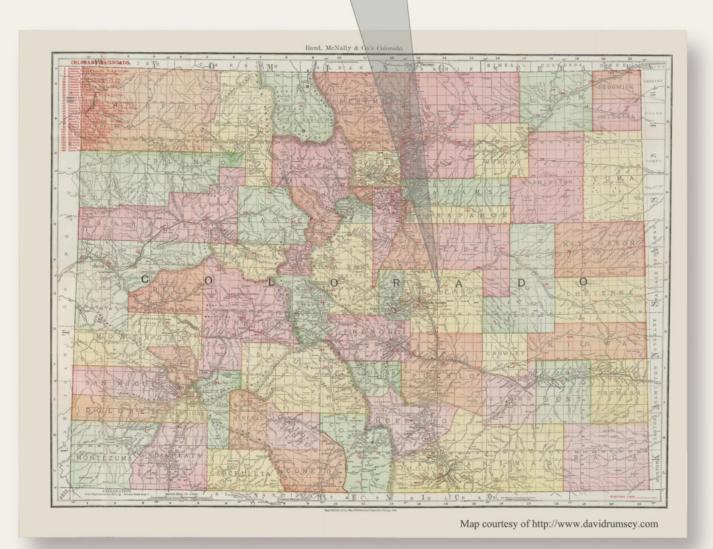
# El Paso County



Established: November 1, 1861

County Seat: Colorado Springs



### EL PASO COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

El Paso County was one of the original seventeen counties that were created by the Territorial Legislature on November 1, 1861. The name "El Paso" is Spanish, The Pass. This is a reference to Ute Pass, which was an important crossing of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. The Indian tribes travelling between the prairies and hunting grounds in the South Park first used the trail. Fur trappers used the trail and it became a major supply route for the gold mines that developed in the northern portion of the South Park. Thus it was natural that the trail would evolve into a path for the Colorado Midland Railroad and for US Highway 24.

When first created, El Paso County was nearly rectangular in shape. The dimensions were sixty-nine miles from east to west and forty-two miles from north to south. The boundaries remained unchanged until March 23, 1899 when Teller County was sliced from the western portion of El Paso County. This reduced the maximum east-west dimension from sixty-nine to fifty-three miles.

The northern boundary is a due east-west line shared with Douglas and Elbert Counties. The eastern boundary is a due north-south line, shared with Elbert and Lincoln Counties. The southern boundary is also an east-west line bordering with Pueblo County. The western boundary is an irregular north-south line shared with Teller County and a small section with Fremont County.

Topographically, the great majority of the county lies east of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. The far western portion climbs rapidly up the escarpment of the Front Range and includes the 14,110-foot summit of Pikes Peak. The eastern portion is composed largely of rolling prairie. The northern edge of the county is along the Monument or Palmer Lake Divide that separates the drainage of the Arkansas River from the drainage of the South Platte River. A narrow strip along the north edge does drain to the South Platte but most of the county drains south to the Arkansas River.

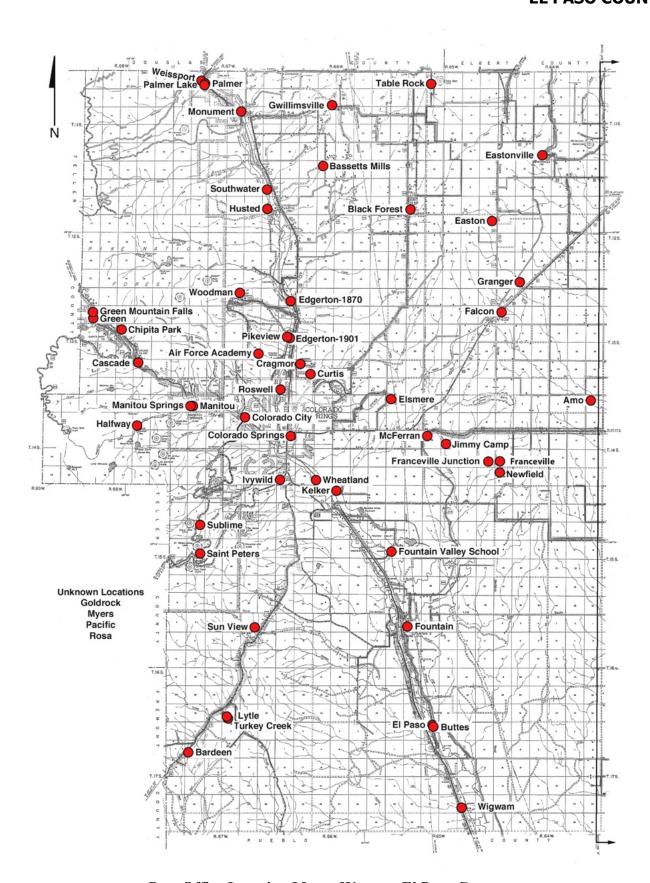
Fountain Creek is the principal stream within the county. It is joined by Monument Creek at Colorado Springs. French fur trappers originally named the stream "Fountaine Qui Bouille," a reference to the hot springs near present day Manitou Springs. The springs were a favorite with the Indian tribes who ascribed healing powers to the waters. With the arrival of white settlers, that belief would continue and lead to the development of tourist and resort communities along the upper reaches of Fountain Creek.

Travel in and through El Paso County has long been principally north-south along the base of the Front Range. The Cherokee Trail was perhaps the earliest of the trails from the Arkansas Valley northwards. Subsequently travel came south along Cherry Creek or Plum Creek, crossed over the Divide and followed Monument Creek to Fountain Creek and on to Pueblo and the Arkansas River. As previously mentioned, the Ute Pass Trail was the route into the mountains.

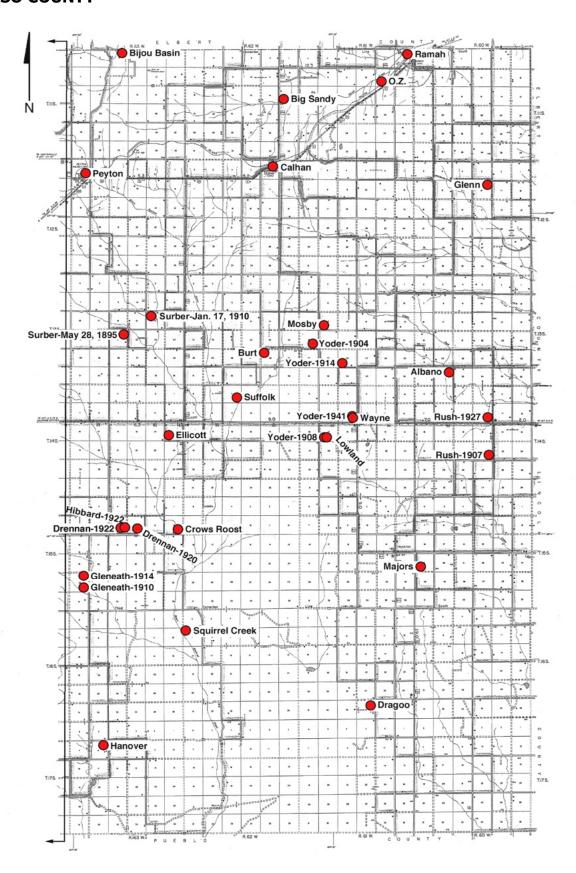
In 1870-1871 the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad came from Denver, over the Divide by way of Plum Creek. Later, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe built north from Pueblo along the same route. The Denver and New Orleans Railway (eventually becoming the Colorado and Southern) chose a route along Kiowa Creek to cross the Divide before turning towards Colorado Springs.

Another railroad that until recently served El Paso County was the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railroad (more familiarly known as the Chicago and Rock Island), which extended its line south and west from Limon to Colorado Springs.

Two other railroads originated in El Paso County. The Colorado Midland Railroad that began at Colorado Springs, took a route up Fountain Creek, over Ute Pass and into the South Park. The Midland's destination was Grand Junction, which, with the help of the Rio Grande it eventually reached.



Post Office Location Map - Western El Paso County



Post Office Location Map – Eastern El Paso County

The Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek District Railroad climbed the face of the mountains and around the southern shoulder of Pikes Peak to reach the mines at Victor and Cripple Creek. When the rails were removed this became the Gold Camp Road, a popular tourist trip.

There was, and still is, one other railroad – the world-famous Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, which for more than a century, has departed from Manitou Springs and climbs to the 14,110-foot summit of Pikes Peak.

As transportation switched away from wagons to railroads and then to motor vehicles the same routes became highways. US Highway 24 paralleled the Rock Island and the Colorado Midland to cross the county from east to west. US Highways 85 and 87 are north-south routes that followed the paths of the Rio Grande and the Santa Fe. This route also became the alignment for the modern Interstate 25.

Colorado Highway 94 runs due east from Colorado Springs to join US Highway 40 near Aroya in Cheyenne County. Colorado Highway 115 curves southwestward from Colorado Springs around the southern end of the Front Range towards Canon City. There is an extensive and expanding network of county roads in the area east of the mountains.

The first settlements in El Paso County were where Fountain Creek exits the mountains. There, Colorado City became a rest and supply point for prospectors headed into the mountains. Colorado City was, for four days, the meeting place for the first Territorial Legislature before the delegates sought a livelier location at Golden City.

With the construction of the Denver and Rio Grande there was increased settlement along the route of the railroad. The Rio Grande established the city of Colorado Springs which soon became the population center for the county. Other towns developed along the Rio Grande and along the routes of the other railroads that traversed the county.

There was a period of homesteading and ranching in eastern El Paso County that fostered the establishment of a number of small towns. Most of these lasted for only a few years and were likely not much more than a convenient ranch that provided postal services and perhaps some limited supplies.

The economy of El Paso County has changed with the passage of time. Initially agriculture was important and it still plays a role in the eastern portion of the county. The development of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs as tourist destinations and resorts soon became an important factor in the county's economy. During the height of the Cripple Creek mining, Colorado Springs was the location of a number of mills and smelters that processed ore from the mines.

Beginning during World War II the United States military became a major economic force in El Paso County. First was the establishment of what is now Fort Carson. Next to come was Ent Air Force Base, now Peterson Field. In 1954 the United States Air Force Academy was authorized to be built on a site north of Colorado Springs. During the Cold War, Colorado Springs was chosen as home to the United States Air Defense Command with its headquarters constructed deep within Cheyenne Mountain.

This military activity had additional consequences. It introduced Colorado to a large number of military personnel and many of them chose to return to the Colorado Springs area when they retired or left the military. This influx continues and is one of the driving forces behind the explosive growth of Colorado Springs and the I-25 corridor in El Paso County.

Many of the former military retirees brought with them a background in high technology and this has made the Colorado Springs area an attractive area for the development of high-tech industries.

Since 1861, El Paso County has grown from a sparsely populated rural county into a major metropolitan area and that growth is likely to continue.

### **ALBANO**

Albano was one of the group of rural post offices that existed in east-central El Paso County in the early years of the twentieth century. It seems likely that the need for these scattered post offices ceased as the Rural Free Delivery System developed and provided "at your doorstep" mail delivery to the scattered ranches and farms.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report indicates that the original request was that the post office be named Banner. That choice was denied, as at that time there was a Banner Post Office in San Diego County, California. When such a situation arose, another name would be chosen to avoid confusion between the common state abbreviations of Cal. and Col. I have found no information as to the reason for choosing Albano as a substitute.

From Yoder drive east five miles on Colorado Highway 94 to the intersection with Harding Road. Alternatively, drive west two miles from Rush to Harding Road. Turn north on Harding Road three miles to a "T" intersection with Big Springs Road. At the southwest corner of the intersection there is a clump of trees, an old building and a working windmill (1994). This seems a likely position for the Albano Post Office.

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

Jul 26 1904 --- NE/4 Sec 32 T13S R60W

Proposed postmaster - Nelson J. Cozens

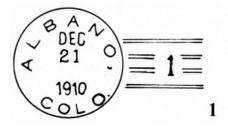
Oct 27 1904 Established

Oct 27 1904 Cozens, Nelson J.
Sep 19 1910 Weissenflush, Carl S.
Nov 30 1912 Discontinued Mail to Yoder

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ALBANO, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0

Feb 6 1905 Sep 17 1912 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13mm



### **AMO**

Amo was a rural or ranch post office located fifteen miles east of Colorado Springs. This area is still largely grazing land, however there is a steady and growing influx of settlement expanding east from Colorado Springs.

According to the Colorado Writer's Project, Amo is an Indian word meaning "bee". In Spanish it means "master" or "owner". The first translation seems more likely.

From Ellicott, drive west six miles on Colorado Highway 94 to Paddock Road. Turn north and drive to the end of Paddock Road. In 1997 this was a little over one mile and brings you into a ranch. This was the 1899 site of Amo. There is a large, relatively new building but there is an older building hidden behind it.

There was a second site for the Amo Post Office. Return to Colorado 94 and go west one mile to Slocum Road. Turn north and go two miles. The 1904 site of Amo was on the west side of Slocum Road. There is small ranch complex, with some older buildings, at that location.

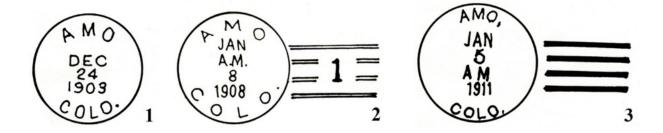
#### **AMO – Continued**

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

Mar 13 1899 ---**NW/4 Sec 1 T14S R64W Proposed Postmaster - Mary Olive Curl** Apr 14 1899 **Established** Apr 14 1899 Curl, Mary O. Jan 29 1902 Curl, Asa Mar 24 1904 McMillen, Kenneth E. Jul 9 1904 Ordered closed Jul 30 1904 Discontinued Mail to Falcon SE/4 Sec 35 T13S R64W 1/4 mile north of Sand Creek Oct 25 1904 ---Proposed postmaster - Kenneth C. McMillen Apr 28 1905 Re-established Apr 28 1905 McMillen, Kenneth E. Oct 13 1908 Daniels, Carrie M. Feb 21 1911 Miller, Mary Apr 16 1914 Slocum, Angeline C. Jul 31 1916 **Discontinued Mail to Peyton** 

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AMO / COLO.	Dec 24 1903
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target
2	AMO / COLO.	Jan 8 1908 Jul 29 1910
	CI 10P 29.0	Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13mm
3	AMO, / COLO.	Jan 5 1911 Jan 20 1915
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm



### **BARDEEN**

I have found no historical reference or description of this place. A 1922 map does show a Bardeen east of Buttes, but that does not correspond to the description provided by the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report.

The site location report indicates a preference that the post office be named Gustin. That may have been rejected to avoid confusion with a Gustine post office in Merced County California. In addition, be aware that there was a Bardine Post Office in Gunnison County from 1903 to 1908.

I have no information on the source of the name Bardeen.

The location provided by the Post Office Department is on Colorado Highway 115 approximately a mile and a half east of the El Paso-Fremont County line. By 2001 no remnants of any settlement were visible along the highway. It is grazing land with a few scattered trees. In addition, the land to the southeast of the highway is within the boundaries of the Fort Carson Military Reservation.

#### **BARDEEN – Continued**

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

Feb 2 1916 --- SW/4 Sec 8 T17S R67W 100 yards west of the East Branch of Red Creek

4bars S-24x20mm

**Applicant for postmaster - Walter Scott Burns** 

Mar 7 1917 Established

Mar 7 1917 Burns, Walter S.
Aug 4 1922 Howk, Nellie M.
May 7 1924 Ordered closed

May 31 1924 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 BARDEEN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0 Dec 14 1923 May 23 1924



### **BASSETTS MILLS**

Bassetts Mills was located about eight miles southeast of Monument. This settlement has been barely mentioned in the literature of Colorado history. From its location in the Black Forest region of northern El Paso County it seems possible that it was a lumber mill providing building material to the rapidly growing Denver.

Alden Bassett was the postmaster during both periods that a post office operated at this place; hence it is obvious that it was named for him.

Exit Interstate 25 at Monument. Drive south on the east frontage road to Higby Road. Turn east on Higby Road to Roller Coaster Road, about four miles. Turn south for one and one half miles. This should bring you to Stella Drive. Turn west on Stella Drive to Raton Road, to the south. Bassetts Mills was in the shallow valley to the southwest of this intersection.

There are a number of scattered homes in the valley but from the road most appear to be modern.

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

May 12 1869 --- NW/4 Sec 33 T11S R66W On the east side of Smith Creek

**Document signed by Alden Bassett** 

Jun 15 1869 Established Jun 1 1869 Bassett, A

Jun 1 1869 Bassett, Alden
Jan 4 1872 Moved to Southwater
Mar 26 1872 Re-established

Mar 26 1872 Re-established
Mar 26 1872 Bassett, Alden
Sep 13 1872 Discontinued

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

1 BASSETTS MILLS / COL. CI 10P 24.0

Hstp Not recorded

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### **BIG SANDY**

Big Sandy was a rural post office located due north of Calhan. It was at the ranch owned by Jonathan English. Discontinued in 1877, it was re-established in 1882, apparently at the same location but now with Russell Gates as ranch owner and postmaster. Gates also ran a small store but when the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad (Rock Island Railroad) was extended from Limon to Colorado Springs, Gates moved his store and post office south to Calhan on the railroad.

The post office took its name from its location on Big Sandy Creek.

On the east edge of Calhan, drive north from US Highway 24 a little more than three miles to the crossing of Big Sandy Creek. Big Sandy was on the east side of the highway. There is a ranch complex there and an older house in a small group of trees.



**BIG SANDY, / COLO.** 

June 26, 1883

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

Nov 27 1876 --- SW/4 Sec 13 T11S R62W 40 rods north of Big Sandy Creek

Dec 13 1876 Established

Dec 13 1876 English, Jonathan T.

Nov 6 1877 Discontinued

Jan 2 1882 --- SW/4 Sec 13 T11S R62W On the north side of Big Sandy Creek

**Proposed postmaster - Russell Gates** 

Jan 17 1882 Re-established Jan 17 1882 Gates, Russell Nov 24 1888 Moved to Calhan

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 BIG SANDY, / COLO. Jun 19 CI 21P 27.5/26.0/17.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm

Jun 19 1883 Feb 16 1887

**BIG SANDY – Continued** 



### **BIJOU BASIN**

Reportedly Bijou Basin is one of the few Colorado post offices that were located in two counties, not because of a subdivision of a county but because of a physical move. There is some support for this as it is listed in the Records of Postmaster Appointments under both El Paso and Elbert Counties. However, the only location confirmed by the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports is in El Paso County, right at the county line. It is possible that a re-survey of the county line may have been the reason for the dual county listing.

Bijou Basin was established on the upper end of Bijou Creek at the ranch of Daniel Holden, who was the first postmaster. The area was primarily devoted to stock raising. The ranch became a way station and rest stop for posses and troops tracking Indians. It is possible that a small community did develop around the Holden Ranch.

From Peyton on US Highway 24 drive north on Peyton Highway. For a little more than three miles the road is due north but then begins to wander to the east-northeast almost to the county line. A quarter mile short of the county line there is a sharp turn to the west and then quickly back to the north. At that corner there is a large ranch with a very well-maintained house. The house has obviously been renovated but I believe it dates from an early period. From north of the county line the road wanders west to eventually intersect the Elbert Highway and from there north through Elbert to Kiowa Counties.

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

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Oct 19 1866 ---
                     Not reported The proposed post office is at the head of Bijou Creek
Apr 8 1869
                  Established Listed under both El Paso and Elbert counties in the 1866 Postal Guide
Apr 8 1869
                     Holden, Daniel M.
Jan 14 1871
                     Patterson, John A.
Apr 28 1876
                     Pettey, E. R.
Jun 2 1876
                     Pettey, Zachariah R.
Jul 3 1882
                  Discontinued Mail to Gomers Mills
Aug 2 1882
                  Re-established
Aug 2 1882
                     Sturdivent, Henry W.
Jan 11 1884
                     Sturdivent, Henry W.
Aug 26 1884
                 Discontinued Papers to Elbert
Jan 5 1885 ---
                     NE/4 Sec 4 T11S R63W South side of Bijou Creek
                     Proposed postmaster - Enoch Mann
Jan 28 1885
                  Re-established
Jan 28 1885
                     Mann, Enoch
Dec 14 1885
                     Sturdivent, Henry W.
Sep 19 1890
                     Phillips, James O.
Jul 23 1898
                     Barlta, Mattie L.
Mar 16 1907
                  Ordered closed
Mar 30 1907
                  Discontinued Mail to Peyton
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### **BIJOU BASIN – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

Bijou Basin 1

MS

2 Bijou Basin Colo MS

BIJOU BASIN / COLO.

3 CI 21P 31.0/29.0/17.0 May 18 18--

Corner card Pen cancel, town from corner card Feb 15 1878 Feb 11 1880

Mscp Pen cancel

Oct 1 1889

Hstp Target, on piece

BIJOU BABIN, Colorado, \_ If not delivered within ... days.

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### **BURT**

The only mentions of Burt in the Colorado historical literature describe it as a rural post office. That description is consistent with its location on the open rangeland of eastern El Paso County.

The first and only, postmaster of Burt was one Daniel H. Burt, thus it seems the post office was given his family name.

There are a couple of routes to the site of Burt. If you are coming from the second site of Surber, go east on Falcon Road one mile to Ellicott Highway. Turn south three miles to Big Springs Road. Turn east three miles to Soapweed Road. Go north one mile to M. D. Jones Road, then east one mile to the location. There is an unmarked farm road to the south at this point.

A second route begins Colorado Highway 94 two miles west of Yoder. Drive north on Calhan Highway four miles to M. D. Jones Road and then west three miles to the location.

The location is reported as being in the southeast corner of this intersection but the only things present at the intersection are a line of trees and a group of recent buildings in the southwest corner.

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

NW/4 Sec 26 T13S R62W Bracket Creek is 2 miles northwest Dec 7 1909 ---

Applicant for postmaster - Daniel H. Burt

Mar 24 1910 **Established** 

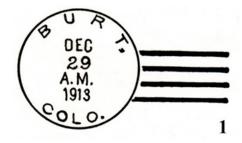
Burt. Daniel H. Mar 24 1910

Aug 15 1916 Discontinued Mail to Calhan

### Confirmed types of postal markings

BURT, / COLO. Dec 23 1910 Aug 7 1914 CI 10P 30.5 4bars S-24x14mm

### **BURT – Continued**



### **BUTTES**

Originally known as El Paso, this community gained importance with the arrival of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad. By 1888 the railroad had constructed a depot, section house, water tank and 3,250 feet of sidetrack. A small community did develop along the railroad, on the eastern side of Fountain Creek and south-southeast of the town of Fountain.

The simplest way to reach the site is to drive south from Colorado Springs on Interstate 25 to the southern exit for the Pikes Peak International Speedway. Turn left under the interstate, then turn right on Pikes Peak Meadows Road. This road curves to the east, crossing the railroad tracks becoming Old Pueblo Road, going north towards the village of Fountain.

At this point things become a bit confusing. At the time Buttes was in existence there were three different railroads with tracks south along Fountain Creek. The Santa Fe was on the west side of Fountain Creek from just south of Fountain. The Denver and Rio Grande came south on the east side of Fountain Creek and eventually crossed Fountain Creek a short distance south of the site of Buttes. The Denver and New Orleans Railroad (later the Colorado and Southern) also came south east of Fountain Creek from Manitou Junction and closely paralleled the Rio Grande south of Fountain. At Buttes the two railroads diverged, the Denver and New Orleans remaining east of Fountain Creek. To add a little further confusion to the situation, the modern USGS El Paso County Topographic Map (sheet 3) locates a Buttes where Pikes Peak Meadows Road turns east to cross the railroad and west of Fountain Creek. That location does not fit the description given in the Post office Department Geographic Site Location Report for the Buttes Post Office. That document clearly places the Buttes Post Office east of Fountain Creek, on the Denver and New Orleans Railroad. The Post Office location is on Old Pueblo Road, a little more than a mile north of the crossing of the tracks and just north of where that road crosses to the east side of Fountain Creek. In 1997 there were still signs of the railroad structures and even a sign noting it as Buttes.

Latitude = 38:35:14 North Longitude = 104:40:00 West

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

Jul 2 1894	NE/4 Sec 4 T17S R65W 30 feet east of tracks	of Fountain Creek 20 feet west of Denver & Rio Grande
	Proposed postmaster - Lee A. Tanqua	ry
Jan 24 1895	Established	
Jan 24 1895	Tanquary, Lee A.	
Dec 4 1896	Reed, Charles C.	
Apr 1 1899	Childs, Charles C.	Appointment rescinded May 5 1899
Dec 4 1896	Reed, Charles C.	•
Mar 14 1906	Shaw, Watson D.	
Jan 17 1913	Vaughn, Julius S.	
Jan 30 1915	Evans, J. F.	

#### **BUTTES – Continued**

Nov 4 1915 Sutton, Leslie A.
Apr 3 1920 O'Brien, Sylvester F.
Apr 2 1921 Gross, Walter E.
Apr 15 1922 Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

This Soa Can Be West for a Vritten Message.

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**BUTTES, / COLO.** 

June 23, 1914

### Confirmed types of postal markings

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 BUTTES / COLO.
 Dec 2- 1901 Aug 19, 1903

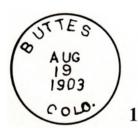
 CI 10P 28.0
 Hstp Target

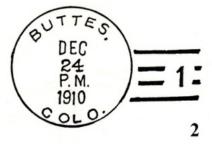
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 BUTTES, / COLO.
 Aug 26 1907 Sep 26 1911

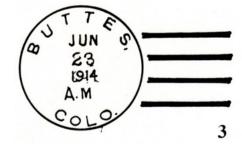
 CI 10P 31.0
 Doane Type 3 with 1; S-23x14mm

 3
 BUTTES, / COLO.
 Jun 23 1914 Sep 30 1920

 CI 10P 32.0
 4bars S-24x20







### **CALHAN**

Calhan is another of the communities in northeastern El Paso County that owes its status to the arrival in 1888 of the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad. In 1891 this railroad was absorbed into the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, more familiarly known simply as The Rock Island.

### **CALHAN – Continued**

Calhan began as a water tank station drawing water at a shallow depth from a branch of Big Sandy Creek. Calhan was platted in 1885 and incorporated in 1919.

It is claimed the name was originally spelled Calahan, for one of the contractors that built the railroad. For some reason the name was shortened to Calhan in the railroad's timetables.

In addition to supplying water to the railroad, Calhan was a supply and shipping point for surrounding ranches. With a small business district, it continues to provide services to the ranchers and to travelers on US Highway 24. There is also a growing residential area at Calhan and in the surrounding countryside.

Calhan is in northeastern El Paso County on US Highway 24, ten miles east of Peyton and seven miles southwest of Ramah.

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

e Post Office		
SW/4 Sec 13 T11S R62W On the north side of Big Sandy Creek		
Proposed postmaster - Russell Gat	res	
NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W South side of Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railroad, 10 rods		
or less		
Proposed postmaster - Ellsworth T	Thornberry	
Moved from Big Sandy		
Thornbury, Ellsworth		
Sperry, Horatio G.		
Bates, William S.		
Pettey, William A.		
NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W One block		
	Office made Presidential	
Johnson, Milas N.	P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]	
Johnson, Milas N.	P&S	
- NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W South side of Bank St. (known as 4th St.) between Colorado &		
	ne Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.	
Hutson, Paul P.	Acting	
Hutson, Paul P.	Appointed	
	P&S	
	Nominated	
	Confirmed	
Hutson, Paul P.	Commissioned	
Funk, Mrs Christella N.	Acting	
Funk, Mrs Christella N.	Assumed charge	
	Nominated	
	Confirmed	
	Appointed Presidential	
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	Confirmed	
	Appointed Presidential	
Funk, Mrs Christella N. Commissioned		
S .	& Rock Island 500 feet north of post office	
• *	Acting	
•	Assumed charge	
•	Nominated	
Lemesany, Richard Ernest	Confirmed	
	SW/4 Sec 13 T11S R62W On the a Proposed postmaster - Russell Gat NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W South sid or less Proposed postmaster - Ellsworth TMoved from Big Sandy Thornbury, Ellsworth Sperry, Horatio G. Bates, William S. Pettey, William A. Wood, Joseph H Sparkman, Augusta W. NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W One block  Johnson, Milas N. Johnson, Milas N. NE/4 Sec 2 T12S R62W South sid Denver Streets 565 feet south of the Hutson, Paul P. Funk, Mrs Christella N.	

### **CALHAN – Continued**

Jun 16 1948	Lemesany, Richard Ernest	<b>Appointed Presidential</b>
Jun 19 1948	Lemesany, Richard Ernest	Commissioned
Sep 30 1948	Lemesany, Richard Ernest	Assumed charge
Oct 15 1949	Wade, Mollie B.	Acting & Assumed charge
Aug 30 1950	Wade, Mollie B.	Nominated
Sep 11 1950	Wade, Mollie B.	Confirmed
Sep 16 1950	Wade, Mollie B.	Appointed & Commissioned
Oct 31 1950	Wade, Mollie B.	Assumed charge
May 12 1972	Walberg, Mrs. Elaine B.	Officer in charge
Jun 24 1972	Walberg, Mrs. Elaine B.	Assumed charge as postmaster

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

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0.1	CALHAN / COLO.	Nov 14 1889
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, 4-ring target
1	CALHAN / COLO.	Apr 8 1895 May 21 1903
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, 6-bar circular grid; circle of wedges; smudge
2	CALHAN, COLO. / REC'D.	Sep 23 1906 Nov 10 1908
	CI 10P 32.0	Hstp No killer
3	CALHAN, / COLO.	Jun 26 1906 Dec 17 1912
	CI 10P 30.0	Doane Type 3 with 5; S-24x13mm
4	Calhan / COLO.	Mar 2 1915 May 4 1942
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
5	CALHAN / COLO.	Mar 19 1924 Aug 7 1944
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
6	CALHAN, COLO. / M.O.B.	Jul 16 1934
	CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp Not recorded
7	CALHAN / COLO.	Jul 16 1934
	SL 10P 38.0x15.0	Rolr
8	CALHAN / COLO.	Apr 19 1942 Oct 1952
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1
8.1	CALHAN / COLO	<del></del>
	SL 10P 39.0X20.0	Hstp
9	CALHAN / COLO.	Jan 28 1955 Jun 6 1956
	CI 10P 24.0	Mach 7 wavy line
10	CALHAN, / COLO.	Feb 11 1963 Dec 13 1965
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy line
11	<b>CALHAN, CO / 80808</b>	Aug 30 1968 Jul 7 1972
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy line
12	<b>CALHAN, CO / 80808</b>	Dec 30 1967 Oct 29 1976
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm
13	CALHAN CO / USPO	Apr 20 1991 May 29 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
14	CALHAN CO / USPS - 80808	Sep 26 2001 Aug 2 2005
	CI 11P 35.0/23.0	Hstp No killer

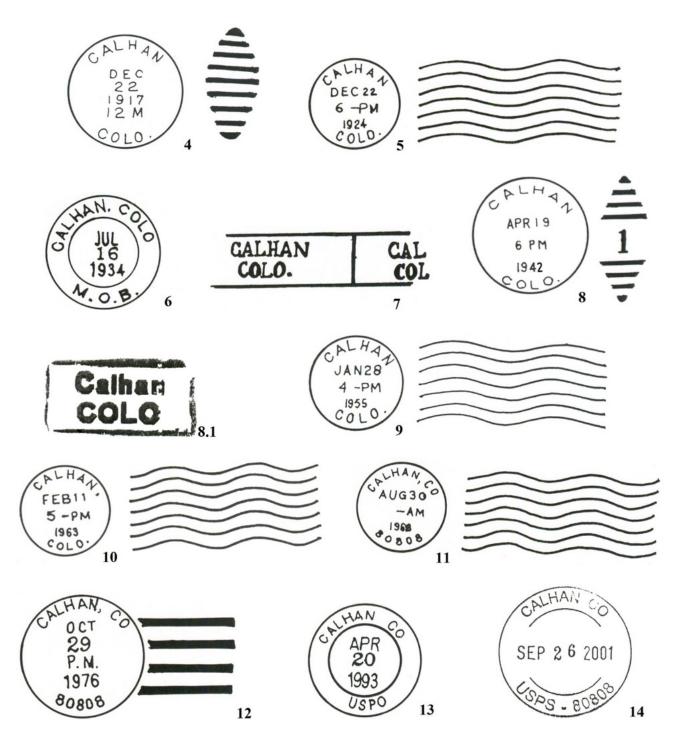








### **CALHAN – Continued**



### **EL PASO COUNTY FAIR STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 23 2005 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

### **EL PASO COUNTY FAIR STATION – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

Calhan, Colorado 80808 // El Paso County Fair Station Jul 23 - 30 2005
IR 00R 65.0x30.0 Pict Scene - oval center with ribbon, 3 wavy lines at each side;
Text - EL PASO COUNTY FAIR / 100 YEARS / 1905-2005



### **CASCADE**

Three sisters, Mrs. Eliza Marriott Hewlett, Miss Ellen Marriott, and Miss Caroline Marriott recorded the first claims at what became Cascade. There is some question as to when this took place. It is claimed that in 1886 a group of about 100 investors, most with ties to the Santa Fe Railroad, purchased the properties held by the Marriotts'. By June of that year the group had opened a thirty-room hotel named the Cascade Canon House. The arrival of the Colorado Midland Railroad in 1887 speeded development of the new resort. A Mr. D. Severy is claimed to have been the president of the Cascade Town Company, and D. N. Heizer was another who was active in promoting the development. Cascade soon became a popular summer resort.

The Cascade Post Office opened in 1887 to serve the new community and the surrounding ranches. Caroline Marriott was the first postmaster.

The development was named for nearby Cascade Creek with its many waterfalls.

On May 15, 1888 the Colorado Graphic reported the following:

### CASCADE TOWN COMPANY ORGANIZED IN 1886

5/15/1888 - In the summer of 1886, a Mr. D, Severy, a wealthy Kansas Gentleman, spending a summer in Colorado, happened to pay a visit to Cascade. He was at once impressed with the beauty of the place, the superior advantages and the unsurpassed climate, and being a man of the world, and knowing a railroad was soon to be built through the valley, he grasped the situation, and said to himself: "Here is the making of a great resort." Negotiations were at once opened, and the result was that the Cascade Town Company was organized with Mr. Severy as president.

Within a year from the organization a town-site was platted; streets were laid out and part of them graded; several fine cottages were put in and sewer pipes were laid in the principal streets; the Colorado Midland came and a well-arranged and excellent hotel - a mansion in the mountains - was completed and opened to the public.

Cascade Canon is a delightful pleasure resort is proven by the accommodations and attractions that are already offered the public and those that are under construction or being planned. The natural attractions are, in themselves, enough to draw people to the place to which are being added many improvements. Carriage drives and walks have been laid out and graded up and down the canon and through the valley of the Fountain making several miles of drives and walks within sight of the hotels, while for a grander and longer ride a carriage road is now being constructed to the summit of Pike's Peak.

Cascade is still a pleasant mountain resort community located west of Manitou Springs on Fountain Creek and US Highway 24, the road to Ute Pass and the South Park. Cascade is also the point where the Pikes Peak Toll Road begins.

### **CASCADE** – Continued

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

nronology of	the Post Office		
Jun 7 1887	NW/4 Sec 26 T13S R68W	West side of Fountain Creek and about 100 yards west of	
	Colorado Midland depot		
	Proposed postmaster - Cai	roline Marriott	
Aug 16 1887	Established		
Aug 16 1887	Marriott, Caroline		
Dec 24 1887	Hinkle, Caroline M.		
Sep 12 1889	Stevens, John O.		
Oct 7 1890	Phelps, James W.		
Sep 28 1892	McClelland, Cephas T. R.		
Nov 16 1894	Heizer, Charles E.		
Feb 15 1898	Roe, James H.		
Sep 20 1900	Geddes, Margaret		
Jan 29 1902	Hart, Margaret G.		
Jun 21 1906	Downing, Asa		
Oct 3 1907	Gardner, Nettie		
Nov 18 1907	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	68W 200 feet on east side of Fountain Creek 100 feet west of the	
- 101 - 20 - 20 - 1	Colorado Midland Railroa		
Mar 2 1914		60 feet southwest of Cascade Creek 70 feet south of the Colorado	
	Midland Railroad		
Nov 27 1923	Ganthrop, Mrs. Claire	Acting	
Jan 15 1924	Swisher, Mrs. Ethel M.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Nov 22 1924	Dusenbury, Mabel R.	Confirmed	
Dec 4 1924	Dusenbury, Mabel R.	Commissioned	
Dec 9 1924	Dusenbury, Mabel R.	Assumed charge	
Jan 26 1937	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Confirmed	
Feb 9 1937	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Commissioned	
Feb 13 1937	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Assumed charge	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Fountain Creek 100 feet east of post office	
		Not reported A move 200 feet southwest of a previous location Fountain Creek 250 feet	
Jun 6 15 12	southeast of post office	Total south and the provinces received a contract of the contr	
Feb 26 1942	Scholes, W. Leslie	Assumed charge	
Apr 1 1942	Scholes, W. Leslie	Acting	
Aug 1 1942	Scholes, W. Leslie	Confirmed	
Aug 20 1942	Scholes, W. Leslie	Commissioned	
Mar 3 1943	Scholes, Mrs. Lena P.	Assumed charge	
Mar 15 1943	Scholes, Mrs. Lena P.	Acting	
Apr 12 1943	Scholes, Mrs. Lena P.	Confirmed	
May 26 1943	Scholes, Mrs. Lena P.	Commissioned	
Apr 12 1945	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Appointed & Confirmed	
May 26 1945	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Commissioned	
May 31 1945	Sanborn, Lucille Porter	Assumed charge	
Jul <sup>*</sup> 1 1950	,	Office made Presidential	
Nov 19 1965	Sanborn, Catherine A.	Acting	
Mar 10 1966	Sanborn, Catherine A.	Nominated & Confirmed	
Mar 14 1966	Sanborn, Catherine A.	Appointed	
Mar 18 1966	Sanborn, Catherine A.	Commissioned	
Apr 8 1966	Sanborn, Catherine A.	Assumed charge	
Jul 14 1972	Waterhouse, Gerlad	Officer in charge	
Jun 30 1973	Waterhouse, Gerlad	Appointed	
Apr 29 1974	Bowen, James L.	Officer in charge	
Aug 17 1974	Lucas, Eleanor I.	Appointed	
Jan 5 1979	Dintzel, Mary	Officer in charge	
oun Sijij	Dinizen, mai y	Officer in charge	

### **CASCADE** – Continued

May 23 1979	Bowen, James L.	Officer in charge
Jul 17 1979	Stemper, Harry A.	Officer in charge
Oct 11 1979	Duran, Elipio	Officer in charge
Jan 26 1980	Meredith, Chanda C.	Appointed
Mar 17 1981	Gingher, Barbara	Officer in charge



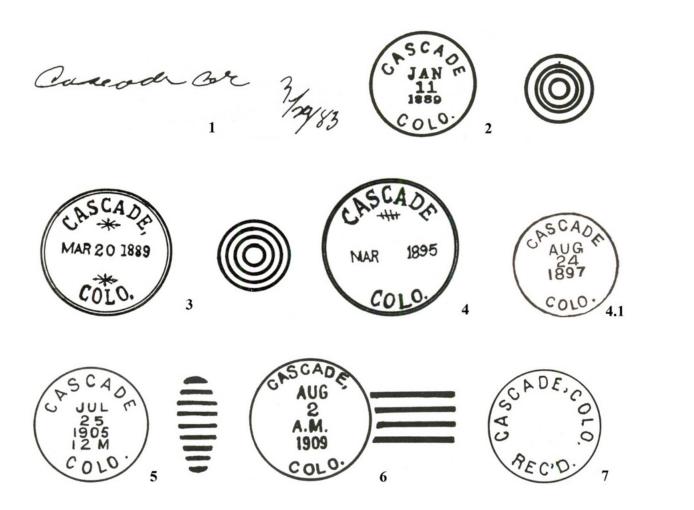
### CASCADE, / COLO

March 20, 1889

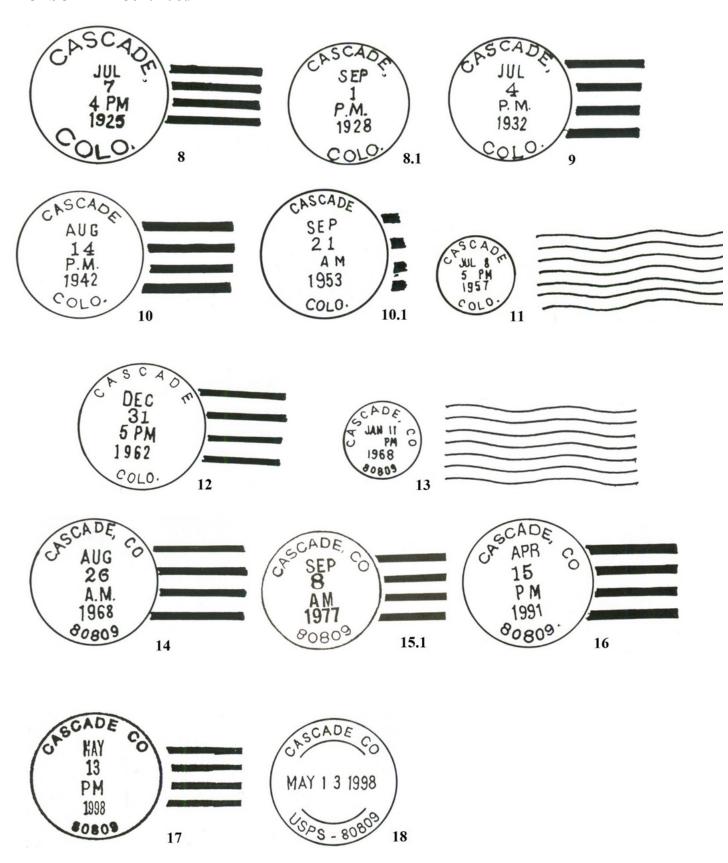
### **Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	Cascade Colo.	Mar 20 1883
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel
2	CASCADE / COLO.	Mar 13 1888 Jul 2 1897
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Double grid
3	CASCADE, / COLO.	May 27 1888 Oct 16 1889
	CI 20H 33.5/30.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 19mm, ornaments above and below dateline
4	CASCADE / COLO.	Feb 9 1890 Mar 1895
	CI 20P 35.0/32.0	Hstp Not recorded
4.1	CASCADE / COLO.	Aug 24 1897
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Negatice X-roads
5	CASCADE / COLO.	Apr 17 1901 Aug 24 1907
	CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
6	CASCADE, / COLO.	Jul 17 1908 Jun 7 1921
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x13mm
7	CASCADE, COLO. / REC'D.	Aug 1908
	CI 10P 29.0	Hstp No killer, undated cancel, month and year from origin postmark
8	CASCADE, / COLO.	Jul 7 1925 Jun 30 1925
	CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-28x16mm
8.1	CASCADE, / COLO.	Jul 15 1926 Sep 1 1928
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S24x18mm
9	CASCADE, / COLO.	Jun 4 1932 May 16 1940
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm

CASCADE – Continued				
10	CASCADE / COLO.	Aug 14 1942 Jul 7 1952		
	CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-24x18mm		
10.1	CASCADE / COLO.	Sep 21 1953 Mar 16 1960		
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm		
11	CASCADE / COLO.	Jun 20 1956 Jul 16 1963		
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy line		
12	CASCADE / COLO.	Dec 31 1962		
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm		
13	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	Jun 6 1967 Oct 8 1968		
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines		
14	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	Oct 18 1967 Mar 15 1973		
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm		
15.1	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	Sep 8 1977		
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x17mm		
15	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	Dec 16 1975		
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x13mm [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]		
15.1	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	Sep 8 1977		
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x17mm		
16	<b>CASCADE, CO / 80809</b>	May 29 1990 May 18 1993		
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm		
17	CASCADE CO / 80809	May 13 1998		
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-20x16mm		
18	CASCADE CO / USPS 80809	May 13 1998		
	CI 11P 32.5/21.5	Hstp No killer, Inner circle is two arcs		



### **CASCADE – Continued**



### CHIPITA PARK RURAL BRANCH

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 1 1967 Established as a Rural Branch of Cascade

Operated as a Summer Post Office June 1 - September 30

ca. 1981 Discontinued

See Chipita Park for the listing of earlier Postmasters and postmarks

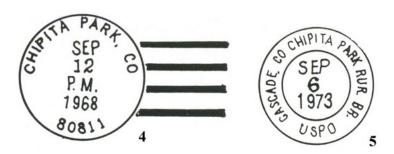
Confirmed types of postal markings

4 CHIPITA PARK, CO / 80811 Jun 21 1967 Sep 12, 1968

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm

5 CASCADE, CO CHIPITA PARK RUR. BR. / USPO Sep 6 1973

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



### NORTH POLE RURAL BRANCH

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 10 1975 Formerly a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

See Colorado Springs for the listing of earlier Chronology and postmarks.

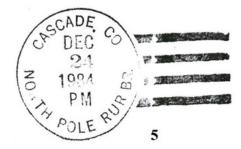
4 NORTH POLE RUR BR CO / USPS Dec 14 1984

CI 11P 30.0x19.0 Hstp No killer

5 CASCADE, CO / NORTH POLE RUR BR. Dec 24 1984

CI 10P 33.0 4-bars S-25x19





### **CHIPITA PARK**

In 1890 the Ute Pass Land and Water Company began development of a resort on a thousand-acre tract two miles northwest of the Cascade resort. The organization was capitalized at \$700,000 and included L. R. Erich, J. A. Mayes, Jr. and James Hagerman. Initially the community was known as Ute Park. The Colorado Midland Railroad identified the place as Culver.

### **CHIPITA PARK – Continued**

In 1927 Frank Marcroft bought the property and renamed it Chipita Park. The name was that of the wife of the famous Ute Indian Chief, Ouray. However, her name is most commonly spelled Chipeta.

At the time of the name change, a small lake in the park was known as Chipeta Lake. A log lodge overlooking the lake served as a caretakers home, sales office and community center where residents could mail a letter, buy a few groceries or purchase a cup of tea to sip beside the fireplace.

Frank Marcroft filed the application for the post office and it has been stated that his wife was the postmaster. However, her name does not appear in the Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments.

Chipita Park was an independent post office from 1934 to 1967 when it was converted to a Rural Branch of the Cascade Post Office. From at least 1954 through 1966 the Chipita Park Post Office operated as a summer post office, usually from June 1 to September 30.

The Rural Branch closed about 1981 and residents must now use either the Cascade or the Green Mountain Falls Post Offices.

Chipita Park is an active resort community on the southwest side of Fountain Creek and US Highway 24, approximately a mile and a half northwest of Cascade and a mile southeast of Green Mountain Falls. It is best accessed by way of old US 24, from either of those neighboring towns.

Latitude = 38:55:28 North Longitude = 105:00:22 West

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

m onology of the	i ust Office	
May 9 1934	NW/4 Sec 15 T13S R68W 200	feet south of Fountain Creek 150 feet south of the Midland
	Terminal Railroad	
	Applicant for postmaster - F. W	/. Marcroft
Mar 9 1935	Established	
Mar 9 1935	Marcroft, Frank W.	Confirmed
Mar 22 1935	Marcroft, Frank W.	Commissioned
Apr 23 1941	Marcroft, Mrs. May E.	Assumed charge
Apr 30 1941	Marcroft, Mrs. May E.	Acting
May 18 1941	Smith, Mrs. Lura A.	Assumed charge
May 24 1941	Smith, Mrs. Lura A.	Acting
Sep 17 1941	Smith, Mrs. Lura A.	Confirmed
Sep 26 1941	Smith, Mrs. Lura A.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	NW/4 SW/4 Sec 15 T13S R68W	US 24 is 1/2 mile northeast of post office
May 11 1942	Henson, Alva J.	Acting
May 16 1942	Henson, Alva J.	Assumed charge
Aug 28 1942	Henson, Alva J.	Confirmed
Oct 23 1942	Henson, Alva J.	Commissioned
May 25 1943	Larrick, Mrs. Norrine	Assumed charge
May 29 1943	Larrick, Mrs. Norrine	Acting
Jun 1 1944	Wilson, Howard C.	Assumed charge
Jun 10 1944	Wilson, Howard C.	Acting
May 31 1945	Coe, Miss Mabel	Assumed charge
Sep 14 1945	Coe, Miss Mabel	Confirmed
Nov 2 1945	Coe, Miss Mabel	Commissioned
May 31 1954	Rummel, John A.	Possession
Oct 6 1954	Rummel, John A.	Acting
May 11 1956	Brown, Kathryn R.	Appointed
May 14 1956	Brown, Kathryn R.	Commissioned
May 31 1956	Brown, Kathryn R.	Assumed charge
Apr 1 1960	Julliard, Jane L.	Possession & Assumed charge
Apr 4 1960	Henricks, Jane L.	Acting
Jan 13 1961	Henricks, Jane L.	Commissioned

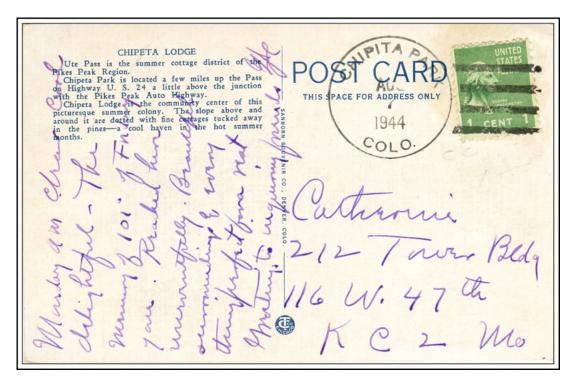
### **CHIPITA PARK – Continued**

Jan 17 1960 Henricks, Jane L. Confirmed

May 22 1960 Julliard, Jane L. Name change by marriage
Apr 13 1961 Julliard, Jane L. Commissioned & Assumed charge
Oct 4 1966 Hemmicks, Jane L. Name change by marriage

May 31 1967 Converted to a Rural Branch of Cascade

At one time was a summer office only, 6/1 to 9/30.



### CHIPITA PARK / COLO.

August 7, 1944

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CHIPITA PK. / COLO.

CI 10P 32.5

Jun 21 1935 Aug 2 1937

4bars S-25x20mm

2 CHIPITA PARK / COLO. Jul 19 1939 Sep 29 1965

CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm

3 CHIPITA PARK / COLO. Jun 1 1960 Jul 26 1962

CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm See Chipita Park Rural Branch of Cascade for later postmarks



### COLORADO CITY

Colorado City was one of the first white settlements in what is now El Paso County. It came into being in 1859 as a southern entry point over the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains to the newly discovered gold deposits in South Park. Native Americans had a long-established trail up the gorge of Fountain Creek and over Ute Pass. This became the trail for prospectors on their way to the mines and it was soon widened to provide a steep, rough, narrow wagon road. Today US Highway 24 smoothly follows the same path.

Colorado City was a supply center for the early prospectors. Among the leaders in the founding of Colorado City were L. J. Winchester, T. H. Warren, W. P. McClure, Lewis N. Tappan, M. S. Beach, S. W. Waggoner and R. E. Whitsit. H. M. Fosdick staked out Colorado City. The tract was 2 miles long and a mile wide, extending from the gypsum bluffs west of Camp Creek to near Monument Creek.

Prior to the creation of Colorado City there had been small settlements at the location, first named El Paso City and then El Dorado City.

There are claims that the name was chosen because it was believed that the gold mines were on the headwaters of the Colorado River. However, in 1859 the river in mind was named the Grand River. It seems much more likely that the name was suggested by the red soil and the red rock pinnacles in the area and was adopted because it was pleasant sounding and not chosen for some distant river.

The Colorado Territorial Assembly designated Colorado City to be the first capitol of the new territory. However, the legislators met there for only four days in 1862 before voting to move the capitol to Golden City where accommodations were much more satisfactory for their comfort.

Other shorter and easier routes into the mountains were soon found and the growth of Colorado City was slow until 1886 when the Colorado Midland Railroad built its line through Colorado City, over Ute Pass into South Park and west towards Glenwood Springs and beyond. The arrival of the Midland spurred growth when the railroad established its shops in Colorado City.

By 1871 the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad had reached Fountain Creek. Under the leadership of General William Palmer and the railroad a new community, Colorado Springs, was platted and began a rapid growth. In addition to Colorado Springs on the east, another town, Manitou (Manitou Springs) came into existence at the hot springs west of Colorado City. Sandwiched between these two growing resort and commercial centers Colorado City stagnated.

When El Paso County was created, Colorado City was designated the county seat. In 1872 the county seat was moved to Colorado Springs. The burgeoning Colorado Springs and to a lesser extent Manitou constricted the growth of Colorado City. The town did survive into the early twentieth century, but became an almost indistinct part of Colorado Springs. In 1917 the Colorado City Post Office closed and was replaced by the West End Station of Colorado Springs.

In the twenty-first century Colorado City is still a distinctive portion of Colorado Springs. It is a mixture of homes, businesses and light industry. The main commercial district along Colorado Avenue is attractive, well maintained and has historical charm. The West End Station Post Office is on the northwest corner of the intersection of Cucharas Street with 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Mar 24 1860 **Established** Bringhardt, Henry J. Mar 24 1860 Nov 13 1860 Higgins, Thomas J. Mar 26 1861 Tappan, George Jul 4 1863 Bute, George A. Jun 5 1865 Baird,? Nov 22 1866 Jones, Charles H. Schrung, Emile Jun 26 1868 Apr 22 1872 Robbins, William H.

15-D COLORADO CITY, COLO. CI 10P 21.0

COLO		•
COLORADO CITY – Continued		
		orth, James P.
Jul 27 1874 Love, Robert F.		bert F.
Jan 2		James D.
		7/4 Sec 11 T14S R67W About 200 yards north of Fountain Qui Bouille Creek
Feb 2	20 1888 Olicer, P.	R.
May	14 1889 Cochran	James A.
Dec 2	23 1891 Everhart	Flora P&S
Jan 1	15 1896 Crane, C	harles A. P&S
Jan 1	14 1904 Morgan,	John F. P&S
Feb 1	10 1908 Morgan,	
	l6 1912 Morgan,	
	l 1916 Lamont,	
		Replaced by West End Station of Colorado Springs
Confirm	ned types of postal ma	rkings
1	Colorado City K.T.	Nov 12 1860
1	MS	Mscp Stampless, Mscp `Paid 3': Miller & Evans / Express / Canon City
2.A	· -	Apr 14 1861 Sep 5 1864
Z.A	Colorado City Col	
2 D	MS Coloredo Cita C.T.	Mscp Pen cancel
<b>2.B</b>	Colorado City C.T.	Sep 17 1864 Jul 26 1867
2.0	MS	Mscp Pen cancel
<b>2.</b> C	Colorado City	Feb 17 1862
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel
3	COLORADO CITY / C.7	
	CI 10P 25.5	Hstp Not recorded
4	COLORADO CITY / CO	· ·
	CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Target
4.1	COLORADO CITY / CO	
	CI 11P 27.0/17.0	Hstp Cork
5	COLORADO CITY / CO	Mar 29 1881 Dec 19 1881
	CI 20C 33.0/29.0	Hstp Cork, Rectangular -
6	COLORADO CITY / CO	DLO. Mar 2 1888
	CI 10P 32.0	Hstp Not recorded [This may be variation of Type 5, outer rim missing]
		[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
7	COLORADO CITY / CO	PLO. Feb 3 1890 Oct 14 1890
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present
8	COLORADO CITY / CO	Nov 1893 Oct 29 1897
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge; Target
9	COLORADO CITY / CO	OLO. Apr 29 1899 Aug 10 1900
	CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval; Cork, smudge
10	COLORADO CITY / CO	
	CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
11	COLORADO CITY, CO	
	CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
12	COLORADO CITY, CO	•
12	CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer
13	COLORADO CITY, CO	
13	CI 11P 30.0/18.5	Hstp No killer
14-C	COLORADO CITY, CO	
14-0	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-C
14 D		
14-D	CL 10D 21 0	
15.0	COLORADO CITY COL	Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-D
15-C	COLORADO CITY, CO	
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-C

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-D

Nov 18 1907 Jul 22 1911

### **COLORADO CITY – Continued**

16-C COLORADO CITY, COLO. CI 10P 21.0

16-D COLORADO CITY, COLO. CI 10P 21.0 **Jul 28 1913 Oct 2 1913 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-C** 

Aug 31 1913 Sep 8 1916 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1-D

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2.A 2.B 2.C

















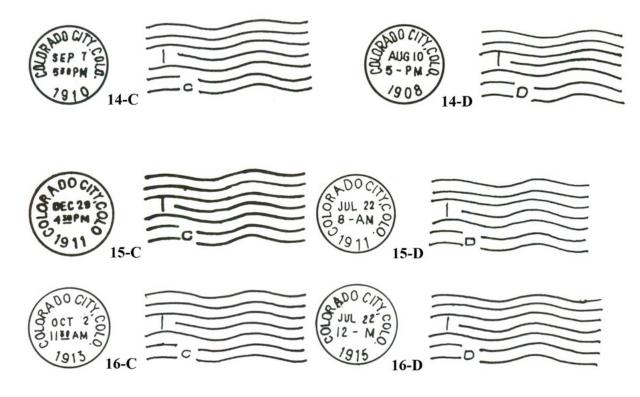








### **COLORADO CITY – Continued**



### **AUXILIARY MARKINGS**

A01 Colorado City, Colo. // UNCLAIMED. SL 00R 41.0x15.0 Hstp Dec 15 1910

DEC 15 1910 UNCLAIMED. Colorado City, Colo. A01

### COLORADO SPRINGS

General William J. Palmer, head of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was the driving force behind the creation of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Springs Company, which organized the city.

In 1871 the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad building south from Denver towards Pueblo and beyond, reached the junction of Monument Creek from the north and Fountain Creek from the west. The construction crews were able to complete their work to Colorado Springs by October 21. Regular train service began two days later. The railroad had previously chosen a location on the tableland east of Monument Creek to establish a depot and town that would serve the small communities to the west along the wagon road that went up Fountain Creek, over Ute Pass and on into the South Park.

The expert planner, General Robert A. Cameron, who had just laid out the town of Greeley, Colorado, accomplished the surveying of Colorado Springs' wide streets and parks in the summer of 1871. On July 31, 1871, the first stake was driven at the corner of what is now Pikes Peak Avenue and Cascade Avenue. The new settlement was first called Fountain Colony but by October 1871 when a post office was obtained, it was known as Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs was incorporated in 1886.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

The choice of "Springs" was a reference to the hot springs a few miles to the west at present day Manitou Springs. The area selected for the depot and the new town was in a more open and level region than was available at either Colorado City or Manitou. Also, the Denver and Rio Grande owned a large portion of the land (9,300 acres), a situation that always influenced the railroad's choice for stations and railroad facilities.

The growth of Colorado Springs was rapid and by 1875 the El Paso County Seat had been moved from Colorado City to Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs quickly became an attractive summer resort. For a time it had such a significant population of permanent and part time residents of English citizenship that it was often called "Little London."



For many years this building in downtown Colorado Springs served as the Main Post Office. With the expansive growth of Colorado Springs and hence the need for larger quarters, a new post office was constructed at the intersection of East Fountain Boulevard and Academy Boulevard. This building is now the location of the Downtown Station.

Photograph by James L. Ozment

**September 10, 2000** 

The mercantile business of the city focused on the areas to the west and with the discovery of gold on the western slopes of Pikes Peak and the development of the Cripple Creek mines, Colorado Springs underwent rapid development. An industrial district grew to service the mines and as the location of smelters and other processing facilities for ore from the Cripple Creek District mines.

Since its founding, Colorado Springs has continued to grow. When reliance on mining declined there was still tourism to fuel the economy and the pleasant healthy climate attracted residents.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

With the advent of World War II, a new and very important factor took hold on Colorado Springs. The Camp Carson Military Base was established just south of the city and to the east an Air Force Base also came into existence. After the end of the war both of these facilities continued to function, and in fact they continued to expand in size and importance to national defense.

In the early 1950's a large tract of land north of Colorado Springs was chosen to be the site for the newly created United States Air Force Academy. The Cold War and the fear of a nuclear attack prompted the development of the United States Air Defense Command's headquarters, deep within Cheyenne Mountain.

All of this military activity increased the demand for housing and services for those stationed in or near Colorado Springs. Another result was that many of the personnel who had been stationed at Colorado Springs chose to return to the area when their term of service expired or they retired from the military.

In recent years Colorado Springs has become home to a number of conservative religious organizations and to a major training facility of the United States Olympic Committee.

Colorado Springs has grown from a small community into a large and seemingly ever expanding, metropolitan area that extends many miles in all directions from the beginnings at the junction of the two streams.

For most of its existence the Colorado Springs Post Office was located in a large Federal style building on Pikes Peak Avenue. That building is still in use as the Downtown Station of Colorado Springs. Today the Main Post Office is located in a very large facility on the southwest corner at the intersection of East Fountain Boulevard and Academy Boulevard. The address is 5655 East Fountain Boulevard.

Latitude = 38:50:02 North Longitude = 104:49:15 West

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

hronology of the	Post Office	
Oct 24 1871	NE/4 Sec 18 T14S R66W	East side, adjoining Fountaine Qui Bouille and east side
	<b>Monument Creek</b>	
Dec 1 1871	Established	
Dec 1 1871	Potter, John	
Dec 1 1871	Potter, John	P&S
Dec 14 1876	Potter, John	P&S
May 12 1879	Price, Eliphalet J.	P&S
Jun 11 1879	Price, Eliphalet J.	P&S
Jun 13 1883	Price, Eliphalet J.	P
Mar 30 1887	Lowe, Joel F.	P
Feb 28 1888	Lowe, Joel F.	P&S
Jul 16 1888	Meier, Robert A.	P&S
Oct 29 1889	Everleth, Melvin W.	P
Dec 19 1889	Everleth, Melvin W.	P&S
Feb 18 1893	Ferguson, Harry A.	P&S
Mar 1 1897	Morath, Edward J.	P&S
Apr 14 1897	Dana, L. C.	P&S
Jan 28 1902	Dana, L. C.	P&S
Feb 20 1906	Strachan, Alexander J.	P&S
Jan 24 1910	Strachan, Alexander J.	P&S
Feb 2 1914	Ward, Oliver W.	P&S
Sep 5 1918	Ward, Oliver W.	P&S
Feb 8 1922	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 18 T14S I	R66W 42 feet west of the Santa Fe Railroad
Jan 1 1923	Ewing, Earl E.	Acting
Jan 4 1923	Ewing, Earl E.	Appointed

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

Jan 17 1927	Ewing, Earl E.	P&S
Feb 6 1931	Ewing, Earl E.	P&S
Mar 25 1935	Allen, Darius	Acting
Mar 31 1935	Allen, Darius	Assumed charge
Apr 19 1935	Allen, Darius	Nominated
May 3 1935	Allen, Darius	Confirmed
May 9 1935	Allen, Darius	<b>Appointed Presidential</b>
May 23 1935	Allen, Darius	Commissioned
May 31 1935	Allen, Darius	Assumed charge
Jun 5 1939	Allen, Darius	Nominated
Jun 12 1939	Allen, Darius	Confirmed
Jun 15 1939	Allen, Darius	<b>Appointed Presidential</b>
Nov 29 1939	Allen, Darius	Commissioned
Dec 31 1939	Allen, Darius	Assumed charge
Oct 28 1941	201 East Pikes Peak Avenue	G
Jul 31 1957	Wardwell, Robert H.	Acting
Aug 9 1957	Wardwell, Robert H.	Assumed charge
Feb 4 1959	Wardwell, Robert H.	Nominated
Jun 4 1959	Wardwell, Robert H.	Confirmed
Jun 5 1959	Wardwell, Robert H.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 22 1959	Wardwell, Robert H.	Commissioned
Jun 26 1959	Wardwell, Robert H.	Appointed & Assumed charge
Jul 24 1970	Miller, Clair A.	Acting
Dec 11 1971	Lyles, Richard I.	Appointed & Assumed charge
Nov 19 1976	Spathelf, Frederick	Officer in charge
Mar 26 1977	McGraw, Nelson W.	Appointed
May 4 1979	Jenkins, Donald L.	Officer in charge
Jun 30 1979	Carlson, Carl G.	Officer in charge
Mar 23 1981	Warner, Patrick V.	Officer in charge

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

The listing of postmarks used at Colorado Springs is extensive. The volume warrants a different approach than is used with listing postmarks from other locations.

There are three principal sections:

- 1. Colorado Springs proper
  Within this section, the postmarks will be segregated by style
- 2. Named or Number Stations and Branches of Colorado Springs
- 3. Special commemorative stations associated with Colorado Springs

# **Confirmed types of postal markings MANUSCRIPT POSTMARKS**

1 Col Spgs

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### HANDSTAMP POSTMARKS

CI 11P 35.0/24.0

10	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Feb 10 1873 Dec 16 1879
	CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge, Negative X-roads, 4-petal flower
10.v	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 9 1873
	CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Handstamp date has been overwritten
		"Sept/9/1873"
11	COLORADO SPRINGS, / COLO.	Jul 17 1877 Oct 15 1878
	CI 10P 24.5	Hstp Fancy, Negative star-in-circle
12	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLORA	ADO Mar 31 1878 Nov 15 1879
	CI 21P 29.0/26.0/17.5	Hstp Fancy, Outlined, negative star in shaded circle
13	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	188-
	CI 01R 33.0/21.0	Hstp No killer; rather crude device with outlined star in center
14	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Feb 26 1881 Nov 27 1885
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge. 7-bar circular grid, hobnail grid, circle of 8 "V"s;
		Fancy, negative "P" with outer circle, hobnail in partial circle.
15	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Feb 1 1886 Dec 9 1887
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge, 6-piece pie in circle
16	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Feb 23 1888 Oct 17 1888
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge, 8-piece pie in circle
17	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 29 1888 Feb 13 1890
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge
18	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Oct 1 1889 Jan 1 1890
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded
19	COLORADO SPRINGS (C) COLO	
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp No killer
20	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	May 31 1926 May 31 1926
	CI 21P 46.0/44.0/28.0	Hstp FIRST FLIGHT INAUGURATING / CONTRACT AIR MAIL
		/ CHEYENNE-PUEBLO ROUTE
20.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Apr 10 1948
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer
21	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	May 3 1951
	CI 10P 33.5	Hstp No killer
22	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Oct 9 1953 Feb 3 1955
	CI 11P 32.0/24.0	Hstp No killer
23	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	May 22 1959 Sep 18 1962

Hstp No killer

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued HANDSTAMP POSTMARKS – Continued**

COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. Nov 5 1952 Dec 12 1962 CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / USPO 25 Dec 12 1975 Jun 1 1993 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

25.1 COLORADO SPRINGS COLO. / USPO Sep 13 1977

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer Aug 11 2000 Aug 23 2001

**26** COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / USPS

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer











































### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued HANDSTAMP POSTMARKS – Continued**











### **DUPLEX POSTMARKS**

100 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 26.0

101 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 26.0

101.2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 26.0

102 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 25.0

102.2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 25.0

103. 01 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 26.0

103.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 25.0

103.2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 10P 25.0

104.1 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 25.5

104.3 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 25.0

105.1 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0

105.2 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0

106.1 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0

106.2 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0

107.4 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0

107.5 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0 Oct 30 1890 Jun 9 1891

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Oct 17 189- May 27 1893

Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle

Apr 20 1893

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Aug 23 1893 Dec 6 1898

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Feb 19 1891

Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle, 2 digit year

Dec 25 1895

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Jul 22 1896 Nov 12 1897

**Dplx** Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Nov 3 1889 Aug 4 1896

Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle

Sep 20 1899 Sep 15 1906

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

Jan 9 1904

Dplx Grid, oval with 3 and circle

[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

Jul 19 1927 Aug 1 1928

Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

May 22 1921

Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle

Jul 3 1937 Aug 29 1938

Dplx Grid, oval with 1

Nov 26 1936 Dec 14 1951

Dplx Grid, oval with 2

Apr 30 1949 Mar 7 1950

Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 4

Mar 18 1948

Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 5

**COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued DUPLEX POSTMARKS – Continued** 

107.6 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.

CI 10P 30.0

107.7 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.

CI 10P 30.0

107.8 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0 Sep 23 1941 Dec 4 1948

Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 6

Feb 24 1945

**Dplx** Grid, pointed oval with 7

Feb 28 1939 Aug 4 1943

Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 8

















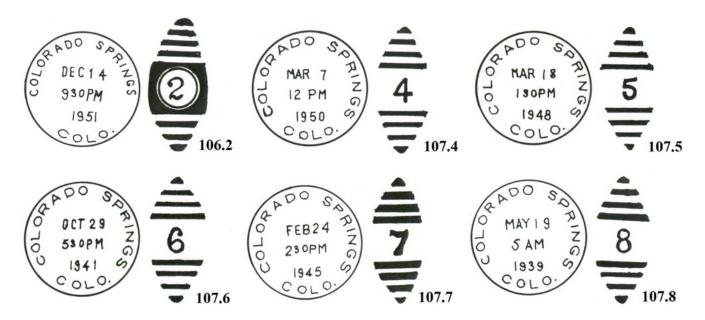








#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued DUPLEX POSTMARKS – Continued**



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CI 10P 22.0

200	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Mar 20 1897
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Backstamp, 24x13mm oval with RECEIVED 1
		[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
201	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Apr 13 1897 Nov 7 1898
	CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag with 1
202	COLORADO SP'GS / COLO.	Jan 12 1897 Sep 20 1899
	CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag with 1
203	COLORADO SPRINGS, / COLO.	Dec 10 1899 Feb 15 1902
	SL 00R 32.0x15.0	Mach 5 bars with 1
204	COLORADO SPRINGS, /COL	Feb 2 1902 Jun 1 1902
	SL 00R 32.0x19.0	Mach 6 bars with 1
205.D	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	1902 Dec 30 1903
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-D
<b>206.C</b>	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Jul 20 1905 Dec 25 1905
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-C
<b>206.D</b>	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Jan 17 1904 Sep 16 1904
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-D
<b>207.D</b>	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Apr 5 1905 Aug 25 1913
	CI 10P 20.5	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-D
207.R	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Sep 7 1908
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-R
207.T	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Apr 28 1906 Jun 17 1907
	CI 10P 20.5	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-T [Not illustrated]
208.T	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	Aug 6 1905 Dec 30 1907
	CI 10P 20.5	Mach 7 wavy lines with 1-T
209	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 29 1913 Feb 11 1914
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
210	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 18 1914 Jun 8 1916
	CI 10p 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
210.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 3 1919 Aug 11 1928
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Mach 7 wavy lines

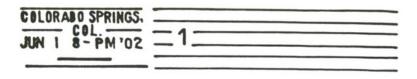
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211	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Jul 14 1916 Mar 30 1917
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
211.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Jan 3 1921 Oct 8 1921
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
212	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Jul 11 1922 Jul 6 1925
	CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	
213	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Aug 11 1928 Oct 27 1930
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
214	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Aug 10 1929 Dec 31 1938
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
215	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Mar 22 1939 Jan 7 1948
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
216	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.		Dec 8 1944 Apr 5 1965
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
217	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO		196- Jun 1 1966
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
218	COLORADO SPRINGS, / CO		May 6 1965 Jun 17 1965
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	

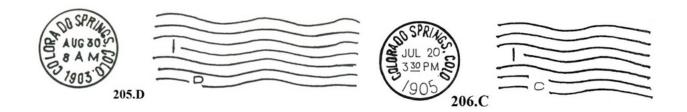


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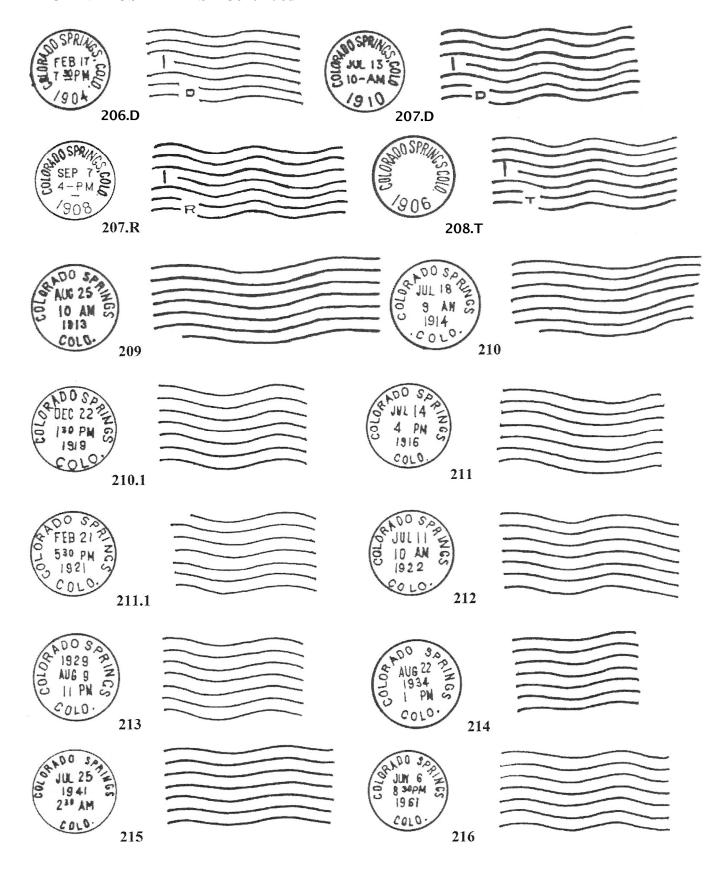
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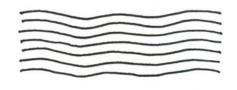


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219.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CI 10P 24.0

219.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CI 10P 24.0

219.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CI 10P 24.0

219.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO CI 10P 24.0

220 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 20.0

220.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 809 CI 10P 20.0

221.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

221.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

221.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

221.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.3A COLORADO SPRING CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

222.3B COLORADO SPRING CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

223.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

223.3A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

223.3B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

224.3A COLORADO SPGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

224.4A COLORADO SPGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

224.4B COLORADO SPGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0 Jan 2 1968 Aug 18 1975

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1A

Aug 7 1967

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1B

May 10 1971

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2A

Dec 7 1969 Dec 19 1984

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2B

Dec 15 1976 Jul 12 1993

Mach 7 wavy lines

Mar 2 1978

Mach 7 wavy lines

Jun 28 1976 Nov 23 1985

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1A

Jul 5 1976 Sep 25 1985

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1B

Jul 12 1976 Feb 23 1987

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2A

Jul 26 1976

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2B

Jul 20 1992

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1A

May 14 1991

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1B

Jul 12 1976 Jun 5 1992

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2A

Dec 3 1982 May 15 1991

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2B

Feb 16 1988

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3A

Apr 30 2003 Apr 4 2005

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3B

May 29 1993 Nov 26 1997

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3A

May 4 1990 Jul 3 1990

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3A

Feb 12 1989 May 11 1991

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3B

Jun 11 1986 Nov 5 1987

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3A

Aug 7 1992

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 4A

May 28 1992 May 28 1992

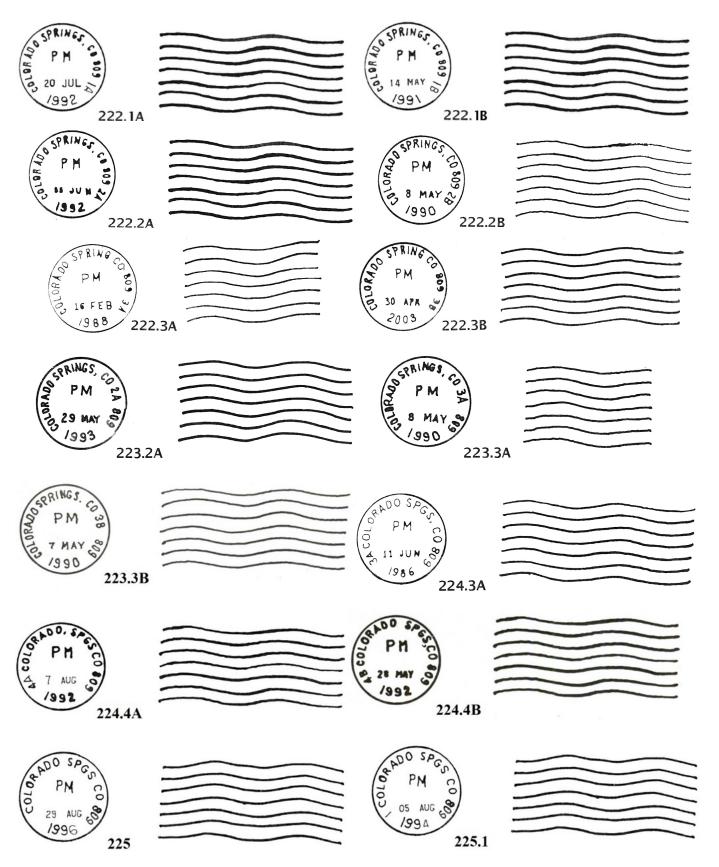
Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 4B

221.2A

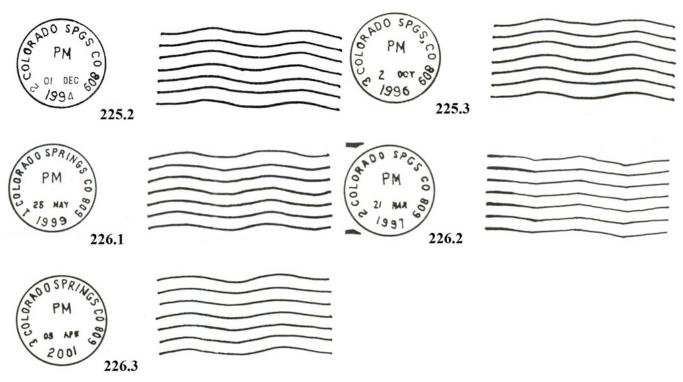
#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE POSTMARKS – Continued** 225 **COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809** Aug 29 1996 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 225.1 Aug 5 1994 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1 225.2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 Dec 1 1994 Oct 1 1996 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2 **COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809** Oct 2 1996 225.3 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3 **COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809** May 24 1993 Mar 23 2004 226.1 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1 226.2 **COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809** May 5 1993 Jul 7 2005 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 zig-zag lines, Die 2 226.3 **COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809** Oct 11 2000 Jul 7 2005 CI 10P 23.0 Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 3 1968 1967 219.1B 219.1A 9 JAN & 1976 1971 219.2B 219.2A 1978 220 220,1 19 JUL 1978 221.1A 221.1B 26 JUL

221.2B

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE POSTMARKS – Continued**



### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE POSTMARKS – Continued**



MACH	INE SLOGAN POSTMARKS	
300	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 28 1919 Aug 22 1919
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: VACATION / OUTDOORS / IN /
		COLORADO'S / NATIONAL / FORESTS
301	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 24 1919 Aug 4 1920
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, BE CAREFUL / WITH FIRE / IN THE/
		MOUNTAINS
302	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 26 1920 Oct 24 1921
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, FIRES / DESTROY FORESTS / BE
		CAREFUL
303	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 25 1922 Nov 17 1922
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, NATIONAL CANCER WEEK/
		NOV 12-20
304	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 9 1926 Aug 20 1927
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, AIR MAIL / 'Biplane' / SAVES TIME
305	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 12 1951 Oct 6 1952
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: GIVE-ENOUGH / THROUGH YOUR/
		COMMUNITY CHEST (feather at left)
306	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Nov 4 1953 Nov 9 1965
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: AMERICAN EDUCATION / WEEK /
		VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS
307	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 15 1954
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: Remember-Only You Can / PREVENT
		/ FOREST FIRES
308	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Oct 2 1956 Dec 15 1956
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: SESQUICENTENNIAL / DISCOVERY

**OF / 1806 PIKES PEAK 1956** 

COLOR	RADO SPRINGS – Continued	
MACHI	NE SLOGAN POSTMARKS -	- Continued
309	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Dec 13 1956 Dec 10 1958
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE
310	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Mar 6 1959 Dec 18 1959
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / RUSH TO THE
		ROCKIES / 1859 CENTENNIAL 1959
310.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Dec 3 1958
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: ABILITY COUNTS, With EMPLOY
		THE / HANDICAPPED in gear
311	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 22 1960 Jul 27 1960
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, NATIONAL JAMBOREE / BOY
		SCOUTS OF AMERICA / JULY 22 - JULY 28 1960
311.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / CO	Jun 1 1965
	CI 10P 22.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: HELP / GOODWILL INDUSTRIES /
		HELP THE HANDICAPPED
312	COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 22 1964
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY; with
		fancy "U" in circle with UNITED
312.1A	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Oct 14 1980
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY;
		with fancy "U" in circle with UNITED
312.1B	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Dec 16 1984 Dec 18 1984
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1B, GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY;
		with fancy "U" in circle with UNITED
312.2A	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Sep 24 1976
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2A, GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY;
		with fancy "U" in circle with UNITED
312.2B	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Sep 15 1976 Dec 21 1984
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2B, GIVE / THE / UNITED / WAY;
242	COLOR LDO CDDIVICG CO	with fancy "U" in circle with UNITED
313	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	Aug 16 1966 Mar 30 1967
214	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, ALWAYS USE / ZIP CODE
314	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	Apr 10 1967 Apr 18 1967
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, "CAN DO!" (illustration) / NAVY
21414	COLODADO EDDINCE CO 900	SEABEES / 25th ANNIVERSARY
314.1A	COLORADO SPRINGS CO, 809	Dec 17 1978 Apr 2 1992
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES /HELP THE HANDICAPPED
211 1D	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	May 27 1976 Feb 27 1982
314.1D	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1B, HELP GOODWILL
	C1 101 23.0	INDUSTRIES /HELP THE HANDICAPPED
314 2R	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Jun 25 1986
314.20	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2B, HELP GOODWILL
	C1 101 20.0	INDUSTRIES /HELP THE HANDICAPPED
314.2.1	A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Sep 26 1976
011.2.1	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, COLORADO / THE
	C1101 20.0	CENTENNIAL STATE / 1876 - 1976
314.2.1	B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Dec 27 1976
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1B, COLORADO / THE
		CENTENNIAL STATE / 1876 - 1976
315.2A	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Dec 20 1981
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2A, PLEASE MAIL / EARLY FOR
		/ CHRISTMAS
316	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809	Dec 6 1983 Oct 6 1987
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars, WE MEET / THE / CHALLENGE
		[Not illustrated]

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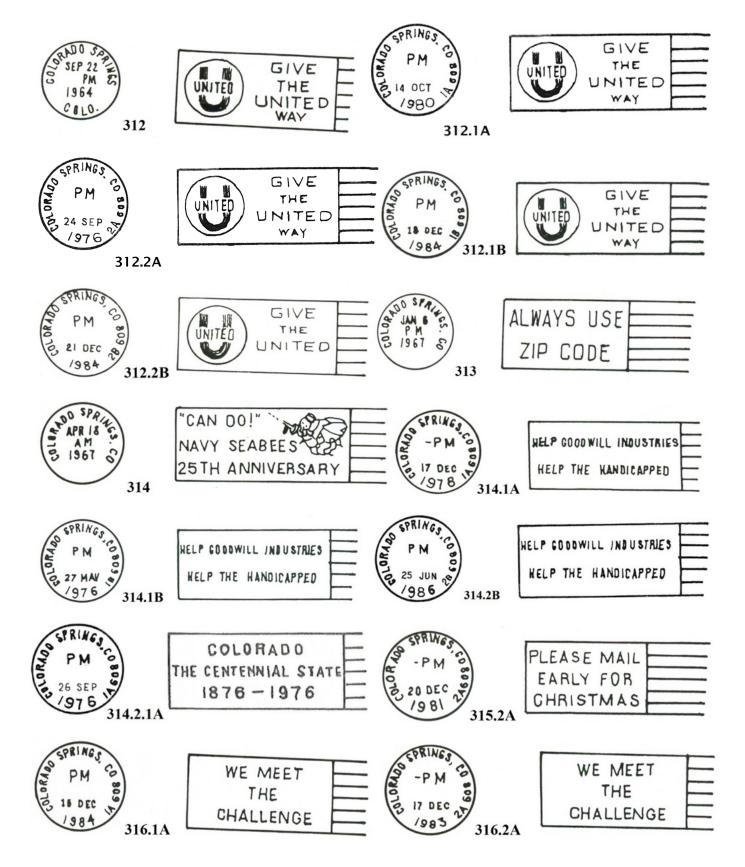
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NATIONAL JAMBOREE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
JULY 22 — JULY 28. 1960



HELP
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
HELP THE HANDICAPPED

### COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued



COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued









316.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

316.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

316.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

317.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

317.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

318.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

318.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 24.0

318.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0 Dec 10 1983 Dec 16 1984

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, WE MEET / THE / CHALLENGE

Dec 15 1983 Dec 17 1983

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2A, WE MEET / THE / CHALLENGE

Dec 9 1983

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2B, WE MEET / THE / CHALLENGE

Jul 11 1986 Jul 28 1986

Mach Slogan in box with bars; Die 1A, COLORADO / OPERA FESTIVAL / JULY 11 - AUGUST 3

Jul 16 1986

Mach Slogan in box with bars; Die 1B, COLORADO / OPERA FESTIVAL / JULY 11 - AUGUST 3

Nov 12 1988 May 1 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1A, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

Sep 30 1988 Mar 10 1989

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1B, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

Jan 18 1989 Jun 5 1992

Mach Slogan in box; Die 2A, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

















#### COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued









319.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

319.3A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

320.4A COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

320.4B COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

321.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

321.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

321.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

321.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

322.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

322.3A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

322.3B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

323.4A COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

323.4B COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

324.4A COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

324.4B COLORADO. SPGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0 May 30 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1B, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

May 4 1990 Jul 3 1990

Mach Slogan in box; Die 3A, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

Dec 22 1988 Jul 2 1990

Mach Slogan in box; Die 4A, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

Feb 7 1990 Jul 2 1990

Mach Slogan in box; Die 4B, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE

Feb 12 1990 May 20 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1A, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Apr 20 1990 Jul 4 1990

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1B, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Feb 4 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 2a, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Jan 27 1989 Oct 23 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 2B, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

May 4 1990 Jul 6 1992

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1B, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Jan 30 1990 May 9 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 3A, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Jul 15 1989 May 16 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 3B, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Apr 7 1989 1 1990 Oct 1 1991

Mach Slogan in box: Die 4A, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

May 4 1990 May 1 1991

Mach Slogan in box: Die 4B, THANK YOU / FOR USING / THE POSTAL SERVICE

Sep 29 1989

Mach Slogan in box; Die 4A, Begin an Adventure of / Giant Proportions / Collect Stamps!, with dinosaur

Oct 27 1989

Mach Slogan in box; Die 4B, Begin an Adventure of / Giant Proportions / Collect Stamps!, with dinosaur

COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued 325.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0 Mach Slogan in box: Die 2A, U. S. POSTAL SERVICE / OFFICIAL 325.2B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809

CI 10P 23.0

**SPONSOR / 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES** 

Nov 29 1990 Nov 14 1991 Mach Slogan in box: Die 2B, U. S. POSTAL SERVICE / OFFICIAL SPONSOR / 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES

Jan 30 1992

326.0.2A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 22.5

Slogan in box with bars: Die 2A, HELP GOODWILL Mach INDUSTRIES / HELP THE HANDICAPPED Sep 24 1991 Oct 22 1991

326.1A COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Mach Slogan; Die 1A, Journey / to a / New / Frontier. / Collect Stamps; with Starship Enterprise

Feb 8 1990 May 1 1991

327.1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Nov 24 2000 Dec 20 2000 Mach Slogan: Die 1, HAPPY "WHO-LIDAYS" / from the / U.S. Postal

328.1B COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Service; Grinch's hand holding Xmas ornament May 30 1991

Mach Slogan in box; Die 1B, NEXT DAY DELIVERY / EXPRESS / MAIL / CONTACT YOUR POST OFFICE and holding Xmas ornament

329.1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Mar 26 1993 May 16 1993

Mach Slogan in box, Die 1, Dolphin with text: Splash / Into an Ocean / of Fun! / Collect Stamps!

330.1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Dec 30 2004

Mach Slogan, Die 1, Stamp, hand holding magnifier; text - STAMP/ COOL-lecting / IT'S HOBBY FORMING / 1999 NATIONAL STAMP / **COLLECTING MONTH** 

331.2 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Mar 25 2005

Mach Slogan, Die 2, GREETINGS FROM / RODNEY and / FENDER: With two cartoon robots

331.3B COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Jan 27 2005 Mar 16 2005

Mach Slogan, Die 3B, GREETINGS FROM / RODNEY and / FENDER: With two cartoon robots

332.2 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Oct 14 1997

[Not Illustrated]

Mach Slogan, Die 2, Castle & graveyard with CLASSIC / MOVIE MONSTERS / 1997 STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

333.1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 809 CI 10P 23.0

Nov 14 1998

Slogan, Die 1, Space shuttle & planets with SPACE Mach DISCOVERY / 1998 NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH [Not Illustrated]

















### COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued



THANK YOU FOR USING THE POSTAL SERVICE



THANK YOU FOR USING THE POSTAL SERVICE



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FOR USING
THE POSTAL SERVICE



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Begin an Adventure of Giant Proportions
Collect Stamps



Begin an Adventure of Giant Proportions
Collect Stamps



U.S POSTAL SERVICE OFFICIAL SPONSOR 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES



U.S POSTAL SERVICE OFFICIAL SPONSOR 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES



HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

HELP THE HANDICAPPED



Journey to a New Frontier TM OPPC Collect Stamps





#### COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS – Continued





















#### **4 BAR POSTMARKS**

600	COLORADO SPRINGS / CO		Jan 12 1967
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	
601	COLORADO SPRINGS / CO		Jul 4 1976
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	
602	COLORADO SPRINGS / CO		May 5 1986
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	
603	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80901		Oct 25 1993
	CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-27x20mm	





#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

#### **ROLLER POSTMARKS**

650 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. CI 11P 32.0/23.0

651 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 809 CI 10P 37.0

652 COLORADO SPRING, CO 809 CI 10H 35.0 Oct 16 1967 Jul 29 1968

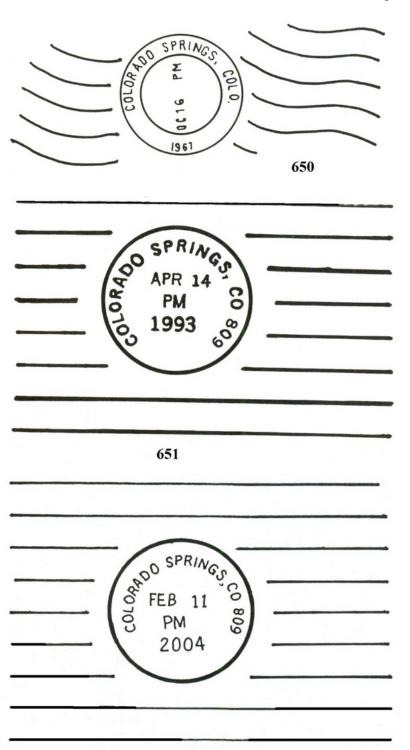
Rolr 7 slanted wavy lines

Apr 14 1993

Rolr 8 bars, continuous imprint CDS and bars, for large flats

Aug 6 2000 Feb 11 2004

Rolr 8 bars, continuous imprint CDS and bars, for large flats



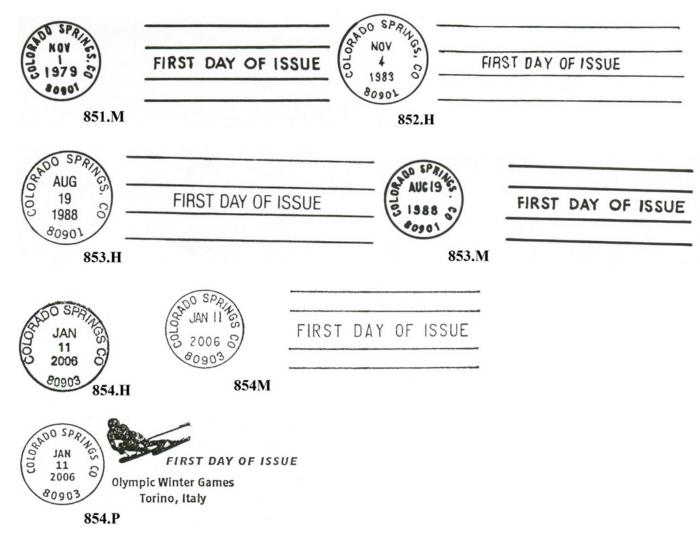
#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

850.H

700 701 702	COLO SPGS 809 // WE DELIVER FOR YULE Dec 9 1992 Dec 7 1993 SL 00R variable IJET No killer, size 117.0x3.5 COLO SPGS 809 // SEASON'S GREETINGS Dec 11 1994 Dec 18 1994 SL 00R variable IJET No killer, size 110.0x2.5 GMF COLO SPRINGS : OCR #1 May 6 1993 Jun 1 1993 SL 106.0x4.0 IJET No killer
700	WE DELIVER FOR TIME 12-16-92 COLD SPGS 809
701	SEASON'S GREETINGS COLO SPGS 809 17:03 12/18/94
702	GMF COLO SPRINGS 809 16:03 05/23/93 OCR#1
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9:00	FIRST DAY OF ISSUE  STANDO SANDO SAN

850.M

#### COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS – Continued



#### MISCELLANEOUS AND AUXILIARY POSTMARKS

902 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CLK.No 2 Jul 8 1900 Aug 9 1907 CI 10P 29.0 Hstp No killer, receiving mark 904 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CLK.No 4 Dec 5 1901 Dec 7 1906 CI 10P 29.0 Hstp No killer, backstamp 905 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CLK.No 5 Jul 6 1906 Mar 15 1907 CI 10P 30.0 Hstp No killer COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CLK.No 6 906 Sep 8 1900 Aug 21 1906 Hstp No killer, receiving mark CI 10P 29.0









#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND AUXILIARY POSTMARKS - Continued

910 Colorado Springs, Colo. / POST OFFICE / General Delivery Feb 7 1889

SL 00R 53.0x25.0 Hstp No killer

916 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / REC'D. May 27 1938 Sep 25 1947

CI 10P 30.0 Hstp No killer

# Colorado Springs, Colo. PUSI (Frice, FEB 7 1889

General Delivery

910



930	Colorado Springs, Colo. // REGISTER	ED	Oct 1895
	SL 00R 55.0x12.0	Istp Cork, Smudge	, black, Registered cover
931	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / RE	GISTERED	Oct 19 1900 Dec 4 1901
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Istp Cork, Black N	egative X-roads
932	Colorado Springs, Colo. // REGISTER	ED	May 15 1902 Oct 27 1905
	CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Istp Cork, Smudge	, black
933	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / RE	G. DIV.	Apr 18 1908 Nov 16 1908
	CI 11P 32.0/21.0	Istp No killer	•
933.1	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / RE	G. DIV.	Nov 20 1917
	CI 11P 29.5/19.5	Istp No killer	
934	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / (RE	EG. DIV.)	Jul 10 1941 Oct 8 1943

## REGISTERED Colorado Springs, Colo.

CI 11P 28.0/18.5

930



Hstp No killer

SPrints 932



933



951

JUL 10 1941 1941 934

950 Colorado Springs

SL 00R 46.0x21.0

CI 10P 29.0

Colorado Springs, Colo. P.O.

Sep 22 1902

Hstp RETURNED FROM / HOTEL SHOP OR OFFICE / SEP.

22 1902 / Colorado Springs, Colo. P.O.

Aug 13 1912

Hstp Reads: DEFICIENCY (IN / ADDRESS/ SUPPLIED /

BY) Colorado Springs, Colo. P.O.

#### **COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued**

MISCELLANEOUS AND AUXILIARY POSTMARKS – Continued

952 COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.
OV 11P 26.5x19/16.5x9
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Mute postmark

953 COLORADO SPRGS, COLO. Jul 29, 1931 May 29 1935

IR 00R 48.0x28.0 Hstp Pointing Hand with: RETURNED / TO / SENDER /

UNCLAIMED / FROM COLORADO SPRGS, COLO.

954 colorado springs Jun 18 1913

SL 00R 49.0/9.0 Hstp Auxiliary marking: THIS IS THE MAIL / FOR WHICH YOU

SENT POSTAGE

954.1 COLO. SPNGS., COLO. / NO.5 //RECD COLO. SPGS. . COLO. VIA K.C. &

Sep 30 1899

CI 11P 35.0/21.0 Hstp No killer [Not Illustrated]

955 Colorado Springs, Col. // Rec'd / Via K.C. & Colo. Spgs. Tr. 5. Dec 25 1903 Jul 31 1905

CI 21P 33.0/31.0/21.0 Hstp No killer

956 Colorado Springs, Colo. / CORRECT. / John Potter P.M. Jan 13 1879

SL 00R 33.0x14.0 Hstp No killer

957 colorado springs Aug 25 1908

SL 00R 24.0x4.0 Hstp Auxiliary marking: Held for postage,

958 colorado springs Feb 20 1988

SL 00R 38.0x13.0 Hstp Auxiliary marking: Postage illegal when / reused or taped over

/Return for Postage

HOTEL SHOP OR OFFICE

SEP. 22 1902 Colorado Springs, Colo. P. O.

950







THIS IS THE MAIL FOR WHICH YOU SENT POSTAGE

954



Colorado Springs, Colo.

CORRECT.

JOHN POTTER P.M. 95

Held for postage<sub>1</sub> 957

953

Postage illegal when reused or taped over Return for Postage

958

**COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued** 

#### COLORADO SPRINGS - NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES

#### **GENERAL MAIL FACILITY**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- -- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO GMF / U	USPO	Jul 18 1989 Oct 27 1989
	CI 11P 28.5/18.0	Hstp No killer	
2	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO GMF / U	U <b>SPO</b>	Oct 19 1991 Oct 16 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer, large	eletters
3	COLO SPRINGS 809 OCR#1 // GMF		May 12 1992 Apr 15 1993
	SL 00R 103.0x3.0	IJET No killer	-
4	COLO SPRINGS 809 OCR#2 // GMF		Jul 6 1992
	SL 00R 105.0x2.0	IJET No killer	
5	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO GMF / I	USPS	Apr 14 1993
	CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
6	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO REGIST	TRY GMF / USPO	Mar 31 1993
	CI 11P 28.0/18.5	Hstp No killer	
7	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO GMF / I	USPO	Oct 16 1993
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	
8	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO GMF / U	USPO	Oct 15 1994 Oct 15 1994
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
9	COLORADO SPRINGS CO GMF / U	ISPO	Oct 16 1993 Jun 5 1996
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstn No killer	





GMF COLD SPRINGS 809 15:39 04/12/93 DCR#1

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EMF COLD SPRINGS 809 22:53 C7/06/92 DCR 2











COLORADO SPRINGS – Continued COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

#### PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- -- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO P&DC / USPS Feb 2 1996 Sep 24 1996

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLO SPGS OCR #1 // P&DC Oct 2 1996

SL 00R 102.0x3.0 IJET No killer



PROC COLO SPGS 809 20:57 10/02/96 8CR #1

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#### AIR BASE BRANCH/STATION

The history of postal operations at the military air bases at Colorado Springs is somewhat confusing and I am not certain that I fully comprehend the changes that took place.

Military air operations at Colorado Springs began during World War II with the establishment of the Colorado Springs Air Base. The headquarters for the air base was within Colorado Springs and air traffic was handled at a field east of the city. From the information in Post Office Department records the initial post office was at the air base and not at the headquarters in Colorado Springs.

The headquarters site in the city is now the site of the United States Regional Olympic Training Center

At some point, the name was changed to Ent Air Base to honor Second Air Force Commander Uzal B. Ent. At least one source claims the base was known by that name during the war, while another source states that the change took place after the war.

At some point in time, and again there are conflicts of information, the airfield became known as Peterson Field.

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Oct 5 1942 NOTE: "The post office at the Air Base is located in the northeast corner of section nineteen,

This office is eight and two tenths miles from the Post office."

WHB NOTE: This site within the grounds of Peterson Air Force Base

Oct 15 1942 Established as a branch of Colorado Springs

**Apr 1 1943 Became a Classified Station** 

Dec 31 1946 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / AIR BASE BR. Oct 15 1942 May 7 1945

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

#### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued AIR BASE BRANCH/STATION – Continued



#### **ANNEX**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 18 1965 **Established as a Classified Station of Colorado Springs** 

Located at Sierra Madre and Colorado Avenue

Mar 25 1968 Closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO ANNEX STA. / USPO Jun 18 1965

> CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No Killer



#### **ANTARES STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

1986 Formerly Station A of Colorado Springs

Located at 2641 East Uintah St.

Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS CO ANTARES / USPO CI 11P 27.5/18.0

Dec 27 1988 Apr 15 1993 Hstp No killer



#### **BLACK FOREST RURAL STATION**

There is a high ridge that runs east from the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and on this ridge is the east-west boundary between El Paso County on the south and Douglas and Elbert Counties on the north. The ridge forms the divide between the drainages of the South Platte River and the Arkansas River. It is known as either the Monument Divide or the Palmer Lake Divide, for towns located near its crest.

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued BLACK FOREST RURAL STATION - Continued

The Monument Divide was thickly covered with ponderosa pine and was the location for many lumber mills that supplied building materials for Denver and other Colorado towns.

The thick, dark forest gave rise to the name Black Forest. Some surmise this was because of a resemblance to the famous Black Forest of Germany.

A number of small communities did develop in the area and many had their own post offices. However one such community that took the name Black Forest never had an independent post office. It was not until 1960 that a post office was opened there as a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs.

By 1960 the timber industry was mostly a thing of the past. But the area was becoming a residential area on the far eastern edge of Colorado Springs. That kind of growth has continued to spread east and Black Forest is no longer on the edge of the city.

The Rural Branch has had more than one location. One of the more recent was in the southwest corner of the intersection of Shoup Road and Black Forest Road. By 1997 the post office had relocated to a small, rustic style strip mall on the east side of Black Forest Road about a mile and a half south of Shoup Road.

From Interstate 25 exit at the North Gate Entrance to the Air Force Academy. Go east on North Gate Road to Colorado Highway 83, then south to Shoup Road and finally east to Black Forest Road.

Latitude = 39:00:47 North Longitude = 104:42:01 West

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

Apr 16 1960 Established as a Rural Station of Colorado Springs Feb 10 1966 Designated a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs

**Now a Community Post Office** 

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / BLACK FOREST RUR. STA.	Apr 16 1960 May 22 1964
	CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x18mm	-
2	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / BLACK FOREST RUR. STA.	Nov 1 1967
	CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x20mm	
3	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / BLACK FOREST RUR. BR.	Apr 17 1970 Mar 1 1976
	CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-25x18mm	
4	COLORADO SPRINGS CO BLACK FOREST RUR. BR. / USPO	Sep 15 1975 Dec 17 1975
	CI 11P 27.0/17.5 Hstp No killer	



### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued BLACK FOREST RURAL STATION - Continued



#### **BRIARGATE STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

1986 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Located at 7870 North Academy Boulevard

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO BRIARGATE / USPO Jan 30 1985 Mar 23 1993

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO BRIARGATE STA. / USPO Jun 1 1993

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer USPO inverted





#### **BROADMOOR STATION**

Latitude = 38:47:44 North Longitude = 104:50:27 West

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 1 1959 Formerly Station No. 6 of Colorado Springs

Initially located in the lobby of the Broadmoor Hotel Later moved to another building on the resort grounds

Aug 1 1963 Designated a Classified Branch of Colorado Springs

Located at Lake Circle and Lake Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / BROADMOOR BR. Oct 16 1959 Sep 15 1970

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO BROADMOOR BR / USPO Jun 29 1984 Nov 12 1987

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued BROADMOOR STATION - Continued





#### C.O.D. STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 1953 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS (C.O.D. STA.) COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer Jul 30 1928 Dec 11 1928



#### **CAMP CARSON BRANCH**

On December 29, 1941 the people of Colorado Springs learned that a major army installation would be constructed south and west of the city. The new base would be named Camp Carson in honor of the famous trapper and scout, Kit Carson.

The post grew rapidly during World War II and the growth continued even into the late twentieth century. The large, sparsely populated area in the triangle between Interstate 25 on the east, US Highway 50 on the south and Colorado Highway 115 to the northwest is now almost fully occupied by the army base.

In 1954 Camp Carson was reclassified as Fort Carson and is considered a permanent installation.

As a military facility, access into the base is restricted. In May 2001 Jim Ozment and I were able to enter through the main gate from Colorado 115 and drive a short distance to the visitor center. The Fort Carson Post Office is within the base.

Since its establishment Camp Carson and subsequently Fort Carson, has been a branch of the Colorado Springs Post Office.

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

Jun 25 1942 Established as a Classified Branch of Colorado Springs

Mar 21 1947 --- NOTE: "Mail for Camp Carson is supplied through the Colorado Springs office and is

transported to the Camp Carson Branch Office by Army truck."

NOTE: "Post Office located in N.W. corner of section 16. (T15S R67W)

7 miles - 10th Street entrance. 7.4 miles - "B" Street entrance

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson Branch of Colorado Springs

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued CAMP CARSON BRANCH - Continued**

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CAMP CARSON / COLO. Aug 3 1942 Aug 14 1942

CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 CAMP CARSON / COLO. Jul 20 1942 Sep 15 1942

CI 10P 30.0 Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 1; Military mail, "FREE"

3 CAMP CARSON / COLO. Sep 27 1942 Jun 7 1945

CI 10P 21.0 Mach 6 wavy lines, "FREE"

4 CAMP CARSON, COLO. / RECEIVED Mar 10 1943

CI 10P 34.0 Hstp No Killer

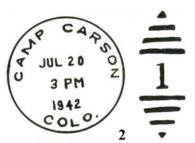
5 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CP. CARSON BR. Feb 26 1943 Dec 7 1951

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No Killer

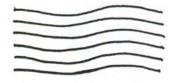
6 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CAMP CARSON BR. Apr 19 1953 Aug 12 1953

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer















#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 1

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

Jul 13 1942 Established

Apr 1 1948 Temporarily closed

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

Jun 5 1956 Now Active
Jun 5 1956 Discontinued
--- -- Re-established

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CP. CARSON BR. UNIT NO. 1 CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer, "FREE" Nov 1 1942

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued CAMP CARSON/FORT CARSON M.O.U. 2 – Continued



#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 2

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

Dec 1 1942 Established

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

Jun 5 1956 Assigned to Camp Hale (Eagle County)

Aug 31 1957 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / CP. CARSON BR. UNIT NO. 2 Feb 14 1943 CI 11P 28.5/18.5 Hstp No killer, "FREE"



#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 3

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

Nov 1 1943 Established

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Camp Carson Br. / UNIT 3

Feb 27 1943

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer, "FREE"



#### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 4

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

Nov 1 1943 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP CARSON BRANCH M.O.U. 4

#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 5

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

Nov 1 1943 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

Dec 15 1966 Letter of Authorization to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP CARSON BRANCH M.O.U. 5

#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 6

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

Jan 24 1944 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

Dec 15 1966 Letter of Authorization to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP CARSON BRANCH M.O.U. 6

#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 7

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

Jan 24 1944 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

Dec 15 1966 Letter of Authorization to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP CARSON BRANCH M.O.U. 7

#### CAMP CARSON / FORT CARSON M. O. U. 8

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

Jan 24 1944 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Nov 1 1954 Name changed to Fort Carson

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

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CAMP CARSON BRANCH M.O.U. 8

#### **CHEYENNE STATION**

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

**Established as a Station of Colorado Springs** 

1987 Closed

### ${\bf COLORADO\ SPRINGS-NAMED/NUMBERED\ STATIONS\ AND\ BRANCHES-Continued\ CHEYENNE\ STATION-Continued}$

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CHEYENNE STATION

#### **COLORADO CITY BRANCH**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 1 1916 Was to be established as a branch of Colorado Springs

Establishment postponed Later became West End Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO CITY BRANCH

#### **DOWNTOWN STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- - 1922 Established
Oct 5 1951 Discontinued
--- - Re-established

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO DOWNTOWN STA. / USPO Apr 14 1993 Mar 29 1996

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS CO DOWNTOWN STA / USPS Jun 30 1997

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer





#### DRENNAN RURAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

1922 Name changed from Hibbard Rural Station of Colorado Springs

Oct 5 1951 Discontinued (Date questionable)

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, (DRENNAN RUR. STA.) / COLO. Jul 25 1922

CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-23x20mm

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / DRENNAN RUR. STA. Sep 29 1934 May 7 1951

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm

3 COLORADO SPRINGS. COLO. / DRENNAN RUR. STA. Sep. 3 1953

CI 10P 35.0 4bars S-25x21mm

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued DRENNAN RURAL STATION – Continued





#### ENT AIR FORCE BASE STATION

At some point in time, either during World War II or after the war had ended, the name of the Colorado Springs Air Base was changed to Ent Air Base. This took place sometime before 1951 as Ent Air Base postmarks from 1951 have been recorded.

As was previously mentioned, the initial post office (Air Base Branch) was most likely at the airfield east of Colorado Springs, which was eventually renamed Peterson Field. The headquarters for Ent Air Base was in the city of Colorado Springs.

In 1961 a Branch Post Office opened under the name of Peterson Field. Undoubtedly it was at the airfield. But the Ent Air Force Base Station was not discontinued until 1975. Was that merely sloppy record keeping, or did the Ent Air Force Base Station move to the headquarters and continue operations from there?

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

----- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Jun 20 1975 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / Ent Air Force Base Br. Feb 20 1951 Feb 20 1951

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / ENT AIR FORCE BASE BR. Feb 26 1953

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued ENT AIR FORCE BASE STATION – Continued





#### ENT AIR FORCE BASE M.O.S.

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- -- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ENT AIR FORCE BASE M.O.S.

#### ENT AIR FORCE BASE M.O.U.

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- -- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. MOU ENT AFB / USPO Sep 21 1970

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer

4 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / ENT MOB Apr 16 1972 Apr 23 1972 CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm





#### **FALCON STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- -- 1985 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO FALCON COMMUNITY POST OFFICE / 80831

Apr 15 1993 Dec 7 1993

CI 10P 31.5 4bars S-24x19mm [Zip 80831 at bottom of cds]

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO FALCON COMMUNITY POST OFFICE / USPS
Apr 15 1993

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

3 FALCON, CO 80831 / USPS Sep 26 2001 CI 11P 32.5/21.5 Hstp No killer, Bridge style

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued FALCON STATION – Continued





#### FORT CARSON BRANCH

Latitude = 38:43:54 North Longitude = 104:47:45 West

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

Nov 1 1954 Classified Branch Colorado Springs Formerly Camp Carson

Dec 1 1958 Became a branch of Colorado Springs.

**Located in Building 1519** 

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FORT CARSON / COLO. Sep 23 1970

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm 2 FORT CARSON / CO Dec 2 1971 Jun 12 1976

CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-23x20mm

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / FORT CARSON BR. Mar 13 1958 Apr 15 1993

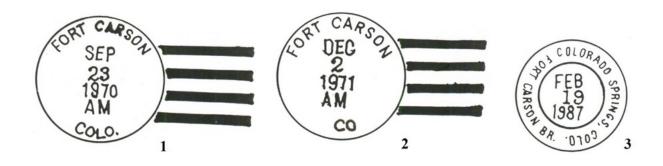
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

3.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO FORT CARSON BR. / USPO Mar 23 1984 May 25 1989

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

4 FORT CARSON CO 80913 / USPS Apr 17 1995

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer





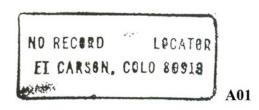


### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued FORT CARSON BRANCH – Continued

AUXILIARY MARKINGS A01 FT CARSON, COLO 80

FT CARSON, COLO 80913 RC 10P 52.0x23.0 Jan 10 1977

Hstp: NO RECORD \_\_\_ LOCATOR / FT CARSON,
COLO. 80913



#### FORT CARSON UNIT 1 BRANCH

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Established as a Branch of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Ft. Carson Br. / UNIT 1 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

Nov 30 1954



### FOUNTAIN VALLEY RURAL STATION / FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL RURAL STATION

The Fountain Valley School was founded in 1930 as a private school, southeast of Colorado Springs and east of present-day Security. From 1957 to 1980 it had its own post office but it was a Rural Station of Colorado Springs.

Fountain Valley School of Colorado is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational, boarding and day school for grades 9-12. The school grounds are fairly extensive with several attractive brick buildings. It seems likely that the post office would have been housed in the large administration building.

The Fountain Valley School campus lies a short distance east of Grinnell Boulevard on the southeastern edge of Security, Colorado. Drive north on Main Street in Security. Turn east to Grinnell Boulevard, then south. The entrance to the school grounds is marked. The address of the school is 6155 Fountain Valley School Road.

Latitude = 38:44:43 North Longitude = 104:42:38 West FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL

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

May 18 1957 Established as a Rural Station of Colorado Springs Feb 10 1966 Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs

Jun 28 1980 Discontinued

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued FOUNTAIN VALLEY RURAL STATION – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / FOUNTAIN VALLEY RUR. STA. May 18 1957 Jul 11 1957

CI 10P 34.0 4bars S-25x20mm

2 Colorado Springs, Colo. / Fountain Valley Rur. Sta. Oct 24 1967 Sep 24 1970

CI 10P 32.0 4bars Not present

3 Colorado Springs Colo. / Fountain Valley Rur. Sta. / USPO Sep 19 1970

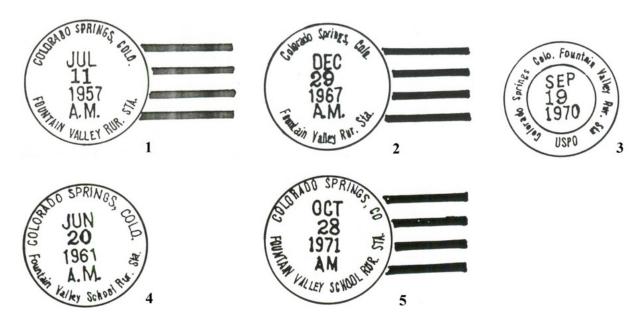
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

4 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Fountain Valley School Rur. Sta. Aug 18 1958 Jun 20 1961

CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm

5 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL RUR. STA. Oct 28 1971 May 27 1978

CI 10P 32.5 4bars S-23x19mm



#### GARDEN OF THE GODS STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Post Office Box Unit only, no window services

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GARDEN OF THE GODS STATION

#### **GENERAL MAIL FACILITY**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

1980's Established

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

Postal markings of the General Mail Facility are listed at the end of the main listing of Colorado Springs markings

#### HIBBARD RURAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- - 1920 Established as a Rural Station of Colorado Springs

--- - 1922 Name changed to Drennan Rural Station of Colorado Springs

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued HIBBARD RURAL STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM HIBBARD RURAL STATION

#### IVYWILD STATION

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

Apr 1 1964 Established as a Contract Branch of Colorado Springs

Located at 1404 South Tejon Street

Jan 31 1967 Discontinued --- -- 1986 Re-established

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. IVYWILD BR. / USPO Apr 1 1964 Apr 1 1964

CI 11P 30.0/19.5 Hstp 5 bars

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO IVYWILD STA / 80906 Apr 15 1987

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x19mm

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO IVYWILD STA / USPO Apr 15 1988 Apr 15 1993

CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



#### KNOB HILL STATION

Latitude = 38:50:24 North Longitude = 104:46:56 West

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

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Aug 2 1958 Established as a Classified Station of Colorado Springs

Apr 30 1980 Discontinued

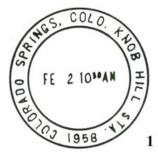
#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. KNOB HILL STA. Feb 2 1958 Aug 25 1961 CI 11P 36.0/28.0 Hstp No killer

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / KNOB HILL BR. Dec 1 1958 Mar 27 1959

CI 11P 29.0/18.5 Hstp No killer

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO KNOB HILL STA. / USPO Feb 10 1978 CI 11P 27.0/22.0 Hstp No killer







#### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

### M.O.S. NUMBER 1 (COLORADO SPRINGS)

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 20 1943 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Located at the Main Post Office

1946 Inactive

Jan 2 1951 Re-established as a Station of Colorado Springs

**Located at Ent Air Force Base** 

Jun 20 1975 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SPRINGS M.O.S. NUMBER 1

#### M.O.S. NUMBER 2 (COLORADO SPRINGS)

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 15 1943 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

**Located at Peterson Field** 

1946 Inactive

Jun 5 1956 Re-established at Peterson Field

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SPRINGS M.O.S. NUMBER 2

#### **MAIL BOXES ETC # 1459 STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- - 2002? Established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CO SPG CO 80918-4005 // MAIL BOXES ETC # 1459 CPO

Oct 19 2002

CI 11P 30.0/19.0

Hstp No killer



#### MAIN OFFICE STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- --- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs Located at the old Main Post Office Building

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO, MAIN OFFICE / USPS Sep 18 2000 Oct 3 2001

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80903 // MAIN OFFICE / USPS Nov 10 2003 Nov 17 2003

CI 11P 30.0/19.5 Hstp No killer

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued MAIN OFFICE STATION – Continued





#### NORTH END STATION

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

Mar 1 1956 Established as a Classified Station of Colorado Springs

From recorded postmarks, office must have opened prior to this date

Located at 2940 North Prospect

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLORADO SPRINGS,	COLO. / NORTH END STA.	Jun 18 1955 Jun 18 1958
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar diamond with 1	
2	COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO NORTHEND STA. / USPO	Mar 11 1987 Apr 15 1993
	CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	-
3	COLORADO SPRINGS,	COLO. / NORTH END STA.	Apr 21 1984 Mar 23 1987
	CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	-
4	COLO. SPRINGS, CO N	ORTH END 80907 / USPS	Feb 22 1995
	CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	



#### NORTH POLE RURAL STATION

North Pole opened in 1956 as a commercial tourist attraction. It was closely patterned after a like operation in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.

It was the home of Santa's Workshop and was built to cater to children first and adults second. A Walt Disney artist, based on ideas of a little girl describing how she believed Santa's home and workshop would look, designed the original in New York.

The establishment has a playground, toy factory, zoo, burro rides, magic mine, a stagecoach and a tram.

There is also a post office at the park. However, when in 1991 together with friends I visited the North Pole you had to purchase admission to the park in order to get in to where the post office was located. It was possible to photograph the building from outside the gate.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued NORTH POLE RURAL STATION – Continued**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 1 1956 Established as a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs, subsequent to the period covered by the

**Geographic Site Location Reports** 

Feb 10 1966 Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs Seasonal Post Office on Ute Pass

May 9 1975 Became a Rural Branch of Cascade See Cascade for listings of later Postmasters and postmarks

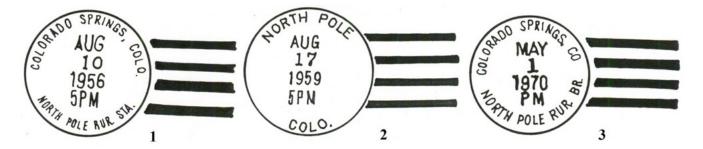
#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / NORTH POLE RUR STA.
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x20mm

2 NORTH POLE / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x20mm

Sep 27 1957 Jun 22 1966
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x20mm

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / NORTH POLE RUR. BR. Dec 24 1969 Aug 5 1976 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x19mm, with North Pole, Colo. meter"Dec 24, 1950"



#### PARCEL POST ANNEX

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

--- --- No information is available on this office

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SPRINGS PARCEL POST ANNEX

#### PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE BRANCH

Peterson Air Force Base has previously had postal facilities under the name of Air Base Station, Ent Air Force Base and Peterson Field. The exact relationship between these various names is not clear, as the postal records are incomplete. More study is necessary to resolve the conflicts.

Peterson Air Force Base is now home to the United States Space Command. Please refer to the listings for Air Base Station, Ent Air Force Base Station and Peterson Field Branch.

The entrance to Peterson Air Force Base is on Colorado Highway 24, east of Colorado Springs and north of the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. As a military base, a military ID is required to go beyond the entrance gate.

The complexity of this group of names illustrates the situation that one encounters in trying to research the locations and periods of operation for post office stations and branches. It is fortuitous that we have the information we published in *Colorado Post Offices* in 1990. Jim Ozment just happened to be in the Denver Post Office one day and was asked if he was interested in a handful of file cards that recorded data on the Colorado branch and station postal facilities. The cards were about to be thrown in the trash. Naturally Jim accepted the offer. Unfortunately, examination shows that there are gaps and inconsistencies in these remaining records.

# COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE BRANCH – Continued

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

Aug 31 1977 Name changed from Peterson Field Contract Branch of Colorado Springs

--- -- Converted to a Branch of Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

CI 11P 27.5/18.0

3	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80901 / PETERSON AFB	Aug 18 1976 May 4 1981
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x18mm	-
4	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	PETERSON AFB / USPO	Jun 9 1986 Jun 3 1991
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
4.1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	PETERSON AFB / USPO	Jan 6 1989

Hstp No killer



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#### PETERSON FIELD BRANCH

This postal facility opened in 1961. It was at the airfield east of Colorado Springs. It is possible that the name of the field had been established as Peterson Field during World War II (1943) to honor Lieutenant Edward J. Peterson, the first pilot to be killed while operating from the base.

It appears that for some period of time prior to 1961 the postal facility at the field was known as Ent Air Base Station.

In 1977 the name of the base was officially changed to Peterson Air Force Base.

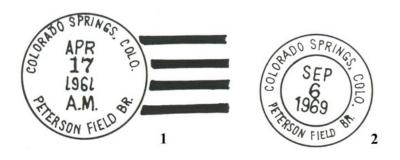
#### **Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 16 1961 Established as a Contract Branch of Colorado Springs

Aug 31 1977 Name changed to Peterson Air Force Base Branch of Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / PETERSON FIELD BR. Apr 17 1961
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-24x20mm
2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / PETERSON FIELD BR. Sep 6 1969
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No killer



#### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

#### REGISTRY DIVISION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

An internal division of the Colorado Springs Main Post Office

For markings, see Registered section under Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SPRINGS REGISTRY DIVISION

#### **ROCKRIMMON STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep -- 1987 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Located at 5001 Centennial Boulevard

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO ROCKRIMMON / USPO Dec 27 1988 Apr 6 1995

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO ROCKRIMMON STA. / USPS Apr 14 1992 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer





#### SECURITY BRANCH

The community of Security began as one of two post-World War II housing developments south of Colorado Springs and adjacent to the eastern edge of the Fort Carson Military Reservation. The developers chose the name Security hoping it would inspire confidence in prospective residents.

At about the same time a second development was begun, a mile and a half southeast of Security. This one took the name of Widefield. The name was that of an earlier small community in the area. The name Widefield does appear on maps from 1873 through 1920 and continued as the Widefield School District.

Both Security and Widefield have developed as suburbs of Colorado Springs.

There has never been an independent post office under either name, Security or Widefield, but the Security Branch of Colorado Springs was opened in 1958 and continues to serve the residents of the two communities.

The Security Branch Post Office was first located at 355 Main Street but in 1997 it was at 5755 Kittery Drive. It may have been at other locations during the time from 1958 to 1997.

Primary access to both Security and Widefield is from Interstate 25.

Latitude = 38:45:30 North Longitude = 104:44:33 West

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued SECURITY BRANCH – Continued**

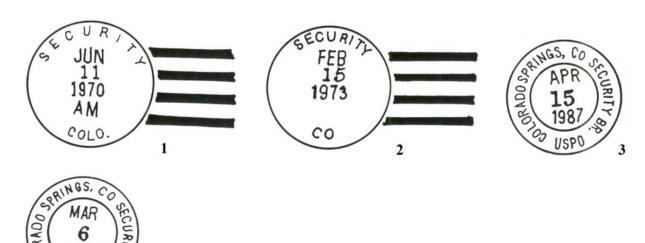
#### **Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 1 1958 Established as a Classified Branch of Colorado Springs

Located at 355 Main Street, Security

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SECURITY / COLO.	_	Sep 2 1958 Jun 11 1970
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	
2	SECURITY / CO		Feb 15 1973 Aug 30 1976
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	
3	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	O SECURITY BR. / USPO	Jun 6 1986 Apr 15 1993
	CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	_
4	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	O SECURITY BR. / USPS	May 29 1993 Nov 6 1995
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	-



#### **SOUTHGATE BRANCH**

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

Sep 1 1960 Established as a Contract Branch of Colorado Springs

Sep 30 1961 Ceased operations Dec 31 1961 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SOUTHGATE / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm
2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / SOUTHGATE BR.
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer





#### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

#### **TEMPLETON STATION**

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

--- -- 1981 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs Located at 4356 Montebello Drive

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO TEM	IPLETON STA. / USPS	Jun 18 1981 Apr 15 1987
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
2	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO TEM	IPLETON STA. / 80936	Sep 14 1981 Apr 15 1987
	CI 10P 32.5	Hstp No killer	
3	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO TEM	IPLETON STA. / USPO	Apr 17 1989 Apr 14 1990
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
4	COLO. SPGS, CO 80918 // TEMP	LETON STA. / USPS	Mar 4 1995
	CI 10P 29.0	Hstn No killer: USPS at bottom of	f CDS









#### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

This was not a station in the normal sense of the word. These postal markings were a generic style introduced by the U. S. Postal Service when there was a shift from postmarking mail at individual post offices to a procedure where uncancelled mail was brought to a Sectional Mail Processing Center and cancelled there.

The use of these U. S. Postal Service postmarks met with little approval from the public. People wanted a more definitive indication of origin of their mail. Gradually the devices were replaced with ones that more specifically identified the processing center. However, occasionally recent examples of the markings do appear, likely by accident or in an emergency.

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

Sectional Mail Processing Center serving the Colorado Springs Region

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

800.1A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 24.0 800.1B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 24.0 800.2A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 24.0 800.2B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 24.0 801 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 20.0

Jul 1 1971

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1A

Aug 2 1975

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 1B

May 20 1971 May 4 1972

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2A

Jun 5 1975

Mach 7 wavy lines, Die 2B

Nov 23 1971

Mach Slogan in box with bars, ALWAYS USE / ZIP CODE

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – Continued

801.1 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 20.0

Mach 7 wavy lines

Apr 26 1972

Oct 26 1973

802.1A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0

Apr 26 19/2

802.2A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0 Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, COLORADO SPRINGS / 1872-CENTENNIAL-1972 / JULY 8-15 [Not Illustrated]
Apr 6 1972 Jun 22 1972

802.2B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2A, COLORADO SPRINGS / 1872-CENTENNIAL-1972 / JULY 8-15

802.2B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0 Jul 1 1972 Aug 10 1972

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 2B, COLORADO SPRINGS / 1872-CENTENNIAL-1972 / JULY 8-15

803.1A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0 Oct 13 1972 Oct 16 1972

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, FORT CARSON / 1942-1972 / 30 YEARS OF PROGRESS

804.1A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0 Jul 9 1973 Oct 5 1973

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1A, HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES / HELP THE HANDICAPPED

804.1B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808

Jul 13 1973

CI 10P 23.0

Mach Slogan in box with bars, Die 1B, HELP GOODWILL INDUSTRIES / HELP THE HANDICAPPED

805.1B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 808 CI 10P 23.0 Oct 29 1974

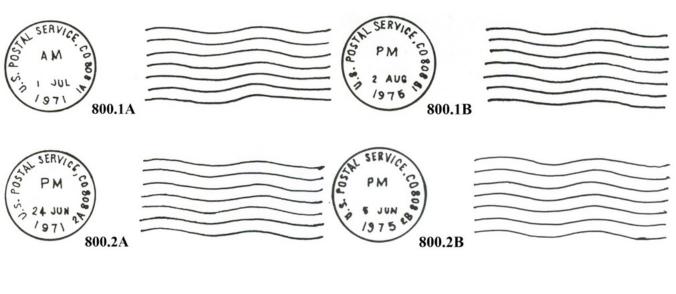
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CI 10P 23.0

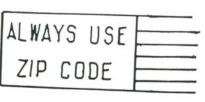
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Nov 28 1971

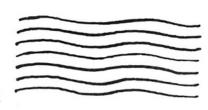
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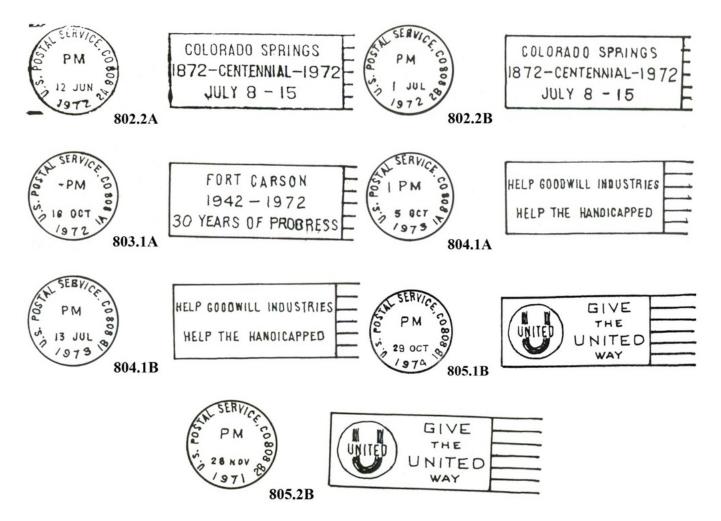








### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – Continued



#### WEST END STATION

The West End Station was created in 1917 to replace the Colorado City Post Office when that was closed. It is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Cucharas Street with 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Jul 1 1917 Established as a Classified Station of Colorado Springs Formerly Colorado City

**Independent Post Office** 

Oct 8 1926 --- SW/4 NW/4 Sec 11 Undated insert in file

Mar 24 1948 NOTE: "Mail is received at the West End Station from the main office daily except Sundays and Saturdays as follows: 8:00 a.m.; 12:45 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. On Saturdays, mail is received at

and Saturdays as follows: 8:00 a.m.; 12:45 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. On Saturdays, mail is received at 7:45 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; and 5:15 p.m. service is provided by screen wagon

contractor, and no service is rendered on Sundays."

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. :: WEST END STA. May 21, 1918 Aug 22 1918 CI 10P 20.0 Mach 7 straight lines, station name in killer bars

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / WEST END STA. Dec 24 1918 Feb 16 1953

CI 10P 22.0 Mach 7 wavy lines

3 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / W. END STA. Oct 7 1929 Mar 3 1949

CI 10P 28.0 Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle

### COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued WEST END STATION – Continued

4 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / WEST END STA. Jul 5 1956

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

5 COLORADO SPRINGS. CO WEST END STA. / USPO Feb 10 1978 May 29 1993

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

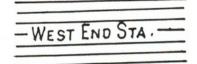
6 COLORADO SPRINGS. CO // WEST END STA. / USPS Apr 1 1995

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

7 COLORADO SPRINGS. CO // WEST END STA. / USPS Apr 14 1995

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



















### STATION A (I)

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

Dec 1 1911 Formerly Station Number 1 of Colorado Springs

**Locations: 119 East Fontanero Street** 

--- -- 1916 1528 North Tejon

Jun 30 1917 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SPRINGS STATION A (I)

# COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued STATION A (II)

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Nov 1 1968 Established as a Classified Station of Colorado Springs

Locations: Yuma & Uinta Streets 2641 East Uintah Street (1985)

--- -- 1987 Became the Antares Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA, A / USPO Feb 17 1984 Apr 14 1992

CI 11P 27.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. A / USPS Apr 15 1987 Apr 14 1992

CI 11P 30.5/19.5 Hstp No killer





Further research is needed on the numbered stations. Cancels have been found that were in use after the stations were discontinued or renamed. It is unknown if the stations were reopened or if new stations were established.

#### **STATION NUMBER 1**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Dec 1 1905 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs
Nov 30 1911 Became Station A (I) of Colorado Springs
Oct 1 1912 Re-established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Locations: 402 South El Paso Street 729 West Colorado Avenue

> 1988 Reclassified as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

**Eagles Nest Hobby Center, 3434 West Carefree Circle** 

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 1 / USPO Feb 22 1984 May 16 1991 CI 11P 27.0/17.5 Hstp No killer



#### COLORADO SPRINGS - NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES - Continued

#### **STATION NUMBER 2**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Dec 1 1905 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Locations: 832 North Tejon Street 115 East Fontanero Street 1436 North Hancock Street

1737 South 8th Street [One Hour Cleaners]

Aug 31 1968 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 2 / USPO Jan 28 1994

CI 11P 27.0/18.0 Hstp No killer



#### **STATION NUMBER 3**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Dec 1 1905 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Locations: 729 West Huerfano Street 731 West Huerfano Street

Nov 11 1906 1504 Colorado Avenue

Dec 31 1942 Discontinued

Apr 16 1966 Re-established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

**Locations: 2419 North Union Boulevard** 

818 North Cascade [American Numismatic Association]

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 3 / USPO Oct 7 1991 Mar 4 1993 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

0CT 1991 0SP0 CO STA. NO

#### **STATION NUMBER 4**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 16 1910 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

**Locations: 330 North Institute Street** 

307 East Platte Avenue 2306 East Platte Avenue

Apr 25 1952 Locations: 2314 East Platte Avenue

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued STATION NUMBER 4 – Continued**

Jul 31 1958 Discontinued

Jul 1 1966 Re-established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

**Locations: 1829 Alpine** 

1835 North Circle Drive

Aug 31 1968 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, (STA. NO. 4) COLO. Aug 24 1925

CI 11P 29.0/18.5 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / STA. NO. 4 Jul 31 1958 Jul 31 1958

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer





#### **STATION NUMBER 5**

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

May 1 1911 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Location: 432 West Bijou Street

May 18 1942 Discontinued Nov 1 1949 Re-established

**Location: 210 Fillmore Street** 

Nov 1 1950 Discontinued

Apr 16 1961 Re-established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

Sep 30 1961 Discontinued > 1987 Re-established

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 5 / USPS Sep 23 1993 Apr 6 1995

CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



#### **STATION NUMBER 6**

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

Jul 1 1917 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

**Location: 119 East Fontanero Street** 

Sep 30 1937 Closed Dec 15 1938 Discontinued

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued STATION NUMBER 6 – Continued**

Jan 1 1939 Re-established

**Location: Lake Circle at Lake Avenue** 

May 24 1955 Converted to Broadmoor Branch of Colorado Springs Aug 1 1963 Re-established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, (STA. NO. 6) COLO. Aug 29 1943

CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. 6 / USPO Jan 27 1994

CI 11P 27.0/17.0 Hstp No killer





#### **STATION NUMBER 7**

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

> 1987 Established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

> 1988 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. / STA. NO. 7 Jan 28 1994

CI 11P 31.0/21.0 Hstp No killer



#### **STATION NUMBER 8**

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

> 1987 Established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

**Location: 6614 Delmonico Drive [Delmonico Cleaners]** 

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 8 / USPO Apr 15 1988 May 23 1990 CI 11P 27.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

### **COLORADO SPRINGS – NAMED/NUMBERED STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued STATION NUMBER 8 – Continued**



#### **STATION NUMBER 9**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

> 1988 Established as a Contract Station of Colorado Springs

**Location: 1809 North Circle [Circle Drug]** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 9 / USPO Apr 15 1987 May 16 1991

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

2 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 9 / USPS Jan 28 1994

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer





#### **STATION NUMBER 10**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

> 1995 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO STA. NO. 10 / USPS Apr 17 1995 Apr 17 1995 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



#### **COLORADO SPRINGS - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS**

Annually there are several Special Commemorative Post Office Stations that operate under the authority of the Colorado Springs Post Office. Most Special Stations operate for only one or two days and are not annual events.

The SOCOPEX (Southern Colorado Philatelic Exhibition) Station has operated annually for several years. Its last year of operation was 2002. Possibly it may return to activity in the future.

Another annual event is the station operated in conjunction with the Colorado Springs Balloon Festival. This station has operated for several years, for more than one day at a time. Its history is complicated by frequent alterations to the name of the station. I have chosen to group all of them together as Balloon Classic Station.

**NOTE:** Where feasible I have consolidated markings to save space. That procedure applies to stations that operated only a single time.

#### AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

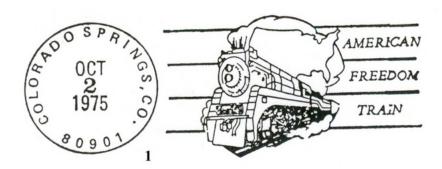
Oct 2 1975 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. / 80901

CI 10P 34.5

Oct 2 1975 Oct 2 1975
Pict Scene - Steam engine, bars; text - AMERICAN /
FREEDOM / TRAIN



#### AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The special Commemorative Stations that are related to the American Numismatic Association are grouped here together.

#### **EARLY SPRING CONVENTION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Mar 12 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

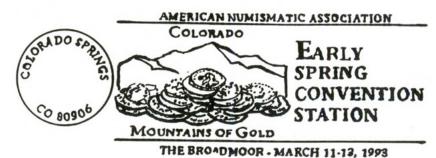
**Confirmed types of postal markings** 

COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80906 :: EARLY / SPRING / CONVENTION / STATION Mar 12 1993

CI 10P 25.0

Pict Scene - Mountains and coins; text - AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION / COLORADO/ MOUNTAINS OF GOLD / THE BROADMOOR - MARCH 11-13, 1993

#### COLORADO SPRINGS - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued **EARLY SPRING CONVENTION – Continued**



#### MIDWINTER CONVENTION STATION

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

Feb 18 1982

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Operated as a Special Commemorative Station 4th Midwinter convention Broadmoor Hotel

Feb 23 1984 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station 6th Midwinter convention Broadmoor Hotel

Mar 3 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station 11th Midwinter convention Broadmoor Hotel

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80906 :: FOURTH / MIDYEAR / CONVENTION STATION

Feb 18 1982

CI 10P 26.0 Pict Scene - Broadmoor Hotel at left; Text - THE AMERICAN /

NUMISMATIC / ASSOCIATION // AT / THE BROADMOOR /

**FEBRUARY 18-21, 1982** 

2 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80906 :: SIXTH MIDWINTER / CONVENTION STATION

Feb 23 1984

CI 10P 26.0 Pict Scene - Broadmoor Hotel at left; Text - THE AMERICAN /

NUMISMATIC / ASSOCIATION // AT / THE BROADMOOR /

**FEBRUARY 23-26, 1984** 

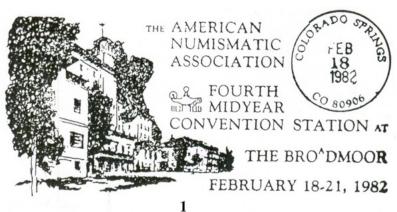
3 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80906 :: 11TH MIDWINTER / CONVENTION STATION

Mar 3 1989

CI 10P 26.0 Pict Scene - Broadmoor Hotel at right; Text - AMERICAN

NUMISMATIC / ASSOCIATION // AT / THE BROADMOOR /

March 3-5, 1989



### **COLORADO SPRINGS - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued MIDWINTER CONVENTION STATION**



#### AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 15-17 1962 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. // AMERICAN TOPICAL ASS'N. CONV. STA.

Jun 15 1962 Jun 16 1962

CI 10P 33.0

Hstp 4 bars

#### **BABY DOE STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 1 1983

**Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

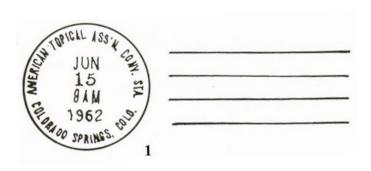
#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO // BABY DOE STATION / 80903

Aug 1, 1986

CI 10P 19.0

Pict Scene - Woman at left; Text - THE BALLAD OF BABY DOE / Colorado's Premier Opera / August 1-3, 1986





#### **COLORADO SPRINGS - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued**

#### BALLOON CLASSIC STATION

Over the years the special station for this event has operated under several different names, often depending upon the sponsor. They are all grouped together in the following section.

In addition, for the multiple days of the event, three situations have occurred with the postmark:

- 1. A single device, single design, with interchangeable dates was used.
- 2. A single design was used, but there were more than one device, each with a fixed date. In this situation each date has been assigned a sub-type number, but is not separately described.
- 3. Multiple designs, each with a fixed date were used.

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

Sep 3-5 1988	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 2-4 1989	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Aug 31 - Sep 2 1991	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 6 1992	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 5 1993	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 5 1994	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### CABLEVISION BALLOON CLASSIC STATION

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

Sep 4 1995	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Aug 31 - Sep 2 1996	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### **BALLOON CLASSIC STATION**

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

Aug 30 - Sep 1 1997	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 4-6 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 2-4 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 1-3 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Aug 31 - Sep 2 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### COLORADO BALLOON CLASSIC STATION

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

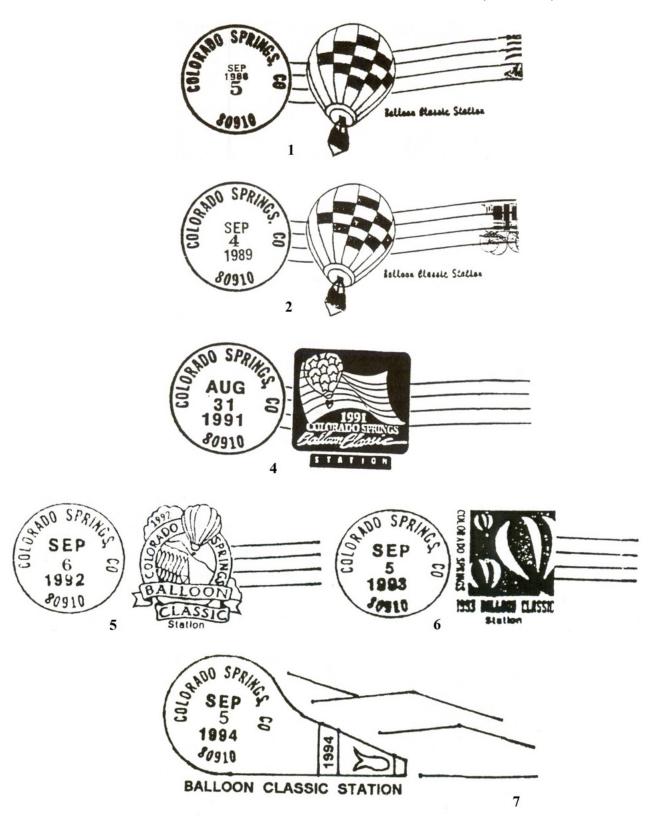
Aug 30 - Sep 1 2003	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 4-6 2004	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 3-5 2005	<b>Operated as a Special Commemorative Station</b>

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80910 :: Balloon Classic Station	Sep 5 1988
	CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - Balloon in flight	
2	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80910 :: Balloon Classic Station	Sep 4 1989
	CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - Balloon in flight	
4	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80910 :: Balloon Classic / STATION	Aug 31 1991
	CI 10P 29.0	Pict Scene - Balloon with flag; To	ext - 1991 / COLORADO SPRINGS /
		Balloon Classic; 4 thin bars	
5	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	/ 80910 :: BALLOON / CLASSIC / Static	on Sep 6 1992
	CI 10P 28.0	Pict Scene - Balloon, USAF Acad	lemy, banners; Text - 1992 /
		COLORADO SPRINGS / B.	ALLOON / CLASSIC; 4 bars at right
6	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	/ 80910 :: 1993 BALLOON CLASSIC	Sep 5 1993

CI 10P 30; Pict Scene - Black square with negative balloons; Text - COLORADO SPRINGS at left, 1993 BALLOON CLASSIC / Station beneath

7 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: BALLOON CLASSIC STATION Sep 5 1994 IR 00R 110.0x36.0 Pict Scene - Hot air balloon on side, mountains; Text: 1994



8 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: BALLOON CLASSIC / STATION Sep 4 1995 CI 10P 29.0 Pict Scene - Row of balloons and 19/95; COLORADO SPRINGS / CABLEVISION

9.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: Colorado Springs / CABLEVISION / BALLOON /

CLASSIC / Station Aug 31 1996 Sep 2 1996

CI 10P 29.0 Pict Scene - balloon in clouds, ribbon with text: 20th Anniversary

- 9.2 Same as 9.1, date of September 1 1996
- 9.3 Same as 9.1, date of September 2 1996









### **COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued BALLOON CLASSIC STATION – Continued**

10.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: STATION

Aug 30 1997 Sep 1 1997

CI 10F 27.0

Pict Scene - Hot air balloons over mountain scene; Text: COLORADO SPRINGS /BALLOON / CLASSIC 97. The cds is enclosed within a hot air balloon

- 10.2 Same as 10.1, date of August 31 1997
- 10.3 Same as 10.1, date of September 1 1997
- 12.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: COLORADO SPRINGS / BALLOON CLASSIC / STATION

Sep 4 1999 Sep 6 1999

CI 10P 28.0

Pict Scene - Three balloons, mountain profile, LARGE "99".

- 12.2 Same as 12.1, date of September 5 1999
- 12.3 Same as 12.1, date of September 6 1999
- 13.1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: BALLOON / CLASSIC / STATION

Sep 2 2000 Sep 4 2000

IR 00R 76.0x30.0

Pict Scene - Symbolic mountains and balloons; Text - COLORADO SPRINGS 2000

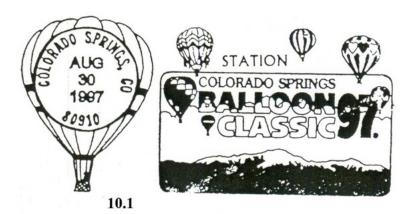
- 13.2 Same as 13.1, date of September 3 2000
- 13.3 Same as 13.1, date of September 4 2000
- 14.1 Colorado Springs, CO 80910 :: COLORADO SPRINGS BALLOON CLASSIC / STATION

Sep 1 2001 Sep 3 2001

IR 00R 80.0X28.0

Pict Scene - Balloon, 25th Anniversary logo: Text - 1977 2001

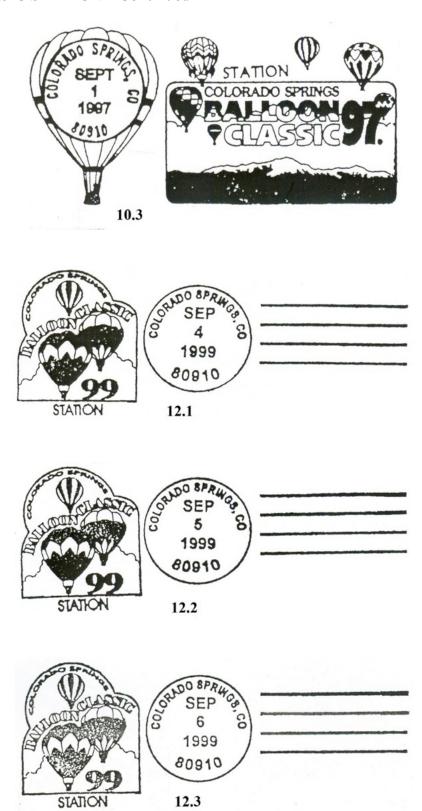
- 14.2 Same as 14.1, date of September 2 2001
- 14.3 Same as 14.1, date of September 3 2001

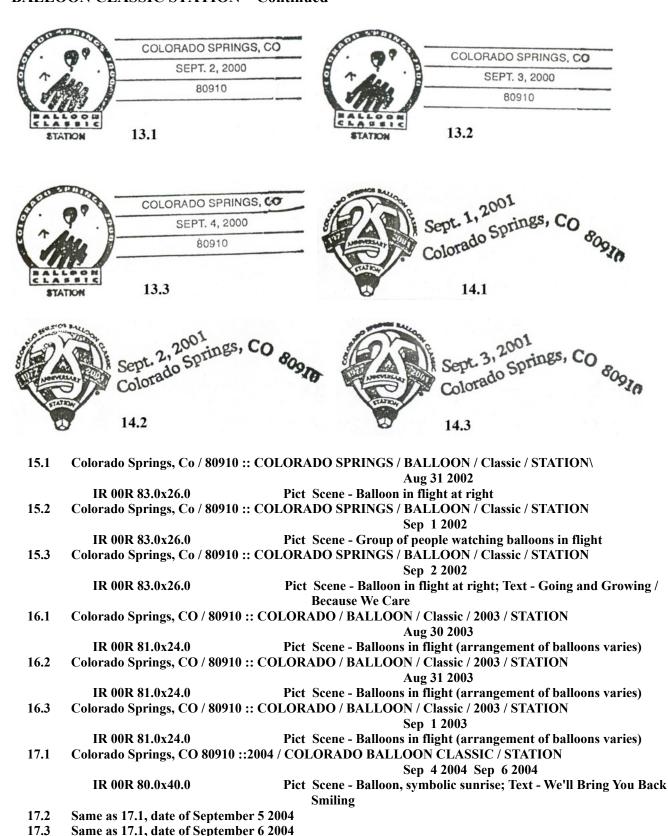


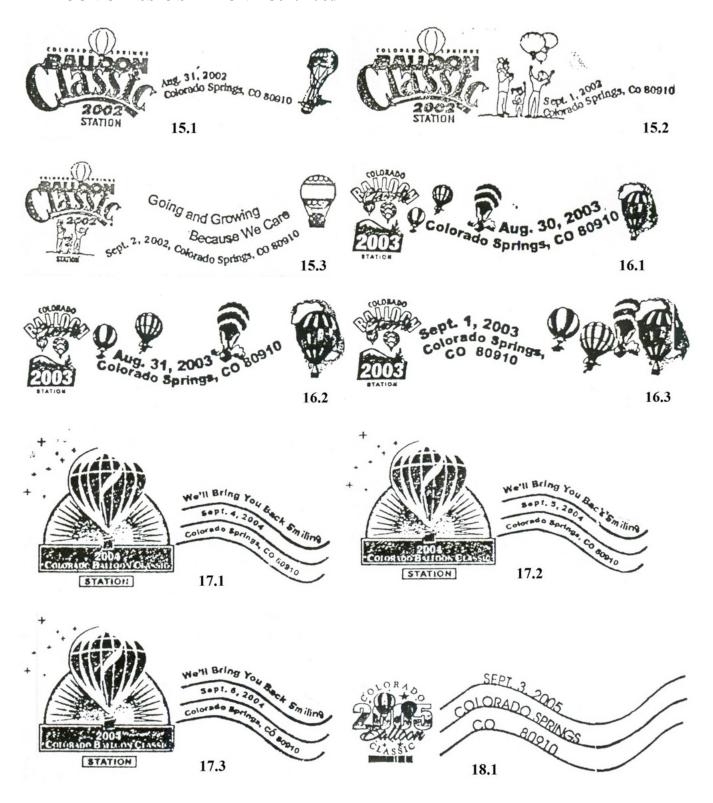




# COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued BALLOON CLASSIC STATION – Continued









18.1 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80910 :: COLORADO / 2005 /Balloon / CLASSIC

Sep 3 2005

IR 00R 83.0x25.0 Pict Scene – No balloon below wavy lines

18.2 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80910 :: COLORADO / 2005 / Balloon / CLASSIC

Sep 4 2005

IR 00R 83.0x25.0 Pict Scene – Striped balloon below wavy lines

18.3 COLORADO SPRINGS / CO 80910 :: COLORADO / 2005 / Balloon / CLASSIC

Sep 5 2005

IR 00R 83.0x25.0 Pict Scene – Solid topped balloon below wavy lines

#### CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 7 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 // Celebrate the Century Station

Jun 7 2000 Jun 7 2000

SL 00R 99.0x2.5

Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- / The Life of a Century



June 7, 2000 - Celebrate the Century Station, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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#### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ROAD TRIP STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 2 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO / 80903 :: DECLARATION OF / INDEPENDENCE / Road Trip Station
Jun 2 2003

CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Stylized flag with station name as the field of stars

### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ROAD TRIP STATION – Continued

#### **DENVER & LEADVILLE RPO STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 21 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

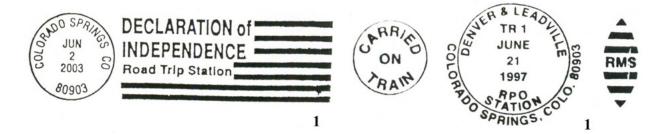
Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80903 // (DENVER & LEADVILLE / TR 1 / RPO / STATION)

Jun 21 1997 Jun 21 1997

CI 01R 35.5/29.5

Pict Scene - oval grid with RMS at right; CARRIED ON TRAIN in 20mm circle at left



### 50TH ANNIVERSARY STATION [17th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron]

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 19 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80910-9998 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY STATION

Sep 19 1992

IR 00R 75.0X33.0

Pict Scene - various emblems; Text - 17TH PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



#### GRASSROOTS SUMMIT STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Oct 5 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs CO 80903 // Grassroots Summit Station Oct 5 1996
IR 00R 96.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Mountain profile with city skyline, tree planting; Text -

Japan -- America

#### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

#### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 16 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80910 :: HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED / STATION

Aug 16 1999

CI 10P 35.0

Pict Scene - Symbolic waving flag and Station in 65.0x35.0 mm box

#### INAUGURATION OF PHILATELIC STORE

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 7 1972 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

This may have been a Special Temporary Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO // U.S.P.S. :: INAUGURATION / OF / PHILATELIC STORE

Jul 7 1972 Jul 7 1972

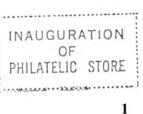
CI 10P 26.0

Pict Text only - INAUGURATION / OF / PHILATELIC STORE in dotted rectangle 35x19mm









#### KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 30 2003 Established as a Station of Colorado Springs

Confirmed types of postal markings

Colorado Springs, CO / 80903 // Korean War Veterans Memorial Station Jul 30 2003 Jul 30 2003 IR 00R 105.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Waving flags, soldiers in profile;

On special commemorative envelope



#### COLORADO SPRINGS - SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS - Continued

#### LEGENDS OF BASEBALL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 17 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

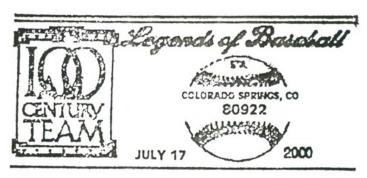
Confirmed types of postal markings

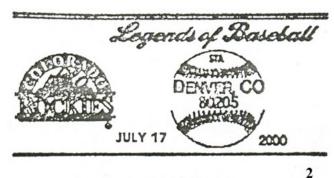
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80922 // Legends of Baseball / STA. Jul 17 2000

IR 00R 92.0x40.0 Pict Scene - All Century Team Logo at left, baseball DENVER, CO / 80205 // Legends of Baseball / STA. Jul 17 2000

IR 00R 82.0x37.0 Pict Scene - Colorado Rockies Logo at left, baseball (Used at Colorado

Springs, but only Denver is named in the postmark)





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#### LIMON & FALCON R.P.O. STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 2 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs, CO 80001 // Limon & Falcon R.P.O. Station May 2 1987

CI 10P 28.5

Pict Scene - Rock Island emblem, Limon & Falcon RPO cancel; Text - 77 Years



#### NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 14 2004 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 :: National World War II / Memorial Station Jun 14 2004

CI 10P 29.0 Pict Text only - National World War II / Memorial Station (within three

thin bars)

#### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY STATION [Widefield VFW Post 8149]

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 9 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs CO 80911-2640 // 100th Anniversary Station Sep 9 1999

IR 00R 49.0x49.0 Pict Scene - VFW Anniversary logo; Text - Widefield VFW Post No 8149 / WE'D DO ANYTHING FOR THIS COUNTRY

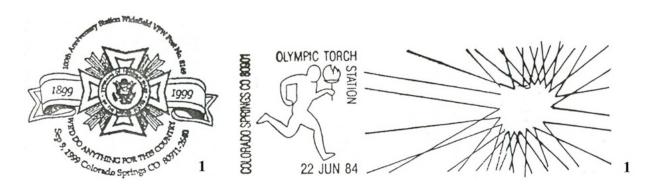
**OLYMPIC TORCH STATION** 

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 22 1984 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80901 / OLYMPIC TORCH / STATION Jun 22 1984 RC 00R 31.0x31.0 Pict Scene - Runner with torch in center, 'laser' burst at right



### AIR FORCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY STATION (Peterson AFB)

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 18 1977 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 PETERSON AFB, COLORADO 80914 // AIR FORCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY STATION Sep 18 1997

IR 00R 47.0x45.0

Pict Scene - Head of eagle, rocket and satellite; No text (CDS data forms partial circle around scene.



#### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

#### PIONEERS MUSEUM STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 15 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903 / PIONEERS MUSEUM STATION May 15 1992
CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Monoplane in box with text - THIRD
ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM / C.A.L./ N-X-211
COLLECTORS SOCIETY



#### PURPLE HEART STATION

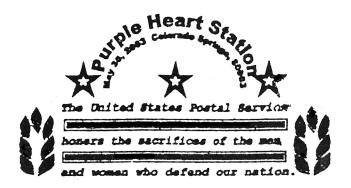
**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 30 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs, 80903 // Purple Heart Station May 30 2003 IR 00R 81.0x42.0 Pict Scene - Ornaments and stars

Pict Scene - Ornaments and stars; text - The United States Postal Service / honors the sacrifices of the men / and women who defend our nation.



### **SOCOPEX STATION** [Southern Colorado Philatelic Exhibition]

Over the years the special station for this event has operated under somewhat differing names, They are all grouped together in the following section.

In addition, for the multiple days of the event, two situations have occurred with the postmark:

- 1. A single device, single design, with interchangeable dates was used.
- 2. A single design was used, but there was more than one device, each with a fixed date. In this situation each date has been assigned a sub-type number, but is not separately described.

# ${\bf COLORADO\ SPRINGS-SPECIAL\ COMMEMORATIVE\ STATIONS-Continued\ SOCOPEX\ STATION}$

Chronology	of	the	Post	Office
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Oct 10-11 1970	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
	Location: Rustic Hills Shopping Center (1970-1983)
Oct 16-17 1971	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 14-15 1972	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 13-14 1973	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 9-10 1974	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 8- 9 1975	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 6-71976	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 22-23 1977	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 4- 5 1978	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 20-21 1979	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 8-91980	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 7-81981	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 6-71982	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 4- 5 1983	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 3-41984	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
	Location: Pioneer Plaza; 1179 North circle Drive
Nov 9-10 1985	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
	Location: Outlet Center; 1179 North Circle Drive
Nov 8-91986	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
	Location: Rustic Hills Mall; Academy Boulevard and Palmer Park
Oct 31-Nov 1 19	87 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Nov 5- 6 1988	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 7-8 1989	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 20-21 1990	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 19-20 1991	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 3-4 1992	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 16-17 1993	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 15-16 1994	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 5-16 1996	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 7-8 1998	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 16-17 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 21-22 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 20-21 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 19-20 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
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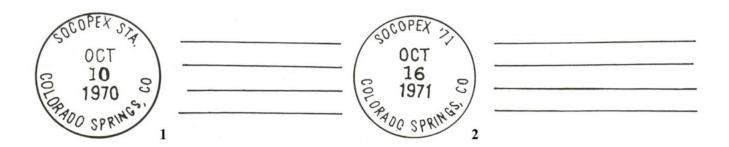
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	CI 10P 33.0	Hstp 4 thin bars			
2	COLORADO SPRINGS	, CO // SOCOPEX '71.	Oct 16 1971	Oct 17 1971	
	CI 10P 33.0	Hstp 4 thin bars			
3	COLORADO SPRINGS	, CO // SOCOPEX STATION // 8	0909	Oct 14 1972 Oct 15 1972	
	CI 10P 32.5	Pict Scene - Balance	ed Rock; text	- BALANCED ROCK /	
		GARDEN OF T	THE GODS		
4	COLORADO SPRINGS	, CO 80909 // SOCOPEX STATIO	ON	Oct 13 1973 Oct 14 1973	
	CI 10P 35.0	Pict Scene - Summi	t of Pikes Pea	k; text - PIKES PEAK OR BUS	ST
5	COLORADO SPRINGS	, CO 80909 // SOCOPEX STATIO	ON	Nov 9 1974 Nov 10 1974	
	CI 10P 35.0	Pict Scene - Seal of	Colorado Col	llege; Text - COLORADO COL	LEGE
		/ FOUNDED 18	<b>374</b>		

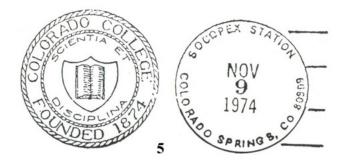
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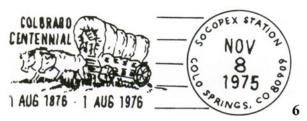
COLO SPRINGS, CO 80909 // SOCOPEX STATION Nov 8 1975 Nov 9 1975 CI 10P 27.0 Pict Scene - Covered wagon with ox team Text - COLORADO / **CENTENNIAL / 1 AUG 1859 - 1 AUG 1959** Oct 22 1977 Oct 23 1977 8 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '77 STATION Pict Scene - Locomotive to left of CDS 9 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '78 STATION Nov 4 1978 Nov 5 1978 Pict Scene - Trapper Mountain Man with rifle CI 10P 39.0 COLO. SPRGS., CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '79 STATION Oct 20 1979 Oct 20 1979 10 Pict Scene - Mountains; Text - PIKES PEAK CI 10P 26.5 COLO. SPRGS., CO 80917 // SOCOPEX '80 STATION Nov 8 1980 Nov 9 1980 11 Pict Scene - crossed miners shovel and pick CI 10P 31.0

12 COLO. SPGS., CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '81 STATION Nov 7 1981 CI 10P 25.0 Pict Scene - Space Shuttle

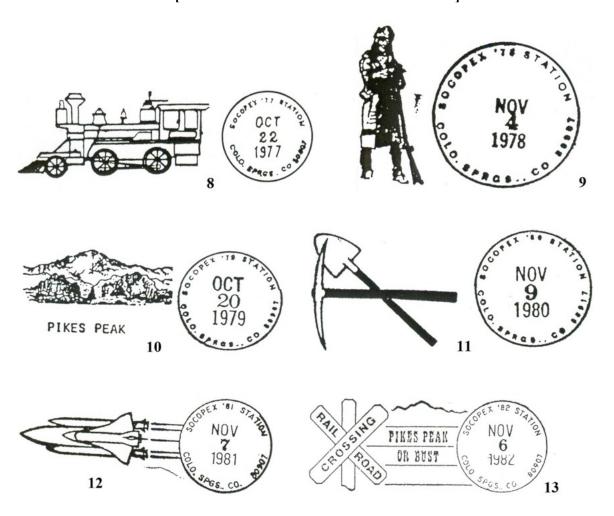








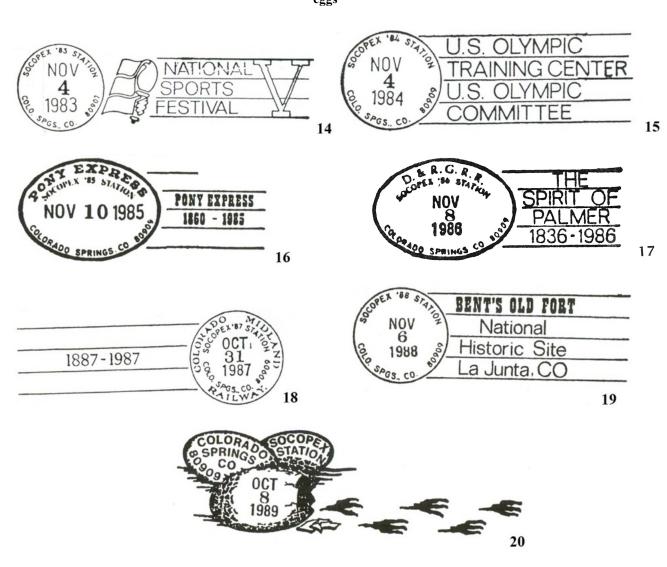
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13	COLO. SPGS., CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '82 STATION		Nov 6 1982 Nov 7 1982		
	CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Railroad Crossing sign, mountain outline; bars -				
		Text RAIL ROAD / CR	OSSING :: PIKES PEAK / OR BUST		
14	4 COLO. SPGS., CO 80907 // SOCOPEX '83 STATION Nov 4 1983 Nov 6 1983				
		Pict Scene - Torch, bars, larg	Pict Scene - Torch, bars, large "V" (for 5); Text - NATIONAL/		
	SPORTS / FESTIVAL				
15	COLO. SPGS., CO 80909 // S	OCOPEX '84 STATION	Nov 3 1984 Nov 4 1984		
	CI 10P 26.5		PIC / TRAINING CENTER / U.S.		
	OLYMPIC / COMMITTEE				
16	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80909 // SOCOPEX '85 STATION	Nov 9 1985 Nov 10 1985		
	OV 10P 37.0x27.0	Pict Text only - PONY EXPI	RESS (at top of oval), PONY EXPRESS /		
		1860-1985 (in bars at rig	ght)		
17	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	80909 // SOCOPEX '86 STATION	Nov 8 1986 Nov 9 1986		
	OV 10P 37.0x27.0	Pict Text only - D.& R.G.R.R. (at top of cds), THE / SPIRIT OF /			
PALMER / 1836-1986 (in 1			in bars at right)		
18	COLO. SPGS., CO. 80909 // S				
	CI 10P 24.0	Pict Text only - 1887-1987 in	bars at left, COLORADO MIDLAND /		
	RAILWAY. as outer portion of the cds				
19	COLO. SPGS., CO. 80909 // S	SOCOPEX '88 STATION			
	CI 10P 24.5	Pict Text only in bars - BEN	T'S OLD FORT / National / Historic Site /		
		La Junta, CO			

## COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued SOCOPEX STATION [Southern Colorado Philatelic Exhibition] – Continued

20 COLORADO / SPRINGS / CO / 80909 / SOCOPEX / STATION Oct 7 1989 Oct 8 1989
IR 00R 90.0x25.0 Pict Scene - Dinosaur eggs and tracks; T,S, etc superimposed on the



21.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / SOCOPEX STATION / CO 80909		Oct 20 1990 Oct 21 1990		
21.2					
	IR 00R 82.0x25.0	Pict Scene - Spiral of stars inclu-	des CDS, Text - HUBBLE SPACE		
	TELESCOPE EYE IN THE SKY				
22.1	COLORADO SPRINGS / CO / 80809	9 :: SOCOPEX STATION	Oct 19 1991 Oct 20 1991		
22.2					
	IR 00r 76.0x22.0	Pict Scene - Three circular embl	ems; Text - ANA / CENTENNIAL		
23.1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80209	// SOCOPEX STATION	Oct 3 1992 Oct 4 1992		
23.2					
	OV 10P 20.0x18.0 Pict Scene - Columbus ship under sail				
24.1	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80909	:: SOCOPEX STATION	Oct 16 1993 Oct 17 1993		
24.2	,				
	SL 00R 51.0x20.0	Pict Scene - American flag: scrip	ot text - Thy Liberty In Law, withou		

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25.1	Colorado Springs, CO 80909 // SOCOPEX STATION		Oct 15 1994 Oct 16 1994		
25.2					
	SL 00R 92.0x35.0	Pict Scene - Camp Carson, Colo. duplex postmark (reproduction)			
27.1	COLO. SPGS., CO 80920 // SO	COPEX 96 STATION	Oct 5 1996 Oct 6 1996		
27.2	,				
	CI 10F 27.0	Pict Scene - CDS is a "Dream catcher"; spear and 2 thin bars at right; Text - NATIVE / AMERICANS			
28.1	COLORADO SPRINGS CO / 809	04 :: SOCOPEX / STATION	Nov 7 1998 Nov 8 1998		
28.2			1101 7 1220 1101 0 1220		
	CI 11H 34.0/20.0	Pict Scene - small witch on broomstick: Text - Station name at right			
	with 4 bars and text; Nov 7-8, 1998				
29.1					
	COLORADO SI KINGS, CO 8030	14 // SOCOLEX STATION	Ott 10 1999 Ott 17 1999		
29.2	IR 00R 94.0x40.0 Pict Scene - VFW Anniversary Logo: Text - HONORING 100TH				
	IK 00K 94.0X40.0	Pict Scene - VFW Anniversary Logo; Text - HONORING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF / VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 100th			
	Anniversary / We'd Do Anything For This Country				
30.1	COLO SPGS. CO // SOCOPEX '(	00 STATION :: 80904	Oct 21 2000 Oct 22 2000		
30.2					
	IR 00R 60.0X30.0	Pict Scene - Planet Saturn, 3 TELESCOPE /1990-2000	thin bars at right; Text - HUBBLE / 0		
31.1	Colo Sprgs CO 80907 // SOCOPE	X '01 Station	Oct 20 2001 Oct 21 2001		
31.2	1 3				
	CI 10P 35.0	Pict Scene - Woman in chair,	within cds; Text - Amish / Quilts		
32.1	Colo Sprgs CO 80907 // SOCOPE		Oct 19 2002 Oct 20 2002		
32.2	Out of a control of the control of t				
02.2	OV 00R 46.0X32.0	Pict Scene - Eagle flight; Text BIRDS	t, in 3 thin bars at right: AMERICAN /		

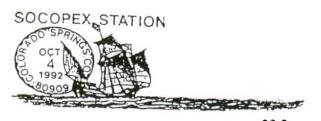




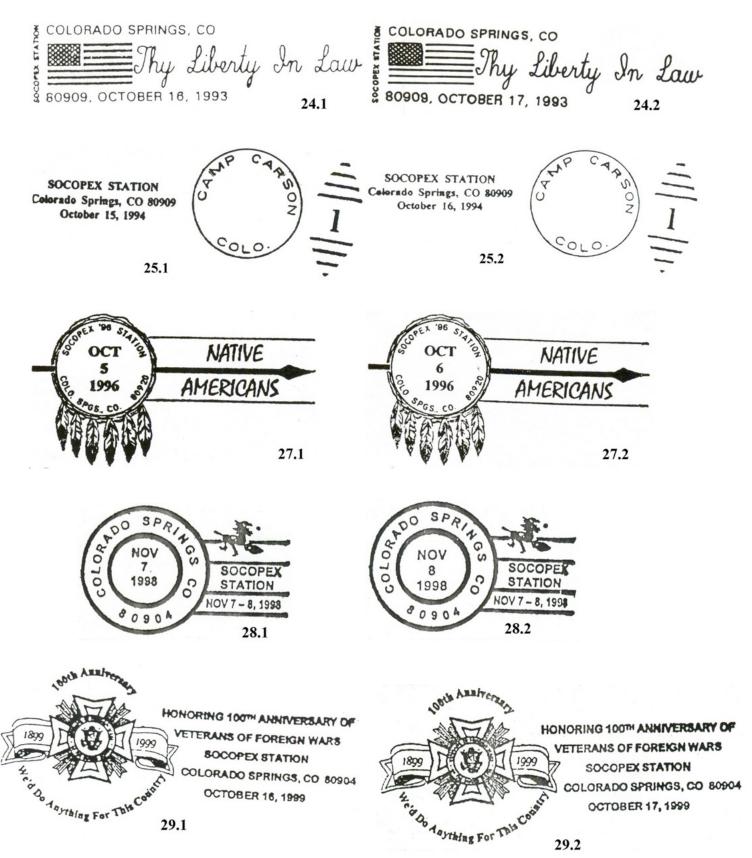




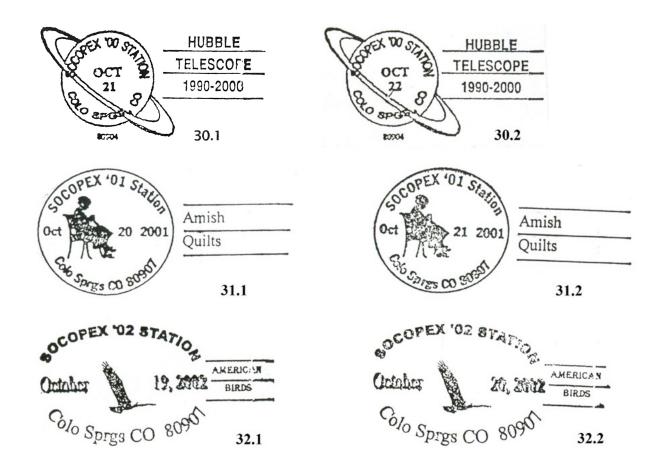




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# **COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued SOCOPEX STATION [Southern Colorado Philatelic Exhibition] – Continued**



# THE BLACKSHEAR GALLERY STATION

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 1 1997

**Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

### Confirmed types of postal markings

COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80906 // THE / BLACKSHEAR / GALLERY / STATION Oct 1 1997

SL 00R 105.0x38.0

Pict Scene - wavy lines at each side; Text at top - CLASSIC MOVIE MONSTERS (Mr. Blackshear was one of the designers of the stamps)



#### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

# THINKING DAY STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Feb 20 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station Feb 19 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

# Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Colorado Springs / CO 80906 :: Thinking Day Station Feb 20 1999

IR 00R 75.0x46.0 Pict Scene - Globe and Girl Scout emblem; Text - Wagon Wheel /

Council GSUSA

2 Colorado Springs / CO 80906 :: Thinking Day Station Feb 19 2000

IR 00R 72.0x48.0 Pict Scene - Globe and Girl Scout emblem; Text - Wagon Wheel / Council GSUSA





# U.S.A.F.A. MEMORIAL WALL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 19 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 80840 // USAFA MEMORIAL WALL STATION Jun 19 1987

SL 00R 49.0x13.0

Pict Scene - Air Force emblems, P-38 fighter; Text - PLAQUE DEDICATION; 17TH PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SOUADRON



# **COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued**

# **WAL\*MART 80905 STATION [ZIP 80905]**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

**Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80905 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999 CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



# **WAL\*MART 80909 STATION [ZIP 80909]**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

**Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80909 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999 CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



# **WAL\*MART 80920 STATION [ZIP 80920]**

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

**Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO / 80920 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999 CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



#### COLORADO SPRINGS – SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

### WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 27 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, U.S.A. 80910 / 1986 WORLD CYCLING / CHAMPIONSHIPS Aug 27 1986

IR 101.0x43.0

Pict Scene - Cyclist; Text - 27 AUGUST - 7 SEPTEMBER / 1986 WORLD CYCLING / CHAMPIONSHIPS / STATION



#### **CRAGMOR**

Cragmor was founded in 1906 when Dr. Edwin S. Sally established the Cragmor Sanatorium. Reportedly the name was chosen to represent the physical site, at the base of the Austin Bluffs: "where the 'crags' and the 'moor' meet". It is not clear what kind of a sanatorium was operated here. It has been referred to as an asylum and one source referred to it as the "Asylum of the Gilded Pill," whatever that might mean.

The post office was closed at the end of 1935 and sanatorium ceased operations prior to the 1940's. The presence on file of a Geographic Site Location Report dated in November 1936 indicates there might have been an attempt to reopen a post office at Cragmor.

The site of Cragmor was at the foot of the Austin Bluffs in the northeastern corner of Colorado Springs. Much of the site is now part of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Campus.

Exit Interstate 25 at the Garden of the Gods exit. Drive east to Nevada Avenue (US 85/87) and turn south. Go to Mountview and then turn east to Cragmor Road. Cragmor Road intersects Austin Bluffs Parkway and the college campus is north of the Parkway. Now a suburb of Colorado Springs the area is one of residences of mixed age and of small businesses.

References to this location and the sanatorium have used a variety of spellings: Cragmoor, Cragmore and Cragmor. To date, the observed postmarks are spelled Cragmor.

Latitude = 38:53:26 North Longitude = 104:47:40 West CRAGMOR SANATARIUM

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

Feb 5 1927 Established Sanatorium at Colorado Springs

Feb 5 1927 Feldon, George H.

Jul 1 1928 Office made Presidential

Dec 10 1928 Feldon, George H. Confirmed

#### **CRAGMOR - Continued**

Jan 23 1934	Averill, Julio C.	Nominated
Feb 1 1934	Averill, Julio C.	Confirmed
Feb 26 1934	Averill, Julio C.	Commissioned
Aug 2 1934	Averill, Julio C.	Confirmed
Sep 13 1934	Averill, Julio C.	Commissioned
Nov 22 1936	NW/4 Sec 29 T13S R66W	1-1/2 miles east of Monument Creek

1 mile east of A.T.& S.F. Railroad

Applicant for postmaster - George H. Jelton (?)

A map at this point shows CRAGMORE in the NW/4 SE/4 Sec 30 TR???

NOTE: Apparently there was an attempt to reestablish the Cragmor Post Office

Dec 31 1935 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CRAGMOR / COLO. Nov 20 1927 Aug 15 1930 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x19mm

2 CRAGMOR, COLO. Jan 27 1934 Aug 29 1934 or 1935 as traced? CI 10P 30.0 4bars P-24x19mm



#### **CROWS ROOST**

Crows Roost was another in the group of rural post offices in the area south of Colorado Highway 94 and southwest of Yoder. The other post offices in the area were Drennan/Hibbard, Gleneath, Squirrel Creek and Hanover, somewhat further to the south. This description is confirmed by a statement on the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report.

There are multiple ways to reach this site. Coming from the north, I would choose Peyton Highway south from Colorado 94, six miles to Drennan Road then east four miles to Ellicott Highway. The site of Crows Roost plots in the northwest corner of this intersection. There is nothing at that location and no sign of anything having been there. A short distance south of the intersection, on the west side of Ellicott Highway there is an old abandoned building and some trees and that is all there is to be seen in the immediate vicinity of the claimed location.

From this site, you could continue south to Squirrel Creek Road, turn east to observe the Squirrel Creek site, then back west towards the Gleneath site. If you should set out on an excursion to visit the Post Office Sites in this portion of El Paso County, I suggest obtaining a copy of the USGS El Paso County Topographic Map (Sheet four). Plot the locations and then plan a travel route. There are many roads in the area and with careful planning you should be able to construct an efficient route to the sites. Beware that as development is spreading east into this portion of El Paso County, there may be new roads and some old ones may have been closed off.

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 4 1913 Established Ranch post office

Nov 4 1913 Finney, Ruth R.

Jul 31 1916 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

#### **CROWS ROOST – Continued**

May 19 1918 --- SE/4 Sec 12 T15S R63W One mile west of Squirrel Creek

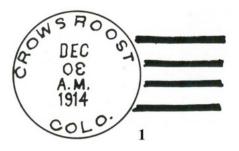
Sketch map places it in the SW/4 SE/4 of section 12 Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Ruth R. Finney

NOTE: Apparently there was an attempt to reestablish the Crows Nest Post Office

# Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CROWS ROOST / COLO. CI 10P 33.0 Dec 30 1914

4bars S-24x20mm



#### **CURTIS**

The initial history of Curtis is related to the Curtis Coal Mine which was in the area north of Colorado Springs and south of the Austin Bluffs. W. W. Curtis, a Colorado Springs financier, opened the mine in August of 1899. The community and the post office took their names from Mr. Curtis and the Curtis Mine.

Ray Shaffer, in *A Guide to Places on the Colorado Prairie* reports the following: "Papetown (platted town) was established when the Curtis Coal Mine which was one-half mile from the site of Papetown had labor disputes. The white strikers at the Curtis Mine became enraged at the use of black strike breakers and moved from the mine to the site of Papetown. Page and Kent filed a town plat for Papetown May 13, 1901. The site of Papetown was just north of Colorado Springs." I have found nothing else about this event and I suspect that any such settlement was short-lived.

Assuming that you have just followed the directions to Cragmor, you are now close to the location of the early twentieth century post office named Curtis. At the point where Cragmor Road intersects the Austin Bluffs Parkway, there is a side street, Acacia Drive that soon becomes Hancock Avenue. That street leads to Portal Park on the north side of the Templeton Gap Floodway. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the Curtis Post Office in the area uphill from the park and likely somewhere along Hancock Avenue.

As with the neighboring site of Cragmor, Curtis has been swallowed up by Colorado Springs and is a suburb with a few small businesses and residences of mixed age. There are two pleasant parks, Danville and Portal, within the area.

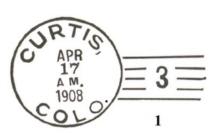
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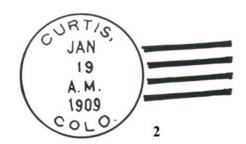
Sep 2 1901 --- SW/4 SE/4 Sec 29 T13S R66W
Proposed postmaster - David C. Pease
Oct 15 1901 Established
Oct 15 1901 Peace, David C.
Mar 18 1905 Dawson, Arthur E.
Dawson, Arthur E.
SW/4 SE/4 Sec 29 T13S R66W
Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

**CURTIS** – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CURTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0 2 CURTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0 Jul 17 1907 Apr 17 1908 Doane Type 1, with 3 ??x12mm Nov 7 1908 Apr 2 1913 4bars S-??x14mm





### **DRAGOO**

Even with extensive reading of historical literature related to Colorado I have not found any reference to a place with this name in Colorado. Only the Post Office Department records make a case for the short existence of a post office named Dragoo.

The first and only postmaster at Dragoo was John L. Dragoo; therefore, I assume the post office took his name.

According to the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports the site of Dragoo was two miles west of Edison Road, on Neely Road, in the southeast corner of El Paso County. Edison road starts at Colorado Highway 94, three miles west of Rush and 4 miles east of Yoder. Neely Road is fifteen miles south from Colorado 94 and seven miles north of the El Paso-Pueblo County line.

Going west two miles on Neely Road from Edison Road I found nothing visible at the specified location. I began to suspect that the claimed location might be in error. However, a short distance east of the claimed site I did observe the remnants of a very old corral, a concrete foundation and other debris. Perhaps that was the location of Dragoo.

If indeed the claimed location is in error, there is another possibility. At the intersection of Neely and Edison Roads there is a community known as Edison. At that location there are a couple of buildings on the east side of the road and a fairly new, modest sized elementary school on the west side of Edison Road. Perhaps the Dragoo Post Office was here. In 1912 there was an Edison Post Office in Kern County California and therefore the Post Office Department would have rejected Edison as a name for a post office in Colorado.

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

Jan 18 1915 --- NE/4 Sec 34 T16S R61W

Applicant for postmaster - John L. Dragoo

Apr 19 1915 Established

Apr 19 1915 Dragoo, John L.

Aug 15 1916 Discontinued Mail to Yoder

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 DRAGOO, / COLO. Aug 9 1915 CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm

#### **DRAGOO – Continued**



# **DRENNAN**

Drennan is another of the many post offices in El Paso County that are described as, "rural post offices." This one is different from most of the others. It was not an independent post office; rather it was a Rural Branch of Colorado Springs. Also, it lasted far longer, nearly thirty years, than did the other remote offices.

The Post Office Department Records raise some question as to the origin of the Drennan Post Office. The earliest Geographic Site Location Report was filed under the name of Hibbard. That name was crossed out and Drennan was written in. The next Site Location Report is dated February 8, 1922 and was specifically for Drennan. From then on it seems definite that the office was in operation as a Rural Station of Colorado Springs until it was closed in 1951.

I think there is a good chance that the office did not open as Hibbard and possibly it opened as Drennan prior to 1922.

To reach the locations of Drennan and Hibbard, start on Colorado Highway 94 and drive south on Peyton Highway six miles to Drennan Road. The 1922 location for Drennan was in the northeast quarter section at the intersection. The 1920 location for Hibbard was about one and a half miles east of Peyton Highway on the north side of Drennan Road.

At the 1920 location I found no visible evidence of habitation, which could support the thought that Hibbard never operated.

At the 1922 location there is a relatively modern building and some other older buildings in the general area.

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

Aug 10 1920 --- SE/4 SW/4 Sec 10 T15S R63W

Feb 8 1922 --- SW/4 Sec 9 T15S R63W Reed corner is 1-1/2 miles west of office -----1922 Name changed from Hibbard Rural Station of Colorado Springs

Oct 5 1951 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

POSTAL MARKINGS FROM DRENNAN ARE DESCRIBED AND ILLUSTRATED WITH THE ENTRY FOR DRENNAN RURAL STATION FOLLOWING COLORADO SPRINGS

#### **EASTON**

The initial location of Easton was on Black Squirrel Creek some five miles southwest of the more familiar location on the route of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad. An early sawmill was built here and at first the settlement was known as Wier's Mill. In 1872 a post office was established and was located in the mill. It took the name of Easton. The mill was established by Jerome Weir and one report states that his son, Austin, was the first postmaster. However, the Post Office Department records show that the first postmaster was Jerome Weir not Austin.

#### **EASTON – Continued**

The name supposedly honors another local pioneer, John Easton.

Initially the economy was based on timber harvested from the Black Forest area on the Monument Divide that stretches east along the El Paso-Douglas/Elbert County line. This ridge divides the drainages of the South Platte and the Arkansas Rivers.

Gradually the raising of potatoes became an important source of income for the farmers and ranchers around Easton. By 1881 the Denver and New Orleans Railroad had built south into El Paso County and the residents of Easton realized that economic growth would pass them by. They made a decision to move the town. Easton was moved north and east to a location on the railroad. The choice of the new location was a small community that the railroad called McConnellsville.

When the move, including the post office took place, McConnellsville became Easton. As sometimes happened, the move may not have been formally reported to the Post Office Department and it was not until 1887 that a Site Location Report was filed showing the new location. By that time, the post office name had been changed to Eastonville, apparently to reduce confusion with another post office in Colorado - Eaton in Weld County.



EASTON, COLO. / J. M. Brazelton, P. M.

July 17, 1883

To reach the location of Easton, a suggested starting point is in Black Forest at the intersection of Shoup Road and Templeton Road. Drive south one mile to Burgess Road, turn east four miles to Goodson Road. Turn north one-half mile then turn east on Ayer Road one mile to Meridian Road. The original location of Easton was along Meridian Road in the section where it crosses Black Squirrel Creek. The Eastonville cemetery is on the east side of Meridian Road, a little more than a half mile north of Ayer Road. In 1993 there was one log building on the east side of Meridian Road and a short distance south of Black Squirrel Creek.

To go on to the second site of Easton and that of Eastonville, continue north on Meridian Road two and a half miles to Murphey Road. Turn east two miles to Eastonville Road, then north one mile. Eastonville Road makes an odd jog first east then north. In that northern stretch, Sweet Road goes east through Eastonville to Elbert Road.

#### **EASTON – Continued**

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

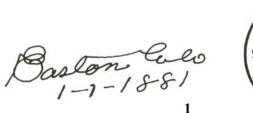
Apr 19 1872 --- NE/4 Sec 13 T12S R65W On the north side of Black Squirrel Creek

May 6 1872 Established May 6 1872 Weir, Jerome Jul 2 1873 Discontinued Jun 24 1874 Re-established Jun 24 1874 Weir, Jerome Aug 9 1875 Cornish, George J. Dec 27 1878 Cook, Mrs. Josephine May 24 1880 Goodrich, Jonathan Jul 14 1882 Barnard, Norman L. Oct 16 1882 Brazelton, John M. Sep 28 1883 Name changed to Eastonville

# Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Easton Colo Jan 1 1881
MS Mscp Cork, Large positive "E"

1 EASTON, COLO. / J.M.Brazelton, P.M. Jul 17 1883 Sep 15 1883 CI 10P 31.0 Hstp Target





# **EASTONVILLE**

In 1881 the community of Easton packed up and moved some five miles northeast to a location on the newly arrived Denver and New Orleans Railroad (Colorado and Southern). This move made good economic sense for the business of Easton as it greatly improved the transportation of their produce - timber and a rapidly expanding potato growing industry.

From 1881 to 1920 Eastonville was a flourishing community. Potatoes were the big crop with a lesser but still significant production of timber. Eastonville was also a shipping point for livestock from ranches in southern Elbert and northern El Paso Counties.

The most prosperous years were from 1900 to 1910. At that time a potato blight began to appear in the area and by 1920 the potato crop had diminished to almost nothing. In 1925 a flood swept through the town and many buildings were destroyed. A few years later the railroad ceased operations. Eastonville could not survive this series of calamities and the once flourishing town shrank to a small population in a few scattered houses. This was still the situation in 1993, but in the subsequent years the growing development along the Interstate 25 corridor from Denver to Colorado Springs has continued to spread eastward and population is returning to the area around old Eastonville.

Directions to the site of Eastonville are provided with the discussion of Easton.

Latitude = 39:03:40 North Longitude = 104:33:42 West

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

Sep 28 1883 Name changed from Easton Sep 28 1883 Brazelton, John M.

#### **EASTONVILLE – Continued**

Feb 15 1887 ---W/2 SE/4 Sec 28 T11S R64W 100 feet west of the Eastonville

Station of the Denver Texas & Gulf Railroad

Sep 30 1887 Hall, Frank B. Eddy, Warren Jul 3 1889 Apr 22 1890 Whitman, Albert B. Apr 21 1894 Barnett, Alva M. May 18 1898 Whitmore, Walter

Feb 27 1914 ---SW/4 SE/4 Sec 28 T11S R64W 1-1/2 miles south of East Kiowa Creek

Apr 22 1914 Meyer, Belle H. May 20 1914 Meyer, Leslie W. Apr 22 1915 Ragsdale, John H. Milan, Mrs. Alice J. Jun 10 1930 Sep 2 1930 Milan, Mrs. Alice J.

Confirmed Apr 20 1932 Ross, Mrs. Mabel L. Assumed charge

Apr 27 1932 Ross, Mrs. Mabel L. Acting

May 16 1932 Ordered closed

**Discontinued Mail to Peyton** May 11 1932

# Confirmed types of postal markings

EASTONVILLE / COLORADO Feb 11 1885 Mar 20 1885 CI 11P 32.0/17.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm, very rough outline 2 EASTONVILLE, / COLO

**SL 00R?** Hstp Not recorded Poor xerox, size uncertain, no date 3

Feb 21 1887 Apr 26 1894 EASTONVILLE / COL.

CI 10P 26.5 Hstp Target, smudged

4 EASTONVILLE / COLO. Jan 10 1896 Nov 4 1898

> CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Cork, Smudge

5 EASTONVILLE / COLO. Feb 3 1899 Nov 4 1900

CI 10P 27.0 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval

[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

EASTONVILLE, COLO. / REC'D. Oct 17 1899 6

CI 10P 28.0 6.1

EASTONVILLE, COLO. / REC'D.

CI 10P 29.0

7 EASTONVILLE / COLO

CI 10P 31.0

8 EASTONVILLE / COLO.

CI 10P 33.0

Hstp No killer

Sep 24 1906

Hstp No killer

Apr 21 1902 Nov 22 1914

Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval

Feb 12 1917 Dec 20 1920

4bars S-??x19mm



EASTONVILLE, COLO.

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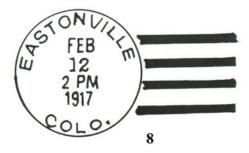








#### **EASTONVILLE – Continued**



# **EDGERTON**

Edgerton was primarily a railroad station and shipping point on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. A small community did develop but as the focus of railroad activity shifted south into Colorado Springs the town faded away. In recent years the area has been redeveloped with a number of modern, rural subdivisions. When Jim Ozment and I visited the area in the year 2000 we were unable to identify any structures that might have been present when the Edgerton Post Office was in operation. Edgerton was named for David Edgerton who homesteaded on Monument Creek.

The Edgerton Post Office was first located at Harlow Teachout's Edgerton House. The settlement was initially known as Monument, then Monument-Edgerton and finally Monument. The change in names was due to confusion in both postal and railroad affairs. By the time a post office was requested for this location there was already a Monument Post Office some ten miles to the north. At that location the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Station was known as Henry's Station. The railroad made the name changes. Henry's Station became Monument Station and the original Monument Station took the name of Edgerton.

The first location (1870) of Edgerton was adjacent to the very southernmost tip of the United States Air Force Academy Grounds. From Interstate 25, take the Woodmen Road exit and go one-half mile north on the frontage road on the west side of I-25. The area between the Academy boundary and Monument Creek is now one of modern homes.

The second location (1895) for the Edgerton Post Office was about one mile to the northwest of the 1870 site. This too is in an area that has been redeveloped as a modern, rural subdivision. From the Geographic Site Location Report description, it is possible that the site is now within the grounds of the Air Force Academy. To get an overview of the location, return to Woodmen Road and drive west about one mile. At Westwood Road, turn north from Woodmen Road into the subdivision on the north side of the Woodmen Road and work your way north and east as far as possible on the winding roads. The Edgerton site would have been to the northeast of the subdivision. You should have a view out over Monument Creek and towards housing within the Air Force Academy. No structures of the appropriate periods were observed at either of these locations.

In August of 1902 the Edgerton Post Office was closed and moved to Pikeview, a mile and a half south of the original location for Edgerton. A Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, dated August 8, 1901 is for a post office at the site of Pikeview. However, the Pikeview Post Office did not officially open until August 28, 1902. Thus, it appears that at some time, perhaps in June 1901 when Alfred R. Towles became the postmaster for Edgerton, the Edgerton Post Office was moved to Pikeview. Mr. Towles was the first postmaster for Pikeview.

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

Aug 1 1870 --- SE/4 Sec 6 T13S R66W About 100 feet west of Monument Creek

Jun 16 1870 Established

EDGERTON -	Continue	d
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Jun 16 1870 Teachout, Harlow M. Thompson, Charles H. Jun 6 1889 Nov 22 1889 Smith, William M. Meisenbach, William May 21 1895 Jun 7 1895 Discontinued Mail to Roswell NE/4 Sec 1 T13S R67W 1/2 mile east of Monument Creek 3/4 mile east of the Aug 1 1895 Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Proposed postmaster - James W. Green Sep 6 1895 Re-established Sep 6 1895 Green, Agnes A. Feb 6 1901 Kizer, Anna E. **Declined** Jun 10 1901 Towles, Alfred R. Moved to Pikeview Aug 28 1902



**Edgerton Col** 

August 24, (1872)

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1-A Edgerton Col Jan 23 1871 Dec 30 1875

MS Mscp Pen cancel

1-B Edgerton Colo Apr 17 1874 Sep 6 1875

MS Mscp Pen cancel EDGERTON, / COLO.

EDGERTON, / COLO. Feb 18 1889

CI 20P 32.0/29.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring 19mm

Espatra Color Edgetton Col. augg 1873 Edgerton Color 1-A 1-A 1-A 4/19-1874 1-B

#### **EDGERTON – Continued**



### EL PASO

El Paso was one of the earliest post offices and settlements along Fountain Creek north of Pueblo. It was in a somewhat sparsely populated area devoted to stock raising. El Paso was on the route of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad but did not develop as a community until the Denver and New Orleans Railroad (later named the Colorado and Southern) also built through the area. The El Paso Post Office was discontinued in 1893. In January 1895 a new post office was opened in the same quarter section but with the name Buttes.

The name El Paso is Spanish, "The Pass", and refers to Ute Pass, which was one of the important early routes that followed up Fountain Creek to go over the Front Range and into South Park.

Please refer to the discussion of Buttes for a description of the location and directions to the site.



EL PASO / COLO.

August 21, 1884

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

Sep 27 1862 --- Not reported Immediately on the Denver to Pueblo Route via Russellville 23 miles north of the Arkansas River

Oct 21 1862 Established

Oct 21 1862 Cotton, Oliver M.
Jan 19 1865 Night, Joseph P.
Jul 5 1867 Moore, Thomas S.
Apr 27 1868 Woodbury, James C.

#### **EL PASO – Continue**

Jan 28 1871 --- NE/4 Sec 4 T17S R65W On the east side of Fountain Qui Bouille Creek
Nov 18 1872 Lincoln, Andrew G.
Jan 2 1877 Irvine, Milton B.
Dec 6 1877 Ellington, Alpheus
Cotton, Oliver M.
Apr 16 1886 Cotten, Mrs. Nancy
Jul 11 1893 Discontinued Mail to Wigwam

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EL PASO / COLO.	Nov 5 186-
	CI 10P 24.5	Hstp No killer
2	EL PASO / COLO.	Feb 15 187- Oct 21 187-
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; Pen cancel; target
3	EL PASO / COLO.	Sep 21 188- Jan 5 1891(2?)
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target Different year dates on different cancels







# **ELLICOTT**

Ellicott was a rural post office east of Colorado Springs. It was named by and for English born George Henry Ellicott who was the postmaster. The original community was south of present day Colorado Highway 94 but as travel on that route increased, the business section of the community moved north one mile to the principal road.

Ellicott is located on Colorado Highway 94, nine miles west of Yoder at the intersection with Ellicott Highway. The present-day community of several homes and a few small businesses is scattered along a short stretch of the highway. The location of the post office was at the southwest corner of the section that lies in the southwest corner of the intersection. Drive south one mile on Ellicott Highway; turn west on Randle Road for one mile. There are some recent trailers and mobile homes in that area.

The Geographic Site Location Report of Ellicott is mis-filed under Teller County.

Latitude = 38:50:18 North Longitude = 104:23:11 West

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 11 1895	SW/4 Sec 13 T14S R63W	
	Proposed postmaster - Geo	orge Henry Ellicott
Apr 29 1895	Established	
Apr 29 1895	Ellicott, George H.	
May 10 1899	Ord, William D.	
Sep 11 1900	Shattuck, John	Order rescinded Oct 30 1900
Dec 1 1900	Ellicott, Harriet	
May 16 1899	Ord, William D.	
Mar 18 1903	SW/4 Sec 13 T14S R63W	2-1/2 miles west of Squirrel Creek
Feb 8 1909	Amdrews, Alice L.	
Nov 21 1913	Porter, Rhoda J.	
Jan 29 1916	Dangler, Russell A.	
Jul 31 1916	Discontinued Mail to Calhan	

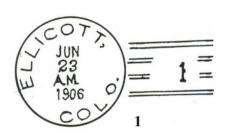
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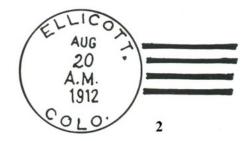
Confirmed types of postal markings

CI 10P 32.0

1 ELLICOTT, / COLO. CI 10P 27.5 2 ELLICOTT, / COLO. Apr 17 1905 Dec 23 1909 Doane Type 2, with 1; S-23x14mm Apr 5 1910 Apr 12 1915

4bars S-??x19mm





#### **ELSMERE**

For a few months Elsmere was a post office on the Chicago and Rock Island and Pacific Railroad (originally known as the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad) on the eastern edge of present day Colorado Springs. Nothing else has been written about Elsmere and its short life indicates that the need for the office was questionable and it is possible that it was never in operation. The source of the name is unknown

The site of Elsmere is about two miles north of Peterson Air Force Base. Turn north on Powers Boulevard from US Highway 24 (East Platte Avenue). Powers Boulevard is a mile west of the entrance to Peterson Air Force Base. Drive north to Constitution Avenue and turn east. Constitution Avenue curves south and parallels a drainage ditch and the old railroad grade. When Jim Ozment and I visited this area in 2001 there were a number of railroad passenger cars off to the south of Constitution Avenue. To the best of our knowledge Elsmere was in that area.

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

Oct 11 1889 --- NW/4 Sec 6 T14S 65W In Depot, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific

Nov 18 1889 Established

Nov 18 1889 Taggart, Mary

Feb 4 1890 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ELSMERE

#### **FALCON**

On October 16, 1888 the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railroad arrived in Colorado Springs. The new line crossed under the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth Railroad (originally the Denver and New Orleans, and later the Colorado and Southern) two miles southwest of Granger. A July 9, 1888 agreement granted the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska a right-of-way for \$1.00. However, the newcomer was obligated to perform grading and bridging for an overpass and furnish materials for a track relocation. Soon afterward, the area and the new town became larger than Granger. Eventually the Denver, Texas, and Fort Worth constructed a rail-yard and interchange track at Falcon which replaced all but the water tank at Granger. Granger's 16x45-foot depot was also moved to the new railroad junction.

The name of the town reflects that of a type of raptor native to the area: the prairie falcon (Falco mexicanus).

#### **FALCON – Continued**

Since its days as a busy railroad junction Falcon has had an up and down existence. When the Denver, Texas, and Fort Worth (Colorado Southern) ceased operating on the line through Falcon, the town rapidly declined. In the late twentieth century, the Rock Island also ceased operation and by 1993, when I first visited Falcon, it was little more than a crossroads settlement on US Highway 24.

The independent Falcon Post Office had been discontinued in 1942. In 1985 a new post office opened but it was a Station of Colorado Springs. The post office was in small service complex at the intersection of Meridian Road with US 24.

Later, most likely in 1987, the Falcon Office became a Community Post Office attached to Peyton, Colorado.

Ten years later, in 2003, I again visited Falcon and to say the least there had been major changes. Falcon had become a large community with a shopping center and several classy residential developments covering a large area north of US 24. The post office was now in a small bank building just north of US 24 and west of the side road (Woodmen Road). It can be reached by turning west and then south around behind a carwash.

Latitude = 38:55:59 North Longitude = 104:36:29 West

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

hronology of the	Post Office	
Oct 10 1888	Established	
Oct 10 1888	Kavanaugh, R. F.	
Oct 31 1888	NW/4 Sec 7 T13S R64W On lin	ne of both the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
	and the Denver & Fort Worth	Railways
	Proposed postmaster - R. F. Ka	vanaugh
Nov 10 1888	Russell, Freeman H.	
Sep 12 1889	Buck, Edward H.	
Jan 29 1891	Sanford, Nannie C.	
Mar 21 1891	Mills, Edward E.	
Sep 28 1892	Maxwell, Andrew E.	
Feb 29 1992	Truett, George I.	
Dec 6 1893	Dyer, Samuel J.	
May 10 1895	Jackson, Mary E.	
Feb 8 1897	Wells, Eva E.	
Apr 26 1897	Robinson, Benjamin	
Apr 15 1902	Johnson, Herbert	Appointment rescinded Jun 24 1902
Aug 9 1904	Sweatman, Hiram C.	
Apr 22 1913	Elam, Simeon E.	
Dec 5 1915	Scott, Charles P.	
Jun 24 1919		eet south of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
	A move 1,278 feet south of a pr	
Oct 26 1927	Scott, Vernon G.	Acting & Confirmed
Nov 23 1927	Scott, Vernon G.	Appointed
Dec 22 1927	Scott, Vernon G.	Commissioned
Jan 25 1937	Scott, Mrs. Helen M.	Confirmed
Jan 10 1937	Scott, Mrs. Helen M.	Commissioned
Feb 13 1937	Scott, Mrs. Helen M.	Assumed charge
Jan 9 1941	Scott, Fletcher W.	Confirmed
Feb 13 1941	Scott, Fletcher W.	Commissioned
Feb 20 1941	Scott, Fletcher W.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1941		n Station 300 feet northwest of Post Office Is at intersection
	of US 24 and road to Elbert	
	NOTE: The section is wrong	
Sep 16 1942	Ordered closed	
Sep 14 1942	Discontinued Mail to Peyton	

# **FALCON – Continued**



# FALCON / COLO.

# **November 28, 1897**

Confirmed	types	of	postal	markings
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	med types of postal markings	
1	FALCON, / COLO.	Dec 13 1886 Feb 11 1889
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target
2	FALCON / COLO.	Oct 5 1889 Apr 4 1892
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring
3	FALCON / COLO.	Jun 11 1894
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge
4	FALCON / COLO.	Nov 28 1897
	CI 10P 27.5	Hstp No killer
5	FALCON / COLO.	Dec 10 1899 Jul 24 1900
	CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, negative X-roads
6	FALCON, / COLO.	Feb 22 1907 Sep 5 1910
	CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3, with 3; S-23x14mm
7	FALCON / COLO.	Feb 24 1912 May 28 1919
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm
8	FALCON / COLO.	Nov 18 1912 Jul 12 1922
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm
9	FALCON / COLO.	Jul 6 1922 Dec 28 1934
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm
10	FALCON / COLO.	Aug 2 1939 Aug 8 1940
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm

See Falcon Station of Colorado Springs and Falcon Community Post Office of Peyton for subsequent postal markings.



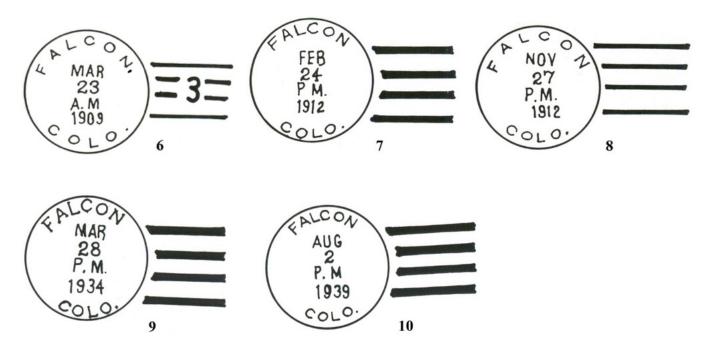








#### **FALCON – Continued**



# **FOUNTAIN**

The first settlement at Fountain began in 1859 with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Terrell and bachelor Tom Owens. Three years later Mathias Lock and his wife arrived and it was the Locks who constructed the first residence and business on what eventually became Main Street in the town of Fountain.

It should be noted that in late 1858, Josiah F. Smith and others started a town that they too named Fountain. This one was near where Fountain Creek joins the Arkansas River and is now within the boundaries of the City of Pueblo.

In 1870, survey and construction crews of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached the small community and on January 14, 1871 the town of Fountain was platted and recorded. Fountain was incorporated in 1903.

In 1878 the Santa Fe Railroad also built through Fountain.

Fountain was named for its location on Fountain Creek. The creek was named by French trappers and called "La Fontaine Qui Bouille," a reference to the hot springs that feed its headwaters.

At first Fountain served as a supply and rest stop on the trail and stagecoach route north from Pueblo to Denver. In recent years Fountain has shared in the extensive development of the area south of Colorado Springs and immediately east of the Fort Carson Military Reservation. It has become a city in its own right.

The Post Office is located on Fountain Avenue, a block and a half east of Old Pueblo Road. There is access to the Fountain business district from Interstate 25.

Latitude = 38:40:56 North Longitude = 104:42:01 West

# **FOUNTAIN** – Continued

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

ronology of the	Post Office	
Jul 11 1864	and Southern mail. The differen and one from Denver) meet here	e east of Fontaine Qui Bouille esent the Exchanging Point for Northern and Eastern t coaches (one from Kansas City, one from Santa Fe about Friday each week, exchange mails and return All the contracts are in hands of Cottrel & Co."
Aug 8 1864	Established	
Aug 8 1864	Terrell, Amos H.	
Feb 13 1871	SW/4 Sec 5 T16S R65W 1/8 mile	e north of Fontaine Qui Bouille
Dec 22 1871	Gould, Edward H.	
Feb 12 1873	Croft, Clayton P.	
Apr 27 1880	Hutchins, H.	
Jul 2 1883	Hutchins, Mrs. Elvina	
Feb 5 1886	Benedict, Albert J.	
Jul 6 1897	Hutchins, Grace A.	
Apr 4 1898	SW/4 SW/4 Sec 5 T16S R65W 1/	/4 mile east of the Santa Fe Railroad
Mar 15 1914	SW/4 Sec 5 T16S R65W 1/4 mile	e northeast of Fontaine Qui Bouille
Sep 18 1914	Gore, Loren T.	
Jul 1 1919		Office made Presidential
Dec 10 1919	Pyles, Nellie E.	Acting
Jun 4 1920	Pyles, Nellie E.	P&S
May 26 1924	Northrup, Cora M.	
May 12 1928	Northrup, Cora M.	
Jul 22 1930	Johnson, Cora M.	Name changed by marriage
Apr 1 1932	Johnson, Cora M.	Nominated
Apr 27 1932	Johnson, Cora M.	Confirmed
May 28 1932	Johnson, Cora M.	Commissioned
Oct 8 1936	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Acting
Nov 1 1936	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Assumed charge
Feb 5 1937	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Nominated
Feb 17 1937	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Confirmed
Feb 24 1937	King, Mrs. Nelle M.	Appointed Presidential
Mar 17 1937	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1937	King, Mrs. Nelle M.	Assumed charge
Sep 8 1941	King, Mrs Nellie M	Nominated
Sep 25 1941	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Confirmed
Oct 2 1941	King, Mrs. Nelle M.	Appointed Presidential
Oct 30 1941	King, Mrs Nellie M.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1941	SW/4 Sec 5 T16S R65W (Main S	
Nov 15 1941	King, Mrs. Nelle M.	Assumed charge
Feb 28 1955	Cunningham, Mrs. Mildred	Assumed charge
Jun 9 1955	Cunningham, Mrs. Mildred	Acting
Feb 7 1957	Snyder, Wilbur A.	Nominated
Apr 8 1957	Snyder, Wilbur A.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
May 17 1957	Snyder, Wilbur A.	Assumed charge
Oct 31 1969	Nugent, Mrs. I. M.	Officer in charge
Mar 18 1972	Schmidt, Earl H.	Appointed & Assumed charge

# **FOUNTAIN - Continued**



# FOUNTAIN, / COLO.

# **December 14, 1885**

# Confirmed types of postal markings

1.A	Fountain CT	Apr 30 186-
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel
1.B	Fountain Col	Jul 8 1869
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel
2	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	Mar 31 1879
	CI 10P 25.5	Hstp target, smudged
3	FOUNTAIN COLO / H.W. HUTCH	IINS, P.M. Sep 29 1881 Mar 20 1883
	CI 10P 32.0	Hstp Pen cancel
4	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	Jul 17 1881 Sep 5 1892
	CI 10P 33.0	Hstp Cork, smudge
4.1	FOUNTAIN, / COLO.	Dec 14 1885 Feb 1 1886
	CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Fancy, Positive star-in-circle
5	FOUNTAIN / COL.	Jun 24 1886 Aug 21 1889
	CI 10P 26.5	Hstp Not present
6	FOUNTAIN, / COLO.	Mar 28 1890 Apr 8 1890
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm
6.1	FOUNTAIN, COLO.	Feb 17 1893 May 2 1894
	OC 11P 31/29x31/29	Hstp Target, 4-ring
7	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	Aug 18 1897 May 3 1900
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge
8	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	Feb 25 1902 Jan 3 1916
	CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
8.1	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	Dec 24 1915
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
9	FOUNTAIN / COLO.	1927 Feb 14 1933
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval

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10	FOUNTAIN / COLO.		Sep 6 1934 Feb 28 1936
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-??x20mm	_
11	FOUNTAIN / COLO.		Feb 11 1939 Sep 6 1948
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	
12	FOUNTAIN / COLO.		Nov 8 1957 Jun 30 1960
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-26x20mm	
13	FOUNTAIN / COLO.		Oct 18 1962 Mar 20 1965
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-26x20mm	
14	FOUNTAIN, / COLO.		Mar 24 1964 Mar 13 1965
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
15	<b>FOUNTAIN, CO / 80817</b>		Sep 1967 Jun 16 1976
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x20mm	
16	<b>FOUNTAIN, CO / 80817</b>		May 6 1971 Apr 20 1972
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
17	FOUNTAIN / COLO.		Jul 19 1977
	CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	
18	FOUNTAIN, CO / USPO		Mar 20 1986 Oct 21 1988
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
19	FOUNTAIN, CO / 80817		Apr 20 1993 Jun 1 1993
	CI 10P 34.0	Hstp No killer	

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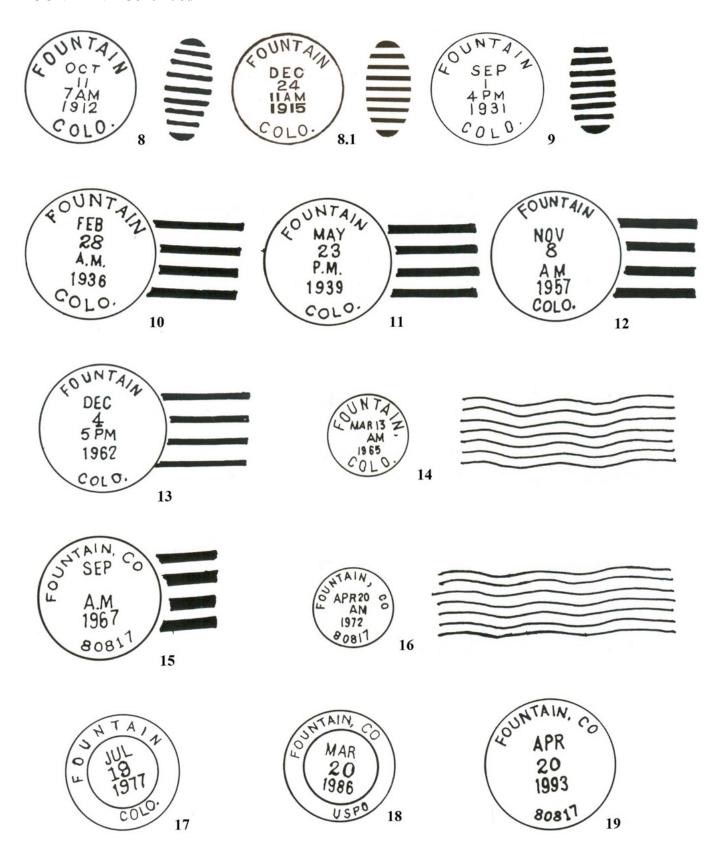








# **FOUNTAIN – Continued**



# FOUNTAIN - WAL\*MART STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

**Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FOUNTAIN, CO / 80817 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999 CI 10P 23.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



# **FRANCEVILLE**

In 1882 a deposit of bituminous coal was discovered along a tributary of Jimmy Creek about 12 miles east-southeast of Colorado Springs. Off and on mining operations lasted for nearly one hundred years. Coal mining at Franceville commenced on May 3, 1882 and produced 20 carloads a day, enough for two daily coal trains. On June 1, 1898, the Colorado Western Coal Company closed the mine. Over the years the mine returned to life several times. The original operation, served by the Denver & New Orleans Railroad and successors until 1898, was known as Franceville No. 1. A 1967 mining report prepared by the city of Colorado Springs Planning Department listed Franceville No. 2 as an operation that existed between 1904 and 1910. Lee F. Gordley operated a coal mine at Franceville between 1913 and 1952 and a strip mine from 1948 to 1964. The Capstan Mining Company based in the Denver suburb of Wheat Ridge, was the last to operate the mine. The company conducted a 30,000-ton test run for the Canon City electric power plant in 1980 and 1981. Capstan had also planned to supply coal to the city of Colorado Springs.

The Denver and New Orleans Railroad (later known as the Colorado and Southern) built a spur from its main line to the mines at Franceville, a distance of about five miles. The Franceville Branch, which ended just west of Franceville Coal Mine No. 2, had three sidetracks with coal chutes above them from which the bituminous coal was loaded into rail cars.

The mines and the community that developed around them were on land owned by Matthew France, a Colorado Springs businessman, hence the name Franceville.

Drive east from Colorado Springs on US Highway 24 to the junction where Colorado Highway 94 departs eastward from US 24. Continue east on Colorado 94 for about six miles to Franceville Coal Mine Road and turn south. This road is a dead end (1997). Two miles to the south of Colorado 94, the mines were in the valley to west of the road. In 1997 very little was visible. Some long, low piles of tailings were the only sign that there had been activity in the valley.

Latitude = 38:48:23 North Longitude = 104:35:47 West FRANCEVILLE MINE

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

Oct 19 1881 --- SW/4 Sec 19 T14S R64W

**Proposed postmaster - Richard Harten Wells** 

Nov 2 1881 Established

Nov 2 1881 Wells, Francis H.
Dec 21 1881 Wells, Richard H.
May 29 1882 Cort, Daniel T.

#### FRANCEVILLE - Continued

Jun 26 1883 Croft, Cohn
May 11 1886 Stewart, Frank
Apr 19 1887 Little, Wallace M.
Jan 25 1888 Turner, Charles Y.
Dec 22 1890 Weaver, Noah W.

Nov 12 1892 Wolfe, Virgil C.
May 14 1894 Discontinued Mail to McFerran

Not commissioned



FRANCEVILLE, / COLO.

**September 30, 1883** 

# Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 FRANCEVILLE, / COLO. CI 21P 34.0/32.0/20.0
- 2 FRANCEVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 27.5

Sep 24 1883 Jan 15 1887 Hstp Fancy, Positive star in 18mm circle Feb 10 1891 May 5 1892 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm







# FRANCEVILLE JUNCTION

Franceville Junction was appropriately at the junction of a spur line from the Denver and New Orleans Railroad to the Franceville coal mines about four miles to the northeast. The junction was established in March 1882 and continued in operation until the rails were torn up in 1898. Located at Franceville Junction were a 25x70-foot depot, a section house, water tank and pump house and more than a mile of sidetracks.

#### FRANCEVILLE JUNCTION - Continued

As with Franceville, the name derives from Matthew France, a Colorado Springs businessman who was involved in the mining operation and was a large landholder in the area.

The first proposed name was Thornton, an obvious attempt by the proposed postmaster, Cholmondeley Thornton to attach his name to his post office. The name was rejected and the descriptive Franceville Junction was substituted. There is no obvious reason for the rejection. At the time there was neither a Thornton in Colorado or in California. It may simply have been a decision of the Post Office Department to deny Mr. Thornton the honor of a post office bearing his name.

Unlike the site of Franceville, Franceville Junction is easily located. From Colorado Highway 94, drive south on Mark Scheffel Road to Drennan Road. A short distance east of Mark Scheffel Road there is a ranch on the south side of Drennan Road. The main line of the Denver and New Orleans ran through the ranch complex and the grade is readily visible south of the buildings. The point where the branch line departed for Franceville is still identifiable, also just south of the ranch buildings.

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

Feb 16 1892 --- SE/4 Sec 24 T14S R65 About 25 feet east of the Denver Texas and Fort Worth Railroad

Proposed postmaster - F. Cholmondeley Thornton

Sketch map places it at the junction with the spur to Franceville

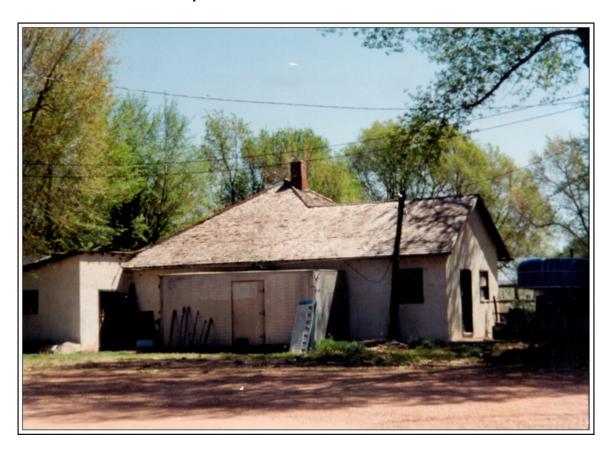
NOTE: This should be Section 34, not 24

Mar 12 1892 Established

Mar 12 1892 Thornton, F. Cholmondeley

Oct 3 1899 Ordered closed

Nov 15 1899 Discontinued Papers to Fountain



An older building at Francville Junction, Colorado The old railroad grade is in the foreground Photograph by William H. Bauer May 13, 2001

#### FRANCEVILLE JUNCTION - Continued

# Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FRANCEVILLE JUNCT. // D.T.& FT.W.R.R. (PAN-HANDLE /ROUTE) Oct 24 1892 CI 11P 32.0/22.0 Hstp No killer: In center: "PAN-HANDLE /m/d/y/ ROUTE"

2 FRANCEVILLE JUNCTION / COLO. Oct 2 1899 CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring





#### **GLENEATH**

Gleneath was a rural post office located southeast of Colorado Springs in an area that had no significant communities. No additional historical information has been recorded for Gleneath and I have no reference to a source of the name. Gleneath was located one mile west of Peyton Highway and nine miles south of Colorado Highway 94.

To visit the location, drive south on Peyton Highway ten miles from Colorado 94 to Squirrel Creek Road and turn west. Go one mile and turn north on Milne Road. There were two nearby locations for the Gleneath Post Office. The first was a mile north of Squirrel Creek Road and about a half mile west of Milne Road. The only thing there is a water tank. The second location was approximately a mile further north, also on the west side of Milne Road. There is a dead-end side road, Clements Road, that leads to a group of ranch buildings. That was a likely site for the 1919 location of the Gleneath Post Office.

From Gleneath, I suggest returning to Squirrel Creek Road and then continuing east across Peyton Highway to seek the location of the Squirrel Creek Post Office.

Squirrel Creek Road is seven miles north of the site of the Hanover Post Office.

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

Dec 24 1910 --- Lot 4, SE/4 SW/4 & S/2 SE/4 Sec 30 T15S R63W Chico Creek is 4-1/2 miles west

of post office

**Proposed postmaster - Charles Alonzo Cooley** 

Oct 22 1910 Established

Jan 20 1914 Cooley, Daisy T.

Feb 25 1914 --- NE/4 Sec 30 T15S R63W Oct 22 1910 Cooley, Charles A.

Jul 31 1916 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GLENEATH / COLO. Jul 26 1912 Jun 13 1916 CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm



# **GLENN**

Glen was a rural post office on the prairies of eastern El Paso County, only two miles west of the El Paso-Elbert County line. In 1997 there was a good sized, active ranch at the location in an otherwise sparsely populated countryside. There is no evidence of there having been a larger community at the location.

To visit the site of Glenn, begin on US Highway 24 at Ramah. Turn south onto Ramah Road East. This connection takes you south a few hundred feet before turning due east. Go four miles east to Simla Highway and turn south. Drive south six miles to Alta Vista Road and turn west. The ranch, accepted as the site of Glenn, is less than a half mile west of Simla Road, on the south side of Alta Vista Road. It is visible from the intersection.

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

iii onolog, or the	1 ost office	
Jun 20 1896	NE/4 Sec 10 T12S R60W One mile west	t of Rush Creek
	Proposed postmaster - Katie D. Kernes	
Sep 23 1896	Established	
Sep 23 1896	Kernes, Katie D	
May 22 1899	Kernes, Willis J.	
Jul 20 1901	Ordered closed	
Jul 31 1901	Discontinued Papers to Ramah	
Jun 15 1903	Re-established	
Jun 15 1903	Kernes, Willis J.	Order rescinded Dec 5 1903
Dec 5 1903	Discontinued	

# Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GLENN

# **GOLDROCK**

I have found no information relative to the location or history of this place. There is no Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Goldrock.

Perhaps the fact that the establishment was rescinded indicates that there was no real need for the office. It is also possible that the location was somewhere in the Cripple Creek Mining District, which in 1896 was still a part of El Paso County.

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

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

Apr 14 1896 Established
Apr 14 1896 Wilson C. Davis
Aug 31 1896 Establishment rescinded

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GOLDROCK

### **GRANGER**

Granger was established following the arrival of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad (later known as the Colorado and Southern). A siding, water tank and a station were built to serve as a shipping point for cattle, sheep and lumber from the surrounding countryside. Granger did grow into a small community and it had a one-room schoolhouse.

When a post office was authorized for Granger, it was located in the railroad depot.

#### **GRANGER – Continued**

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report was submitted with a post office name of Haidee. That choice was rejected and Granger substituted. I have no information concerning the possible source of either name.

Two miles to the southwest, the town of Falcon began to grow around the point where the tracks of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad and the Colorado and Southern crossed. Although most of the residents and small businesses moved from Granger to Falcon, the Colorado and Southern maintained its operations for many years, until the railroad was shut down.

My first visit to the site of Granger was in 1993. Unfortunately, I did not record specific directions to the site. At the time there was a road to the northeast from Falcon. Approximately a mile from Falcon there was a side road to the east that soon crossed US Highway 24. A short distance after turning on to that road, you crossed the abandoned grade of the Colorado and Southern. The roadbeds of the main line and a sidetrack were still visible north of the road and there was a windmill and a small shack.

On August 12, 2003, on my way to Denver I attempted to revisit the site of Granger. I came to US 24 by way of Judge Orr Road but when I crossed US 24 to go the remaining short distance to the site of Granger I found that there was no longer a through road from US 24. And the area, which had once been Granger, was now overrun by a large residential development, a suburb of Falcon; another sign of the growth of metropolitan Colorado Springs and a continuing disappearance of historical sites and structures.



GRANGER / COLO.

March 17, 1886

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

Dec 20 1882 --- SW/4 Sec 32 T12S R64W On west side of Denver & New Orleans Railroad

Proposed postmaster - George M. Brake

Jan 12 1883 Established

Jan 12 1883 Brake, George W. Russell, Freeman H.

Dec 13 1888 Discontinued Papers to Falcon

#### **GRANGER – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Granger / Colorado

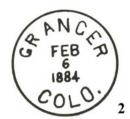
GRANGER / COLO. CI 10P 27.0 Mscp Pen cancel

Feb 6 1884 Feb 20 1887

May 17 1883

Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

Granger Colorado Spay 1, 1883



# **GREEN**

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Please refer to the discussion of Green Mountain Falls for the history of this post office.

# **Chronology of the Post Office**

See Green Mountain Falls. There was no separate document in the

El Paso County Geographic Site Location Reports.

Sep 28 1894 Name changed from Green Mountain Falls

Sep 28 1894 Hall, Leonard L. Jan 14 1899 Shoup, Delia J.

Jun 25 1901 Name changed to Green Mountain Falls

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GREEN / COLO.

CI 10P 27.5

GREEN / COLO.

CI 10P 29.0

GREEN, COLO. / REC'D.

Sep 9 1895 Jul 21 1899

Hstp Cork, Circle of wedges, smudge
Sep 6 1900

Sep 6 1900

Aug 14 (1900) Sep 6 1900

CI 10P 29.0 Hstp No killer







# **GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS**

Like nearby Cascade, Green Mountain Falls developed during the 1880's. The name was a reference to a 200-foot high series of cascades on a nearby mountainside.

In 1881 George Howard retired from freighting and herding cattle. He paid \$600 for a ranch where Green Mountain Falls is now located.

#### **GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS – Continued**

Late in 1887 W. J. Foster, an Englishman active in real estate in Colorado Springs, bought up the land with the intention of establishing a town site. The Green Mountain Falls Town and Improvement Company was incorporated in January 1888.

The Colorado Midland Railroad had a station at Green Mountain Falls and slowly a resort community did develop at the site. Today the town retains much of its resort atmosphere but has also become an attractive year around residential community.

The post office opened in 1888 but in 1894 The Post Office Department, as a part of its plan to shorten the names of Post Offices, altered the name to the single word Green. This was not well received by the residents and seven years later the name reverted to the traditional and more attractive name of Green Mountain Falls.

Like Chipita Park and Cascade, its neighbors to the southeast, Green Mountain Falls is primarily on the old US Highway 24 along Fountain Creek but it is easily accessible from the modern US 24 on the way west from Colorado Springs.

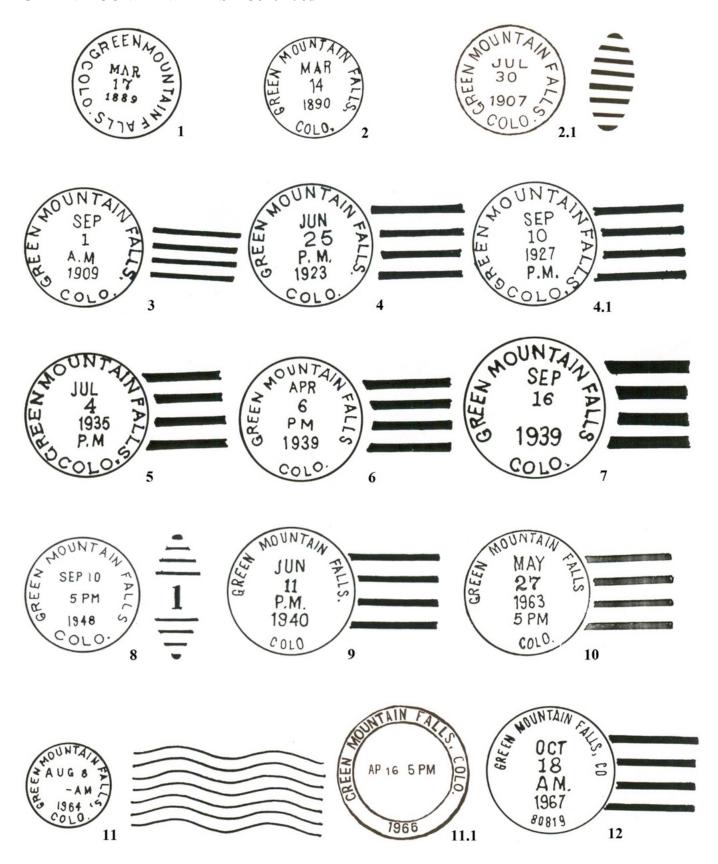
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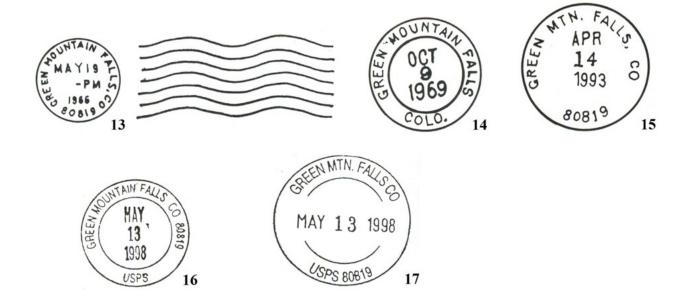
monology of the			
Jun 26 1888	SE/4 Sec 8 T13S R68W 50 feet west of Fountaine Qui Bouille		
	About 600 feet west of the Colorado Midland		
	Proposed postmaster - W. J.	Hosten	
Aug 28 1888	Established		
Aug 28 1888	Foster, William J.		
Apr 6 1889	Garland, John G.		
Dec 7 1893	Green, H. F.		
Sep 28 1894	Name changed to Green		
Jun 25 1901	Name changed from Green		
Jun 25 1901	Shoup, Delia J.		
Nov 26 1901	E/2 Sec 8 T13S R68W On th	e north bank of Fountaine Qui Bouille	
Jun 30 1905	Hart, Francis A.		
Jun 30 1907	Hart, Francis A.		
Sep 11 1907	Dusenbury, Lester B.		
Oct 15 1907	Hart, Margaret Y.		
Mar 6 1914	NE/4 Sec 8 T13S R68W 75 f	eet west of Fountaine Qui Bouille 30 feet west of the	
	Colorado Midland		
Apr 29 1914	Brown, Hazel H.	Append	
May 12 1914	Brown, Hazel H.	Commissioned	
May 15 1914	Brown, Hazel H.	Assumed charge	
Oct 26 1928	NW/4 Sec 8 T13S R68W For change of site 100 yards north West side of Midland		
	Terminal Railroad, 680 feet	from track	
Oct 22 1941	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 8 T13S R68V	V Fountain Creek is 200 feet east of post office	
Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential	
Jul 15 1945	Brown, Hazel H.	Nominated	
Jul 28 1945	Brown, Hazel H.	Confirmed	
Jul 30 1945	Brown, Hazel H.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned	
Dec 31 1945	Brown, Hazel H.	Assumed charge	
Jan 18 1949	Morrow, Robert J.	Acting	
Apr 5 1951	Lofland, Kenneth M.	Nominated	
Apr 12 1951	Lofland, Kenneth M.	Confirmed	
Apr 13 1951	Lofland, Kenneth M.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned	
May 31 1951	Lofland, Kenneth M.	Assumed charge	
Sep 22 1967	LaHaye, James Stanley	Acting	
Jan 22 1972	Baird, Richard L.	Appointed	
Jan 22 1972	Baird, Richard L.	Assumed charge	
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GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS – Continued				
Sep 13 1973		Stull, Sarah P		Officer in charge
Feb 2 1974		Stull, Sarah T.		Appointed
Apr 9 1976		Leger, Sarah T.		Change in name
Apr 9 1976		Johnson, Marion B.		Officer in charge
Aug 27 1976		Forsett, Henry T.		Officer in charge
Jan 7 1977		Pullara, JoAnn		Officer in charge
Apr 8 1977		Dale, Jack		Officer in charge
Aug 5 1977		Meredith, Mrs. Chanda C.		Officer in charge
May 5 1978		Hoffman, George H.		Officer in charge
Jan 13 1979		Gayer, Mrs. Marilyn A.		Appointed
van 15 1575 Gayet, 11115. Harnyn 14. Appointed				
Confirmed types of postal markings				
1 GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS / COLO. Mar 17 1889 Jun 1 1889				
1	CI 10P 28.		Hstp Target	Mai 17 1007 Juli 1 1007
2		UNTAIN FALLS, / C		Aug 11 1889 Mar 21 1892
2	CI 10P 28.			9
2.1			Hstp Cork, Sm	Nov 27 1906 July 30 1907
2.1		JNTAIN FALLS / C		•
2	CI 10P 30.		Dplx Grid, 8-ba	
3		INTAIN FALLS, / C		Aug 15 1907 Aug 26 1914
4	CI 10P 31.		4bars S-22x13m	
4		INTAIN FALLS, / C		Aug 4 1916 Aug 15 1933
	CI 10P 32.		4bars S-24x19m	
4.1		INTAIN FALLS / C		Sep 10 1927 Jan 26, 1929
	CI 10P 32.		4bars S-24x20m	
5		INTAIN FALLS / C		Aug 13 1934 Mar 4 1936
	CI 10P 32.		4bars S-24x20m	
6	GREEN MOU	INTAIN FALLS / C		Apr 6 1939
	CI 10P 32.		4bars S-23x19m	m
7	GREEN MOU	INTAIN FALLS / C	OLO.	Sep 16 1939
	CI 10P 37.	0	4bars S-??x20m	m
8	GREEN MOU	INTAIN FALLS / C	OLO.	Jul 31 1948 Jul 3 1957
	CI 10P 30.	0	Dplx Grid, dian	nond with 1
9	GREEN MOU	INTAIN FALLS. / C	COLO.	Jun 11 1940 Jun 27 1945
	CI 10P 33.	0	4bars S-25x20m	m
10		INTAIN FALLS / C	OLO.	Dec 27 1961 Jul 3 1964
	CI 10P 33.		4bars S-24x19m	m
11		NTAIN FALLS, / C	COLO.	Aug 8 1964 Jan 11 1966
	CI 10P 22.		Mach 7 wavy li	
11.1		, INTAIN FALLS, CO		Apr 16 1966
1111	CI 11P 35.		Hstp No killer	11p1 10 1500
12		INTAIN FALLS, CO		Oct 18 1967 Jul 21 1976
12	CI 10P 32.		4bars S-24x19m	
13		J NTAIN FALLS, CO		May 19 1966 Jul 24 1968
13	CI 10P 22.		Mach 7 wavy li	•
1.4		U UNTAIN FALLS / C	•	Oct 9 1969
14				Oct 9 1909
15	CI 11P 29.		Hstp No killer	Ann 14 1002 Mari 20 1002
15		i. FALLS, CO / 8081		Apr 14 1993 May 29 1993
17	CI 11P 32.		Hstp No killer	NE 12 1000 E 10 2001
16		INTAIN FALLS CO		May 13 1998 Jun 19 2001
	CI 11P 28.		Hstp No killer	15 42 4000
17		I. FALLS CO / USPS		May 13 1998
	CI 11P 34.	0/22.5	Hstp No killer,	Inner circle is two arcs

# **GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS – Continued**



#### **GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS – Continued**



# GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS CENTENNIAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jul 21 1990 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, / COLORADO 80819 // GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS / CENTENNIAL STATION Jul 21 1990 Jul 21 1990

IR 10P 120.0x45.0

Pict Scene - Centennial emblem; text - GREEN
MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLORADO / The Gem of
the Rockies/ 1890-1990 / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



# **GWILLIMSVILLE**

The Gwillim brothers, Gwillim R. and David T. were from Neath, South Wales. In 1878 they operated a general merchandise store in Monument and also a cheese factory some five miles to the east. A small community developed around the cheese factory and eventually included a creamery, store, blacksmith shop, saloon, post office, school, and church. Across the road from the factory was housing for those who worked in the cheese factory.

#### **GWILLIMSVILLE – Continued**

The surrounding area was employed for grazing, dairying and a source of lumber. There is still some ranching in the area and some timber production. But this section of El Paso County is undergoing growth as a part of the residential development spreading north from Colorado Springs and east from Interstate 25.

Obviously, the town was named for its founders, the Gwillim brothers. During its existence, both brothers served terms as postmaster for Gwillimsville.

To visit the site of Gwillimsville, exit from Interstate 25 at Monument and drive east on Colorado Highway 105 about five miles to Colorado Highway 83. At that point look back to the west. Gwillimsville was down in the valley along West Cherry Creek. In October 1997 there were some scattered older buildings north of Colorado 105. In August 2003 several new homes had appeared on the west side of the valley.

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

Mar 25 1878 ---SE/4 Sec 9 T11S R66W Document signed by Gwillim R. Gwillim Apr 18 1878 **Established** Gwillim, Gwillim R. Apr 18 1878 Apr 29 1887 Gwillim, David T. Aug 27 1886 Discontinued Apr 29 1887 Re-established Gwillim, Gwillim R. Jul 24 1889 Sep 25 1890 Discontinued

# Confirmed types of postal markings 1 GWILLIMVILLE / COLO.

CI 10P 27.0

Jun 4 187-Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm



#### **HALFWAY**

The first settlement at what eventually became Halfway was sometime prior to 1890. A Mr. Booth had a cabin along a wide spot in the trail to the summit of Pike's Peak. The Tom Palsgrove family acquired the cabin and soon began operating a refreshment stand for travelers on the trail and also sheltering tired tourists.

The cabin was enlarged and became known as Half-Way House, accommodating a growing number of hikers and vacationers. When construction of the Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway began, the Palsgrove family was in a position to extract meaningful concessions from the builder of the railway. For the right-of-way across their land the Palsgrove family received free passes on the railway, a depot with a regular stop, as well as a concession to provide a luncheon service to passengers on the train.

The Palsgroves sold their operation in 1895 and eventually the city of Colorado Springs acquired the land for its municipal watershed. The Half-Way House was razed in 1926.

#### **HALFWAY – Continued**

The name Halfway was a misnomer, as the site is only a third of the way to the summit. By trail it is seven- and one-half miles to the top from Halfway but only six miles via the cog railway.

The cog railway still passes the site, but does not stop. The site is marked but is heavily overgrown.

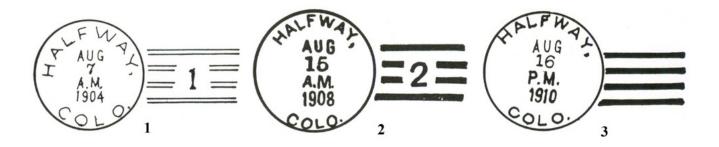
The only way to put feet on the ground at Halfway is to hike the Pikes Peak Trail. Fortunately, a large number of photographs of Half Way House exist as do a great many picture post cards.

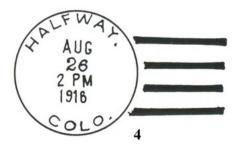
#### **Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 12 1903 ---SW/4 SW/4 Sec 11 T14S R68W On the north side of Ruxton Creek 30 feet south side of the Manitou and Pikes Peak Railroad, Halfway House Proposed postmaster - John B. Palsgrove Aug 21 1903 Established Station on Manitou & Pikes Peak Railroad, half way to the summit **Hotel Post Office** Aug 21 1903 Palsgrove, John B. Jan 3 1907 Gunn, Frank G. Jun 5 1909 Harris, William H. Aug 27 1913 Harris, William H. Harris, Roy G. Jan 15 1916 Discontinued Mail to Manitou May 31 1917

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HALFWAY, / COLO.	Apr 4 1904 Sep 29 1906
	CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x14mm
2	HALFWAY, / COLO.	Jun 27 1907 Jun 10 1910
	CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3 with 2, P-23x14mm
3	HALFWAY, / COLO.	Jun 10 1910 Sep 19 1913
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x14mm
4	HALFWAY, / COLO.	Jun 17 1906 Aug 26 1916
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm





## **HANOVER**

Hanover is described as a rural post office. It has been claimed that it was named for Hanover, Iowa, the hometown of a Mr. Fankell who established the post office. However, the name Fankell does not appear in the brief list of postmasters at Hanover. Therefore, draw your own conclusion as to the source of the name. Note also that the first postmaster was Josephine Shacklett and one of the proposed names was Josephine.

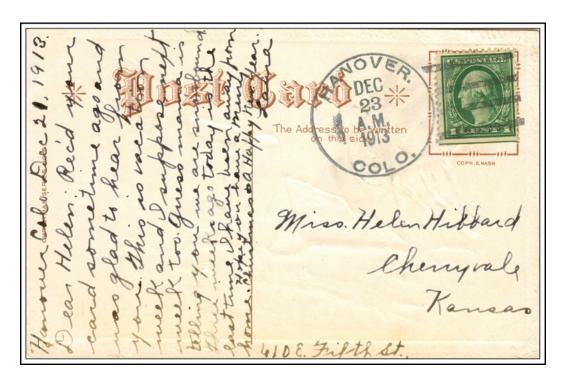
Hanover was located at the intersection of Myers Road (east-west) with Peyton Highway (north-south). By way of Peyton Highway it is seventeen miles south of Colorado Highway 94. Coming from the north you would pass near the sites of Drennan/Hibbard, Crows Roost, Squirrel Creek and Gleneath. From Hanover you can go east on Myers Road 16 miles to Edison Road and then north to visit the sites of Dragoo and Majors before returning to Colorado 94 between Rush and Yoder.

At what was Hanover there are some buildings in the area but the most likely location for the Hanover Post office is four tenths of a mile south of the intersection, on the west side of Peyton Highway, where there is an old barn. This would be within the claimed quarter section location.

Latitude = 38:35:07 North Longitude = 104:27:37 West HANOVER SCHOOL

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

Jun 10 1913 **Established** Jun 10 1913 Duse, Josephine Jul 7 1913 NE/4 Sec 8 T17S R63W Other suggested names: Flynn, Chico, or Josephine Chico Creek 2 miles west of post office site Apr 26 1915 Shacklett, Josephine Feb 27 1918 Elliott, Ray D. Dec 12 1918 Hill, Muriel DeG. Apr 30 1921 **Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs** 



HANOVER – Continued Confirmed types of postal markings 1 HANOVER. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0

Dec 23 1913 Dec 21 1920



## **HIBBARD**

There is some question as to whether or not this post office operated under the name of Hibbard. Post Office Department Records indicate that it was established in 1920 but no day or month is available for the establishment.

4bars S-24x20mm

What is known is that in 1922 the name was changed to Drennan and it became a Rural Station of Colorado Springs. In addition, no postmarks from Hibbard have been recorded. Given that Hibbard, if it was open, operated for little more than a year the lack of recorded postmarks is not surprising.

I suspect that the office did not open until February 1922 when it began operation as the Drennan Rural Station.

Please refer to the discussion of Drennan for directions to and a description of the site of Hibbard.

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

Aug 10 1920 --- SE/4 SW/4 Sec 10 T15S R63W

--- -- 1920 Established

Feb 8 1922 --- SW/4 Sec 9 T15S R63W Reed Corner is 1-1/2 miles west of office

--- - 1922 Name changed to Drennan Rural Station

## Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM HIBBARD

## **HOLTWOLD**

The following discussion of Holtwold is the same as included in the Elbert County chapter. It is repeated here because of the possibility that at some time, the Holtwold Post Office was located in El Paso County.

Holtwold was located south of Simla in the southern extension of Elbert County. Its location on the county line between Elbert and El Paso Counties has caused some confusion. There are three Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports. All three place the post office in Section 6 of Township 13 South, Range 59 West. That section is on the Elbert side of the county line. The proximity to the county line could make it appear on a small-scale map, that Holtwold was in El Paso County.

Holtwold was a rural post office, however there may have been several residences and a store in the vicinity. Today the area is ranch and farm land.

There is an explanation that the name Holtwold is a combination of two names: a Holt who owned the Horse Creek Ranch and another man named Wood, but who spelled his name Wold.

#### **HOLTWOLD – Continued**

Begin the trip to Holtwold at the intersection of US Highway 24 and Elbert County Road 133, about two miles east of Simla. Drive twelve miles south on Road 133. One mile south of US 24, Road 133 is on the county line. The Horse Creek Ranch is on the east side of the road and a short distance north of Horse Creek. According to an elderly resident, the post office was in a building on the north side of the driveway to the residence. He also said that the post office was once further south in a store. A mile south from the Horse Creek Ranch is the intersection with Elbert County Road 22. There are buildings in the northeast corner of that intersection, one of which looks like it was a store at some time in the past. This second location would agree with the 1915 Site Location Report that reports a move to a location south of Horse Creek.

Another approach to Holtwold would be to continue west from Kansa on County Road 6 to County Road 133, then turn north four miles to County Road 22.

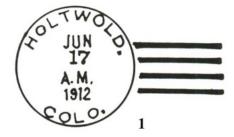
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#### **Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 16 1889 **Established** Jan 16 1889 Jones, Myron W. Mar 29 1902 Ordered closed Apr 15 1902 **Discontinued Papers to Ramah** Apr 22 1910 Re-established Apr 22 1910 Rector, Mrs. Mary G. Oct 19 1910 Cutler, Richard B. Jun 6 1914 Erickson, Elam May 6 1915 Harris, Jennie Jun 10 1916 Cutler, Richard B. Feb 28 1917 Discontinued Mail to Ramah

## **Confirmed types of postal markings**

0.1 HOLTWOOD, COLORADO
CI 11P 33.0/31.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring [Illustrated in Elbert County]
HOLTWOLD, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-23x13mm



## HUSTED

The once thriving community of Husted was located south-southeast of Monument in the northeastern corner of what is now the grounds of the United States Air Force Academy. The post office was originally named Southwater but the name was changed to Husted to honor Calvin R. Husted. Husted was never a large community but it had stores, a church, a school, a restaurant, and a post office.

Mr. Husted operated a large sawmill in the community, which from the 1860's had been primarily a lumber producing town. It was also a major railroad shipping point for farm produce and cattle from the surrounding countryside. Both the Denver and Rio Grande and the Santa Fe Railroads served Husted.

#### **HUSTED – Continued**

The following statements appear at odds with the dates and location from the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports. There was a West Husted and an East Husted. The first post office was in the Rio Grande Depot at West Husted, which was a box car converted into a station. A Mr. Honnold was the station agent. Later the post office was in a store operated by John Harkins. When the store burned, the post office moved to East Husted, near the tracks of the Santa Fe Railroad, so it has been claimed. The first site location report (1875) places the site of Husted north of the main entrance to the Air Force Academy. A second report (1896) places Husted south of the main entrance. The names Honnold and Harkins do appear in the list of postmasters at Husted but more than ten years after the move to the second location. While the statements could be true, there is good reason to question the timing.

Exit from Interstate 25 at Northgate Boulevard, the north entrance to the Air Force Academy. The entrance road soon crosses Monument Creek. The original site of Husted and Southwater was about three-quarters of a mile north of the road, along Monument Creek. There is a side road in that direction, but it is off limits to the public.

The second site of Husted is accessible, at least when Jim Ozment and I went there in 2000 there were no signs restricting access. Coming in from the north entrance there is an intersection at a monument consisting of a B-52 bomber. Turn left on Stadium Boulevard and go south. Take the first left-hand turn, which is opposite the entrance to the Academy Golf Course (Parade Loop). This road leads through a supply area for construction materials beyond which it becomes a dirt road going downhill to the railroad and Monument Creek. At the railroad, again turn left, back north along the railroad a short distance. There is an open area with some old bridge abutments and a large cubical block of stone in the open area. There has been realignment of the railroad grade at some time in the past. I feel relatively comfortable that this was the second site of Husted.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

May 15 1875	NW/4 SW/4 Sec 1 T12S R67W 1/4 mile east of Monument Creek 1/4 mile east of the Southwater Flag Station of the D&RG
	The sketch map places it near where the D&RG crosses east to west over Monument Creek
Oct 1 1878	Moved from Southwater
Oct 1 1878	Shumaker, James H.
Apr 12 1886	Burroughs, John H.
Aug 9 1887	Van Wagner, Robert S.
Nov 7 1895	Discontinued Mail to Monument
Jul 7 1896	SW/4 Sec 12 T12S R67W 9-1/2 feet east of Denver & Rio Grande 1/12 mile west of
	Monument Creek
	Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Anna Griffin
Jul 30 1896	Re-established
Jul 30 1896	Griffin, Anna
Oct 17 1902	Linn, Emma W.
Dec 31 1903	Harriell, Archie W. Order rescinded Mar 25 1904
Oct 17 1902	Linn, Emma W.
Oct 21 1905	Stage, Alfred C.
Feb 27 1906	Honnold, John M.
Sep 8 1914	Harkins, Fleta M.
Feb 16 1916	Losey, Jesse W.
Oct 3 1916	Lyke, Wilson H.
Aug 5 1919	Zimmerman, Mary L.
Oct 15 1920	Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 HUSTED / COLO. Mar 22 188-CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Cork, Smudge **HUSTED – Continued** 

2 3 3.1 4 5	HUSTED, / COLORADO. CI 21C 32.0/29.0/19.0 HUSTED / COLO. CI 10P 27.0 HUSTED / COLO. CI 10P 28.0 HUSTED / COLO. CI 10P 28.0 HUSTED, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Oct 31 1881  Hstp Cork, Square double grid Jan 19 1891  Hstp Not present Jun 13 1898  Hstp Target, 4-ring Jul 5 1908 May 24 1914  Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval Jan 16 1916 Oct 29 1916  4bars S-??x??mm	
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## **IVYWILD**

Ivywild was an early suburb of Colorado Springs, some two miles due south of Colorado Springs. William B. Jenkins filed a town plat for Ivywild on February 11, 1888.

The name of the town is attributed to Mr. Jenkins wife and has no specific relation. It was most likely a selection intended to imply a quiet and peaceful community.

Ivywild is still in existence, although now well within the boundaries of Colorado Springs. It is a community of older but well-maintained homes.

According to the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, Ivywild is the area west of US Highways 85-87 and north of Broadmoor Road.

From 1964 to 1968 a Classified Branch of Colorado Springs provided postal services for the area. After being closed for several years the Branch Post Office reopened in 1986. Postal markings have been seen from the Branch Office, but not from the independent post office.

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

Jul 29 1891 --- SW/4 Sec 30 T14S R66W 1-1/4 mile south of Fountaine Qui Bouille 1/8 mile north of Cheyenne Creek
Proposed postmaster - Charles F. Mathis
Sep 14 1891 Established
Sep 14 1891 Mathis, Charles M.

Jul 31 1895 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

IVYWILD – Continued Confirmed types of postal markings NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM IVYWILD

## **JIMMY CAMP**

The name Jimmy Camp dates back to the 1820's or 1830's. One Jimmy Daugherty was reportedly a member of Major Stephen Long's expedition to Colorado. Daugherty is said to have returned to Colorado and built a cabin on a stream some eight miles east of present-day Colorado Springs. Daugherty became friendly with the Ute Indians and when he was murdered by a group of Mexicans the Indians tracked down the killers and took revenge.

The cabin site and an associated spring became a favorite campsite on the Cherokee Trail and were known to travelers as Jimmy Camp. The portion of the trail, from Fountain to Russellville became known as the Jimmy Camp Trail and the name was also attached to the stream. In the late 1870's there was briefly a Jimmy Camp Post Office. A station on the Denver and New Orleans Railroad also carried the name.

The location of Jimmy Camp was about a mile south from Colorado Highway 94 where the Cherokee Trail crosses that modern road. The highway crosses Jimmy Camp Creek approximately two and one-half miles east of the entrance to Peterson Air Force Base and a mile and a half east of Mark Sheffel Road.

In addition to Jimmy Camp, the coal mine settlement of McFerran was also in this area in the late 1880's and the 1890's.

The area of Jimmy Camp is private property with no public access. A view down the valley from Highway 94 does not show any signs of the former habitation.

It should be noted that as development continues to spread east from Colorado Springs there could be rapid changes in this area.

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

May 17 1878 Established

May 17 1878 Parfous, Mortimer

May 29 1878 --- SW/4 Sec 15 T14S R65W Apparently on Jimmy Camp Creek

Feb 14 1879 Discontinued

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM JIMMY CAMP

## **KELKER**

Kelker was a railroad post office adjacent to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad some three or four miles southeast of Colorado Springs. It seems likely that its primary, but brief purpose, was to serve railroad personnel and a few other local residents.

Exit from Interstate 25 at South Circle Drive and go east to Janitell Road. Go north on Janitell Road to the intersection with Las Vegas Road. Turn south on Las Vegas Road, which will take you back under South Circle Drive and continue south along the railroad to where Las Vegas Road crosses the tracks of the former Denver and Rio Grande. As best as I can determine Kelker was near that point, probably within the grounds of what is now the Colorado Springs Detention Center.

The USGS El Paso County Topographic Map labels as Kelker the area where South Circle Drive is elevated above the railroad yards. That location is somewhat northwest of the Detention Center. This is also the approximate location of Wheatland (1869-1873).

#### **KELKER – Continued**

Latitude = 38:47:45 North Longitude = 104:46:51 West

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

Apr 30 1912 Established

Apr 30 1912 Reynolds, Nellie E. Oct 9 1913 Reynolds, Nellie E.

Jul 24 1914 --- Sec 34 T14S R66W 16 feet east of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

Aug 31 1914 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 KELKER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0 Oct 7 1912 Oct 27 1913

4bars S-24x20mm



#### LOWLAND

Lowland was the first name given to the post office located in the southwest quarter of section 17, Township 14 South, Range 61 West.

Lowland opened in 1908 and in April 1909 the name was changed to Wayne. The post office continued under that name until it closed in early 1912 with mail directed to Yoder. Perhaps at that time the Yoder Post Office was moved to this location and was there briefly before moving back north.

The location is one mile south of Colorado Highway 94, on the southern extension of Calhan Highway. At that point there is a road to the west. In the northeast corner of this intersection there is a small ranch but the buildings all seem of relatively recent construction. In the southwest corner there is an old concrete foundation

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

No individual document was found in the El Paso County Geographic Site Location Reports.

Aug 13 1908 Established Aug 13 1908 Groft, Elias

Jan 15 1909 Name changed to Wayne

Apr 22 1909 --- SW/4 Sec 17 T14S R61W 5 miles east of Squirrel Creek

The sketch map places it 5 miles due south of Yoder and 1 mile south and 6 miles

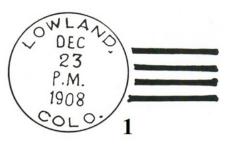
east of Ellicott

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

1 LOWLAND, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5

Dec 23 1908

4bars S-23x14mm



## **LYTLE**

Lytle was a rural post office southwest of Colorado Springs and to the east of modern Colorado Highway 115. It appears that it replaced the earlier Turkey Creek Post Office which was nearby.

For many years Lytle was the only post office in the area between Colorado Springs and Penrose in Fremont County. As such it served a number of ranches and farms.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports give two locations for the Lytle Post Office. Both of those locations are within the boundaries of the Fort Carson Military Reservation.

I believe that Jim Ozment and I did visit the original site of Lytle. We drove into the Fort Carson grounds at the entrance to the Turkey Creek Recreation Area. This is a park and sports facility for the military but there was no apparent restriction to access. The main building is the Penrose Center but although it has been there for some time, it almost surely postdates the Lytle Post Office.

The second location of Lytle was about three miles southeast of the recreation area. That is deep within Fort Carson and there is no public access. It is most likely that any early buildings have been removed by the military.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 16 1885 --- SW/4 Sec 34 T16S R67W

Not dated --- NE/4 Sec 24 T17S R67W 100 yards east of Turkey Creek A move 2 miles south of a

previous location

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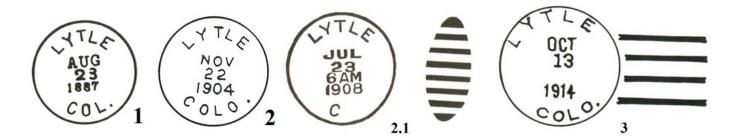
Aug 12 1885 Established

Aug 12 1885 Bixby, Lyman P.
May 21 1888 Conlogue, James P.
Jan 8 1914 Keen, Ernest B.
Aug 22 1916 Little, Pearl
Dec 24 1917 Stokes, Ida M.
Jan 20 1919 Stokes, Franklin L.

Mar 5 1920 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LYTLE / COL.	Aug 8 1887 Nov 9 1896
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 16 mm
2	LYTLE / COLO.	Nov 22 1904 Apr 24 1910
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; Target 4-ring 16mm
2.1	LYTLE / C	July 23 1908
	CI 10P 29.0	Dplx 8 bar oval
3	LYTLE / COLO.	Oct 13 1914 Mar 25 1916
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x20mm



## **MAJORS**

Majors was a rural post office in the southeastern corner of El Paso County. Its short life is an indication that no organized community developed and that there was little need for a post office in the area.

The site of Majors is on Edison Road, eight miles south of Colorado Highway 94. Edison Road begins three miles east of Yoder and four miles west of Rush, both on Colorado 94. It is also fourteen miles north of the El-Paso-Pueblo County line.

The first and only postmaster at Majors was Benjamin F. Majors. Therefore, I assume the post office was named for him.

I visited the site in May 1997. Nothing was visible at the plotted location, however there was an old pond near the road, which might be an indicator of previous habitation.

Although nothing remains of Majors, I did observe five, recently planted, double wide trailers in the immediate area. I am not sure why anyone would want to live way out here in the middle of nowhere. The landscape is barren of trees and it is a long way from any reasonable service center. Most likely low land prices were an enticement.

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

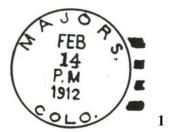
Feb 5 1911 ---SW/4 Sec 19 T15S R60W

May 22 1911 **Established** 

May 27 1911 Majors, Benjamin F. Nov 30 1912 Discontinued Mail to Yoder

## Confirmed types of postal markings

MAJORS, / COLO. Feb 14 1912 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-??x19mm



## **MANITOU**

The history of Manitou is that of Manitou Springs. The settlement at the hot springs, west of Colorado Springs, was first called Villa La Font. The name was soon changed to Manitou and has alternated with Manitou Springs until officially becoming Manitou Springs in 1935.

Please refer to the discussion of Manitou Springs for a more detailed report.

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

Oct 3 1872 **Established** Oct 3 1872 Hawley, G. J. Dec 17 1874 Davis, Isaac Not reported, but sketch map would seem to place it in Sec 5 T14S R67 May 25 1875 ---

(As later reported) 100 yards south of Fountaine Qui Bouille

Apr 25 1877 Backster, Mrs. Myra

Backster, Mrs. Myra Jan 29 1878 P&S

Feb 7 1879 Williams, Arthur B.

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	Feb 27 1883	Williams, Arthur B.		
	Feb 2 1885	Name changed to Man	itou Springs	
	May 20 1892	Name changed from M	lanitou Springs	
	Jul 23 1892	SE/4 SW/4 Sec 5 T14S	R67W 12 feet sou	ith of Fountaine Qui Bouille
	Feb 25 1890	Grafton, Homer H.		P&S
	Mar 19 1894	Snyder, Homer B.		P&S
	Oct 22 1897	Grafton, Homer H.		P
	Jan 10 1898	Grafton, Homer H.		P&S
	Jan 21 1902	Grafton, Homer H.		P&S
	Jan 24 1906	Grafton, Homer H.		P&S
	Jan 19 1910	Grafton, Homer H.		P&S
	Jan 27 1914	Sanford, Thomas J.		P&S
	Apr 1 1914	SW/4 Sec 5 T14S R67V	V 200 feet south o	of Fountain Creek
	Sep 5 1918	Sanford, Thomas J.		P&S
	Jun 1 1922	Lerbold, Charles E.		Acting
	Jan 9 1923	Lerbold, Charles E.		Appointed
	Mar 3 1923	Noble, Jesse W.		P&S
	Feb 24 1927	Noble, Jesse W.		P&S
	Feb 20 1931	Noble, Jesse W.		P&S
	Nov 18 1933	Flake, Gus C.		Acting
	Nov 30 1933	Flake, Gus C.		Assumed charge
	May 23 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Nominated
	May 31 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Confirmed
	Jun 28 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Commissioned
	Nov 18 1933	Flake, Gus C.		Acting
	Nov 30 1933	Flake, Gus C.		Assumed charge
	May 23 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Nominated
	May 31 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Confirmed
	Jun 28 1934	Flake, Gus C.		Commissioned
	Dec 30 1935	Secs 4,5,6 T14S R67W	Fountain Creek	150 feet north of post office
	Jan 1 1936	Name changed to Manitou		

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1.A Manitou Col Mar 31 1873 Apr 9 187  MS Mscp Pen cancel  1.B Manitou Colo Jul 30 187-  MS Mscp Pen cancel  2 MANITOU / COLO. May 15 1873 Apr 28 18  CI 10P 26.5 Hstp Fancy, Cork, hand-cut negative outline  3 MANITOU / COL. May 20 1878 Sep 25, 18  CI 10P 25.0 Hstp Fancy, Positive star in 18mm circle	73
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CI 10F 25.0 HStp Failty, Fusitive star in 10min tirtle	
4 MANITOU / COLO. Jun 22 1879 Aug 25 188	83
CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Fancy, Star in 20mm circle; Cork, Posi	
negative x-roads	• /
4.1 MANITOU / COLO. Nov 15 1881 Nov 17 188	81
CI 10P 27. Hstp Fancy, 6-bar circle	
5 MANITOU / COL. Oct 11 1883 Aug 1 188	35
CI 10P 26.5 Hstp Cork, Hobnail grid, 6-bar circular grid	1
6 MANITOU / COLO. Jul 15 1885	
OC 10P 25.0 Hstp No killer, backstamp	
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7 MANITOU / COLO. Aug 18 1892 Aug 27 18	•
CI 10P 29.0 Hstp Cork, Smudge, Geometric pattern	
7.1 Maritan Cala // DECEINED / H. H. CDAETON DM. Access 1900	

7.1 Manitou, Colo. // RECEIVED. / H. H. GRAFTON. P.M. Aug 28 1899 OV 11P 50.0/48x30.5/29.0 Hstp No killer

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8.1	MANITOU / COLO.	Mar 19 1894 Apr 19 1896
	CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
8.2	MANITOU / COLO.	Jun 9 1893 Aug 20 1893
	CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle
8.3	MANITOU / COLO.	Sep 26 1892 Jun 23 1898
	CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, oval with 3 and circle
9	MANITOU, COLO. / REGISTE	
	OC 10P 38.0x27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge; Pen cancel
10	MANITOU / COLO.	Aug 12 1898 Jul 29 1900
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Double grid, smudge
11	MANITOU / COLO.	Mar 5 1900 Mar 14 1900
	CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
12	MANITOU / COLO.	Jul 21 1900 Jul 23 1901
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
13	MANITOU, COLO.	Aug 15 1901
	CI 10P 27.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
14	MANITOU, COLO.	Aug 15 1902 Jun 22 1907
	CI 10P 23.0	Drms Vertical bars
15	MANITOU, COLO.	Aug 11 1908 May 9 1911
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach Vertical bars
16	MANITOU, COLO.	Jun 30 1911 Aug 8 1924
	CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag
17	MANITOU, COLO.	Sep 19 1925 May 22 1935
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
18	MANITOU / COLO.	Dec 31 1935 Dec 31 1935
	CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
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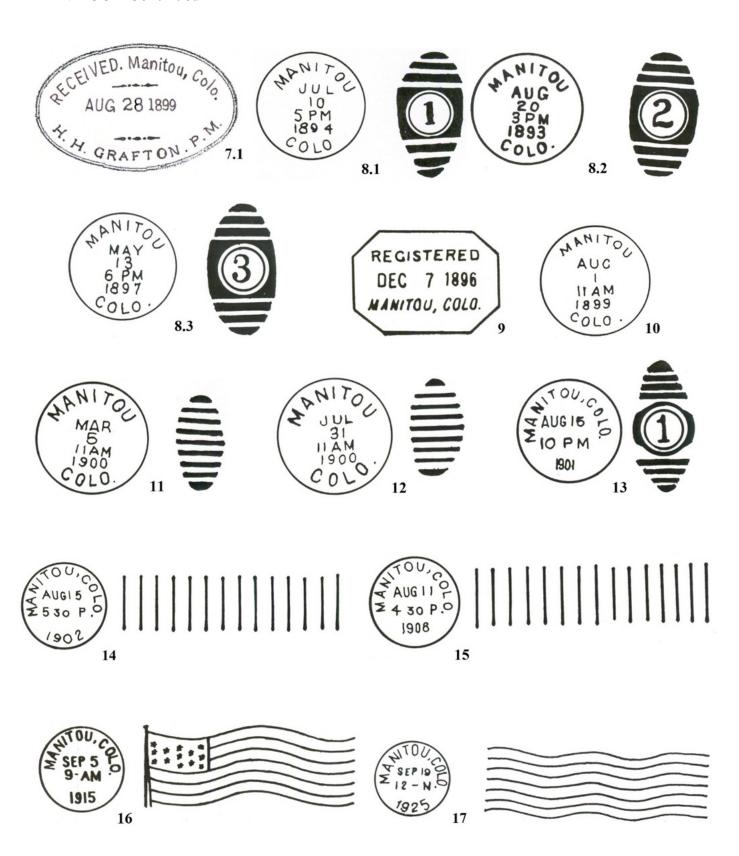








## **MANITOU - Continued**



## MANITOU SPRINGS

Manitou Springs was founded around a group of hot mineral springs near the entrance to the Canyon of Fountain Creek. The Cheyenne, Kiowa, Arapaho and Ute tribes were frequent visitors to the springs. The springs were believed to have healing properties and were considered neutral ground by the Native Americans. The hot springs are the source for the name Fountain Creek. French trappers labeled them "La Fountaine Qui Bouille" - The spring that boils.

The springs are six in number, named: Manitou, Navajo, Ute-Soda, Shoshone, Iron-Ute and Little Chief.

Development at the Manitou Springs began soon after settlement at Colorado Springs, a few miles to the east. Dr. William A. Bell and General William Palmer were instrumental in the early development. The Manitou House Hotel was built in 1872 and the village began to grow.

The initial name for the new settlement was Villa La Font. Dr. William A. Bell told the Village Improvement Society of Colorado Springs that Manitou Springs was first given the name La Font but "Finding that the name was not satisfactory and becoming better acquainted with the writings of Ruxton, we chose the name which he told us the Indians had given to the Spirit of the Spring - "Manitou." Others assert that English investor William Blackmore suggested the Algonquin word for spirit from one of his favorite poems, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha," which inspired many place names after its 1855 publication.

The Post Office Department also got into the act. At first the town was called Manitou but in 1885 the name was changed to the more descriptive Manitou Springs and in 1888 the town was incorporated under that name. However, in the 1890's the Department went through a period in which it attempted to simplify the names of post offices. Spellings were modernized and multi-word names were joined or shortened. Thus in 1892 Manitou Springs reverted to Manitou. That name change lasted until January 1, 1936. In 1935 the City Council had declared Manitou Springs to be the official name of the town.

Since its founding the economy of Manitou Springs has been largely based on being a resort and a tourist destination. There are several famous tourist attractions nearby and The Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railroad begins its ascent from Manitou Springs.

As so often happens the post office moved frequently, from the southwest corner of Manitou and Navajo, to Canon Avenue across from the Episcopal Church, then to 732 Manitou Avenue and on to 738 Manitou. In 1940 a new, impressive post office building was completed at 307 Canon Avenue, on the corner with Grand Avenue and across the street from the Cliff House Hotel.

Manitou Springs is the western edge of the greater Colorado Springs metropolitan area, on US Highway 24, the road to Ute Pass and into the South Park.

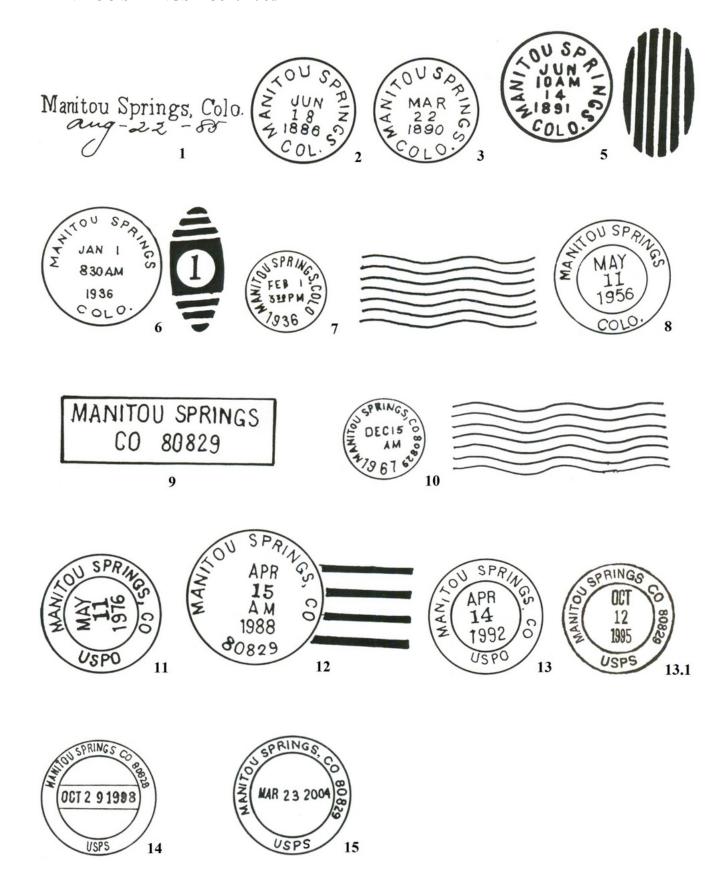
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#### **Chronology of the Post Office**

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Feb 27 1885
                 Name changed from Manitou
Feb 27 1883
                     Williams, Arthur B.
May 6 1885
                     Green, Joseph H.
Sep 29 1887
                    Green, Joseph H.
                    NW/4 Sec 5 T14S R67W 10 feet south of Fountaine Qui Bouille
Oct 12 1887 ---
Feb 28 1888
                    Green, Joseph H.
                                                          P&S
Feb 25 1890
                    Grafton, Homer H.
May 20 1892
                 Name changed to Manitou
Feb 20 1931
                    Noble, Jesse W.
                                                          Appointed
Nov 30 1933
                    Flake, Gus C.
                                                          Acting
                    Flake, Gus C.
May 31 1934
                                                          Appointed
Jan 1 1936
                 Name changed from Manitou
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App 29 1938	MANIT	OU SPRING	S – Continued			
May 3 1938					1	Nominated
May 28 1938						
May 31 1938						
Apr   14   1941   —   SW/4 Sec 5 T148 R67W A more 1100 feet west of previous location						
Nov   1941				7W A		
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Jul 23 1942   Flake, Gus C.   Nominated	1101	1 17 11				Servers I valuation Creek
Aug 25 1942   Flake, Gus C.   Appointed Presidential	Jul 23	3 1942		Come		Nominated
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Jul 14 1954						
Jul 31 1954						
Appointed Presidential & Commissioned   Assumed charge   Appointed   Appointed   Assumed charge   Assumed charge   Appointed						
Oct 31 1954						
Jul 18 1975   Nigg, Carroll J.   Dickey, Carl O.   Appointed						
Aug 30 1975   Dickey, Carl O.   Appointed						
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## **MANITOU SPRINGS – Continued**



## MANITOU SPRINGS STATIONS

## MANITOU SPRINGS & HALFWAY R. P. O. STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Oct 9 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829 // (MANITOU SPRINGS & HALFWAY / TR 9 / RPO / STATION)

Oct 9 1999

CI 10P 34.0

Pict Grid, 6-bar oval with RMS



## MANITOU SPRINGS & SUMMIT R. P. O. STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Jun 29 1991 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 22 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1.A MANITOU SPRINGS, COLO. 80829 // (MANITOU SPRINGS & SUMMIT / RPO / STATION)

Jun 29 1991 Jun 29 1991

CI 01R 33.0/27.0

Pict Scene - Cog engine; Text - Tr 16, MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK RAILWAY // 1891 / 1991 in oval grid

1.B MANITOU SPRINGS, COLO. 80829 // (MANITOU SPRINGS & SUMMIT / RPO / STATION)

Jun 29 1991 Jun 29 1991

CI 01R 33.0/27.0

Pict Scene - Cog engine; Text - Tr 17, MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK RAILWAY // 1891 / 1991 in oval grid

2 MANITOU SPRINGS, COLO. 80829 // (MANITOU SPRINGS & SUMMIT / TR 14 / RPO / STATION)

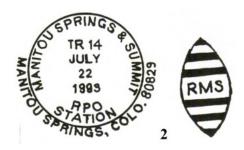
Jul 22 1993

CI 01R 36.0/30.0

Pict Scene - RMS oval grid,



#### MANITOU SPRINGS STATIONS – Continued



#### MANITOU SPRINGS - PIKES PEAK MARATHON AND ASCENT STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

**Aug 14 1998** Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MANITOU / SPRINGS / CO 80829 / PIKES PEAK MARATHON / AND ASCENT STATION Aug 14 1998

SL 00R 49.0/40.0

No separate killer



PIKES PEAK MARATHON AND ASCENT STATION

#### **McFERRAN**

McFerran was located on the same portion of Jimmy Camp Creek that had been the site of the early trading post and rest stop known as Jimmy Camp. J. J. B. McFerran of Colorado Springs owned much of the land in the area and about 1884 he began development of coal deposits in the Jimmy Camp Valley. In 1886 McFerran sold his interests and the subsequent owners constructed a small town to house workers at the mine. The Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad (Rock Island) built a spur line to the McFerran Mine. The branch line commenced near the site of Elsmere and crossed the trackage of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad (later known as the Colorado and Southern.)

As with Jimmy Camp there is no public access to the location (2001); an overview from Colorado Highway 94 does not offer any evidence of where the mine was located. Apparently there has been a good cleanup of any remaining debris.

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

Jan 2 1889 --- NW/4 Sec 15 T14S R65W 1/2 mile east of Jimmy Camp Creek 1500 feet north of the

C.K. & N. Ry

Proposed postmaster - Lester P. Merriman

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Jan 19 1889 Established

Jan 19 1889 Merriman, Lester P.

McFERRAN - Continued

Mar 19 1890 Patton, Albert L.
Oct 11 1894 Porter, Frank L.
Jul 30 1896 Moved to Newfield

Confirmed types of postal markings

McFer / Colo Apr 28, 1881
MS Mscp No killer on stamp

[This marking raises several questions. It predates the post office by

several years so it seems doubtful that it is a true postmark.

There is also a high probability that it is not from McFerran

Fig. 21.0

2 McFARRAN / COLO. Feb 21 ? Jun 22 1893

CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Target

**MONUMENT** 

The post office here opened in 1869 on the David McShane Ranch with the name of Monument. The name was selected for the towering rock formations west of the town. The location was also along Monument Creek.

On October 1, 1870 Henry Limbach made a first payment on 160 acres of land located partly in Section 5 and extending north into Sections 10 and 11. The tracts were patented to Maria Linder who was Henry's mother-in-law.

The site of the town was on land patented July 10, 1872 by Charles Adams. On March 4, 1872, before the date of the patent, Adams sold about 26 acres to Henry Limbach. On January 5, 1874, Charles Adams and Henry Limbach recorded a plat for the town of Monument. About 60 acres were included in the plat. For several years Henry Limbach operated a store and the post office. The town of Monument was incorporated in 1881.

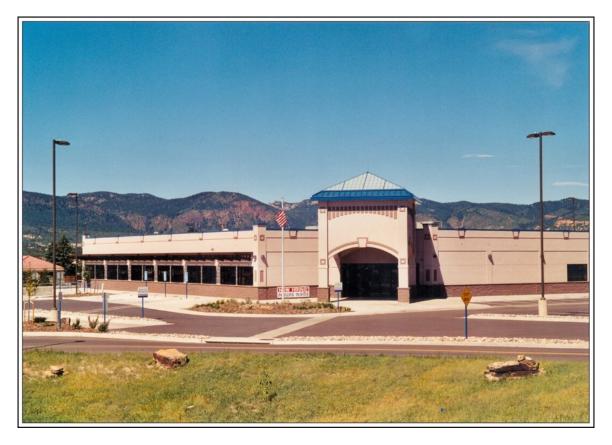
The Rio Grande Railroad was built through here in 1871 and the railroad station was first called Henry's Station after Henry Limbach. At this early date there was a Monument Station further south on the railroad.

The arrival of the railroad there created confusion between the Monument Post Office and Monument Station. It was simpler for the railroad to change station names. Thus Henry's Station became Monument Station and the original Monument Station became Edgerton.

Monument is located on the southern slope of the east-west ridge that divides the watersheds of the Arkansas and South Platte Rivers. This ridge is commonly called Monument Divide by the Colorado Highway Department or Palmer Lake Divide by the railroads.

For many years Monument was a center for lumbering of the ponderosa pine forest on the divide and for ranching in the area north of Colorado Springs. During the late 1950's the construction of the United States Air Force Academy, a short distance south of Monument, changed the whole picture. Since the Academy opened in June of 1958 and with the completion of Interstate 25 between Denver and Colorado Springs, there has been an explosive growth of residential communities and commercial development throughout the length of the Monument Creek Valley.

#### **MONUMENT – Continued**



The new post office, Monument, Colorado
Photograph by James L. Ozment September 10, 2000

The growth of the area rapidly affected postal services. From 1869 to 1959 the post offices were located in stores or private homes.

On February 27, 1904, the Park Hotel and the post office burned. These buildings were on Front Street south of Second Street.

On April 9, 1920 the Monument Post office burned again. This was located on the south side of Second Street and west of Washington Street. It was a two-story frame building with living quarters upstairs and with a store and post office downstairs. Two elderly men, Dan Putnam and Bill Simpson, were burned to death in this fire. Rumors at the time were that one of the old men upset a coal oil lamp that started the fire.

1959 was the first time Monument had a separate post office building. This building was the first in Monument to be solely occupied by the Post Office, although on lease by the Post Office Department. It was dedicated April 24, 1960 with Lucille Lavelett as postmaster. By 1975 a new and larger building was being constructed on Front Street. In 1979 the post office was located in this moderate size brick building suitable for an average sized town. By 2000 the post office had moved again, into a new, very large building capable of providing for the needs of a large city. The previous building was being advertised as "available".

Monument is accessed from Interstate 25 at Exit 161; the post office is west of I- 25 and only a short distance from the exit.

Latitude = 39:05:30 North Longitude = 104:52:20 West

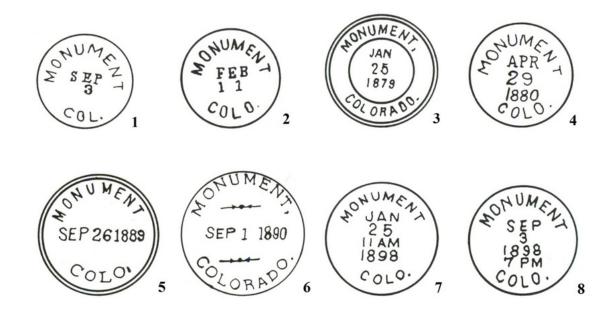
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Feb 21 1871	NE/4 Sec 15 T11S R67W 1/4 mi	le east of Monument Creek
Mar 8 1871	Limbach, John Henry	
Apr 27 1879	SE/4 Sec 15 T11S R67W 1/2 mil	e east of Monument Creek 500 feet east of the
_	Denver & Rio Grande	
Dec 13 1880	Holbrook, William E.	
Apr 16 1886	Younger, William	
Jun 12 1886	Younger, William M.	
Dec 30 1886	Duffy, John M.	
Jan 9 1891	Duffy, Catherine E.	
Sep 10 1896	Bell, Frances W.	
?	Bell, Mary S.	Acting
Dec 14 1910	Watts, Anna L.	<u> </u>
Feb 28 1914	SW/4 Sec 15 T11S R67W 1/4 mi	lle east of Monument Creek
Sep 18 1914	Betts, Ida	Confirmed
Oct 14 1914	Betts, Ida	Commissioned
Sep 29 1914	Betts, Ida	Assumed charge
Mar 24 1916	SE/4 Sec 15 T11S R67W 1,520 f	eet east of Monument Creek 670 feet east of D&RG RR
Jan 10 1942	Lots 9 & 10, Block 1, Section 15	T11S R67W (Second Street) Monument Creek and
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May 1 1942	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie	Assumed charge
May 12 1942	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie	Acting
Aug 7 1942	Hagedorn, Mrs. Lela	Appointed & Confirmed
Aug 21 1942	Hagedorn, Mrs. Lela	Commissioned
Sep 16 1942	Hagedorn, Mrs. Lela	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential
Apr 28 1949	Carrothers, Wilber W.	Nominated
Jun 1 1949	Carrothers, Wilber W.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949	Carrothers, Wilber W.	<b>Appointed Presidential &amp; Commissioned</b>
Aug 15 1949	Carrothers, Wilber W.	Assumed charge
Mar 22 1957	Lavelett, Mrs. Lucille R.	Assumed charge
Mar 28 1957	Lavelett, Mrs. Lucille R.	Acting
Sep 21 1962	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Assumed charge
Sep 25 1962	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Acting
May 21 1965	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 4 1965	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Assumed charge
Jun 8 1965	Simpson, Mrs. Goldie L.	Commissioned
Dec 31 1974	Blickinstaff, Doris J.	Officer in charge
Apr 26 1975	Blickinstaff, Doris J.	Appointed
Sep 1 1978	Ulibarri, Mrs. Marilyn A.	Officer in charge
Jan 25 1979	Ross, LeOris R.	Officer in charge
Jul 26 1979	Bartling, Henry H.	Officer in charge
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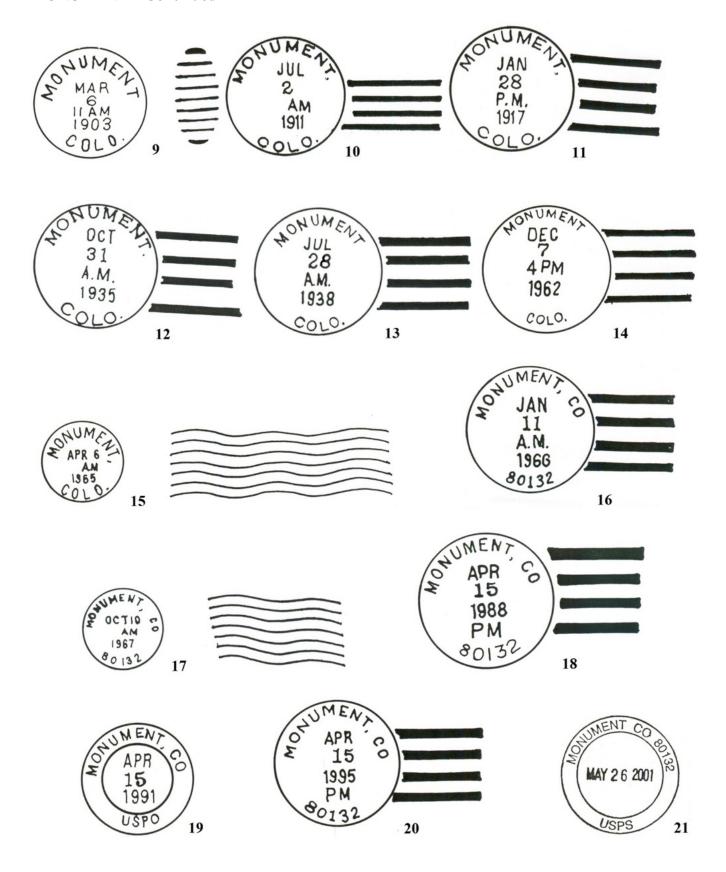
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1	MONUMENT / COL.	Sep 3 187- Aug 24 1875
	CI 10P 24.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring
2	MONUMENT / COLO.	Feb 11 187- May 13 1878
	CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; Target, 4-ring
3	MONUMENT, / COLORADO.	Jan 25 1879
	CI 21P 29.0/27.0/18.0	Hstp Fancy, Outlined negative star on ruled background in circle
4	MONUMENT / COLO.	Apr 29 1880 Jun 2 1891
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, smudge

MON	UMENT – Continued	
5	MONUMENT / COLO.	Aug 25 1887 Sep 26 1889
	CI 20P 32.0/29.0	Hstp No killer
6	MONUMENT, / COLORADO.	Sep 1 1890 Oct 8 1890
	CI 10P 32.0	Hstp Not present
7	MONUMENT / COLO.	Sep 24 1895 Nov 17 1898
	CI 10P 28.5	Hstp Cork, Smudge
8	MONUMENT / COLO.	Sep 24 1895 Apr 27 1899
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads
9	MONUMENT / COLO.	Mar 11 1903 Feb 26 1904
	CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
10	MONUMENT, / COLO.	Jul 24 1911
	CI 10P 30.5	4bars S-25x13mm
11	MONUMENT, / COLO.	Jan 28 1917 Jan 22 1924
	CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x20mm
12	MONUMENT, / COLO.	Dec 28 1931 Nov 1 1937
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm
13	MONUMENT / COLO.	Jul 28 1938 Dec 12 1960
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm
14	MONUMENT / COLO.	Dec 4 1962 Feb 14 1975
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm
15	MONUMENT, / COLO.	Apr 9 1964 Apr 6 1965
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
16	MONUMENT, CO / 80132	Jan 11 1966 Aug 5 1976
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24X20mm
17	MONUMENT, CO / 80132	Sep 6 1966 Mar 5 1976
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
18	MONUMENT, CO / 80132	Apr 15 1988
	CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-25x21mm
19	MONUMENT, CO / USPO	Apr 15 1991 Jun 1 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer
20	MONUMENT, CO / 80132	Apr 15 1995
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm
21	MONUMENT CO 80132 / USPS	Nov 15 2000 May 26 2001
	CI 11P 30.5/22.0	Hstp No killer



## **MONUMENT – Continued**



## **MOSBY**

Mosby was another of the rural post offices in east-central El Paso County. As with the other post offices that served this area, there is no evidence that there was any organized community.

From Colorado Highway 94, two miles west of Yoder, drive north on Calhan Highway five miles to Borenberg Road. The Site Location Report places Mosby in the northeast corner of the intersection. There is a fairly large ranch complex with a number of buildings of varying ages. There is some evidence that there may have been other buildings west of the line of trees and that may have been the actual site of Mosby.

I have found no information as to the source of the name for this post office.

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

Jan 14 1910 --- SW/4 Sec 17 T13S T61W

Proposed postmaster - John Frederick Lyons

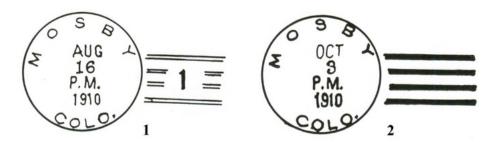
Mar 24 1910 Established

Mar 24 1910 Lyons, John F.

Nov 30 1913 Discontinued Mail to Calhan

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MOSBY / COLO. Aug 16 1910 Apr 12 1911 CI 10P 31.0 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-??x13mm 2 MOSBY / COLO. Oct 3 1910 Dec 25 1912 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x14mm



#### **MYERS**

I have found no information relative to the location or history of this place. There is no Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Myers.

It is surprising that there is no information on this site as the Post Office Department records indicate the it was in operation for nearly three years

It is also possible that the location was somewhere in the newly opened Cripple Creek Mining District, which in 1891 was a part of El Paso County.

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

No document found in El Paso Geographic Site Location Reports

Aug 11 1891 Established Not listed in postal guides

Aug 11 1891 Carr, Emma T.

May 10 1894 Discontinued No papers sent

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MYERS

## **NEWFIELD**

Newfield was another post office that existed briefly near the Franceville coal mines, east-southeast of Colorado Springs. The Newfield Post Office was the last to operate in the vicinity of the coal mines.

Some writers have claimed that Newfield was another name for McFerran. However, although the McFerran Post Office was moved to Newfield in 1896 the site of McFerran was more than three miles to the west-northwest of Newfield.

Follow the directions to Franceville that have been previously described. Continue on Franceville Coal Mine Road to approximately two and a half miles south of Colorado Highway 94. Newfield was somewhere not far west of the road. All buildings and mine structures have disappeared. There are some recent mobile homes scattered around the south end of Franceville Coal Mine Road.

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

Jul 30 1896 Moved from McFerran Jul 30 1896 Bickerton, John

Aug 19 1896 --- NE/4 Sec 30 T14S R64W

The sketch map places this site about 1-1/2 miles east of Franceville Therefore, this was a move of location as well as a name change for the McFerran Post Office

Feb 26 1898 Harden, Roy

May 28 1898 Discontinued Papers to Franceville Junction

## Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM NEWFIELD

#### O.Z.

There is no question that O.Z. was a ranch post office in the northeastern corner of El Paso County and that in 1888 it was moved to the fledgling community of Ramah, about two miles to the northeast. At the time of the move, Julien Gammon was operating a small store, which moved with the post office to Ramah.

From there the questions begin to arise. Julien Gammon (not Julian) was the last postmaster at O. Z. and the first postmaster at Ramah but William S. Bates and Perry Hutchinson preceded him in that post. That raises a question as to whether the post office was on his ranch, as several historians have reported, or was it on a neighbor's ranch? R. A. McCray is also mentioned as a partner of Julian (sic) Gammon, but he did not serve as postmaster.

Another name that has been mentioned is O. Z. Guzman (or Gammon). If such a person did exist, his initials could have given rise to the name.

Again, most historians claim that O. Z. stood for Old Zounds, who is not further identified. The legend is that when Old Zounds applied for a post office he was too lazy to write his name, so simply gave his initials, which for some odd reason the Post office Department accepted as a name for the post office.

I tend to believe that the answer is in the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports. Inexplicably, the report for O.Z. is filed with the Saguache County documents. Attached to the report is a note from the Post Office Department inquiring as to the origin of the proposed name. The response was short and to the point. "O. Z. is a cattle brand and is pronounced as if each letter was a vowel." Of course this does not preclude Mr. Guzman, or Gammon, having the nickname Old Zounds.

The site of O. Z. is at a large ranch complex a couple hundred yards north of US Highway 24 and on the south side of Big Sandy Creek. The ranch is about two miles southwest of Ramah and one mile southwest of the intersection of Blasingame Road, with U.S. 24. There are several old farm buildings and a new house.

#### O. Z. – Continued

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 9 1877 --- NE/4 SW/4 Sec 11 T11S R61W On the south side of Big Sandy Creek

NOTE: The following was found with the Saguache County Reports.

How did your P.O. and locality get the name of O.Z. What do these letters mean,

or stand for?

Answer: O Z is a cattle brand and is pronounced as if each letter was a vowel.

W. S. Bates PM

Jan 29 1877 Established

Jan 29 1877
Feb 26 1877
Oct 3 1879
Dec 16 1879
Jul 11 1883
Aug 8 1889
Bates, William S.
Hutchinson, Perry
Bates, William S.
Gammon, Julien
Moved to Ramah

## Confirmed types of postal markings

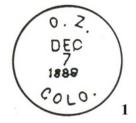
0.1 O Z COLO Apr 30 1880 Feb 13 1881

MS Mscp Pen cancel Mscp [SRM: Size approximate]

O.Z. / COLO. Dec 7 1888 Jun 25 1889

CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Not present





#### **PACIFIC**

1

I have found no information relative to the location or history of this place. There is no Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Pacific.

The Post Office Department Records are inconclusive. A postmaster was appointed but there is no further entry. The absence of a date of discontinuance or rescinding the establishment may confirm that the post office was never established.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 10 1880 Established No further entries Probably never operated

Not listed in postal guides

Mar 10 1880 Kesselring, Adam Jr. Disposition unknown

#### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM PACIFIC

#### **PALMER**

In March 1887 the Weissport Post Office was moved to a new location and took a new name – Palmer. After little more than a month the name was altered to Palmer Lake. For seven years the office operated under that name.

#### PALMER. - Continued

From 1894 to 1912 the name of Palmer Lake was altered to Palmer. This was one of the many changes in names instituted by the Post Office Department to shorten and standardize post office names throughout the country. Often these changes did not meet with approval from the affected residents and the name or spelling reverted to the original. Such was the case with Palmer Lake / Palmer. Please refer to Palmer Lake for discussion of the history and location of this community.

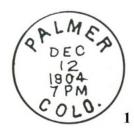
## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 22 1887	Moved from Weissport
Mar 22 1887	Thomson, W. Finley
Apr 26 1887	Name changed to Palmer Lake
Sep 11 1894	Name changed from Palmer Lake
Sep 11 1894	Phillips, Mattie O.
Jun 3 1896	Wilson, Mrs. Harriet E.
Jan 25 1897	Young, Miss Grace
Jun 20 1898	Munger, John J.
Sep 30 1902	Neff, Mark W.
Oct 13 1905	Wilson, Fred
Jun 17 1912	Name changed to Palmer Lake

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

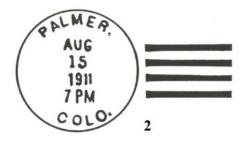
0.1	PALMER / COLO.	Aug 25 1902
	CI 10P 28.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
1	PALMER / COLO.	Jul 17 1897 Jul 17 1907
	CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval; Cork, negative X-roads
1.1	PALMER, COLO. / REC'D.	Jul 31 1907
	CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer
2	PALMER, / COLO.	Jul 24 1907 Sep 12 1912
	CI 10P 31.0	4hars P-23x13mm











## PALMER LAKE

The town of Palmer Lake has had several names. First, the Denver and Rio Grande gave its station there the name of Divide. It was an appropriate name as it was at the summit of the divide (altitude 7,238 feet) between the watersheds of the South Platte and Arkansas Rivers. The town is located on a small lake that was named Divide Lake, but sometimes referred to as Loch Katrine, which name may also have been applied to the community.

Kate Field, a noted lecturer christened the lake Palmero Lake in honor of General William J. Palmer, founder of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The name was soon altered to Palmer Lake.

In spite of all these names, the early post office on the divide was named Weissport for Camillus Albert Weiss, the first station agent for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad at Divide.

#### **PALMER LAKE – Continued**

The prime mover for the development of Palmer Lake was Dr. W. Finley Thompson. He laid out the townsite. A plat was filed in 1888 and the town of Palmer Lake was incorporated on March 2, 1889. Dr. Thompson was the last postmaster of Weissport and the first postmaster of Palmer Lake. Although the name change took place in April 1887, it is quite possible that by that time the Weissport Post Office had already moved the short distance northwest from Weissport to Palmer Lake. Dr. Thompson built a lovely frame mansion, known as Estemere House, which is still standing.

From 1894 to 1912 the post office was Palmer. The community of Palmer Lake developed along several lines. It provided housing for workers on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. It became a destination for daily excursions from Denver and a popular spot for picnics on the shores of the lake. There were also summer homes for some of the more affluent citizens of Denver.

In recent years Palmer Lake has been swept up in the residential development that has expanded north along the Interstate 25 corridor from Colorado Springs and the nearby U. S. Air Force Academy.

Palmer Lake / Weissport can be reached via Colorado Highway 105 from Monument on Interstate 25. Colorado 105 continues north to Sedalia in Douglas County.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

n	ronology of the	Post Office	
	Apr 26 1887	Name changed from Palmer	
	Apr 26 1887	Thompson, W. Finley	
	Nov 29 1889	Campbell, Della K.	
	Sep 11 1894	Name changed to Palmer	
	Jun 17 1912	Name changed from Palmer	
	Jun 17 1912	Wilcox, Fred	
	Aug 29 1912	SW/4 Sec 5 T11S R67W 1/4 r	nile west of D&RG track
	Nov 12 1913	Willis, Robert B.	
	Apr 6 1914	SW/4 Sec 5 T11S R67W	
	May 27 1921	Alpine, John S.	
	Sep 13 1924	Johnson, Dennett E.	Acting
	Dec 27 1924	Johnson, Dennett E.	Appointed
	Jan 6 1927	Houston, Daisy	Acting
	Mar 5 1927	Houston, Daisy	Appointed & Confirmed
	Mar 22 1927	Houston, Daisy	Commissioned
	Oct 21 1941	Not Reported	
	Oct 1 1942	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Assumed charge
	Oct 14 1942	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Acting
	May 11 1943	SW/4 Sec 5 T11S R67W 1/2 r	nile north of Monument Creek 1/2 mile west of the Denver &
	•	Rio Grande RR A move 300	feet west of a previous location
	May 13 1943	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Confirmed
	May 25 1943	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Commissioned
	Jun 14 1943	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Assumed charge
	Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential
	Jul 17 1945	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Nominated
	Jul 28 1945	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Confirmed
	Jul 30 1945	Meyers, Mrs. Evelyn	Apptd Presid., Commissioned & Assumed charge
	Jun 28 1948	SE/4 Sec 5 T11S R67W One	city block east of previous location
	Mar 31 1952	Bradley, Mrs. Reba	Acting
	Feb 4 1954	Bradley, Mrs. Reba	Nominated
	Mar 1 1954	Bradley, Mrs. Reba	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
	Jun 30 1954	Bradley, Mrs. Reba	Assumed charge
	Oct 31 1967	Havens, Leslie F.	Acting
	Oct 10 1969	Krueger, Mrs. Elaine	Officer in charge
	Apr 17 1971	Krueger, Frances Elaine	Appointed
	Apr 17 1971	Krueger, Frances Elaine	Assumed charge
	Feb 4 1981	Ingram, Gary O.	Officer in charge

# PALMER LAKE – Continued Confirmed types of postal mark

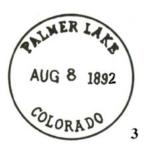
Confirn	ned types of postal markings		
1	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.		Apr 4 1888 Apr 8 1888
	CI 21P 30.0/28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer, back	stamp
1.1	PALMER LAKE / COLO.	•	Jul 10 1889
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	
2	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.		Nov 20 1890
	CI 10P 28.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring,	16mm
3	PALMER LAKE / COLORADO	1 0 / 0/	Aug 27 1891 Jul 16 1893
	CI 10P 32.0	Hstp No killer	
4	PALMER LAKE / COLO.	•	Jul 10 1894 Jul 20 1894
	CI 10P 28.5	Hstp Cork, Smudge	
5	PALMER LAKE / COLO.		May 6 1895
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	•
6	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.	. ,	Mar 12 1913 Aug 8 1916
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	G
7	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.		Jan 29 1935 Dec 30 1938
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	
8	PALMER LAKE / COLO.		Feb 6 1939 Dec 21 1948
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	
9	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.		Aug 3 1951 Mar 30 1960
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x18mm	
10	PALMER LAKE, / COLO.		Oct 16 1962 Apr 18 1966
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
11	PALMER LAKE, CO / 80133		Oct 27 1966 Apr 16 1976
	CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
12	PALMER LAKE, CO / 80133		Nov 5 1971 Apr 14 1987
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	
13	<b>PALMER LAKE, CO / 80133-9998</b>		Apr 15 1989
	CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-23x17mm	
13.1	PALMER LAKE, CO 80133 / USPS		Apr 4 1992
	CI 11P 27.0/19.0	Hstp No Killer	
14	PALMER LAKE, CO 80133-9998 /U	JSPS	Apr 15 1993
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x16mm	
15	PALMER LAKE, CO 80133 / USPS		Apr 20 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	









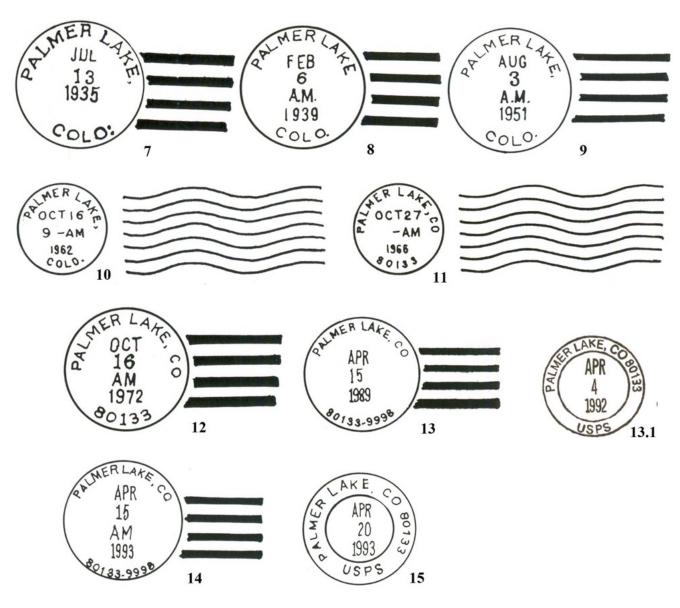








## **PALMER LAKE – Continued**



#### **AUXILIARY MARKINGS**

A01 palmer lake ## DENVER, CO // MOBILE / POST OFFICE Apr 21 1996
CI 11P 44.0/36.0 Hstp No killer. Rim is a time clock. Used as an emergency office at Palmer Lake



## PALMER LAKE STATIONS

## PALMER LAKE - CENTENNIAL STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 2 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

PALMER LAKE, CO / 80133-9998 :: CENTENNIAL STATION Sep 2 1989 CI 10P 29.0 Pict Scene - Columbine with bars; 1889 1999



## PALMER LAKE - RAILROAD HERITAGE STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Aug 27 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

PALMER LAKE, CO 80133 // Railroad Heritage Station Aug 27 1999
IR 00R 75.0x48.0 Pict Scene - Steam locomotive and water tower



## **PEYTON**

The settlement that became Peyton was first known as Mayfield. When an application was submitted for a post office, the name Mayfield was rejected because of potential confusion with Mayfield, California (Santa Clara County). The choice of the name Peyton was to honor George Peyton, one of the original settlers at the location.

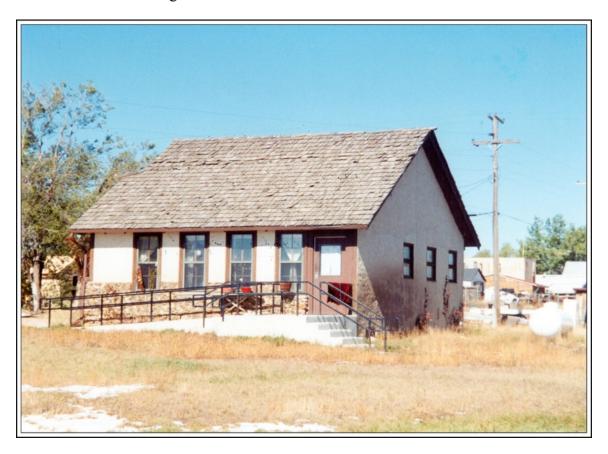
The request for a post office and the change in name took place when the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad arrived in 1888. The town of Peyton was platted in 1889.

#### **PEYTON – Continued**

As a community on the railroad, Peyton became one of the supply points for the surrounding ranch country and a shipping point for livestock. Today, Peyton is a modest community with some small businesses.

Located on US Highway 24 Peyton provides some roadside services to traffic on the highway between Limon and Colorado Springs. Peyton is seven miles northeast of Falcon and ten miles west of Calhan.

Latitude = 39:01:44 North Longitude = 104:28:57 West



This building in Peyton, Colorado was formerly the location of the post office.

Photograph by William H. Bauer October 13, 1997

## Chronology of the Post Office

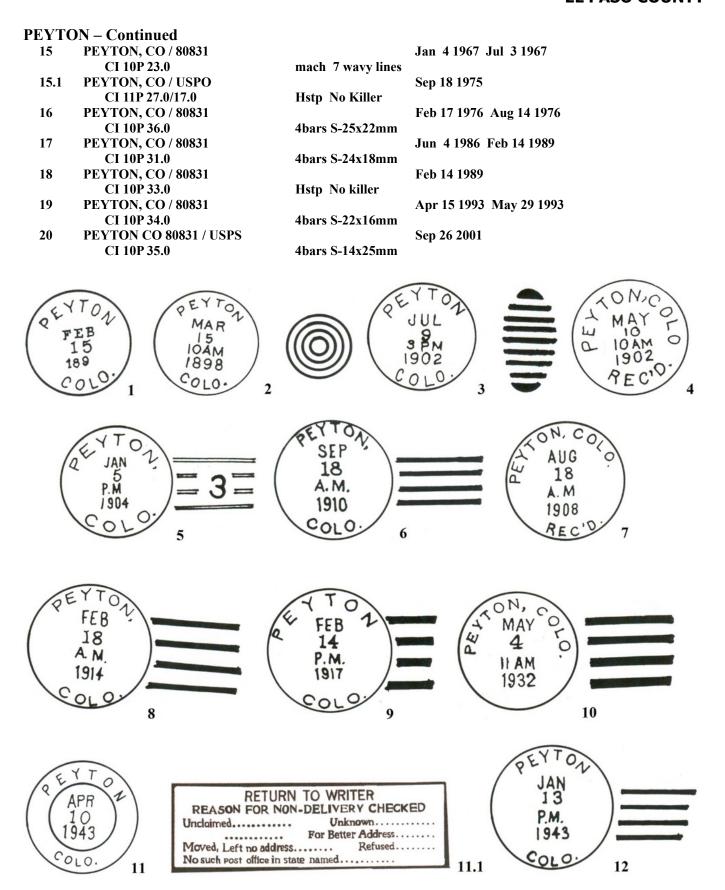
Dec 24 1888	<b>SE/4 Sec 6 T12S R63W</b>	North side of CRI&P, less than 80 rods
	Proposed postmaster - 0	Charles G. McGhee
Feb 14 1889	Established	
Feb 14 1889	McGhee, Charles L.	
Apr 9 1892	McDermott, James	
Dec 1 1897	Wise, Edgar	
Aug 9 1900	Dickinson, Junius M.	
Dec 9 1912	SE/4 Sec 6 T12S R63W	323 feet north of the Rock Island RR
Mar 25 1914	SE/4 Sec 6 T12S R63W	324 feet northwest of the CRI&P RR
Jan 21 1915	Zimmerman, Joseph C.	
Nov 14 1922	Dickinson, Roay A.	
Aug 30 1927	Spear, Amos A.	Acting
Jan 10 1928	Spear, Amos A.	Appointed

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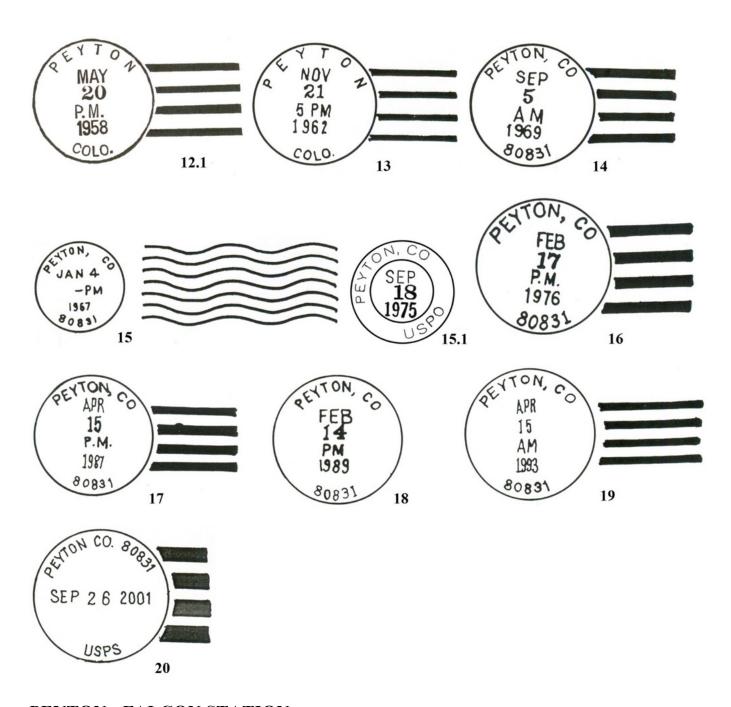
Jul 8 1929	Sayles, Grace W.	Acting
Nov 12 1929	Sayles, Grace W.	Appointed & Confirmed
Dec 4 1929	Sayles, Grace W.	Commissioned
Aug 22 1933	Burroughs, Dennis A.	Assumed charge
Aug 31 1933	Burroughs, Dennis A.	Acting
Dec 14 1933	Burroughs, Dennis A.	Confirmed
Jan 2 1933	Burroughs, Dennis A.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1941	SE/4 Sec 6 T12S R63W Chicago, Rock	Island & Pacific is
	380 feet south of post office	
Jan 6 1942	Lennhoff, Mrs. Alice K.	Acting & Assumed charge
Jul 18 1942	Zaabel, Roy H.	Confirmed
Jul 29 1942	Zaabel, Roy H.	Commissioned
Aug 4 1942	Zaabel, Roy H.	Assumed charge
Jan 31 1947	Duncan, Mrs. Irma G.	Acting
Mar 5 1948	Duncan, Mrs. Irma G.	Appointed
May 18 1948	Duncan, Mrs. Irma G.	Commissioned
May 31 1948	Duncan, Mrs. Irma G.	Assumed charge
Jul 27 1956	Lough, John C.	Acting & Assumed charge
Aug 22 1956	Lough, John C.	Acting
Feb 7 1957	Davis, Joseph P.	Nominated
Apr 8 1957	Davis, Joseph P.	Confirmed, Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
May 31 1957	Davis, Joseph P.	Assumed charge

## **Confirmed types of postal markings**

Confir	med types of postal markings	
1	PEYTON / COLO.	Feb 15 189-
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present
2	PEYTON / COLO.	Mar 9 1898 Sep 2 1899
	CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
3	PEYTON / COLO.	Nov 2 1900 Feb 26 1903
	CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
4	PEYTON, COLO. / REC'D.	May 10 1902 Aug 13 1902
	CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer
5	PEYTON, / COLO.	Jan 5 1904 Jul 26 1907
	CI 10P 29.0	Doane Type 2, with 3; P-23x13mm
6	PEYTON, / COLO.	Jan 2 1908 Sep 18 1910
	CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x13mm
7	PEYTON, COLO. / REC'D.	Jun 13 1908 Aug 18 1908
	CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer
8	PEYTON, / COLO.	Sep 11 1913 Aug 20 1914
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm
9	PEYTON / COLO.	Feb 14 1917 Aug 18 1917
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm
10	PEYTON, COLO.	May 4 1932 Sep 16 1941
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-26x20mm
11	PEYTON / COLO.	Apr 10 1943 Jul 22 1947
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
11.1	peyton colo.	Jan 5 1945 Jul 22 1947
	RC 10P 74.0x23.0	Hstp RETURN TO WRITER
12	PEYTON / COLO.	Jan 13 1943 Dec 4 1953
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm
12.1	PEYTON / COLO.	May 20 1958 Apr 4 1959
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm
13	PEYTON / COLO.	Nov 5 1959 Nov 21 1962
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm
14	<b>PEYTON, CO / 80831</b>	Sep 5 1969 Nov 18 1971
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm



## **PEYTON – Continued**



## **PEYTON - FALCON STATION**

Established as a Station of Colorado Springs it appears that about 1987 the status was changed to a Community Post Office of Peyton. The precise date of the change is not available.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

--- --- Established as a Station of Colorado Springs --- -- Became a Community Post Office of Peyton

#### **PEYTON - FALCON STATION - Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

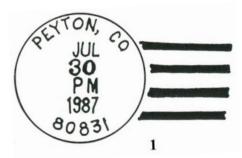
1 PEYTON, CO / 80831 (Falcon CPO)

CI 10P 34.5 4bars S-24x20mm, Only the Peyton, CO device was

available on this date

2 PEYTON, CO FALCON CPO / USPS Apr 15 1992

CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer





Jul 30 1987

## **PIKEVIEW**

Pikeview was located about six miles north of Colorado Springs and was adjacent to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The development of this community resulted from the need for housing for miners working in the nearby Pike View Coal Mine. The coal was lignite and was shipped from Pikeview via the railroad. The Pikes Peak Fuel Company, owned by the Golden Cycle Corporation operated the mine. There was also a brick works at Pikeview.

The name Pikeview was chosen because the area offers a grand view of Pikes Peak to the west.

Pikeview was growing as activity at Edgerton, a short distance to the north, was declining. A Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, dated August 8, 1901 is for a post office at the site of Pikeview. However, the Pikeview Post Office did not officially open until August 28, 1902. Thus, it appears that at some time, perhaps in June 1901 when Alfred R. Towles became the postmaster for Edgerton, the Edgerton Post Office was moved to Pikeview. Mr. Towles was the first postmaster for Pikeview.

The exit from Interstate 25 to Pikeview is at Rockrimmon Road. Pikeview was on the western side of I-25 and north of Rockrimmon Road. The area along the frontage road is now one of commercial and light industrial development.

Latitude = 38:54:55 North Longitude = 104:49:18 West

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 8 1901	SE/4 Sec 18 T13S R66W 1/2 mil	e west of the AT&SF RR 1/8 mile
	west of Monument Creek	
Aug 28 1902	Moved from Edgerton	
Aug 28 1902	Towles, Alfred R.	
Mar 13 1905	Aitken, Richard M.	
Nov 8 1905	Kelley, Andrew J.	
Mar 5 1914	SE/4 Sec 18 T13S R66W 245 fee	et east of the D&RG 700 feet west of Monument Creek
Mar 18 1920	Hamilton, Harry T.	
Aug 11 1921	Greening, William A.	Acting
Mar 21 1922	Greening, William A.	Appointed & Confirmed
Oct 23 1941	SE/4 Sec 18 T13S R66W D&RG	FRR 100 yards west of post office
	Monument Creek 100 yards east	of post office
Feb 3 1943	Greening, Mrs. Ellen R.	Assumed charge
Feb 13 1943	Greening, Mrs. Ellen R.	Acting
Apr 22 1943	Greening, Mrs. Ellen R.	Confirmed

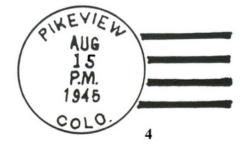
## PIKEVIEW – Continued

May 7 1943	Greening, Mrs. Ellen R.	Commissioned
Mar 11 1945	Streenan, William K.	Assumed charge
Mar 8 1946	Streenan, William K.	Confirmed
Apr 16 1946	Streenan, William K.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1951	Ireton, Henry Jay	Assumed charge
Jul 12 1951	Ireton, Henry Jay	Acting
Dec 6 1951	Ireton, Henry Jay	Confirmed
Jan 21 1952	Ireton, Henry Jay	Commissioned
Oct 31 1953	Latham, Mrs. Eva V.	Assumed charge
Dec 17 1953	Latham, Mrs. Eva V.	Acting
Nov 29 1954	Busch, Mrs. Margaret H.	Confirmed
Dec 23 1954	Busch, Mrs. Margaret H.	Commissioned
Jan 15 1955	Busch, Mrs. Margaret H.	Assumed charge
Jul 31 1957	Discontinued	

### Confirmed types of postal markings

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1	PIKEVIEW, / COLO.	Dec 22 1906 Aug 10 1911
	CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3, with 1; S-20x14mm
2	PIKEVIEW, / COLO.	Sep 13 1912 Apr 6 1915
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm
3	PIKEVIEW / COLO.	Nov 2 1937 Feb 2 1943
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm
4	PIKEVIEW / COLO.	Aug 15 1945 Mar 7 1957
	CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-24x19mm





## **RAMAH**

Ramah is the easternmost town in El Paso County that was established in 1888 when the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railroad entered the county on the way from Limon to Colorado Springs. In 1891 the railroad was absorbed into the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad.

The El Paso Land and Water Company of Colorado Springs platted a town and named it Ramah. The town plat was filed on December 12, 1888 and Ramah was incorporated July 18, 1897.

#### **RAMAH – Continued**

In 1889 Julien Gannon postmaster at nearby O. Z. realized that Ramah would become the trading center for the surrounding area and he moved his small store and post office to Ramah.

There is some controversy about the source of the name. Most sources attribute the choice to a wife of one of the railroad officials. It either came from the Bible or from a book that she was reading. In the Bible, Ramah is one of the cities of the allotment of Benjamin. It is said to mean hill. Another opinion is that The El Paso Land and Water Company chose it from an unrecorded source.

Ramah was and is an active agriculture based community. It provided supplies and services to surrounding ranches and farms and was a shipping point for livestock via the Rock Island Railroad. The railroad is no more but Ramah is home to many people and provides some services for residents, ranchers and travelers on US Highway 24.

Ramah is located in the extreme northeast corner of the county, only a short distance south of the El Paso-Elbert County line and seven miles northeast of Calhan.

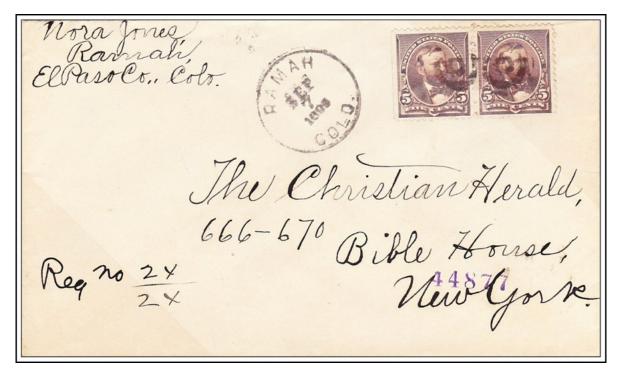
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### **Chronology of the Post Office**

ii onology of the	1 ost office	
Dec 8 1888		e east of Big Sandy Creek A move From:
	SW/4 Sec 11 T11S R61W To: N	NE/4 Sec 1 T11S R60W
Aug 8 1889	Moved from O.Z.	
Aug 8 1889	Gammon, Julien	
Dec 18 1890	Gammon, Samuel	
Mar 22 1898		t southeast of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
May 27 1901	Rinker, Elizabeth E.	
Oct 10 1903	Lavender, John H.	
May 21 1904	Hobart, Chester E.	
Jul 7 1904	Moorhead, Edward S.	
Feb 8 1905	Wood, Harry L.	
Feb 28 1914	NE/4 Sec 1 T11S R60W 200 fee	t north of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
Jan 21 1915	Grisso, George A.	
May 29 1916	Dazey, Roy C.	
Apr 1 1921		Office made Presidential
Jan 4 1923	Wood, Ira R.	
Jul 1 1923		Office relegated
Sep 8 1923	Wood, Ira R.	
Oct 1 1924		Office made Presidential
Dec 12 1924	Wood, Ira R.	
Dec 13 1928	Wood, Ira R.	
Jul 1 1933		Office relegated
Sep 11 1933	Gammon, Harry A.	Confirmed
Oct 24 1933	Gammon, Harry A.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1933	Gammon, Harry A.	Assumed charge
Jan 26 1934	N/2 of SE/4, S/2 of NE/4 Sec 1 T	11S R60W 335 feet south of the
	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	
Aug 6 1937		te, 150 feet northeast of a previous location
9	Chicago, Rock Island, & Pacific	
Oct 20 1941	NE/4 Sec 1 T11S R60W (On Sec	cond St.)
Mar 1 1944	Simmons, Mrs. Mary E.	Assumed charge
Mar 10 1944	Simmons, Mrs. Mary E.	Acting
Aug 29 1944	Morris, Mrs. Nora E.	Assumed charge
Jun 4 1945	Kloster, William	Appointed & Confirmed
Jun 28 1945	Kloster, William	Commissioned
Jul 1 1945	,	Office made Presidential
Jul 12 1945	Kloster, William	Assumed charge
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## RAMAH – Continued Dec 5 1945 Kloster William

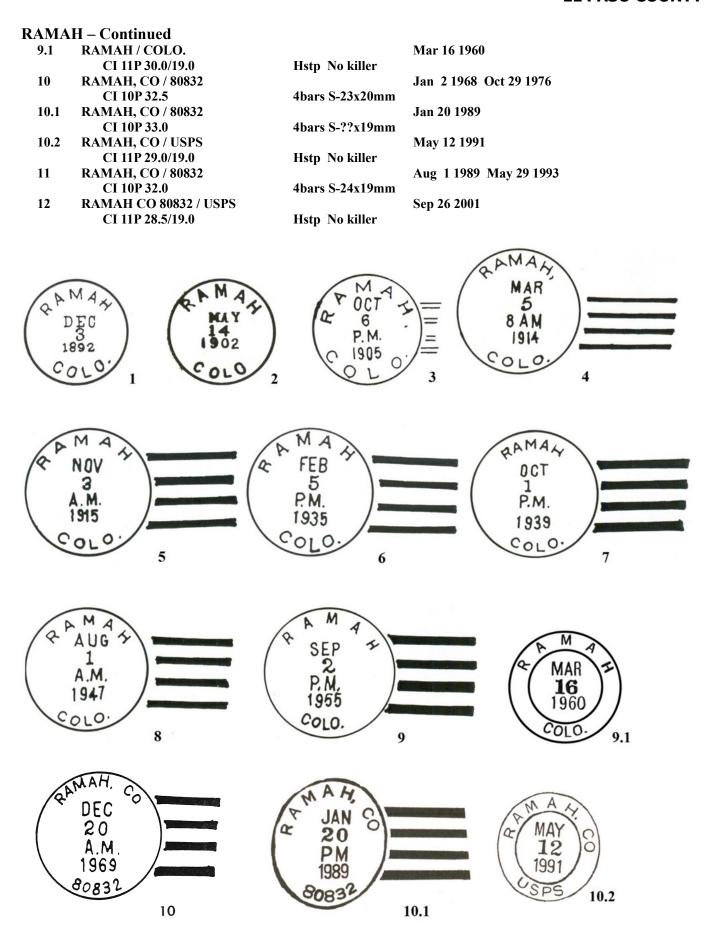
Dec 5 1945	Kloster, William	Nominated
Dec 20 1945	Kloster, William	Confirmed
Dec 21 1945	Kloster, William	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Dec 31 1945	Kloster, William	Assumed charge
Sep 27 1947	Not reported A move 650 feet northwes	st of a previous location.
Jul 31 1960	Hendricks, Phyllis E.	Assumed charge
Aug 1 1960	Hendricks, Phyllis E.	Acting
Oct 13 1961	Morris, Vernon L.	Assumed charge
Oct 17 1961	Morris, Vernon L.	Acting
Apr 25 1963	Morris, Vernon L.	Confirmed, Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
May 24 1963	Morris, Vernon L.	Assumed charge



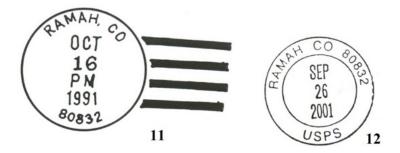
### RAMAH / COLO.

## September 7, 1895

Confir	med types of postal markings	
1	RAMAH / COLO.	Dec 3 1892 Sep 7 1895
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target
2	RAMAH / COLO.	May 14 1902 Apr 30 1904
	CI 10P 29.0	Hstp No killer
3	RAMAH, / COLO.	Oct 6 1905 Nov 23 1910
	CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2, with 4 S-??x19mm
4	RAMAH, / COLO.	Apr 1 1911 Jun 25 1914
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-27x14mm
5	RAMAH / COLO.	Nov 3 1915 Mar 28 1916
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm
6	RAMAH / COLO.	Feb 5 1935 Dec 8 1938
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x18mm
7	RAMAH / COLO.	Apr 15 1939 Feb 17 1945
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm
8	RAMAH / COLO.	Mar 5 1945 Jun 27 1953
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x19mm
9	RAMAH / COLO.	Sep 2 1955 Dec 8 1960
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm



#### **RAMAH - Continued**



### ROSA

I have found no information relative to the location or history of this place. There is no Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Rosa.

Perhaps the fact that the establishment was rescinded indicates that there was no real need for the office. It is also possible that the location was somewhere in the Cripple Creek Mining District, which in 1895 was still a part of El Paso County.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

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

Jan 11 1895 Established

Jan 11 1895 Blankenship, Phoebe Order rescinded May 7 1895

May 7 1895 Discontinued

## Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ROSA

### **ROSWELL**

Roswell was established in late 1881 near the junction of the Rock Island Railroad and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Roswell was an unincorporated residence community north of Colorado Springs. It is still largely a residential area but has been absorbed by the expansion of Colorado Springs.

Prior to the advent of Roswell, there was a small community by the name of Red Rock City. The Rock Island Railroad built a roundhouse and shops at Roswell, which contributed to its growth.

Reportedly the town was named for the Honorable Roswell P. Flower of New York.

From the center of Colorado Springs, drive north on Cascade Avenue, crossing over the grade of the old Rock Island Railroad. Roswell was to the west and between Cascade Avenue and Interstate 25. Another route to Roswell would be to exit I-25 at Fillmore Street and drive east on Colorado Highway 38 to Cascade Avenue. Go south on Cascade Avenue to West Harrison Street. Drive west on Harrison Street to Main Street. The Roswell Post Office was in the area of this intersection. There are a number of older buildings that likely date from the proper time period for Roswell.

Latitude = 38:52:25 North Longitude = 104:49:08 West

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

Nov 30 1888 --- SW/4 SW/4 Sec 31 T13S R66W 200 feet east of Monument Creek On east side of D&RG RR & north side of CRI&C Ry about 500 feet from each of said rail roads

Feb 1 1889 Established

Feb 1 1889 Churchill, Laura E. Feb 7 1890 Roby, Hanibal C.

#### **ROSWELL – Continued**

Dec 22 1890 Dana, Adelaide L.
Dec 5 1898 Griffin, Mary V.
Oct 8 1907 Warner, Wilmot W.

Apr 20 1908 Ordered closed

Apr 30 1908 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs



ROSWELL / COLO.

**January 14, 1902** 

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ROSWELL / COLO.

CI 10P 27.5

ROSWELL / COLO. CI 10P 30.0

3 ROSWELL / COLO CI 10P 31.0 Feb 21 1896 Jan 14 1902

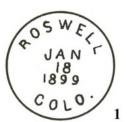
Hstp Target, 4-ring

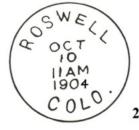
Dec 29 1903 Dec 7 1906

Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval

Jul 3 1907 Dec 8 1907

4bars S-24X14mm









### **RUSH**

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One source identifies the founder of this community as Christian F. Rush. Other sources name him as Christopher Rush. The Post Office Department documents agree with the choice of Christian. Since Christian F. Rush was the proposed postmaster and did become the first postmaster it is logical that the community was named for him.

#### **RUSH – Continued**

Christian Rush was a homesteader, who in 1907 came to the area from Missouri. He established a small store and post office that served other homesteaders from Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Originally, the Rush Post Office was located 2 miles south of present-day Rush, at the intersection of Rush Road and Book Road. According to the Geographic Site Location Reports the post office occupied sites in the southeast and the northeast corners of this intersection before, in 1927, it moved two miles north to the present location. There are no visible remains at either of the early locations but there are some scattered boards on the east side of Rush Road.

As with Yoder, its neighbor to the west, it is probable that the move was to a community developing along the road coming east from Colorado Springs.

Present day Rush is located on Colorado Highway 94, two miles west of the El Paso-Lincoln County line. It is a small community with a number of modest residences and a few small businesses serving the local residents and travelers along Highway 94.

Latitude = 38:50:24 North Longitude = 104:05:30 West

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

m onology or	uie	1 ost Office	
Nov 30 1907		<b>SE/4 Sec 22 T14S R60W</b>	
		<b>Proposed postmaster - Christ</b>	ian F. Rush
Feb 15 1908		Established	
Feb 15 1908		Rush, Christian F.	
Dec 6 1910		Edgington, Robert N.	
Dec 18 1911		NE/4 Sec 27 T14S R60W	
Feb 27 1914		NE/4 Sec 27 T14S R60W	
May 10 1920		Murphy, John A.	
Jan 21 1925		Gahart, Grace	Acting
Jun 25 1925		Gahart, Grace	Appointed
		Book, Grace	Name changed by marriage
Mar 14 1927		<b>SE/4 Sec 10 T14S R60W</b>	A move 10,650 feet north of a previous location
Mar 10 1941		<b>SE/4 Sec 10 T14S R60W</b>	On Highway 94
Jan 3 1942		Book, W. Ralph	Possession
Jan 31 1942		Book, W. Ralph	Acting
May 21 1942		Book, W. Ralph	Appointed & Confirmed
Jul 3 1942		Book, W. Ralph	Commissioned
Jul 13 1942		Book, W. Ralph	Possession
Jul 1 1961			Office made Presidential
Feb 1 1974		Bevans, James O.	Officer in charge
Apr 13 1974		Bevans, James O.	Appointed

## Confirmed types of postal markings

OHILL	i med types of postal markings		
1	RUSH, / COLO.		Feb 26 1909 May 9 1914
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	•
2	RUSH / COLO.		Feb 23 1914 Mar 29 1921
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	
3	RUSH. / COLO.		Mar 7 1927 Feb 21 1933
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	
4	RUSH, / COLO.		May 14 1936 Jul 3 1937
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	
5	RUSH / COLO.		Oct 19 1939 Aug 22 1941
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	
6	RUSH / COLO.		Nov 16 1942 Jun 26 1951
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	
7	RUSH / COLO.		Nov 18 1949 Feb 12 1965
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	

### **RUSH – Continued**

8 RUSH, CO / 80833

CI 10P 33.0

9 RUSH, CO / 80833

CI 10P 31.0

10 rush, colo. IR 00P 36.0x40.0 Sep 16 1968 May 29 1993

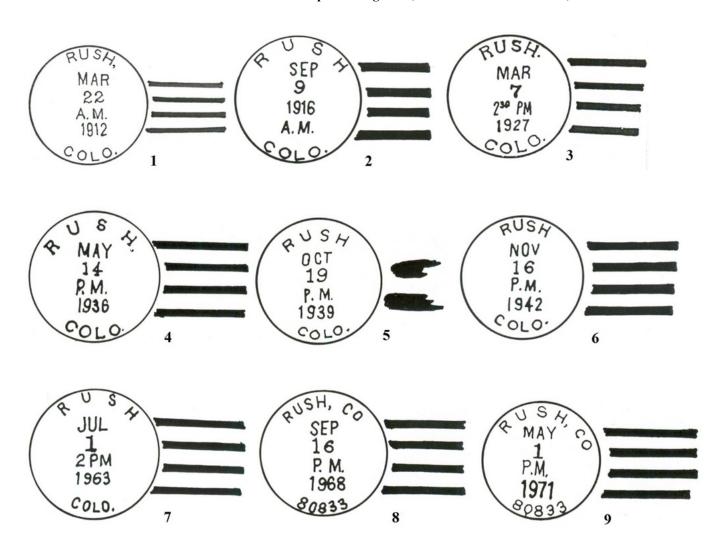
4bars S-25x20mm

Aug 5 1970 Mar 4 1976

4bars S-23x18mm

May 8 1945

Hstp Pointing hand, RETURN /TO / WRITER, with reasons





Unknown ....

For better address .....

Moved, Left no address .....

No such office in state .....

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### **SAINT PETERS**

Saint Peters was another of the stations along the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek District Railway. The location was also known as Duffield and is so shown on some maps.

Prior to the much better-known gold rush to the Cripple Creek District there was some mining at this location and that continued even after the focus shifted to the extensive deposits in the vicinity of Cripple Creek.

The station and the post office were named for the nearby rock formation known as St. Peter's Dome.

Directions to the site of St. Peters (Duffield) are best described for travel from Cripple Creek. Drive east out of Victor through Goldfield and past the site of Independence on what I believe is called Lazy S Ranch Road. There should be signs directing you towards Colorado Springs. The Gold Camp Road (Teller County Road 8) intersects the Lazy S Ranch Road and heads off to the east. From the intersection it is seventeen and one-half miles to the Teller-El Paso County line. It is two and one-half miles further to the site of St. Peters. There is evidence of mining activity on both sides of the road and it is just above a very sharp switchback in the road. From here it's another seven and one-half miles down to the city streets of Colorado Springs.

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

Sep 6 1905 --- SE/4 Sec 17 T15S R67W 600 feet northwest of the Colorado

Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway Proposed postmaster - John H. Cameron

Nov 14 1905 Established Listed in error under Elbert County in the 1906-1907 Postal Guides

Site was on the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District R.R. to Cripple Creek

Nov 14 1905 Cameron, John H. Nov 20 1907 Ordered closed

Dec 31 1907 Discontinued Mail to Sublime

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

1 SAINT PETERS COLO. --- -- 1907

CI 10P ??.? Doane Type 3, with 1
[NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]

## **SOUTHWATER**

Southwater was a railroad post office four miles south-southeast of Monument. In 1872, the post office was moved here from Bassetts Mills, which was four miles to the north-northeast. The Post Office Department records indicate that in 1878 the Southwater Post Office was moved to Husted. However, the Geographic Site Location Reports for Southwater and Husted are identical. Since the reports only qualify the location to a quarter section, a move could have taken place, but if so it was for a short distance.

Southwater was the site of a lumber mill and was a shipping point for produce and cattle via the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

Exit from Interstate 25 at the north entrance to the Air Force Academy. The entrance road soon crosses Monument Creek. The site of Southwater and the first site of Husted, along Monument Creek, was about three-quarters of a mile north of the road. There is a side road in that direction but it is off limits to the public. No remains are visible from the road.

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

Jan 4 1872 Moved from Bassetts Mills Jan 4 1872 Walliham, Pierce

May 15 1875 --- NW/4 SW/4 Sec 1 T12S R67W 1/4 mile east of Monument Creek 1/4 mile

east of the Southwater Flag Station of the D&RG

#### **SOUTHWATER – Continued**

The sketch map places it near where the D&RG crosses east to west over

**Monument Creek** 

NOTE: The location is in the northeast corner of the grounds of the

**United States Air Force Academy** 

Jan 18 1877 Wadsworth, James M.

Oct 1 1878 Moved to Husted

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SOUTHWATER / COL. Sep 25 1872 May 21 1876

CI 10P 24.5 Hstp Target, 4-ring



## **SQUIRREL CREEK**

The Squirrel Creek Post Office was a rural post office located on the east side of the stream from which it takes its name.

Peyton Highway is the starting point for an attempt to visit the site of Squirrel Creek (see Hanover and Gleaneath). Ten miles south of Colorado Highway 94 turn east from Peyton Highway onto Squirrel Creek Road. This road goes due east four- and one-half miles before curving around to due south. About one half mile after completing the turn south, the site of the Squirrel Creek Post Office was a half-mile to the west of the road and east of the creek which is visible from the road. There are a couple of windmills and a building in that area but they are on private property with no access except through a locked gate.

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

Oct 24 1910 --- NW/4 Sec 7 T16S R62W 200 yards east of Squirrel Creek

Proposed postmaster - Bertha M. Hunziker

Jan 24 1911 Established

Jan 24 1911 Hunziker, Bertha M.

Jul 31 1916 Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 SQUIRREL, CREEK, / COLO. Dec 10 1911 Dec 20 1911 CI 10P 31.0 4-bars S-23.0x13.0



### **SUBLIME**

Sublime was a stopping point on the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek District Railway where the railway had a water tank. During the stop at Point Sublime, passengers had the opportunity to take in the "sublime" view eastward over Colorado Springs and the prairies beyond.

Fairview was another proposed name for the post office that became Sublime and would have been an appropriate name. It is possible that the Post Office Department feared confusion with the settlement of Fairview in Custer County, even though that post office was inactive when the Sublime office was approved.



SUBLIME / COLO.

February 22, 1906

For many years, after railroad operations ceased and the rails were removed, Sublime was accessible via the Gold Camp Road between Colorado Springs and the Cripple Creek District. The west end of the Gold Camp Road is at Lazy S Ranch Road, which connects Victor with the site of Gillette on Colorado Highway 67.

Several years back, one the tunnels through which the Gold Camp Road passed collapsed and it has not been repaired. Thus, there is no vehicular access to the site. One could walk the old railroad grade, but in places it might become an adventure not suitable for the casual hiker.

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

Mar 23 1903 --
NE/4 Sec 8 T15S R67W 1 mile north of Bear Creek 10 feet west of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Dist. Ry.

Proposed postmaster - Henry T. O'Brien

May 28 1903

May 28 1903

Aug 10 1907

Aug 31 1909

NE/4 Sec 8 T15S R67W 1 mile north of Bear Creek 10 feet west of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District

O'Brien, Henery T.

Rider, Samuel W.

Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs

SUBLIME – Continued Confirmed types of postal markings 1 SUBLIME / COLO. CI 10P 28.5

Dec 16 1905 Nov 27 1906 Hstp Cork, Smudge; Target



### **SUFFOLK**

George Crofutt described Suffolk as, "A ranch and post office on Black Squirrel Creek, where cattle, sheep and cowboys abound and nothing else." Much the same can be said for today, absent the ranch and the post office.

I have found no other information about Suffolk and nothing to indicate the source of the name.

To observe the site of Suffolk, drive west seven miles from present day Yoder on Colorado Highway 94, to Baggett Road. Turn north for one mile. The location described in the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report is a half-mile to a mile east of Baggett Road. This is fairly level and open range but the only thing visible in that direction is one lone tree north of the power line. Perhaps the tree was at the site of a ranch that was home to the Suffolk Post Office and there might be something hidden in the swale that is a tributary to Black Squirrel Creek.

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

Jan 26 1879 --- SE/4 Sec 4 T14S R62W Four miles east of Squirrel Creek
Proposed postmaster - Daniel H. King
Feb 5 1879 Established
King, David H.
Aug 5 1880 Pebbles, Jerome F.
Sep 11 1886 Discontinued Mail to Granger

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

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SUFFOLK

#### **SUN VIEW**

Sun View was a ranch post office on Little Fountain Creek, southwest of Colorado Springs. It was on the wagon road from Colorado Springs to Canon City. The old wagon road is now the approximate route of Colorado Highway 115.

The location of Sun View is on the north side of Colorado 115, near Fort Carson Gate 7. In 2001 it was the location of the Sunview RV Park. No early structures are visible.

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

Sep 29 1877 --- SE/4 Sec 2 T16S R67W 1/4 mile north of Little Fountain Creek
Oct 15 1877 Established
Womack, Miss Lida G.
Jul 29 1880 Ripley, Laura
May 2 1883 Brinkerhoff, J. C.
Brinkerhoff, Mary

**SUN VIEW – Continued** 

Discontinued Jan 28 1885

SE/4 Sec 2 T16S R67W 1/4 mile north of Little Fountain Creek Feb 6 1889 ---

Proposed postmaster - Theodore H. Lowe

Mar 19 1889 Re-established

Mar 19 1889 Lowe, Theodore H.

May 27 1896 **Discontinued Mail to Colorado Springs** 

Seo. R Une decended Sun View El Paso 60\_ colorado

Confirmed types of postal markings

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Sun View / El Paso / Colorado Dec 4 1879

> MS Mscp Pen cancel, registered cover, origin is from return address, date is

> > from backstamp; inscription is likely that of the sender

SUN VIEW / COLO. 2 Jan 18 1891

CI 10P 28.0 Hstp Not recorded

**SURBER** 

Surber was a rural post office located about eight miles south-southeast of Peyton. It is another of the group of rural post offices in east-central El Paso County, located north of Colorado Highway 94 and south of US Highway 24. All of these offices likely served no more than a handful of families on surrounding ranches and farms.

The name of the post office is the family name of its first postmaster, Minnie D. Surber.

To visit the site of Surber, begin in Peyton on US 24. A very short distance east of where US 24 sharply changes direction from northeast-southwest to due east, take the county road south. Drive five miles south to Judge Orr Road. Turn east two miles to J. D. Johnson Road. Turn south two miles to the original location of Surber.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report places Surber in the quarter section in the southwest corner of the intersection with Garret Road. There are a few scattered buildings, some trees and a little evidence of a larger occupation.

In January 1910 the Surber Post Office was moved some two miles to the northeast. To reach that location, drive 2 miles east from the intersection on Garret Road to McClellan Road, then north one mile to Falcon Road. The location was in the southwest corner of this intersection. There are no remaining buildings in that corner. However, in the northeast corner of the intersection there is group of trees and some farm buildings.

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

May 28 1895 ---NE/4 Sec 21 T13S R63W

Proposed postmaster - Minnie Dell Surber

Jun 11 1895 **Established** 

Jun 11 1895 Surbur, Minnie D. May 17 1898 Shadford, Maggie B. Jan 9 1899 Surbur, Elizabeth F.

Jan 17 1910 ---From: NW/4 Sec 22 T13S R63W

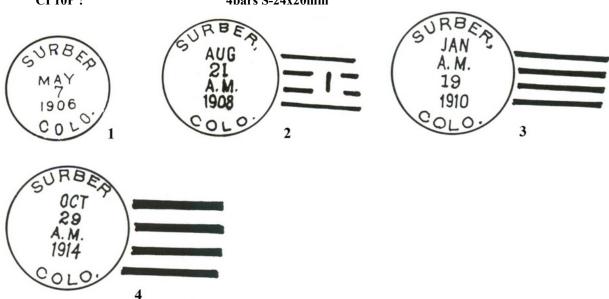
To: NE/4 Sec 14 T13S R63W

#### **SURBER – Continued**

Mar 1 1910 Hayworth, Mary H.
Jul 31 1916 Discontinued Mail to Calhan

Confirmed types of postal markings

SURBER / COLO. Aug 13 1902 May 7 1906 CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Not present 2 SURBER, / COLO. May 13 1907 Aug 21 1908 Doane Type 3, with 1, S-??x13mm CI 10P 30.0 3 Jan 19 1910 Oct 24 1911 SURBER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-25x14mm 4 SURBER / COLO. Mar 25 1914 Apr 29 1916 CI 10P? 4bars S-24x20mm



### TABLE ROCK

Table Rock was a rural post office in an area where the principal occupations were lumbering and raising cattle and sheep. The location is near the head of East Cherry Creek, originally named Knight's Creek.

The name was derived from the small flat-topped mesa that sits just south of the El Paso-Douglas County line.

Exit Interstate 25 at Monument and drive east on Colorado Highway 105 to Colorado Highway 83. Continue east on what is now Walker Road for approximately five miles to the intersection with Bar-X Road. Turn north on the combined Walker and Bar-X Roads one half mile and then east, still on Walker Road for about one-quarter mile. Then turn north on Campbell Road. Campbell Road makes a short jog to the east (White Antelope Road), turns back north, then jogs back west before again turning north, soon entering Douglas County. The settlement of Table Rock was where Campbell Road makes its final turn north. There is a ranch at that corner. Table Rock itself is prominent to the northeast and beneath its slope there is a large ranch complex that does include a new house (1997). The Table Rock Post Office was likely at one of these two ranches.

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

Dec 3 1873 --- SW/4 Sec 4 T11S R65W 1/8 mile east of East Cherry Creek or Knights Creek

Dec 15 1873 Established
Dec 15 1873 Jones, William

### **TABLE ROCK – Continued**

Apr 14 1874 Russell, John
May 17 1875 Meek, William E.
Oct 8 1888 Cell, Martha
Jun 4 1889 Gitshal, Isaac

Nov 11 1893 Discontinued Mail to Monument



Ranch Buildings at or near the site of Table Rock, Colorado Photograph by William H. Bauer October 13, 1997

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1 TABLE ROCK / COLO.

CI 10P 26.0

2 TABLE ROCK / COLO.

CI 10P 28.0

3 TABLEROCK / COLO.

CI 10P 27.0

Jun 18 187- Nov 12 187-

Hstp Target, 4-ring

Nov 8 1892 Nov 8 1893

Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

Feb 23 1897

**Hstp Not present** 







### **TURKEY CREEK**

George Crofutt described Turkey Creek as follows: "20 miles south from Colorado Springs, by wagon road along the base of the mountain. A post office, a log cabin, one man, one woman, two babies comprise the city, whose chief occupation consists of "punching cows."

There is no evidence to dispute this description. The Turkey Creek Post Office did last for four years and served ranchers in the area and perhaps travelers along the road from Colorado Springs to Canon City.

It has been assumed that when the post office reopened in 1885 that it took a new name - Lytle. However, the first location of the Lytle Post Office was about a mile to the northwest of the site of Turkey Creek.

The site of Turkey Creek is within the grounds of the Fort Carson Military Reservation and there is no public access to the actual site. It is, or was in 2001, possible to turn off from Colorado Highway 115 and drive the short distance into the Turkey Creek Recreation Facility. This is a park and sports complex for the personnel of Fort Carson.

The public access road into the recreational facility turns sharply to west and from that turn you would be looking southeast in the direction of the Turkey Creek site. No buildings or remnants are visible from that distance and it is likely that everything has been demolished and removed by the military.

Latitude = 38:36:34 North Longitude = 104:52:54 West

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

Jun 22 1877 --- NE/4 Sec 3 T17S R67W About 100 yards east side of West Turkey Creek

Jul 16 1877 Established

Jul 16 1877 Sprague, Mrs. Alamedia E.

Sep 23 1878 Graham, A. E.

Jan 7 1879 Sillington, Mrs. Mary E.

**Closed Oct 10 1881** 

Oct 25 1881 Discontinued

### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM TURKEY CREEK

### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Congress authorized the United States Air Force Academy in 1954. The first class of cadets was accepted in 1955 and began training at Lowry Air Force Base on the eastern edge of Denver. The Corps of Cadets moved to the academy in 1957 and the first class graduated in 1959.

Construction of the Air Force Academy in the area north of Colorado Springs was the catalyst for the extensive growth and development that has spread north from Colorado Springs towards the Monument Divide. Construction of Interstate 25 contributed considerably to the growth.

There are two exits from Interstate 25 that give access to the Academy Grounds, however the north entrance (Northgate Boulevard) seems to be the one most used by visitors. In 2000 there was no problem in visiting the Academy and no apparent restriction on driving about the grounds, which have become a major Colorado tourist attraction.

It did take a bit of searching and some help to find the post office which in 2000 was located in the Community Center, a large building east of the Burger King and the BX. It was a store front on an arcade within the building.

The easiest way to the reach the Community Center is from Northgate Boulevard is to turn south on Stadium Boulevard and then turn right on to Community Center Drive.

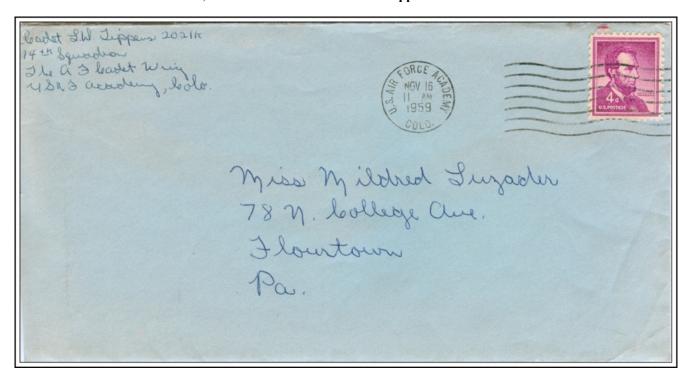
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### **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY – Continued**

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

This office was established subsequent to the period covered by the Geographic Site Location Reports.

Jun 28 1958	Established	
Jul 14 1958	Snepenger, Joseph	Acting
Jun 28 1958	Snepenger, Joseph	Assumed charge
May 24 1960	Snepenger, Joseph	Nominated
Jun 21 1960	Snepenger, Joseph	Confirmed
Jun 27 1960	Snepenger, Joseph	Appointed Presidential
Jul 8 1960	Snepenger, Joseph	Assumed Charge
Sep 12 1972	Hatcher, Charles G.	Officer in charge
Jun 30 1973	Hatcher, Charles G.	Appointed



### U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY / COLO.

November 16, 1959

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY / COI	.O.	Jun 28 1958 Nov 16 1962
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	
2	U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY / COI	LO.	Jun 3 1959 May 29 1959
	CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box	with bars; HISTORIC FIRST / USFA
		<b>GRADUATION / 29</b>	MAY — 3 JUNE
3	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AC	ADEMY / COLO.	Dec 27 1960
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	
4	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AC	ADEMY / COLO.	Jan 8 1964
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	
5	U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY, CO /	80840	Apr 18 1967 Oct 26 1973
	CI 10P 20.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	_
6	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AC	ADEMY CO / 80840	Apr 1 1974 Apr 1 1974
	CI 10P 26.0	Pict 8 bars to sides	of cds; large "20th" / anniversary / United States /
		Air Force Academy	
7	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AC	<b>ADEMY, CO / 80840</b>	Sep 21 1970 Oct 26 1981
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	

#### **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY – Continued**

8 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, CO / 80840 Apr 1 1979 Apr 1 1979

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm

9 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, CO / 80840 Jun 19 1987

CI 10P 30.5 4bars S-23x18mm

10 USAF ACADEMY, CO / 80840 Mar 11 1987 Dec 2 1991

CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-23x18mm

11 USAF ACADEMY, CO / 80840 Apr 15 1993 May 29 1993

CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-20x16mm

12 U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, CO / USPS Apr 15 1993

CI 11P 27.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

13 U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, CO / USPS Apr 15 1993

CI 11P 38.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

801.H USAF ACADEMY CO / 80840 Apr 1 2004 Apr 1 2004

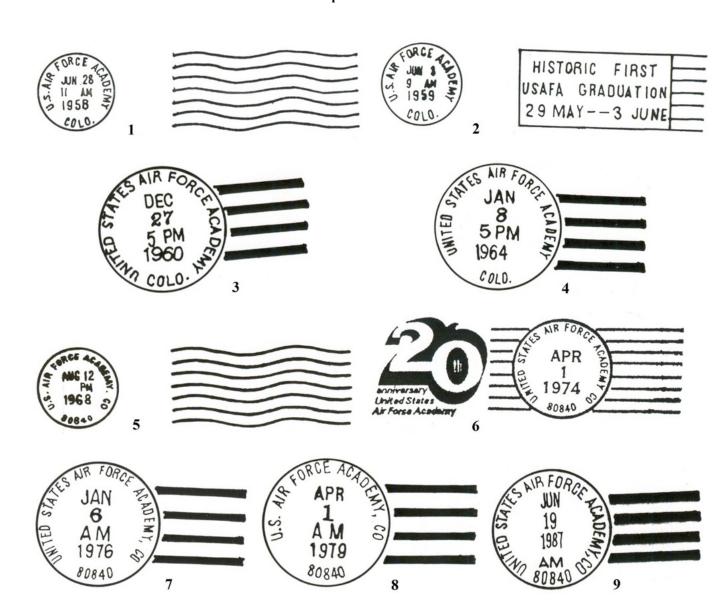
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stamp

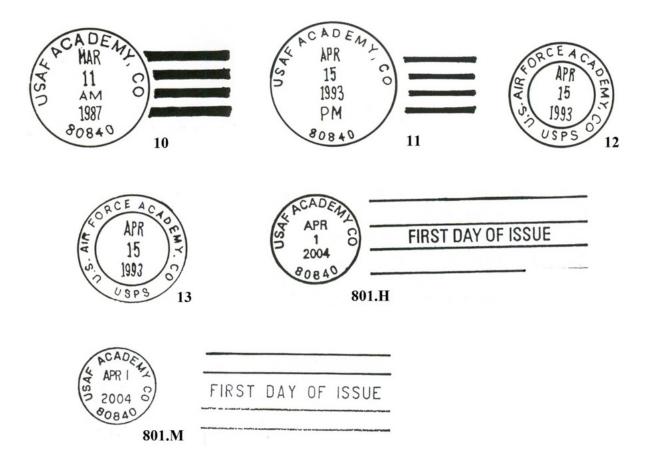
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stamp



## **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY – Continued**



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY STATIONS

## U. S. A. F. A.- CADET STATION

The Cadet Station Post Office is (2000) located within the residence building and as such is off limits to the public

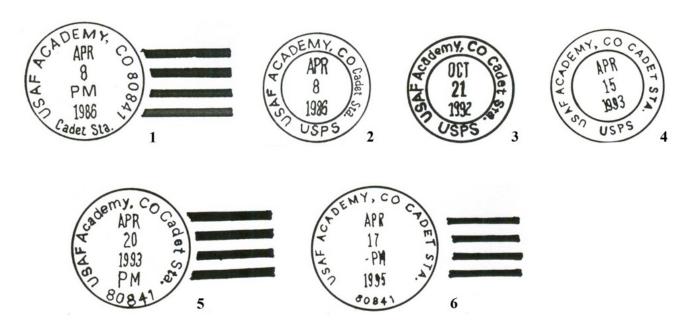
## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 1 1970 Status changed from M. O. Unit No. 1

## Confirmed types of postal markings

1	USAF ACADEMY, CO 80841 / Cadet Sta.		Apr 8 1986 Apr 12 1988
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	
2	USAF ACADEMY, CO Cad	let Sta. / USPS	Apr 8 1986
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	_
3	<b>USAF Academy, CO Cadet</b>	Sta. / USPS	Oct 21 1992
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	
4	USAF ACADEMY, CO CAI	DET STA. / ŪSPS	Apr 15 1993
	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
5	<b>USAF Academy, CO Cadet</b>	Sta. / 80841	Apr 20 1993 May 17 1993
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	
6	USAF ACADEMY, CO CADET STA. / 80841		Apr 17 1995
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-20x16mm	-

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY STATIONS-Continued U. S. A. F. A.- CADET STATION – Continued



## U. S. A. F. A. - 50TH ANNIVERSARY STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 18 1997 **Operated as a Special Commemorative Station** 

Confirmed types of postal markings

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY CO 80840 :: 50th ANNIVERSARY / STATION

Sep 18 1997

Pict Scene; Air Force emblem

2 U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY CO 80840 :: 50th ANNIVERSARY / STATION

Sep 18 1997

CI 10P 26.0 Pict Scene; Air Force emblem; CDS and pictorial are printed in

bi-colored, metallic ink



### US AIR FORCE ACADEMY - 52ND ANNIVERSARY STATION

**Chronology of the Post Office** 

Sep 10 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY CO 80--- // 52ND ANNIVERSARY STATION

Sep 10 1994

Pict Scene; Airplane in center; Text in ribbon below cds; ???????

/ FIRST COMBAT MISSION / July 4, 1942

CI 10P 41.5

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY STATIONS— Continued US AIR FORCE ACADEMY – 52ND ANNIVERSARY STATION – CONTINUED



## U. S. A. F. A. - M.O.U. NO. 1

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

--- -- 1959 Established as a Station of United States Air Force Academy
Oct 31 1970 Converted to Cadet Station of United States Air Force Academy

### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM U.S.A.F.A. M.O.U. NO. 1

### WAVERLY

I have found no information relative to the location or history of this place. There is no Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Waverly. From 1906 to 1912 there was a Waverly Post Office in Larimer County.

Perhaps the fact that the establishment was rescinded indicates that there was no real need for the office. It is also possible that the location was somewhere in the Cripple Creek Mining District, which in 1897 was still a part of El Paso County.

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

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

May 1 1897 Established

May 1 1897 Bombeck, Emma Never commissioned

**Establishment rescinded** 

Postmaster appointed but never commissioned

### Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WAVERLY

### WAYNE

Wayne was the second name given to the post office located in the southwest quarter of section 17, Township 14 South, Range 61 West.

I have found no information regarding the source of this name.

#### **WAYNE – Continued**

In April 1909 the name of the Lowland Post Office was changed to Wayne. The post office continued under that name until it closed in early 1912 with mail directed to Yoder. Perhaps at that time the Yoder Post Office was moved to this location and was there briefly before moving back north.

The location is one mile south of Colorado Highway 94, on the southern extension of Calhan Highway. At that point there is a road to the west. In the northeast corner of this intersection there is a small ranch but the buildings all seem of relatively recent construction. In the southwest corner there is an old concrete foundation.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 15 1909 Name changed from Lowland

Jan 15 1909 Groft, Elias

Apr 22 1909 --- SW/4 Sec 17 T14S R61W 5 miles east of Squirrel Creek The sketch map places it 5 miles

4bars S-25x14mm

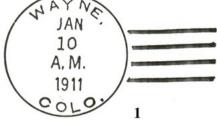
due south of Yoder (1904 location) and 1 mile south, 6 miles east of Ellicott (at that time)

Nov 30 1912 Discontinued Mail to Yoder

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1 WAYNE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0 Jan 18 1910 Jan 10 1911

HAYNE



### WEISSPORT

Development on the crest of the Monument Divide was slow in coming. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached the summit in 1871 on its way south towards Pueblo. A station was established at the summit, near the southern end of a small lake. It was given the appropriate name of Divide. The picturesque location soon became a popular spot for picnics and excursions from Denver.

A larger community began to develop around the station and the lake. This took the name of Weissport, for Mr. Camillus Albert Weiss, the first station agent for the Denver and Rio Grande at Divide. The Weissport Post Office opened in July 1875, within a few feet of the railroad station.

By the mid-1880's residential and commercial growth had spread largely to the western side of the lake. Much of this development was due to Dr. W. Finley Thompson who settled there in 1882. He laid out a townsite but the plat was not filed until 1888. By that time the community had adopted the name of Palmer Lake and the Weissport Post Office had moved a half-mile north and become Palmer Lake.

In 1883, Mr. Thompson became the Weissport Postmaster so there is a distinct possibility that he relocated the Weissport Post Office prior to 1887 when the name of Palmer Lake was adopted.

The exact location of Weissport is difficult to determine. It was near the southeast end of the lake where the railroad makes its closest approach to Colorado Highway 105, in an area that is somewhat undeveloped, consisting of a park, some open fields and the railroad.

Weissport / Palmer Lake can be reached via Colorado Highway 105 from Monument on Interstate 25. Colorado 105 continues north to Sedalia in Douglas County.

### **WEISSPORT – Continued**



WEISSPORT, / El Paso Co. Colo.

August 22, 1884

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

Jul 8 1875 SE/4 Sec 5 T11S R67W About 20 feet west of Railroad At Divide Station 1/2 mile north of Monument Creek Jul 21 1875 **Established** Jul 21 1875 Weiss, Camillus Albert Tiner, J. F. Mar 9 1880 Apr 6 1880 McMurray, Walter R. Aug 3 1880 Discontinued Oct 21 1880 Re-established Oct 21 1880 Borie, Frank M. Sep 24 1883 Thompson, W. Finley Moved 1/4 mile to Palmer Mar 22 1887

### Confirmed types of postal markings

 1
 WEISSPORT, / El Paso Co. Colo. OV 10P 42.0x27.0
 Aug 22 1884 Oct 10 1884

 2
 WEISSPORT / COL. CI 10P 26.0
 Jul 11 1883 Feb 1 1887

 3
 WEISSPORT / COLO. CI 10P 25.0
 Jul 6 (1880s)

 Hstp Target, 4-ring
 Jul 6 (1880s)









## WHEATLAND

Wheatland was more commonly known as Wheatfield. I have no information as to why, when a post office was established it took the name Wheatland.

The name, whether Wheatfield or Wheatland, indicates that it was a rural, agricultural community. Early maps place it along Fountain Creek, which would also support the idea of an agriculture-based economy.

After the establishment of Colorado Springs in 1871, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad continued to build south towards Pueblo. The right of way passed through the area of Wheatland.

The location was about four miles southeast of Colorado Springs but without a Geographic Site Location Report I cannot provide a more accurate location. The best that I can do for a location is that it was most likely in the area where South Circle Drive is elevated over the railroad yards and Las Vegas Road. The area is now mostly industrial. Please refer to the discussion of Kelker for directions to this location.

The reader should be aware that from 1875 to 1881 there was a Wheatland Post Office in Larimer County.

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

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

Aug 19 1869 **Established** Aug 19 1869 Coburn, Paul Apr 25 1870 Stubbs, Benjamin P.

Oct 26 1873 **Discontinued** 

### Confirmed types of postal markings

Wheatland Col Tery Oct 16 1869 1.A MS Mscp Pen cancel 1.B Wheatland P.O. C.T. Nov 23 1869 MS Mscp Pen cancel Wheatland CT **1.C** Dec 7 1869 Mar 5 1870 Mscp Pen cancel MS

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### **WIGWAM**

Wigwam was a railroad post office located at a small station and siding of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad on the west side of Fountain Creek. The Denver and New Orleans Railroad had a similarly named siding on the east side of Fountain Creek but the post office was on the Denver and Rio Grande.

The site of Wigwam is a little more than a mile north of the El Paso-Pueblo County line. It is necessary to go beyond it to the Midway Exit (Exit 119) from Interstate 25. Go to the east side of the Interstate and cross the Santa Fe Railroad tracks to the county road that parallels the tracks. Turn south and go about one mile to where the road turns sharply east and crosses the tracks of the Rio Grande (now the Southern Pacific). The Wigwam Post Office was located in the area between the two railroads and north of the county road. A few old trees and a little used siding are all that remain.

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WIGWAM / COLO.

August 22, 1885

#### Chronology of the Post Office

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	Jun 17 1882	SW/4 Sec 26 T17S R65W 3/4 mile west of Fountain Creek 75 rods west of the
		D&RG Railroad
	Jun 26 1882	Established
	Jun 26 1882	Irvine, Mrs. Louie W.
	Jul 31 1890	Kirk, Mary E.
	Sep 18 1890	Discontinued Papers to El Paso
	Oct 1 1890	Re-established
	Oct 1 1890	Kirk, Mary E.
	Jan 19 1891	Rogers, Charlotte
	Jan 25 1895	Smith, Dwight E.
	Apr 23 1896	Huskinson, Frank W.
	Nov 23 1896	Young, Dewitt E.
	Sep 10 1898	McElhiney, John D.
	Jan 28 1905	Robinson, Ray G.
	Oct 9 1913	Happy, Harry E.

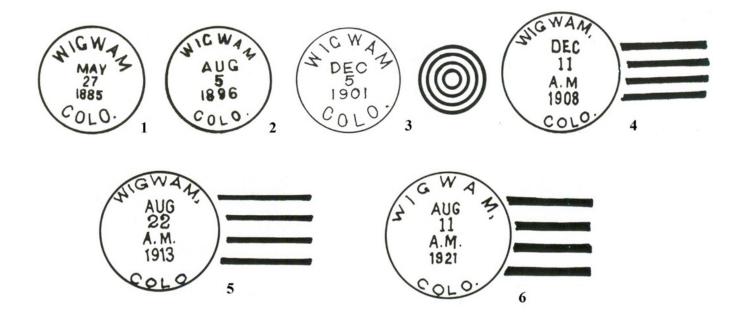
#### WIGWAM – Continued

Sep 2 1914 Reynolds, Frederick L. Apr 12 1915 Happy, Harry E.

May 31 1922 Discontinued Mail to Pueblo

### Confirmed types of postal markings

	v 1 1	O
1	WIGWAM / COLO.	Aug 1 1884 Mar 20 1893
	CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
2	WIGWAM / COLO.	Aug 5 1896
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge
3	WIGWAM / COLO.	Dec 5 1901 May 16 1902
	CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
4	WIGWAM, / COLO.	March 19 1908 Dec 22 1911
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm
5	WIGWAM, / COLO.	Dec 24 1912 Oct 16 1917
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm
6	WIGWAM, / COLO.	Aug 11 1921 Dec 26 1921
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm



### WOODMEN

In 1909 the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge established a tuberculosis sanitarium north of Colorado Springs. The Modern Woodmen of America was founded in the late nineteenth century primarily to provide insurance for members.

In 1907, a committee from the organization selected a site north of Colorado Springs. They purchased the Ambler Ranch as a site for a new sanatorium. Dr. John E. White led the establishment and the operation of tent colonies, utilizing the methods he had employed at another sanatorium in the area. Eventually Woodmen became one of the largest and most sophisticated private sanatoriums in the world. It was a fully self-sustaining fresh air operation with its own water, sewage, heat and refrigeration systems. It had a post office, a store, a bakery, blacksmith and carpenter shops and a greenhouse. Most of the housing for patients was in tents in order that they would receive the full benefit of Colorado's clear, dry mountain air.

#### **WOODMEN – Continued**

By 1947 medical progress in the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis had vastly reduced the number of patients seeking a cure at Woodmen. The facility was closed to patients and eventually the property was sold to the Catholic Church and is now the St. Francis Nursing Home.

To reach the site, exit Interstate 25 at the Woodmen Road Exit and drive west on Woodmen Road five miles to St. Francis Nursing Home. There are several large brick buildings and it seems likely that the post office was in one of these. Just before the entry into the nursing home, there are some structures to the north of Woodmen Road that may have been part of the greenhouse and service buildings for the sanatorium.

## **Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 20 1912	Established Sanatorium operated by Modern Woodmen the World		
Jan 20 1912	Rutledge, James H.		
Apr 29 1912	NE/4 Sec 3 T13S R67W		
Mar 2 1914	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 3 T13S R67W		
Jan 1 1916		Office made Presidential	
Jan 27 1916	Rutledge, James H.	P&S	
Jan 21 1920	Allison, James L.	Acting	
Jun 4 1920	Allison, James L.	P&S, Appointed	
May 19 1924	Allison, James L.		
May 12 1928	Allison, James L.	Confirmed	
Mar 16 1932	Allison, James L.	Nominated	
Mar 27 1932	Allison, James L.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential	
Apr 18 1932	Allison, James L.	Commissioned	
Jun 5 1932	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Acting	
Jun 16 1932	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Assumed charge	
Nov 19 1937	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Nominated	
Nov 26 1937	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Confirmed	
Dec 1 1937	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Appointed Presidential	
Dec 23 1937	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Commissioned	
Oct 22 1941	NE/4 Sec 3 T13S R67W		
Feb 9 1942	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Nominated	
Feb 25 1942	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Confirmed	
Feb 26 1942	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Appointed Presidential	
Mar 16 1942	Neuhaus, Herman W.	Commissioned	
Jan 31 1949	Discontinued		

### Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WOODMEN, / COLO.	Jun	25 1912 Jun 2 1914
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	
2	WOODMEN / COLO.	Aug	g 9 1915 Jul 17 1936
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	
3	WOODMEN / COLO.	Apı	r 24 1924 Apr 29 1945
	CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	
4	WOODMEN / COLO.	Oct	2 1940 Jan 31 1949
	CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar pointed	d oval with 1
5	WOODMEN, COLO. / PARCEL	POST Oct	: 11 1941
	CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	
6	WOODMEN, COLO. / M.O.B.	Dec	6 1943
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	

#### **WOODMEN – Continued**



### **YODER**

The Yoder Post Office has had a wandering existence. Originally it was located four miles north of Colorado Highway 94, on today's Calhan Highway at the intersection with M. D. Jones Road. The site was in the northeast corner of the intersection. There is a small clump of trees, some posts and a remnant building at that spot.

It has been reported that in 1904 a German homesteader named Ira M. Yoder came to this site and that he was instrumental in obtaining a post office. However, the Post Office Records of Postmaster Appointments and the Geographic Site Location Reports record the name of the proposed and first postmaster of Yoder as Abner F. Yoder. Were there two people involved? In any event the community took the Yoder family name and carried it to three other locations in the general area.

About 1912 the Yoder Post Office moved five miles south to a location one mile south of Colorado 94 but still on Calhan Highway or its extension south. At that point there is a road to the west. In the northeast corner there is a small ranch but the buildings all seem of relatively recent construction. In the southwest corner there is an old concrete foundation. This new location was the site of a post office first named Lowland, then Wayne and finally occupied by the Yoder Post Office before it made its next move, back north.

In early 1914 the Yoder Post Office moved again, back north of Colorado 94. To reach the third location, from the original location at M. D. Jones Road and Calhan Highway, drive south one mile to Big Springs Road and then east one mile to Lauppe Road. There is nothing at the intersection but there are a couple of farm-ranch complexes a short distance east of the intersection. Perhaps the Yoder Post Office was at one of those sites.

There is no evidence that there were more than a few ranch or farm buildings at these three locations of Yoder.

In 1920 the Yoder Post Office made its final move, three miles south-southwest to its present location on Colorado Highway 94. A logical presumption was that this was to accommodate a small community developing on what was becoming a travel route for automobiles.

Yoder remains a small community with a number of residences and a few businesses that serve residents of the surrounding area and travelers on Colorado 94.

## **YODER – Continued**

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## **Chronology of the Post Office**

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Mar 18 1904	SE/4 Sec 19 T13S R61W	
	Proposed postmaster - Abner F. Yo	der
Apr 21 1904	Established	
Apr 21 1904	Yoder, Abner F.	
Jun 20 1907	Neece, Leander A.	
May 14 1908	SW/4 Sec 17 T14S R61W The sket	ch map seems to identify the Lowland/Wayne location as
•		on Report for Lowland, then Wayne.
Nov 27 1909	Vorhies, Leroy	
Feb 19 1913	Walden, Edith E.	
Mar 2 1914	SW/4 Sec 28 T13S R61W	
Apr 29 1915	Haynes, Robert L.	Confirmed
May 10 1915	Haynes, Robert L.	Commissioned
May 15 1915	Haynes, Robert L.	Assumed charge
Nov 22 1920	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 9 T14S R61W	C
Oct 23 1941	SE/4 Sec 9 T14S R61W	
Jul 1 1942	Stamps, Mrs. Lily Arrella	Assumed charge
Jul 9 1942	Stamps, Mrs. Lily Arrella	Acting
Jan 9 1943	Mathis, Mrs. Helen M.	Appointed
Jan 21 1943	Mathis, Mrs. Helen M.	Commissioned
Jan 25 1943	Mathis, Mrs. Helen M.	Possession
Jul 15 1950	Thieman, Orville Earnest	Possession
Jul 26 1950	Thieman, Orville Earnest	Appointed
Aug 8 1951	Kenney, Maurice	Appointed
Aug 24 1951	Kenney, Maurice	Commissioned
Sep 15 1951	Kenney, Maurice	Possession
May 31 1953	Richardson, Verne W.	Possession
Jun 11 1953	Richardson, Verne W.	Appointed
Jan 22 1954	Richardson, Mrs. Bertha M.	Appointed
Mar 17 1954	Richardson, Mrs. Bertha M.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1954	Richardson, Mrs. Bertha M.	Possession
Aug 16 1966	Kenney, Mrs. Bertha M.	Name changed by marriage

## **Confirmed types of postal markings**

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1	YODER, / COLO.	Jul 16 1907 Nov 10 1908
	CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2, with 1, S-25sx14mm
2	YODER, / COLO.	Jun 5 1909 Oct 26 1912
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x14mm
3	YODER, / COLO.	Dec 18 1929 Sep 6 1950
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm
4	YODER, COLO. / M.O.B.	Mar 1935
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer
5	YODER / COLO.	Nov 13 1942 Nov 18 1946
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm
5.1	YODER / COLO.	Apr 19 1952
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm
6	YODER / COLO.	Mar 17 1955 Feb 8 1960
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm
7	YODER / COLO.	Sep 24 1964 Oct 28 1964
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm
8	<b>YODER, CO / 80864</b>	May 24 1969
	CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm

**YODER – Continued** 

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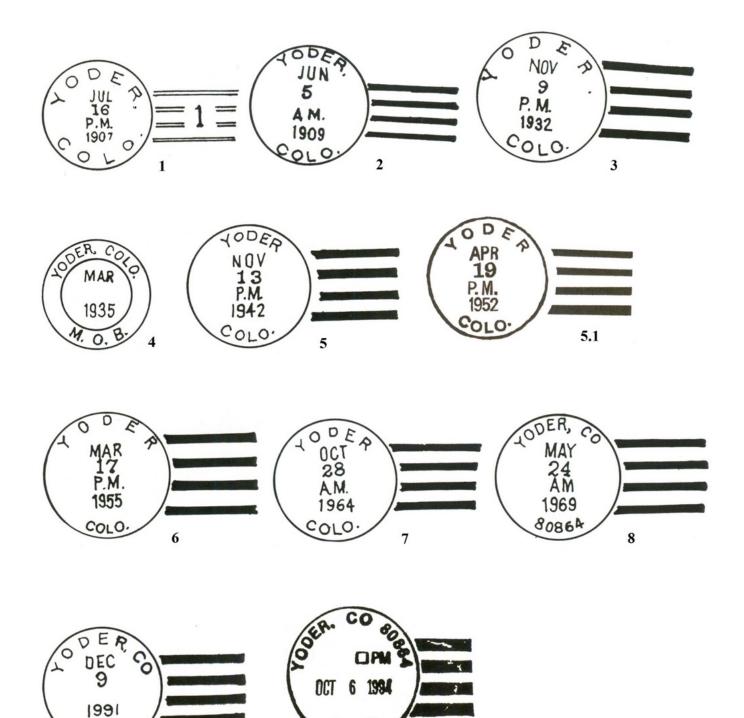
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9 YODER, CO / 80864

CI 10P 31.0

10 YODER, CO 80864 / USPS CI 10P 34.0 Apr 24 1971 Dec 23 1991 4bars S-25x18mm

Sep 3 1992 Oct 6 1994 4bars S-17x20mm



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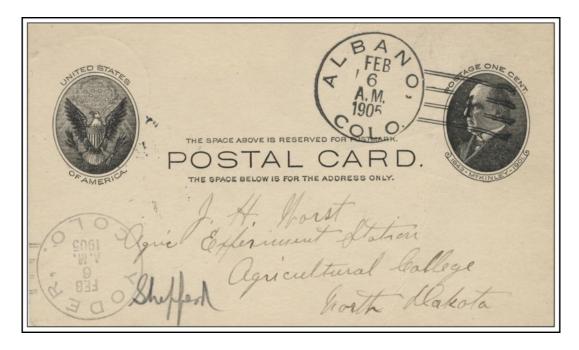
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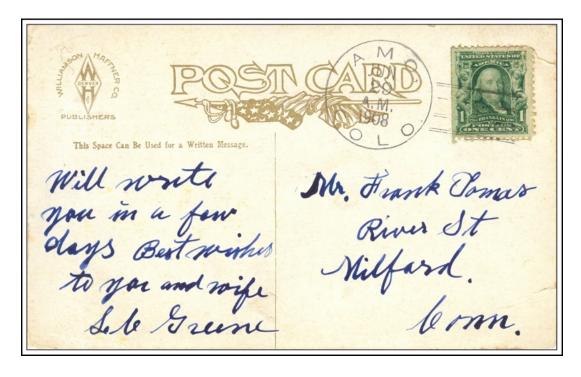
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### A GALLERY OF EL PASO COUNTY COVERS



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**February 6, 1905** 



AMO, / COLO.

June 29, 1908



Bijou Basin Colo

**August 5, (1880s)** 



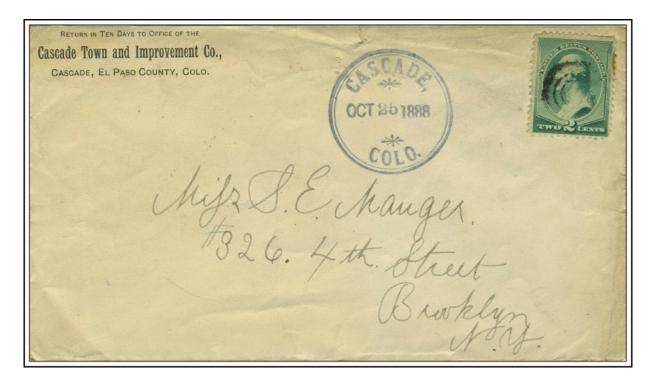
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CALHAN / COLO.

**April 8, 1895** 



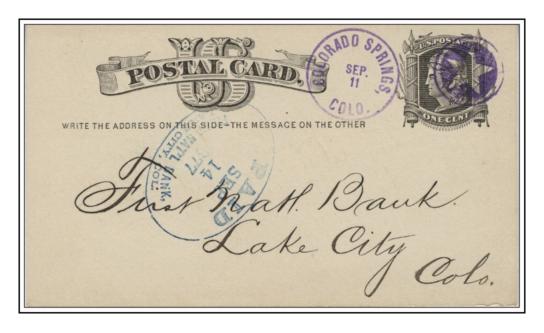
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October 25, 1888



**COLORADO SPRINGS / COLO.** 

December 29, (1870s)



**COLORADO SPRINGS, / COLO.** 

**September 11, 1877** 



COLORADO SPRINGS / COLORADO.

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**September 24, 1906** 



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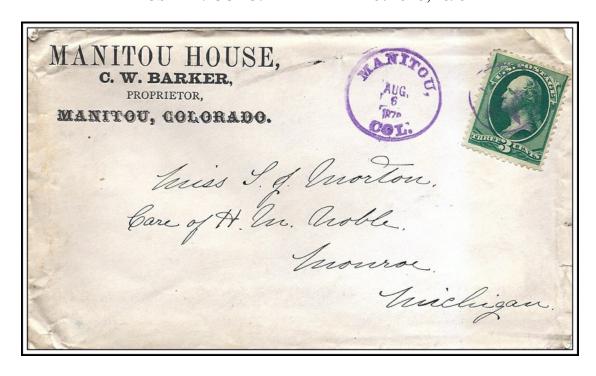


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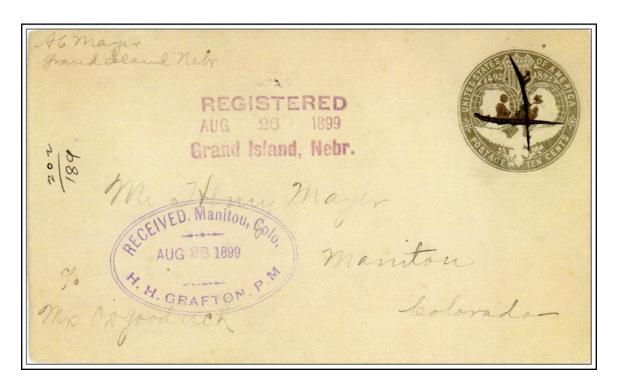
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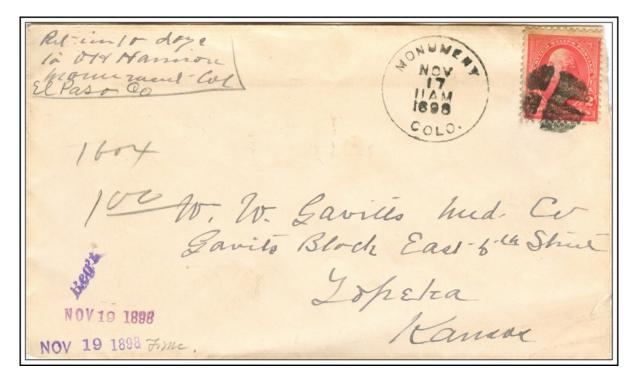


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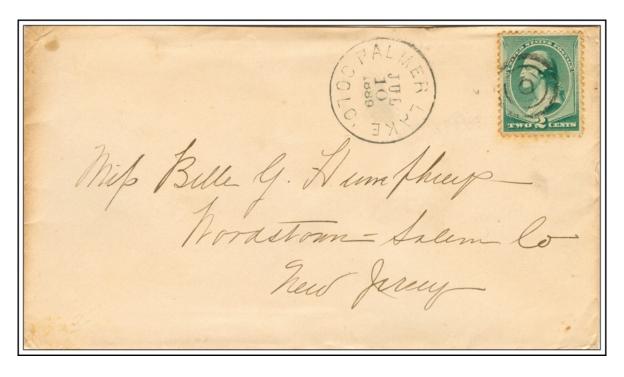


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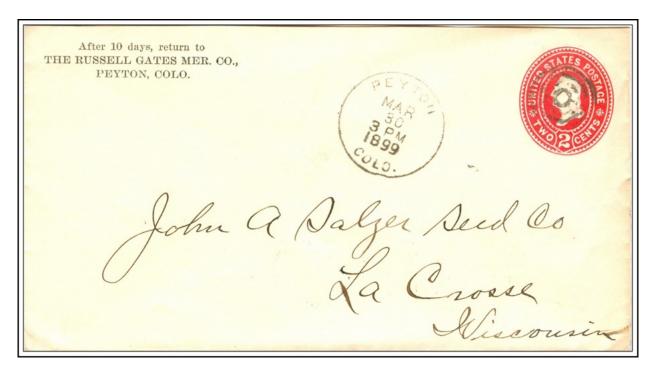
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July 10, 1889



PEYTON / COLO.

March 30, 1899



SOUTHWATER / COL.

November 8, (1880s)



**SQUIRREL CREEK, / COLO.** 

**December 20, 1911** 



Sun Vew / El Paso Co / Colorado

(return address)

(1879)



SURBER, / COLO.

August 12, 1911



TABLE ROCK / COLO.

**February 17, 1893** 



WEISSPORT / COL.

**November 26, 1886** 



WIGWAM / COLO. Aug

August 22, 1885



WIGWAM, / COLO.

**December 24, 1912**