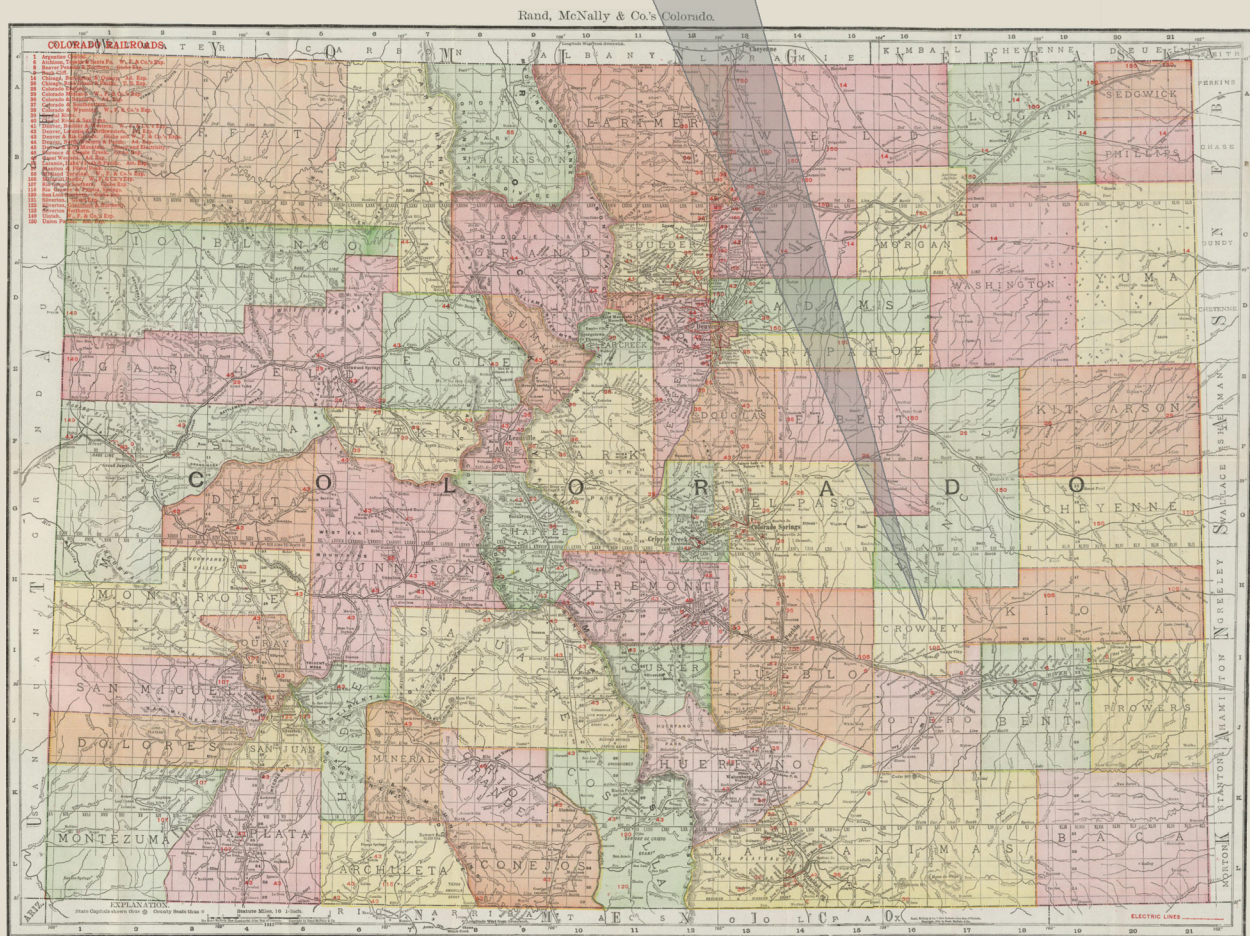


Crowley County



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

Established: May 29, 1911

County Seat: Ordway

CROWLEY COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Crowley County is one of the smallest of Colorado's sixty-three counties. It is nearly square in shape: 30 miles by 28 miles in dimensions and including a little more than 800 square miles. The county is one of the last to be created, having been removed from Otero County on May 29, 1911.

Crowley County lies north of the Arkansas River and is bounded on the west by Pueblo County, on the north by Lincoln County, on the east by Kiowa and Otero Counties and on the south by Otero County. About half of the southern boundary is the Arkansas River.

Colorado Highway 71 bisects the county from Rocky Ford northward to Limon and intersects Colorado Highway 96 at Ordway. Colorado 96 angles southwestward across the southern portion of the county, paralleling the Missouri Pacific Railroad. With one exception, Hester, all of the post offices in Crowley County were located along the Missouri Pacific/Highway 96 route. Ten names, at seven locations, have been applied to post offices in Crowley County and four remain active in the year 2000.

The landscape of the county is rolling prairie, rising northward from the Arkansas River Valley. Where irrigation is practiced, a variety of agricultural crops are grown. The remainder of the county is devoted to grain and livestock. Agriculture and the railroad have dominated the economy of the county. Until recently, the processing of sugar beets was a significant activity. However the factories have closed, even though sugar beets are still a major product of the county.

[SRM: Since 2003 the major industry in Crowley County has been a privately run correctional institute in Olney Springs. The 2010 census listed a county population of 5,823 residents of which 2,682 were prisoners, giving the county the highest ratio of incarcerated prisoners of any county in the U.S.]



Crowley County – Street scene Ordway, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer
May 14, 1987



Post Office Location Map – Crowley County

CROWLEY

Historical literature would have one believe that Crowley was established in 1880 and was named after the county and State Senator John H. Crowley from Rocky Ford. However, since Crowley County did not exist prior to 1911 and the Crowley post office did not open until 1914, this story seems a bit out of line.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad was built through to Pueblo in 1887-1888, but the literature is silent on the existence of a community at that time and what name it might have been called. Undoubtedly the community was ultimately named for Senator Crowley. The town was incorporated in 1921.

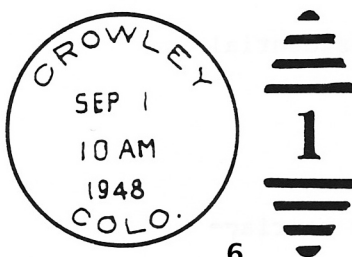
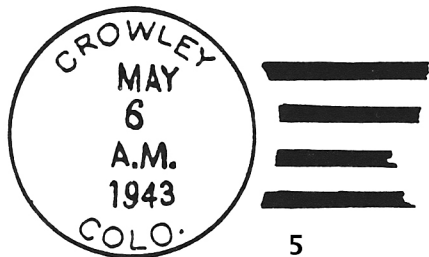
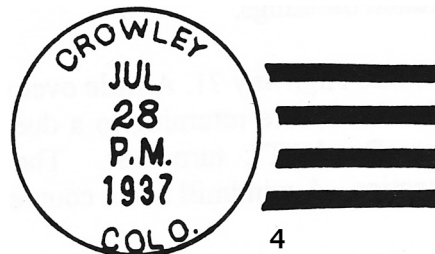
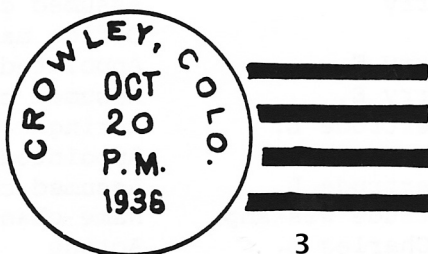
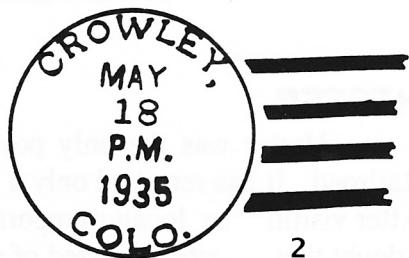
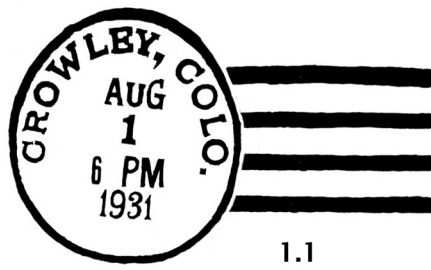
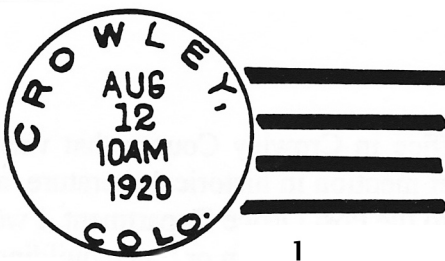
Crowley was a shipping point on the railroad and a supply center for surrounding ranches and farms. It still follows that life but at a slower pace than in its early days. From Ordway west, Colorado Highway 96 is on the south side of the railroad, so it is necessary to go north across the railroad to enter Crowley. It is six miles west of Ordway.

Chronology of the Post Office

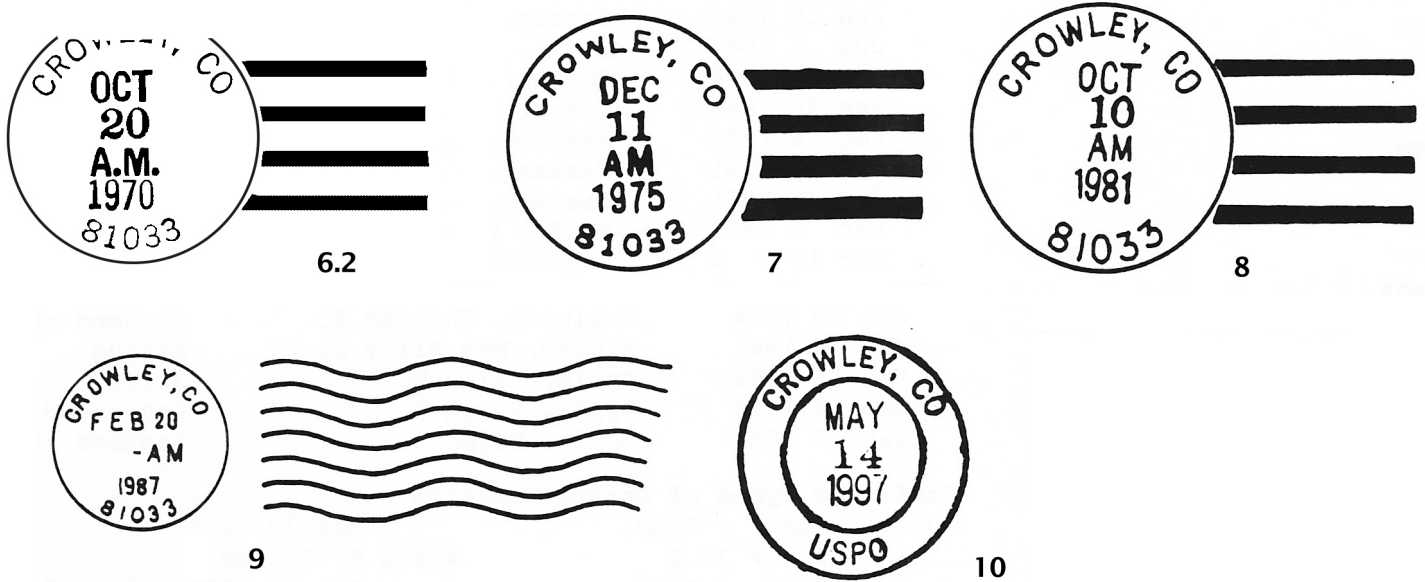
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Dec 18 1914	Vaniman, Jesse N.	
Dec 9 1910	Strickler, Joseph L.	Year incorrect? Not commissioned
Aug 5 1916	Yehle, William L.	
May 31 1921	Brememan, Daniel J.	
Jun 27 1924	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T21S R58W 600 feet north of the Mo.Pac railroad, Shiloh Station
	Applicant for postmaster - William G. Nelson	
Jul 1 1930		Office made Presidential
Jul 3 1930	Brememan, Daniel J.	Confirmed
Dec 8 1932	Brememan, Daniel J.	Confirmed
Jan 11 1933	Brememan, Daniel J.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T21S R58W Mo.Pac tracks 300 feet south of post office
May 31 1943	Cotter, Harry	Acting
Jun 1 1943	Cotter, Harry	Assumed charge
Jun 16 1943	Cotter, Harry	Acting
May 4 1944	Cotter, Harry	Confirmed
May 29 1944	Cotter, Harry	Commissioned
Jun 30 1944	Cotter, Harry	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1944		Office made Presidential
Aug 23 1944	Cotter, Harry E.	Nominated
Sep 1 1944	Cotter, Harry E.	Appointed Presid., Confirmed & Commissioned
Sep 30 1944	Cotter, Harry E.	Assumed charge
Feb 28 1950	Weskamp, Gertrude L.	Assumed charge
Apr 5 1951	Weskamp, Gertrude L.	Nominated
Apr 12 1951	Weskamp, Gertrude L.	Confirmed
Apr 13 1951	Weskamp, Gertrude L.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 30 1951	Weskamp, Gertrude L.	Assumed charge
Mar 3 1953	Swift, Gertrude Weskamp	Name changed by marriage
Mar 10 1953	Robinson, Charles E.	Assumed charge
Mar 26 1953	Robinson, Charles E.	Acting
Feb 25 1954	Robinson, Charles E.	Nominated
Mar 25 1954	Robinson, Charles E.	Confirmed, Appointed Presid., & Commissioned
Jun 30 1954	Robinson, Charles E.	Assumed charge
Mar 10 1961	Kinard, Mrs Billy J.	Assumed charge
Mar 16 1961	Kinard, Mrs Billy J.	Acting
Aug 16 1963	Apple, Ralph M.	Acting
Dec 12 1963	Apple, Ralph M.	Confirmed
Dec 16 1963	Apple, Ralph M.	Appointed & Commissioned
Jan 17 1964	Apple, Ralph M.	Assumed charge

CROWLEY – Continued
Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

0.1	CROWLEY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Mar 30 1917
1	CROWLEY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Apr 1 1920 Dec 28 1923
1.1	CROWLEY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Aug 1 1931
2	CROWLEY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Nov 23 1931 May 19 1935
3	CROWLEY, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Oct 20 1936
4	CROWLEY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jun 12 1937 Dec 2 1941
5	CROWLEY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 10 1942 Aug 26 1944
6	CROWLEY / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Sep 1 1948 May 8 1959
6.1	CROWLEY, / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box, (partially struck on pair of stamps)	1950s
6.2	CROWLEY, CO / 81033 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Oct 20 1970 Dec 14 1971 (partially off cover)
7	CROWLEY, CO / 81033 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 30 1975 Jan 29 1976
8	CROWLEY, CO / 81033 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x21mm	Nov 19 1979 Oct 10 1981
9	CROWLEY, CO / 81033 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 20 1987
10	CROWLEY, CO / USPO CI 11P 32.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	May 14 1997



CROWLEY – Continued



CROWLEY – NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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| <p>1 Crowley, CO 81033 // New Year's Eve Station
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Pict Scene – Mountains; Text - CROWLEY / COUNTY /
COLORADO :: Postmark of the Century</p> |
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HESTER

Hester was the only post office in Crowley County that was not located along the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It has received only a brief mention in historical literature and is referred to as a, “rural post office.” After visiting the location reported to the Post Office Department, I would modify that to a ranch post office. I doubt that the site consisted of more than a few farm or ranch buildings.

To reach the site from Ordway drive north on Colorado Highway 71. A little over seven miles north, the highway bends to the northeast for about two and a half miles before returning to a due north course. Eight-tenths of a mile further is the intersection with County Road T; turn east. The site of Hester was approximately a mile east and half mile north of this intersection. A windmill and a couple of scraggly trees are all that remain to indicate any activity at this location.

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

May 3 1905	---	NE/4 SE/4 Sec 30 T19S R56W 2-1/2 miles west of Horse Creek Proposed Postmaster - John Thomas Hester
Jun 16 1905		Established
Jun 16 1905		Hester, John T.
Nov 28 1911	---	SE/4 Sec 30 T19S R56W On the west side of Horse Creek (not close) Signed by postmaster - John T. Hester
Nov 30 1912		Discontinued

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1	HESTER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jan 21 1911 4bars S-23x14mm (the bars are not clear, this could be a Doane)
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**MEREDITH**

A post office existed at Meredith for less than one year. It was then moved three miles west and renamed Ordway.

I have found no historical reference to a Meredith in Crowley County. It is possible that it was a temporary camp related to the construction of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and was abandoned in favor of a better site at Ordway.

To reach the site of Meredith drive east from Ordway on Colorado Highway 96 three miles and then turn south on County Road LN 21. According to the Geographic Site Location Reports, Meredith was a mile south of the railroad. There are a few old buildings there but on the wrong side of LN 21. Glen Scott, on his map of Historic Trails of the Lamar area places Meredith near the railroad and I accept that as a more appropriate location.

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 27 1889	---	SE/4 Sec 17 T21S R56W; Proposed postmaster - Mabel H. Rark (???)
Nov 29 1889		Established
Nov 29 1889		Rork, Mabel H.
Jun 25 1890		Moved to Ordway

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MEREDITH

OLNEY

Olney was founded in 1887 with the arrival of the Pueblo and State Line Railroad, a subsidiary of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The town was named for a Mr. Olney, whom it is claimed was an official of the railroad. Eugene Cronk filed a town plat on December 12, 1898. Olney was another agricultural shipping and supply point along the railroad.

OLNEY – Continued

Olney, after a name change to Olney Springs is still a small but active community on the railroad and Colorado Highway 96, 11 miles west of Ordway.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 18 1890	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W; south side of Missouri Pacific Proposed postmaster - J.W. King
Jun 28 1890		Established
Jun 28 1890		King, John W.
Jan 3 1891		Smith, George W.
Jan 29 1891		Barnes, William L.
Sep 6 1899		Glaze, Benjamin H.
Sep 23 1902		Morton, Arabella E.
Feb 24 1904		Maucher, Josephine
Feb 24 1904		Maucher, Lidia
Jun 11 1906		Moore, Mabel H.
Aug 28 1908		Conrad, M. Grace
Mar 24 1909		Name changed to Olney Springs

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1	OLNEY / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Jul 7 1891 Jan 3 1897
1.1	OLNEY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 1 with ?; S-??x14mm	Aug 21 1906 Nov 24 1906
2	OLNEY / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval	Mar 21 1904 Sep 8 1908
3	OLNEY, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Apr 23 1908 May 26 1909
4	OLNEY, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 32.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 5 1906 Jul 4 1908
5	OLNEY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Jun 2 1909 Jun 5 1909



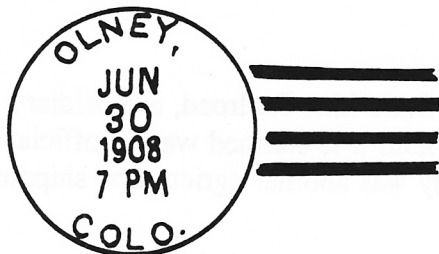
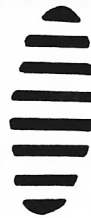
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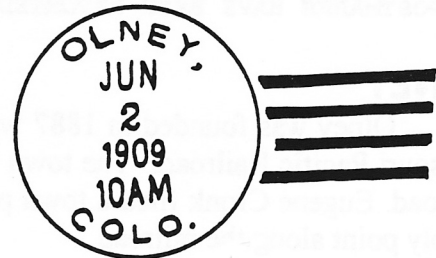
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OLNEY SPRINGS

On March 24, 1909 the name of the Olney Post Office was changed to Olney Springs. There is some evidence that this name was in local use prior to that date. No specific reason for the change in name is known but it is likely that it was thought that the change in name would emphasize the presence of a good water supply and hopefully attract growth to the community.

Chronology of the Post Office

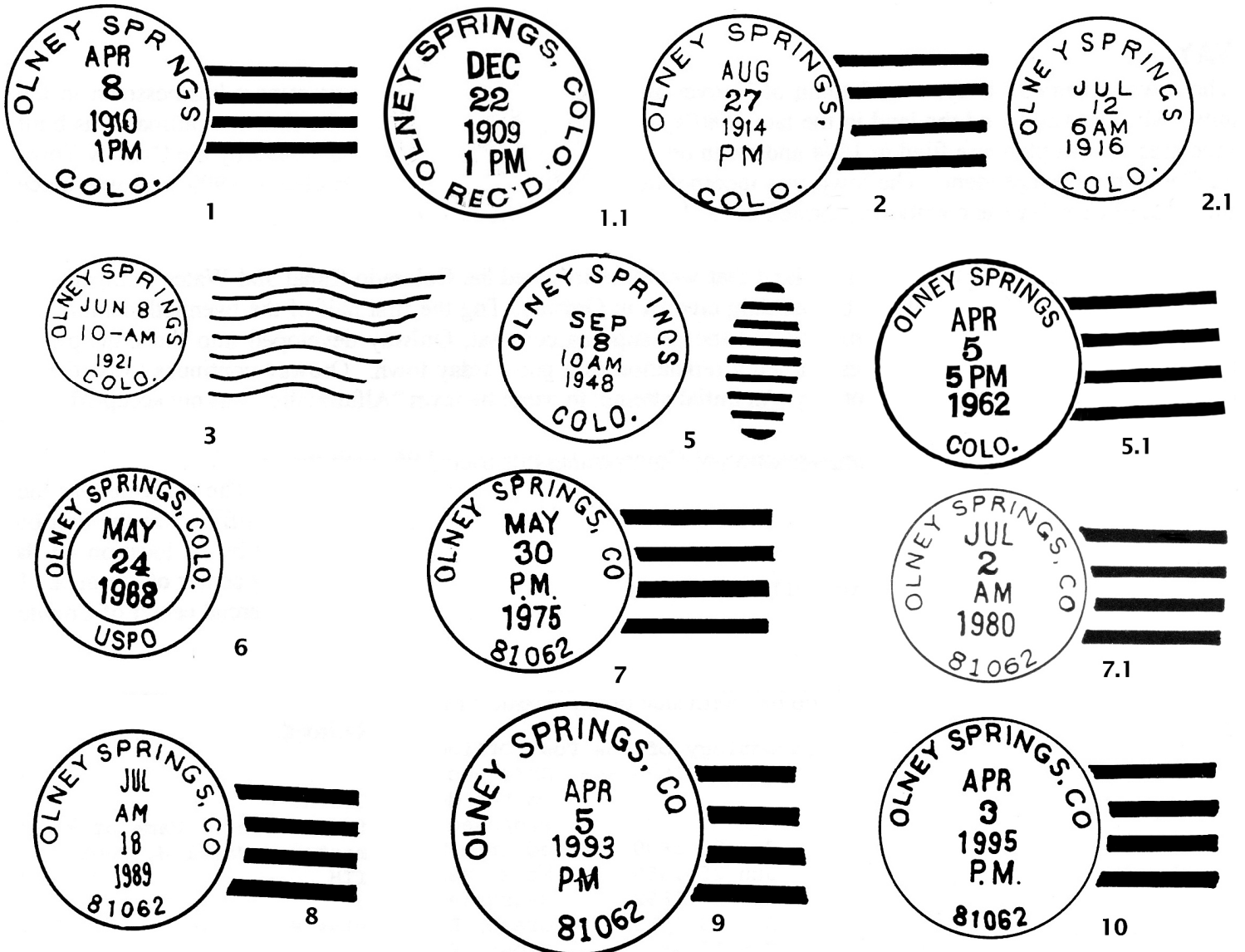
Mar 24 1909	Name changed from Olney	
Mar 24 1909	Conrad, M. Grace	
May 3 1910	Henan, Opal	
Jul 5 1910	--- NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W	
Nov 21 1911	--- NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W	260 feet south from center of Missouri Pacific tracks.
Mar 3 1914	--- NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W	250 feet south of the Missouri Pacific Railroad
Apr 5 1915	Butcher, Arthur L.	
Jul 8 1916	Johnson, Gladys L.	
Apr 1 1917		Office made Presidential
Jul 21 1917	Johnson, Gladys L.	
Feb 16 1926	Conrad, Grace	Acting
Feb 23 1926	Conrad, Grace	Appointed
Mar 8 1930	Conrad, Grace	
Sep 6 1933	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Appointed & Confirmed
Nov 3 1933	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Commissioned
Nov 9 1933	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Assumed charge
Mar 19 1934	--- NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W	South side of the Mo.Pac RR, 312 feet from station. A move 330 feet west of a previous location "Better Building."
Oct 21 1941	--- NW/4 Sec 6 T22S R58W	
Jul 1 1943		Office made Presidential
Dec 8 1943	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Nominated
Jan 12 1944	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Apptd. Presid., Confirmed & Commissioned
Feb 10 1944	Hininger, Mrs. Gladys	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1958	Shaffer, Samuel S. Jr.	Assumed charge
Jul 17 1958	Shaffer, Samuel S. Jr.	Acting
Feb 27 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Assumed charge
Mar 1 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Acting
Jun 23 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Nominated
Aug 31 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Confirmed
Sep 1 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 13 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Commissioned
Sep 15 1961	Suher, Edmond L.	Assumed charge

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

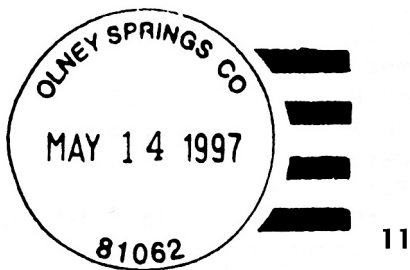
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1.1	OLNEY SPRINGS, COLO. / REC'D CI 10P 32.5	Hstp No killer Jul 10 1909 Dec 22 1909
2	OLNEY SPRINGS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x19mm Jul 28 1913 Aug 27 1914
2.1	OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid ??? Jul 12 1916 May 12 1917
3	OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines May 11 1921 Apr 2 1934
4	OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO. M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Mar 7 1925 Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

OLNEY SPRINGS – Continued

5	OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval 9 bar	Nov 14 1938 May 9 1960
5.1	OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 5 1962
6	OLNEY SPRINGS, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	May 24 1968
7	OLNEY SPRINGS, CO / 81062 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 8 1965 Jul 18 1977
7.1	OLNEY SPRINGS, CO / 81062 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-??x17mm	Nov 19 1979 Jul 2 1980
8	OLNEY SPRINGS, CO / 81062 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-??x17mm	Oct 7 1987 Mar 8 1990
9	OLNEY SPRINGS, CO / 81062 CI 10P 40.0	4bars S-??x21mm	Dec 2 1991 Apr 5 1993
10	OLNEY SPRINGS, CO / 81062 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 3 1995
11	OLNEY SPRINGS CO / 81062 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-12x23mm	May 14 1997



OLNEY SPRINGS – Continued



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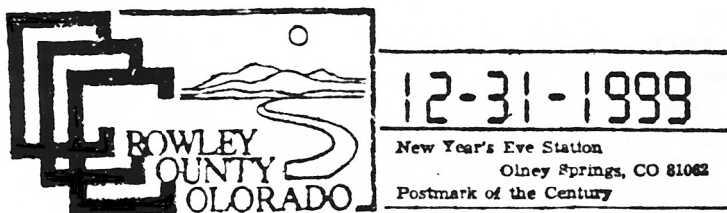
OLNEY SPRINGS – NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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ORDWAY

The town was named for George Ordway, ex-alderman of Denver and a prominent businessman in the community. Mr. Ordway had earlier claimed the land in the late 1880's, about the time the railroad was built through the area. Town plats for Ordway were filed in 1894 and again on April 23, 1895 by the Ordway Town and Land Company, George Ordway, President. The town was incorporated October 1, 1900 and was made the county seat of Crowley County when the county was formed in 1911.

The townsite was located on land that would be irrigated by the Colorado Canal and Water Company, whose office was the first business building erected in Ordway. During the first half of the twentieth century, helped by its location on the railroad and the prestige as county seat, Ordway developed into the principal trading center of the area. It also earned a reputation as a good Saturday town. Ordway continues to be the commercial center of Crowley County. An initial attempt to name the new town Alfalfaville was not accepted.

Ordway is located at the intersection of Colorado Highways 71 and 96, with the main business district on the north side of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 12 1890	---	SE/4 Sec 14 T21S R57W	In the depot for present. Name of station will be Ordway Proposed postmaster - Mabel H. Root	
Jun 25 1890		Moved from Meredith		
Jun 25 1890		Rork, Mabel H.		
Apr 7 1892		Ragsdale, Charles B.		
Dec 23 1895		Green, Burr E.		
Nov 13 1897		Piper, Ernest F.		
Feb 2 1898		Olmstead, Homer P.		
Jan 9 1908		Bashor, Milton E.		P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]
Dec 20 1911		Bashor, Milton E.		P&S
Jul 11 1913		Gray, Alexander		P&S
Jul 10 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 14 T21S R57W	North side of the Missouri Pacific Railroad	
Jan 17 1916		Ilgenfrintz, Stephen		P&S
Jun 24 1921		Lee, Clyde H.		Acting
Feb 1 1922		Downey, Thomas E.		Acting
Jun 6 1922		Downey, Thomas E.		P&S
Jun 22 1926		Downey, Thomas E.		
Jun 20 1930		Downey, Thomas E.		Confirmed
Aug 28 1934		Hensler, Floyd F.		Acting
Aug 29 1934		Hensler, Floyd F.		Assumed charge
Jan 10 1935		Hensler, Floyd F.		Nominated
Jan 21 1935		Hensler, Floyd F.		Confirmed
Mar 11 1935		Hensler, Floyd F.		Commissioned
Jun 5 1939		Hensler, Floyd F.		Nominated
Jun 12 1939		Hensler, Floyd F.		Confirmed
Jun 15 1939		Hensler, Floyd F.		Appointed Presidential
Jul 8 1939		Hensler, Floyd F.		Commissioned
Dec 5 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 14 T21S R57W	205 Denver Boulevard	
Oct 15 1949		Matthews, Clarence Floyd		Acting
Aug 29 1950		Matthews, Clarence Floyd		Nominated
Sep 11 1950		Matthews, Clarence Floyd		Confirmed
Sep 16 1950		Matthews, Clarence Floyd		Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Dec 31 1950		Matthews, Clarence Floyd		Assumed charge
Oct 31 1963		Trainor, Vincent P.		Acting
Aug 26 1965		Trainor, Vincent P.		Nominated & Confirmed
Aug 30 1965		Trainor, Vincent P.		Appointed Presidential
Sep 9 1965		Trainor, Vincent P.		Commissioned

ORDWAY – Continued

Sep 10 1965	Trainor, Vincent P.	Assumed charge
Oct 5 1979	Lucero, Betty	Officer in charge
Nov 2 1979	Carr, Robert	Officer in charge
Mar 8 1980	Hansen, Mrs Barbara A.	Appointed
Feb 20 1981	Bosley, Ruth	Officer in charge



Post Office – Ordway, Colorado

Photograph by James L. Ozment

June 13, 2002

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target	Feb 7 1893 Jun 2 1901
2	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Jun 15 1897 Mar 16 1908
2.0.1	ORDWAY, / COLO. REC'D. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 22 1904
2.1	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jul 17 1913 Aug 6 1913
3	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jan 19 1917 Sep 30 1921
4	ORDWAY / COLO. M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Aug 1 1925 Nov 3 1927
5	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, oval 9 bar	Nov 5 1931 Sep 8 1965
5.1	ORDWAY, / COLO. RC 10P	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box	1930s
6	ORDWAY, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 15 1934 Mar 8 1965

ORDWAY – Continued

7	ORDWAY / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Nov 25 1965
7.1	Ordway / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x18.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	--- -- 196-
8	ORDWAY, CO / 81063 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 1 1971
9	ORDWAY CO / 81063 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 2 1975
10	ORDWAY, CO / 81063 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 27 1971 Jan 6 1976
11	ORDWAY, CO / 81063 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19 [Has been recorded without the bars]	Dec 1 1971 Nov 19 1979
11.1	ORDWAY CO. / 81063 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Feb 3 1983
12	ORDWAY, CO / 81063 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 22 1990 Jul 2 1990
13	ORDWAY, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/17.5	Hstp No killer	Feb 22 1990
14	ORDWAY, CO / 81603 CI 10P ??.0	4bars S-27x24mm; Dial is badly distorted	Apr 14 1993 Apr 20 1993
15	ORDWAY CO / 81063 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x17mm	May 14 1997
16	ORDWAY CO 81063 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.5	Hstp No killer	May 14 1997 Jan 24 2000
17	ORDWAY CO 81063 / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 24 2000



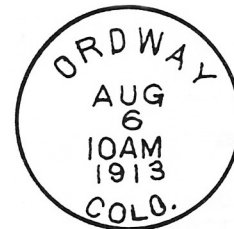
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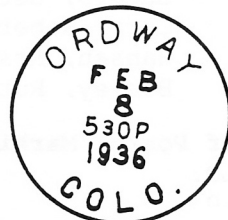
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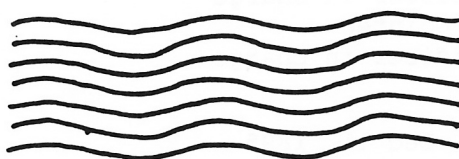
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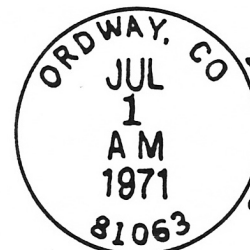
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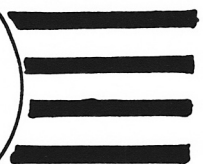
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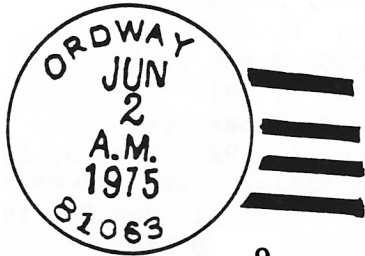
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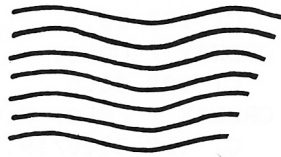
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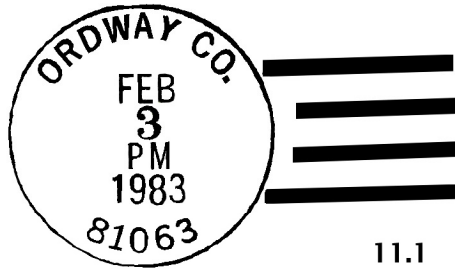
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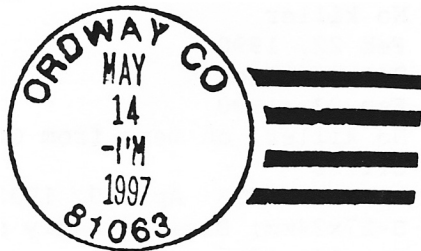
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ORDWAY / COLO.

March 16, 1908

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NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

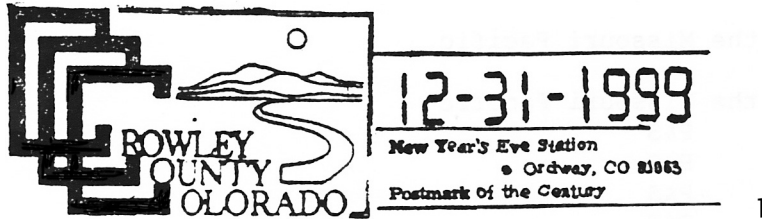
Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

ORDWAY NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION – Continued

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1 Ordway, CO 81063 // New Year's Eve Station Dec 31 1999
IR 95.0x27.0 Pict Scene – Mountains; Text - CROWLEY / COUNTY /
COLORADO :: Postmark of the Century



PULTNEY

Pultney was little more than a railroad station and post office on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It was located at the extreme west edge of the county, immediately before the railroad crosses into Pueblo County.

There is no remaining evidence of Pultney. There is (or was) a rail siding at this location and there is an active farm or ranch north of the road and about a mile east of the county line.

Chronology of the Post Office

No document was found in the Crowley County Geographic Site Location Reports.

May 19 1890	Established	
May 19 1890	King, John W.	No papers
Jun 11 1890	Discontinued	

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM PULTNEY

SUGAR CITY

In April 1900, a number of Evangelical, Volga German-Russian families from Denver, Pueblo, and Herrington, Kansas and Hastings, Nebraska arrived at this site on the Missouri Pacific Railway, north of the Arkansas River Valley. Here, the National Sugar Beet Company was constructing a sugar refinery that would provide the economic basis of the community until the factory closed in 1967 and was subsequently torn down.

On December 20, 1899 the Board of Directors of the National Sugar Beet Company organized the Sugar City Townsite Company to develop a 320-acre tract for the town. P. Van Alstyne filed a town plat on December 26, 1899. In less than a year, the barren prairie held a town with more than forty business establishments and many houses. The town was incorporated in 1900. But, by 1997, nearly all of the old business buildings have been cleared away and only a few houses remain scattered about what was once a thriving townsite.

When first authorized, the post office was named Wait. Sugar City is five miles east of Ordway on Colorado Highway 96.

SUGAR CITY – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 27 1900	Name changed from Wait	
Mar 27 1900	Tarbox, William F.	
Jul 22 1908	Butler, Thomas W.	
Jul 9 1909	Woods, Patrick S.	
Apr 18 1910	Cravens, Joseph M.	
Jan 1 1912	Office made Presidential	
Mar 1 1912	Cravens, Joseph M.	P&S
Mar 26 1912 ---	SE/4 Sec 10 T21S R56W	About 400 feet south of the Missouri Pacific
Feb 24 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 10 T21S R56W	About 400 feet south of the Missouri Pacific
Aug 25 1916	Farr, H.E.	P&S
Feb 3 1924	O'Connell, Jennie A.	Assumed charge
Feb 17 1924	O'Connell, Jennie A.	Acting
Dec 4 1924	O'Connell, John H.	P&S
Dec 21 1926	O'Connell, John H.	P&S
Dec 18 1930	O'Connell, John H.	P&S
Jun 21 1932	Ringle, Emmons	Nominated
Jun 28 1932	Ringle, Emmons	Confirmed
Aug 16 1932	Ringle, Emmons	Commissioned
Aug 31 1932	Ringle, Emmons	Assumed charge
May 25 1936	Huston, Leo F.	Nominated
Jun 1 1936	Huston, Leo F.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1936	Huston, Leo F.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 25 1936	Huston, Leo F.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1936	Huston, Leo F.	Assumed charge
May 24 1936 [1940?]	Huston, Leo F.	Nominated
Jun 31 1936 [1940?]	Huston, Leo F.	Confirmed
Jun 28 1936 [1940?]	Huston, Leo F.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 17 1936 [1940?]	Huston, Leo F.	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 10 T21S R56W	Missouri Pacific tracks 350 feet north of post office
Apr 8 1942	Termer, Edward	Acting
Apr 9 1942	Huston, Leo F.	Military Leave
Apr 9 1942	Termer, Edward	Assumed charge
Mar 21 1944 [May?]	Huston, Leo F.	Returned to duty
May 31 1944	Termer, Edward	Acting
Jun 1 1944	Termer, Edward	Assumed charge
Jan 10 1945	Termer, Edward	Nominated
Feb 8 1945	Termer, Edward	Confirmed
Feb 9 1945	Termer, Edward	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Feb 9 1945	Termer, Edward	Appointed
May 7 1945	Termer, Edward	Assumed charge
Jan 8 1960	Norris, Lois E.	Assumed charge
Jan 11 1960	Norris, Lois E.	Acting
May 26 1961	Walters, Mrs. Frances A.	Assumed charge
May 31 1961	Walters, Mrs. Frances A.	Acting
Aug 22 1961	Walters, Mrs. Frances A.	Nominated
Sep 7 1961	Walters, Mrs. Frances A.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
Sep 15 1961	Walters, Mrs. Frances A.	Commissioned & Assumed charge
Sep 10 1976	Manweiler, Joyce	Officer in charge
Mar 12 1977	Jeppeson, Bertha O.	Appointed
Feb 24 1979	Manweiler, Joyce	Officer in charge
Feb 24 1979	Kipatrick, Sue	Officer in charge
Jul 18 1979	Manweiler, Joyce	Officer in charge
Jan 26 1980	Manweiler, Joyce	Appointed

SUGAR CITY – Continued

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1	SUGAR CITY / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jul 16 1901 Jun 25 1907 Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm
2	SUGAR CITY / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Apr 9 1909 Mar 12 1917 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
3	SUGAR CITY / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Apr 15 1925 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
4	SUGAR CITY, COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Oct 21 1931 Sep 3 1935 4bars S-25x19mm
5	SUGAR CITY / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	Dec 7 1936 Jul 29 1942 4bars S-23x19mm
6	SUGAR CITY / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Apr 30 1943 Oct 31 1962 Dplx Grid, diamond with 1
6.1	Sugar City / COLO. RC 10P 40.0x19.0	1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
7	SUGAR CITY, CO / 81076 CI 10P 32.5	Jul 3 1965 Jul 1 1971 4bars S-24x20mm
8	SUGAR CITY, CO / 81076 CI 10P 33.0	Jun 2 1975 Nov 19 1979 4bars S-25x20mm
9	SUGAR CITY, CO / 81076 CI 10P 23.0	Sep 20 1974 Jan 23 1976 Mach 7 wavy lines
10	SUGAR CITY CO / 81076 CI 10P 31.0	May 15 1991 May 14 1997 4bars S-22x14mm
11	SUGAR CITY CO 81076 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	May 14 1997 Hstp No killer
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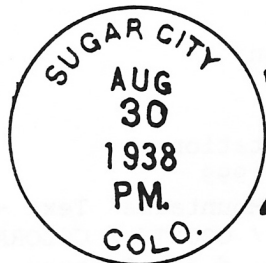
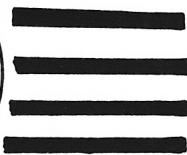
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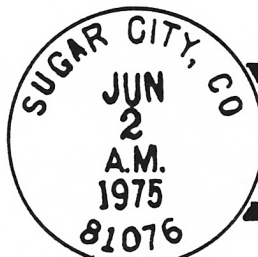
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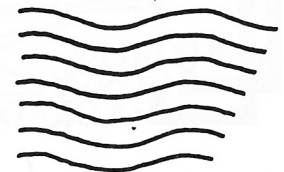
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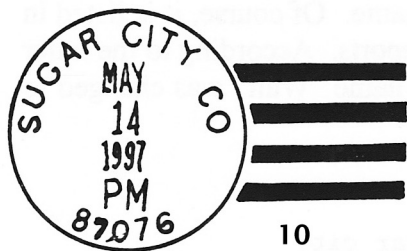
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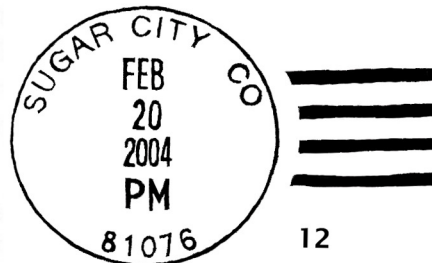
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SUGAR CITY STATIONS

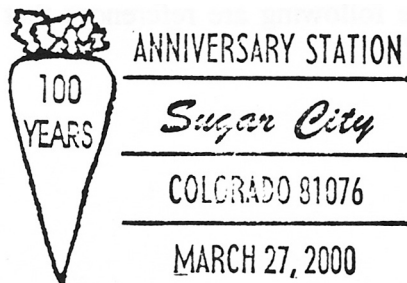
SUGAR CITY – ANNIVERSARY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 27 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1 Sugar City / COLORADO 81706 // ANNIVERSARY STATION Mar 27 2000
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SUGAR CITY – NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1 Sugar City, CO 81076 // New Year's Eve Station Dec 31 1999
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WAIT

I have found no mention in historical literature of a community with this name. Of course, it is listed in the Records of Postmaster appointments and in the Geographical Site Location Reports. According to the latter documents, Wait was in the same quarter section as Sugar City. The post office name Wait was changed to Sugar City less than three months after it was established.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 13 1900	---	SE/4 Sec 10 T21S R56W South of railroad within 80 rods of track, Sugar city Station not yet opened but work on trackyard commenced. Proposed postmaster - William F. Tarbox It appears the name originally requested was Sugar City. For some reason Wait was substituted, then changed to Sugar City within two months.
Feb 26 1900		Established
Feb 26 1900		Tarbox, William F.
Mar 27 1900		Name changed to Sugar City

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTMARKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WAIT

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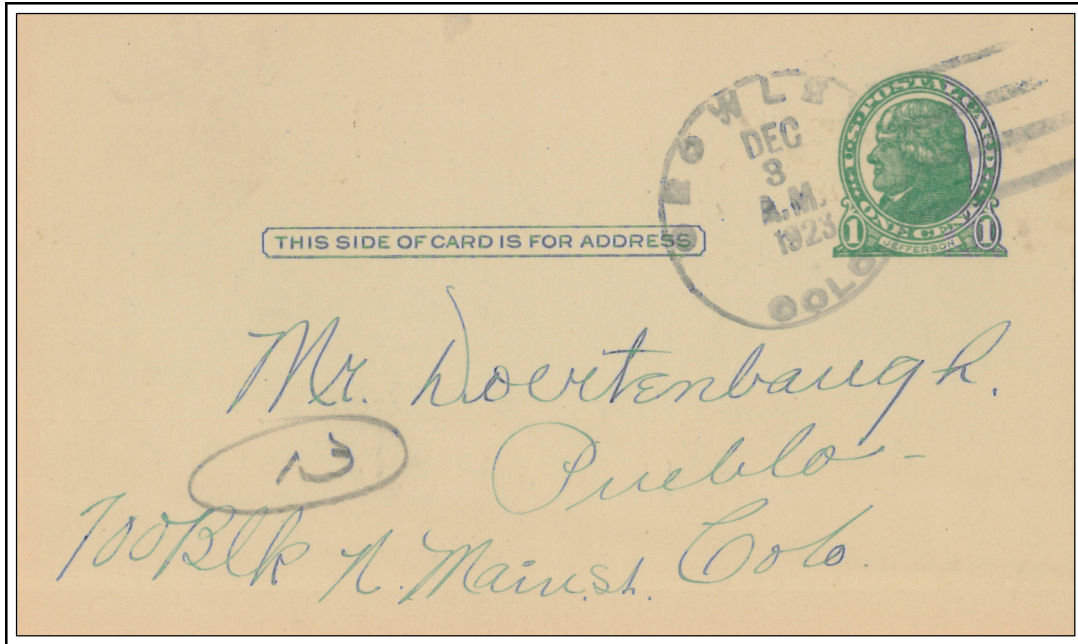
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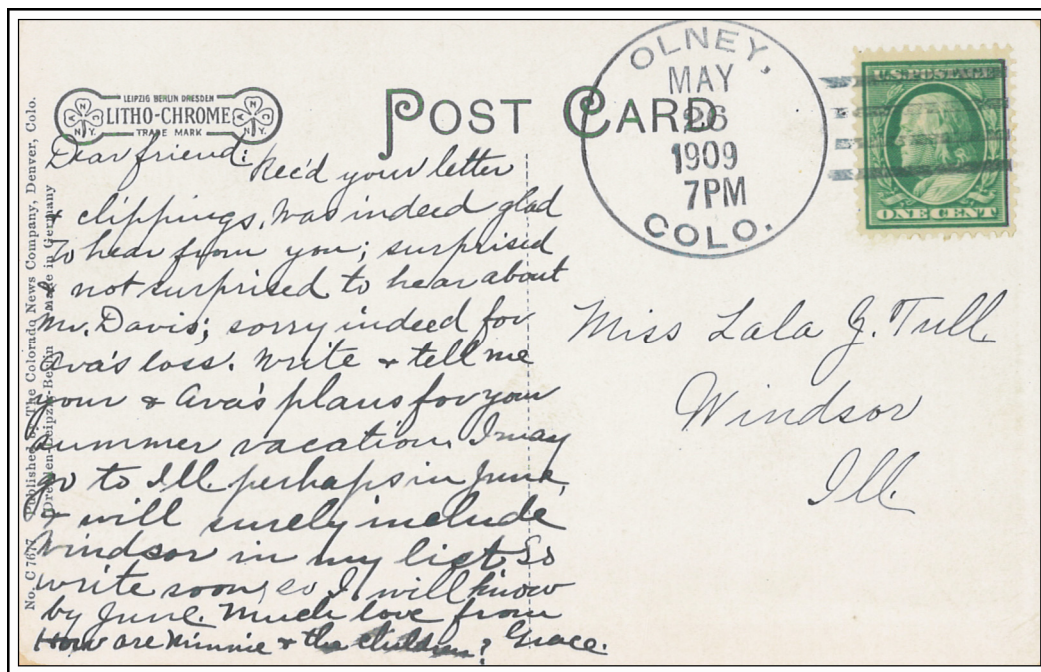
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A GALLERY OF CROWLEY COUNTY COVERS



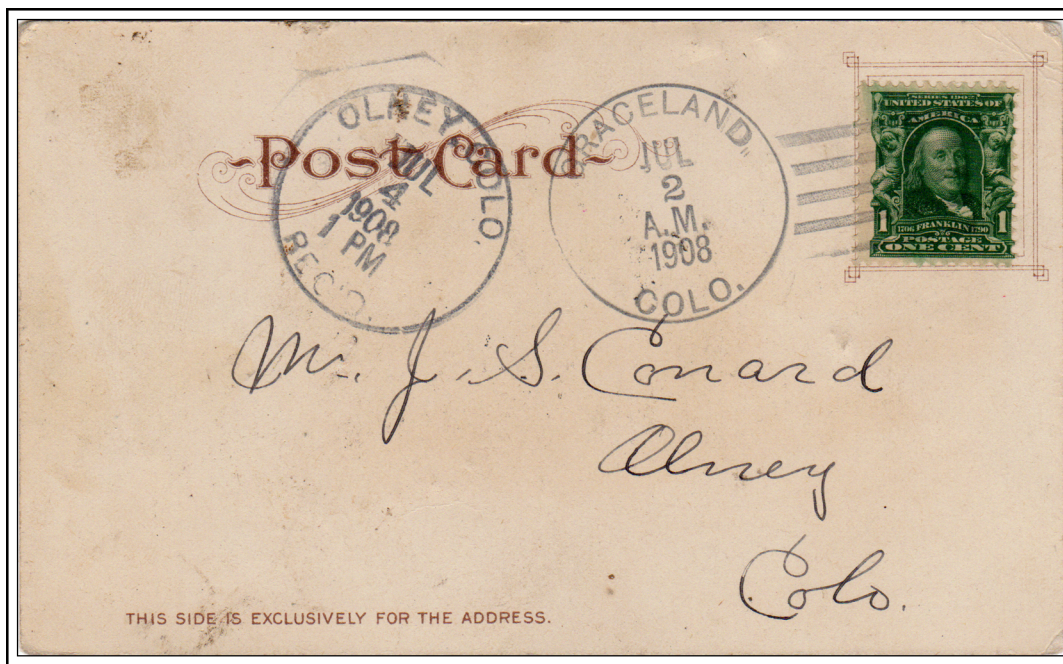
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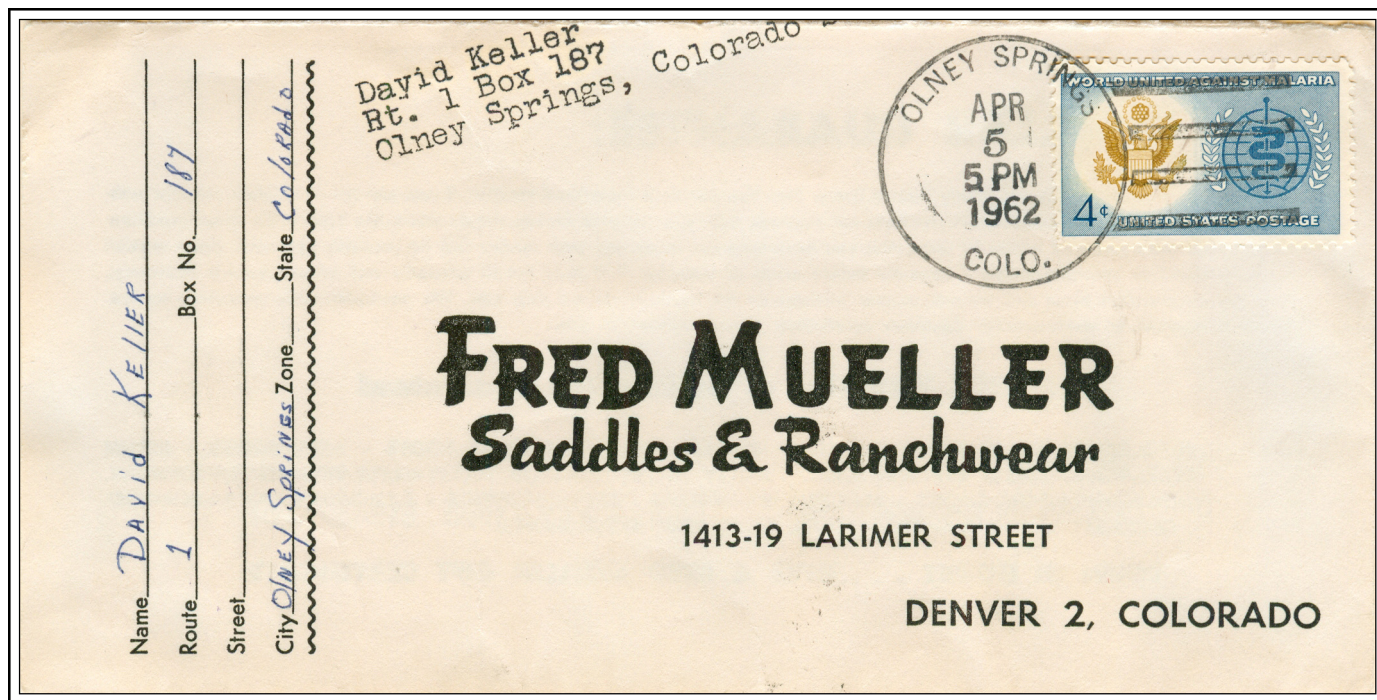
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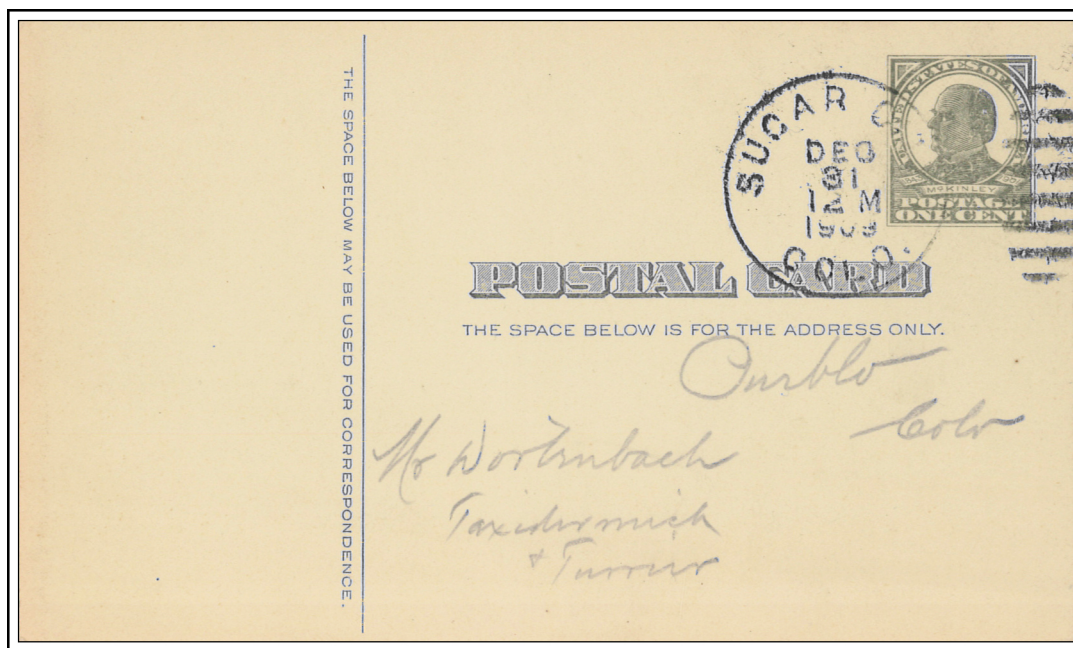
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OLNEY SPRINGS / COLO.

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