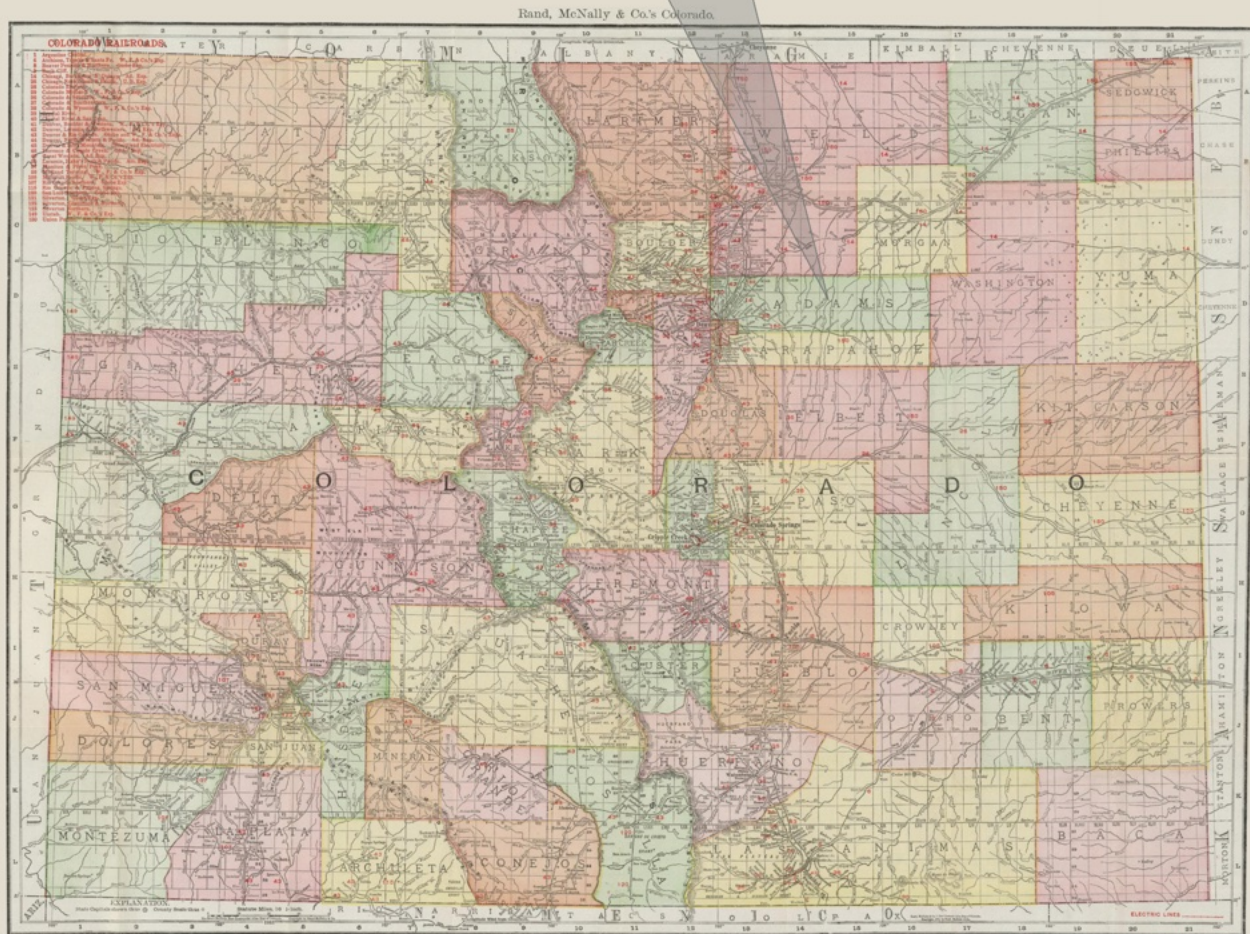


# Baca County



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*Established: April 16, 1889*

*County Seat: Springfield*

**PRITCHETT – Continued**

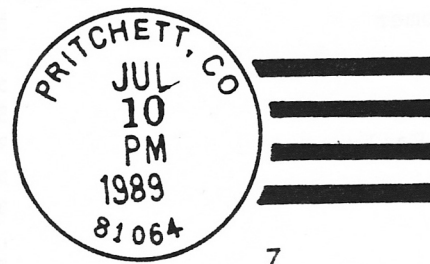
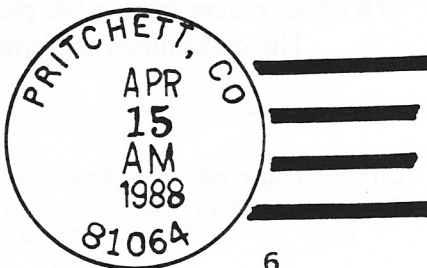
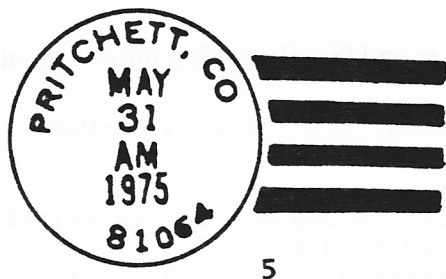
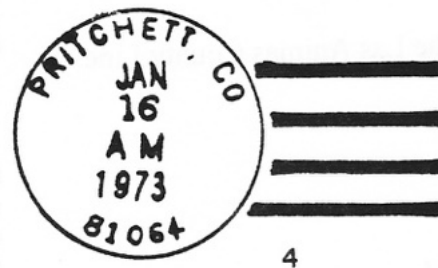
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Feb 19 1935	Stuart, James W.	Commissioned
Jun 22 1939	Stuart, James W.	Nominated
Jul 5 1939	Stuart, James W.	Confirmed
Jul 12 1939	Stuart, James W.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 22 1939	Stuart, James W.	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 6 T31S R48W US highway 160	goes along in front of the post office.
Feb 4 1947	Stuart, Ruth Odean	Acting
Feb 5 1947	Stuart, Ruth Odean	Assumed charge
Sep 11 1950	Stuart, James	Nominated
Sep 15 1950	Stuart, James	Confirmed
Sep 20 1950	Stuart, James	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Oct 31 1950	Stuart, James	Assumed Charge
Jun 26 1959	Shelton, Ertis D.	Assumed charge
Jul 6 1959	Shelton, Ertis D.	Acting
Apr 27 1960	Shelton, Ertis D.	Nominated
Jun 21 1960	Shelton, Ertis D.	Confirmed
Jun 27 1960	Shelton, Ertis D.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	PRITCHETT / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Feb 16 1933 Aug 10 1935
1.1	PRITCHETT, / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x15.0	Dplx Grid, Oval with 1 1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
2	PRITCHETT / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Aug 10 1938 Dec 26 1962
2.1	PRITCHETT, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 Feb 9 1944
2.2	PRITCHETT, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No Killer Feb 9 1944
3	PRITCHETT, COLO / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer Aug 5 1968
4	PRITCHETT, CO / 81064 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm Aug 25 1969 Jan 16 1973
5	PRITCHETT, CO / 81064 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm May 31 1975 Oct 5 1977
6	PRITCHETT, CO / 81064 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x21mm Oct 9 1987 Apr 15 1988
7	PRITCHETT, CO / 81064 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm Jul 10 1989 Oct 3 1997



PRITCHETT – Continued



**PROGRESS**

Progress was a rural post office located on the road from Kansas to Stonington. One historical reference connects Progress to a town promotion to be known as Plymouth. This connection is confirmed by the Geographic Site Location Report that initially requested the name of “Plymouth,” but that choice was rejected by the Post Office department. Progress is another of the many towns that were established in the late 1880’s and disappeared during the dry period of the 1890’s.

Begin at Stonington and drive south two miles on County Road 49. Turn east on Road V. The site of Progress was in the next half-mile, but nothing remains to mark its location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Apr 23 1888 --- S/2 SE/4 Sec 8 T32S R42W The suggested name "Plymouth" was rejected.  
Proposed postmaster - William H. Walker
- Sep 26 1888 Established
- Sep 26 1888 Walker, William R.
- Feb 28 1890 Snyder, William
- Nov 13 1894 Snyder, Maggie E.
- Nov 19 1895 Discontinued Mail to Stonington

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 PROGRESS/COLO.  
CI 10P 27.0

Dec 16 1889 Mar 27 1893  
Hstp Not present (Year date is questionable)



**REGNIER**

Regnier was a ranch post office located a very short distance north of the Colorado-Oklahoma border. It was no longer listed under Colorado in the post 1920 *Postal Guides*, but a Regnier does then appear under Oklahoma.

The source of the name appears to be that of the first postmaster; Carrie Regnier and was most likely at her home.

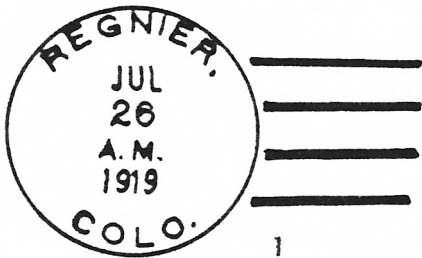
From Pritchett, drive south on County Road 13 to the Colorado-Oklahoma border. Regnier was a quarter mile north of the border, on the east side of Gallienas Creek, in an open area along that stream. No evidence of Regnier is readily visible. In early 1920 Charles A. Kirtley was appointed postmaster for Regnier and it is likely that this is when the office moved south into Oklahoma.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- May 31 1900 --- NW/4 Sec 17 T35S R48W A few rods east of Gallinas Creek.  
Proposed postmaster - Carrie Regnier  
Postmaster - Carrie Regnier
- Sep 25 1900 Established
- Sep 25 1900 Regnier, Carrie
- Feb 25 1914 --- NE/4 NW/4 Sec 17 T35S R48W 1/4 mile north of the county boundary.  
On the east bank of Gallienas Creek.
- Feb 27 1920 Kirtley, Charles A.
- ???? A new postmaster was appointed on Feb 20, 1920, but the office is not listed under Colorado in the 1920 or later postal guides. However, a Regnier is listed under the state of Oklahoma.

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 0.1 REGNIER, / COLO. May 1 1909 June 21 1909  
CI 10P ????
- Doane Type 3 with 1  
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
- 1 REGNIER. / COLO. Dec 7 1908 Jul 26 1919  
CI 10P 32.0  
4bars s-23x19mm



**RICHARDS**

In 1911, a man named Lewis J. Richards, his wife and their son Dean moved from Oklahoma to a site near the South Fork of the Cimarron River. They opened a store and obtained a post office that was given their family name. The settlement grew to include a cream and egg station, a blacksmith shop and at least six residences. The Richards post office operated until 1938, but in 1998 only a concrete slab and some concrete rubble remained to mark the plotted site in the southwest corner of the intersection of Roads 42 and N. At that time there were still some small buildings on the northwest corner of the intersection that were undoubtedly a part of Richards.

From Walsh, drive south on County Road 44 fifteen miles to County Road N, then west two miles to Road 42. The site is in an open field.

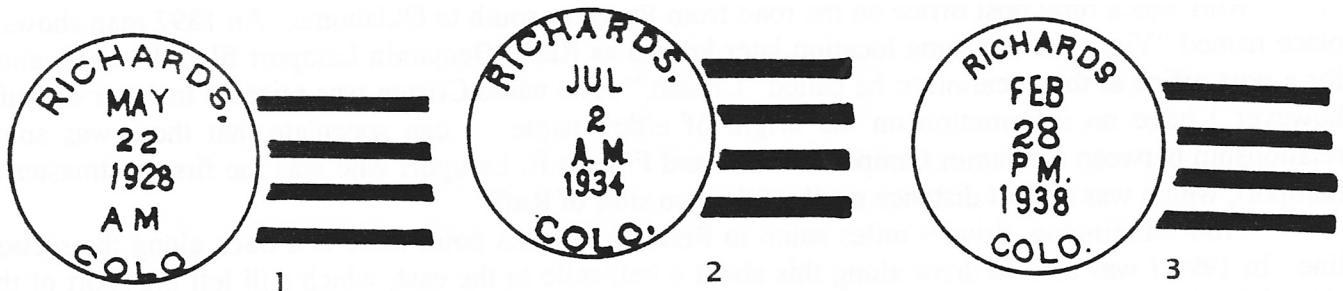
Continue west another six and a half miles to Road 36 and the 1927 location of Rodley.

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

Jan 7 1911	---	NE/4 Sec 24 T33S R44W	
		Proposed postmaster - Lewis J. Richards	
Jan 27 1912		Established	
Jan 27 1912		Richards, Lewis J.	
Feb 26 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 24 T33S R44W	
		Postmaster - Lewis J. Richards	
Oct 15 1915		McClendon, Marion U.	
Apr 10 1919		Murphy, Peter R.	
Dec 19 1921		Thomas, George J.	
Jun 30 1922		Campbell, Edna	
Jul 7 1927		Bechtle, Ralph E.	Confirmed
Jul 25 1927		Bechtle, Ralph E.	Commissioned
Aug 1 1927		Bechtle, Ralph E.	Assumed charge
Jan 1 1938		Ordered closed	
Feb 28 1938		Discontinued Mail to Campo	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	RICHARDS, / COLO CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 15 1912	May 22 1928
2	RICHARDS, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Oct 29 1929	Jun 2 1934
3	RICHARDS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Feb 28 1938	

**RODLEY**

Rodley was a rural post office on the road from Vilas to Campo.

To reach the site of Rodley, drive south from Vilas on County Road 36. At nine miles there is a short jog in the road to the east. After the road again turns south, continue 5 miles to the reported 1927 site of Rodley at Road N. At this location there is a fenced off water tank, some trees and rubble.

From the 1927 site on Road 36, go back north one mile to Road P and turn west. Go two miles to Road 34 and then north one mile to Road Q. This was the original site (1910) of the Rodley post office, but nothing remains. It is plowed fields and grassland.

Latitude = 37:11:28-North Longitude = 102:29:08-West RODLEY CEMETERY

**Chronology of the Post Office**

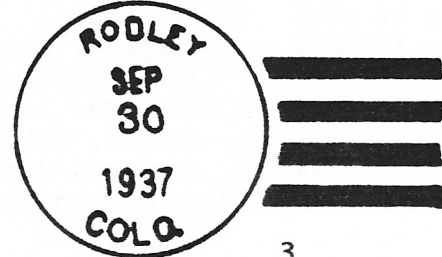
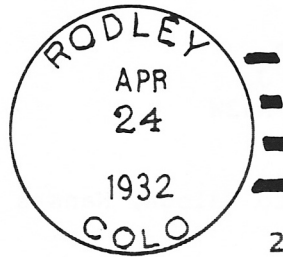
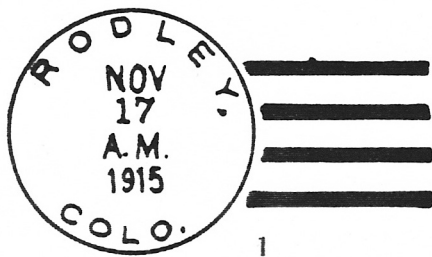
Mar 22 1910	---	NE/4 Sec 10 T33S R45W	
		Proposed postmaster - Jennie Francis Islieb	
May 21 1910		Established	
May 21 1910		Islieb, Jennie F.	
Nov 2 1911		Jones, Claude T.	
Jan 18 1915		Ballou, George N.	

**RODLEY – Continued**

Jul 23 1917	---	SE/4 Sec 10 T33S R45W A move 1-1/2 miles north east of a previous location. By the sketch map, from the NW/4 SW/4 Sec 15 T33S R45W.	
Jul 27 1917		Butler, Harry A.	
May 6 1927	---	SE/4 Sec 13 T33S R45W A move 2 miles east and 1-3/5 miles south of a previous location.	
Jun 16 1927		Davis, Stella G.	Acting
Sep 8 1927		Davis, Stella G.	Appointed
Sep 16 1937		Ordered closed	
Sep 30 1937		Discontinued Mail to Richards	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	RODLEY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 17 1915 Feb 17 1917
2	RODLEY / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Apr 24 1932
3	RODLEY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 30 1937



**RUFF**

Ruff was a rural post office on the road from Progress south to Oklahoma. An 1897 map shows a place named “Viena” at the same location later known as Ruff. Benjamin Lamport filed the application for a post office at this location to be called “Cristen.” The name Cristen was rejected in favor of Ruff, however I have no information on the origin of either name. I can speculate that there was some relationship between Benjamin Lamport at Ruff and Francis E. Lamport who was the first postmaster at Lamport, which was a short distance south of the two sites of Ruff.

From Stonington, drive 9 miles south to Road N. At this point there is a track along the section line. In 1998 I was able to drive along this about a half-mile to the east, which still left me short of the site of Ruff. From the end of the track, I could see some trees on a slightly elevated piece of ground. I would guess that was the 1889 site of Ruff. One mile south, at Road M, the intersection with Road 49 was once known as “Midway,” but never had a post office.

The 1892 site of Ruff was two miles east-northeast, on the east side of Road 52. You have two choices: Backtrack two miles to Road Q, turn east for 3 miles to Road 52, then south one mile; or, go south one mile to Road M, then east three miles to Road 52 and north 2 miles to the site. Unless you are a truly dedicated postal historian, you may wish to forgo this junket as the only thing there is a row of older trees.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 6 1889	---	SE/4 Sec 17 T33S R42W The suggested name "Cristen" was rejected. Proposed postmaster - Benjamin Lamport (See LAMPOR ?)
Sep 16 1889		Established
Sep 16 1889		Lamport, Benjamin

RUFF – Continued

Dec 10 1891	Pearsons, Thomas J.
Feb 2 1892 ---	NW/4 Sec 14 T33S R42W
May 23 1894	Yowell, Sallie E.
Aug 28 1894	Stewart, Mary A.
May 18 1896	Discontinued Mail to Taloga, Kansas



RUFF / COLO. February 9, 1894

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 RUFF / COLO.  
CI 10P 27.0

Oct 18 1890 Feb 14 1894

Hstp Target, 4 ring 16mm



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**SAND ARROYO**

This was a short-lived rural post office named for the nearby Sand Arroyo. I have not found any additional information relative to the settlement.

Sand Arroyo is another site to which I was not able to drive to. My attempt to reach the site began at the intersection of County Roads S and 20. I drove east two miles but there was no road that would take me the mile north to the Sand Arroyo site. From Road S there is a clear view for at least a mile, but no sign of anything of interest. Continuing the attempt, I backtracked one mile and then drove a mile north on Road 21. This brought me to the Lone Star 1917 Cemetery, but again there was no way to go east to the Sand Arroyo site. This cemetery was most likely connected to the Sand Arroyo Community. From the Cemetery, drive back west to Road 20, north two miles to Road U, and west three miles to Road 17 and then nine miles north to US 160.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jun 3 1915 --- SE/4 Sec 22 T32S R47W The suggested name "Tippett" was rejected.  
1-1/2 miles north of Sand Arroyo Creek.  
Applicant for postmaster - Charles M. Tippett
- Oct 20 1915 Established
- Oct 20 1915 Tippett, Charles M.
- Dec 31 1917 Discontinued Mail to Springfield

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SAND ARROYO**

**SETON**

Seton acquired a post office in 1915, but in less than a year the name was changed to Setonsburg. The historical literature makes no mention of this settlement other than to state that it was located southwest of Springfield. It was apparently another of the ranch post offices serving the farmers and ranchers of Baca County.

Seton/Setonsburg was located nine miles south of Pritchett, in the northwest corner of the intersection of Baca County Roads T and 13. There are signs of activity at that location and a quarter mile or so west is a building to which access is blocked by a fence.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Mar 9 1915 --- SE/4 Sec 19 T32S R48W  
Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Diantha Brown
- Jun 3 1915 Established
- Jun 3 1915 Brown, Diantha
- Jan 22 1916 Name changed to Setonsburg

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Seton Colo	Jul 24 1915
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel

*Seton Colo*  
*Jul-24 -15*



**SETONSBURG**

For a history and description, please refer to Seton.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

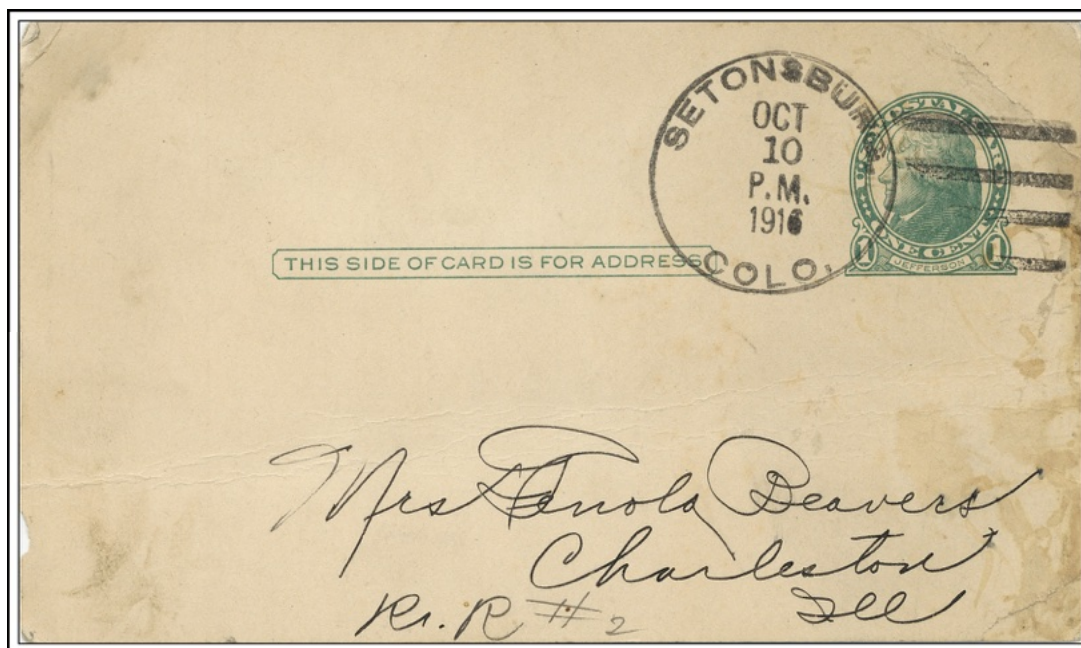
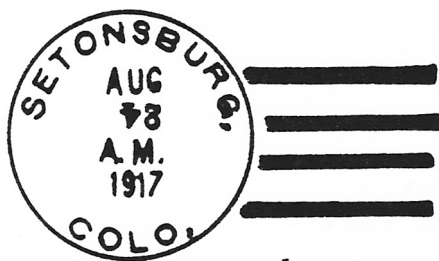
Jan 22 1916	Formerly named Seton
Jan 22 1916	Brown, Diantha
Jul 31 1919	Ordered closed Mail to Oklarado
Jul 31 1919	Closing order rescinded
May 31 1920	Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 SETONSBURG, / COLO.  
CI 10P 32.0

Oct 10 1916 Aug 24 1917

4bars S-24x19mm



SETONSBURG, / COLO. October 10, 1916

**SPRINGFIELD**

Springfield is the county seat and the major town of Baca County. It was established in 1887 and incorporated in 1889. The town site promoters came to Baca County from Winfield, Kansas and as the Windsor Town Company purchased a tract of land from Andrew Harrison. The new town was named for Springfield, Missouri, Harrison's hometown. The town site was platted December 18, 1887.

As the county seat, Springfield became the major commercial center for Baca County, a position it continues to hold. In addition, the location at the intersection of two major highways, US 160 and US 287/385, makes it a significant service point for traffic on those roads. Driving east from Trinidad, it is the first town the traveler encounters that can offer more than minimal services.

Latitude = 37:24:30-North Longitude = 102:36:50-West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 5 1887	---	NW/4 Sec 29 T30S R46W 2 miles south of Bear Creek. Proposed postmaster - Robert Hague	
Jun 2 1887		Established	
Jun 2 1887		Hogne [ <a href="#">Hague?</a> ], Robert J.	
Aug 27 1887		Tipton [ <a href="#">First name?</a> ]	
Jun 14 1889		Anderson, Lloyd A.	
Nov 14 1890		Whitaker, Eugene M.	
Oct 26 1893		Wickoff, Ella R.	
Dec 4 1897		Matthews, Frederick R.	
Dec 27 1898		Hay, Clara M.	
Nov 19 1900		Heckman, Silas E.	
Oct 17 1913		Speckmann, Novellic V.	
Feb 25 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 29 T30S R46W About 3/4 miles north of Cat Creek.	
Apr 7 1915		Gordon, James E.	
Jun 27 1916		Gordon, James E.	P&S
Jul 1 1916			Office made Presidential
Mar 16 1917		Cassaday, R. O.	P&S
Nov 25 1918		Cassaday, Anna B.	Acting
Aug 5 1919		Cassaday, Anna B.	P&S
Feb 9 1920		Ballard, Elmer E.	
Apr 5 1920		Mordica, Cora B.	P&S
Apr 25 1921		Hagerman, Albert A.	Acting
Nov 8 1921		Hagerman, Albert A.	Appointed
Apr 1 1925		Hodges, Roy	Acting
Feb 4 1926		Hodges, Roy	Appointed
Feb 6 1930		Hodges, Roy	Appointed
Apr 20 1934		Davis, Herman H.	Acting
May 1 1934		Davis, Herman H.	Assumed charge
May 4 1934		Davis, Herman H.	Nominated
May 12 1934		Davis, Herman H.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1934		Davis, Herman H.	Commissioned
Apr 29 1938		Davis, Herman H.	Nominated
Jun 13 1938		Davis, Herman H.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938		Davis, Herman H.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 27 1938		Davis, Herman H.	Commissioned
Mar 15 1941		Finch, Lester V.	Acting
Mar 15 1941		Finch, V. Lester	Acting
Mar 16 1941		Finch, V. Lester	Assumed charge
Oct 2 1941	---	SW/4 NW/4 Sec 29 T30S R46W	
Mar 3 1944		Finch, V. Lester	Nominated
Mar 14 1944		Finch, V. Lester	Confirmed
Mar 15 1944		Finch, Lester V.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
May 31 1944		Finch, Lester V.	Assumed charge

## SPRINGFIELD – Continued

Jun 3 1946	Finch, Netta May	Acting
Jun 4 1946	Finch, Netta May	Assumed charge
Jan 20 1948	Finch, Netta May	Nominated
Jun 15 1948	Finch, Netta May	Confirmed
Jun 16 1948	Finch, Netta May	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1948	Finch, Netta May	Assumed charge
Feb 22 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Assumed charge
Mar 12 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Acting
Sep 14 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Nominated
Sep 26 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Confirmed
Sep 27 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Dec 31 1951	Cook, Leland Y.	Assumed charge
Feb 22 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Assumed charge
Feb 26 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Acting
Aug 2 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Nominated
Aug 29 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Confirmed
Sep 6 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Oct 4 1957	Cox, Ben H.	Assumed charge
Jun 27 1972	Smith, Joe T.	Officer in charge
Oct 24 1972	Hartman, Charles D.	Officer in charge
Nov 25 1972	Davis, Ralph W.	Appointed
Jun 7 1975	Myers, Jack	Officer in charge
Nov 22 1975	Shumate, Bennie F.	Appointed
Jan 21 1981	Martinez, Lou	Officer in charge

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 7 1888 Sep 15 1897 Hstp Target, 18mm
2	SPRINGFIELD, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Jan 24 1905 Apr 24 1908 Doane Type 2 with 3; S-??x13mm
3	SPRINGFIELD, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 31.5	Jul 8 1912 May 12 1913 Hstp Not present (Did it have any ??)
4	SPRINGFIELD, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	May 4 1910 Jan 6 1915 4bars S-25x14mm
5	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Apr 18 1916 Dplx Not present, probably Grid, 9-bar oval
6	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Jun 4 1932 Dec 4 1962 Mach 6 wavy lines
7	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x20.0	??? ?? 193-? Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
8	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Aug 15 1935 Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval
8.1	SPRINGFIELD, / COLO. RC 10P 34.0x17.0	1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
9	Springfield / COLO. RC 10P 38.0x18.0	??? ?? 194- Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
10	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mar 15 1959 Nov 19 1959 Mach Slogan: COLORADO / RUSH TO THE ROCKIES / 1859 CENTENNIAL 1959
11	SPRINGFIELD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Nov 13 1963 Dplx Grid, pointed with 1
12	SPRINGFIELD, CO / 81073 CI 10P 31.0	May 30 1975 4bars S-23x18mm
13	SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Dec 10 1975 Rolr 7 wavy lines

**SPRINGFIELD – Continued**

14 SPRINGFIELD, CO / 81073  
 CI 10P 20.0

Mar 16 1966 May 21 1993

15 SPRINGFIELD, CO / 81073  
 CI 10P 20.0

Mach 6 wavy lines

Dec 1 1986 Apr 13 1987

16 SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073 / USPS  
 CI 11P 27.0/18.0

Mach Slogan in box w/bars; SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO /  
 THE FIRST 100 YEARS / JULY 1887 TO 1987

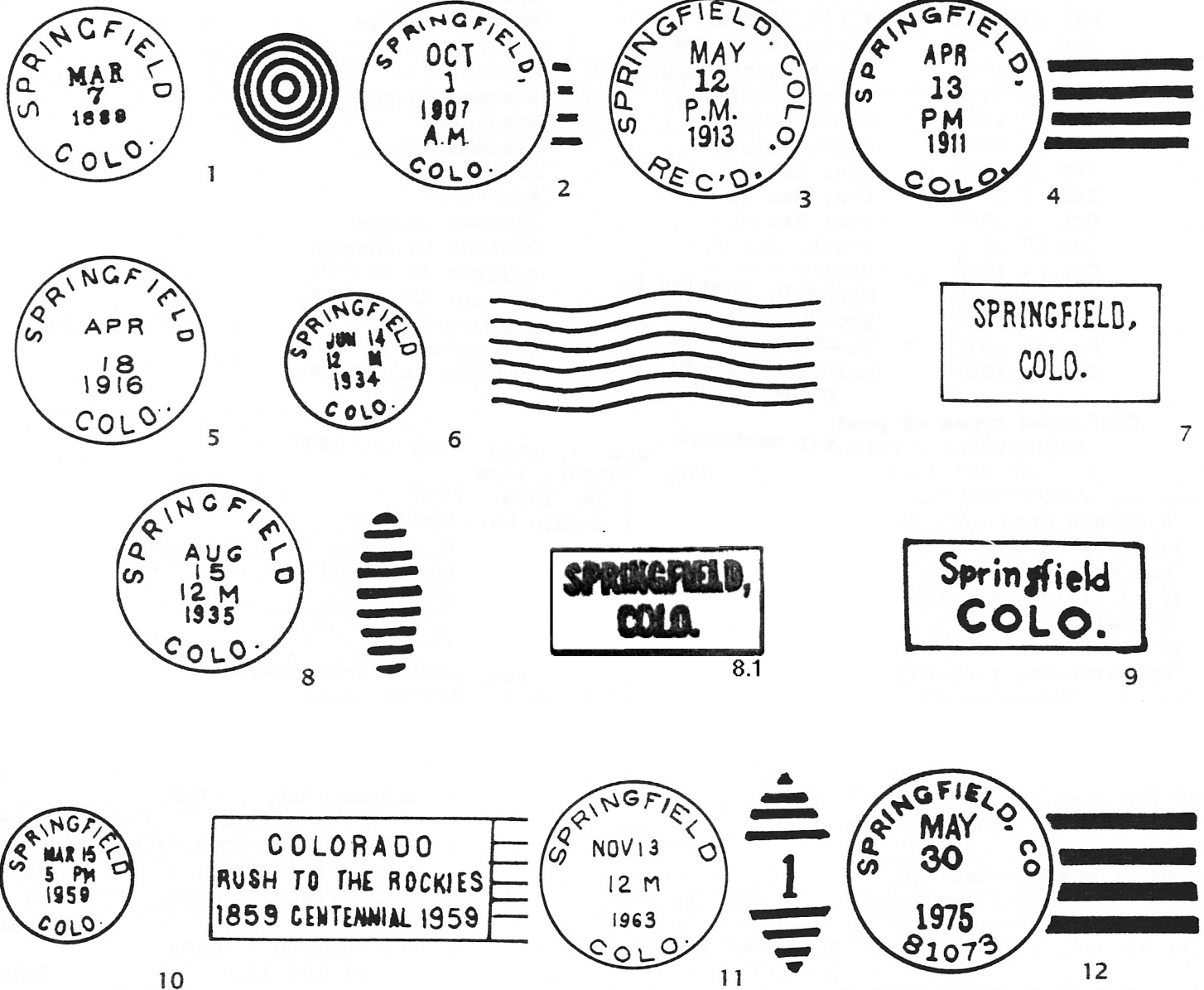
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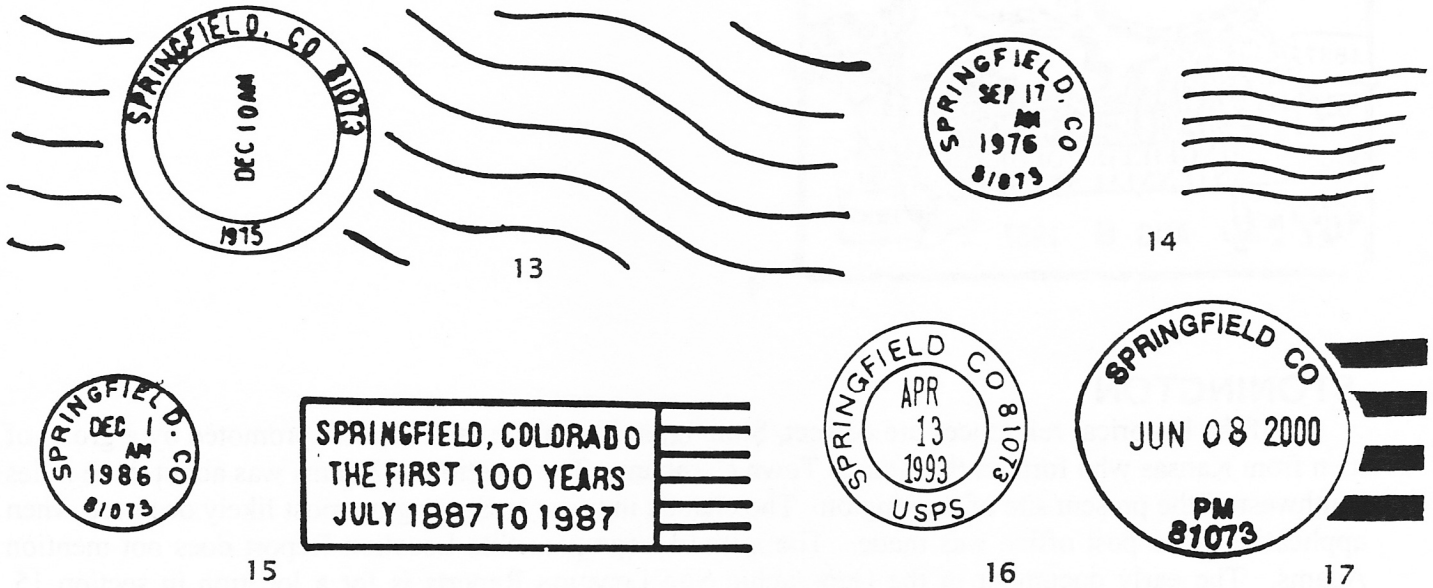
Hstp No killer

Jun 8 2000

4bars S-13x23mm



SPRINGFIELD – Continued



SPRINGFIELD STATIONS

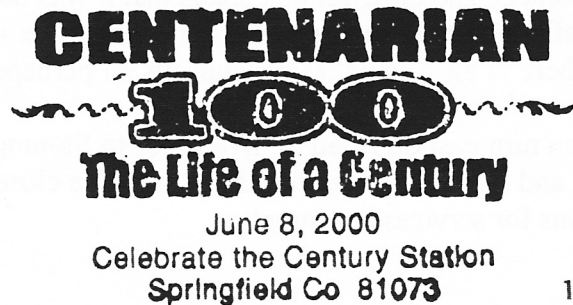
SPRINGFIELD - CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 8 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Springfield CO 80754 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 8 2000  
SL 00R 54.0x13.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /  
The Life of a Century



SPRINGFIELD - CENTENNIAL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 8 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO / CENTENNIAL STA 81073 Aug 8 1987  
RC 10P 75.0x46.0 Pict - Steer and scene in box; 1887 / 1987

**SPRINGFIELD STATIONS – Continued  
SPRINGFIELD - CENTENNIAL STATION – Continued**



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**SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 17 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 22 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Mar 16 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 21 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Mar 22 2003	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 20 2003	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Mar 20 2004	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 18 2004	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

0.1	SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073 // SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL / STATION IR 00R 90.0x38.0	Mar 17 2001 Pict Scene - Pictographs, conquistador, farmers; Text - Springfield / Chamber of Commerce / SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL. Also includes "POSTMASTER / P.O. BOX 12"
1	Springfield, CO / Springfield Equinox Festival / Station 81073 IR 00R 87.0x43.0	Sep 22 2001 Pict Scene - Indian Pictograph (Horse); Text - First of Series of Seven / Chamber of Commerce
2	Springfield, CO / Springfield Equinox Festival / Station 81073 IR 00R 112.0x56.0	Mar 16 2002 Pict Scene - Cowboy walking away; Text - Second of Series of Seven/ Chamber of Commerce
3	Springfield, Colorado / Springfield Equinox Festival / Station 81703 IR 00R 78.0x40.0	Sep 21 2002 Pict Scene - Indian pictograph (Spearman); Text - Chamber of Commerce / Third of Series of Seven- "Spearman"
4	Springfield, CO / Springfield Equinox Festival / Station 81703 IR 00R 73.0x34.0	Mar 22 2003 Pict Scene - Indian Pictograph (Indian); Text - Fourth in a Series / Chamber of Commerce
5	Springfield, CO / Station 81703 IR 00R 98.0x 38.0	Sep 20 2003 Pict Scene - Band on a stage; Text - "SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL" / Chamber of Commerce / Fifth in a Series of Seven

SPRINGFIELD STATIONS – Continued

SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL STATION – Continued

- 6 SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073 //15TH YEAR CELEBRATION STATION Mar 20 2004  
IR 00R 86.0x45.0 Pict Scene - Indian Pictograph (Big Horn Sheep);  
Text - SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE /  
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Equinox Festival Emblem / Seventh In Series of Seven



SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL

March 17, 2001

Springfield  
Chamber of Commerce

SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL  
STATION  
POSTMASTER  
P.O. BOX 12  
SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073

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First of Series of Seven



September 22,  
2001

Springfield, CO  
Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Equinox Festival  
Station 81073

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Second of Series of Seven

March 16, 2002

Springfield, CO  
Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Equinox Festival  
Station 81073

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Chamber of Commerce

Springfield, Colorado  
September 21, 2002

Springfield Equinox Festival  
Station 81073

Third of Series of Seven- "Spearman"

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Fourth in a Series

March 22, 2003

Springfield, CO  
Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Equinox Festival  
Station 81073

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"SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL"



Fifth in a Series of Seven

September 20 2003

Chamber of Commerce  
Springfield, CO

Station 81073

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**SPRINGFIELD STATIONS – Continued  
SPRINGFIELD EQUINOX FESTIVAL STATION – Continued**

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SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL  
15TH YEAR CELEBRATION STATION

Springfield, Colorado  
**September 18, 2004**  
Springfield Fall Equinox  
Festival Station 81073



15th YEAR CELEBRATION  
STATION



MARCH 20, 2004

SPRINGFIELD, CO 81073

*Equinox Festival Emblem*

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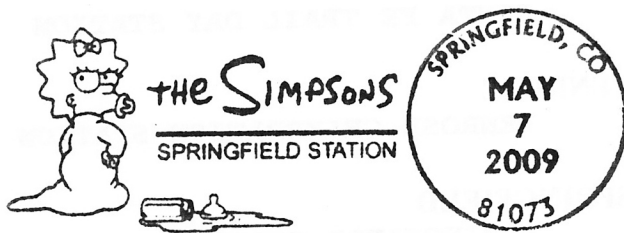
**SPRINGFIELD STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 7 2009 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 SPRINGFIELD, CO / 81703 :: SPRINGFIELD STATION May 7 2009  
Pict Scene - Maggie Simpson, spilled bottle; Text -  
The Simpsons [First Day of Issue for the Simpsons stamps]



**STEVENSON**

[Ed. Note SRM: Bill Bauer discovered very little information on Stevenson. He wasn't sure whether it was in Las Animas or Baca County; he decided on Baca. Here's what he wrote:]

By error this post office was listed under Las Animas County in our 1970 book *Colorado Postal History - The Post Offices*. I believe the error occurred because the Stevenson Post Office was established and closed before Baca County was carved from eastern Las Animas County in 1889.

Without a Geographical Site Location Report to the contrary, the error was perpetuated in the 1990 book *Colorado Post Offices*.



**STEVENSON – Continued**

In addition I found something, lost somewhere in the dim recesses of my mind, that caused me to locate a Stevenson about a mile northwest of Boncarbo in Las Animas County.

It was not until I was preparing this chapter [Las Animas] that I realized that if the Stevenson Post Office was near Boncarbo, that when it was discontinued the mail would not have been sent to Stonington.

This note is by way of apology for the error and to avoid any further confusion.

Stevenson will be added to Baca County by way of an addendum.

Another post office named STEVENSON east of Springfield and almost on the Kansas line existed briefly in 1888, but the name can be found on later maps.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	<b>No entry present in Geographic Site Location Reports</b>
<b>Dec 10 1887</b>	<b>--- NW/4 Sec 14 T31S R42W</b>
	<b>1-1/2 miles south of Sand Arroyo.</b>
	<b>Proposed postmaster - William Evans</b>
<b>Feb 15 1888</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Feb 15 1888</b>	<b>Evans, William</b>
<b>Oct 30 1888</b>	<b>Discontinued Papers to Stonington ????</b>

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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

**STONINGTON**

If the historical references are correct, Stonington began life as “Adams,” promoted by a group of men from Kansas who formed the Adams Town Company. The location of Adams was about three miles southwest of the present site of Stonington. The change in name to Stonington most likely occurred when application for a post office was made. The initial Geographic Site Location Report does not mention Adams. The early document in the Geographic Site Location Reports is for a location in section 15, Township 32 South, Range 43 West. This is five miles southwest of present day Stonington and I believe was the original “Adams” site.

This settlement suffered through the drought of the 1890’s. In the early 1900’s a new wave of migration began and a new community sprang up to the northwest. W. A. Thompson built a store at the new site and a sizeable community began to grow. The post office was moved from Old Stonington to New Stonington, however, the Geographic site Location Reports fail to provide an answer as to exactly when this took place. It was some time before 1920 and probably about 1909 when Thompson built his store.

Another question relative to Stonington is the source of the name. One version claims that the name was taken from a nearby stream that was full of rocks and stones. A second version attributes the name to the surname of a man who lived there and operated the post office. However, there is no similar name in the Post Office Records of Postmaster Appointments. The third version states that it was named for Stonington, Massachusetts, the hometown of many of the settlers in the area. However, there is no listing for a Stonington post office in Massachusetts. There is an Adams, Massachusetts so perhaps the Massachusetts legend applies to it.

From Walsh, drive 6 miles south on Road 44, then turn east on Road X, five miles to Stonington. This is still an active community with several residences and a church, however, the post office closed in 1990 and the residents must now rely on other larger towns for services and supplies.

**STONINGTON – Continued**



**Abandoned church, Stonington, Colorado**  
 Photograph by William H. Bauer May 3, 1998

Latitude = 37:17:37-North Longitude = 102:11:13-West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 29 1888	---	Sec 16 T32S R43W 1 mile north of the North Fork. Proposed postmaster - Hobart P. Vermilye	
Jan 20 1888		Established	
Jan 20 1888		Brown, Samuel E.	
Aug 17 1891		Penney [Penny?], Mary	
Sep 7 1894		Konkel, Simeon J.	
Nov 23 1903		Walden [Waldren?], Maud E.	
Jan 28 1905 [1908?]		Walden [Waldren?], Christopher B.	
Jun 21 1907		Thompson, William A.	
Mar 4 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 31 T31S R42W	
May 20 1916		Campbell, Bessie H.	
Nov 14 1916		Powell, Robert B.	
Nov 26 1920	---	NE/4 Sec 6 T32S R42W 2-1/2 miles north of the North Fork. Site changed 150 yards north of a previous location.	
Oct 16 1920		Kerr, Robert B.	
Jul 1 1922			Office made Presidential
Aug 8 1922		Kerr, Robert B.	P&S
Nov 16 1926		Kerr, Ernest	Acting
Feb 2 1928		Bourquin, Alvin L.	
Jul 1 1928		Bourquin, Alvin L. [?]	Relegated
Aug 15 1928		Bourquin, Alvin L.	
Nov 1 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 6 T32s R42W	
Jul 1 1944		Tutt, Mrs. Dorothy J.	Assumed charge
Jul 8 1944		Tutt, Mrs. Dorothy J.	Acting

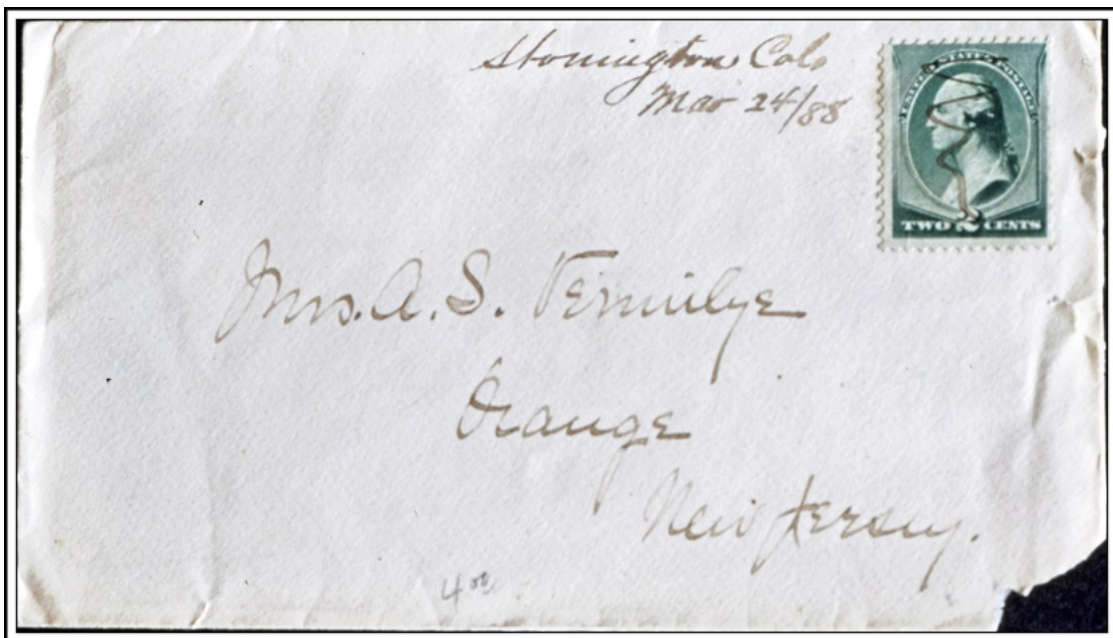
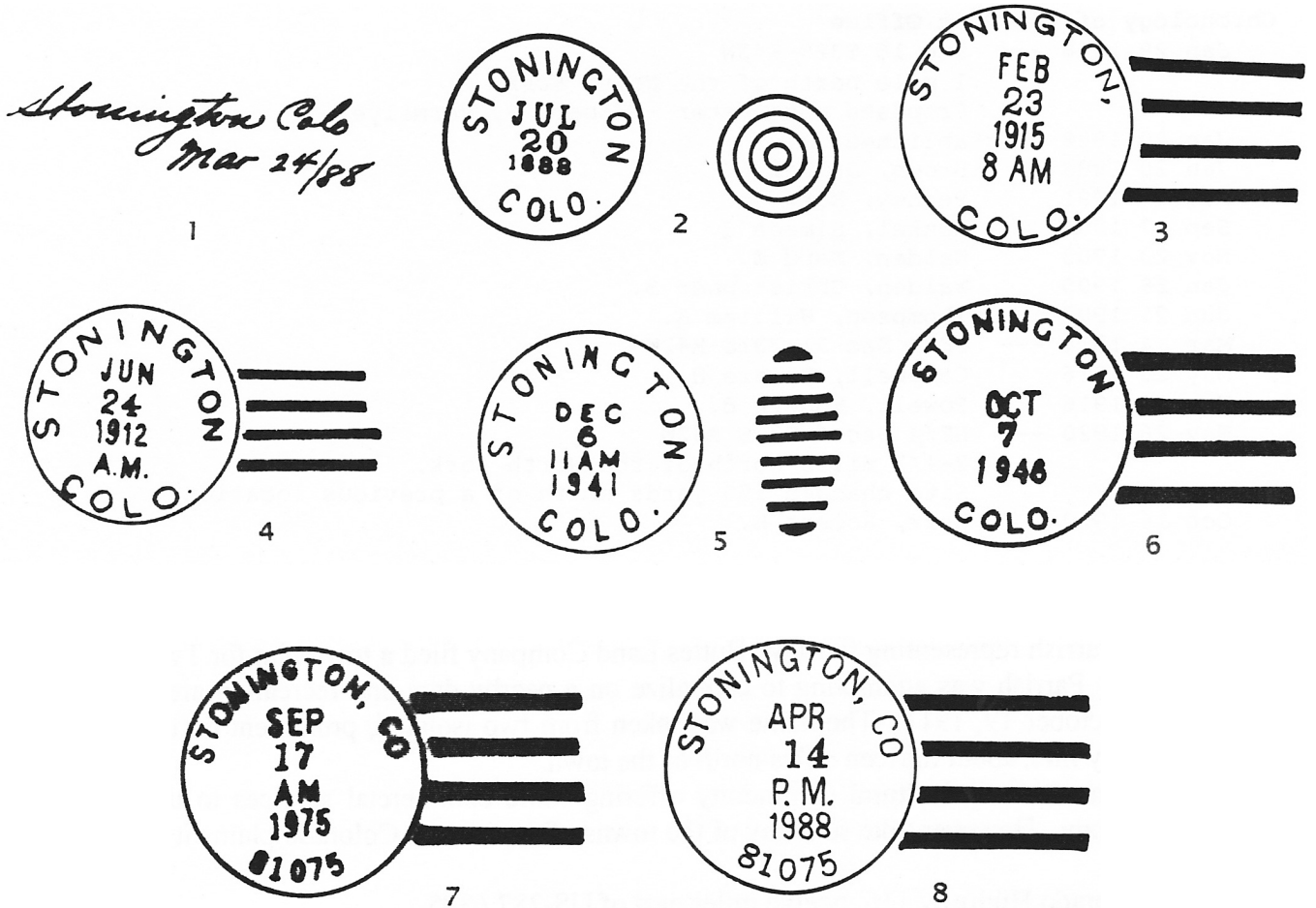
## STONINGTON – Continued

Aug 22 1944	Whisenand, Kenneth D.	Assumed charge
Sep 25 1944	Whisenand, Kenneth D.	Acting
Mar 5 1945	Perras, Clyde A.	Assumed charge
Dec 7 1945	Perras, Clyde A.	Confirmed
Jan 22 1946	Perras, Clyde A.	Commissioned
May 20 1947	Crissman, Gipson O.	Assumed charge
Jul 21 1947	Crissman, Gipson O.	Confirmed
Aug 21 1947	Crissman, Gipson O.	Commissioned
Dec 8 1949	Davis, Vesper Dale	Assumed charge
Dec 30 1949	Davis, Vesper Dale	Confirmed
Feb 1 1950	Davis, Vesper Dale	Commissioned
Apr 30 1950	Burhenn, George H.	Assumed charge
Jun 5 1950	Burhenn, George H.	Confirmed
Jul 28 1950	Burhenn, George H.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1951	Day, Mrs. Alice	Assumed charge
Apr 10 1951	Day, Mrs. Alice	Acting
Jul 5 1951	Day, Mrs. Alice	Confirmed
Aug 7 1951	Day, Mrs. Alice	Commissioned
Dec 9 1955	Grimsley, Marie J.	Assumed charge
Dec 23 1955	Grimsley, Mrs. Marie J.	Acting
Feb 10 1956	Grimsley, Mrs. Marie J.	Confirmed
Feb 19 1956	Grimsley, Marie J.	Appointed
Mar 20 1956	Grimsley, Marie J.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1956	Grimsley, Marie J.	Possession
May 27 1960	Fowler, Mrs. Aleatha J.	Assumed charge
May 31 1960	Fowler, Mrs. Aleatha J.	Acting
Oct 12 1960	Fowler, Aleatha J.	Commissioned
Oct 14 1960	Fowler, Aleatha J.	Possession
Oct 17 1960	Fowler, Mrs. Aleatha J.	Confirmed
Dec 9 1960	Fowler, Aleatha J.	Acting
Jul 31 1971	Burhenn, Mrs. V. Armilda	Acting
Jul 31 1971	Burhenn, Mrs. V. Armilda	Commissioned
Jul 31 1971	Burhenn, Mrs. V. Armilda	Possession
Apr 21 1990	Service Suspended	
Dec 12 1992	Discontinued Mail to Walsh	

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Stonington Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Feb 27 1888	Mar 24 1888
2	STONINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4 ring 16mm	Jun 13 1888	Jan 2 1905
3	STONINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jul 5 1909	May 28 1919
4	STONINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Oct 19 1908	Jun 24 1912
5	STONINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jan 15 1940	Jun 7 1943
6	STONINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Oct 7 1946	Feb 15 1962
7	STONINGTON, CO / 81075 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 30 1969	Sep 17 1975
8	STONINGTON, CO / 81075 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-26x21mm	Jan 20 1988	Apr 14 1988

STONINGTON – Continued



Stonington Colo

March 24, 1888

**TOWNSITE**

Townsite was a small settlement that was associated with the development and mining activity at Carrizo. It is not mentioned in the historical literature. The name is unusual and may indicate that no permanent name was chosen for the place. The application for a post office suggested "Copper" but that was rejected.

For directions to this post office, see CARRISO.

To reach the Townsite: From the junction of County Roads 3.5 and J, drive south on Road 3.5 about two and one-half miles to the Dunlap Ranch. This is the location for Townsite as plotted from the Geographic Site Location Reports. There is an old stone ranch house, some stone out-buildings, a wooden windmill and a cistern. A half-mile north are some newer ranch buildings.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Feb 12 1900	---	SE/4 Sec 21 T34S R50W	The suggested name "Copper" was rejected. 1/2 mile west of Carrizo Creek.
Mar 18 1900		Established	
Mar 19 1900		Darling, Jonathan	
Nov 28 1902		Ordered closed	
Dec 31 1902		Discontinued	Papers to Carrizo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM TOWNSITE

**TUCK**

I have found no reference to this settlement in the historical literature. Tuck had a post office for a little less than two years before it was moved some five miles west and south to become Utleyville.

For directions to this post office, see CARRISO.

There were some scatted bricks and other rubble at this location.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 2 1915	---	SW/4 Sec 1 T32S R50W	There may have been a request to name the place "Butte." Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Belle Wilkinson
Feb 16 1916		Established	
Feb 16 1916		Wilkinson, Belle	
Jun 9 1917		Moved to Utleyville / Name changed to Utleyville.	NOTE: This entry appears in Postmaster records, but with no explanation. Perhaps it was a failed attempt to re-establish a Post Office at Tuck.
Sep 7 1917		Ward, Belle	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM TUCK

**TWO BUTTES**

Lamar banker A. N. Parrish representing the Two Buttes Land Company filed a town plat for Two Buttes on October 20, 1909. Parrish was attempting to capitalize on a nearby dam and recreation area. The town was incorporated October 19, 1911. The name was taken from two isolated, prominent buttes near the Baca-Prowers County line, about thirteen miles north of the town.

Two Buttes is still an active agricultural community offering some commercial services to the northern portion of Baca County. However, like so many of the towns of the eastern Colorado plains it is gradually shrinking.

Two Buttes is on Colorado Highway 116, twelve miles east of US 287/385.

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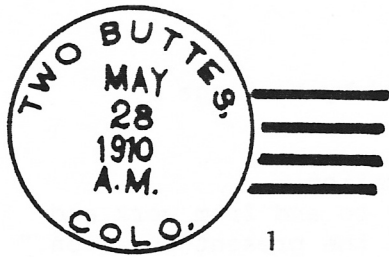
**TWO BUTTES – Continued  
Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 11 1909	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T28S R44W Proposed postmaster - Jay V. Saylor	
Mar 1 1910		Established	
Mar 1 1910		Saylor [Saylor?], Jay V.	
May 19 1913		Jones, Lea D.	
Apr 10 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T28S R44W	
Apr 7 1915		Allen, Alfred B.	
Mar 18 1920		Fuller, Mary J.	
Jul 1 1921		Fuller, Mary J.	Presidential
Dec 16 1921		Fuller, Mary J.	P&S
Jul 1 1922		Fuller, Mary J.	Relegated
Jan 4 1923		Fuller, Mary J.	
Oct 1 1923		Fuller, Mary J.	Presidential
Dec 18 1923		Fuller, Mary J.	
Aug 15 1925		Backus, Leona E.	Acting
Dec 14 1925		Backus, Leona E.	Appointed
Jul 1 1926		Backus, Leona E.	Relegated
Jul 20 1926		Backus, Leona E.	
Jul 1 1927		Backus, Leona E.	Presidential
Dec 15 1927		Backus, Leona E.	Confirmed
Feb 15 1932		Backus, Leona E.	Nominated
Feb 26 1932		Backus, Leona E.	Confirmed
Apr 4 1932		Backus, Leona E.	Commissioned
Aug 13 1934		Backus, Leona E.	Confirmed
Sep 13 1934		Backus, Leona E.	Commissioned
Jun 15 1935		Backus, Leona E.	Nominated
Jul 2 1935		Backus, Leona E.	Confirmed
Jul 9 1935		Backus, Leona E.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 16 1935		Backus, Leona E.	Commissioned
Jul 30 1936		Backus, Leona E.	Confirmed
Oct 20 1936		Backus, Leona E.	Commissioned
Oct 3 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T28S R44W	
Jul 31 1956		Stolebarger, Joe E.	Assumed charge
Aug 13 1956		Stolebarger, Joe E.	Acting
Apr 5 1957		Stolebarger, Joe E.	Possession
Apr 9 1957		Stolebarger, Joe E.	Appointed
Jul 1 1971			Office advanced to 3rd class

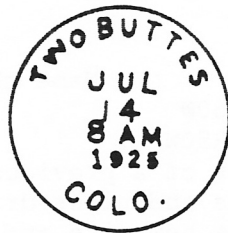
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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2	TWO BUTTES / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jul 14 1925	
3	TWO BUTTES / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Feb 22 1933	Mar 7 1936
4	TWO BUTTES / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x18mm	Apr 27 1937	Dec 26 1957
5	TWO BUTTES / COLO CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-22x20mm	Jul 20 1957	Nov 21 1962
6	TWO BUTTES, CO / 81084 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 8 1965	Nov 17 1977
7	TWO BUTTES, CO / 81084 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	May 30 1991	Jun 1 1993

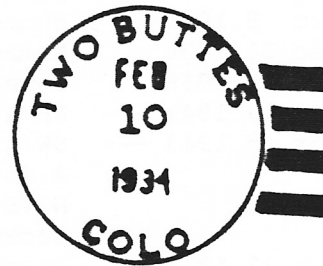
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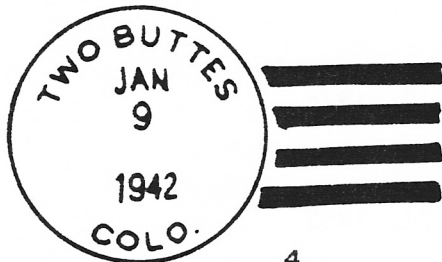
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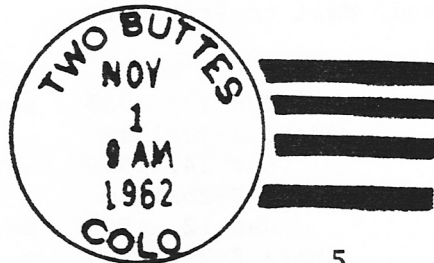
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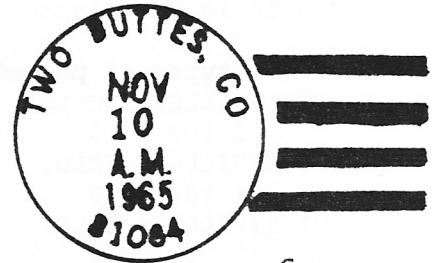
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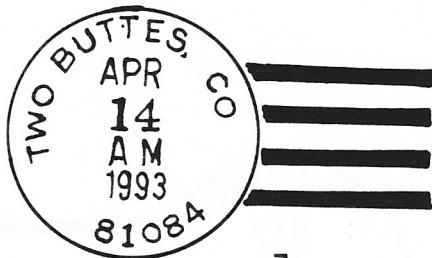
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UTLEYVILLE

Azel H. Utley was appointed as a postmaster in 1917. He moved the post office at Tuck west to his ranch and renamed it Utleyville. Utleyville was a small farming village. In 1943 the post office was moved again, to the home of a new postmaster. The post office continued operation until 1973.

For detailed directions to this post office, see CARRISO.

The original location of Utleyville is at the junction of County Road 2 and US 160, south of US 160 and east of Road 2. Nothing is visible except a couple of trees about a quarter-mile to the south. The later site is one mile east on US 160 and one mile south on Road 3. In 1997 there was a stone building present at this site.

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Chronology of the Post Office

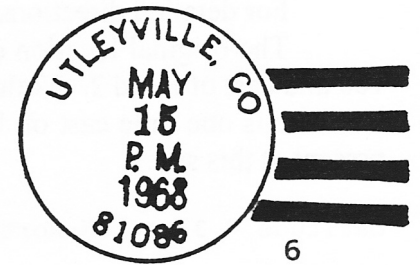
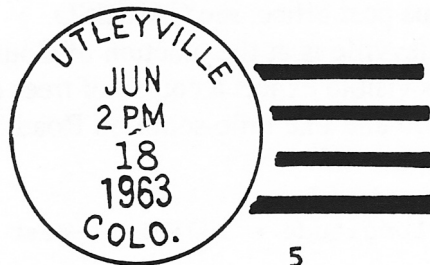
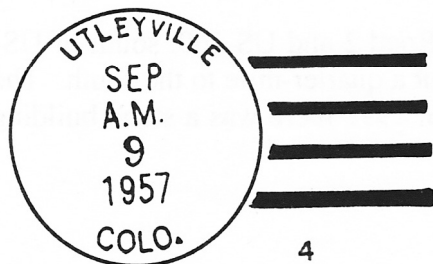
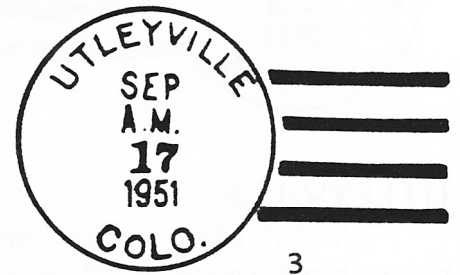
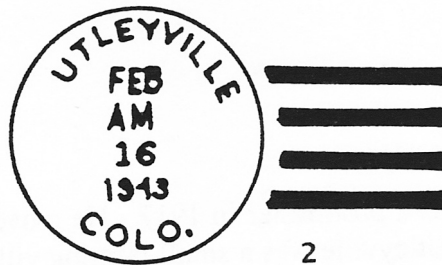
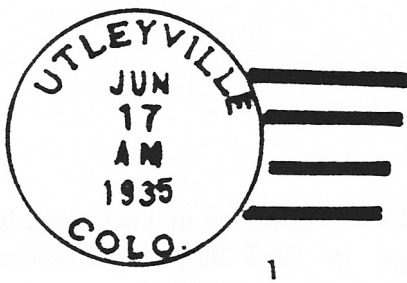
Jul 6 1917	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T32S R50W	
Jun 9 1917		Moved from Tuck	
Jun 9 1917		Utley, Azel H.	
Jun 1 1920		Deeds, Cyrus J.	
Apr 13 1921		Bryan, Harvey T.	
Aug 11 1921		Beasley, Joe	
Mar 18 1926		DeLong, Isaac N.	Confirmed
Mar 30 1926		DeLong, Isaac N.	Commissioned
Apr 5 1926		DeLong, Isaac N.	Assumed charge

**UTLEYVILLE – Continued**

Aug 4 1936	Hummer, Lois	Possession
Aug 5 1936	Hummer, Lois	Assumed charge
Aug 12 1936	Hummer, Lois	Acting
Oct 27 1936	Hummer, Lois	Confirmed
Dec 9 1936	Hummer, Lois	Commissioned
Dec 31 1936	Hummer, Lois	
Jan 26 1938	Dowell, Lois	Name changed by marriage
Oct 17 1941 --	NE/4 Sec 8 T32S R50W	
Apr 5 1943 --	SW/4 Sec 10 T32S R50W	A move 1 mile east of a previous location.
	NOTE: "To save gas and tires driving to and from work and because we own the new site and rent the present location."	
Jun 27 1972	Dowell, Grover M. Jr.	Officer in charge
Jan 5 1973	Ordered closed	
Jan 18 1973	Discontinued Mail to Pritchett	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	UTLEYVILLE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jun 17 1935	Sep 15 1936
2	UTLEYVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 24 1939	Jun 9 1943
3	UTLEYVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jan 12 1943	Dec 14 1953
4	UTLEYVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-22x19mm	Sep 9 1957	Jan 5 1962
5	UTLEYVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Jun 18 1963	
6	UTLEYVILLE / CO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	May 15 1968	Oct 20 1970



**VILAS**

A group of investors from Comanche County Kansas organized the Southern Colorado Town Company in January 15, 1887. Incorporated under Colorado law they established company headquarters at Vilas and a town plat was filed July 18, 1887.

Vilas was an agricultural supply center and continues as such today, but is more of a residential center than the commercial center it once was.



**VILAS – Continued**

The name honors William F. Vilas, who was the Secretary of the Interior in Grover Cleveland's Cabinet (1888-1889), had been Postmaster General and later (1891-1897) was U.S. Senator from Wisconsin.

The community of Vilas is located one mile south of US 160 and nine miles east of Springfield.

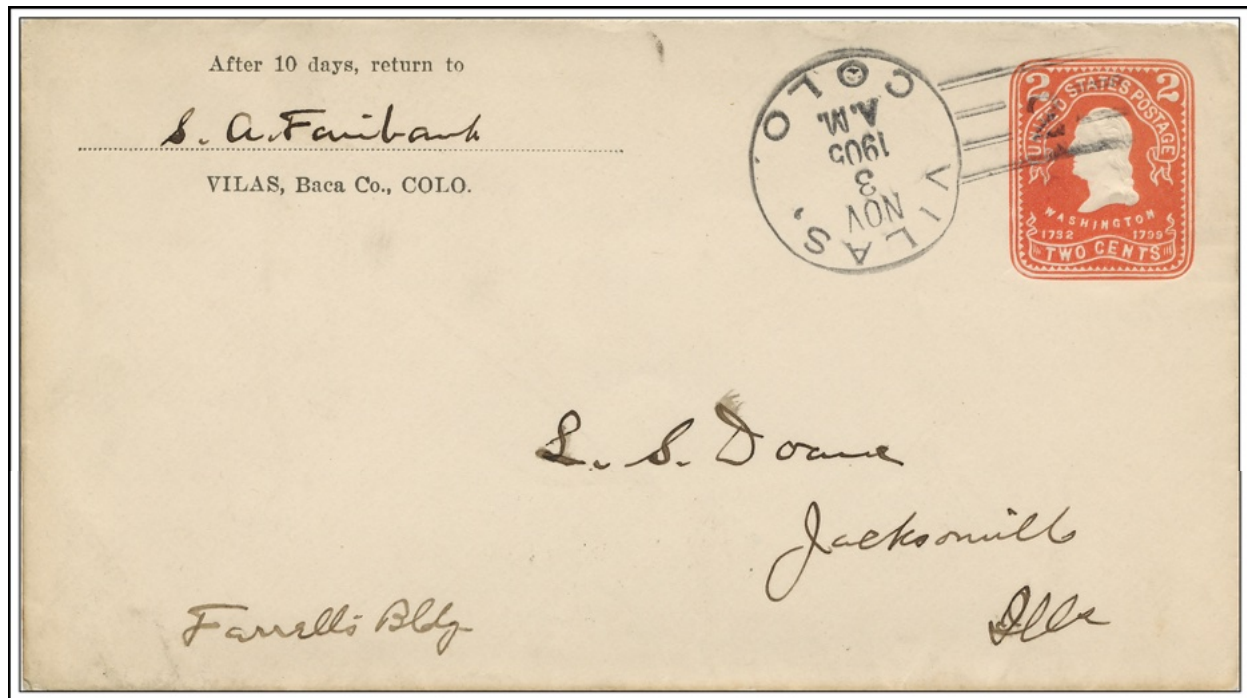
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 5 1887	---	SW/4 Sec 1 T31S R45W Bear Creek 1-1/2 miles north of post office. Proposed postmaster - Robert A. Crossman	
Jun 20 1887		Established	
Jun 20 1887		Crossman, Robert A.	
May 4 1888		Carlton, Sarah L.	
Dec 28 1889		Kirkman, Alza	
Jun 10 1894		Thompson, Alice	
Sep 23 1902		Yokum, Lillie M.	
Mar 15 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 1 T31S R45W 2-1/2 miles south of Bear Creek.	
Aug 17 1920		Hagerman, Luella C.	
May 1 1928		Thompson, Sarah	Possession
May 15 1928		Thompson, Sarah	Acting
Oct 22 1928		Thompson, Sarah	Appointed
Apr 26 1929		Amrine, Alva	Confirmed
May 9 1929		Amrine, Alva	Commissioned
May 14 1929		Amrine, Alva	Assumed charge
Dec 12 1931		Porter, Miss Joy G.	Assumed charge
Jan 7 1932		Porter, Miss Joy G.	Acting
May 7 1932		Baldwin, John A.	Confirmed
May 19 1932		Baldwin, John A.	Commissioned
May 24 1932		Baldwin, John A.	Assumed charge
Jan 22 1934		Butler, L. Belle	Assumed charge
Feb 7 1934		Butler, L. Belle	Acting
Apr 25 1935		Hutson, James H.	Confirmed
May 16 1935		Hutson, James H.	Commissioned
May 21 1935		Hutson, James H.	Assumed charge
Sep 1 1936		Jackson, Owen Lewis	Acting
Sep 1 1936		Jackson, Owen Lewis	Assumed charge
May 27 1937		Jackson, Owen Lewis	Confirmed
Jun 10 1937		Jackson, Owen Lewis	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	Sec 1 T31S R44W (R44W or R45W? Did these people know where they were?) Bear Creek 3 miles north of Post Office.	
Jun 26 1943		Jackson, Mrs. Minnie A.	Assumed charge
Jul 9 1943		Jackson, Mrs. Minnie A.	Acting
May 1 1944		Jackson, Mrs. Minnie A.	Confirmed
May 31 1944		Jackson, Mrs. Minnie A.	Commissioned
Oct 25 1947	---	NW/4 Sec 1 T31N R44W Bear Creek is 1-1/2 mile north of post office. A move 300 feet east of a previous location	
Mar 23 1948		Konkel, Mrs. Joyce M.	Assumed charge
Jun 8 1948		Stubblefield, Mrs. Pearl E.	Acting
Jun 18 1948		Stubblefield, Mrs. Pearl E.	Assumed charge
Mar 17 1949		Stubblefield, Mrs. Pearl E.	Confirmed
Apr 6 1949		Stubblefield, Mrs. Pearl E.	Commissioned
Jun 17 1948		Rose, Pearl E.	Possession
Aug 6 1948		Rose, Pearl E.	Acting
Mar 17 1949		Rose, Pearl E.	Appointed
Apr 6 1949		Rose, Pearl E.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1949		Rose, Pearl E.	Possession

**VILAS – Continued**

Sep 23 1960	Rose, Mrs. Pearl E.	Name changed by marriage
Dec 9 1966	Greenlee, Olive	Acting
Dec 19 1968	Doyle, Clarence J.	Appointed, Declined appointment
Jul 1 1971		Office advanced to 3rd class
Nov 31 1971	Greenlee, Olive	Appointed & Commissioned



**VILAS, / COLO. Doane Type 2 with 2; Bars at left of cds      November 3, 1905**

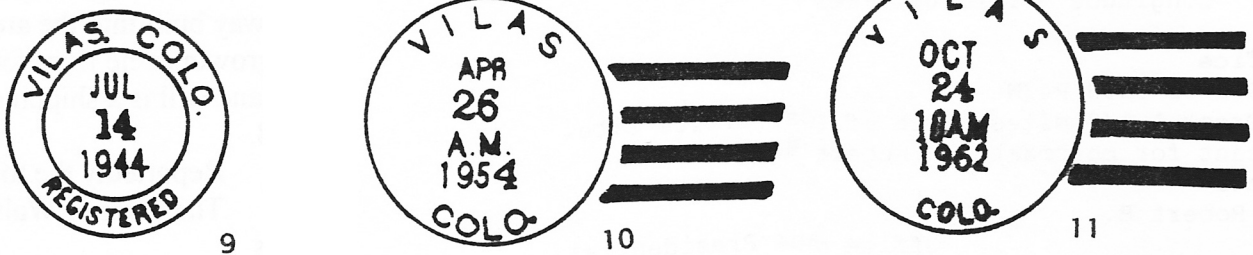
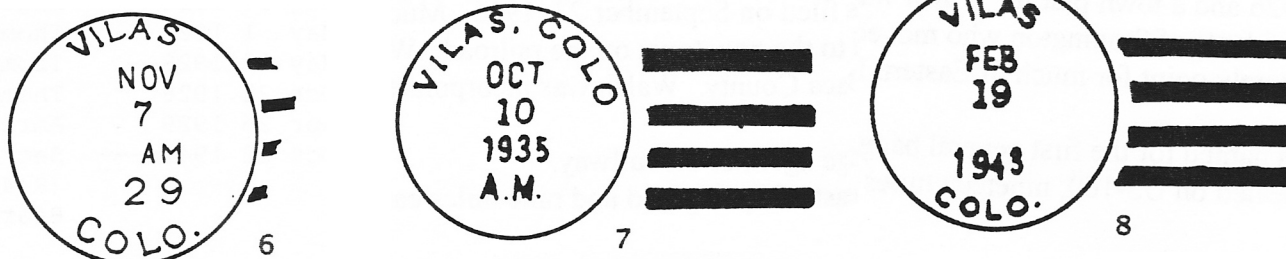
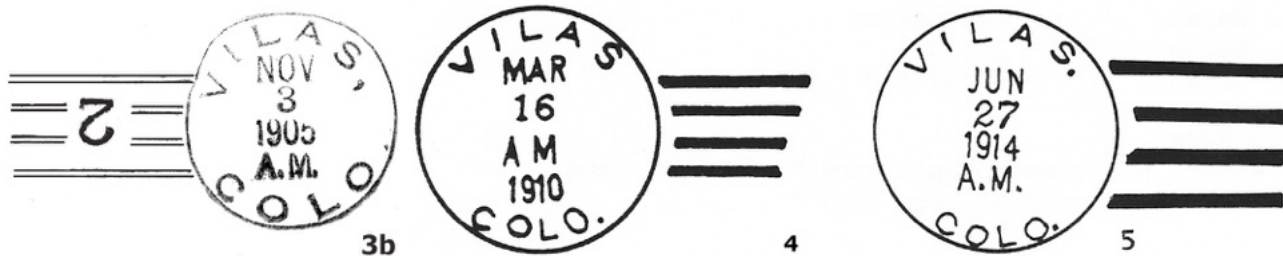
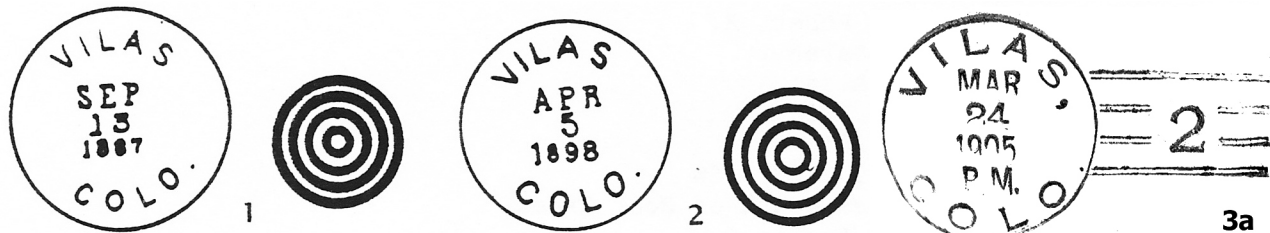
**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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2	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm	Aug 3 1891    Aug 2 1901
3a	VILAS, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 2; S-24x13mm	Mar 13 1905    Mar 24 1905
3b	VILAS, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 2; S-24x13mm; line bars at left of cds	Jul 31 1905    Jan 24 1906
4	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Mar 16 1910    Aug 15 1916
5	VILAS. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 27 1914
6	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Nov 7 1929
7	VILAS, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-26x20mm	Feb 16 1933    Jan 12 1942
8	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 18 1943    Nov 1 1946
9	VILAS, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 14 1944
10	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Apr 26 1954    Dec 1 1958
11	VILAS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 19 1962    Nov 21 1962

VILAS - Continued

- 12 VILAS, CO / 81087  
CI 10P 33.0
- 13 VILAS, CO / 81087  
CI 10P 32.0

4bars S-24x19mm Jun 29 1966 Apr 8 1987  
4bars S-23x19mm May 21 1991 Mar 25 1993



**VILAS – Continued**

**VILAS CENTENNIAL STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 20 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 VILAS, COLORADO / U.S.P.S. CENTENNIAL STATION / 81087 Jun 20 1987  
RC 20P 69x44/66x41 Pict - Street Scene; 1887 - 1987, with cachet



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**WALSH**

The Dodge City and Cimarron Valley Railway, a subsidiary of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, built into the area in 1926 and a town plat for Walsh was filed on September 23, 1926. Much of the growth came from former residents of Stonington who moved to the new town on the railroad. Walsh was and still is a shipping and supply point for much of Eastern Baca County. Walsh was incorporated in 1928.

Reportedly the town was named for the first general baggage agent of the railway. Walsh is located on US 160, nineteen miles east of Springfield and nine miles east of Vilas.

Latitude = 37:23:10-North Longitude = 102:16:40-West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 29 1926	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T30S R43W Bear Creek 1-1/2 miles north of Post Office site. Applicant for postmaster - Robert B. Kerr	
Dec 23 1926		Established	
Dec 23 1926		Kerr, Robert B.	
Jul 1 1929			Office made Presidential
Sep 18 1929		Kerr, Robert B.	
Apr 16 1934		Raney, Carl E.	Acting
Apr 23 1934		Raney, Carl E.	Assumed charge
Jan 10 1935		Raney, Carl E.	Nominated
Jan 21 1935		Raney, Carl E.	Confirmed
Feb 19 1935		Raney, Carl E.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1935		Raney, Carl E.	Assumed charge
Jun 5 1939		Raney, Carl E.	Nominated
Jun 12 1939		Raney, Carl E.	Confirmed
Jun 15 1939		Raney, Carl E.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 30 1939		Raney, Carl E.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	E/4 Sec 32 T30S R43W Main Street, State Highway 100 (east-west) about 150 feet from Post Office.	
Jan 7 1957		Smith, Mary L.	Assumed charge

## WALSH – Continued

Jan 17 1957	Smith, Mary L.	Acting
Feb 13 1958	Godfrey, Clarence M.	Nominated
May 22 1958	Godfrey, Clarence M.	Confirmed, Apptd Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 19 1958	Godfrey, Clarence M.	Assumed charge



Post Office, Walsh, Colorado

Photograph by William H. Bauer

October 4, 1997

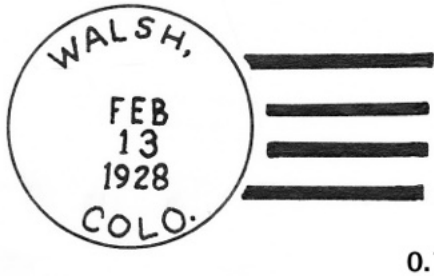
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2	WALSH, COLO. CI 10H 32.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Jul 3 1935 Dec 31 1941
3	WALSH / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Aug 5 1940 Apr 18 1960
3.1	WALSH / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x16.5	No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1950s [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
4	WALSH, / COLO. CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 17 1964
5	WALSH, CO / 81090 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 2 1972 Sep 21 1976
6	WALSH, CO / 81090 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	May 28 1966 Oct 4 1997
7	WALSH, CO / 81090 CI 10P ???	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 10 1986
8	WALSH, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Oct 4 1997

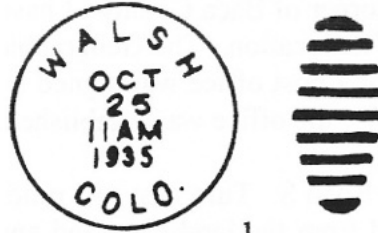
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RC 10P 38.0x18.0

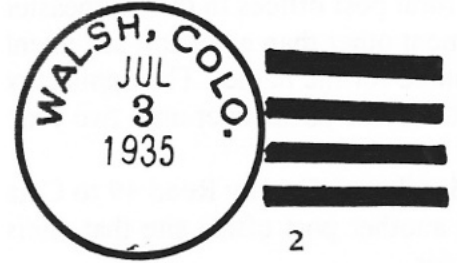
Jul -- 2000  
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style



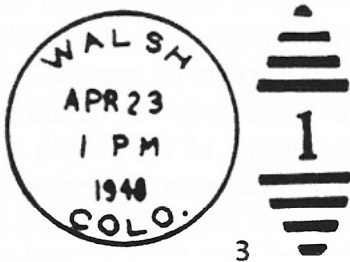
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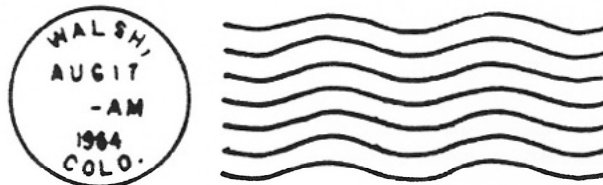
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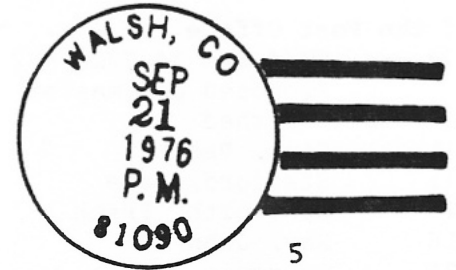
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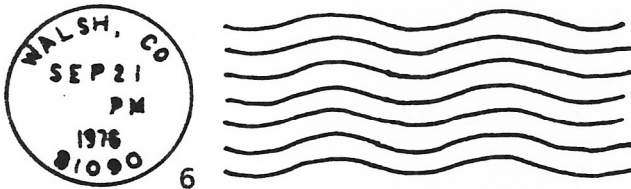
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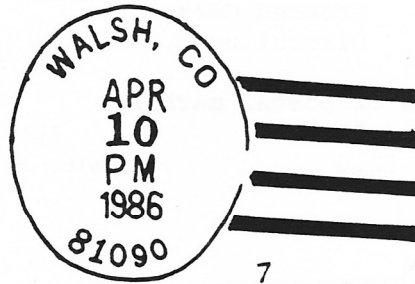
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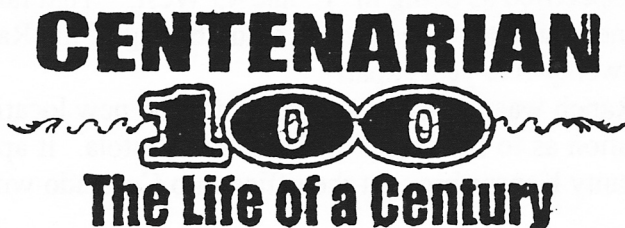
**WALSH - CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 Walsh, CO 81090 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000  
SL 00R 94.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /  
The Life of a Century



June 15, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station Walsh, CO 81090

**WENTWORTH**

Wentworth was another of the rural post offices in the southeastern corner of Baca County. I have found no information about the settlement other than a general statement of its location. The Geographic Site Location Reports do provide a source for the name. The application for a post office was signed by Frank Wentworth, however, he did not become postmaster until two years after the office was established; the third postmaster of Wentworth.

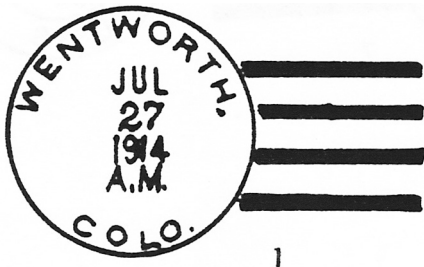
From Stonington, drive south 5 miles on County Road 49 to County Road S. Turn east two miles to the location of Wentworth. This is another post office site that vanished from the landscape and any remaining traces have been plowed under.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 25 1909	---	NW/4 Sec 34 T32S R42W	
		Proposed postmaster - Frank Wentworth	
Jun 15 1911		Established	
Jun 15 1911		Sims, Paschal	Second name listed
Sep 9 1911		Stafford, Kate	First name listed
Oct 25 1913		Wentworth, Frank	
May 29 1916		Ray, John W.	
Apr 12 1921		Bourquin, Alvin L.	
Jun 6 1921		Ordered closed	
Jun 30 1921		Discontinued Mail to Stonington	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 WENTWORTH, / COLO. Apr 7 1913 Aug 14 1914  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm

**WESTOLA**

The early history of Westola leaves some unanswered questions. It was first established on August 9, 1887 and discontinued April 15, 1903. It reopened May 25 1912 and was moved to a location in Colorado on August 20, 1914. The Geographic Site Location Reports, as do other documents, make it clear that these early locations were in Morton County Kansas and not far east of the Colorado border. However, in both instances the locations are clearly specified as being in "Range 43 West." That range is nine miles inside Colorado. I have never seen any indication that there was a renumbering of the Ranges, so how could two postmasters make the same error twenty-five years apart?

When it was re-established in 1912, Deans Ranch was the name suggested for the new location in Kansas, but that was rejected and I have no information as to the origin of the name Westola. It appears to be a contrived name. The move from Morton County Kansas brought the office into Colorado within a few hundred yards of the state line.

After the move to Colorado, only one postmaster served at Westola: Sam M. Dean. He knew where he was. In reply to an inquiry from Washington Mr. Dean wrote "This office is what might be called EXACTLY on the Colorado-Kansas state line..." And, he thought it should still be called "Westola, Kansas," but the Post Office department disagreed.

**WESTOLA – Continued**

Westola was yet another rural or ranch post office and not an organized community.

From Walsh, drive eleven and one half miles east to Road 55.5 (Konantz), then south four miles to Road Z and two miles east on Road Z to the site of Westola at the Kansas border. At the site there is an active ranch with some newer buildings, but it is the location as plotted from the Geographic Site Location Reports.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jun 21 1887 --- Sec 16 T32S R43W (In Kansas) The suggested name "Deans Ranch" was rejected.  
1 mile north of the north fork of the Cimarron River.  
Proposed postmaster - James K. Estes**
- Apr 12 1912 --- NE/4 Sec 31 T31S R43W (In Kansas)  
Proposed postmaster - George W. Dean  
From the sketch map, this site was a little more than a half mile east  
of the Kansas-Colorado state line (SW/4 OF NE/4).**
- Aug 20 1914 Established Apparently moved from Morton Co. Kansas  
Aug 20 1914 Dean, Sam M.**
- Jan 21 1915 --- SE/4 Sec 21 T31S R41W (In Colorado)  
"Just a claim house." "About 10 steps west of the Kansas  
Colorado state line." (Note - there was a resurvey of this area.)**
- May 31 1917 Ordered closed Mail to Konantz  
Feb 28 1918 Ordered closed Mail to Konantz  
No indication of reason for two closing dates**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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



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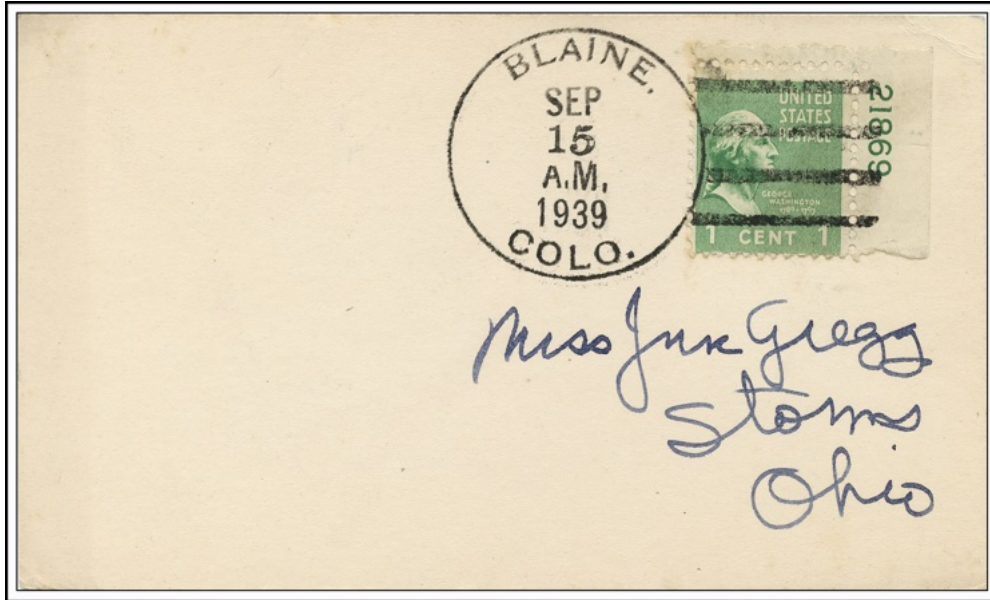
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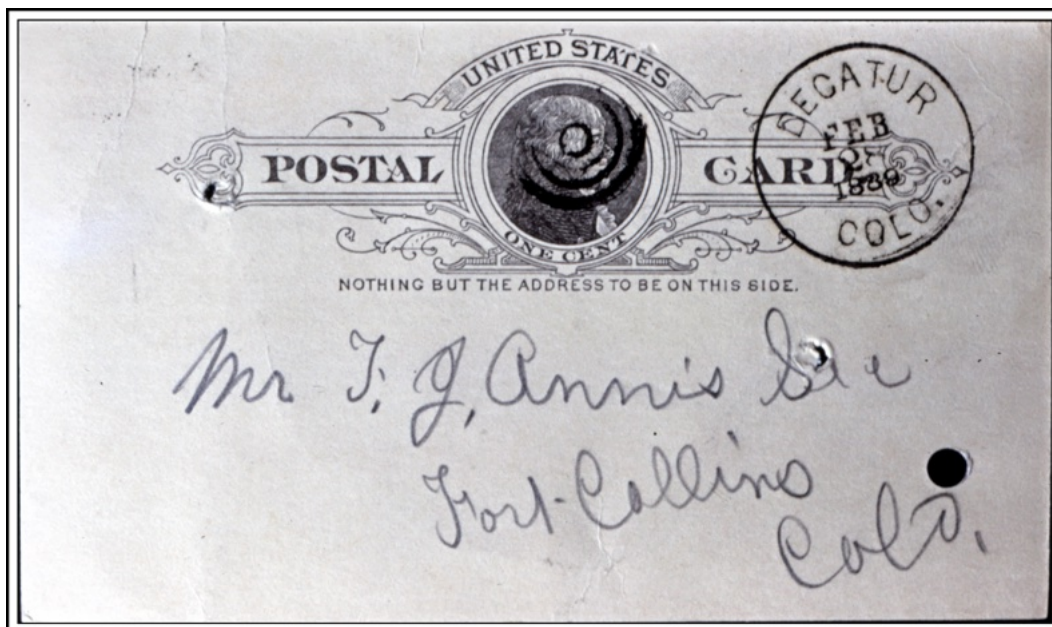
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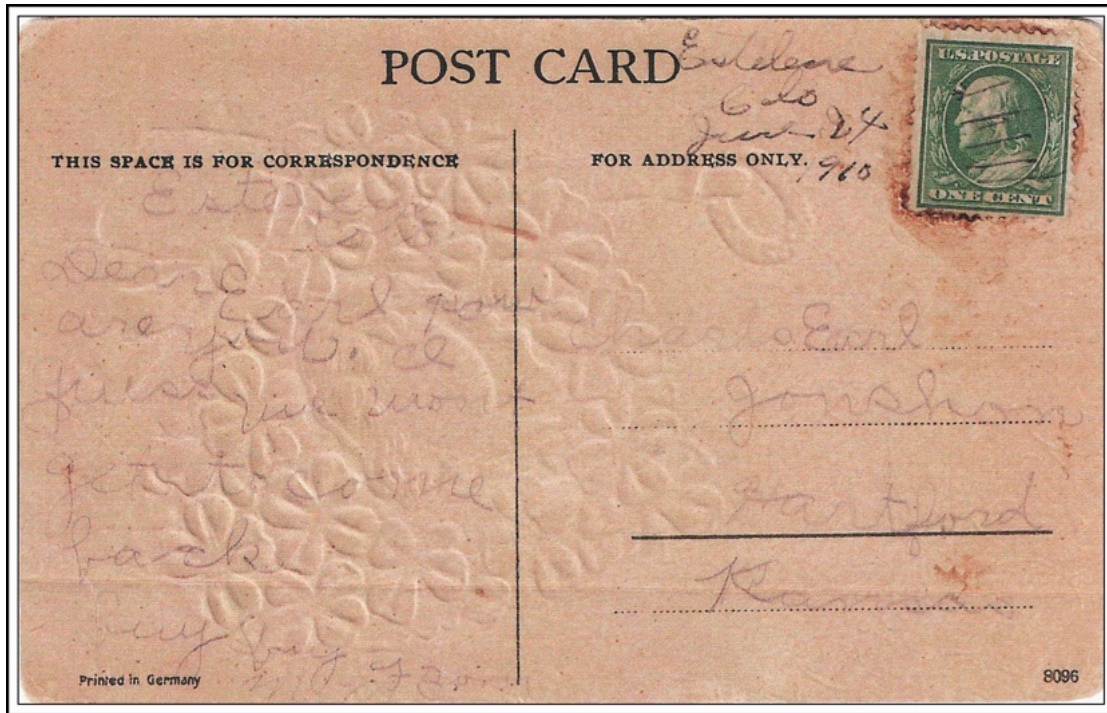
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BLAINE, / COLO. September 15, 1939

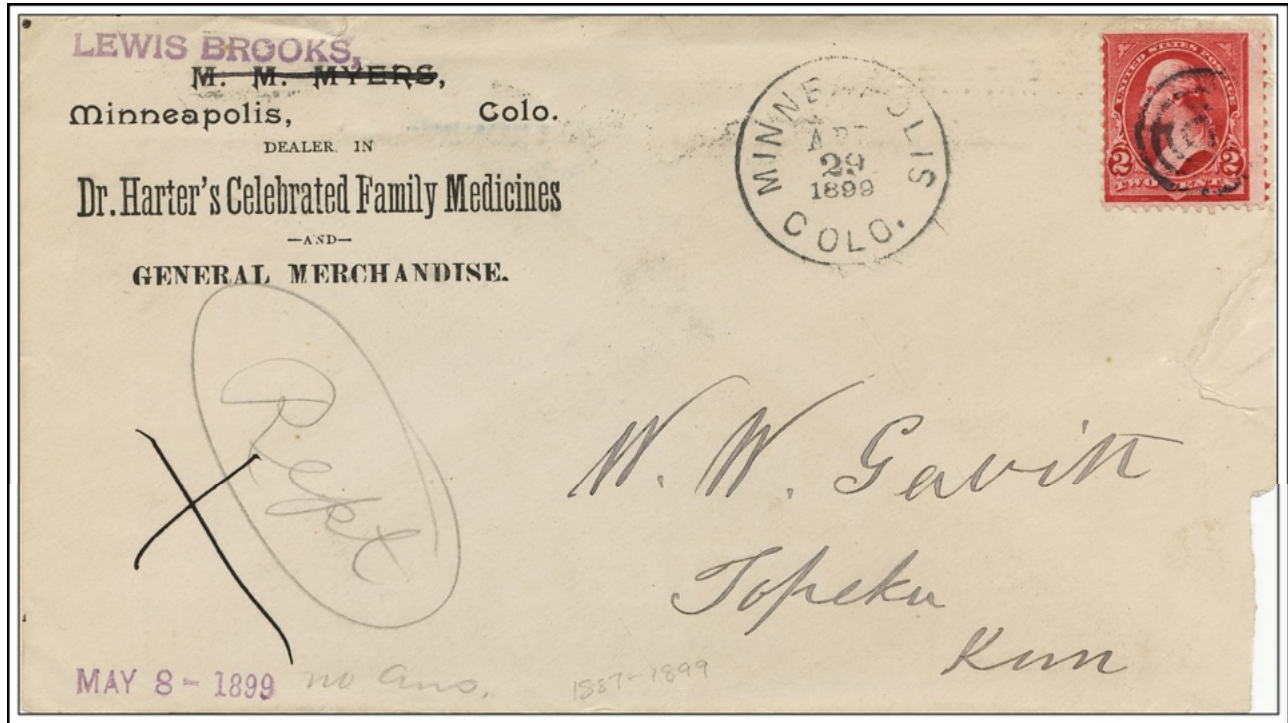


DECATUR / COLO. February 28, 1889



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June 24, 1910

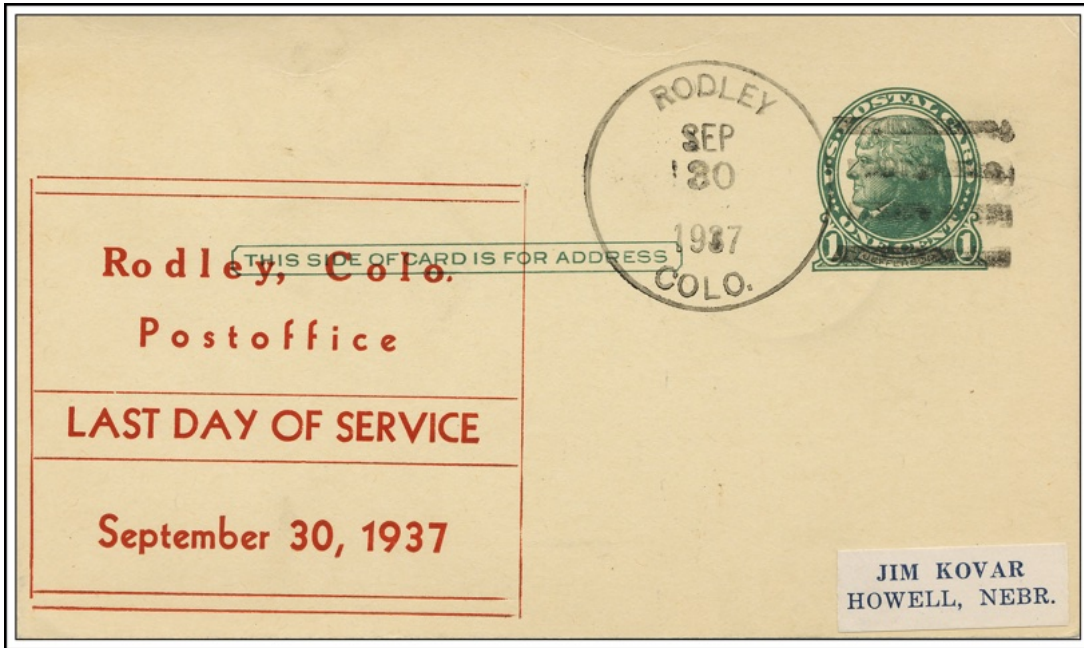


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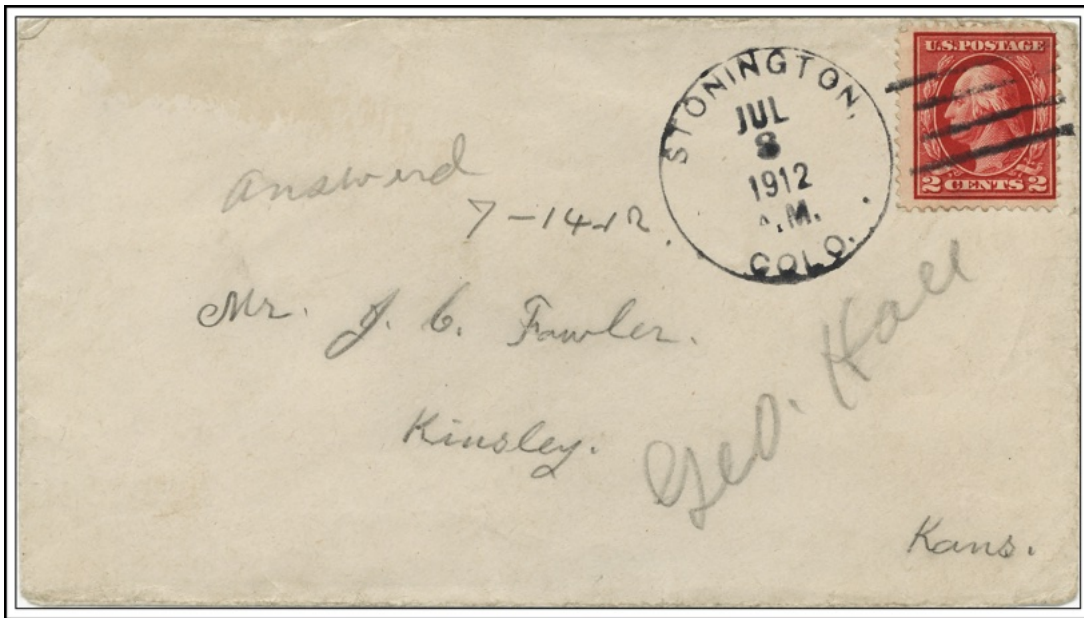
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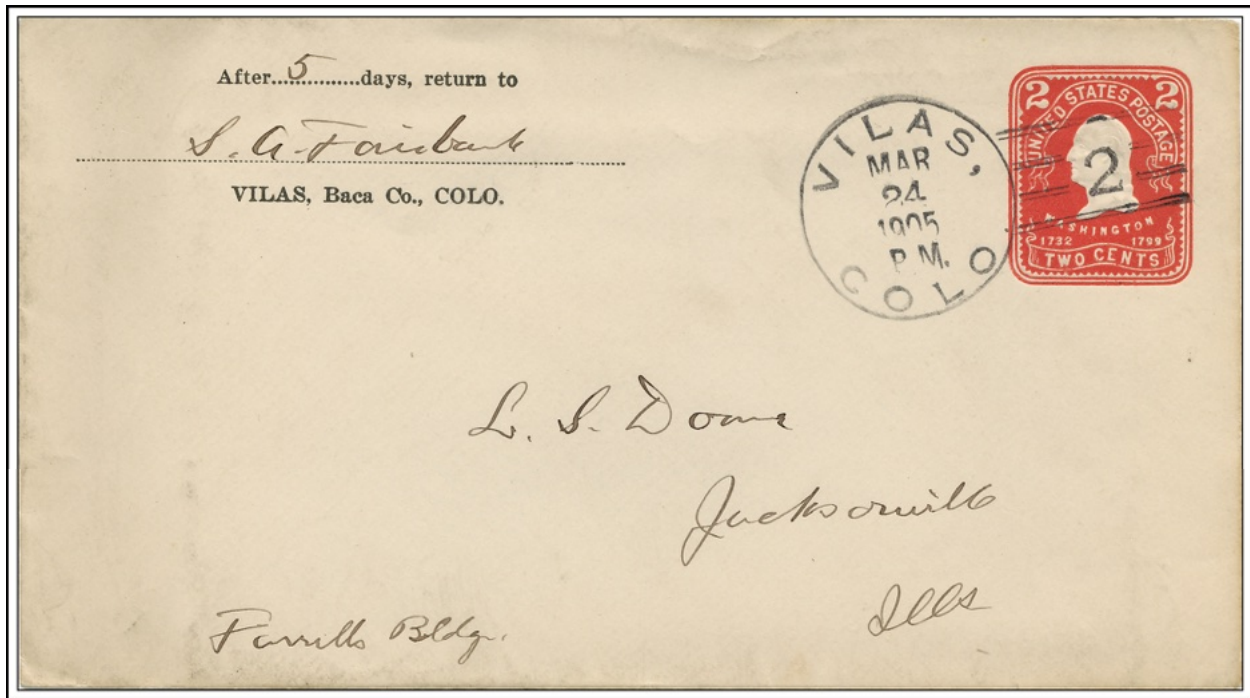
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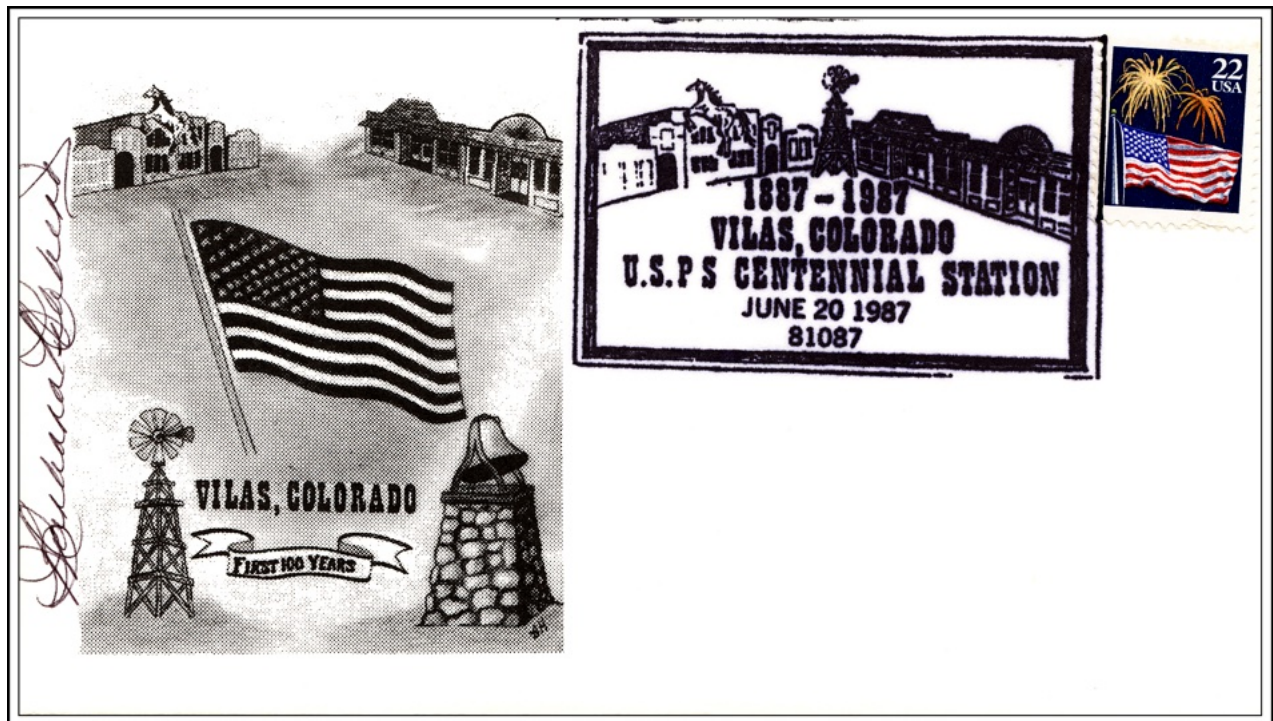
RODLEY / COLO. Last Day of Service      September 30, 1937



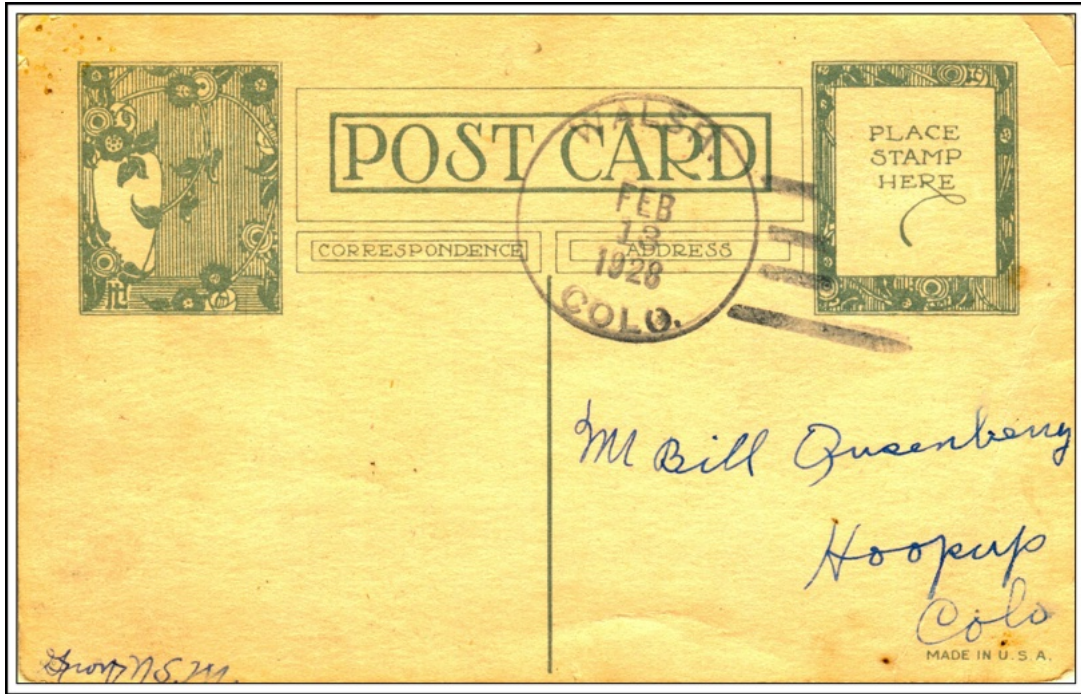
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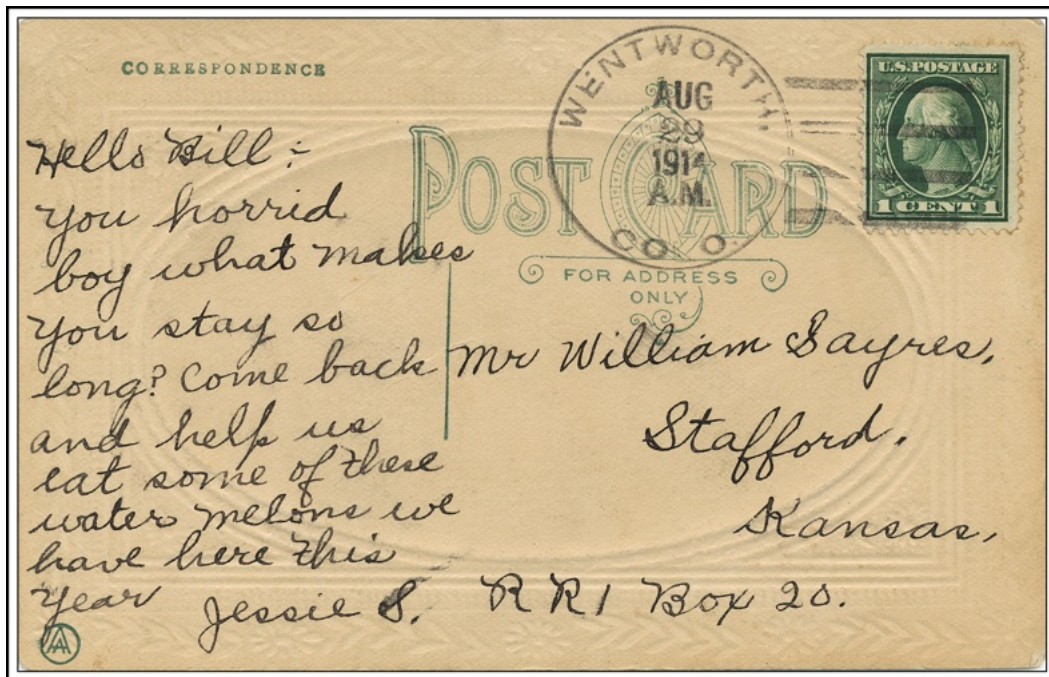


VILAS, COLORADO / U. S. P S CENTENNIAL STATION / 81087 June 20, 1987



WALSH, / COLO.

February 13, 1928



WENTWORTH, / COLO.

August 29, 1914