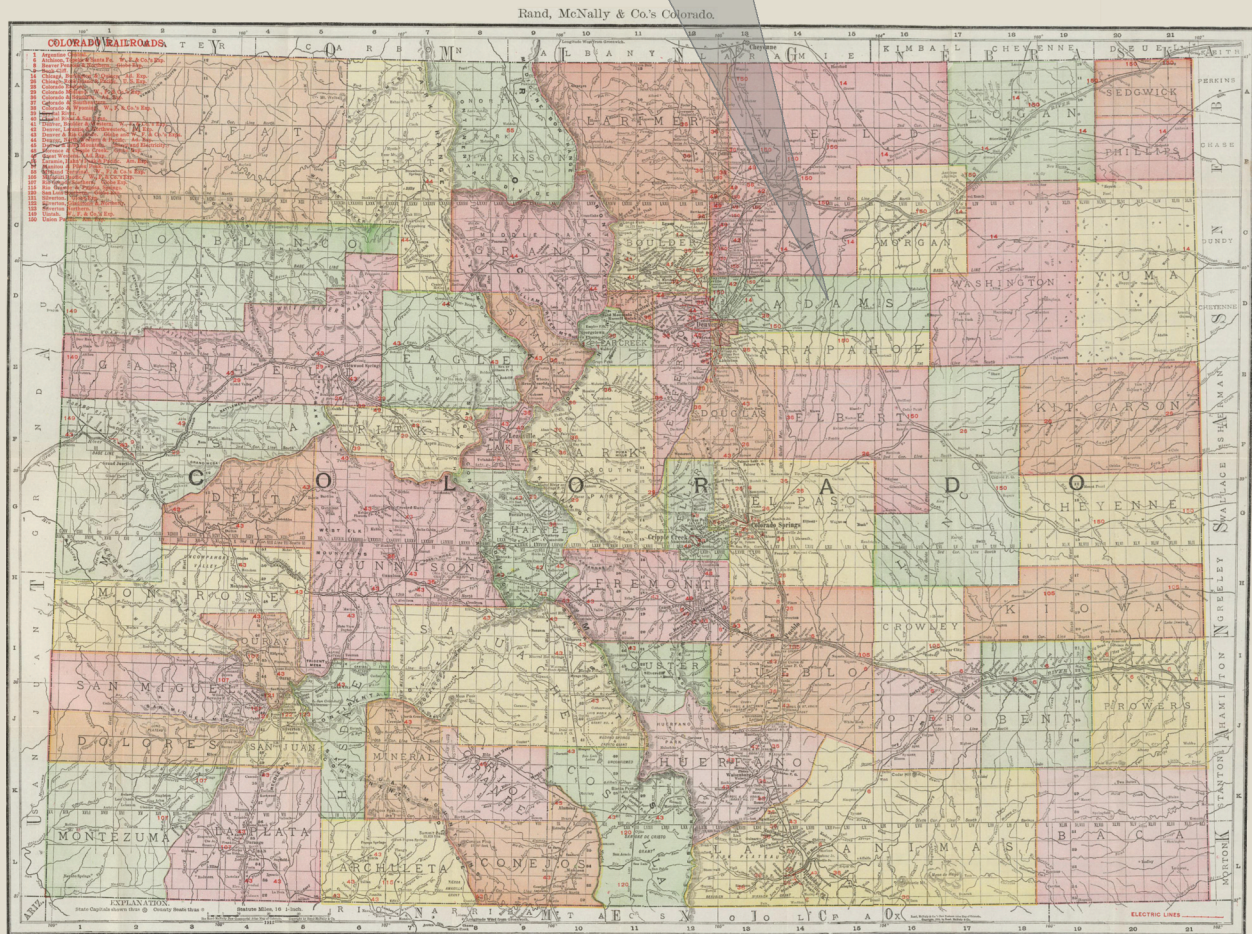


Adams County



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

Established: April 15, 1901

County Seat: Brighton

ADAMS COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

In 1901 the Colorado Legislature authorized the creation of the City and County of Denver. That action took place on March 18, 1901. Denver was carved from the western end of Arapahoe County and within a month Arapahoe County had been reduced from the long rectangle that had reached all the way to the Kansas Border to its present boundaries. The eastern portion was divided and added to Washington and Yuma Counties. The western portion was divided longitudinally and on April 15, 1901 the Legislature approved the creation of Adams County. Brighton was designated the county seat and has so remained.

Adams County is a long, narrow, east-west oriented rectangle. The county is eighteen miles in the north-south dimension and seventy-two miles from east to west. The northern boundary is shared with Weld and Morgan Counties. On the east Washington County borders Adams County. The southern boundary is with Arapahoe County until that common line encounters the eastern edge of the City and County of Denver. The remainder of the southern boundary is a complex and irregular line westward to Jefferson County. The western boundary is shared with Jefferson and Boulder Counties.

The topography of Adams County is gently rolling prairie that rises east and west from the South Platte River and for most of the county from the north to the south. From the South Platte eastward there are a number of streams flowing north. Nearly all of them are intermittent streams, or normally have minimal water flow. However, flash floods do occur and can send dangerous torrents downstream to the South Platte. The most prominent of these streams are Box Elder, Kiowa, Bijou, Muddy and Sand Arroyo Creeks.

Economically Adams County has had a split personality. The western third of the county is a part of the Denver Metropolitan Complex. As such it is highly developed with extensive residential, commercial and industrial districts. The eastern two-thirds of Adams County remain largely agricultural in nature. Ranching predominates but there is agriculture where irrigation is possible. The only active communities are along Interstate 70.

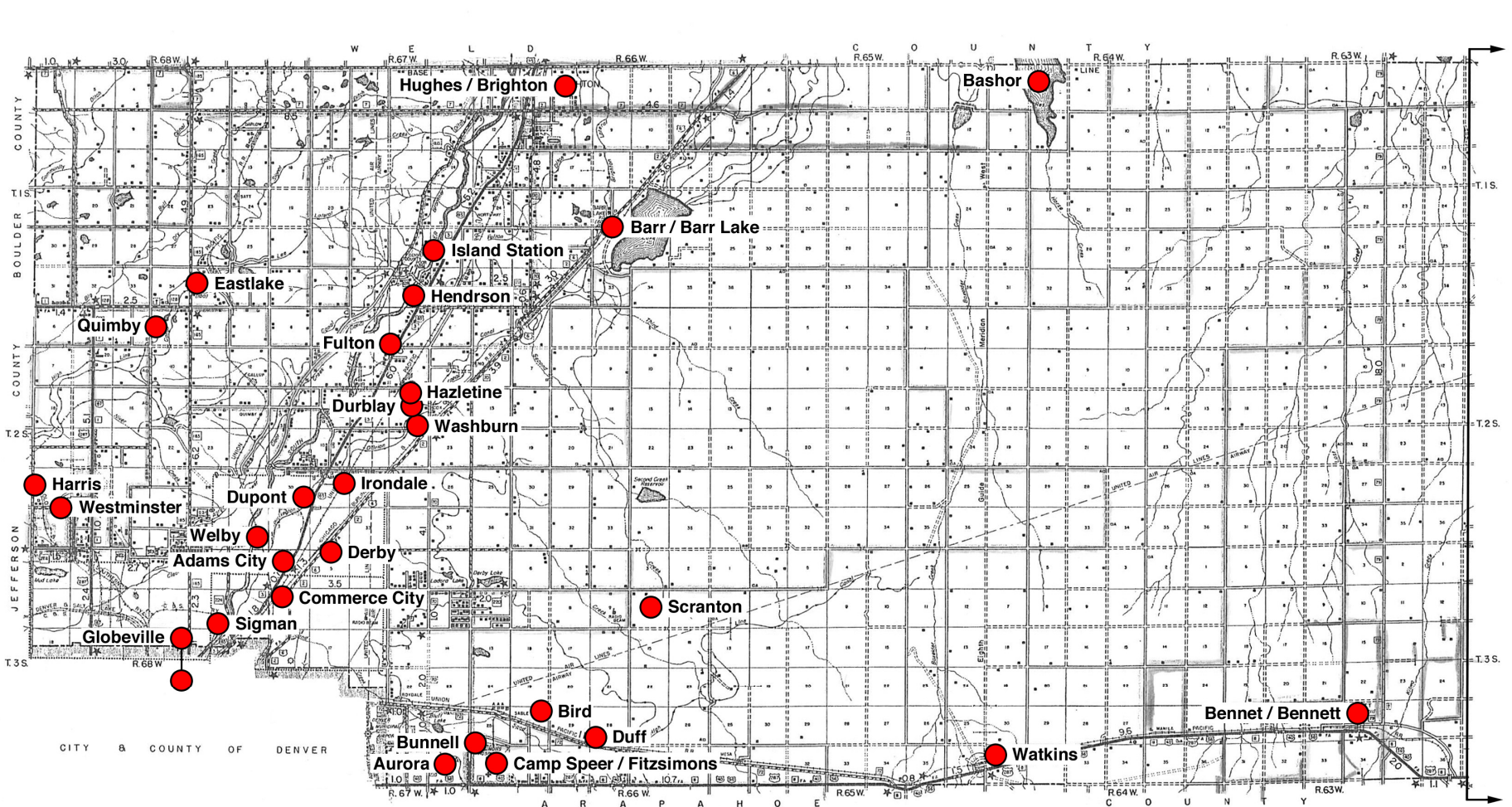
A recent factor that will push development eastward was the construction of the Denver International Airport. Already there are subdivisions rising to the north and east of the airport.

Initial travel through what is now Adams County was along the South Platte River. Soon a secondary trail, the Fort Morgan Cut-Off, developed and diagonally crossed the future Adams County from Fort Morgan to Denver.

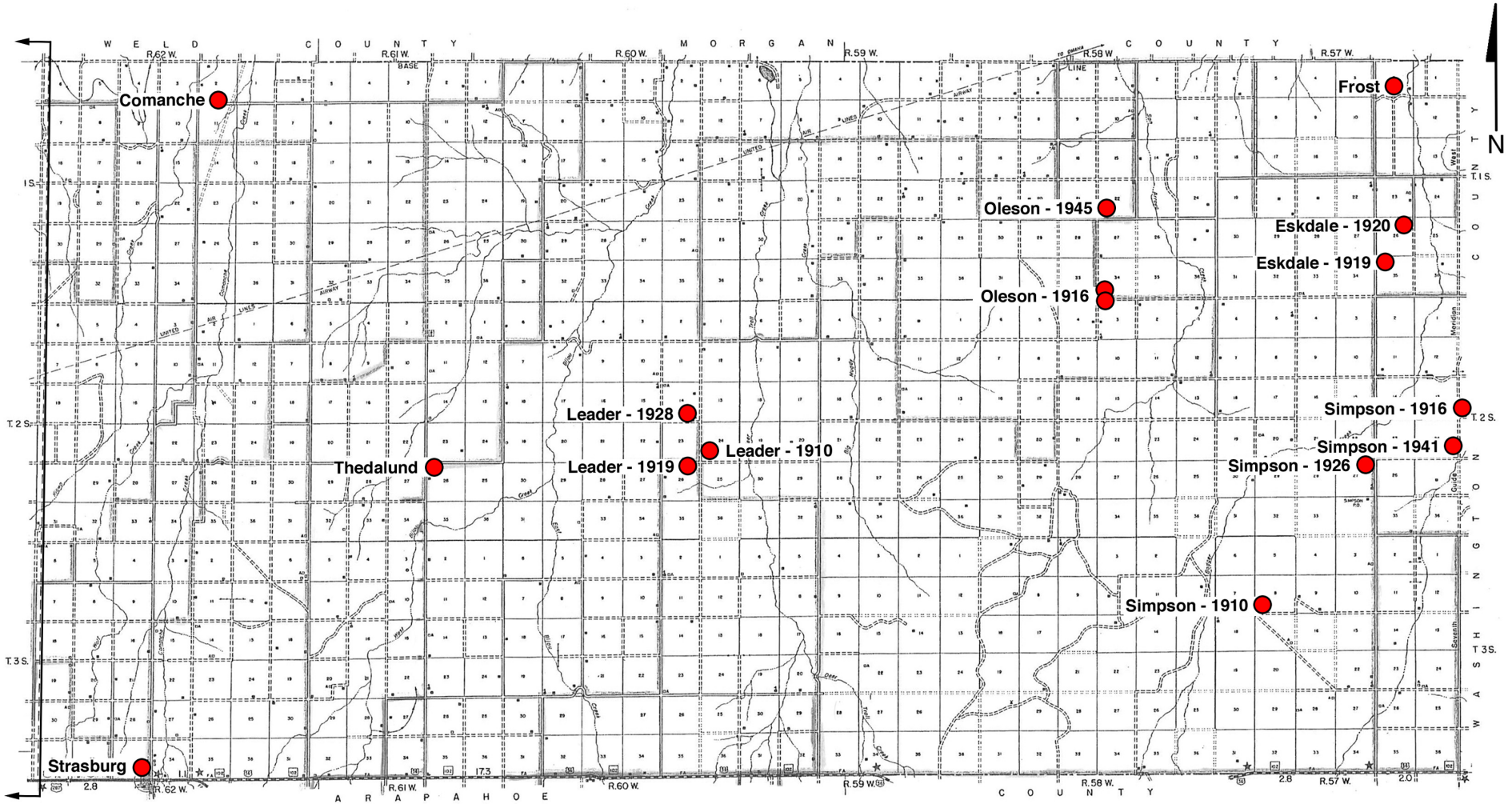
In 1870 the Kansas Pacific Railroad entered the area near present day Bennett and paralleled the modern county line to Denver. That railroad is now a part of the Union Pacific system. The western portion of the county has been home to a complicated network of railroads, most of short extent and no longer operating. The active railroads are the Union Pacific routes from Denver to Cheyenne and to Julesburg. The Burlington Northern Railroad also operates track that crosses western Adams County.

The proximity to Denver has made western Adams County a destination for not only railroads but for major highways. US 6, 36 and 40 come from the east and US 85 and 87 come from the north, all bound for Denver. In recent years, Interstates 70 and 76 have assumed much of the load of east-west traffic and Interstate 25 is the principal north-south route. These Interstate corridors are an incentive to increasing development along their courses.

There is a comprehensive network of county roads in eastern Adams County; however, direct east-west travel is simpler than north-south travel.



Post Office Locations – Western Adams County



Post Office Locations – Eastern Adams County

ADAMS CITY

On August 27, 1903 the Adams Land and Improvement Company filed a plat for Adams City. This action seems to have been, at least partially, in hope that the new "City" would become the county seat. That was a false hope. Brighton was named the county seat when Adams County was authorized in 1901 and has remained the county seat.

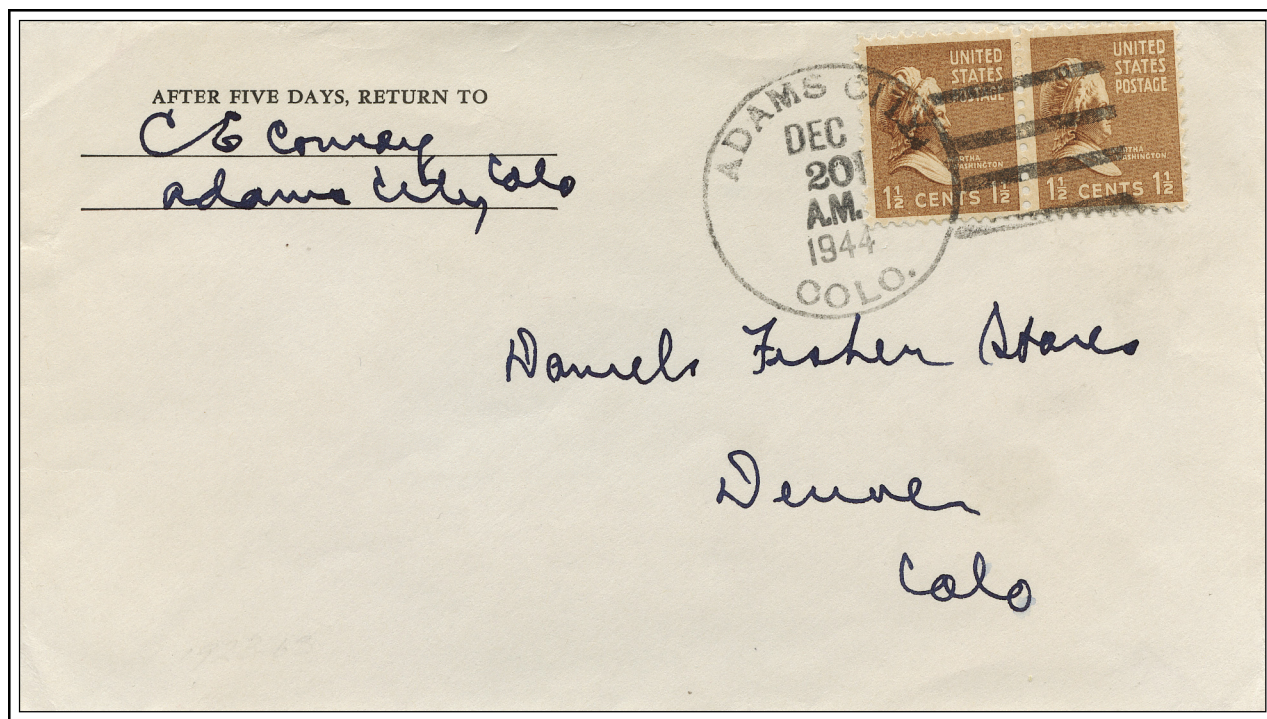
The town and the county were named for Alva Adams who was the governor of Colorado from 1887 to 1889, from 1897 to 1899 and again for sixty days in 1905.

This area, northeast of Denver, grew as an industrial district and continues to be the location of numerous light industries, refineries and other commercial enterprises.

In 1963 much of the area along Brighton Boulevard (US Highway 85) consolidated to form Commerce City. The Adams City Post Office became a branch of the Commerce City Post Office.

In 1999 the Adams City Branch Post Office was located in a small brick building at 6655 Brighton Boulevard.

For later postmarks see the listings for the Adams City Branch of Commerce City.



ADAMS CITY, / COLO. December 20, 1944

Chronology of the Post Office

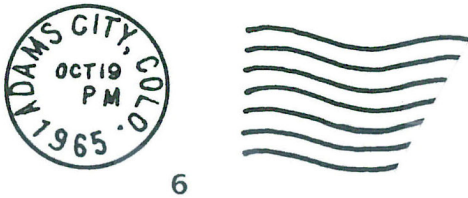
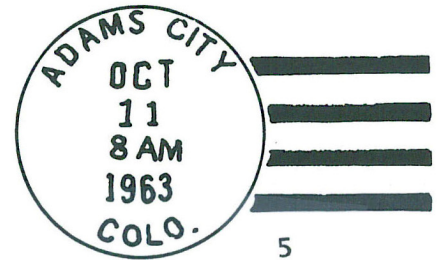
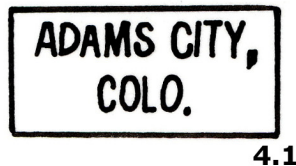
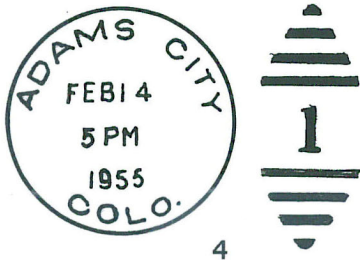
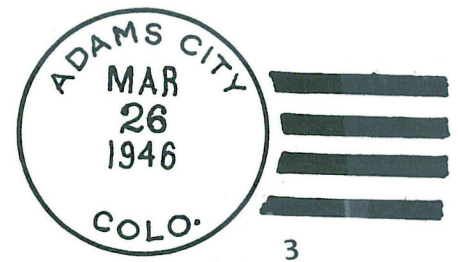
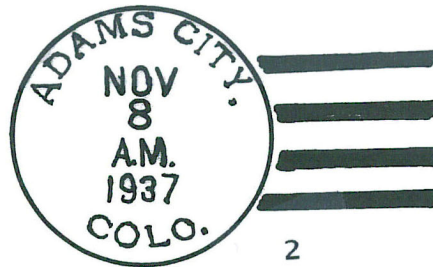
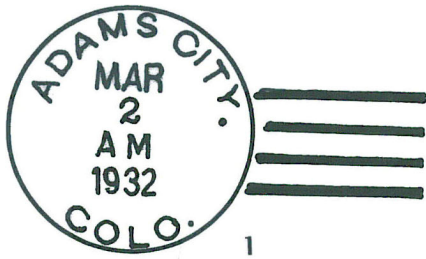
Sep 26 1923	Established
Oct 9 1922	--- NE/4 Sec 6 T3S R67W
Oct 21 1941	--- NE/4 Sec 6 T3S R67W
Sep 26 1923	Kerrick, Meme A.
Oct 11 1963	Converted to a Branch of Commerce City.

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ADAMS CITY. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Mar 2 1932 Jun 5 1932
2	ADAMS CITY. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Nov 8 1937 Nov 30 1945

ADAMS CITY - Continued

3	ADAMS CITY/COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Mar 26 1946 Jul 28 1948
4	ADAMS CITY/COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Mar 31 1954 Jan 12 1957
4.1	ADAMS CITY/COLO. RC 10P 35.0x18.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	----1950s
5	ADAMS CITY/COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 21 1963 Aug 16 1966
6	ADAMS CITY, COLO. CI 10P21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 30 1961 Oct 19 1965



AURORA

It is not a simple task to straighten out the various statements that have been made concerning the early days of the city we now know as Aurora. A problem is to decide under which county Aurora should be listed in *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*. Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports and other later documents confirm that the Aurora Post Office has often moved across the county line.

The first site (1908) of the Aurora Post Office was at what is now 1515 Dallas Street. That location, in the Gresham Jones General Store, was just north of Colfax Avenue and thus was in Adams County. A May 28, 1926 Geographical Site Location Report places the post office "50 feet north of the county boundary." That may still reference the 1908 location. By June 1928 the post office was south of Colfax Avenue, in Arapahoe County. The January 1942 Report places it at 1492 Dallas Street, 30 feet south of US Highway 40 (Colfax Avenue).

AURORA – Continued



Main Post Office, Aurora, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer May 17, 1998

On January 1, 1940, Aurora had become a Branch of the Denver Post Office. In January 1953 a new building, 50 x 90 feet, was constructed at 16th and Elmira, in Adams County. It appears that the post office was still there on April 28, 1962 when it once again became an independent office. In late 1965 another new post office building was constructed, on Dayton, between Colfax and 16th Avenues. That location is now the Dayton Station of the Aurora Post Office.

Today the Main Aurora Post Office is at 16890 East Alameda Avenue, well within Arapahoe County.

At this point I am making a decision to list Aurora under Adams County, but I will make an appropriate cross-reference under Arapahoe County. This may not be the best choice as in the twenty-first century the major portion of the City of Aurora is in Arapahoe County.

There is general agreement that land developer Donald T. Fletcher founded the community. Initially the community was named “Fletcher” for its developer. It also seems to be accepted that the town of Fletcher was established in 1891 and was incorporated on April 22, 1891. There are reports that place the date of founding in 1881 and the incorporation on May 1, 1891.

1893 brought the downfall of Mr. Fletcher. In two short years he, or the town of Fletcher, had accumulated large debts. The silver crash of that year wiped out Fletcher’s finances and he left town, leaving the fledgling community deep in debt to pay for bonds for a non-existent water system. It would be many years before the debts were paid and financial stability was achieved.

There was no post office with the name of Fletcher. For postal services the residents relied on neighboring Montclair.

AURORA - Continued

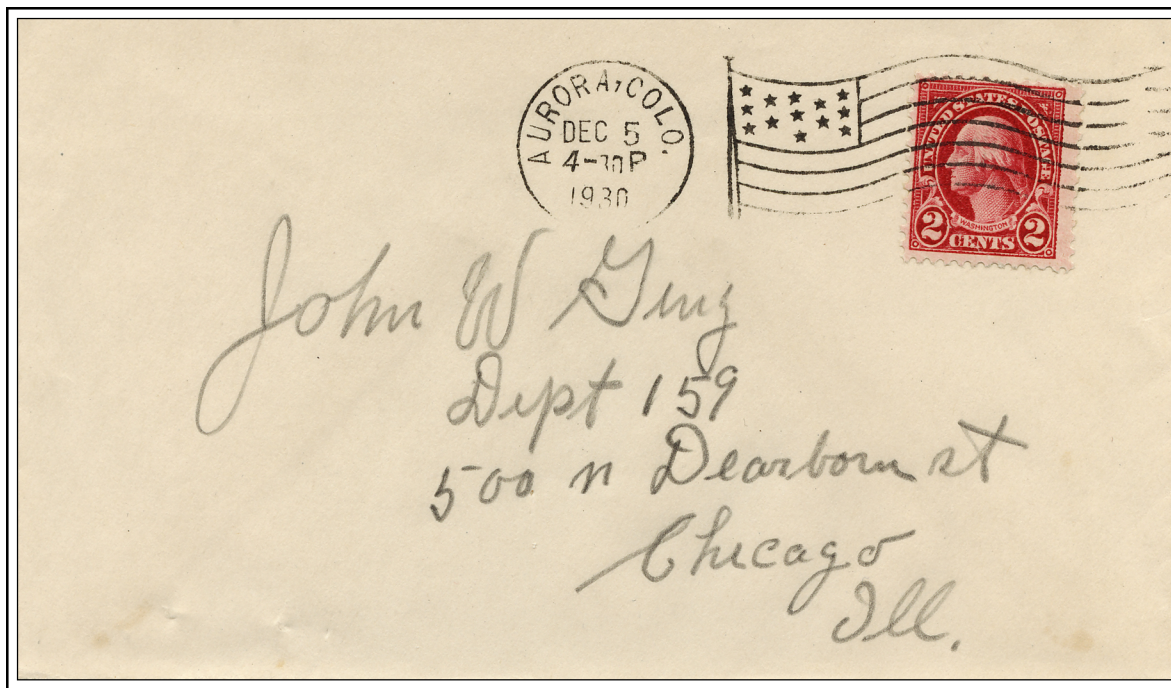
The name Aurora may have entered the picture even before 1891. One source states that the name of Fletcher's Development was officially changed to "Aurora" when the Colfax Trust Company filed a plat for the area on April 1, 1890. Another source claims that Aurora was incorporated in 1903 to gain some protection from the complex location in Adams and Arapahoe Counties and abutting Denver County.

In 1907 the Town Board officially changed the name from Fletcher to Aurora. Undoubtedly this was a belated reaction to Fletcher and the problems he left for the town.

Aurora is a Latin term meaning, "dawn" or "morning." As the easternmost portion of Metropolitan Denver, it would be the first to see the dawn. Also, one of the largest subdivisions within Fletcher was named Aurora.

In spite of its early problems, Aurora has grown into one of the largest cities in Colorado and it now reaches from approximately Interstate 70 to well south into Douglas County. As a large city it has all of the resources one would expect. There are numerous large business districts and shopping malls, schools, hospitals, the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Buckley Field and an extensive residential area. Aurora continues to expand eastward.

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AURORA, COLO. December 5, 1930

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 15 1908	Established	
Jan 15 1908	Shelburn, Louis B.	
May 15 1908	Young, Adelbert G.	
May 26 1909	Klee, Louis	
Mar 15 1910	Klee, Eva H.	
Aug 19 1911	Cooper, William L.	
Dec 23 1912	Kemper, Walter J.	Not commissioned

AURORA – Continued

Feb 10 1913	Means, George W.	
Jan 21 1914	McQuate, Ruby L.	
Mar 18 1914	Scheaf, Ruby L.	
Dec 8 1914	Burkhold, Ruby L.	
Apr 1 1919	Melis, Catherine E.	Presidential
Sep 23 1919	Melis, Catherine E.	P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jun 1 1921	Cleaves, Lydia S.	Acting
Nov 19 1921	Shedd, Frank M.	P&S
Dec 14 1925	Shedd, Frank M.	
May 28 1926 ---	SW/4 Sec 34 T4S R67W County boundary is 50 feet south of postoffice. This would place it on north side of Colfax, in Adams County. Sketch map confirms this.	
Jun 22 1928 ---	NW/4 Sec 3 T4S R67W For change of site July 1, 1928	
Dec 16 1929	Shedd, Frank M.	
Mar 24 1934	Katherman, Harry M.	Nominated
Apr 09 1934	Katherman, Harry M.	Confirmed
May 02 1934	Katherman, Harry M.	Commissioned
Apr 11 1938	Katherman, Harry M.	Nominated
Apr 25 1938	Katherman, Harry M.	Confirmed
Apr 29 1938	Katherman, Harry M.	Appointed Presidential
May 13 1938	Katherman, Harry M.	Commissioned
Dec 31 1939	Converted to a Branch of Denver (1939-1962)	
Jan 17 1942 ---	NW/4 Sec 3 T4S R67W; 1492 Dallas St. The Aurora Post Office is a Branch of the Denver Post Office. U.S.-40 is 30 feet north of the post office	
Apr 28 1962	Re-established in Adams County	
Jul 2 1962	Mullins, Harley O.	Acting
Apr 25 1963	Mullins, Harley O.	Appointed
May 24 1963	Mullins, Harley O.	Assumed charge
Jun 29 1973	Worley, Elmer C. Jr.	Officer in charge
Nov 10 1973	Worley, Elmer C. Jr.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Oct 29 1909 Sep 20 1911
1.1	AURORA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 21 1913 Oct 1 1918
2	AURORA, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 9 1919
3	AURORA, / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 30 1925
4	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Hstp 5 bars on precancel	May 9 1927 Sep 10 1928
5	AURORA, COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Flag 13 star waving flag	Dec 5 1930 May 15 1935
5.1	AURORA. COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp Negative sl REGISTERED	May 19 1931
6	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jun 27 1932 Apr 15 1939
7	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 straight lines	Dec 11 1935 Dec 30 1939
7.1	AURORA, / COLO. RC 10P 41.0x13.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1950s
8	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Jan 28 1943

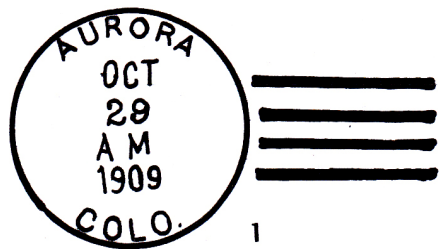
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ADAMS COUNTY**

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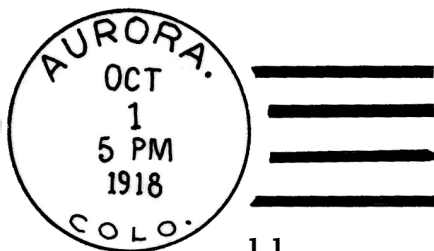
9	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 30 1948
10	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 15 1949
11	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-26x12mm	Feb 7 1951 Feb 26 1951
12	AURORA, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 25 1968 Dec 31 1980
13	AURORA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jul 23 1962 Dec 13 1975
13.1	AURORA, CO / SPECIAL DELIVERY CI 10P 32.0	No hstp	Oct 20 1969 Aug 20 1979
14	AURORA, CO / 80010 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 1 1971 Apr 18 1974
14.1	AURORA, CO / 80010 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Feb 8 1978
15	AURORA, CO / 80010 CI 10P 24.0	Hstp FIRST DAY OF ISSUE in bars, 1-cent Kestrel	Jun 22 1991
16	AURORA, CO / 80010 CI 10P 24.0	Hstp No killer, proof strike	Jun 22 1991
17	AURORA, CO / 80017 CI 10P 24.0	Hstp FIRST DAY OF ISSUE in bars, 1-cent Kestrel revised	May 10 1995

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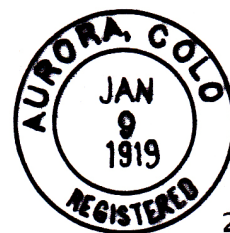
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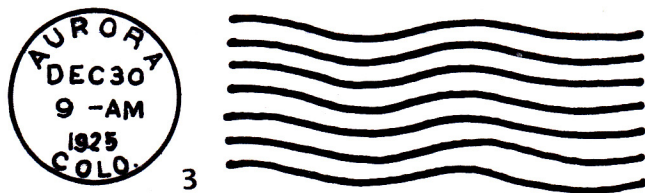
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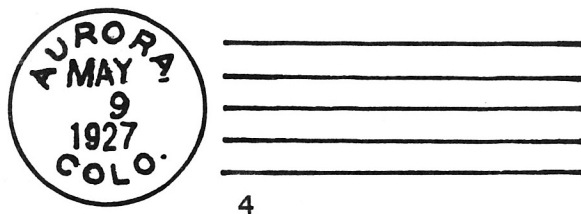
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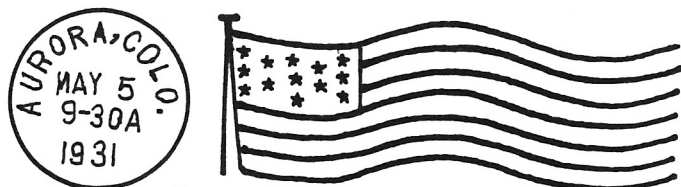
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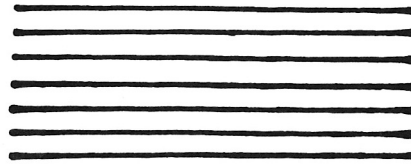
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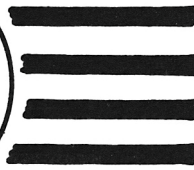
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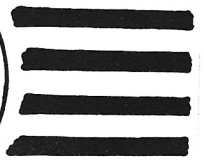
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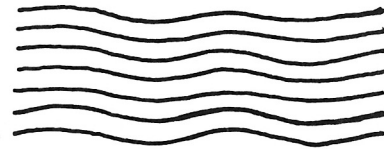
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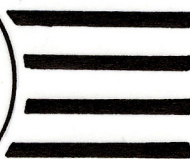
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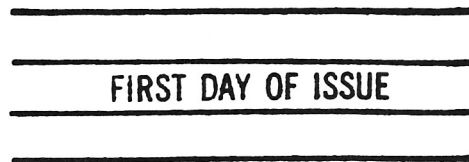
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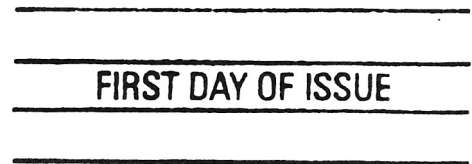
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FORWARDING ORDER
EXPIRED

AURORA - Continued

AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS

ALTURA CONTRACT BRANCH

In 1982 the Altura office came into existence as a name change from the Hoffman Heights Station. The Hoffman Heights Branch reopened at a different location, which is described below.

In 1998 the Altura Contract Branch was located in the northeast corner of a small shopping center on the northeast corner of the intersection of East Colfax Avenue and Chambers road. You should have no difficulty locating this place.

Latitude = 39:44:25 North Longitude = 104:48:14 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 1 1982 Branch name changed from Hoffman Heights

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 0.1 AURORA, COLO. ALTURA BR. / USPO Feb 18 1963
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
- 0.2 AURORA, CO. ALTURA BR / USPO Mar 24 1984
CI 10P 38.0 Hstp No killer
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
- 1 AURORA, CO ALTURA STA. / USPS Apr 15 1988 Jun 1 1993
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer
- 1.1 AURORA, CO ALTURA PO / USPS Mar 30 1994
CI 11P 32/19 Hstp No killer Distorted oval
- 2 AURORA, CO ALTURA STA. / USPS Feb 21 1995 Apr 18 1995
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



ALTURA ANNEX STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 1 1982 Formerly Hoffman Heights Classified Branch
May -- 1988 15355 East Colfax Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ALTURA ANNEX STATION

AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

AURORA

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | (Aurora Station)
IR 00R 75.0x27.0 | Jul 1 1996
Pict Scene - Postal Service Emblem; Text -
UNITED STATES / POSTAL SERVICE / 25th /
Anniversary / 1971 July 1 1996 [There
is no cds with this marking] |
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BUCKINGHAM STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO BUCKINGHAM 80012 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer | Sep 18 1998 Jul 25 2005 |
| 2 | AURORA CO BUCKINGHAM STA 80012 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/22.0 Hstp No killer | Aug 9 2002 Aug 7 2006 |



BUCKINGHAM PLAZA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded
----- 1074 S. Ironton

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO BUCKINGHAM PLAZA / U.S.P.O.
CI 11P 31.0/18.0 Hstp No killer | Apr 4 1975 Feb 18 1976 |
| 2 | AURORA, CO BUCKINGHAM PLAZA STA. / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/16.0 Hstp No killer | Feb 9 1983 Apr 8 1986 |
| 3 | AURORA, CO BUCKINGHAM PLAZA P.O. / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/18.5 Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1987 |
| 4 | AURORA, CO BUCKINGHAM PLAZA P.O. / USPS
CI 11P 28.5/18.0 Hstp No killer | Dec 24 1991 |

**AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued
BUCKINGHAM PLAZA STATION – Continued**



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CHAMBERS SQUARE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | | |
|---|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | AURORA CO // CHAMBERS SQ STA
CI 11P 35.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | May 19 1978 | May 19 1978 |
| 2 | AURORA, COLO. CHAMBERS SQ. STA.
CI 11P 31.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Mar 14 1983 | Jul 16 1984 |



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DAYTON STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 15 1963 Contract station Established, Formerly a branch of Denver

816 Dayton St., Dayton Drug

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DAYTON STATION

EAST RIDGE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded
Sep 1 1982 Station closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, COLO. / EAST RIDGE STA.
CI 11P 34.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | Nov 22 1980 | [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] |
|---|---|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|

AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

FAN FAIR STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 16 1963	Established as a Contract Station
-----	333 Havana St.
Sep 30 1966	Station closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FAN FAIR STATION

FAX STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

--- 1990	Station established
-----	Station closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AURORA, CO 80013 // FAX STATION	May 25 1990
	SL 10P 87.0x18.0	Pict Large "FAX" and Arrow



FITZSIMONS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

-----	Establishment date unrecorded
-----	12100 East Colfax Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FITZSIMONS COLO. / M.O.B.	May 7 1925
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
2	FITZSIMONS / COLO.	Jul 19 1923 Dec 22 1928
	CI 10P 25.5	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
3	FITZSIMONS COLO. / REGISTERED	Jan 13 1938
	CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
4	FITZSIMONS / COLO.	Jan 4 1937 Jan 30 1940
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1
5	FITZSIMONS / COLO.	Sep 26 1949 Sep 16 1954
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm
5.1	AURORA, CO 80045 / FITZSIMONS STA.	Apr 24 1980 Mar 27 1984
	CI 11P 31.0/21.0	Hstp No Killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
6	AURORA, CO FITZSIMONS STA. / USPS	Aug 16 1989 Jun 1 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No Killer

**AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued
FITZSIMONS STATION – Continued**



FITZSIMONS ARMY MEDICAL CENTER STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

< 1981 Establishment date unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FITZSIMONS ARMY MEDICAL CENTER STATION

FLETCHER STATION

In 1998 the Fletcher Branch of Aurora was located at 1550 Dayton Street, one-half block north of Colfax Avenue. This location was the site of the Aurora Post Office prior to the move to its present location on East Alameda Avenue.

Drive east on Colfax Avenue, into Adams County and turn north on Dayton.

Chronology of the Post Office

--- --- Establishment date unrecorded
May -- 1998 ---- 1550 Dayton St.

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO FLETCHER STATION / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer | Nov 12 1991 Apr 13 1993 |
| 2 | AURORA, CO FLETCHER STATION / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/19.5 Hstp No killer | Mar 31 1995 |
| 3 | AURORA, CO FLETCHER STATION / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer | May 14 1997 |



AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS – Continued

GATEWAY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

< 1981 Establishment date unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|-----|---|----------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1 | AURORA, COLO. // GATEWAY STATION / USPO
CI 11P 31.0/20.5 | Hstp No killer | Apr 2 1980 Mar 26 1984 |
| 1 | AURORA, CO GATEWAY STA. / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1988 Apr 12 1990 |
| 2 | AURORA, CO GATEWAY STA. / USPS
CI 11P 33.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 14 1992 Aug 19 1992 |
| 3 | AURORA, CO GATEWAY PO / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 26 1993 |
| 4 | AURORA, CO GATEWAY STA. / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/20.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 17 1995 |
| 5 | AURORA, CO GATEWAY STA. 80014 / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/21.5 | Hstp No killer | May 1 2003 |



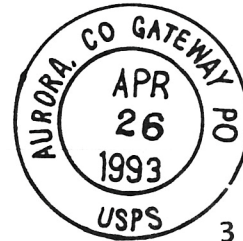
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HALLMARK #002645 STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

-- Establishment date unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | GREENWOOD VLG CO 80111 / HALLMARK #002645
CI 11P 30.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | Nov 14 2003 |
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**AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued
HOFFMAN HEIGHTS BRANCH**

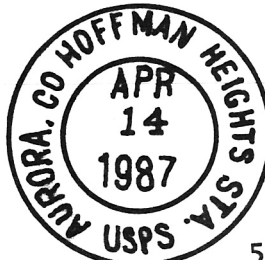
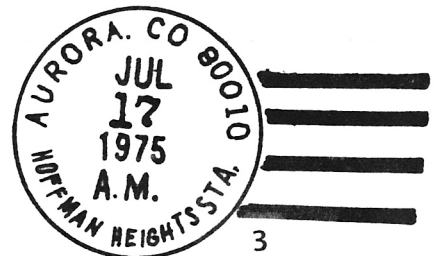
In 1998 the Hoffman Heights Branch was located in the Hoffman Heights Center, a small shopping area at 738 Peoria Avenue between 6th Avenue and the north loop of Del Mar Circle. From Interstate 225 drive west on 6th Avenue and turn north on Peoria Avenue.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 15 1954	Established as a Branch of Aurora
-----	732 Peoria
Apr 6 1957	Became a Contract Station
-----	700 Peoria
Jun 16 1964	Became a Classified Branch
-----	722 Peoria
-----	728 Peoria
-----	730 Peoria
Sep 1 1982	Became Altura Annex
-----	Reopened, date unrecorded
May -- 1988 ----	738 Peoria Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA, COLO. HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STA. / USPO Mar 12 1969
CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No killer
- 2 AURORA, CO 80011 // HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STATION May 14 1975 Oct 30 1976
CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No killer, used with pointing hand as returning to sender cancel
- 3 AURORA, CO 80010 / HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STA. Jul 17 1975 Feb 11 1978
CI 11P 32.0 4bars S-25x20mm
- 3.1 AURORA, CO 80011 / HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STA May 7, 1979
CI 10P 33.0 Hstp No killer
- 4 AURORA CO. // HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STA. / USPS Mar 30 1983 Jun 30 1986
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer
- 5 AURORA, CO HOFFMAN HEIGHTS STA. / USPS Apr 14 1987
CI 11P 33.0/22.0 Hstp No killer
- 6 AURORA, CO HH PO / USPS Nov 21 1989 Apr 16 1994
CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer, (Hoffman Heights Station)
- 7 AURORA CO HHPO 80041 / USPS Mar 12 1998
CI 11P 30.0/22.0 Hstp No killer, (Hoffman Heights Station)
- 8 AURORA CO HHPO 80041 / USPS Sep 6 2001 Apr 29 2002
CI 11P 30.5/20.0 Hstp No killer, (Hoffman Heights Station)



AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued
HOFFMAN HEIGHTS BRANCH- Continued



MAIL BOXES ETC # 499 CONTRACT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded
----- 4255 South Buckley Road

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA CO // MBE CPU / 80013 Jun 1 2001
 CI 11P 29.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



MAIL BOXES ETC # 2370 CONTRACT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded
----- 16748 East Smoky Hill Road

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA CO / 80015 MBE May 17 2001
 CI 11P 29.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



MAIL BOXES ETC # ???? CONTRACT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unrecorded

**AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued
MAIL BOXES ETC # ???? CONTRACT STATION - Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA CO // MBE CPU / 80014 Mar 22 2002
 CI 11P 29.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



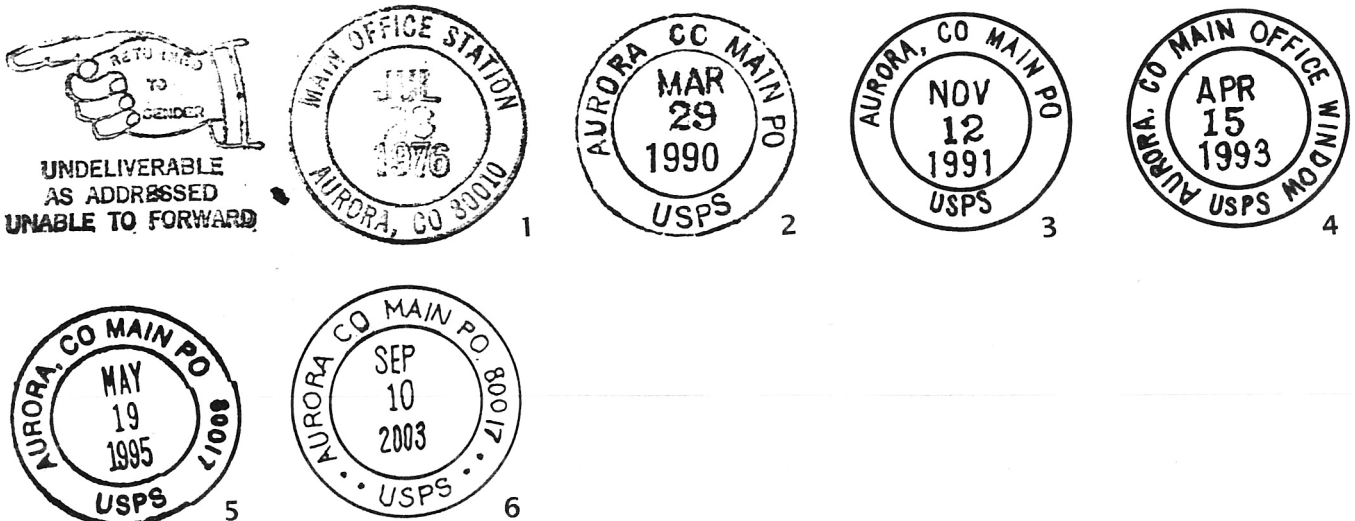
MAIN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Establishment date unreported
May -- 1998 ---- 16890 East Alameda Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA, CO 80010 // MAIN OFFICE STATION Jul 28 1976
 CI 11P 31.0/21.0 Hstp No killer; Pointing hand at left,
 with: RETURNED / TO / WRITER /
 UNDELIVERABLE / AS ADDRESSED / UNABLE
 TO FORWARD
- 2 AURORA CO MAIN PO / USPS Mar 29 1990
 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer; wide letters
- 3 AURORA, CO MAIN PO / USPS Nov 12 1991 Jan 14 1992
 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer; narrow letters
- 4 AURORA, CO MAIN OFFICE WINDOW / USPS Apr 15 1993
 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer
- 5 AURORA, CO MAIN PO 80017 / USPS Nov 3 1993 Dec 18 1997
 CI 11P 29.5/19.0 Hstp No killer
- 6 AURORA CO MAIN PO 80017 / * * USPS * * Sep 10 2003



AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

MEADOWOOD STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 1 1976	Established as a station of Aurora
-----	15355 East Colfax Avenue
-----	Closed ??
Sep 1 1979	Operating as a contract station
-----	15473 East Hampden Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO MEADOWOOD STA. USPS
CI 01R 31.0/21.0 | Hstp No killer | Sep 8 1977 Feb 18 1983 |
| 2 | AURORA, CO MEADOWOOD CONTR. STA. / USPS
CI 11P 31.0/20.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1988 Jan 2 1990 |



PEOPLES STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 16 1963	Formerly a contract station of Denver
-----	2025 Clinton St.

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO PEOPLES STA. / USPO
CI 11P 26.5/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 14 1975 |
|---|--|----------------|-------------|



QUINCY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

-----	Establishment date unrecorded
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Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM QUINCY STATION

AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

SMOKY HILL STATION

In 1998 the Smoky Hill Station was located in a small shopping center at 16651 Smoky Hill Road, a short distance east of the Smoky Hill High School. Pheasant Run Parkway connects to Smoky Hill Road on the west side of the post office. Drive south on Chambers Road to Smoky Hill Road and turn east.

Chronology of the Post Office

- < 1986 Opened as a station of Aurora
- 16655 Smoky Hill Road
- -- 1988 16651 Smoky Hill Road
- Nov 5, 1999 Closed, replaced by Tower Station of Aurora

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA, CO SMOKY HILL STA. / USPS Apr 15 1988 Nov 10 1992
 CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer



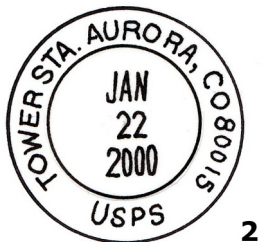
TOWER STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Nov 11 1999 Station opened as a replacement for the Smoky Hill Station of Aurora

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA, CO 80015 :: TOWER STA. / USPS Jan 22, 2000
 CI 11P 29.5/19.0 Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
- 2 TOWER STA. AURORA, CO 80015 / USPS Jan 22, 2000
 CI 11P 32.0/21.0 Hstp No killer



STATION A

Chronology of the Post Office

- May 11 1982 Opened as a contract station of Aurora
- 4100 South Parker Road (Albertsons)
- Oct 13 1989 16981 E. Quincy (Kid's Attic)

AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

STATION A- Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA. A / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 | Apr 15 1987 Apr 15 1987
Hstp No killer |
| 2 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA. A / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 | Jan 2 1990
Hstp No killer (May be distorted strike of type 1) |



STATION B

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 2 1987	Opened as a contract station of Aurora 2700 South Havana (The Computer Room)

<Sep - 1989	Closed
>Sep - 1989	Reopened
-----	2760R South Havana

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | AURORA, CO // CONTRACT STA -B-
CI 11P 30.0/17.0 | Apr 14 1986
Hstp No killer |
| 2 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA. B / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Aug 3 1989 Apr 7 1995
Hstp No killer |



STATION C

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 27 1982	Opened as a contract station of Aurora 16801 East Iliff Avenue (Albertsons)

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA. C / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Mar 20 1987
Hstp No killer |
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AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

STATION D

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 23 1986 Opened as a contract station of Aurora

 3140 South Peoria
--- < 1988 Closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STATION D

STATION E

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Contract station of Aurora Establishment date unrecorded
----- 12507 East Mississippi Avenue, # 202
----- 12162 East Mississippi Avenue (Bruni's Gift Shop)

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1 | CONTRACT STA -E- / AURORA, CO | Nov 16, 1983 |
| | CI 11P 30.0/18.0 Hstp No killer | |
| 1 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA. E / USPS | Apr 15 1987 Jan 20 1988 |
| | CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer | |
| 2 | AURORA, CO CONTRACT STA "E" / USPS | Apr 16 1990 Jul 26 1990 |
| | CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer | |



STATION F

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 13 1989 Opened as a contract station of Aurora

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO CONTR STA F / USPS | Jan 2 1990 |
| | CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer | |



AURORA BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS

The Aurora Post office has been most cooperative in authorizing Special Commemorative Stations. Each year adds several more to the list.

Three events are honored on an annual basis: APEX (Aurora Philatelic Exhibition), Gateway to the Rockies Festival and KidSpree.

The APEX station operates for two days each year and it is possible that other stations also operated for more than one day.

In the listings below there may be some gaps in the dates. That could be because there was no station that year, I have not seen a marking from that date, or the available information is incomplete.

Additional information and dates would be greatly appreciated.

AMERICAN MUSIC STAMP FESTIVAL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 18 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
15355 East Colfax Avenue (May 1998)

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AURORA, CO / 80017	Sep 18 1995	Sep 18 1995
	CI 10P 21.5	Pict Scene - star, bar of music; text: The American Music Stamp Festival	



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ARBOR DAY STATION

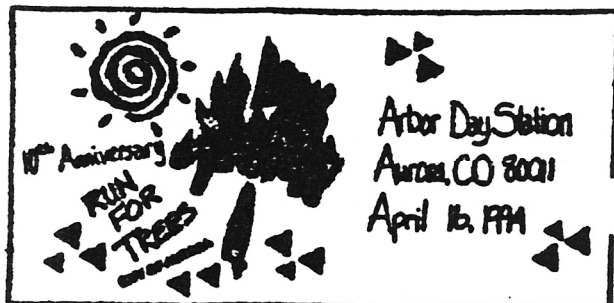
Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 16 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Apr 22 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

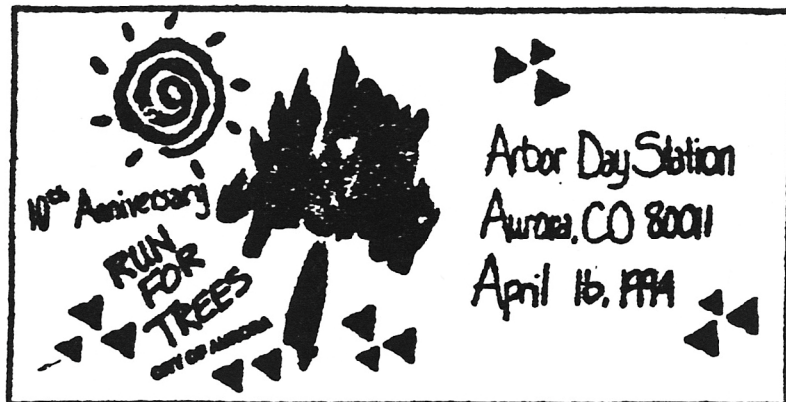
Confirmed types of postal markings

1.1	Aurora, CO 80011 // Arbor Day Station	Apr 16 1994
	RC 10P 80.0x39.0	Pict Scene - Artwork with text: Text - 10th Anniversary / RUN / FOR / TREES / CITY OF AURORA
1.2	Aurora, CO 80011 // Arbor Day Station	Apr 16 1994
	RC 10P 104.0x51.5	Pict Scene - Artwork with text: Text - 10th Anniversary / RUN / FOR / TREES / CITY OF AURORA
2	Aurora, CO / 80011 // Arbor Day / Station	Apr 22 1995 Apr 22 1995
	IR 00R 74.0x34.0	Pict Text forming scene: ARBOR / run for trees / DAY / aurora, colorado 1995

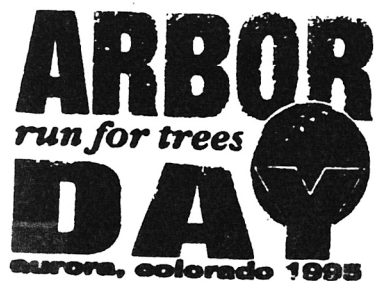
AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
ARBOR DAY STATION - Continued



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Arbor Day
Station
Aurora, CO
80011
April 22, 1995

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AURORA MALL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 29 1996 Dec 24 1996 Operated as a Special Station during the Holidays.

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA MALL STA. CO 80012 / USPS Dec 23 1996
CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



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AURORA MALL SANTA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 23 1997 - Dec ?? 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station during the Holidays.

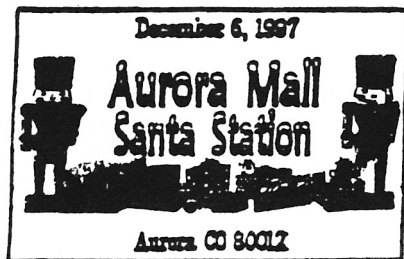
Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Aurora CO 80012 // AURORA MALL () SANTA STATION Nov 23 1997
OV 10P 36.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Santa's sleigh and reindeer flying across the CDS
- 2 Aurora CO 80012 // AURORA MALL / SANTA STATION Dec 6 1997 Dec 6 1997
RC 10P 52.0x34.0 Pict Scene - Toy soldiers with gift packages

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued



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AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION

This is an annual event sponsored by the Aurora Stamp Club

Chronology of the Post Office

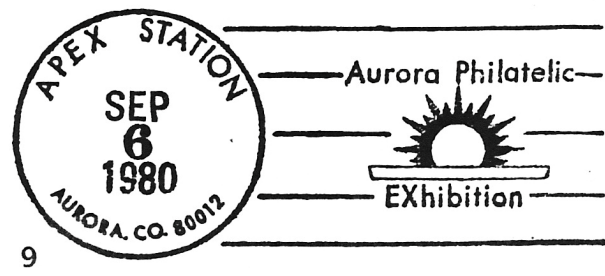
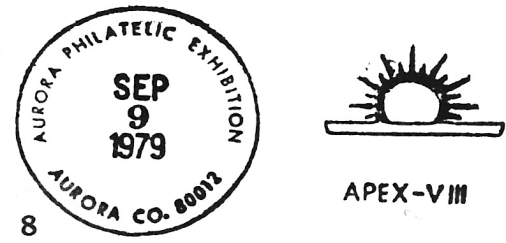
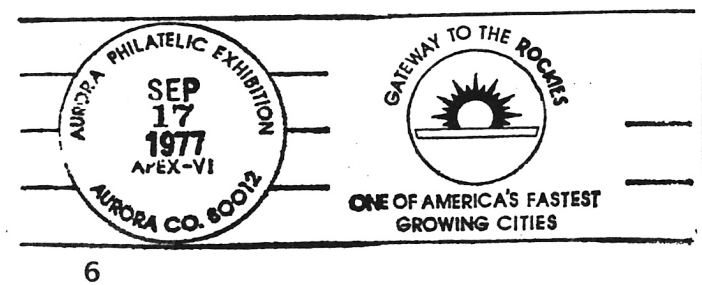
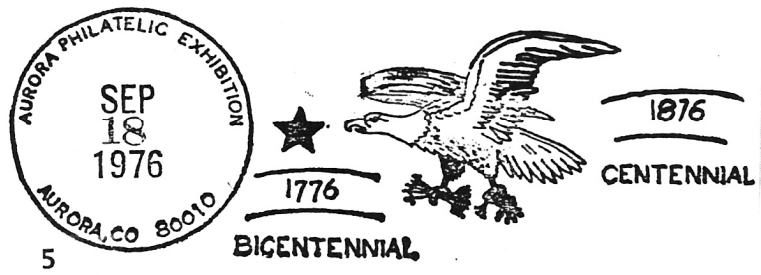
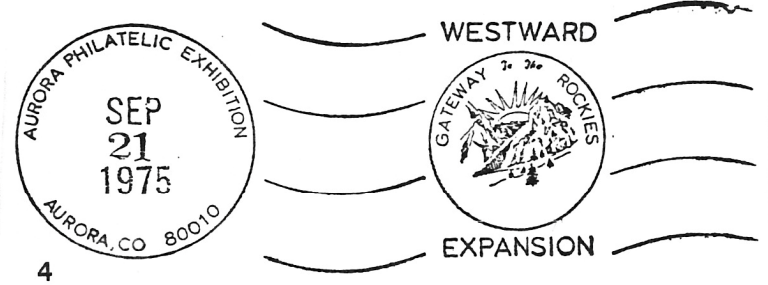
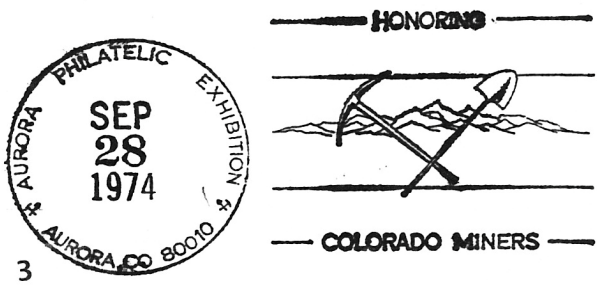
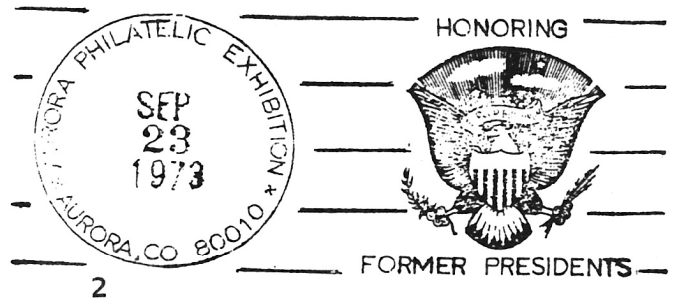
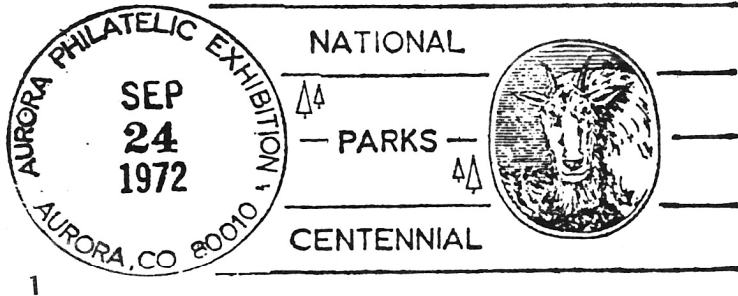
Sep 23 1972 - Sep 24 1972	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 22 1973 - Sep 23 1973	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 28 1974 - Sep 29 1974	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 20 1975 - Sep 21 1975	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 18 1976 - Sep 19 1976	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 17 1977 - Sep 18 1977	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 16 1978 - Sep 17 1978	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 6 1979 - Sep 9 1979	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 8 1980 - Sep 7 1980	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 12 1981 - Sep 13 1981	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 11 1982 - Sep 12 1982	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 10 1983 - Sep 11 1983	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 8 1984 - Sep 9 1984	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 7 1985 - Sep 8 1985	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 6 1986 - Sep 7 1986	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 12 1987 - Sep 13 1987	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 10 1988 - Sep 11 1988	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 9 1989 - Sep 10 1989	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 8 1990 - Sep 9 1990	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 7 1991 - Sep 8 1991	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 12 1992 - Sep 13 1992	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 11 1993 - Sep 12 1993	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 10 1994 - Sep 11 1994	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 9 1995 - Sep 10 1995	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 7 1996 - Sep 8 1996	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 6 1997 - Sep 7 1997	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 12 1998 - Sep 13 1998	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 11 1999 - Sep 12 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 9 2000 - Sep 10 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 8 2001 - Sep 9 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 7 2002 - Sep 8 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 6 2003 - Sep 7 2003	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 11 2004 - Sep 12 2004	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 10 2005 - Sep 11 2005	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AURORA, CO 80010 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 36.0	Pict Scene – Mountain goat; Text- NATIONAL/PARKS/CENTENNIAL	Sep 23 1972 Sep 24 1972
2	AURORA, CO 80010 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 34.0	Pict Scene - US coat of arms; Text - HONORING FORMER PRESIDENTS	Sep 23 1973 Sep 23 1973
3	AURORA, CO 80010 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 31.0	Pict Scene - mountains, pick and shovel; Text - HONORING COLORADO MINERS	Sep 28 1974
4	AURORA, CO 80010 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 31.0	Pict Scene - Logo; mountain scene with text GATEWAY to the ROCKIES; Text -, WESTWARD / EXPANSION	Sep 20 1975 Sep 21 1975
5	AURORA, CO 80010 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - Flying eagle and stars; Text - 1876 / CENTENNIAL / 1776 / BICENTENNIAL	Sep 18 1976
6	AURORA, CO 80012 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - Rising sun; Text - GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES / ONE OF AMERICA'S FASTEST / GROWING CITIES	Sep 17 1977 Sep 18 1977
7	AURORA CO. // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 33.0	Pict Scene - Bars with owl	Sep 16 1978 Sep 17 1978
8	AURORA CO. 80012 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 31.5	Pict Scene - City emblem (rising sun); Text - APEX VIII	Sep 8 1979 Sep 9 1979
9	AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX STATION CI 10P 32.0	Pict Scene - City emblem (rising sun); Text - Aurora Philatelic / Exhibition	Sep 6 1980
10	AURORA CO. 80012 // APEX - TEN IR 10P 33.0x24.0	Pict Scene - 19th century fancy cancels: dog's head, running chicken	Sep 12 1981
11	Aurora, CO 80012 // APEX Station SL 00R 35.0x22.0	Pict Scene - Fancy "75" & "50" (scouting anniversaries)	Sep 11 1982
12	AURORA, CO. 80012 // APEX STATION CI 10P 28.5	Pict Scene - Zeppelin in clouds; Text - 1933 - 1983 / ·A·P·E·X·	Sep 10 1983
13	AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION CI 10P 33.0	Pict Scene - Mountain profiles, clouds; / Text - ·A·P·E·X·	Sep 8 1984 Sep 9 1984
14	AURORA CO. 80012 // AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - School House; Text - 1885 - 1985 / Aurora Public Schools	Sep 7 1985 Sep 8 1985

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION - Continued



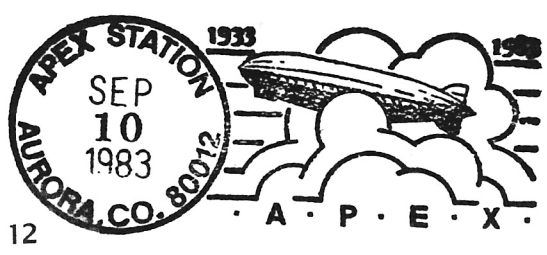
**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION - Continued**

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|------|---|------|---|-------------------------|
| 15 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 27.0 | Pict | Scene - Stylized Mountain profiles
and clouds; Text - 1886 1986 / APS :
The First Century | Sep 7 1986 |
| 16 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 29.0 | Pict | Scene - Stylized Mountain profiles
and clouds; Text - 1787 1987 / 200 YRS
: WE THE PEOPLE | Sep 12 1987 |
| 17 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 30.0 | Pict | Scene - Stylized Mountain profiles
and clouds; Text - 1949 1988 / 33 YRS :
COLLECTING THE EXTRAORDINARY | Sep 10 1988 Sep 11 1988 |
| 18 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX / STATION
IR 10P 28.0x34.0 | Pict | Scene - Mountain profiles and clouds;
Text - 1789 1989 / BELLS ACROSS AMERICA | Sep 9 1989 Sep 10 1989 |
| 19.1 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 29.0 | Pict | Scene - Stylized Mountain profiles
and clouds; Text - 1860 1990 / 130 Years
- PONY EXPRESS | Sep 8 1990 |
| 19.2 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 28.0 | Pict | Scene - Stylized Mountain profiles
and clouds; Text - 1860 1990 / 130 Years
- PONY EXPRESS | Sep 9 1990 |
| 20.1 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 31.0 | Pict | Text only - 4 bars with; AURORA,
COLORADO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY / 1991-1991 | Sep 7 1991 |
| 20.2 | AURORA CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 10P 31.0 | Pict | Text only - 4 bars with; AURORA,
COLORADO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY / 1991-1991 | Sep 8 1991 |
| 21.1 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 00R 29.0 | Hstp | No killer | Sep 12 1992 Sep 12 1992 |
| 21.2 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX STATION
CI 00R 29.0 | Hstp | No killer | Sep 13 1992 |
| 22.1 | Aurora CO 80012 // APEX Station
OV 10T 43.0x23.0 | Pict | Target, 5-ring 17mm | Sep 11 1993 |
| 22.2 | Aurora CO 80012 // APEX Station
OV 10T 43.0x23.0 | Pict | Target, 5-ring 17mm | Sep 12 1993 |
| 23.1 | AURORA, CO 80012 / APEX '94 Station
OV 10T 81x0x17.0 | Pict | Scene - World War II B-24 Liberator
bomber | Sep 10 1994 |
| 23.2 | AURORA, CO 80012 / APEX '94 Station
IR 00R 81.0x20.0 | Pict | Scene - World War II B-24 Liberator
bomber | Sep 11 1994 |
| 24.1 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX '95 STATION
IR 00R 55.0x30.0 | Pict | Scene - Camp Speer and Fitzsimons
postmarks: Text - FITZSIMONS ARMY
MEDICAL CENTER | Sep 9 1995 |
| 24.2 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX '95 STATION
IR 00R 55.0x30.0 | Pict | Scene - Camp Speer and Fitzsimons
postmarks: Text - FITZSIMONS ARMY
MEDICAL CENTER | Sep 10 1995 |
| 25.1 | AURORA / CO / APEX 96 / Station / 80012
IR 00R 68.0x45.0 | Pict | Scene - Jet fighter plane silhouette
with superimposed negative lettering | Sep 7 1996 |

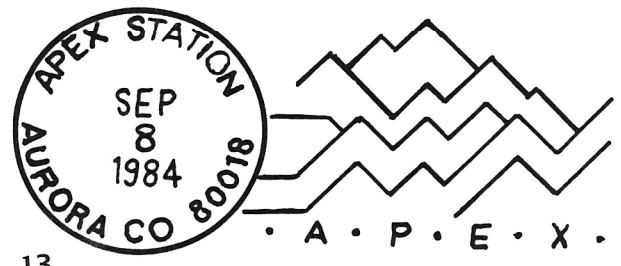
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AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION - Continued



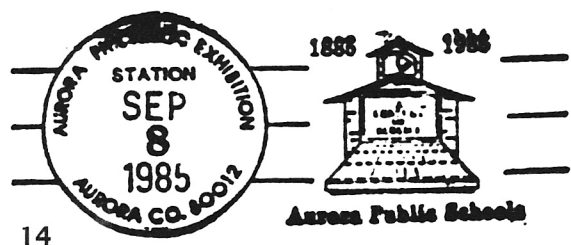
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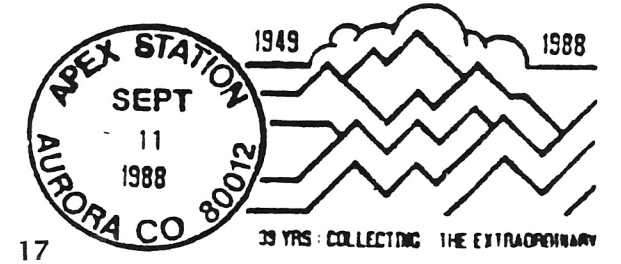
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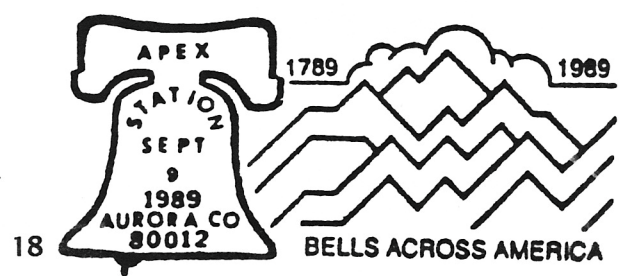
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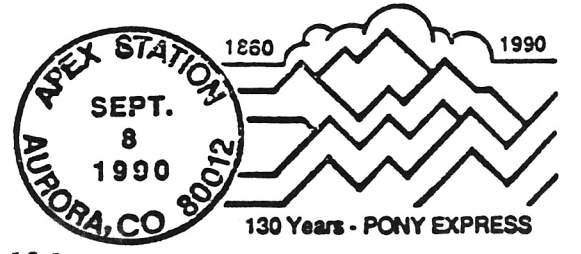
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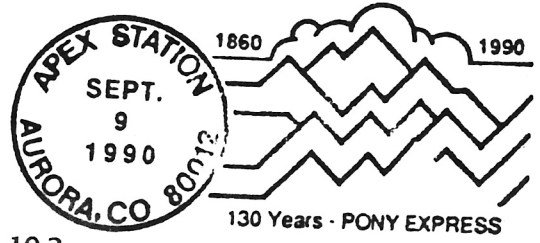
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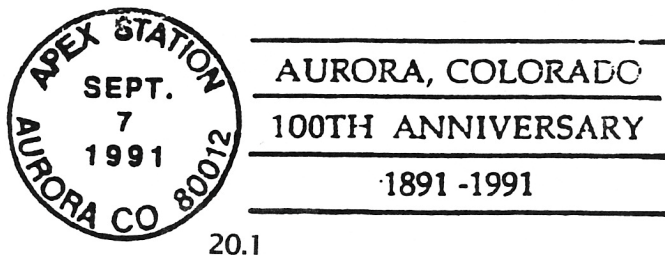


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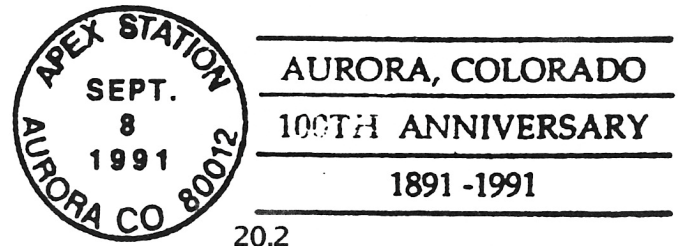


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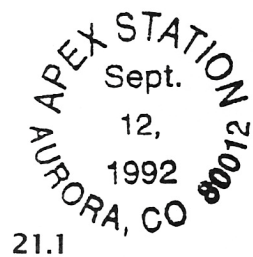
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AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued**



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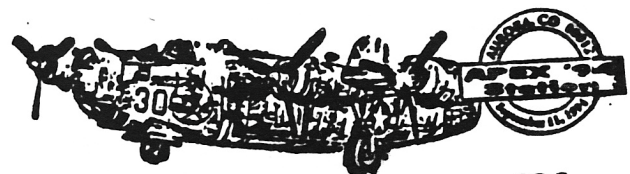
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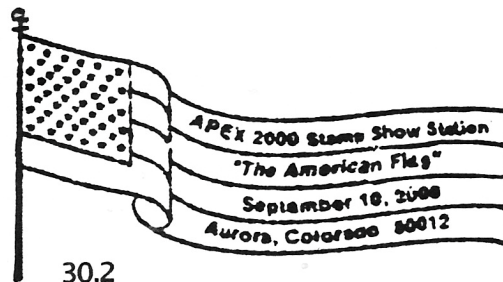
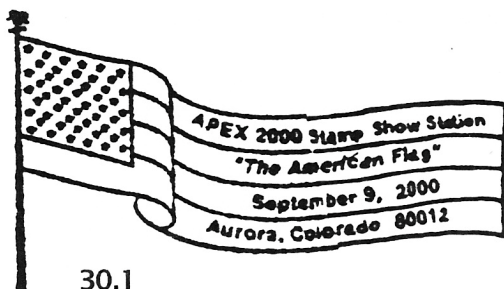
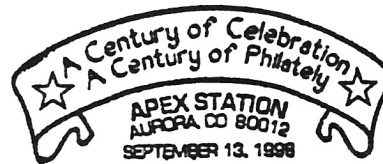
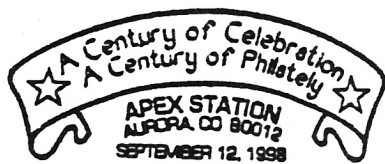
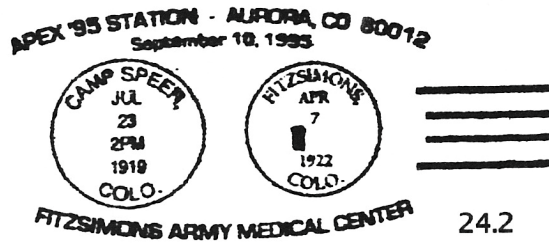
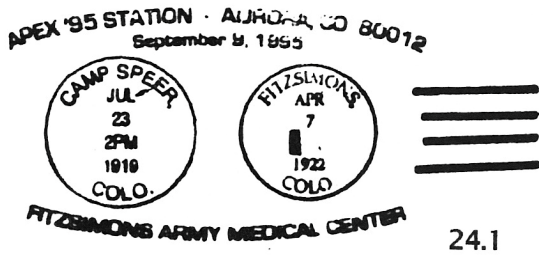
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| 25.2 | AURORA / CO / APEX 96 / Station / 80012
IR 00R 68.0x45.0 | Pict | Scene - Jet fighter plane silhouette
with superimposed negative lettering | Sep 8 1996 |
| 26.1 | Aurora, Co 80012 // APEX 97 Station
IR 00R 71.0x18.0 | Pict | Scene - Two World War II Corsair
fighter planes in flight | Sep 6 1997 |
| 26.2 | Aurora, Co 80012 // APEX 97 Station
IR 00R 71.0x18.0 | Pict | Scene - Two World War II Corsair
fighter planes in flight | Sep 7 1997 |
| 27.1 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX STATION
IR 00R 48.0X20.0 | Pict | Text in Ribbon - A Century of
Celebration / A Century of Philately;
stars at left and right, cachet | Sep 12 1998 |
| 27.2 | AURORA, CO 80012 // APEX STATION
IR 00R 48.0X20.0 | Pict | Text in Ribbon: A Century of
Celebration / A Century of Philately;
stars at left and right, cachet | Sep 13 1998 |
| 28 | Aurora, Colorado / 80012 / APEX '99 / Station
IR 00R 84.0X33.0 | Pict | Text: A Century of Celebration / 1940 | Sep 11 1999 |

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION - Continued



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AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued**



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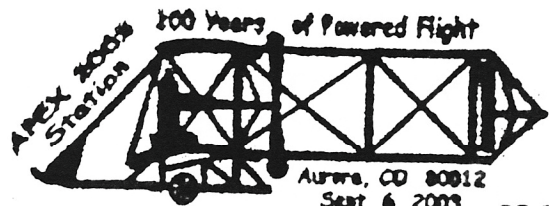
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Aurora, CO 80012

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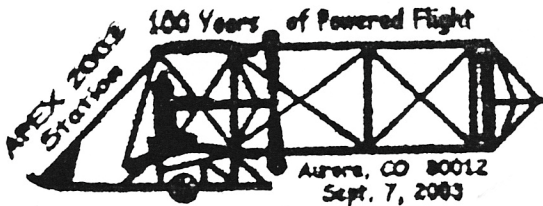
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Aurora, CO 80012

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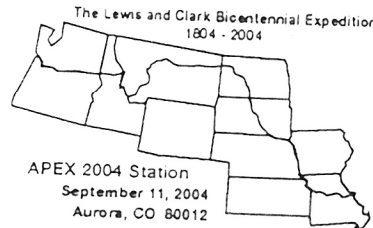
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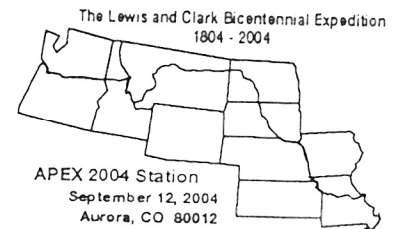
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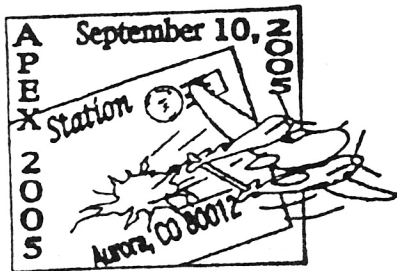
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September 11, 2004
Aurora, CO 80012

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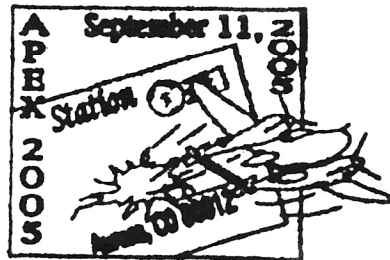


APEX 2004 Station
September 12, 2004
Aurora, CO 80012

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| 29 | Aurora, Colorado / 80012 / APEX '99 / Station
IR 00R 84.0X33.0 | Sep 11 1999
Pict Text A Century of Celebration / 1950 (This device was planned to be dated Sept. 12) |
| 30.1 | Aurora, Colorado 80012 // APEX 2000 Stamp Show Station
IR 00R 64.0X37.0 | Sep 9 2000
Pict Scene - Waving flag, "RR" ornament on flagpole; Text - "The American Flag" |
| 30.2 | Aurora, Colorado 80012 // APEX 2000 Stamp Show Station
IR 00R 64.0X37.0 | Sep 10 2000
Pict Scene - Waving flag, "???" ornament on flagpole; Text - "The American Flag" |
| 31.1 | AURORA, CO / 80012 // APEX 2001 Station
CI 10P 34.0 | Sep 8 2001
Pict Scene - CDS represents a baseball with stitching |

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued

AURORA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued

31.2	AURORA, CO / 80012 // APEX 2001 Station CI 10P 34.0	Pict	Scene - CDS represents a baseball with stitching	Sep 9 2001
32.1	Aurora, CO 80012 // APEX 2002 Station IR 00R 63.0x25.0	Pict	Scene - Teddy Bear at left	Sep 7 2002
32.2	Aurora, CO 80012 // APEX 2002 Station IR 00R 63.0x25.0	Pict	Scene - Teddy Bear at left	Sep 8 2002
33.1	Aurora, CO 80012 :: APEX 2003 / Station IR 00R 71.0x26.0	Pict	Scene - Wright Flyer in profile; - 100 Years of Powered Flight	Sep 6 2003 Sep 7 2003
33.2	Aurora, CO 80012 :: APEX 2003 / Station IR 00R 71.0x26.0	Pict	Scene - Wright Flyer in profile; - 100 Years of Powered Flight	Sep 6 2003 Sep 7 2003
34.1	Aurora, CO 80012 // APEX 2004 Station IR 00R 50.0X30.0	Pict	Scene - Map of expedition route; - The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Expedition / 1804 - 2004	Sep 11 2004
34.2	Aurora, CO 80012 // APEX 2004 Station IR 00R 50.0X30.0	Pict	Scene - Map of expedition route; - The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Expedition / 1804 - 2004	Sep 12 2004
35.1	Aurora, CO 80012 :: APEX 2005 / Station IR 00R 50.0X33.0	Pict	Scene - P-38 fighter flying through envelope and out of rectangular frame	Sep 10 2005
35.2	Aurora, CO 80012 :: APEX 2005 / Station IR 00R 50.0X33.0	Pict	Scene - P-38 fighter flying through envelope and out of rectangular frame	Sep 11 2005

AURORA STAMP CLUB STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 31 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Aurora, CO 80012 / Aurora Stamp Club Station IR 00R 57.0x28.0	Pict	Scene - Deep Sea Fish; Text - 2000 NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH / STAMP COOL / LECTING / APS Chapter 803 / YOUR WINDOW TO THE WORLD	Oct 31 2000
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AURORA 2000 GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE STATION

See the listing for Gateway to the Rockies Station

BIRTHDAY STATION

See Kids Spree Station

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued

CINCO DE MAYO STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

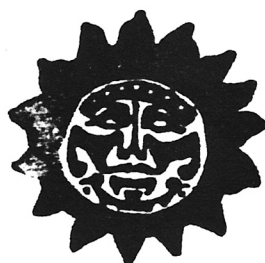
- May 6 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- May 5 2001 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | Aurora, CO 80010 // Cinco de Mayo / Celebration Station
IR 00R 54.0x40.0 | Pict Scene - Dancer | May 6 2000 |
| 2 | Aurora, CO 80010 // Cinco de Mayo Station
IR 00R 77.0x32.0 | Pict Scene - Sun Face | May 5 2001 |



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C P H S STATION (Colorado Postal History Society)

Chronology of the Post Office

- Nov 21 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | AURORA, CO (CPHS Sta.) / 80012
CI 10P 29.0 | Pict No killer | Nov 21 1992 |
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FALL MEETING STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Nov 20 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|---|-------------|
| 1 | AURORA, COLO. / 80014 :: FALL MEETING STATION
CI 10P 25.0 | Pict Waving flag with station name and text:
COLORADO POSTAL HISTORY / SOCIETY | Nov 20 1993 |
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AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued**GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION**

The Gateway to the Rockies Parade and Festival is an annual event in Aurora. Initially, the postmarks were identified as "Gateway to the Rockies Station." However, over the course of the years the name of the special commemorative station for the event has varied, depending in the theme of that year's event.

This section lists those special stations in chronological order, with the exceptions of the names/themes that have been recycled from time to time. The postal markings are presented as a single, chronological listing.

The station names are also listed in alphabetical sequence, with a cross-reference to this section.

Chronology of the Post Office**GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION**

Sep 17 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Sep 16 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Sep 17 2005 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

PARADE & FESTIVAL STATION

Sep 21 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Sep 21 2002 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Sep 18 2004 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

MARDI GRAS STATION

Sep 20 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

NIFTY FIFTIES STATION

Sep 19 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

HOLLYWOOD STATION

Sep 18 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

AURORA 2000 GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE STATION

Sep 16 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

"TV LAND" STATION

Sep 15 2001 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

PARADE & ARTS FESTIVAL STATION

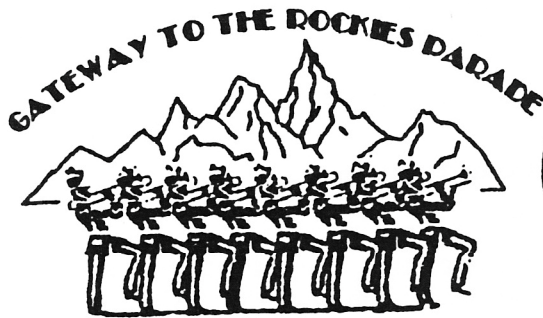
Sep 20 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

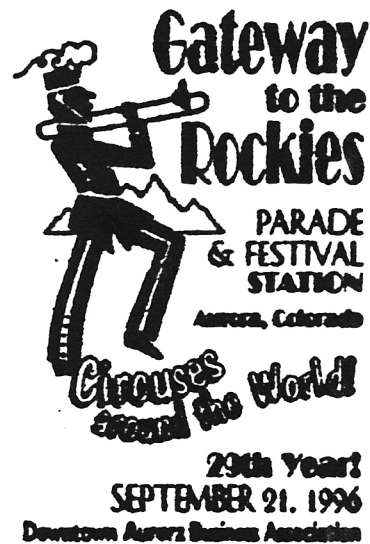
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| 1 | AURORA CO 80010 // GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION
CI 11P 31.0/22.0 | Sep 17 1994 Sep 17 1994
Pict Scene - Musicians on parade with
mountains: Text; GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES
PARADE |
| 2 | AURORA CO 80010 // GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION
CI 11P 33.0/21.0 | Sep 16 1995
Pict Scene - Musicians on parade with
mountains: Text; GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES
PARADE / HOMESTEAD CITY 1895 TO AURORA 1995 |
| 3 | Aurora, Colorado // PARADE / & FESTIVAL / STATION
IR 00R 45.0x70.0 | Sep 21 1996
Pict Scene - Marching trombonist, mountain
profile: text - Gateway / to the /
Rockies / Circuses / around the World
/ Downtown Aurora Business Association |
| 4 | AURORA, CO 80010 // Mardi Gras / STATION
IR 00R 40.0x40.0 | Sep 20 1997
Pict Scene - Marching trombone player,
Mardi Gras mask; text: Our 30th year
party/ Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE
& FESTIVAL / presents
A mixture of several fancy fonts |

**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION - Continued**

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| 5 | Aurora, CO 80010 // "Nifty Fifties" / STATION
IR 00R 37.0/38.0 | Pict Scene - Dancer; Text: Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE & FESTIVAL | Sep 19 1998 |
| 6 | Aurora, CO 80010 // "HOLLYWOOD" / STATION
IR 00R 34.0x38.0 | Pict Text - Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE & FESTIVAL (Uses Fancy lettering of different styles) | Sep 18 1999 |
| 7 | AURORA, CO 80010 // Aurora 2000 Gateway to the Future / Station
IR 00R 88.0x30.0 | Pict Scene - Three marching trombonists; Text - Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE & FESTIVAL | Sep 16 2000 |
| 8 | Aurora, CO 80010 // "TV LAND" / STATION
IR 00R 76.0/26.0 | Pict Scene - TV set; Text - Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE & FESTIVAL | Sep 15 2001 |
| 9 | AURORA CO 80010 // PARADE & FESTIVAL STATION
IR 00R 60.0/31.0 | Pict Scene - Marching trombone player; Text - Gateway to the Rockies | Sep 21 2002 |
| 10 | Aurora CO 80010 // Parade & Arts Festival Station
IR 00R 69.0x37.0 | Pict Scene - Marching drummer; Text - Gateway / to the / ROCKIES | Sep 20 2003 |
| 11 | Aurora CO 80010 // Parade & Festival Station
IR 00R 75.0x27.0 | Pict Scene - Mountains and marchers at left and right; Text - Gateway to the Rockies / PARADE | Sep 18 2004 |
| 12 | Aurora, CO 80110 // Parade & Festival Station
IR 00R 63.0x39.0 | Pict Scene - Marching drummer; Text - Gateway to the Rockies | Sep 17 2005 |



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AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES STATION - Continued



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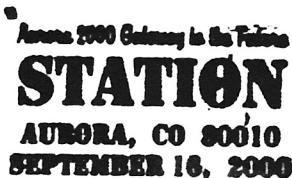
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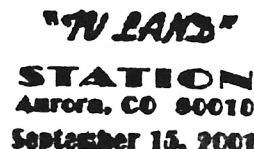
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HANUKKAH STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 24 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Aurora CO 80012-9998 // Hanukkah Station Dec 24 1997
- SL 00R 47.0x52.0 Pict Scene - Menorah; Text - At the Aurora Mall

**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
HANUKKAH STATION- Continued**

HOLLYWOOD STATION

See the listing for Gateway to the Rockies Station

HOMECOMING AT FITZSIMONS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 12 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Aurora. Co 80011 // Homecoming / at Fitzsimons / Station Sep 12 1998
IR 00R 36.0x38.0 Pict Scene - Main building at Fitzsimons
Hospital



**December 24, 1997
Hanukkah Station
At the Aurora Mall
Aurora CO 80012-9998**



**Homecoming
at Fitzsimons
Station
September 12, 1998
Aurora, Co 80011**

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INSTALLATION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 5 2001 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Aurora CO 80017-9998 // Installation Station Oct 5 2001
CI 00R 34.0 Pict Scene - Standing flag at left

J.S.B. RETIREMENT STATION

“J.S.B.” are the initials of John S. Broberg, a career Federal Aviation Admin. employee.

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 1 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 AURORA. CO 80012 // J.S.B.RETIREMENT STATION Oct 1 1995 Oct 1 1995
CI 31P 41/39.5/38.5/25 Pict Scene - Globe and symbols; Text:
Government Service - 42 years, 3 months/
Federal Aviation Administration -
July 5, 1959 - September 29, 1995

**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued
INSTALLATION STATION & J.S.B. RETIREMENT STATION – Continued**



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KIDS SPREE STATION

In 2000 the name of the station was "Birthday Station"

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 3 1996	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 27 1997	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 26 1998	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 24 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 22-23 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 22 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AURORA, CO 80012 // KIDS / SPREE STATION IR 00R 77.0x34.0	Pict Scene - Children at play	Aug 3 1996
2	Aurora, Colorado // KIDSPREE Station 80012 IR 00R 45.0x48.0	Pict Scene - Jesters cap; text - KIDSPREE / AURORA, CO	Jul 27 1997
3	Aurora, Colorado // KIDSPREE Station 80012 IR 00R 41.0x43.0	Pict Scene - Jesters cap; text - KIDSPREE / AURORA, CO	Jul 26 1998 Jul 26 1998
4	Aurora, Colorado // KIDSPREE Station 80012 IR 00R 45.0x47.0	Pict Scene - Jesters cap; text - KIDSPREE / AURORA, CO	Jul 24 1999
5.1	AURORA, CO 800412 // BIRTHDAY STATION SL 00R 37.0x79.0	Pict Scene - Fool's Cap and Sparklers at left; Text - KIDSPREE THE FESTIVAL FOR KIDS!	Jul 22 2000
5.2	AURORA, CO 80012 // BIRTHDAY STATION SL 00R 37.0x79.0	Pict Scene - Fool's Cap and Sparklers at left; Text - KIDSPREE THE FESTIVAL FOR KIDS!	Jul 23 2000
6	AURORA, CO 80012 // KIDSPREE STATION IR 00R 38.0x37.0	Pict Scene - Jesters cap; text - A SPLASH OF FUN	Jul 22 2001

AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
KIDS SPREE STATION - Continued



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KIDSPREE Station 80012
July 27, 1997 • Aurora, Colorado

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KIDSPREE Station 80012
July 26, 1998 • Aurora, Colorado

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KIDSPREE Station 80012
July 29, 1999 • Aurora, Colorado

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THE FESTIVAL FOR KIDS!
BIRTHDAY STATION
JULY 22, 2000
AURORA, CO 80012

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A SPLASH OF FUN
KIDSPREE STATION
JULY 22, 2001
AURORA, CO 80012

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THE FESTIVAL FOR KIDS!
BIRTHDAY STATION
JULY 23, 2000
AURORA, CO 80012

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KWANZAA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

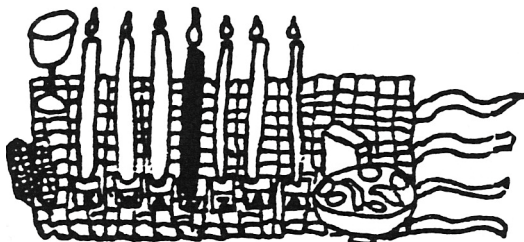
Dec 26 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA CO 80012 // KWANZAA STATION
IR 00R 70.0x45.0

Dec 26 1997

Pict Scene - Table setting with seven
candles



KWANZAA STATION
AURORA CO 80012
DECEMBER 26, 1997

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AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued

NIFTY FIFTIES STATION

See the listing for Gateway to the Rockies Station

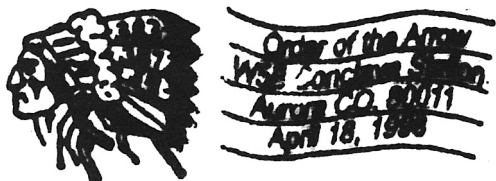
ORDER OF THE ARROW W5B CONCLAVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 18 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Aurora CO 80011 // W5B Conclave Station Apr 18 1998
IR 00R 64.0x23.0 Pict Scene - Indian Head at left, cds
within 5 wavy lines



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PARADE & ARTS FESTIVAL STATION

See the listing for Gateway to the Rockies Station

PARADE & FESTIVAL STATION

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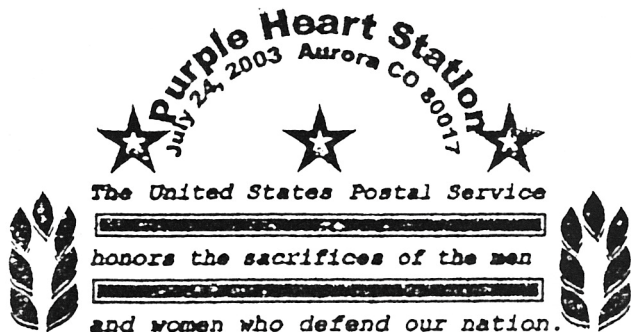
PURPLE HEART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 24 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Aurora CO 80017 // Purple Heart Station Jul 24 2003
IR 82.0x42.0 Pict Scene - Stars and ornaments; Text -
The United States Postal Service /
honors the sacrifices of the men / and
women who defend our nation.



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AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Aug 1 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Jul 31 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

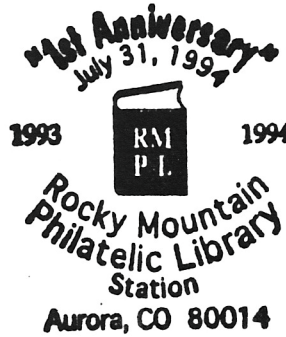
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| 1 | Aurora, CO 80014 // RMPL Station
CI 11T 26.0/15.0 | Aug 1 1993
Pict Scene - Book with text: "Grand Opening"
/ Rocky / Mountain / Philatelic Library |
| 2 | Aurora, CO 80014 // Rocky Mountain / Philatelic Library / Station
IR 00R 36.0x41.0 | Jul 31 1994 Jul 31 1994
Pict Scene - Library Logo; text - "1st
Anniversary" / 1993 1994 |



"Grand Opening"
Rocky Mountain
Philatelic Library



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SETTLIN' IN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 20 2007 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Aurora CO 80015 / Settlin' In Station
IR 10R 73.0x26.0 | Jul 20, 21 & 22 2007
Pict Scene - Various "Fair" symbols; Text -
Arapahoe County Fair // 2007 |
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Settlin' In Station
Arapahoe County Fair
July 20, 2007
Aurora CO 80015

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SOUTH AURORA PRIDE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Aug 26 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Aurora, CO 80013 // South Aurora Pride Fair Station
IR 00R 55.0x51.0 | Aug 26 1995
Pict Scene - Children dancing around
"May pole" |
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**AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued
SOUTH AURORA PRIDE STATION - Continued**

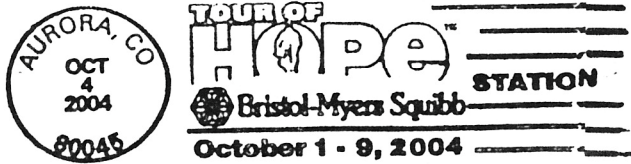
TOUR OF HOPE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 4 2004 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | AURORA, CO / 80045 :: TOUR OF / HOPE STATION
CI 10P 21.0 | Oct 4 2004
Pict Scene - None; Text - emblem,
Bristol-Myers Squibb / October 1-9, 2004 |
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Aurora, CO 80013
August 26, 1995

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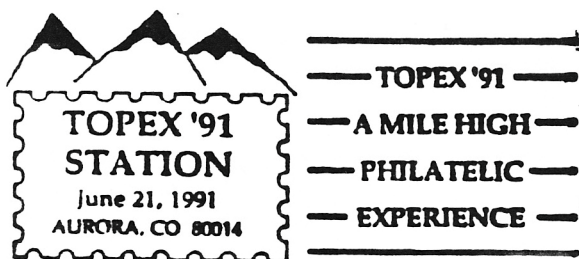
TOPEX '91 STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

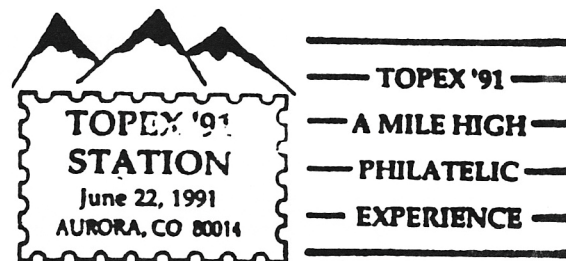
Jun 21 1993 - Jun 23 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

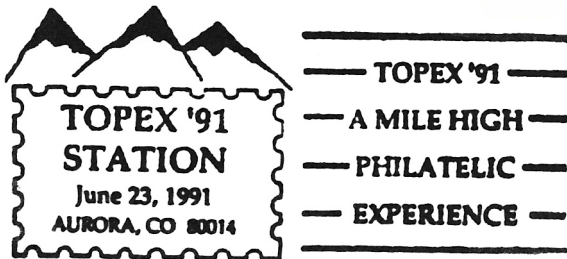
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| 1.1 | AURORA, CO 80014 // TOPEX '91 / STATION
IR 10P 35.0x22.0 | Jun 21 1991 Jun 21 1991
Pict Scene - Simulated stamp, mountains
above; Text in bars - 'TOPEX 91 / A MILE
HIGH / PHILATELIC / EXPERIENCE |
| 1.2 | AURORA, CO 80014 // TOPEX '91 / STATION
IR 10P 35.0x22.0 | Jun 22 1991
Pict Scene - Simulated stamp, mountains
above; Text in bars - TOPEX 91 / A MILE
HIGH / PHILATELIC / EXPERIENCE |
| 1.3 | AURORA, CO 80014 // TOPEX '91 / STATION
IR 10P 35.0x22.0 | Jun 23 1991 Jun 23 1991
Pict Scene - Simulated stamp, mountains
above; Text in bars - TOPEX 91 / A MILE
HIGH / PHILATELIC / EXPERIENCE |



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AURORA - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued
TOPEX '91 STATION – Continued

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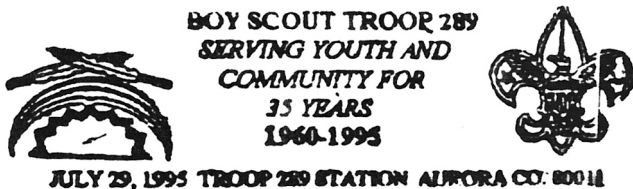
TROOP 289 STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 29 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA CO 80011 // TROOP 289 STATION Jul 29 1995 Jul 29 1995
 IR 00R 82.0x23.0 Pict Scene - Aurora City Seal, Boy Scout
 Badge; Text - BOY SCOUT TROOP 289 /
 SERVING YOUTH AND / COMMUNITY FOR / 35
 YEARS / 1960-1995



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"TV LAND" STATION

See the listing for Gateway to the Rockies Station

WAL*MART STATION (80012)

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA, CO / 80012 :: WAL*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999
 CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck,
 Bugs Bunny

WAL*MART STATION (80015)

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 AURORA, CO / 80015 :: WAL*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999
 CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck,
 Bugs Bunny

BARR

This community began as “Platte Summit.” When the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company laid tracks into the area in 1882-1883 the residents of Platte Summit changed the name of their town to “Barr City” to honor Mr. Barr, the railroad’s civil engineer. Although the town carried that name for several years, the post office, when established in 1883, was simply “Barr.”

In spite of having a railroad station and being in good farming and ranching country the town was very slow to develop.

By 1899 the “City” had been dropped from the name, but there was a creamery, several saloons, a boarding house and a blacksmith. The post office was in the general store belonging to Joseph A. Williamson, the postmaster.

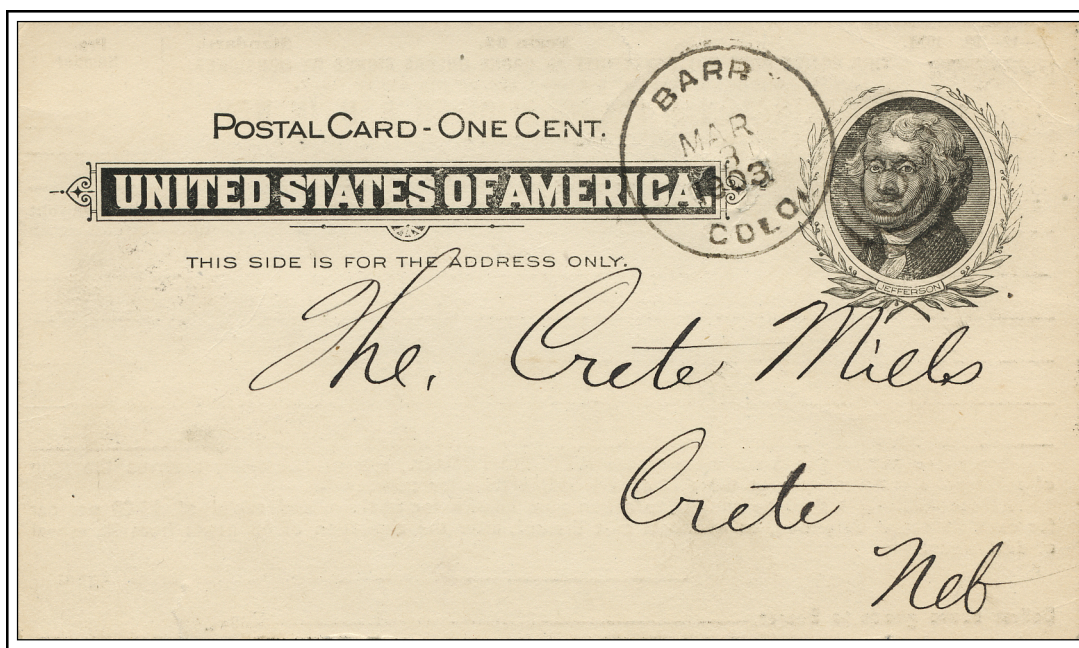
The Burlington Ditch and Reservoir Company was formed in 1884 and the Burlington Ditch was constructed in 1886. This ditch took water from the South Platte River and stored it in an artificial lake that was constructed just east of Barr City. From there the water was used to irrigate a large area east of Brighton and northeast of Barr. The reservoir was originally named Oasis Lake.

The lake offered another opportunity for Barr City—the development of a recreational and resort facility. In 1887 the Barr City Land Company was formed. On August 5, 1887 W. E. Alexander filed a town plat for Barr. The lake was renamed “Barr Lake” and a hotel was built alongside the lake. The Panic of 1893 hit hard and the resort failed to develop.

In 1903 The Burlington Ditch Company filed an application to enlarge the lake, increasing its capacity fourfold.

In 1907 the town changed its name to “Barr Lake” but it was not until 1914 that the post office name was changed.

To reach the site of Barr (Barr Lake), drive northeast from Denver on Interstate 76 to Exit 21 and go a short distance east on East 136th Avenue into the community of Barr Lake.



BARR / COLO. March 3, 1903

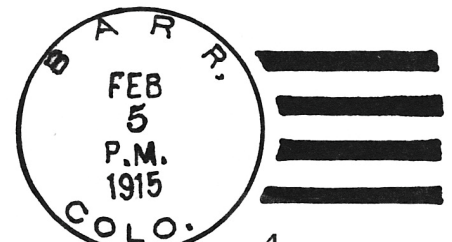
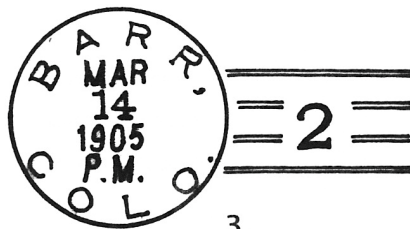
BARR – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 15 1883	Established
Jun 1 1883 ---	NW/4 Sec 28 T1S R66W Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, south side of station, 16 feet from track - Barr station Proposed postmaster - Frank J. Barger
Mar 15 1883	Barger, Frank J.
Feb 13 1884	Johnson, Willard B.
Jul 21 1884	McFaul, J. R.
Aug 8 1884	Dunn, Clarence E.
Jun 26 1888	Brown, June B.
Jun 11 1889	Lloyd, Henry
Jun 14 1900	Butler, O. P. M.
Jan 24 1895	Hamilton, Andrew
Oct 19 1895	Lahr, Tillie
Oct 9 1896	Wetherald, Caroline G.
Sep 13 1897	Williamson, Joseph A.
Nov 9 1897 ---	SW/4 Sec 21 T1S R66W 148 feet from B. & M. RR
Mar 6 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 21 T1S R66W 185 ft north of the C.B. & Q. RR
Oct 17 1914	Name changed to Barr Lake

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BARR / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target	Oct 18 1889 Nov 27 189-
2	BARR / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Mar 3 1903
3	BARR, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 2, S-25x13mm	Mar 14 1905 Dec 5 1911
4	BARR, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 5 1915



BARR LAKE

Barr Lake began life as a tiny community named “Platte Summit.” With the arrival of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Platte Summit became Barr City or simply Barr, named for a civil engineer that helped build the railroad.

In 1887 The Burlington Ditch Company created an artificial lake to the east of Barr. This became known as Barr Lake and by 1914 both the town and the post office had adopted the name of Barr Lake.

1964 newspaper reports indicate that the lake had been contaminated and was in need of reclamation. By 1975 the lake, when full, covered nearly 2,000 acres. In that year it became state property and in 1977 was opened to the public as Barr Lake State Park. The Park has not been extensively developed and today is one of the better bird and wildlife habitats in Colorado.

When I visited Barr Lake in 1999 the small community of Barr Lake was crowded between Interstate 76 and the lake. There were only a few small, unimpressive residences. However, considering its position, only three to four miles southeast of Brighton and on a major highway connection to Denver, development of the area seems a future possibility.

BARR LAKE – Continued

To reach the site of Barr Lake, drive northeast from Denver on Interstate 76 to Exit 21 and go a short distance east on East 136th Avenue into the community of Barr Lake.

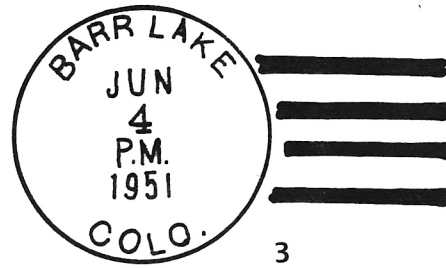
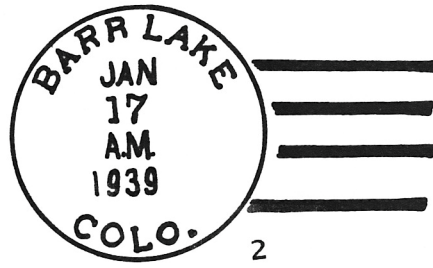
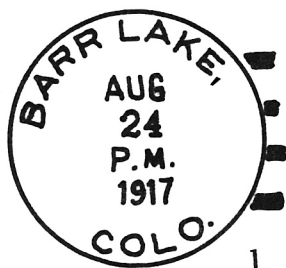
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Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 17 1914	Formerly named Barr	
Oct 17 1914	Williamson, Joseph A.	
Aug 26 1921	Anderson, Andrew F.	
Dec 7 1921	Fediam, Moses	
Feb 15 1924	Mail to Brighton Order rescinded	
Apr 29 1924	Degerness, Elizabeth	Acting
Jun 30 1924	Degerness, Elizabeth	Appointed
Aug 7 1924	Schroeder, Mary E.	
Dec 4 1924	Brown, Lena	Acting
Dec 15 1924	Brown, Lena	Appointed
May 24 1926 ---	SW/4 Sec 21 T1S R66W	170 feet northwest of the C.B.& Q. RR
Oct 5 1926	Miller, Millie M.	Acting
Nov 12 1926	Miller, Millie M.	Appointed
Nov 5 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 21 T1S R66W	Highway 10 feet southeast of post office
Aug 31 1952	Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BARR LAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Dec 29 1915 Aug 24 1917
2	BARR LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 22 1937 Apr 22 1947
3	BARR LAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 4 1951 Aug 31 1952

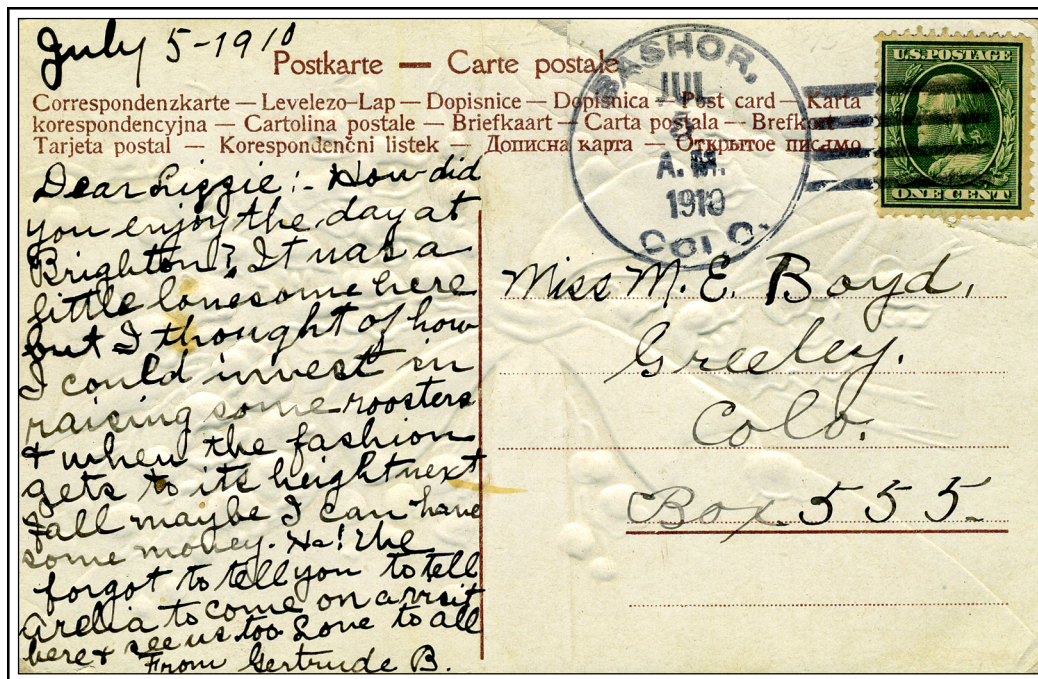
**BASHOR**

Bashor was a rural post office about fourteen miles east of Brighton. The area was and still is devoted to farming and ranching and there was no organized community.

During its short life Bashor had two postmasters: Gertrude Bashor and Hannah Bashor. Thus, the source of the name for the post office is obvious.

To reach the site of Bashor, drive northeast from Denver on Interstate 76 to Exit 22. Turn east on Bromley Lane (East 152nd Avenue). Go east 10 miles to Quail Run Road. In 1999 the last mile was unpaved but presented no problem. Also, the road sign was spelled "Quial." Turn north and go a mile and a half, passing East 160th Avenue. At that point, you can look west to Horse Creek Reservoir. At the time I was there, there was, from Quail Run Road, some visible evidence that there had been habitation at the edge of the lake. I assume that might be the location of Bashor. It is possible that the actual site of Bashor is now within the reservoir basin.

BARSHOR— Continued



BASHOR, / COLO.

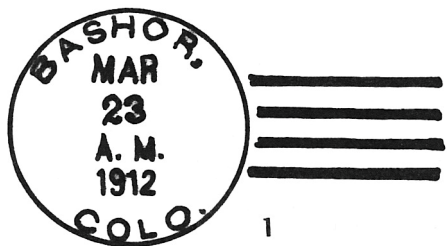
July 5, 1910

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 5 1909	Established
Mar 5 1900	Bashor, Gertrude
Dec 20 1910	Bashor, Hannah
Jul 31 1918	Discontinued Mail to Brighton

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 BASHOR, / COLO. Nov 23 1909 Oct 17 1916
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x14mm



BENNET / BENNETT

The original settlement here was first known as Kiowa, for nearby Kiowa Creek. In 1877 when the post office was acquired, there was already an active Kiowa Post Office in Colorado, thus another name was required. The new post office took the name of Bennet for Hiram P. Bennett. Whether by error, or for some other reason, the office name was spelled with only one “T” instead of the proper two. This error persisted until 1907 when the spelling was corrected to Bennett. From maps and other documents it appears that the town name was always spelled “Bennett” in spite of what the Post Office Department chose to do.

BENNET / BENNETT- Continued

A town plat for Bennett was filed on May 8, 1911 and the village was incorporated in 1930.

Hiram Pitt Bennett was postmaster of Denver from 1869 to 1874. He had earlier been chosen to be the delegate to Washington representing the unofficial Jefferson Territory. That position disappeared when Western Kansas became Colorado Territory.

There is another claim for the origin of the name. On the night of May 21, 1878 a flash flood washed out the railroad bridge over Kiowa Creek. An engine, tender and eighteen freight cars plunged into the creek. The engineer and fireman were killed. The claim is that the town was "renamed" for the widows of the trainmen, two sisters whose maiden names were Bennett. Another report claims that they were the daughters of Postmaster Bennett. The problem with this tale is that at the time of the flood the Bennet Post Office had already been in operation for over a year.

As Kiowa, the site was a popular stop on the stage route along the Fort Morgan Cut-Off Trail to Denver from Fort Morgan on the South Platte River. With the arrival of the Kansas Pacific Railroad in 1870 the site became a station and shipping point on the railroad. From then on, Bennett began to develop into a small community providing supplies for surrounding ranchers and farmers.

During the twentieth century Bennett continued to grow slowly but as the end of the century approached the growth began to accelerate. The construction of Interstate 70, the construction of the new Denver International Airport and the continuing eastward expansion of the Denver Metropolitan Complex have contributed to turning Bennett into more of a residential community. Bennett still serves ranchers and farmers in eastern Adams and Arapahoe Counties, but new businesses are directed more towards a growing commuter population.

Bennett is at Exit 304 from Interstate 70.

Latitude = 39:45:32 North Longitude = 104:26:37 West



BENNET / COLO

April 22, 1887

BENNET / BENNETT- Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

BENNET

Feb 26 1877 --- SW/4 Sec 26 T3S R63W
At Kiowa Creek. On Kansas Pacific RR, 200 yards south

Mar 16 1877 Established

Mar 16 1877 Smith, George W.

Oct 20 1885 Shafler, William O.

Jul 12 1888 Dunne, Samuel C.

Aug 6 1891 Putnam, Frank S.

Sep 22 1892 Kelley, George V. Declined

Jan 5 1895 Mack, George C.

Feb 25 1895 --- E/2 NW/4 Sec 26 T3S R63W 300 yards west of Kiowa Creek
Office is 1/2 mile from U.P. track on north side

Jun 1 1907 Spelling changed to Bennett

BENNETT

Jun 1 1907 Formerly spelled Bennet

Jun 1 1910 Gibson, Effie G.

Dec 3 1910 Spohr, Richard L.

Dec 11 1913 Tripp, Jesse T.

Feb 23 1914 --- SW/4 Sec 27 T3S R63W 1 mile west of Kiowa creek

Dec 19 1918 Elder, Agnes M. Presidential Jul 1, 1921

Jan 30 1923 Ward, Agnes M.

May 29 1926 --- SW/4 Sec 27 T3S R63W
1 mile west of Kiowa Creek. 368 feet north of the Union Pacific

Jan 17 1929 Ward, Agnes M.

Jan 22 1931 Ward, Agnes M.

Mar 7 1934 Griffin, George M. Appointed

May 09 1935 Steffen, Faye P. Confirmed

May 15 1935 Steffen, Faye P. Appointed

Jun 4 1935 Steffen, Faye P. Assumed charge

Jun 23 1938 Griffin, George M. Appointed

Aug 04 1939 Steffen, Faye P. Nominated

Aug 5 1939 Steffen, Faye P. Confirmed

Aug 9 1939 Steffen, Faye P. Appointed Presidential

Sep 22 1939 Steffen, Faye P. Commissioned

Sep 30 1939 Steffen, Faye P. Assumed charge

Oct 23 1941 --- Center Sec 27 T3S R63W
Union Pacific Station 450 feet southwest of post office

Sep 29 1942 Griffin, George M. Appointed

Nov 15 1942 Griffin, George M. Assumed charge

Mar 31 1949 Miller, Clyde William Acting

Jul 7 1950 Miller, Raymond G. Appointed

Feb 25 1966 Steele, Maxine A. Acting

Jan 23 1967 Steele, Maxine A. Nominated

Jun 26 1967 Steele, Maxine A. Confirmed

Jun 26 1967 Steele, Maxine A. Appointed

Jul 7 1967 Steele, Maxine A. Commissioned

Jul 14 1967 Steele, Maxine A. Assumed charge

Jun 26 1972 Bachelder, Ray Officer in charge

Sep 22 1972 Montoya, Alfonso G. Officer in charge

May 12 1973 Bowman, Donald R. Appointed

May 25 1979 Bartholomew, Loretta Officer in charge

Nov 3 1979 Torres, Joe F. Appointed

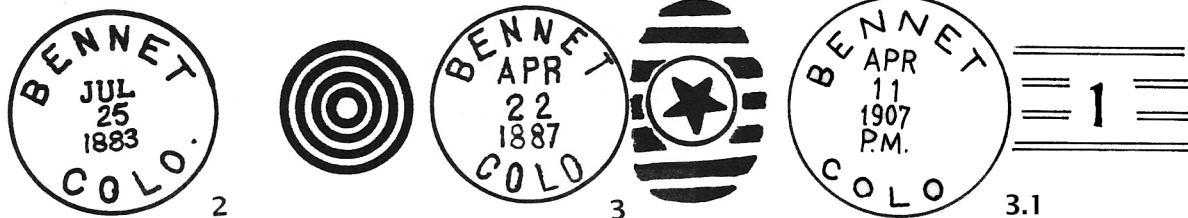
May 1 1980 Holmes, Earl Officer in charge

Jul 1 1980 Porresco, Daniel Officer in charge

BENNET / BENNETT- Continued
Confirmed types of postal markings

BENNET

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| 1 | BENNET / COLO.
CI 21P 32.0/31.0/19.0 | May 28 1882
Hstp Fancy star
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] |
| 2 | BENNET / COLO.
CI 10P 26.5 | Jul 25 1883 Jan 27 1884
Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm |
| 3 | BENNET / COLO.
CI 10P 25.0 | Apr 22 1887 Jan 1 1888
Dplx Grid, oval with star |
| 3.1 | BENNET / COLO.
CI 10P 29.0 | May 5 1906 May 10 1907
Doane Type 2 with 1, S-23x14mm |

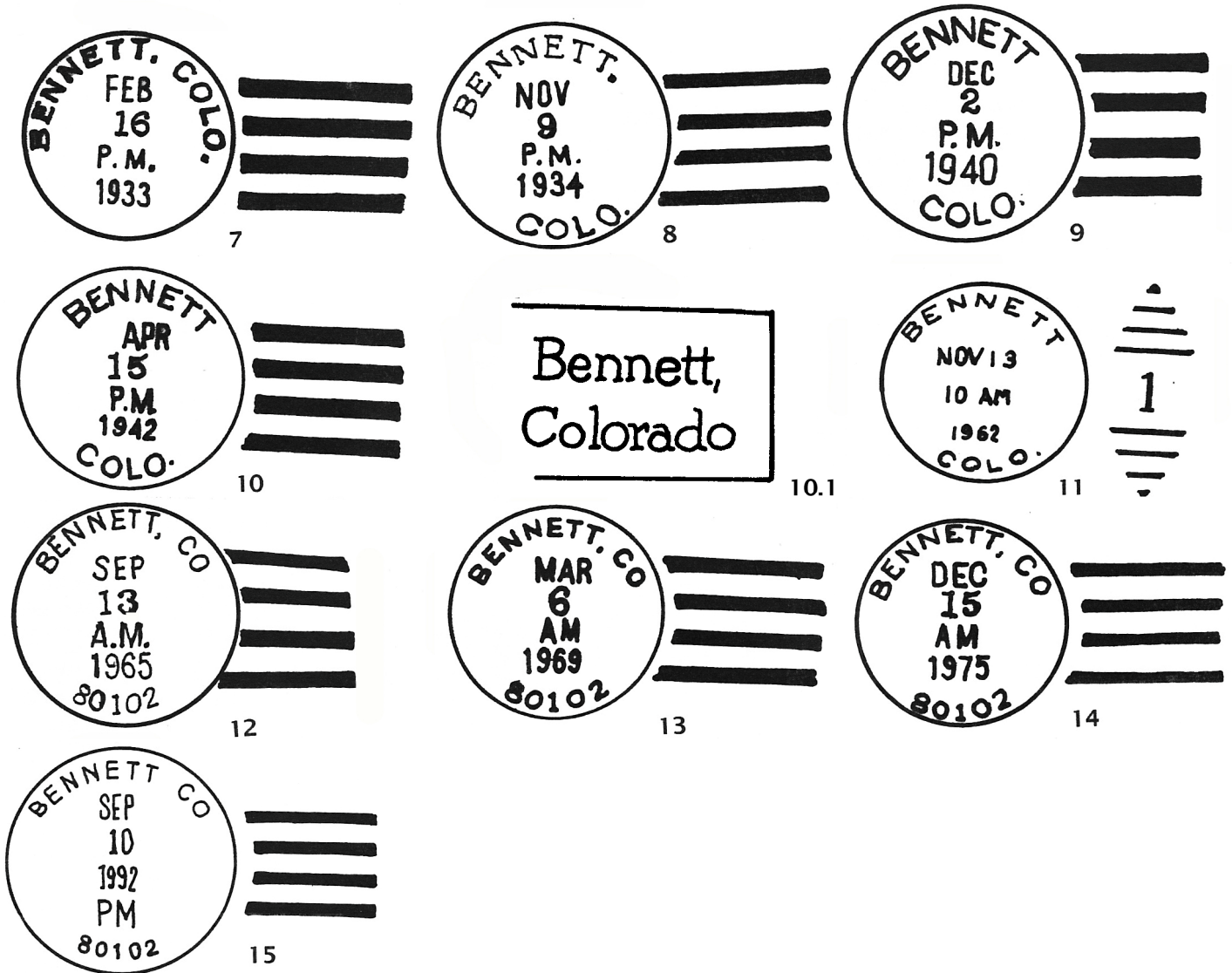


BENNETT

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| 4 | BENNETT / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Feb 24 1898
Hstp Cork, smudge |
| 5 | BENNETT, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | Aug 29 1907 Jul 8 1912
4bars P-25x13mm |
| 6 | BENNETT / COLO.
CI 10P 29.0 | Aug 17 1923
Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval |
| 7 | BENNETT, COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | Feb 16 1933 Mar 15 1933
4bars P-25x19mm |
| 8 | BENNETT. / COLO.
CI 10P 34.0 | Nov 9 1934 Dec 31 1938
4bars S-25x20mm |
| 9 | BENNETT / COLO.
CI 10P 37.0 ?? | Mar 24 1940 Sep 12 1941
4bars S-??x21mm, distorted or damaged |
| 10 | BENNETT / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | Apr 15 1942 Mar 30 1943
4bars S-24x19mm |
| 10.1 | Bennett, / Colorado
RC 10P ?x26.0 | --- -- 1940s
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style |
| 11 | BENNETT / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Oct 12 1944 Mar 15 1965
Dplx Grid, diamond with 1 |
| 12 | BENNETT, CO / 80102
CI 10P 33.0 | Jun 6 1965 Aug 2 1968
4bars S-??x20mm |
| 13 | BENNETT, CO / 80102
CI 10P 32.0 | Mar 6 1969 Sep 8 1970
4bars S-24x18mm |
| 14 | BENNETT, CO / 80102
CI 10P 31.0 | Dec 15 1975 Apr 12 1990
4bars S-23x18mm |
| 15 | BENNETT CO / 80102
CI 10P 30.0 | Sep 10 1992 Apr 17 1995
4bars S-20x15mm |



BENNET / BENNETT- Continued



BIRD

Bird was intended to be a post office located on the Kansas Pacific (Union Pacific) Railroad. Its brief history, as found in Post Office Department records, make it seem very likely that it was never in operation.

Based on the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, I place the location on the north side of the railroad and the west side of Chambers Road. In 1998 that area was largely undeveloped, but it is in an area that is being developed for light industrial use.

The Bird Post Office is closely related to the Duff Post Office, which was in the same general area. Please refer to the Duff Post Office for a deeper discussion of the relationship of these two post offices.

The Geographic Site Location Report suggested the name "Birch," which was rejected.

BIRD - Continued**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 3 1880 ---	NE/4 Sec 30 T3S R66W 1/2 mile north of Sand Creek. On a railroad north side and at Magnolia Station Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Agness Edinger
Aug 4 1880	Established
Aug 4 1880	Edinger, Agnes
Oct 4 1880	Edinger, Agnes
?	Discontinued No date available for a discontinuance
Oct 4 1880	Reestablished Discontinuance probably rescinded, not shown in records
Nov 22 1880	Discontinued May have never operated

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BIRD

BRIGHTON

In 1879 the name of the Hughes Post Office was changed to Brighton.

Daniel F. Carmichael, a resident of Denver and engaged in real estate, owned a farm at Hughes. He platted the property and the new town was named Brighton. Most sources attribute the selection of the name to Mrs. Carmichael whose hometown was Brighton, Massachusetts. A couple of sources claim her hometown was Brighton Beach, New York.

Brighton was incorporated in 1887 and grew into an important commercial center north of Denver, along the road to Greeley. For many years it was the junction point for the Denver Pacific Railroad and the Denver and Boulder Railroad. It is still on the Union Pacific Railroad from Denver to Cheyenne, but the Denver and Boulder has been gone for many years.

On April 15, 1901 the Colorado Legislature authorized the establishment of Adams County and Brighton was selected as the county seat, a position it still maintains.

Brighton has continued to develop and has become a major commercial center and suburb northeast of Metropolitan Denver.

Brighton is located on US Highway 85, northeast of Denver and just south of the Adams-Weld County Line.

Latitude = 39:59:07 North Longitude = 104:49:12 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 28 1871 ---	NW/4 Sec 6 T1S R66W 1/4 mile east of the South Platte River. Near junction of Denver Pacific and Boulder Valley Railroads (sketch map)
Aug 4 1879	Formerly named Hughes
Aug 4 1879	Bush, Andrew M.
Jan 9 1884	Strong, Dewey W.
Sep 13 1886	MacKeon, James
Feb 13 1890	Fowler, James M.
Feb 13 1889	Fowler, James M. Note different year from previous record group
Mar 14 1892	Stewart, Charles S.
Sep 30 1892	Strong, Emory M.
Oct 7 1893	Long, Lorin T.
May 27 1896 ---	SW/4 Sec 6 T1S R66W 490 feet southwest of Union Pacific depot
Oct 11 1897	Schoonmaker, David
Nov 19 1903	Cambell, Robert S.
Dec 11 1907	Cambell, Robert S. P&S

BRIGHTON - Continued

Jan 16 1912	Cambell, Robert S.	P&S
Feb 18 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 7 T1S R66W 3/4 mile east of South Platte River, 260 feet west of Union Pacific tracks	
Jan 11 1916	Chancellor, Thomas J.	P&S
Jun 17 1921	Hackley, Clyde L.	Acting
Nov 15 1921	Hackley, Clyde L.	Appointed, P&S
Jun 23 1924	Alexander, Robert C.	Acting
Dec 13 1924	Alexander, Robert C.	Reg
May 25 1926 ---	SW/4 Sec 6 T1S R66W 4/10 mile east of the South Platte River, 510 feet west from Union Pacific tracks	
Dec 12 1927	Alexander, Robert C.	Acting
May 5 1928	Merrill, Walter P.	
Sep 18 1929	Hulen, Albert P.	
Feb 10 1934	Griffin, George M.	Nominated
Mar 07 1934	Griffin, George M.	Confirmed
Mar 27 1934	Griffin, George M.	Commissioned
Jun 07 1938	Griffin, George M.	Nominated
Jun 08 1938	Griffin, George M.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938	Griffin, George M.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 19 1938	Griffin, George M.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 6 T1S R66W Union Pacific Station 1165 feet northeast of post office	
Aug 06 1942	Griffin, George M.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Griffin, George M.	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942	Griffin, George M.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942	Griffin, George M.	Commissioned
Apr 01 1949	Miller, Clyde W.	Acting
Jun 16 1950	Miller, Raymond G.	Nominated
Jun 29 1950	Miller, Raymond G.	Confirmed
Jul 07 1950	Miller, Raymond G.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 07 1950	Miller, Raymond G.	Commissioned
Aug 31 1950	Miller, Raymond G.	Assumed charge
Nov 1 1980	McMullen, Harry J.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BRIGHTON / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Sep 7 188- May 24 1882
2	BRIGHTON, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	18mm Dec 19 1882
3	BRIGHTON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, partial double grid	Nov 24 1894 Jun 5 1895
4	BRIGHTON, / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Nov 15 1892 Mar 30 1899
5	BRIGHTON / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Sep 23 1907 Dec 19 1914
6	BRIGHTON, COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Flag 13-star waving flag	Dec 30 1922
7	BRIGHTON / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 & circle	Mar 21 192- Dec 10 1929
8	BRIGHTON, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer, on registered mail receipt	Sep 22 1948
9	BRIGHTON, COLO. CI 10P 20.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 19 1931 Jul 2 1957
10	BRIGHTON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jan 22 1951

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BRIGHTON - Continued

11	BRIGHTON, COLO. CI 11P 35.0/27.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 27 1962 Oct 3 1963
11.1	BRIGHTON, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 20 1965
12	BRIGHTON, COLO. CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Rolr 7 wavy lines	Jul 20 1965 Sep 11 1967
13	BRIGHTON, CO / 80601 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 4 1966 Mar 29 1969
14	BRIGHTON, CO / 80601 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Dec 14 1975
15	BRIGHTON, CO / 806 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 29 1977 Jul 3 1990
16	BRIGHTON, CO / 806 CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: MAIL EARLY-/ ALWAYS USE / ZIP CODE	Feb 9 1978
17	BRIGHTON, CO / 806 CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: BRIGHTON, COLORADO / FIRST 100 YEARS / 1887-1987	Feb 1 1987 Mar 30 1987
18	BRIGHTON, CO 806 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 6 1988 May 21 1991
19	BRIGHTON, CO / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1992
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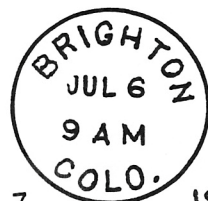
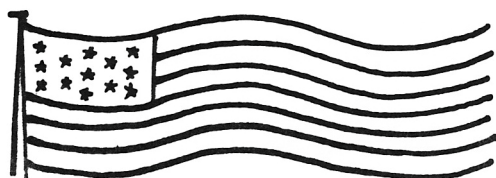
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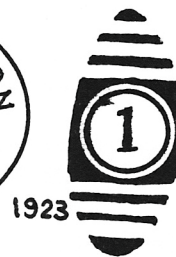
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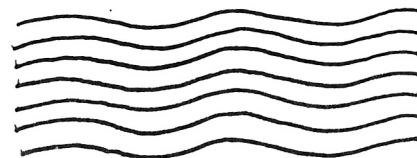
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BRIGHTON – STATIONS - Continued
ADAMS COUNTY CENTENNIAL STATION - Continued



NOVEMBER 15, 2002
ADAMS COUNTY CENTENNIAL STATION
BRIGHTON, CO 80601

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BRIGHTON CENTENNIAL HERITAGE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 4 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | BRIGHTON, CO 80601 // HERITAGE STATION
SL 00R 41.0x17.0 | Jul 4 1987
Pict Scene - Circle at left w/mountains,
oil well, grain; Text – BRIGHTON CENTENNIAL |
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BILL PICKETT INVITATIONAL RODEO STATION

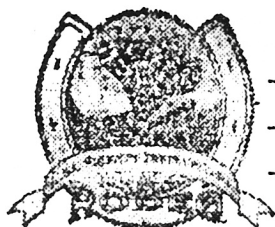
The announcement for this special postmark indicated that it was to be available only for August 20, 2005. The illustration on the examples received with that date was little more than a blur. An announcement was issued stating that a revised version was available. However, strikes of the revised postmark bear the date of August 21, 2005.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 20 2005 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Aug 21 2005 Date of revised postmarks

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | Brighton, CO 80601 // Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo Station
IR 00R 87.0X29.0 | Aug 20 2005
Pict Scene – Bill Pickett in horseshoe; Text – Bill
Pickett Invitational / RODEO |
| 2 | Brighton, CO 80601 // Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo Station
IR 00R 87.0X29.0 | Aug 21 2005
Pict Scene – Bill Pickett in horseshoe; Text – Bill
Pickett Invitational / RODEO [REVISED VERSION] |



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BRIGHTON – STATIONS - Continued

WAL*MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BRIGHTON, CO / 80601 :: WAL*MART / STATION CI 10P 24.0	Apr 17 1999 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny
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BUNNELL

A little more than two months after it was established, the name of the Camp Speer Post Office was changed to Bunell. I have found no reason for the change in name and it seems an odd choice for a post office that was located within the grounds of a military facility.

The post office operated as Bunell for three years at which time the name was changed again, to Fitzsimons, reflecting that the facility was now known as United States Army Fitzsimons General Hospital.

The location of Bunell was within the hospital grounds, on the north side of Colfax Avenue and east of Peoria Street.

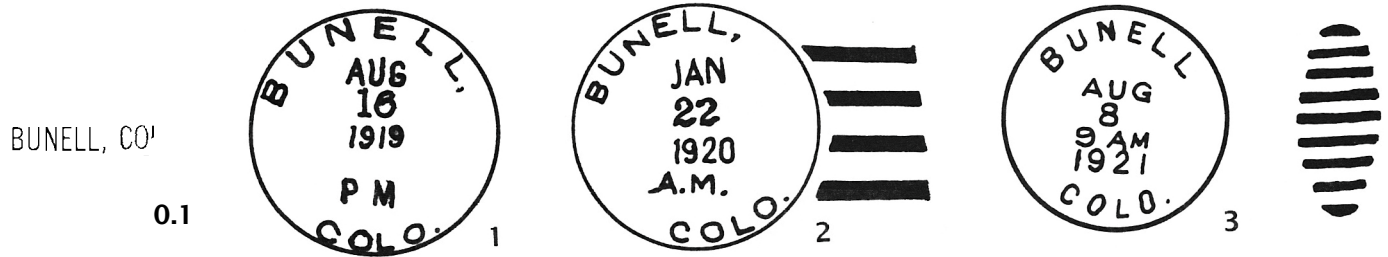
Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 6 1918	--	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R67W United States General Army Hospital No. 21 1/2 mile north of the county boundary	
Feb 14 1919		Formerly named Camp Speer	
Feb 14 1919		Spuhr, John B.	Presidential Jul 1, 1920
Sep 30 1920		Reiwitz, Wolf	Acting
Jul 13 1921		Walborn, L. E.	
Nov 2 1921		Moved to Fitzsimons	

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	BUNELL, COL -- SL ??x3.0	Partially off envelope	--- -- 1910s -1920s
1	BUNELL, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars Not present	Aug 16 1919 Aug 25 1919
2	BUNELL, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-??x20mm	Sep 22 1919 Oct 16 1920
3	BUNELL / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Aug 8 1921 Oct 4 1921

BUNELL- Continued



CAMP SPEER

Camp Speer was the first post office to serve the military reservation that would become the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. The facility was initially known as the United States General Army Hospital Number 21.

After less than three months the name of the post office was for an unknown reason changed to "Bunell." Perhaps Camp Speer was no longer the accepted designation for the Military Reservation.

The location described in the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report places the Camp Speer Post Office within the grounds of the Military Reservation.

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 5 1918	Established
Dec 6 1918	--- SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R67W United States General Army Hospital No. 21 1/2 mile north of the county boundary
Dec 5 1918	Spuhr, John B.
Feb 14 1919	Name changed to Bunell

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP SPEER

COMANCHE

Comanche was an early twentieth century rural post office seventeen miles north of Strasburg and a mile south of the Adams-Weld County Line.

It was named for the Comanche Indian Tribe of the southern plains.

Theodore Thaden and his family began a campaign to establish a "full service" farm community in an otherwise sparsely populated area. A combination drug-tobacco-candy store, a grocery store and a post office were built. The venture struggled and eventually the Thaden's gave up on the effort.

The Post Office Department Records raise some questions about the history of the Comanche Post Office. The post office was ordered closed in September 1911. But, a Geographic Site Location Report was filed in early 1914 and postmarks are known from the period of 1912-1915. Thus it appears that the closing order was rescinded and Comanche was in operation from 1911 to 1923. Theodore M. Thaden is the only postmaster of record.

Begin at Strasburg and follow the directions to Living Springs, then continue north on Headlight Road (a total of eighteen miles from Strasburg) to East 160th Avenue. Turn east on East 160th. There is a very old building [1997] just beyond the turn and a half-mile to the east there is an old brick building on the north side of the road.

Latitude = 39:59:08 North Longitude = 104:18:00 West

COMANCHE - Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 18 1911 --- SE/4 Sec 2 T1S R62W Comanche Creek 1/2 mile east of post office
Jul 6 1911 Established
Jul 6 1911 Thaden, Theodore M.
Sep 28 1911 Ordered closed
Feb 25 1914 --- SE/4 Sec 2 T1S R62W 3/4 mile west of Comanche Creek
Oct 31 1923 Discontinued Mail to Strasburg

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COMANCHE / COLO. Feb 6 1912 Feb 16 1915
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm



**Abandoned building at the location of the Comanche, Colorado Post Office.
Photograph by William H. Bauer October 15, 1997**

COMMERCE CITY

In 1910 the Commerce City Post Office began as the Derby Post Office. It was known by that name until 1963 when the name was changed to Commerce City.

Over the years the area developed as an industrial and commercial center with a small residential component. In 1952 a section was incorporated as "Commerce Town." In 1962 Commerce Town annexed a portion of Derby and promoted itself to "Commerce City." Within a year the name of the Derby Post Office had been changed to Commerce City. And, at about the same time, the nearby Adams City Post Office became a Branch of Commerce City.

This descriptively named suburb of Denver is the location of numerous oil refineries, grain elevators and other industrial activities.

In 1999 the Commerce City Post Office was in a modern brick building on the west side of Magnolia Street, just south of East 73rd Avenue. This is the same general area that was described for the Derby Post Office.

Chronology of the Post Office

	Name changed from Derby in 1963, subsequent to the period covered by the Geographic Site Location Reports	
Feb 1 1963	Formerly named Derby	
Apr 8 1977	Buchanan, Howard J.	Officer in charge
Mar 11 1978	Camilli, Francis B.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COMMERCE CITY, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 1 1963 Oct 29 1965
1.1	COMMERCE / CITY, COLO. RC 10P 35.0X17.5	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1960s
2	COMMERCE CITY, COLO. CI 11P 31.0/22.5	Rolr 5 wavy lines	Jun 14 1963 Aug 23 1968
3	COMMERCE CITY, CO / 80022 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 22 1966 Sep 12 1967
4	COMMERCE CITY, CO / 80022 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 22 1970 Dec 15 1970
5	COMMERCE CITY, CO 80022 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Rolr 6 wavy lines	Feb 26 196- Dec 13 1975
6	COMMERCE CITY, CO / USPO CI 11P 27.5/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 24 1981 Oct 31 1981
7	COMMERCE CITY, CO / USPS CI 11P 27.0/17.5	Hstp No killer	Apr 15 1987 Apr 15 1989
8	COMMERCE CITY, CO / 80022 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 28 1987
9	COMMERCE CITY CO / 80022 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jan 15 1993 Jan 15 1993
9.1	COMMERCE CITY CO 80022 / USPS CI 11P 27.0/17.5	Hstp No killer	May 27 1993
10	COMMERCE CITY CO 80022 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/22.0	Hstp No killer	May 4 1999

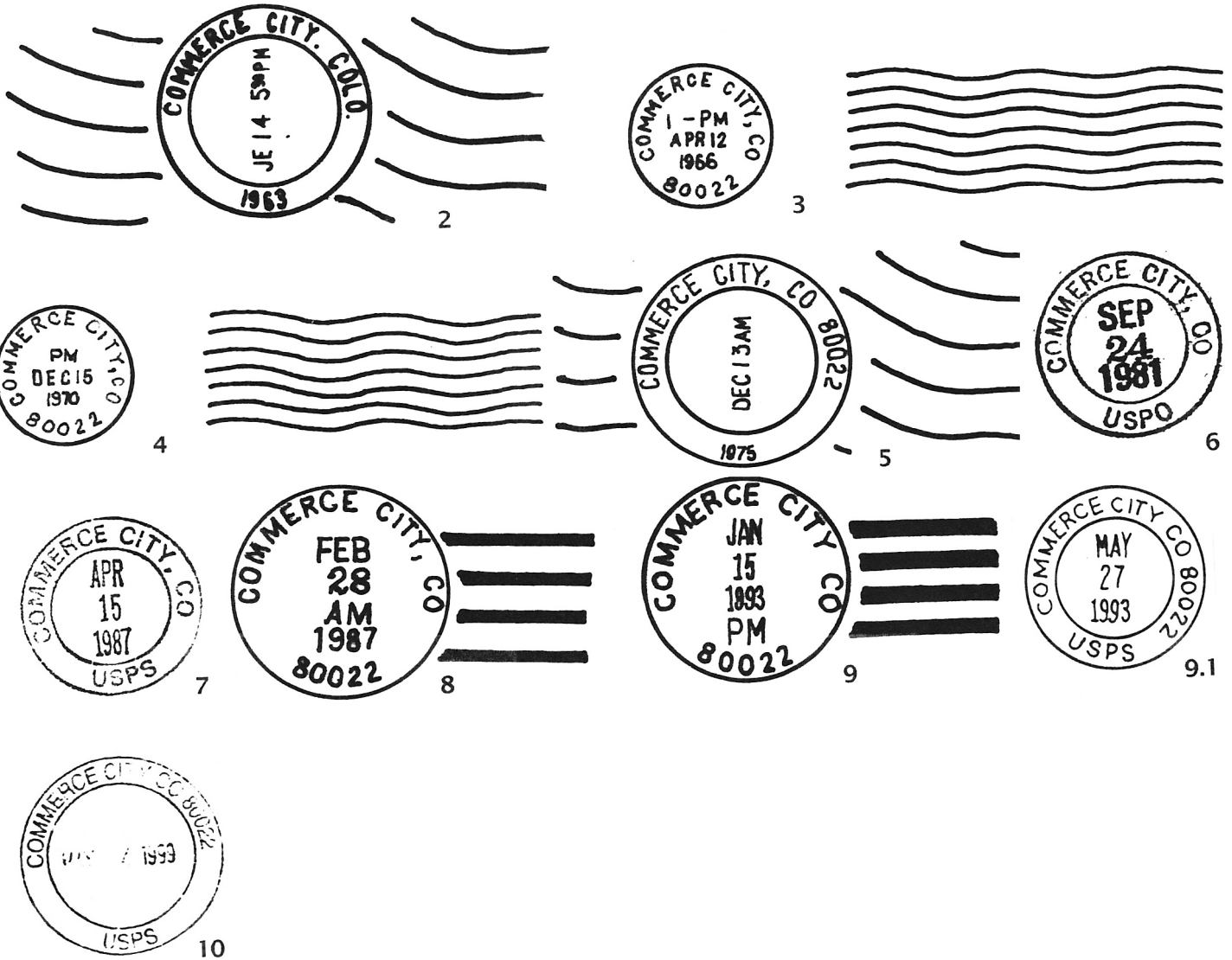


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COMMERCE CITY – Continued



COMMERCE CITY – BRANCHES AND STATIONS

ADAMS CITY BRANCH

Please refer to the discussion of Adams City as an independent post office for the history of this post office.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Oct 12 1963 Converted from an Independent Post Office to a Classified Branch of Commerce City
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- 6655 Brighton Road
- May 4 1970 Became a Classified Station of Commerce City

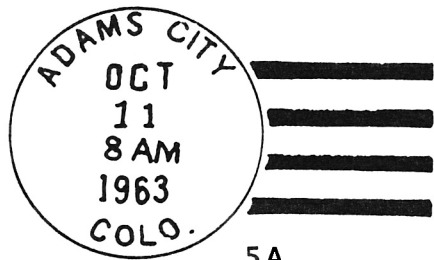
COMMERCE CITY – BRANCHES AND STATIONS - Continued

ADAMS CITY BRANCH - Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

EARLIER CANCELLATIONS ARE LISTED UNDER ADAMS CITY ABOVE. CANCELLATIONS HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED FOR THIS BRANCH OFFICE.

5A	ADAMS CITY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 16 1966 (see Adams City above) (used as branch of Commerce City)
1	COMMERCE CITY, COLO. ADAMS CITY BR. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer; Opening Day as Branch of Commerce City	Oct 12 1963 Aug 6 1965
2	ADAMS CITY, CO 80022 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 21 1966 Dec 22 1971
3	ADAMS CITY, CO / 80022 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 16 1969 Feb 6 1970
4	COMMERCE CITY, CO 80022 / ADAMS CITY STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 8 1970 Apr 16 1990
5	COMMERCE CITY, CO ADAMS CITY STA. / USPO CI 11P 27.0/17.5	Hstp No killer	Apr 3 1975
6	COMMERCE CITY, CO ADAMS CITY STA. / USPS CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1987 Apr 26 1993
7	ADAMS CITY CO 80022 /USPS CI 11P 30.0/22.0	Hstp No killer	May 4 1999
8	ADAMS CITY CO 80022 /USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 4 1999



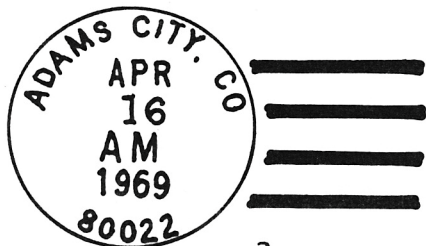
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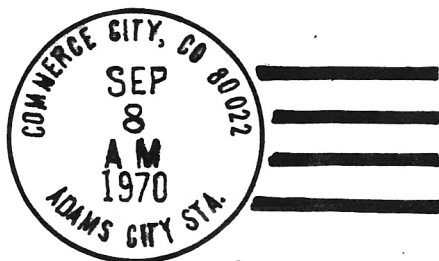
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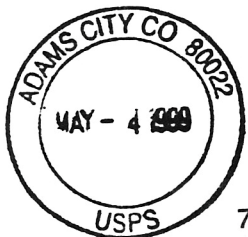
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DERBLAY - Continued

Unless a move of the post office was involved, and there is no evidence for that, then Derblay was at the same location as Washburn. Stephen W. Brereton being the only postmaster named for both Derblay and Washburn supports the coincidence of location.

The location of Washburn plots in the triangle formed by the modern roads of Interstate 76, US Highway 85 and East 104th Avenue.

Chronology of the Post Office

	No document was found in the Adams County Geographic Site Location Reports
Jul 13 1892	Formerly named Washburn
Jul 13 1892	Brereton, Stephen W.
Dec 22 1892	Re-named Washburn (Name change rescinded)

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DERBLAY

DERBY

On November 15, 1889, the Lincoln Land Company filed a plat for Derby. However, it was twenty years before a post office was established at Derby. This seems unusual for the time, as there was no other nearby post office.

The locations of the Derby Post Office were near the railroad. Derby developed as more of an industrial community than a residential town. By the middle of the century the town was focused on light industry, warehouses and other similar businesses. In 1952 that growth prompted a change name to Commerce City to call more attention to the economic base of the town.

Based on the descriptions contained in the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports the Derby Post Office was located in the northwest corner of the intersection of East 72nd Avenue and Monaco Street. There is a small triangle of the described quarter section between the intersection and the tracks of the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Please refer to the discussion of Commerce City for the subsequent history of this post office.



DERBY, / COLO. July 17, 1918

DERBY – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

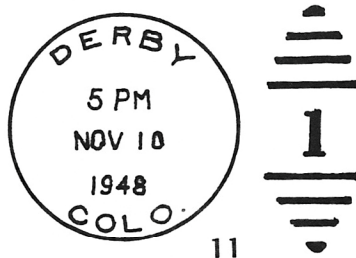
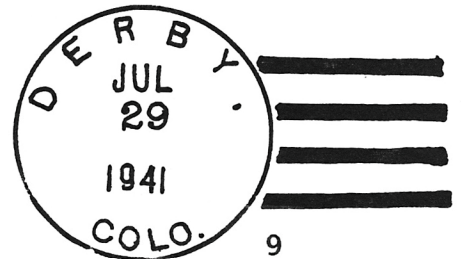
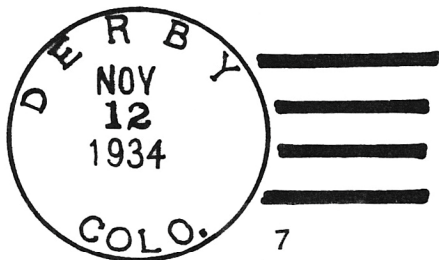
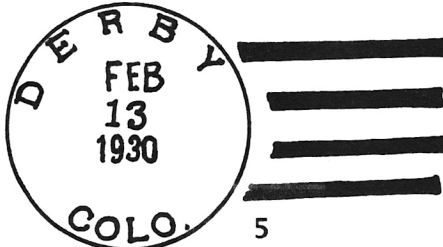
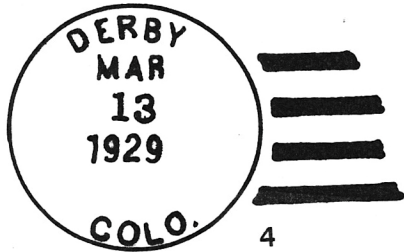
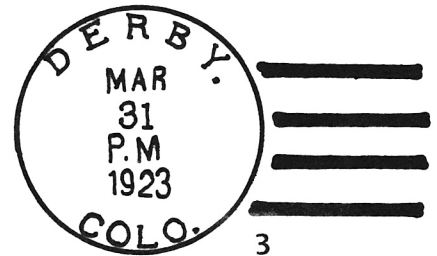
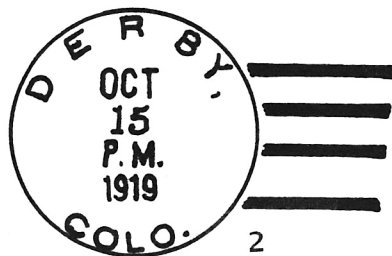
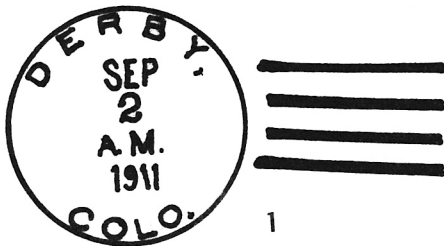
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Jan 27 1910		Established	
Jan 27 1910		Irwin, Cynthia J.	
Mar 22 1910	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T2S R67W	185 feet east of the C.B. & Q. RR
Feb 21 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T2S R67W	
		1 mile east of the Platte river, 175 feet east of the C.B. & Q.	
Apr 21 1914		Irwin, Pearl E.	
Jan 16 1915		Brewer, Pearl E.	
Feb 1 1924		Bax, Naomi A.	Assumed charge
Feb 4 1924		Bax, Naomi A.	Confirmed
Feb 14 1924		Bax, Naomi A.	Commissioned
Sep 26 1940		Langseth, Naomi A.	Name changed by Marriage
Jan 16 1942	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T2S R67W	
		C.B. & Q. RR Station 310 feet west of post office	
Jul 1 1943		Langseth, Naomi A.	Office made Presidential
Apr 8 1944		Karas, Hazel I.	Acting
Apr 9 1944		Karas, Hazel I.	Assumed charge
Dec 1 1944		Templeton, Floyd L.	Nominated
Dec 7 1944		Templeton, Floyd L.	Confirmed
Dec 8 1944		Templeton, Floyd L.	Appointed Presidential
Dec 8 1944		Templeton, Floyd L.	Commissioned
Jan 31 1945		Templeton, Floyd L.	Assumed charge
Sep 30 1948	---	S/4 Sec 32 T2S R67W	
		Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Station 198 feet west of post office	
		A move 60 feet northeast of a previous location	
Jan 31 1963		Name changed to Commerce City	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	DERBY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Sep 2 1911 Apr 21 1917
2	DERBY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Jul 17 1918 Oct 16 1919
3	DERBY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	wide-spaced letters May 31 1923
4	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Mar 13 1929
5	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 13 1930
6	DERBY, COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 14 1933
7	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Nov 12 1934 Dec 22 1934
8	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Oct 30 1937 Mar 12 1943
9	DERBY, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Dec 15 1939 Nov 5 1941
10	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 36.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Jan 24 1947 Aug 23 1947
11	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Nov 10 1948 Apr 22 1958
12	DERBY / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, small letters	Apr 7 1952 Feb 24 1955
12.1	Derby / COLO. RC 10P 38.0X18.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1950s

DERBY - Continued
13 DERBY / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0

Jan 11 1957 Apr 1 1962
Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters



DUFF

There is no question that Duff was a post office established on the Kansas Pacific (Union Pacific) Railroad a few miles east of Denver. It is likely that it was little more than a shipping point for the surrounding countryside.

The questions arise when I try to reconcile the various names that have been applied to railroad stations, sidings and post offices along the segment of the railroad between Peoria Street and Tower Road.

The first attempt to establish a post office in this area was in 1880 with the Bird Post Office. That attempt seems to have failed. The next attempt was in 1884 when the Duff Post Office was authorized. It lasted for seven years, was discontinued for seven months and then reestablished, operating for another four years.

According to one report the Duff Post Office was about six miles east of the site of "Sable." Sable was first known as "Schuyler" and the Bird Post Office was established "near the site of Schuyler." 1892 and 1902 maps label the site of Schuyler as "Magnolia." A 1909 map labels it as Sable. G. W. Talmadge filed an undated plat for the town of Sable. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report for Bird describes it as being at the Magnolia Station. The 1884 Report for Duff also places it at the Magnolia Station. However, about two miles separate the Federal Land Survey locations given on those two reports.

When the Duff Post office reopened, it was about a mile and a half east of the original location.

As best I can sort this out, Bird and the original site of Duff were likely at the same location which today is on the west side of Chambers Road and the north side of the railroad. Smith Road parallels the railroad on the south side.

The second location of Duff plots on the east side of Buckley Road and the north side of the railroad.

To complicate things a little bit more, The USGS Topographic Map of Adams County (1976) locates "Sable" a mile to the west of the Bird/Duff location and south of the tracks. The same map also locates a "Magee" near the second location of Duff.

There is one last name to add to the pot: the original Site Location Report for Duff suggested the name "Lustano." That was rejected.

I have found no information that provides an origin for any of these names. It would not be unreasonable to guess that they were the names of railroad officials at some level.

In 1998 the site of Duff was open land, but it is in an area that was being developed for light industry.

Chronology of the Post Office

	Document filed under Arapahoe County
Mar 22 1884 ---	NE/4 SEC 25 T3S R67W On north side of Sand Creek. On the line of the U. P. Ry, Kans Div and on the North side of track. Will be at the Station - Magnolia Station (See Bird)
May 1 1884	Established
May 1 1884	Fahey, Thomas
Nov 2 1891	Discontinued Mail to Denver
May 31 1892 ---	SW/4 Sec 28 T3S R66W 1 mile south of Sand Creek 80 rods from track of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Proposed postmaster - Richard H. Elliott
Jun 23 1892	Re-established
Jun 23 1892	Elliott, Richard H.
Jun 4 1896	McCann, Frank E. Declined appointment
Jul 28 1896	Discontinued Mail to Elyria

DUFF - Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 Duff Colo Mar 29 1894
MS Mscp Not present

Duff Colo
3/29/94 1

DUPONT

The community of Dupont originated in the 1920's when E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company constructed storage facilities for explosives manufactured at their plant in Louviers (Douglas County). The town took the name of the Du Pont family and company.

On December 7, 1925 Frank Henebry filed a plat for the town of Dupont. Later, Dupont was adjacent to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The Arsenal and the explosives storage facility are no more.

Dupont does continue to exist and is now largely a residential community with some small businesses. Because of the growth of the surrounding communities, Adams City and Commerce City, it is difficult to tell when you have entered Dupont.

In 1999 the Dupont Post Office was in a white, frame building at 8096 Brighton Road.

Latitude = 39:50:17 North Longitude = 104:54:41 West



Post Office, Dupont, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer May 4, 1999

DUPONT - Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 19 1926	Established	
Jun 19 1926	Seaman, Henry E.	Confirmed
Jun 21 1926 ---	SW/4 Sec 29 T2S R67W 1/2 mile west of	the Union Pacific Railroad
Jun 26 1926	Seaman, Henry E.	Commissioned
Aug 7 1926	Seaman, Henry E.	Assumed charge
Sep 1 1933	Davis, Frank	Assumed charge
Sep 5 1933	Davis, Frank	Acting
Feb 19 1934	Davis, Mrs. Minnie M.	Confirmed
Mar 26 1934	Davis, Mrs. Minnie M.	Commissioned
Feb 2 1937	Petersen, Chris A.	Assumed charge
Feb 5 1937	Petersen, Chris A.	Acting
Feb 9 1937	Petersen, Chris A.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1937	Petersen, Chris A.	Commissioned
May 24 1940	Fischahs, Mrs. Dorothy	Assumed charge
Jun 26 1940	Fischahs, Mrs. Dorothy	Acting
Jul 5 1940	Fischahs, Mrs. Dorothy	Confirmed
Jul 30 1940	Fischahs, Mrs. Dorothy	Commissioned
Nov 1 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 29 T2S R67W U.S.-85, 50 feet	west of post office
Jul 21 1942	Petersen, Mrs. Cynthia A.	Assumed charge
Jul 29 1942	Petersen, Mrs. Cynthia A.	Acting
Oct 5 1942	Petersen, Mrs. Cynthia A.	Confirmed
Dec 8 1942	Petersen, Mrs. Cynthia A.	Commissioned
May 12 1945	Alsup, Mrs. Effie B.	Confirmed
Oct 12 1948	Kinsall, Sophie M.	Acting
Aug 16 1949	Kinsall, Sophie M.	Confirmed
Sep 16 1949	Kinsall, Sophie M.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1951	Kinsall, Sophie M.	Office Made Presidential
Jun 30 1956	Rice, Norman C.	Assumed charge
Aug 21 1956	Rice, Norman C.	Acting
Aug 31 1956	Clarke, Ivan K.	Assumed charge
Sep 21 1956	Clarke, Ivan K.	Acting
Feb 13 1956	Clarke, Ivan K.	Nominated
May 22 1958	Clarke, Ivan K.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
May 23 1975	Sievers, Henrietta	Officer in charge
Aug 30 1975	Sievers, Henrietta	Appointed
Feb 12 1976	Jackson, Virgil G.	Officer in charge
May 13 1976	Heberkorn, Irene M.	Officer in charge
Dec 4 1976	Heberkorn, Irene M.	Appointed
Feb 9 1979	Springer, Jolie C.	Officer in charge
Feb 10 1979	Springer, Jolie C.	Assumed charge (error in month?)
Sep 28 1979	Torres, Joe F.	Officer in charge
Dec 15 1979	Springer, Jolie C.	Appointed
Mar 6 1981	Onorato, Jacqueline M.	Officer in charge

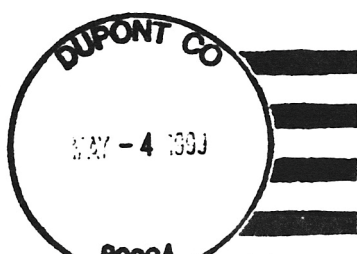
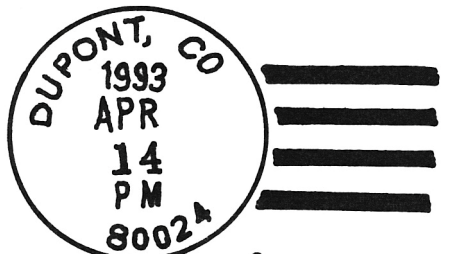
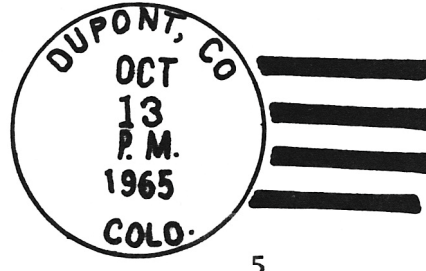
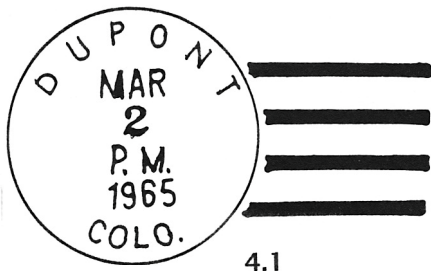
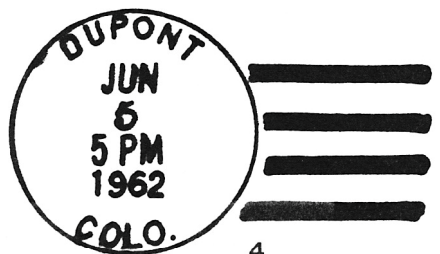
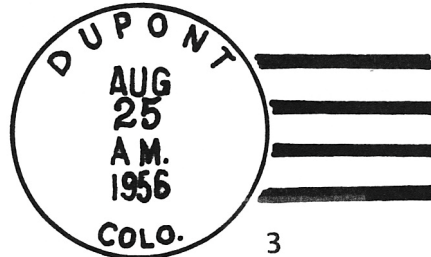
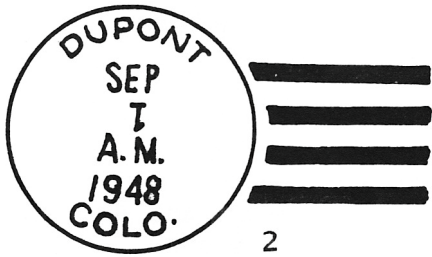
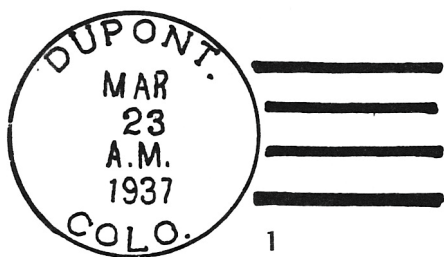
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2	DUPONT / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Sep 1 1948 Oct 1 1953
3	DUPONT / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 25 1956 Apr 15 1958

3.1 DUPONT, / COLO. --- -- 1950s
RC 10P 37.0X17.0 Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

DUPONT – Continued

4	DUPONT / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 19 1962 Jan 6 1965
4.1	DUPONT / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm; wide spaced letters	Mar 2 1965
5	DUPONT, CO / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 3 1965 Apr 4 1966
6	DUPONT, CO / 80024 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 26 1967 Oct 21 1970
7	DUPONT, CO / 80024 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 19 1975 May 24 1976
8	DUPONT, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 29 1981
9	DUPONT, CO / 80024 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24X19mm	Apr 14 1993
10	DUPONT CO / 80024 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-15X24mm	May 4 1999



EASTLAKE

On November 7, 1911 the Eastlake Investment Company filed a townsite plat for Eastlake. The town was in an area that was devoted to farming and ranching. For many years that remained the situation.

The community was named for East Lake, an irrigation reservoir to the east of the town.

As the twentieth century progressed the nearby Denver suburbs, Thornton and Northglenn, continued to grow rapidly, eventually surrounding the Eastlake townsite. In 1990 Eastlake was annexed to Thornton.

Take Interstate 25 north to the exit for 120th Avenue. Drive east one and a half miles to York and turn north and follow the Union Pacific Railroad tracks into the older portion of Eastlake. This street changes names to Claude Court. Old Eastlake is still a small business district with some older homes. However the old section has become surrounded by a number of large, fancy, modern subdivisions. The Eastlake Post Office is a short distance north of East 120th Avenue. Formerly the post office was in the business district on First Street.

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Chronology of the Post Office

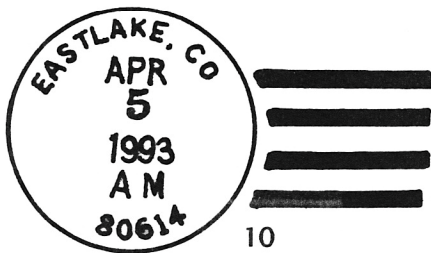
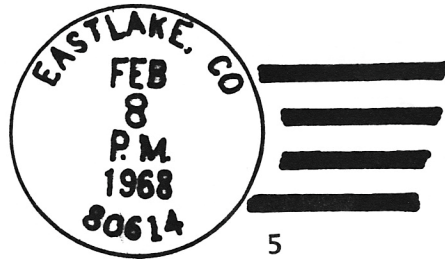
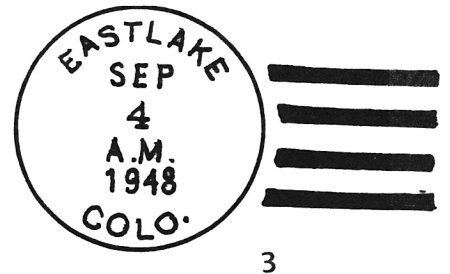
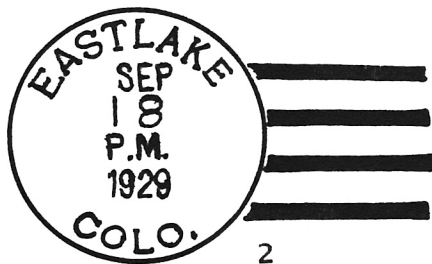
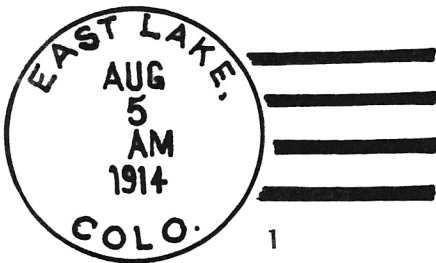
Jun 8 1912	Established	
Jun 8 1912	Hopkins, William M.	
Jun 24 1918	Elmore, Alma S.	Confirmed
Jul 11 1918	Elmore, Alma S.	Commissioned
Jul 17 1918	Elmore, Alma S.	Assumed charge
Mar 23 1931 ---	NE/4 Sec 35 T1S R68W 400 feet east of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Oct 20 1941 ---	SE/4 NE/4 Sec 35 T1S R68W	
	600 feet west to the Union Pacific Station	
Dec 31 1946	Elmore, Catherine G.	Assumed charge
Mar 12 1948	Elmore, Catherine G.	Confirmed
Jun 15 1948	Elmore, Catherine G.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1955	Snydal, Mrs. Elizabeth E.	Assumed charge
Nov 18 1955	Snydal, Elizabeth E.	Acting
Jul 18 1956	Kaus, Edmund F.	Appointed
Jul 30 1956	Kaus, Edmund F.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1957	Kaus, Edmund F.	Office made Presidential

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EAST LAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 5 1914 Dec 20 1915
2	EASTLAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Dec 13 1926 Aug 17 1945
3	EASTLAKE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jul 2 1945 Feb 23 1957
4	EASTLAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 6 1962 Oct 14 1964
5	EASTLAKE, CO / 80614 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 16 1967 Oct 9 1969
6	EASTLAKE, CO / 80614 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 21 1970
7	EASTLAKE CO / 80614 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x18mm; Bar portion appears to have been wrapped with a rubber band to hold it in place	Dec 29 1975 Jun 3 1976
8	EASTLAKE, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 29 1981

EASTLAKE - Continued

9	EASTLAKE CO / 80614 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x18mm	Apr 13 1990
10	EASTLAKE, CO / 80614 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	May 30 1990 Jun 1 1993
11	EASTLAKE, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 15 1993
12	EASTLAKE, CO / 80614 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-15x21mm	Apr 15 1993
13	EASTLAKE / CO 80614 CI 10P 49.0	Pict Scene - railroad tracks and station in center of cds; Text - CELEBRATING 85 YEARS / OF SERVICE / WITH A / BRAND NEW / STATION	Aug 22 1997



EASTLAKE - Continued



**CELEBRATING
85 YEARS
OF SERVICE
WITH A
BRAND NEW
STATION**

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ESKDALE

Eskdale is briefly described as a rural post office. Once again, a location at the eastern edge of Adams County supports that description. This area is open ranchland with very little sign of modern habitation. Each of the three reported moves of the post office appears related to a change in postmaster - a move from one ranch to another.

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

To visit the three sites of Eskdale, you could continue on after the expedition to Oleson, or perhaps start fresh from US Highway 36 on the southern edge of Adams County. From the second side trip to Oleson, at the intersection of East 136th Avenue and Shamrock Road, drive north one mile to East 144th Avenue and turn east four miles to Winnview Road. That intersection would be your marker, coming north fifteen miles from US 36 on Winnview Road.

Two of the sites of Eskdale were south of this intersection and one was to the north. This latter location is questionable.

The original site of Eskdale (1911 & 1914) was two miles to the south and on the east side of Winnview Road (thirteen miles from US 36). There is nothing to be seen at that location, but there are some farm buildings and grain storage bins on the west side of the road.

To observe the 1920 site of Eskdale, drive one mile east on East 144th Avenue from Winnview Road. Then turn south on a poor road, passing a ranch. The site was one mile south of East 144th Avenue and to the southwest of that point - again there is no evidence, other than a clump of trees, for any habitation.

The 1920 Geographical Site Location Report indicates that the 1920 location was "two and three-eighths miles south of a "previous location." That "previous location" would be a mile and a half north of the turn south to the 1920 site. There is no access road and nothing is visible from either Winnview Road or East 144th Avenue.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 5 1911	---	N/2 Sec 35 T1S R57W
Jul 11 1911		Established
Jul 11 1911		Kubeck, John A.
Feb 28 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 35 T1S R57W 1-1/4 miles west of Badger Creek, 2 miles west of the county boundary
Nov 4 1914		Pitcher, Ralph D. W.
Oct 21 1920		Randolph, Josephine

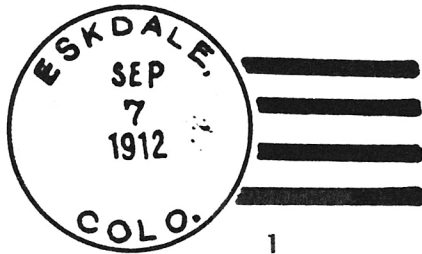
ESKALE - Continued

Dec 1 1920 --- NE/4 Sec 26 T1S R57W 1/2 mile west of Badger Creek, 1 mile west of the county boundary (with Washington County)
A move 2-3/8 miles south of a previous location, from sketch map was in the SW/4 NW/4 Sec 12 T1S R57W

Aug 15 1933 Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ESKDALE, / COLO. Sep 7 1912 Jan 25 1924
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-??x19mm

**FITZSIMONS**

Fitzsimons was the third name applied to the post office that served United States Army General Hospital Number 21. The hospital was opened in late 1918 on a tract of land on the north side of East Colfax Avenue and east of Peoria Street.

Construction of the hospital was a direct result of the need for medical facilities to serve military personnel wounded in World War I. Ground was broken on April 29, 1918 and construction began on May 2. The hospital was dedicated in October 1918.

After the war, it was decided to continue operation of the hospital and the name was changed to Fitzsimons General Hospital to honor Lieutenant William Thomas Fitzsimons, U. S. Army Medical Corps, who was killed September 4, 1917 in France.

In succeeding years the hospital was frequently enlarged and became one of the premier medical facilities serving army personnel.

At the end of the twentieth century, the Defense Department concluded that the aging hospital was no longer efficient and a decision was made to close the facility.

Almost from the day of its opening, the military felt there was a need for an on site post office to serve the patients at the hospital. Camp Speer was the first name applied to the post office, but that was soon changed to Bunell. The second name lasted for nearly three years before it was changed to the more appropriate Fitzsimons. After two years of independent operation the Fitzsimons Post Office was converted to a Branch of the Denver Post Office.

Until 1942 the post office was located within the hospital grounds. A Site Location Report from January 1942 locates the Fitzsimons Post Office outside the hospital grounds in the area on the west side of Peoria Street and north of Montview Boulevard. Today that area is a mixed residential and business community.

The move from the hospital grounds was likely a consequence of a large influx of casualties from World War II that generated a need for increased space for the postal facility and perhaps a need for the space within the hospital.

At some point the branch post office was moved back within the hospital grounds.

FITZSIMONS - Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 26 1919	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T3S R67W	1/2 mile north of the county boundary
Jun 5 1926	---	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R67W	Branch of Denver
Nov 2 1921		Formerly named Bunell	
Nov 21 1921		Walborn, Lewis E.	P&S
Jul 27 1922		Martin, William S.	Acting
Apr 4 1923		Converted to a Branch of Denver	
Jan 16 1942	---	SW/4 Sec 36 T3S R67W	

Fitzsimons is a branch of Denver, Colo. P.O. since 5/1/23

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FITZSIMONS DURING THE TIME IT WAS AN INDEPENDENT POST OFFICE. POSTMARKS SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL 30, 1923 WILL BE LISTED UNDER DENVER (FITZSIMONS BRANCH).

FROST

Frost was another of the several rural/ranch post offices in eastern Adams County. This one was in the extreme northeast corner, one mile south of the Adams-Morgan County Line and one mile west of the Adams-Washington County Line.

The first and only postmaster here was Frank Frost, thus the post office bore his family name.

The Adams-Morgan County Line coincides with East 168th Avenue. One-half mile to the south, East 164th Avenue goes east into the Hough Farms complex, a mile from Winnview Road.

East 164th Avenue is seventeen and one-half miles north of US Highway 36.

Latitude = 38:34:02 North Longitude = 107:58:10 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 6 1899	---	SE/4 Sec 2 T1S R57W	20 rods west of Badger Creek
Jul 15 1899		Established	
Jul 15 1899		Frost, Frank A.	
Aug 2 1901		Ordered closed	
Aug 15 1901		Discontinued Papers to Gary	

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FROST

FULTON

Fulton was an early rural post office on a portion of the Overland Stage Route that was in use before the Fort Morgan Cut Off came into general use. It was located on the east side of the Platte River a short distance south of present day Henderson. It is shown on an 1866 map, but disappears soon after that.

The location provided by the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report is only approximate - somewhere in Section 3. The Site Location Report mentions the "O. K. House," which could have been a hotel of some sort. I suspect that it was along the portion of present day Brighton Boulevard, south of East 120th Avenue.

In 1999 there was one older building in the area, but even it does not date from the 1860's.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 11 1866	---	Sec 3 T2S R67W	1.2 mile east of the Platte River
Mar 27 1866		Established	

FULTON - Continued

Mar 27 1866	Greenbury, J. Ross
Apr 19 1866 ---	SW/4 Sec 3 T2S R67W The "O.K. House," 3/4 miles south of the South Platte
Aug 22 1867	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FULTON

GLOBEVILLE

For most of its existence as an independent post office and its subsequent life as a station of the Denver Post Office, Globeville was in what is now the City and County of Denver. For the last two years as an independent Post Office the Geographical Site Location Report places Globeville within the boundaries of Adams County. From that described location, I believe that it was on the west side of Washington Street, immediately south of East 55th Avenue. In 1999 that side of Washington Street was open lots. The easiest access to this site is from The East 58th Avenue Exit from Interstate 25, east to Washington Street and then south on Washington Street to East 55th Avenue.

The community of Globeville was the location for a number of smelters processing ores shipped to Denver from throughout Colorado. The area is still largely industrial in nature with some apartments and low-end housing.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 14 1890 ---	NE/4 Sec 15 T3S R68W NOTE - The 1898 site is within the present day boundaries of the City and County of Denver. (W. H. B.)
Mar 4 1890	Established
Jun 22 1898 ---	NE/4 Sec 22 T3S R68W 1/4 mile west of the South Platte, south side of Clear Creek. 1/4 mile west of the Burlington & Missouri RR
Jun 16 1900	Converted to station of Denver

Confirmed types of postal markings

THE COMPLETE LISTING OF GLOBEVILLE POSTMASTERS AND POSTMARKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CHAPTER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

HARRIS

Homesteaders Pleasant DeSpain and Edward Bruce Bowles were the first permanent settlers in this area. Eventually there was a Colorado and Southern Railroad station that took the name of DeSpain Junction. On June 27, 1890 Henry Lowe and T. Hagerman filed a town plat for Harris Park on land owned by a Mr. Harris. Other names briefly applied to this place were Harrisburg and finally Harris, when a post office was granted in 1890.

In 1891 Stanford White of New York organized a Presbyterian College at Harris. It was known as Westminster University. The University closed in 1917, but in 1909 the town was incorporated under the name of Westminster.

Harris developed as a largely residential community that supported the University and served as a supply point for the surrounding area of ranches and farms.

The recent growth of Westminster makes it difficult to identify the original section. The area along West 73rd Avenue seems best to fit the need. In 1999 the Westminster Post Office was on the east side of Meade Street between West 72nd Avenue and West 73rd Avenue.

HARRIS - Continued

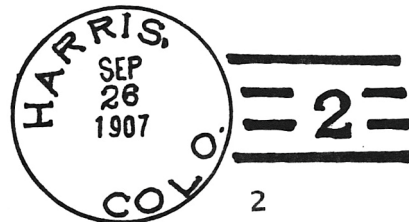
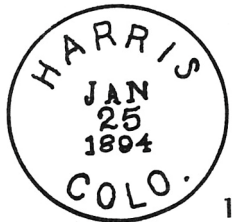
The Pleasant DeSpain School building stands on the northeast corner of Lowell Boulevard and West 72nd Avenue. This is only a block from the location of the Westminster Post Office in 1999. The school celebrated its centennial in 1991.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 11 1890 --- SE/4 Sec 31 T2S R68W About 90 rods or less from the Union Pacific
Proposed postmaster - Randolph H. Millette
- Apr 21 1890 Established
- Jan 18 1897 --- SE/4 Sec 31 T2S R68W 1-1/2 miles north of Clear Creek, 100 feet
from the U.P.D.G. RR (EAST SIDE)
- Jun 5 1908 Millette, Randolph H.
- Jun 5 1908 Name changed to Westminster

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 HARRIS / COLO. Jan 25 1894
CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Not present
- 2 HARRIS, / COLO. May 23 1906 Aug 10 1908
CI 10P 28.0 Doane Type 3 with 2, S-24x14mm



HAZELTINE

Hazeltine was the final name applied to the post office that was located in the triangle formed by present day East 104th Avenue, US Highway 85 and Interstate 76.

Hazeltine lasted a few more years than its predecessor Washburn and the name still appears on the USGS Topographic Map for Adams County (Sheet 1) although it is spotted about a mile north of the plotted location for the post office. In addition, the area a short distance to the west, around the intersection of East 104th Avenue and Brighton Road, is labeled "Hazeltine Heights."

During the period of its existence there is no evidence that Hazeltine/Washburn was anything more than a railroad post office that served a few nearby farms and ranches.

The area in the described "triangle" contains some light industrial buildings of fairly recent construction.

Stephen Brereton, the first postmaster of Hazeltine was also the only postmaster of Washburn and the short-lived Derblay, which was at the same location.

Latitude = 39:53:48 North Longitude = 104:52:57 West

Chronology of the Post Office

- Aug 9 1889 --- NW/4 Sec 15 T2S R67W 1-1/4 mile east of the South Platte, 1/4
mile south of First Creek. 205 feet west of railroad
Proposed postmaster - Stephen W. Brereton
- Jan 7 1893 Formerly named Washburn
- Jan 7 1893 Brereton, Stephen W.
- Mar 1 1895 Vaughn, Simeon M.
- Feb 6 1897 Peterson, Benjamin
- Jun 20 1898 Fuller, Florence

HAZELTINE - Continued

Apr 7 1899	Carson, Edith L.
Dec 21 1906	Ordered closed
Jan 15 1907	Discontinued Mail to Henderson

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HAZELTINE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 2 1895 Mar 16 1900	Hstp Not recorded
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**HENDERSON**

On March 1, 1894 the name of the Island Station Post Office was changed to Henderson.

Henderson's Island was named for Captain Jack Henderson who came to the territory in late 1858. He settled on a parcel of land in the South Platte River valley and established the first feed yard and public corral in the region. The community that grew up along the riverbank took the name Henderson.

Henderson was one of several small communities between Brighton and Denver that served as supply points for nearby ranches and farms. In recent years, although these communities still exist, they are blending more and more into the growing Denver Metropolitan area. That means constant changes in roads and the removal or extensive remodeling of the older buildings.

From Brighton, drive southwest on Brighton Road. This was the old US Highway 85 before construction of the modern four-lane US 85 along the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Henderson Post Office has had at least two distinct locations. For most of its existence, it has been on today's Brighton Road, south of East 124th Avenue. In 1999 the Henderson Post Office was in a small brick building on the east side of Brighton Road.

The Geographic Site Location Report filed in 1914 places the Henderson Post Office a mile to the east of Brighton Road. The stated location would be east of modern US 85 and the Union Pacific Railroad. From Brighton Road go east on East 124th Avenue, cross to the east side of the railroad and turn south on Oakland Street. The Site Location Report placed the post office 400 feet east of the railroad. That would fit a location on Oakland street and, in 1999 there was an old building that gave the appearance of having once been a store and perhaps a location for the Henderson Post Office.

By 1922 the Post office was again being reported as back to the west near the original location.

In recent years the area to the west side of Brighton Road and spanning the South Platte River to Riverdale Road has become The Adams County Regional Park and the Adams County Community Park.

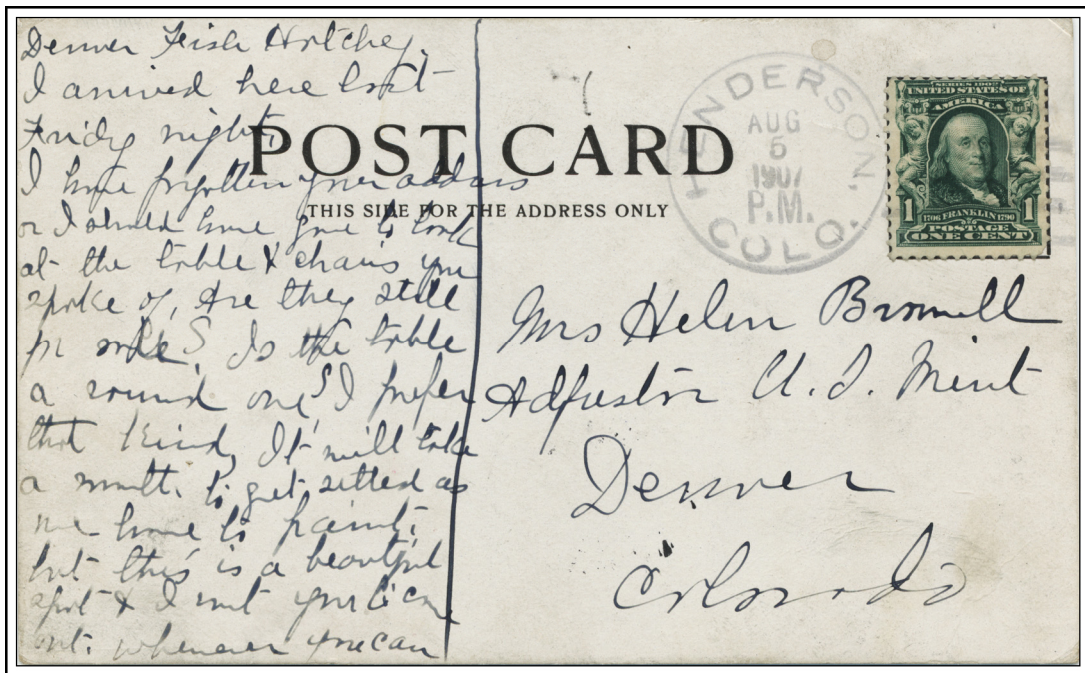
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Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 5 1879	---	E/2 SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R67W 1/4 mile east of the Platte River, 7/8 mile west of the U.P.RR Henderson Island Station. [Report originally filed for Island Station]
Mar 1 1894		Formerly named Island Station
Mar 1 1894		Sullivan, Mortimer F.
May 11 1894	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R67W 1/8 mile east of South Platte River, 7/8 mile west of U.P. RR

HENDERSON - Continued

Oct 2 1906	Murray, William	
Apr 8 1907	Miller, Mary L.	
Oct 26 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 35 T1S R67W 1 mile east of South Platte River, 400 feet east of the U.P. RR	
Nov 12 1914	Morris, Mark M.	
Jul 3 1919	Hinkel, Henry R.	
Dec 20 1922 ---	NE/4 SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R67W 1/2 mile east of the Platte River, 1 Mile north of Hog Creek, 3/4 mile west of Union Pacific tracks A move 1 mile west of a previous location. "Postmaster resigned turning office over to a Syrian who cannot speak good American. Office serves 90 per cent more patrons account being more centrally located on main highway and main part of town."	
Dec 14 1922	Frost, Glenn F.	Acting
Mar 31 1923	Frost, Glenn F.	Appointed
Apr 25 1923	Frost, Glenn F.	Assumed charge
Apr 25 1923	Frost, Glenn F.	Office made Presidential
Oct 27 1941 ---	E/2 SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R67W Platte River 1/4 mile west of post office	
Jan 19 1944	Frost, Glenn F.	Nominated
Jan 28 1944	Frost, Glenn F.	Confirmed
Jan 29 1944	Frost, Glenn F.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 24 1945	Larrabee, Frances L.	Acting
Jul 25 1945	Larrabee, Mrs. Frances L.	Assumed charge
Jan 10 1947	Larrabee, Mrs. Frances L.	Nominated
Jul 11 1947	Larrabee, Mrs. Frances L.	Confirmed
Jul 14 1947	Larrabee, Frances L.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 28 1974	Crowley, Dorothy L.	Officer in charge
Nov 23 1974	Naftz, Walter L.	Appointed

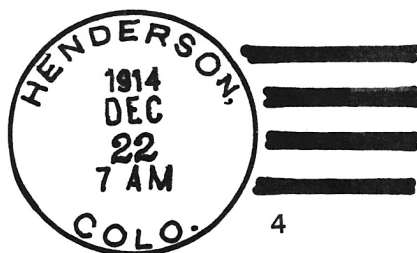
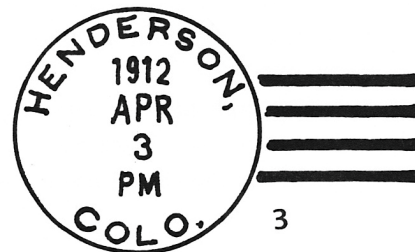
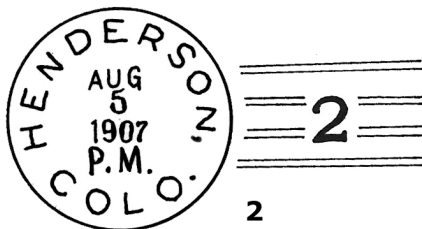
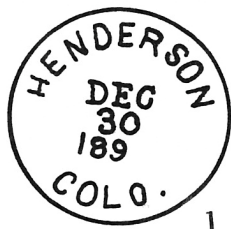


HENDERSON, / COLO. August 5, 1907

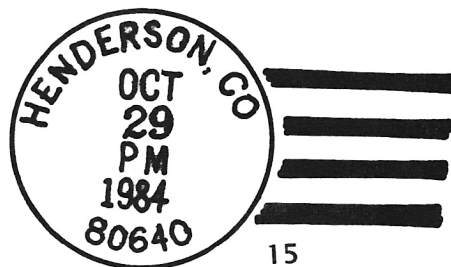
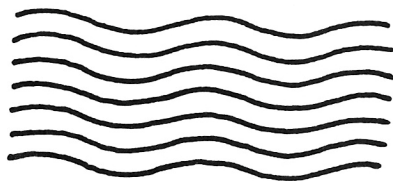
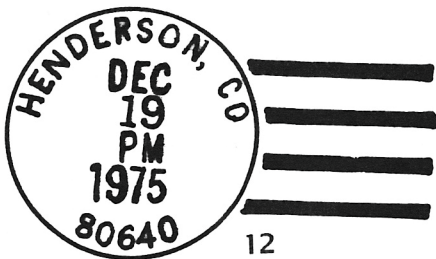
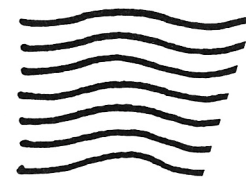
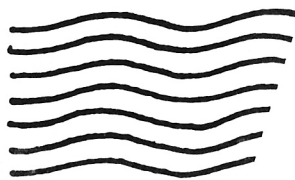
HENDERSON – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HENDERSON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Dec 30 189-
2	HENDERSON, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Doane Type 2 with 2;	Apr 14 1906 Feb 11 1908 S-24x14mm
3	HENDERSON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Dec 13 1910 Nov 12 1912
4	HENDERSON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Dec 22 1914 Nov 18 1921
5	HENDERSON, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-21x19MM	Oct 27 1932 Feb 1 1934
6	HENDERSON, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars P-25x19mm	May 29 1935 Jul 1 1935
7	HENDERSON, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 12 1936 Nov 7 1942
8	HENDERSON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 6 1943 Nov 21 1946
8.1	HENDERSON, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0X17.5	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1940s
9	HENDERSON / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Jul 21 1949 Oct 4 1963
10	HENDERSON, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 7 1962 May 16 1965
11	HENDERSON, CO / 80640 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 1 1966 Sep 29 1980
12	HENDERSON, CO / 80640 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm, narrow letters	Oct 2 1965 Jul 6 1976
13	HENDERSON, CO / 80640 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x19mm, wide letters	Jul 6 1976
14	HENDERSON, CO / 80640 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 29 1980
15	HENDERSON, CO / 80640 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x21mm	Oct 29 1984
16	HENDERSON, CO 80640 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 21 1995
17	HENDERSON CO / USPS-80640 CI 11P 33.0/21.0	Hstp No killer	May 4 1999



HENDERSON - Continued



HUGHES

Initially this location was the site of a stage station run by John Hughes. In 1870 The Denver Pacific Railroad erected Hughes Station. The station was named for Bela M. Hughes (no relation to John Hughes) the first president of the Denver Pacific. Hughes became the eastern terminus of the Boulder Valley Railway and was often called "Hughes Junction."

HUGHES – Continued

In the late 1870's Daniel F. Carmichael began buying lots around Hughes. He platted a townsite which, perhaps his wife named for her hometown in New York State - Brighton Beach.

Please refer to the discussion of Brighton for the later history.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 28 1871	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T1S R66W 1/4 mile east of the South Platte River. Near junction of Denver Pacific and Boulder Valley Railroads (sketch map)
Apr 13 1871		Established
Apr 13 1871		Hubbard, William
Jun 13 1871		Williamson, Allen
Sep 1 1875		Busch, Andre M.
Aug 4 1879		Name changed to Brighton

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Hughes Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Sep 5 1871
2	HUGHES / COL. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	May 13 187- Nov 12 187-

1 *Hughes Colo
Sept 5
1871*

**IRONDALE**

Irondale was another of the small rural or railroad post offices in the South Platte River Valley northeast of Denver. On March 5, 1889 the Irondale Land and Improvement Company filed a plat for a tract of land adjacent to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. The post office opened late that year and closed in 1895.

I have found no information as to why the community was given the name of Irondale.

The 1976 USGS Topographic Map of Adams County (Sheet 1) shows the Irondale name applied to a tract of countryside north of East 80th Avenue and east of Quebec Street.

Drive north from Denver on Interstate 76 to the exit for East 88th Avenue. Go east from the Interstate, crossing to the east side of the Union Pacific tracks and then turn south. That turn will take you into the area that is still known as Irondale.

The area has developed into a largely residential district with a few scattered, small farms. Some of the houses and buildings have been around for many years, but it is difficult to find anything appropriate to photograph. I wound up taking a picture looking north along Quebec Street from next to a small hog farm.

Latitude = 39:50:58 North Longitude = 104:53:48 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 25 1889	---	SW/4 Sec 28 T2S R67W 1/4 mile from Burlington & M.R. RR, 1/2 mile from Denver Pacific Proposed postmaster - Charles A. McKay
Dec 11 1889		Established

IRONDALE - Continued

Dec 11 1889	McKay, Charles A.
Oct 7 1891	Lynde, Edward J.
May 25 1895	Ashmore, Kate L.
Sep 19 1895	Discontinued Mail to Elyria

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM IRONDALE

ISLAND STATION

Island Station has been described as a stopping place and post office on the Cheyenne Division of the Union Pacific Railway. At times it was referred to as Henderson's Island, or Henderson's Island Station.

According to the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report the Island Station Post Office was nearly a mile west of the railroad and a quarter mile east of the South Platte River.

Henderson's Island was named for Captain Jack Henderson who came to the territory in late 1858. He settled on a parcel of land on the South Platte River and set up the first feed yard and public corral in the region.

I have no clear idea why in 1872 the post office was named Island Station and not Henderson. Perhaps this was due some action of the railroad when it was built through the area to connect Denver with Cheyenne.

In 1894 the name of the Post Office was changed to Henderson and since then the associated community has carried that name.

From Brighton, drive southwest on Brighton Road. This was the old US Highway 85 before construction of the modern four-lane US 85 along the Union Pacific Railroad. Modern Henderson is located on Brighton Road, south of East 124th Avenue. The Island Station Post Office was in this area between East 124th Avenue and East 120th Avenue.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 29 1872	Established
Aug 29 1872	Fowler, James M.
Jul 5 1879	--- E/2 SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R67W 1/4 mile east of the Platte River, 7/8 mile west of the U. P. RR Henderson Island Station.
Nov 29 1889	Curtis, Robert W.
Mar 1 1894	Name changed to Henderson

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Island Sta. Colo
MS | Jul 28 1875 Jul 30 1878 |
| 2 | ISLAND STATION / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Mscp Pen cancel
Jun 25 1885 Oct 26 188- |
| 3 | ISLAND STATION / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
Apr 1 1889 Jan 18 1891
Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm |

*Island Station
Colo July 28th 75* 1

*Island Sta
Colo. 7. 30. 78* 1



LEADER

Leader was a rural post office about twelve miles northeast of Byers (Arapahoe County). The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports describe four separate locations and indicate that there was at least one more site that had not been formally reported to Washington. Two of these sites were in the same quarter section and may have been the same place, just reported differently.

All of these locations, in the eastern end of Adams County are in a country best suited to ranching. There is and has been some farming, but sufficient water for irrigation is a problem, even in the best of years. Of the five sites, only one has any current activity.

I will assume that you have followed the directions to Thedalund at the intersection of East 88th Avenue with Byers-Calhoun Road. Go east on East 88th Avenue to Behrens Road. Turn north one mile to East 96th Avenue. Turn east on East 96th Avenue four miles to Rector-Leader Road.

At Rector-Leader Road, turn south one mile to what would again be East 88th Avenue. It can barely be considered a road. I did drive a mile east to where the 1909 and the 1919 sites of Leader were reported. I came to locked gates and could go no further. The 1919 site was south of the road and the 1909 site was a short distance to the east and on the north side of the "road." There was no evidence for anything other than some disturbed grass and a couple of trails heading across the countryside.

Return to the intersection of Rector-Leader Road with East 96th Avenue. From the intersection, the 1928 site of Leader was a mile east of Rector-Leader Road and north of the line of East 96th Avenue. The road is overgrown and I did not attempt to drive on it. From Rector-Leader Road, nothing is visible in the distance. From the described intersection, drive north two miles and turn east on East 112th Avenue, one mile to the intersection with Mimosa Avenue. On several maps this intersection is labeled "Leader." At the intersection are a ranch, the Leader Hall and the Leader Fire Station. The ranch yard contains a collection of antique farm machinery. Although there is no Site Location Report for this place, I suspect that in its later years the Leader post office was here.



Community Hall and Volunteer Fire Department, Leader, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer October 15, 1997

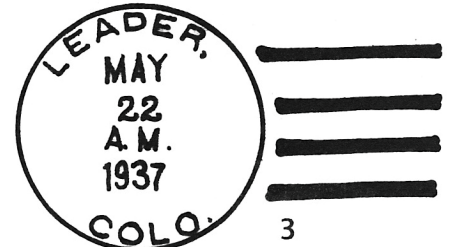
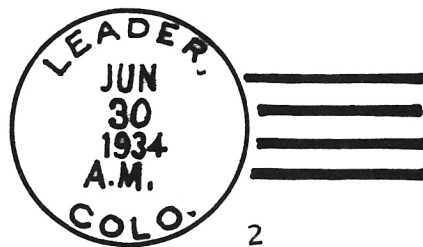
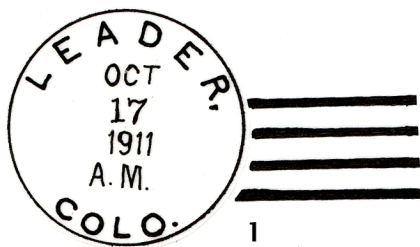
LEADER - Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 21 1909	---	SW/4 Sec 24 T2S R60W	
Mar 26 1910		Established	
Mar 26 1910		Wooley, Matilda J.	
Mar 2 1914	---	N/2 SW/4 Sec 24 T2S R60W	3/4 mile west of Deertrail Creek
Mar 5 1919		Linder, Anthony D.	
Apr 23 1919	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T2S R60W	A move about 1/2 mile southwest of a previous location 1-1/4 mile west of Muddy Creek
		Sketch map points to a previous site in SW/4 SW/4 Sec 24	
Dec 17 1921		Spaulding, Rose B.	
Jun 15 1923		Vieths, Le Roy	
May 17 1928	---	SE/4 Sec 14 T2S R60W	1 mile east of Muddy Creek
Apr 23 1929		Brown, Francis B.	Confirmed
Jun 7 1929		Brown, Francis B.	Appointed
Jun 24 1929		Brown, Francis B.	Commissioned
Dec 31 1940		Discontinued Mail to Byers	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LEADER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Oct 17 1911 Jun 12 1913
2	LEADER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Feb 18 1933 Jun 30 1934
3	LEADER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	May 22 1937 Dec 31 1940



LIVING SPRINGS

Living Springs was one of the more important stage stations on the Fort Morgan Cut-Off between Fort Morgan on the Platte River Trail and Kiowa Station near present day Bennett. Its life as a post office and stage station was brief, but Living Springs continued to exist as an active site into the 1900's.

Living Springs was located near the confluence of Wolf and Comanche Creeks. It took its name from live springs in the bed of the usually dry Comanche Creek. It was the springs that made it an important stop on the notoriously dry Fort Morgan Cut-Off Trail.

To reach this site, begin on Main Street in Strasburg. Drive north on Strasburg Road nine miles to East 96th Avenue. Go a half-mile east, a half-mile north, a half-mile east and another half mile north on Headlight Road to East 104th Avenue. This is a largely open area with trees along the stream. A short distance to the north are a couple of older buildings. These may have been associated with Living Springs, but likely postdate the stage station.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 1865	---	No usable description	Junction House 45 miles easterly, Denver City 42 miles westerly from site
Jul 5 1865		Established	
Jul 5 1865		Keeth, William M.	

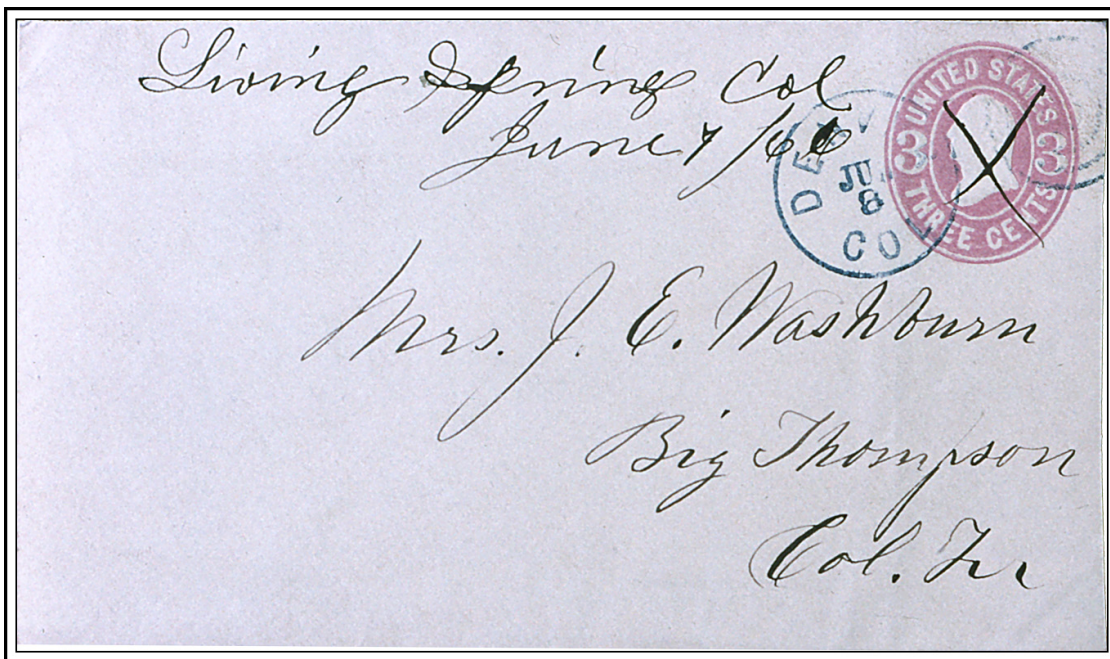
LIVING SPRINGS - Continued

Jun 7 1866 Sanborn, George L.
Nov 22 1866 Hart, S.
Nov 27 1867 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Living Springs Col MS Jun 7 1866
Mscp Pen cancel

*Living Springs Col
June 7 1866*
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Manuscript postmark: Living Springs Col June 7, 1866

OLESON

Oleson is described as a rural or ranch post office. It is located in an area, where today occupied buildings are few and far between. I doubt that there was ever a community of any sort and believe the Oleson Post Office was at ranches that were willing to provide postal services to their neighbors.

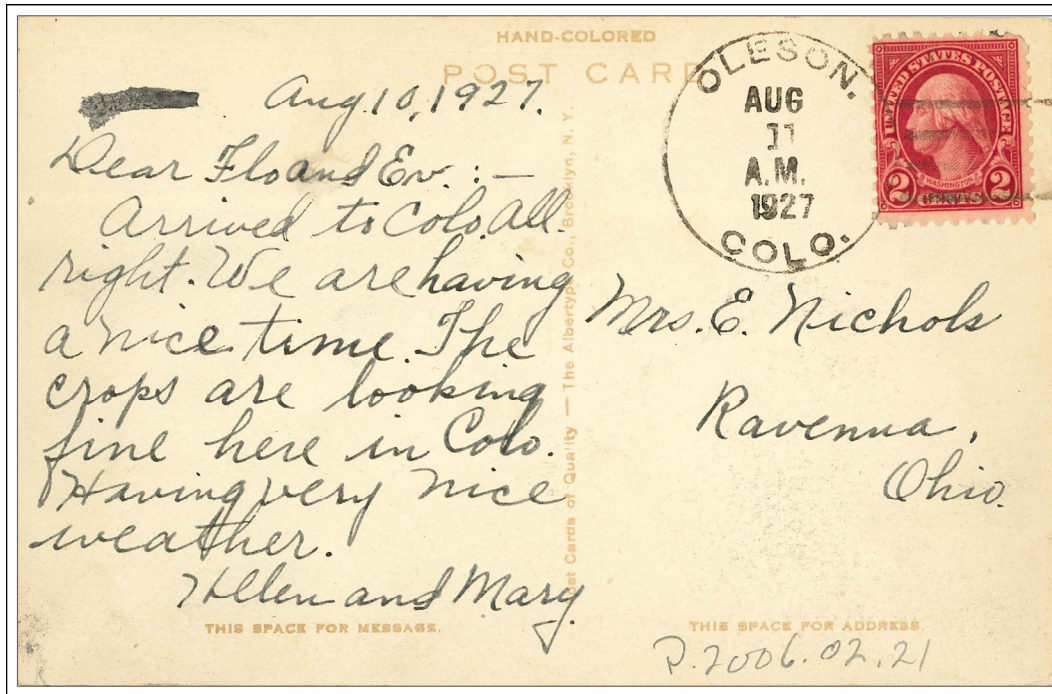
The original post office application requested the name "Prescott." Nellie Prescott was the first postmaster, hence the suggested name. However, by 1916 the Post Office Department was becoming very reluctant to allow post offices to be named for the postmaster. The source of the assigned name, Oleson, is unexplained.

I will assume that you are on a tour of the post office sites in eastern Adams County and have just been to the community of Leader. From Leader drive three miles east on East 112th Avenue to Hanks Crossing Road. Turn south two miles to East 96th Avenue and drive east ten miles to Shamrock Road and then go north three miles to East 120th Avenue.

Drive west three miles on East 120th Avenue. The original site of Oleson was north of the road. There is nothing but open fields on either side of the road. In 1997 this was more a trail than a road. A lot of tumbleweed and more than one mud hole to be carefully traversed. I do not recommend the visit.

OLESON - Continued

Return to Shamrock Road and drive north two miles to East 136th Avenue. Again, drive west. In 1997 I was only able to safely go two miles on a somewhat better road. The 1925 site of Oleson was another mile west and on the north side of the road. In the distance I could see a group of grain storage bins and it is possible that there could be more hidden below the ridge on which the storage bins sit.



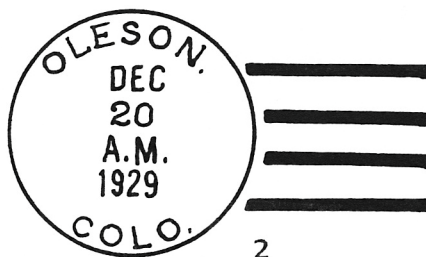
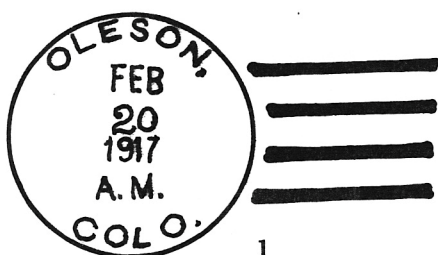
OLESON. / COLO. August 11, 1927
Courtesy of Fort Morgan Museum

Chronology of the Post Office

May 22 1916	---	SE/4 Sec 34 T1S R58W	
Jul 18 1916		Established	
Jul 18 1916		Prescott, Nellie	
Apr 15 1925	---	SE/4 Sec 22 T1S R58W	400 yards west of San(sic) Arroyo
		A move 3 miles northeast of a previous location	
Apr 16 1925		Reynolds, Mary A.	Acting
Apr 16 1925		Reynolds, Mary A.	Appointed
Jul 1 1931		Reynolds, Mary A.	Resigned
Jul 7 1931		Discontinued	Mail to Adena

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	OLESON, / COLO.		Feb 20 1917
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	
2	OLESON. / COLO.		Aug 11, 1927 Dec 20 1929
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	



QUIMBY

Quimby was a rural post office two miles southeast of Eastlake. Nothing else that I could find has been written about this place. The Quimby Post Office preceded the Eastlake Post Office in the area and although there was no developed community, for a few years it provided postal services for the surrounding ranches and farms. This area is now part of the Metro Denver Complex.

The first postmaster was Maria Quimby, so the post office reflects her family name.

Drive north on Interstate 25 to the exit for East 120th Avenue. Drive east a half mile to Washington Street. Quimby was located in the area south of 120th Avenue and between Washington Street and Interstate 25. Most of that area is now covered by a large shopping complex /mall and apartments. I could not identify any structure that might remain from the 1890's when the Quimby Post office was in operation.

In 1999 the Northglenn Post Office (a Branch Office of Denver) was in this shopping complex.

Latitude = 39:52:24 North Longitude = 104:56:36 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 20 1895	---	NE/4 Sec 3 T2S R68W
		Proposed postmaster - Maria M. Quimby
Oct 8 1895		Established
Oct 8 1895		Quimby, Maria M.
May 26 1898		Steinberge, Matilda
Mar 11 1899		McNutt, Samuel A.
Oct 12 1900		Ordered closed
Oct 20 1900		Discontinued Papers to Broomfield

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM QUIMBY

SCRANTON

Scranton was a coal-mining town sixteen miles east of Denver. Although the post office lasted only a single year, the mine continued to produce for several years.

In 1886 The Denver Railroad Land and Coal Company built 16.3 miles of track from Denver Union Station to Scranton. The railroad was also known as the Denver and Scranton Railroad or the Colorado Eastern Railway. The railroad was abandoned in 1915.

The name of the town may reflect on the extensive coal mines in the area around Scranton, Pennsylvania.

A small community did develop to provide housing and services to the miners.

In 1990, together with Jim Ozment and Bob Richardson I visited the site of Scranton. That is we got within sight of the location, but there was nothing to be seen. We drove into a ranch yard about a mile south of the location. We talked with the lady of the house and she told us that a couple of years earlier there was a cave-in in the northwest corner of their property. They were told that it was a portion of the Scranton Mine that had collapsed. From the ranch house we could see the area, but other than some ground disturbance there was nothing else visible.

To reach the ranch that overlooks the site, I suggest beginning on US Highway 36 at Watkins. Drive west on US 36 to North Hudson Road. Turn north to East 26th Avenue and then turn west two miles to Monaghan Mile Road. Go north one mile and there is an access road into the ranch, a half-mile west of Monaghan Mile Road. Another possibility for an overview is to go two miles north of East 26th Avenue and look to the west. Scranton would have been about a mile from the road.

SCRANTON - Continued

A word of caution: it has been sixteen years since we made the visit to Scranton. It is likely that a lot has changed in that time. Denver International Airport was barely on the drawing boards at the time and I would expect that there has been residential development in the general area.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 28 1887 --- NW/4 Sec 21 T3S R65W -- East side of Denver & Scranton Ry., within 50 feet of track
Proposed postmaster - Daniel McNeil
"Scranton is the terminus of the Denver & Scranton Ry and is the site of an extensive coal mine."
Aug 12 1887 Established
Aug 12 1887 McKeel, Daniel (Or should this be McNeil?)
Jul 25 1888 Discontinued Papers to Denver

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SCRANTON

SIGMAN

I have found no mention of this place in any of the references I have read about the history of Colorado. That is somewhat surprising as the post office lasted for nine years.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the post office north of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad and in the extreme northwestern corner of section 13, Township 3 South, Range 68 West. That location is virtually on the boundary line with the City and County of Denver.

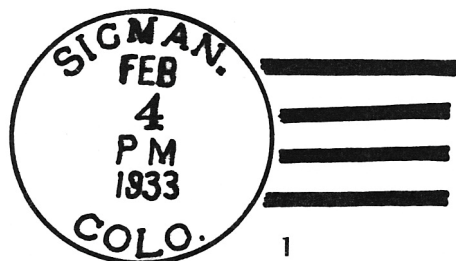
The site is north and east of the intersection of Brighton Road and York Street. In 1999 that area was occupied by a large brickyard with cement blocks, ornamental stone and other building materials. The Riverside Cemetery is north and west of those streets. The area surrounding the site of Sigman is part of the industrial section on the north edge of the City of Denver.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 8 1926 --- NW/4 NW/4 Sec 13 T3S R68W 1/3 mile south of the Platte River, 100 feet north of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, 100 feet north of the county boundary
Applicant for postmaster - Sam S. Sigman
Jun 25 1926 Established
Jun 25 1926 Sigman, Sam S.
Oct 21 1931 Goldman, Hyman H. Assumed charge
Oct 28 1931 Goldman, Hyman H. Acting
Apr 06 1932 Goldman, Hyman H. Confirmed
Apr 27 1932 Goldman, Hyman H. Commissioned
Jan 31 1935 Discontinued Mail to Denver

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SIGMAN. / COLO. Feb 4 1933 Jan 31 1935
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm



SIMPSON

Simpson was a rural/ranch post office at the extreme eastern end of Adams County. It had a history somewhat more extended than the usual ranch post office. During that period it moved several times. There is no evidence that any of the locations was more than an individual ranch and none of the sites is currently occupied.

The Simpson Post Office was at four different locations. Three of those were in Adams County and the fourth was just across the line into Washington County (SW/4 Sec 19 T2S R56W). There is no explanation as to why the final location was reported on three separate documents within the month of February 1941.

I will describe directions to the Simpson locations starting from US Highway 36. If you are coming from the north via Winnview Road (from Frost and Eskdale) you should be able to locate yourself based on the crossroads of East 56th Avenue and East 88th Avenue with Winnview Road.

Winnview Road intersects US Highway 36 two miles east of the Adams-Washington County Line. Turn north on Winnview Road and go four miles to East 56th Avenue. Turn west on East 56th Avenue three miles to the original (1910) site of Simpson. The site was north of the road. There is abundant evidence of farming, but no remnant signs of any structures. Return to Winnview Road and continue north three miles. For the next three miles there has been a lot of activity along Winnview Road, but most of it is related to oil and gas production. A number of wells, storage tanks and related facilities are present. The 1926 site of Simpson was just south of this activity, about where East 80th Avenue would be. Once again it is open fields with no period structures.

Continue north to East 88th Avenue and turn east. Go two miles, crossing into Washington County. The 1916 site of Simpson, in Washington County, was adjacent to the County Line and on the north side of the road. In 1997 the only thing there was a pile of dead trees.

Meridian Road is on the Adams-Washington County Line. From East 88th Avenue, drive south one mile. The final site of Simpson (1941) was on the west side of Meridian Road. And once again it is nothing but an open field.

If you have followed my wanderings around eastern Adams County you will have observed that there is very little to be seen at any of the sites that were once home to a post office. It almost appears that there has been some specific effort to remove all abandoned structures from the countryside. Once you cross the line into either Morgan or Washington County, suddenly at most of the abandoned sites in those counties, there are still remnants to be found.

Chronology of the Post Office

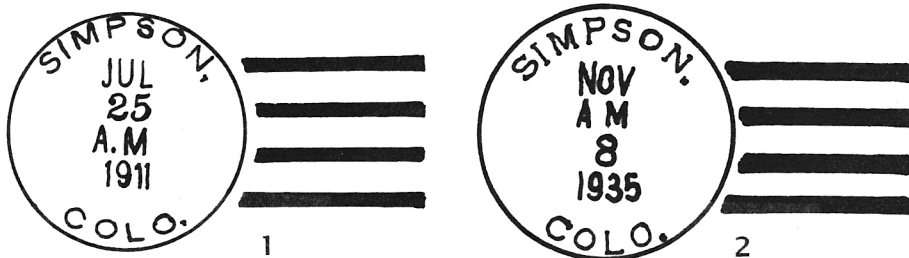
May 20 1910	---	SW/4 Sec 8 T3S R57W	Badger Creek 1 mile west of post office
Jun 24 1910		Established	
Jun 24 1910		Hodges, Ben Jr.	
Feb 18 1911		Bowman, Henry D.	
Sep 19 1911		Wellington, Carl K.	
Feb 19 1917		Kemper, John A.	
Nov 8 1922		Gilmore, Homer	
Feb 14 1926	---	NE/4 Sec 34 T2S R57W	
		A move 2 miles west, 1 mile south of a previous location (The Washington County location)	3/4 mile west of Wetzel Creek
		I am leasing that part of county and this is best place available.	
Mar 19 1926		Golden, Lillian H.	
Feb 8 1940		Mayhugh, Mrs. Lillian B.	Assumed charge
Feb 14 1940		Mayhugh, Mrs. Lillian B.	Acting
Jul 18 1940		Mayhugh, Mrs. Lillian B.	Confirmed
Aug 13 1940		Mayhugh, Mrs. Lillian B.	Commissioned
Feb 10 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T2S R57W	1/4 mile south of Wetzel Creek
		A move 2 miles, north & East of a previous location	

SIMPSON – Continued

Feb 20 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T2S R57W	
Feb 21 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T2S R57W	1/4 mile south of Wetzel Creek
			A move 2 miles, north and east of a previous location
			Present buildings have been sold. New owner wants possession
			Mar 1st 1941.
Feb 7 1943		Clark, Mrs. Irene A.	Assumed charge
Feb 22 1943		Clark, Mrs. Irene A.	Acting
Apr 17 1943		Clark, Mrs. Irene A.	Confirmed
May 11 1943		Clark, Mrs. Irene A.	Commissioned
Aug 31 1943		Discontinued	Mail to Deertrail

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SIMPSON, / COLO.		Jul 25 1911	Dec 22 1914
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm		
2	SIMPSON. / COLO.		Oct 20 1930	Aug 30 1943
	CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x19mm		



STRASBURG

On August 15, 1870 construction crews of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, one building east and the other building west, met at Comanche Crossing. At that point the two portions of the railroad were joined. The Kansas Pacific bridge across the Mississippi River had been completed on June 30, 1869, thus this event marked the true completion of an uninterrupted trans-continental railroad.

In 1875 the railroad, operated by the Union Pacific, placed a siding at Comanche Crossing and renamed the place Strasburg for John Strasburg who had led one of the construction crews. The town of Strasburg did not develop until 1890 when Dugald H. Weaver, who had homesteaded the site, laid out the lots for the town. Mr. Weaver built the first store and was the first postmaster of Strasburg.

Strasburg was in the center of a large area devoted to farming and ranching. Located on the railroad, it became a shipping point for livestock and produce and a supply center for the surrounding ranches and farms. It continues to serve those functions, but as the Denver Metropolitan area continues to expand eastward, Strasburg is increasingly becoming a residential area.

Strasburg is located just north of the Adams-Arapahoe county Line. Access to the town is from Interstate 70 at Exit 310.

Latitude = 39:44:18 North Longitude = 104:19:22 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 27 1908	---	NE/4 Sec 4 T4S R62W	
			Union Pacific RR 270 feet south of post office
May 25 1908		Established	
May 25 1908		Weaver, Dugald H.	
Mar 3 1914	---	NE/4 NE/4 Sec 4 T4S R62W	About 80 rods west of Comanche Creek.
			785 feet north of the Union Pacific tracks

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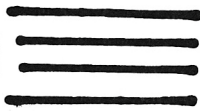
Oct 8 1914	Krus, Hugo H.	
Oct 19 1914 ---	NE/4 Sec 4 T4S R62W About 80 rods west of Comanche Creek. 120 feet south of the county boundary	
Jul 16 1915	Hanson, Anna C.	
Jan 1 1921	Hanson, Anna C.	Presidential
Feb 24 1922	Hanson, Anna C.	
Feb 27 1925	Hanson, Anna C.	
Mar 8 1930	Hanson, Anna C.	Confirmed
May 17 1934	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Nominated
Jun 6 1934	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1934	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Commissioned
Aug 8 1934	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Confirmed
Sep 24 1934	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Commissioned
Jun 15 1935	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Nominated
Jul 2 1935	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Confirmed
Jul 9 1935	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 22 1935	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Commissioned
Aug 2 1939	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Nominated
Aug 4 1939	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Confirmed
Aug 9 1939	Dermody, Miss Mary E.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 28 1939	Rice, Floyd	Acting
Oct 7 1939	Rice, Floyd	Assumed charge
Aug 1 1940	Hanson, Mrs Anna C.	Nominated
Aug 8 1940	Hanson, Mrs Anna C.	Confirmed
Aug 13 1940	Hanson, Anna C.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 28 1940	Hanson, Anna C.	Commissioned
Oct 1 1940	Hanson, Mrs Anna C.	Assumed charge
Oct 30 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 4 T4S R62W Comanche Creek 1/8 TO 1/4 mile east of post office	
Jul 31 1950	Ashworth, Audrey M.	Assumed charge (Acting)
May 1 1952	Ashworth, Mrs. Audrey M.	Nominated
May 21 1952	Ashworth, Mrs. Audrey M.	Confirmed
May 22 1952	Ashworth, Audrey M.	Appointed & Commissioned
Jun 30 1952	Ashworth, Audrey M.	Assumed charge

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	STRASBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-??x13mm	May 3 1912 Dec 5 1919
2	STRASBURG / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Dplx Grid, oval	Aug 22 1922
3	STRASBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Dec 6 1934 Nov 17 1936
4	STRASBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Jul 2 1937 Apr 15 1959
5	STRASBURG / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters	Feb 25 1941 Mar 19 1949
6	Strasburg / COLO. RC 10H 37.0x18.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1950s
7	STRASBURG / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, small letters	Jan 11 1957
8	STRASBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters, narrow letters	Apr 16 1962 Jul 17 1965
8.1	STRASBURG, CO / 80136 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines; wide gap	May 8 1967

STRASBURG - Continued

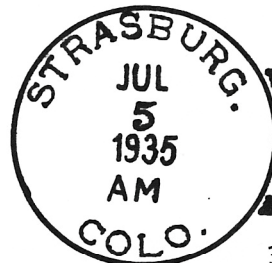
9	STRASBURG, CO / 80136 CI 10P 21.0	Aug 15 1970 Sep 9 1970 Mach Slogan in box with bars; AUGUST 15 / JOINING OF THE RAILS / 1870 CENTENNIAL 1970
10	STRASBURG, CO / 80136 CI 10P 21.0	Mar 11 1976 Mach 7 wavy lines; narrow gap
11	STRASBURG, CO / 80136 CI 10P 31.0	Aug 11 1967 Dec 19 1975 4bars S-24x18mm
11.1	STRASBURG, CO / 80136 CI 10P 33.0	Jun 3 1991 4bars S-25x19mm
12	STRASBURG, COLORADO / 80136 CI 10P 34.0	Apr 14 1993 Oct 15 1997 4bars S-20x15mm
13	Strasburg CO 80136 / USPS CI 10P 32.0	Jan 21 2005 4bars S-20x13mm



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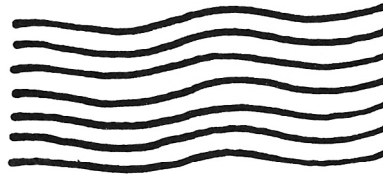
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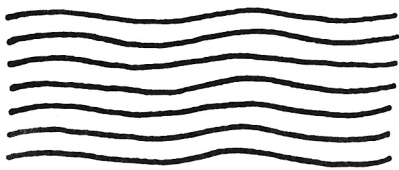
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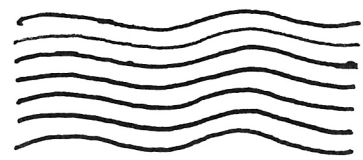
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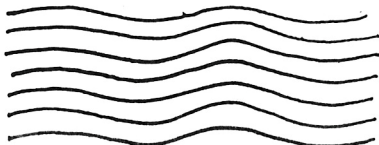
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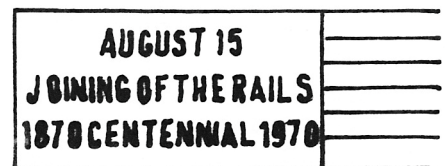
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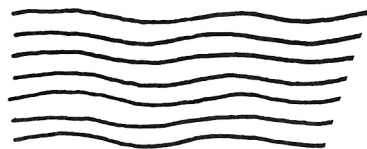
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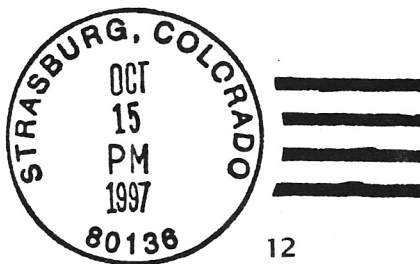
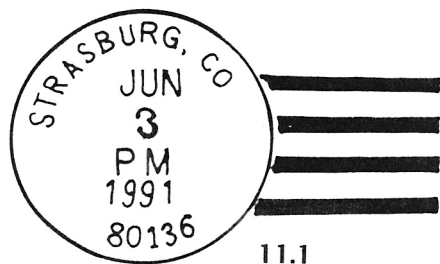
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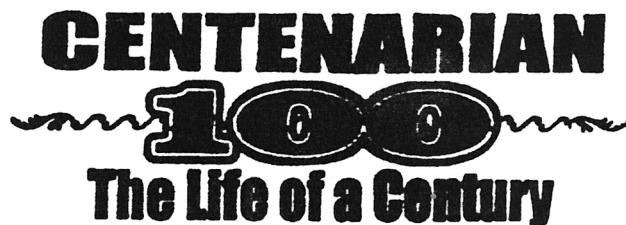
STRASBURG - Continued

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

Jun 6 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Strasburg, CO 80136 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 6 2000
SL 00R 93.0x34.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century



June 6, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station, Strasburg, CO 80136 ¹

SWINFORD

I have encountered only brief mentions of Swinford in the Colorado historical literature. It is described as a ranch post office on Comanche Creek, ten miles north of Strasburg.

Based on that description, I believe that Swinford was a short distance north of the earlier location of Living Springs, in the quarter section that is the northwest corner of the intersection of Headlight Road and East 112th Avenue. There are no buildings, but there are some trees and evidence of disturbed ground. Follow the directions to Living Springs and continue north.

One reference identifies this place as "Swimford."

Chronology of the Post Office

May 28 1912 Established
May 28 1912 Thompson, Samuel T.
Oct 15 1913 Discontinued Mail to Strasburg

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SWINFORD

THEDALUND

The dalund was a rural post office northeast of Strasburg. There is no evidence of an organized community at the site. The post office was at a ranch and served other ranches and farms in the area.

THEDALUND - Continued

When Charles J. Clark applied for a post office, he requested the name Clarkton. That choice was rejected, probably to avoid confusion with Clark in Routt County and Clarkville in Yuma County. I have no information as to the derivation of the name Thedalund.

There are several possible ways to visit the site of Thedalund. I will describe the simplest one. Begin in Strasburg and drive east on Main Street, US Highway 36. At the fork in the road keep straight ahead, due east, passing the rest stop. Highway 36 actually joins the Interstate from there to Byers. Six miles east from Strasburg you will rejoin Highway 36. Go one mile further east and turn north on Calhoun-Byers Road. In 2005 there was a sign pointing north to Hoyt. Drive eight miles north to East 88th Avenue. Thedalund was in the southeast corner of the intersection. Nothing remains at the site, but disturbed ground is evidence of some former activity.



THEDALUND, / COLO. July 3, 1924

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 17 1917 --- NW/4 Sec 26 T2S R61W 1 mile north of West Bijou Creek
- Jul 17 1917 Established
- Jul 17 1917 Clark, Charles J.
- Sep 6 1921 Stockett, Benjamin M.
- Jul 17 1936 Ordered closed
- Jul 31 1926 Discontinued Mail to Byers

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 THEDALUND / COLO. CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-25x20mm

Nov 26 1918 Jul 3 1924



WASHBURN

Washburn was a railroad post office located 205 feet west of the Union Pacific Railroad and about three miles south-southwest of Henderson. The post office lasted only a few years before the name was changed to Hazeltine in 1893. For a few months in 1892 the post office was named "Derblay."

I have found no other information about Washburn or a source of the name. The name "Washburn" does not appear on modern maps.

The location given below plots within the triangle that is formed by East 104th Avenue, Interstate 76 and US Highway 85. Within that triangle there are a few light industrial businesses, all of fairly recent construction.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 9 1889	---	NW/4 Sec 15 T2S R67W 1-1/4 mile east of the South Platte, 1/4 mile south of First Creek. 205 feet west of railroad Proposed postmaster - Stephen W. Brereton
Sep 12 1889		Established
Sep 12 1889		Brereton, Stephen W.
Jul 13 1892		Name changed to Derblay
Dec 22 1892		Name change rescinded
Jan 7 1893		Name changed to Hazeltine

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WASHBURN

WATKINS

The community of Watkins was established in 1872 by the Kansas Pacific Railroad. It was about a mile west of an earlier settlement and stage station named "Box Elder" for nearby Box Elder Creek. In 1877, when the post office was obtained, it took the name of Watkins, for a local rancher, L. A. Watkins. On March 2, 1888, John Fetzer and others filed a plat for the town of Watkins.

Watkins developed as an agricultural community providing supplies and a shipping point for local ranchers and farmers. It still performs some of those duties, but as the Denver Metropolitan Complex continues to expand eastward, Watkins is increasingly becoming a suburb of Denver.

The growth is reflected in the location of the Watkins Post office. In 1990 it was in a small building in the business district. In 2005 it was in a new, much larger building on the edge of the community.

Watkins is mostly on the north side of Interstate 70 and can be accessed from either Exit 292 or Exit 295.

Latitude = 39:44:43 North Longitude = 104:36:25 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 15 1877	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T3S R65W 1/2 mile east of Box Elder Creek
Jan 3 1878		Established
Jan 3 1878		McCracken, Frank B.
Mar 17 1880		Hauiel, Charles
Feb 8 1883		McLaughlin, Charles
Mar 13 1883		Ballard, Stephen H.
Jun 4 1884		Ballard, William W.
Dec 14 1889		Franz, Herman C.
Oct 14 1893		Closed Mail to Duff
Jul 30 1894	---	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R65W 1 mile west of Box Elder or Running Creek Kansas Pacific Division of Union Pacific, south side, within about 30 feet of tracks Proposed postmaster - William W. Ballard

WATKINS - Continued

Nov 6 1894	Ballard, William W.	
Jun 21 1899	O'Reilly, Mary A.	
Jun 5 1905	Nott, Mattie	
Aug 31 1906	Reeves, Ernest A.	
Apr 27 1910	Traut, Bridget M.	
Mar 2 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R65W 1/2 mile west of Running Creek, 200 feet south of the Union Pacific	
Jan 28 1915	Traut, Charles J.	
Nov 23 1923	Traut, Bridget M.	Confirmed, Commissioned & Assumed Charge
Oct 21 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R65W; Second & Hamilton Union Pacific Station 810 feet north of post office, Running Creek 1 mile east of post Office	
Sep 1 1944	Epperson, Mrs. J. Margaret	Assumed charge
Sep 8 1944	Epperson, Margaret	Acting
Nov 14 1944	Epperson, Margaret	Confirmed
Dec 14 1944	Epperson, Margaret	Commissioned
May 31 1965	Loehrig, Corinne M.	Acting
Aug 15 1965	Loehrig, Corinne M.	Commissioned
Aug 15 1972	Rice, Eleanor M.	Officer in charge
Feb 17 1973	Rice, Eleanor M.	Appointed
Oct 14 1893	Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WATKINS, / COL'O. CI 10P 30.0	Feb 22, 188- Aug 19 1880 Hstp Cork, smudge; screw heads at each side of cds Aug 11 1889
2	WATKINS, / COLO. CI 11P 32.0/29.0	Hstp Not present
3	WATKINS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	May 22 1905 Hstp Cork, smudge
4	WATKINS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Jul 24 1906 Aug 4 1910 Doane Type 3 with 3, S-??x14mm
5	WATKINS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jun 20 1909 Apr 4 1915 4bars S-25x20mm
6	WATKINS, / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	Nov 17 1936 Dec 19 1938 4bars S-25x19mm
7	WATKINS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 1 1939 Jan 11 1958 4bars S-25x19mm
7.1	WATKINS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Feb 4 1965 4bars S-25x20mm
8	WATKINS, CO / 80137 CI 10P 32.0	Jun 17 1965 May 12 1969 4bars S-24x20mm; oval "0" (zero)
9	WATKINS, CO / 80137 CI 10P 31.0	Apr 24 1971 Mar 19 1976 4bars S-24x18mm; round "0" (zero)
10	WATKINS, CO / USPO CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Dec 1 1981 Hstp No killer
11	WATKINS, CO / 80137 CI 10P 32.0	Feb 28 1987 Jun 3 1991 4bars S-25x19mm; wider span of town, state, zip



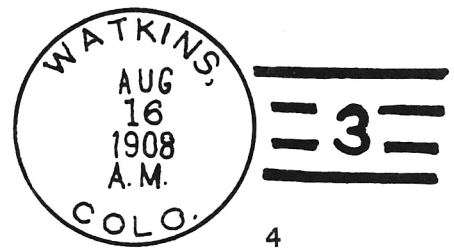
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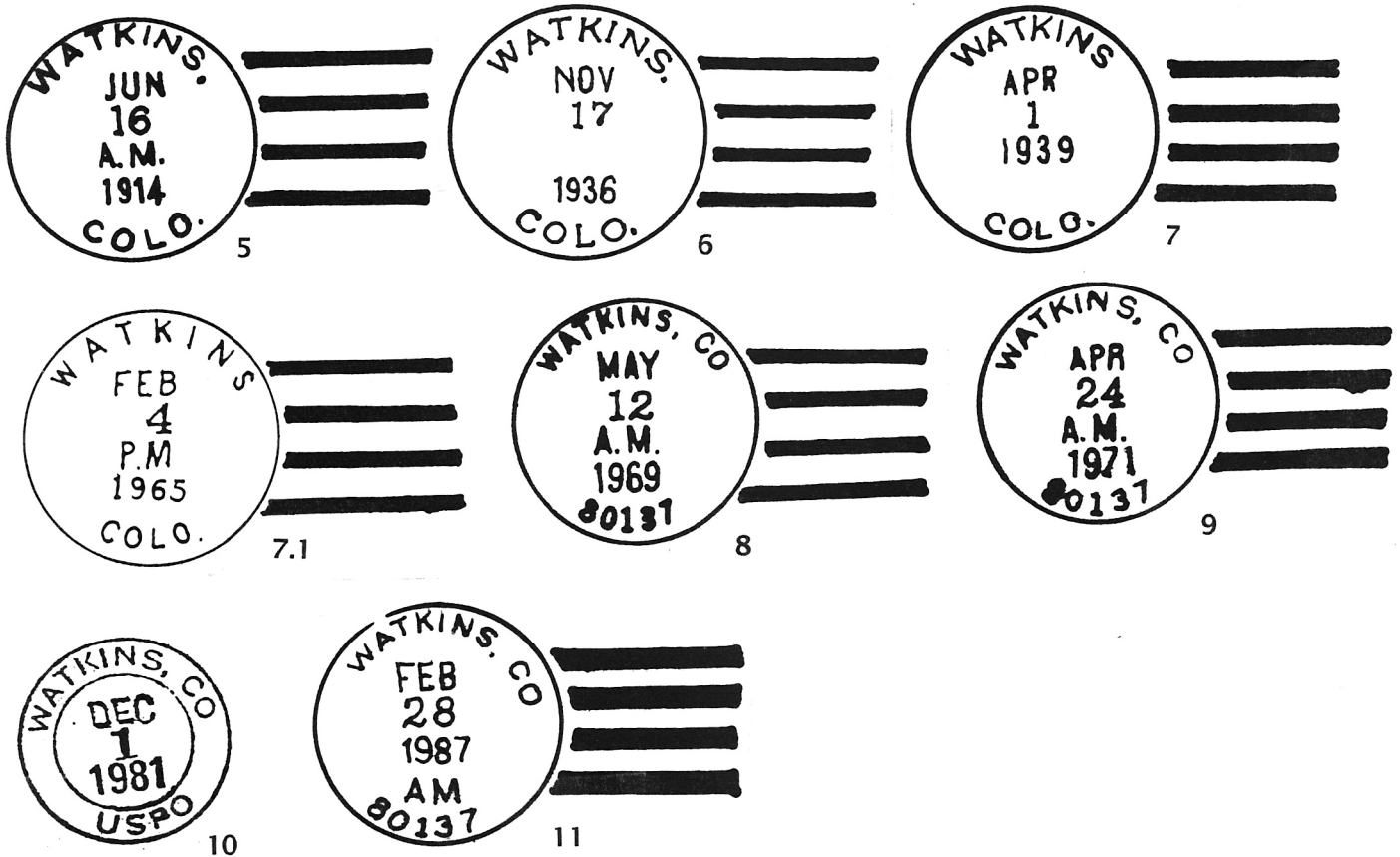


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WATKINS - Continued



FRONT RANGE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 22 - Jun 23 1985 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 WATKINS, CO 80137 // FRONT RANGE STATION Jun 22 1985 Jun 23 1985
IR 00R 68.0x37.0 Pict Wing - GRAND OPENING / COLORADO / NATIONAL / AIRSHOW // Front Range / Airport



WELBY

On September 10, 1909 the Northwestern Land Development Company filed a town plat for Welby. Previously at the site there had been an unorganized community named "Cline."

Welby was near the Denver, Laramie and Northwestern Railroad and today the Union Pacific tracks are just east of the area that is still shown as "Welby" on modern maps.

Welby was named for General Arthur E. Welby president of the Denver, Laramie and Northwestern Railroad.

I have no solid information as to what type of community Welby might have been. Its location in the bottomlands north of the junction of Clear Creek with the South Platte River permits an assumption that it was a farming community.

Drive north on Interstate 25 to the exit for East 84th Avenue. Go east to Washington Street and then south to East 78th Avenue. Drive east to York Street. Welby was east of York Street and spanned East 78th Avenue. A large, attractive brick building that is the Assumption Church and School occupies the northeast corner of the intersection. There are a number of modest homes in the surrounding area.

Latitude = 39:50:12 North Longitude = 104:57:31 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 28 1910	--	NW/4 Sec 36 T2S R68W
		Denver Laramie & Northwestern RR is 22 feet east of post office
		Clear Creek 1/2 mile south of post office
Dec 19 1910		Established
Dec 19 1910		Rotole, Domencio
Mar 31 1911		Discontinued Mail to Denver

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WELBY

WESTMINSTER

Homesteaders Pleasant DeSpain and Edward Bruce Bowles were the first permanent settlers in this area. Eventually there was a railroad station that took the name of DeSpain Junction. On June 27, 1890 Henry Lowe and T. Hagerman filed a town plat for Harris Park. Other names applied to this place were Harrisburg and finally Harris, when a post office was granted in 1890.

In 1891 Stanford White of New York organized a Presbyterian College at Harris. It was known as Westminster University. This "Princeton of the West" stood on Crown Point, the highest hill in the county. Nearby the town's pioneer settler, Pleasant De Spain, Sr. had built a sod house and homesteaded at what is now the intersection of West 76th Avenue and Lowell Blvd. The University closed in 1917, but in 1909 the town was incorporated under the name of Westminster.

In 1920 the University property was acquired by the "Pillar of Fire" Church and became the Pillar of Fire Institute.

At first Westminster was a small community serving the University and providing supplies to farmers and ranches in the surrounding area. In recent years Westminster has grown into the second largest city in Adams County and has become virtually indistinguishable from the City of Denver and its other northern suburbs. It is now a typical mixture of residential area, commercial sections and industrial sites.

In 1999 the Westminster Post Office was on the east side of Meade Street between West 72nd Avenue and West 73rd Avenue. At the time a new post office for Westminster was under construction at Federal Boulevard and West 105th Avenue. After several delays, that 30,000 square foot facility opened in 2000.

WESTMINSTER - Continued

The older section of Westminster is along West 73rd Avenue. This was likely the section that was originally Harris.

Latitude = 39:50:12 North Longitude = 105:02:12 West



WESTMINSTER, / COLO. October 17, 1908
An error in spelling was corrected by cutting out the extra "I".

Chronology of the Post Office

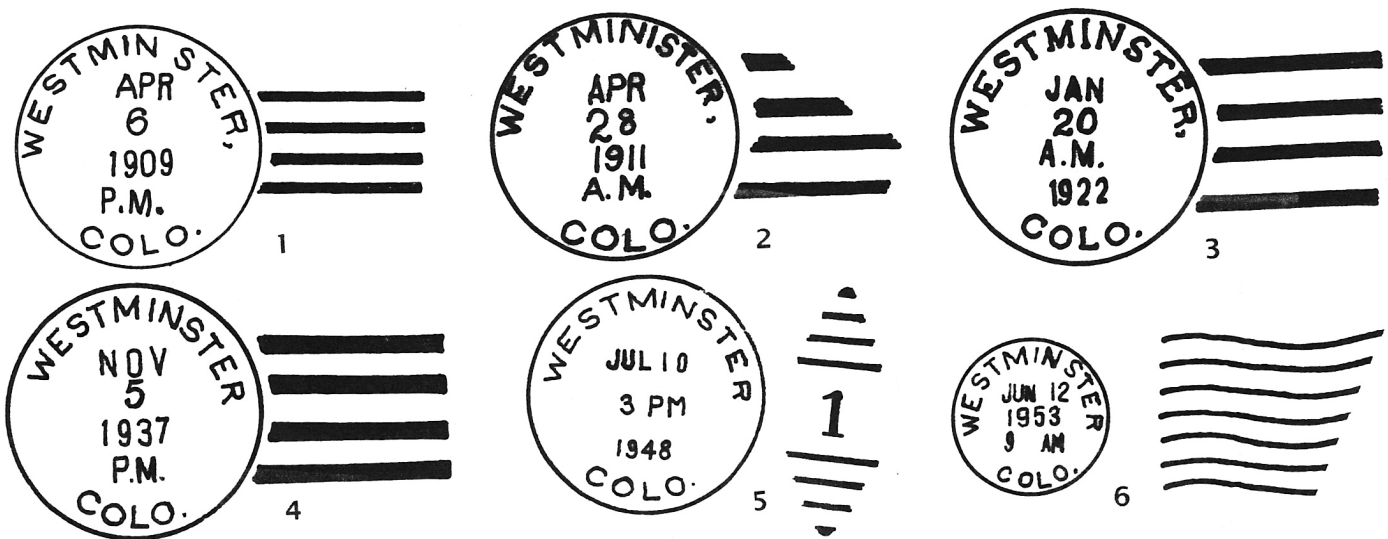
Jun 5 1908	Formerly named Harris	
Jun 5 1908	Millette, Randolph H.	
Jan 8 1909	SE/4 Sec 31 T2S R68W	100 feet north of the Colorado & Southern
May 18 1909	Milford, Loren D.	
Apr 1 1910	Hurlburt, Rufus H.	
May 6 1913	Sec 31 T2S R68W	500 feet north of the Colorado & Southern
Oct 21 1914	Moffett, Marion S.	Confirmed
Nov 4 1914	Moffett, Marion S.	Commissioned
Nov 23 1914	Moffett, Marion S.	Assumed charge
Nov 6 1914	SE/4 Sec 31 T2S R68W	A move 540 feet west of a previous location 200 yards north of Dry Creek, 100 feet north of the Colorado & Southern tracks, 1 mile east of county boundary.
Feb 2 1940	Hanks, Jessie M.	Assumed charge
Feb 15 1940	Hanks, Mrs. Jessie M.	Acting
Aug 13 1940	Hanks, Mrs. Jessie M.	Confirmed
Aug 31 1940	Hanks, Mrs. Jessie M.	Commissioned
Nov 3 1941	SW/4 Sec 32 T2S R68W;	Corner of Bradburn and Washburn Colorado & Southern Station 400 feet south of post office
Jul 1 1944	Hanks, Jessie M.	Office made Presidential
Aug 23 1944	Hanks, Mrs. Jessie M.	Nominated
Sep 1 1944	Hanks, Jessie M.	Appointed Presidential, Confirmed & Commissioned

WESTMINSTER - Continued

Sep 30 1946	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Acting
Oct 1 1946	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Assumed charge
Feb 17 1949	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Nominated
Mar 16 1949	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Confirmed
Mar 17 1949	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1949	VanScoy, Elmer G.	Assumed charge
Dec 27 1968	Sokol, William	Acting
Mar 7 1969	Hagberg, Lee A.	Acting
Aug 7 1970	Brees, Ted A.	Acting
Jul 31 1971	Brees, Ted A.	Appointed
Jul 31 1971	Brees, Ted A.	Assumed charge
Jan 23 1981	Russ, Sandra	Officer in charge

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WESTMINSTER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Oct 17 1908 Apr 6 1909 4bars S-??x14mm; Was an "I" cut out to leave the gap in Westminster?
2	WESTMINSTER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Apr 28 1911 4bars S-??x19mm
3	WESTMINSTER, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Jan 20 1922 Nov 16 1936 4bars S-24x20mm
4	WESTMINSTER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Nov 5 1937 Nov 8 1946 4bars S-23x19mm
5	WESTMINSTER / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Mar 19 1948 Sep 16 1958 Dplx Grid, oval with 1
6	WESTMINSTER / COLO. CI 10P 20.5	Jun 12 1953 May 6 1964 Mach 7 wavy lines
7	WESTMINSTER, CO / 80030 CI 10P 20.5	Mar 1 1966 May 12 1972 Mach 6 wavy lines
8	WESTMINSTER, CO 80030 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	May 7 1971 Sep 28 1976 Rolr 6 slanted wavy lines
9	WESTMINSTER, CO / 80030 CI 10P 20.5	Dec 19 1975 Mach 6 wavy lines
10	WESTMINSTER, CO / USPO CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Apr 14 1992 Hstp No killer
11	WESTMINSTER CO 80030 / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Feb 21 1995 Hstp No killer



**WESTMINSTER STATIONS - Continued
BOWLES HOUSE MUSEUM STATION- Continued**



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BUTTERFLY PAVILION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 16 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Westminster, Colorado / 80020-2438 // Butterfly Pavilion Station Jul 16 1999
IR 00R 79.0x38.0 Pict Scene - Cart with flowers: Text -
Hospice Care / Embracing Life's Journey

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Westminster, CO 80030 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000
SL 00R 96.0x34.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / 100 / The
Life of a Century

*Hospice Care
Embracing Life's Journey*

*July 16, 1999
Butterfly Pavilion Station
Westminster, Colorado
80020-2438*



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CENTENARIAN
100
The Life of a Century

June 15 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station Westminster, CO 80030

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HARRIS PARK STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 25 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 HARRIS PARK STATION 80030 / USPO Jan 25 2000
CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No Killer (No town or state in cds)



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WESTMINSTER STATIONS - Continued

JIM BAKER MOUNTAIN MAN FESTIVAL STATION**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 20 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 WESTMINSTER, CO 80030 // JIM BAKER MOUNTAIN MAN / FEST May 20 1995 May 20 1995
 IR 00R 70.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Mountain Man with Mountains;
 Text in negative lettering on scene -
 JIM BAKER MOUNTAIN MAN / FESTIVAL STATION

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

----- Establishment date is unrecorded

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 WESTMINSTER MAIN OFFICE 80031 / USPO Jan 20 2000 Feb 16 2000
 CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No Killer (Opening day of the new
 Westminster Main Post Office)

**PLEASANT DESPAIN SCHOOL STATION**

The Pleasant DeSpain school building stands on the northeast corner of Lowell Boulevard and West 72nd Avenue. This is only a block from the location of the Westminster Post Office in 1999.

Chronology of the Post Office

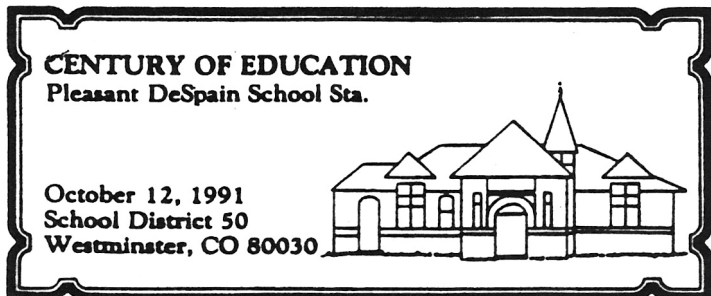
Oct 21 1991 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Westminster, CO 80030 // Pleasant DeSpain School Sta. Oct 21 1991
 RC 10F 89.0x30.0 Pict Scene - School building; Text - CENTURY
 OF EDUCATION / School District 50

WESTMINSTER STATIONS - Continued

PLEASANT DESPAIN SCHOOL STATION



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SHAW HEIGHTS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1964	Opened as a Contract Station of Westminister
--- ---	3795 West 88th Avenue (Ben Franklin Store)
Jan 15 1965	Operation ceased
Apr 15 1965	Officially closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 WESTMINSTER, COLO. SHAW HEIGHTS / USPO Jul 1 1964
 CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

WAL*MART

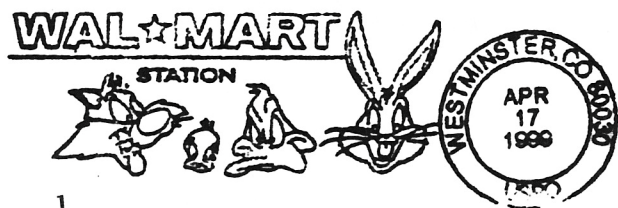
Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
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Confirmed types of postal markings

1 WESTMINSTER, CO 80030 / USPS :: WAL*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999 Apr 17 1999
 CI 11P 23.0/16.0 PICT Scene - SYLVESTER, TWEETY, DAFFY DUCK,
 BUGS BUNNY

NOTE: For some reason there are two different arrangements of the parts of this device.



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WESTMINSTER STATIONS - Continued

WESTPHILIA STATION

This special station operated at a commercially sponsored stamp show and bourse. It is suspected that a station operated in some of the years not listed below. However, there is evidence that at times the "postmark" was an unofficial one, not provided by the US Postal Service.

Reports of additional dates would be greatly appreciated.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 31 1984 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Apr 6 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Apr 8 - 9 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Feb 28 - 29 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Jul 16 - 17 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

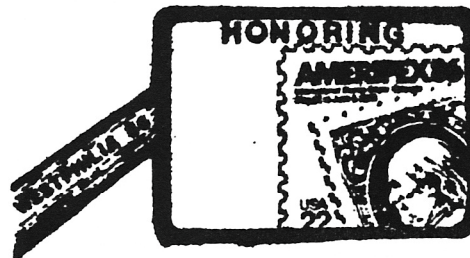
Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | WESTMINSTER, CO. 80030 :: WESTPHILIA - 1984 STATION
CI 10P 26.0 | Mar 31 1984
Pict Scene - Crystal group on simulated stamp; Text -Minerals on Stamps |
| 2 | WESTMINSTER, CO. 80030 [STA.]
CI 10P 21.5 | Apr 5 1986 Apr 6 1986
Pict Scene - Magnifying glass and portion of Ameripex '86 commemorative; WESTPHILIA 86 |
| 3 | WESTMINSTER, CO. 80030 [STA.]
CI 10P 26.0 | Apr 8 1989 Apr 9 1989
Pict Scene - Ski Jumper; WESTPHILIA 89 SALUTES PROPOSAL / OF / WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES IN COLORADO |
| 4.1 | WESTMINSTER, / COLO. 80030 :: WESTPHILIA STA.
CI 10P 25.5 | Feb 28 1992 Feb 28 1992
Pict Text in 59x25mm box : 10th ANNIVERSARY / STAMP EXHIBITION / WESTPHILIA STA. |
| 4.2 | WESTMINSTER, / COLO 80030 :: WESTPHILIA STA.
CI 10P 25.5 | Feb 29 1992
Pict Text in 59x25mm box : 10th ANNIVERSARY / STAMP EXHIBITION / WESTPHILIA STA. |
| 5.1 | Westminster / CO 80030 // Westphilia XI Station
IR 00R 62.0x32.0 | Jul 16 1994 Jul 16 1994
Pict Scene - Running horse to right of cancel, with cachet |
| 5.2 | Westminster / CO 80030 // Westphilia XI Station
IR 00R 62.0x32.0 | Jul 17 1994 Jul 17 1994
Pict Scene - Running horse to right of cancel |

WESTPHILIA - 1984 STATION



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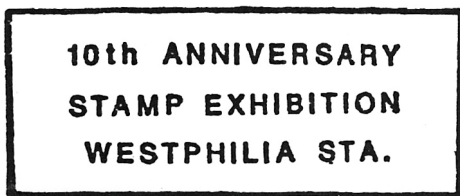


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WESTMINSTER STATIONS - Continued
WESTPHILIA STATION - Continued



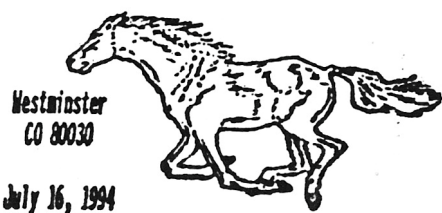
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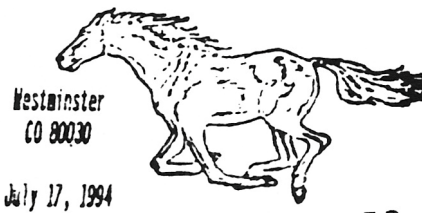


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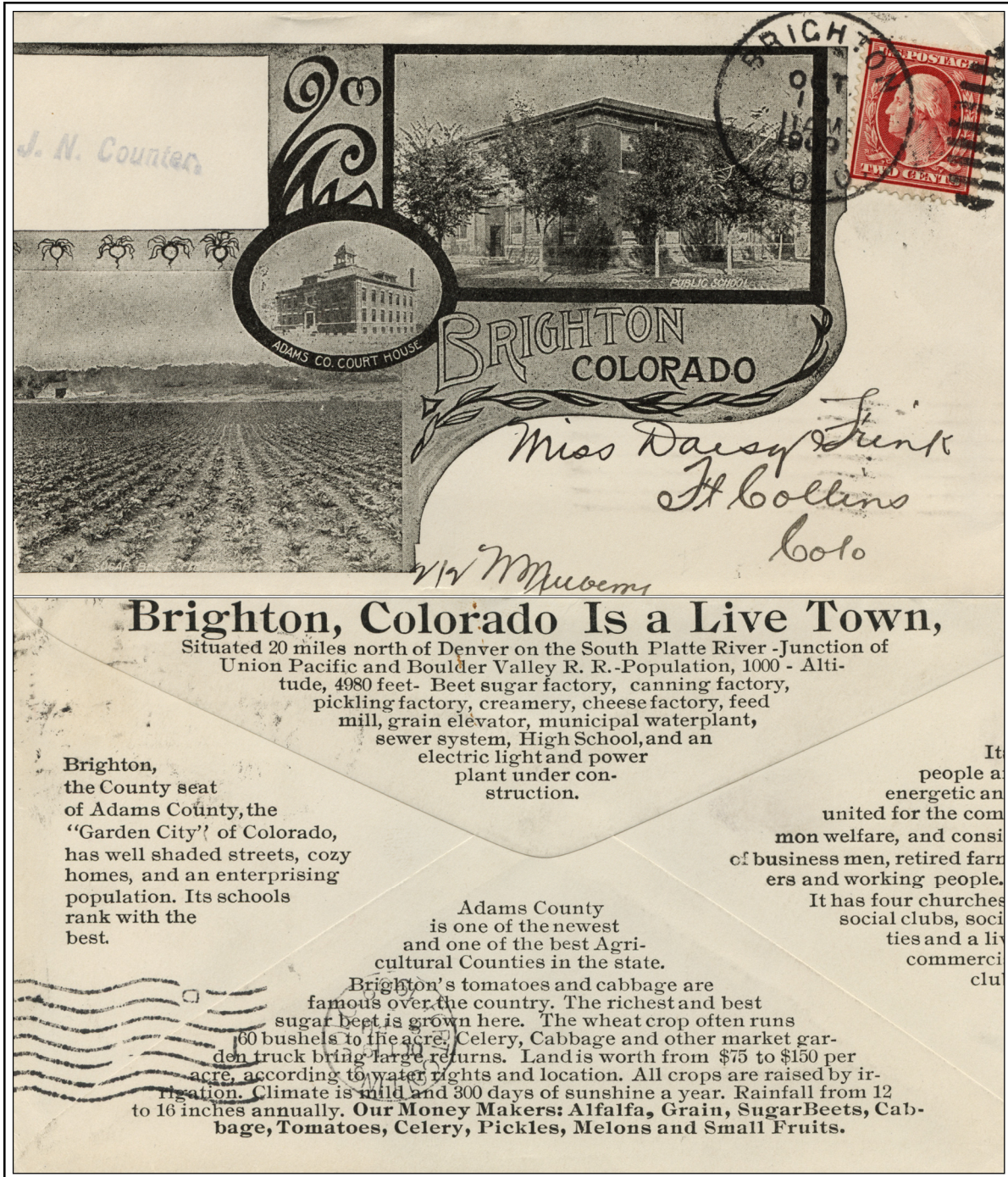
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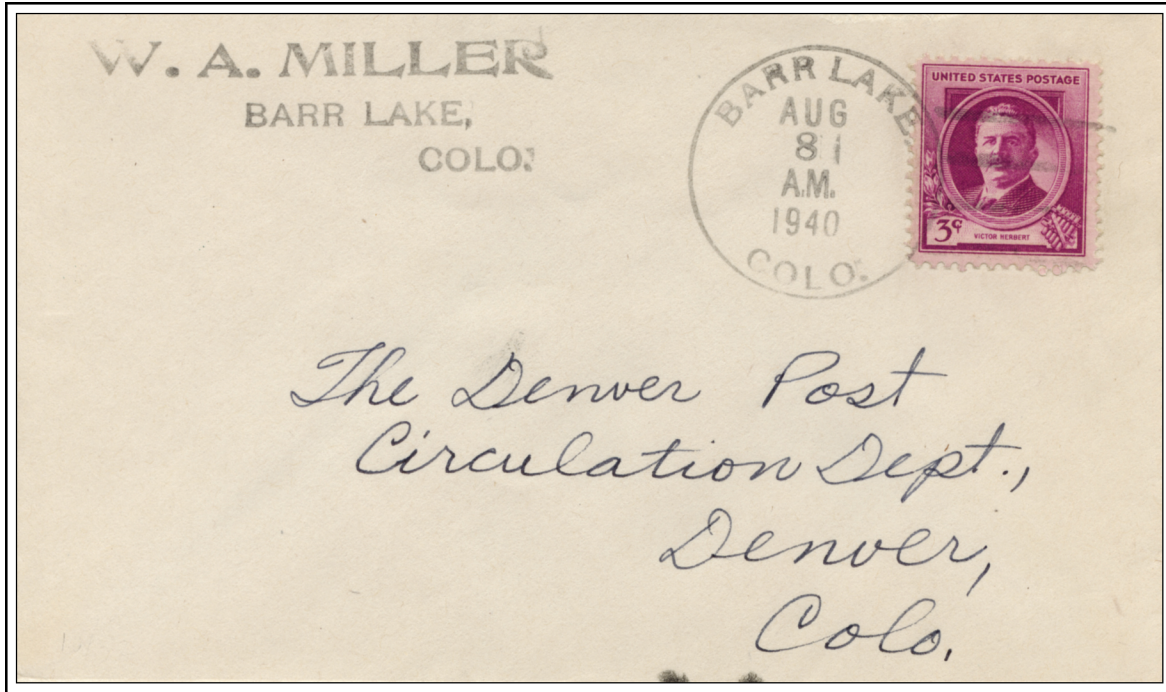
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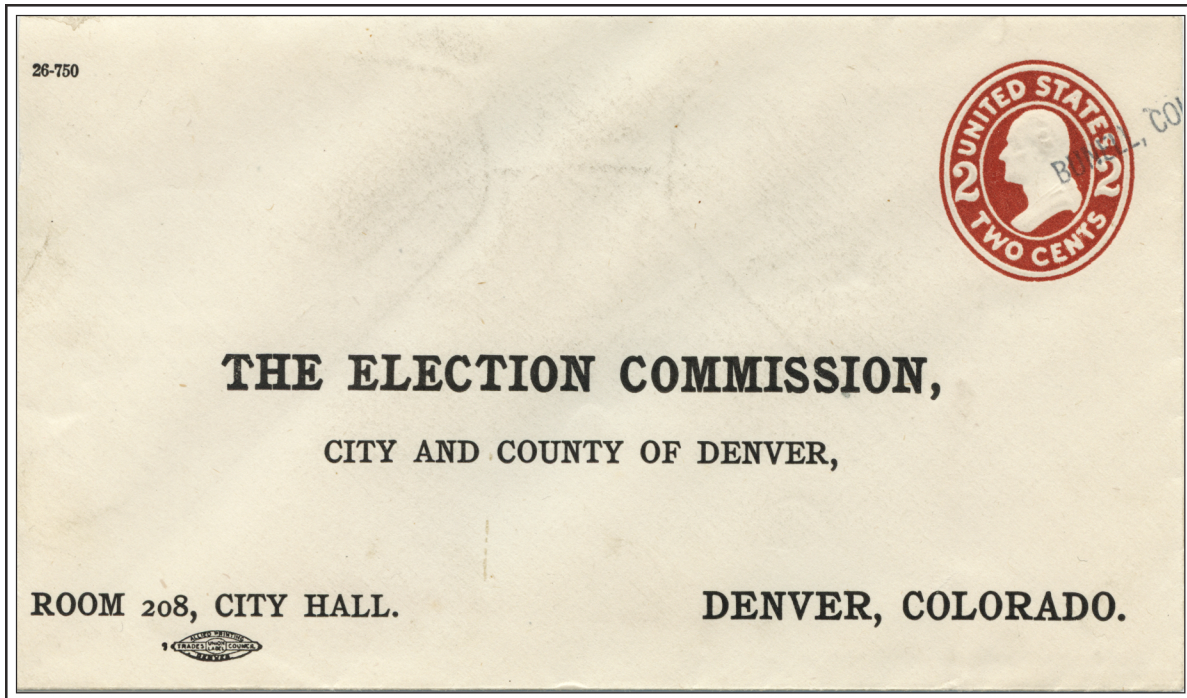
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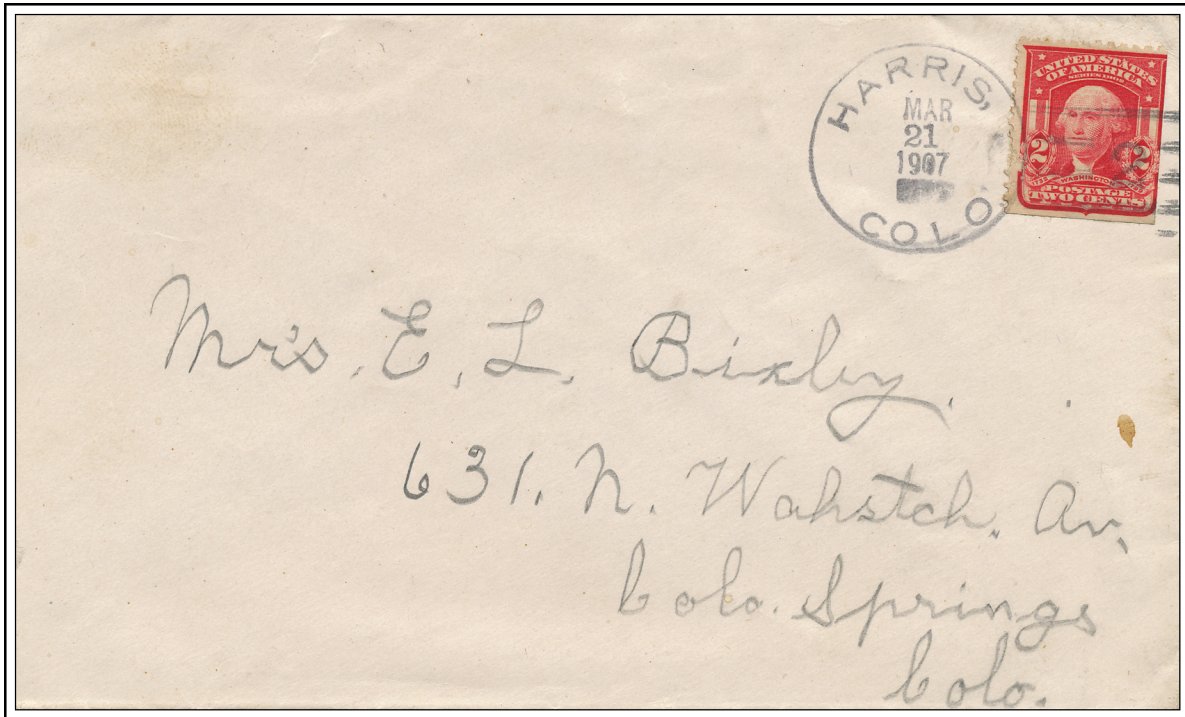
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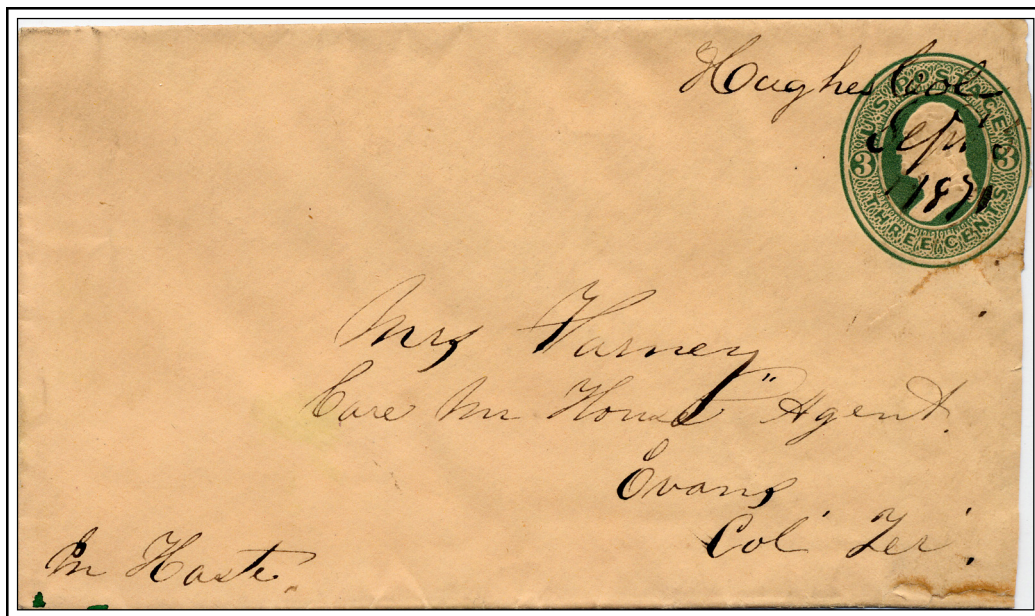
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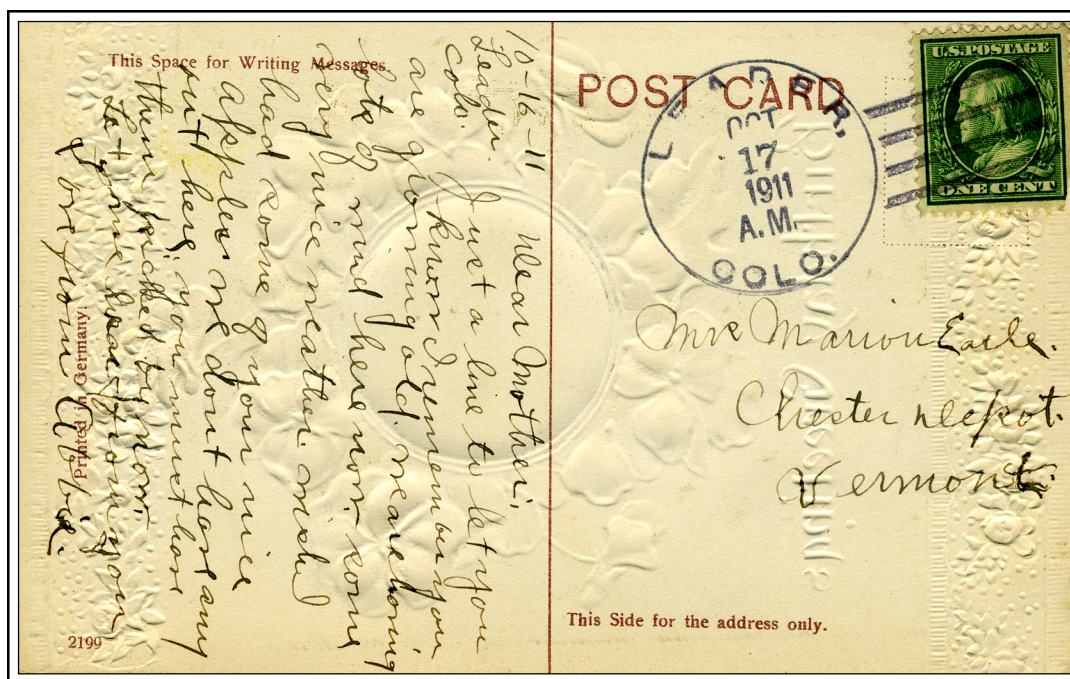
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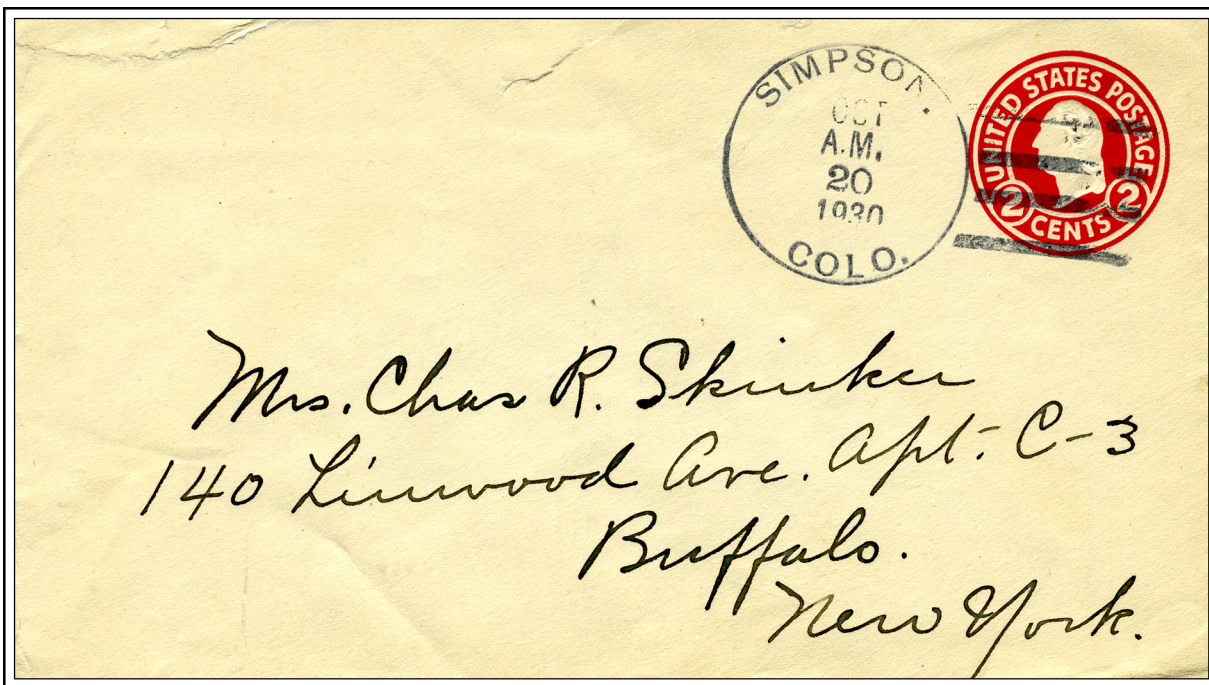
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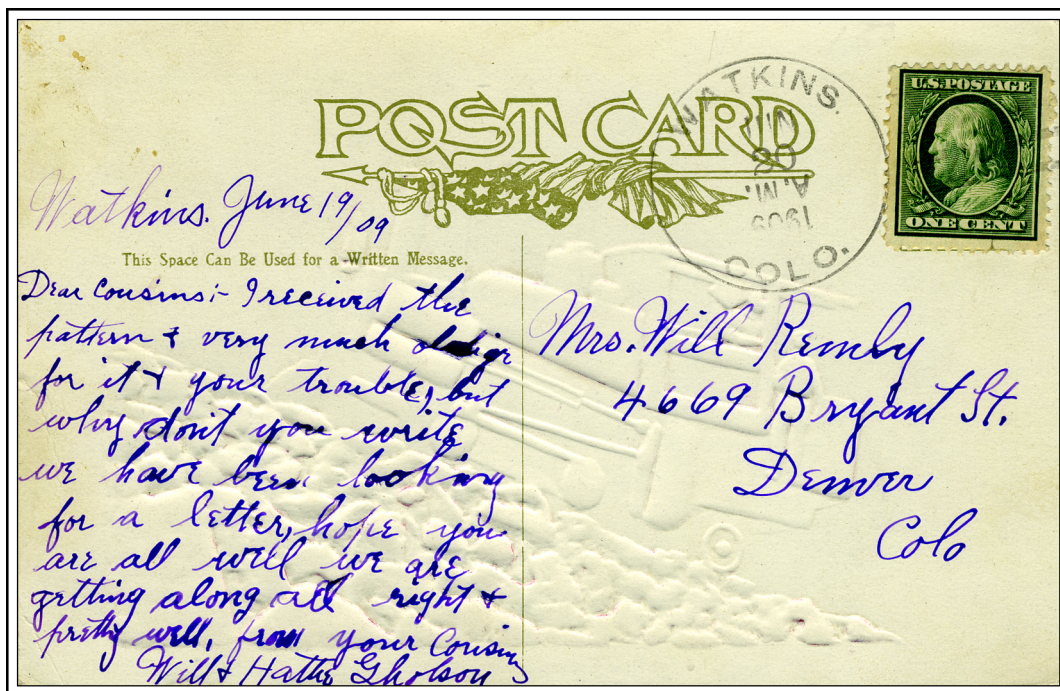


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