

The census was developed by Bill Bauer during his creation of the *Colorado Postal History Encyclopedia*. This census is updated as we complete the digital edition of the *Encyclopedia*.

The census has been edited in order to make it more user friendly. Special event cancels have been deleted, they can be found in the *Encyclopedia*. With the exception of Denver and Colorado Springs, listings after 1900 are limited to the first and last dates reported. In Denver proper the listings for the first and last dates start in 1900 and for the machine cancels and slogan cancels. In Colorado Springs listings for the first and last dates reported start with the machine cancels and slogan cancels.

Description of Cancels

001 ADAMS CITY. / COLO. Mar 2, 1932 CI 10P 32.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-23x14mm
1 2 3 4 5 6

1 - Type Number: Initially, this number was assigned to markings in chronological order, depending upon the earliest date Bill Bauer recorded. Any additions are to be inserted in a decimal format (1.1, 1.1.1, etc.), or if appropriate added at the end.

2 - Wording: The wording of the device will be from top to bottom. A "/" will separate lines and clockwise reading of the upper portion and a counter-clockwise reading of the lower; a "//" will separate the wording above or before the post office name. Words following ":@" are outside the date stamp. The use of upper and lower case letters reflects that used in the date stamp. Manuscript markings will be listed in upper and lower case letters.

3 - Date: The date the entry was postmarked.

4 - Cancel Design

Shape: A two letter "code" that describes the simple geometric shape of the postal marking.

AC - Arcuate OC - Octagonal

CI - Circular OV - Oval

IR - Irregular, (non-geometric) RC - Rectangular

MS - Manuscript SL - Straightline (rimless)

Framing: A three character "code" (two numbers and a letter) that describes the number, the position, and the character of the lines that frame the marking.

1st character The number of exterior frame lines

2nd character The number of interior frame lines

3rd character The nature of the outermost frame line

C - Cogged H - Heavy, (thick)
D - Dashed or dotted P - Plain, (thin)
F - Fancy R - Rimless (no exterior frame)
T - Toothed

By far the most commonly encountered combination of these codes will be "CI 10P" - A circular marking with one plain outer frame line and no inner frame line.

Size: The diameter, or width by height of the marking. A size will be given for each frame line, separated by "/". For straightline, irregular, pictorial, and rimless markings the extreme dimensions will be reported. Measurements are to the nearest half-millimeter. For an obviously distorted circular marking, an average diameter will be reported.

5 - Description of Device The layout of the date stamp is given.

T - Town, S - State, Z - Zip Code

() - the central portion of the date stamp.

m - month, d - day, h - hour, y- year

Additional information after the () can be USPO, USPS, REG, etc.

[T(m/d/h)S]y shows a duplex cancel with the year between date stamp & grid.

6 - Type of Device: A four or five character abbreviation to describe the type of device used to create the postal marking.

Aux - Auxiliary, instructional handstamps of many types

Doane - Doane style postmarks

Dplx - Duplex (commonly with an oval, grid killer)

Flag - Machine Flag cancels

Hstp - Handstamp

Ijet - Ink Jet (spray) markings

Mach - Machine

Mscp - Manuscript

Pict - Pictorial postmarks of recent years

Rolr - Continuous, roller applied postmark

4bars - 4-bar handstamps of various types with "S" for size of bars.

Killers and Comments: A narrative description of the killer(s) used with the marking, and other comments about the marking.

Slogan postmarks will be described and the wording reported along with a description of any illustration included in the postal marking.

The descriptions, combined with the tracings, should make it possible to identify examples of each reported marking.

ARBOLES - Archuleta County

001	ARBOLES / COLO.	Apr 19, 1887	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d) S	Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm
001	ARBOLES / COLO.	Oct 11, 1888	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d) S	Hstp Not recorded
002	ARBOLES / COLO.	Nov 21, 1901	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/y) S	Hstp Not recorded
002.1	ARBOLES, / COLO.	May 12, 1907	CI 10P ????	T(m/d/h/y) S	Doane Type 1 with 1
003	ARBOLES, / COLO.	Apr 22, 1915	CI 10P 31.0	T(m/d/y) S	4bars S-??x19mm
004	ARBOLES, / COLO.	Aug 16, 1933	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-23x19mm
004	ARBOLES, / COLO.	Jul 26, 1941	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-23x19mm
005	ARBOLES / COLO.	Dec 1, 1941	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-24x19mm
005	ARBOLES / COLO.	Oct 28, 1942	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-24x19mm
006	ARBOLES / COLO.	Aug 24, 1948	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-22x19mm
006	ARBOLES / COLO.	Jan 4, 1955	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-22x19mm
007	ARBOLES / COLO.	Dec 2, 1957	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-25x20mm
007	ARBOLES / COLO.	Dec 9, 1964	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-25x20mm
008	ARBOLES, CO / 81121	Sep 27, 1967	CI 10P 32.0	T-S(m/d/h/y) Z	4bars S-24x19mm
008	ARBOLES, CO / 81121	May 23, 1993	CI 10P 32.0	T-S(m/d/h/y) Z	4bars S-24x19mm
009	ARBOLES CO / 81121	Apr 12, 1995	CI 10P 35.0	T-S(h/m-d-y) Z	4bars S-14x21mm
009	ARBOLES CO / 81121	Sep 14, 2000	CI 10P 35.0	T-S(h/m-d-y) Z	4bars S-14x21mm
010	ARBOLES CO 81121 / USPS	Sep 14, 2000	CI 11P 29.0/19.0	T-S-Z(m/d/y) USPS	Hstp No killer

CARRACAS - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported

CHIMNEY ROCK - Archuleta County

001	CHIMNEY ROCK / COLO. new name, First Day on card with Oct 31, 1950 Dyke type ?	Nov 1, 1950	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-23x18mm, First day of
001	CHIMNEY ROCK / COLO.	Jul 13, 1953	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y) S	4bars S-23x18mm

002	CHIMNEY ROCK, (, or not?) / COLO.	Nov 5, 1956	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm
002	CHIMNEY ROCK, (, or not?) / COLO.	Jul 27, 1963	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm
003	CHIMNEY ROCK / COLO.	Mar 14, 1958	CI 11P 29.0/20.0	T(m/d/7)S	Hstp No killer
CHROMO - Archuleta County					
001	CHROMO / COLO.	Apr 11, 1887	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp Target, 4-ring 20mm
002	CHROMO / COLO.	Mar 6, 1889	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp Not present
002	CHROMO / COLO.	Apr 1, 1899	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp Not present
003	CHROMO, / COLO.	Apr 24, 1907	CI 10P ????	T(m/d/h/y)S	Doane Type 3, with 2
003	CHROMO, / COLO.	Apr 30, 1909	CI 10P ????	T(m/d/h/y)S	Doane Type 3, with 2
004	CHROMO, / COLO. close together	Mar 28, 1917	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x19mm, short letters,
004	CHROMO, / COLO. close together	Aug 15, 1939	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x19mm, short letters,
005	CHROMO, (, or not?) / COLO. wide apart	Nov 11, 1939	CI 10P 32.5	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x19mm, tall letters,
005	CHROMO, / COLO. wide apart	Jul 17, 1954	CI 10P 32.5	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x19mm, tall letters,
006	CHROMO / COLO.	Aug 26, 1960	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm
006	CHROMO / COLO.	Feb 16, 1962	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm
007	CHROMO, CO / 81128	May 12, 1969	CI 10P 31.5	T-S(m/d/h/y)Z	4bars S-23x20mm
007	CHROMO, CO / 81128	Oct 18, 1975	CI 10P 31.5	T-S(m/d/h/y)Z	4bars S-23x20mm
008	CHROMO, CO / 81128	Mar 3, 1987	CI 10P 33.0	T-S(m/d/h/y)Z	4bars S-26x19mm
008	CHROMO, CO / 81128	May 17, 1993	CI 10P 33.0	T-S(m/d/h/y)Z	4bars S-26x19mm
009	CHROMO CO / 81128	Sep 14, 2000	CI 10P 31.0	T-S(m/d/h/y)Z	4bars S-24x18mm
DYKE - Archuleta County					
001	DYKE, / COLO.	Nov 30, 1917	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x13mm

002	DYKE. / COLO. "DYKE"	Sep 20, 1929	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/y)S	4bars S-25x20mm; close spaced
002	DYKE. / COLO. "DYKE"	Aug 16, 1933	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/y)S	4bars S-25x20mm; close spaced
003	DYKE. / COLO. "DYKE"	May 22, 1937	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm; wide spaced
003	DYKE. / COLO. "DYKE"	Dec 2, 1946	CI 10P 33.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x20mm; wide spaced
004	DYKE, COLO. / PARCEL POST	Jul 9, 1941	CI 11P 30.0x19.0	T-S(m/d/y)PP	Hstp No killer
005	DYKE, / COLO.	Sep 3, 1948	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x18mm
005	DYKE, / COLO. office, with first day of Chimney Rock, Colo. Nov 1, 1950	Oct 31, 1950	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x18mm, Last day of

EDITH - Archuleta County

001	EDITH / COLO	Apr 19, 1899	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp Cork, smudge
001	EDITH / COLO	Mar 31, 1900	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp Not Present
002	EDITH, / N. MEX. S-24x14mm	Jan 8, 1909	CI 10P 31.0	T(m/d/y/h)S	Doane 4 solid bars with 5;
002	EDITH, / N. MEX. S-24x14mm	Jun 24, 1909	CI 10P 31.0	T(m/d/y/h)S	Doane 4 solid bars with 5;
003	EDITH, / COLO.	Jul 13, 1909	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x14mm
003	EDITH, / COLO.	Jun 22, 1912	CI 10P 32.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	4bars S-24x14mm

GLADWIN - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported

JUANITA - Archuleta County

001	JUANITA, / COLO. S-22x13mm	Mar 12, 1905	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Doane 4 double bars with 1,
001	JUANITA, / COLO. S-22x13mm	Jun 12, 1907	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Doane 4 double bars with 1,

001 JUANITA, / COLO. Nov 17, 1908 CI 10P 28.0 T(m/d/h/y)S Doane 4 double bars with 1,
S-22x13mm

002 JUANITA, / COLO. Apr 10, 1911 CI 10P 31.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-24x19mm

KEARNS - Archuleta County

001 KEARNS, / COLO. Dec 17, 1914 CI 10P 32.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-??x19mm

NAVAJOE - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported

PAGOSA JUNCTION - Archuleta County

001 PAGOSA JUNCTION, (, or not) / COLO. Mar 31, 1900 CI 10H 28.0 T(m/d/y)S Hstp No killer; on Reg recpt
card; This might be an over-inked double outer ring postmark

002 PAGOSA JUNCTION. (. or not) COLO. Jan 4, 1901 CI 10P 30.0 T(m/d/h/y)S Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval

002 PAGOSA JUNCTION. (. or not) COLO. Feb 1, 1913 CI 10P 30.0 T(m/d/h/y)S Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval

003 PAGOSA JUNCTION, / COLO. Dec 18, 1934 CI 10P 33.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-24x20mm

003 PAGOSA JUNCTION, / COLO. Jul 14, 1943 CI 10P 33.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-24x20mm

004 PAGOSA JUNCTION / COLO. Nov 30, 1954 CI 11P 28.0/18.5 T(m/d/y)S Hstp No killer; Last Day
Postmark

005 PAGOSA JUNCTION / COLO. Dec 30, 1952 CI 10P 32.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-22x18mm

005 PAGOSA JUNCTION / COLO. Nov 30, 1954 CI 10P 32.0 T(m/d/h/y)S 4bars S-22x18mm; Last Day
postmark

PAGOSA SPRINGS - Archuleta County

001 Pagosa Springs Colo Oct 23, 1878 MS T-S/m-d-y Mscp Pen cancel

001 Pagosa Springs Colo Dec 6, 1878 MS T-S/m-d-y Mscp Pen cancel

002 PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO. Jul ?, 187? CI 10P 25.0 T(m/d)S Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

002 PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO. Jul 19, 18?? CI 10P 25.0 T(m/d)S Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

003 PAGOSA SPRINGS, / COLO. Oct 2, 1880 CI 10P 28.0 T(m/d/y)S Hstp Target

004	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 12, 1892	CI 10P 34.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
004	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Oct 3, 1892	CI 10P 34.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
005	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 6, 188?	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d)S	Hstp	Target
005	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 7, 188?	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d)S	Hstp	Cork, negative X-roads
005	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Nov 18, 1887	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
006	PAGOSA SPGS. / COLO.	Mar 14, 1891	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
006	PAGOSA SPGS. / COLO.	Jul ?, 1891	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target, 4-ring 17mm
006	PAGOSA SPGS. / COLO.	Sep 12, 1891	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
006	PAGOSA SPGS. / COLO.	Jun 16, 1893	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
006	PAGOSA SPGS. / COLO.	Aug 16, 1894	CI 10P 28.0	T(m/d/y)S	Hstp	Target
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Dec 6, 1894	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Cork, smudge
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 18, 1894	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Cork, negative X-roads
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Aug 24, 1895	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Cork, smudge
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Apr ?, 1897	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Target, 4-ring 17mm
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 10, 1897	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Cork, smudge
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	May 31, 1897	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Cork, smudge
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Feb 27, 1898	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Not present
007	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 13, 1898	CI 10P 27.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Hstp	Target, 4-ring 17mm
008	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 21, 1909	CI 10P 29.5	T(m/d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, 9-bar oval
008	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Mar 26, 1921	CI 10P 29.5	T(m/d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, 9-bar oval
009	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jul 23, 1927	CI 10P 21.5	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach	7 wavy lines
009	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 20, 1948	CI 10P 21.5	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach	7 wavy lines
010	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jan 6, 1938	CI 10P 30.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, 9-bar oval
010	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Sep 23, 1938	CI 10P 30.0	T(m/d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, 9-bar oval
011	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Jun 21, 1940	CI 10P 30.5	T(m-d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, pointed oval with 1
011	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Oct 9, 1946	CI 10P 30.5	T(m-d/h/y)S	Dplx	Grid, pointed oval with 1
012	PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO / *	May 21, 1955	CI 11P 38.0/36.0	T-S(m-d-y)*	Hstp	No killer
013	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Nov 20, 1947	CI 10P 24.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach	7 wavy lines
013	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Mar 8, 1957	CI 10P 24.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach	7 wavy lines

013.1	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Oct 13, 1965	CI 10P 21.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach 7 wavy lines
013.1	PAGOSA SPRINGS / COLO.	Mar 7, 1966	CI 10P 21.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	Mach 7 wavy lines
014	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	May 28, 1975	CI 10P 32.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-25x20mm
014	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	Oct 6, 1978	CI 10P 32.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-25x20mm
015	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	Oct 9, 1975	CI 10P 21.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	Mach 7 wavy lines
015	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	May 22, 1990	CI 10P 21.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	Mach 7 wavy lines
016	PAGOSA SPRINGS CO / 81147	Feb 22, 1968	CI 10P 32.5	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-24x19mm
016	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	Feb 18, 1987	CI 10P 32.5	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-24x19mm
017	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	Jul 14, 1966	CI 10P 21.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	Mach 7 wavy lines
017	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO / 81147	Apr 15, 1993	CI 10P 21.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	Mach 7 wavy lines
018	PAGOSA SPRINGS CO / 81147	Apr 15, 1993	CI 10P 34.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-20x15mm

Pagosa Springs - Contract Station No. 1

000.1	PAGOSA SPGS, CO CONT BR. 1 / USPS	Oct 27, 1990	CI 11P 29.0/28.5	T-S-Sta(m-d/y)USPS	Hstp No killer
001	PAGOSA SPRINGS CO 81147 / USPS is not identified in the postmark	Sep 14, 2000	CI 11P 31.0/23.0	T-S-Z(n-d-y)USPS	Hstp No killer. The station

Pagosa Springs - Chimney Rock Rural Branch

001	CHIMNEY ROCK, CO / 81127	Sep 21, 1966	CI 10P 33.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-24x19mm
001	CHIMNEY ROCK, CO / 81127	Oct 19, 1991	CI 10P 33.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-24x19mm
002	CHIMNEY ROCK CO / 81127	Sep 15, 2000	CI 10P 30.0	T-S(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-27x16mm

Pagosa Springs - Sunetha Branch

001	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO SUNETHA BR. / 81157	Oct 28, 1989	CI 10P 32.0	T-S-Sta(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-25x20mm
001	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO SUNETHA BR. / 81157	Apr 14, 1990	CI 10P 32.0	T-S-Sta(m-d/h/y)Z	4bars S-25x20mm
002	PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO SUNETHA BR. / USPS	Sep 16, 1994	CI 11P 28.5/18.5	T-S-Sta(m-d/y)USPS	Hstp No killer

PIEDRA - Archuleta County

001	PIEDRA, / COLO.	Apr 2-, 1910	CI 10P 31.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	4bars S-??x19mm
001	PIEDRA, / COLO.	Sep 25, 1917	CI 10P 31.0	T(m-d/h/y)S	4bars S-??x19mm

PRICE - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported

SQUARE TOP - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported

TRUJILLO - Archuleta County

No postal markings reported