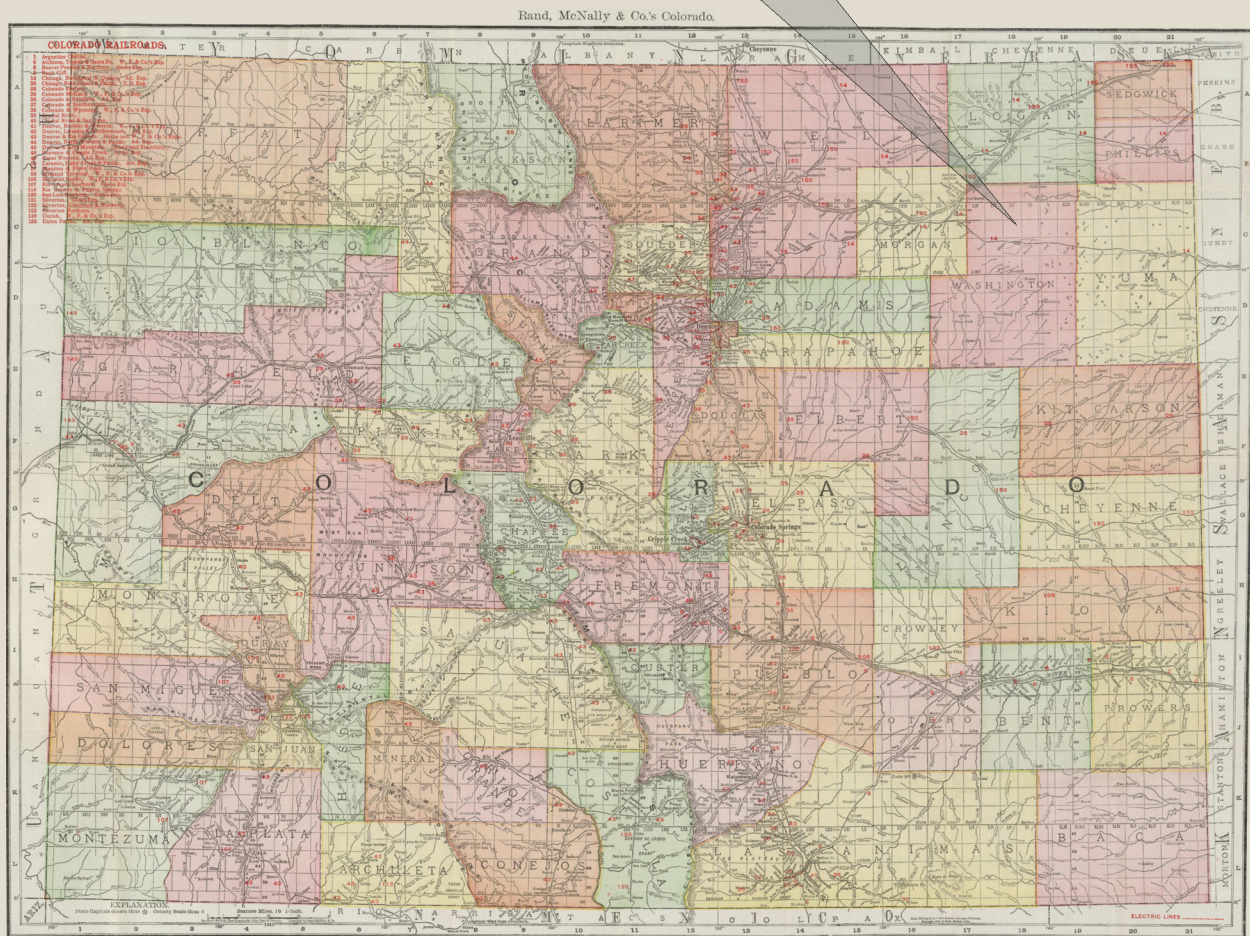


Washington County



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

Established: February 9, 1887

County Seat: Akron

WASHINGTON COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Washington County lies in the northeastern portion of Colorado. It can be divided into two, stacked rectangles. The upper portion measures thirty miles north-south and thirty-six miles east-west. The lower portion is also thirty miles in the north-south direction but is forty-eight miles from east to west. The boundary between the two portions also relates to the history of the formation of Washington County.

When the 1861 Territorial Legislature divided Colorado into counties, the area that is now Washington County was shared between Weld and Arapahoe Counties. The Weld-Arapahoe County line was the line separating the two previously described sections of modern Washington County.

Weld County was gradually reduced in size and on February 9, 1887 Washington County was authorized but extending east to the boundary of Colorado shared with Kansas and Nebraska. With the March 15, 1889 creation of Yuma County the eastern portion was lost. In 1901 the boundaries of Arapahoe County were greatly altered. Denver and Adams Counties were created and the eastern portion was divided between Yuma and Washington Counties with both of those counties assuming their present day configuration.

To the north, Washington County is bounded by Logan County and on the east by Yuma County. The southern boundary is shared with Kit Carson, Lincoln and Elbert Counties. The western boundary is with Arapahoe, Adams and Morgan Counties.

From its beginnings in 1887, Akron has been the Washington County Seat.

With the exception of the far northwestern corner, which touches the South Platte River, Washington County was not on any of the principal early transportation routes through eastern Colorado. That began to change in the late 1880's when the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad laid plans to build through to Denver. Several different routes were rumored and led to the platting of a number of speculative townsites along those routes. Most of those "towns" lasted only a few short years at most.

When built in 1887-1888, the Burlington chose a route through the northern half of Washington County, a route that for the most part parallels US Highway 34. Five towns were established along the railroad: Hyde, Otis, Platner, Akron and Pinneo – only Otis and Akron survive.

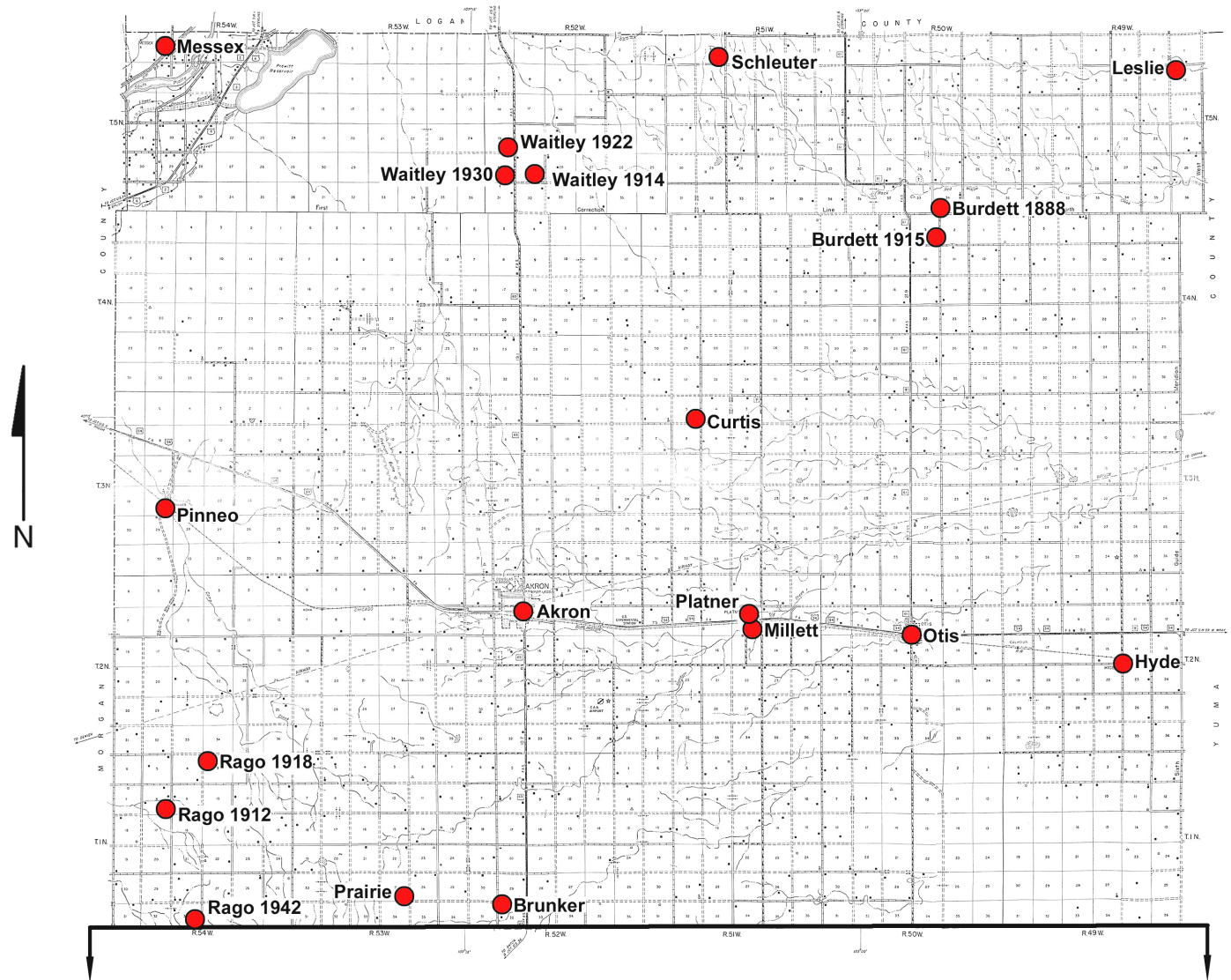
During the time period of the 1880's and early 1890's homesteading was surging on the plains of Eastern Colorado. It was a time of more than normal rainfall that encouraged immigration and extensive farm development. By the mid-1890's rainfall had fallen to normal or below normal levels and a large portion of the new homesteads and their associated towns were abandoned. In the early twentieth century there would be a revival of agriculture as new methods of dry land farming were developed. The Dust Bowl years would again reverse the progression.

Throughout the history of Eastern Colorado the raising of livestock has played a major part, since it is less dependent on the annual rainfall levels. Today, with irrigation from deep wells, farming and ranching share Washington County and are the foundation of the county's economy.

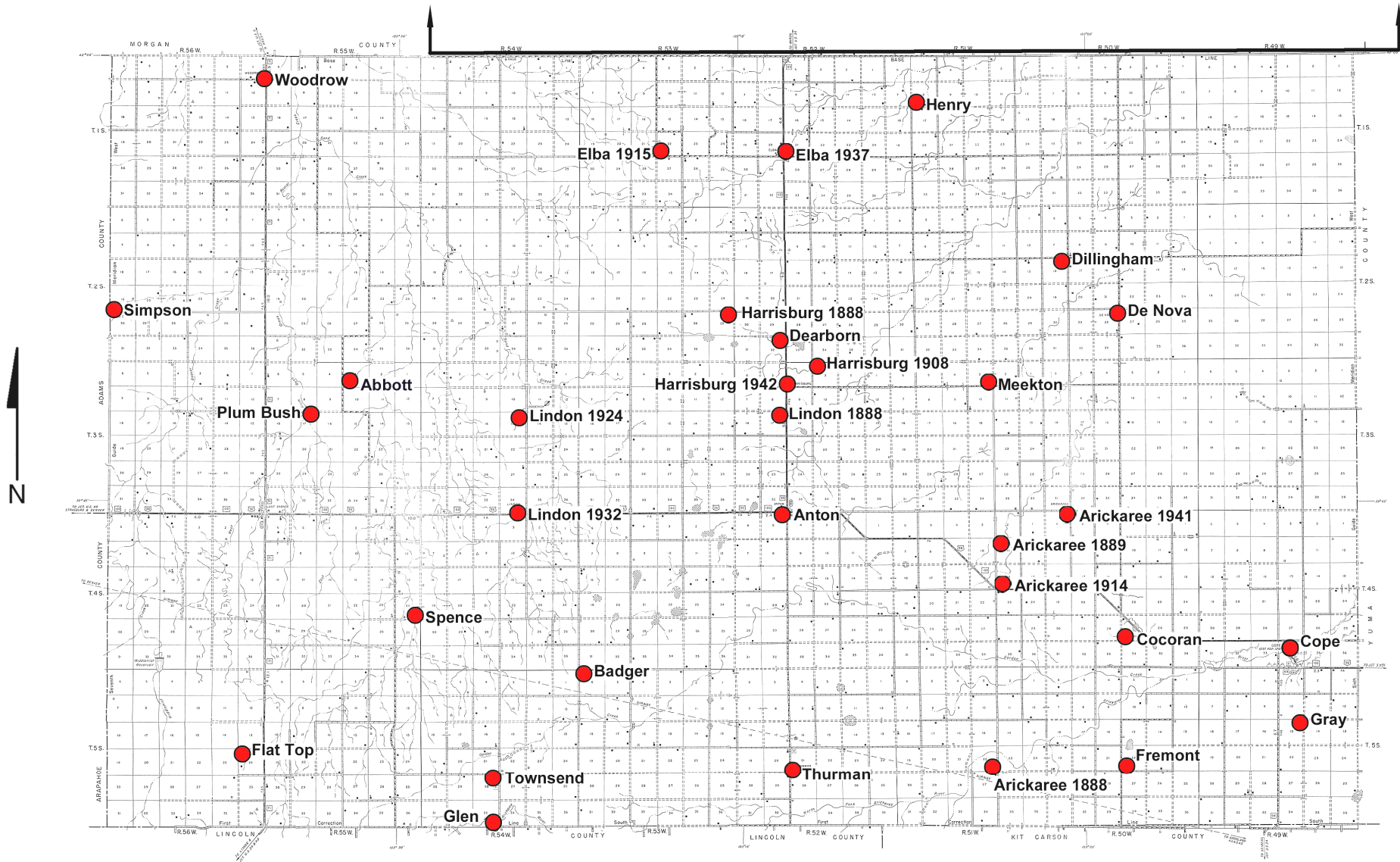
Topographically the county comprises a large area of nearly level land. Some portions are more rolling with intermittent streams that have cut shallow valleys.

A portion of western Washington County drains north to the South Platte River via Beaver Creek. The remainder drains to the east-northeast as the headwaters of the Arickaree and Republican Rivers.

The Burlington Railroad was the only railroad constructed through Washington County and it still serves the county. Two US Highways, US 34 in the north and US 36 in south traverse the county from east to west. With exception of Woodrow, the only active towns are along those two highways. Prior to construction of the Interstate System, those highways were major transportation arteries but Interstate 70 and Interstate 76 now carry the bulk of the through traffic in northeastern Colorado.



Post Office Location Map – Northern Washington County



Post Office Location Map – Southern Washington County

Colorado Highway 71 runs north-south near the western boundary of the county. Colorado Highway 63 begins at Anton and goes north through Akron to intersect Interstate 76 near Atwood in Logan County.

The county is well served by a network of county roads although most of them are unpaved and they are often interrupted so cannot be relied on for lengthy, direct travel from one point to another.



Street Scene – Akron, Colorado

Photograph by James L. Ozment

September 6, 1999

ABBOTT

Abbott was a creation of the Abbott Land Company and was named for the company’s president – Albert F. Abbott. The land development was unsuccessful, largely due to an extended drought that drove out many of the early homesteaders. Abbot was a rural post office to the northwest of Lindon. There was no organized community and the post office is reported to have moved frequently from one ranch to another. However, the Post Office Department files contain only the only the original (1887) Geographic Site Location Report. Glen Scott on his map *Historical Trail Map of the Limon 1 x 2 Quadrangle* shows three additional locations: NE/4 Sec 2 T3S R55W (1887), SW/4 Sec 8 T2S R54W, and SW/4 Sec 2 T2S R54W (1924).

Starting at Lindon drive six miles west on US Highway 36 to Washington County Road L and turn north. Go north four miles to Road 16 and then west one mile to Road K. Go north one mile on Road K. The 1887 site of Abbott was on the east side of the road. This area is wide open, flat farmland, with no signs of former habitation.

There is no access to the location in Section 2, about two miles east-northeast of the 1887 location but that area appears to be a continuation of the scenery at the 1887 location. From the 1887 location continue north two miles to Road 19 and turn east one mile to Road L, and then north two miles to Road 21. Go three miles east to Road P. The Section 8 location was a mile plus north of Road 21, where the Road P curves to the west and near the Ward Ranch Airstrip. There is an active ranch at the location.

To reach the 1924 location continue north on Road P to Road 24 and turn east two miles to Road R. Go one mile south on Road R, then one mile east to the end of Road 23. The 1924 location was at the end of Road 23. There are some oil storage tanks in the area but no evidence of other structures.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 2 1887	---	SW/4 Sec 3 T3S R55W 4 miles east of Beaver Creek Proposed postmaster - Edwin J. Wonnell
Aug 6 1887		Established
Aug 6 1887		Wonnell, Edwin J.
Jul 12 1889		Kuch, John M.
Jan 28 1891		Coles, George
Mar 31 1900		Coles, Mary A.
May 13 1904		Koser, Newton
Dec 1 1910		Whitaker, Herbert
Jul 10 1913		Pence, John F.
Mar 19 1926		Ordered closed
Apr 15 1926		Discontinued Mail to Elba

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	ABBOTT / COLO MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Sep 5 (1887)
1	ABBOTT, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp Not present	Aug 21 1889
2	ABBOTT / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Jan 25 1888 Feb 13 1900
3	ABBOTT, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Jul 10 1908 Mar 12 1915

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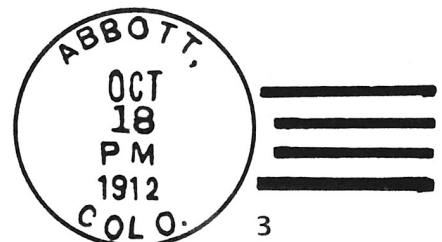
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AKRON

In 1882 the Lincoln Land Company, a Burlington Railroad subsidiary, provided the land for a townsite and Akron was platted in the same year. The Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy had reached the location in 1881 and they would soon establish a division point at Akron.

The naming of the town is attributed to Mrs. Calvert, the wife of the superintendent for the Burlington Railroad west of the Mississippi. She named it for her hometown – Akron, Ohio. In Greek Akron signifies “summit” or “city on a hill.” This was appropriate for the new town as it was supposed to be at the highest point on the railroad between the Mississippi River and Denver.

In 1887 the Colorado Legislature created Washington County and designated Akron as the county seat. The town was incorporated in the same year.

Akron is located in a large area that supports raising livestock and the growing of winter wheat and other crops. There also are oil and gas fields in the area. In 1976 the United States Department of Agriculture opened a research and experimental station about four miles east of Akron.

Present day Akron has a good-sized residential district and an active business district. Its economy is based on serving and supplying the agricultural and petroleum industries through much of Washington County and portions of the surrounding counties. The Burlington Railroad is still important to the vitality of Akron.

Akron is located at the intersection of US Highway 34 and Colorado Highway 63.

Latitude = 40:09:38 North Longitude = 103:12:50 West

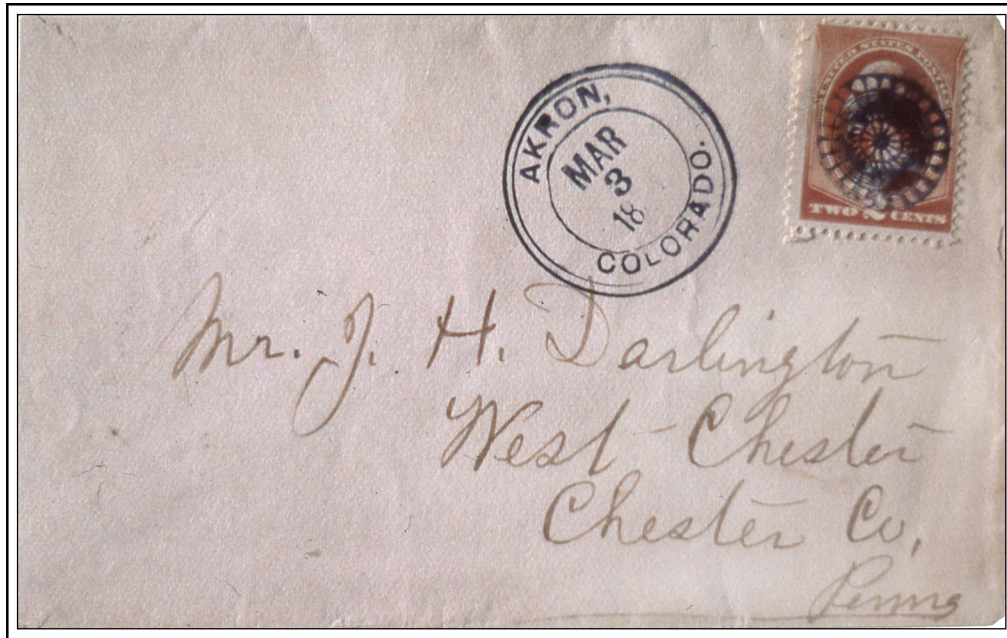
Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 17 1883	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T2N R52W 50 feet north of railroad	
		Proposed postmaster - George E. Bragg	
Jan 30 1883		Established	
Jan 30 1883		Bragg, George E.	
Dec 12 1884		Shumann, W. H.	
Apr 1 1886		Flanery, Charles E.	
Aug 14 1888		Flanery, Charles E.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jan 16 1890		Irwin, David W.	P&S
Mar 28 1894		Middlecoft, Creed F.	P&S
Jul 3 1897		Pickett, Horace G.	P&S
May 15 1899		Irwin, Mrs. Cynthia	P&S
Feb 19 1906		Seely, Francis M.	P&S
May 6 1907		Clark, Edwin W.	P
Dec 11 1907		Clark, Edwin W.	P&S
Jun 16 1909		Clark, Mary A.	P&S
Aug 5 1913		McIntyre, F. W.	P&S
May 8 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T2N R52W 800 feet north of the CB&Q Railroad	
Mar 18 1919		Buchler, Earnest G.	P&S
Feb 16 1919		Sloane, William H.	Acting
May 1 1921		Gough, Harry C.	Acting
Sep 18 1922		Allen, Robert J.	P&S
Mar 3 1927		Triffet, William E.	P&S
Feb 20 1931		Triffet, William E.	P&S
Dec 14 1933		Keicher, Frank J.	Acting
Dec 31 1933		Keicher, Frank J.	Assumed charge
Apr 30 1934		Potter, James E.	Acting
Jun 12 1934		Keicher, Frank J.	Nominated
Jun 18 1934		Keicher, Frank J.	Appointed
Aug 7 1934		Keicher, Frank J.	Commissioned
Nov 30 1934		Potter, James E.	Assumed charge
Feb 12 1937		Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Acting

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WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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Feb 22 1937	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Assumed charge
Aug 4 1937	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Nominated
Aug 9 1937	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Confirmed
Aug 13 1937	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 2 1937	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	--- NW/4 Sec 9 T2N R52W	A good map accompanies this document.
Jan 14 1942	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Nominated
Feb 25 1942	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Confirmed
Feb 26 1942	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Appointed Presidential
Mar 13 1942	Crutchfield, Edgar I.	Commissioned
Feb 29 1952	Andrews, George N.	Assumed charge
Mar 21 1952	Andrews, George N.	Acting
Apr 15 1954	Hamblin, George E.	Assumed charge
Jun 3 1954	Hamblin, George E.	Acting
Jul 14 1954	Hamblin, George E.	Nominated
Jul 31 1954	Hamblin, George E.	Confirmed
Aug 2 1954	Hamblin, George E.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 23 1977	Rhone, Donald L.	Officer in charge
Nov 4 1978	Scott, Mrs. Doris J.	Officer in charge
Dec 15 1979	Laubhan, Paul E.	Appointed

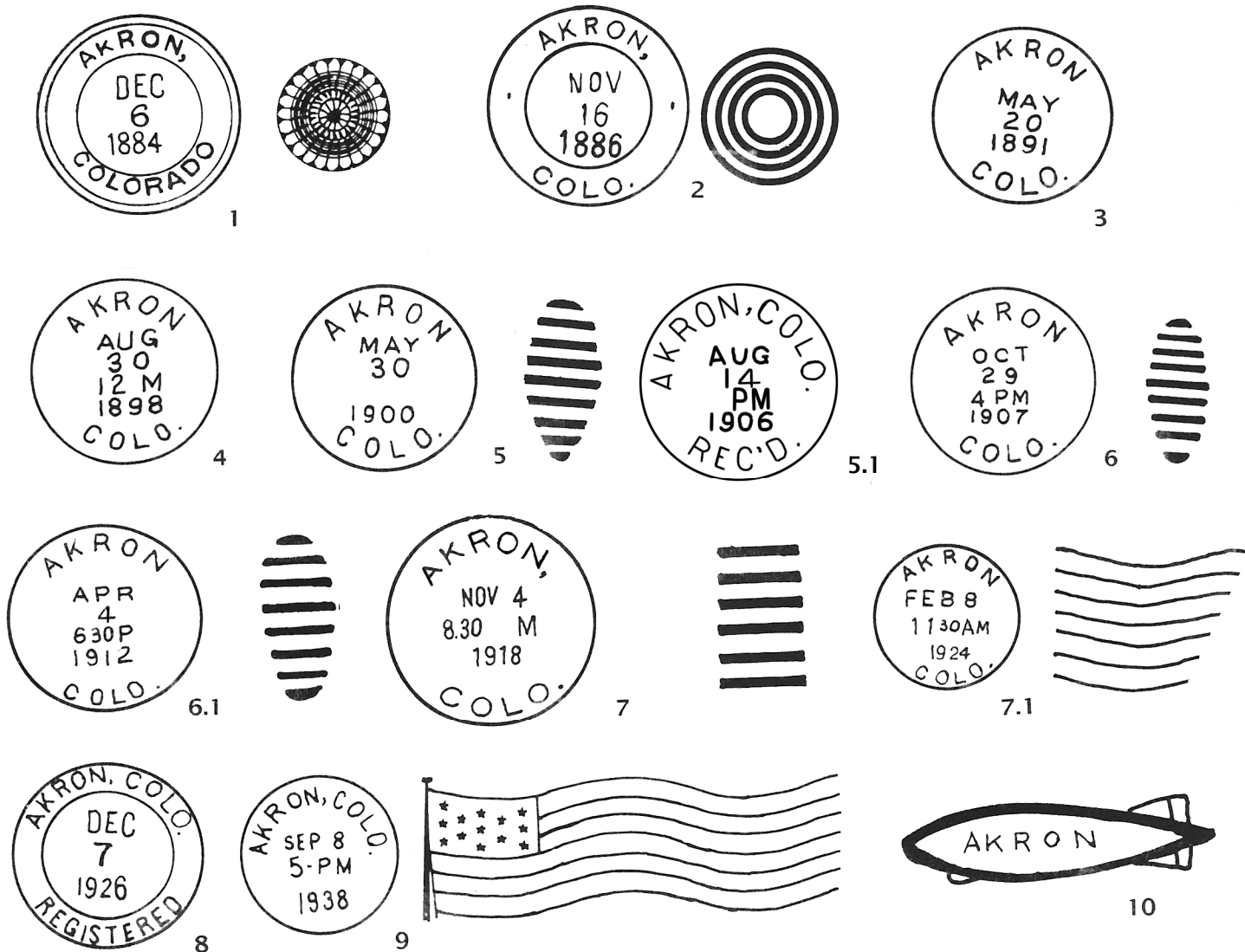


AKRON, / COLORADO March 3, 188- With “Wheel-of-Fortune” fancy cancel

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	AKRON, / COLORADO. CI 21P 30.0/28.0/18.0	Oct 22 1883 Mar 16 1886
2	AKRON, / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/21.0	Hstp Fancy, Wheel of fortune Nov 16 1886 May 20 1887
3	AKRON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp 4-ring target 21mm Jan 5 1888 May 20 1891
4	AKRON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring Oct 1 1891 Apr 19 1899
		Hstp Cork, negative X-roads, Smudge, 5-bar grid

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| 5 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Aug 24 1899 Feb 22 1902 |
| 5.1 | AKRON, COLO. / REC'D.
CI 10P 30.0 | Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval
Aug 14 1906 |
| 6 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Hstp, No killer
Sep 20 1907 Oct 29 1907 |
| 6.1 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 29.0 | Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval
Mar 24 1911 Aug 21 1913 |
| 7 | AKRON, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval
Nov 4 1918 Jan 18 1919 |
| 7.1 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 22.0 | Hstp 6 short bars
Feb 8 1924 Aug 14 1924 |
| 8 | AKRON, COLO. / REGISTERED
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
Dec 7 1926 Jun 30 1932 |
| 9 | AKRON, COLO.
CI 10P 23.5 | Hstp No killer
Dec 21 1927 Oct 28 1938 |
| 10 | AKRON
IR 10P 49.0x11.0 | Flag 13 star waving flag
Jun 30 1932 Jul 14 1932 |
| | | Hstp Dirigible outline, 20th century fancy cancel |

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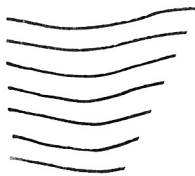
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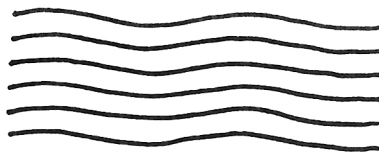
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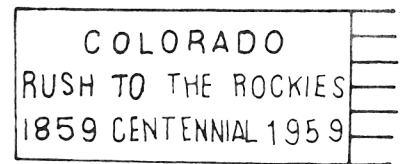
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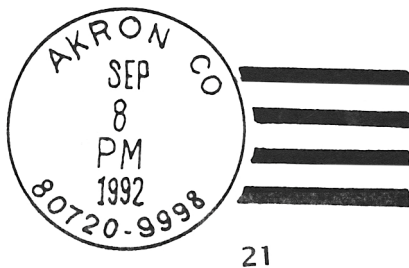
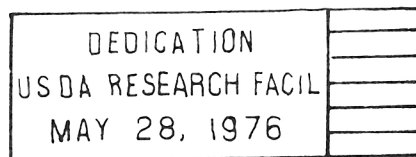
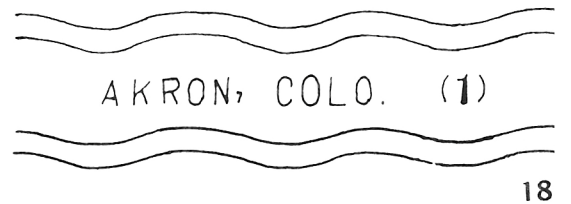
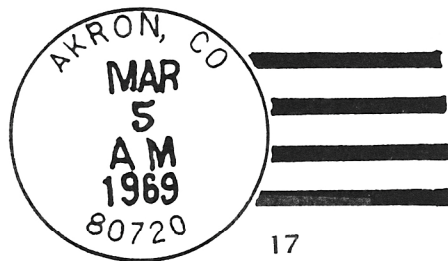
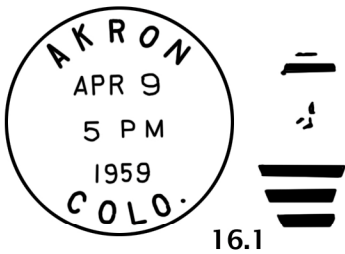
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| 10.1 | AKRON, COLO / REGISTERED
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Jul 14 1932 |
| 11 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Hstp No killer
Feb 23 1934 |
| 12 | AKRON, COLO. / PARCEL POST
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
Jul 8 1936 Jul 19 1937 |
| 13 | AKRON, / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Hstp No killer
Jun 21 1937 May 9 1960 |
| 14 | AKRON. / COLO.
CI 10P 23.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1
Jul 4 or 3 ? 1939 Jun 28 1947
[Cover scan not available] |
| 14.1 | AKRON / COLO.
RC 10P 36.5x17.5 | Mach 7 wavy lines
--- 194- |
| 15 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 23.0 | Hstp No killer, Parcel Post box style
--- 1954 |
| 15.0. | AKRON / COLO.
RC 10P 37.0x17.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
1950s
Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
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| 15.1 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 10 1956 Sep 2 1960 |
| 16 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Mach 6 wavy lines
Mar 15 1959 Mar 17 1959 |
| 16.1 | AKRON / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Mach Slogan in box with bars: COLORADO / RUSH TO THE ROCKIES / 1859 CENTENNIAL 1959
Apr 9 1959 |
| 17 | AKRON, CO / 80720
CI 10P 32.0 | Dplx Grid, Oval with 1 ?
Jul 31 1968 Jun 1 1975
4bars S-24x19mm |

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18	AKRON, COLO (1) SL 00R 50.0x4.0	Jul 31 1968
19	AKRON, CO / 80720 CI 10P 20.0	Rollr 2 wavy lines above and below Jun 15 1968 Jun 3 1991
19.1	AKRON, CO / 80720 CI 10P 32.0	Mach 6 wavy lines Sep 2 1975 Sep 16 1975
20	AKRON, CO / 80720 CI 10P 20.0	4bars S-24x19mm Feb 4 1976 Mar 5 1976
20.1	AKRON, CO / 80720 CI 10P 35.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: DEDICATION / USDA RESEARCH FACIL / MAY 28, 1976 Apr 15 1991
21	AKRON CO / 80720-9998 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x20mm Sep 8 1992 Mar 30 1992 4bars S-23x17mm

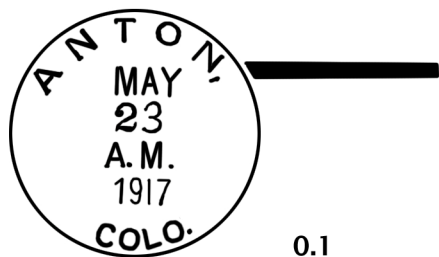


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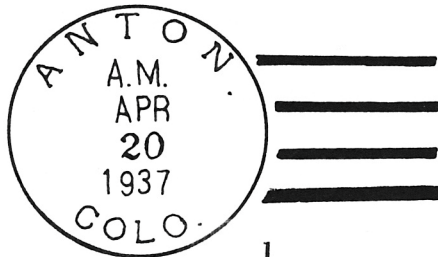
Jul 18 1916	Potter, Sarah E.	
May 27 1919	McBeth, Milda	
Aug 5 1920	Lundquist, Fritz J.	
Sep 10 1921	Willis, Frank S.	Acting
Aug 11 1922	Meadows, Charles W.	
May 11 1923 ---	NE/4 Sec 5 T4S R52W	
	Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Emma F. Hawkinson	
Nov 10 1923	Hawkinson, Mrs. Emma F.	
Nov 12 1926	Willis, Frank S.	
Jun 7 1928	Hall, Eunice L.	
Sep 28 1928	Ordered closed	
Oct 15 1928	Discontinued Mail to Harrisburg	
Dec 23 1931 ---	NE/4 Sec 5 T4S R52W	
Jun 30 1934	Re-established	
Jun 20 1934	Shirley, Joseph R.	Confirmed
Jul 9 1934	Shirley, Joseph R.	Commissioned
Jul 18 1934	Shirley, Joseph R.	Assumed charge
Apr 21 1936	Shirley, Mrs. Fleety B.	Assumed charge
Apr 25 1936	Shirley, Mrs. Fleety B.	Acting
Jun 6 1936	Shirley, Mrs. Fleety B.	Confirmed
Jun 30 1936	Shirley, Mrs. Fleety B.	Commissioned
Jul 8 1936	Shirley, Mrs. Fleety B.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 5 T4S R52W No lakes or running streams within 40 miles	
	At intersection of US 36 and State Highway 63	
Jan 31 1956	Shirley, David H.	Assumed charge
Feb 10 1956	Shirley, David H.	Acting
Sep 8 1956	Shirley, David H.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	ANTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-26x??mm	May 23 1917
1	ANTON. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 20 1937 Mar 22 1943
2	ANTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 4 1948 Aug 28 1948
3	ANTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Aug 15 1953 Feb 28 1960
4	ANTON / COLO. CI 11P 29.5/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 17 1955
5	ANTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Dec 29 1962 Jul 20 1964
5.1	ANTON, CO / 80801 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jul 5 1966 Sep 8 1970
6	ANTON, CO / 80801 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 2 1975 Dec 10 1991



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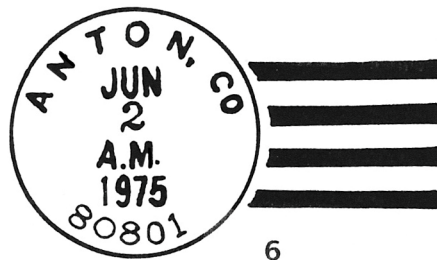
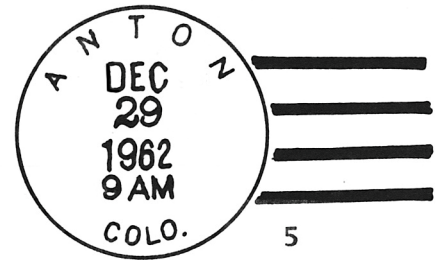
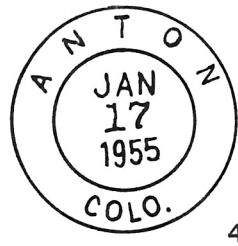
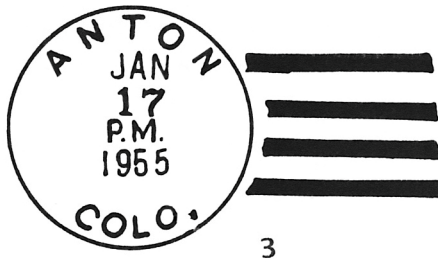


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ARICKAREE

In reading Colorado history I have encountered several references that claim Arickaree (Arickaree City) was founded in 1877, ten miles northwest of Lindon, on the North Fork of the Arickaree River near, Duck Springs. The basic problem with that claim is that I have not found a map that identifies the “North Fork” and, the streams north and west of Lindon drain into the Republican River, not the Arickaree River.

In 1888 the Arickaree Post Office opened at a location on the Arickaree River, two miles north of the present day Washington-Kit Carson County line. Eleven years later it was discontinued only to reopen a year later but at a location nine miles to the north, and two miles north of what is now US Highway 36.

Subsequently the Arickaree Post Office moved at least four more times with its final reported location on Washington County Road 12, ten miles due east of Anton.

Arickaree City was described as, for a few years, being a thriving community with a number of homes, a newspaper, a general store, a school and a church. By 1895 it was largely abandoned. It is reported that a 1935 cloudburst removed all remnants of the settlement.

No matter where Arickaree was located, or at what time, it was in country devoted to either farming or ranching.

Arickaree was named for its location on the Arickaree River which, in turn, was named for the Arickaree (or Arickara) Indian tribe.

Because of the scattered nature of the sites of Arickaree, it is not easy to describe directions to the locations. To visit the original (1888) site of Arickaree, either drive east on US Highway 36 from Anton, or west from Cope to Washington County Road LL. That intersection is at the fourth change in road direction from Anton and the third from Cope. Go south on Road LL seven miles. There is an abandoned building and also a small ranch on the west side of the road. The Washington-Kit Carson County line is two miles further south.

The previously described intersection of US 36 and County Road LL is the key to the 1899, the 1914 and the 1921 locations of Arickaree. The 1899 location was two miles to the north of the intersection. The 1920 location was one mile north of the intersection and the 1914 location was at the intersection.

ARICKAREE – Continued



ARICKAREE, / COLO. November 22, 1892

There is no access to the 1899 or 1920 sites but the land is level and in 1997 was being farmed. No structures were visible from the nearby roads.

In the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Road LL and US 36 there is cluster of ranch and farm buildings. The 1991 DeLorme *Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer* labels this location as Arickaree.

In 1941 two locations for Arickaree were reported to the Post Office Department. From the 1914 site on US 36, drive east two miles to County Road NN and then go north three miles to County Road 12. In March 1941 the Arickaree Post Office was in the southeast quadrant of the intersection. By October 1941 it had moved a mile east to the southwest quadrant of the intersection of County Roads 12 and PP. Again, the countryside is cultivated land with no remaining structures.

My apologies, but Arickaree was only one of several Washington County Post Offices that wandered around the county during their lifetimes.

Latitude = 39:41:57 North Longitude = 103:03:56 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 9 1888	---	SE/4 Sec 22 T5S R51W
Jun 9 1888		Established
Jun 9 1888		McConnell, David B.
Nov 25 1889		Winslow, Waldo E.
Aug 1 1890		Whitham, Frank H.
Jan 3 1891		Barclay, Hugh A.
Jan 10 1894		Hansen, Mary
Apr 17 1896		Beuder, Mrs. Mary
Oct 31 1898		Discontinued Papers to Valley
Dec 28 1899	---	NW/4 Sec 11 T4S R51W
		Proposed postmaster - John Christensen
Mar 23 1900		Re-established

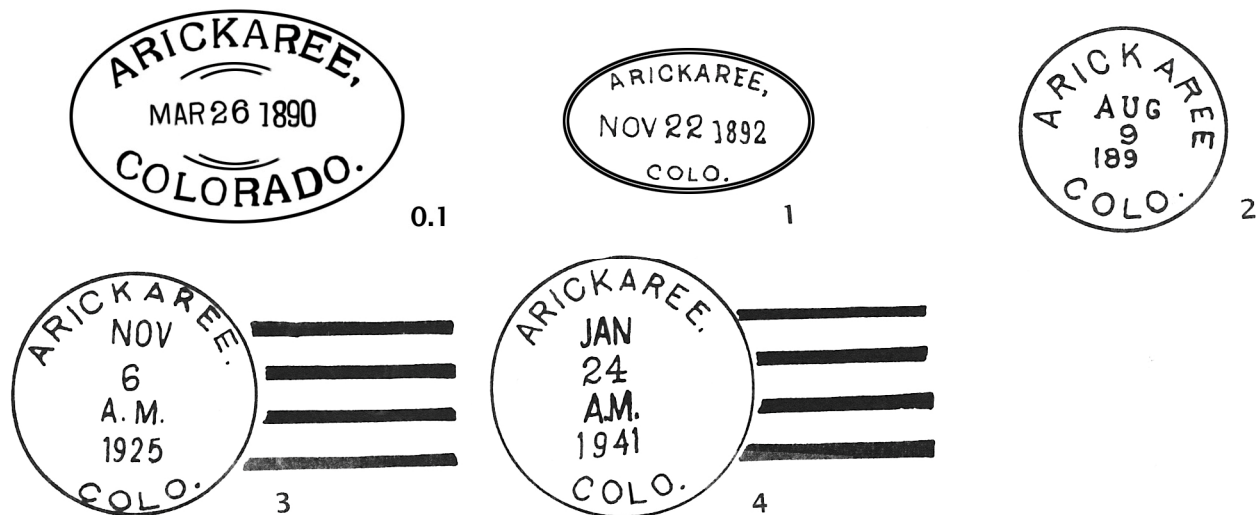
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Mar 23 1900	Christensen, John	
Sep 28 1907	Willburn, William F.	
Jul 1 1910	Stuckey, Minnie	
Oct 26 1912	Hardy, Jessie F.	
Oct 10 1913	Legg, Minnie F.	
Sep 21 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T4S R51W A move 1-1/2 miles northwest of a previous location
Sep 30 1914	Morey, Orrin B.	
Jun 7 1917	Bill, Albert L.	
Jan 30 1920	---	NW/4 Sec 14 T4S R51W A move about 1-1/4 miles northeast of a previous location Appears to be a move from the SW/4 of same
Jan 30 1920	Hardy, Josie F.	
Mar 2 1920	Elliott, Jessie F.	
Aug 11 1921	Herron, Charles E.	Confirmed
Sep 30 1921	Herron, Charles E.	Commissioned
Oct 1 1921	Herron, Charles E.	Assumed charge
Feb 1 1941	Brown, Thomas B.	Assumed charge
Feb 18 1941	Brown, Thomas B.	Acting
Mar 3 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T4S R50W A move 3 miles north and 3 miles east of a previous location
Mar 18 1941	Brown, Thomas B.	Confirmed
Mar 27 1941	Brown, Thomas B.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1941	Brown, Thomas B.	Assumed charge
Oct 31 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 6 T4S R50W
Feb 25 1943	Brown, Thomas B.	Military leave
May 12 1943	Ellington, Morley M.	Assumed charge
May 18 1943	Ellington, Morley M.	Acting
Dec 17 1943	Krause, Mrs. Irma Lucille	Assumed charge
Jan 10 1944	Krause, Mrs. Irma Lucille	Acting
May 25 1944	Brown, Mrs. Elsie M.	Assumed charge
Jun 29 1944	Brown, Mrs. Elsie M.	Acting
Jan 21 1946	Thomas B. Brown	Returned to duty
Jan 9 1952	Brown, Mrs. Tillie K.	Acting
Feb 5 1952	Brown, Mrs. Tillie K.	Assumed charge
Feb 8 1952	Brown, Mrs. Tillie K.	Confirmed
Mar 12 1952	Brown, Mrs. Tillie K.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1952	Brown, Mrs. Tillie K.	Assumed charge
Nov 1 1960	Herron, Mrs. Evelyn J.	Assumed charge
Nov 3 1960	Herron, Mrs. Evelyn J.	Acting
Jan 6 1961	Discontinued Mail to Anton	
Feb 17 1961	Order rescinded	
Jun 16 1961	Ordered closed	
Jun 23 1961	Discontinued Mail to Anton	

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	ARICKAREE, / COLORADO. OV 10P 44x28	Hstp Target, 4-ring, with two inner arcs	Mar 26 1890
1	ARICKAREE, / COLO. OV 20P 33x29/31x27	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Nov 22 1892
2	ARICKAREE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Aug 9 189- Dec 20 1901
3	ARICKAREE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 23 1910 Nov 6 1925
4	ARICKAREE, / COLO. CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 24 1941 Sep 21 1961

ARICKAREE – Continued

**BADGER**

Badger was a rural post office east-southeast of Lindon. Like the other post offices that served this part of Washington County it provided mail service for scattered ranches and farms. During its existence, the post office was at two different locations but less than a mile apart. Today the countryside is wide-open, nearly level farmland.

From Lindon, drive east two miles on US Highway 36 to Washington County Road U and turn south. Go six miles. The reported 1892 site of Badger was a mile south of Road 7 and a mile north of Road 5. There is no evidence of any structures. The original (1889) location was a mile to the northeast. There is no access to that location, and nothing is visible from Road U.

From Badger, you can continue south towards the locations of Townsend and Glen.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 15 1889	---	SE/4 Sec 31 T4S R53W Proposed postmaster - Charles D. McMachin (McMackin ?) [SRM: Badger not found in online records of Site Location Reports]
Jan 1 1890		Established
Jan 14 1890		McMackin, Charles D.
Apr 29 1892		Conger, George W.
Mar 4 1892	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T5S R53W 2 miles north of Badger Creek
Sep 4 1893		Discontinued Not listed in 1892 Postal Guide
Apr 20 1894		Re-established
Jul 20 1894		Discontinued Papers to Shurman (sic)[Thurman]

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BADGER

BRUNKER

The only historical information I have found for Bruncker identifies it simply as another of the rural post offices of Washington County. The one and only postmaster during its existence was James Bruncker, so it is safe to assume that the post office was named for him.

BRUNKER – Continued

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report does indicate that the requested name was Bonynge. I have no idea as to the source for, or the meaning of that name. Perhaps that is why it was rejected and Brunker was assigned.

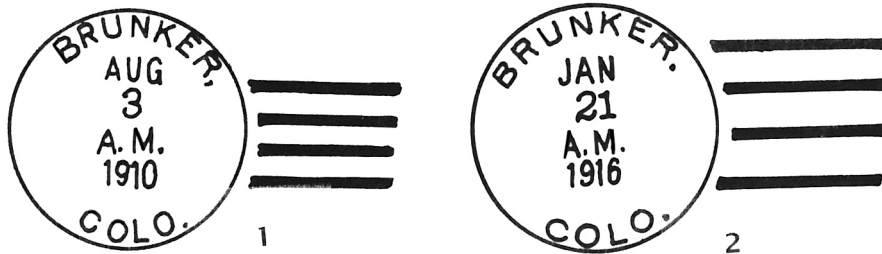
From the final site of Elba at the intersection of Colorado Highway 63 and Washington County Road 26, go four miles north on Colorado 63 to County Road 30 and turn west one mile to County Road BB and then turn north for one mile. At that location, in 1997 there was a large farm and ranch complex with some older structures that were in the process of being cleared out and replaced by modern buildings.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Dec 28 1907 Established
- Dec 28 1907 Brunker, James
- Dec 30 1907 --- NW/4 Sec 32 T1N R52W At Buffalo or Big Sandy Creek
Proposed postmaster - James Brunker
- Jan 31 1917 Discontinued Mail to Akron

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 BRUNKER, / COLO. Dec 21 1908 Aug 3 1910
 CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x14mm
- 2 BRUNKER, / COLO. Jan 21 1916
 CI 10P 31.5 4bars S-24x20mm



BURDETT

The first settlement here is attributed to William (Bill or Bull) Burdett who in 1870 built a shack of buffalo hides on the banks of Rock Creek. Years later the post office and the scattered community that developed would adopt his name.

In 1887, the Burlington Railroad made plans to build a branch line from Akron to Holyoke. In 1888 the Lincoln Land Company laid out a townsite and Burdett came into existence. The railroad was never built but Burdett survived as a loose community and even had a church.

Three separate locations for the Burdett Post Office were reported to the Post Office Department. There are several references to the postmasters of Burdett in the Colorado historical literature and it seems that the post office was usually located in a sod house, the home of the postmaster.

The 1937 Colorado State Business Directory is the last one to list Burdett. The Directory states that the principal industry was farming and reports the population as “four!” No wonder the post office was closed that year.

From Otis, drive thirteen miles north on Colorado Highway 61 to Washington County Road 53. Turn east one mile to Road SS. The 1915 location of Burdett was in the northwest quadrant of this intersection. There is an abandoned house and some small trees a short distance north of the intersection.

BURDETT – Continued

Drive north on Road SS, one mile to Road 54. This is an offset intersection with Road RR. The original 1888 location of Burdett was on the north side of Road 54. There is an active ranch complex at that location.

To visit the 1914 location of Burdett, turn east on Road 54 to Road SS to the north (remember the offset) and go one mile north to Road 55. Burdett was in the southeast quadrant of this intersection. Nothing remains at that location.

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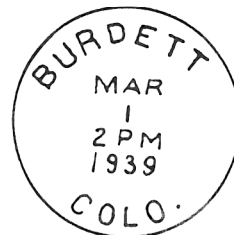
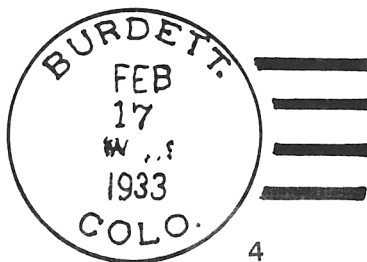
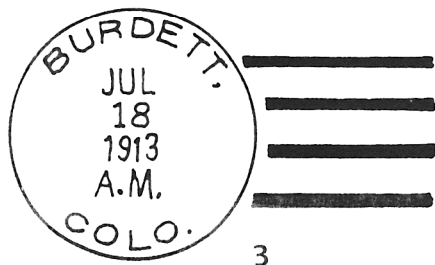
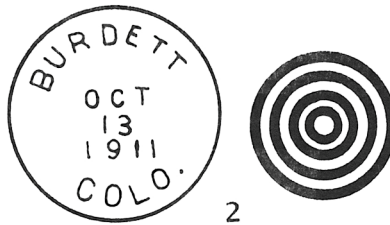
Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 6 1888 --- SW/4 Sec 34 T5N R50W 1 mile southwest of Rock Creek
Proposed postmaster - Charles B. Price
- Apr 4 1888 Established
- Apr 4 1888 Price, Charles B.
- May 9 1889 Forbes, Dora L.
- Feb 12 1890 Castleman, Dora L.
- Feb 7 1895 Mayers, Libbie
- Aug 27 1897 Harvey, Dorcas A.
- Jul 10 1914 --- NW/4 Sec 35 T5N R50W 100 yards south side of Rock Creek
- Jun 8 1915 --- SE/4 Sec 3 T4N R50W 1-3/4 miles south of Rock Creek
- Jun 17 1915 Matthews, Lizzie M. Confirmed
- Apr 14 1937 Ordered closed
- Apr 30 1937 Discontinued Mail to Otis

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Burdett Colo
MS | Jan 23 1891 |
| 2 | BURDETT / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Mscp No killer
May 31 1897 Dec 23 1911 |
| 3 | BURDETT, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
Jul 18 1913 Mar 14 1917 |
| 4 | BURDETT, / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-24x20mm
Jan 18 1932 Feb 17 1933 |
| 5 | BURDETT / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | 4bars S-??x19mm
Mar 1 1939 |
| | | Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval |

Burdett Colo
1/28 1891
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COPE

In 1887 the Burlington Railroad sent Jonathan Calvin Cope to Colorado to homestead land for a townsite on a proposed rail line into eastern Colorado. He selected land on the Arickaree River about three miles west of today's Washington-Yuma County line. Mr. Cope agreed to the project, but only if trees could be grown in the area. He planted trees that grew and became known as Cope's Grove. The new community took his family name.

The railroad was never built through Cope but a small community did develop and became a supply center for the surrounding area.

Daniel D. Hayne opened a store, stocking it with dry goods and groceries. In July 1889 the post office at Gray was moved north to Cope and Mr. Hayne became the postmaster with the post office located in a corner of his store.

On February 11, 1921 the Colorado Farm Lands Company filed a town plat for Cope and the community was incorporated.

The Arickaree River has often threatened Cope. In 1935 a flood washed out bridges and roads. In 1942 another flood threatened the town but the residents succeeded in diverting the water.

Cope is located on US Highway 36, two miles west of the Washington-Yuma County line. In a fashion that was often typical of rural towns, the highway approaches Cope from the east, turns north to go through the town, and then turns back to the west as it leaves Cope.

Cope is a community of residences with a small business district that provides services to the residents of the town and the surrounding countryside.

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Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 13 1888 --- NE/4 Sec 15 T5S R49W 2 miles south of the Arickaree River
[Location for the post office at Gray]
Proposed postmaster - Frank E. Gray**
- Jun 12 1889 --- NW/4 Sec 34 T4S R49W 1/4 mile north of the Arickaree River
NOTE: "As I understand it the patrons of Gray P.O. only want the name changed to Cope the location to remain as now and in the same building as at present."
Proposed postmaster - Daniel D. Hayne**
- Jul 16 1889 Moved from Gray NOTE: There is a question as to whether the name of Gray was changed to Cope and then later moved to the present site, or if the move and name change occurred simultaneously. -- W.H.B.**
- Jul 16 1890 Hayne, Daniel D.**
- May 21 1896 Lauridsen, Morten**
- May 26 1898 Bore, Chester**
- Apr 2 1900 Williams, Albert R.**
- Mar 12 1902 Brown, Elmer E.**
- May 22 1902 --- NW/4 SE/4 Sec 34 T4S R49W 100 rods northeast of the Arickaree River**
- Apr 11 1905 Christopher, Dora M.**
- Mar 13 1905 --- From: SW/4 Sec 34 T4S R49W To: NW/4 Sec 34 T4S R49W
A move 320 feet west, 520 feet north of a previous location
Proposed postmaster - Dora M. Christopher**
- Jan 14 1914 Stratton, Judson C.**
- May 7 1914 --- NW/4 Sec 4 T4S R49W 100 yards north of Arickaree Creek**
- May 20 1916 Carrico, Anna L.**
- Aug 22 1919 Logue, Alta M.**
- Mar 7 1922 Elliot, Mrs. Jesse H.**
- May 23 1924 Shepard, Mrs. Lita E. Possession**
- Jun 2 1924 Shepard, Mrs. Lita E. Acting**

COPE – Continued

Oct 1 1924	Shepard, Lila E	Appointed
Oct 23 1924	Shepard, Mrs. Lila E.	Commissioned
Sep 9 1935	Wrape, Mrs. Lila E.	Name changed by marriage
Jul 1 1952		Office made Presidential
Jun 8 1965	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J	Commissioned
Oct 17 1941 ---	Center Sec 34 T4S R49W Arickaree River west and south 100 yards from office	
Jul 1 1952		Office made Presidential
Jun 30 1963	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J.	Acting
May 21 1965	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 4 1965	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J.	Assumed charge
Jun 8 1965	Madison, Mrs. Hilma J.	Commissioned



Post Office – Cope, Colorado

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April 7, 2000

Confirmed types of postal markings

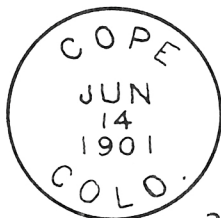
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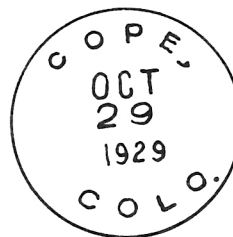
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8	COPE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x22mm	Nov 23 1953 Apr 11 1960
9	COPE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 27 1962
10	COPE, CO / 80812 CI 10P 31.5	bars S-24x18mm	Jul 26 1968 Dec 10 1991
11	COPE, CO / 80812 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines,	Feb 27 1987 Dec 10 1991 International HD-2 machine
12	COPE, CO / 80812 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Mar 19 1993 Jun 11 1993



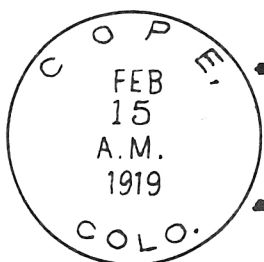
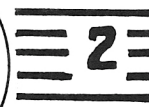
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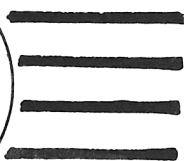
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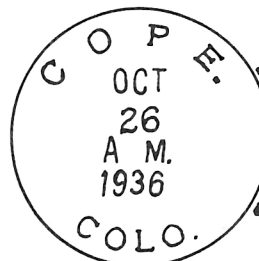
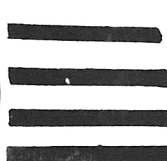
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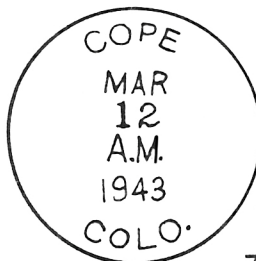
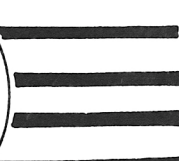
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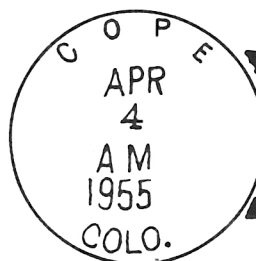
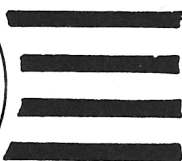
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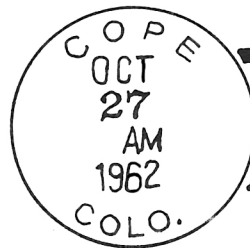
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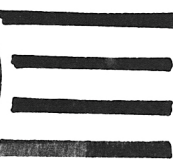
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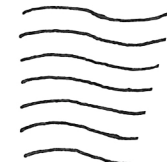
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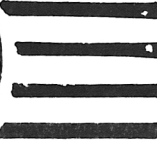
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CORCORAN

Corcoran was a rural post office about six miles west of Cope. Although the post office lasted for almost five years, Corcoran never developed into an organized community and eventually it gave way to the more successful Cope. Corcoran, like Cope may have been depending on the proposed Burlington Railroad line that was never built.

The Post Office Geographic Site Location Report offered two choices for the post office name - Veto and Corcoran. Both were crossed out, but then Corcoran was re-entered. The source of the name has not been recorded.

From Cope, drive due west on US Highway 36, five miles to where the highway turns to the northwest. Continue straight west one mile on Washington County Road 6 to County Road XX. The site of Corcoran was in the northeast quadrant of this intersection. Typical of many of the rural post office sites in Washington County, nothing remains, and the level land is now farm and grazing land.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 9 1889	---	SW/4 Sec 27 T4S R50W 1 mile north of the Arickaree river and one mile north of Sand Creek From the sketch map, Veto appears to have been the first choice for a name. Proposed postmaster - Neil McTaggart
Sep 11 1889		Established
Sep 11 1889		McTaggart, Neil
Jun 30 1892		Kaessig, Jacob
Apr 19 1894		Discontinued Mail to Arickaree

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CORCORAN

CURTIS

Curtis was another settlement whose founding was based on the hope that the Burlington Railroad would choose a path through the community. Such false assumptions were common throughout eastern Colorado. It is possible that these rumors might have been planted by the railroads to encourage settlement that would provide business to support the railroads. In Washington County the rumors led to settlements being established across the southern portion of the county and also to the north of the eventual route through the center of the county. Curtis lasted longer than most such dreams, but today nothing remains except cultivated fields and an active farm well beyond the site of the post office.

From Otis, drive seven miles west on US Highway 36, beyond the grain elevator at Platner, to Washington County Road JJ. Turn north and go six and one half miles, passing the Gebauer Ranch Airport, to Washington County Road 47, a stub of road to the east. Curtis was located in the northwest quadrant of that intersection. The Curtis Cemetery is a mile north and two miles east of the location of the Curtis Post Office.

Latitude = 40:15:56 North Longitude = 100:34:10 West CURTIS CEMETERY

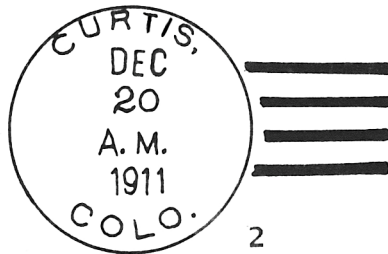
Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 17 1888	---	SE/4 Sec 5 T3N R51W Proposed postmaster - John Curtis
Apr 27 1888		Established
Apr 27 1888		Curtis, John
Apr 20 1901		Ordered closed
Apr 30 1901		Discontinued Papers to Akron

CURTIS – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 | CURTIS / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | May 20 1889
Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm |
| 2 | CURTIS, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | Dec 20 1911 Apr 2 1913
4bars S-??x14mm |



DE NOVA

The origins of the De Nova Post Office are a bit confusing and involve the history of the Dillingham Post Office. The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports indicate that in September 1915 the Dillingham Post Office was moved to a new location. In March 1916 the name of the post office was changed to De Nova but a month later the Dillingham name reappeared, apparently back at its original location. There is a possibility that the Dillingham Post Office never moved or never operated at the location of De Nova.

De Nova has a Spanish connotation of “new” and the name is supposed to have been suggested by Congressman Charles B. Timberlake.

The area around the site of De Nova is devoted to farming and ranching. There is a small, old ranch complex at the location.

From the site of Meekton, at the intersection of Washington County Roads 17 and KK, drive six miles east on Road 17 to County Road RR and turn north three miles to County Road 20. The site of De Nova was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. The area to the east of Road RR is the western edge of the Sand Hills of Eastern Colorado, best suited to livestock.

Chronology of the Post Office

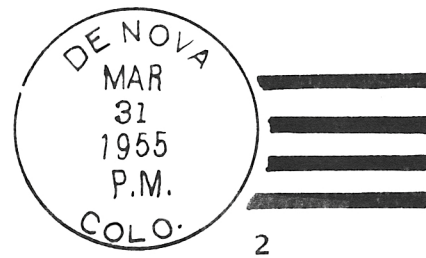
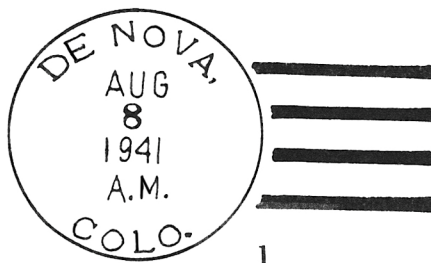
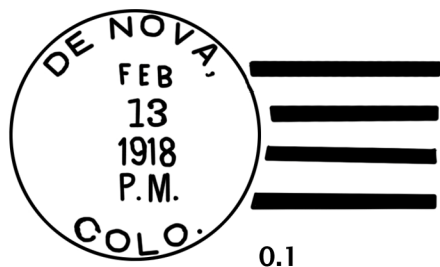
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| Sep 11 1915 | --- | NE/4 Sec 28 T2S R50W One mile south of Jack Creek
A move 2-3/4 miles southeast of a previous location
Applicant for postmaster - John W. Boggs |
| Mar 20 1916 | | Name changed from Dillingham |
| Mar 20 1916 | | Boggs, John W. |
| May 28 1917 | | DeWees, Jesse H. |
| Nov 19 1918 | | Callicott, William L. Not commissioned |
| Jun 20 1919 | | Perry, Rufus V. |
| Oct 20 1920 | | Purdy, Frank C. |
| Nov 30 1921 | | Perry, Grace V. |
| Sep 15 1923 | | Hawkinson, Carl V. |
| Sep 8 1923 | | Collicott, Mrs. Willie F. |
| Mar 27 1925 | | Hawkinson, Carl V. |
| Jun 12 1928 | | Kinnisen, Kathleen D. Acting |
| Jul 10 1928 | | Kinnisen, Kathleen D. Confirmed |
| Aug 21 1928 | | Kinnisen, Kathleen D. Commissioned |
| Sep 1 1928 | | Kinnisen, Kathleen D. Assumed charge |
| Oct 27 1941 | --- | NE/4 Sec 28 T2S R50W State Highway 61 is 500 feet east of post office |

DE NOVA – Continued

Feb 11 1955 Ordered closed
Mar 31 1955 Discontinued Mail to Akron

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	DE NOVA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 13 1918
1	DE NOVA, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Hstp S-24x19mm	Jul 2 1937 Apr 17 1951
2	DE NOVA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Mar 15 1954 Mar 31 1955

**DEARBORN**

The name Dearborn seems to have been a favorite fantasy name for post offices in Colorado. The African-American community northeast of Denver was known by that name but never had a post office named Dearborn. I have also found reference to a Dearborn in eastern Yuma County but again no post office.

For this Dearborn, there is a Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report that provides a location that plots about two miles north of the final location of Harrisburg and it seems that the intention was to name the post office Wilson. That document also bears the notation "Est. Spl. From Harrisburg." Any information or suggestions as to what this might mean would be appreciated. Although there is no evidence that a Dearborn Post Office ever opened, I am including it here for the record.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 17 1913 --- NE/4 Sec 32 T2S R52W NOTE: There is no information in the postmaster appointment records for this office. It probably was not actually placed in operation.
Applicant for postmaster - Idabelle S. Wilson

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DEARBORN

DILLINGHAM

This post office took the surname of its first postmaster William E. Dillingham. Dillingham was a rural post office in the farm and ranch land of eastern Washington County, near the western edge of the sand hills that begin in Washington County and extend eastward through much of Yuma County. As was often the case with rural post offices, Dillingham was at more than one location. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports provide two locations for Dillingham. Glen Scott, on his *Historic trail map of the Limon 1 degree x 2 degrees Quadrangle, Colorado and Kansas*, plots a third location several miles north of the locations reported to the Post Office Department.

DILLINGHAM – Continued

The Post Office Department records show that in 1915 Dillingham was moved from its original location and three months later the name was changed to De Nova. However, a month later the Dillingham Post Office was reopened, apparently at its original location. It is possible that the move to “De Nova” did not take place.

For directions to the 1915 location, please refer to the discussion of De Nova. For the 1910 location: From De Nova/Dillingham, continue north on Washington County Road RR two miles to County Road 22. Turn west two miles to County Road PP. The original location was in the southwest corner of the intersection. There is an active ranch to the west of the intersection and a small church building in the northeast corner of the intersection. It appears that Dillingham, at this location, may have developed into a tiny community.

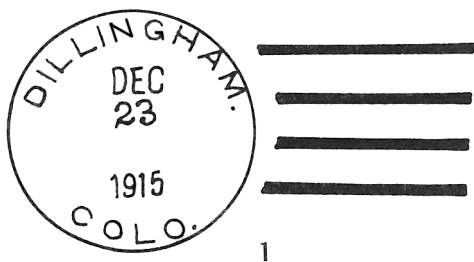
From the 1910 location, turn north on to Road PP and go six miles to the intersection with County Road 28. The third location of Dillingham, shown on Glen Scott’s map, was in the southwest quadrant of this intersection. There are abandoned buildings at the location. This location for Dillingham remains open to question.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Oct 21 1910 --- NE/4 Sec 18 T2S R50W
Proposed postmaster - William E. Dillingham
- Jan 24 1911 Established
- Jan 24 1911 Dillingham, William E.
- Sep 23 1915 Boggs, John W.
- Dec 18 1915 --- NE/4 Sec 18 T2S R50W "The post office building would be where it was originally ... Dillingham as it is now 4-1/2 miles southeast from the site of this proposed office."
Applicant for postmaster - Blendena A. Dillingham
- Mar 20 1916 Name changed to De Nova
- Apr 29 1916 Re-established
- Apr 29 1916 Dillingham, Blendena A.
- Jul 1 1920 Discontinued Mail to Dillingham ??

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 DILLINGHAM. / COLO. May 9 1911 Dec 27 1919
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm



ELBA

Elba was a rural post office some fourteen miles north of US Highway 36, northeast of Lindon and northwest of Anton. The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports contain five different locations for the Elba Post Office.

There is a small cemetery near the original site (1910) of Elba thus it is likely that there was a church of some sort and perhaps a loose community. The source of the name is unclear. It has been suggested that it was named for the island in the Mediterranean, to which Napoleon was exiled in 1814.

ELBA – Continued

From Anton, drive north fourteen miles on Colorado Highway 63 to Washington County Road 26. The DeLorme *Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer* locates Elba at this intersection. This was the final location for Elba as reported in 1940 and 1941. There are several buildings grouped around this intersection.

The Post Office Department records report four other locations, four to six miles west of this point. Turn west on County Road 26 and go four miles to County Road Y. The 1918 location of Elba was in the northwestern quadrant of the intersection. Continue west one mile to County Road X. In 1915 Elba was in the northeastern quadrant of this intersection.. There are active ranch complexes in the vicinity of these two locations, but the area along the road is an open field.

Continue west another mile to County Road W. The 1937 location for Elba was in the northwestern quadrant of this intersection. Here you will find a mixture of old and recent buildings.

Turn south on County Road W and go two miles to County Road 24. The original (1910) site of Elba was in the northeastern quadrant of this intersection and the cemetery is a short distance east on the north side of Road 24. There are some small buildings and a windmill at this location

The countryside around Elba is still basically level but as one goes north in Washington County the land does become more gently rolling.

Latitude = 39:56:54 North Longitude = 103:13:04 West

Chronology of the Post Office

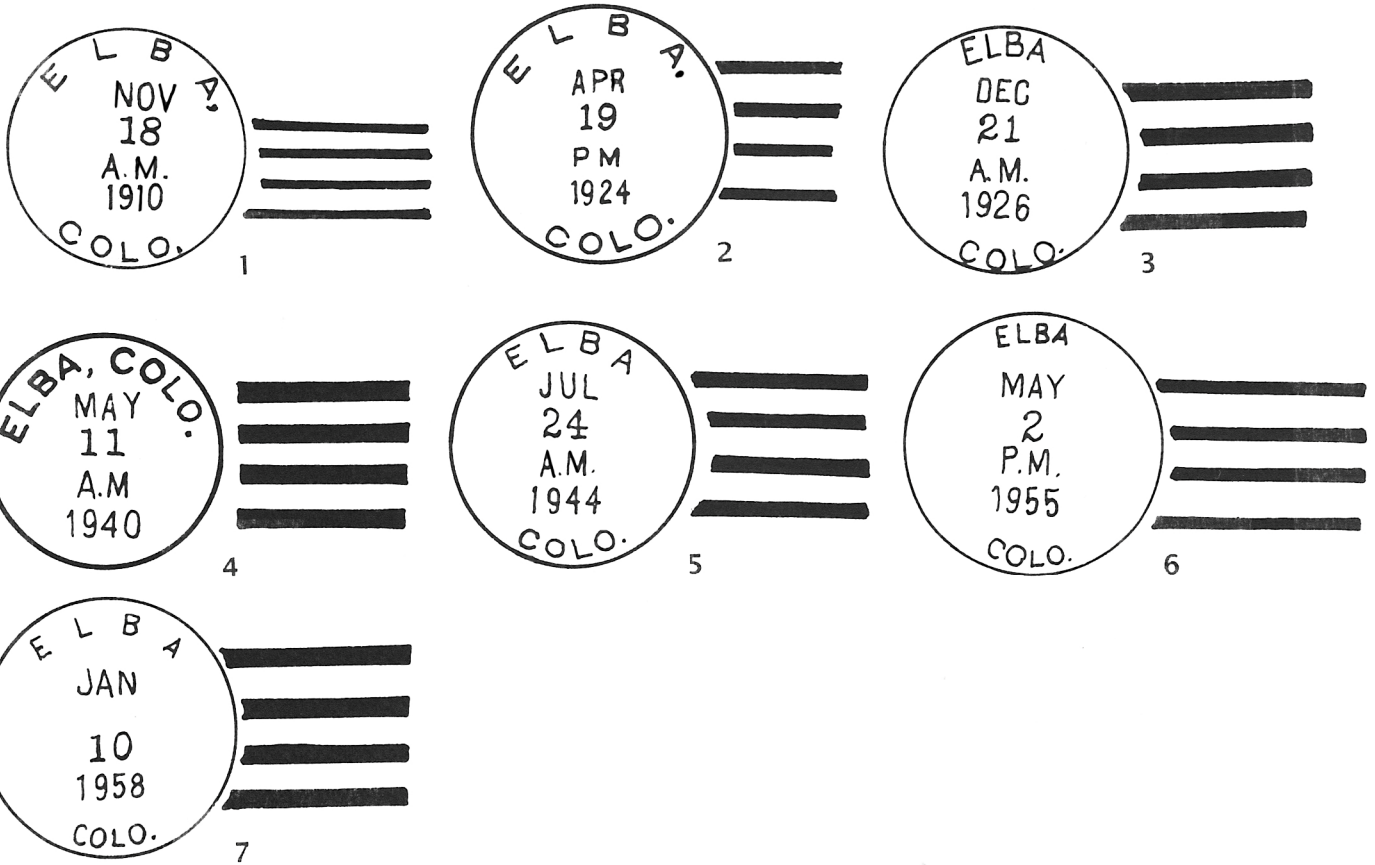
Mar 21 1910	---	SW/4 Sec 33 [22 ?] T1S R53W	1-1/2 miles south of Antelope Creek
May 9 1910		Established	
May 9 1910		Massek, Anton A.	
Jul 29 1912		Crockett, John M.	
Jun 21 1915	---	SW/4 Sec 22 T1S R53W	A move 1/4 mile west of a previous location
Jun 25 1915		Hiles, John M.	
Mar 8 1918	---	SE/4 Sec 22 T1S R53W	A move east of a previous location `called [sic] 3/4 miles.'
Mar 25 1918		Widdifield, Mary	
Sep 7 1926		Widdifield, Frank M.	
Mar 12 1927		Ross, Clyde M.	Acting
Apr 28 1927		Ross, Clyde M.	Confirmed
May 18 1927		Ross, Clyde M.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1927		Ross, Clyde M.	Assumed charge
May 28 1937	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T1S R53W	A move 4 miles west of a previous location [SRM: Sketch map and site reports are confusing. I believe this should be 52W to agree with reports below.] The sketch map indicates the move is 'east.' "Building a new store at proposed site and will tear down store at present site - no building remaining."
Dec 17 1940	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T1S R52W	A move 70 rods north of a previous location 75 rods north of Browns Creek To "locate in general community store where most of the community gather."
Oct 21 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T1S R52W	
Jan 10 1958		Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ELBA, / COLO. CI 10H 31.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Nov 18 1910 Apr 13 1917
2	ELBA, / COLO. CI 10H 33.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Jul 29 1920 Apr 19 1924
3	ELBA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 21 1926
4	ELBA, COLO. CI 10H 30.0	4bars P-24x20mm	Feb 19 1933 May 11 1940
5	ELBA / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 6 1941 Sep 3 1948

ELBA – Continued

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| 6 | ELBA / COLO.
CI 10P 34.0 | 4bars S-24x20mm | Apr 25 1951 May 2 1955 |
| 7 | ELBA / COLO.
CI 10P 32.5 | 4bars S-24x20mm | Jan 10 1958 |



FLAT TOP

For six years Flat Top was a rural post office in the southwestern corner of Washington County. There is no evidence for a community and it seems likely that it was named for a nearby topographical feature. The area is a mixture of ranching and farming.

It was intended to name the post office Jackson, the family name of the one and only postmaster of Flat Top. By 1914 the Post Office Department was becoming reluctant to name post offices for the postmaster.

From Last Chance, at the intersection of US Highway 36 and Colorado Highway 71, drive south nine miles to Washington County Road 3. Flat Top was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection and there is a large, active ranch in that corner of Section 24.

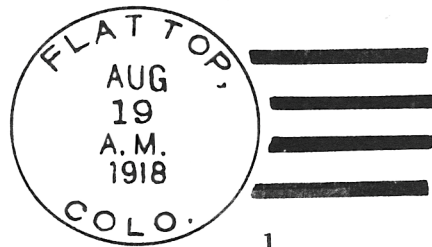
Chronology of the Post Office

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| Jun 26 1914 | — | NE/4 Sec 24 T5S R56W Three miles east of Middle Mist Creek
Sketch map shows "Jacksonville."
Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Lily Jackson |
| Jan 30 1915 | | Established |
| Jan 30 1915 | | Jackson, Lily |
| Jan 15 1921 | | Discontinued Mail to Genoa |

FLAT TOP – Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**1 FLAT TOP, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0

Apr 12 1916 Oct 23 1918

4bars S-23x19mm

**FREMONT**

Fremont was a rural post office in the southeastern corner of Washington County, southwest of Cope. It was in an area that seems best suited to grazing livestock.

Fremont was established in 1908 during a time when dry farming methods were being perfected. The post office lasted only six years and it is probable that it fell victim to the expanding Rural Free Delivery System. There is no evidence that Fremont was an organized community.

The original proposed name was Alger. That was rejected and Fremont was selected. I surmise that Fremont would have been in honor of the frontier explorer John C. Fremont. But, I have no thoughts as to a source for the name Alger.

From the west edge of Cope on US Highway 36, drive west four miles to Washington County Road TT. Go south five miles to Road 2 and then west two miles to Road RR. The site of Fremont was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. The land is nearly level and is a mix of farmland and grazing land with no visible remains of any buildings.

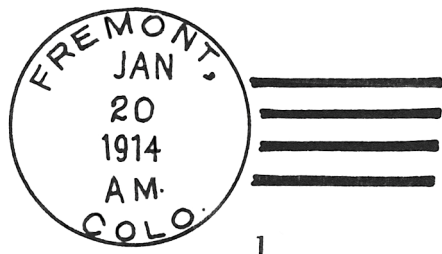
Chronology of the Post Office

May 12 1908 ---	SW/4 Sec 22 T5S R50W
Oct 28 1908	Established
Oct 28 1908	Clark, James C.
Aug 18 1909	Miller, William B.
Feb 15 1914	Discontinued Mail to Cope

Confirmed types of postal markings1 FREMONT, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0

Oct 16 1911 Jan 20 1914

4bars S-24x13mm



GLEN

Glen was a rural post office located on the county line between Washington and Lincoln Counties. There appears to have been a small community; there is some question as to in which county it was located. The Post Office Geographic Site Location Report places the post office in Washington County, immediately north of the county line.

The Glen Post Office opened at a time when farming methods had better adapted to the dry climate of the Colorado plains. The Site Location Report offered two suggestions for a name – Linn and Townsend. Both were rejected and the office was named Glen. Acceptance of the name Townsend would have reactivated the earlier (1890-1893) name for a nearby post office.

From the location of Townsend at the intersection of Washington County Roads 2 and R, go south on Road R to the county line. The site of Glen was at the county line and to the west of Road R. Today that area is open farmland with no evidence of former habitation.

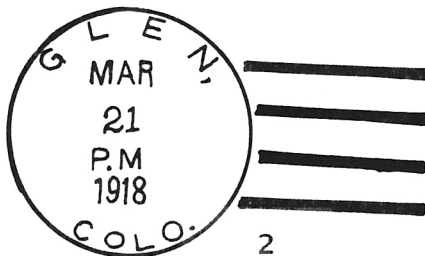
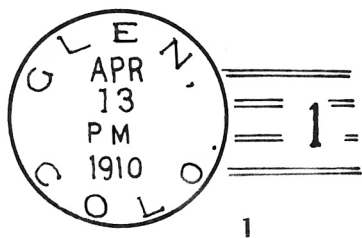
The Glen Cemetery is a mile and a half north of the county line, near the site of Townsend.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 7 1905	--	SE/4 Sec 33 T5S R54W On Bob Tail Creek Proposed postmaster - Adda S. Hutton [SRM: middle initial could be S. or L.]
Jun 25 1905		Established
Jun 25 1905		Hutton, Adda L.
Dec 31 1912		Calloway, James C.
Mar 16 1912		Kenny, Charles M.
Sep 21 1914		Kenny, Marion B.
May 31 1920		Discontinued Mail to Shaw

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GLEN, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Apr 14 1908 Sep 6 1912 Doane Type 2 with 1; S-??x13mm
2	GLEN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jul 9 1913 Mar 21 1918 4bars S-25x20mm



GRAY

Gray was a short-lived rural post office established about two miles south of present day Cope. In less than a year and a half the Gray Post Office was closed and moved north to become Cope. The post office took the family name of the one and only postmaster - Frank E. Gray.

From the east edge of Cope, just before US Highway 36 turns north into Cope, turn south on Washington County Road YY and go two miles to County Road 4. The location of Gray was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection.

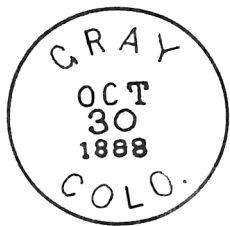
Today the surrounding area is level farmland and although there are farm buildings in the distance, nothing remains at the location of Gray.

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

Mar 13 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T5S R49W 2 miles south of the Arickaree River NOTE : "As I understand it the patrons of Gray P.O. only want the name changed to Cope the location to remain as now and in the same building as at present." Proposed postmaster - Frank E. Gray
Apr 23 1888		Established
Apr 23 1888		Gray, Frank E.
Jul 16 1889		Moved to Cope

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GRAY/ COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Oct 30 1888 Sep 16 1889 Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm
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**HARRISBURG**

Harrisburg was first settled in the late 1880's by a group of German, Danish and Scandinavian farmers. Harrisburg, named for William H. Harris who homesteaded the land, was surveyed and platted by M. F. Vance of Akron, Colorado.

The Harrisburg Post Office opened in January 1887. In September 1887 it was moved about three miles south. A year later the post office name was changed to Lindon; however, in less than a month the Lindon Post Office moved to a new location and Harrisburg was re-established at its original location. Harrisburg would remain open until 1906 when it was again closed.

In 1908 the Harrisburg Post Office reopened but at a new (its third) location. The post office would move twice more in 1921 and 1942, before it closed for good in March 1955.

The fortunes of Harrisburg depended on the climate. During normal or wet years the community prospered but in time of drought it would nearly disappear. At times, Harrisburg became a place that could provide for the basic needs of its community, probably with a store and a few residences.

To survey the various sites of Harrisburg, begin in Anton at the intersection of US Highway 36 and Colorado Highway 63. Drive north five miles to Washington County Road 17. The final site of Harrisburg was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. Around the intersection there are several buildings, including the Bethel Union Church.

Drive west two miles on Road 17. The second (September 1887) site of Harrisburg was on the north side of the road. The area is open fields with no remaining structures. Return to the intersection with Colorado 63 and go east one mile to County Road DD. Turn north for one mile and the 1908 site was on the east side of Road DD. Go another mile north to County Road 19. The 1921 site was in the southeast quadrant of that intersection. There are some old buildings at the 1921 site but nothing remains at the 1908 site.

To reach the original site of Harrisburg, continue another mile north to County Road 20 and turn west. Cross Colorado 63 and go two miles further west. The January 1887 and December 1888 location was to the south of Road 20. This location is another where no structures remain and the gently rolling countryside is devoted to farming and grazing.

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

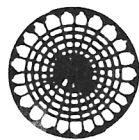
Jan 20 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 25 T2S R53W Proposed postmaster - John H. Plank	
Feb 19 1887		Established	
Feb 19 1887		Middledorf, Creed F.	
Sep 12 1887	---	SE/4 Sec 1 T3S R53W	
Sep 21 1888		Name changed to Lindon	
Dec 21 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 25 T2S R53W Proposed postmaster - Irwin William McGrew	
Jan 19 1889		Re-established	
Jan 19 1889		McGrew, Irvin W.	
Oct 15 1891		Plank, John H.	
Jan 4 1895		Wilson, Arthur W.	
Aug 16 1906		Ordered closed	
Aug 31 1906		Discontinued Mail to Akron	
Aug 18 1908	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T3S R52W Sand Creek is 8 miles west of office	
Oct 29 1908		Re-established	
Oct 29 1908		Gibbons, Anna B.	
Sep 16 1909	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T3S R52W 4 miles southwest of Sand Creek	
Apr 30 1919		Alley, Silva M.	
Feb 16 1920		Gibbons, Anna B.	
Aug 15 1921	---	NW/4 Sec 34 T2S R52W Three miles west of Gravel Creek	
Dec 22 1921		Tolin, Lena	Confirmed
Jan 4 1922		Tolin, Mrs. Lena	Commissioned
Jan 7 1922		Tolin, Mrs. Lena	Assumed charge
Oct 22 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 34 T2S R52W	
Jul 1 1942		Johnson, Mrs. Marie C.	Assumed charge
Jul 14 1942		Johnson, Mrs. Marie C.	Acting
Jul 22 1942	---	SW/4 Sec 4 T3S R52W A move 2-3/4 miles southwest of previous location A detailed, professional map follows this document.	
Aug 22 1942		Johnson, Mrs. Marie C.	Confirmed
Sep 9 1942		Johnson, Mrs. Marie C.	Commissioned
Oct 30 1942		Johnson, Mrs. Marie C.	Assumed charge
Feb 11 1955		Ordered closed	
Mar 31 1955		Discontinued Mail to Anton	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HARRISBURG, / COLO. CI 21P 31.0/29.0/19.0	Hstp Not recorded	Sep 12 1887
2	HARRISBURG / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Mar 25 1890 Dec 1 189-
3	HARRISBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x14mm	Apr 6 1909 Jul 4 1913
4	HARRISBURG, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Dec 14 1933
5	HARRISBURG / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Aug 8 1941 Mar 31 1955



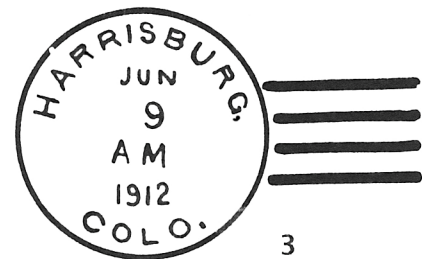
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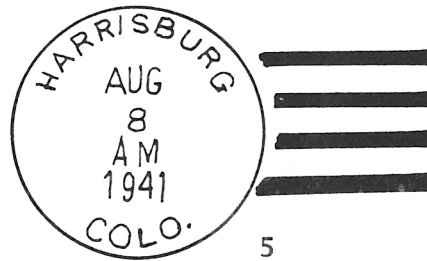
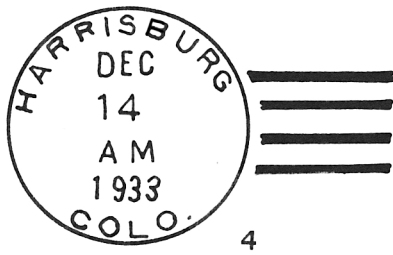
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HARRISBURG – Continued



HENRY

Henry was a rural post office some sixteen miles east-northeast of Anton. The post office took the surname of its first postmaster, Charles R. Henry. There is no evidence that a community developed at Henry. The countryside around Henry is typical of much of southern Washington County – nearly level and mostly devoted to farming with some grazing land.

Be aware that in Colorado there have been two other post offices named Henry – Lake County (1880-1882) and Rio Grande County (1884-1886).

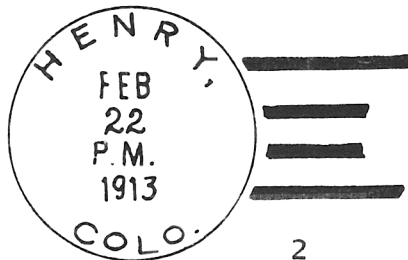
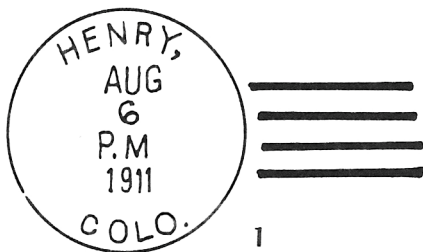
From Anton, follow the directions to Elba. At the intersection of Colorado Highway 63 and Washington County Road 26 turn east and go five miles to County Road HH. Turn north for an additional two miles to County Road 28. Henry was in the northeast quadrant of this intersection and there is a small active ranch at the location.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Nov 25 1907 --- SW/4 Sec 8 T1S R51W Brown Creek is 1-1/2 mile north of the post office
Proposed postmaster - C. R. Henry
- Dec 26 1907 Established
- Dec 26 1907 Henry, Charles R.
- Jul 25 1912 Huth, Philip
- Sep 1 1914 Waldvogle, Augustus E.
- Nov 3 1917 Ordered closed
- Nov 15 1917 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 HENRY, / COLO. Oct 26 1909 May 12 1912
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x13mm
- 2 HENRY, / COLO. Feb 22 1913 Jun 19 1916
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-??x19mm



HYDE

In 1885 Gary Dogget filed on a section of land, which he sold to the Burlington Railroad. The railroad turned the property over to its subsidiary, the Lincoln Land and Livestock Company. On March 18, 1886 the town of Hyde was platted. The sale of town lots began in May of 1886.

I have not found a source for the name of this town and post office. Since Hyde was a creation of the Burlington Railroad one can speculate that it was named for an officer or someone else connected with the railroad.



HYDE, / WELD CO. COLO. March 7, 1886

Located on the railroad, Hyde developed into a trading center for the surrounding farms and ranches. There were a bank, stores, two saloons, a lumberyard and the post office. For some reason there were only a few dwellings with most patrons living on their surrounding homesteads.

The area was plagued by droughts and grasshoppers and those who proved-up on their homesteads soon sold out. The bank was liquidated in 1895 and as other businesses closed Hyde rapidly became a ghost town. The post office closed in 1898.

After the turn of the century the area began to revive. The post office reopened briefly in 1907, closed in 1909 and reopened again in 1911. A Mr. Smith and a Mr. Cuney purchased many of the original town lots and began a revival of Hyde. Mr. Cuney built a new store, the last building on the original site. Eventually the store was moved to the south side of the tracks where the Shannon Grain Elevator was erected. A. A. Baker and his daughter constructed a large cement building that housed a hardware store. Years later that building burned, at a time when it housed a grocery store and the post office.

In spite of a considerable surrounding population, the revival was only moderately successful and by 1918 the post office closed once more. It reopened in 1920 and lasted another twenty years before the town of Hyde faded away for good.

HYDE – Continued

From the Washington-Yuma County line, drive west two miles on US Highway 34 to Washington County Road YY. Turn south to the railroad. The post office was on the east side of Road YY. At times it was north of the tracks and at times south of the tracks. Today Hyde consists of a 200,000-bushel concrete grain elevator that was built by the Farmer's M & M. There are a couple of small buildings, one that although occupied in 1996, did not offer much hope for its longevity.

Latitude = 40:08:09 North Longitude = 102:49:56 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 19 1882	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T2N R49W Directly on railway, south side of track Proposed postmaster - Asa Jackson Iddings	
Aug 1 1882		Established	
Aug 1 1882		Iddings, Asa J.	
Jun 2 1883		Williams, Cassius M.	
Jun 15 1883		Stevens, Eugene S.	
Nov 21 1883		Discontinued Mail to Benkleman	
May 28 1884		Re-established	
May 28 1884		Tacke, William	
Jan 13 1889		Williams, Charles	
May 11 1889		Garey, Mrs. Alfaretta	
Dec 31 1889		Ustick, Mrs. Amelia C.	
Apr 16 1898		Discontinued Mail to Fort Morgan	
Oct 19 1907	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T2N R49W 20 rods north of railroad track	
Nov 21 1907		Re-established	
Nov 21 1907		Aden, Habbe L.	
May 15 1909		Discontinued Mail to Otis	
May 10 1911	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T2N R49W	
Aug 18 1911		Re-established	
Aug 18 1911		Cross, Margaret R.	
Jul 16 1912		Cuney, Roy C.	
May 13 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T2N R49W 245 feet north of the Burlington Northern Railroad One mile 120 rods west of Hyde Station	
Oct 15 1918		Discontinued Mail to Otis	
Aug 2 1920		Re-established	
Aug 2 1920		Johnson, Arthur L.	
May 10 1921		Circle, Otis I.	
May 1 1924		Armstrong, Ernest M.	Acting
Jun 6 1924		Armstrong, Ernest M.	Appointed
Nov 4 1925		Magee, Madison E.	Acting
Nov 12 1925		Magee, Madison E.	Appointed
Mar 24 1926		O'Neill, Samuel F.	Acting
May 29 1926		O'Neill, Samuel F.	Appointed
Apr 6 1927		Chadwick, Joy E.	Acting
Jun 7 1927		Chadwick, Joy E.	Appointed
Jul 16 1929		Yingling, Lewis A.	Acting
Jul 23 1929		Yingling, Lewis A.	Appointed
Oct 1 1930		Taylor, Clarence E.	Possession
Dec 29 1930	Nov?	Taylor, Clarence E.	Acting
Dec 5 1930		Taylor, Clarence E.	Confirmed
May 27 1931		Taylor, Clarence E.	Commissioned & Assumed charge
May 23 1933		Burke, Mrs. Ferne Doris	Assumed charge
May 27 1933		Burke, Mrs. Ferne Doris	Acting
Jun 22 1933		Burke, Mrs. Ferne Doris	Confirmed
Jul 27 1933		Burke, Mrs. Ferne Doris	Commissioned

HYDE – Continued

Jul 31 1933	Burke, Mrs. Ferne Doris	Assumed charge
May 23 1936	Sanders, Mrs. Freda	Assumed charge
Jun 12 1936	Sanders, Mrs. Freda	Acting
Feb 18 1937	Sanders, Mrs. Freda	Confirmed
Mar 5 1937	Sanders, Mrs. Freda	Commissioned
Jan 19 1940	Ordered closed	
Feb 15 1940	Discontinued Mail to Otis	

Confirmed types of postal markings

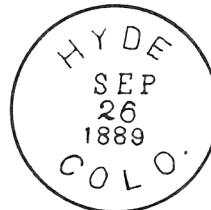
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2	HYDE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Sep 26 1889 Hstp Cork, negative X-roads
3	HYDE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	May 2 1912 Dec 19 1926 4bars S-24x19mm
4	HYDE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Feb 15 1940 Feb 15 1940 4bars S-25x20mm



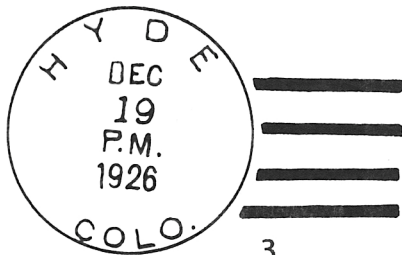
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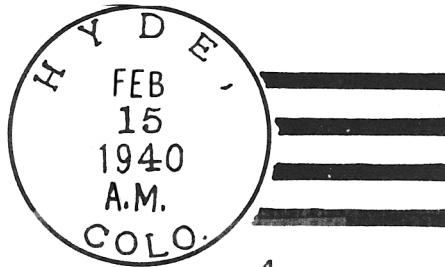
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LESLIE

Leslie was one of the settlements that came into being based on the proposed Burlington Railroad spur from Akron to Holyoke. On June 4, 1888 A. B. Smith surveyed the townsite and the Lincoln Land Company, a Burlington subsidiary, filed a town plat on November 13, 1888.

Fleming was the name proposed for this post office. On August 8, 1888 the name of the Calvert Post Office in Logan County was changed to Fleming. I suspect that name change was in process and hence Fleming could not be used for the place in Washington County; Leslie was substituted. Note that in 1889 Abel J. Fleming became the postmaster of Leslie.

Leslie developed into a small community and reportedly had two stores, a newspaper and other buildings, most of which were on the west side of the road.

LESLIE – Continued

Sylvia Seedorf *et al.*, writing in *Action on the Plains*, report the following recollection of Leslie:

Mr. L. Larson had a store and post office in Leslie. There were living quarters in the frame building. He swapped the store and post office to my father for 40 or 50 head of cattle about 1894. My sister, Mary Johnson Linwell, was postmistress in Leslie. In 1895 my father tore the building down and moved the lumber to Sterling.

Unfortunately Mary's name does not appear in the list of postmasters at Leslie. The same source refers to the Johnsons and a Mr. Norby as having been postmasters at Leslie. I have often encountered this situation where recollections of long past history do not fit with the listing of postmasters recorded by the Post Office Department. Although a change in location may not have been reported to Washington, I doubt that a change in the postmaster would not have been reported. There were financial records to be kept, bonds to be posted and salaries to be paid.

To visit the site of Leslie, I suggest starting in Otis and follow the directions via Colorado Highway 61 to Burdett on Washington County Road 54. Continue east on Road 54 to the Washington-Yuma County line and turn north. This county line road is Washington Road AAA or Yuma County Road C. Go north five miles to Washington County Road 59. Leslie was located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. Only a windmill and a water tank remain to mark the site. This location is only one mile south of the Washington-Logan County line.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 23 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 12 T5N R49W
		Proposed postmaster - Charles N. Kimball
Jun 6 1888		Established
Jun 6 1888		Kimball, Charles
Dec 23 1889		Fleming, Abel J.
Oct 8 1890		Michel, William T.
Oct 29 1891		Larson, Lawrence
Sep 10 1894		Kimball, Charles N.
Mar 2 1896		Discontinued Papers to Burdett

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LESLIE / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0

Mar 4 189- Jul 1 1895

Hstp Not present

**LINDON**

Lindon was another of the rural post offices of Washington County that has moved several times during its history. There is no evidence that it became an established community prior to 1932 when it moved to its location on what is now US Highway 36.

The first four locations were likely little more than ranches or farms but it is possible that the post office was connected to a small store serving the surrounding area.

LINDON – Continued

Lindon came into existence in September 1888 when the name of the Harrisburg Post Office was changed to Lindon. There is some question as to whether the Lindon Post Office operated briefly at the Harrisburg site or at the time of its establishment it was placed two miles to the east-southeast. Lindon was named for L. J. Lindbeck of Illinois, one of the early settlers.

In 1914 the Lindon Post Office moved ten miles to the west-southwest, a mile south of the present day Lindon. The next move, in 1924 was five miles north and then in 1932 it moved to its present location.

To visit the first two sites (Harrisburg 1887 and Lindon 1888) begin in Anton and drive north four miles on Colorado Highway 63. The September 1888 site was on the west side of Colorado 63. There is nothing at that location but there is a large farm complex a mile to the south. Continue north one mile to Washington County Road 17 and turn west two miles. The 1887 site of Harrisburg, possibly the first site of Lindon, was on the north side of the road. The area has been repeatedly farmed and nothing remains.

Return to US 36 and go west to present day Lindon and the intersection with County Road S. The 1914 site of Lindon was one mile south of US 36 on the east side of Road S. There is a grove of trees that were most likely around some buildings.

Return to US 36 and then go north four miles on Road S. The 1924 site of Lindon was on the west side of Road S. Once again the area is open fields with only a lone tree.

Lindon, on US 36, is a tiny community, mostly on the north side of the highway. In 1975 the post office was in the Lindon Mercantile, a long building still present just west of Road S. By 1991 the post office had moved south of the highway and now shares space in a residence.

In addition to a few homes, if you follow the signs and go a little north from US 36 and then take a driveway back behind some brush, there is a small motel and café, which in 1991 served a pretty good buffalo burger and had good cinnamon rolls for sale.

Jim Ozment, Bob Richardson and I ate lunch there, and as usual, Jim paid the bill with his collection of 50-cent pieces, dollar coins and two-dollar bills. We went on east but in the late afternoon, returning to Denver, we decided to stop for some of the cinnamon rolls to have for breakfast the next morning. When we walked into the café, the owner, chef and waitress were seated around a table with Jim's "funny money" spread out in front of them. The waitress looked up and exclaimed, "They're back!" Needless to say they got more of the funny money.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 1 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 17 T3S R52W From: SE/4 Sec 1 T3S R53W ** See Harrisburg To: NE/4 Sec 17 T3S R52W A move 3-1/4 miles southeast of a previous location From the sketch map, this may have been a move from Harrisburg.	
Sep 21 1888		Formerly named Harrisburg Spelled Linden in the 1889-1892 Postal Guides	
Sep 21 1888		Middlecoff, Creed F.	
Jul 30 1889		Cummings, Jonathan	
May 29 1891		Brandt, Edmond M.	
Nov 23 1892		Brandt, Lulu M.	
Jan 5 1895		Griswold, Alida M.	
May 8 1909		Slusser, Jessie E.	
May 11 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 11 T4S R54W 40 rods west of the East Prong of Beaver Creek	
Jan 21 1924		Young, Mrs. Cora A.	
Jan 11 1924	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T3S R54W A move 4-1/2 miles north of a previous location 1-1/2 miles north of Beaver Creek	
Sep 6 1930		Young, Leman C.	Possession
Oct 23 1930		Young, Leman C.	Acting
Mar 28 1931		Young, Leman C.	Appointed

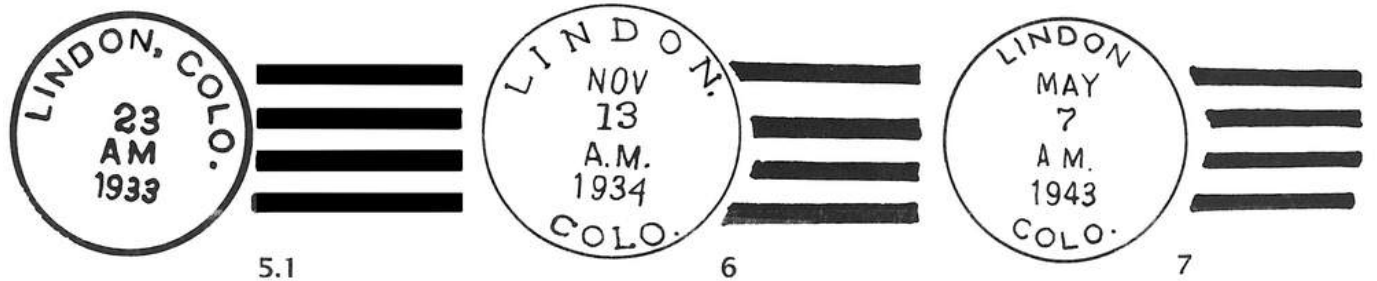
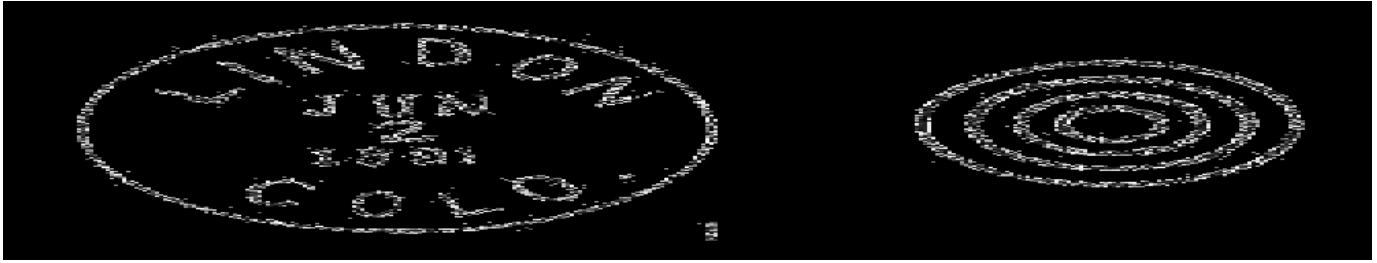
LINDON – Continued

May 13 1931	Young, Leman C.	Commissioned
Apr 21 1931	Young, Leman C.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1932	Winland, John O.	Assumed charge
Oct 28 1932 ---	SE/4 Sec 34 TS3 R54W Local name WAGON WHEEL SPRINGS 1/4 mile west of the East Branch of Beaver Creek A move 3-1/2 miles south of previous location "Out going P.M. resigned." Move on November 8, 1932	
Nov 5 1932	Winland, John O.	Acting
Jan 28 1933	Winland, John O.	Confirmed
Jul 17 1933	Winland, John O.	Commissioned
Aug 22 1933	Winland, John O.	Assumed charge
Apr 21 1936	McBeth, Sylvanus Paul	Confirmed
May 4 1936	McBeth, Sylvanus Paul	Commissioned
May 16 1936	McBeth, Sylvanus Paul	Assumed charge
Jan 15 1941	McBeth, Ray L.	Assumed charge
Feb 24 1941	McBeth, Ray L.	Acting
May 3 1941	McBeth, Ray L.	Confirmed
Jun 26 1941	McBeth, Ray L.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1941	McBeth, Ray L.	Possession
--- --	McBeth, Ray L.	Military leave to Jun 30 1946
Nov 4 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 34 T3S R54W	
Jun 20 1942	McBeth, Ray L.	Military leave
Aug 27 1942	McBeth, Mrs. Milda H.	Assumed charge
Sep 14 1942	McBeth, Mrs. Milda H.	Acting
Jun 30 1946	McBeth, Ray L.	Returned to duty from Military Leave
Jan 28 1978	Riemanschneider, Mrs. Hazel	Officer in charge
Feb 23 1980	Riemanschneider, Mrs. Hazel	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LINDON / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm	Jun 2 1891
2	LINDON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Feb 25 1899 Jul 19 1908
3	LINDON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Nov 23 1910 Feb 10 1911
4	LINDON. / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-??x19mm	Jul 13 1914
4.1	LINDON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Aug 9 1916
5	LINDON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 24 1923 Dec 24 1925
5.1	LINDON, COLO. CI 10H 31.0	4bars P-27x19mm	--- 23 1933 Feb 25 1960
6	LINDON, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x21mm	Nov 12 13 ? 1934 Mar 11 1940 [Cover scan not available to confirm date]
7	LINDON / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 4 1942 Jun 19 1963
8	LINDON, CO / 80740 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Dec 4 1967 Apr 15 1988
8.1	LINDON, CO / 80740 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 26 1987
9	LINDON, CO / 80740 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Oct 18 1999

LINDON – Continued



LINDON STATIONS

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

This Special Station was announced. It would have honored a local resident who was 100 years old but the person died before the scheduled date of the ceremony. Therefore, the postmark was not used.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

LINDON STATIONS – Continued**CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**

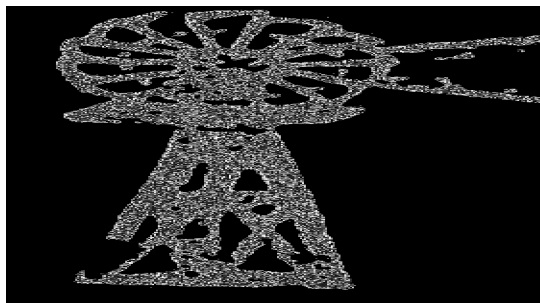
1	Lindon, CO 80430 // Celebrate the Century	Jun 15 2000
	SL 00R 99.0x3.0	Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
		The Life of a Century :
		ANNOUNCED, BUT NOT USED

PLAINS STATION**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 16 1988 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LINDON, CO. 80740 // PLAINS STATION	Sep 16 1988
	IR 00R 63.0x37.0	Pict Scene - Windmill; Text - 100th ANNIVERSARY /
		Sept. 1888 - 1988

**MEEKTON**

Meekton was a rural post office that for a few years served the farms and ranches north of Arickaree. The post office name was proposed as Gault but that was the name of an active post office in Weld County. I have no information as to the source of the alternate name – Meekton.

From Anton drive east on US Highway 36 two miles to where US 36 turns to the southeast. Go straight east, now on Washington County Road 12, five more miles to Road KK and then turn north. Go another five miles to County Road 17. Meekton was located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. Once again I found no structures, only cultivated fields in a level countryside.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 4 1910	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T3S R51W
Jul 7 1910		Established
Jul 7 1910		Hunsaker, Joseph A.
Sep 11 1914		Hopper, John W.
Oct 26 1915		Bunch, William S.
May 6 1918		Patten, Eugenia A.
Nov 30 1918		Discontinued Mail to De Nova

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MEEKTON, / COLO.	May 27 1911 Jul 20 1915
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm

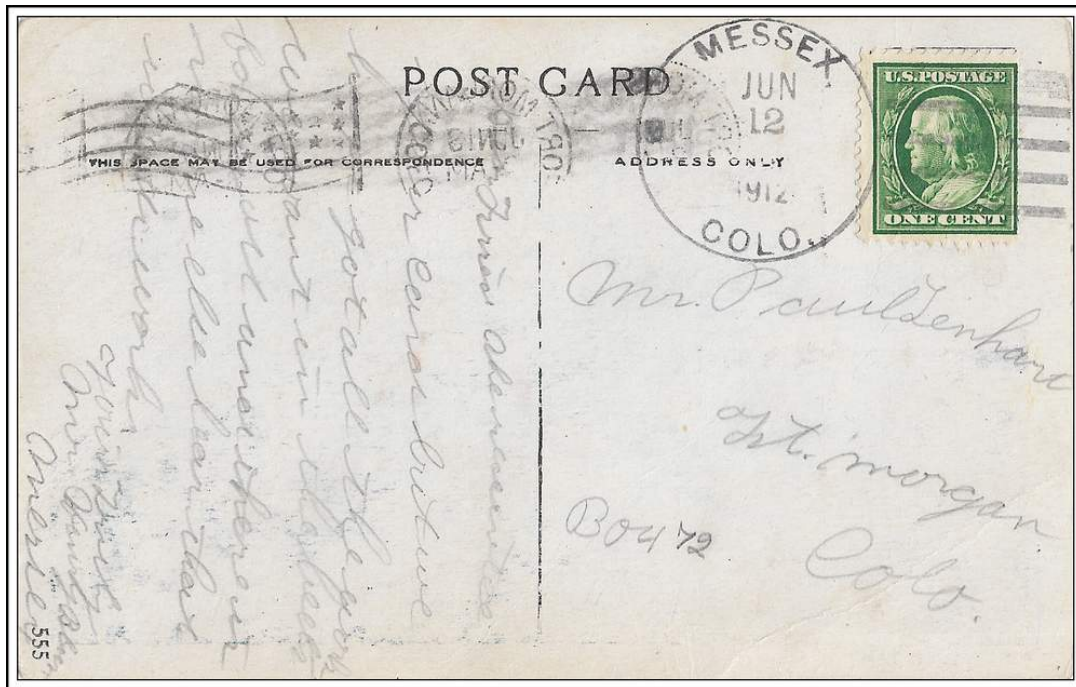
MEEKTON – Continued



MESSEX

Messex was established in the early years of the twentieth century. It is believed to have been named for Joe Messex, a Union Pacific Railroad employee who was killed while working nearby on the railroad. Messex is the only town in Washington County to be located on the Union Pacific Railroad, where that line crosses the extreme northwest corner of the county.

On May 7, 1909 Ernest Hart filed a plat for Messex. A small town developed at Messex and it would have been a supply and shipping point for the surrounding ranches and farms. However, Messex has not survived. Only a few scattered homes and buildings and a brick church building remain at the site on US Highway 6, a very short distance south of the Logan-Washington County line.



MESSEX, / COLO.

June 12, 1912

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Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 29 1907 --- SE/4 NW/4 Sec 5 T5N R54W 450 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad
Jun 18 1907 Established

MESSEX – Continued

Jun 18 1907 Meagher, John L.
 Jun 17 1909 Delany, William S.
 May 31 1911 Humbarger, Solomon M.
 May 1 1914 --- SE/4 NW/4 Sec 6 ? [sic] T5N R54W 550 feet north of the Union
 Pacific Railroad One mile north of the South Platte River
 Aug 7 1914 Wilson, Perry D.
 May 29 1919 Campen, Chris Confirmed
 Nov 20 1941 --- SW/4 Sec 5 T5N R54W Merino Station is 400 feet east of post office
 Nov 20 1942 Ordered closed
 Nov 30 1942 Discontinued Mail to Merino

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MESSEX, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Sep 6 1908 Dec 24 1912
2	MESSEX, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jul 2 1913 Feb 24 1914
2.1	MESSEX / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-26x19mm	Jul 10 1926
3	MESSEX, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Oct 17 1930 Dec 26 1936
4	MESSEX / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-22x19mm	Sep 11 1937 Apr 12 1941



MILLETT

The brief history of Millett is connected to the more lengthy history of Platner. Only the Burlington Railroad separated the two communities. The Plattner, Kling and Millett families first settled the area. The first post office, located on the south side of the Burlington Railroad, took the Millett family name with Olive J. Millett as the postmaster.

After less than a year, the Millett Post Office closed and it was not until 1892 that a new post office opened but on the north side of the railroad. It would be named Platner.

From Otis, drive six miles west on US Highway 34 to Washington County LL. Go a short distance further and turn south to and across the railroad. In 1996 I found one abandoned house, partially hidden among trees and brush.

Please refer to the discussion of Platner.

MILLETT – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 27 1890 --- SE/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W 15 rods from the Burlington & Missouri Railroad,
Harman Station
Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Olive J. Millett
Apr 8 1890 Established
Apr 8 1890 Millett, Olive J.
Dec 27 1890 Discontinued Papers to Akron

Confirmed types of postal markings

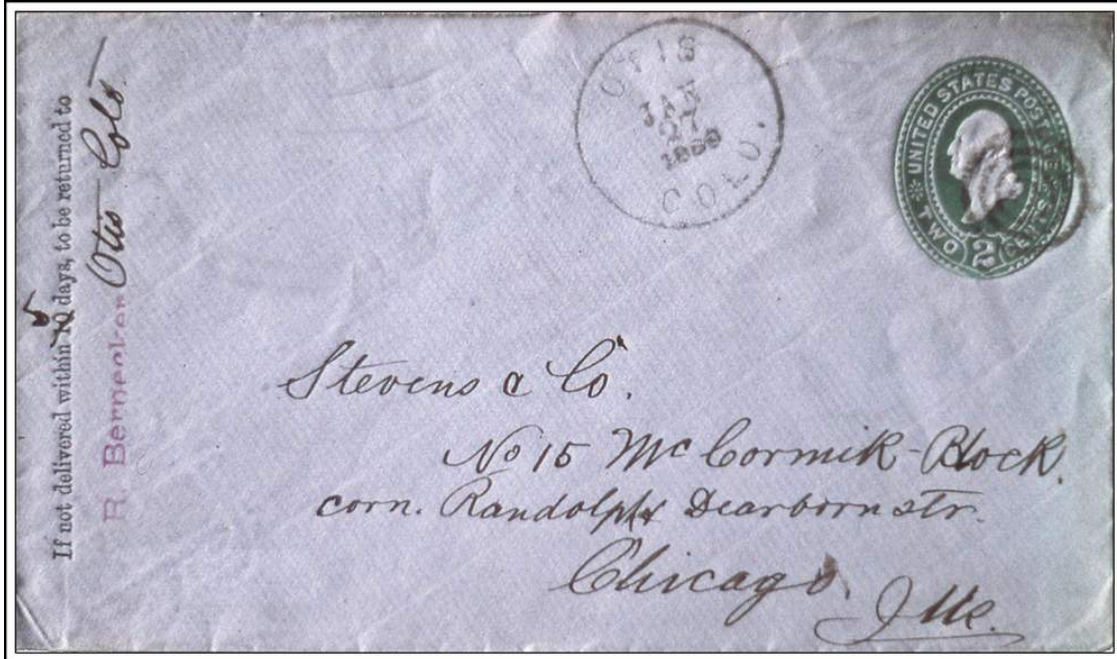
NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MILLETT

OTIS

The town of Otis was established in 1883 but was not platted until 1887. It was incorporated on March 27, 1917.

The town was located on the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and with a location between Akron and Yuma it became an important trading and shipping center for farmers and ranchers. Otis suffered during the drought of the early 1890's. It barely survived, probably because of its favorable location.

For many years it was believed that the town was named for a Dr. W. O. Otis, an early resident. However, research has now proved that Dr. Otis did not come to the area until after the town had been established and named. As with many other towns along the railroad it is probable that the community was named for someone connected to the Burlington Railroad.



OTIS / COLO. January 27, 1889

From incorporation in 1917 Otis began a slow but steady growth. There was a setback during the Dust Bowl years but Otis recovered and has become a stable community at the intersection of Colorado Highway 61 and US Highway 34. There is an active business district that caters to the residents, to agriculture and to travelers.

OTIS – Continued

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Chronology of the Post Office

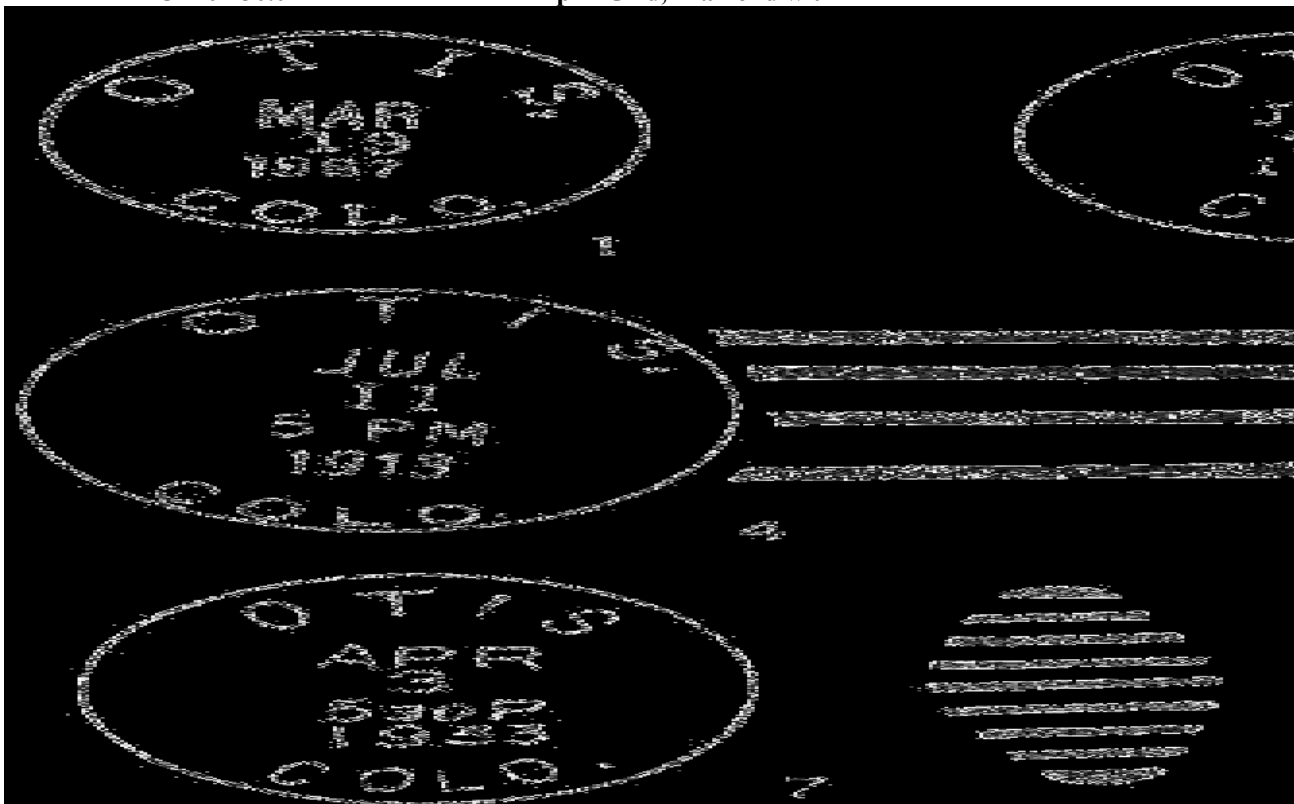
Dec 23 1885	---	SE/4 Sec 9 T2N R50W About 10 rods north of the Burlington Route Proposed postmaster - Erastus O. Seeley	
Jan 11 1886		Established	
Jan 11 1886		Seeley, Erastus O.	
Oct 27 1887		Cameron, George W.	
Apr 13 1888		Harlan, Barton A.	
May 9 1889		Brady, Frank	
Jan 30 1890		Beeney, Perry E.	
Dec 6 1893		Houston, Harvey J.	
Feb 13 1895		Kutch, John M.	
Oct 23 1895		Smith, Oliver P.	
Apr 13 1897		Chapman, Lucy	
Dec 14 1897		Knox, Archie	
May 1 1900		Thornton, Ellis C.	
Dec 1 1900		Whitehurst, William	
Mar 6 1909		Clare, Jacob T.	
Apr 9 1914		Weir, Eva C.	
Jul 20 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 15 T2N R50W 250 feet north of the CB&Q Railroad	
Sep 27 1915		McClung, Eva C.	
Oct 1 1916			Office made Presidential
Dec 20 1916		Weir, Robert H.	P&S
Sep 19 1921		Auld, Reno H.	Acting
Nov 18 1921		Auld, Reno H.	P&S
Dec 14 1925		Auld, Reno H.	P&S
Dec 16 1929		Auld, Reno H.	Confirmed
Mar 24 1934		Vincent, Ralph E.	Nominated
Apr 9 1934		Vincent, Ralph E.	Confirmed
May 2 1934		Vincent, Ralph E.	Commissioned
Apr 11 1938		Vincent, Ralph E.	Nominated
Apr 25 1938		Vincent, Ralph E.	Confirmed
Apr 29 1938		Vincent, Ralph E.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 8 1938		Vincent, Ralph E.	Commissioned
Jan 9 1940		Weir, David James	Acting
Jan 14 1940		Weir, David James	Assumed charge
Aug 8 1940		Young, Miss Mary M.	Nominated
Aug 13 1940		Young, Miss Mary M.	Confirmed
Aug 21 1940		Young, Miss Mary M.	Appointed Presidential
Aug 31 1940		Young, Miss Mary M.	Commissioned
Oct 1 1940		Young, Miss Mary M.	Assumed charge
Feb 9 1941		Reed, Mrs. Mary M	Name changed by marriage
Oct 23 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 15 T2N R50W Railroad station is 480 feet south of post office	
Mar 31 1945		Howlett, Rex O.	Acting
Apr 1 1945		Howlett, Rex O.	Assumed charge
Aug 31 1945		Rush, J. Max	Acting
Sep 1 1945		Rush, J. Max	Assumed charge
May 7 1946	---	Not reported A move 255 feet northeast from old site	
Jun 29 1946		Rush, J. Max	Nominated
Jul 13 1946		Rush, J. Max	Confirmed
Jul 15 1946		Rush, J. Max	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Sep 30 1946		Rush, J. Max	Assumed charge
Feb 29 1956		Boe, Mrs. Bernice F.	Assumed charge
Mar 15 1956		Boe, Mrs. Bernice F.	Acting
Feb 8 1957		Anderson, Floyd W.	Assumed charge

OTIS – Continued

Feb 15 1957	Anderson, Floyd W.	Acting
Mar 4 1958	Anderson, Floyd W.	Nominated
May 22 1958	Anderson, Floyd W.	Confirmed, Apptd. Presid. & Commissioned
Sep 15 1973	Wolfe, Hazel M.	Officer in charge
Apr 27 1974	Wolfe, Hazel M.	Appointed

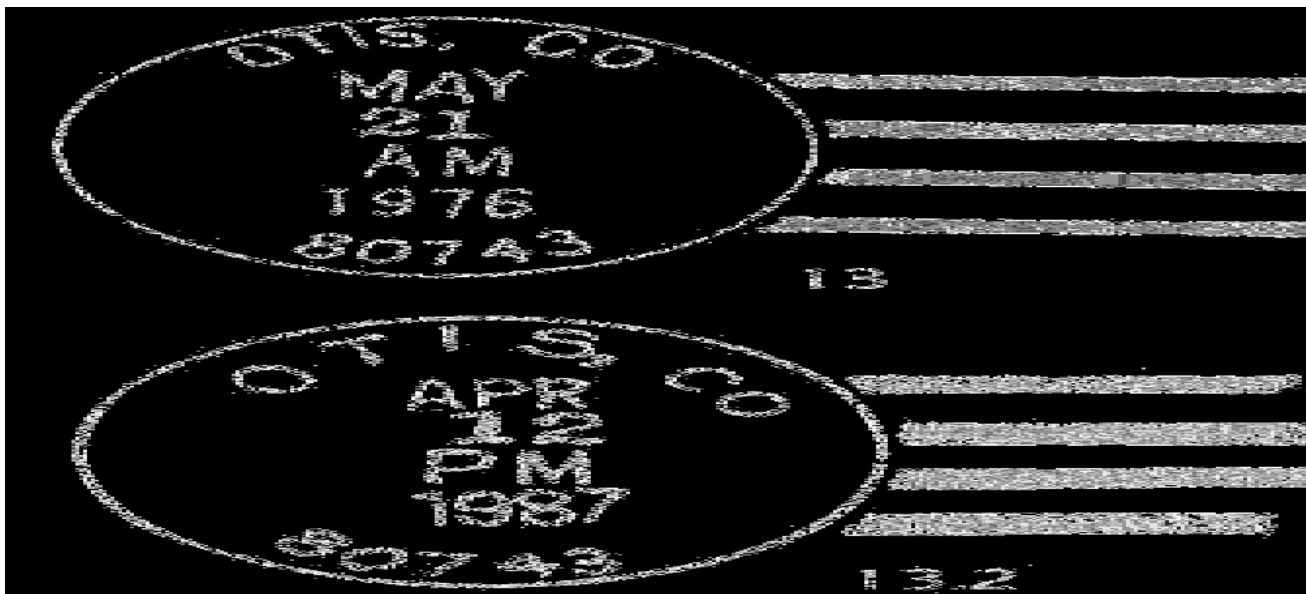
Confirmed types of postal markings

1	OTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm; Cork, smudge	Apr 28 1886 Jan 24 1889
2	OTIS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm	Jan 27 1889 Dec 18 1905
3	OTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Apr 9 1909 Jun 20 1912
4	OTIS, COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 11 1913 Mar 14 1914
5	OTIS / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Apr 23 1917
6	OTIS / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Dec 28 1928
7	OTIS / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Nov 28 1924 Feb 8 1934
8	OTIS, COLO. / PARCEL POST CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 19 1934
9	OTIS / COLO. RC 10P 43.0/15.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 19 1934
9.1	OTIS, / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x15.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	1930s
10	OTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1, without circle	Jul 19 1934 Dec 3 1941
11	OTIS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, Diamond with 1	Jan 11 1943 Aug 8 1964



OTIS – Continued

12	OTIS, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 19 1954 May 10 1960
13	OTIS, CO / 80743 CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-??x20mm	Mar 27 1967 May 21 1976
13.1	OTIS, CO / 80743 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 25 1971 Aug 13 1990
13.2	OTIS, CO / 80743 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Apr 12 1987
14	OTIS, CO / 80743 CI 10P 22.5	Mach Slogan between bars; TOWN OF OTIS / 100TH ANNIVERSARY / 1887 -- 1987	Jul 15 1987 May 6 1987



PINNEO

The Pinneo townsite was surveyed on May 25, 1888 and the Lincoln Land Company filed the town plat on September 25, 1888. Pinneo was on the Burlington Railroad about eleven miles east of Brush. Reportedly the town was named for B. F. Pinneo, a Deputy Sheriff.

The extensive series of articles published in *The Colorado Magazine* from 1940 to 1943 describes the naming of Pinneo as follows (SRM: specifically in Vol. 19, No. 4, July 1942, p148):

About the time the stations in this vicinity were being laid out, B. F. Pinneo, Deputy Sheriff, was sent to Rock Springs where whisky was being sold to railroad workmen. Because of his part in handling this situation, the station was named for him.

PINNEO – Continued

This claim is a bit puzzling as I wonder why a Deputy Sheriff from eastern Colorado would be sent to Rock Springs, Wyoming or why a Burlington Railroad community would honor him for service to the Union Pacific Railroad. It would seem that Pinneo was a small community providing minimal services to the surrounding countryside and serving as a shipping and supply point on the Burlington Railroad.

From the Morgan-Washington County line, drive two miles east on US 34 to Washington County Road Q and turn south about two miles to the railroad. During its life, the Pinneo Post Office was at locations on both sides of the railroad. A corral and a shed are all that remain at Pinneo.

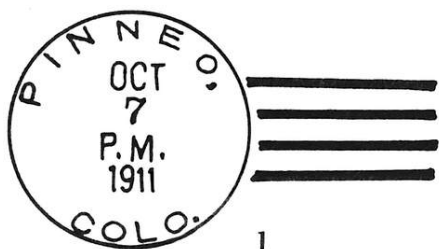
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Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 7 1888	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T3N R54W On south side of Burlington & Missouri River RR Proposed postmaster - John McClair
Nov 15 1883		Established
Nov 15 1883		McClair, John
May 5 1888		Jeffries, Warwick M.
Jan 5 1891		Moran, William E.
Feb 3 1892		Ordered closed Mail to Akron
Feb 13 1892		Closing order rescinded
Feb 13 1892		Re-established
Jul 9 1895		Discontinued Mail to Akron
Jul 23 1896	---	NE/4 Sec 20 T3N R54W North side of Burlington track Proposed postmaster - Dick Bollman
Sep 23 1896		Re-established
Sep 25 1896		Bollman, Dick
Dec 31 1898		Discontinued Papers to Brush
Nov 5 1909	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T3N R54W Bill Day Creek 1/4 mile east and north
Jan 4 1910		Re-established
Apr 30 1914		NE/4 Sec 20 T3N R54W 15 feet south of the CB&Q P.O. located in CB&Q Depot
Jan 4 1920		Wilkins, Cora D.
Apr 10 1920		Crane, Daniel C.
Dec 12 1924		Anderson, Almeda A.
Jan 12 1926		Goehring, Nova M. Possession
Jan 21 1926		Goehring, Nova M. Acting
Nov 20 1926		Ward, Mrs. Myrtle F. Confirmed
Dec 2 1931		Ordered closed Effective date Dec 3 1931 Mail to Rago
Dec 18 1931		Order modified Effective date Dec 5 1931 Mail to Rago

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| <p>0.1 PINNEO / COL.
CI 10P 27.0</p> <p>1 PINNEO, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0</p> <p>2 PINNEO, / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0</p> | <p>Jan 25 1891
Hstp Cork, circle of 8 wedges
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PLATNER

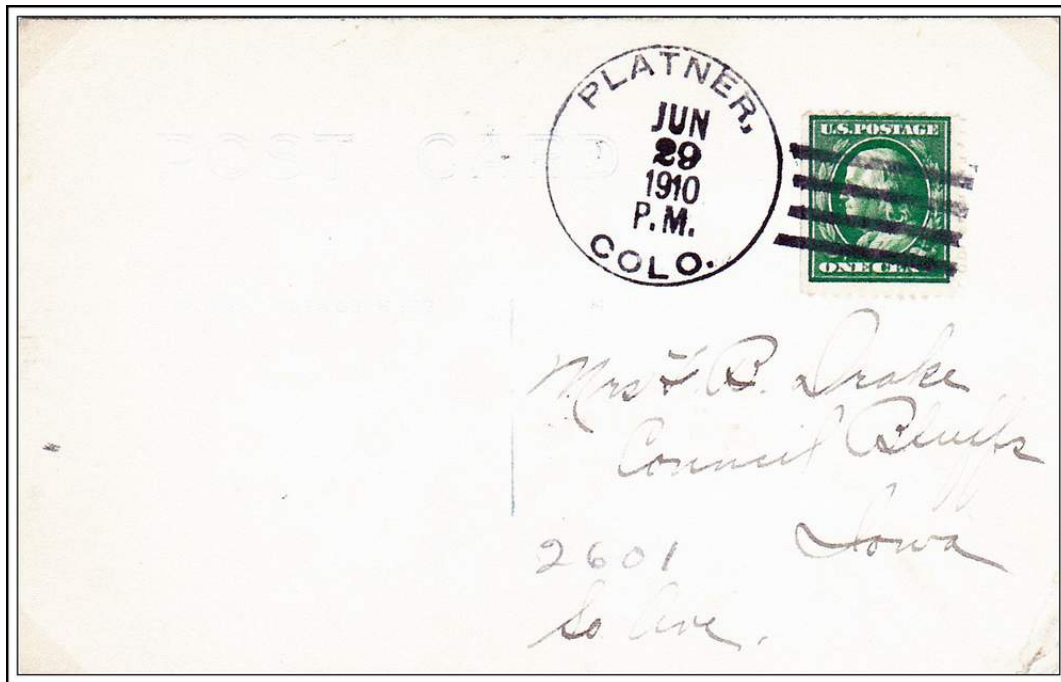
In 1890 a post office named Millett was opened on the south side of the Burlington Railroad. That office lasted less than a year.

In 1892 a new post office opened, north of the railroad and the location of Millett. The new post office was named Platner, a revised spelling of the family name of Ferdinand David Plattner and N. Plattner, early settlers of the area. The first postmaster was George Kling, another of the early settlers. It seems that as this community began to develop it was first known as Harmon. However, in 1892 there was a Harman Post Office in Arapahoe County (now Denver County) so another name had to be chosen.

Platner developed into a modest community. There was a grain elevator built by the Plattner brothers. There were also a bank, stores, a good school and in time a filling station. There is still a large grain elevator on the north side of US Highway 36 and a few buildings on the south side of the highway.

Although there is highway sign for Platner, six miles west of Otis, there is only a ghost of the former community.

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PLATNER, / COLO.

June 29, 1910

Chronology of the Post Office

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 25 1892 --- | NE/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W 20 rods north of Burlington and Missouri River RR
Harmon side
Proposed postmaster - George Kling |
| Jun 15 1892 | Established |
| Jun 15 1892 | Kling, George |
| Nov 19 1903 | Ordered closed |
| Nov 30 1903 | Discontinued Papers to Akron |
| Feb 25 1909 --- | NW/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W CB&Q track is 50 rods south of post office |
| Apr 7 1909 | Re-established |
| Apr 7 1909 | Moore, Walter |
| Apr 30 1914 --- | NE/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W 25 rods north of CB&Q track |

PLATNER – Continued

Dec 26 1914	Pangborn, Mary	Declined
Apr 17 1915	Pusey, Benjamin H.	
Sep 12 1927	McKenzie, Harriet	Acting
Oct 11 1927 ---	NE/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W A move 90 rods	mostly east
Jan 25 1928	McKenzie, Harriet	Appointed
Jun 8 1929	Youlsey, James	Acting
Mar 15 1930	Heath, Israel E.	Confirmed
Mar 28 1930	Heath, Israel E.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1930	Heath, Israel E.	Assumed charge
Mar 26 1940	Skinner, Mrs. Ethel P.	Confirmed
Apr 12 1940	Skinner, Mrs. Ethel P.	Commissioned
Apr 16 1940	Skinner, Mrs. Ethel P.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 10 T2N R51W 1 block south of CB&Q	1425 feet southwest of station
Mar 17 1947	Higinbotham, Roy L.	Assumed charge
May 21 1947	Higinbotham, Mrs. Letha A.	Confirmed
Jun 19 1947	Higinbotham, Mrs. Letha A.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1947	Higinbotham, Mrs. Letha A.	Assumed charge
Aug 1 1948	Plant, Mrs. Eva M.	Assumed charge
Oct 26 1948	Plant, Mrs. Eva M.	Confirmed
Nov 12 1948	Plant, Mrs. Eva M.	Commissioned
Nov 17 1948	Plant, Mrs. Eva M.	Assumed charge
Oct 26 1956	Murray, Robert D.	Assumed charge
Nov 6 1956	Murray, Robert D.	Acting
Mar 1 1957	Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	PLATNER / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm	Feb 10 1894
2	PLATNER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Jun 29 1910 Jul 10 1918
3	PLATNER. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Oct 13 1932 Jul 5 1935
4	PLATNER. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Mar 22 1940 Jun 22 1940
5	PLATNER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jun 10 1942 Mar 1 1957

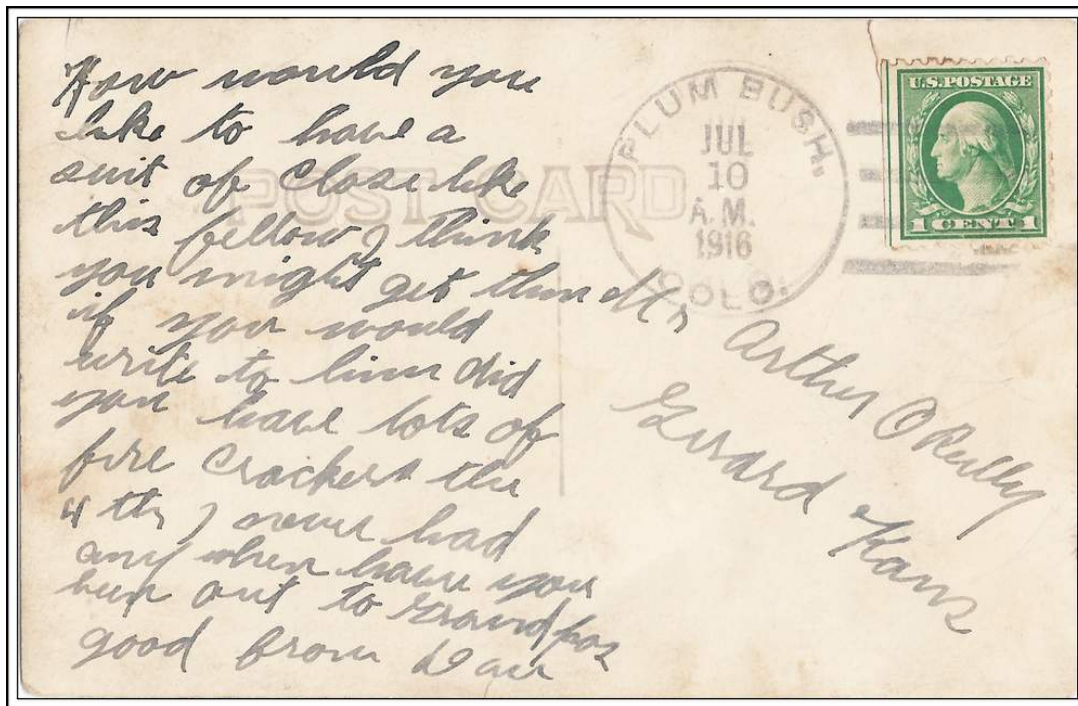


PLUM BUSH

Plum Bush was an early twentieth century rural post office northwest of Lindon. It was named for its location on Plum Bush Creek. There is no evidence that this was anything more than a ranch post office that for a few years provided postal service to ranchers and farmers in a portion of western Washington County.

From the intersection of US Highway 36 and Colorado Highway 71, drive north four miles on Colorado 71. A farm road to the east leads into an active ranch complex.

The intersection of highways 36 and 71 is known as "Last Chance." For many years there have been a few homes and some commercial activity there. It is/was truly the last chance to purchase gasoline before Byers, many miles to the west. A question that has never been resolved is why there was never a post office at Last Chance. It would seem to have been a better location than Plum Bush. Apparently no one at Last Chance wanted the responsibility or they could not meet the requirements of the Post Office Department.



PLUM BUSH, / COLO.

July 10, 1916

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 24 1910	---	NE/4 Sec 17 T3S R55W On Plum Bush Creek Proposed postmaster - Wesley E. Stone
Aug 16 1910		Established
Aug 16 1910		Stone, Wesley E.
Oct 12 1912		Claypool George D.
Jun 15 1918		Discontinued Mail to Gray

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 PLUM BUSH, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0

May 29 1911 Jul 10 1916

4bars S-24x19mm

PLUM BUSH – Continued



PRAIRIE

The post office at Prairie is another of the rural post offices of Washington County. More information is provided by the caption of a photograph that appeared in an Akron, Colorado newspaper. The caption states that the post office was operated in conjunction with a store on the Charles Forbes homestead. The photograph shows a large sod house that had a three-fold role. It was the Forbes home, the store and the post office.

The caption also states, “Homes with an expansive, wide open view were the rule in homestead days, and this one certainly was no exception. There were no trees in this flatland.” From those words the name Prairie seems logical choice.

From the intersection of Colorado Highway 63 and Washington County Road 30, drive west five miles on Road 30 to County Road X. Go north one mile. Prairie was on the east side of Road X. There is an active ranch a short distance south of the stated location for Prairie.

From here, I suggest returning to County Road 30 and then continuing west to one of the sites of Rago.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jan 18 1910 --- SE/4 SW/4 Sec 27 T1N R53W
Proposed postmaster - Robert W. McKie
- Jul 7 1910 Established
- Jul 7 1910 McKie, Robert W.
- Aug 15 1912 Discontinued Mail to Brunker
- Jan 20 1913 Re-established
- Jan 20 1913 Forbes, Mary M.
- Mar 3 1913 --- SW/4 Sec 27 T1N R53W Sketch map shows it in SE/4 of SW/4 Sec 27
- Mar 31 1917 Discontinued Mail to Akron

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 0.1 PRAIRIE, / COLO. Dec 22 1911 Jul 19 1912
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x20mm
- 1 PRAIRIE / COLO. Apr 8 1912 Dec 20 1915
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x20mm



RAGO

For a place simply described as a “rural post office,” Rago enjoyed an extended life as a post office. Between 1912 and 1951 only one major change in location of the post office was reported. However, considering a couple of short relocations and the number of postmasters that served at Rago during that time, I would think there was more of a community than just a ranch house with the post office.

It appears that the request was to name the post office Bula. That was rejected and for some reason it was designated as Rago. The origin of the name is unrecorded.

The country around Rago is more rolling than the southern portion of Washington County. In this area there seems to be a slight preference for raising livestock over farming.

There are two choices to reach the locations of Rago. The most direct way is, after a visit to the sites of Prairie and Bruncker, to continue west on Washington County Road 30 six miles from Road X to County Road R. There were two locations at this intersection. One (1942) was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection with Road R to the north. The other location (1918) was a short distance to the west, in the southeast quadrant of the intersection with Road R to the south.

The early locations of Rago were to the north of County Road 30. Drive two miles north on Road R; turn west on Road 32 for one mile and then north one mile on Road Q. The 1912 location of Rago was on the west side of Road Q and there are some remnant foundations near the road. Other than some scattered trees there is nothing present at the later locations along Road 30.

The alternate route to the 1912 location of Rago is from Prairie to continue north on Road X four miles to Road 35, then west seven miles to Road Q and finally one mile south to the aforementioned foundations. From there, continue south to Road 30 via roads Q, 32 and R.

Latitude = 40:00:07 North Longitude = 103:24:54 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 29 1912	---	From: SE/4 Sec 8 T1N R54W To: SE/4 Sec 8 T1N R54W Doubt that any move was intended in this document	
Mar 7 1912		Established	
Mar 7 1912		Crossman, Percy J.	
Apr 8 1918	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T1S R54W 1/4 mile north of Buck Creek	
Dec 22 1925		Crossman, Charity M.	
Feb 15 1926		Brown, John W.	
Feb 20 1928		Crossman, Charity	Acting
Mar 15 1928		Crossman, Charity	Appointed
Jan 4 1929		Williams, John W.	Appointed
Jul 2 1929		Williams, John W.	Acting
Oct 4 1929		Williams, John W.	Confirmed
Nov 11 1929		Williams, John W.	Commissioned
Nov 12 1929		Williams, John W.	Assumed charge
Feb 16 1934		Williams, Fred C.	Assumed charge
Mar 17 1934		Williams, Fred C.	Acting
Mar 29 1934		Williams, Fred C.	Confirmed
Aug 18 1934		Williams, Fred C.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1936		Jones, Mrs. Alvina L.	Assumed charge
Jul 17 1936		Jones, Mrs. Alvina L.	Acting
Aug 26 1936		Jones, Mrs. Alvina L.	Confirmed
Sep 16 1936		Jones, Mrs. Alvina L.	Commissioned & Assumed charge
May 2 1940		McMillion, Mrs. Avalon L.	Confirmed
May 24 1940		McMillion, Mrs. Avalon L.	Commissioned
Jun 1 1940		McMillion, Mrs. Avalon L.	Assumed charge
Jan 15 1942	---	SE/4 Sec 33 T1N R54W	

RAGO – Continued

Apr 28 1943	Forbes, Merlin L.	Assumed charge
May 11 1943	Forbes, Merlin L.	Acting
Jun 29 1943	Forbes, Merlin L.	Confirmed
--- -- ---	Forbes, Merlin L.	Appointment Rescinded
Oct 6 1943	McTaggart, Elnora M.	Assumed charge
Oct 14 1943	McTaggart, Elnora M.	Acting
Mar 31 1945	Crosby, Mrs. Cora Belle	Assumed charge
Aug 4 1945	Crosby, Mrs. Cora Belle	Confirmed
Aug 29 1945	Crosby, Mrs. Cora Belle	Appointement rescinded
Jan 17 1946	Wolfe, Mrs. Margaret E.	Confirmed
Feb 26 1946	Wolfe, Mrs. Margaret E.	Commissioned
Mar 2 1946	Wolfe, Mrs. Margaret E.	Assumed charge
Nov 19 1947	Parker, Mrs. Mabel F.	Assumed charge
Jan 29 1948	Parker, Mrs. Mabel F.	Confirmed
Mar 10 1948	Parker, Mrs. Mabel F.	Commissioned
Feb 19 1951	Ordered closed	
Feb 28 1951	Discontinued Mail to Woodrow	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	RAGO, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 30 1912 Mar 31 1917
2	RAGO / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 29 1938 Nov 28 1941
3	RAGO / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x17mm	Oct 25 1943 Feb 28 1951



SCHLUETER

Schlueter was another rural post office on the northern edge of Washington County. Like Waitley, its neighbor to the southwest, it opened in the early twentieth century. But unlike Waitley, The Post Office Department did accept the family name, “Schlueter,” of the proposed postmaster. I found two mentions of this place in the historical literature of Colorado. Both spell the name as Schleyter. The correct spelling is Schlueter.

The area along the northern border of Washington County is somewhat elevated and more rolling than land to the south. It also appears to be more suited to gazing than to farming.

The location of Schlueter was one mile south of the Washington-Logan County line. From Akron, drive fourteen miles north on Colorado Highway 63 to Washington County Road 55 (see Waitley). Turn east on Road 55 and go five miles to Road GG. Go north four miles to Road 59 and turn east. The location of Schlueter was a mile east of this intersection and north of Road 59.

North of the road, and near a small stream, there is a two-story house that appears to be abandoned (1997). A half mile to the east there is a large, active farm-ranch complex.

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

Jun 18 1910	---	SW/4 Sec 5 T5N R51W 2 miles east of Battle Ground Spring
Sep 10 1910		Established
Sep 12 1910		Schlueter, Herman R.
Apr 4 1911		Schlueter, Arma S.
Jul 31 1913		Discontinued Mail to Kelly

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SCHLUETER, / COLO.	Dec 27 1911
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x19mm

**SIMPSON**

For most of its existence, the Simpson Post Office was located in Adams County. For ten years, from 1916 to 1926, the Simpson Post Office was located in Washington County, almost on the Washington-Adams County line.

To reach the site in Washington County, from Last Chance on US Highway 36, drive north eight miles to Washington County Road 20. Go west six miles to Meridian Road, which is on the county line. The 1916 location of Simpson was in the northeast quadrant of his intersection. In 1997 the only thing there was a pile of dead trees.

Washington County Road 20 continues on into Adams County as East 88TH Avenue.

The earlier and later history of Simpson, and the other locations of the post office are discussed in the Adams County section of *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 24 1910		Established
Jan 30 1916	---	SW/4 Sec 19 T2S R56W 2-1/2 miles east of Badger Creek 4.3 miles northeast of a previous location
Aug 31 1943		Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

Please refer Adams County for a complete listing of the postmasters and postmarks from Simpson.

SPENCE

Spence was another of the ranch post offices in the southwestern portion of Washington County. Again there is no evidence for an organized community. The post office was to serve the ranches and farms in the area southwest of Lindon.

The simplest way to reach the site of Spence is to drive five miles east from Lindon on US Highway 36 to Washington County Road M and turn south four miles to the site of Spence.

If you have just been to the Site of Flat Top, then from that location go east two miles on Road 3 to Road J, north one mile to Road 4, east three miles to Road M and then north four miles to the site of Spence.

SPENCE – Continued

Spence was on the east side of Road M and is the present day location of a large, prosperous agricultural operation.

From Spence, my travels took me eastward to the locations of Townsend, Glen, Badger, and then further east across southern Washington County.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 12 1910	---	SE/4 Sec 24 T4S R55W ¼ mile east of Vagner Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Dora Awmiller
Aug 20 1910		Established
Aug 20 1910		Awmiller, Dora
Apr 10 1914		Hayes, Myrtle M.
Jan 31 1920		Discontinued Mail to Woodrow

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	SPENCE, / COLO.	Jul 8 1911 Jun 12 1914
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm



THURMAN

Thurman was a small farming center, first settled by J. Stone. Mr. Stone sold the townsite land to William Dunston and a town plat for “Stone City” was filed on May 7, 1888. At this point some questions arise. It is claimed that in the same year the town was platted, the name was changed to Thurman, because there was another Stone City in Colorado.

I am not sure if that is correct, or why it would have been a problem. Historically there was a Stone City in Pueblo County, but it did not acquire a post office of that name until 1912 and thus in 1888 there would have been no conflict in names.

In 1888 there was a Stonewall Post Office in Las Animas County and the Stoneham (Weld County) and the Stonington (Baca County) post offices also opened in 1888. Perhaps the conflict was conceived to be with one or all of those places.

The name Thurman is said to honor an officer in the United States Army, but I have found no more information than that brief claim.

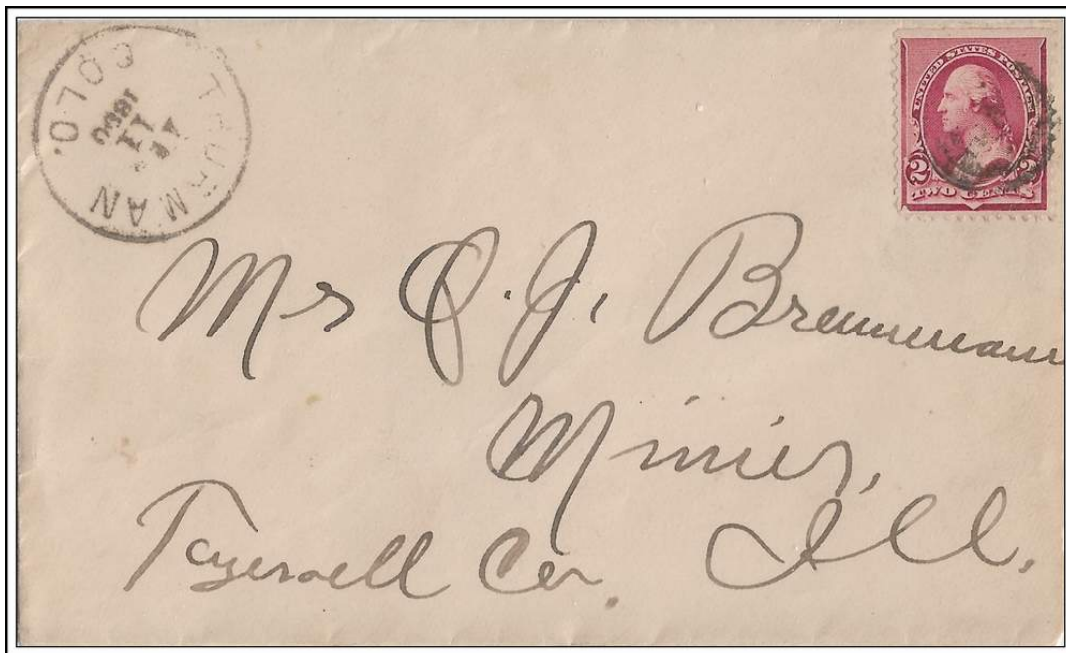
To visit the site of Thurman, from Anton on US Highway 36, drive south ten miles on Washington County Road CC. Thurman was two miles north of the Washington-Lincoln County line. In 1997 there were buildings on both sides of Road CC. Some of the buildings were abandoned but there was an active ranch, and one old building has the appearance of having been a store of some sort.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 20 1888	---	NW/4 Sec 28 T5S R52W
		Proposed postmaster - Frank M. Walker
Jul 6 1888		Established
Jul 6 1888		Walker, Frank M.
Nov 20 1889		Colvin, William B.

THURMAN – Continued

Mar 15 1890	Trainor, James	
Mar 21 1894	Reed, Benjamin T. Sr.	
Jun 4 1896	Hollenbeck, Peter B.	
Nov 25 1898	Seal, Joseph H.	
May 15 1906	Seal, Mary L.	
Aug 13 1910	Clement, Marvin J.	
Dec 5 1913	Campbell, Eva B.	
May 6 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 28 T5S R52W 1-1/2 mile north of Bob Tail Creek
Nov 27 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 20 T5S R52W A move 35 rods northwest of previous location
Dec 8 1922	Schell, Ralph L.	Acting
Dec 14 1922	Schell, Ralph L.	Appointed
Nov 30 1925	Mann, Louis A.	Acting
Mar 2 1926	Mann, Louis A.	Appointed
Dec 10 1927	Rohlf, Carl P.	Acting
Feb 17 1928	Rohlf, Carl P.	Appointed Presidential & Confirmed
Mar 10 1928	Rohlf, Carl P.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1928	Rohlf, Carl P.	Assumed charge
Nov 3 1931	Winn, Mrs. Martha	Assumed charge
Nov 13 1931	Winn, Mrs. Martha	Acting
Jan 27 1932	Winn, Mrs. Martha	Confirmed
Mar 3 1932	Winn, Mrs. Martha	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	Sec 21 T5S R52W 300 feet north of the SW corner of Section 21
Feb 11 1955	Ordered close	
Mar 31 1955	Discontinued Mail to Flagler	



THURMAN / COLO.

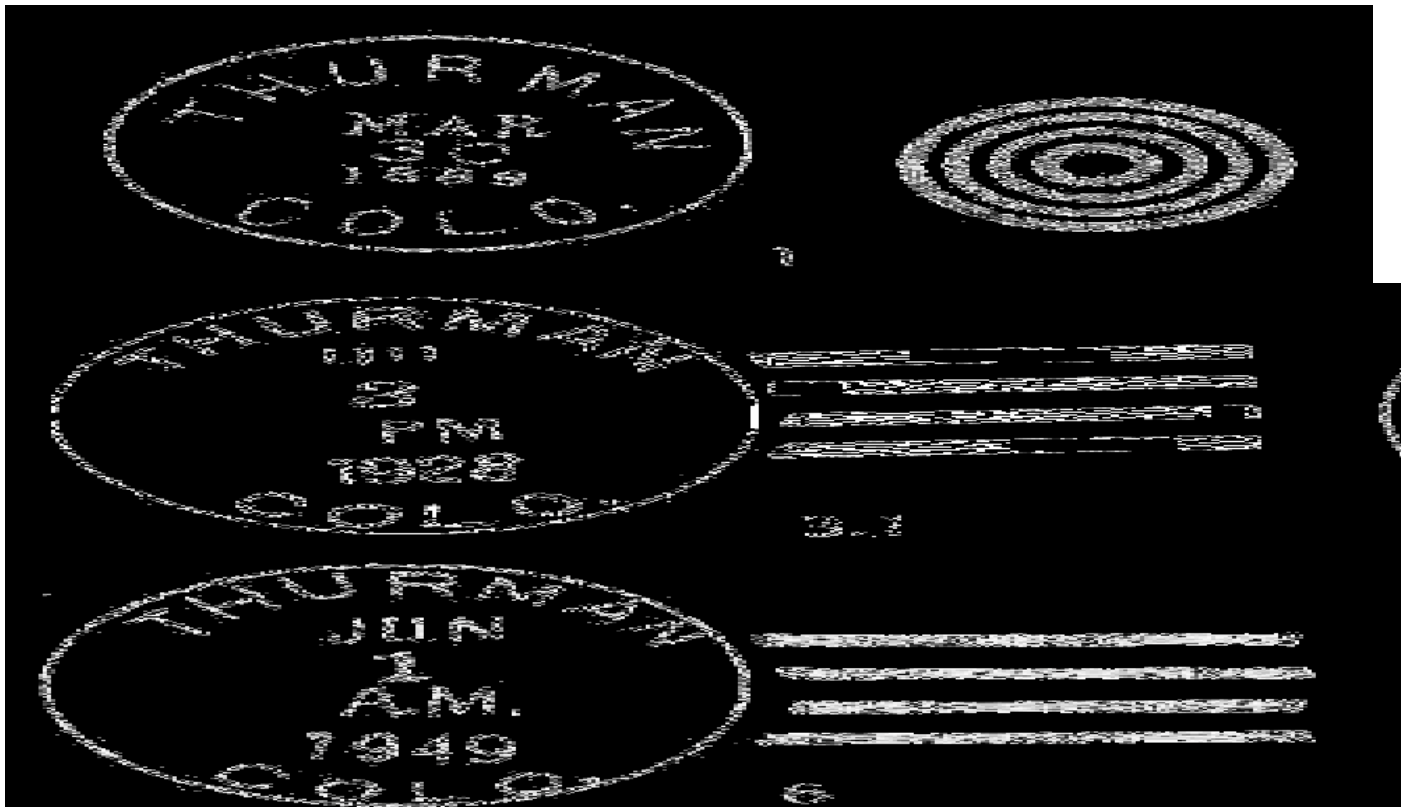
April 11, 1890

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	THURMAN / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Mar 30 1889 Apr 7 1895
2	THURMAN. COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 31.0/20.0	Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm Mar 13 1911 Hstp No Killer

THURMAN – Continued

3	THURMAN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x14mm	Apr 7 1909 Dec 20 1917
3.1	THURMAN / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-22x14mm	Jul 3 1928
4	THURMAN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 28 1935
5	THURMAN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	--- -- 1940 Mar 31 1955
6	THURMAN / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Jul 13 1946 Mar 31 1955



TOWNSEND

Townsend was another of the rural post offices that served southwestern Washington County. It was established during a period of relatively good rainfall. With a return to drier conditions many of the homesteaders left and the need for this rural post office disappeared.

The Post office Department Geographic Site Location Report indicates that the proposed name was Abilene. For an unknown reason that was rejected, and I have no information as to the source of the chosen name, Townsend.

The Glen Post office was two miles south, at the Washington-Lincoln County line. Follow the directions to Badger, but keep going south on Road U to Washington County Road 2, ten miles from US Highway 36. Turn west on Road 2 and go three miles to Road R. The location of Townsend was in the southwest quadrant of this intersection.

A short distance south of the intersection, on the west side of Road R is the Glen Cemetery. There is a building that was probably a church, and a smaller outbuilding. The area around the cemetery is nearly level farm and ranch land.

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

Jun 12 1889	---	NE/4 Sec 28 T5S R54W
		Proposed postmaster - James B. McConnell
Jan 14 1890		Established
Jan 14 1890		Quinn, William E.
Mar 15 1890		James, Thomas I.
Sep 29 1893		Discontinued Mail to Badger

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	TOWNSEND / COLO.	Jan 11 1892	Mar 15 1893
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp	Not present

**WAITLEY**

Waitley was a bit unusual in that it was a rural post office established in 1914. By that time the Rural Free Delivery System was developing rapidly and the Post Office Department was reluctant to open new post offices in areas that were or could be served by the new mail system.

The rural nature of the Waitley Post Office is proven by the fact that it occupied four different sites but all four of those were within a one mile radius, fourteen miles north of Akron.

The chosen name for the post office was Braun, for the first postmaster - Frederick E. Braun. That choice was rejected, likely because by 1914 the Post Office Department was unfavorable to naming post offices for the postmaster. However, in 1916 Frank N. Waitley was named to follow Frederick Braun but he was not commissioned.

From Akron, drive fourteen miles north on Colorado Highway 63 to Washington County Road 55, to the east. The original location of Waitley was in the northeast quadrant of this intersection, and the final location (1930) was in the southwest quadrant. Only some water tanks and windmills mark the 1914 site and a single, abandoned building is present on the 1930 location.

Continue north one mile to County Road 56, to the west. The 1922 location of Waitley was in the northwest quadrant of the intersection. There are a few trees and some remnant concrete foundations a short distance north of the intersection.

The 1916 site of Waitley was a mile east of Colorado 63, but there is no direct access to the location.

The Waitley Post office closed in 1936, probably a victim of the Dust Bowl years.

There is a problem with the year 1936 as the end of postal activity at Waitley. The Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments very clearly show the date of discontinuance as January 15, 1936. However, one or more covers exist with "Last Day" postmarks dated January 15, 1937. Who made a mistake – a clerk in Washington or the postmaster at Waitley?

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 19 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 29 T5N R52W
		Applicant for postmaster - Frederick B. Braun
Jun 15 1915		Established

WAITLEY – Continued

Jun 15 1915	Braun, Frederick B.	
May 6 1916 ---	S/2 NE/4 Sec 29 T5N R52W	A move ¾ mile northeast of a previous location
May 15 1916	Waitley, Frank N.	Not commissioned
Oct 30 1916	Conner, Emmie F.	
Jan 24 1922 ---	SE/4 Sec 19 T5N R52W	A move one mile from previous location
Mar 29 1922	Owens, Daniel B.	
May 22 1930	Parks, Hetty E.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1930 ---	NE/4 Sec 31 T5N R52W	A move 1-1/2 miles south of a previous location
Dec 18 1935	Ordered closed	
Jan 15 1936	Discontinued	Mail to Akron

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | WAITLEY, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-25x19mm | Dec 20 1915 |
| 2 | WAITLEY / COLO.
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-23x19mm | Jan 15 1937 [See discussion above] |



WOODROW

Woodrow is a small community located on Colorado Highway 71, one mile south of the Washington-Morgan County line. There are still some small businesses that provide services to the ranchers and farmers in the surrounding area, and to travelers on Colorado 71.

My first visit to Woodrow was in 1975. The Woodrow Post Office was in an attachment to “Waynes Service” a false-fronted building in need of attention. When I returned in 1997 the post office was still there, but considerable work had been done on the building. Waynes Service had become an attractive coffee shop and general store. In addition to the “business district” along Colorado 71 there is a small residential district to the west of the highway.

J. A. McGilvray settled Woodrow in 1913, the year that Woodrow Wilson became President of the United States. Supposedly John Epperson of Brush, Colorado suggested the name Woodrow in honor of the new president.

From the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report the original intention may have been to name the community Jacksonville. Perhaps it was someone in the Post Office Department who decided to honor President Wilson.

It is interesting to note that the sketch map that accompanies the 1914 Site Location Report for Flat Top labels that proposed post office as “Jacksonville.”

Latitude = 39:59:18 North Longitude = 103:35:28 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 7 1913 ---	SE/4 Sec 1 T1S R56W	One mile west of Beaver Creek
		Applicant for postmaster - John A. McGilvray
Jun 18 1913	Established	

WOODROW – Continued

Jun 18 1913	McGilvray, John A.	
Sep 10 1913	McGilvray, John A.	Confirmed
Oct 7 1913	McGilvray, John A.	Commissioned
Nov 15 1913	McGilvray, John A.	Assumed charge
Apr 27 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 1 T1S R56W 1 mile west of Beaver Creek	
Nov 9 1933	Murphy, Elmer R.	Assumed charge
Nov 20 1933	Murphy, Elmer R.	Acting
Feb 10 1934	Murphy, Elmer R.	Confirmed
Mar 8 1934	Murphy, Elmer R.	Commissioned
Sep 1 1935	Murphy, Mrs. Myrtle S.	Assumed charge
Sep 19 1935	Murphy, Mrs. Myrtle S.	Acting
Oct 16 1935	Weinstein, Ira	Assumed charge
Nov 22 1935	Weinstein, Ira	Acting
Jan 21 1936	Weinstein, Ira	Confirmed
Feb 10 1936	Weinstein, Ira	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 12 T1S R56W 1 mile west of Beaver Creek	On state Highway 71
Mar 21 1942	Weinstein, Ira	On military leave
Mar 20 1942	Murphy, Elmer R.	Assumed charge
Apr 16 1942	Murphy, Elmer R.	Temporary Acting Postmaster
Nov 14 1942	Weinstein, Ira	Returned from military duty & Assumed postal duty
Jul 1 1959		Office advanced
Jun 19 1960	McFall, Bart Chester	Assumed charge
Jun 23 1960	McFall, Bart Chester	Acting
Jul 1 1960	McFall, Bart Chester	Commissioned
Jul 1 1960		Office relegated
Jul 8 1960	McFall, Bert Chester	Assumed charge
Jul 13 1960	McFall, Bert Chester	Confirmed
May 29 1971	Wetzberger, Mrs. Mary R.	Officer in charge
Oct 2 1971	Wetzberger, Mrs. Mary R.	Commissioned & Possession

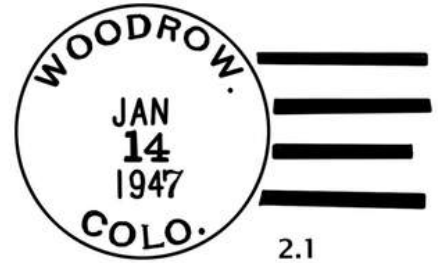
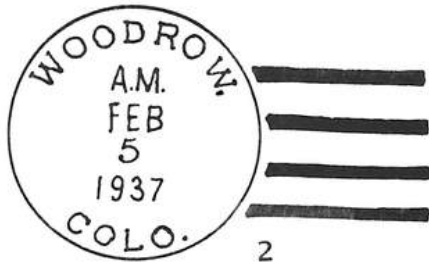


Post Office and General Store – Woodrow, Colorado
 Photograph by James L. Ozment May 21, 1997

WOODROW – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WOODROW. / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 4 1914
2	WOODROW, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Mar 7 1932 Jan 13 1944
2.1	WOODROW. / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 14 1947
3	WOODROW / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Nov 10 1950 Nov 12 1957
4	WOODROW / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 7 1959 Nov 4 1963
5	WOODROW, CO / 80757 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 22 1968 Feb 17 1976
6	WOODROW, CO / 80757 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Aug 22 1977 Oct 10 1991
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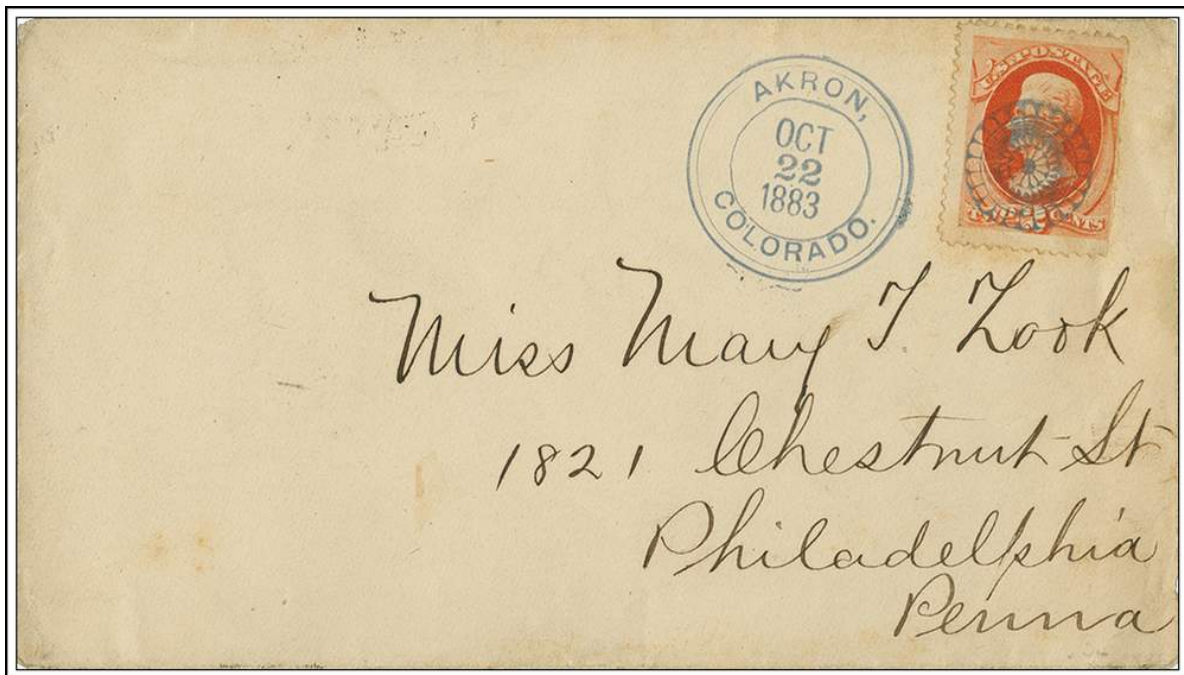
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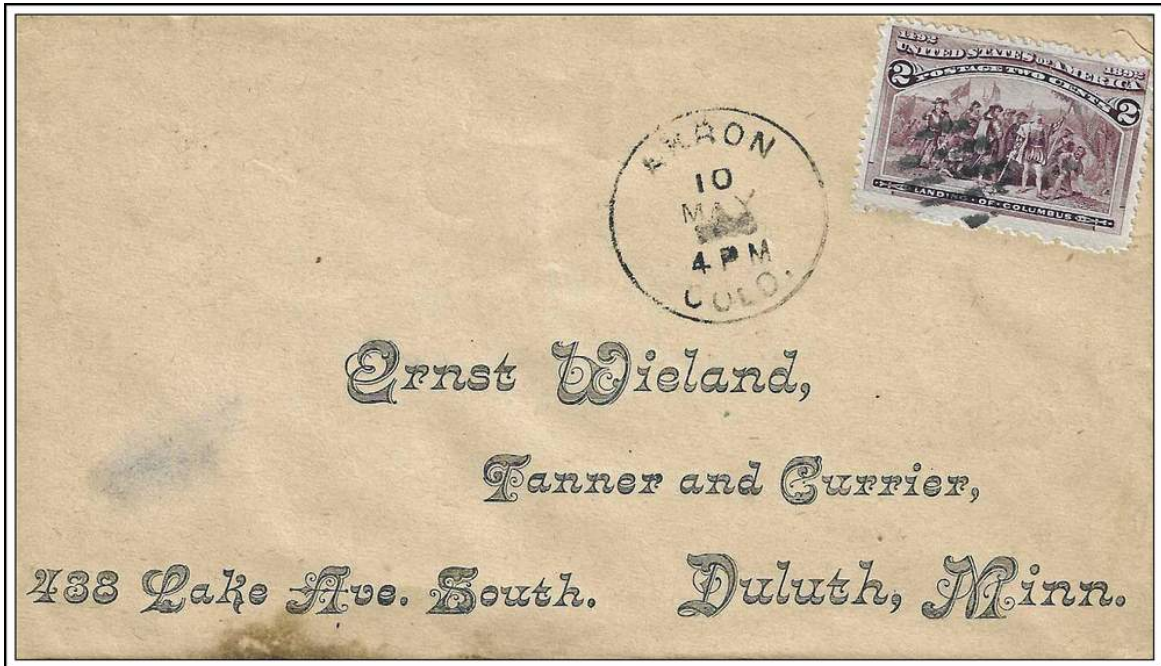
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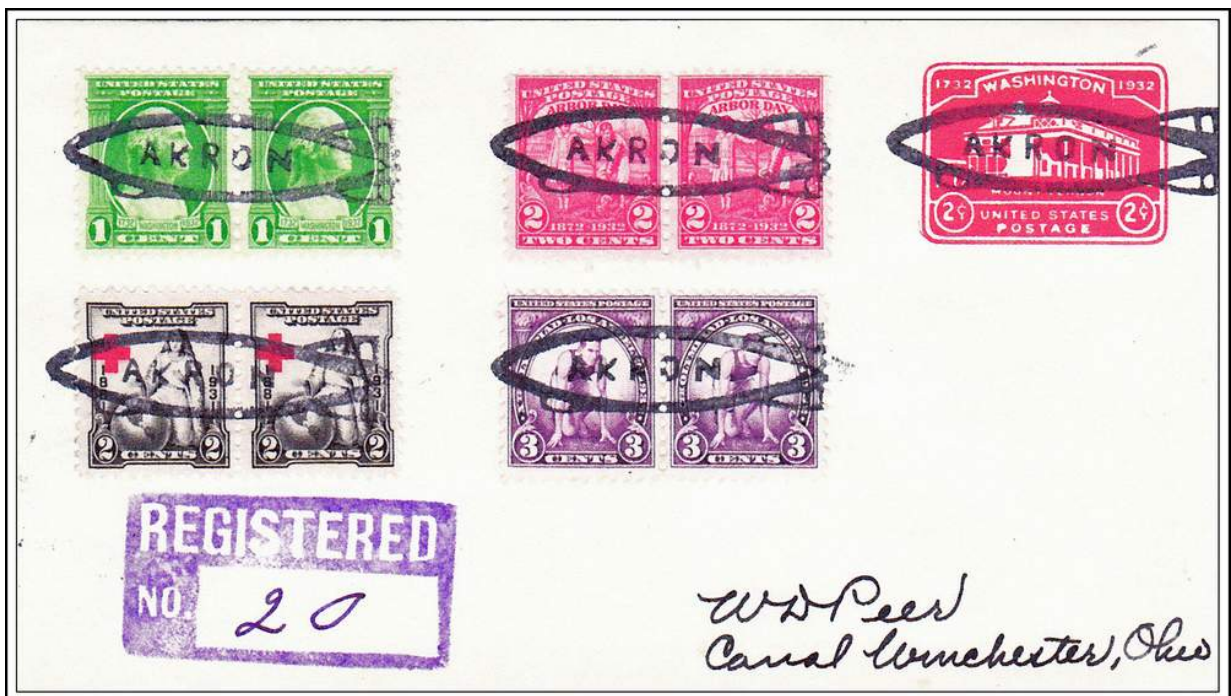
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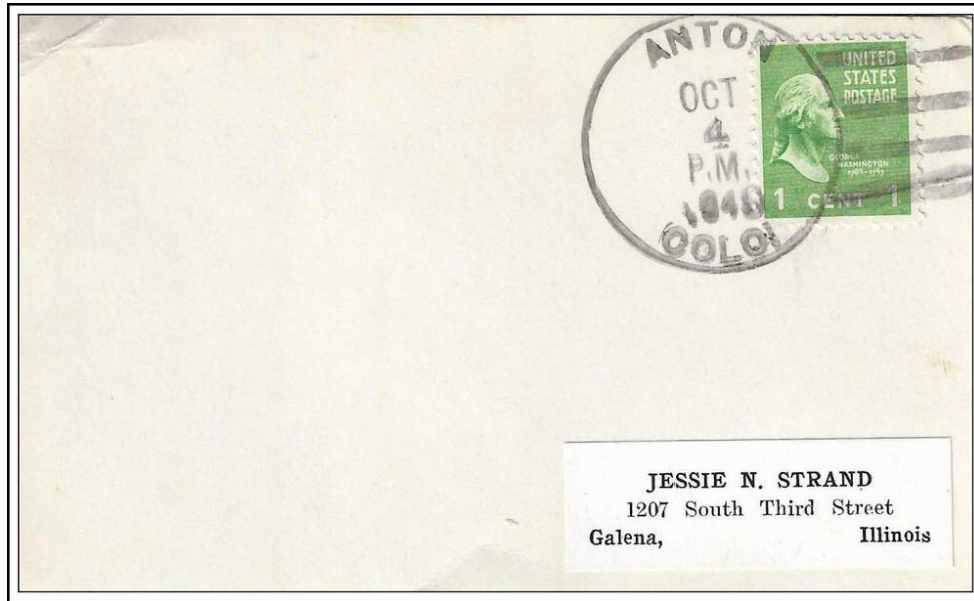
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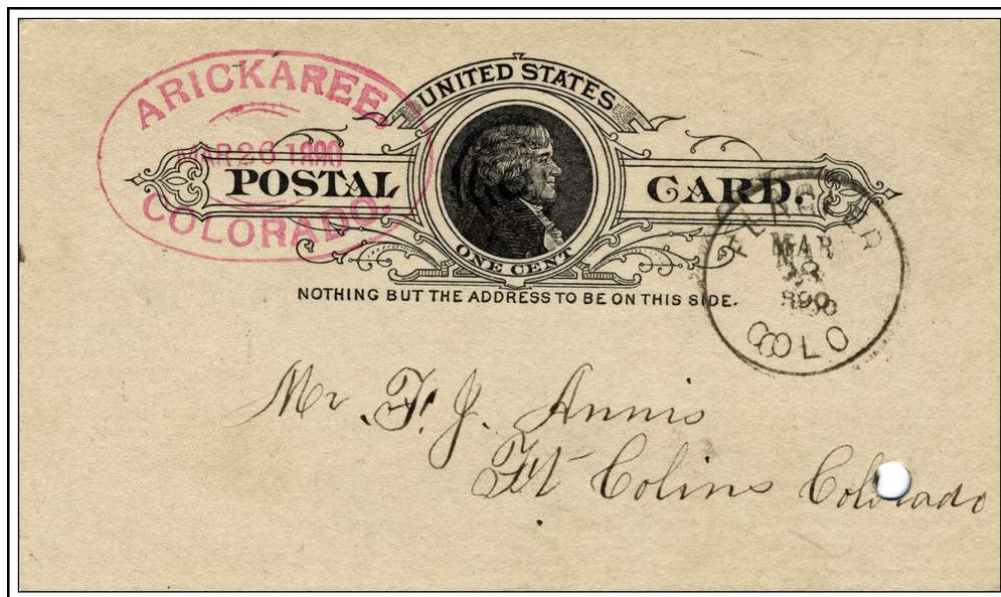
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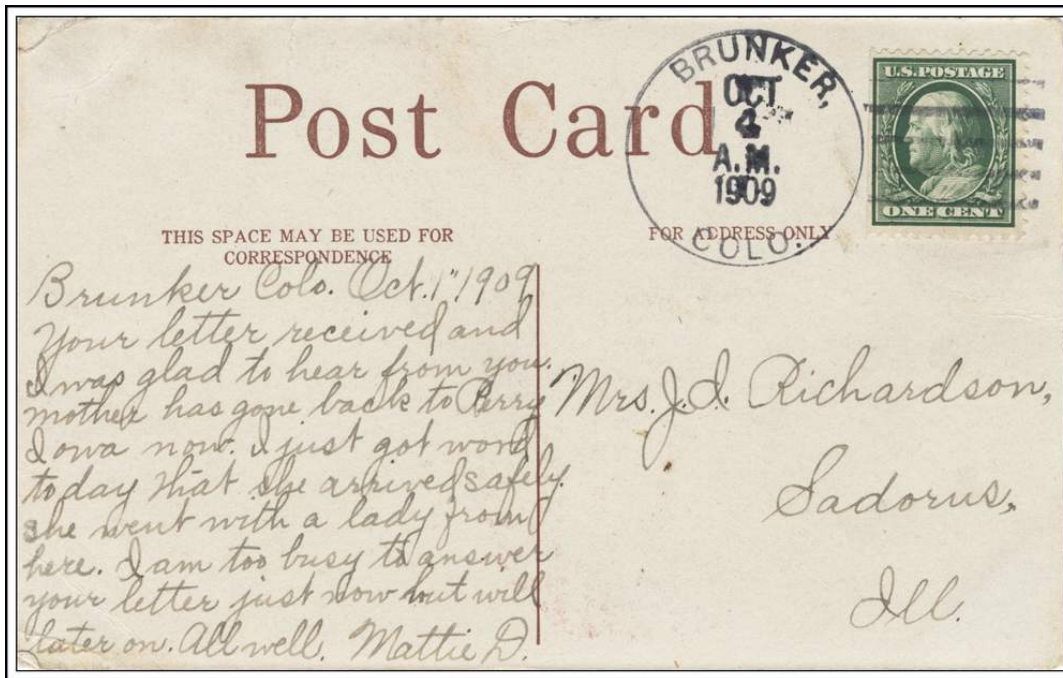
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March 26, 1890



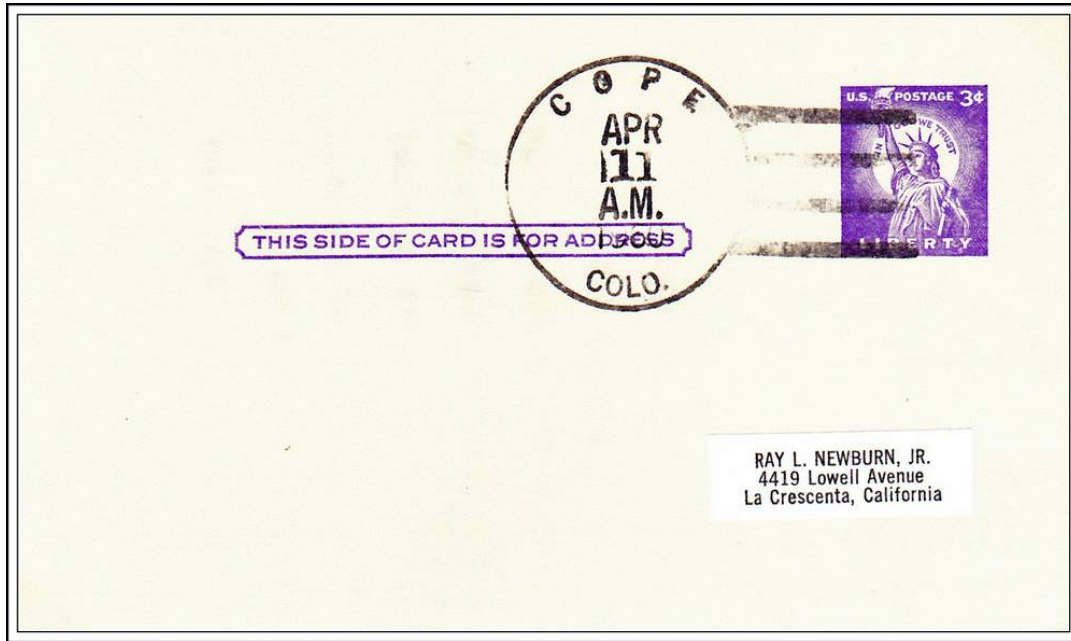
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October 4, 1909



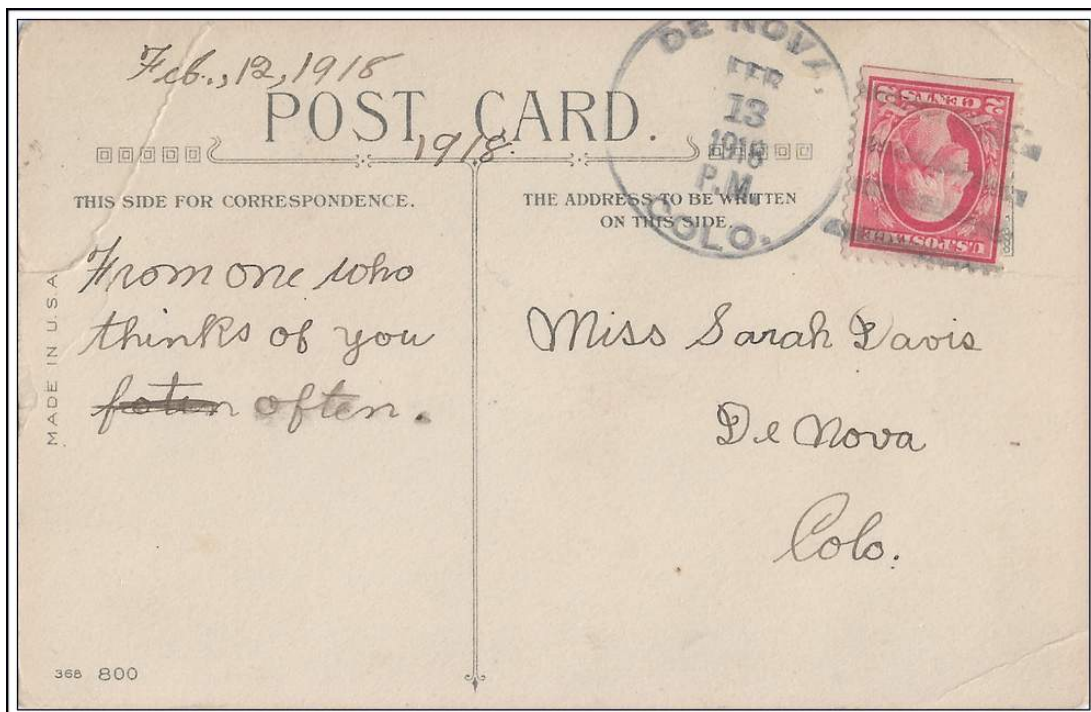
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May 31, 1897



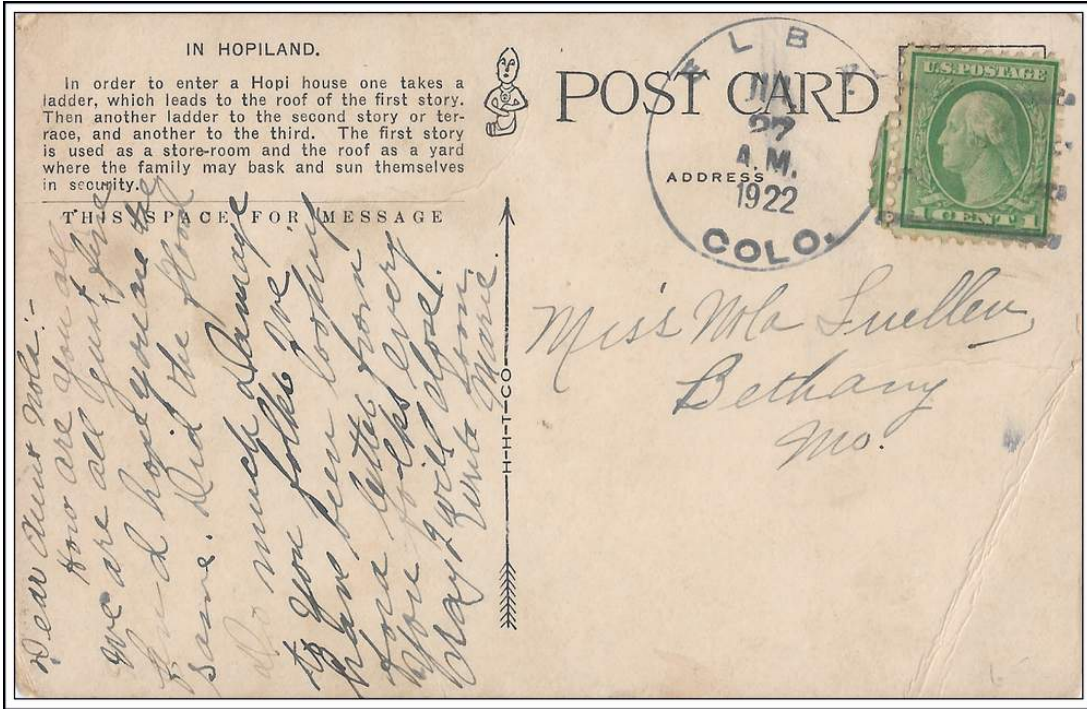
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April 11, 1960



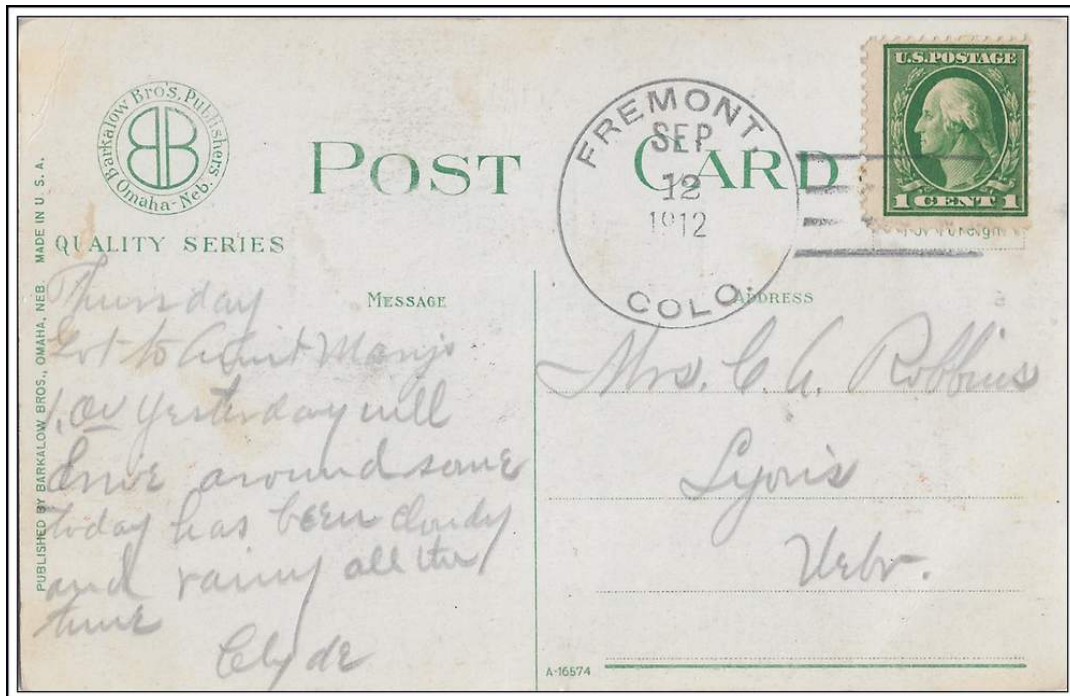
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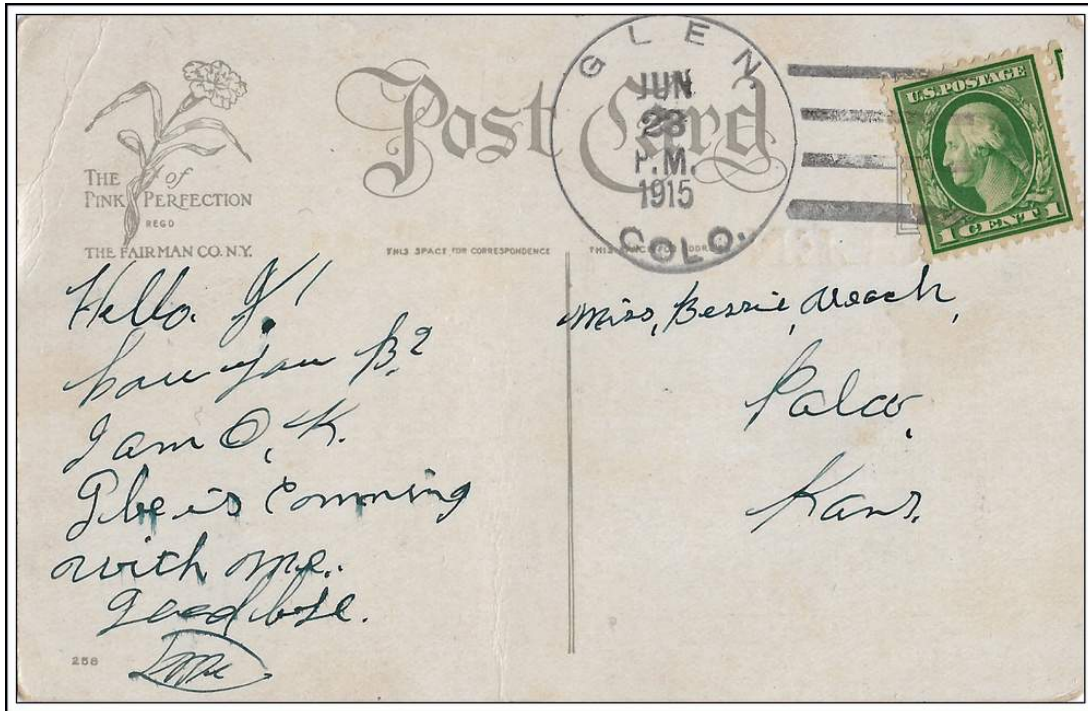
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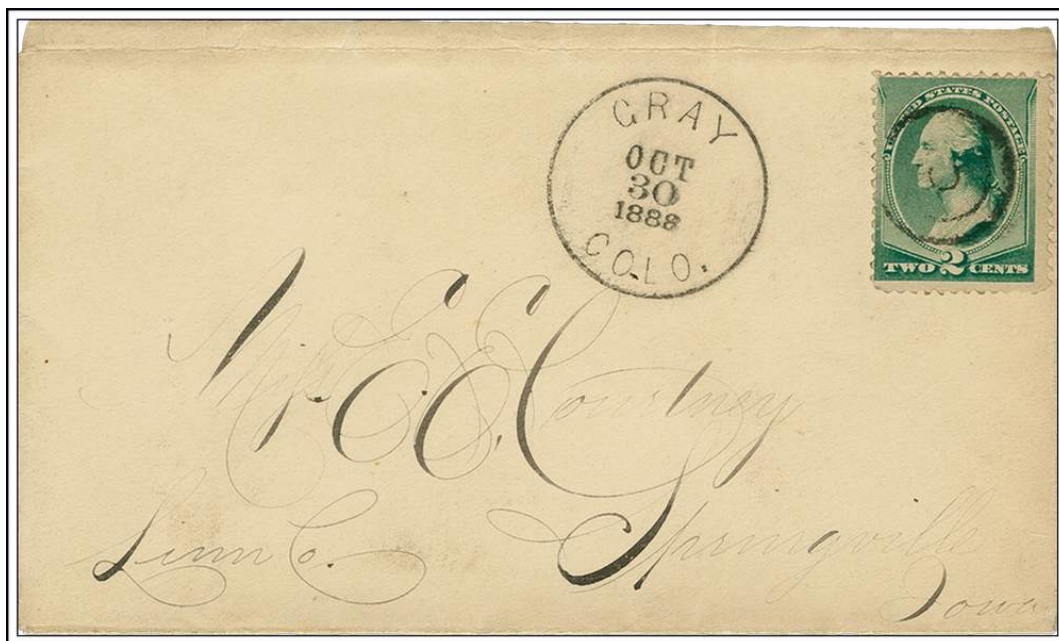
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September 12, 1912



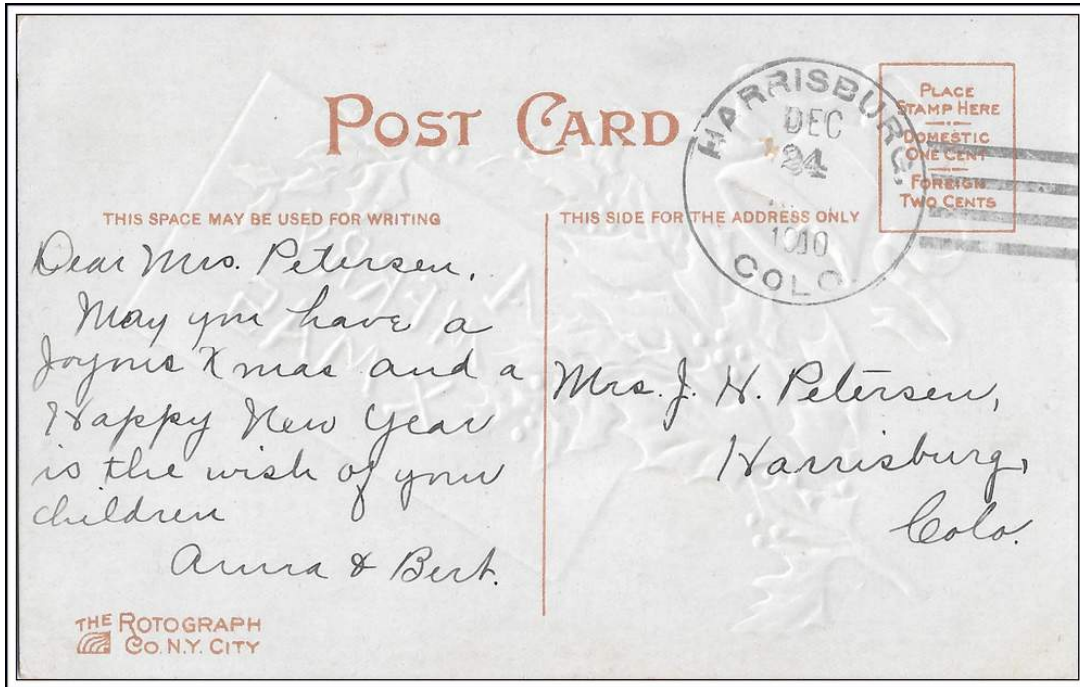
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June 23, 1915



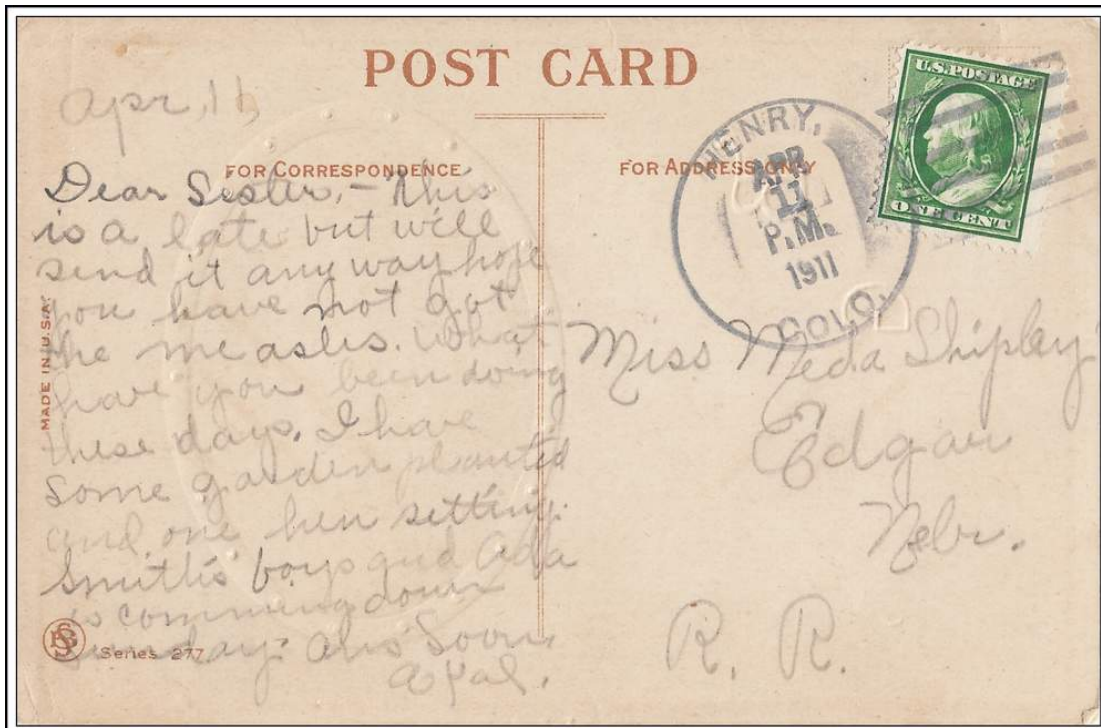
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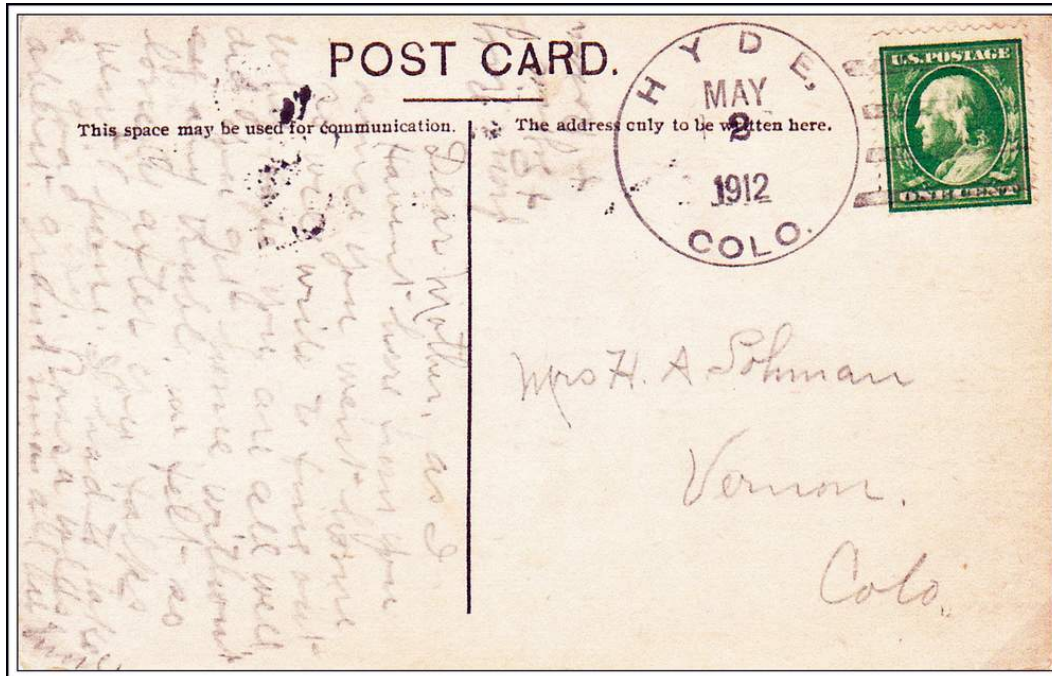
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December 24, 1910



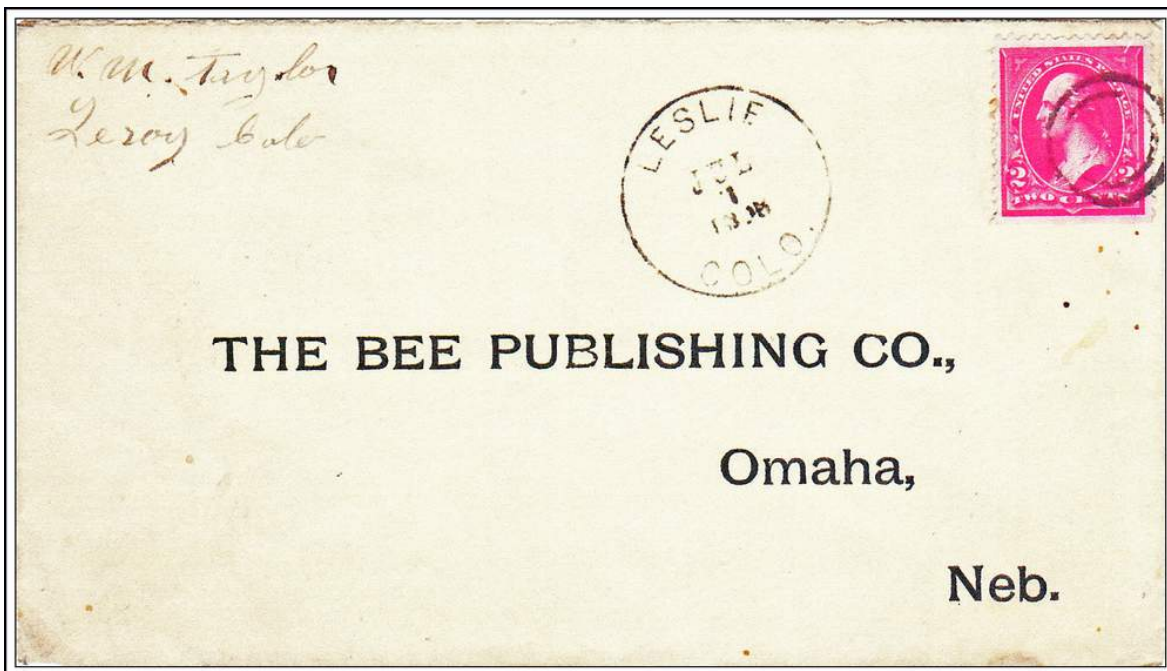
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April 11, 1911



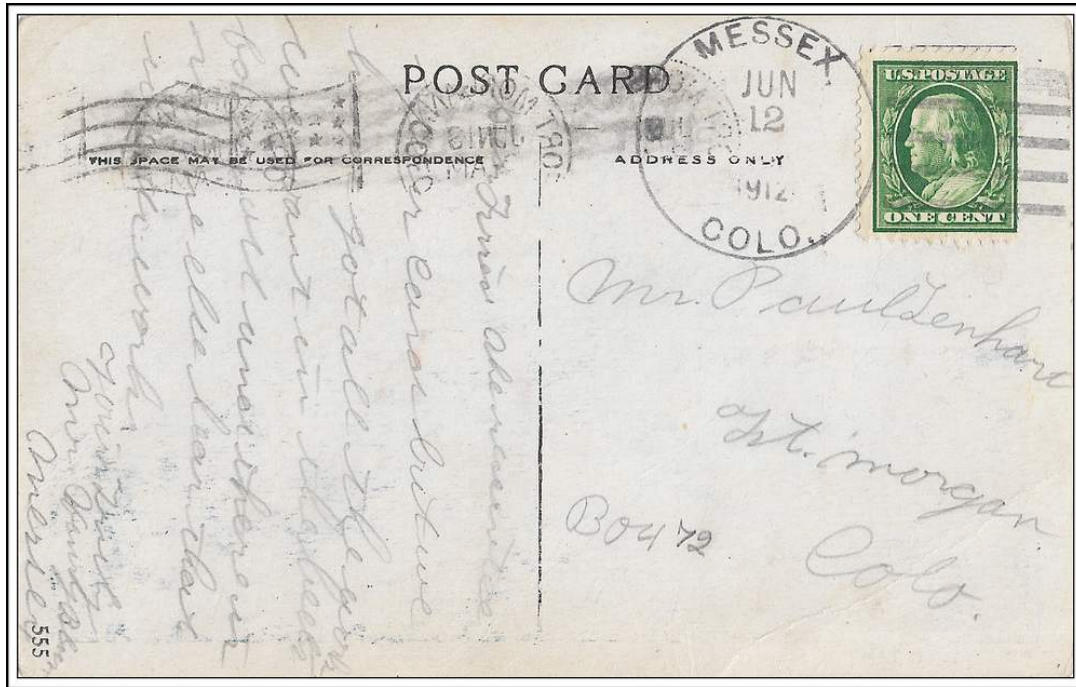
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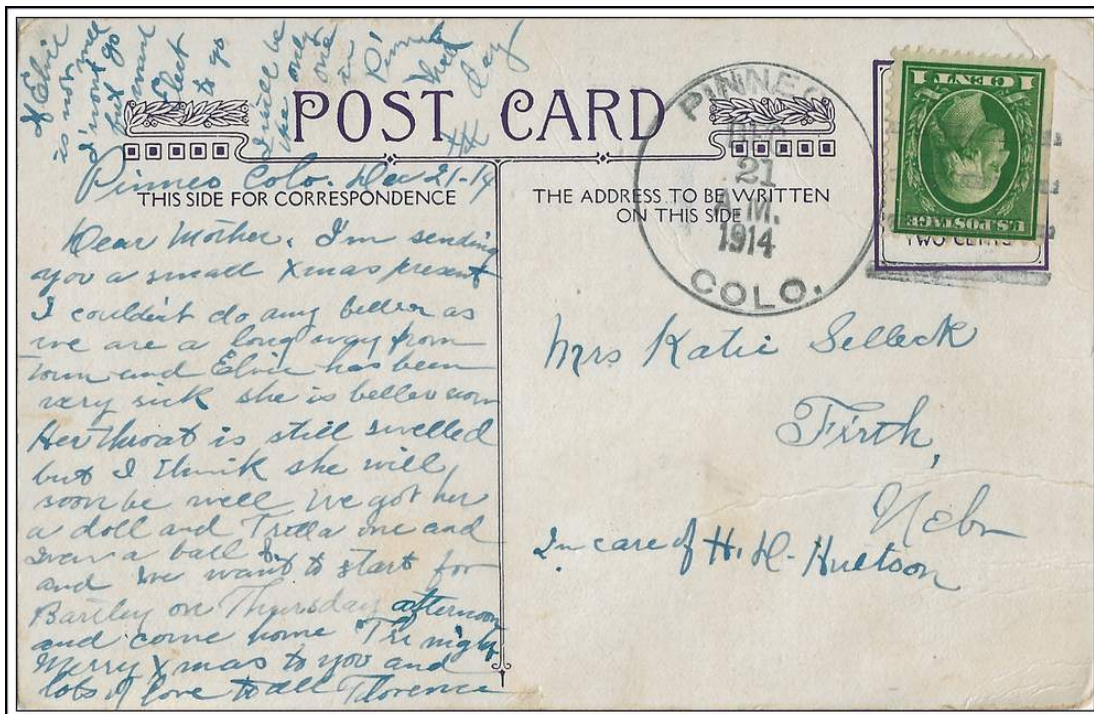
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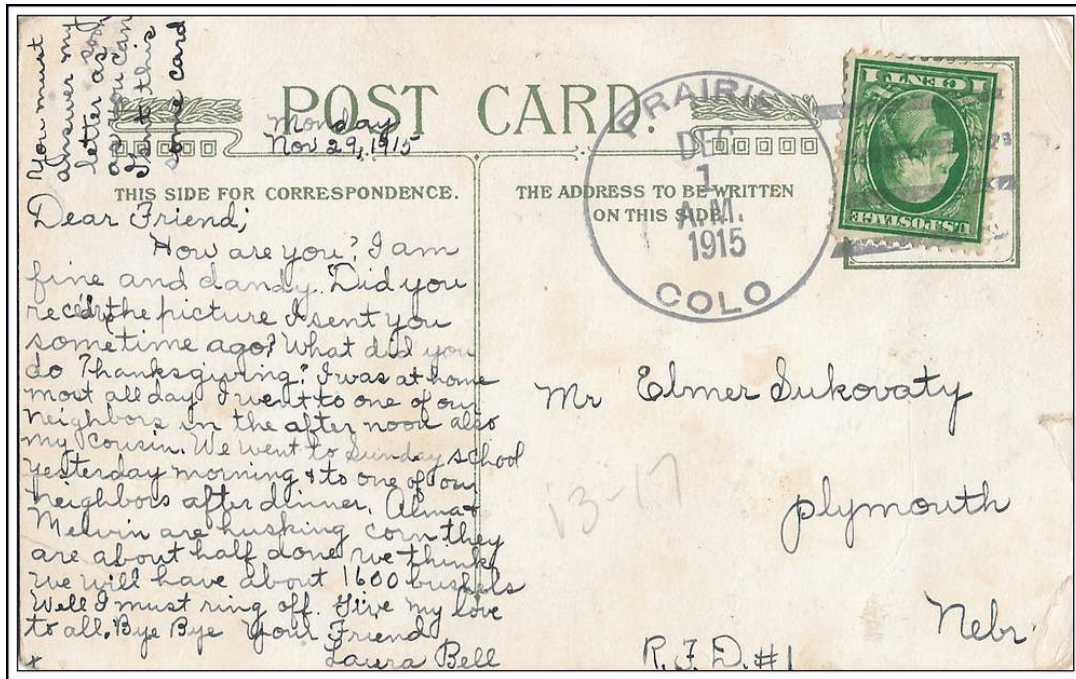
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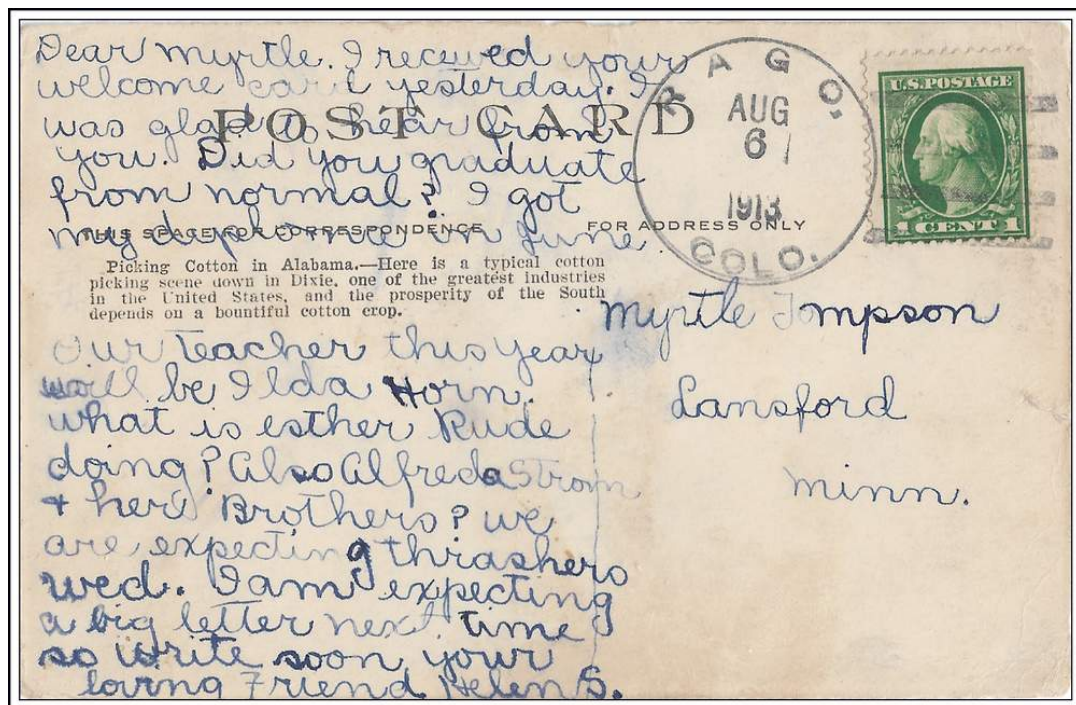
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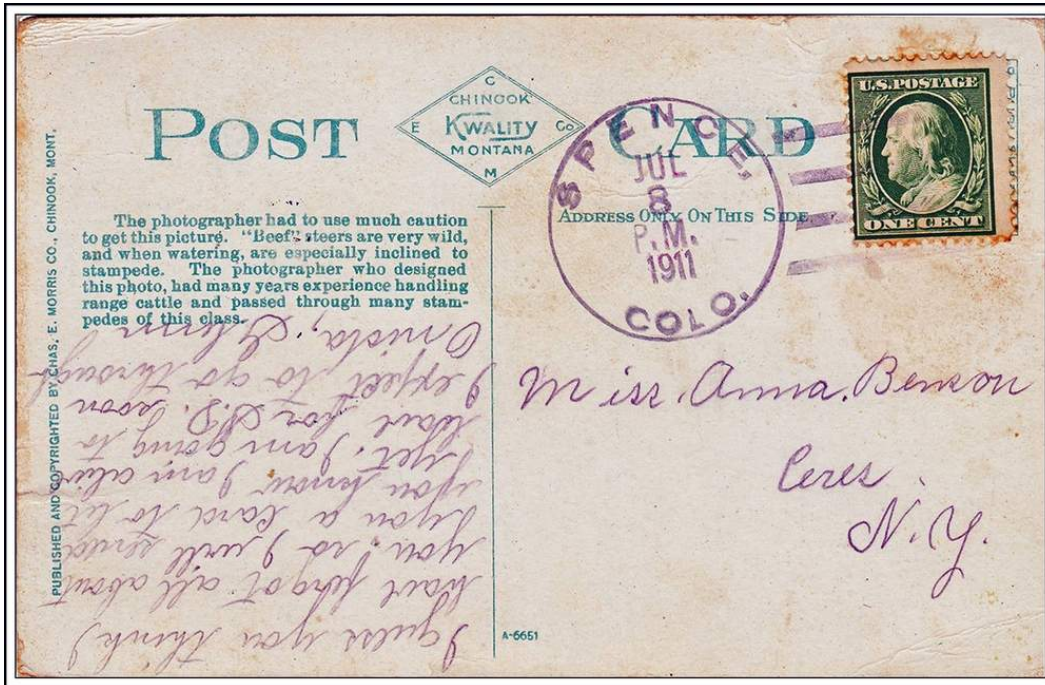
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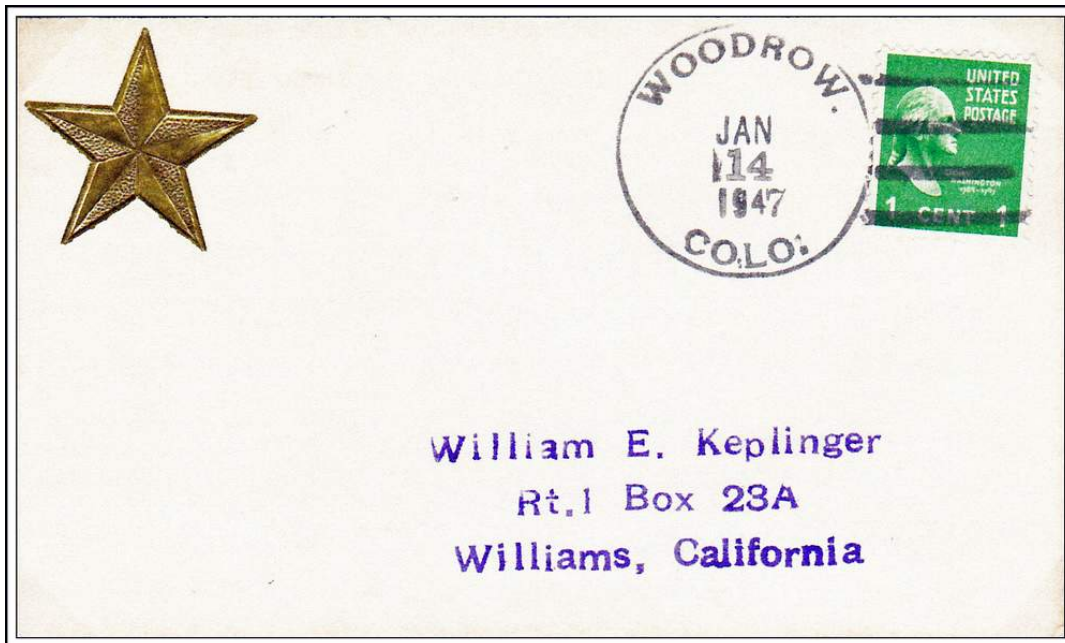
RAGO, / COLO.

August 6, 1913



SPENCE, / COLO.

July 8, 1911



WOODROW, / COLO.

January 14, 1947