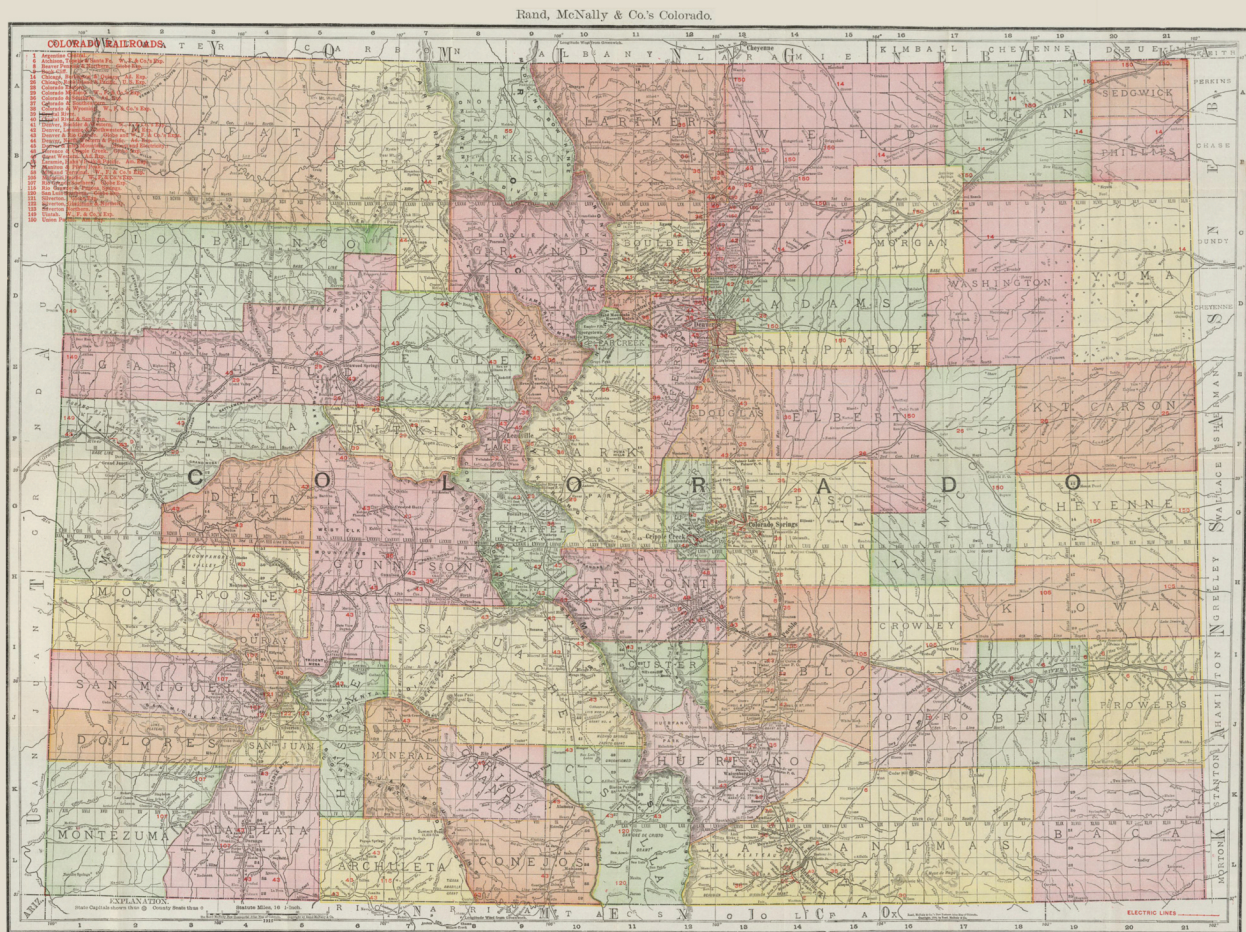


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Teller - Washington - Weld - Yuma*

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## FOREWORD

This completes the digital revision of William H. Bauer's *Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*. It has taken longer than any of us expected, which is an indication of what a monumental compendium of state postal history the original was.

The history of United States post offices is a significant portion of American history. The mail – letters, newspapers, magazines, catalogs and even advertisements – was the primary source of current information in the nineteenth century and well into the last century. It was only after the invention of radio, newsreels, television and finally the internet, that up-to-the-minute information became as widely and nearly instantly available as it now is. The history of American post offices is a significant part of our history. The current work, we hope, will be a useful contribution.

This revision has updated the postal history of all Colorado Post Offices to December 31, 1999. New latest reported dates (into the twentieth-first century) for those offices that were listed in the original work have been added. No new cancelations have been included after that date. This final volume brings the total page count for the *Encyclopedia* to 5379 pages.

It has been an exhausting and rewarding project for all of us involved in the process. My co-editors, our proofreader and all those who contributed are pleased to present this revision to our fellow collectors and all who might be interested in the history of Colorado Post Offices.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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And again, thanks to the late Don Beuthel, Bob Chow, Joe Coston, J. Robert Hamill, Erik Hendrickson, the late Andy Murin (taken from us too soon), David New, H. L. Harmer Auctions, Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, Rumsey Auctions and all the many Ebay sellers that have provided cover images for this revision. If I've forgotten anyone, it wasn't intentional, and thanks to you also.

I close as I began in Volume I, with admiration and respect for those who made the first edition possible by doing the research and the field work – Bill Bauer and Jim Ozment.



**Bill**



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