highway 165, south of San Isabel.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 23 1884	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T24S R68W Proposed postmaster - Janus Leithead
Mar 24 1884		Established
Mar 28 1884		Leithead, Jas. V.
May 8 1884		Chilcott, Harry C.
Oct 1 1884	---	NW/4 Sec 1 T24S R68W 1/2 mile north of the Spring Branch Report submitted by P.M. H. C. Chilcott
Feb 4 1885		Leithead, Mrs. Mary
Feb 1 1889		Brooks, Katharina



**CROW – Continued**

In the early 1880's Calvin W. Goss bought land from Zan Hicklin. Goss established a store and obtained a post office which he named Crow. Over the years the place became more popularly known as Crow Junction. but the post office never bore that name. It is generally accepted that the office was named for Matthew Crow who was the postmaster at Pueblo from 1885 to 1889.

Crow did develop as a community but I have no information that it was ever platted or incorporated. It was on the wagon road and later on the highway between Pueblo and Walsenburg but was bypassed by railroads and the interstate highway.

In 1963 the Colorado City Development Corporation acquired much of the land that had constituted the Zan Hicklin Ranch. The corporation announced their intention to construct a planned community that would have an eventual population of 30,000. An extensive street network was platted and construction begun.

Colorado City does exist but it has not fully met the grandiose plans of the Development Corporation. There is a golf course, a couple of small commercial centers and a number of homes on a street network. At Exit 74 there is a service station. In 1969 a Holiday Inn was built on the west side of the interstate. That motel now goes by a different name but is still in operation.

In late November 1969 an odd event took place at Colorado City. The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club conducted a "wake" for the old community of Crow Junction, complete with a parade and the symbolic burial of remnants of Crow Junction. The "grave" was placed beneath the then under construction Holiday Inn. I think that it was an interstate highway directional sign for Crow Junction, replaced by one for Colorado City that was buried beneath the motel.

The site of Crow is accessible via Colorado Highway 165 from Interstate 25, Exit 74. The modern Colorado City stretches west along that highway towards Rye. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the Crow Post Office approximately a mile west from Exit 74.

Nothing remains of the buildings that were Crow. One possible exception is a two-story building that once housed the Crow Mercantile Company and a wayside hotel. In February 1969 that building was moved to the east end of the golf course where it became a warehouse for building supplies and development company shops. It is quite possible that even that building no longer exists.

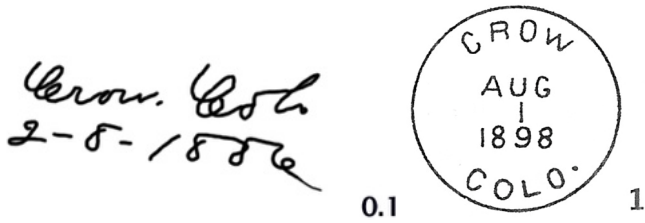
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 28 1885	---	SE/4 Sec 18 T24S R66W 1/4 mile north of Greenhorn Creek Proposed postmaster - Calvin W. Goss	
Oct 30 1885		Established	
Oct 30 1885		Goss, Calvin W.	
Jun 20 1890		Darnell, Flora M.	Declined
Jul 26 1890		Edmunds, Lewis	
May 4 1891		Discontinued Papers to Greenhorn	
Aug 24 1896	---	SE/4 Sec 18 T24S R66W On the north side of Greenhorn Creek Proposed postmaster - J. William Goss	
Sep 2 1896		Re-established	
Sep 2 1896		Goss, J. William	
Jul 25 1901		Duckworth, W. M.	
Dec 12 1901		Edmundson, Eugene S.	
Jun 9 1904		Ordered closed Papers to Abbey effective Jun 30 1904	
Jun 29 1904		Closing order rescinded	
Jul 9 1904		Hamilton, Mary G.	
Sep 1 1905		Thomas, James B.	
Dec 12 1906		Walker, William C.	
Oct 26 1907		Ordered closed	
Nov 30 1907		Discontinued Mail to Greenhorn	

**CROW – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |                             |   |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|
| 0.1 | Crow, / Colo.<br>MS         | Feb 8 1896  |
| 1   | CROW / COLO.<br>CI 10P 27.0 | Mscp Pen cancel<br>Aug 1 1898 Apr 23 1902<br>Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm |



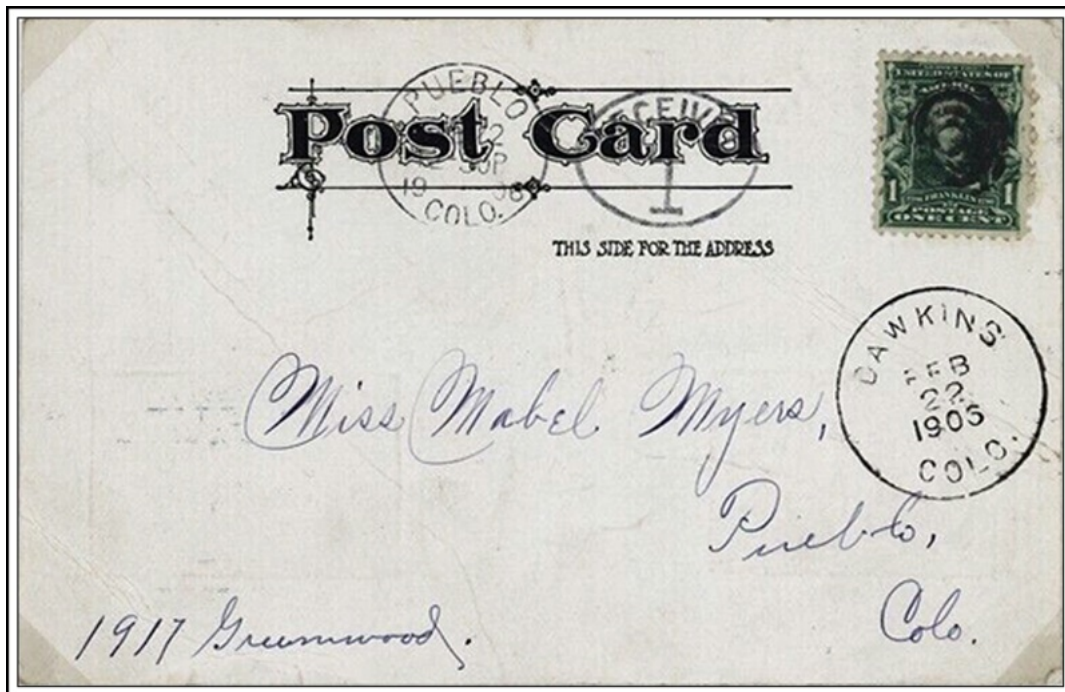
**DAWKINS**

Dawkins was at a station on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad about five miles south of the Pueblo-El Paso County line. In addition to the station, there were likely a few residences. The Wood Valley School was moved to Dawkins from the east side of Fountain Creek. Dawkins provided ranches in the area with a shipping facility for livestock.

In 1907 the post office was moved a half-mile to the south and re-named Pinon.

From Interstate 25, take Exit 108, the Pinon Exit, and go north on the east frontage road to Pueblo County Road 108. Dawkins was a half-mile north of Road 108 and along the railroads. In this area there are parallel tracks for the Denver and Rio Grande and for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroads.

There are no buildings remaining along the railroad; however, a short distance north there is a residence between the railroads and the interstate.



**DAWKINS / COLO.**

**February 22, 1906**

**DAWKINS – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 23 1885 --- SW/4 Sec 30 T18S R64W 10 feet west of the D&RG RR  
1/4 mile west of the Fountain Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Christopher Columbus Hahss [SRM: signature not definitive]

Feb 5 1885 Established

Feb 5 1885 Hahss, Christopher Columbus

Jun 11 1889 Sutter, Mrs. Amelia E.

Nov 7 1889 Sutherland, Amelia E.

Feb 21 1907 Post office moved 1/4 mile to Pinon

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Dawkins	Oct 18 1886	Oct 20 1886
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Possibly only 1 cover with error in date.
2	DAWKINS / COLO.	Feb 4 1898	Mar 30 1907
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	17mm



**DUKE**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. A postmaster was appointed but three months later the appointment was rescinded. It is probable that Lillian Newton could not qualify or was no longer on site. I believe the post office was never in operation.

There is no Geographical Site Location Report on file, therefore I have no information as to where Duke might have been.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

No entry present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.

May 5 1908 Established

May 5 1908 Newton, Lillian

Aug 4 1908 Discontinued

Order rescinded Aug 4 1908

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DUKE

**EDEN**

Eden was a railroad post office about six miles north of Pueblo. There was a small station and a siding but no town. At first the post office was located in the station building and, I think, to the east of the tracks. In 1900 the post office moved a short distance to the southwest and to the west side of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

As was the case with the other stations along the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, there would have been facilities to hold livestock and to load them for shipment to market.

Eden was the site of the third worst railroad disaster in the United States history – ninety-seven dead and others missing.



**EDEN – Continued**

Don Helmers in *Tragedy at Eden* describes the setting as follows:

Hogan's Gulch is particularly interesting to anyone who pauses to study and examine it. It resembles the Grand Canyon in a miniature way. Usually these gulches do not have even a trickle of water in them, but, on occasion, when rains fall upslope, they can run full from bank to bank for brief periods. This is what happened on the evening of August 7, 1904. A cloudburst dumped huge amounts of water in the small basin drained by Hogan's Gulch, and a torrent of water came rushing down the arroyo and washed out the flimsily-built county road bridge. The wreckage of this bridge was carried downstream and crashed against the Denver & Rio Grande railroad bridge, known as bridge No. 110-B, weakening it and setting the stage for the "Tragedy at Eden."

In the early evening, a Denver and Rio Grande Railroad passenger train, from Denver to Pueblo, traveling slow, approached the bridge. In poor visibility and unaware that the bridge supports had been destroyed, the engine passed onto the bridge and nearly made it to the south side before the tracks gave way. The engine, tender and two passenger cars were pulled into the flood waters. The air brakes halted two additional cars before they reached the north end of the bridge. The confirmed dead totaled 97, to that date the worst railroad disaster in the United States. A number of other persons were listed as missing.

The actual site of the disaster was about a mile and a quarter north of the Eden Station. Hogan's Gulch is now known as Porter's Draw.

Depart from Interstate 25 at Exit 104. Eden was on the east side of the highway and just north of the underpass. There are no remaining structures at the site.

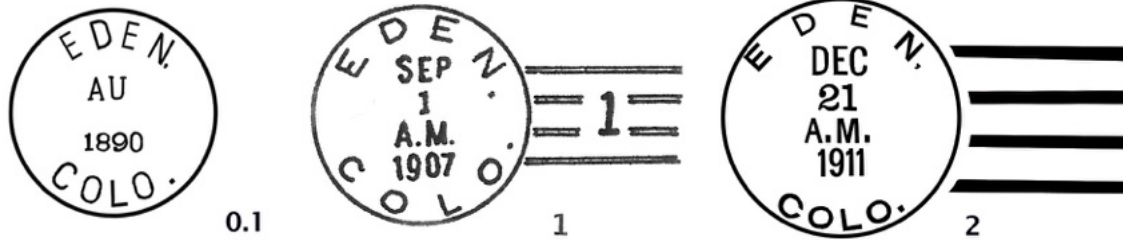
Latitude = 38:18:59 North Longitude = 104:36:57 West EDEN

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Nov 13 1889 --- SE/4 Sec 25 T19S R65W In the D&RG Station building  
Proposed postmaster - John C. Clarity
- Jan 14 1890 Established
- Jan 14 1890 Clarity, John C.
- Jul 30 1891 Yost, Harry E.
- May 27 1895 Risplini, William A.
- Feb 6 1899 Cunningham, Frederick H.
- Feb 17 1900 --- NW/4 Sec 36 T19S R65W 1/4 mile west of Fountain Creek  
10 feet on the west side of the D&RG track The sketch map shows  
Eden to the east of Fountain Creek.
- Oct 28 1903 Barnard, Isham M.
- Mar 26 1906 Jones, Francis M.
- Sep 26 1906 Barnard, Flora S.
- May 3 1911 Seville, Leonard J.
- Mar 31 1914 Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |                              |                                |                        |
|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0.1 | EDEN, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.0 | Hdstp 4-ring target            | Aug-- 1890             |
| 1   | EDEN. / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.0 | Doane Type 2 with 1; S-23x13mm | Sep 1 1907 Jan 10 1911 |
| 2   | EDEN, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 31.0 | 4-bars S-24x20                 | Dec 21 1911            |

**EDEN – Continued****EXCELSIOR**

The only information I have found about Excelsior describes it as a rural post office about seventeen (sic.) miles southeast of Pueblo. It was on the stage route from Pueblo to Old Bents Fort. Apparently it was a stage and rest station.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is not very helpful. The report places it on the north side of the Arkansas River and eleven miles east of Pueblo. That would locate the site in the strip of land between Pueblo County Road 231, from Vineland and the modern interchange of the US Highway 50 Bypass with Colorado Highway 96. It would be in the area between US 50 and the river. That area is now virtually unoccupied. In 1997 there was a sod farm between the highway and the river.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 15 1866	---	T20S R63W Booneville seven miles east Pueblo 11 miles west 1/2 mile north of the Arkansas River
Feb 16 1866		Established
Feb 16 1866		Bell, Ezra M.
Dec 19 1866		Discontinued
Feb 19 1867		Re-established
Feb 19 1867		Cox, John
Apr 24 1871		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**FISHER**

In my reading I found only two mentions of Fisher. Both describe it as a rural post office. From a visit to the location I saw nothing to contradict that description.

Fisher was located on the north side of the St. Charles River. Fisher was a late nineteenth-early twentieth century successor to the Saint Charles Post Office (1866-1881), which was in the same area.

From Interstate 25 Exit 88, drive west on Burnt Mill Road (Pueblo County Road 247). After leaving the interstate, Burnt Mill Road goes southwest for about a half mile before turning to the west. Southeast of the road and between Interstate 25 and the turn to the west, there is ranch complex on a low hill. I believe that the Fisher Post Office was at or near that ranch. It is likely that the St. Charles Post Office was in the same place.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 4 1895	---	NW/4 Sec 21 T22S R65W 12 miles south of the Arkansas River 150 feet north of St Charles River Proposed postmaster - George Rush Fisher
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### FISHER – Continued

Feb 11 1895	Established
Feb 11 1895	Fisher, George R.
Jul 3 1908	Ordered closed
Jul 31 1908	Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FISHER

## FOOTHILLS

I have found no historical reference to this place. From its location it is reasonable to assume that it was a ranch post office that for nearly six years served scattered ranches in southeastern Pueblo County.

The location provided by the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is about three miles north of the Pueblo-Huerfano County line and six miles west of Pueblo County Road 705. None of my current maps show any roads leading in that direction, with Road 705 being the closest.

This area, viewed with Google Earth, is largely level ground. There are scattered scrub trees and some “ranch” roads. I could not find any evidence for the presence of buildings.

The post office did last six years and at least one cover has survived.

### Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 7 1921	---	SE/4 Sec 18 T25S R62W Two miles north of the county boundary
		Applicant for postmaster - John Moore
Aug 10 1921		Established
Aug 10 1921		Moore, John D.
Feb 4 1927		Ordered closed
Feb 5 1927		Discontinued Mail to Rattlesnake Buttes

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FOOTHILLS, / COLO.	Nov 2 1921
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm
		[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

## FORT REYNOLDS

On July 3, 1867 Captain Simon Snyder moved troops of Company F, Fifth United States Infantry, from temporary quarters on the edge of Pueblo to the site of Fort Reynolds. The new fort was on the south side of the Arkansas River, about three miles from Booneville on the north side of the river.

The military reservation of twenty-three square miles extended from the Huerfano River to about the location of the modern Vineland community and southward from the Arkansas River. The fort was named for Major General John Fulton Reynolds who was killed at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863.

Fort Reynolds was surveyed and laid out by Lieutenant Henry Jackson of the United States Cavalry. It had 22 buildings, mostly adobe. The stables were 225 feet long, 75 feet wide. The main barracks would easily accommodate 500 men.

The purpose of the fort was to protect the settlers along the Arkansas River, from Pueblo through Booneville, and those at Charley Autobees Plaza on the Huerfano River.

Within a few years the threat of Indian troubles was deemed over and Fort Reynolds was abandoned on July 15, 1872. The Secretary of War was authorized to sell the property at public auction. The auction did not take place until May 3 and 4, 1881.

The former military reservation was broken into farms and ranches and now includes the site of the town of Avondale.

**FORT REYNOLDS – Continued**

From the junction of US Highway 50 and Colorado Highway 209, drive west one and a half miles on US 50. In 1997 in a small, poorly attended plot, on the north side of the highway there was a stone marker with a plaque that reads:

"This is the site of Fort Reynolds, 1867-1872. United States Military outpost to protect the settlers from hostile Indians. Named for General John F. Reynolds, killed at Gettysburg in 1863. First occupied by Co. F., Fifth United States Infantry. The fort was built of adobe."

Latitude = 38:13:50 North Longitude = 104:18:10 West FORT REYNOLDS

**Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>Apr 29 1869</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>Unsurveyed Two miles south of the Arkansas River and two miles west of the Huerfano River</b>
<b>Jun 15 1869</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>Jun 15 1869</b>		<b>Clough, Alfred</b>
<b>Feb 25 1870</b>		<b>Discontinued</b>

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FORT REYNOLDS**

**GOODPASTURE**

Lee Roper, who arrived in the area in the late 1880's, is credited as the founder of Goodpasture. Mr. Roper was a rancher and raising livestock was the principal occupation of the surrounding residents.

A small hamlet developed but it never grew to any size and as the twentieth century progressed, Goodpasture dissolved into a few ranches and homes along Colorado Highway 76 and Siloam Road (Pueblo County Road 201).

Goodpasture was named for William Goodpasture who was the postmaster of neighboring Beulah at the time the Goodpasture Post Office was authorized.

From 1917 to 1926 the Pueblo County Fair was held at Goodpasture.

Beginning at the side road that leads into Beulah, Goodpasture is two and seven-tenths miles to the east, at the intersection of Colorado Highway 78 and Siloam Road. There is an historical marker that briefly notes Goodpasture and Rock Creek. The countryside is agricultural and grazing land with a few farms or ranches.

Latitude = 38:05:00 North Longitude = 104:55:10 West GOODPASTURE

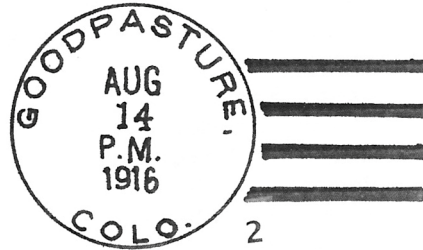
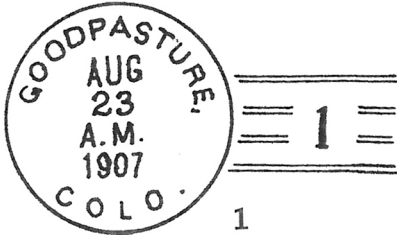
**Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>Apr 26 1895</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>SW/4 Sec 29 T22S R67W An interesting sketch map accompanies this document. Proposed postmaster - John H. Murphy Report submitted by Wm. F. Goodpasture, PM, Beulah</b>
<b>May 25 1895</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>May 25 1895</b>		<b>Murphy, John H.</b>
<b>Jun 19 1899</b>		<b>Roper, Lee R.</b>
<b>May 9 1923</b>		<b>Ordered closed</b>
<b>May 31 1923</b>		<b>Discontinued Mail to Beulah</b>

**GOODPASTURE – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | GOODPASTURE, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 30.0 | Jul 19 1907 Nov 12 1914<br>Doane Type 2 with 1; S-23x13mm |
| 2 | GOODPASTURE, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 32.0 | Aug 26 1915 Mar 25 1921<br>4bars S-24x19mm                |



**GRANEROS**

Graneros was a railroad station and post office on the original route of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad from Pueblo to Walsenburg.

The primary activities in this area were raising livestock and growing grain. The Graneros Station would have had stock pens and loading chutes for shipping livestock to market.

The Spanish word for granary is, “granero.” Graneros is the plural and was first applied to a nearby stream and the flats where the Graneros Post Office was situated.

There is no evidence for an organized community. The post office served a few railroad employees and the surrounding ranches.

In 1924-1925 the Rio Grande Railroad abandoned their old alignment that passed through Graneros. The new alignment was six miles to the east. Without the railroad Graneros served no purpose and the post office was closed.

Exit from Interstate 25 at Exit 74 (Colorado City). Turn east from the interstate and go south on the frontage road to Abbey Road (Pueblo County Road 345) and there turn east. Go to the intersection with Cedarwood Road (County Road 342). Take Cedarwood Road east to the intersection with Clay Mine Road (south) and Wolfenberger Road (north). These may also be designated as Pueblo County Roads 341 and 339 respectively.

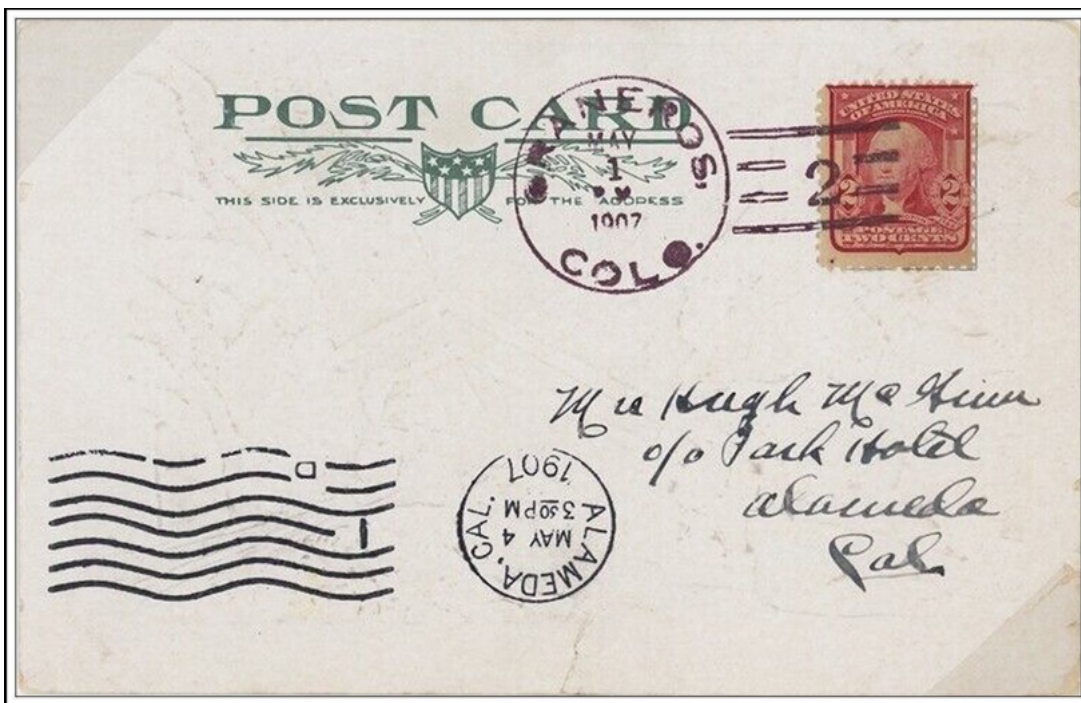
Graneros was in the northwest corner of this intersection. There are no remaining structures, appropriately, just open grain fields.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- |             |     |   |
|-------------|-----|---|
| Feb 7 1889  | --- | SW/4 Sec 19 T24S R65W 50 feet west of D&RG tracks<br>Proposed postmaster - Ernest R. Cram |
| Aug 17 1889 |     | Established   |
| Aug 17 1889 |     | Cram, Ernest R.   |
| Nov 7 1889  |     | Sweet, Frederick A.   |
| Feb 6 1890  |     | Whitney, Margaret C.  |
| Jul 17 1890 |     | Hoover, I. M.   |
| Jun 2 1891  |     | Richards, Charles W.  |
| Jun 22 1891 |     | Richards, Effie R.  |
| Jan 12 1893 |     | Richards, Charles W.  |
| May 16 1895 |     | Whitney, Margaret E.  |
| Jun 25 1896 |     | Richards, Effie R.  |
| Nov 5 1896  |     | Tanquare, Lee A.  |
| Jan 25 1899 |     | McLillon, Franklin F.   |

**GRANEROS – Continued**

Jul 18 1899	Todd, George B.	
Dec 7 1900	Woolsey, Lansing H.	Declined
Jan 25 1901	Aikin, Frank W.	
May 15 1901	Ordered closed Papers to Abbey effective May 31 1901	
May 29 1901	Closing order rescinded	
Jul 18 1899	Todd, George B.	
Aug 2 1901	Roberts, Arthur E.	
May 19 1906	Stone, Hardeman L.	
Apr 15 1907	Kennedy, Daniel C.	
Dec 2 1909	Edson, William	
Jul 27 1911	Good, Preston R.	
Sep 17 1912	Fridy, John N.	
Mar 17 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 19 T24S R65W 20 feet west of the D&RG tracks	
Nov 11 1914	Woodyard, Minnie L. F.	
Sep 27 1915	Davis, Lee J.	
Dec 11 1916	Farmer, Blaine	
Nov 8 1920	Woodyard, Minnie L. F.	
Apr 13 1925	Ordered closed	
Apr 15 1925	Discontinued Mail to Cedarwood	

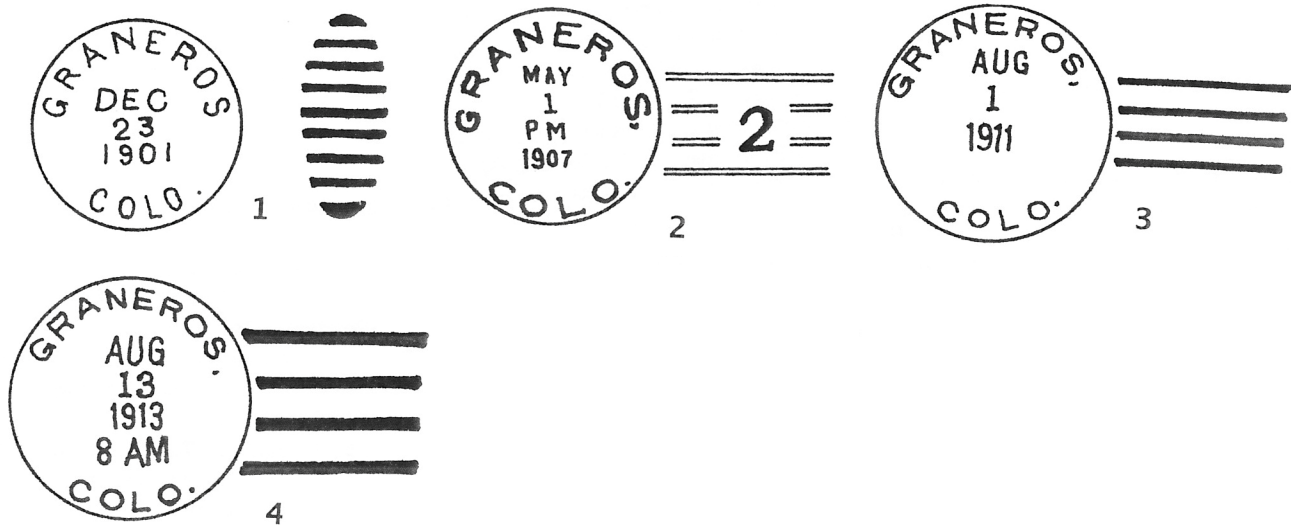


**GRANEROS, / COLO.      May 1, 1907**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	GRANEROS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Dec 23 1901 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
2	GRANEROS, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	May 17 1905    May -- 1914 Doane Type 2 with 2; S-23x14mm
3	GRANEROS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Aug 1 1911    Apr 27 1915 4bars S-22x12mm
4	GRANEROS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jul 28 1913    Aug 13 1913 4bars S-24x20mm

**GRANEROS – Continued**



**GREENHORN**

Greenhorn takes its name by succession from Greenhorn Creek, Greenhorn Mountain and the Comanche Indian Chief – Cuerno Verde, “Green Horn.” Nearby, on September 3, 1779, a party of Spanish troops led by Juan Batista de Anza fought a party of Comanches and killed Cuerno Verde.

In January 1847 George Frederick Ruston crossed Greenhorn Creek. He found a small settlement of French Canadian hunters who were doing some farming on the land that was later occupied by Alexander Hicklin.

The village of Greenhorn began in the early 1860’s and was an important stage station on the route from Pueblo to Santa Fe. The location was on the ranch settled by Alexander “Zan” Hicklin.

A small community developed around the stage station. In the early 1870’s George Sears came to the settlement and opened a store. George Sears also became the postmaster at Greenhorn, a post he held for twenty years. A prominent feature at the store was a well that produced a high quality drinking water. The well still exists and produces water for visitors.

The store was a two-story building with the upper floor occupied by the Odd Fellows Hall. Across the road were a drug store, saloon and a blacksmith shop. The village also included a lumberyard, a grain mill and a shop where wagons were made.

Greenhorn was a viable community into the twentieth century. Located on US Highway 85-87 it was a service point for travelers on the highway. By mid-century Greenhorn had begun to slowly decline, but the construction of Interstate 25, two miles to the east, virtually doomed Greenhorn. No longer on the main highway business declined and residents of the surrounding area went to Pueblo or Walsenburg to purchase supplies and other goods.

To visit Greenhorn, exit from Interstate 25 at Colorado City. Drive west on Colorado Highway 165 to Apache City Road (Pueblo County Road 273). Turn south and it is two miles to Greenhorn. In 2001 there were several buildings, some occupied, in Greenhorn. The old well was clearly marked and there was a large building that had once been the Kaiser-Frazer dealership at Greenhorn.

Latitude = 37:54:25 North Longitude = 104:51:10 West GREENHORN

## GREENHORN – Continued



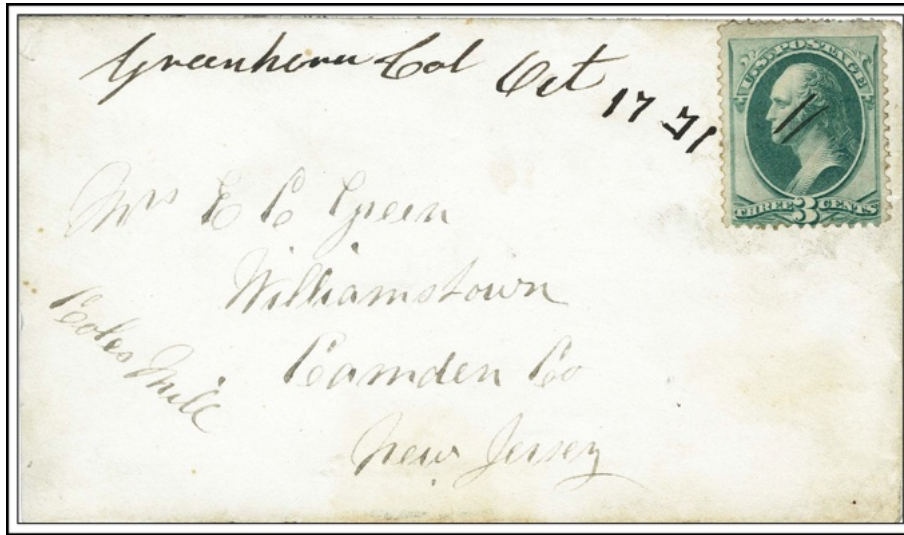
**The Greenhorn Store and Well, Greenhorn, Colorado**  
 Photograph by William H. Bauer May 26, 2001

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 7 1866	---	Unsurveyed On the north side of Greenhorn River Proposed postmaster - Robert H. Griffin
Dec 10 1866		Established
Dec 10 1866		Hicklin, Alexander
Sep 26 1870		Day, William J.
Apr 17 1871		Johnson, Charles
Jan 5 1874		Sears, George
Sep 20 1894		Pritchard, Levi F.
Nov 5 1894		Goss, Melvin C.
Nov 16 1895		Goss, J. William
Jun 5 1896		Discontinued Mail to Rye
Jul 9 1897	---	NE/4 Sec 2 T25S R67W Proposed postmaster - George Sears (?)
Oct 16 1897		Re-established
Oct 16 1897		Sears, Robert W.
Jul 3 1902		Elliott, George W.
Apr 16 1904		Payne, John S.
Jun 6 1908		Ordered closed Mail to Rye effective Jun 31 1908
Jun 26 1908		Closing order rescinded
Jul 2 1908		Hill, Harry A.
Jun 5 1909	---	NE/4 Sec 5 T25S R67W 200 feet east of Graneros Creek [WHB Note: A location in Section 5 is incorrect.]
Jul 14 1910		Sears, Robert W.
Dec 15 1911		Discontinued Mail to Graneros Not listed in 1910 Postal Guide



GREENHORN – Continued



Greenhorn Col      October 17, 1871

Confirmed types of postal markings

1.A	Green Horn Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Oct 17 1871 Feb 27 1874
1.B	Greenhorn Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Dec 31 1877
2	GREENHORN / COLO. CI 20P 25.0	Hstp Cork smudge	Jan 12 187- Jun 10 187-
3	GREENHORN / COLO. CI 20P 28.0/26.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Apr 10 1885
4	GREENHORN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm	Dec 8 1900
5	GREENHORN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 26 1895

*Green Lane Col greenhorn col*  
*2-27-71*      *123177*



GRIMALDI

There is no Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report for Grimaldi in the file for Pueblo County.

**GRIMALDI – Continued**

Grimaldi is mentioned in only two of the books that I have read. Both describe it as a rural post office eighteen miles south of Boone. One reference notes that it is shown on 1916 through 1934 maps.

I have checked the maps in my files. Grimaldi is spotted on *Clason's Guide Map of Colorado - 1919*. Using that map, I believe that Grimaldi was about seven or eight miles west-northwest of the location of Waremont. It is possible that it was on or near Pueblo County Road 3702. That road can be reached by following the directions to Undercliffe (the site south of the Huerfano River) and then turning north towards the location of Juniata. About two and a half miles from the site of Juniata, Road 3702 is to the right. I have no idea about the condition of Road 3702. It goes southeast into a lonesome and very sparsely settled countryside. Grimaldi, if I have it located anywhere near correctly, would be six to seven miles from the beginning of Road 3702.

The Grimaldi Post Office operated from 1913 to 1920 and postmarks from there have been recorded. The *Post Route Map of the State of Colorado* showing post offices in operation on the 1st of August 1932 does show a discontinued post office at Grimaldi, being served twice a week by a post route from Avondale through Undercliffe (also discontinued). It is not shown on the 1938 Post Route Map. That would indicate that Grimaldi was still inhabited as late as 1932. I would be surprised if anything but remnant foundations could be found at the site.

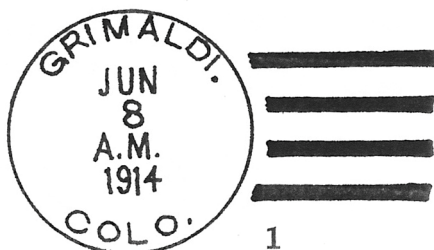
Using Google Earth, an examination of the area where I believe Grimaldi was located does not show any structures. However, there is one area of disturbed ground and a small clump of trees that could have been the location of Grimaldi. It is on the east side of, and close to Road 3702.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	<b>No entry present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.</b>
Aug 22 1913	<b>Established</b>
Aug 22 1913	<b>Jachetta, Michael</b>
Nov 30 1920	<b>Discontinued Mail to Undercliffe</b>

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	GRIMALDI / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jun 8 1914 Jan 3 1917
		4bars S-24x19mm

**HAYNES RANCH**

Haynes Ranch was a station on the Barlow and Sanderson Stage Route along the Arkansas River. It was at the ranch of James H. Haynes who was the postmaster during the period of operation of the Haynes Ranch Post Office.

Apparently Mr. Haynes was not the most pleasant or trustworthy of individuals. It is said that he mistreated the stage line animals in his care and as a result the stage line asked Colonel Albert Boone to move the station to his ranch at Booneville. In 1864 Haynes was charged with stealing horses at Fort Lyon. On August 21 of that year, two men, who were employees at the Haynes Ranch and were on their way to testify in the case against James Haynes, were found scalped eighteen miles west of Fort Lyon.



**HERMOSILLA – Continued**

I assume that to visit this place you will have previously visited Andersonville and Wilson and are now where Broadacre Road (Pueblo County Road 321) reaches the Huerfano River. That location is known as Doyles Settlement and there is a restored cabin and an historical marker there.

However, the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report for Hermosilla appears to place it some four miles further to the southwest and on the opposite side of the river.

From the Doyle Settlement I turned southwest on Pueblo County Road 312 and I was able to go almost three miles before I encountered a locked gate. A sign at the gate identified the property as the “Hermosillo Ranch; Bar Nothing Ranches L. L. C.” That could indicate that Hermosilla was indeed another mile or so further to the southwest. From the gate, looking down the road it was obvious that this was an active ranch, so ranch buildings would be expected at some point.

An examination of the area, using Google Earth, shows a large ranch complex about a mile beyond the gate at which I was stopped on my attempt to visit the site. Another mile further, close to the plotted site for the Hermosilla Post Office, there is a new building and a series of stock pens. There is no evidence of early buildings at either location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 18 1867	---	Unsurveyed On the south side of the Huerfano River County Seat (?) 5 miles northeast of Huerfano
Mar 21 1867		Established
Mar 21 1867		Craig, John S.
Jan 25 1870		Discontinued
May 16 1870		Re-established
May 16 1870		Robinson, John W.
Jan 15 1872		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Hermosilla C. T.	Jul 14 1870
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel

*Hermosilla 14/7. 1870*

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**HOLDEN**

I have found no historical reference to a place of this name in Pueblo County. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does provide a location that plots it at the present community of Vineland at the junction of US Highway 50 and Pueblo County Road 331, six miles west of Avondale. The Site Location Report does mention that the document was “for the establishment of a post office at Vineland.”

Naming the post office Vineland would have caused possible confusion with the Vineland Post Office in Los Angeles County, California. I have no thoughts on the source of the name Holden.

Holden was another of the short-lived post offices in this area between Booneville and Pueblo. It seems likely that it was intended to serve a small agricultural community on the south side of the Arkansas River.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 30 1891	---	SW/4 Sec 4 T21S R63W One mile south of the Arkansas River One and one-half miles east of St. Charles River Document is for the establishment of a post office at Vineland, County of Pueblo. Proposed postmaster - Mark Newton Megrue
Jan 15 1892		Established

**HOLDEN – Continued**

Jan 15 1892            Megrue, Mark N.  
Jun 13 1893            Discontinued Mail to Artman

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**HUERFANO**

The settlement of Huerfano presents some problems. There was a similarly named settlement and post office, in Huerfano County; and the two, if there were two, have often been confused.

The Huerfano Post Office in Huerfano County was established in 1862. In 1879 it was moved north to Undercliffe in Pueblo County.

Ray Shaffer, in *A Guide to Places on the Colorado Prairie* believes that the early Huerfano (1862-1879) was in Pueblo County. I do not know his evidence for that claim but based on the relationship of the early Apache Post Office in Huerfano County to the Huerfano Post Office in that county, I question his conclusion. Confused? So am I.

In Huerfano County, the post office with that name came and went a couple more times before finally closing in 1929.

I am including mention of it here to cover the possibility that for a brief time it operated as Huerfano Post Office in Pueblo County.

A possible location of this post office in Pueblo County would be at the present day crossing of the Huerfano River by Pueblo County Road 703, the continuation of Broadacre Road (County Road 321). That location is known as the Doyle Settlement and there is a restored cabin and cemetery there.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 20 1879            Huerfano Post Office moved from Huerfano County to Undercliffe

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO HUERFANO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED THAT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A HUERFANO POST OFFICE IN PUEBLO COUNTY**

**JACKSON**

I have found only one mention of this place in the historical literature for Colorado. Leanne C Boyd and Glenn Carson in *Colorado Ghost Towns, Volume II* mention it as being two miles south of Boone on the wagon road to Undercliffe.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does not provide a definitive location for Jackson. The report does describe it as being south of the Arkansas River and on the east bank of Huerfano Creek. The accompanying sketch map shows Jackson at the junction of the two streams.

Another map places Jackson in Section 7 of Township 21 South, Range 61 West. That would seem to place it west of Huerfano Creek.

According to the Geographical Site Location description Jackson would be on the northeast side of US Highway 50, just before that road crosses the Huerfano River and reaches the junction with Colorado 209 north to Boone. That is an area of open fields, partially cultivated and partially sagebrush. At best Jackson was a rural post office serving an area south of the river and west of Nepesta.

**JACKSON – Continued**

There is another complication with the history of the Jackson Post Office. In addition to this office in Pueblo County, there was also a Jackson Post office in Gunnison County. The Records of PostmasterAppointments have mixed the two together. Therefore, I am not sure when the office in Pueblo County closed. Since it is not listed in the 1888 and subsequent Postal Guides I believe it closed before 1888, probably in 1887. I think that the office in Gunnison County opened in 1890.

Although not unusual, I wonder why, if this office was open for thirteen years, no postal markings have been reported. Could there be more confusion in the records than I have recognized?

For more on this subject please refer to the discussion of the Sparrow Post Office.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 13 1872	---	T21S R61W One mile south of the Arkansas River On east bank of Huerfano Creek Sketch map shows it at the junction of the streams. Another map places it in the SE/4 Sec 7 T21S R61W, about a mile east-southeast of Fort Reynolds.
Mar 21 1873		Established
Mar 21 1873		Clough, Alfred
May 18 1881		Allen, William R.
>Dec 23 1885		Office closed sometime after No date recorded for discontinuance Not listed in 1888-1890 Postal Guides

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**JUNIATA**

Juniata is described as a rural post office and small town on the Huerfano River southwest of Booneville. I have found no information to indicate that a townsite was platted for Juniata. Located on the Huerfano River there would have been some irrigation for farming; but the surrounding countryside was good grazing land for cattle.

Juniata remained on maps as late as the 1920's. I have not found information as to the source of the name.

If you are making a loop from Andersonville and have just crossed the Huerfano River to the junction of Red Top Road and East Huerfano Road, then the latter road will take you to the site of Juniata. Turn onto East Huerfano Road and go eight miles northeast towards Boone. It is not easy to accurately follow this road as it winds along parallel to the river without helpful crossroads to mark your progress.

Another choice is to come south from US Highway 50. Just east of the bridge to Boone, take Pueblo County Road 702 south. Once again there are multiple names to the roads in this portion of Pueblo County. From US 50 this is 58th Lane. It turns west as Grape Road and then turns south as East Huerfano Road. The previously described site is eight miles from US 50. If you choose this route, you can continue on to the sites of Undercliffe, Hermosillo, Huerfano, Wilson and Andersonville before returning to US 50 on the east edge of Pueblo.

the BBC Ranch with some old buildings, occupies a mile stretch along the west side of East Huerfano Road. A little further there is a trailer next to the road and a bit further a clump of cottonwoods. Juniata was somewhere in this area.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 29 1869	---	Unsurveyed
Jun 15 1869		Established
Jun 15 1869		Mackham, George
Mar 29 1870		Rice, John B.

**JUNIATA - Continued**

Feb 22 1871	---	NE/4 Sec 9 T22S R62W Seven miles south of Arkansas 1/8 mile west of Huerfano River
Mar 8 1871		Field, Benjamin B.
Jan 9 1891		Moser, Samuel
Jul 30 1891		Smith, Andrew J.
Aug 31 1893		Discontinued Papers to Boone

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Juniata Col	Aug 21 1885
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel

*Juniata Col, Pa -*

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**KEBLE**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. A postmaster was appointed but three months later the establishment was rescinded. It is probable that Mr. Campion could not qualify, or was no longer on site. I believe the post office was never in operation.

There is no Geographical Site Location Report on file; therefore I have no information as to where Keble might have been.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	No entry present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.
Apr 25 1899	Established
Apr 25 1899	Campion, Charles A.
Jul 29 1899	Establishment rescinded

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**KINKEL**

Kinkel was a rural post office on the St. Charles River, southwest of Pueblo. The only historical reference to Kinkel that I have found refers more to Burnt Mill, the successor in name to Kinkel. From that discussion, it seems that there was a mill, operated by the Dotson brothers, at the site. The mill burned hence the origin of the name Burnt Mill.

I have no information as to the source of the name Kinkel.

Follow the directions to Agate that have been described previously. Continue southwest on Burnt Mill Road (Pueblo County Road 230) to the intersection with Pueblo County Road 221 (3R Road). Please refer to the discussion of Burnt Mill for a description of this place.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 22 1907	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 17 T23S R66W Possibly on north side of St. Charles
Dec 19 1907		Established
Dec 19 1907		Phillips, Daniel A.
Oct 1 1911		McFedries, Alexander St. C.
Oct 7 1911		Name changed to Burnt Mill

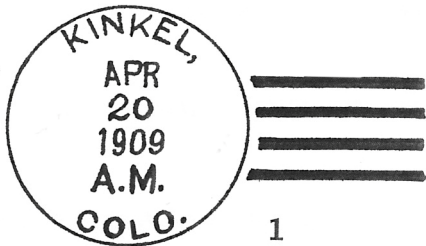
**KINKEL – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 KINKEL, / COLO.  
CI 10P 31.5

Dec 15 1908 Jul 22 1911

4bars S-23x13mm



**KINKEL, / COLO.**

**April 20, 1909**

**LAMAR**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. From the location it seems that it was likely a station on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad, perhaps with a stock-loading facility. For some reason no mention of the railroad is made in the Site Location Report.

It is interesting that only one week after the Lamar, Pueblo County Post Office closed, a new Lamar Post Office opened in Bent (now Prowers) County. Since that office was also on the Santa Fe Railroad, could there have been some connection between the closing of one and the opening of the other?

Three years after this office closed, a new post office, Nyburg, opened in the same quarter section. Refer to the discussion of Nyburg for more on the location of this post office.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Apr 28 1885 --- NE/4 Sec 36 T20S R63W 1-1/2 mile north of the Arkansas River  
and 3/4 mile west of Ohio Creek
- Aug 12 1885 Established



**LAMAR – Continued**

Aug 12 1885      Danielson, Andrew N.  
Jul 9 1886      Discontinued Papers to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**LEBANON**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does provide a location that is a mile due south from the town of Rye.

This post office predates both the Table Mountain and Rye Post Offices in this area on the upper reaches of Greenhorn Creek. From the time period and the location it was apparently no more than a rural post office in an area where ranching was just beginning to take hold.

From Rye, on Colorado Highway 165, drive south on Pueblo County Road 271 and cross Greenhorn Creek. The location of Lebanon was on the south side of the creek and to the east of Road 271. When Jim Ozment and I visited the area in 1999 we found a couple of well-kept older buildings among scattered recent houses. However, neither of the older buildings appeared to date from the 1870's.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 24 1875 ---      SE/4 Sec 31 T24S R67W 3/4 miles south of Greenhorn Creek  
Application indicated the office would serve 250 persons,  
approving PM claimed it was nearer 25 persons.  
Apr 16 1875      Established  
Apr 16 1875      Littrell, Garrett J.  
Jun 6 1876      Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**LEES**

Lees is another of the post offices in Pueblo County that seems to have escaped mention in the historical literature of Colorado.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does provide information as to the whereabouts of Lees. For some reason, the Post Office Department location of Lees is shown on the DeLorme *Colorado Atlas and Gazetteer* as the location of Bronquist. The Post Office Department places Bronquist two miles further to the east.

From the location of Goodpasture, at the intersection of Colorado Highway 76 with Siloam Road, drive north seven and one-half miles to the intersection with Red Creek Road. Turn east and go four miles. There are some ruins on the south side of the road that could be the remnants of Lees. This is just west of the entrance to the Red Creek Ranch.

The countryside around this location is grazing land for livestock and it is doubtful that Lees was anything but a ranch post office.

Percy Lees was the first postmaster here, so it is easy to conclude that the post office was named for him.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

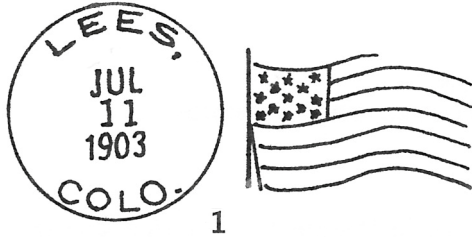
Feb 15 1897 ---      SE/4 Sec 21 T21S R67W Close to Peck Creek on the south side of it  
Proposed postmaster - Percy Lees  
Aug 3 1897      Established  
Aug 3 1897      Lees, Percy

**LEES – Continued**

Oct 28 1903	Lees, Joseph C.	Declined
Dec 31 1903	Cress, Anna	
Apr 23 1904	Ordered closed	
May 14 1904	Discontinued Mail to Siloam	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	LEES, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Jul 11 1903 Hstp Fancy: Waving flag (pseudo-machine flag cancel)
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**LIME**

At first this settlement was known as San Carlos. The development of limestone quarries led to the change in name to Lime. It was under that name that a post office was authorized in 1898. The quarried limestone was used in the smelters of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in Pueblo. The location had a railroad connection to the steel mills in Pueblo.

On a lease basis, contractors Orman and Crook began quarrying the limestone. Under subsequent operation by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company the development expanded and a town was started. The town included a boarding house, stables and a few dwellings.

In 2001 there was no public access to the site of Lime. Reportedly only a few foundations remain there. Examination of the location with Google Earth does show some foundations and what might be a rather large building of some sort.

Take Exit 91 from Interstate 25 and go southeast on Pueblo County Road 308 to where it turns north as County Road 302. At that turn there is a road to the southeast but in 2001 a locked gate blocked it. The side road is also known as Lime Road. For photographs, the best I could do was a view down the road towards Lime and a photograph of an old foundation near Lime Road.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

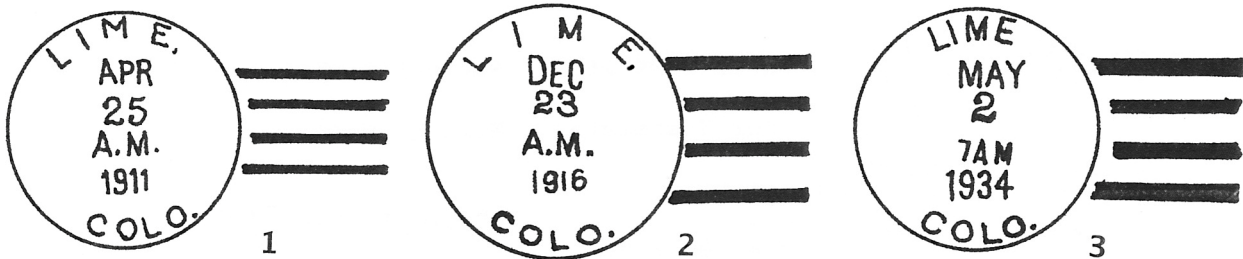
Jan 6 1898	---	SE/4 Sec 11 T22S R65W Right beside, north side of St. Charles Creek North side, 15 rods from joint track of UP DR&G-D&AS The sketch map appears to show this at the railroad and labels it "San Carlos".
Apr 13 1898		Established
Apr 13 1898		O'Brien, Thomas H.
Apr 11 1901		Butler, Thomas B.
Apr 14 1903		Smith, Harry J.
Jan 18 1905		Quinn, Timothy J.
May 1 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 12 T22S R65W 800 feet north of the St. Charles
Aug 23 1936		Love, Mrs. Madeline Assumed Charge
Sep 12 1936		Love, Mrs. Madeline Confirmed
Sep 17 1936		Love, Mrs. Madeline Acting

**LIME – Continued**

Sep 30 1936	Love, Mrs. Madeline	Commissioned
Oct 1 1936	Love, Mrs. Madeline	Assumed Charge
Oct 28 1941	---	Not reported 1/4 mile south of the Greenhorn and 1/4 mile south of the St. Charles
Jun 30 1943	Discontinued Mail to Pueblo	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	LIME, / COLO CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Aug 14 1908 Apr 25 1911
2	LIME, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Oct 1 1913 Jul 14 1917
3	LIME / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 6 1926 Jan 3 1941
A1	LIME, COLORADO // MISSENT SL 00R 45.0x16.0	Auxillary	Jul 6 1926



**MISSENT**

**LIME, COLORADO** A-1

**MACES HOLE**

Legend has it that Juan Mace, a Mexican outlaw and cattle thief, used this valley as a hideout for nearly a decade. His depredations are said to have ranged from the Arkansas River to Taos and Santa Fe.

An 1851 map of the Territory of New Mexico, compiled by 2nd L. Jno. G. Parker U.S.T.E. and drawn by Richard B. Kern, is the earliest appearance of the name being applied to the area as MASA'S HOLA. Although this story is believed by many there is virtually no documentation to confirm the truth of the legend.

James O’Niel was an early settler, perhaps arriving in 1863. Coburn and Root followed him. Lewis Boggs was another early arrival and became the first postmaster at Maces Hole.

In 1876 the residents of the valley voted to change the name of their settlement and post office to Beulah. It is quite likely that they sought to distance themselves from the unsavory reputation of Juan Mace.

Maces Hole, now Beulah, is located just north of Colorado Highway 78 at the foot of the Wet Mountains. Please refer back to the discussion of Beulah for more about this location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	No entry present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.	
Apr 23 1873	Established	
Apr 23 1873	Boggs, Lewis G.	
Oct 25 1876	Name changed to Beulah	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MACES HOLE**

**MARNEL**

Marnel was a railroad post office on the Colorado and Southern-Denver and Rio Grande Railroad south of Pueblo.

The post office name may have been proposed as Marvel and for some reason changed to Marnel. That may have been a misreading of the submitter's handwriting.

I have found no information to indicate that there was anything more at Marnel other than the railroad station and probably loading pens for livestock from the surrounding ranches.

Take Exit 87 from Interstate 25 and drive southeast on Verde Road (Pueblo County Road 337). It is about four miles to the vicinity of Marnel and Verde. Marnel was located on the east side of Greenhorn Creek, between the creek and the old railroad grade. Unfortunately there is no public access to that area.

An examination of the area using Google Earth does not show any existing structures.

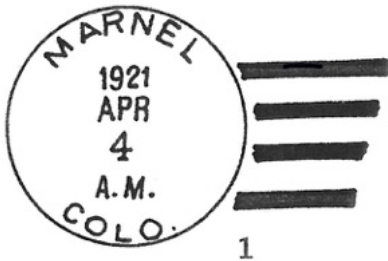
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 2 1917	---	N/2 SE/4 Sec 11 T23S R65W 300 yards west of the C&S-D&RG tracks	
		Applicant for Postmaster - Will H. Hill	
Sep 24 1917		Established	
Sep 24 1917		Hill, William H.	
Dec 2 1921		Huntman, Peter	Order rescinded
Sep 10 1923		McFarley, Mrs. Bell M.	
Nov 12 1923		Ordered closed	
Nov 30 1923		Discontinued Mail to Lime	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 MARNEL / COLO. Apr 4 1921 Aug 30 1923  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars 25x19mm

**MERCIER**

Mercier was a rural post office located in extreme southeastern Pueblo County. The surrounding area is cattle range. Some small scale farming may be possible along the Apishapa River. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places Mercier on the west side of the Apishapa and adjacent to the Pueblo-Otero County line.

I have no information as to the source of the name.

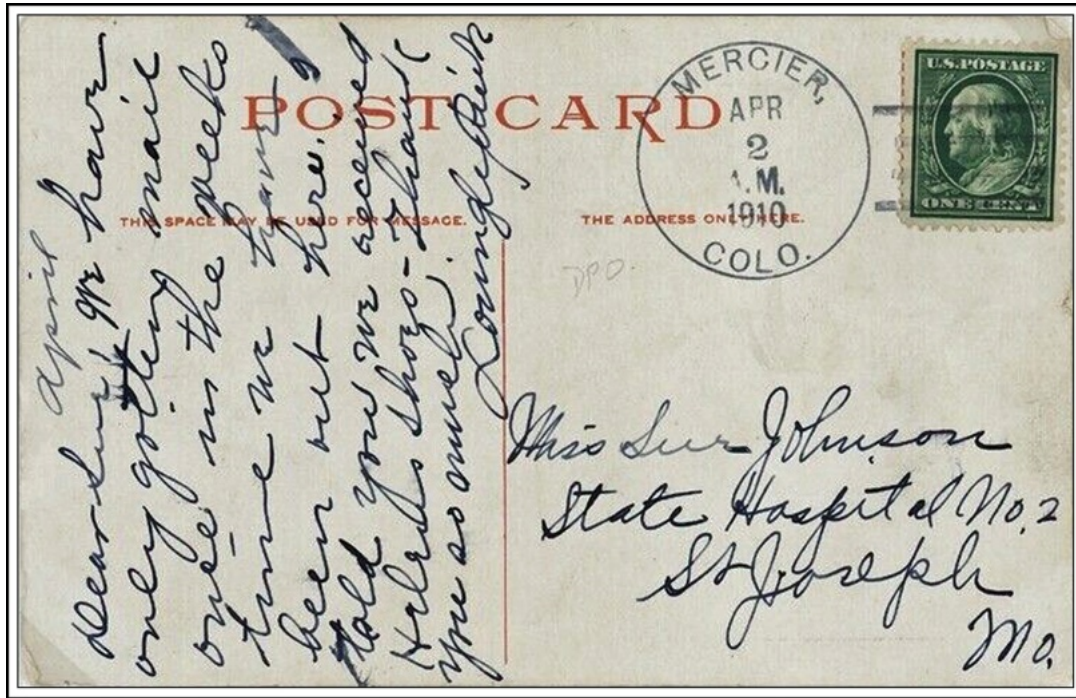
From Colorado Highway 10, at the county line, the site of Mercier is a mile and a half to the south. Nothing is visible from the highway and there are no accessible roads to the location. This is wide open, grasslands and I suspect that little or nothing remains at the location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 22 1906	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 13 T25S R60W 200 feet west of Apishapa Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Susan E. Saunders

**MERCIER – Continued**

Sep 22 1906      Established  
 Sep 22 1906      Saunders, Susan E.  
 Nov 30 1913      Discontinued Mail to Fowler [Otero County]

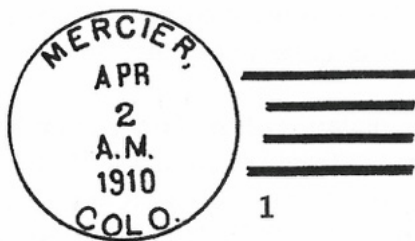


MERCIER, / COLO.

April 2, 1910

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1      MERCIER, / COLO.      Jan 16 1909 Jun 17 1913  
 CI 10P 31.0      4bars S-22x14mm



**MUDDY CREEK**

Muddy Creek was a rural post office at the junction of Muddy Creek with Greenhorn Creek. The Geographical Site Location Report states that, “there are four families within two miles of the proposed office.” That confirms the rural nature of the Muddy Creek Post Office.

The site of Muddy Creek is a mile north of the location of Abbey. It is in the vicinity of where Interstate 25 crosses Muddy Creek, about two miles north of Exit 77. Exit there and take the frontage road north to Abbey, then go under the interstate and continue north on the west frontage road. On the south side of Muddy Creek there are some new residences and one that appears to be an older structure. Because of the interstate, it is difficult to determine whether Muddy Creek was on the east side, the west side or under the interstate. The area along the stream is under cultivation.

**MUDDY CREEK – Continued****Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 17 1870	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T23S R66W 1 mile north of the Greenhorn river Sketch map shows on south side of Muddy Creek. Claimed that there were four families within two miles of the proposed office.
Dec 8 1870		Established
Dec 8 1870		Miller, George R.
Oct 27 1871		Smith, Edwin M.
Sep 25 1872		Howard, George
Nov 18 1872		Stevenson, Raymond M.
Jan 23 1874		LaFreniere, Joseph
Aug 9 1875		Kennedy, Charles W.
Nov 15 1875		Coburn, Charles E.
Mar 23 1877		Carlisle, William K.
Oct 15 1879		Goodpasture, Frank A.
Nov 3 1879		Goodpasture, William F.
Aug 2 1880		Stanley, Carl L.
May 13 1886		Keele, William J.
Nov 19 1886		Discontinued Papers to Salt Creek

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Muddy Creek Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	May 12 1873
2	Muddy Creek P. O. / Colorado MS	Mscp Pen cancel	May 28 1880

*Muddy Creek Col  
May 12<sup>24</sup>  
1873*

*Muddy Creek P.O.  
May 28<sup>27</sup> 1880.  
1 Colorado 2*

**MYRTLE**

Myrtle was a rural post office in the northwest corner of Pueblo County. From the location and a comment in the Site Location Report, it is quite likely that Myrtle was associated with the quarrying operations in the vicinity of Stone City.

The location is now within the boundaries of the Fort Carson Military Reservation and there is no access to the site. The closest you can get is from US Highway 50, four miles east of the Pueblo-Fremont County line. From US 50, drive north on Pueblo County Road 111. Four miles from US 50 you will find a gate and a large sign telling you to, "STOP/ HALT" as you are about to enter the Fort Carson Airburst Range. The site of Myrtle was some three miles further to the north. It is doubtful that anything other than foundations and evidence of the quarrying would be found.

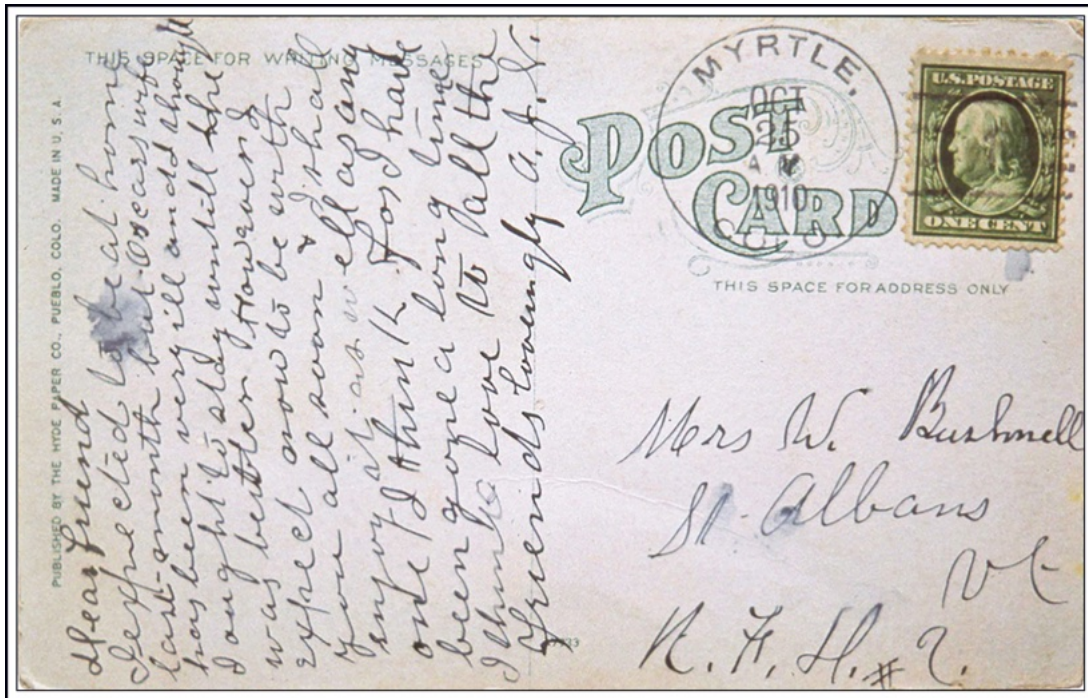
An examination of the location using Google Earth, shows no evidence of structures in the vicinity of Myrtle or its neighbor Stone City. A quarry is visible.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 23 1906	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T18S R67W Ten miles north of the Arkansas River 2 miles west of Turkey Creek Other suggested names for the office - Cedar, Katie Apparently located near a quarry of some sort. Proposed postmaster - Brooks, Katharina
Feb 23 1906		Established

**MYRTLE – Continued**

Feb 23 1906 Brooks, Katharina  
 Jul 5 1910 Fink, Edward H.  
 Oct 22 1912 Thurston, Laretta A.  
 Jul 15 1913 Discontinued Mail to Stone City



MYRTLE, / COLO.

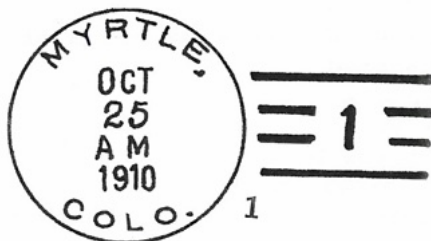
October 25, 1910

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 MYRTLE, / COLO.  
 CI 10P 31.0

Jun 4 1907 Oct 29 1912

Doane Type 3 with 1; S-24x13



**NEPESTA**

This community began in the early 1870's as a stage station on the road that followed the Arkansas River west to Pueblo. In 1876 the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad built a station and section house where their tracks crossed to the north side of the river. A large stockyard with loading chutes was also built. For a brief time the place was called Santa Fe Station.

A small community developed around the railroad facilities; however, the land was low, close to the river and subject to frequent flooding. Eventually most of the community either scattered to other places or moved to higher ground away from the river. As such Nepesta was no longer an organized community.

**NEPESTA – Continued**

The surrounding countryside was devoted to ranching with farming on the fertile bottomlands along the river or where irrigation was feasible.

The name Nepesta was taken from the Spanish name for the river - “Rio Nepestle.” Some state that this is a Spanish word but others claim it to be from an unknown Indian source. One claim is that it was from the Osage language “Ne Shusta” – red water.

From the Otero-Pueblo County line drive west about five miles to Pueblo County Road 613, which goes north across the railroad and the river to Colorado Highway 96. The original settlement was at the railroad and the river. The 1929 and subsequent location of the post office was on the south side of US 50 between County Road 613 to the north and Road 721 to the south.

There are some scattered ranches along the highway and the Nepesta Cemetery is clearly marked.

Latitude = 38:10:08 North Longitude = 104:08:33 West NEPESTA



NEPESTA, / COLO.

August 4, 1884

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 28 1876	---	Lot # 5 Sec 32 T21S R60W
Jun 7 1876		Established
Jun 7 1876		McDavid, Mrs. Mary E.
Mar 15 1882		McReynolds, Charles W.
Apr 26 1882		Davis, Mrs. Mary E.
Jun 25 1883		McReynolds, Charles W.
Apr 19 1887		Nourse, Frank C.
Mar 27 1889		Weiland, Frank M.
Sep 9 1891		McDaniel, John W.
Mar 25 1898	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T21S R60W 125 feet north of AT&SF RR
Oct 12 1907		Morgan, Evan
May 3 1909		Castledine, William V.
May 2 1911		Sexton, George
May 28 1912		McDaniel, John W.

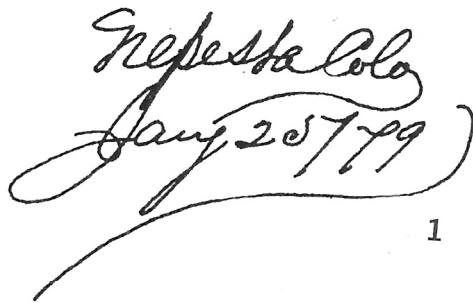


NEPESTA – Continued

Apr 25 1914	---	Sec 32 T21S R60W 80 feet north of the AT&SF RR
Jun 6 1916		Hopkins, Leonard
Jun 6 1919		Orr, Virginia A.
Aug 10 1921		May, Lepta P.
Aug 18 1923		Warner, William M.
Apr 20 1925		MacLennan, Josephine F.
Mar 13 1926		Knight, Jennie E. Acting
Mar 29 1926		Knight, Jennie E. Appointed
Sep 16 1929	---	NW4/NW/4 Sec 5 T22S R60W 1 mile east of Thompsons Arroyo 8 tenths of a mile south of the AT&SF RR Being moved to a new site "Better location for business on the Santa Fe Trail."
Dec 4 1929		Ordered closed
Dec 31 1929		Discontinued Mail to Fowler

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Nepesta Colo MS	Jan 25 1879 Jan 8 1880
2	NEPESTA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mscp Pen cancel Jul 28 1883 Oct 25 1885
3	NEPESTA, / COLO. CI 20P 30.0/27.0	Hstp No killer Aug 4 1884 Jan 10 1886
4	NEPESTA, / COLORADO. CI 22P 30/28/18/16	Hstp Target, 3-ring 16mm, three small semi-circles above and below dateline Mar 12 1887 Aug 21 1887
5	NEPESTA / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Fancy, Positive star May 15 1889 Feb 21 1891
6	NEPESTA / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target Nov 18 1898 Jul 17 1899
7	NEPESTA / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Hstp Target Jan 20 1901 Jan 22 1905
8	NEPESTA, / COLO. CI 10P ???	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval Mar 4 1906 Apr 6 1909
9	NEPESTA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Doane Type 3, with 3 [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] Jul 30 1915 Dec 31 1929 4bars S-20x24mm



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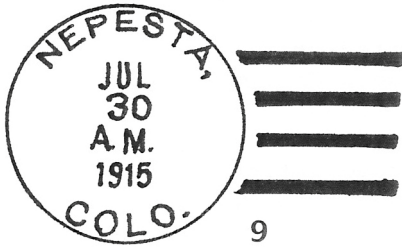
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## NEPESTA – Continued



## NORTH AVONDALE

North Avondale was located north of its namesake – Avondale – and on the north side of the Arkansas River. At that point, it was on the lines of the Missouri Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroads.

A small community did develop at this point. The primary focus of the community would have been the railroads and the stations that would have received goods for Avondale and area residents. The stations also provided a shipping point for produce and livestock from the surrounding farms and ranches.

North Avondale is on Colorado Highway 96 at the intersection with Pueblo County Road 326. This is about a mile east of the intersection of Highway 96 with the US Highway 50 Bypass. There are some scattered homes along Highway 96 and Road 326.

North Avondale is essentially the access point to the U.S. Army's Pueblo Ordnance Depot and the Department of Transportation's High Speed Ground Test Center.

Latitude = 38:15:43 North Longitude = 104:20:44 West NORTH AVONDALE

## Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 8 1917	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T20S R62W 150 feet south of AT&SF - MP tracks	
		Applicant for postmaster - L. A. Richey	
Aug 17 1917		Established	
Aug 17 1917		Richey, Luzerne A.	
Sep 25 1918	??	Setters, Jacob W.	Confirmed
Aug 16 1918		Setters, Jacob W.	Commissioned & Assumed Charge
Jan 7 1922	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T20S R62W South side and 80 feet from Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific tracks	
Dec 21 1937		Ordered closed Effective Dec 31 1937 Mail to Avondale	
Dec 29 1937		Modified	
Jan 15 1938		Effective	
Jan 15 1938		Rescinded	
Jan 5 1938		Scofield, Mrs. Marie	Confirmed
Jan 13 1938		Scofield, Mrs. Marie	Commissioned
Jan 16 1938		Scofield, Mrs. Marie	Assumed Charge
Aug 1 1940		Oliver, Mrs. Lena Ruth	Assumed Charge
Aug 20 1940		Oliver, Mrs. Lena Ruth	Acting
Nov 20 1940		Oliver, Mrs. Lena Ruth	Confirmed
Dec 20 1940		Oliver, Mrs. Lena Ruth	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T20S R62W 1/4 mile east of RR station 100 yards south of tracks	
Feb 28 1946		Goodwin, Mrs. Margaret B.	Assumed Charge
May 15 1946	---	Not quite 1/4 mile east of old site on highway 96, on south side	
Apr 8 1947		Goodwin, Mrs. Margaret B.	Confirmed

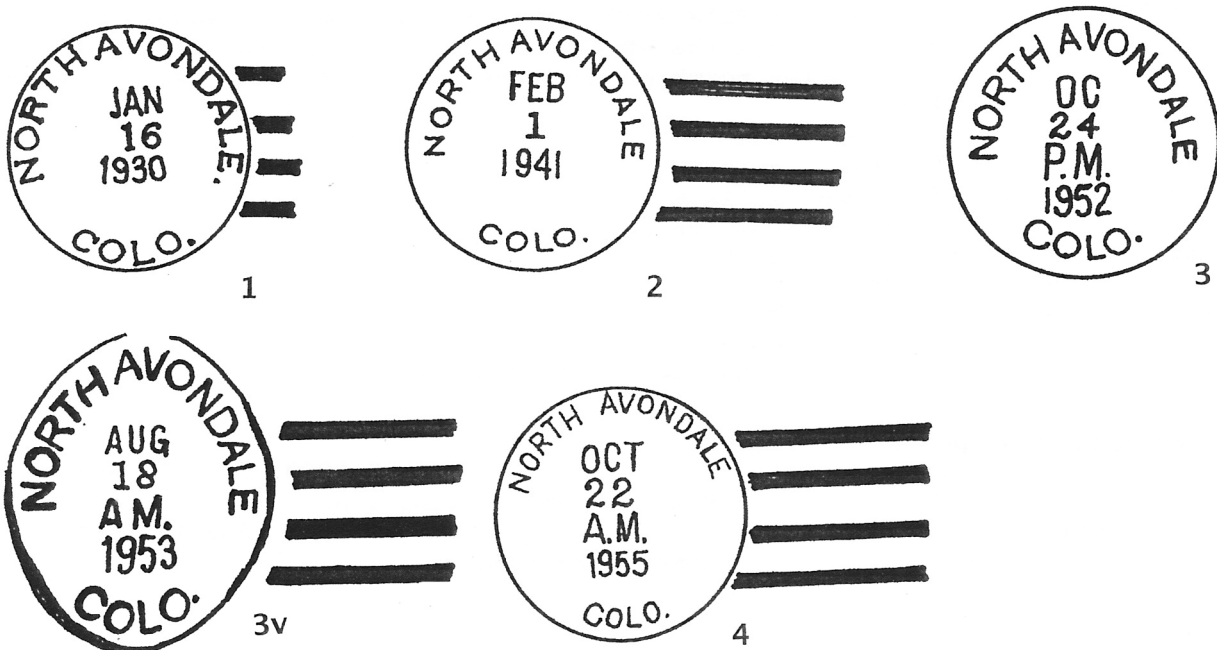
**NORTH AVONDALE – Continued**

Apr 29 1947	Goodwin, Mrs. Margaret B.	Commissioned
May 19 1950	Pando, Eugene V.	Assumed Charge
Jan 8 1951	Guagliardo, Mrs. Jennie	Confirmed
Feb 20 1951	Guagliardo, Mrs. Jennie	Commissioned
Mar 27 1951	Guagliardo, Mrs. Jennie	Assumed Charge
Aug 3 1951	Nelson, Mrs. Agnes	Assumed Charge
Aug 10 1951	Nelson, Mrs. Agnes	Acting
Dec 17 1951	Nelson, Mrs. Agnes	Confirmed
Jan 21 1952	Nelson, Mrs. Agnes	Commissioned
Mar 23 1962	Strandberg, Mrs. Anna Rose	Assumed Charge
Mar 26 1962	Strandberg, Mrs. Anna Rose	Acting
Jun 8 1962	Strandberg, Mrs. Anna Rose	Confirmed
Jan 23 1963	Ammam, Mrs. Glenda C.	Acting
Jul 31 1964	Converted to a Rural Station of Pueblo	
May 31 1976	Discontinued	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	NORTH AVONDALE. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jan 16 1930
2	NORTH AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 1 1941 Jun 13 1949
3	NORTH AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P	4bars S-21x22mm	Oct 24 1952
3v	NORTH AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P ca. 36x42	4bars S-21x22mm	Sep 5 1952 Aug 18 1953 This is a badly distorted strike of Type 3
4	NORTH AVONDALE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-20x25mm	Oct 22 1955 Jul 16 1964

The Type 4 device continued in use after conversion to a station of Pueblo



**NYBURG**

Nyburg was a railroad post office nine miles west of Boone. It was at approximately the same location as the Lamar Post Office (1885-1886).

The Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad share a joint track through Nyburg, on the north side of the US Highway 50 Bypass.

Using the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports and the USGS Topographical Map for Pueblo County (Sheet 2). It appears that Nyburg was stretched along the railroads for about a mile. The USGS map shows Nyburg at the western edge of Section 36, south of the railroads and US Highway 50 Bypass. It also shows Nyberg a mile to the east in Section 31 T21S R62W and north of the railroads.

Historical information about this place is scant. From a visit to the site I believe that it was little more than a railroad siding with stockyards and a facility for loading cattle and other local produce for shipment. There were a few residences, mostly south of the railroads.

From North Avondale, drive west on the US Highway 50 Bypass to Pueblo County Road 442, to the south. There are a few older buildings just south of US 50. Continue a short distance west to Chico Road (County Road 545). Turn north and cross the railroad. North of the railroad there is evidence of a siding that has been removed. There is the foundation of one building and another abandoned building.

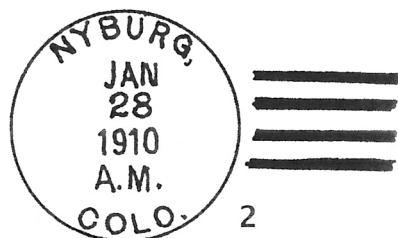
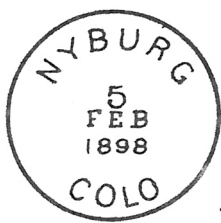
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 18 1889	---	NW/4 Sec 36 T20S R62W 200 yards south of the railroad 1 mile north of Arkansas River 1 mile west of Chico Creek Proposed postmaster - John M. Gray
Aug 6 1889		Established
Aug 6 1889		Gray, John M.
Jun 29 1891		Canfield, Sterling
Aug 6 1891	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T21S R62W [This is an error. It should be T20S]. 3/4 mile from the MP RR station South of the railroad 1-1/2 miles north of Arkansas River 3/4 mile west of Chico Creek
Jul 6 1900		Lauders, Rosa Declined
Dec 8 1900		Sanders, Louis
Mar 27 1903		Sullivan, Rolla N.
May 18 1906		Peterson, Charles P.
Dec 14 1906		Setters, Jacob W.
Feb 13 1909		Peck, Le Roy
Oct 29 1917		Nelson, Claude
Jul 31 1918		Discontinued Mail to North Avondale

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	NYBURG / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jul 25 1893 Mar 11 1902 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2	NYBURG / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Apr 11 1908 Aug 18 1914 4bars S-23x13mm



## **OSAGE**

Two years after the Osage Avenue Post Office closed, there was a resumption of service at the same location. However, the new post office was simply Osage. Like its predecessor, it was a ranch post office at a remote location in western Pueblo County. Please refer to the entry for Osage Avenue for a discussion of the location and directions to the site.

The drive through this section of Pueblo County is quite scenic. After reaching Colorado Highway 76, east of Beulah, and if you have the nerve, you can continue west, passing Pueblo Mountain Park and climbing over the mountains to Colorado Highway 185. Highway 185 connects Rye with the road to Florence or Westcliffe. I have been over this road a couple of times. It was not the best of roads but it was passable with a standard vehicle. Perhaps in recent years has been improved.

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

**No entries present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.**

<b>Apr 4 1884</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Apr 4 1884</b>	<b>Bloomfield, Alexander L.</b>
<b>Dec 15 1885</b>	<b>Potts, William H.</b>
<b>Oct 24 1888</b>	<b>Discontinued Papers to Beulah</b>

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

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

## **OSAGE AVENUE**

Osage Avenue was located on the south side of the St. Charles River where the river exits from the Wet Mountains. Topographically this is an interesting location. The USGS Topographic Map of Pueblo County (Sheet 3) shows that the branch of the St. Charles River divides into two streams that rejoin shortly before reaching the main course of the river. The result is a small “park” along the river. That area became headquarters for a ranch that is now known as the 3R Ranch, which gives its name to the road through the location.

It would seem obvious that the name relates to the Osage Indians but I have no idea why it would be called Osage Avenue.

In 1882 the Osage Avenue Post Office was discontinued. In 1884 a new post office opened at the same place but with the shorter name of Osage.

The site of Osage Avenue is a mile and a half from the site of Sitton and four miles south of Colorado Highway 76. From either direction you will be on Three R Road (Pueblo County Road 230.)

I note that Peter K. Dotson was the first postmaster at Osage Avenue. I wonder if he had a connection with the Dotson brothers who operated the gristmill at Burnt Mill.

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

<b>Apr 5 1873</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NW/4 Sec 19 T23S R67W 1/100 mile south of St Charles River</b>
		<b>Sketch map shows it at west center of section 19</b>
<b>Apr 16 1873</b>	<b>Established</b>	
<b>Apr 16 1873</b>		<b>Dotson, Peter K.</b>
<b>Jul 1 1880</b>		<b>Howard, Timothy C.</b>
<b>Jan 31 1882</b>	<b>Discontinued</b>	<b>Mail to Greenhorn</b>

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

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM OSAGE AVENUE**

**OVERTON**

On August 19, 1891 the town of Overton was platted on the east side of Fountain Creek. Pueblo realtor Andrew J. Overton sold 60 acres to the Rocky Mountain Oil Refinery. A refinery was built near Cactus, a whistle stop on the Denver and New Orleans Railroad.

The community was named for Mr. Overton, who was secretary of the Z. V. Trine Investment Company, the original owners of the property.

Since 1885 there had been a small brick school at Cactus. The refinery included a superintendent's house and houses for the refinery workers. In addition, a hardware store, a Catholic church, and several saloons provided for the needs of the workers.

Apparently the refinery was not successful and suffered from numerous problems, being referred to as "cursed." By 1907 the Trojan Safety Powder Company of Allentown, Pennsylvania was operating at Overton. Trojan was an unreliable employer, functioning irregularly until it closed for good in 1910. After the powder company closed the buildings were no longer used or guarded and were gradually dismantled, to a large extent carried away by scavengers.

From Interstate 25, on the north edge of Pueblo, take Exit 101 to Colorado Highway 47. Go east, crossing Fountain Creek to Murphy Road, which soon becomes Overton Road (Pueblo County Road 501). Go north four and a half miles north to a sharp, but brief "S" bend in the road. Overton was in the area north of the bend. The area is open countryside with active ranches or farms along both sides of Overton Road. No remnants of the refinery/powder mill were visible.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 10 1891	---	SW/4 Sec 19 T19S R64W One mile east of Fountain Creek 60 rods east of Denver & Ft Worth RR Proposed postmaster - Charles U. Williams	
Apr 9 1892		Established	
Apr 9 1892		Hagerty, Ezra W.	
Feb 14 1896		McCarthy, Laura M.	Declined
Apr 6 1896		Gunther, Armantha E.	
Jul 5 1900		Morgan, John W.	
Dec 4 1900		Ordered closed	
Dec 15 1900		Discontinue Mail to Eden	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	OVERTON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Jan 14 1893 Jan 29 1898
		Hstp Not present

**PINON**

Pinon was a station on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, and the Denver and New Orleans Railroad. It was about a half-mile to the south of the Dawkins Station and Post Office, which in 1907 it supplanted. The original intention was to name the Dawkins Post Office Pinon. Two years after the Pinon Post Office in Montrose County was closed, a change in name and location of Dawkins was acceptable to the Post Office Department.

**PINON – Continued**

I have read of no reason why the change was made. Most likely the railroads found it easier to develop more extensive facilities at the site of Pinon.

A town did not develop at Pinon but even though there is no longer any railroad facility the name remains on maps and identifies Exit 108 from Interstate 25.

Leave Interstate 25 at Exit 108 and take Pueblo County Road 106 to the railroad tracks. Pinon was to the north of Road 106. There are no remaining structures but there is evidence of the former siding and railroad facilities.

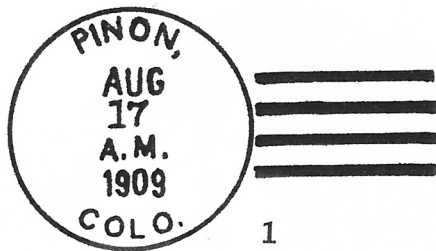
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

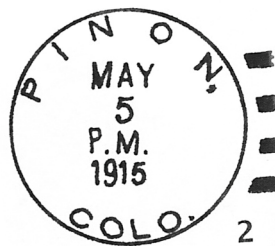
- Feb 21 1907 Moved from Dawkins (1/4 mile)
- Feb 21 1907 Sutherland, Amelia A.
- Apr 25 1914 --- NW/4 Sec 31 T18S R64W 1/2 mile west of Fountain Creek
- Jun 11 1921 Ordered closed
- Jun 30 1921 Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | PINON, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars P-24x14mm | Jul 2 1907 Apr 22 1920 |
| 2 | PINON. / COLO.<br>CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-25x19mm | May 5 1915 Jun 10 1919 |



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**PUEBLO**

In 1842 Jim Beckwourth and other traders built a trading post where Fountain Creek joined the Arkansas River. The post attracted a small settlement of Mexican farmers and was a winter camp for Mormons traveling to Utah. The settlement was not continuously occupied. At Christmas 1854 the Mexican inhabitants were celebrating with “Taos Lightning.” They invited some nearby Ute Indians to join the party. The Utes turned on their hosts, murdered all but one young woman and her two children who were kidnapped. The slaughter left the fort with an unsavory reputation. By 1858 when the Pikes Peak Gold Rush began only ruined walls remained.

In 1858 as prospectors began to flood into the area, they established a camp at the junction of Fountain Creek with the Arkansas River. Before settling on Pueblo the new camp had several names including Fountain City, Independence City and Junction City.

Independence City (Junction City) was surveyed and platted in the summer of 1859 but soon appropriated the name Pueblo. Fountain City was quickly included in the new town.

Pueblo was at a fortuitous location. It was at a major crossroads one route was from the new settlements at Cherry Creek in the north to Santa Fe and Taos in New Mexico. And from Bents Fort to the east, Pueblo was on the main travel route along the Arkansas River that went into the mountains to the mines in South Park or the upper Arkansas Valley.

**PUEBLO – Continued**

In 1872 the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached Pueblo. At first the railroad terminated on the north bank of the Arkansas River but in a typical Rio Grande action the railroad soon crossed to the south side of the river, built its main terminal there and established the town of South Pueblo.

Another community, Central Pueblo, was also developed. Pueblo was incorporated in 1885 and in 1886 the three Pueblos were consolidated as Pueblo. With the establishment of the steel mills southeast of the growing city, the community of Bessemer was also platted. On March 21, 1894 Bessemer was annexed to Pueblo.

In June 1921 a major flood of the Arkansas River swept through the lower lying portions of Pueblo. When all was done, there had been major damage to the rail yards, which were then on the south side of the river. A new channel was dug for the river with the result that the rail yards and Union Station are now north of the Arkansas River.

Pueblo became known as the “Steel City” and at times was referred to as “Little Pittsburg.”

For a more detailed history of Pueblo I refer you to the many published histories of the city.

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**Pueblo, Colorado, the old Main Post Office on Main Street**  
From a postcard ca. 1910

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 13 1860	Established
Dec 13 1860	Catterson, W. S.
Dec 10 1861	Sims, Aaron
Jul 9 1863	Dotson, Peter K.
Mar 1 1864	Wetmore, Titus C.
Apr 13 1864	Bradford, Clark G.
Feb 7 1865	Hayden, Daniel J.

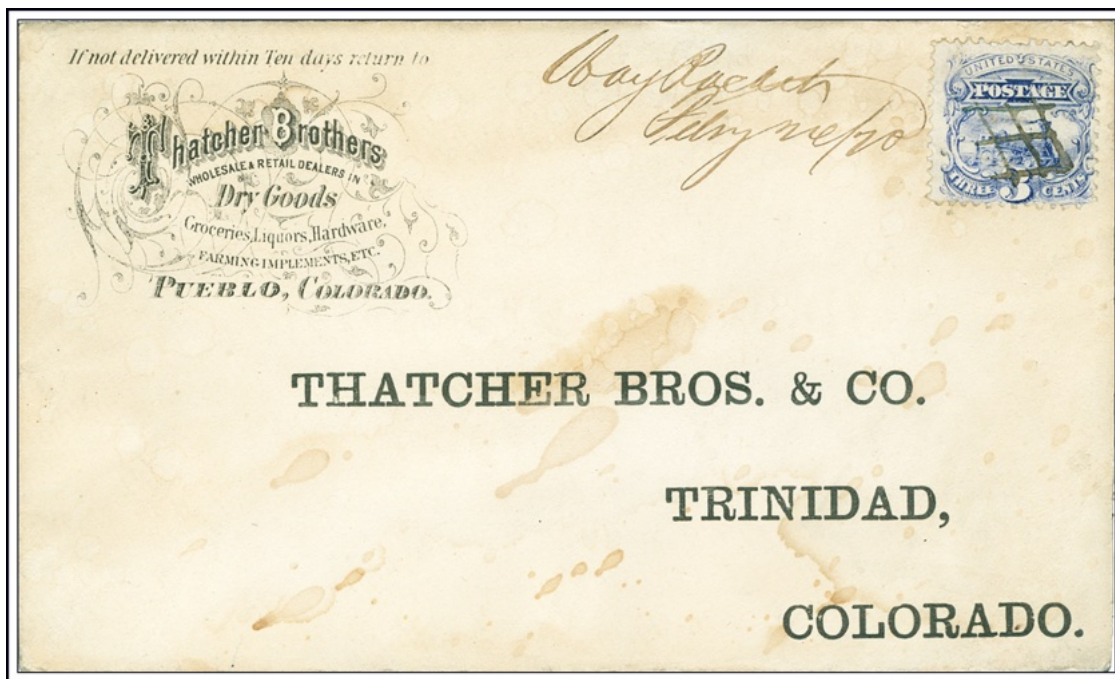


**PUEBLO – Continued**

Feb 27 1866	Thomas, John J.	
Mar 18 1868	Snyder, W. O.	
Apr 17 1871	Ingersoll, William	P&S
Oct 28 1871	---	At the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fontaine qui Bouille North of Arkansas and west of Fountain Document has a strike, dated Oct 28 of the PUEBLO / C.TY. handstamp. Sketch map indicates in NE/4 Sec 36 T20S R65W.
Mar 21 1872	Ingersoll, William	P&S
Mar 16 1876	Ingersoll, William	P&S
Mar 19 1880	Ingersoll, William	P&S
May 5 1881	Stanton, Irving W.	P&S
May 18 1885	Crow, Matthew D.	P
Jan 12 1886	Crow, Matthew D.	P&S
Jun 25 1889	Abbey, Samuel A.	P
Dec 19 1889	Abbey, Samuel A.	P&S
Jun 19 1893	Thompson, Thomas	P
Sep 25 1893	Thompson, Thomas	P&S
Feb 7 1898	Seaver, George	P&S
May 28 1900	Mitchell, John H.	P&S
Jan 10 1905	Walpole, Nimrod S.	P&S
Jan 20 1909	Walpole, Nimrod S.	P&S
Aug 5 1913	Bellesfield, Sherman S.	P&S
Apr 22 1914	---	E/2 NE/4 Sec 36 T20S R65W
Jan 24 1918	Bellesfield, Sherman S.	P&S
Jan 25 1922	Pfaffenberger, C. W.	Acting
Mar 3 1922	Wicks, Edgar B.	Acting
Mar 2 1922	Wicks, Edgar B.	P&S
Feb 6 1930	Lee, Gale A.	Acting
Jun 17 1930	Lee, Gale A.	P&S
Jun 18 1934	Horn, Charles F.	Confirmed
Jul 16 1934	Horn, Charles F.	Commissioned
Jun 7 1938	Horn, Charles F.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938	Horn, Charles F.	Confirmed
Jul 23 1938	Horn, Charles F.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T20S R65W 421 North Main Street
Jul 23 1942	Horn, Charles F.	Nominated
Aug 20 1942	Horn, Charles F.	Confirmed
Sep 18 1942	Horn, Charles F.	Commissioned
May 15 1946	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Acting
May 16 1946	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Assumed Charge
Feb 17 1949	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Nominated
Mar 16 1949	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Confirmed
Mar 17 1949	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Commissioned
Apr 15 1949	Talbot, Raymond Herbert	Assumed charge
Mar 21 1955	Klipfel, Charles H.	Assumed Charge
Apr 11 1955	Klipfel, Charles H.	Acting
Feb 23 1956	Klipfel, Charles H.	Nominated
Jun 4 1956	Klipfel, Charles H.	Confirmed & Commissioned
Jun 29 1956	Klipfel, Charles H.	Assumed charge
Jul 21 1966	Marsalis, William B.	Acting
Nov 22 1966	Lyles, Richard I.	Acting
Jun 19 1968	Lyles, Richard I.	Nominated & Confirmed
Jun 28 1968	Lyles, Richard I.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1968	Lyles, Richard I.	Commissioned
Dec 16 1971	Vail, Charles A.	Officer in charge
Apr 1 1972	Vail, Charles A.	Appointed

**PUEBLO – Continued**

Nov 24 1972	Hicks, Gilbert L.	Officer in charge
Jan 19 1973	Jennings, William E.	Officer in charge
Jun 30 1973	Jennings, William E.	Appointed
Jul 15 1976	Stewart, Ray D.	Officer in charge
Nov 20 1976	Warner, Patrick V.	Appointed



Way Packet

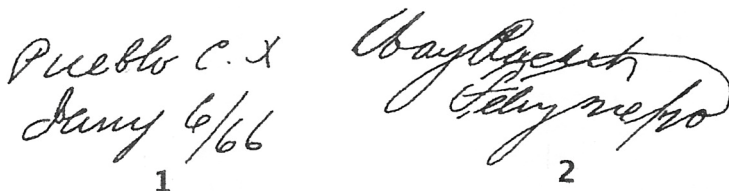
February 20, 1870

It is likely that this letter accompanied goods being freighted from Pueblo to Trinidad.

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**MANUSCRIPT POSTMARKS**

1	Pueblo C.T. MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Jan 6 1866
2	Pueblo --- Way Packet MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Feb 2 1870

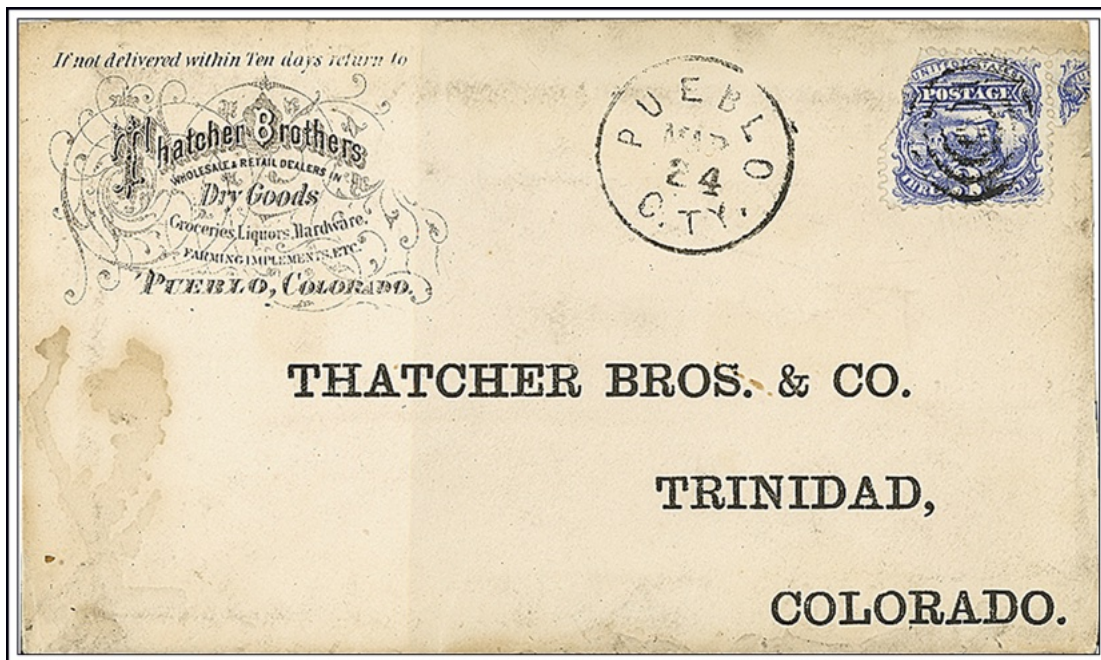


**HANDSTAMPED POSTMARKS**

11	PUEBLO / COL T CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target	Aug 23 1866 Oct 8 186-
12	PUEBLO / COL CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Target	Mar 27 186- Apr 11 1870
13	PUEBLO / C. TY. CI 10P 26.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm	Oct 29 1869 Oct 14 1871

**PUEBLO – Continued**  
**HANDSTAMPED POSTMARKS – Continued**

14	PUEBLO / COL TY. OC 10P 24.5x24.5	Hstp Target	Mar 27 1871
15	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Hobnail grid, Smudge, 8-piece pie, Circle of 10 wedges, Negative X-roads; Fancy, 6-point star with center hole	Feb 18 1871 May 21 1880
16	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Cork, Large 8 piece pie, Smudge, Negative X-roads' Fancy, "OK", Negative "P"	Mar 21 1880 Apr 3 1883
17	PUEBLO, COL'O. SL 00R 67.0x5.0	Hstp Pen cancel, registered letter	Jun 30 1888
18	PUEBLO / COL. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Not recorded	May 30 1882 May 12 1884
19	PUEBLO / COL. CI 10P 28.0	Fancy, Positive star, 4-blade negative pinwheel, Positive star with center hole	Dec 9 1884 Jun 9 1887
20	PUEBLO, COLO. SL 00R 70.0x5.0	Hstp No killer, registered cover	Mar 18 188-
21	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Smudge; Fancy, Pumpkin face, Positive star	Apr 21 1888 --- -- 1890
22	PUEBLO, COLO. SL 00R 40.0x9.0	Hstp No killer, registry receipt	Feb 8 1893
23	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Oct 5 1949 Nov 14 1949
24	PUEBLO, COLO. CI 11P 36.0/27.0	Hstp No killer	May 13 1955 Dec 23 1961
25	PUEBLO, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 22 1970 Dec 31 1970



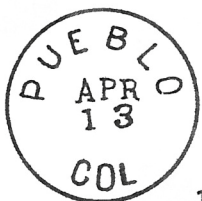
PUEBLO / C. TY.

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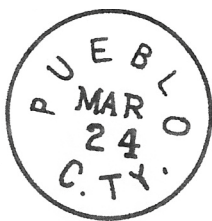
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HANDSTAMPED POSTMARKS - Continued



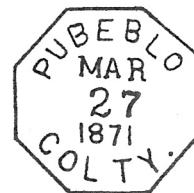
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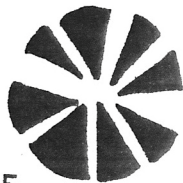
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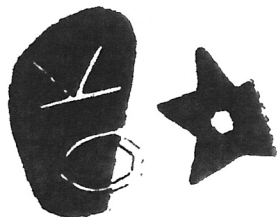


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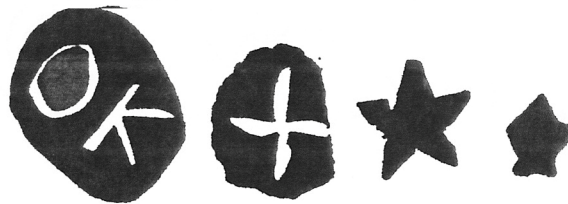
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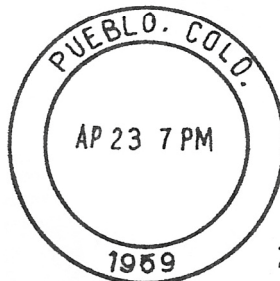


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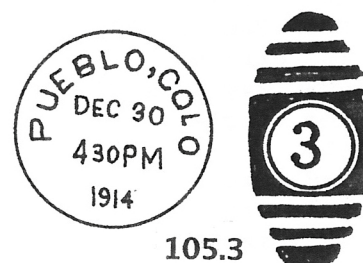
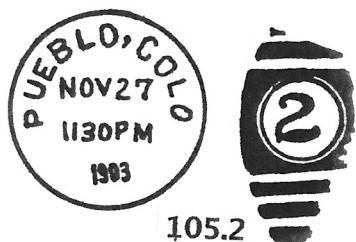
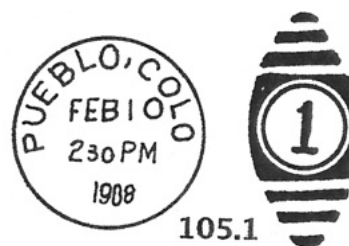
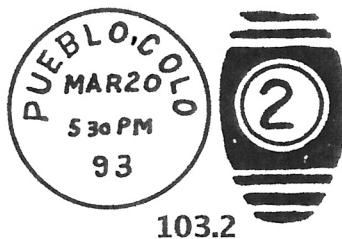
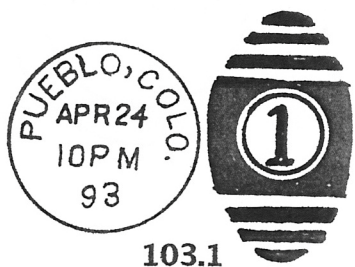
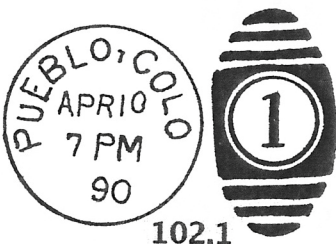


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**PUEBLO – Continued**  
**DUPLEX POSTMARKS**

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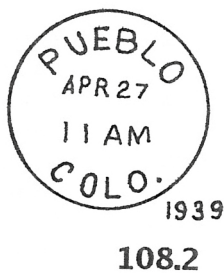
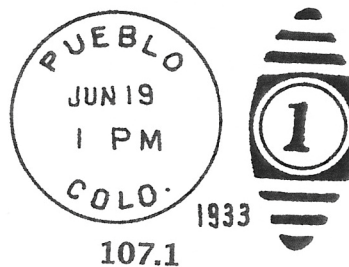
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| 102.1   | PUEBLO, COLO<br>CI 10P 26.0  | Jan 28 1890 Feb 14 1893<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle |
| 102.2   | PUEBLO, COLO<br>CI 10P 26.0  | Sep 20 1890 Aug 20 1895<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle |
| 103.1   | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 25.5 | Apr 24 1893 Feb 24 1894<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle |
| 103.2   | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 25.5 | Feb 14 1893 Dec 20 1896<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle |
| 104.1   | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 26.0 | Feb 17 1895 Sep 17 1897<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle |
| 104.2   | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 26.0 | Apr 23 1897 May 2 1902<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle  |
| 104.2.1 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 25.5 | Aug – 1901 Oct 31 1901<br>Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle  |



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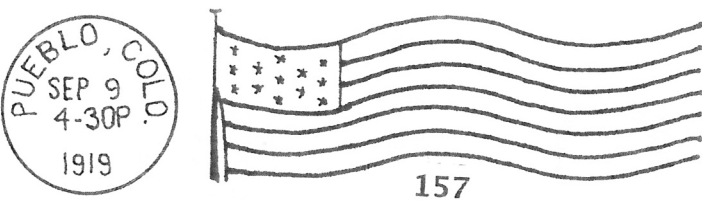
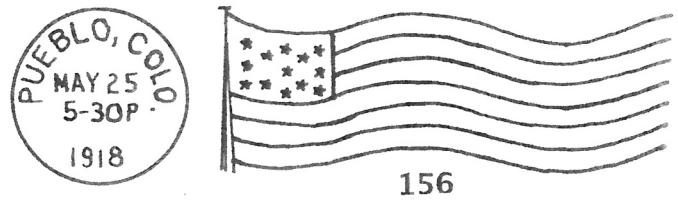
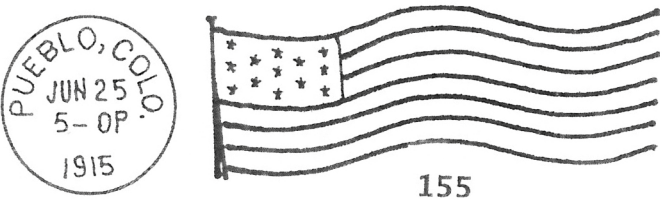
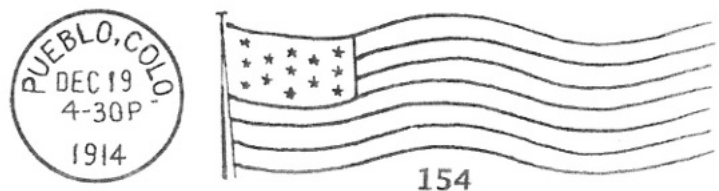
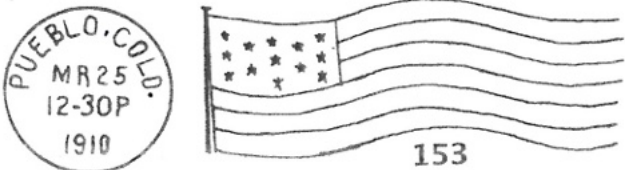
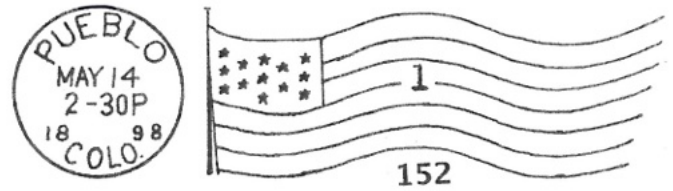
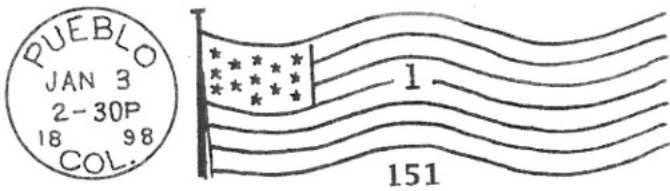
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		Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle
105.2.1	PUEBLO, COLO CI 10P 25.5	Jun 7 1912
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
105.3	PUEBLO, COLO CI 10P 25.5	Dec 30 1914 Sep 12 1917
		Dplx Grid, oval with 3 and circle
106.1	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dec 4 1905 Jan 16 1942
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
106.2	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Jun 14 1903 Aug 1 1919
		Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle
107.1	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 15 1930 Jun 19 1933
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
108.1	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Jul 10 1941
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
108.2	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Aug 8 1931 Feb 11 1941
		Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle
108.3	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Aug 1 1931 Apr 19 1940
		Dplx Grid, oval with 3 and circle
109.1	PUEBLO, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Aug 29 1934 Sep 16 1934
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1, no circle
110.1	PUEBLO, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jul 4 1935 Feb 15 1944
		Dplx Grid, oval with 1, No circle
111.1	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Oct 21 1949
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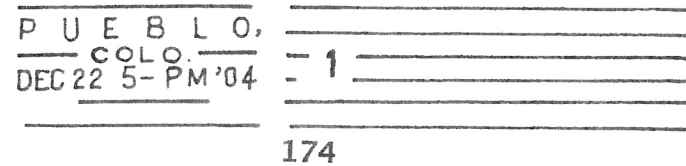
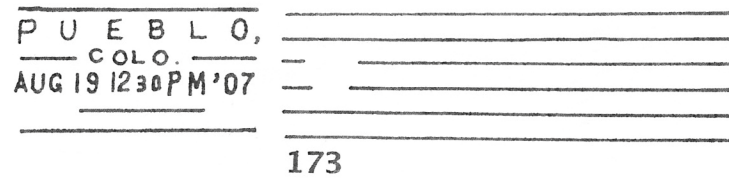
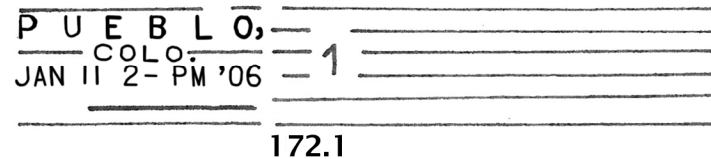
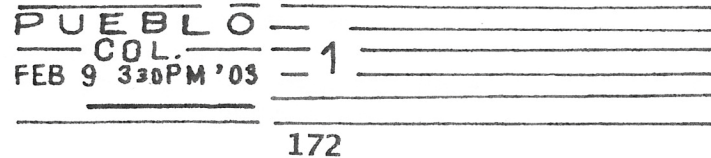
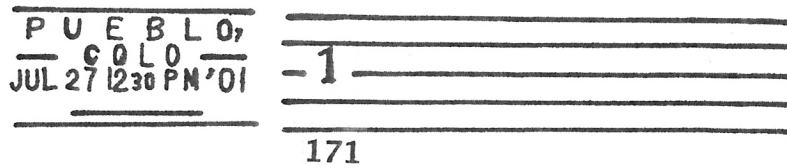


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**MACHINE POSTMARKS**

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| 151 | PUEBLO / COL.<br>CI 10P 22.0  | Jan 3 1898<br>Flag 13 star waving flag with 1  |
| 152 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.5 | Jan 2 1897 Mar 29 1906<br>Flag 13 star waving flag with 1                              |
| 153 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.5  | Oct 4 1909 Jun 1 1910<br>Flag 13 star waving flag, narrow space, staff to halyard      |
| 154 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Jan 12 1910 Dec 19 1914<br>Flag 13 star waving flag, wide space, staff to halyard      |
| 155 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 23.0  | Mar 12 1915 Jan 21 1916<br>Flag 13 star waving flag, larger letters                    |
| 156 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 23.0  | Jun 15 1916 Jul 19 1918<br>Flag 13 star waving flag, curved halyard, double stars high |
| 157 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.5  | Feb 1 1919 Nov 12 1919<br>Flag 13 star waving flag, curved halyard, double stars low   |



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| 171   | PUEBLO, / COLO.<br>SL 00R 32.0x15.0 | Nov 18 1899 May 21 1907<br>Mach 5 bars with 1 in third bar           |
| 172   | PUEBLO / COL.<br>SL 00R 32.0x15.5   | Jul 15 1902 Mar 2 1903<br>Mach 6 bars with 1 in bars 3 & 4           |
| 172.1 | PUEBLO, / COLO.<br>SL 00R 29.0x14.0 | Jan 11 1906<br>Mach 6 bars with 1 in bars 3&4                        |
| 173   | PUEBLO, / COLO.<br>SL 00R 33.0x15.0 | Aug 8 1904 Jul 8 1909<br>Mach 6 bars with blank space for die number |
| 174   | PUEBLO, / COLO.<br>SL 00R 32.0x15.5 | Dec 22 1904 Jun 15 1907<br>Mach 6 bars with 1 in bars 3 & 4          |
| 201   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0       | Mar 9 1920 Sep 8 1925<br>Mach 7 wavy lines, short letters            |
| 202   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0       | Oct 26 1931 Apr 17 1939<br>Mach 7 wavy lines, small letters, "tall"  |
| 203   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0       | May 16 1939 Nov 11 1944<br>Mach 7 wavy lines wider "COLO."           |
| 204   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0       | Dec 9 1945 Dec 9 1946<br>Mach 7 wavy lines, slightly smaller "COLO." |
| 205   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0       | Jul 8 1947 Nov 11 1949<br>Mach 7 wavy lines, small letters           |
| 206   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0       | Aug 31 1955<br>Mach 7 wavy lines, wider spaced letters               |



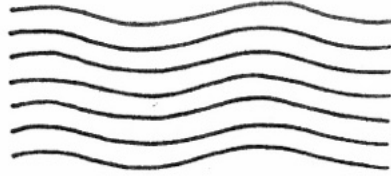
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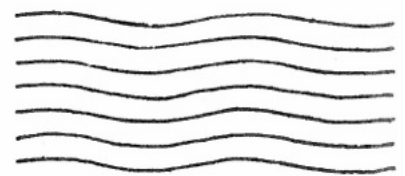
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208	PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 6 1965 Jul 1 1971
209.1A	PUEBLO, CO / 1A CI 10P 24.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 15 1968 May 11 1973
210	PUEBLO, CO CI 10P 22.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Dec 15 1971 Dec 16 1971



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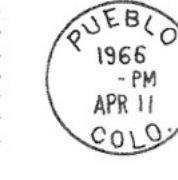
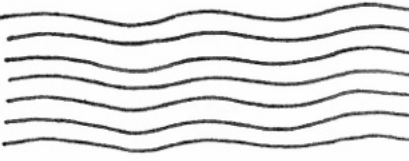
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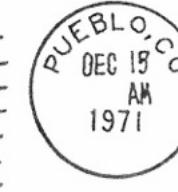
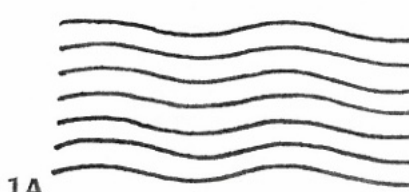
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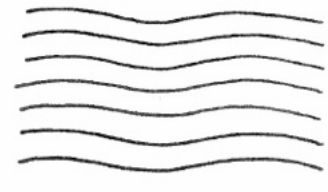
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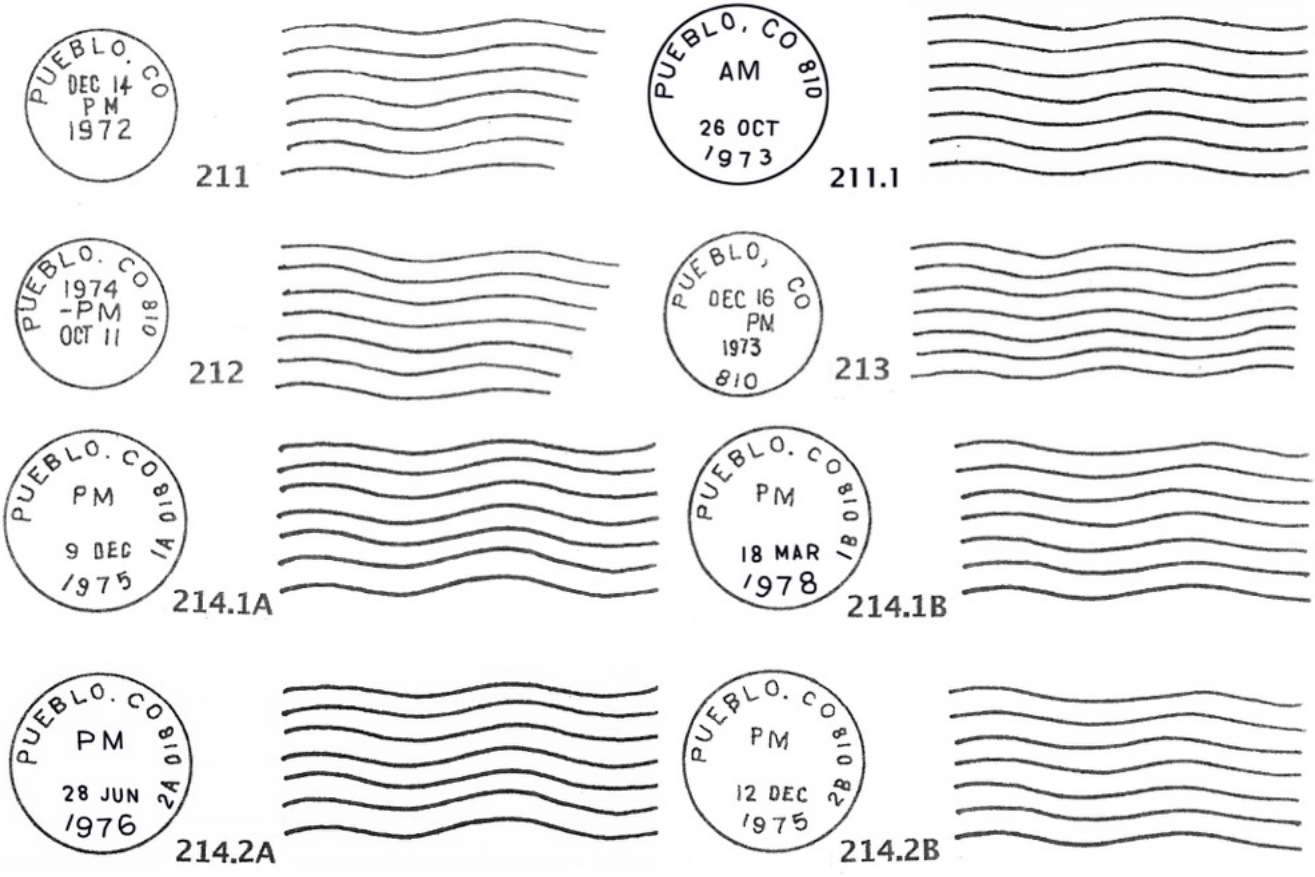


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211.1	PUEBLO, CO 810 CI 10P 24.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 26 1973
212	PUEBLO, CO 810 CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 11 1974 Jun 21 1990
213	PUEBLO, CO / 810 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 11 1973 Oct 7 1975
214.1A	PUEBLO, CO 810 / 1A CI 10P 24.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 9 1975 Jan 2 1977

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| 214.1B PUEBLO, CO 810 / 1B<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Mar 18 1978             |
| 214.2A PUEBLO, CO 810 / 2A<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Jun 28 1976             |
| 214.2B PUEBLO, CO 810 / 2B<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Dec 12 1975 Dec 15 1977 |



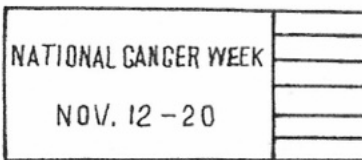
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| 301 PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0   | Mach Slogan in box with bars: NATIONAL CANCER WEEK / NOV. 12-20                | Oct 10 1922             |
| 302 PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0   | Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / STATE FAIR / PUEBLO / SEPT 25-30-1922 | Aug 5 1922 Sep 15 1922  |
| 303 PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0   | Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / STATE FAIR / PUEBLO / SEPT 24-29-1923 | Jul 13 1923 Sep 29 1923 |
| 303.1 PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0 | Mach Slogan in box with bars: CHRISTMAS SEALS / STAMP OUT / TUBERCULOSIS       | Dec 8 1923              |
| 304.1 PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0 | Mach Slogan, in box with bars: RED CROSS / ROLL CALL / JOIN                    | Nov 11 1929 Nov 11 1931 |

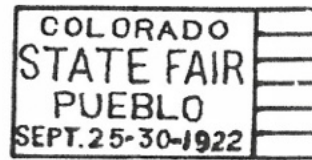
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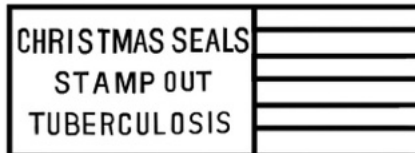
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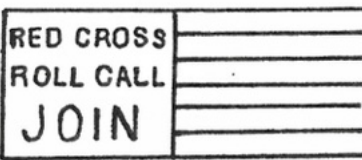
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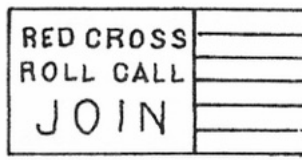
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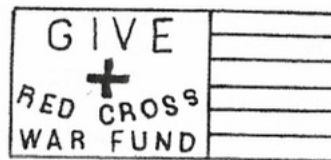
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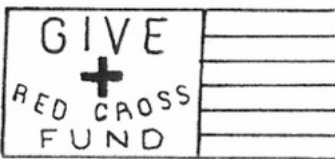
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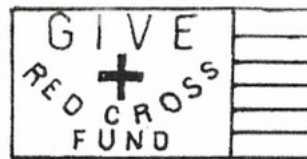
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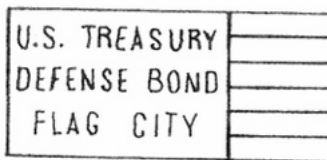
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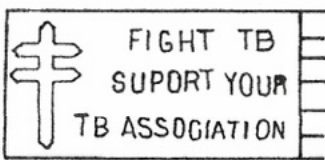
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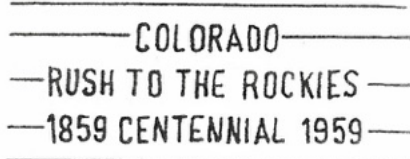
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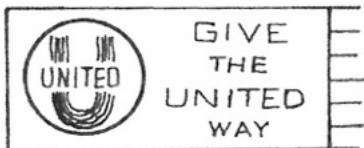


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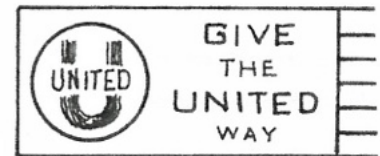
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| 305   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0  | Feb 24 1927 Oct 15 1929<br>Mach Slogan: AIR MAIL / "plane" / SAVES TIME   |
| 306.1 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0  | Mar 4 1943 Mar 15 1951<br>Mach Slogan in 26x20mm box with bars: GIVE / + /<br>RED CROSS / WAR FUND                      |
| 306.2 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 22.0  | Mar 6 1950 Mar 15 1950<br>Mach Slogan in 25x20mm box with bars: GIVE / + /<br>RED CROSS / FUND                          |
| 306.3 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 20.0  | Apr 29 1958 Mar 22 1968<br>Mach Slogan in 24x20mm box with bars: GIVE / + /<br>RED CROSS / FUND                         |
| 307   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Dec 31 1951 Feb 8 1955<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: U. S. TREASURY /<br>DEFENSE BOND / FLAG CITY                    |
| 308   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 20.0  | May 28 1954<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: FIGHT / YOUR INSECT /<br>ENEMIES   |
| 309   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Jan 14 1956 Dec 17 1970<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars, Cross of Lorraine: FIGHT TB /<br>SUPPORT YOUR / TB ASSOCIATION |
| 310   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Nov 10 1958 Dec 14 1962<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: Emblem, EMPLOY THE /<br>ABILITY COUNTS / HANDI-CAPPED          |
| 311   | PUEBLO, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.5 | Mar 17 1959 Dec 17 1959<br>Mach Slogan in bars: COLORADO / RUSH TO THE<br>ROCKIES / 1859 CENTENNIAL 1959                |
| 312   | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Apr 15 1960<br>Mach Slogan in box: Tree stump; Remember - Only<br>you can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES                      |
| 313.1 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 21.0  | Jan 3 1967 Jan 9 1967<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: Emblem; GIVE /<br>THE / UNITED / WAY                             |



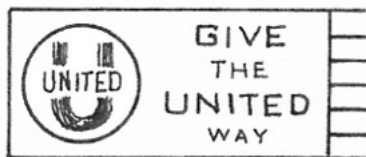
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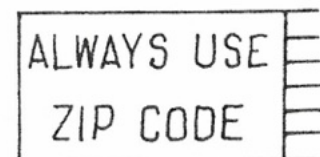
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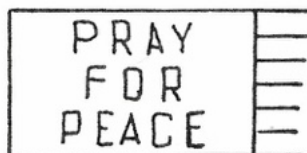
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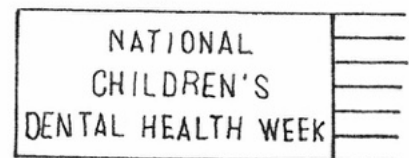
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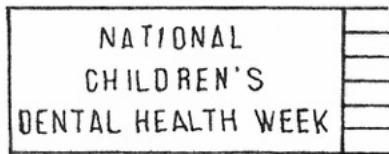


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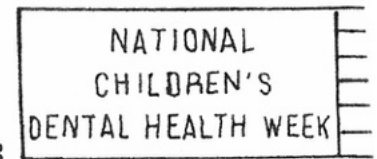
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| 313.2B   | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 2B<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Sep 15 1976<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: Emblem; GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY                          |
| 314      | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 20.0      | Dec 13 1968 Dec 19 1968<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: ALWAYS USE / ZIP CODE                          |
| 315      | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 20.0      | Mar 29 1970<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE   |
| 316.1A   | PUEBLO. CO / 1A<br>CI 10P 24.0     | Feb 1 1972<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: NATIONAL / CHILDREN'S / DENTAL HEALTH WEEK                  |
| 316.2    | PUEBLO. CO<br>CI 10P 22.0          | Feb 4 1972<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: NATIONAL / CHILDREN'S / DENTAL HEALTH WEEK                  |
| 316.3    | PUEBLO. CO 810<br>CI 10P 24.0      | Jan 16 1974<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: NATIONAL / CHILDREN'S / DENTAL HEALTH WEEK                 |
| 317      | PUEBLO, CO 810<br>CI 10P 21.0      | Dec 17 1974 Jan 25 1977<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: "MOZART FESTIVAL" / PUEBLO TO AUSTRIA          |
| 318      | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 1B<br>CI 10P 23.0 | May 10 1976<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES / HELP THE HANDICAPPED            |
| 319.1A   | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 1A<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Sep 17 1976 Dec 3 1976<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / THE CENTENNIAL STATE / 1876 -- 1976  |
| 319.1B   | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 1B<br>CI 10P 24.0 | Oct 4 1976 Dec 31 1976<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / THE CENTENNIAL STATE / 1876 -- 1976  |
| 320      | PUEBLO, CO / 810<br>CI 10P 21.0    | Aug 2 1975 Aug 26 1975<br>Mach Slogan in bars: COLORADO STATE FAIR / AUG.23 - SEPT.1 / PUEBLO, COLORADO |
| 320.1.2A | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 2A<br>CI 10P 23.5 | Dec 14 1976<br>Mach Slogan in bars: PLEASE MAIL / EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS                                 |
| 320.1.2B | PUEBLO, CO 810 / 2B<br>CI 10P 23.5 | Dec 7 1976<br>Mach Slogan in bars: PLEASE MAIL / EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS                                  |
| 321      | PUEBLO, CO 810<br>CI 10P 20.0      | Jan 27 1975 Jan 4 1983<br>Mach Slogan in box with bars: MOZART FESTIVAL / FROM / PUEBLO TO VIENNA       |



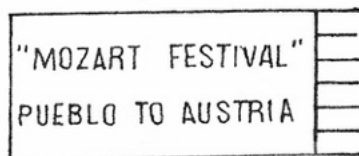
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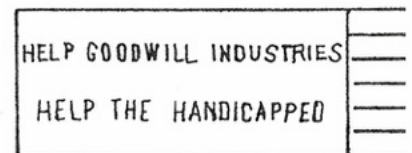
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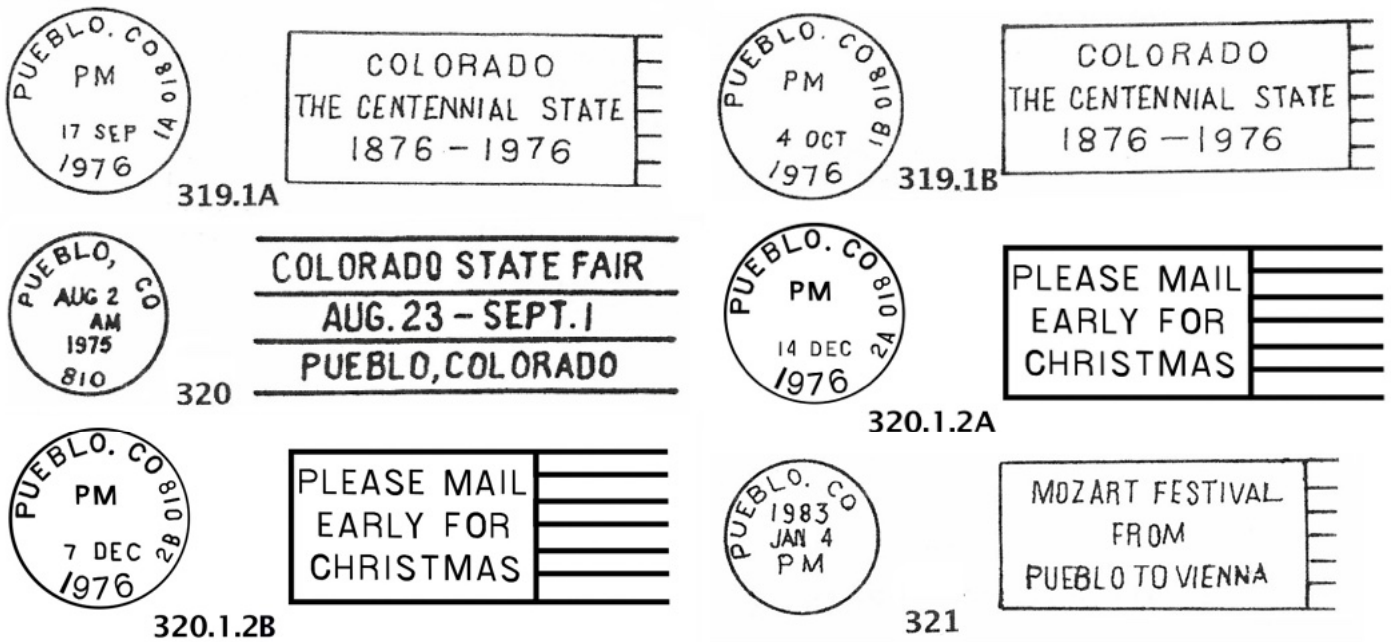
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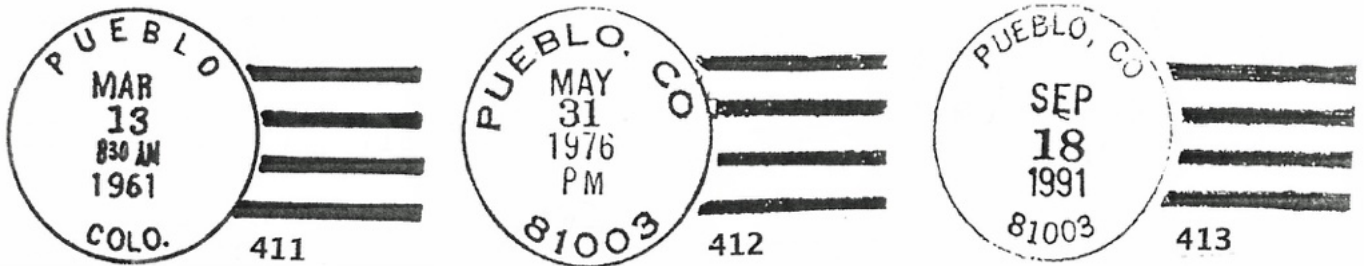


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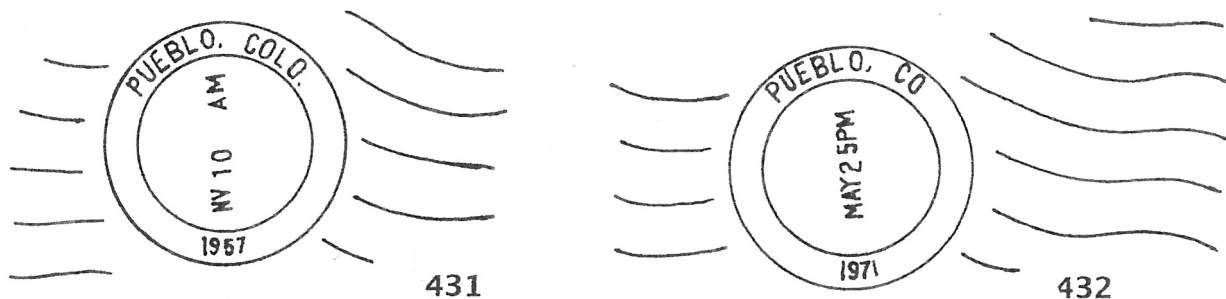
**4-BAR POSTMARKS**

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| 411 | PUEBLO / COLO.<br>CI 10P 33.0     | 4bars S-25x20mm | Mar 13 1961 Mar 26 1964 |
| 412 | PUEBLO, CO / 81003<br>CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-24x20mm | May 31 1976 Oct 29 1982 |
| 413 | PUEBLO, CO / 81003<br>CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-25x19mm | Sep 18 1991             |



**ROLLER POSTMARKS**

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| 431 | PUEBLO, COLO.<br>CI 11P 32.0/23.0 | Rollr 6 wavy lines | Nov 10 1957 Jul 28 1967 |
| 432 | PUEBLO, CO<br>CI 11P 32.0/23.0    | Rollr 6 wavy lines | --- 20 1970 May 30 1975 |



**PUEBLO – Continued**

**SPECIAL USE POSTMARKS**

- 1 PUEBLO / COLO. (TRAIN LATE / MAIL DELAYED Jun 26 1906 Sep 13 1907  
 CI 10P 22.5 Mach TRAIN LATE / MAIL DELAYED in oval (25.0x18.0)



**PUEBLO AUXILIARY MARKINGS**

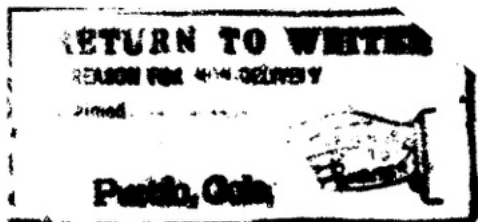
**GENERAL DELIVERY - Datestamps and associated Auxiliary markings**

- GD-1 Pueblo, Colo. // General Delivery Mar 1 1897  
 SL 00R 35.0x18.0 Hstp No killer
- GD-2 PUEBLO, COLO. / (GEN. DEL.) Feb 2 1943  
 CI 11P 28.0x18.0 Hstp No killer



**INSTRUCTIONAL/INFORMATION: A variety of handstamps used by the Pueblo Post Office**

- IN-0.1 PUEBLO, COLO. Feb 28 1927  
 RC 1P 62.0x29.0 Hstp Boxed RETURN TO WRITER / REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY with RETURN TO WRITER in Pointing Hand
- IN-0.2 pueblo, colo. Nov 9 1930  
 IR 00P 37.0x18.0 Hstp RETURNED TO SENDER in Pointing Hand
- IN-0.3 pueblo, colo. Aug 1- 1946  
 IR 00P 38.0x40.0 Hstp RETURN TO SENDER in Pointing Hand with REASON CHECKED list
- IN-0.4 PUEBLO, COLO. Nov 17 1930  
 SL 00R 35.0x9.0 Hstp Auxiliary marking Directory Section No. 16
- IN-1 PUEBLO, COLO. Jan 31 1944  
 SL 00R 42.0x15.0 Hstp Auxiliary marking THIS IS THE MAIL FOR / WHICH YOU SENT POSTAGE / PUEBLO, COLO.



IN-0.1



IN-0.2

**PUEBLO – Continued**

**PUEBLO AUX. MARKINGS, INSTRUCTIONAL/INFORMATION – Continued**



REASON CHECKED  
 retained ..... Refused .....  
 unknown .....  
 For better address .....  
 Moved Left no address .....  
 No such office in state .....

IN-0.3

**PUEBLO, COLO.**  
*Directory Section No. 16*

IN-0.4

THIS IS THE MAIL FOR  
 WHICH YOU SENT POSTAGE  
 PUEBLO, COLO.

IN-1

**M.O.B. - (Money Order Business) marking**

Not including markings designated "M.O.U." (Money Order Unit)

MB-1 PUEBLO, COLO. / M.O.B.

May 10 1894

CI 11P 30.0/19.0

Hstp No killer

MB-2 PUEBLO, COLO. / M.O.B.

Sep 9 1913 Nov 18 1916

CI 11P 29.0/19.0

Hstp No killer



MB-1



MB-2

**MUTE CANCELS - A group of postmarks that usually (but not always) contain the town & state, but no date.**  
 Most common are ovals and rectangles, used to cancel stamps on packages and registered mail.

MC-1 PUEBLO / COLO.

--- -- 1898

OV 10P 30x20

Hstp No killer

MC-1.1 PUEBLO, / COLO.

1910s

CI 10P 22.5

Flag 13 star waving flag

MC-2 PUEBLO / COLO.

May 31 1926

OV 11P 26x20/16x8

Hstp No killer

MC-3 PUEBLO / COLO.

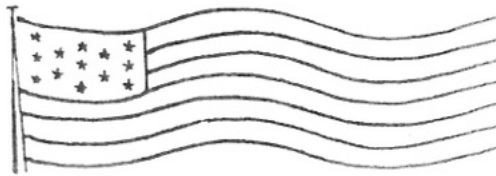
Aug 23 1928

OV 11P 30x20/18x9

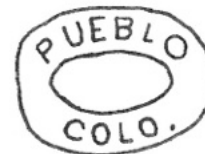
Hstp No killer



MC-1



MC-1.1



MC-2



MC-3



**PUEBLO – Continued**

**PUEBLO AUX. MARKINGS, RECEIVED – Continued**

**RECEIVED**

- |      |  |                                 |                         |
|------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| RC-1 | PUEBLO, COL. / RECD.<br>CI 10P 27.5          | Hstp No killer                  | Apr 24 1883             |
| RC-2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / REC'D.<br>CI 10P 27.0        | Hstp No killer                  | Oct 11 1892 Feb 20 1895 |
| RC-3 | PUEBLO / COLO. (RECEIVED / 1)<br>CI 10P 22.0 | Mach RECEIVED 1 in 24x18mm oval | Nov 9 1897 Dec 19 1905  |
| RC-4 | PUEBLO, COLO. (RECEIVED / 1)<br>CI 10P 23.0  | Mach RECIEVED 1 in 24x18mm oval | Jun 6 1910              |
| RC-5 | PUEBLO, COLO. / REC'D.<br>CI 10P 30.5        | Hstp No killer, backstamp       | May 7 1959              |



RC-1



RC-2



RC-3



RC-4

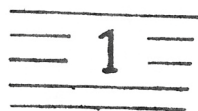


RC-5

**RURAL FREE DELIVERY - The assigned numbers are reference to the RFD Route numbers.**

- |      |   |                   |                        |
|------|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| RF-1 | PUEBLO, / COLO. // R.F.D.<br>SL 00R 28.0x16.0 | RFD 5 bars with 1 | Apr 9 1902 Nov 10 1902 |
|------|---|-------------------|------------------------|

R. F. D.  
 PUEBLO.  
 APR 9, 1902  
 COLO.



RF-1

**REGISTERED MAIL - Includes Registered mail date stamps and other related markings.**

[SRM: The various DCDS registered cancels used by Pueblo are very similar. It is difficult to distinguish them without using transparency overlays.]

- |        |   |   |                       |
|--------|---|---|-----------------------|
| RG-1   | PUEBLO, COLO. // REGISTERED<br>SL 00R 42.0x20.0 | Hstp Pen cancel                               | Dec 7 1888            |
| RG-2   | PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED.<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp Fancy, Large, positive "R", positive "P" | Apr 6 1895 May 6 1898 |
| RG-3   | PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED.<br>CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer                                | Nov 2 1899            |
| RG-3.1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED.<br>CI 11P 30.0/19.5 | Hstp No killer                                | Aug 22 1903           |

**PUEBLO – Continued**

**PUEBLO AUX. MARKINGS, REGISTERED MAIL – Continued**

RG-4	Pueblo, Colo. / REGISTERED. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 14 1904 Sep 3 1904
RG-4.0	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	Aug 11 1909
RG-4.1	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 22 1916
RG-5	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 25 1926 Jun 11 1941
RG-5.1	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	May 28 1936
RG-5.2	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.5/19.5	Hstp No killer	Dec 12 1938
RG-6	PUEBLO, CO REG. DIV. / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 15 1985

REGISTERED  
DEC 7 1888  
PUEBLO, COLO.



RG-3.1



RG-4



RG-4.0



RG-4.1



RG-5



RG-5.1



RG-5.2



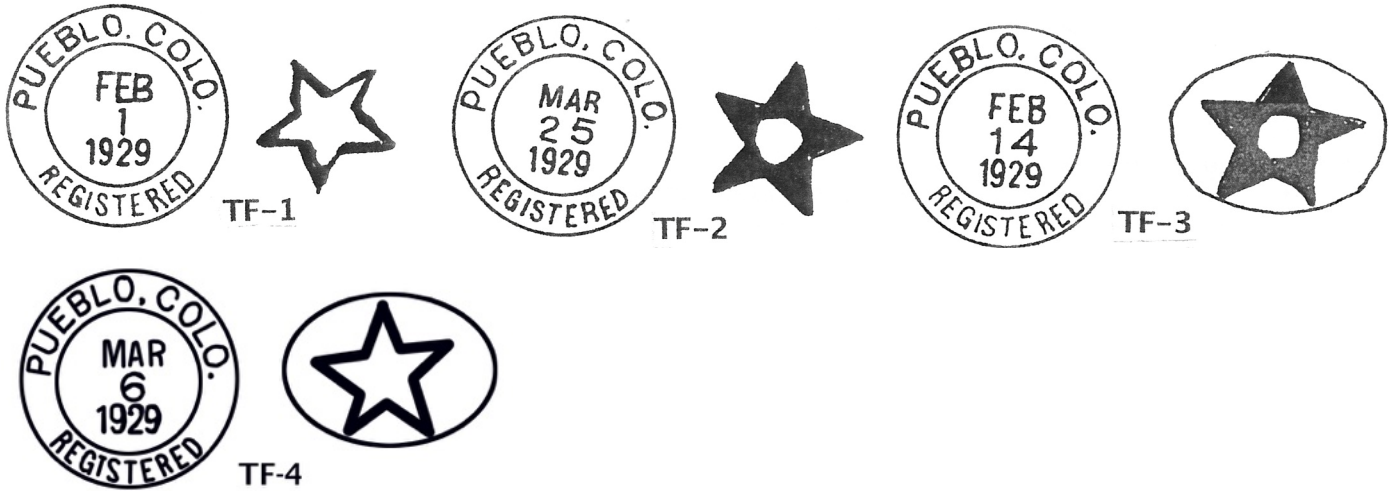
RG-6

**TWENTIETH CENTURY FANCY CANCELS:** All were used with Registered postmark type RG-4

TF-1	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.5/19.0	Hstp Backstamp Outline star, registered cover	Feb 1 1929 Feb 23 1929
TF-2	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.5/19.0	Hstp Backstamp Positive star with center hole in partial oval frame	Feb 1 1929 Mar 28 1929
TF-3	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp Backstamp Positive star with center hole in partial oval frame	Feb 14 1929 Feb 28 1929
TF-4	PUEBLO, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.5/19.0	Hstp No killer, Outline star in oval frame	Mar 6 1929

**PUEBLO – Continued**

**PUEBLO AUX MARKINGS, TWENTIETH CENTURY FANCY – Continued**



**TR - TRANSIT CANCELS: Used on Non-Originating Mail Passing Through Pueblo Post Office**

TR-1 PUEBLO, COLO. / TRANSIT.  
 CI 10P 30.0

Oct 11 1905 Mar 13 1906

Hstp No killer On PPCs originating elsewhere



TR-1

**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS**

**NUMBER 1**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Oct 1 1904      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Oct 1 1904 ---      701 South Union Avenue
- Mar 1 1931 ---      1445 East 8th Street
- Oct 30 1943      Closed
- Nov 1 1947      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Nov 1 1947 ---      717 Glendale
- Sep 28 1948      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Sep 6 1952      Closed
- Oct 13 1952      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Oct 13 1952 ---      1401 East 8th Street
- Feb 15 1953      Closed
- Jun 23 1954      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Jun 30 1957      Closed
- Jul 8 1957      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Jul 8 1957 ---      1349 East 8th Street
- Oct 5 1968      Closed

**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**

**STATION NUMBER 1 – Continued**

Oct 28 1968      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 Oct 28 1968 ---      Super Valu Market  
 Apr 9 1989      Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |  |                |  |
|-----|--|----------------|--|
| 1   | PUEBLO, COLO. // STA. NO. 1 / M.O.B.<br>CI 11P 28.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Jun 12 1914                                    |
| 2   | PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 1<br>CI 11P 28.0/19.0           | Hstp No killer | Sep 11 1943                                    |
| 3   | PUEBLO CO, / STA. 1<br>SL 00R 27.0/11.0                  | Hstp No killer | --- -- 198-                                    |
| 3.1 | PUEBLO, CO / STA. 1 / USPO<br>CI 11P 29.0/18.0           | Hstp No killer | Mar 14 1984                                    |
| 4   | PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 1<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0           | Hstp No killer | [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]<br>Mar 2 1989 |



PUEBLO CO,  
STA. 1 3



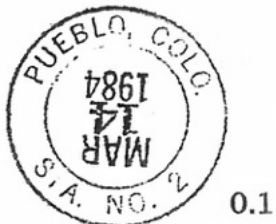
**NUMBER 2**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 1 1904      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 --- 24th and Grand Avenue  
 --- 2333 Grand Avenue  
 Jun 30 1927      Closed  
 Dec 1 1928      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 --- 2333 Grand Avenue  
 Feb 20 1959      Closed  
 Feb 24 1959      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 --- Grove Drug Store

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |  |                |                        |
|-----|--|----------------|------------------------|
| 0.1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 2<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Mar 14 1984            |
| 1   | PUEBLO, CO STA. 2 / USPO<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0   | Hstp No killer | Mar 2 1989 Apr 14 1990 |



**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**

**NUMBER 3**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 1 1904	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Oct 1 1904 ---	1230 East 8th Street
Apr 9 1909 ---	1228 East 8th Street
Jul 1 1911 ---	1222 East 8th Street
Dec 4 1922	Closed
Feb 16 1923	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Feb 16 1923 ---	1230 East 8th Street
Sep 30 1936	Closed
Oct 22 1936	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Oct 3 1943	Closed
May 31 1954	Discontinued
Jun 1 1955	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Jun 1 1955 ---	1941 Lake Avenue
Jun 1 1966 ---	1904 Lake Avenue
Aug 16 1970 ---	1207 Highland Avenue

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 3 CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 2 1938
2	PUEBLO, CO STA. 3 / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 12 1984 Apr 22 1992



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**NUMBER 4**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 1 1906	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Jul 1 1906 ---	204 South Union Avenue
Jul 1 1929	Closed
Jul 14 1933	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Jul 14 1933 ---	201 South Union Avenue
Jun 29 1934	Closed
Sep 1 1934	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Dec 4 1939	Closed
Feb 1 1940	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Sep 5 1944	Closed
Jul 1 1946	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Dec 11 1946	Closed
May 31 1954	Discontinued
Jan 1 1956	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Jan 1 1956 ---	1721 Prairie Avenue
Sep 1 1963 ---	Eakers (King Soopers Shopping Center)
Jul 1 1966 ---	1221 South Prairie Avenue, Republic National Bank
May 30 1969	Closed
Jul 31 1969	Discontinued

**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**  
**NUMBER 4 – Continued**

<1986      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
<1986    ---      Location not recorded

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |  |                |                         |
|---|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO (STA. NO. 4) COLO.<br>CI 11P 28.0/19.0  | Hstp No killer | Nov 26 1912             |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO / STA. NO. 4<br>SL 00R 46.0x10.0  | Hstp No killer | Aug 15 1919             |
| 3 | PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 4<br>CI 11P 29.0x19.0 | Hstp No killer | Aug 5 1943              |
| 4 | PUEBLO, CO STA. 4 / USPO<br>CI 11P 29.0x19.0   | Hstp No killer | Apr 18 1984 Apr 18 1992 |



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PUEBLO, COLO  
STA. NO. 4

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**NUMBER 5**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 16 1906      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
Jul 16 1906    ---      2044 East Evans Avenue  
May 1 1907    ---      2113 East Evans Avenue  
Jun 30 1919      Closed  
Apr 1 1922      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
Apr 1 1922    ---      2044 East Evans Avenue  
May 19 1954      Closed  
Jul 1 1955      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
Jul 1 1955    ---      2226 East Evans Avenue

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                |   |
|---|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | PUEBLO, (Sta. No. 5) COLO. / REGISTERED<br>CI 11P 32.0x21.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 16 1915                                     |
| 2 | PUEBLO, CO STA. 5 / USPO<br>CI 11P 28.0x18.0                | Hstp No killer | Apr 16 1984<br>[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] |



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**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**

**NUMBER 6**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 16 1908      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 Jun 16 1908 ---      17th and Hooper  
 Mar 21 1911 ---      1710 Hooper  
 Jul 31 1911      Closed  
 Oct 1 1911      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 Oct 1 1911 ---      314 Park  
 Jun 30 1929      Closed  
 Mar 31 1931      Discontinued  
 Sep 16 1938      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 Sep 16 1938 ---      314 Clark Street  
 Jul 25 1961 ---      314 Clark Street  
 Jun 30 1964      Closed  
 Sep 30 1964      Discontinued  
 Dec 4 1967      Formerly Airport Rural Station  
 Dec 4 1967 ---      Pueblo Memorial Airport  
 <1986      Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1      PUEBLO, CO / STA. 6      --- -- 196-  
             SL 00R 27.0x11.0      Hstp No killer

PUEBLO, CO.  
 STA. 6  
             1

**NUMBER 7**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 1 1909      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 May 1 1909 ---      1247 Berkeley Avenue

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1      PUEBLO. (STA. 7) COLO.      Mar 8 1919  
             CI 11P 28.0x19.0      Hstp No killer  
 2      PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. NO. 7      Oct 6 1952  
             CI 11P 30.0x20.0      Hstp No killer



**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**

**NUMBER 8**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jul 1 1916      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Jul 1 1916 ---      703 Jackson Street
- Jun 30 1919      Closed
- May 16 1926      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- May 16 1926 ---      1200 Santa Fe Avenue
- Feb 28 1936      Closed
- Mar 20 1936      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Oct 28 1938      Closed
- Nov 18 1938      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Aug 7 1942      Closed
- May 31 1954      Discontinued
- Aug 1 1960      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Aug 1 1960 ---      1401 Santa Fe Avenue

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                |                        |
|---|---|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Pueblo (Sta. No. 8.) Colo. / M.O.B.<br>CI 11P 29.0x18.0 | Hstp No killer | May 20 1916            |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / BR. NO. 8<br>CI 11P 29.0x19.0           | Hstp No killer | Aug 1 1960             |
| 3 | PUEBLO, CO STA. 8 / USPS<br>CI 11P 30.0x19.0            | Hstp No killer | Apr 16 1984 Jun 1 1993 |



**NUMBER 9**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jul 16 1941      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Jul 16 1941 ---      1519 West 4th Street
- Nov 8 1943      Closed
- May 31 1954      Discontinued
- Feb 16 1962      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Feb 16 1962 ---      1020 Constitution
- Jun 30 1969      Closed
- Jul 31 1969      Discontinued
- --- ---      Established as a Station of Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STATION NO. 9



**PUEBLO NUMBERED STATIONS – Continued**

**NUMBER 10**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 3 1969      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 Mar 3 1969 ---      Highway 50 East and 25 Lane

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

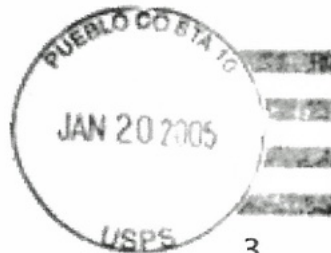
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|---|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, CO BR. 10 / USPO<br>CI 11P 27.0x17.0  | Hstp No killer  | Apr 15 1984 | Apr 15 1987 |
| 2 | PUEBLO, CO STA. 10 / USPS<br>CI 11P 28.0x18.0 | Hstp No killer  | Oct 23 1989 | Jun 3 1991  |
| 3 | PUEBLO CO STA 10 / USPS<br>CI 10P 33.0        | 4bars S-14x23mm | Jan 20 2005 |             |



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**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS**

**STATION A [BESSEMER]**

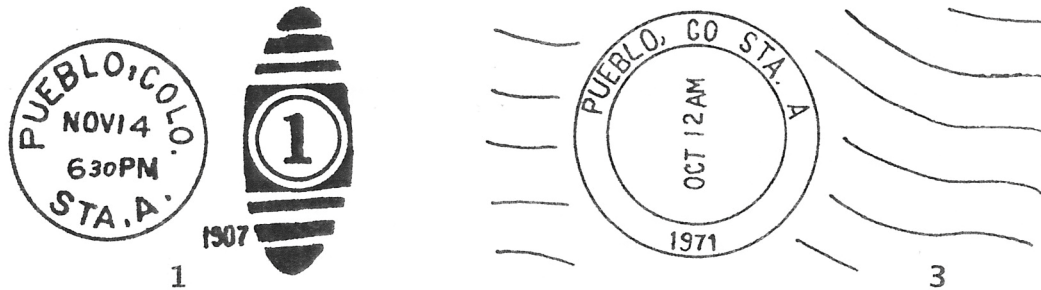
**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 7 1914 ---      SW/4 SE/4 Sec 1 T21S R65W  
 Proposed as BESSEMER ? Document annotated "No station called "Bessemer" in Pueblo Co., Colo. Apparently the survey document was sent out with the name Bessemer (Sta.)  
 Attached note: Referring to attached blank; the former Town of Bessemer has long been a part of the City of Pueblo, and the name "Bessemer" can not be properly used in connection with Station A, Station A is 2.75 miles south of the main office. It is supplied by Screen Wagon service from the main office. One mile south of Station A in a small railway station called Minnequa, not "Bessemer," and has no connection with mail service in any way, and is outside of the city limits of Pueblo.  
 Station A is three blocks west of the D&RG railway connecting Pueblo with points south, as shown on current post-route maps.  
 Feb 1 1904      Established as a Station A of Pueblo Also called Bessemer Station until 1929  
 May 3 1976      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 >1976      May have operated at unreported location

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |  |   |             |             |
|---|--|---|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / STA. A.<br>CI 10P 26.0             | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle               | Oct 11 1905 | Nov 14 1912 |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / (STA. A) M.O.B<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] | Jan 10 1923 |             |
| 3 | PUEBLO, CO STA. A<br>CI 11P 32.0/23.0              | Rolr 6 wavy lines                               | Oct 12 1971 |             |

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**  
**STATION A [BESSEMER] – Continued**



**AUXILIARY MARKING**

A1 Pueblo, Colo. // Missent to Station A Apr -- 1941  
SL 00R 44.0/9.0 Hstp No killer

Missent to Station A  
Pueblo, Colo.

A-1

**AIR BASE BRANCH**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Sep 21 1942 Established as a Branch of Pueblo
- Oct 1 1942 -- Located five miles east from the city limits on highway #96, in the vicinity of Baxter, a station on the Missouri Pacific Railroad.
- Dec 8 1947 -- The Air Base Branch has been discontinued; a veteran's housing project established at the air base is supplied by Rural Route No 2 out of Pueblo, Colorado.
- Jan 5 1948 Ordered closed
- Jan 29 1948 Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 PUEBLO, COLO. / AIR BASE BR. Oct 1 1942 Oct 25 1943  
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer Used with Pueblo machine cancel



**AIRPORT RURAL STATION**

This rural station was located at the Pueblo Memorial Airport, most likely in the terminal building. After two years as a Rural Station, it was converted to Contract Branch, Number 6, of Pueblo. The airport is east of Pueblo and north of the US Highway 50 Bypass.

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued  
AIRPORT RURAL STATION – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 1 1953      Established as a Rural Station of Pueblo  
Aug 31 1955      Became Contract Branch Number 6 of Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                 |             |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / AIRPORT RUR. STA.<br>CI 10P 33.0      | 4bars S-25x20mm | Sep 14 1954 |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / AIRPORT RUR. STA.<br>CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer  | Aug 31 1955 |



**BELMONT STATION**

The following paragraphs are taken from the Dedication Program (June 28, 1969) for the Belmont Station, Pueblo, Colorado 81001:

Construction of the Belmont Station began on October 3, 1968. The building is brick and moss stone masonry and has a total gross area of 8,188 square feet, which includes a loading platform of 1,000 square feet. The outside area covers 30,000 square feet of which 3,186 square feet are surfaced patron parking. There is a paved vehicle parking and maneuvering and loading area.

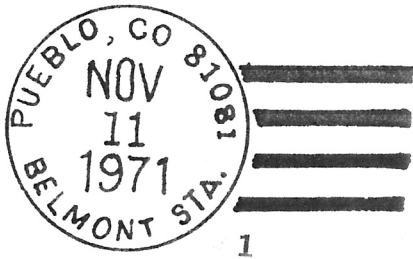
The interior of the Belmont Station is pleasant and comfortable with eye-saving fluorescent lighting, air-conditioning, hot-water heating, non-glare asphalt plank floor in the workroom area, modern open and low style counters, a complete Self-Service Postal Unit in the lobby, and many other features which the Post Office Department has designed for efficient and economical mail handling and for improved postal service to the public.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 10 1969      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
---      Bonforte Boulevard Belmont Shopping Center  
<1984      ---      1025 Highway 50 Bypass

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |  |                 |                        |
|---|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, CO 81081 / BELMONT STA.<br>CI 10P 32.0     | 4bars S-24x19mm | Nov 11 1971            |
| 2 | PUEBLO, CO BELMONT STA. / USPS<br>CI 11P 30.0/20.0 | Hstp No killer  | Apr 15 1988 Nov 9 1992 |
| 3 | PUEBLO, CO BELMONT STA. / USPO<br>CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer  | May 9 1989 May 28 1993 |

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**  
**BELMONT STATION – Continued****BESSEMER STATION**

The community of Bessemer was platted on August 12, 1886 by the Central Colorado Improvement Company and named for Sir Henry Bessemer, who perfected the process of converting iron ore to steel. The community was on the southeast edge of Pueblo, south of the Arkansas River and north of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company steel mill.

Bessemer became the principal residential area for the workers at the steel mill. In 1891 it was re-named and platted as Minnequa, for the name of a nearby lake and of the steel mill at that time. In 1892 Jay Gould and John D. Rockefeller gained control of the steel mill. In 1894 the community was annexed to Pueblo.

Bessemer never operated as an independent post office. In 1895 it was established as a Station of Pueblo. From 1904 to 1929 the Bessemer Station was also known as Station A. From 1920 it was Station A, which appears to have been closed around 1976.

Bessemer is on the east side of Interstate 25 between Exits 97A and 97B. It is a community of small homes and scattered businesses.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

--- 1895	Established as a Station of Pueblo
Feb 1 1904	Established as a Station of Pueblo Also called Bessemer Station until 1929
May 7 1914 --	SW/4 SE/4 Sec 1 T21S R65W Proposed as BESSEMER? Document annotated "No station called "Bessemer" in Pueblo Co., Colo. Apparently the survey document was sent out with the name Bessemer (Sta.) Attached note: Referring to attached blank; the former Town of Bessemer has long been a part of the City of Pueblo, and the name "Bessemer" can not be properly used in connection with Station A, Station A is 2.75 miles south of the main office. It is supplied by Screen Wagon service from the main office. One mile south of Station A in a small railway station called Minnequa, not "Bessemer," and has no connection with mail service in any way, and is outside of the city limits of Pueblo. Station A is three blocks west of the D&RG railway connecting Pueblo with points south, as shown on current post-route maps.
>1929	Not listed as Bessemer in Postal Guides. Also known as Station A.

**Confirmed types of postal markings****NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BESSEMER STATION**

The lack of postmarks from the Bessemer station indicates that it was the Station A device that was in use there for most of the period of operation. (See Station A)

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

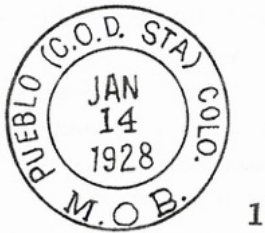
**C.O.D. STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 1 1922	Established as a Station of Pueblo
--- -- 1951	Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	PUEBLO (C.O.D. STA) COLO. / M.O.B.	Jan 14 1928
	CI 11P 29.0/20.0	Hstp No killer



**COLORADO CITY RURAL STATION / COMMUNITY POST OFFICE**

This Colorado City is a creation of the late twentieth century and has no relation to the original Colorado City that was established in 1860 in El Paso County.

In 1963 the Colorado City Development Corporation announced plans to create a planned community west of Interstate 25 in the area of the old community of Crow (Crow Junction). The planned development would include a large portion of the historic Alexander Hicklin Ranch and was planned for an eventual population of 30,000. The “dreamland” city in the country was to be a group of villages surrounded by open county and every resident would be within walking distance of open spaces, to be preserved in perpetuity.

Colorado City does exist but it has not fully met the grandiose plans of the Development Corporation. There is a golf course, a couple of small commercial centers and a number of homes on an extensive street network. At Exit 74 there is a service station and in 1969 a Holiday Inn was built on the west side of the interstate. That motel now goes by a different name but is still in operation.

The Colorado City Post Office was established as a Rural Station of Pueblo. It is now classified as a Community Post Office and has never had independent status.

In late November 1969 an odd event took place at Colorado City. The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club conducted a “wake” for the old community of Crow Junction complete with a parade and the symbolic burial of remnants of Crow Junction. The “grave” was placed beneath the then under construction Holiday Inn.

Colorado City is accessible via Colorado Highway 165 from Interstate 25, Exit 74. The community stretches west along that highway towards Rye. My last visit to the area was in 1999 so it is possible that it has grown.

Latitude = 37:56:43 North Longitude = 104:50:05 West COLORADO CITY

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

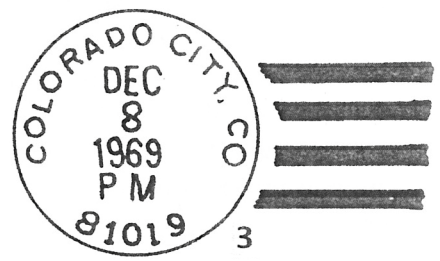
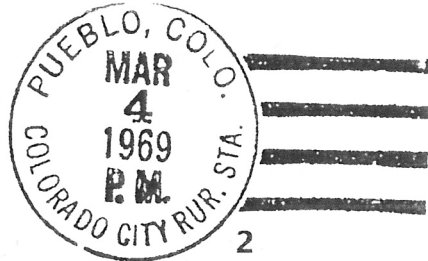
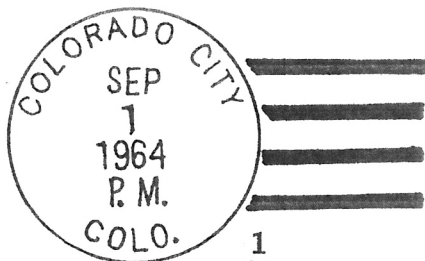
**COLORADO CITY RURAL STATION / COMMUNITY POST OFFICE – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 1 1964	Established as a Rural Station of Pueblo
Feb 10 1966	Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Pueblo
<1986	Reclassified as a Community Post Office of Pueblo
---	Greenhorn Valley Center

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	COLORADO CITY / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 1 1964	Sep 1 1964
2	PUEBLO, COLO. / COLORADO CITY RUR. STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 4 1969	May 27 1969
3	COLORADO CITY, CO / 81019 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Dec 8 1969	
4	COLORADO CITY, CO / 81019 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 20 1972	Mar 22 1976
5	COLORADO CITY, CO / 81019 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 17 1971	Dec 4 1976
6	PUEBLO, CO COLORADO CITY RUR. STA. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 15 1988	Jun 9 1989
7	PUEBLO, CO COLO. CITY RUR. BR. / USPS CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 3 1991	Mar 29 1996



**PUEBLO – Continued**  
**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

**LOCAL MAIL AGENT**  
**Chronology of the Post Office**

1870s                      Operated by Railway Mail Service

**Confirmed types of postal markings**  
 NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH THE LOCAL AGENT TEXT

**MAIN OFFICE STATION**  
**Chronology of the Post Office**

-----                      Established as a Station of Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |   |   |                       |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------|
| 0.1 | PUEBLO, CO / MAIN OFFICE<br>CI 11P 28.0/18.0                  | Hstp No killer                                  | Oct 13 1978           |
| 1   | PUEBLO, CO MAIN OFFICE / USPS<br>CI 11P 28.0/18.0             | Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] | Aug 29 1987           |
| 2   | PUEBLO, CO MAIN OFFICE / USPO<br>CI 11P 28.0/18.0             | Hstp No killer                                  | Dec 9 1988 May 5 1990 |
| 3   | PUEBLO MAIN POST OFFICE 81008-9998 / USPS<br>CI 11P 29.0/20.0 | Hstp No killer                                  | Nov 16 1998           |



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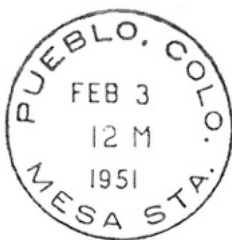
**MESA STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 1 1945                      Established as a Station of Pueblo  
 ---                                  In area of Mesa Junction  
 May 3 1976                      Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                           |                                  |
|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / MESA STA.<br>CI 10P 30.0      | Dplx Grid, diamond with 1 | Mar 3 1949 Feb 3 1951            |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / MESA STA.<br>CI 11P 28.5/18.5 | Hstp No killer            | Jun 26 1976<br>Last Day Postmark |



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**PUEBLO – Continued**

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

**MIDTOWN FINANCE STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

----- Established as a Station of Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 **PUEBLO CO 81003-9998 // USPS / MIDTOWN FINANCE STATION Apr 13 2007**  
**SL 00R 70.0x20.0 Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]**

**MIDTOWN MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

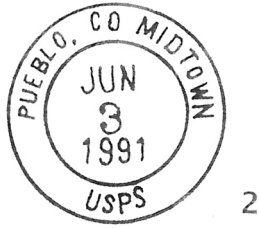
1986? Established as a Station of Pueblo  
-- At Mid-Town Mall

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 **PUEBLO, CO MIDTOWN STA / USPS Mar 2 1989 Aug 26 1999**  
**CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer**
- 2 **PUEBLO, CO MIDTOWN / USPS Jun 3 1991 Apr 17 1995**  
**CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer**



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**MOU 1**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 1 1964 Formerly Pueblo Army Depot Branch  
---- 1965 Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 **PUEBLO, COLO. MOU NO. 1 / USPO Oct 18 1966**  
**CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer**



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**NORTH AVONDALE RURAL STATION / BRANCH**

Please refer to the discussion of the North Avondale Independent Post Office for the history and earlier postal markings of this community.



**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**  
**NORTH AVONDALE RURAL STATION – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Aug 1 1964      Established as a Rural Station of Pueblo
- Feb 10 1966    Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Pueblo
- May 31 1976    Discontinued

Refer to the independent North Avondale Post Office for markings prior to August 1 1964

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 0.1    NORTH AVON-/ DALE, COLO.      Aug 4 1964  
       RC 10P 34.0x17.0              Hstp No killer Parcel Post Box style
- 1      NORTH AVONDALE / COLO.      Aug 4 1964 Sep 2 1964  
       CI 10P 33.0                      4bars S-24x20mm
- 1.1    PUEBLO, COLO. NORTH AVONDALE RUR. STA. / USPO      Sep 3 196  
       CI 29.5/18.5                      4bars S-24x19mm
- 2      NORTH AVONDALE, CO / 81061      Jun 6 1969 May 29 1976  
       CI 10P 32.0                      4bars S-24x19mm



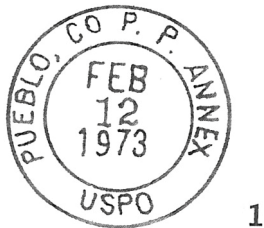
**PARCEL POST ANNEX**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- <1973      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- Possibly located at the Santa Fe Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1      PUEBLO, CO P. P. ANNEX / USPO      Feb 12 1973  
       CI 11P 29.0/19.0              Hstp No killer



**PHILATELIC CENTER**

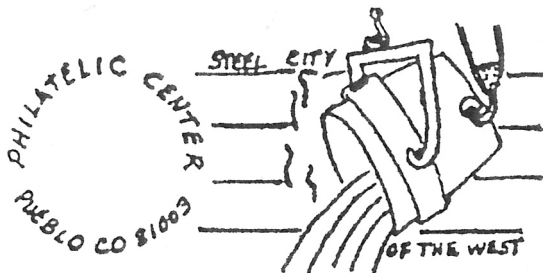
**Chronology of the Post Office**

- May 10 1982    Established as a Station of Pueblo
- 421 North Main Street, in Main Post Office

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**  
**PHILATELIC CENTER STATION – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | PUEBLO CO 81003 // PHILATELIC CENTER<br>CI 00R 24.5 | May 10 1982<br>Pict Scene - Steel ladle; Text - STEEL CITY / OF THE WEST |
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**PUEBLO WEST RURAL BRANCH / COMMUNITY POST OFFICE**

Pueblo West is a late twentieth century community. Although some development in the area had begun by 1960 it was not until September 16, 1969 that Pueblo West was organized as an extensive planned community to be developed west of the city of Pueblo and north of the Arkansas River.

Adding to the interest in the plan was the construction of the Pueblo Dam and Reservoir. The dam, completed in 1975, is part of the Frying Pan-Arkansas Project to divert water from the western slope of Colorado to the eastern side of the Continental Divide to increase water supplies for cities and farms. The Pueblo Dam created a reservoir with a capacity of 357,000 acre-feet.

At first Pueblo West was slow to grow; but, by 1998 it claimed a population of 13,000. The Pueblo West Post Office is one of the modern creations that by all reason should be an independent post office but is not. The policy of the U. S. Postal Service, likely to control costs, is to avoid adding new independent post offices when they can add the administrative responsibility to a nearby city post office.

In 2002 the Pueblo West Post Office was located at 356 McCullough, in one of the suites of a small strip mall.

Established in 1960 as a Rural Branch of Pueblo, the Pueblo West Post Office is now classified as a Community Post Office.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

No entry in the Geographic Site Location Reports. This office was established much later than the documents in the file.

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Oct 20 1969 | Established as a Rural Branch/Community Post Office of Pueblo |
| <1984       | Reclassified as a Community Post Office of Pueblo             |

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | PUEBLO WEST, CO / 81007<br>CI 10P 34.0                     | Nov 12 1969 Nov 12 1969<br>4bars S-25x20mm |
| 2 | PUEBLO WEST, CO / 81007<br>CI 10P 22.0                     | May 30 1975<br>Mach 7 wavy lines           |
| 3 | PUEBLO, CO PUEBLO WEST RUR. BR. / USPS<br>CI 11P 31.0/19.0 | Jul 10 1985 Apr 12 1993<br>Hstp No killer  |
| 4 | PUEBLO, CO WEST RUR. BR. / USPS<br>CI 11P 30.0/20.0        | May 21 2002<br>Hstp No killer              |

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

**PUEBLO WEST RURAL BRANCH / COMMUNITY POST OFFICE – Continued**



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**SANTA FE STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Mar 8 1978      Established as a Station of Pueblo
- 175 South Santa Fe Avenue
- Feb 1987      Closed Now used as Parcel Post Annex

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SANTA FE STATION

**SUNSET STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

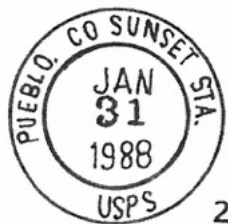
- May 3 1976      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- 3000 Wedgewood

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                |             |             |
|---|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, CO SUNSET STA. / USPO<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Sep 17 1976 | May 2 1981  |
| 2 | PUEBLO, CO SUNSET STA. / USPS<br>CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Jan 31 1986 | May 29 1993 |
| 3 | PUEBLO, CO SUNSET STA. / USPS<br>CI 11P 32.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1988 | Feb 27 1995 |
| 4 | PUEBLO, CO SUNSET STA. / USPS<br>CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | May 29 1993 |             |



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**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS – Continued**

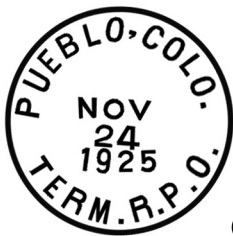
**TERMINAL RAILWAY POST OFFICE**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

<1926 Operated by Railway Mail Service in Union Depot  
>1939 Closed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |     |   |                          |                         |
|-----|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / TERM. R.P.O.<br>CI 10P 29.0 | Dplx Grid, oval          | Nov 24 1925 Aug 4 1928  |
| 1   | PUEBLO, COLO. TERM. / R.P.O.<br>CI 10P 30.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with RMS | Jul 16 1938 Oct 26 1948 |



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**TRANSFER OFFICE**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 5 1887 Operated by Railway Mail Service in Union Depot  
<1964 Closed May have closed circa 1915

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |   |                                |                         |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, COLO. / TRANSF. CLK.<br>CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Cork, negative crossroads | Jul 28 1889 May 8 1901  |
| 2 | PUEBLO, COLO. / TRANS. CLK.<br>CI 10P 29.0  | Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval          | Jul 20 190- Jun 24 1920 |



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**UNION DEPOT STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 5 1887 Formerly South Pueblo Union Depot Station Operated by the Railway Mail Service

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |                                    |  |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | PUEBLO, COL. / U.D.<br>CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Cork, Smudge; Appears to have had "SOUTH" removed from in front of "PUEBLO" | Mar 19 188- Apr 2 188- |
|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|

**PUEBLO NAMED STATIONS, – Continued**  
**UNION DEPOT STATION – Continued**



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**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS**

**CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 Pueblo, CO 81008 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000  
SL 00R 99.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /  
The Life of a Century  
\*\*\*\*\* Announced but not used \*\*\*\*\*

**CESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 24 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003 // CESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY STATION Apr 24 2003  
SL 00R 57.0x28.0 Pict Scene - Eagle, stars; Text - HOME / OF THE /  
AGUILLAS :: 2500 W. 18th Street



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**CHIEFTAIN STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 1 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 Pueblo, Colorado 81003 // CHIEFTAIN / STATION Jun 1 1993  
CI 00R 28.0 Pict Semi-circle in lower half of cds; Newsboy:  
125th / ANNIVERSARY / 1868-1993 /  
The Pueblo Chieftain

**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**  
**CHIEFTAIN STATION – Continued**



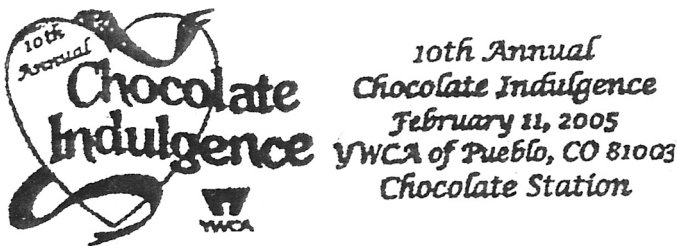
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**CHOCOLATE STATION**  
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 11 2005 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Pueblo, CO 81003 / Chocolate Station IR 00R 88.0x 31.0	Feb 11 2005 Pict Scene - Heart with ribbon; Text - 10th Annual / Chocolate Indulgence / YWCA of Pueblo, CO 81003
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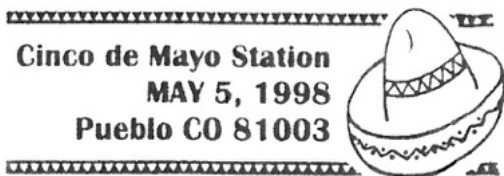
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**CINCO DE MAYO STATION**  
**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 5 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Pueblo CO 81003 // Cinco de Mayo Station SL 00R 41.0x13.0	May 5 1998 Pict Scene - Mexican Hat at right, ornamental lines above and below
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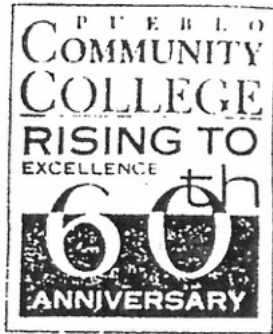
**COLLEGE STATION**  
**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 5 1994 Established as a Station of Pueblo

**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**  
**COLLEGE STATION – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, CO 81004 // COLLEGE STATION May 5 1994  
CI 00R 33.0 Pict Rectangle containing text: PUEBLO / COMMUNITY / COLLEGE / RISING TO / EXCELLENCE / 60th / ANNIVERSARY  
[See Also University Station, same date]



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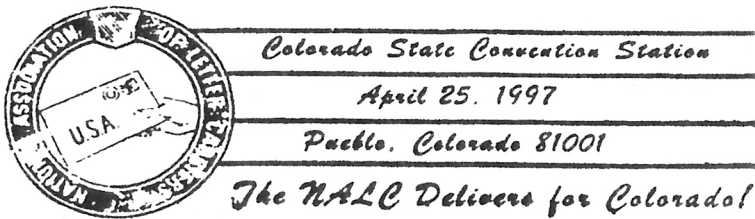
**COLORADO STATE CONVENTION STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 25 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Pueblo, Colorado 81001 // Colorado State Convention Station Apr 25 1997  
IR 00R 99.0x29.0 Pict Scene - Emblem of the National Association of Letter Carriers; Text - The NALC Delivers for Colorado!



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**COLORADO STATE FAIR STATION**

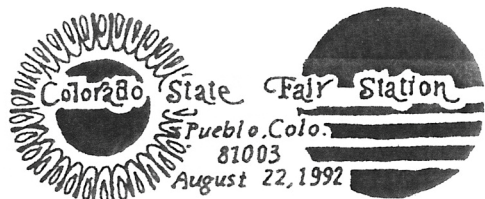
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 23 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Pueblo, Colo. / 81003 // Colorado State Fair Station Aug 22 1992  
SL 00R 54.0x15.0 Pict Text on two circular emblems  
[SRM: It is not clear why this commemorative cancel is listed separately from the State Fair commemorative cancel listed below. They do have different zip codes.]

**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**  
**COLORADO STATE FAIR – Continued**



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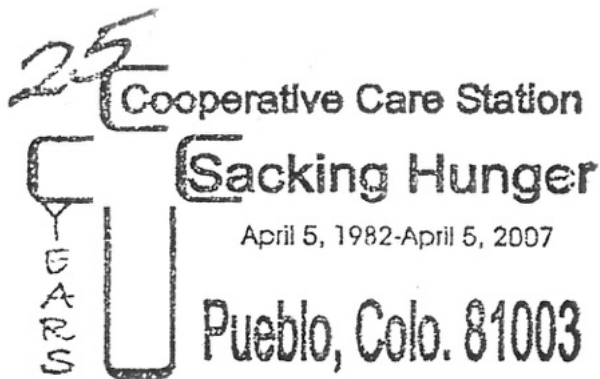
**COOPERATIVE CARE STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 5 2007      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Pueblo, Colo. 81003 // Cooperative Care Station IR 00R 77.0x50.0	Apr 5 2007 Pict Scene - Cross; Text - 25 YEARS / Sacking Hunger / April 5, 1982 - April 5, 2007
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**CSU-PUEBLO STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 1 2003      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Pueblo, Co 81001 // CSU-PUEBLO STATION IR 00R 79.0x39.0	Jul 1 2003 Pict Scene - Wolf head at each side; Text - The new name in Colorado Higher Education / Colorado / State / University / PUEBLO™
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PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

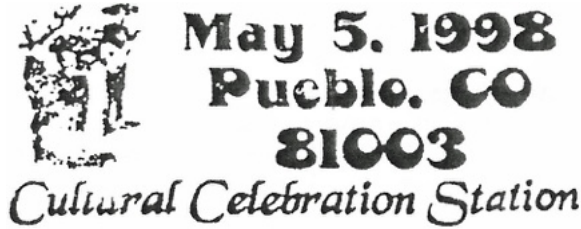
CULTURAL CELEBRATION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 5 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Pueblo, CO / 81003 / Cultural Celebration Station May 5 1998  
SL 00R 75.0x28.0 Pict Scene - Mariachi band at left. Elements in fancy type faces



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EARTH CITY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 27 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 PUEBLO, COLORADO 81001 // EARTH CITY STATION Feb 27 1995  
CI 11P 32.0/26.0 Pict Scene - Stack of tires; Text - Dennis Weaver Day (Kids school station - It is not known if this was used on regular U.S. Mail)



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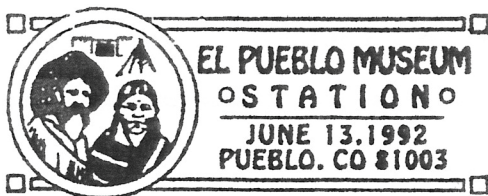
EL PUEBLO MUSEUM STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 13 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 PUEBLO, CO 81003 // EL PUEBLO MUSEUM / STATION Jun 13 1992  
SL 00R 36.0x16.0 Pict Scene - Trapper and Indian in double circle at left; Bars over and under CDS



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**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**

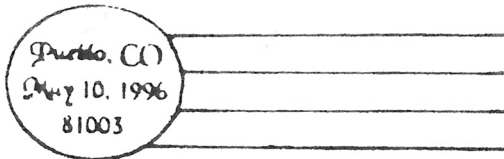
**FEDERAL BUILDING STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 10 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Pueblo, CO 81003 :: Federal Building Station May 10 1996  
OV 10p 23.0x20.0 Pict Text - 4 thin bars attached; Station name below,  
and dates 1897-1996



*Federal Building Station  
1897 - 1996*

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**FIESTA STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 22 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, COLORADO 81004 // FIESTA STATION Aug 22 1993  
CI 00R 48.0 Pict Scene - Sombrero and serape in center portion of CDS



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**KID'S DAY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 1 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, CO 81003 // KID'S DAY / STATION May 1 1994  
SL 82.0x49.0 Pict Scene - Tree (?) and chain saw, Text - NOT ANOTHER ONE





PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

**RALLY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 30 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 Pueblo CO 81004 // Rally Station  
CI 10P 20.0

Jun 30 2000

Pict Scene - Ornaments to left & right of CDS;  
Text - Rocky Mountain / THUNDER / 2000 /  
MOTORCYCLE RALLY



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**ROSEMONT STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Dec 1 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 PUEBLO, CO 81003 :: ROSEMONT STATION  
IR 00R 74.0x25.0

Dec 1 1993

Pict Text only - Circle on Ribbon: CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION :: MOVING WITH MEMORIES  
OF THE PAST / 1893 1993 / TOWARD AN EXCITING  
FUTURE :: 419 W 14TH STREET :: 100 YEARS



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**ST. MARY'S STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 15 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

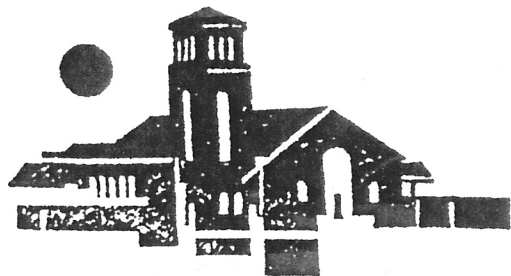
1 Pueblo, Colorado 81006 // ST. MARY'S / STATION  
CI 00R 33.0

May 15 1995

Pict Scene - Building silhouette with Text -  
100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**

**ST. MARY'S STATION – Continued**



100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY



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**SANGRE DE CRISTO ARTS CENTER STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 5 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Pueblo, Colorado 81003 // Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Station Jun 5 1992  
CI 00R 30.0 Pict Text only - CELEBRATION / 20th Anniversary - with large '20'



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**70th ANNIVERSARY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 9 2006 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 Pueblo, CO 81003 // 70th Anniversary / Station Sep 9 2006  
IR 00R 79.0x36.0 Pict Scene - Stylized eagle emblem; Text - PUEBLO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES / 1936 70 YEARS OF SERVICE 2006 / FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



70th Anniversary  
Station  
September 9, 2006  
Pueblo, CO 81003

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**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**

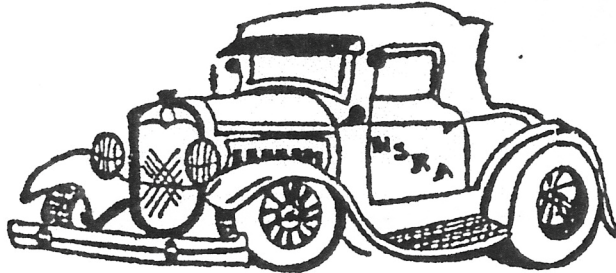
**STREET ROD STATION – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO / COLO / 81004 // STREET ROD STATION Jun 24 1995  
CI 11H 26.0/15.0 Pict Scene - Hot Rod; Text - 11th ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN STREET ROD NATIONALS - 1995
- 2 PUEBLO CO 81004 // STREET ROD STATION Jun 21 1996  
CI 00R 39.0 Pict Scene - Hot Rod in center above date line
- 3 Pueblo, CO 81004 // Street Rod Station Jun 27 1997  
SL 00R 62.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Hot Rods as part of event logo - Text - 13th Annual Rocky Mountain / Street Rod Nationals
- 4 Pueblo, CO 81004 // Street Rod Station Jun 25 1999  
SL 00R 62.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Hot Rods as part of event logo - Text - 15th Annual Rocky Mountain / Street Rod Nationals



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11th ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN STREET ROD NATIONALS - 1995



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*Street Rod Station  
13th Annual Rocky Mountain  
Street Rod Nationals  
June 27, 1997  
Pueblo, CO 81004*

3



*Street Rod Station  
15th Annual Rocky Mountain  
Street Rod Nationals  
June 25, 1999  
Pueblo, CO 81004*

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**UNIVERSITY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 5 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station



**PUEBLO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**

**UNIVERSITY STATION – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, CO 81001 // UNIVERSITY STATION May 5 1994  
CI 00R 32.0 Pict Rectangle containing text - UNIVERSITY OF / SOUTHERN / COLORADO / RISING TO / EXCELLENCE / 60th / ANNIVERSARY [See Also College Station, same date]



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**WAL\*MART 81005 STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, CO / 81005 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999  
CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny

**WAL\*MART 81008 STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 PUEBLO, CO / 81008 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999  
CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



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**ROCK CREEK**

Rock Creek was nothing more than a store and post office at the foot of Rock Creek Hill on the road from Pueblo to Beulah. Charlie Fehr operated the store and his wife Kate, was the postmaster. The store served as a halfway stop for those traveling between Pueblo and Beulah.

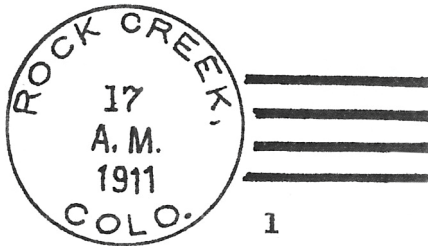
Today, the site is on Colorado Highway 76, ten miles east of the entrance to Beulah from Highway 76. The site was about where Highway 76 descends from Rock Creek Hill and reaches Rock Creek. There are no remaining structures but there is evidence of past activity in the more or less open area as you approach the creek.

**ROCK CREEK – Continued****Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 28 1909	--	NE/4 NE/4 Sec 13 T22S R66W [SRM: 67W? The accompanying sketch map is labeled R66W; but that is 6 miles east of Rock Creek Hill and Rock Creek. Probable error in filing] 200 feet north of Rock Creek
May 11 1909		Established
May 11 1909		Fehr, Kate M.
Apr 30 1915		Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1      ROCK CREEK, / COLO.      (Feb) 17 1911 Apr 2 1915  
          CI 10P 31.0      4bars S-24x13mm

**RYE**

In 1874 Captain William Meredith, from Missouri, homesteaded on Muddy Creek. In 1882 Calvin Goss laid out the town of Rye. Calvin Goss was also instrumental in the establishment of Crow in 1885.

The first post office in the area was called Table Mountain and was on the ranch belonging to David Nichols. It is standard for historians to equate Table Mountain to Rye; however, according to the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports the Table Mountain Post Office was more than a mile to the west-northwest of the initial location of the Rye Post Office.

The Table Mountain Post Office closed October 4, 1880. It is possible that when a new post office was opened in early 1881, there was intent to name it Table Mountain. That attempt failed and the post office was named Rye, ostensibly for the presence of wild rye in the area.

Rye developed as a combination agricultural center and resort town. Farm crops, including rye, were grown in the area. Ranching was also prominent in the surrounding countryside.

The location of Rye, in the foothills of the Wet Mountains and on the edge of the San Isabel National Forest, made Rye a center for those wishing to hunt, fish or camp in the mountains. Some of those people established summer homes in Rye.

Because of its varied economy, Rye has managed to survive and has experienced a slow growth. It has a modest business district and a considerable residential district.

From Exit 74 on Interstate 25, drive west eight miles on Colorado Highway 165 to Rye. The original location of the Rye Post Office was north of the present town. From Rye, drive northwest a short distance to Old San Isabel Road and turn north. Six-tenths miles from Colorado 165 there is a ranch with a number of old buildings. I suspect that this was the original location of the Rye Post Office. The location of Table Mountain was a mile and a half further west along Old San Isabel Road.

When next a location was reported to the Post Office Department in 1941, the Rye Post Office was in the present town. I feel reasonably certain that it had moved into the town well before 1941. Sometime between 1972 and 1989 a new post office was built in Rye. The new building is a large brick building and indicative of Rye's permanence.

Latitude = 37:55:25 North    Longitude = 104:55:47 West    RYE

**RYE – Continued**

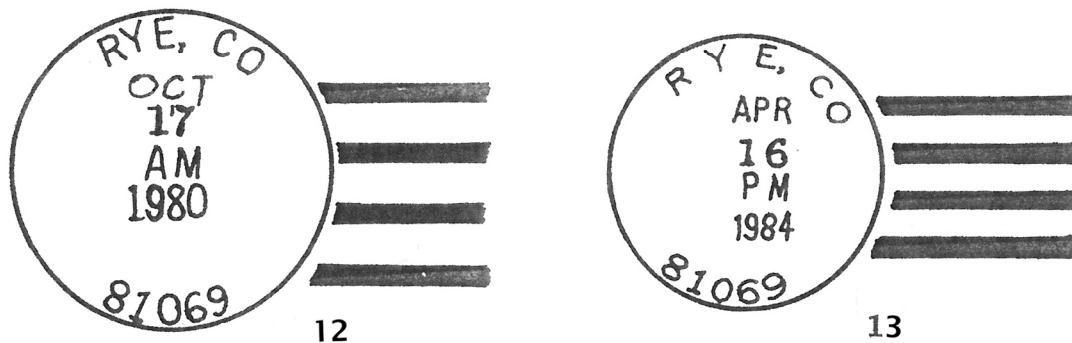
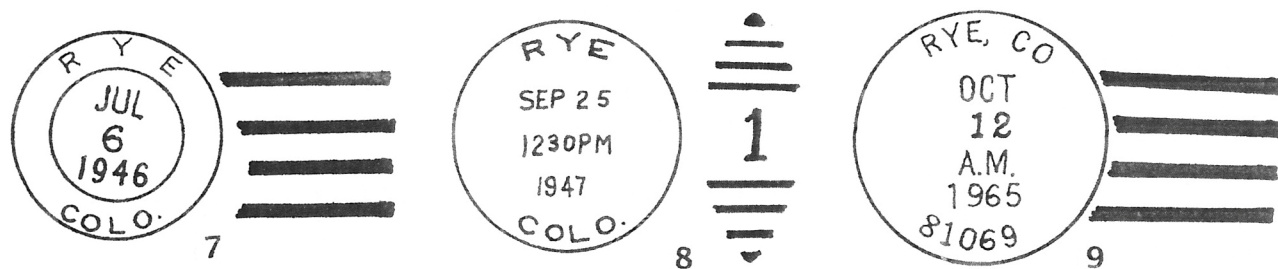
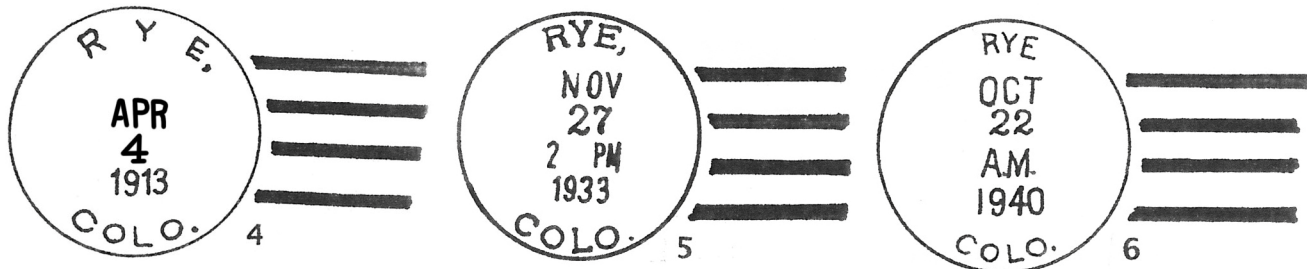
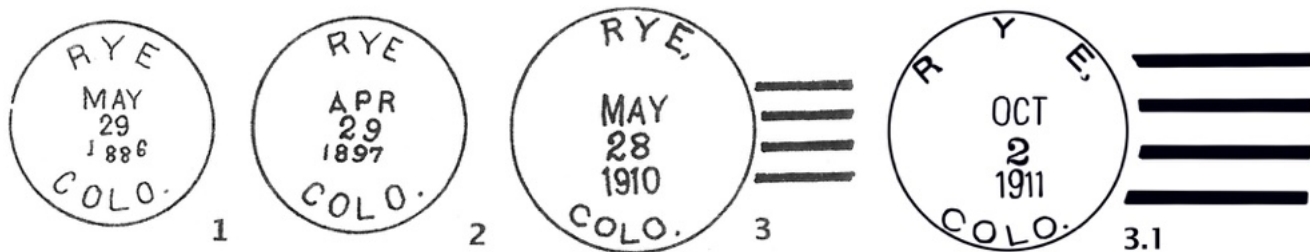
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

Feb 19 1881	---	NW/4 Sec 30 T24S R67W 1 mile north of the Greenhorn River and 1/2 mile south of Muddy Creek Proposed postmaster - James G. Thomas	
Mar 7 1881		Established	
Mar 7 1881		Thomas, James G.	
Jun 14 1889		Meredith, William	
Dec 29 1893		Thomas, James G.	
Feb 7 1898		Meredith, Marion M.	
Mar 24 1904		Rush, Obadiah A.	
Mar 15 1910		Weed, Joseph F.	
Mar 21 1918		Medde, Charles	
Aug 10 1925		Miller, Charles W.	Acting
Nov 27 1925		Miller, Charles W.	Appointed
Dec 23 1925		Miller, Charles W.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	Lot 4, block 3 of town of Rye East Main Street	
Sep 30 1943		Bell, Mrs. Ethel Lee	Acting
Oct 1 1943		Bell, Mrs. Ethel Lee	Assumed Charge
Jul 1 1944			Office made Presidential
Sep 19 1944		Bell, J. Glenn	Nominated
Sep 20 1944		Bell, J. Glenn	Confirmed
Sep 21 1944		Bell, J. Glenn	Commissioned
Nov 27 1944		Bell, J. Glenn	Assumed charge
Oct 1 1964		Jackson, Harold D.	Acting
Jun 22 1966		Jackson, Harold D.	Nominated & Confirmed
Jun 29 1966		Jackson, Harold D.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1966		Jackson, Harold D.	Assumed charge
Mar 11 1974		Charleston, Alfred	Officer in charge
Oct 26 1974		Lambuth, W. Marvin	Appointed
Sep 21 1979		Gregory, Joyce	Officer in charge
Dec 15 1979		Graham, Edward L.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	RYE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm	May 29 1886 Sep 4 1889
2	RYE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded	Apr 29 1897
3	RYE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Jul 21 1908 Oct 17 1910
3.1	RYE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 18 1911 Oct 31 1912
4	RYE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jan 18 1911 Jan 31 1922
5	RYE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-23x19mm	Nov 21 1928 Oct 28 1936
6	RYE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jan 26 1937 Feb 19 1943
7	RYE / COLO. CI 11P 27.0/18.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Jul 6 1946 Aug 27 1946
8	RYE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Sep 25 1947 Jan 31 1964
9	RYE, CO / 81069 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 12 1965 Jul 19 1993
10	RYE, CO / 81069 CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 10 1977

RYE - Continued

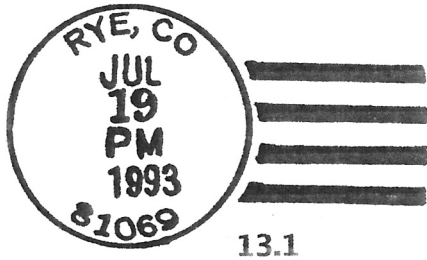


- 11 RYE, CO / 81069  
CI 10P 22.0
- 12 RYE, CO / 81069  
CI 10P 42.0
- 13 RYE, CO / 81069  
CI 10P 38.0

- Mach 7 wavy lines  
Jun 26 1980 May 27 1993
- 4bars S-23x27mm  
Oct 17 1980
- 4bars S-30x22mm  
May 12 1982 Apr 12 1987

**RYE – Continued**

- |      |   |   |                         |
|------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 13.1 | RYE, CO / 81069<br>CI 10P 32.0          | 4bars S-30x22mm   | Jul 19 1993             |
| 14   | RYE, CO / 81069<br>CI 10P               | 34.0 Hstp No killer<br>[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] | Jul 19 1993             |
| 15   | RYE CO 81069 / USPS<br>CI 11P 35.0/23.0 | Hstp No killer  | May 19 1999             |
| 16   | RYE CO / 81069<br>CI 10P distorted      | 4bars S-13x23mm   | May 19 1999 Oct 16 2001 |



**SAINT CHARLES**

Settlement here may have begun as early as 1853 when William Kroenig and a party of traders camped near a couple of deserted log cabins at the trail crossing of the St. Charles River. There was no development and it was not until the mid-1860's that true settlement began.

In 1887 George Crofutt described Saint Charles as, "A ranch and crossroads post office, situated in a section of country devoted wholly to raising cattle and sheep." Saint Charles would have been on the wagon and stage road from Pueblo southwards.

In 1879 a Geographical Site Location Report submitted to the Post Office Department referred to the place as also being known as Fairhurst Ranch. That was logical since James Fairhurst was postmaster at the time and confirms the ranch post office status of Saint Charles.

From Interstate 25, Exit 88, drive west on Burnt Mill Road (Pueblo County Road 247). After leaving the interstate Burnt Mill Road goes southwest for about a half-mile before turning to the west. Southeast of the road and between Interstate 25 and the turn to the west, there is ranch complex on a low hill. I believe that the Saint Charles Post Office was at or near that ranch. It is likely that the Fisher Post Office (1895-1908) was in the same place.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- May 23 1866 --- Unsurveyed On north side of St. Charles River
- May 28 1866 Established
- May 28 1866 Randall, Charles B.
- Jul 11 1876 Discontinued
- Sep 26 1876 Re-established
- Sep 26 1876 Fairhurst, James
- Aug 14 1879 --- NW/4 SW/4 Sec 21 T22S R65W Also known as Fairhurst Ranch  
100 yards north of the St. Charles River  
Signature of postmaster - James Fairhurst
- Jan 3 1881 Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | St Charles C.T. | May 9 1871      |
|   | MS              | Mscp Pen cancel |

*St Charles C.T.  
in ay. 9/71*

**SALT CREEK**

Salt Creek was located on the original alignment of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The surrounding area was stock raising country but there was also a facility to burn lime for use as fertilizer or in plaster.

The location is on Salt Creek, hence the name of the post office. When the application for a post office was submitted, "Salt Creek Lime Works" was the name of choice. Obviously the Post Department did not favor a name of that length and shortened it to Salt Creek.

The Salt Creek Post Office was closed in 1893 but reopened in 1904. When that application was submitted the name of choice was Sears. That name was rejected, perhaps in fear of confusion with the Sears Point Post Office in Sonoma County California. If so this is another example of the Post Office Department's concern that clerks could misread Col. as Cal.

Exit from Interstate 25 at Exit 74 (Colorado City). Turn east from the interstate and go south on the frontage road to Abbey Road (Pueblo County Road 345) and turn east. Go to the intersection with Cedarwood Road (County Road 342). Take Cedarwood Road east to the intersection with Clay Mine Road (south) and Wolfenberger Road (north). These may also be designated as Pueblo County Roads 341 and 339 respectively.

In May 1999, Jim Ozment and I visited this area to investigate the post office locations. According to the map we were using there was no road to the Salt Creek location. From the above intersection we did drive north two and a half miles on Wofensberger Road to the head of the Salt Creek Valley. We reversed direction and went back to a road that was not on our map – Black Horse Drive. We went east on that road to Railroad Spring Road and turned south to the Salt Creek bridge.

There we realized that we were on the old railroad grade. There was evidence for a railroad siding and we concluded that the Salt Creek Post Office and Salt Creek Lime Works Station were in the area west of Railroad Spring Road and next to the railroad grade. There were no remaining structures.

The original (1880) location of Salt Creek would be about a half mile west of Railroad Spring Road. The 1904 location would be adjacent to the present day road.

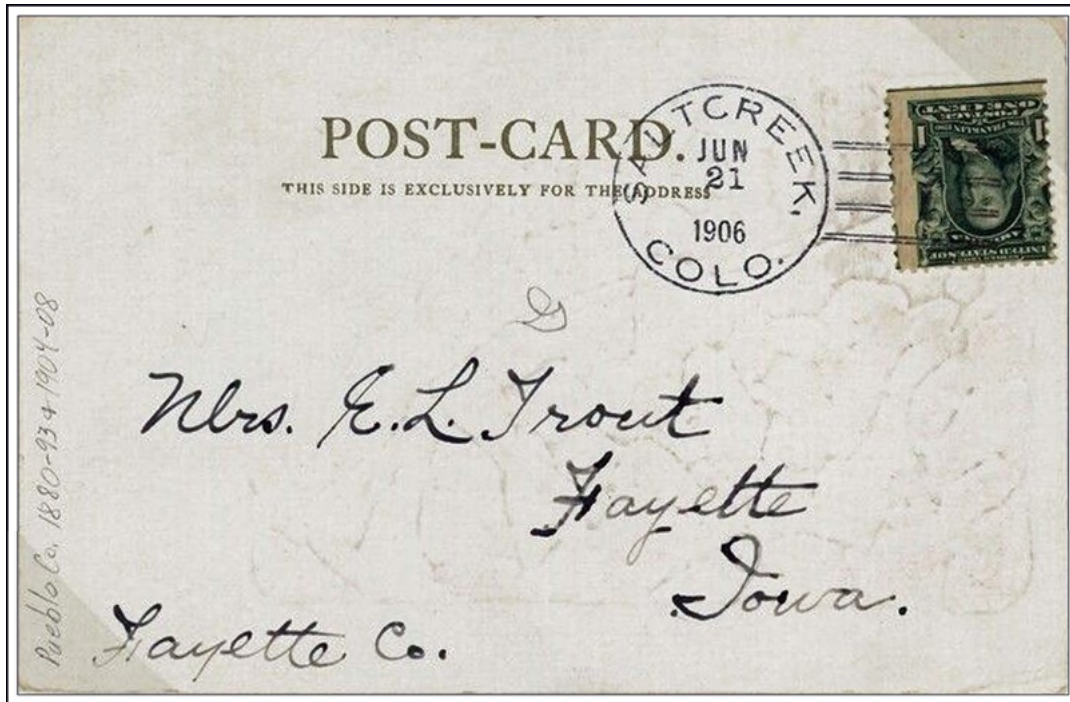
In 1999 it was apparent that someone was attempting to develop this general area for residential purposes. If they had any success, I expect that there may be additional roads in the area, thus I recommend a good map if you plan to visit the sites of Graneros, Cedarwood and Salt Creek.

Latitude = 38:14:30 North Longitude = 104:34:30 West SALT CREEK

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

<b>Sep 20 1880</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NE/4 Sec 8 T24S R65W On the north bank of Salt Creek D&amp;RG RR north side, at Salt Creek Lime Works station Proposed postmaster - John Case</b>
<b>Oct 5 1880</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>Oct 5 1880</b>		<b>Case, John W.</b>
<b>Oct 26 1893</b>		<b>Discontinued Mail to Graneros</b>
<b>May 2 1904</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>SW/4 Sec 4 T24S R65W Near Salt Creek on the west side East side of D&amp;RG at station - Salt Creek Name proposed as Sears Proposed postmaster - J. Kelly Ward</b>
<b>May 25 1904</b>		<b>Re-established</b>
<b>May 25 1904</b>		<b>Ward, J. Kelly</b>
<b>Apr 22 1908</b>		<b>Ordered closed</b>
<b>May 31 1908</b>		<b>Discontinued Mail to Graneros</b>

SALT CREEK – Continued



SALT CREEK, / COLO.

June 21, 1906

Confirmed types of postal markings

- |   |                                    |                                |                         |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | SALT CREEK / COLO.<br>CI 10P 27.0  | Hstp No killer                 | Oct 12 1888             |
| 2 | SALT CREEK, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 28.0 | Doane Type 1 with 2, S-24x13mm | Dec 22 1904 Jun 21 1906 |



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**SILOAM**

Other names for this place include Red Creek Springs, Parnassus Springs and Siloam Springs. Apparently the name Siloam was the more popular and became attached to the place and the post office. Siloam is a biblical reference, to the healing pool made famous by the story of the blind man (John 6).

There is no evidence that any sort of community developed at this location. It would seem that the springs were not significant or failed to attract the attention of developers. The topographic maps of the area do not even show the symbol that would indicate a spring.

**SILOAM – Continued**

To visit the site drive west from Pueblo on Colorado Highway 96. The site of Siloam is about four miles east of the Pueblo-Custer County line, at the intersection with Siloam Road (Pueblo County Road 201). All that remains of Siloam are a few foundations and a slab in the southwest quadrant of the intersection.

The Siloam Post Office lasted for more than fifty years but the lack of structures or signs of real development lead to the conclusion that Siloam was a rural or ranch post office. I have not found a reference but it is possible that there was a country store at Siloam.

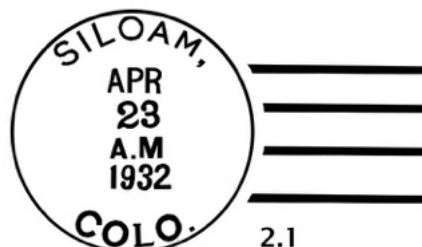
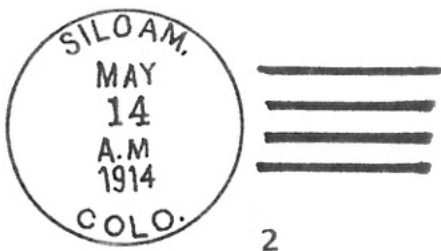
Latitude = 38:15:05 North Longitude = 104:58:31 West SILOAM

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

Sep 30 1890	---	NE/4 Sec 6 T22S R68W 1/2 mile west of Red Creek Proposed postmaster - John W. Harrison	
Mar 31 1891		Established	
Mar 31 1891		Harrison, John W.	
Nov 21 1892		Case, Eunice C.	
Jun 13 1903		Sanderson, Adams E.	
Dec 31 1903		McGee, James E.	
Dec 27 1910		Rice, Jennette	Confirmed
Feb 11 1911		Rice, Jennette	Commissioned
Feb 21 1911		Rice, Jennette	Assumed Charge
May 7 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T21S R68W 1/2 mile east of Red Creek 1/2 mile south of county line [SRM: There is no explanation in the Site Reports for this move of 6 miles north and 2 miles east of the 1890 site. The sketch maps for both are explicit and match the S-T-Rs.]	
Dec 26 1921	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T21S R68W 1/2 mile east of Red Creek 1/2 mile south of county line	
Feb 1 1940		Giles, Mrs. Margaret	Assumed Charge
Feb 19 1940		Giles, Mrs. Margaret	Acting
Mar 5 1940		Giles, Mrs. Margaret	Confirmed
Mar 28 1940		Giles, Mrs. Margaret	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	Location not provided	
Jan 17 1942		Downer, Mrs. Narcissia E.	Confirmed
Feb 10 1942		Downer, Mrs. Narcissia E.	Commissioned
Feb 17 1942		Downer, Mrs. Narcissia E.	Assumed Charge
Apr 9 1943		Ordered closed	
Apr 30 1943		Discontinued Mail to Pueblo	

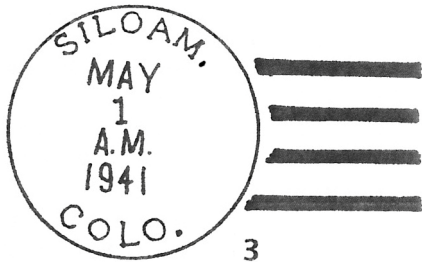
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	SILOAM / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Mar 20 189- Aug 7 1891
2	SILOAM, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Aug 20 1907 Sep 8 1921
2.1	SILOAM, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Apr 23 1932
3	SILOAM, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 28 1940 Apr 30 1943





**SILOAM – Continued**



**SITTON**

Sitton was a rural post office five miles southeast of Goodpasture. On a 1956 map it is shown as "Sitton Corner." There is no evidence for a community of any sort at Sitton.

This site can be approached either from Colorado Highway 76 via Three R Road (Pueblo County Road 230), or from Interstate 25 via County Road 230 (Burnt Mill Road). The later choice would take you by the sites of Fisher, Saint Charles, Agate, Kinkel and Burnt Mill.

From the site of Burnt Mill, stay on Road 230 to the junction with County Road 229. At that point, Road 230 is marked as Three R Road and continues to the west. Go an additional two miles. If you come to a fork in the road, keep to the left. The site of Sitton was on the south side of Road 230, where it changes direction from southwest to due west before turning south to intersect Road 231. There is a ranch complex on the south side of the road and the surrounding countryside appears to be used for livestock.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Oct 31 1906 --- SW/4 NE/4 Sec 28 T23S R67W
- Dec 22 1906 Established
- Dec 22 1906 Sitton, William E.
- Oct 15 1909 Diamond, Mary M. B.
- Aug 31 1917 Discontinued Mail to Goodpasture

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 SITTON, / COLO. Jan 17 1908 Sep 21 1915
- CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x14mm



**SOUTH PUEBLO**

The Central Colorado Improvement Company, a creation of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, established South Pueblo. In typical Rio Grande fashion, when the railroad reached Pueblo on the north bank of the Arkansas River, they crossed to the south bank and placed their station on property owned by the railroad. After the disastrous flood of June 1921, the Arkansas River was rerouted through Pueblo and the terminal and rail yards were then north of the river.

**SOUTH PUEBLO – Continued**

On October 27, 1872, the town of South Pueblo was platted. In 1885 Pueblo, South Pueblo and Central Pueblo were consolidated. As development proceeded, the former South Pueblo became a center of the growing Pueblo.

South Pueblo became the location for the steel mills of the Colorado Coal and Iron Company. The first furnace was blown in on September 9, 1881. Associated with the steel mill was the community of Bessemer that provided housing for the workers at the mill.

The later history of South Pueblo is that of Pueblo. Therefore, I refer you to the published histories of Pueblo for further reading.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 5 1874	---	NW/4 Sec 36 T20S R65W At the terminus of the Denver & RioGrande, South Pueblo South side of the Arkansas River	
Aug 26 1874		Established	
Aug 26 1874		Nettleton, Edwin S.	
Jan 23 1879		Nettleton, Edwin S.	P&S
Sep 28 1881		Strait, William W.	P
Jan 30 1882		Stimson, George B.	P&S
Oct 5 1885		Thompson, Lyman	P
Jan 12 1886		Thompson, Lyman	P&S
Jun 4 1887		Discontinued Papers to Pueblo	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	SOUTH PUEBLO / COL. CI 10P 24.5	Nov 3 187- Jun 14 1875 Hstp Cork, Smudge; Target, 4-ring
2	SOUTH PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Feb 23 1876 Nov 3 1879 Hstp No killer
3	SOUTH PUEBLO / COLORADO. CI 11P 27.0/17.0	Apr 9 1878 Sep 17 1878 Hstp Fancy, Negative outlined star on hachured outlined circle
4	SOUTH PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Aug 30 1880 Aug 30 1886 Hstp Cork, Smudge, Double gird, Negative X-roads; Fancy, Swan; Target, 4-ring 18mm gunsight
5	SOUTH PUEBLO / COLO. CI 20P 31.0/28.0	Sep 22 1881 Hstp Target, 4-ring 19mm
6	SOUTH PUEBLO / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Oct 3 1882 Nov 1 1890 Hstp No killer



**SOUTH PUEBLO – Continued**



**SOUTH PUEBLO / COLO. August 30, 1880**  
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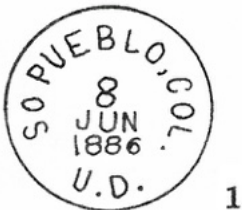
**UNION DEPOT**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

1879	Operated by Railway Mail Service in Union Depot
Jun 4 1887	Became Pueblo Union Depot Station, of Pueblo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	SO PUEBLO, COL. / U.D.	Jun 8 1886 May 23 1886
	CI 10P 26.5	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads



**SPARROW**

Sparrow has been described as a stock-raising and farming community on the south side of the Arkansas River at the junction with the Huerfano River. Another report places it northwest of Jackson at the river junction.

The location that is provided by the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is a bit at odds with the above description. The report places Sparrow south of the Arkansas River but the location in the northwest quarter of Section 8 is clearly on the north side of the river. That would be on the southeast corner of Boone, which seems unlikely. To be south of the river the location would be in Section 17.

**SPARROW – Continued**

I am willing to place Sparrow south of the river at virtually the same place as the Jackson Post Office (See the discussion below). However, if that is correct, then both post offices were in operation at the same time. But remember the Post Office Department records for Jackson are mixed up, so it may be possible that the Sparrow Post Office was a successor to Jackson. I also observe that the first postmaster for Jackson was Alfred Clough and the postmaster at Sparrow was Mrs. Annie L. Clough. That may indicate a close relationship between the two post offices.

This area, now on the north side of US Highway 50 and east of the Huerfano River is partially cultivated fields and partially sagebrush covered rangeland with no remaining structures.

**Further discussion of the Jackson-Sparrow situation**

I think that it is appropriate here to review the problems that I have encountered in presenting the history of the Jackson and Sparrow Post Offices in Pueblo County.

My sources of information are the Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments and the Geographical Site Location Reports. In addition there are a few, very few, remarks in Colorado historical literature. The annual Postal Guides are another source of information. I have post office listings from the 1876 and the 1881-1894 Guides. I also have available the official Post Route maps of Colorado for 1875 and 1884, Nells 1880 Map of Colorado and Glenn Scott's *Historic Trail Maps of the Pueblo 1°X 2° Quadrangle, Colorado*.

First to summarize the information from these sources:

**Jackson**

- Post Office established March 21, 1873 with Alfred Clough as postmaster.
- William Allen appointed postmaster May 18, 1881
- There is no date of discontinuance in the Records of Postmaster Appointments. Following Allen's name is a simple notation "Gunnison County," with no qualification.
- Jackson is listed under Pueblo County in the Annual Postal Guides for 1876 and 1881-1887. It does not appear in the 1888 Guide.
- The Site Location Report places Jackson in Township 21 South, Range 61 West, one mile south of the Arkansas River and on the east bank of Huerfano Creek (River).
- The maps referred to above place Jackson about two miles further to the southwest, in what I estimate to be Section 24 of Township 21 South, Range 62 West.
- The Jackson situation is complicated by the opening, probably in 1890, of a Jackson Post Office in Gunnison County.

**Sparrow**

- Established October 5, 1883 with Mrs. Annie L. Clough as postmaster
- Discontinued December 23, 1885, papers to Jackson. That seems to confirm the operation of the Jackson Post Office in 1885.
- Sparrow is listed under Pueblo County in the 1884-1887 Postal Guides but does not appear in the 1888 Guide.
- Sparrow and Jackson are both shown on the 1884 Post Route Map, with only a short distance between them. The same is true for the Pueblo Quadrangle Trail Map.

**Summary**

- Sparrow was located in the area that today lies between US Highway 50 and the Arkansas River and east of the Huerfano River.
- Sparrow and Jackson were both in operation during the 1883-1885 time frame.
- The Clough family appears to have provided postmasters to both Jackson and Sparrow but not at the same time.

**SPARROW – Continued**

- Is it possible that with the appointment of Mr. Allen as postmaster for Jackson, the post office moved to the southwest from its original location? That could explain the Clough family being postmasters at Jackson and later at Sparrow and the relationship shown on the various maps..
- Why was it necessary during 1883-1885 to have two post offices in such close proximity? There was no river to separate them.
- At present I have no firm answer to this situation. I tend to equate the location of Sparrow to the original location of Jackson but I am willing to consider a later location of Jackson to the southwest of the original site.

The problem is unresolved and warrants further investigation by someone with access to additional records, perhaps in Pueblo County archives.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 5 1883	--	NW/4 Sec 8 T21S R61W On the south side of the Arkansas river and on the east side of Huerfano Creek Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Annie L. Clough
Oct 18 1883		Established
Oct 18 1883		Clough, Mrs. Annie L.
Dec 23 1885		Discontinued Papers to Jackson

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**SPERRYVALE**

I have found no historical reference to this place in Pueblo County. A postmaster was appointed but three months later the appointment was rescinded. It is probable that Mrs. Schaefer could not qualify or was no longer on site. I believe the post office was never in operation.

There is no Geographical Site Location Report on file, therefore I have no information as to where Sperryvale might have been.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

		No entry present in the Geographic Site Location Reports.	
Jan 5 1901		Established	
Jan 5 1901		Schaefer, Mrs. Bernadine	Order rescinded Apr 15 1901
Apr 15 1901		Discontinued	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**STONE CITY**

Stone City was located in the northwest corner of Pueblo County. A community did develop with housing and services for the workers that were employed at the sandstone quarries and clay mines that surrounded the settlement.

Over the course of its forty-five years of operation the Stone City Post Office moved at least three times, from its original location. However, none of those moves was of any great distance. They may have been made necessary by expanding mining or quarrying activities. The Turkey Creek Stone Company was the principal operator of the quarries.

**STONE CITY – Continued**

Myrtle was another community in the same area, preceding Stone City. It too was based on a quarry operation and the Myrtle Post Office was less than a mile northeast of the sites of Stone City.

Stone City was served by a railroad, the Kansas Colorado Railroad. The railroad was chartered in 1911, went through a couple of name changes and was finally dismantled in 1958.

The location is now within the boundaries of the Fort Carson Military Reservation and there is no access to the site. The closest you can get is from US Highway 50, four miles east of the Pueblo-Fremont County line. From US 50, drive north on Pueblo County Road 111. Four miles from US 50 you will find a gate and a large sign telling you to “STOP”/ “HALT” as you are about to enter the Fort Carson Airburst Range. The locations of Stone City were some two miles further to the north. It is doubtful that anything other than foundations and evidence of the quarrying would be found.

An examination of the location using Google Earth, shows no evidence of structures in the vicinity of either Stone City or its neighbor Myrtle. A quarry is visible.

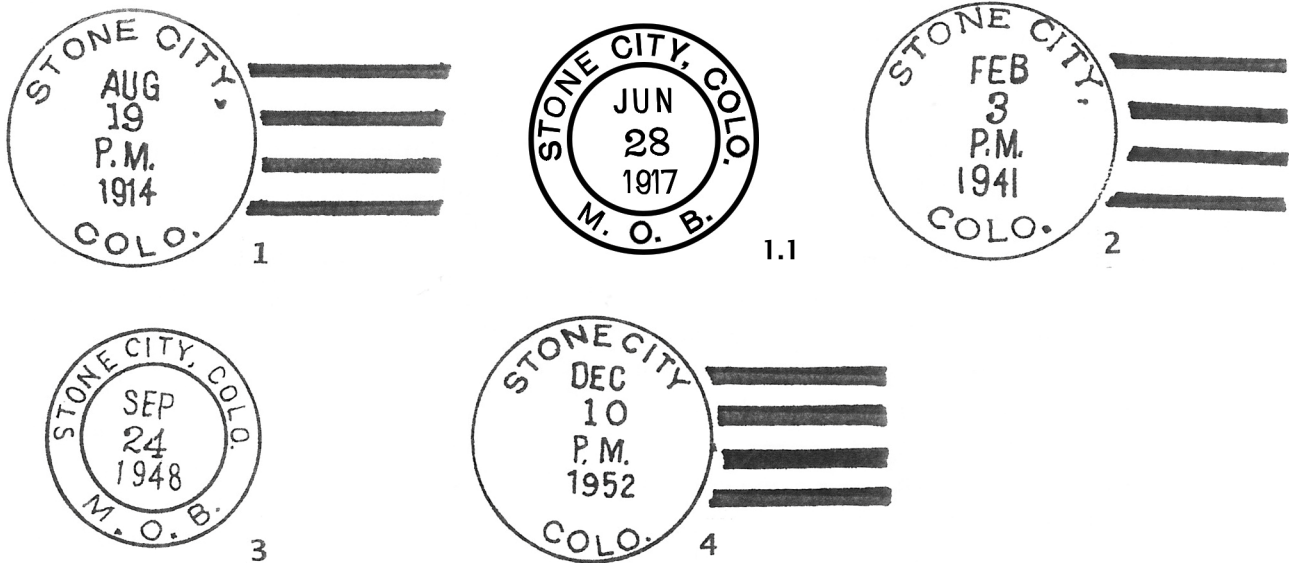
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 14 1912	Established	
Oct 14 1912	Heath, J. Webster	
Apr 29 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 26 T18S R67W	30 feet from Colorado - Kansas railroad
Mar 16 1915 ---	NW/4 Sec 35 T18S R67W	150 feet north of the Colorado Kansas Railroad this is a move from SE/4 Sec 27 (sketch map)
Mar 24 1915	Anderson, Albert V.	
Nov 20 1916	Jasper, Charley Martin	
Aug 6 1921	Davis, Mrs. Tacy S.	
Apr -- 1929	Grant, Mrs. Tacy S.	Name changed by marriage
Jan 12 1940	Wands, Clyde W.	Confirmed
Jan 30 1940	Wands, Clyde W.	Commissioned
Feb 1 1940	Wands, Clyde W.	Assumed Charge
Mar 27 1940 ---	SE/4 Sec 26 T18S R67W	New site 100 ft from Stone City Station, Colorado Railroad
Oct 27 1941 ---	No survey given	300 feet southeast of the Stone City Station on the Colorado Railroad Turkey Creek 1.5 mile southeast Teller Reservoir 3.2 miles east
Sep 16 1942	Mayfield, James W.	Assumed Charge
Sep 16 1942	Mayfield, James W.	Acting
Apr 6 1943	Mayfield, James W.	Confirmed
Apr 20 1943	Mayfield, James W.	Commissioned
Apr 30 1943	Mayfield, James W.	Assumed Charge
Jul 14 1947 ---	NW/4 NE/4 Sec 24 T20S ? R67W	
Jun 30 1957	Ordered closed	
Jun 13 1957	Discontinued	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	STONE CITY, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Feb 4 1913 Nov 15 1919
1.1	STONE CITY, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 28 1917
2	STONE CITY, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 25 1922 May 4 1949
3	STONE CITY, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 10 1947 Dec 16 1953
4	STONE CITY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jun 4 1951 Jun 30 1957

STONE CITY – Continued



SWALLOWS

Swallows was located on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad west of Pueblo. It was the successor to the earlier post office of Taylorville.

Swallows was named for the large number of cliff swallows, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*, that nest in the limestone cliffs that border the Arkansas River.

Swallows was a small settlement that had easy access by wagon and had railroad switches and loading facilities for cattle and produce.

There are seven Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports for Swallows and one for Taylorville. All of the reports reference the post office to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Prior to 1932 the reports for Taylorville and Swallows all place Swallows on the south side of the Arkansas River. After 1932 the Swallows Post Office was on the north side of the river but its location was still referenced to the Denver and Rio Grande Station, south of the river.

In 1970 construction began on the Pueblo Dam and Reservoir, a part of the Frying Pan-Arkansas Project that brings water from the Western Slope to the east side of the Continental Divide. Swallows and Taylorville are at the extreme western end of the reservoir. As part of the reservoir construction, the Denver and Rio Grande tracks were relocated well to the north of the river and all signs of the communities of Swallows and Taylorville were eliminated.

To reach this area at the west end of the reservoir, drive west on US Highway 50 to the western edge of Pueblo West. Turn south on Swallows Road. Two and a half miles from US 50, Swallows Road turns west for a mile and then again briefly south. In 2002 the reservoir level was very low and Jim Ozment and I were able to continue on a dirt track down on to the reservoir bottoms and explore the area on the north side of the river where Swallows was located. We found no evidence there.

A portion of the old Santa Fe Railroad grade was visible. Prior to 1921 the Santa Fe had tracks on the north side of the Arkansas River but the disastrous flood of June 1921 washed out large portions of the tracks and they were not replaced.

We left the river bottom and drove up to the small Swallows Cemetery, which sits on the bluff above the river and the reservoir basin. From that vantage point nothing was visible that could be connected to any of the sites of Swallows or Taylorville.

**SWALLOWS – Continued**

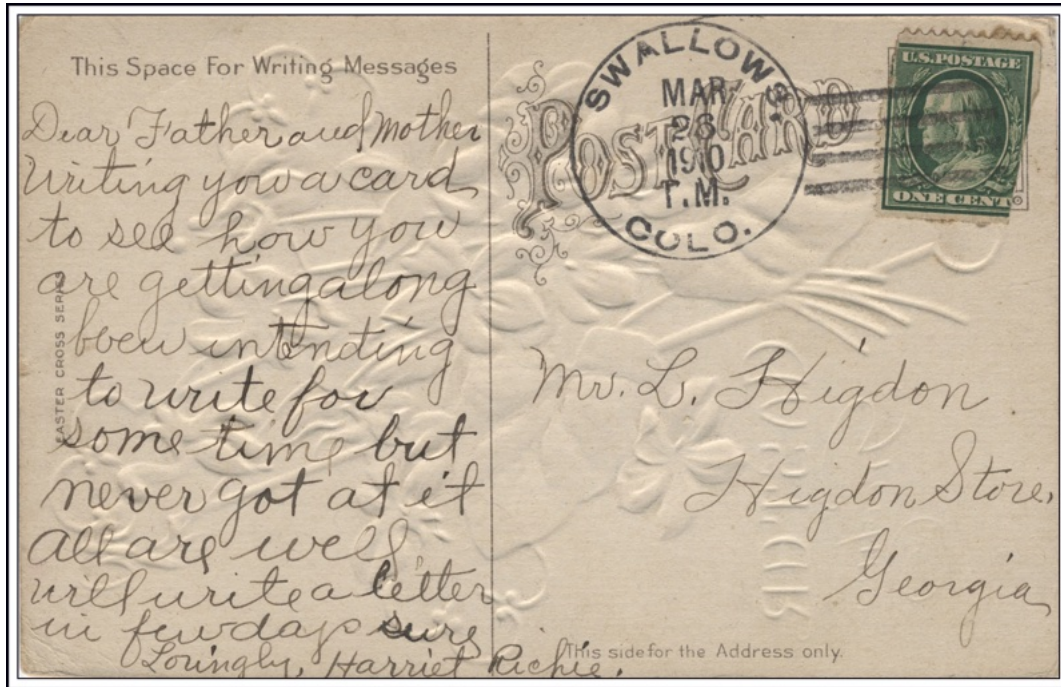
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 8 1892	---	SW/4 Sec 23 T20S R67W South side of Arkansas River 1/2 mile east of Rush Creek North side of D&RG, two rods Name of station is Swallows
Nov 12 1892		Moved from Taylorville
Nov 12 1892		Gallaher, Emma
Jun 28 1895		McBean, William H.
Jan 5 1901		Woolsey, Lansing H.
Aug 12 1904		Stovall, Edward L.
Mar 24 1910		Aiken, Frank W.
Dec 27 1911		Stovall, Edward L.
Feb 24 1922		Vine, Jesse W.
Apr 24 1926		Discontinued Mail to Pueblo
Jun 14 1926	---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 23 T20S R67W 150 feet south of Arkansas River 1/2 mile east of Rush Creek 25 feet north of D&RG RR
Sep 1 1926		Re-established
Sep 1 1926		Wallace, Robert J.
May 21 1931	---	NW/4 Sec 23 T20S R67W 50 yards SW of Arkansas River 1/4 mile east of Rush Creek South side of D&RG 750 yards from the Swallows Station
Jun 11 1931		Renzelman, Chris A. Confirmed
Jun 30 1931		Renzelman, Chris A. Commissioned
Jul 8 1931		Renzelman, Chris A. Assumed Charge
Apr 14 1932	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T20S R67W 1-1/4 mile west of Turkey Creek 100 feet north of the Arkansas River North of D&RG 1000 yards from Swallows Station
Jul 11 1933		Renzelman, Jennie E. Confirmed
Aug 2 1933		Renzelman, Jennie E. Commissioned
Dec 8 1934		Church, Mrs. Jennie E. Name changed by marriage
Mar 1 1936		Harney, Waite T. Assumed Charge
Mar 3 1936	---	S/2 SE/4 Sec 15 T20S R67W 945 feet north of the Arkansas River 175 feet northwest of Rush Creek (on south side of River) 2114 feet north of D&RG RR Office moved - Mrs. Jennie Church was residing on leased ranch and moved from this locality
Mar 5 1936		Harney, Waite T. Acting
Apr 25 1936		Harney, Waite T. Confirmed
Apr 28 1936		Harney, Waite T. Commissioned
Oct 31 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 15 T20S R67W
Apr 3 1942		Harney, Mrs. Maude Assumed Charge
Apr 24 1942		Harney, Mrs. Maude Acting
Jun 2 1942		Harney, Mrs. Maude Confirmed
Jun 26 1942		Harney, Mrs. Maude Commissioned
Jan 1 1945		Little, Murry W. Acting
Mar 13 1945		Little, Murry W. Assumed Charge
Sep 11 1945		Little, Murry W. Confirmed
Dec 28 1945		Little, Murry W. Commissioned
Apr 28 1946		Sheets, Mrs. Mary F. A. Assumed Charge
May 28 1946		Sheets, Mrs. Mary F. A. Acting
Jul 29 1946		Sheets, Mrs. Mary F. A. Confirmed
Sep 3 1946		Sheets, Mrs. Mary F. A. Commissioned
May 29 1947		Ross, Mrs. Mary B. Acting
Jun 24 1947	---	Survey location not provided 250 yards north of the Arkansas River New site 1-1/2 mile north and east of old site Railroad tracks 300 yards south of office
Aug 8 1947		Ordered closed
Aug 6 1947		Discontinued Mail to Pueblo



SWALLOWS – Continued

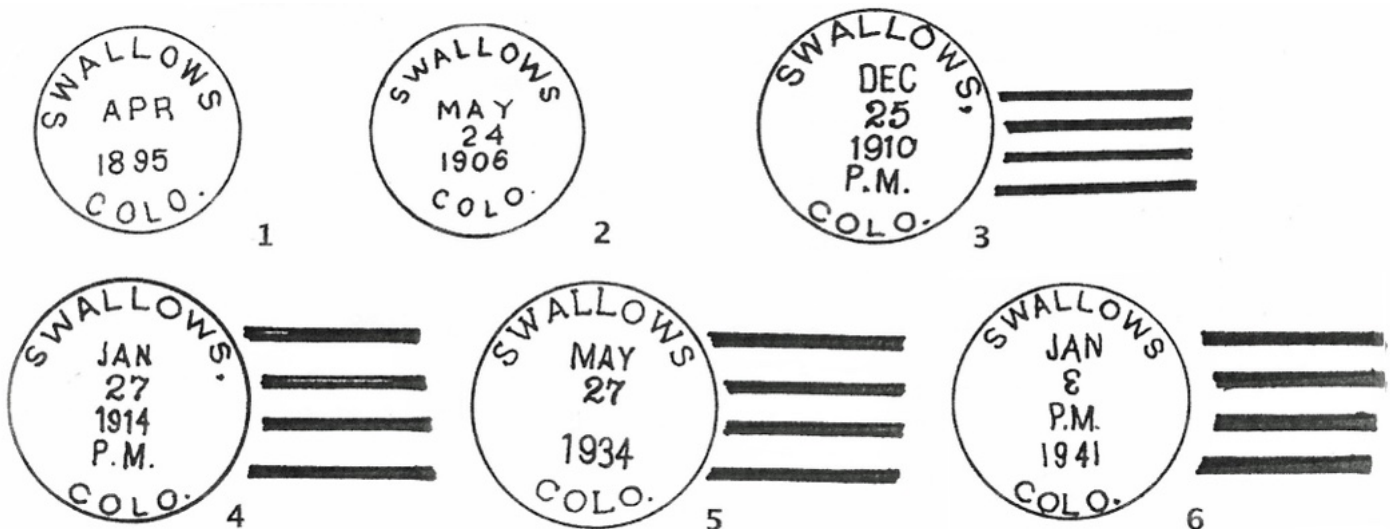


SWALLOWS, / COLO.

March 26, 1910

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SWALLOWS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Apr 3 1895
2	SWALLOWS / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Cork, Smudge	May 24 1906 Apr 16 1908
3	SWALLOWS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x13mm	Mar 26 1910 Dec 25 1910
4	SWALLOWS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jun 15 1913 Aug 24 1914
5	SWALLOWS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 27 1934 Apr 29 1937
6	SWALLOWS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 20 1939 Feb 21 1947



**TABLE MOUNTAIN**

Table Mountain was an early ranch post office on Muddy Creek about two miles west-northwest of the town of Rye. It is claimed that David Nichols “kept a post office,” and that in 1881 James C. Thomas moved the Table Mountain Post Office to Rye. Neither of these names appears in the Records of Postmaster Appointments for either Table Mountain or Rye. That does not preclude these men of having an involvement with those post offices but just not as postmasters.

The short life of the Table Mountain Post Office demonstrates its ranch or rural nature.

Follow the directions previously given to Rye and to the original location of the Rye Post Office. From that site continue west on Old San Isabel Road another mile and a half. At that distance there are some scattered buildings and open fields. I found nothing that I thought might be a direct connection to the Table Mountain Post Office.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 11 1879	--	SE/4 Sec 23 T24S R68W On the north side of Muddy Creek Proposed postmaster - Charles Thurber Fisher
Sep 12 1879		Established
Sep 12 1879		Fisher, Charles T.
Aug 23 1880		Thomas, Edwin R.
Oct 4 1880		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM TABLE MOUNTAIN**

**TACONY**

Tacony was a rural post office in the extreme northeastern corner of Pueblo County. The surrounding area is devoted to agriculture and stock-raising.

Miss Mary J. Cook is credited with establishing the post office and supposedly, for twenty-five years, the post office was in a store on her homestead. That statement does not agree with the information found in the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports. Five location reports were filed.

The initial report is for a location that was just south of the Pueblo-El Paso County line and a mile east of the Pueblo-Crowley County line. Miss Cook was postmaster at that location. The 1940 and 1941 reports are for sites in the same general area. In 1928 the post office moved north into El Paso County, about a mile northwest of the original location. In 1937 the post office was back in Pueblo County, two miles south of the Pueblo-El Paso County line and one mile east of the Pueblo-Crowley line.

To visit these sites I suggest that you begin at Boone on Colorado Highway 96. Drive east from Boone to Boone Road (Pueblo County Road 611). This road wanders east for about four miles before turning due north for a long run into El Paso County. Go thirteen miles north to Highland Road (County Road 618). Go east six miles to Morland Road (County Road 625) and turn north. Go a mile and a half north to the end of that road where there is a ranch and an old stone building. I believe this was the 1937 location of Tacony.

Now, backtrack a mile to Russell Road (County Road 614). Turn west two miles to Prairie Hill Road (County Road 613) and turn north. As you cross into El Paso County, in the distance to the east there is an old structure of some sort. A little further north, there are more remnants of a structure to the east of the road. Either of these could be the 1928 site of Tacony in El Paso County.

You are now on Whitemore Road. Two miles north of the county line turn east on Rasner Road and go two miles east to Rasner Lane. In 1997 this was marked as a dead end road. Turn south on Rasner Lane, which leads into a ranch complex on, or just south, of the county line. This active ranch group is in the area of the 1915, 1940 and 1941 locations of the Tacony Post Office.

**TACONY – Continued**

Reportedly Miss Cook once lived in Tacony Station, Pennsylvania, hence the name she chose for the post office. The initial Site Location Report indicates that Cook was the preferred name for the post office. That choice may have been rejected to avoid confusion with the Cook Post Office in San Benito County California.



TACONY, / COLO.

June 1, 1916

**Chronology of the Post Office**

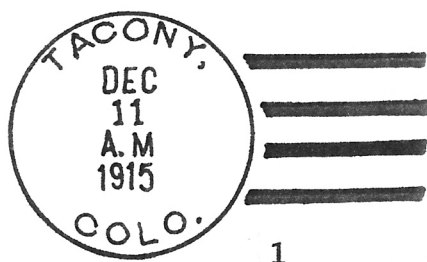
Jan 2 1915	---	N/2 Sec 2 T18S R60W Shown north of center of section 2	
		Applicant for postmaster - Mary J. Cook	
Mar 25 1915		Established	
Mar 25 1915		Cook, Mary J.	
Mar 6 1922		Horsman, Jessie	Acting
Apr 12 1922		Horsman, Jessie	Appointed
Feb 12 1926		Hill, Mrs. Faunty Mae	Confirmed
Feb 26 1926		Hill, Mrs. Faunty Mae	Commissioned
Mar 6 1926		Hill, Mrs. Faunty Mae	Assumed charge
Oct 2 1928	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T17S R60W Change of site	into El Paso County
Feb 18 1936		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Assumed charge
Feb 25 1936		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Confirmed
Mar 10 1936		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1936		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Assumed charge
Jun 2 1937		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1937		Moved from El Paso County	Effective Jun 16 1937
Jun 7 1937	---	SW/4 Sec 12 T18S R61W Sketch map makes it a move from the	
		SE/4 Sec 34 T17S R60W in El Paso County, apparently building no longer available	
Jun 15 1937		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Commissioned
Jun 16 1937		McCartney, Mrs. Lida E.	Assumed Charge
Jun 27 1940	---	NE/4 Sec 2 T18S R61W Move to new site on July 1 1940 - Postmaster resigned	
Jul 1 1940		Rumsey, Mrs. Anna L.	Assumed Charge

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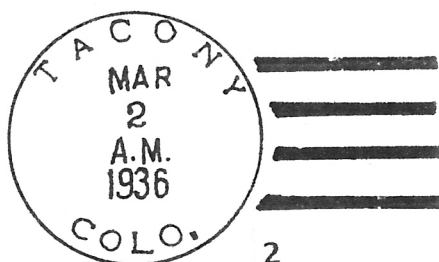
Jul 10 1940	Rumsey, Mrs. Anna L.	Acting
Jul 19 1940	Rumsey, Mrs. Anna L.	Confirmed
Aug 13 1940	Rumsey, Mrs. Anna L.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	E/2 Sec 2 T18S R61W 1/8 mile from El Paso County line On "Boone" Road
Jul 15 1942	Ordered closed	
Jul 31 1942	Discontinued	Mail to Boone

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

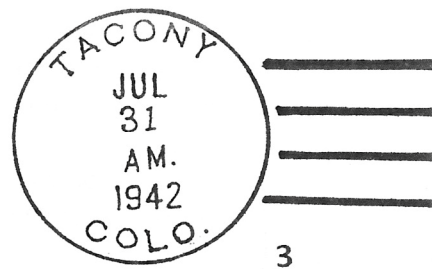
1	TACONY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 19 1915 Jun 26 1917
2	TACONY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0 ?	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 27 1922 Mar 2 1936
3	TACONY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Apr 21 1937 Jul 31 1942



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**TAYLORVILLE**

Taylorville was the first post office to be established on the south side of the Arkansas River at the far western end of the modern Pueblo Dam and Reservoir. The original location of the post office was at the ranch of Daniel Taylor, the first postmaster of Taylorville. The Taylor ranch was two miles from the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad station of Swallows.

Having access to railroad facilities, a small settlement developed at Swallows and in 1892 the Taylorville Post Office moved to Swallows and took a new name.

Please refer to the discussion of Swallows for more about this place and directions to the location. From the south there is no apparent public access to the site.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 11 1878	---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 24 T20S R67W
Jun 17 1878	Established	
Jun 17 1878	Taylor, Daniel	
May 13 1886	Voohis, Enes R.	
Nov 16 1887	Brooks, John W.	
Jan 24 1888	---	SW/4 Sec 24 T20S R67W 2 miles from Swallows Station of D&RG South of the railroad 1/4 mile south of Arkansas River 1/2 mile west of Turkey Creek (creek is on north side of river)
Jun 11 1889	Morse, Mrs. Edna A.	
Nov 12 1892	Moved to Swallows	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Taylorville / Colo MS	Msep Pen cancel	Jan 8 1883 Mar 4 1883
2	TAYLORVILLE / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	May 11 1887

**TAYLORVILLE – Continued**

*Taylorville / = 8 = 83  
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**UNDERCLIFFE**

Undercliffe is another of the settlements that were near the Huerfano River, southeast of Pueblo. And like the others – Huerfano and Hermosillo – there are questions about its placement and its history.

Undercliffe was a ranch post office on the Huerfano River and it had some connection to the Huerfano Post Office. The Post Office Department records indicate that in 1879 the Huerfano Post Office was moved to Undercliffe. The question remains whether that was move from a location in Huerfano County or from a nearby location in Pueblo County.

The November 1878 Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is reasonably clear, placing Undercliffe on the south side of the Huerfano River.

There is some irrigation in the area but mostly the land is devoted to stock-raising.

To reach that site, having come southeast from Andersonville via Pueblo County Road 321, and assuming you have reached the Huerfano River at the “Doyles Settlement,” cross the river on what is now Pueblo County Road 705 to the junction of Red Top Road and East Huerfano Road. Continue southeast three-tenths miles on Red Top Road to a gate and a farm road to the south. This is the entrance to the Vold Ranch. I was fortunate that when I reached the gate to the ranch, a ranch-hand was coming out from the farm road. After I explained my interest, he allowed me to go through and it was another mile and a half to the ranch complex. That ranch complex matches to the location in the 1878 Site Location Report. The ranch is the home of the Harry Vold Rodeo Company (2001).

At the ranch I talked with the residents. They were unaware that Undercliffe might have been at their ranch. They directed me to another location several miles to the northeast and to the north of the Huerfano River.

It is for that location, that when describing the directions to the Wilson Post Office I remarked about crossing Undercliffe Road as you continued south from Wilson. To visit this “second” location of Undercliffe, please refer to the discussion of Wilson.

Back at the intersection of Pueblo County Roads 322 and 333, go east on Road 322 three and one-half miles to a T intersection with County Road 325. This is also designated as the corner of Undercliffe Road and 44th Lane. There are some buildings of various ages in the area.

I have no good reason to doubt that at some time the Undercliffe Post Office was in this area. If it was here, then apparently the move was not reported to the officials in Washington or at least not properly recorded.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Nov 25 1878 --- Sec 15 T23S R63W 100 feet from Huerfano River, on south side  
Proposed postmaster - David W. McCormick
- Jan 20 1879 Moved from Huerfano
- Jan 20 1879 McCormick, David W.
- Jun 13 1881 Ellis, John J.
- Sep 27 1892 Mayer, Gottlieb F.
- Nov 25 1922 Mayer, Rudolph G.
- Nov 25 1922 Mayer, Rudolph G.



**VERDE**

Verde was another of the rural, railroad post offices on the original alignment of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad south of Pueblo.

Apparently Verde was a bit more than the railroad station and its attendant facilities. There was a school, although that building is a mile or so from the location of Verde on the west side of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. There is also a Verde Cemetery, a mile north of the location of the post office.

As with its neighbor Marnel, there is no public access to the location of Verde on the railroad. The schoolhouse has been converted to a private residence.

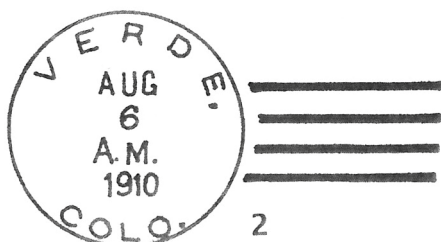
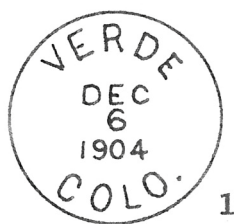
Take Exit 87 from Interstate 25 and drive southeast on Verde Road (Pueblo County Road 337). It is about four miles to the vicinity of Marnel and Verde. Unfortunately, there is no public access to the railroad and the sites of Verde or Marnel. The Verde School is on the west side of Verde Road. The cemetery is a half-mile east of the road.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Dec 20 1902** --- **SW/4 Sec 2 T23S R65W On direct RR line from Pueblo to Trinidad  
1/2 mile east of Salt Creek 1/2 mile east of Greenhorn River  
10 feet on west side of D&RG RR  
Proposed postmaster - William Presley**
- Apr 9 1903** **Established**
- Apr 9 1903** **Presley, William**
- Jun 17 1907** **Sandkuhl, John**
- Apr 11 1910** --- **SW/4 Sec 11 T23S R65W 3/4 mile SE of Verde Station on D&RG  
1/2 mile east of RR Sketch map seems to show that this is a move from  
Section 11 to the SE/4 of Section 3.**
- Jun 17 1910** **Bliesner, Arthur R.**
- Oct 31 1912** **Discontinued Mail to Lime**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 VERDE / COLO. Dec 6 1904 Dec 30 1909**  
**CI 10P 31.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring**
- 2 VERDE, / COLO. Jul 28 1910 Aug 24 1912**  
**CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-25x14mm**



**WAREMART/WAREMONT**

This was a rural post office thirteen miles south of the site of Nepesta on US Highway 13. Today the surrounding area is open rangeland and has likely been so since the time of this post office.

There is some question as to the correct spelling of the post office name. The Post Office Department used the spelling Waremart. However, it has appeared on maps as Waremont. I choose to accept the spelling of Waremart. No matter which version is correct, the name was derived from that of the first postmaster – William R. Ware.

Beginning at Nepesta on US Highway 50, drive south on Pueblo County Road 721. There will be some jogs in the road. Go two and one-half miles to County Road 17 and turn west one half mile to Road 729. Two miles from the intersection the road turns slightly southwest, then back to the east before again

**WAREMART/WAREMONT – Continued**

turning due south. From the turn south it is seven miles to the intersection with Road 718 to the east. Waremart was in the southeast quadrant of this intersection. In 2001 there was a small pile of concrete rubble at that location.

With several twists and turns, County Road 729 continues south eventually reaching Colorado Highway 10 near the site of White Rock.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 7 1916	---	NW/4 SW/4 Sec 5 T24S R60W 1-1/2 mile north of Mustang Creek The document clearly shows this as WAREMART, not Waremont Applicant for postmaster - William R. Ware
Jun 13 1916		Established
Jun 13 1916		Ware, William R.
Dec 15 1917		Gordon, Frank A.
May 1 1918		Spoon, Emma J.
Jul 14 1919		McClenagan, Bertha
Apr 15 1922		Discontinued Mail to Fowler [Otero County]

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	WAREMART, / COLO	Apr 28 1917 Oct 9 1920
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm

**WHITE ROCK**

White Rock was a rural post office in the southeast corner of Pueblo County. There is no evidence that it was more than a few ranches to the west of what is now Pueblo County Road 729.

It seems probable that the name was a reference to Cretaceous limestone exposures in streams of the area.

Pueblo County Road 729 crosses Colorado Highway 10 three miles west of the Pueblo-Otero County line. To the north Road 729 will take you to the site of Waremont and eventually to US Highway 50. To the south, Road 729 is a variable distance east of the three locations of the White Rock Post Office that are described in the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports. The first site (1908) is a mile and a half south of Highway 10 and about a mile west of Road 729. The second location (prior to 1923) was two and a half miles south of Highway 10 and more than a mile west of Road 729. The final location (1923-1927) was about two miles south of Highway 10 and no more than a quarter mile from Road 729.

In 2001, when I visited the area, for the 1908 location, there was an adobe wall still standing, some distance west of the road. From the road nothing was visible in the direction of the pre-1923 location. At the 1923-1927 location a portion of a concrete foundation was still visible.

Latitude = 37:51:57 North Longitude = 104:06:50 West WHITEROCK



WHITE ROCK – Continued



WHITE ROCK, / COLO.

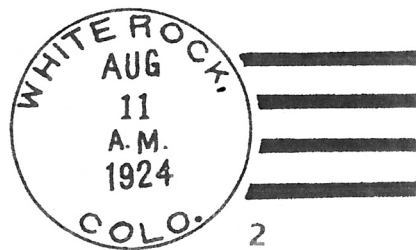
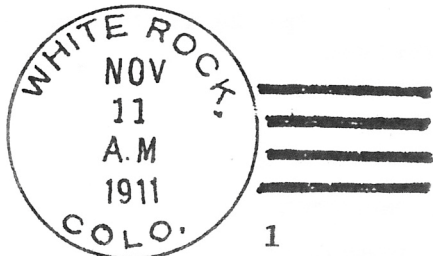
August 11, 1924

Confirmed types of postal markings

Nov 7 1908	---	SW/4 Sec 21 T25S R60W	
May 17 1909		Established	
May 17 1909		Burson, James	
Sep 10 1913		Davis, Winthrop S.	
Jan 24 1923	---	SE/4 Sec 29 T25S R60W 4 Miles west of Apishapa Creek	
		This is a move from the SE/4 NE/4 Sec 28 T25S R60W	
		Note: "Present postmaster Winthrop S. Davis has sold his ranch where office is now located and will vacate March 1st 1923. New owner is a 7-day Advent and will not accept the office on account of his religion."	
Mar 16 1923		Davis, Dana H.	Acting
Mar 26 1923		Davis, Dana H.	Appointed
Aug 26 1927		Ordered closed	
Aug 31 1927		Discontinued Mail to Fowler	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WHITE ROCK, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x14mm	Nov 11 1911 Nov 24 1917
2	WHITE ROCK, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 11 1924



**WILSON**

The Pueblo Rock Ford Land Company platted the town of Wilson on January 27, 1911. There is no evidence that it ever developed to any significant extent. The post office lasted only two and a half years, which is an indication of the lack of success of the development.

Wilson was located southeast of Pueblo on the higher ground between the St. Charles River and the Huerfano River. The area is generally level, mostly grazing land with a scattering of ranches and other residences.

Follow the directions to Andersonville. Continue south across the St. Charles River. Once across the river you are on Broadacre Road (Pueblo County Road 321). Take the road southeast, passing the Broadacre Landfill on the west side. Go five and eight-tenths miles to Bush Road (County Road 328). Turn east and go one and four-tenths miles to the intersection with County Road 333. Wilson was in the vicinity of the intersection. At the intersection there is an older house and what may be a junkyard.

From Wilson, turn south on Road 333 and go two and two-tenths miles to Broadacre Road and continue on to the location of Huerfano.

A short distance before reaching Broadacre Road you will cross Undercliffe Road (County Road 322). It may be a good choice to turn east on that road to visit what might have been a site of Undercliffe before continuing south.

It is possible that you will find signs that label Broadacre Road as Doyle Road. This is an indication of the changes in road names that are to be expected in Pueblo and El Paso Counties.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 7 1911	---	Center Sec 16 T22S R63W	Accompanied by a very detailed sketch map
Jun 24 1911		Established	
Jun 24 1911		Royce, William T.	
Sep 15 1913		Discontinued	Mail to Undercliffe

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	WILSON, / COLO.	Jan 2 1913	Jul 26 1913
	CI 10P 32.0		4bars S-24x19mm

**WOOD VALLEY**

The Wood Valley Post Office opened in 1862 at a location on the east side of Fountain Creek. The single Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does not provide a firm location for the post office. In addition, Wood Valley had an intermittent existence, closing and reopening twice before closing for good in 1869. Wood Valley was on the stage road from Colorado City to Pueblo. It appears to have been a combination ranch and stage station.

The best clue to the location of Wood Valley is in the discussion of the construction of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad, down the east side of Fountain Creek. James R Jones, in *Denver & New Orleans, in the Shadow of The Rockies* makes the following statement:

**WILSON – Continued**

It was six miles south of Wigwam where the line passed within 50 feet of the door to Wood Valley School. Later that summer, the school board voted to move the school to Dawkins, a station stop across the creek on the D&RG and Santa Fe. Later the Dawkins name was changed to Pinon.

From that comment, it would appear that Wood Valley was opposite the sites of Dawkins and Pinon and on the east side of Fountain Creek.

To visit that area, follow the directions to Pinon. Continue east on Pueblo County Road 106 crossing to the east side of Fountain Creek to Overton Road (Pueblo County Road 501). Wood Valley was most likely somewhere in the vicinity of this intersection.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>May 18 1862</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>Unsurveyed On east side of Fontaine qui Bouille Pueblo 18 miles southerly Colorado City 28 miles northerly</b>
		<b>Note added by H. P. Bennet: "I suggest the name of "WOOD VALLEY" the said ranch having been known by that name heretofore."</b>
		<b>H.P.B.</b>
		<b>Proposed name - JENKS RANCH</b>
<b>Jun 12 1862</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>Jun 12 1862</b>		<b>Jenks, Loren</b>
<b>Apr 21 1864</b>		<b>Howard, William C.</b>
<b>Feb 24 1865</b>		<b>Discontinued</b>
<b>Oct 12 1865</b>		<b>Re-established</b>
<b>Oct 12 1865</b>		<b>Sutherland, Elias B.</b>
<b>Apr 19 1866</b>		<b>Jennison, Henry L.</b>
<b>Sep 25 1867</b>		<b>Discontinued</b>
<b>Jun 3 1868</b>		<b>Re-established</b>
<b>Jun 3 1868</b>		<b>Eder, John</b>
<b>Dec 15 1869</b>		<b>Discontinued</b>

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WOOD VALLEY**

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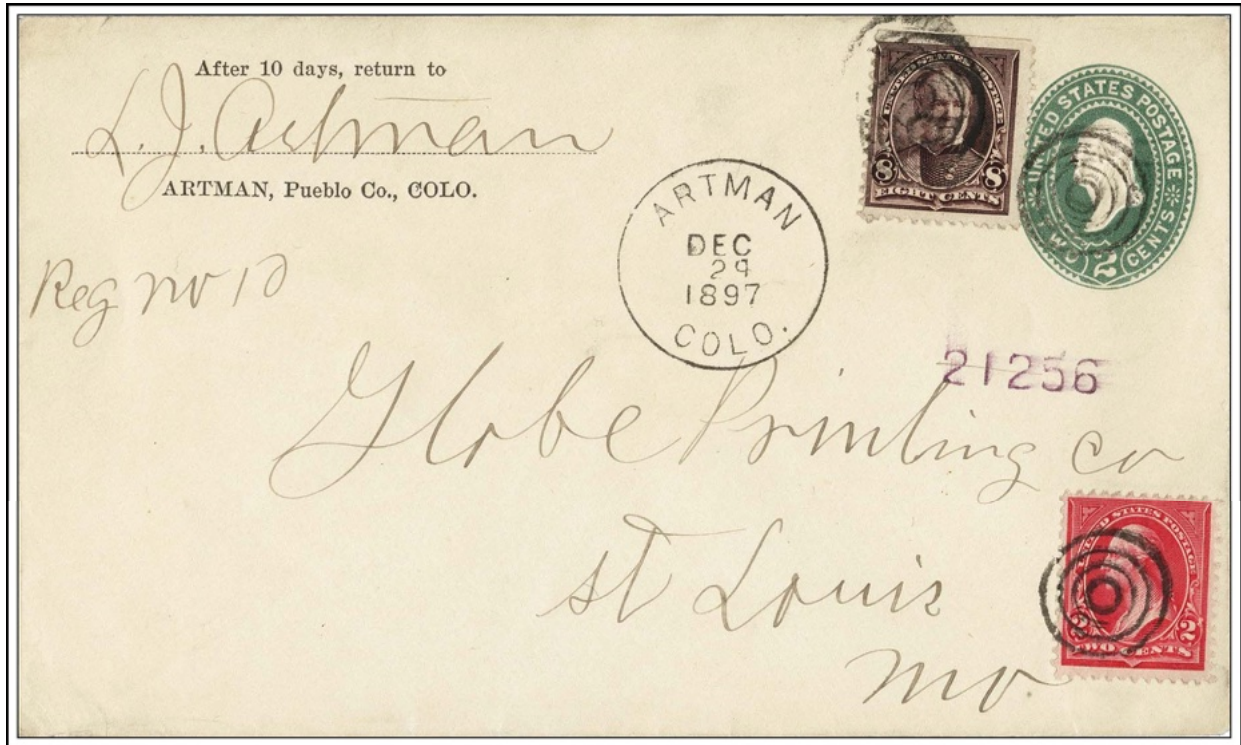
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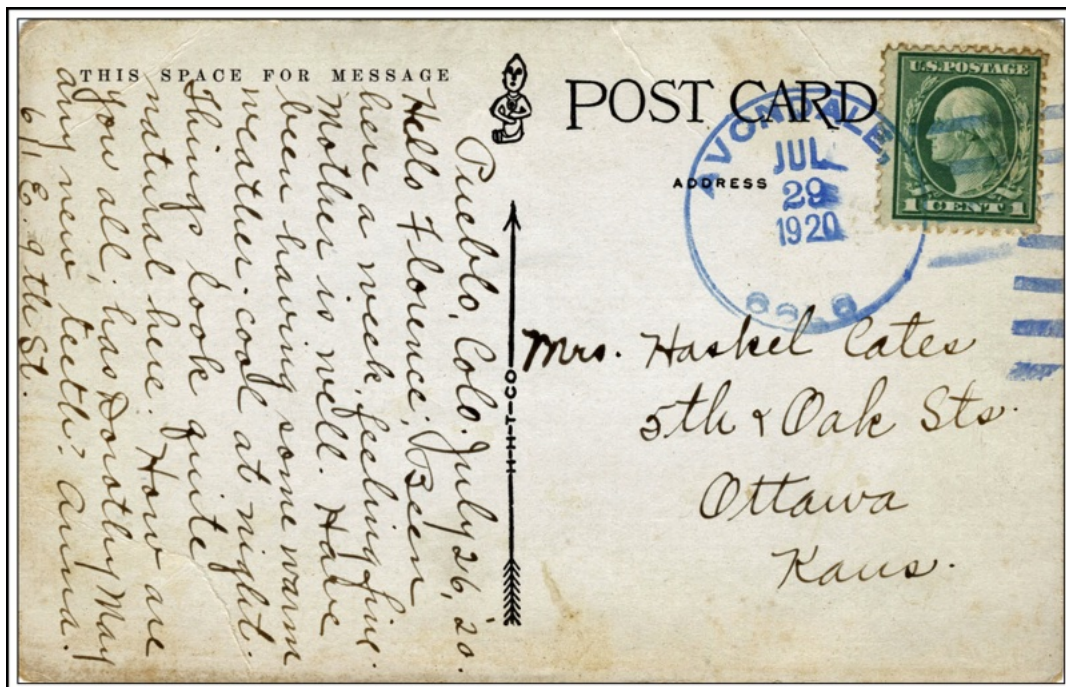
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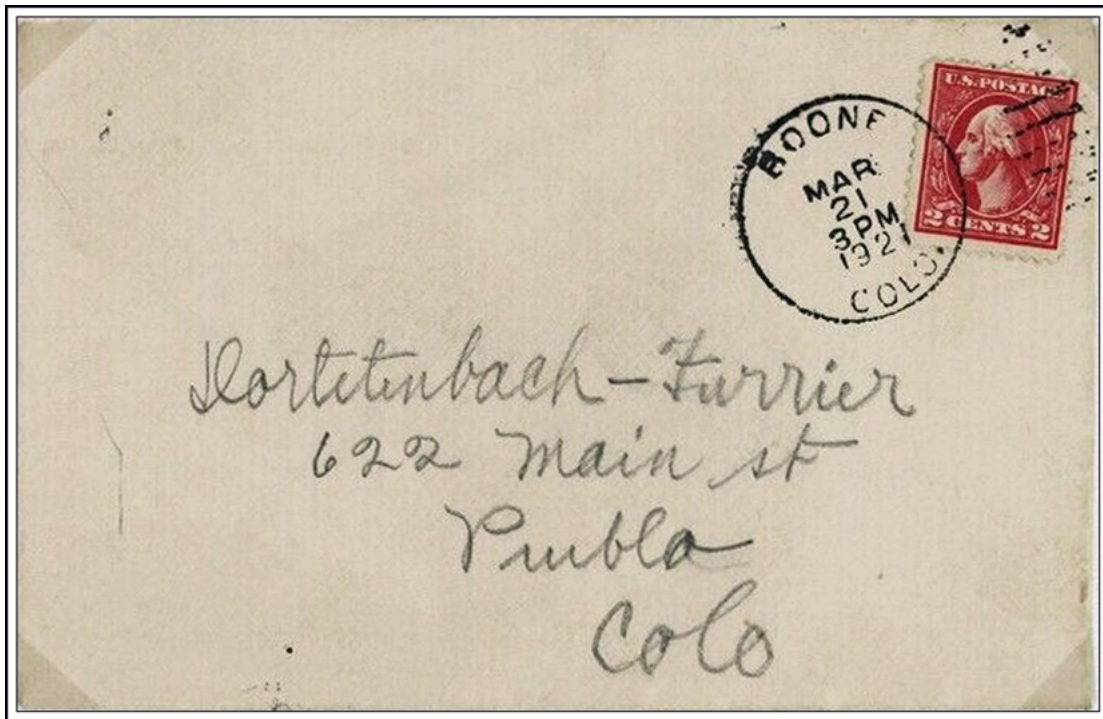
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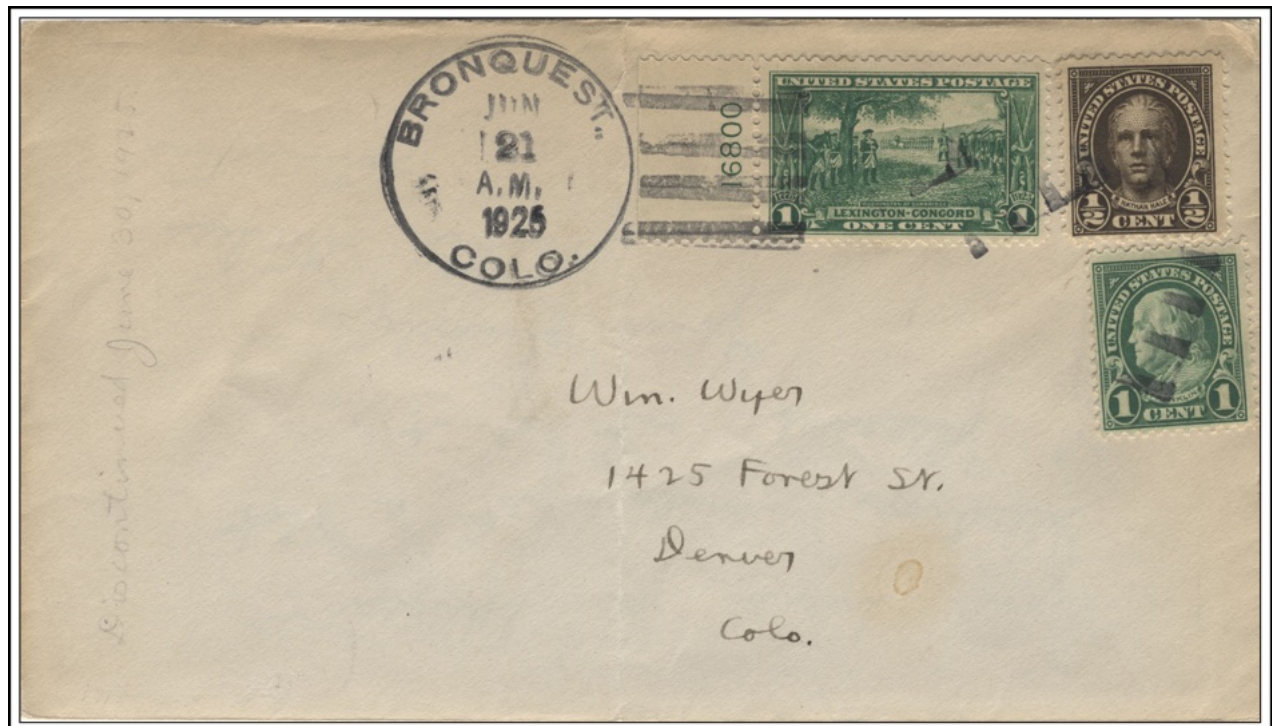
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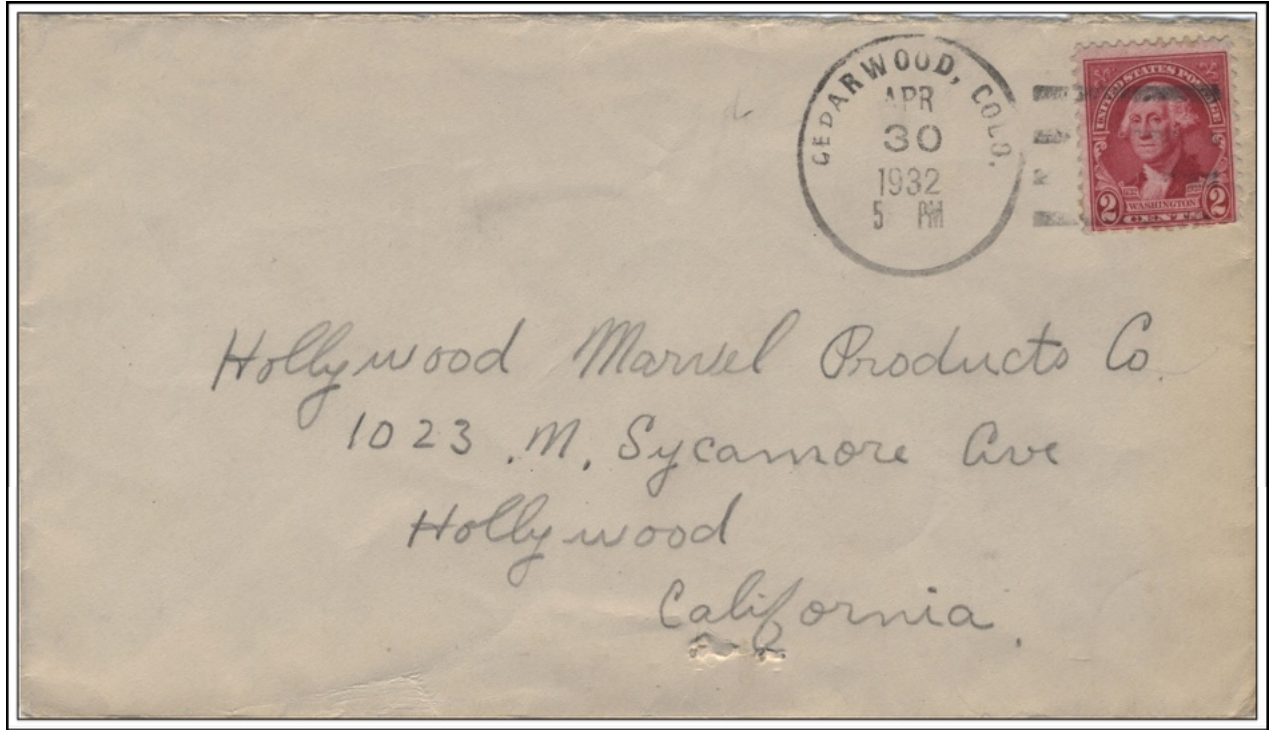
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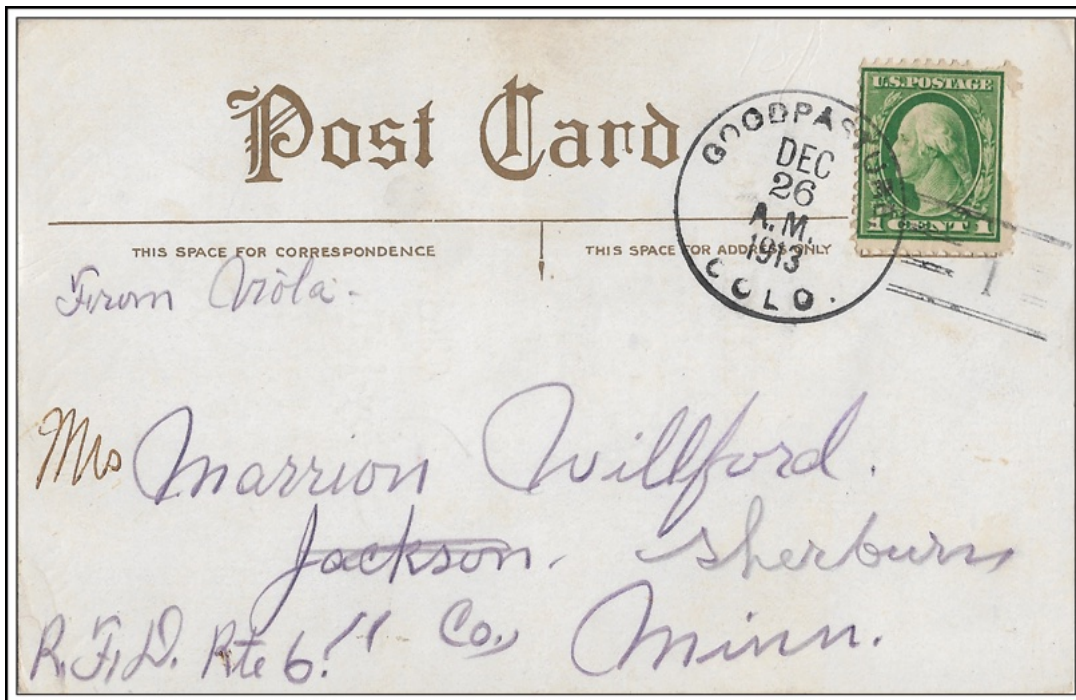
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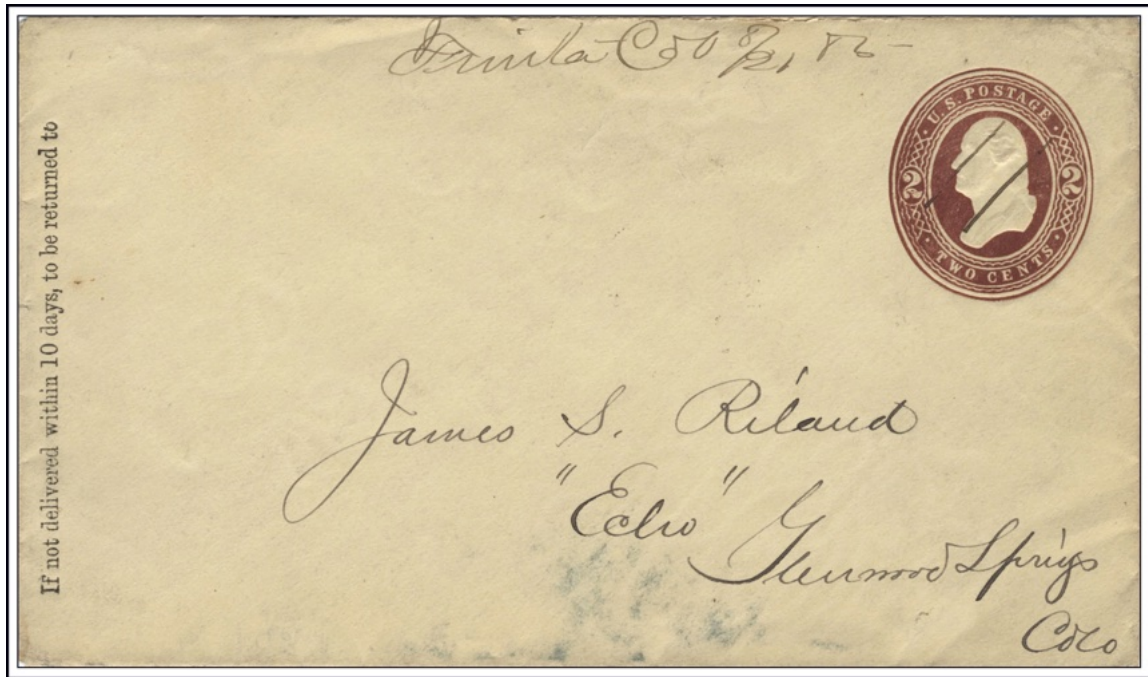
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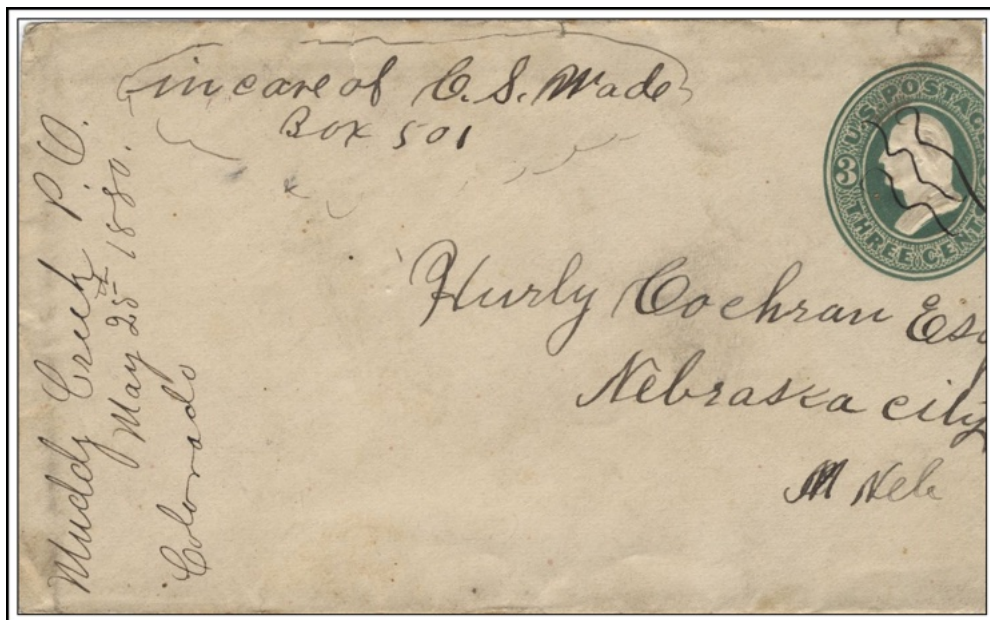
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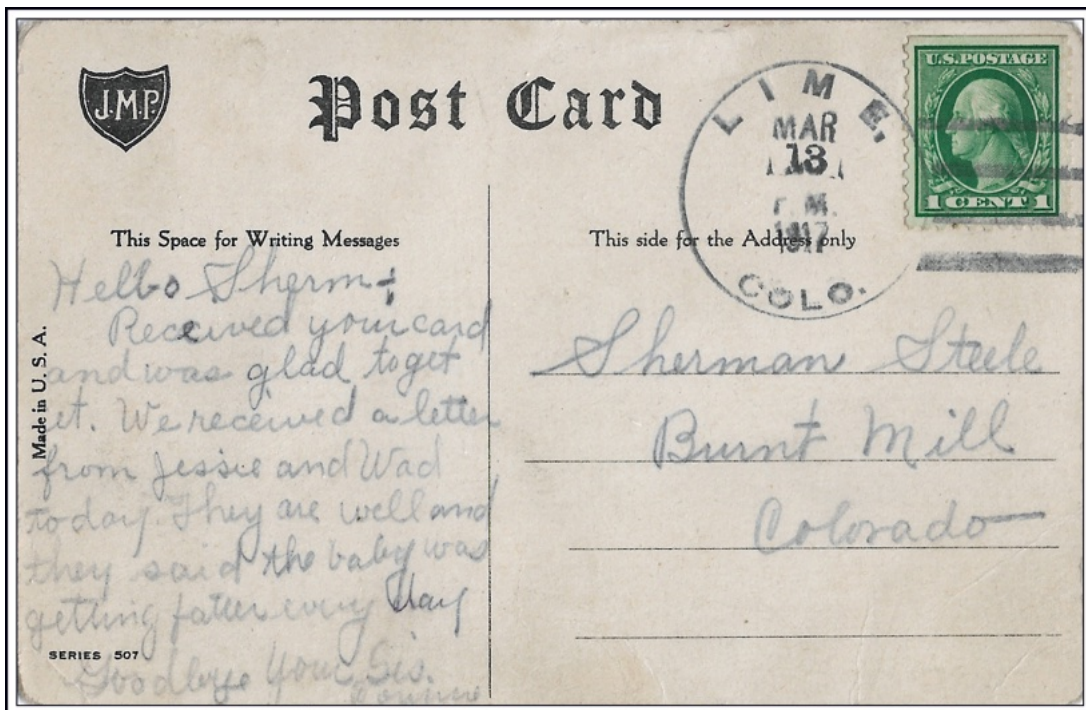
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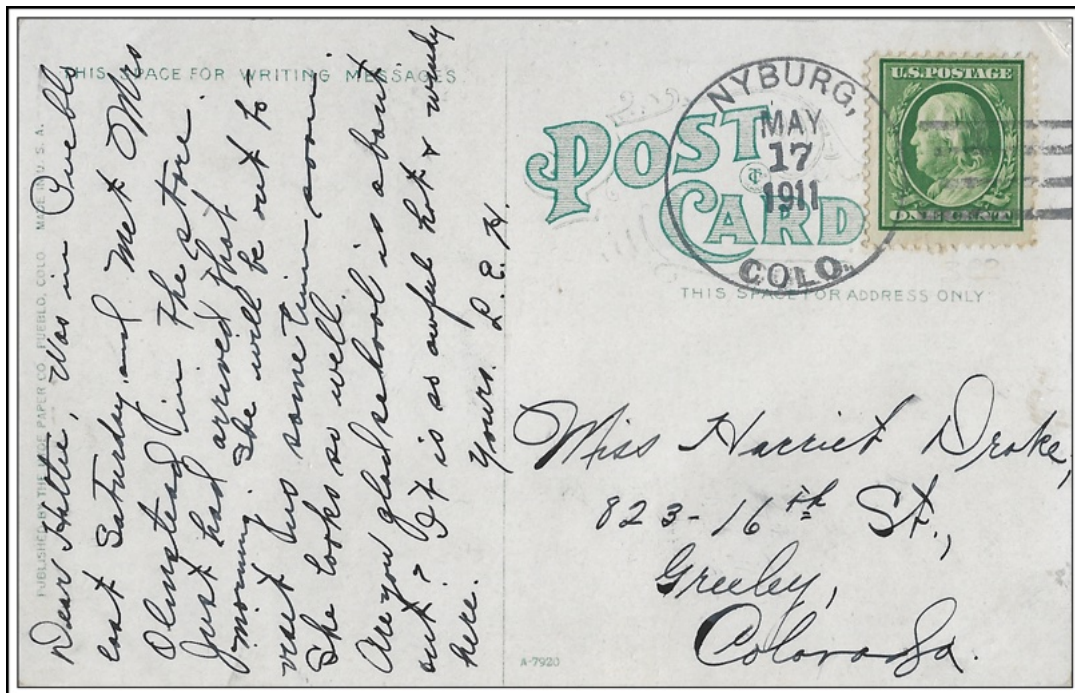
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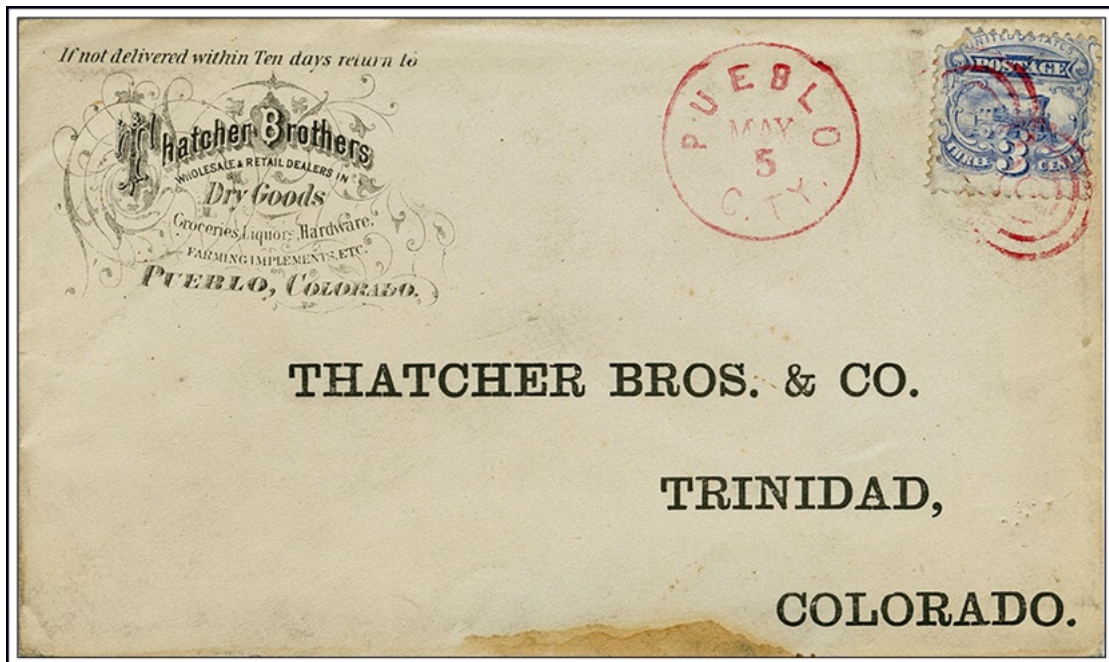
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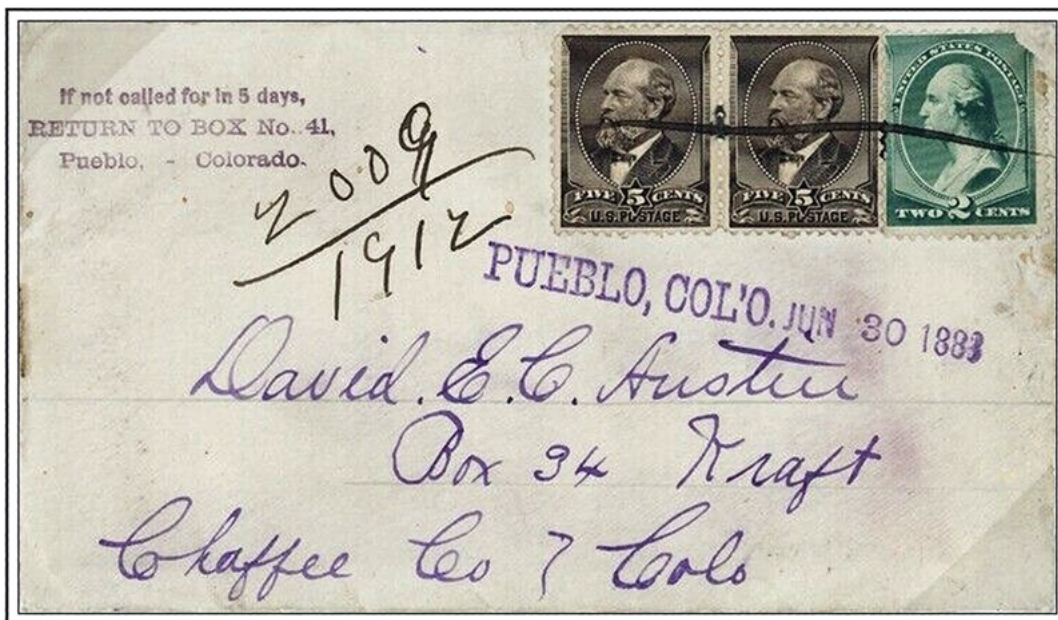
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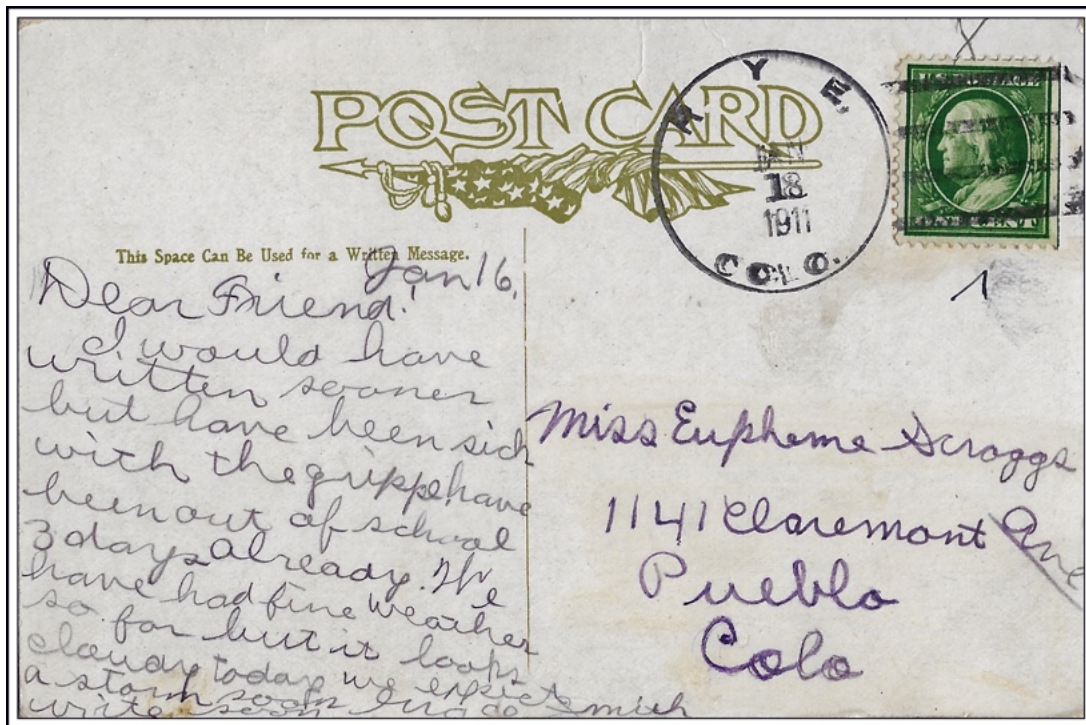
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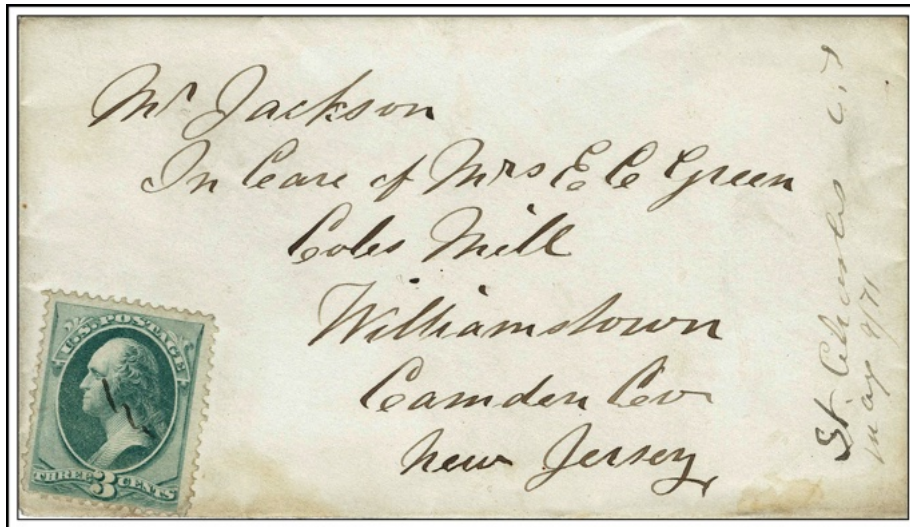
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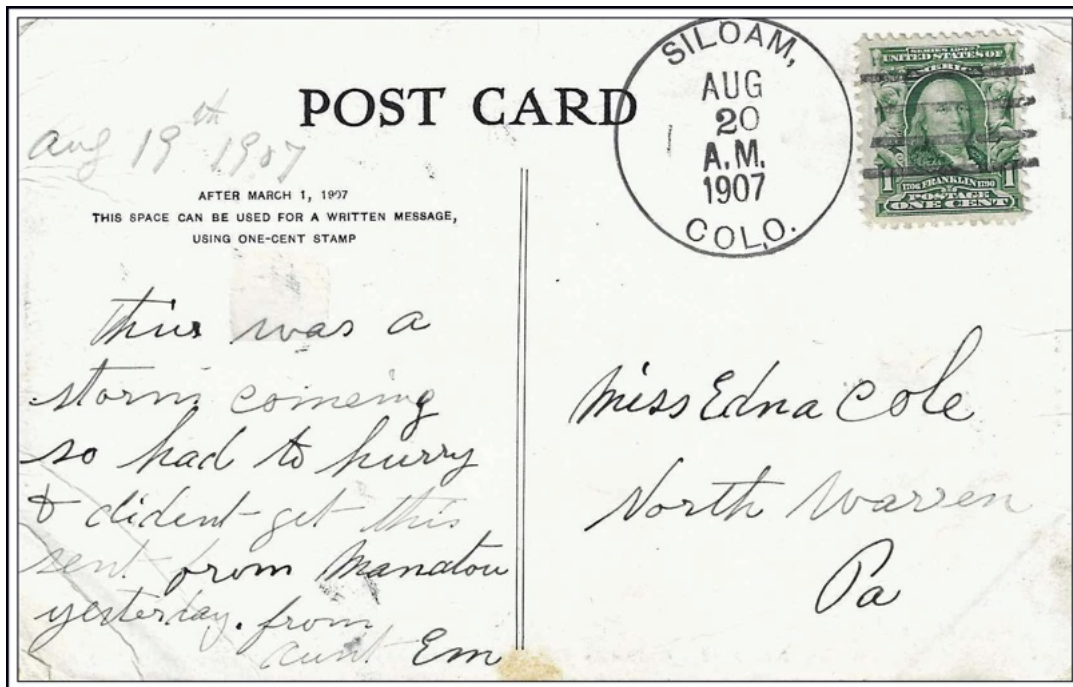
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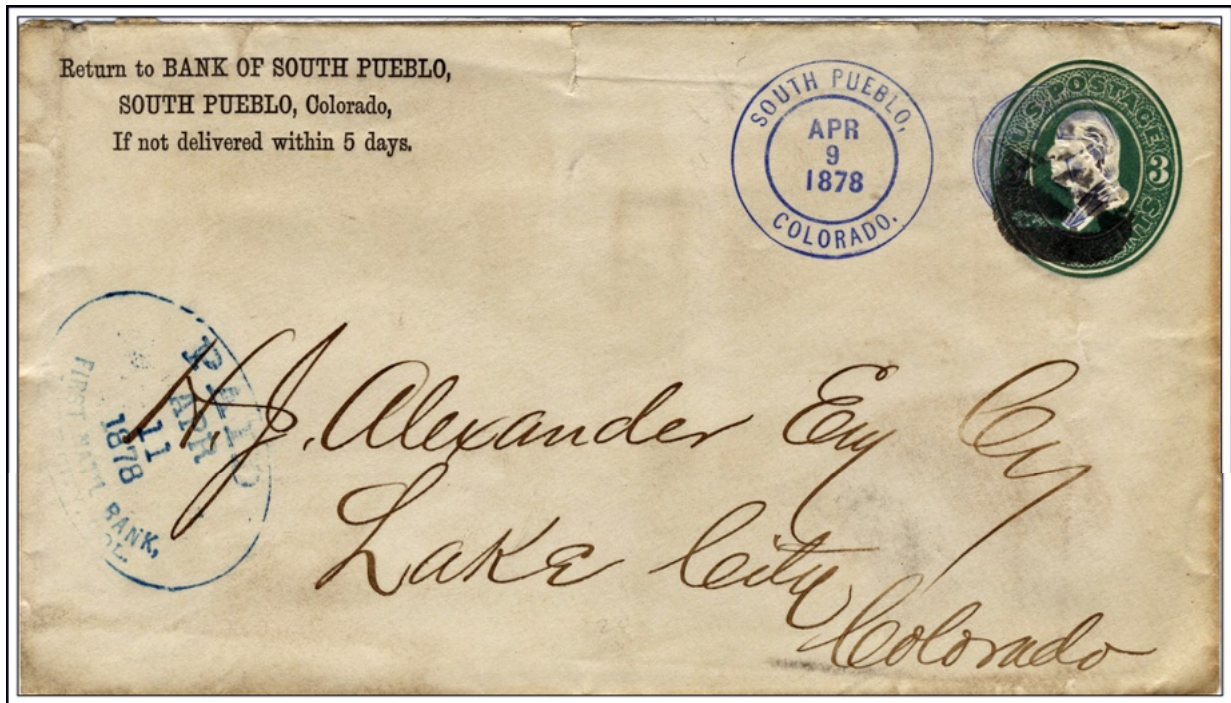
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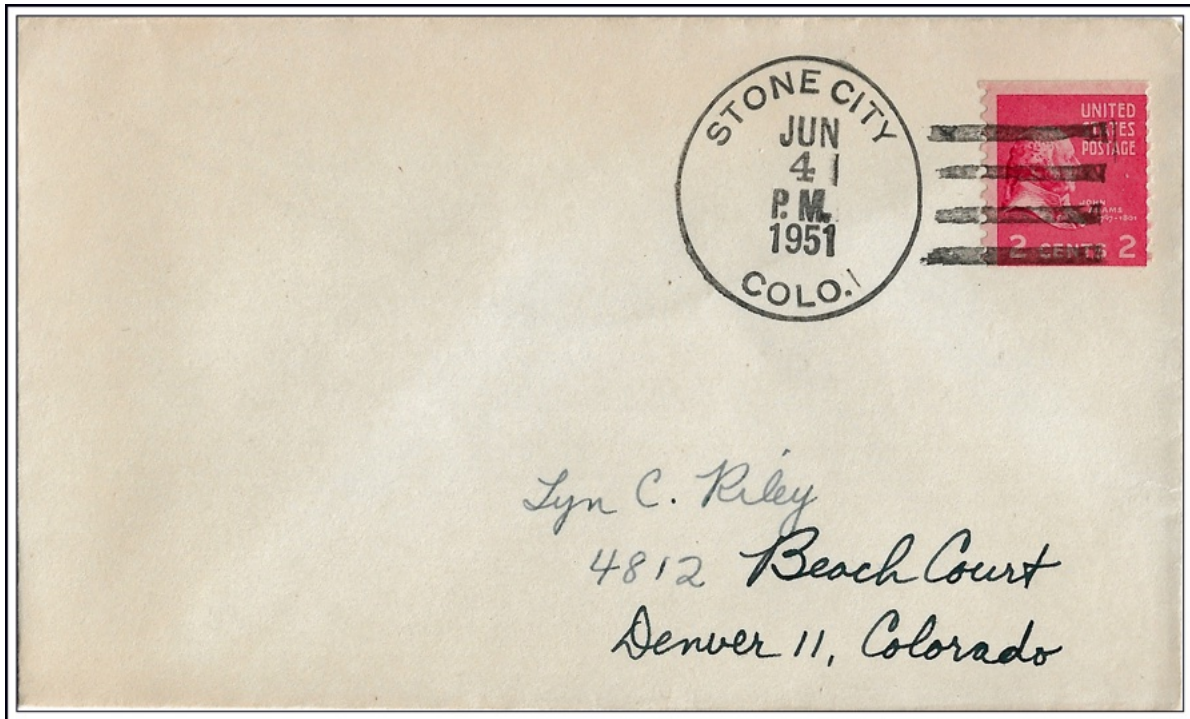
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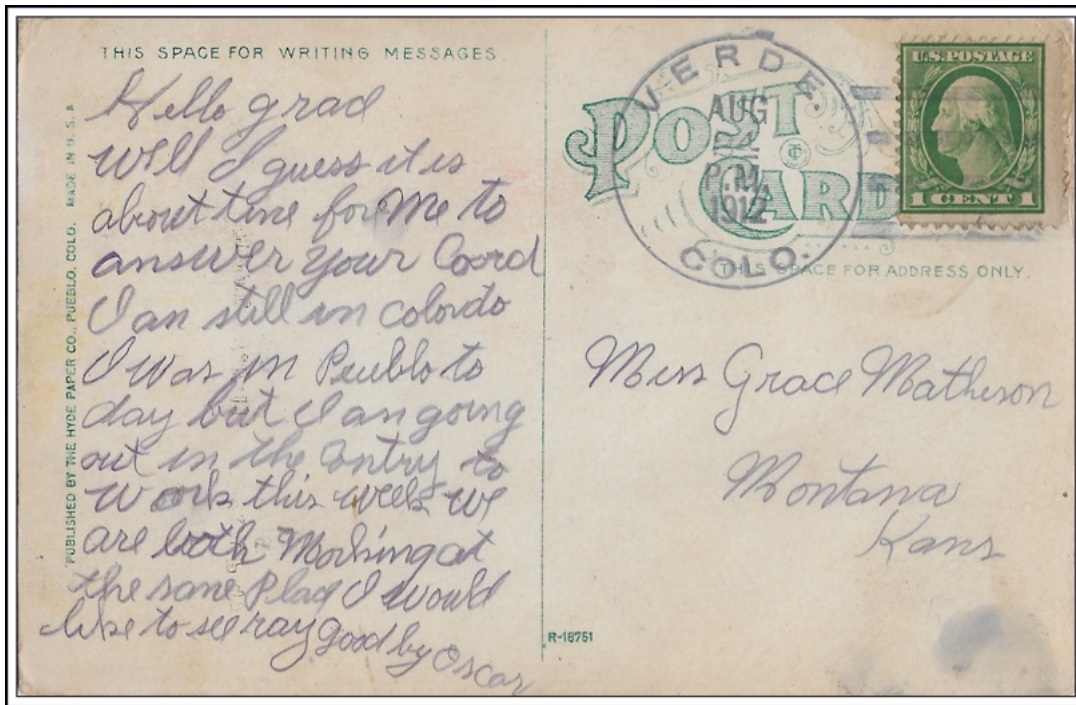
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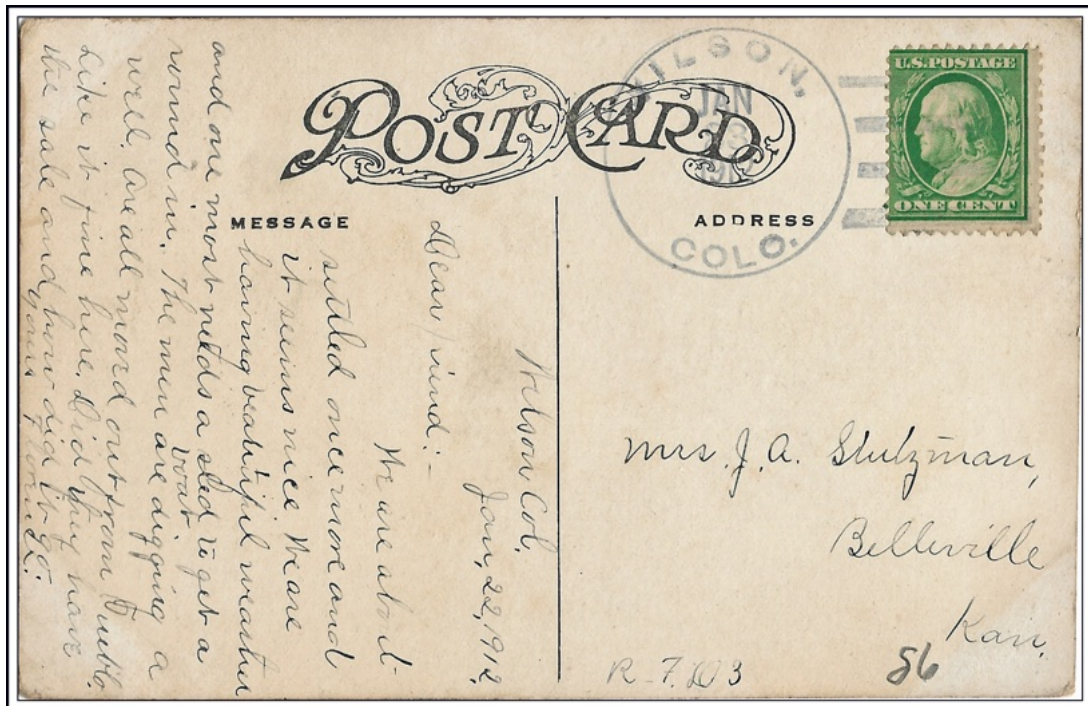
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