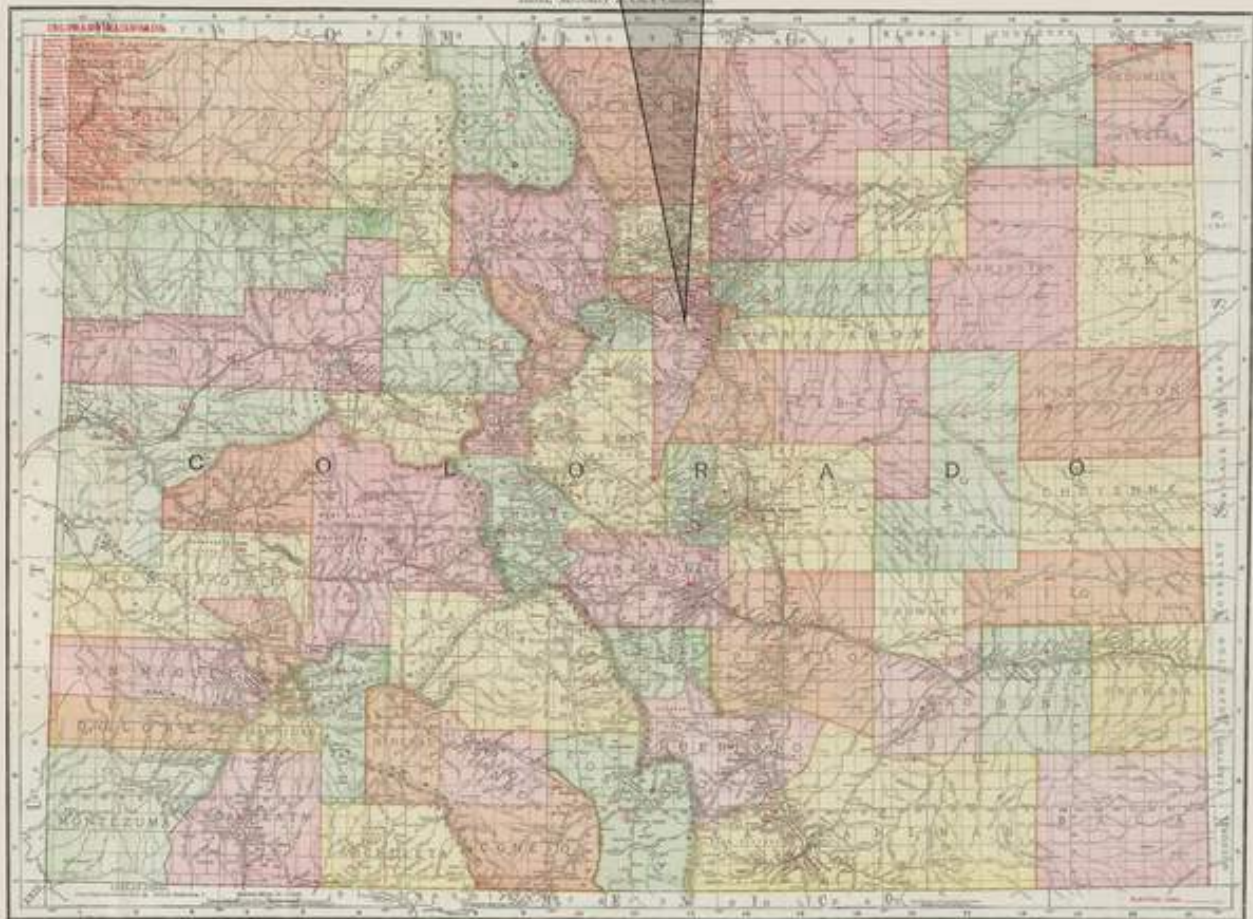


Jefferson County



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

Established: November 1, 1861

County Seat: Golden



JEFFERSON COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Jefferson County was one of the seventeen original counties authorized on November 1, 1861 by the Colorado Territorial Legislature. Its boundaries have remained almost unchanged since the authorization. The county is oriented north-south with maximum dimensions of eighteen and a half miles from east to west and fifty-four miles from north to south. The northern border is with Boulder County. The eastern boundary is shared with Adams, Denver, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. The western border is with Gilpin, Clear Creek and Park Counties. The very short southern border (three and a half miles) is shared with Park County. The South Platte River forms the boundary between Jefferson and Douglas Counties.

In 2001 a small portion was removed from the northeast corner of Jefferson County and included in the new Broomfield County.

In 1850 a party of prospectors many of whom were Cherokee Indians passed through the area on their way to the California goldfields. They panned a few flakes of gold from a stream that would later be known as Ralston Creek. However, they continued on to California. In 1858 it was memories of that early discovery that brought another party, led by William Green Russell, back to Ralston Creek; thus began the Colorado Gold Rush.

In spite of those early discoveries, Jefferson County was never a major producer of gold or other precious metals. There was placer mining in the streams that flowed from the mountains but the rich deposits were further west in Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. There were other short-lived attempts at precious metal mining.

For a number of years mining did play an important part in the Jefferson County economy but it was coal and clay deposits that were exploited. Clay was mined from the hogbacks that traverse the county from Morrison northward and coal was also mined from the hogbacks and the area to the east. The sandstones of the hogbacks also provided a good source of building stone.

The topography of the county is mostly mountainous. Only a small portion in the northeastern corner is relatively level and in the early years it was agricultural land with wheat being a major crop. However today, most of that area has become developed as suburban cities. There is still some livestock raised along the foot of the mountains, north of Golden.

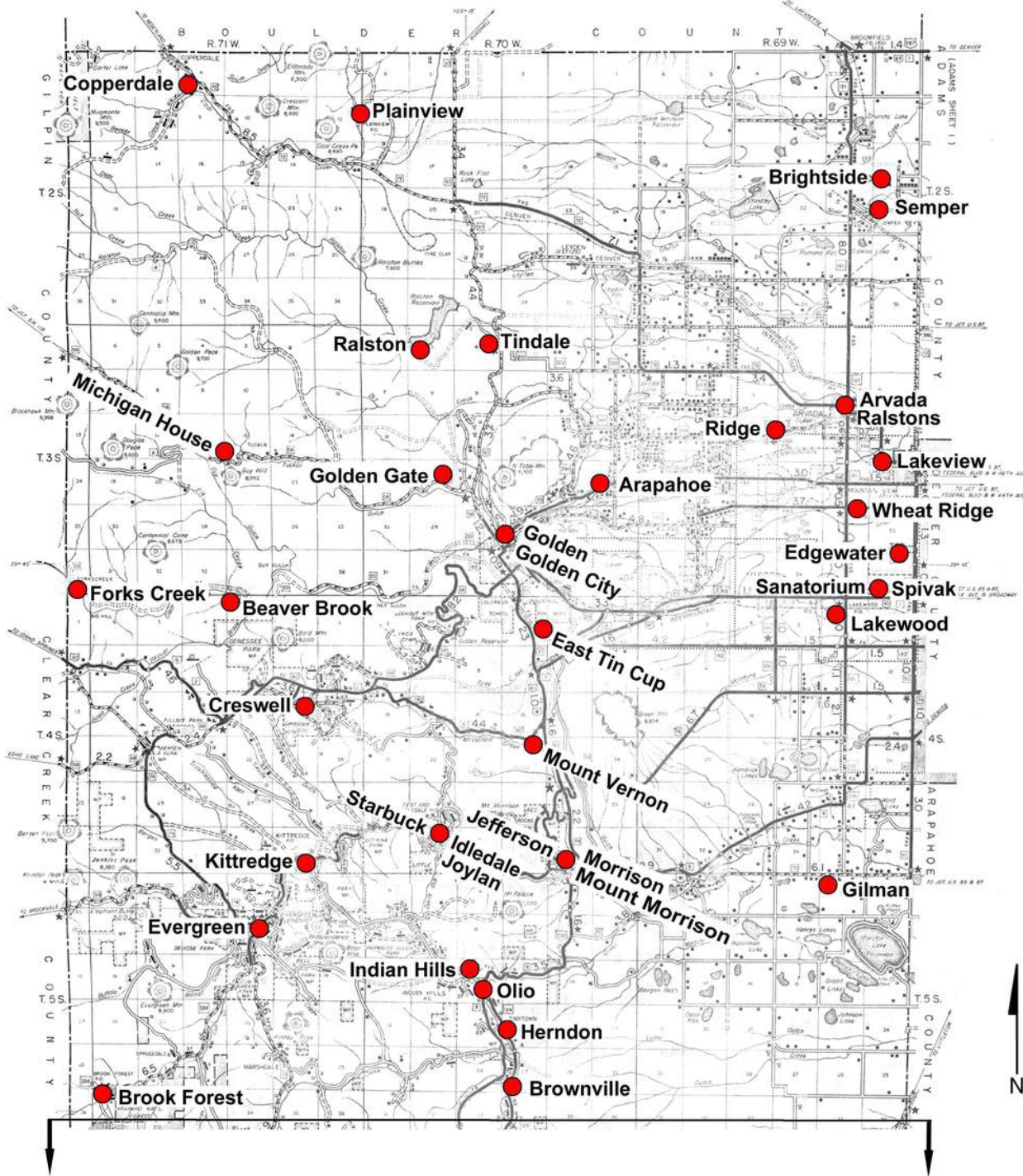
Industrial development has been confined to the northeast corner of the county. There are numerous small industries but at present the largest is the Coors Brewing Company. Following World War II the United States Atomic Energy Commission developed a large complex on Rocky Flats. That plant has since closed and the area is undergoing extensive environmental cleanup.

For many years The Denver Federal Center has been a major employer in Jefferson County.

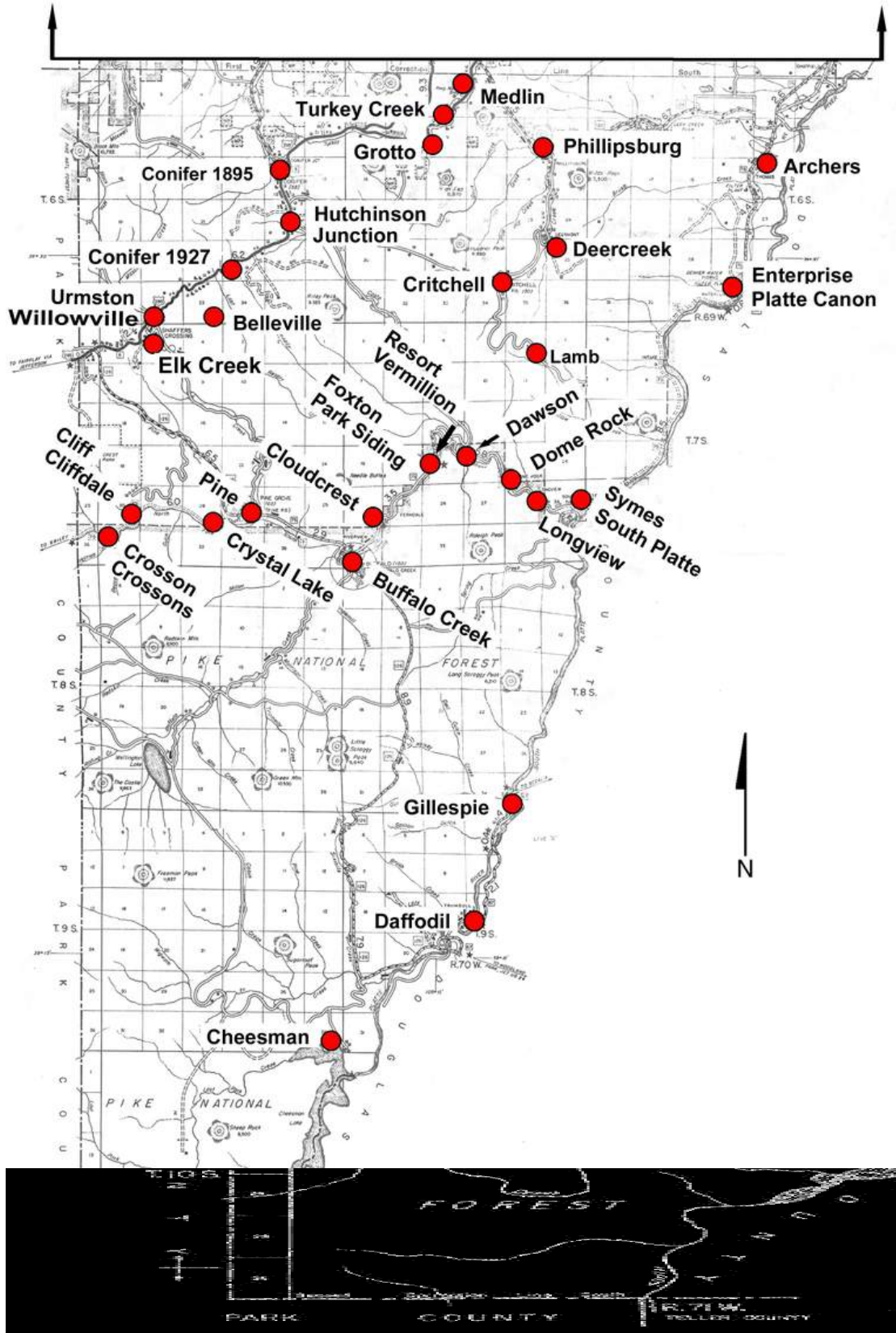
Elevations in Jefferson County rise from mile-high Denver to 6,000-6,500 feet before the sharp rise on the Front Range Escarpment. In the mountains elevations exceed 9,000 feet at several points in the northern portion of the county.

Drainage of the county is entirely into the South Platte River. The major streams that have cut deep canyons into the mountains are Coal Creek, Tucker Gulch (Golden Gate Canyon), Clear Creek, Bear Creek, Turkey Creek and the South Platte River.

Located between Denver and the mountain mining districts, Jefferson County was traversed by several important roads. Roads into the mountains made use of all of the canyons, with the exception of the South Platte Canyon. That canyon became the path for the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad on its way west to the South Park and the Arkansas Valley. Clear Creek Canyon would provide the Colorado Central Railroad access to the mining districts of Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties.



Post Office Location Map – Northern Jefferson County



Post Office Location Map – Southern Jefferson County

In addition to the Colorado Central and the fabled South Park, numerous other railroads spread across the northeastern portion of the county to tap the clay and coal mines and move freight and passengers towards the mountains.

Today most of the railroads are gone but the routes of the wagon roads still give access to the mountains. US Highway 6 passes through Clear Creek Canyon. Interstate 70 climbs Mount Vernon Canyon before dropping down to join US 6 on Clear Creek. US Highway 285 follows the old Bradford Wagon Road up Turkey Creek to the South Platte River and on to the west.

In the second half of the twentieth century the eastern portion of the county has been extensively developed. In addition, there has been migration into the mountains, not only for part time cabins but also for permanent residences. Evergreen and Conifer have benefited from this growth becoming small cities in their own right.

Since the 1860's the mountain portion of Jefferson County has provided the Denver area with recreational activities. Hunting, fishing, camping and hiking are still pursued. There were numerous small resorts in the mountains and some still exist. Also important are the segments of the Denver Mountain Park System that lie in Jefferson County.

Jefferson County provides an enjoyable mix of modern urban life with the opportunity to enjoy the many outdoor pleasures of Colorado.



Historical marker near the site of Arapahoe (City)
Photograph by William H. Bauer September 5, 2002

ARAPAHOE

Arapahoe (City) was one of the earliest gold rush camps in what is now Jefferson County. The settlement is attributed to the Kellogg Party from Kansas City. November 1, 1858 is the date given for the founding of the camp. Sam S. Curtis is credited with laying out the town, which may have, at its peak, included as many as thirty cabins. Sam Curtis is one of the individuals who seems to have had a hand in almost every activity taking place during the early days of the gold rush.

Located on the north bank of Clear Creek, it was the presence of placer gold in the creek that led to the establishment of Arapahoe City. Unfortunately the placer deposits were of poor quality and following the discovery of the rich deposits in the mountains to the west, Arapahoe City was soon abandoned.

The location is along West Forty-fourth Avenue, just west of McIntyre Street. This is about a mile east of the Colorado Railroad Museum. The area between the road and Clear Creek is unattractive but there is a monument to mark the site.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 17 1860	Established
Jan 17 1860	Smith, Asa
Oct 12 1861	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ARAPAHOE

ARCHERS

Perhaps as early as 1863 there was a coal mine in operation near the entrance to the Platte River Canyon. By the 1870's this was the Archer Coal Mine operated by James Archer. With the arrival of the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad, facilities were constructed to ship coal produced from the mine.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report indicates a preference to name the post office Redland. The Post Office Department considered that to be a potential conflict with a post office at Redlands, California (San Bernardino County) and rejected that choice.

A small community developed along the railroad on the west side of the railroad and the South Platte River.

Archers was not the name of the railroad station, which was called Wheatland, at milepost 16.81, altitude 5,483 feet. At that station there were stock pens and 1,302 feet of siding. The station was also known as Willard or Thomas.

The site of Archers is now within the basin of the Chatfield Reservoir. The site was about a mile and a half south of Highway C-470 and to the east of Platte Canyon Road (Colorado Highway 121).

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 25 1888	---	NW/4 Sec 14 T6S R69W 1/2 mile west of the South Platte River 1 mile south of Deer Creek 25 feet distant on East Side of Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad, Wheatland Station Proposed postmaster - Frank Sterling Archer
Sep 10 1888	Established	
Sep 10 1888		Archer, Frank S.
Jul 25 1893	Discontinued	Mail to Acequia

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 **ARCHERS / COLO.**
 CI 10P 27.0

May 23 ----
Hstp No killer; year may be present, but it did not print

ARCHERS – Continued



ARVADA

On November 28, 1870 the town of Arvada was platted by Lewis A. Reno and Benjamin F. Wadsworth. It was the arrival of the Colorado Central Railroad that gave the impetus to the platting of the town. Arvada was officially incorporated on August 16, 1904.

Mr. Wadsworth gave to his wife the honor of naming the new settlement. She chose to name it for her sister Eliza's husband, Thomas Arvada Hoskins.

Ralston Creek flows through Arvada. The creek was the place where in 1850 a party of Cherokee Indians, on their way to the gold fields in California, found traces of "color." The party continued to California, but it was memories of this teasing discovery that, in the fall of 1858, brought the William Green Russell Party back to the area and thus began the Colorado Gold Rush.

The settlement at what is now Arvada was at times known as Ralston Creek, Ralston Point and Ralston Station.

The first post office in Arvada was in the cabin built by Benjamin Franklin Wadsworth. It was located at the intersection of Grandview Avenue and Upham Street. This intersection is two blocks east of Wadsworth Boulevard (original, not the by-pass) and two blocks south of West 58th Avenue and at the railroad.

Arvada's second post office was in the residence of Eli and Angeline Allen - today's 7713 Ralston Road. In January 1889 Mr. Allen moved the post office to what is now 7501 Grandview Avenue. By November 1903 the office had moved again, to 7427 Grandview Avenue.

Originally the economy of Arvada relied heavily on agriculture. Today much of the city has been developed with a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial sections. Arvada continues to expand westward encircling the eastern and northern slopes of North Table Mountain.

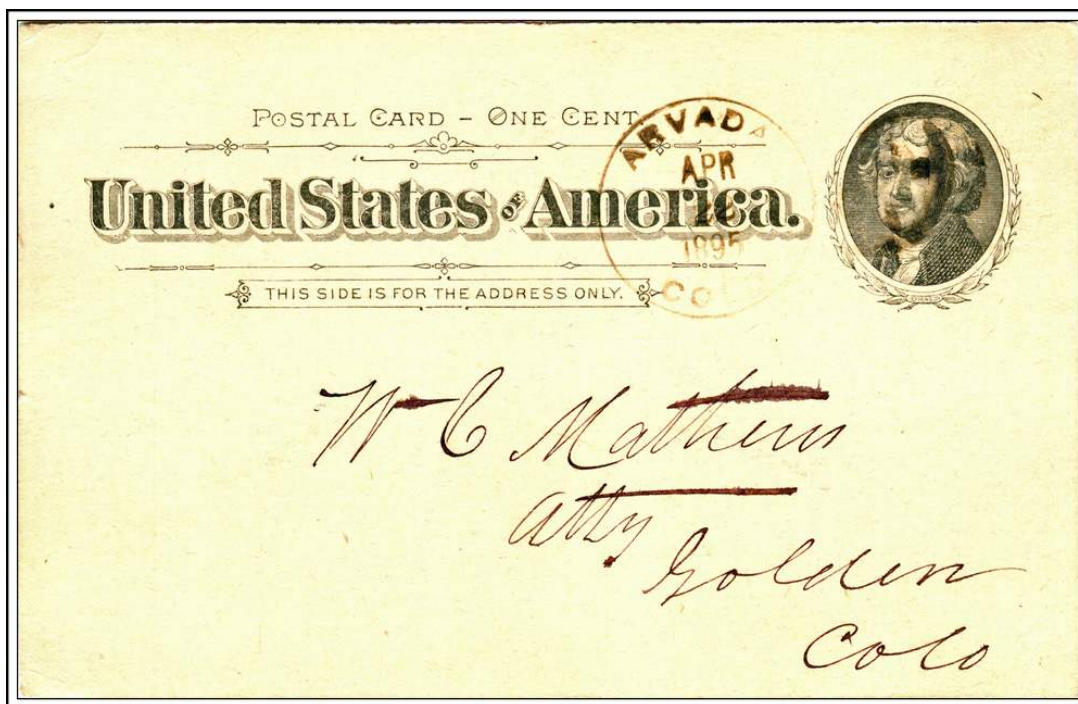
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Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 16 1871	---	SE/4 Sec 11 T3S R69W	
Feb 16 1871		Established	
Feb 16 1871		Wadsworth, Benjamin F.	
Nov 28 1871	---	SE/4 Sec 11 T3S R69W	30 rods north of the Ralston Station of the Colorado Central Railroad
Jan 13 1882		Allen, Eli	
Oct 9 1894		Allen, Ida A.	
Jan 26 1899		Johns, J. B.	Order rescinded Jul 3 1899
Oct 9 1894		Allen, Ida A.	
Jan 29 1909		Miller, John L.	
Dec 13 1909		Miller, John L.	
Jan 12 1914		Newton, Robert L.	P&S [Apptd by President & confirmed by Senate]
Mar 7 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 11 T3S R69W	110 feet north of the Colorado & Southern

ARVADA – Continued

Sep 5 1918	Newton, Robert L.	P&S
Mar 7 1922 ---	SW/4 SE/4 Sec 11 T3S R69W 1/4 mile south of Ralston Creek	
Dec 23 1922	Newton, Robert L.	P&S
Mar 2 1931	Newton, Robert L.	P&S
Apr 14 1932	Brown, Hiram A.	Acting
Apr 20 1932	Brown, Hiram A.	Assumed charge
Jan 23 1934	Staley, Roy	Nominated
Feb 1 1934	Staley, Roy	Confirmed
Feb 29 1934	Staley, Roy	Commissioned
Mar 21 1938	Staley, Roy	Nominated
Mar 28 1938	Staley, Roy	Confirmed
Apr 1 1938	Staley, Roy	Appointed Presidential
Apr 14 1938	Staley, Roy	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 11 T3S R69W 118 East Grandview Avenue Colorado & Southern Station 1 block southeast of post office Mail supplied by Star Route from Denver Term RPO	
Aug 24 1942	Staley, Roy	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Staley, Roy	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942	Staley, Roy	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942	Staley, Roy	Commissioned
Dec 31 1955	Koon, Sidney E.	Assumed charge
Feb 3 1956	Koon, Sidney E.	Acting
Feb 7 1957	Koon, Sidney E.	Nominated
Apr 8 1957	Koon, Sidney E.	Confirmed, Appted Presid. & Commissioned
Dec 1 1964	Walsh, James F.	Acting
Mar 26 1965	Larson, Roy G.	Acting
Oct 15 1965	Larson, Roy G.	Nominated & Confirmed
Oct 16 1965	Larson, Roy G.	Appointed Presidential
Oct 25 1965	Larson, Roy G.	Commissioned
Dec 26 1974	Daniels, Glenn E.	Officer in charge
May 24 1975	Mason, William F.	Appointed



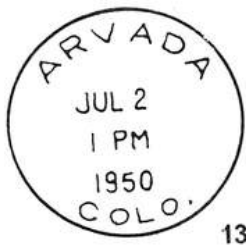
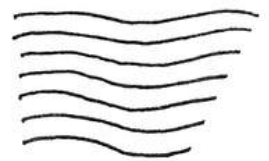
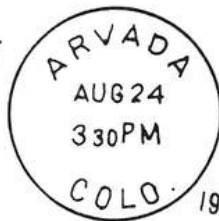
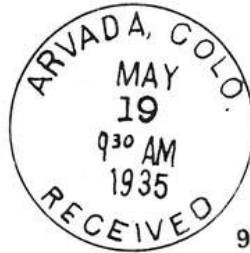
ARVADA / COL. April 22, 1895

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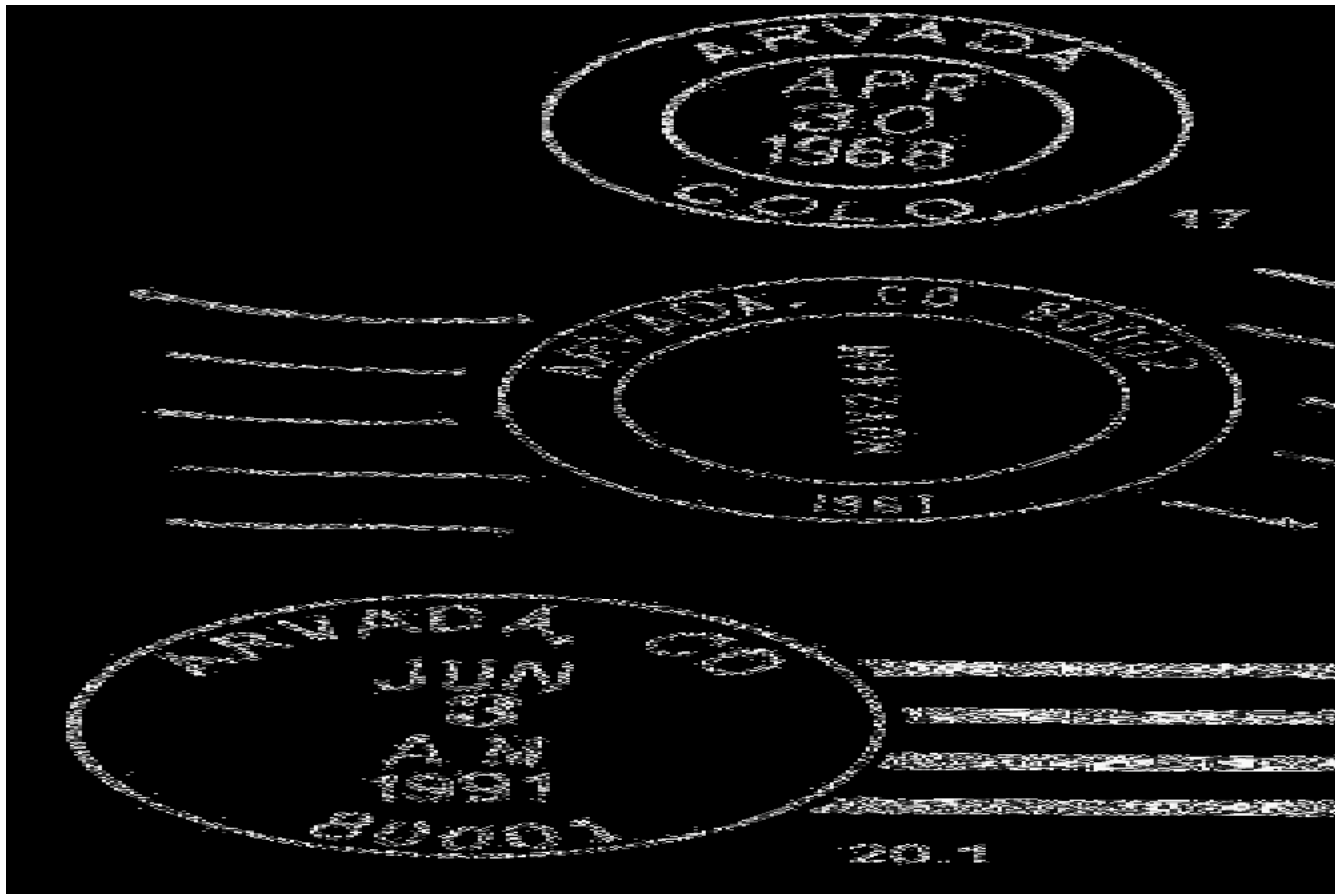
Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ARVADA / COL. CI 10P 24.0	May 17 187- Oct 2 187- Hstp Target, 4-ring
2	ARVADA / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Aug 6 1888 Dec 26 1892 Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads; target 4-ring
3	ARVADA / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Nov 29 1893 Dec -- 1906 Hstp Target; Cork, smudge
4	ARVADA, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Apr 22 1895 Mar 3 1897 Hstp Not present
5	ARVADA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jul 16 1907 Jul 17 1913 Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
6	ARVADA, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P ?	Aug 13 1909 Mar 22 1910 Hstp No killer
7	ARVADA / COLO. RC 10P ???.?x14.0	--- -- 1920s Hstp Partial strike
8	ARVADA, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0x19.0	--- -- 1920s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
8.1	ARVADA / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Sep 9 1920 Dec 9 1926 Mach 7 wavy lines
8.2	ARVADA, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Apr 21 1927 Dec 21 1934 Hstp No killer; backstamp
9	ARVADA, COLO. / RECEIVED CI 10P 32.0	May 19 1935 Hstp No killer
9.1	ARVADA, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0x15.0	1930s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box Distorted
10	ARVADA, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Feb 15 1933 Oct 25 1943 Mach 7 wavy lines, large letters, wide "V"
11	ARVADA / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 24 1936 May 29 1948 Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
12	ARVADA, COLO. CI 10P 21.5	Jan 29 1946 Dec 10 1955 Mach 7 wavy lines, smaller letters, narrow "V"
13	ARVADA / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jul 2 1950 Dplx Grid, diamond with 1
13.1	ARVADA / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Jan 20 1954 Hstp No killer
14	ARVADA, / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	May 24 1961 Dec 7 1962 Mach 7 wavy lines
15	ARVADA, COLO. CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Dec 29 1961 Rolr 7 slanted wavy lines
16	ARVADA, / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Jan 21 1961 Jan 2 1964 Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE
17	ARVADA / COLO. CI 11P 27.0/17.5	Apr 30 1968 Hstp No killer
18	ARVADA, CO / 800 CI 10P 21.0	Feb 1 1973 Oct 22 1975 Mach 7 wavy lines
19	ARVADA, CO 80002 CI 10P 32.0/23.0	Nov 24 1967 Dec 13 1975 Rolr 6 wavy lines
20	ARVADA, CO / 80001 CI 10P 21.0	Dec 16 1976 Jan 4 1982 Mach 7 wavy lines
20.1	ARVADA, CO / 80001 CI 10P 34.0	Jun 3 1991 4bars S-20x25mm
21	ARVADA, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Apr 14 1993 Hstp No killer
22	ARVADA CO 80001 / USPS CI 10P 36.0	Jan 27 1997 4bars S-21x16mm

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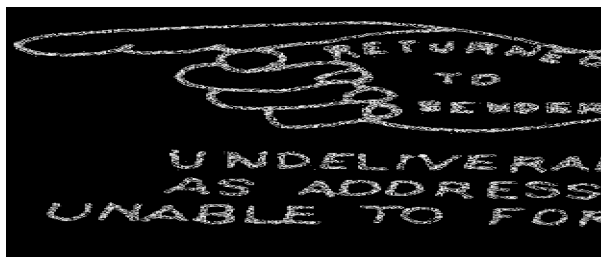


ARVADA – Continued



AUXILIARY MARKINGS

A-1 ARVADA, CO 80001 // ARVADA POST OFFICE Oct 22 1975
 CI 11P 30.0/21.0 Hstp No killer With RETURNED TO SENDER pointing hand



ARVADA STATIONS AND BRANCHES

STATION NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

- Sep 1 1960 Established as a Station of Arvada
 --- 9800 West 59th Avenue
- Feb 9 1965 Discontinued
- May 1 1965 Re-established
- Jun 30 1969 Closed
- Sep 30 1969 Discontinued as a Station of Arvada

ARVADA STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

STATION NUMBER 1 – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ARVADA, COLO. / STA. NO. 1 Sep 1 1960
 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



STATION NUMBER 2

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 24 1968 Established as a Station of Arvada
 --- 5042 West 64th Avenue
Jan 24 1968 Discontinued
Feb 16 1968 Contractor withdrew bid before station opened
Jul 1 1986 Established as a Station of Arvada
 --- 6520 Wadsworth Bypass, Unit 160 Cinnamon Sundries
Jun 24 1988 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ARVADA, CO STA. 2 / USPO Sep 11 1981 Feb 21 1984
 CI 11P 30.0/20.0 Hstp No killer



STATION NUMBER 3

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 20 1984 Established as a Station of Arvada
 --- 9465 Ralston Road Gordon's Flowers

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STATION NUMBER 3

STATION NUMBER 4

Chronology of the Post Office

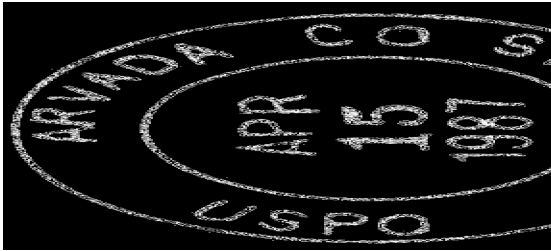
May 18 1981 Established as a Station of Arvada
 --- 5017 West 64th Avenue Sheridan Ace Hardware
Oct 10 1989 Discontinued

ARVADA STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

STATION NUMBER 4 – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | ARVADA CO STA. NO. 4 / USPO
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1987 Apr 15 1987 |
| 2 | ARVADA, CO STA. NO. 4 / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/18.5 | Hstp No killer | Aug 25 1989 Oct 10 1989 |



ARBOR VILLAGE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

<1987 Established as a Station of Arvada
--- 8700 Wadsworth Boulevard

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | |
|---|--|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | ARVADA, CO ARBOR VILLAGE STA / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Feb 4 1987 |
| 2 | ARVADA, CO ARBOR VILLAGE STA. / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 15 1988 |



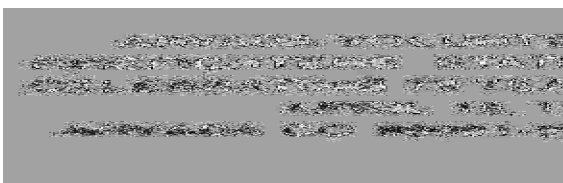
ARVADA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 18 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | ARVADA CO 80001-9998 // ARVADA VOLUNTEER / FIREFIGHTERS STATION
SL 00R 26.0x13.0 | Pict Scene - Oval with fire truck, hose; Text -
ARVADA COLORADO / SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS /
ARVADA VOLUNTEERS | Apr 18 1998 |
|---|---|--|-------------|



ARVADA STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Arvada, CO 80004 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000
SL 00R 94.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century



HALLMARK #001129 STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

--- -- 2005 ? Established as a Station of Arvada

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ARVADA CO 80004 / HALLMARK #001129 Jan 29 2005
CI 11P 30.0/22.0 Hstp No killer



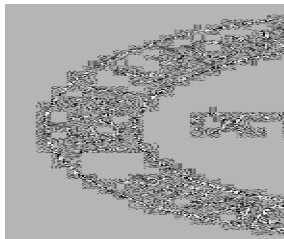
HEART & HOME CONTRACT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

--- -- 2006 Established as a Contract Station of Arvada
--- 9422 West 58th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80002

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ARVADA, CO 80002 // HEART & HOME CONTRACT STATION Oct 19 2006
CI 11P 29.5/21.0 Hstp No killer



ARVADA STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

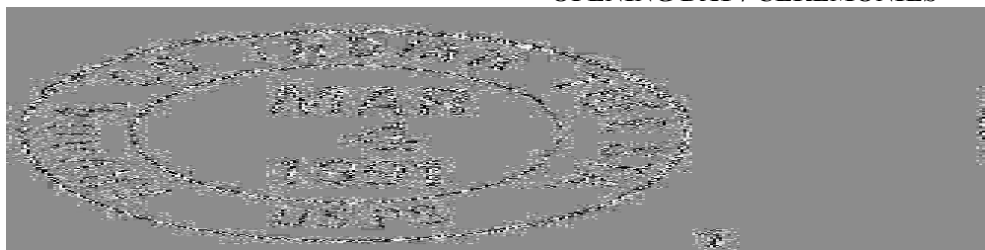
INDIAN TREE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

<1991 Established as a Station of Arvada

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|--|------------------------|
| 1 | ARVADA, CO INDIAN TREE STA. / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Mar 4 1991 May 29 1993 |
| 2 | ARVADA, CO / 80001 :: INDIAN TREE STATION
CI 10P 25.0 | Pict Text with bars only - INDIAN TREE STATION /
OPENING DAY / CEREMONIES | Mar 16 1991 |



BEAVER BROOK

Beaver Brook was located on the Colorado Central Railroad at milepost 23.20 and altitude 6,408 feet. This was the first stop on the railroad west of Golden.

The location was where Beaver Brook, from the south, joins with Clear Creek. There was barely enough room for a two-story station, a water tank and 200 feet of siding.

However, 300 feet above the station the railroad constructed a forty-seven foot diameter dance pavilion and picnic grounds. There was a stairway climbing from the station to the pavilion. For many years this was a popular place for day trips and in the summer time the railroad ran special excursion trains to Beaver Brook.

Beaver Brook reaches Clear Creek behind the ridge that is penetrated by Tunnel Number 2 on US Highway 6. The highway is on the north side of the stream but the railroad and the station were on the south side. A clear view of the location is not possible from US 6 as it is hidden behind the projecting ridge.

At least twice Jim Ozment and I have stopped at the west entrance to Tunnel Number 2 and scouted the possibility of fording Clear Creek to the old railroad grade and walking to the location of Beaver Brook. Unfortunately this is not a placid segment of Clear Creek and even in a time of drought the water is sufficiently deep and rapid that we used better judgment and did not attempt a crossing.

Chronology of the Post Office

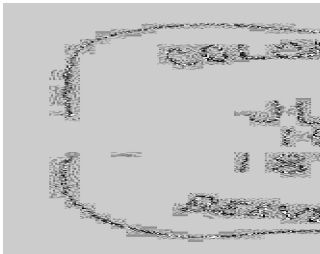
Apr 10 1875	---	NE/4 Sec 3 T4S R71W Direct on the south side of Clear Creek On Colorado Central Railroad at Beaver Brook Station
Apr 19 1875		Established
Apr 19 1875		Russell, Wesley S.
Jan 24 1876		Van Ripper, Cornelius
Sep 10 1877		Babcock, Joseph D.
May 18 1880		Spaulding, Benjamin T.
Jun 20 1882		Partidge, E. M.
Nov 7 1882		Partridge, Mrs Melvina
Mar 3 1883		Partidge, Melvina E.
May 25 1883		Partridge, Edwin M.
Apr 11 1884		Hamel, C. T.

BEAVER BROOK – Continued

Jun 12 1884 Williams, Cassius M.
Oct 30 1885 Barton, O. W.
Apr 28 1886 Discontinued Papers to Creswell
Jun 6 1888 --- NE/4 Sec 3 T3S R71W 50 feet south of Clear Creek South side of U.P.R.R.
about 30 feet, Beaver Brook Station
Proposed postmaster - James Wesley Roberts
Feb 18 1889 Re-established
Feb 18 1889 Metcalf, Edward
May 31 1892 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | BEAVER BROOK ?? // COLORADO CEN...??
IR 10P ??x30.0 | Hstp Not recorded | Jun 15 1878 |
| 2 | BEAVER BROOK, COL. // UNION ? R.R.
CI 10P 31.0 | Hstp Pen cancel | Jul 23 1879 |



BELLEVILLE

Belleville was the second of three post offices to be located at or near what is today known as Shaffers Crossing on US Highway 285 where that road crosses Elk Creek. This is about a mile and a half east of Pine Junction and the Jefferson-Park County line.

The first post office at this location was named Willowville and lasted only six months - from January to July 1879. That was two months longer than the Belleville Post Office operated.

There was a twelve-year gap between Willowville and Belleville. After closure of the Belleville Post Office it would be another ten years before the third and final post office, Urmston, opened at this location. At least that office operated for nine years.

I have found no mention of Willowville, Belleville or Urmston in the published literature. From the location on what has been, since the earliest days of Colorado Territory, a major route for travel from Denver to South Park, it seems reasonable to assume that this location was a way stop on that route.

Located in the Elk Creek Valley it could offer a resting-place with water and pasturage for travelers going to and from South Park.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places Belleville a mile or more to the east of Shaffers Crossing. That location is in an area that seems unlikely to have been active in 1881. However, maps of the time period place Belleville at what is today Shaffers Crossing. The location may also have been called Glenelk.

On the south side of US 286 and the west side of South Elk Creek Road there is a group of farm or ranch buildings of indeterminate age.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 14 1881 --- SE/4 Sec 33 T6S R71W
Proposed postmaster - Robert S. Webb
Mar 7 1881 Established

BELLEVILLE – Continued

Mar 7 1881 Webb, Robert L.
Jul 27 1881 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BELLEVILLE

BRIGHTSIDE

I have not found any mention of Brightside in the Colorado literature I have read. Considering its period of operation and the location in what was then farming country, I assume that it was a rural post office that attempted to fill the service gap after the August 1900 closing of the Semper Post Office.

There is a Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report for Brightside. In September 1998 Jim Ozment and I went to visit that location. We drove north on Sheridan Boulevard to West 98th Avenue where we turned west and went to the railroad. At the railroad we turned north on Harlan Street. In a quarter mile we came to a locked gate, from where we could look out over the area that was supposedly Brightside. In conversation with a resident, we learned that there had once been a large dairy farm in the area that was now being developed for residences. After a short walk beyond the gate we found some scattered evidence of the dairy farm.

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 5 1900	--	SW/4 Sec 13 T2S R69W 1/4 mile south of Dry Creek Colorado & Southern Semper Station 1/2 mile Proposed postmaster - Ralph Field
Nov 13 1900		Established
Nov 13 1900		Field, Ralph
Dec 11 1901		Ordered closed
Dec 31 1901		Discontinued Mail to Broomfield
Feb 4 1902		Re-established
Feb 4 1902		Field, Ralph
Feb 6 1902	--	SW/4 Sec 13 T2S R69W 1/2 mile south of Wildwood Creek about 3/4 mile from Semper Station, Colorado and Southern Railway Proposed postmaster - Ralph Field
Nov 10 1902		Ordered closed
Nov 29 1902		Discontinued Mail to Broomfield

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BRIGHTSIDE

BROOK FOREST

Brook Forest was a summer resort developed by Edwin F. Welz. There is no evidence that there was an organized community at Brook Forest. Mr. Welz was the first postmaster of Brook Forest.

From Evergreen drive a mile south on Road 73 to the intersection with Brook Forest Road. It is five miles to Brook Forest. The main feature of the community is the ornate Brook Forest Inn, intended to simulate an alpine resort. Brook Forest is in the fairly narrow, rocky Cub Creek Valley. There are a number of cabins and permanent homes scattered over the countryside, as is the case with most of the area centered on Evergreen.

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BROOK FOREST – Continued



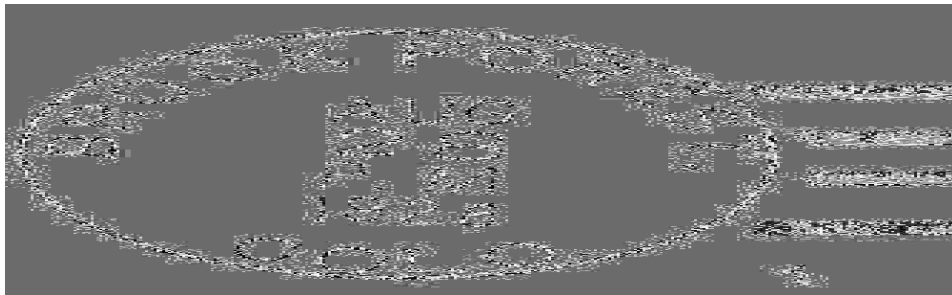
Brook Forest Inn, Brook Forest, Colorado
 Photograph by William H. Bauer May 8, 1998

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 17 1921	---	NW/4 Sec 31 T5S R71W 50 feet north of Cub Creek	
Oct 11 1921		Established	
Oct 11 1921		Welz, Edwin F.	Confirmed
Nov 10 1921		Welz, Edwin F.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1922		Welz, Edwin F.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 31 T5S R71W 50 feet south to Cub Creek	
Jun 30 1946		Maurer, Christian R.	Assumed charge
Jul 6 1948		Maurer, Christian R.	Confirmed
Sep 13 1948		Maurer, Christian R.	Appointment rescinded
Jan 28 1949		Ordered closed	
Feb 15 1949		Discontinued Mail to Evergreen	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BROOK FOREST, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 15 1922 Aug 18 1941
2	BROOK FOREST / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Sep 22 1942 Feb 15 1949

BROOK FOREST – Continued**BROWNVILLE**

Going west, Brownville was the second post office on Turkey Creek Road. From the sketchy information I have found there may have been a country store as well as some residences at Brownville. There is also a reference to sawmills in the area.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report places Brownville on the north side of Turkey Creek. From other sources there is mention of it being at the junction of Iowa Gulch and Turkey Creek.

From the location of Herndon, the first site on Turkey Creek Road, continue west another mile. Beyond where the main stream of Turkey Creek comes from the west there is (or was) a connecting road to US 285 and Turkey Creek Road crosses to the north side of the stream. I believe Brownville was located somewhere in the next half-mile. There are some recent buildings and one old log building along this stretch of the road (1995).

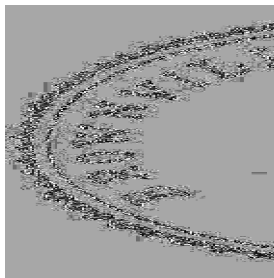
From Brownville continue south and west on Turkey Creek Road to the sites of Medlen, Turkey Creek and Grotto before rejoining US 285.

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 30 1878	---	SW/4 Sec 27 T5S R70W Immediately on north side of Turkey Creek
		Proposed postmaster - James B. Croley
Jan 3 1879		Established
Jan 3 1879		Nuckolls, Columbus
Oct 5 1883		Discontinued Papers to Morrison

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BROWNVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., / COL.	Mar 24 1881 Apr 26 1881
	CI 20T 32.0/30.0	Hstp Killer is indistinct, light cancel



BUFFALO CREEK

The community of Buffalo Creek was established about 1877. It was located at milepost 39.57 on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad, at an altitude of 6,630 feet. Railroad facilities consisted of a frame depot and 2,761 feet of siding.

The town was laid out by the president of the South Park Construction Co. and a plat was filed on January 27, 1881.

Supposedly the name of the settlement was taken from the stream named Buffalo Creek, which joins the North Fork of the South Platte River just east of the town.

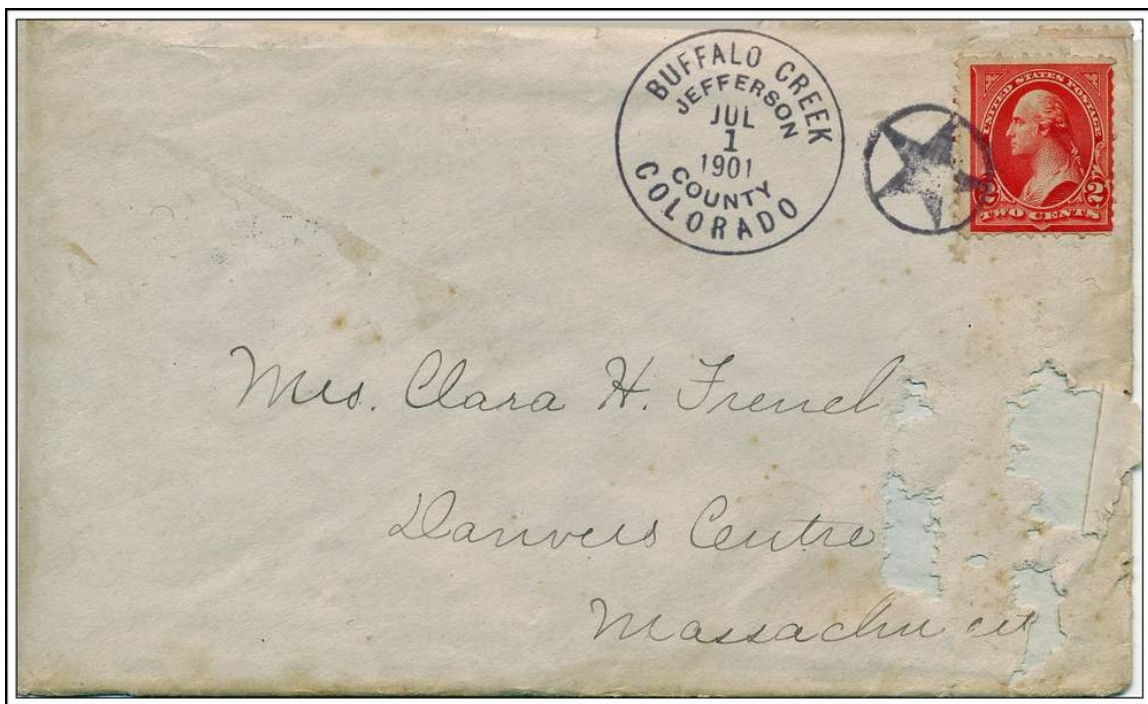
There was a small community but the railroad station and water tank were the most significant structures. It is claimed that in the early 1880s Buffalo Creek had a population of 1,400. The town was three times destroyed by fire and has been threatened several times.

Until the convenient timber had been harvested, lumbering was the focus of the economy and reportedly an average of thirty carloads of lumber were shipped daily to Denver. By 1890 lumbering was mostly history but nearby feldspar mines were producing five carloads per day for shipment to Denver.

From Pine Junction on US Highway 285 drive southeast on Pine Valley Road through Pine. At some point this becomes Deckers Road and intersects the South Platte River Road at Buffalo Creek. There are a few residences scattered about the valley. The most prominent structure is the large two-story stone building that houses a general store with the post office in one corner. The store is truly a relic of the past and worth a visit.

In 1963 the Buffalo Creek Post Office was converted to a Rural Branch of Pine. It is now classified as a Community Post Office.

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BUFFALO CREEK (JEFFERSON / COUNTY) COLORADO

July 1, 1901

BUFFALO CREEK – Continued**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 8 1878	---	SW/4 Sec 31 T7S R70W	On north side of Platte River, and north side of Buffalo Creek
Aug 16 1878		Established	
Aug 16 1878		Mitchell, Jonathan	
Apr 7 1879		Sikes, F. M.	
Jun 11 1879		Erskine, James M.	
Nov 12 1879		Estes, Vince J.	
Mar 15 1882		Allen, Joseph T.	
Feb 7 1886		Bingham, Homer W.	
May 11 1886		Green, John W.	
Jul 14 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 31 T7S R70W	
Dec 22 1914		Green, John W. Jr.	Confirmed
Mar 1 1915		Green, John W. Jr.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1915		Green, John W. Jr.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 31 T7S R70W	North Fork of South Platte River is 70 feet east of post office
Aug 31 1962		Green, Donald H.	Assumed charge
Sep 11 1962		Green, Donald H.	Acting
Sep 13 1963		Converted to a Rural Branch of Pine	Now a C.P.O.

**Interior of the Buffalo Creek Store and Post Office**

Photograph by William H. Bauer

September 11, 2002

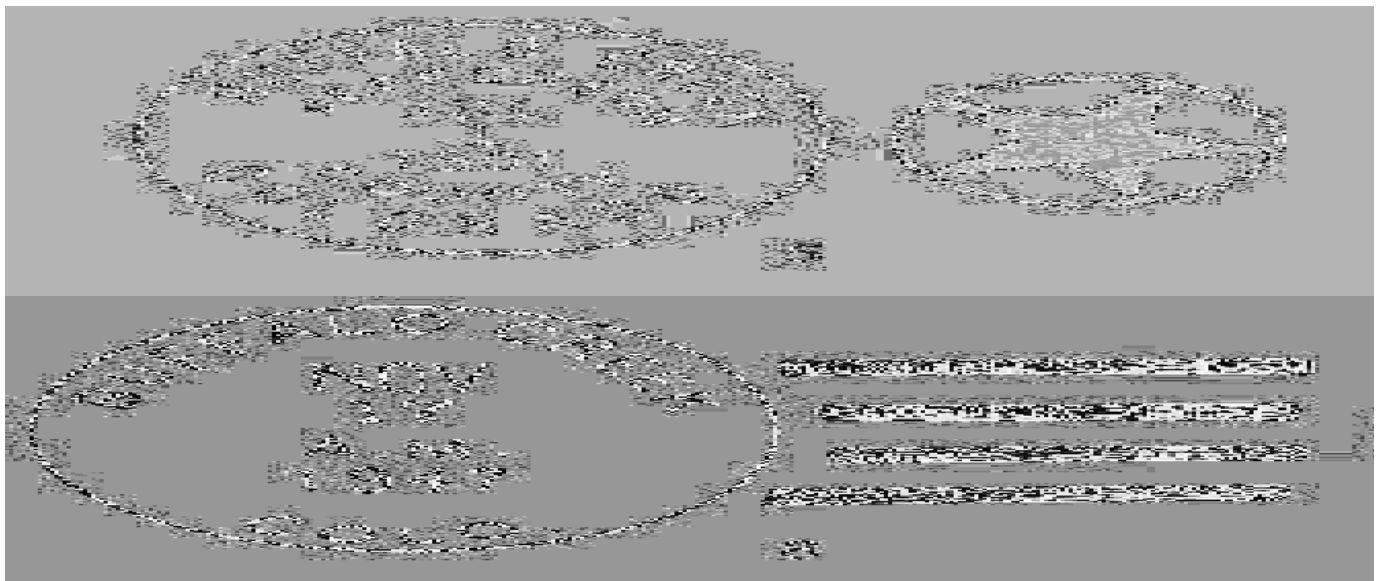
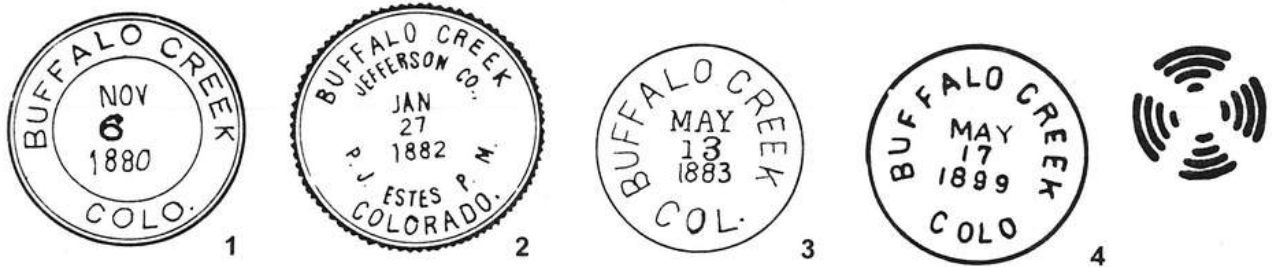
Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | BUFFALO CREEK / COLO.
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp Pen cancel | Nov 6 1880 Aug 16 1881 |
| 2 | BUFFALO CREEK (JEFFERSON CO., / P. J. ESTES. P. M.) COLORADO.
CI 20T 31.0/29.0 | Hstp Fancy, Negative star-in-circle;
Cork, geometric pattern; Pen cancel | Nov 24 1881 Jan 27 1882 |
| 3 | BUFFALO CREEK / COL.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm | May 13 1883 |

BUFFALO CREEK – Continued

4	BUFFALO CREEK / COLO CI 10P 27.0	Aug 13 1897 May 30 1901 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm, gunsight style; Cork, negative x-roads
5	BUFFALO CREEK (JEFFERSON/COUNTY) COLORADO CI 10P 29.5	Jul 1 1901 Hstp Fancy, Positive Star-in-circle
6	BUFFALO CREEK / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Jun 29 1905 Aug 20 1930 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
7	BUFFALO CREEK, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Aug 20 1933 Jul 1 1935 4bars S-25x20mm [Or July 20 as traced? Xerox not available]
8	BUFFALO CREEK / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	May 24 1940 May 11 1949 bars S-23x19mm
9	BUFFALO CREEK / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Jul 25 1941 Apr 23 1955 4bars S-24x19mm
10	BUFFALO CREEK / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jul 12 1956 Sep 13 1963 4bars S-24x20mm

FOR USE OF TYPE 10 AFTER SEPTEMBER 13, 1963 AND LATER MARKINGS, SEE BUFFALO CREEK, RURAL BRANCH OF PINE



CHEESMAN

A plentiful source of good water is the key to the development of any city. In the late nineteenth century, increased pollution forced Denver to seek new supplies of water for its citizens. At the time private companies supplied water to the city. The most dominant was the Denver Union Water Company with Walter Scott Cheesman as its president. That company turned its focus to the mountains for new sources of water.

CHEESMAN – Continued

The result was the construction of the Cheesman Dam and Reservoir on the South Platte River south of the town of Deckers. The dam was completed in 1906 and continues to serve as a major storage facility for water to supply the City of Denver. In 1918 the City of Denver purchased the Denver Union Water Co.

When completed, Cheesman Dam, at 212 feet, was the tallest dam in the world. It was 200 feet thick at the base, tapering to twenty feet at the top. Three million cubic feet of masonry and twenty-one thousand tons of Portland cement went into the construction. The Cheesman Reservoir is capable of holding 80,000 acre-feet of water.

In 1973 The American Society of Civil Engineers designated Cheesman Dam as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The Society's announcement said, "Cheesman dam is...of such historical significance and contemporary importance that it should never be forgotten, but placed side-by-side with other national and historical landmarks of the engineering profession."

During construction a camp was built to house the workers on the dam and was served by the Cheesman Post Office. When construction was completed, the camp and the post office disappeared.

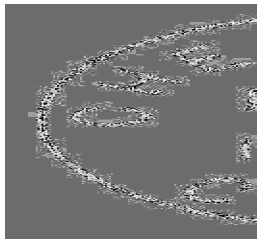
To visit the Cheesman Reservoir, from Sedalia take Colorado Highway 67 to and through Deckers to the intersection with South Deckers Road. Turn north on that road a half-mile to Wigwam Creek Road, to the left. Take that road and follow the signs to the Cheesman Reservoir. The road ends at a picnic area and campground on the shore of the reservoir. According to the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report, the community of Cheesman was in the area of the campground.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 24 1900	--	SE/4 Sec 36 T9S R71W 1/2 mile north of the South Fork of the South Platte 1/4 mile north of Goose Creek Sketch map shows it to the north of the junction of Goose Creek and the Platte Proposed postmaster - William W. Patterson
Mar 5 1900		Established
Mar 5 1900		Patterson, William W.
Oct 17 1904		Ordered closed
Oct 31 1904		Discontinued Mail to Buffalo Creek

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CHEESMAN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 27 1902
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**CLIFF**

Cliff was one of the small stations on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad to the west of Pine. It was located three miles west of the Crystal Lake Station at milepost 46.10 and an altitude of 6,923 feet.

In 1923 the name of the post office was changed to Cliffdale. I do not know the reason for the change but it might have been to provide a more "attractive" name for a land development.

CLIFF – Continued

Virtually nothing has been written about this place. However, its location on the North Fork of the South Platte River would suggest that it was a resort area with perhaps some lumbering in the vicinity. In later years a number of summer cabins were built on the surrounding hillsides.

In 2000 the High Meadow Forest Fire swept through this area. In September 2000 when Jim Ozment and I attempted to visit the site we were prevented from doing so by roads that were still closed as an aftermath of the fire. Therefore I have no idea what if anything might remain at Cliff/Cliffdale.

In 2000 access to the site of Cliff would have initially been by way of Crystal Lake Road. That road begins about a half-mile north of the town of Pine and is a side road to the west from Pine Valley Road.

In May 2008, Jim Ozment and I made another attempt to visit Cliff. Our first attempt was via Crystal Lake Road, a short distance north of Pine. That road ends at a parking lot from which a hiking trail continues west on the old South Park Railroad grade. However, according to a map at the trail head, the trail ends approximately a half mile short of the site of Cliff.

Having failed on that road we decided to try another approach. We continued north from Pine to Ouray Road – the second intersection with that road. We turned west on Ouray Road, two-tenths miles to Cochise Trail. We then went one and one-half miles on Cochise Trail to the junction with Tralen Road. Another mile and three-tenths brought us to where we could look down on the North Fork of the South Platte River and the old railroad grade. We had driven to the crest of a ridge where we could see that the Tralen Road turned up a side canyon away from the river. We went back a tenth of a mile to a private side road that leads down towards the river. That road was gated off so we could not proceed down it.

We believe that Cliff/Cliffdale was on that side road but from our vantage point was obscured by trees. I think we were above the end of the hiking trail from the previously mentioned park and about a half mile from Cliff.

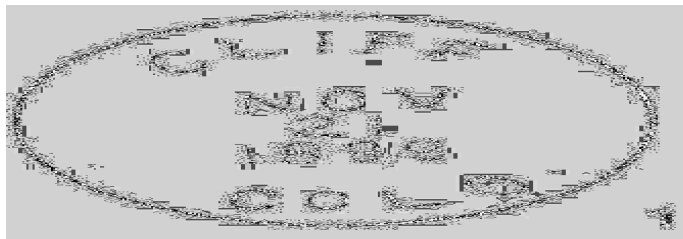
Recently I decided to take advantage of modern technology and to make use of Google Earth. Once I overcame unfamiliarity with the product, I was able to focus in on the site of Cliff/Cliffdale. The private road, mentioned above, does indeed lead to the site of Cliff. At that location are three houses. However, they are in the area that was burned by the High Meadow Forest Fire and all three are new construction.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jan 3 1889 --- N/2 SE/4 & S/2 NE/4 Sec 30 T7S R71W 120 feet north of D.S.P. & P. RR
Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Elizabeth King
- Jan 24 1889 Established
- Jan 24 1889 King, Elizabeth
- Nov 2 1894 Discontinued Mail to Pine
- Mar 31 1896 --- N/2 SE/4 Sec 30 T7S R71W Not more than 100 feet north of the Platte,
75 feet west of Rolling Forks Creek
Proposed postmaster - Minnie L. King
- May 4 1896 Re-established
- May 4 1896 King, Minnie L.
- Apr 18 1914 --- SE/4 Sec 30 T7S R71W 250 feet north of the Platte 50 feet west of Little Brook
150 feet north of the Colorado & Southern tracks
- Apr 5 1923 Name changed to Cliffdale

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | CLIFF / COLO.
CI 10P 27.5 | Hstp Target | Jan 12 1898 Jul 11 1900 |
| 2 | CLIFF, / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Doane Type 2, with 1; | Aug 19 1904 Feb 13 1914
S-23x13mm |

CLIFF – Continued**CLIFFDALE**

Please refer to the discussion of Cliff for what little I have been able to learn about this place.

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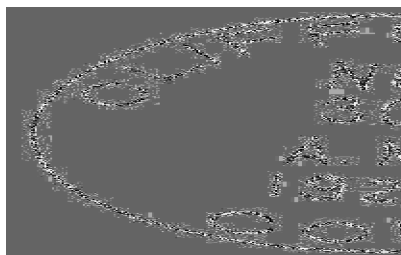
Latitude = 39:24:33.22 North Longitude = 105:22:32.81 West Elevation 6,973 feet [Google Earth]

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 5 1923	Formerly named Cliff
Apr 5 1923	King, Minnie L.
Apr 2 1929 ---	SE/4 Sec 30 T7S R71W 200 feet north of the South Platte, 150 feet west of Robin Gulch North side of Colorado & Southern 150 feet from the track
Jun 2 1933	Ordered closed
Jun 15 1933	Discontinued Mail to Pine

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 **CLIFFDALE, / COLO.** **Nov 30 1929**
 CI 10P 31.0 **4bars S-??x14mm**

**CLOUDCREST**

Cloudcrest was a small station on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad at milepost 38.2 and altitude 6,565 feet. The Cloudcrest Station was two-tenths miles west of the Ferndale Station. Ferndale is still marked on some modern maps.

I have found no other information about this place. I assume that it was similar in purpose to the other railroad stations between South Platte and Buffalo Creek, serving a small assemblage of summer cabins and fishing camps, with perhaps some lumber being shipped from the place.

Cloudcrest was about a mile north of Buffalo Creek on today's South Platte River Road. There are a few cabins on the west side of the river and one attractive home on the east side of the river.

COULDCREST – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 14 1916 --- SE/4 SE/4 Sec 30 T7S R70W 50 feet west of the Platte River 1 mile north
of Buffalo Creek 25 feet west of the Colorado & Southern Cloudcrest Station
Applicant for postmaster - Lewis O. Watson

Apr 15 1916 Established
Apr 15 1916 Watson, Lewis O.
Oct 15 1918 Discontinued Mail to Buffalo Creek

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CLOUDCREST

CONIFER

In 1894 the name of the Hutchinson Post Office was changed to Conifer. At the same time it appears to have moved a mile north to a location on the road to Evergreen. In 1927 the post office moved to another location some two miles to the southwest, south of what is now US Highway 285. The Conifer Post Office closed in 1929. In 1960 the Pine Post Office was closed and the operation moved to a location that is approximately that of the early Junction and Hutchinson Post Offices.

Please refer to the discussions of Hutchinson and Junction for a brief review of the early history of the present day location of Conifer.

It seems most likely that Conifer was named for the abundant conifers of the area. Some have attributed the name to a George or Jim Conifer but that seems unlikely.

Through its early years Conifer was a supply point for the surrounding ranches and lumbering operations. It also served travelers on the road west to South Park and more recently the automobile traffic on US 285. The area is now an increasingly popular area for residential development.

The 1895 location was on the road to Evergreen about a mile north from US 285. In 2000 there was a small ranch and a large, older barn at that location.

The 1927 location was about a mile and a half south of the present Conifer Post Office, on the south side of US 285 near Newton Park Road. This is across the road from a shopping center and at one time was a Park and Ride lot.

The present day Conifer Post Office is on the north side of US 285, in the commercial complex at the junction of US 285 with the Turkey Creek Road and the road to Evergreen.

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Chronology of the Post Office

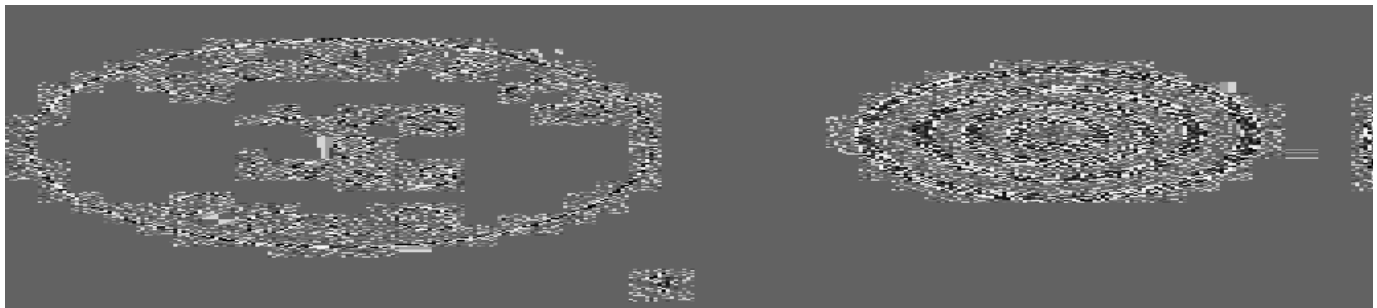
Nov 16 1894 Formerly named Hutchinson
Nov 16 1894 Hamer, Evaline A.
Mar 30 1895 --- NW/4 Sec 14 T6S R71W On the south side of Turkey Creek
Nov 27 1900 Shephardson, Noah
May 2 1901 Chatfield, Edward L.
Sep 10 1901 Wheeler, Phebe A.
Apr 13 1903 Katz, Benjamin
Dec 12 1903 Bennett, Laura O.
Feb 8 1908 Wheeler, Ezra B.
Apr 27 1910 Robinson, Edger P.
Oct 8 1912 McQueen, Nellie
Jun 16 1915 Mather, Bruce
Apr 9 1917 Schneider, Emma M.
Jun 9 1917 Livonius, Evan E.
Apr 22 1922 Hubbard, Fay W.

CONIFER – Continued

May 28 1927	---	SW/4 Sec 27 T6S R71W 400 yards north of Beaver Creek	
Dec 12 1928		Fields, Walter E.	Acting
Feb 9 1929		Ordered closed	
Feb 28 1929		Discontinued Mail to Mount Morrison	
Nov 19 1929		Nicholson, Freeman H.	
[NOTE: This appointment may indicate an attempt to re-establish the post office in late 1929.]			
Oct 1 1960		Post office moved from Pine	
Dec 21 1944		Hawley, Mrs. Dorothy M.	Confirmed & Commissioned
Jan 31 1945		Hawley, Mrs. Dorothy M.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1950			Office made Presidential
Feb 6 1970		Hollenbaugh, Mrs. Margaret	Officer in charge
Mar 20 1971		Hollenbaugh, Mrs. Margaret	Appointed
Mar 20 1971		Hollenbaugh, Mrs. Margaret	Assumed charge
Jul 20 1973		Parker, Mrs. Toni	Officer in charge
Apr 13 1974		Parker, Mrs. Antoinette C.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CONIFER / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Feb 8 1899 Aug 9 1899
2	CONIFER, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3 with 2, S-25x15mm	Nov 11 1905 Jul 13 1909
3	CONIFER, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x15mm	Jul 1 1907 Nov 3 1909
4	CONIFER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Mar 25 1910 Mar 3 1914
4.1	CONIFER / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 22 1914
5	CONIFER / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 5 1962 Mar 18 1965
6	CONIFER, CO / 80433 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 3 1965 Sep 21 1970
7	CONIFER, CO 80433 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 19 1968 Mar 13 1972
8	CONIFER, CO / 80433 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Sep 20 1972 May 6 1976
9	CONIFER, CO 80433 / USPS CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 15 1987 Jun 1 1993
9.1	CONIFER CO / 80433 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jan 8 1993
10	CONIFER CO / USPS 80433 CI 11P 32.0/21.0	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs	Apr 24 1998
11	CONIFER CO / 80433 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-11x21mm	Mar 30 1996 Jan 19 2001



CONIFER – Continued



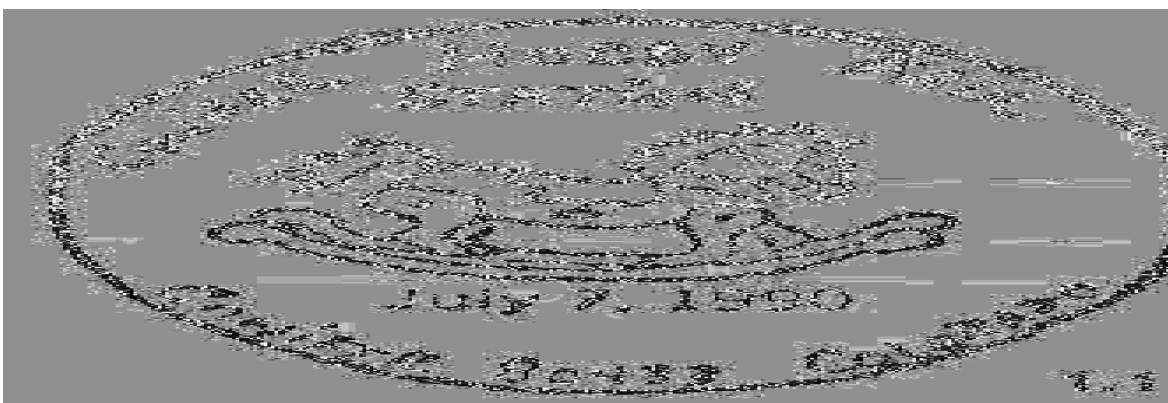
CONIFER HOBBY FAIR STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 7 1990 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1.1 CONIFER 80433 COLORADO // CONIFER HOBBY FAIR / STATION Jul 7 1990
CI 10P50.0 Pict Scene - Hobby horse in center of cds,
three short bars at right
- 1.2 CONIFER 80433 COLORADO // CONIFER HOBBY FAIR / STATION Jul 14 1990
CI 10P50.0 Pict Scene - Hobby horse in center of cds,
three short bars at right



CONIFER – Continued

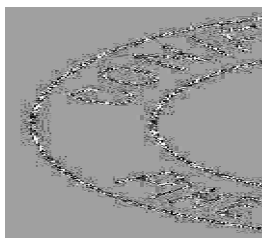
PINE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 1 1960	Established as a Rural Station of
Jul 21 1961	Converted to Independent status

Chronology of the Post Office

1	CONIFER, COLO. / PINE RUR. STA.	Oct 29 1960	Dec 5 1960
	CI 11P 29.0/17.5		Hstp No killer



COPPERDALE

Very little has been recorded about Copperdale. It was located on Coal Creek in the extreme northwest corner of Jefferson County in the area that is now known better as Twin Spruce; or across the line in Boulder County, as Crescent.

The location is just beyond the junction of Beaver Creek, from the southwest with Coal Creek and before reaching the more developed area that comprises Crescent. That is also the junction of Colorado Highway 72 and Twin Spruce Road. This is in a somewhat more level portion of the Coal Creek Valley. In 1997 there was a single small building on the south side of the road but I suspect there has been additional development during the past ten years.

The Copperdale Post Office lasted only ten months. Given the name, it seems likely that there were some nearby discoveries of copper ore but they must have been uneconomic. Today the area (Crescent) has become a community of small cabins and permanent residences with a few small stores.

Latitude = 39:54:51 North Longitude = 105:20:56 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 18 1882	--	SW/4 Sec 4 T2S R71W Appears to be on Coal Creek
		Proposed postmaster - George W. Reeves
Mar 22 1882		Established
Mar 22 1882		Reeves, George W.
Jan 30 1883		Discontinued Mail to Magnolia [Boulder County]

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COPPERDALE

CRESWELL

Creswell was a small mountain settlement on the wagon roads to Idaho Springs and to Evergreen. Very little has been recorded about Creswell. There may have been some ranching in the area and with the surrounding forests lumber production was a possible source of income for the few residents.

CRESWELL – Continued

The location of Creswell is on the south side of Interstate 70 at Exit 254. The area is now within the boundary of Genesee Park.



CRESWELL / COL. August 6 [possibly Territorial use]

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 7 1870	Established
Oct 7 1870	Wilson, Henry
Feb 16 1871	--- NE/4 Sec 14 T4S R71W
Apr 16 1873	Post, Amos F.
Dec 13 1878	Eggleston, Mrs Angelina A.
May 20 1881	Warburton, William
Jun 13 1889	Bateman, Thomas H.
Sep 27 1892	Arnold, Samuel F.
Oct 18 1894	Shears, Henry G.
Feb 16 1899	Arnold, Matilda
Jan 15 1908	Ordered closed
Feb 15 1908	Discontinued Mail to Idaho Springs [Clear Creek County]

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Creswell Col MS	Jan 17 187- Jul 24 1871
2	CRESWELL / COL. CI 10P 24.0	Mscp Pen cancel Aug 6 187- Aug 18 1877
3	CRESWELL, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring, 17mm Jan 19 1905 Dec 23 1907 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13mm

*Creswell Col
July 24/71*

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CRITCHELL

There has been some confusion in the published literature relative to Critchell. Critchell was not on a railroad and it is not the same place as Deermont.

Apparently there was a gold discovery near what became Critchell. The excitement was sufficient to bring the creation of a small settlement, a post office and a stage line from Littleton. However, the gold rush soon fizzled and Critchell became another of the rural post offices in the area south of today's US Highway 285. The Critchell Post Office survived until 1945, assuming postal responsibility for a large, rather remote section of Jefferson County.

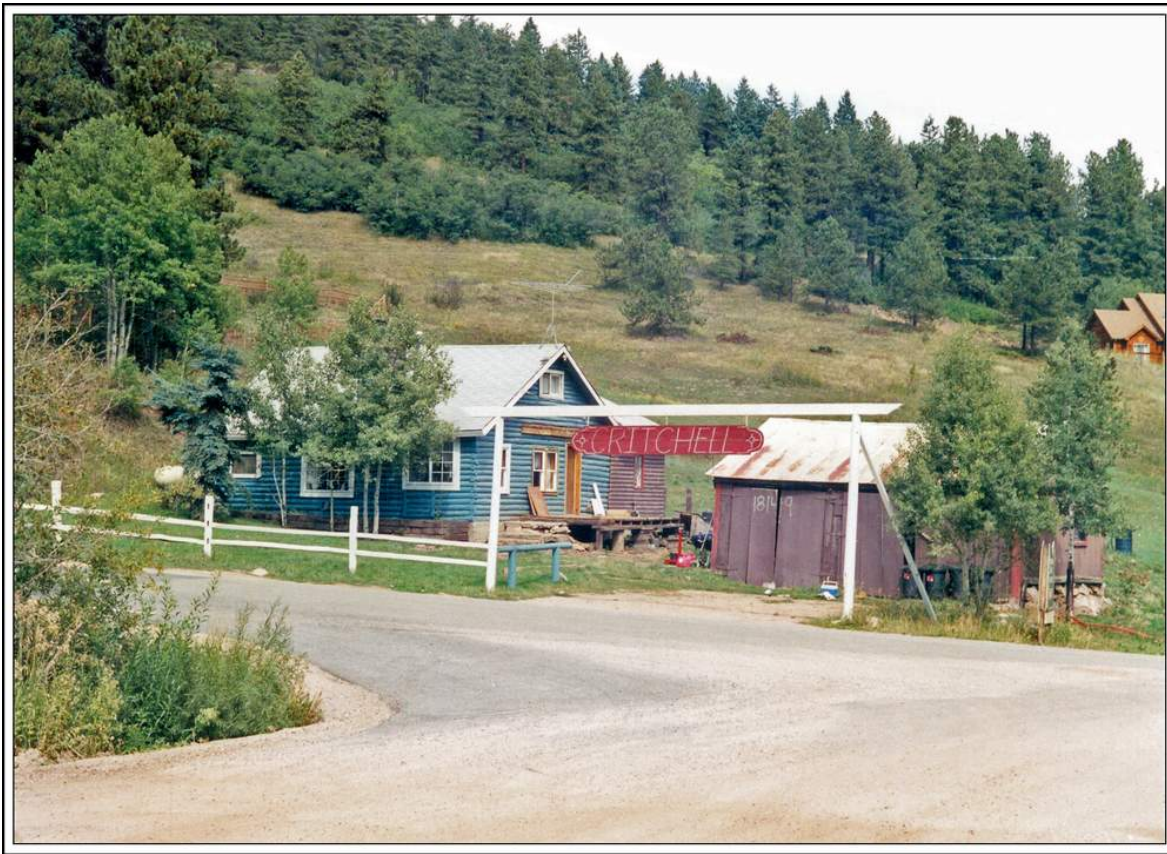
Critchell is at the triple junction of Deer Creek Road, Kuehster Road and Pleasant Park Road. There are several residences around the triple intersection. A conversation with the resident on the east side of the intersection brought a claim that his home was once the location of the Critchell Post Office and also of the local newspaper.

To reach the location, follow the directions first to Phillipsburg and from there to Deercreek. It is two and three-tenths miles from Deercreek to the intersection and Critchell. Be warned that the section of road immediately out of Deercreek is a steep, cliffside road and could be problematic in poor weather.

Another choice is from Conifer on US Highway 285. Drive southeast on Pleasant Park Road to the triple intersection. Via that road, Critchell is about seven miles from Conifer.

Kuehster Road is the road that will take you south to the site of the Lamb Post Office.

Latitude = 39:29:42 North Longitude = 105:12:22 West



Reportedly, this building was once the post office at Critchell, Colorado
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CRITCHELL – Continued

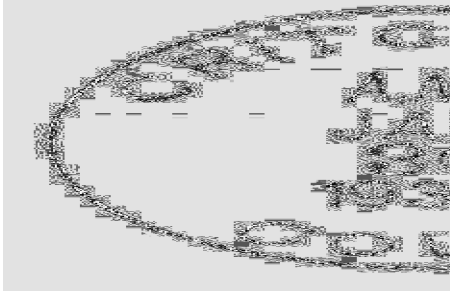
Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 18 1899	---	NW/4 Sec 35 T6S R70W On the east side of Deer Creek Proposed postmaster - Ida Critchell	
Jun 19 1899		Established	
Jun 19 1899		Critchell, Ida	
Oct 3 1907		Critchell, Charles R.	
Nov 7 1913		Critchell, Ida	
Apr 28 1914	---	NW/4 NW/4 Sec 35 T6S R70W 50 feet east of Deer Creek	
Dec 18 1914		Rauscher, Glen T.	
Mar 30 1916		Dudley, Fannie M.	
Jul 22 1918		Patterson, Fanny E.	Confirmed
Aug 23 1918		Patterson, Fanny E.	Commissioned
Aug 31 1918		Patterson, Fanny E.	Assumed charge
Sep 6 1931	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T6S R70W 1 mile south of Little Deer Creek	
Sep 26 1933		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1933		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Acting
Feb 21 1934		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Confirmed
Apr 13 1934		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Commissioned
May 29 1934		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Acting ad. int.
Aug 14 1934		Patterson, Miss Jennie June	Assumed charge
---	---	Reeves, Miss Jennie June	Name changed by marriage
Jul 9 1935		Raymer, Mrs. Hermine L.	Assumed charge
Jul 18 1935	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T6S R70W A move 1 mile northwest of a previous location 25 feet west of Deer Creek	
Jul 31 1935		Raymer, Mrs. Hermine L.	Acting
Sep 18 1935		Raymer, Mrs. Hermine L.	Confirmed
Oct 22 1935		Raymer, Mrs. Hermine L.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 27 T6N R70W	
Nov 22 1941		Perley, Mrs. Marie C.	Assumed charge
Feb 5 1942	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T6S R70W A move 90 yards north of a previous site South Fork of Little Deer Creek is south 75 feet North Fork of Deer Creek is 1 mile north of post office	
Feb 16 1942		Perley, Mrs. Marie C.	Acting
Mar 28 1942		Perley, Mrs. Marie C.	Confirmed
May 21 1942		Perley, Mrs. Marie C.	Commissioned
Apr 12 1945		Ordered closed	
Apr 30 1945		Discontinued Mail to Littleton [Arapahoe County]	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CRITCHELL, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3 with 2	--- -- 1908 Jan 29 1908
2	CRITCHELL, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-25x14mm	Dec 22 1909 Sep 10 1910
3	CRITCHELL, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-25x14mm	Mar 26 1912 Sep 19 1931
4	CRITCHELL, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 30 1936 Apr 28 1945



CRITCHELL – Continued**CROSSON**

In Jefferson County, Crosson was the westernmost of the small stations on the North Fork of the South Platte River to the west of Pine. Crosson was located at milepost 47.474 and an altitude of 7,073 feet. This was less than a mile and a half west of the station at Cliff and only a short distance east of the Jefferson-Park County line.

I surmise, that like its neighbors, Pine, Crystal Lake and Cliff, Crosson was a small resort area, serving fishermen on the river. It could also have been a loading point for timber coming from the surrounding forest.

The Crosson Post Office operated for six years. Thirty-five years later another post office opened at virtually the same location but with an “s” added to the name to make it Crossons. Like its predecessor, Crossons would have served fishermen and some summer residents.

Crosson/Crossons was on the south side of the South Platte River. To reach the site, if possible, requires a rather round-about route of travel. From Buffalo Creek go west on Buffalo Creek Road to Redskin Creek Road. Take that road to Eos Mill Road (Forest service Road 532). Be alert, as about a mile and a half from Redskin Road there is an intersection and you should keep to the right (north). Stay on Eos Mill Road to Forest Service Road 139. Road 139, to the left, takes a wandering course downhill to the North Fork of the South Platte River and the location of Crosson.

In 2000, the High Meadow Fire heavily burned this area and I do not know if the roads are open or passable. In September 2000 access to the location was not possible. It would not be surprising to encounter a gate or private road.

An examination of the location by means of Google Earth shows extensive fire damage around the site of Crossons. However, the site was apparently spared. One building is clearly visible and another is largely obscured by trees. The age of the buildings can not be determined.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 29 1879	---	Don't know what section, T7S R71W 50 feet south of the Platte River 1/2 mile west of Deer Creek 50 feet south of the railroad Proposed postmaster - Perry Crosson
Aug 14 1879		Established Same place as Crossons
Aug 14 1879		Crosson, Perry
Apr 16 1880		Haughtaling, William J.
Aug 25 1885		Discontinued Mail to Estabrook [Park County]

CROSSONS – Continued

Dec 1 1931	Ordered closed
Dec 31 1931	Discontinued Mail to Estabrook [Park County]

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CROSSONS

CRYSTAL LAKE

Crystal Lake was another of the small stations on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad. It was at milepost 43.14 and an altitude of 6,785 feet. There was a siding 541 feet in length.

Crystal Lake was a summer resort on a small lake about a half-mile to the west-northwest of Pine. I have found only two references to it in the literature I have read. Neither reference provides any information about the origin of the resort or how long it lasted.

It is reported that at times this place was known as Morris.

To reach the site drive north from Pine on Pine Valley Road. Where that road leaves the valley and starts the climb north to Pine Junction, there is a side road - Crystal Lake Road - to the west that will take you to the lake. There are several cabins along the shore of the lake.

My visit to this site was in September 2000. Earlier that year the High Meadow Fire burned an extensive area to the west of Pine, however it did not immediately affect Crystal Lake. Unfortunately the lake had become the collection point for a lot of charcoal and burned logs that had washed down from the burned area.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 9 1892	---	SE/4 Sec 28 T7S R71W On the north side of the Platte River, 1/4 mile west of Spring Creek On north side of Denver Leadville and Gunnison at Crystal Lake Station Summer resort Proposed postmaster - George W. Wood
Jun 28 1892		Established
Jun 28 1892		Wood, George W.
Nov 2 1894		Discontinued Mail to Pine

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CRYSTAL LAKE

DAFFODIL

Daffodil presents a bit of a problem. There is evidence that the Daffodil Post Office was first located west of the South Platte River but later it was on the east side of the river. The South Platte River is the boundary between Jefferson and Douglas Counties. Therefore, I am here repeating the information and listings that were published as part of the Douglas County chapter of *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*.

Daffodil is another of the settlements on the South Fork of the South Platte River that is more commonly known by another name – Trumbull. It is less than a mile north of Deckers where Douglas County Road 67 intersects Colorado Highway 67. Post Office Department records indicate that the Daffodil Post Office had locations in both Douglas and Jefferson County. Today, the community of Trumbull is almost entirely on the west side of the river. There is a reasonable large, level area on the east side of the river and that would have been a likely location for the Daffodil Post Office when in Douglas County.

DAFFODIL – Continued

The settlement is credited to Steve Decker who settled on an old mining claim at the junction of Trout Creek and the South Fork of the South Platte River. He built a general store and operated a saloon in a small settlement he named Daffodil. The settlements of Deckers and Daffodil are less than a mile apart so there may be some confusion between the two places.

The location of Daffodil was the old site of Mouat’s lumber mill and the town was built on both sides of the river. In later years, the Trumbull Inn, a large rustic structure, became a well-known place of entertainment.

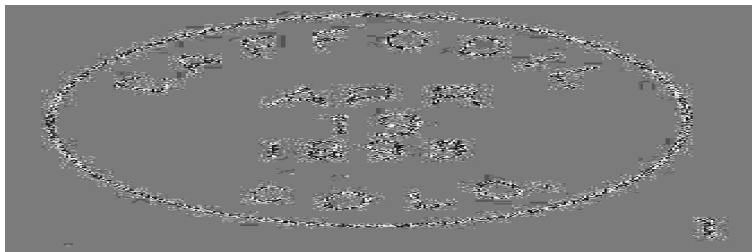
Today Daffodil/Trumbull is the site of several small cabins that serve as permanent fishing camps for those chasing the wily trout in the South Platte.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 10 1896	---	SW/4 Sec 15 T9S R70W West side of the South Platte River Note: This location is in Jefferson County
Apr 11 1896		Established
Apr 11 1896		Hibbard, Robert H.
Dec 4 1896		White, Josiah
Dec 31 1897		Mitchell, Cora L.
May 21 1903		Decker, Hannah A.
Jul 27 1907		Ordered closed Mail to Bethesda effective Aug 15 1907
Aug 12 1907		Closing order rescinded
May 21 1903		Decker, Hannah A.
Nov 29 1907		Decker, Stephen D.
Feb 19 1908		Moved to Deckers

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	DAFFODIL / COLO.	Apr 19 1899
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2	DAFFODIL / COLO.	Jul 18 1905 Sep 25 1909
	CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 1, P-24x14mm



DAWSON

The location of this Dawson Post Office is open to further study. There is no Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report on file. Thus it is necessary to resolve the conflicts between locations recorded in the Rogers File of the Colorado Historical Society [History Colorado], in *Colorado Ghost Towns, Volume II* by Leanne C. Boyd and Glenn Carson, and Dawson in a Denver South Park, and Pacific Railroad Time Table from M. C. Poor’s book *Denver South Park & Pacific*.

The Rogers File contains the following entries:

1. On North Fork of the South Platte River in T-7-S R-70-W, near mouth of Kennedy Gulch.
2. Mapped as RR station in Jefferson County on N. Branch of South Platte River south of Turkshead Peak and about 3 miles below mouth of North Fork (later called South Platte).
3. Platte Canyon Quad USGS 1948 ed. Not shown, shows Strontia Springs about here (and a Dawson about 1 mile below Foxton on North Fork.)

DAWSON – Continued

Leanne C. Boyd and Glenn Carson mention Dawson, “Between Foxton and Longview near old site of Resort, on 1923 map.” That description fits with the first and possibly the third references from the Rogers File.

The second reference in the Rogers File is possibly in agreement with the portion of the third reference (to Strontia Springs).

Thus there are two possible locations for Dawson. One is near the junction of Foxton Road with the South Platte River Road, a mile east of Foxton.

The second is some three miles down the South Platte River from where South Platte River Road crosses the river to go south to Deckers. That location is now within the Strontia Springs Reservoir and there is only a foot trail to the general location.

The answer to this problem appears to be found in a timetable for the Denver & South Park - Canyon District - Denver and Como, dated August 1st, 1889, a year before the Dawson Post Office was established.

The timetable lists Dome Rock at milepost 31.7, Dawsons at milepost 34.6 and Park Siding at milepost 36.0. There was 900 feet of siding at Dawsons. Park Siding was one of the early names for what became Foxton. From this information, it appears that the location “near the mouth of Kennedy Gulch” is the correct choice for the Dawson Post Office.

I have no definitive information as to what Dawson was. Most likely it was another small resort with a station to serve fishermen and campers. The date of discontinuance is accompanied by the note, “No mail sent.” That raises a question to whether or not the Dawson Post Office was ever in operation.

Dawson may also have been a railroad siding for shipping lumber.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 9 1890	Established Not listed in postal guides
Jun 9 1890	Rutherford, Edgar J.
Jun 30 1894	Discontinued No mail sent

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DAWSON

DEERCREEK

A single reference describes Deercreek as, “Simply a ranch house, the voting place of the precinct.” Based on that comment and my visit to the site, Deercreek is classed as a rural post office.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report contains a sketch map that shows Deer Creek City. Located in a narrow valley, there was no room for a city and today only a few residences exist along the road.

Follow the directions to visit the site of Phillipsburg. At Phillipsburg, turn west on to Deer Creek Road and it is two and a half miles to the site of Deer Creek, sometimes called Deermont. This is at the junction with Maxwell Road to the south.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 5 1896	---	NW/4 Sec 25 T6S R70W On south fork of Little Deer Creek (runs through town) A detailed sketch map shows "Deer Creek City" at a point where the South Fork of Deer Creek turns from the west southwest to nearly due north Proposed postmaster - Hector O'Neil
Aug 24 1896	Established	
Aug 24 1896		O'Neill, Hector
Jan 27 1898		Coffin, Walter E.

DEERCREEK – Continued

Nov 24 1899 **Ordered closed**
Dec 15 1899 **Discontinued Mail to Critchell**

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM DEERCREEK

DOME ROCK

Dome Rock was located at milepost 31.73 on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad at an elevation of 6,210 feet. In addition to the Dome Rock depot there was a 47,500-gallon water tank and a stock pen.

It was named for a large, dome-shaped outcropping of granite on the south side of the North Fork of the South Platte River. Below the dome and along the river there was a level open area that was developed into a park. This became a favorite place for Denver residents to come for picnics and weekend camping. Fishing in the South Platte River was another attraction. A number of small resorts and summer cabins were built in the vicinity.

The Denver and South Park ran excursion trains to Dome Rock; however, as the twentieth century progressed, the popularity of automobile travel opened other areas for recreation. With the termination of service on the railroad Dome Rock lost its popularity and eventually the park ceased to operate.

There are three possible accesses to the post office sites along the South Platte River. Beginning at Pine Junction on US Highway 285, take Pine Valley Road through Pine to Buffalo Creek and then follow the South Platte River Road to the north and east through Foxton to South Platte. The second choice is from US 285. Just west of Conifer take South Foxton Road to the intersection with the South Platte River Road, a mile east of Foxton. The third choice is to come from Deckers, down the South Platte River to the site of South Platte and then west on South Platte River Road towards Buffalo Creek.

Dome Rock is three miles east of the junction of South Foxton Road and South Platte River Road, about half way between Foxton and South Platte. There are still several summer or weekend cabins along the road and in the vicinity.

On the south side of the river, the prominent granite dome marks the location.

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Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 28 1880 --- NW/4 Sec 23 T7S R70W 60 feet north of the Platte River
On D.S.P. & P.R.R, on north side in Depot Dome Rock
Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Frank B. Ross

Jul 12 1880 Established

Jul 12 1880 Ross, Frank B.

Jan 5 1881 Discontinued

Feb 21 1883 Re-established

Feb 21 1883 Ross, Frank B.

Mar 1 1886 Grant, Ulysses S.

May 11 1886 Discontinued Papers to Buffalo Creek

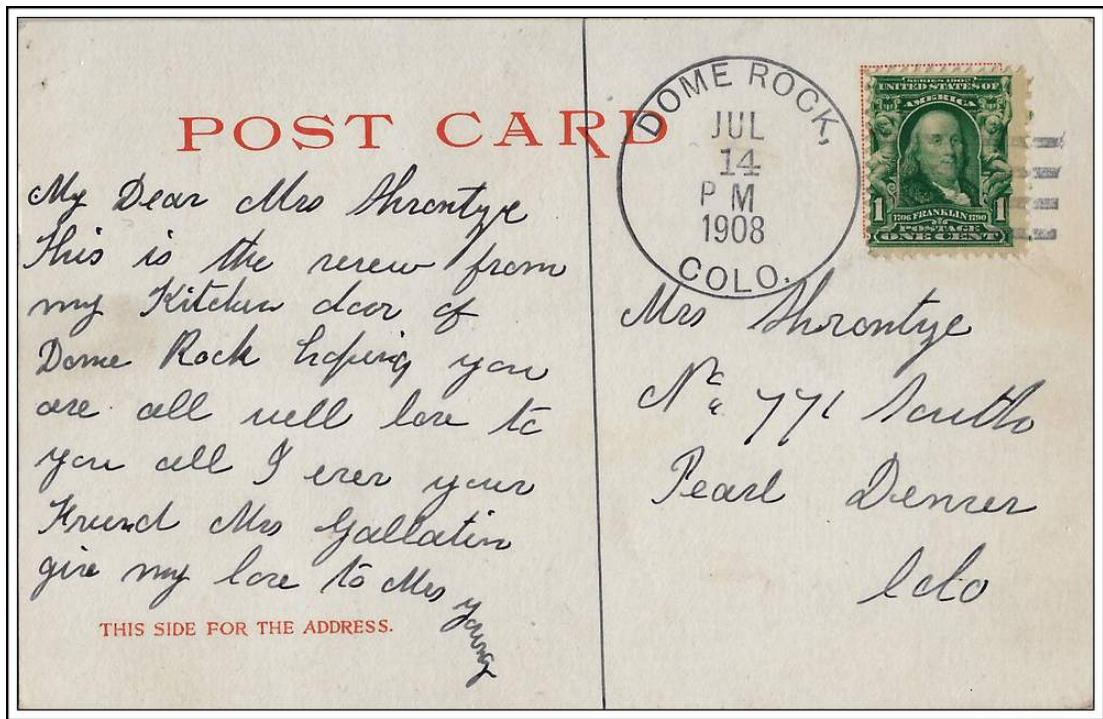
Jun 3 1907 --- SW/4 Sec 23 T7S R70W South Platte River 50 feet south of post office
Directly on the Colorado and Southern Railroad

Jun 25 1907 Re-established

Jun 25 1907 Hynes, Rosa

Apr 4 1911 Moved to Longview

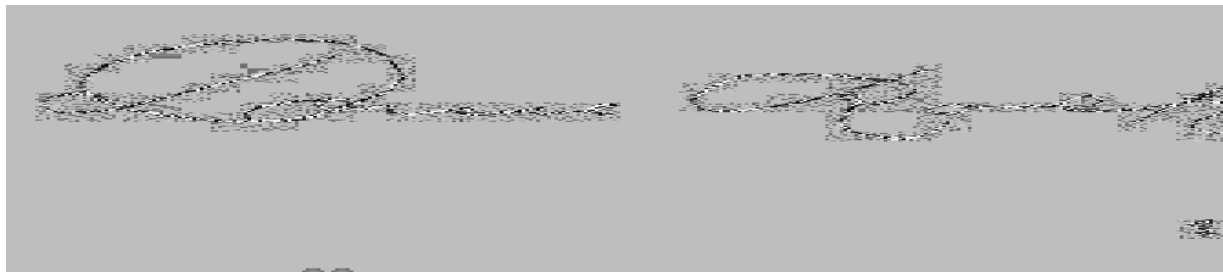
DOME ROCK – Continued



DOME ROCK, / COLO. July 14, 1908

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Dome Rock Colo
MS | Mscp Pen cancel | Jun 26 1883 |
| 2 | DOME ROCK, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-24x13mm | Aug 19 1907 Jul 25 1911 |



EDGEWATER

Seeking water to irrigate his crops, Thomas Sloan dug a well. The result was an artesian well that produced enough water to create the 270-acre Sloan’s Lake.

On May 13, 1889 Carleton Ellis, Al Townsend and others filed a town plat for Edgewater. The townsite was located on the edge of Sloan’s Lake, hence the name. Edgewater was incorporated in 1901.

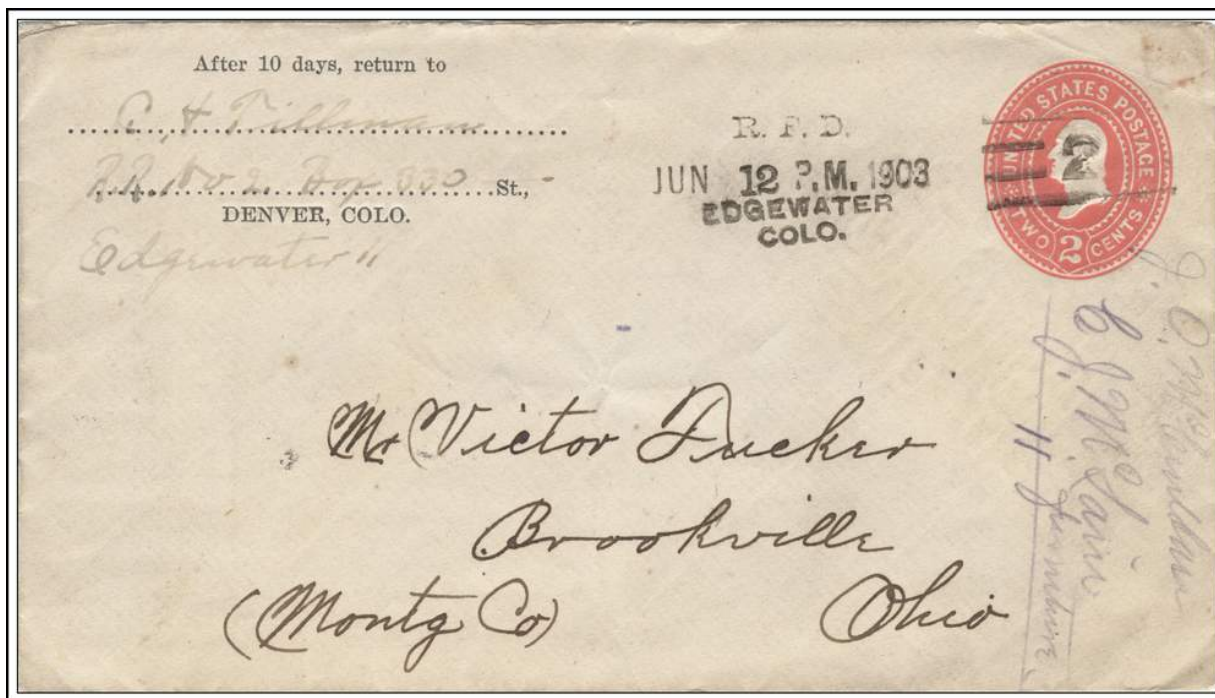
In 1890 the Manhattan Beach Amusement Park (later named Luna Park) was built in Edgewater. In 1912 a fire destroyed the amusement park.

EDGEWATER – Continued

Today, Edgewater is a suburb of Denver and the lake, immediately east of Sheridan Boulevard, is included in one of Denver’s City Parks. The town comprises the area bounded by West 26th Avenue, Sheridan Boulevard, West 20th Avenue, and Pierce Street. Also included are some small areas in Denver County adjacent to the main town.

As an independent post office, Edgewater was on the west side of Sheridan Avenue. In 1937 the Edgewater Post Office was converted to a Branch of the Denver Post Office. You may refer to the listing below for the details of those locations.

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R. F. D. / EDGEWATER / COLO. June 12, 1903

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 29 1891	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T3S R69W	
Mar 1 1892		Established	
Mar 1 1892		Humphreys, Rose	
Jun 28 1894		Miller, Charlotte H.	
Jul 14 1897		Humphreys, Rose	Rescinded Oct 4 1897
Jun 28 1894		Miller, Charlotte H.	
Jun 17 1897	---	A map shows the post office on the west side of Sheridan Boulevard between Highland Avenue and Emerald Street, closer to Emerald	
Jan 6 1898		Miller, Frank H.	
Dec 11 1907		Miller, Frank H.	P&S
Dec 20 1911		Miller, Frank H.	P&S
May 7 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T3S R69W 150 feet northeast of the Denver City Tramway 30 feet west of the nearest county boundary	
Jun 23 1914		Spicer, Charles E.	P&S
Sep 15 1918		Spicer, Charles E.	P&S
Jan 1 1922		Simpson, Benjamin H.	Acting
Mar 24 1922	---	NE/4 Sec 36 T3S R69W	

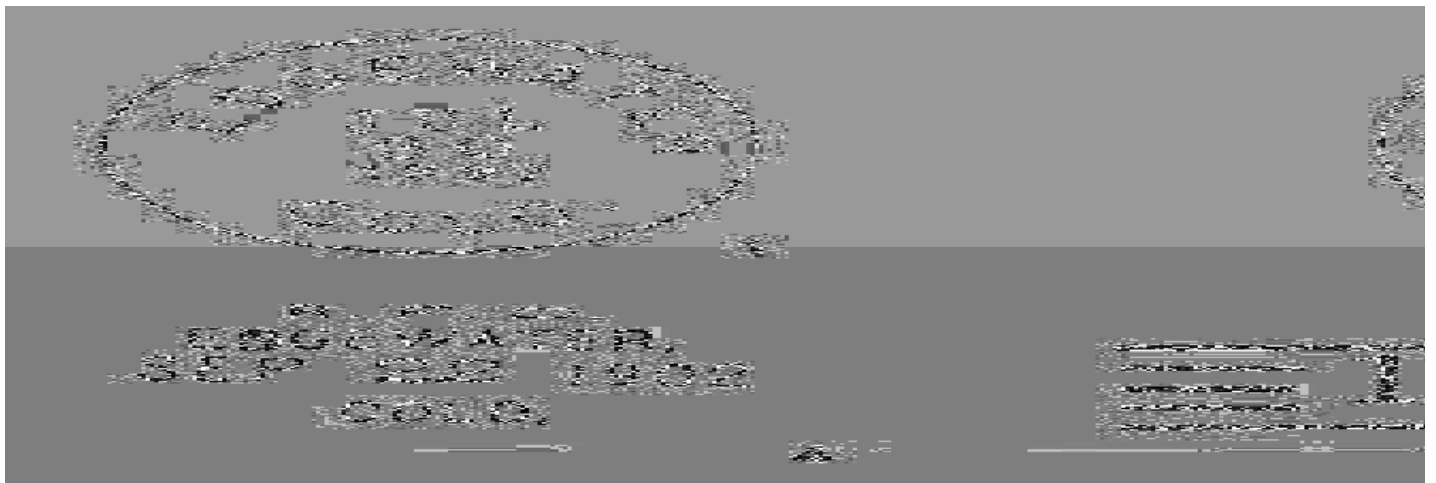
EDGEWATER – Continued

May 8 1922	Niquette, Ethel	P&S
Apr 22 1924	Wayne, Thomas N.	Acting
Dec 13 1924	Wayne, Thomas N.	Appointed
Dec 13 1928	Wayne, Thomas N.	Appointed
Jun 4 1934	Bender, Harry J.	Confirmed
Jun 8 1934	Bender, Harry J.	Commissioned
Jul 5 1934	Bender, Harry J.	Assumed charge
Jun 25 1937	Ordered closed	
Jul 1 1937	Converted to a branch of Denver	
Jan 5 1942	---	NE/4 Sec 36 TS3 R69W 5300 Ames [Branch of Denver] Proposed postmaster - Sigmund Birnbaum

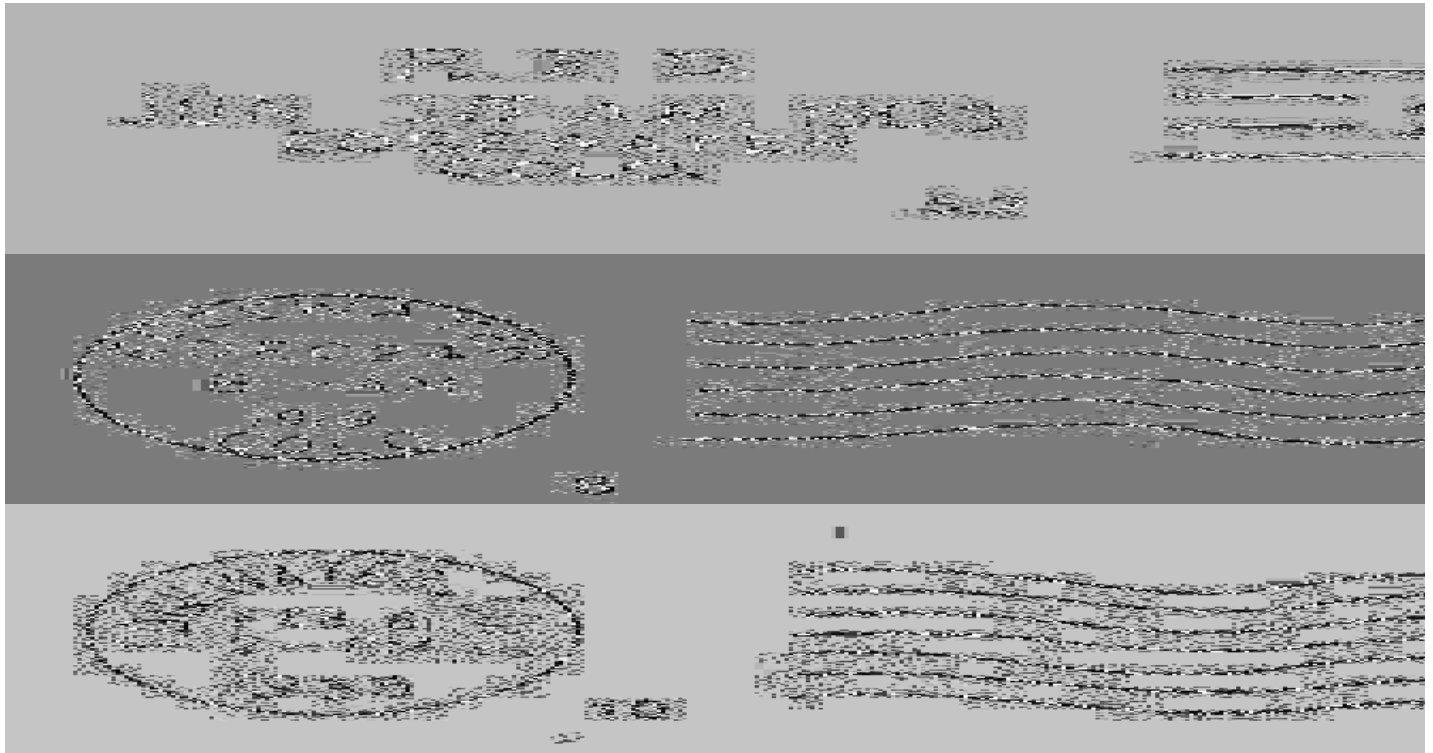
Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded	Jul 30 1897
2	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded	Jan 10 1898
3	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Nov 7 1904 Nov -- 1909
4	EDGEWATER, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 26.0x16.0	RFD 5 bars with 1, small RFD	Mar 4 1901 Sep 22 1902
5.1	EDGEWATER / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 37.0x16.0	RFD 4 bars with 1, large RFD	May 20 1903 Dec 5 1903
5.2	EDGEWATER / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 37.0x17.0	RFD 4 bars with 2, large RFD	Jun 12 1903 Jun 15 1903
6	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jul 14 1907 Jun 8 1916
7	EDGEWATER, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 28.5	Hstp No killer	Apr 8 1907 Jun 12 1907
8	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Dec 24 1919 Dec 30 1919
9	EDGEWATER, COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Flag 13 star waving flag	Dec 22 1930
10	EDGEWATER, / COLO. CI 10P ?	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 6 1933 Jul 15 1937
11	EDGEWATER / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	May 11 1934 May 18 1937

For Markings subsequent to July 15, 1937, See EDGEWATER (Denver, County)



EDGEWATER – Continued



ELK CREEK

I do not have any definitive information as to the location of the Elk Creek Post Office. However, based on its name and the general description of the location I strongly suspect that it was on the wagon road from Denver to the South Park mining districts.

A likely location is in the vicinity of what is today known as Shaffer's Crossing, where US Highway 285 crosses Elk Creek. Subsequent to the time of the Elk Creek Post Office this was the location of the Willowville (1879), Belleville (1881) and Urmston (1891-1900) Post Offices.

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 18 1863	---	This mountainous country has never been surveyed hence I cannot give you section or range. Granite Vale 14 miles southeasterly Denver 35 miles northeast Central City 35 miles north Proposed office is 10 miles north of Platte River
Mar 23 1864		Established
Mar 23 1864		Powell, Robert P.
Apr 18 1865		Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ELK CREEK

ENTERPRISE

Enterprise was the initial name for the post office at the mouth of the South Platte Canon. It was a station – Platte Station – on the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad at milepost 20.43, altitude 5,504 feet.

ENTERPRISE – Continued

In 1881 the post office name was changed to Platte Canon, bringing it closer to agreement with the railroad station name. Do not confuse this with the earlier Platte Canon Post Office in Douglas County, which later became Deane and whose site is now under the waters of the Strontia Springs Reservoir.

A small community developed at the mouth of the South Platte Canon. Its purpose was to serve the railroad and its employees. The railroad built a frame depot, a four-stall engine house, a 47,500-gallon water tank, a wye and 3,062 feet of siding. The community also had a number of houses and a store.

The Platte Canon Post Office closed in 1893 and in 1916 the community of Platte Canon was renamed Waterton. Several authors have implied that there was a Waterton Post Office but such was not the case.

From the Wadsworth Avenue Exit from Colorado Highway C-470, drive south on South Platte Canyon Road to the Denver Water System facility at the mouth of Platte Canon. That area is now called Waterton and is the successor to the communities of Enterprise and Platte Canon.

There are a number of buildings but access to the waterworks is restricted. There is a parking lot and this is the trailhead for the hiking trail into Platte Canon.

Chronology of the Post Office

	Following the Plainview report there is a map dated October 19, 1879, that shows Enterprise on the Platte River, north and east of Platte Canyon, and at the southern boundary T6S R69W
Oct 3 1879	Established
Oct 3 1879	Porterfield, James R.
Jun 16 1880	Detrick, James H.
Jul 6 1880	St. Laurent, Aimee A.
Mar 11 1881	Name changed to Platte Canon

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ENTERPRISE

EVERGREEN

In 1859 Thomas Bergen settled in nearby Bergen Park. In 1866 Thomas F. Post, his son-in-law opened a store where Cub Creek joins Bear Creek.

In 1875, D. P. Wilmont arrived and began to accumulate considerable land holdings. An application was made for a post office to be named Evergreen. The name was emblematic of the dense evergreen forests that surrounded the growing settlement.

Several sawmills were put in operation and the area became a significant supplier of lumber for the city of Denver. Charcoal production was also an early factor in the economy of Evergreen. Some of land between Evergreen and Bergen Park was also suitable for small scale ranching. The latter activity continued until well into the twentieth century.

Evergreen became the commercial center for Bergen Park and the area on the headwaters of Bear Creek.

I first visited Evergreen in the mid-1950s. At that time there was a small business district and a number of residences closely associated with the town. In winter the small, artificial lake in the center of Evergreen was a popular place to go ice-skating.

From 1960 on, the whole area began to develop as a mountain residence community. Evergreen has expanded in all directions with new shopping centers away from the center of the original town.

EVERGREEN – Continued

Evergreen may be reached either from Morrison via Colorado Highway 74 or by driving west from Denver on Interstate 70 to the El Rancho exit and then south on Highway 74. The post office is on Highway 74, a mile or so north of the center of Evergreen.

Latitude = 39:38:00 North Longitude = 105:19:00 West

Chronology of the Post Office

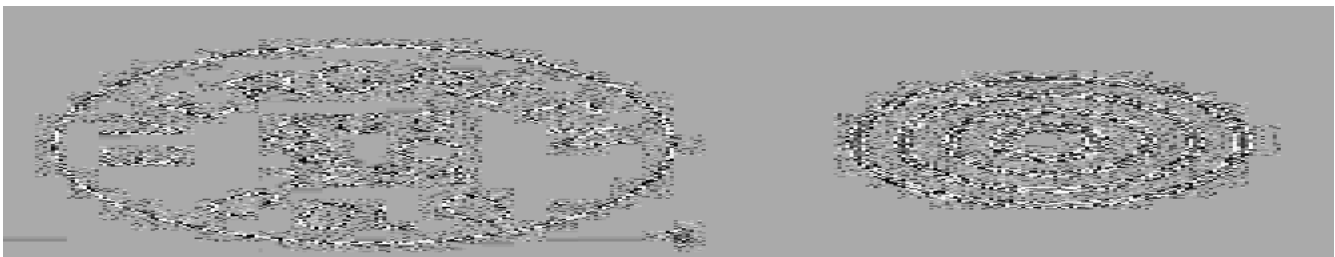
Jun 30 1876	---	SE/4 Sec 10 T4S R71W	On the north bank of Bear Creek	
Jul 17 1876		Established		
Jul 17 1876		Gee, Thomas W.		
Apr 12 1880		Dedisse, Julius C.		
Mar 7 1881		Armstrong, Thomas D.		
Oct 26 1881		Bell, William H.		
---	---	Post, Amos F.	[Date is illegible]	
Dec 30 1889		Babcock, Casper D.		
Jul 9 1891		Amos, Andrew		
Apr 22 1895		Morris, Joseph		
Aug 6 1898		Babcock, Jasper D.		
Apr 11 1901		Wood, William H.		
May 12 1903		Baker, Michael		
Dec 31 1908		Wilmot, Arthur H.		
Nov 5 1909		Sheridan, Iva M.		
Apr 20 1914	---	S/2 NE/4 Sec 10 T4S R71W	1/16 mile south of Bear Creek	
Mar 29 1915		Vezina, Samuel A.		
Oct 4 1917	---	NE/4 Sec 10 T4S R71W	66 feet north of Bear Creek	
Oct 12 1917		Robb, William		
Jan 1 1921				Office made Presidential
Sep 1 1921		McQuarry, Nellie		
Dec 13 1924		Mickey, Nellie M.		Name changed by marriage
Dec 13 1928		Mickey, Nellie M.		
Jan 23 1934		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Nominated
Feb 1 1934		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Confirmed
Feb 20 1934		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Commissioned
Apr 5 1938		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Nominated
Apr 8 1938		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Confirmed
Apr 12 1938		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Appointed Presidential
Apr 26 1938		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Commissioned
Oct 20 1941	---	Sec 10 T4S R71W	Bear Creek 50 feet south of post office	On Bear Creek Road
		Business section of Evergreen is S/2 NE/4 Sec 10		
May 15 1942		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Nominated
Jun 4 1942		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Confirmed
Jun 5 1942		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Appointed Presidential
Jun 29 1942		Elmgreen, Arthur J.		Commissioned
Jun 30 1960		Snowbarger, Herbert H.		Assumed charge
Jul 5 1960		Snowbarger, Herbert H.		Acting
Sep 22 1961		Williams, Eugene H.		Assumed charge
Sep 26 1961		Williams, Eugene H.		Acting
Oct 3 1961		Bedford, Elmer R.		Assumed charge
Oct 11 1961		Bedford, Elmer R.		Acting
May 2 1965		Julius, Laurell E.		Confirmed
May 25 1965		Julius, Laurell E.		Appointed Presidential
Jun 8 1965		Julius, Laurell E.		Commissioned
Jun 18 1965		Julius, Laurell E.		Assumed charge
Jun 30 1972		Mester, James C.		Officer in charge
Jun 30 1973		Mester, James C.		Appointed

EVERGREEN – Continued

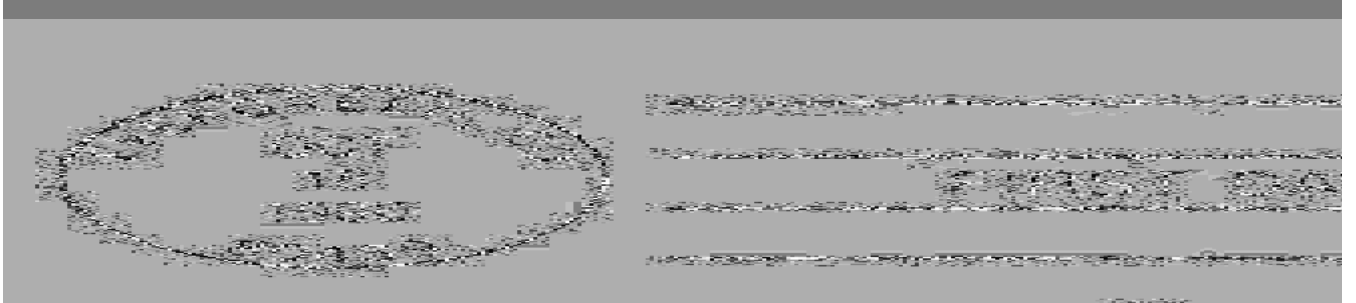
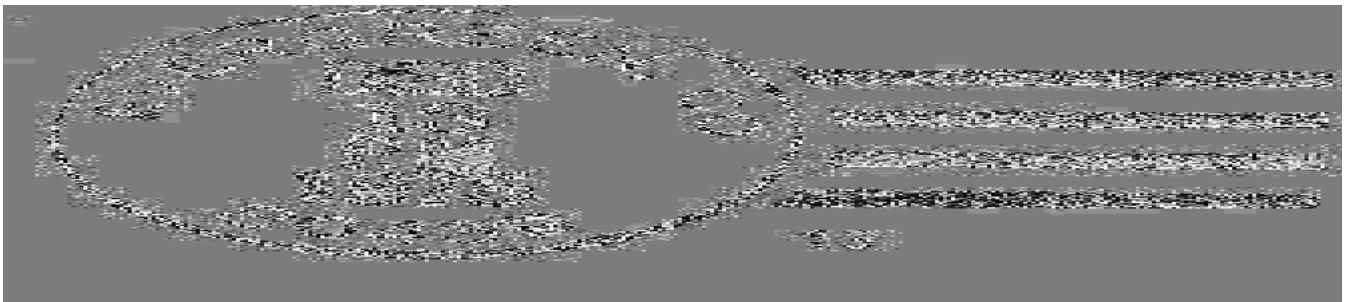
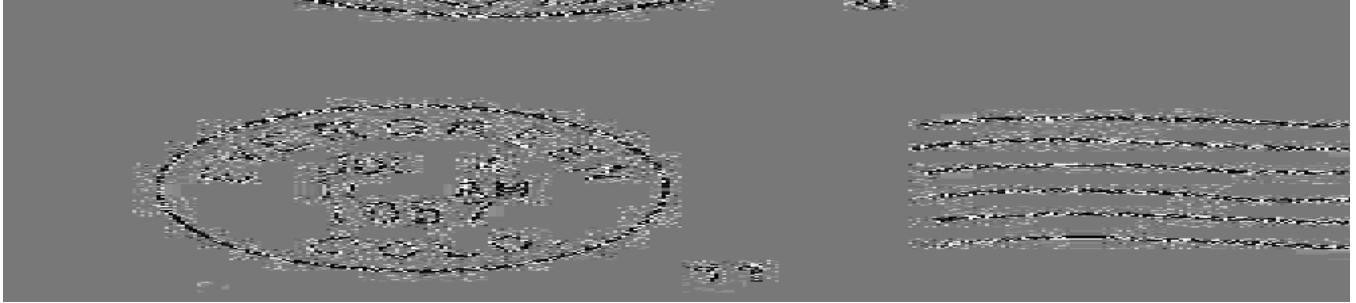
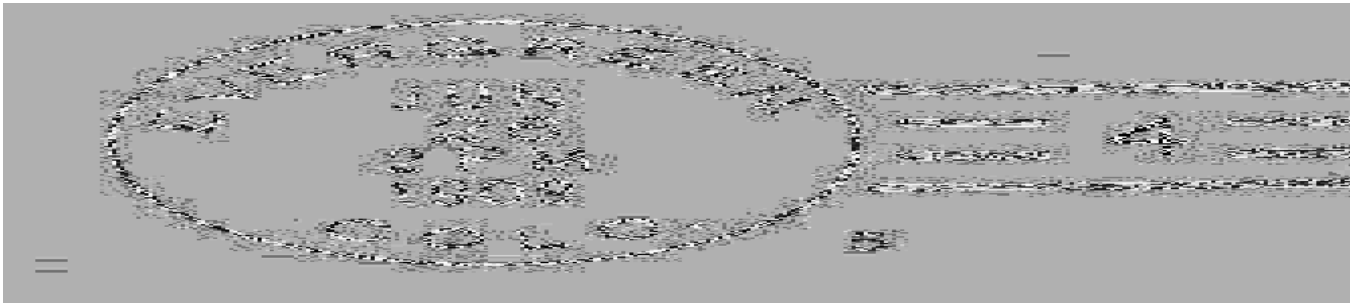
Jun 4 1976	Dykeman, Robert	Officer in charge
Nov 6 1976	Teetsel, Raymond S.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

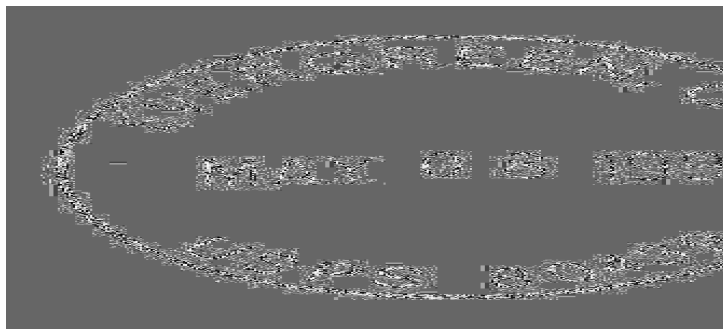
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4	EVERGREEN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; Target, 4-ring 18mm	May 27 1895 Mar 24 1899
5	EVERGREEN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3, with 4; S-23x14mm	Feb 11 1907 Apr 12 1912
6	EVERGREEN, COLO. / REC'D CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 22 1909
7	EVERGREEN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Feb 18 1919 Jan 6 1920
8	EVERGREEN, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jul 13 1922 Oct 24 1934
9	EVERGREEN / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Jun -- 1925 Mar 20 1934
10	EVERGREEN / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Jan 26 1938 Oct 24 1950 Or Jan 26 1933 as traced? No xerox
11	EVERGREEN / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Jul 4 1957 Dec 14 1959
12	EVERGREEN, CO / 80439 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Jul 8 1966 Dec 20 1976
13	EVERGREEN, CO / 80439 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Sep 4 1973 Dec 13 1975
13.1	EVERGREEN, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 10 1974
14	EVERGREEN, CO / USPS CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 31 1987
14.1	EVERGREEN, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.5/18.5	Hstp No killer	Aug 29 1989
15	EVERGREEN, CO / 80439 CI 10P 23.5	Hstp 4 thin bars with FIRST DAY OF ISSUE, [1990 traditional Christmas Stamp]	Oct 18 1990 Apr 12 1993 Apr 14 1993
16	EVERGREEN, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	May 8 1998
17	EVERGREEN CO / USPS 80439 CI 11P 33.5/21.5	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs	Apr 17 1995 May 8 1998
18	EVERGREEN, CO / USPS 80439 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-12x23mm	Jun 26 2000
19	EVERGREEN CO / USPS 80439 CI 11P 36.0/25.0	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs	



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EVERGREEN STATIONS

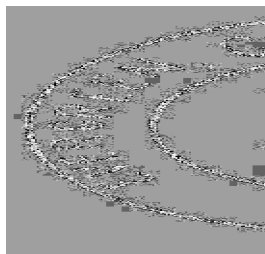
STATION NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 16 1982	---	Established as a Station of Evergreen
	---	28265 Colorado Highway 74 Mountain Pharmacy
Feb 29 1988	---	28186 Colorado Highway 74 Style's Cards
>Sep 1989	---	3649 Colorado Highway 74

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EVERGREEN, CO CONT. STA. NO 1 / USPS	Apr 14 1988
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs



CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
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Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Evergreen, CO 80439 // Celebrate the Century Station	Jun 15 2000
	SL 00R 99.0x3.0	Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
		The Life of a Century;
		Announced but not used

MARSHDALE STATION

In 1998 the Marshdale Station was in a small shopping center at the address listed below. The shopping center is on the west side of the highway, near the top of a hill, as you go south from Evergreen towards Conifer.

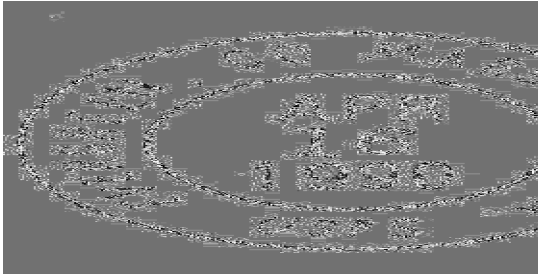
Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 1 1988	Established as a Station of Evergreen
	--- 6949 Colorado Highway 73 Suite 10

EVERGEREEN, MARSHDALE STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | EVERGREEN, CO MARSHDALE STA / USPS
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Apr 16 1990
Hstp No killer |
| 2 | EVERGREEN, CO MARSHDALE STA. / USPS
CI 11P 32.0/21.0 | Apr 17 1995 May 8 1998
Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs |



MAILER'S POSTMARK PERMIT

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | EVERGREEN / CO 80439 :: MAILER'S / POSTMARK / PERMIT / NO. 1
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Feb 25 1971
Printed Date added separately, Slogan - OZAKI MEANS /
BUSINESS [Used by stamp dealer Milton Ozaki] |
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FORKS CREEK/FORKSCREEK

Forks Creek was never a town. There was a cluster of buildings but they were all related to the Colorado Central Railroad. It was at milepost 28.71 and an altitude of 6,880 feet.

From Golden, the Colorado Central laid track up Clear Creek Canyon to where the north and south forks of the creek join. At that point the railroad divided. One branch followed North Clear Creek to Black Hawk in 1872 and Central City in 1878. The other branch continued up the South Fork of Clear Creek to Georgetown in 1877. Forks Creek was at the junction of the two branches and served as a coaling station for the railroad.

The location is on the Jefferson-Clear Creek County line and some maps have placed it in Clear Creek County but it is properly located in Jefferson County.

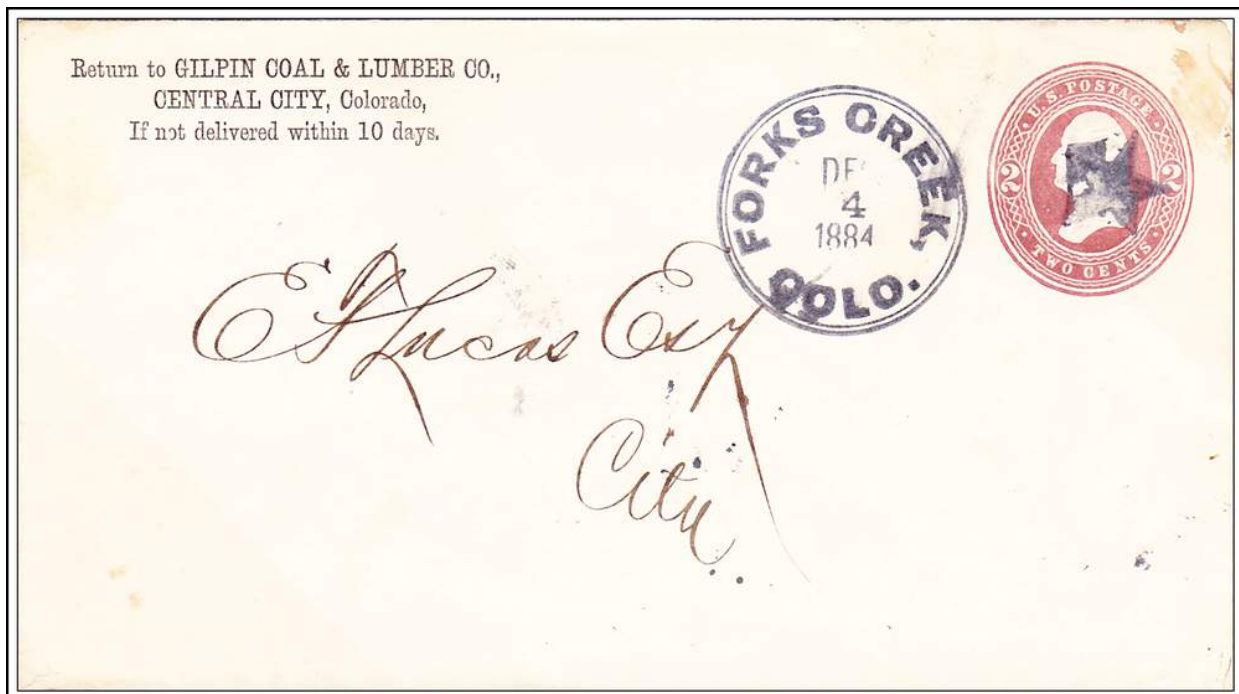
Removal of the railroads ended the need for any facility at Forks Creek. The construction of US Highway 6 and the intersection with Colorado Highway 119 largely obliterated any remains. In more recent times the gambling activity at Black Hawk has resulted in extensive restructuring of the intersection of the two highways that has so modified the junction that only traces of the railroad grade remain.

The location can be reached by US Highway 6 from Golden, west to the intersection with Colorado Highway 119 or via Interstate 70 to its intersection with US 6 and then back east on US 6 two miles to Colorado 119.

FORKS CREEK/FORKSCREEK – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 6 1878	--	SE/4 Sec 36 T3S R72W A stones throw from Clear Creek on the north side of it On the south side of the railroad and at the station	
Apr 5 1878		Established	
Apr 5 1878		Farr, William A.	
Nov 26 1880		Odell, Albert S.	
Oct 31 1882		Hullig, William	
Apr 8 1886		Smith, Charles E.	
May 11 1886		Smith, Benjamin L.	
May 7 1889		Dewey, Frank	
Jun 4 1895		Miller, Enmious F.	
Jun 4 1895		Spelling changed to Forkscreek	
Jul 21 1897		Cook, Morris R.	
Jun 27 1899		Parrish, John A.	
Jan 11 1900		Hutchinson, George A.	
Oct 20 1900		Davis, Charles N.	
Jan 25 1901		Westerberg, Charles	
Aug 24 1916		Westerberg, Gerda M.	
Jul 22 1920		Spice, Margaret	
May 22 1923		Fox, Mrs. Lilla	Acting
Jun 11 1923		Fox, Mrs. Lilla	Appointed
Apr 29 1924		Fox, Lyman A.	
Jun 7 1927		Ordered closed	
Jun 10 1927		Discontinued Mail to Golden	



FORKS CREEK, / COLO.

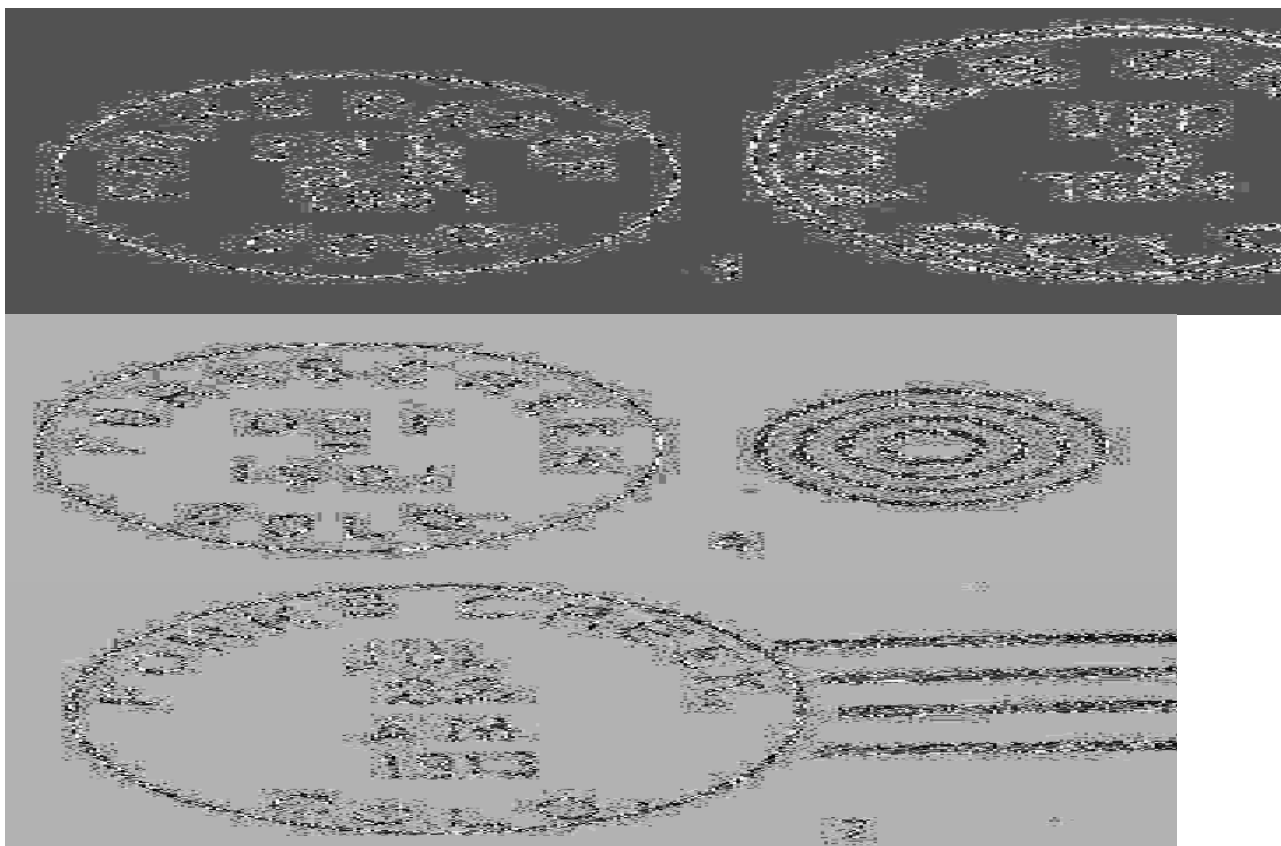
December 4, 1884

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FORKS CREEK / COLO. CI 10P 26.5	Aug 22 1882 Jul 28 1882 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
2	FORKS CREEK, / COLO. CI 20P 33.0/30.5	Jan 24 1884 Sep 18 1885 Hstp Fancy, Positive star

FORKS CREEK / FORKSCREEK – Continued

2.1	FORKS CREEK, / COL. // UNION PACIFIC R.R. CI 20P 31.0	Sep 18 1885 Hstp no killer Used on reverse of gpc canceled with B2 dated Sep 18, 1885
3	FORKS CREEK / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Jul 25 1888 Apr 18 1889 Hstp Cork, Smudge
4	FORKSCREEK / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Jun 2 1893 Oct 7 1901 Hstp Target
5	FORKSCREEK / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug -- 1896 Feb 1 1900 Hstp Not recorded
6	FORKSCREEK, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Jul 17 1906 Oct 28 1909 Doane Type 3 with 2, S-24x14mm
7	FORKS CREEK, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Aug 7 1910 Aug 19 1916 4bars S-24x14mm



FOXTON

Dr. Alvin Morey is believed to have been the first to settle at what is now known as Foxtton. From his arrival in 1876 to the opening of the Foxtton Post Office in 1909 there were three other post offices in the immediate area: Resort (1880-1881, 1881-1886), Vermillion (1881) and Park Siding (1890-1896). Please refer to those discussions for their individual histories.

The community was planned as a resort and it did develop in that direction with a number of summer cabins and fishing camps.

The Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad placed a station at the community and from the beginning the station was known as Park Siding. The surrounding countryside offered abundant timber and Park Siding was a convenient shipping point.

FOXTON – Continued

In 1909, John O. Roach, a merchant at Park Siding, made application for a new post office. He felt that the name Park Siding lacked dignity so he chose the name Foxton for his post office. It is claimed that the name was derived from Fox Hall in England. The reason for the choice is unclear but it may have been Mr. Roach's ancestral home.

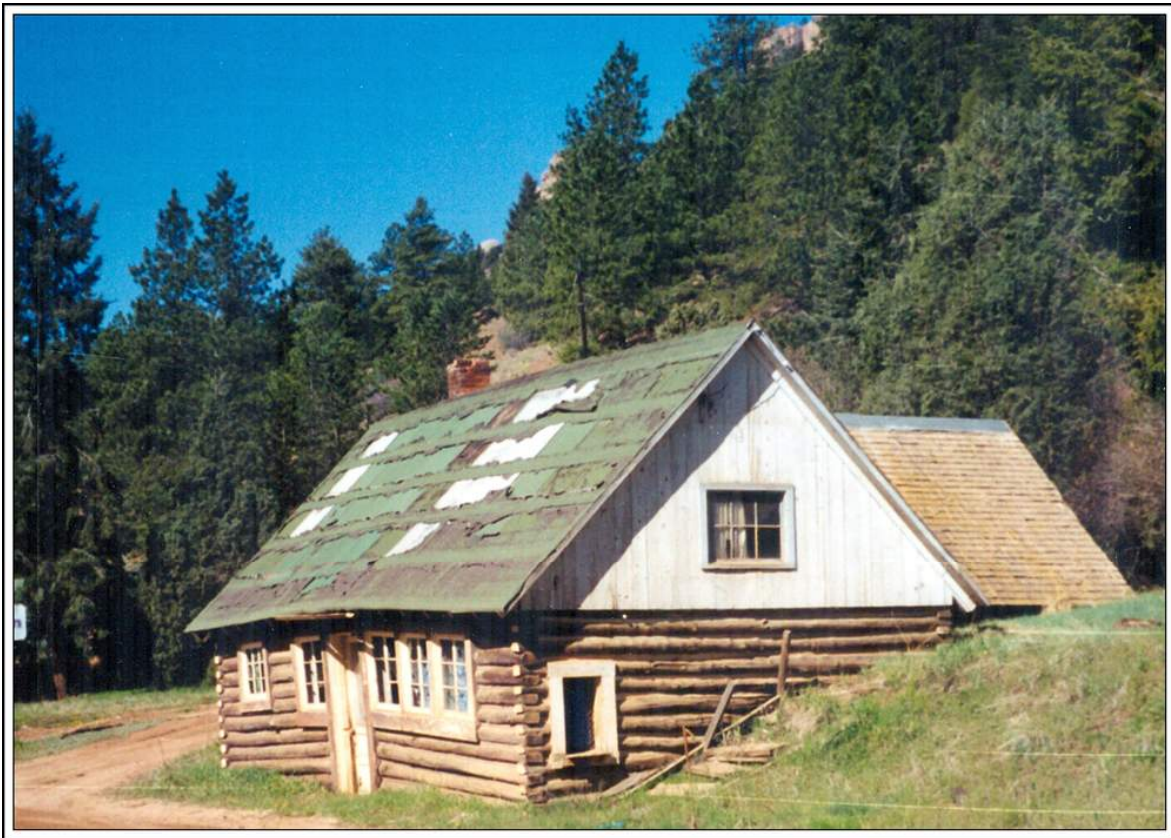
Many of the mountain resorts that depended on the railroads for their business faded in the twentieth century as better roads and automobile travel took passenger business from the railroads. Foxton managed to survive, continuing to be home to a few permanent residents, to summer and weekend visitors, and to fishermen and others enjoying outdoor recreation.

The Foxton Post Office lasted until 1993. For many years it was housed in a small, well kept log building close to road (South Park River Road). That building still stands (2007) but it is beginning to show the effects of time and weather.

Foxton can be reached from US Highway 285 by way of Pine Valley Road at Pine Junction, through Pine to Buffalo Creek and then three miles north on South Platte River Road. A second choice is to take South Foxton Road from US 285, west of Conifer, then turn right for one mile on South Platte River Road.

In addition to the former post office there are several other cabins along the road.

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**Until it closed in 1991, this now abandoned log building was the location of
the Foxton, Colorado Post Office**

Photograph by William H. Bauer

September 10, 2002

FOXTON – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 28 1908	---	NW/4 SW/4 Sec 21 T7S R70W On Colorado & Southern Railroad	
Jan 21 1909		Established	
Jan 21 1909		Roach, John O.	Confirmed
Feb 3 1909		Roach, John O.	Commissioned
Apr 1 1909		Roach, John O.	Assumed charge
Apr 24 1914	---	NW/4 SW/4 Sec 21 T7S R70W 50 feet north of the South Platte 20 feet north of the Colorado & Southern tracks	
Jan 19 1935		Roach, Parley P.	Assumed charge
Mar 5 1935		Roach, Parley P.	Acting
Mar 16 1935		Roach, Parley P.	Confirmed
Apr 4 1935		Roach, Parley P.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 21 T7S R70W North Fork of the South Platte is 75 feet southeast of the post office	
Nov 24 1941		Miller, Mrs. Nellie M.	Confirmed
Dec 5 1941		Miller, Mrs. Nellie M.	Commissioned
Dec 17 1941		Miller, Mrs. Nellie M.	Assumed charge
Jan 1 1944		Bedaske, Mrs. Kathryn L.	Assumed charge
Jan 10 1944		Bedaske, Mrs. Kathryn L.	Acting
Dec 7 1945		Armstrong, Mrs. Eunice B.	Confirmed
Jan 22 1946		Armstrong, Mrs. Eunice B.	Commissioned
Jan 31 1946		Armstrong, Mrs. Eunice B.	Assumed charge
Jan 12 1950		Graham, Mrs. Flora M.	Confirmed
Feb 1 1950		Graham, Mrs. Flora M.	Commissioned
Feb 28 1950		Graham, Mrs. Flora M.	Assumed charge
Mar 3 1977		Gamble, Mrs. E. Elizabeth	Officer in charge
Oct 4 1980		Gamble, Mrs. E. Elizabeth	Appointed
--- -- 1991		Closed in 1991 following death of the postmaster	
Feb 13 1993		Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FOXTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Mar 17 1910 Jul 27 1928
2	FOXTON, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-20x20mm	Nov 7 1933 Sep 25 1942
3	FOXTON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 4 1948 Jan 6 1965
4	FOXTON, CO / 80441 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 5 1965 Feb 12 1981



GILLESPIE

I have not found any historical reference to this place. The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does provide a location.

I have no information as to the source of the name for this post office. The site Location Report indicates that the proposed name was Metz. That name would have been in conflict with Metz in Monterrey County California and therefore was rejected in favor of Gillespie.

From its location in a wide place along the South Platte River it is possible that there was some ranching in the area. Lumbering would have been another source of income. Recreational activities – fishing and camping – would also have contributed. At best, Gillespie was a short-lived rural post office.

Colorado Highway 67, from Sedalia, reaches the South Platte River about three and a half miles north of the town of Deckers. The road turns south and almost immediately crosses the South Platte from Douglas County into Jefferson County. Gillespie was in the level area between the road and the river. There are some scattered buildings at the south end of this level area.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 14 1890	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T8S R70W 10 rods west of the South Platte River 3 rods north of Gun Barrel Creek Proposed postmaster - Alonzo F. Polhamus
May 24 1890		Established
May 24 1890		Polhamus, Alonzo F.
Jun 20 1894		Discontinued Mail to Symes

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GILLESPIE

GILMAN

Gilman was a stop at milepost 10.55 on the Morrison Branch of the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad. This branch ran from Bear Creek Junction to Morrison. The place was later known as Balcom and Lakeland.

Other than references to its location on the railroad I have no information about what might have been at Gilman. Considering the time period, I suspect that it was no more than a post office at the railroad stop serving some local farms and ranches.

The area where Gilman was located has been extensively modified in recent years and it is difficult to decide where the Gilman Post Office might have been located. I believe that it was located in the area immediately west of South Wadsworth Avenue and north of West Hampden Avenue, most likely where the frontage road parallels West Hampden. That area is now a residential section of Lakewood.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 24 1874	---	S/2 NW/4 Sec 2 T5S R69W 3/4 mile south of Bear Creek On Denver South Park & Pacific Railway Gilman St. one hundred feet (probably north side)
Dec 17 1874		Established
Dec 17 1874		Ratcliffe, Edward M.
Feb 21 1876		Ratcliffe, John W.
Aug 8 1876		Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GILMAN

GOLDEN

This town was originally established in 1859 as Golden City. On January 22, 1874 an act of the Ninth Territorial Legislature changed the corporate name of Golden City to Golden. However, the Post Office Department did not make the name change until June 1876.

Early Golden was a major trading and trans-shipment point for freight and passengers going to the mines in Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. There was some placer mining in Clear Creek. Later there were mill and separation plants in Golden. Mining of clay was also important. Until recently the clay pits were prominent along the east side of US Highway 6 as it passes Golden on the way to Clear Creek Canyon.

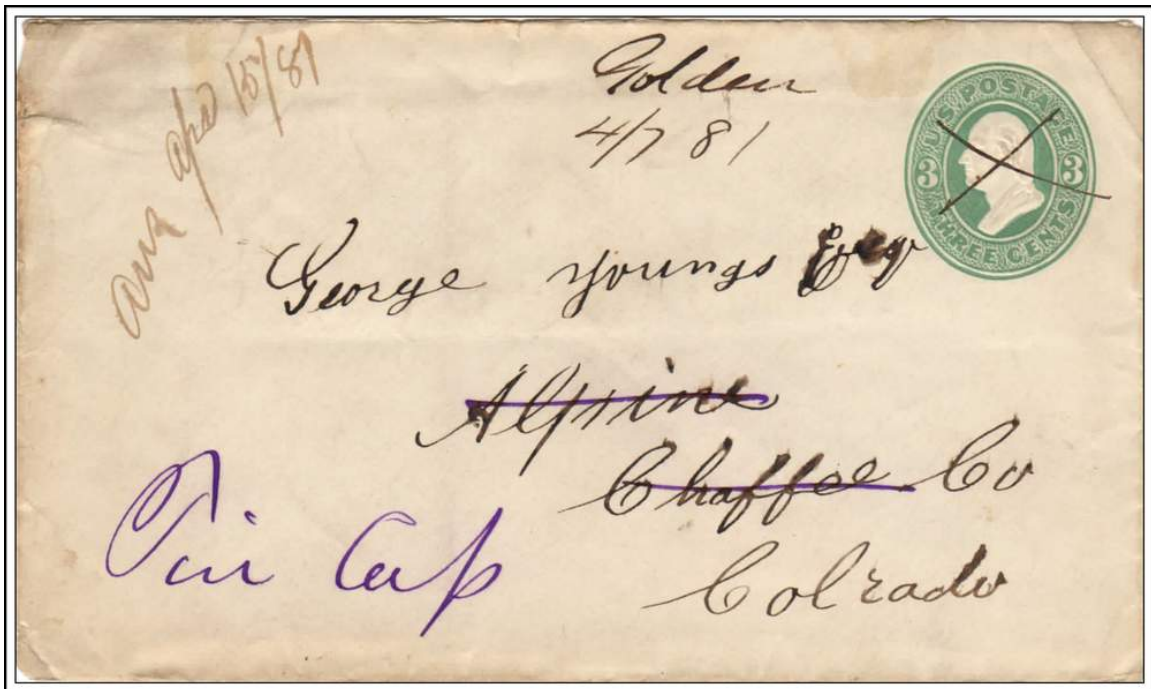
In 1871 Golden became the home of the Colorado School of Mines. As mining activity declined, providing services to the school and its students became an important part in the economy of Golden.

In the second half of the twentieth century Golden began to expand as a suburban residential community of Denver. The Golden city limits have been extended eastward to the city limits of Lakewood and Arvada. New developments continue to sprout along the roads north from Golden to Boulder and south towards Morrison.

The area along Old Golden Road has become increasingly commercialized with a major shopping center, Golden Mills, located near the intersection with West Colfax Avenue. The slopes on the eastern end of South Table Mountain are home to the Denver Research Park.

For many years the Golden Post Office was located in a 1930's Federal style building in the business district of Golden. With the completion of the new Jefferson County Government Center [The "Taj Mahal" to county residents.] the main Golden Post Office was moved to a new, larger building on the east side of Golden and near the county offices.

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Golden

April 7, 1881

GOLDEN – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 2 1874	---	1800 feet south of Clear Creek Map shows it on Washington Avenue 2-1/2 blocks south of the creek [Streets. GOLDEN - MILITARY BRANCH] [SRM: a partial line from original Bauer text]	
Jun 27 1876		Formerly named Golden City	
Jun 27 1876		Kimball, George K.	P&S
May 22 1880		Kimball, George K.	P&S
Jul 5 1884		Hoagland, John A.	P&S
Mar 26 1887		Armor, William	P
Feb 26 1886		Armor, William	P&S
Jun 2 1890		Vivian, John F.	P&S
Jan 8 1894		Cunningham, Samuel A.	P&S
Feb 2 1898		Quaintance, Brough P.	P&S
Jan 21 1902		Quaintance, Brough P.	P&S
May 18 1906		Bunney, Robert T.	P&S
Feb 14 1911		Quaintance, Brough P.	P&S
Apr 21 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 34 T3S R70W 1000 feet south of Clear Creek	
Mar 1 1915		Ferris, Jerry A.	P&S
Oct 23 1916	---	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 1 T4S R70W	
Feb 2 1918		Ferris, Jerry A.	P&S
Nov 15 1921		Dennis, Joseph E.	Acting
Mar 14 1922		Dennis, Joseph E.	Appointed
Jul 2 1926		Stewart, Frank E.	P&S
Feb 14 1931		Stewart, Frank E.	P&S
Jul 19 1935		Pike, Zebulon M.	Nominated
Jul 29 1935		Pike, Zebulon M.	Confirmed
Aug 1 1935		Pike, Zebulon M.	Acting & Appointed Presidential
Aug 6 1935		Pike, Zebulon M.	Assumed charge
Aug 21 1935		Pike, Zebulon M.	Commissioned
Jan 8 1940		Pike, Zebulon M.	Nominated
Jan 11 1940		Pike, Zebulon M.	Confirmed
Jan 18 1940		Pike, Zebulon M.	Appointed Presidential
Feb 27 1940		Pike, Zebulon M.	Commissioned
Oct 26 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 27 T3S R70W 12th and Jackson Streets	
Mar 15 1963		Ely, Norman H.	Acting
Nov 4 1966		Larned, Carl B.	Acting
May 8 1967		Larned, Carl B.	Confirmed & Appointed
May 19 1967		Larned, Carl B.	Commissioned
Nov 26 1973		Smith, Vernon P.	Officer in charge
Feb 23 1974		McGraw, Nelson W.	Appointed
Mar 25 1977		Troup, Russell	Officer in charge
Sep 3 1977		Sear, Harold	Officer in charge
Mar 11 1978		Gorden, Wilbur D.	Appointed

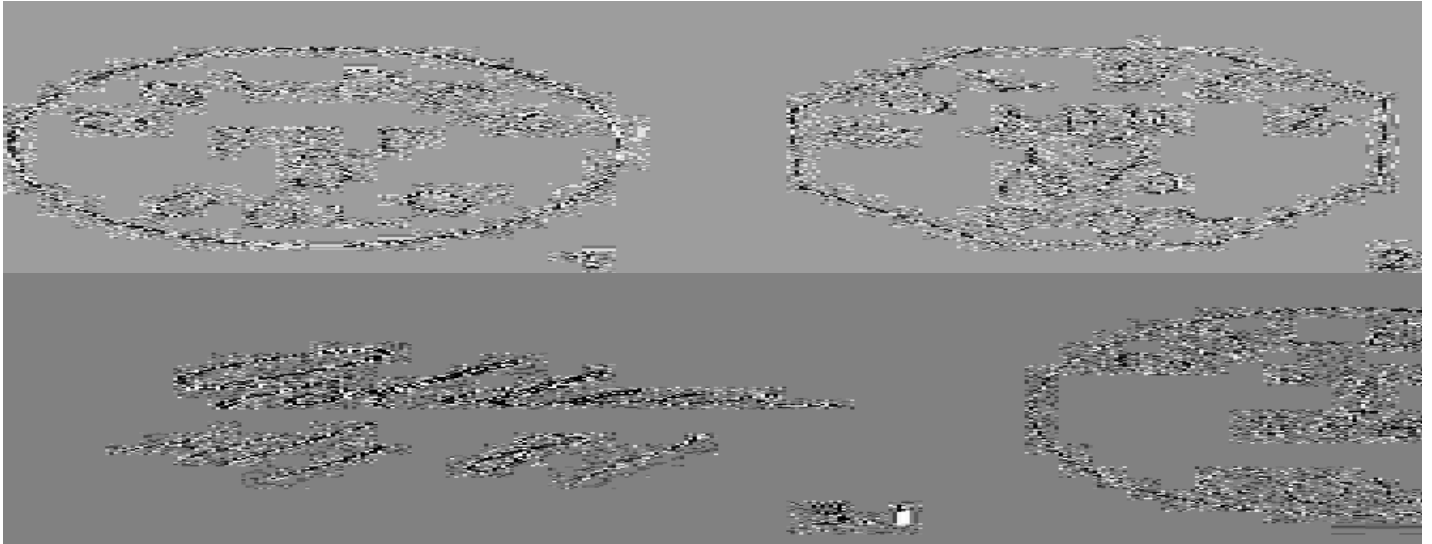
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2	GOLDEN / COL OC 10P 26.0x26.0	Hstp Cork, negative box on circle Apr 10 1879
3	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp No killer Nov 1 1879 Jan 21 1882
3.1	Golden MS	Dplx Grid, oval, with 3 and circle Apr 7 1881
		Mscp Pen cancel

GOLDEN – Continued

4	GOLDEN / COL. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 12 1883 Apr 27 1886 Hstp Target, 4-ring, heavy; Cork, smudge
5	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Feb 13 188- Feb 5 1886 Hstp Cork, Smudge, Negative "K"
5.1	GOLDEN, COLO. / M. O. B. OV 11P 41.0x30.5/31.0x20.5	Dec 5 1884 Hstp No killer
6	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Jun 1 1885 Aug 19 1890 Hstp Target, 4-ring 21mm, heavy; Cork, smudge, negative X-roads
7	GOLDEN, COL. / REC'D. CI 10P 28.0	Oct 27 1889 Hstp No killer, Backstamp [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
8	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 24 1891 Sep 28 1898 Hstp Cork, Smudge, 6-bar circular grid
9	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jan 9 1898 Dec 11 1901 Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval
9.1	GOLDEN, COLO. SL 10P 40.0x12.0	Dec 19 1903 Hstp No killer
10	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Jan 30 1907 Apr 1 1912 Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
11	GOLDEN, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 27.0x15.0	Feb 18 1901 Apr 10 1901 RFD 5 bars with 1
12	GOLDEN, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 36.0x27.0	Jan 22 1903 RFD 4 bars with 1 Large serifed RFD
12.1	GOLDEN, / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0	--- -- 191- Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box Style [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
12.2	GOLDEN, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 31.5	Jun 18 1913 Hstp No killer, Backstamp on Colorado Springs cover
13	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Sep 23 1914 Aug 26 1944 Dplx Grid oval with circle & 1
14	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Dec 19 1919 Jul 18 1928 Mach 7 wavy lines
15	GOLDEN, / COLO. RC 10P 35.0x17.0	--- -- 191- --- -- 192- Hstp No killer; Parcel Post Box style
15.1	GOLDEN, / COLO. RC 10P 38.0x20.0	1930s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
16	GOLDEN, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Feb 12 1933 Dec 20 1959 Mach 7 wavy lines
17	GOLDEN, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/18.5	Sep 8 1936 Hstp No killer
18	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 10P 35.0	Nov 4 1955 4bars S-26x22mm
19	GOLDEN / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Jul 14 1954 Nov 24 1961 Hstp No killer
19.1	GOLDEN, COLO. CI 11P 35.5/26.5	Feb 10 1956 Hstp No killer
20	GOLDEN, COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Oct 27 1959 Jul 2 1960 Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE
21	GOLDEN, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Dec 21 1960 Apr 30 1965 Mach 7 wavy lines
22	GOLDEN, COLO. CI 11P 32.0/23.5	May 21 1965 Rolr Slanted wavy lines
23	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 21.0	Mar 10 1966 Aug 18 1967 Mach 7 wavy lines; large "80401"

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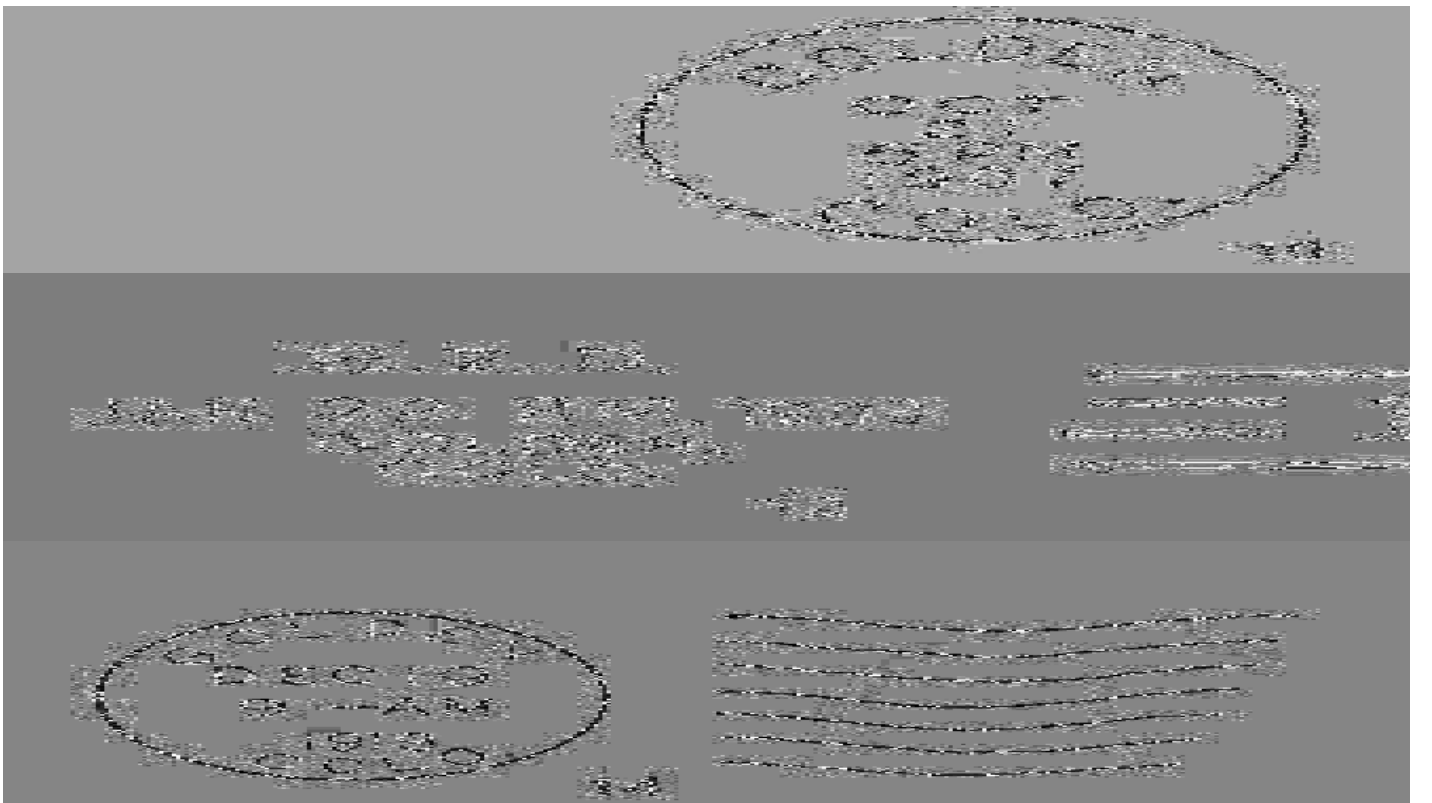


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GOLDEN, COLO.
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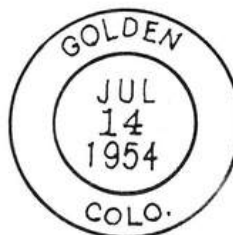
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25	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 20.0	Jan 30 1968 Dec 16 1972 Mach 7 wavy lines; small "80401"
26	GOLDEN COLO. CI 11P ?	Nov 28 1967 Mar -- 1969 Hstp No killer
27	GOLDEN, CO / USPO CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Apr 30 1973 Hstp No killer, Postal People First Day cover
27.1	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 22.0	Sep 9 1975 Mach Slogan in box with bars: USE / YOUR ZIP / CODE
28	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 31.5	Dec 29 1975 4bars S-24x19mm
29	GOLDEN, CO / 804 CI 10P 21.0	May 5 1976 Jul 8 1976 Mach Slogan in box with bars: USE / YOUR ZIP / CODE
30	GOLDEN, CO / 804 CI 10P 21.0	Aug 2 1976 Dec 16 1976 Mach Slogan in bars: COLORADO / THE CENTENNIAL STATE/ 1876----1976
31	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 35.0	Apr 15 1987 Hstp No killer
31.1	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 32.0	May 30 1990 4bars S-24x19mm
31.2	GOLDEN, CO / 80401 CI 10P 34.0	Jun 1 1993 Sep 29 1994 Hstp No killer
32	GOLDEN, COLORADO / 80401 CI 10P 34.0	Sep 29 1994 4bars S-20x15mm
32.1	GOLDEN, CO 80401 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Apr 5 1997 Hstp No killer
33	GOLDEN CO / USPS 80401 CI 11P 33.0/22.0	Sep 8 1998 Jan 12 2000 Hstp No killer, Inner circle is 2 arcs
34	GOLDEN CO / USPS 80401-9996 CI 10P 30.5	Mar 24 2009 4bars S-12x16mm



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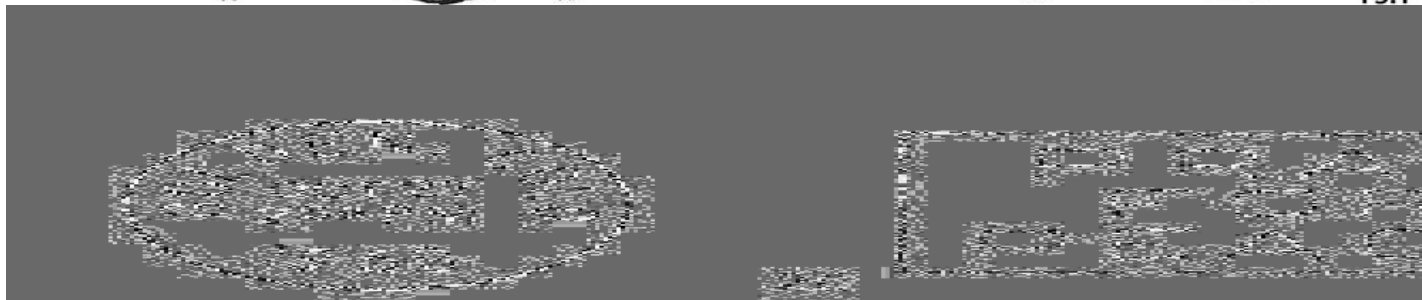
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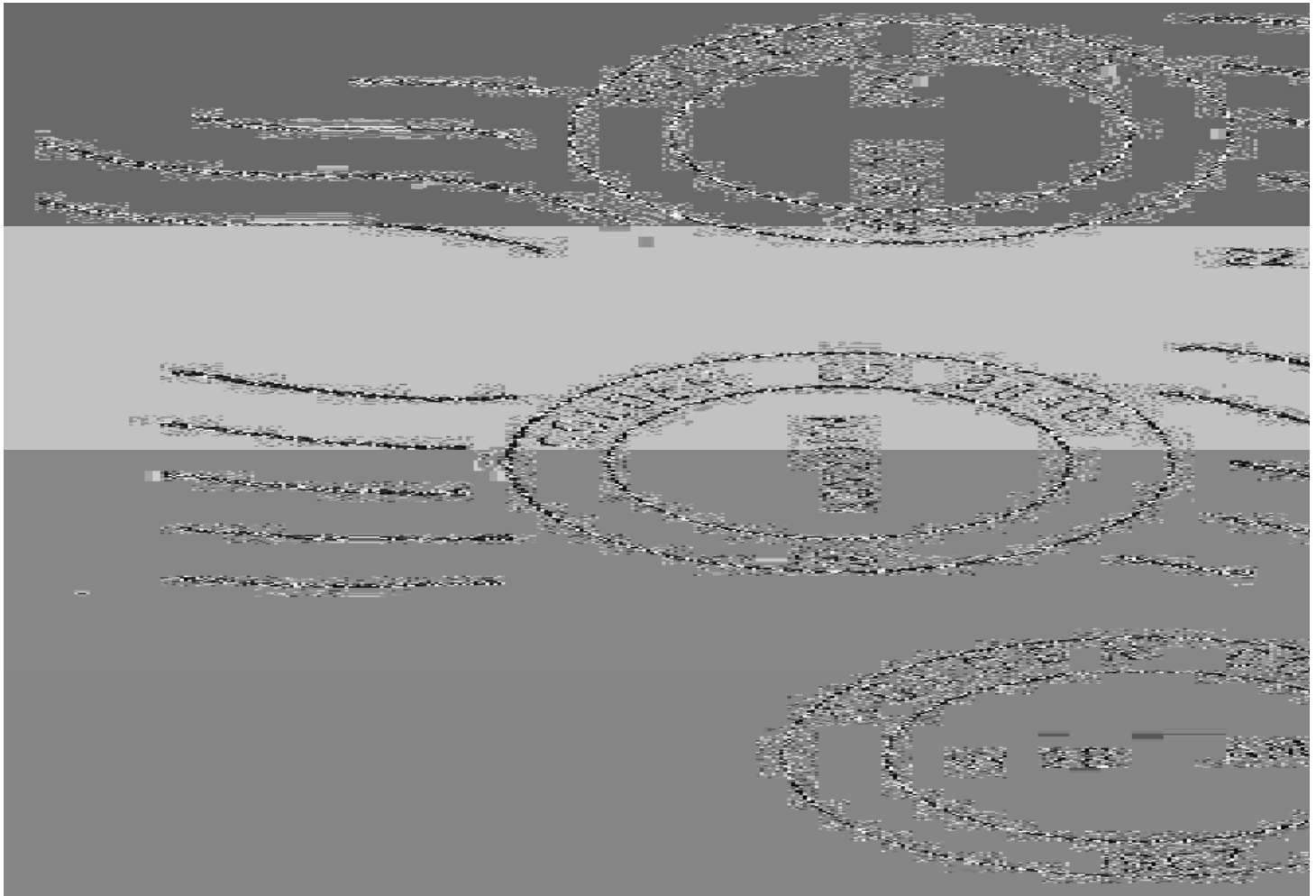
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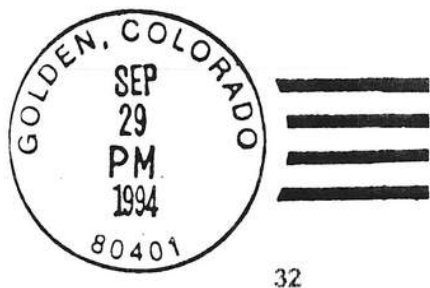
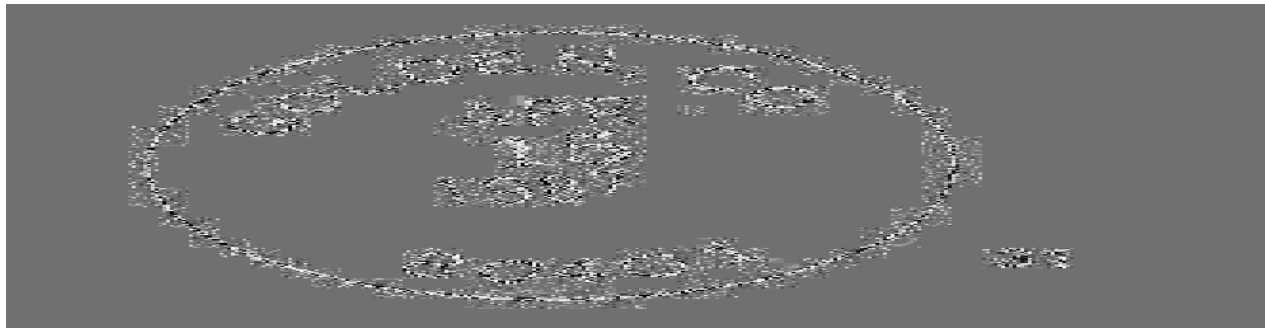
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GOLDEN – Continued



GOLDEN – Continued



AUXILIARY MARKINGS

A-1 Missent to Golden, Colo
SL 55.0x4.0

A-2 Golden, Col- // Unknown Rt. 3
SL 57.0x3.5

Feb 10 1956
Hstp No killer On LRU B19.1 cover above

Jul 2 1960
Hstp No killer On LRU B20 cover above



Unknown Rt. 3 Golden, Col

A-2

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES

STATION NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

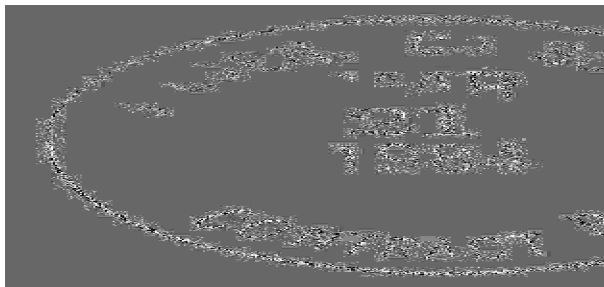
- Jul 1 1962 Established as a Station of Golden
--- 15940 South Golden Road
- Dec 31 1967 Discontinued
- Jan 8 1968 Re-established as a Contract Branch of Golden
--- 16350 South Golden Road
- 1980 Discontinued
- Jan 24 1980 Re-established as a Contract Station of Golden

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

STATION NUMBER 1 – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | |
|-----|---|----------------|-------------|
| 0.1 | GOLDEN, CO 80401 / CONTRACT BR 1
CI 10P 34.0 | Hstp No killer | Mar 21 1984 |
| 1 | GOLDEN, CO CONT. NO. 1 BR. / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 14 1992 |



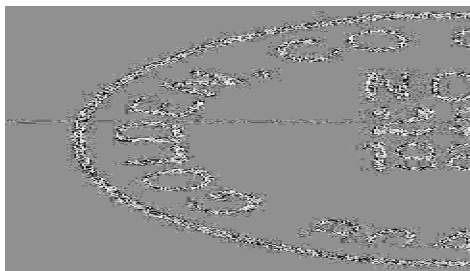
STATION NUMBER 2

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 15 1986 Established as a Contract Station of Golden Also known as Lookout Mountain Station
--- 524 Lookout Mountain Road

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | GOLDEN, CO CONTRACT 2 / 80401
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-25x19mm | Apr 14 1987 Nov 25 1989 |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------------------|



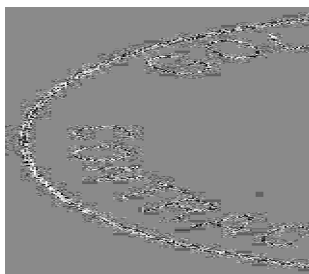
STATION NUMBER 3

Chronology of the Post Office

<1992 Established as a Station of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | | |
|---|---|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | GOLDEN, CO / CONTRACT BR 3 80401
CI 10P 34.0 | Hstp No killer | Apr 14 1992 |
|---|---|----------------|-------------|



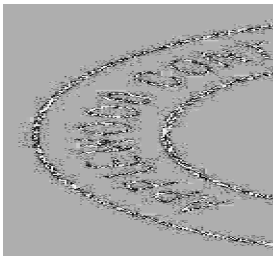
**GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
APPLEWOOD BRANCH**

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 16 1961	Established as a Contract Branch of Golden
Jun 8 1961	Rescinded Did not open
--- --	Re-established as a Branch of Denver

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN CO 80401 // APPLEWOOD CONT. STA / USPS CI 11P 29.0/18.5	Nov 18 1995
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BUFFALO BILL DAYS STATION

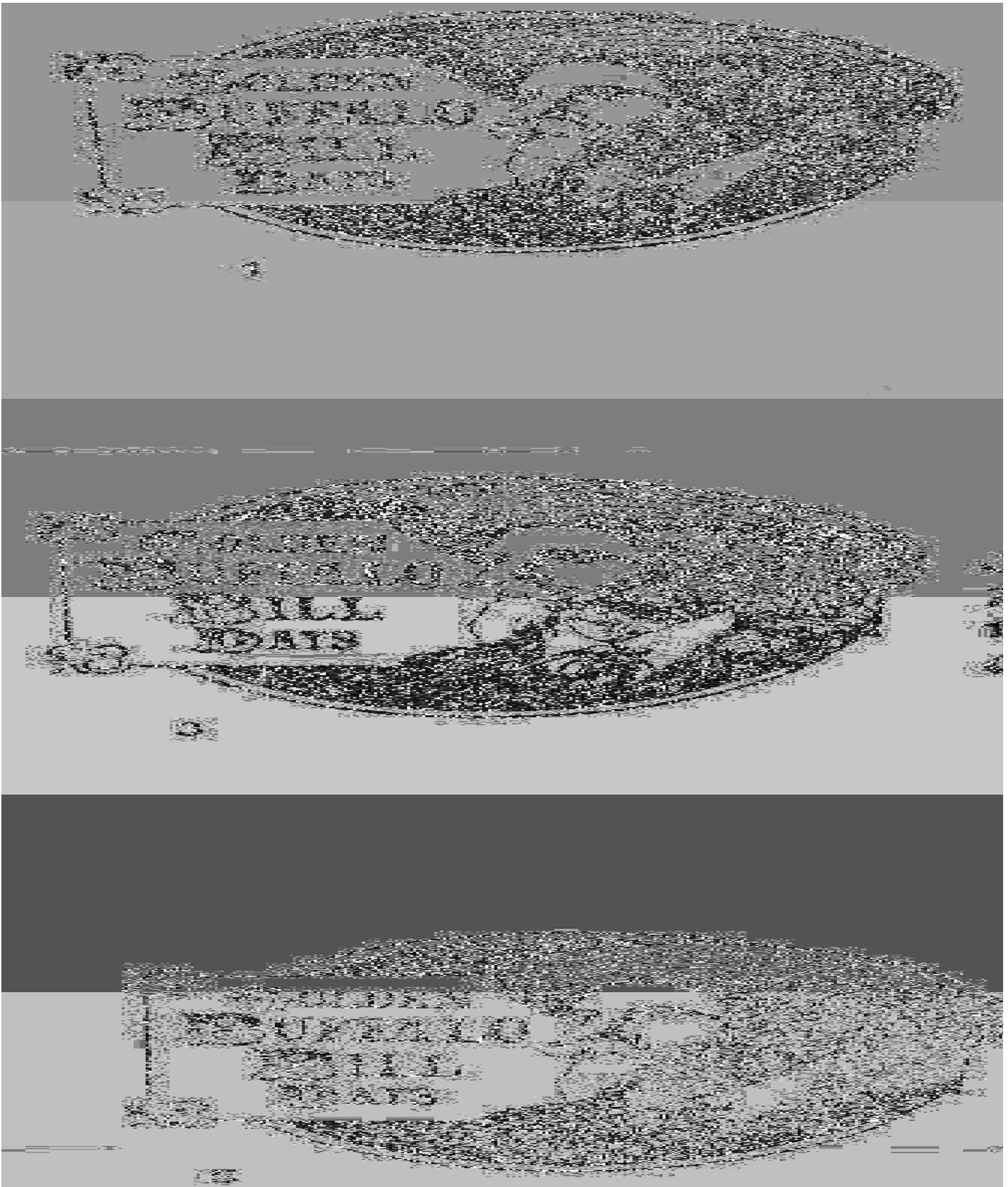
Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 24 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 29 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 27 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 26 2002	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jul 25 2003	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Golden CO 80401-9998 // Buffalo Bill Days Station SL 00R 62.0x31.0	Jul 24 1999	Pict Scene - Buffalo Bill; Text - GOLDEN / BUFFALO / BILL / DAYS (with portrait); Postmaster / 1100 Johnson Road (in cds portion)
2	Golden CO 80401-9998 // Buffalo Bill Days Station SL 00R 122.0x45.0	Jul 29 2000	Pict Scene - Buffalo Bill; Text - GOLDEN / BUFFALO / BILL / DAYS (with portrait); Postmaster / 1100 Johnson Road (in cds portion)
3	Golden CO 80401-9998 // Buffalo Bill Days Station SL 00R 120.0x45.0	Jul 27 2001	Pict Scene - Buffalo Bill; Text - GOLDEN / BUFFALO / BILL / DAYS (with portrait); Postmaster / 1100 Johnson Road (in cds portion)
4	Golden CO 80401-9998 // Buffalo Bill Days Station SL 00R 120.0x45.0	Jul 26 2002	Pict Scene - Buffalo Bill; Text - GOLDEN / BUFFALO / BILL / DAYS (with portrait); Postmaster / 1100 Johnson Road (in cds portion)
5	Golden CO 80401-9998 // Buffalo Bill Days Station SL 00R 120.0x45.0	Jul 25 2003	Pict Scene - Buffalo Bill; Text - GOLDEN / BUFFALO / BILL / DAYS (with portrait); Postmaster / 1100 Johnson Road (in cds portion)

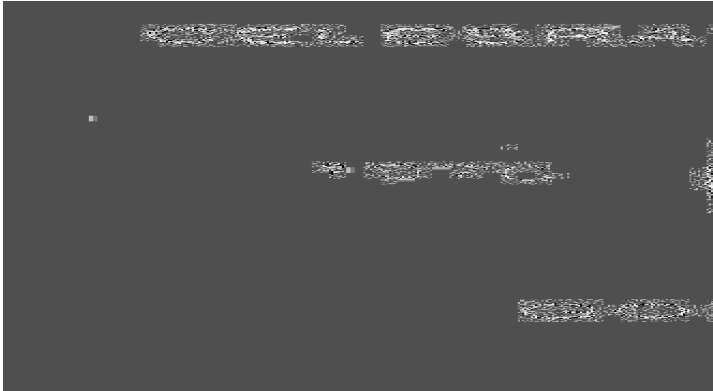
GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
BUFFALO BILL DAYS STATION – Continued



GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
CELEBRATION OF LOVE STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | GOLDEN CO 80403 // CELEBRATION OF LOVE STATION
SL 00R 85.0x45.0 | Sep 15 2001
Pict Scene - Logo of ANGEL COLLECTORS CLUB
OF AMERICA 1976; Text - 1976 2001 |
|---|--|--|



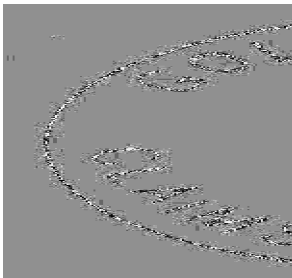
CLAIMS & INQUIRY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Established as a Station of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | GOLDEN, CO / CLAIMS & INQUIRY
CI 10P 33.0 | Aug 5 1980
Hstp No killer : Apparently used as
a re-directed marking |
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COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 11-12 2009 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | Golden, Colorado // (COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM STATION)
CI 10P 25.0 | Jul 11 2009
Pict Scene - at left, steam engine and water tower;
Text - at right in 4 bars, 1959 / Fifty / Years / 2009 |
| 2 | Golden, Colorado // (COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM STATION)
CI 10P 25.0 | Jul 12 2009
Pict Scene - at left, steam engine and water tower;
Text - at right in 4 bars, 1959 / Fifty / Years / 2009 |

**GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM STATION – Continued**



COLORADO SIERRA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 16 1966	Established as a non-personnel office of Golden
Nov 19 1970	Closed Location in Gilpin County was destroyed by a fire
Feb 28 1971	Discontinued
Sep 8 1977	Re-established as a non-personnel office of Golden
May 1 1980	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLORADO SIERRA STATION

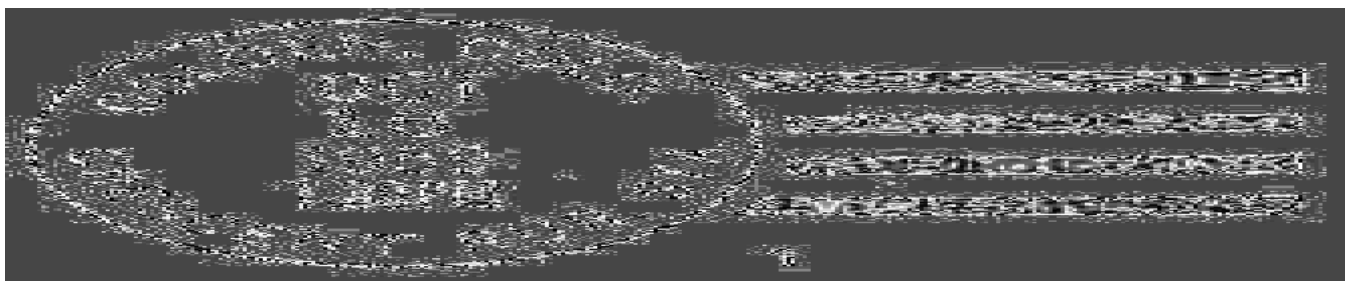
CRESCENT RURAL STATION

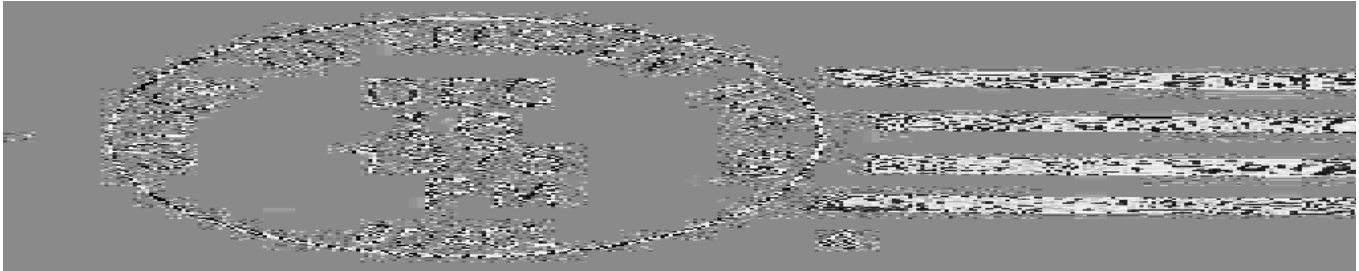
Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 16 1959	Established as a Rural Station of Golden
---	In Coal Creek Canyon, near Pinecliffe
Feb 10 1966	Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Golden
	Became a Community Post Office of Golden
---	Located in the Skyline Store on State Highway 72

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN, COLO. / CRESCENT RUR. STA. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Oct 16 1959 Dec 8 1964
2	GOLDEN CO CRESCENT RUR BR / 80401 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Nov 28 1967
3	CRESCENT, CO / 80401 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Oct 23 1970 Jan 9 1975
4	GOLDEN, CO CRESCENT RUR. BR. / 80401 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Dec 16 1975 Aug 9 1978
5	GOLDEN, CO CRESCENT BR / USPS CI 11P 28.5/18.5	Hstp No Killer	Apr 14 1990 Oct 9 1997
6	GOLDEN, CO CRESCENT BR / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No Killer	Apr 20 1993
7	GOLDEN CO (CRESCENT BR) / USPS CI 11P 32.5/19.5	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs	May 7 1999

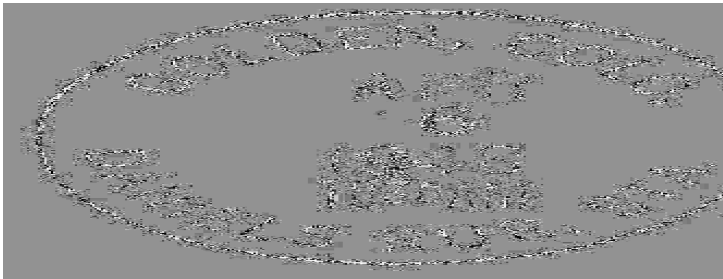


GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
CRESCENT RURAL STATION – Continued**DANIELS RURAL STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 8 1948	Established as a Rural Station of Golden
---	11716 West Colfax Avenue
Dec 16 1949	Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Golden
---	11528 West Colfax Avenue
Jul 7 1951	Discontinued
Jul 9 1951	Re-established as a Rural Branch of Golden
---	11507 West Colfax Avenue
---	11730 West Colfax Avenue
---	11526 West Colfax Avenue
Jul 1 1954	Became the Edgemont Branch of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN, COLO. / DANIELS RUR. STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Apr 6 1948 Feb 7 1950
2	GOLDEN, COLO. / DANIELS BR. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 19 1951 May 26 1954

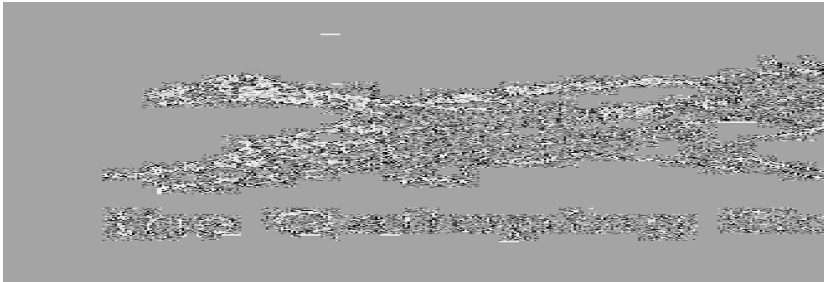
**DELAY JUNCTION STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Jul 14-15 1979	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
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Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN / COLORADO / 80401 // DELAY JUNCTION STATION CI 10P 26.5	Pict Scene – Railroad bus & Galloping Goose; Text - at left the Galloping Goose and right within bars - Colorado / Railroad / Museum	Jul 15 1979
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**GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
DELAY JUNCTION STATION – Continued**



DELAY JUNCTION & NO AGUA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 12 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

**1 GOLDEN, CO / 80402 // DELAY JCT. & NO AGUA STA. / RPO Apr 12 1997 Apr 12 1997
 CI 10P 35.5 Pict Scene - Colorado Railroad Museum emblem**



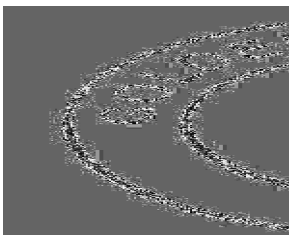
DOWNTOWN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 9 1998 Previously the Main Golden Post Office

Confirmed types of postal markings

**1 GOLDEN CO 80401 / USPS Sep 9 1998
 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer, proof strike**



GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

DOWNTOWN DISTRIBUTION STATION**Chronology of the Post Office**

Sep 9 1998 Previously the Main Golden Post Office

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN DDC 80401 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 20 1999 Aug 22 2003
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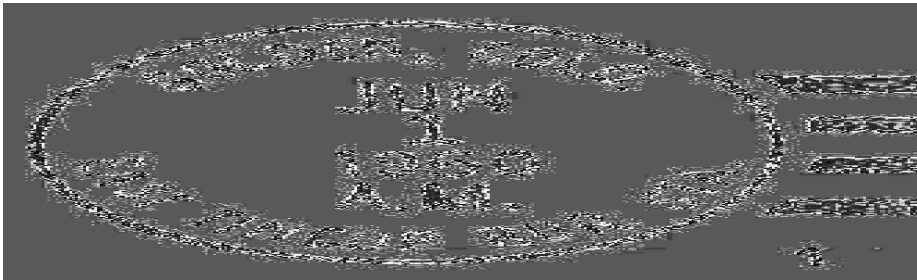
**EAST TINCUP RURAL STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 1 1960 Established at an amusement park as a Rural Station of Golden
Summer only post office

Sep 1 1963 Discontinued May have ceased operations prior to this date

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN, COLO. / EAST TINCUP RUR. STA. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 1 1960 Jun 7 1960
2	EAST TINCUP / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x18mm	Jul 13 1960 Jun 20 1962

**EDGEMONT CONTRACT BRANCH**

Latitude = 39:43:52 North Longitude = 105:07:49 West

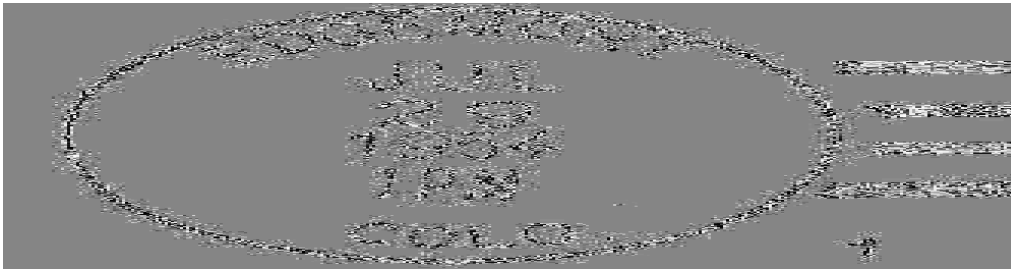
Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1954	Formerly the Daniels Branch of Golden
Jul 1 1959	Reclassified as a Station of Golden
---	1490 Simms Street
Sep 23 1978	Reclassified as a Branch of Golden
---	380 Simms Street
Oct 1 1982	Reclassified as a Contract Station of Golden
---	980 Simms Street
May 15 1987	Discontinued
Dec 7 1987	Re-established as a Contract Branch of Golden
---	727B Simms Street In Sewing Center

**GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
EDGEMONT CONTRACT BRANCH – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EDGEMONT / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jul 29 1954 Jul 29 1954
2	GOLDEN, COLO / EDGEMONT BR. CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	Dec 6 1954 Jan 7 1979
3	GOLDEN, CO EDGEMONT BRANCH / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 10 1986 Aug 6 1993



EL RANCHO RURAL STATION

The El Rancho Rural Station was located in a small building behind the large El Rancho Restaurant. Access to the location is at Exit 252 from Interstate 70 (Colorado Highway 74).

Latitude = 39:41:55 North Longitude = 105:19:59 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1956	Established as a Rural Station of Golden
----	Located at the El Rancho Restaurant on Interstate 70
Feb 10 1966	Reclassified as a Rural Branch of Golden
--- - ----	Reclassified as a Community Post Office of Golden
--- - ----	Closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN, COLO. / EL RANCHO RUR. STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm (wide gap)	Oct 24 1956 Aug 9 1960
2	GOLDEN, COLO. / EL RANCHO RUR. STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm (medium gap)	Jul 10 1962 Jun 16 1964
3	GOLDEN, CO EL RANCHO RUR BR / 80401 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x18mm (narrow gap)	Oct 31 1966 Sep 25 1968
4	EL RANCHO, CO / 80401 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x18mm	Feb 24 1970 May 20 1976
5	GOLDEN, CO EL RANCHO RUR.BR. / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 24 1970
6	EL RANCHO / CO 80401 RC 10P 42.0x17.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post box style No Xerox, so not known if comma after El Rancho	Feb 24 1970
7	GOLDEN, CO. 804 EL RANCHO BR. CI 11P 31.0/23.0	Rolr Slanted wavy lines	Oct 21 1977
8	GOLDEN, CO EL RANCHO RUR. BR. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	Aug 18 1987 Oct 18 1990

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

GOLDEN MAIN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 10 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Golden, Colorado 80401 \ Golden Main Station Oct 21 1998
IR 00P 73.0x49.0 Pict Scene - Mountain scene in circle; Text -
Grand Opening (Date stamp lines are underlined)



HERITAGE SQUARE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1971 Established as a Station of Golden
--- Located in the former Magic Mountain Amusement Park
Aug 17 1973 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GOLDEN, CO 80401 / HERITAGE SQUARE STA. Nov 1 1971 Oct 13 1972
CI 10P 33.0 4bars S-25x20mm



JEFFERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Established as a Station of Golden
--- Located in the Jefferson County Courthouse
No Postmark device in use

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT STATION

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONTRACT STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

See Golden Station Number 2

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONTRACT STATION

MAGIC MOUNTAIN RURAL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 16 1960 Established as a Rural Station of Golden.
- Summer post office only, at Magic Mountain Amusement Park
- May 31 1962 Discontinued Later the site of the Heritage Square Station of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GOLDEN, COLO. / MAGIC MOUNTAIN RUR. STA. Jul 16 1960 May 31 1962
 CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm
- 2 GOLDEN, COLO. / MAGIC MOUNTAIN RUR. STA. May 31 1962
 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer



MAIL HANDLING UNIT

Chronology of the Post Office

- <1983 Established as a Processing Unit of Golden
- 17541 South Golden Road

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GOLDEN, CO / MAIL HANDLING UNIT Dec 18 1983
 CI 10P 43.0 Hstp No killer
- 1.1 GOLDEN, CO MAIL HANDLING UNIT / USPS Nov 3 1993
 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer
- 2 GOLDEN, CO / 80401 Sep 29 1994
 CI 10P 34.0 Hstp No killer; Device used at the Golden Mail
 Handling Unit
- 3 GOLDEN CO 80401 / MHU-USPS Aug 27 1998
 CI 11P 29.5/19.5 Hstp No killer

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
MAIL HANDLING UNIT – Continued



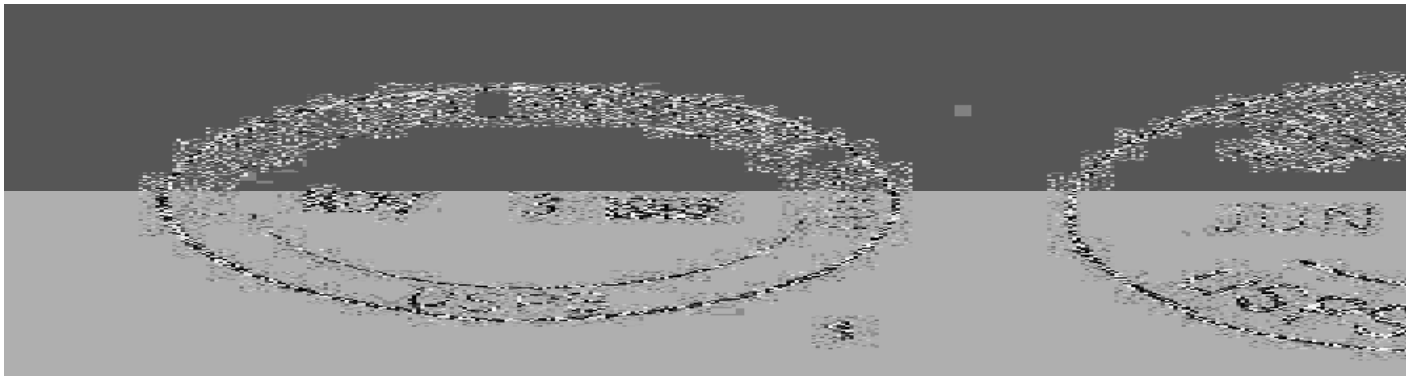
MAIN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Established as a Station of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN CO MAIN PO 80401 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/23.0	Hstp No killer	Nov 3 1998
2	GOLDEN CO / MAIN OFFICE / USPS – 80401 CI 11P 35.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 15 2000
3	GOLDEN CO - MAIN OFFICE / USPS – 80401 CI 11P 46.0/37.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 9 2001 Apr 16 2001
4	GOLDEN CO MAIN P.O. 80401 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/21.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 8 2005 May 1 2007



MILITARY BRANCH

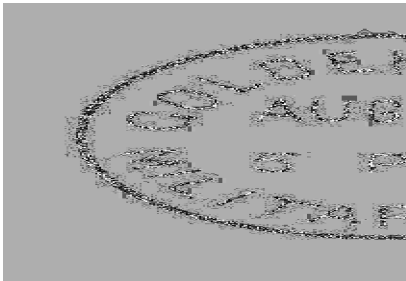
Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 7 1916 Established as a Branch of Golden
 --- Located at Camp George West on South Golden Road
 Oct 20 1920 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GOLDEN, COLO. / MILITARY BR. CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Aug 22 1916 Oct 11 1916
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**GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
MILITARY BRANCH – Continued**



MOUNTAIN PARK STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 16 1966 Established as a non-personnel Rural Branch of Golden
Sep 23 1978 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE MOUNTAIN PARK STATION

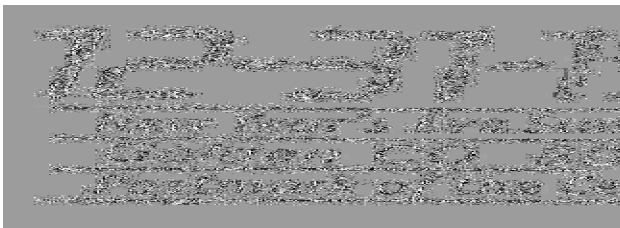
NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Golden CO 80401 // New Year's Eve Station | Dec 31 1999 |
| | SL 00R 71.0/22.0 | Pict Scene - LCD style date 12-31-1999;
Text - Postmark of the Century |



PLEASANT VIEW BRANCH

Chronology of the Post Office

<1994 Established as a Branch of Golden

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | GOLDEN, CO PLEASANT VIEW BR / USPS | Sep 29 1994 |
| | CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No Killer | |
| 2 | GOLDEN, CO PLEASANT VIEW BR / USPS | Mar 2 1995 |
| | CI 11P 32.0/20.0 Hstp No Killer | |
| 3 | GOLDEN, CO PLEASANTVIEW BR / USPS | Apr 15 1995 |
| | CI 11P 35.0/23.0 Hstp No Killer, inner circle is two arcs | |

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

WAL*MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

GOLDEN STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

WAL*MART STATION – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GOLDEN CO / USPS-80401 :: WAL*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999
 CI 11P 33.0/22.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny



GOLDEN CITY

During the winter of 1858-1859 Thomas L. Golden, James Sanders and George W. Jackson established a camp where Clear Creek emerges from the mountains. However the town of Golden City founded June 12, 1859, was a creation of the Boston Town Company headed by George West. They erected a log building that was a stage stop and home for the first post office at Golden City. A town plat was filed in 1863 and included a portion of an 1859 plat.

There was some placer mining in Clear Creek. Golden was on wagon road that led into the mountains via Golden Gate Canyon to the north.

In 1871 the Colorado School of Mines was established as a part of Randal's University. In 1874 the school was deeded to the Territory of Colorado.

Golden City grew rapidly and for a period of time was a serious rival to Denver City as a metropolitan center. In 1862 the Territorial Capitol was moved to Golden City from Colorado City. However, by 1867 Denver had gained the lead in importance and the Territorial Capitol moved east to the larger city.

By act of the Territorial Legislature in its ninth session, January 22, 1872, the corporate name of Golden City was changed to Golden. Four years later the post office accepted the change in name.

Chronology of the Post Office

For location, refer to Golden

Apr 6 1860	Established	
Apr 6 1860	Hardy, Isaac E.	
Mar 20 1861	Blunt, Mark L.	
Nov 21 1863	Johnson, Jonas M.	
Apr 18 1866	Miles, Ransom E.	
Mar 21 1867	Danforth, Charles H.	
Dec 11 1872	Danforth, Charles H.	P&S
Jun 19 1873	Kimball, George K.	P
Dec 19 1873	Kimball, George K.	P&S
Jun 27 1876	Name changed to Golden	

GOLDEN CITY – Continued

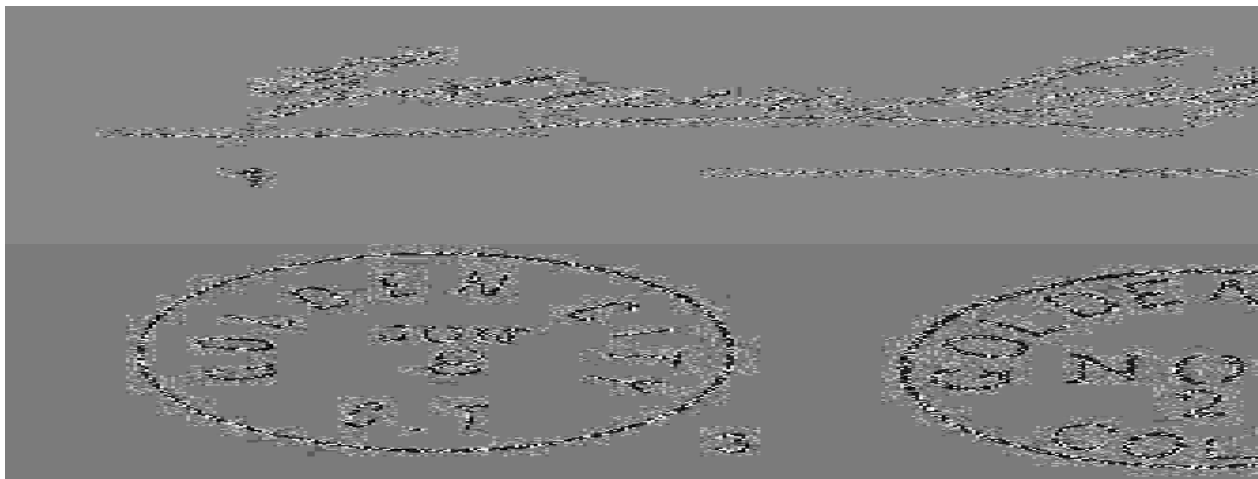


GOLDEN CITY / COL. T.

December 25

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| <p>1 Golden City K.t
MS</p> <p>2 Golden City C.T.
MS</p> <p>3 GOLDEN CITY / C.T.
CI 10P 26.0</p> <p>4 GOLDEN CITY / COL. T.
CI 10P 26.0</p> <p>5 GOLDEN CITY / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0</p> | <p>Mscp Pen cancel</p> <p>Mscp Pen cancel</p> <p>Hstp CDS used as killer</p> <p>Hstp Cork, Smudge, Circle of wedges; Fancy target</p> <p>Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Divided circle, Negative X-roads, Double "X" with bars, two rings cut into 6 segments</p> | <p>Feb 24 1861</p> <p>Mar 4 1861 Aug 26 1861</p> <p>Oct 7 1862 Jun 19 1863</p> <p>Dec 1 1866 Oct 23 1872</p> <p>Jul 10 1873 May 15 1876</p> |
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GOLDEN GATE

On December 7, 1859 the Golden Gate Town Company was officially organized. J. S. Rodgers, Charles Fletcher, Thomas L. Golden, H. S. Hawley and W. G. Preston were the corporate principals. They selected 640 acres of land and platted a town, which they named Golden Gate.

The location was at the mouth of a canyon about two miles north of Golden City. At first the canyon was known as Eight Mile Canyon but became known as Tucker Gulch for Alfred Tucker. The new name of Golden Gate Canyon may have been taken for Tom Golden or it could have been a reference to the place being at an entrance to the mountains and the gold mining district at Mountain City and Black Hawk Point. Today the stream is known as Tucker Gulch but it flows through the Golden Gate Canyon.

Golden Gate was one of the tollgates on the wagon road. It thrived for a brief period with a small collection of cabins, general stores, hotels and liquor stores. The completion of a road up Clear Creek Canyon from Golden City and later the construction of a railroad on that alignment doomed Golden Gate and it soon disappeared.

From Golden, drive north on Colorado Highway 93 to the junction with Golden Gate Canyon Road. Turn west on that road. Golden Gate was in the somewhat level area just before the road enters the canyon. Several years ago there was a small ranch or home on the south side of the creek, however, development continues to progress northward from Golden and may soon reach this area.



Golden / Gate / C T July 10

Chronology of the Post Office

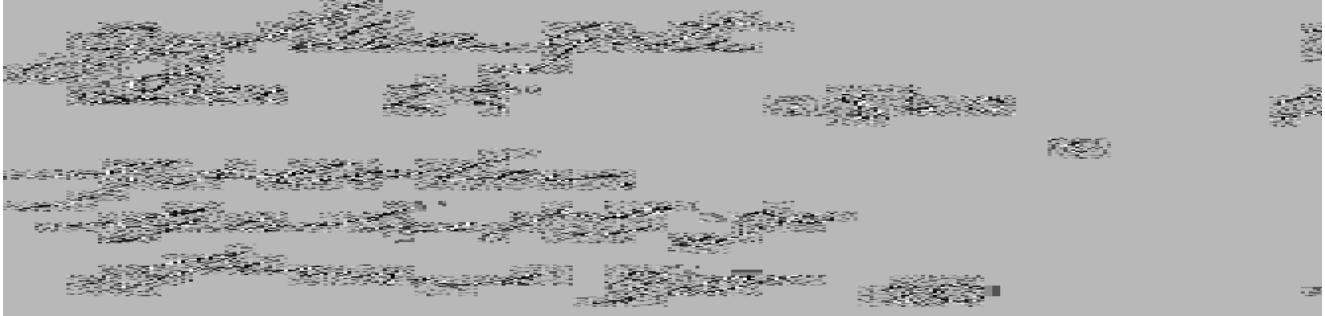
Sep 6 1860	Established
Sep 6 1860	Golden, Thomas S.
Jul 5 1861	Bassett, Linus
Jul 15 1862	Blodgett, Jonathan A.
Aug 19 1863	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Golden Gate		Dec 20 1860	Jan 26 1861
MS	Mscp Pen cancel		
2.A Golden Gate		Dec 9 1861	Sep 9 1861
MS	Mscp Pen cancel		

GOLDEN GATE – Continued

2.B Golden Gate		Oct 7 1861
MS	Mscp Stampless, "Paid"	
2.C Golden Gate C T		Mar 23 1861 Oct 31 1862
MS	Mscp Pen cancel	

**GROTTO**

Traveling west on Turkey Creek Road, Grotto is the last of the post office sites along the way before the road reconnects with US Highway 285.

I have found no information as to the purpose of this community. I assume it was another of the small rural post offices that for a brief period served local residents and travelers on the wagon road from Denver to South Park.

I believe that Grotto was located about two miles west of the site of Medlen. This is where Turkey Creek Road makes a sharp bend from south to west. Before the bend there are several residences along the road and there has been development to the south of the road.

Some references equate Grotto with Deermont (Deercreek Post Office); however, the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report refutes that conclusion. The location of Grotto was at least three miles northwest of Deermont/Deercreek.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 12 1881	---	SW/4 Sec 9 T6S R70W On south side of Turkey Creek
		Proposed postmaster - William Crow
Mar 7 1881		Established
Mar 7 1881		Crow, William
Mar 21 1882		Discontinued Mail to Hutchinson

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GROTTO

HERNDON

Herndon was located on Turkey Creek. The comment "Simply a ranch house." on the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report indicates that this was a ranch post office and not an organized community.

One reference that I found claimed there was a sawmill at Herndon.

The Site Location Report places Herndon on the east side of Turkey Creek Road, apparently opposite or just beyond Tiny Town. From US Highway 285 take the exit for Tiny Town - Turkey Creek Road. About a half mile beyond the entrance to Tiny Town there is an open area along the stream and some recent buildings. There is nothing that can be identified with the time period of Herndon.

HERNDON – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 5 1884 --- NW/4 Sec 22 T5S R70W 15 rods east of Turkey Creek “Simply A ranch house.”
Proposed postmaster - Jabez Hopkins Vandeventer
Feb 25 1884 Established
Feb 25 1884 Vandeventer, Jabez H.
Aug 1 1884 Discontinued Mail to Morrison

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM HERNDON

HUTCHINSON

Several authors have reported that Hutchinson was the first post office on the wagon road from Denver to South Park. They assign that name to the early settlement and state that Bradford Junction (Junction Post Office) followed.

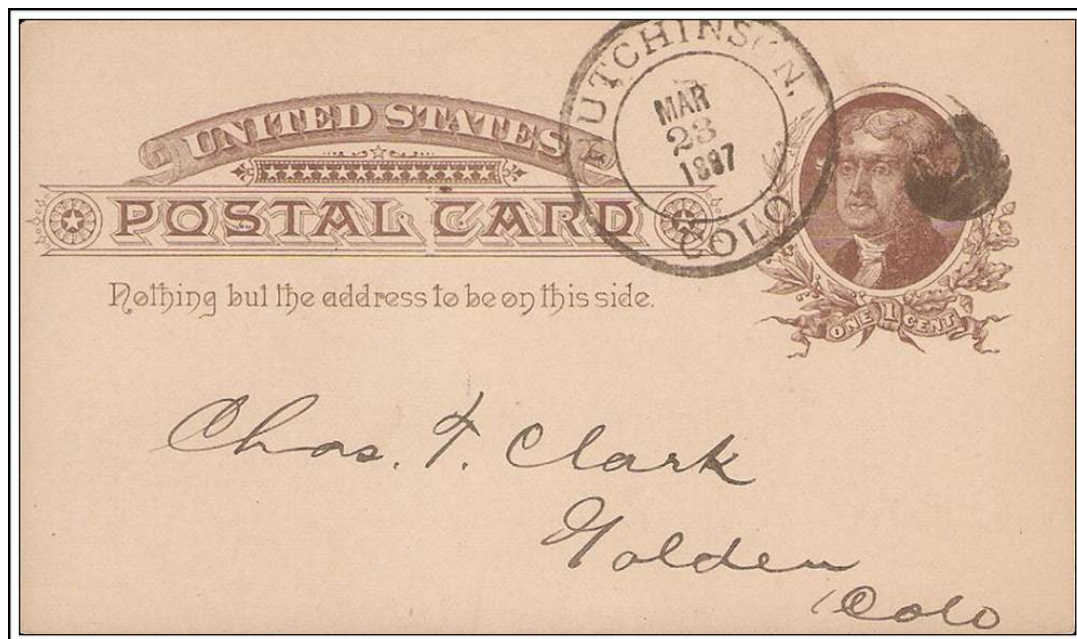
Based on the dates of the post offices, Junction (1861-1863) was the first in the area. Hutchinson (1865-1894) was the second and Conifer (1894-1929 and later) was the third.

During the days when Hutchinson was a busy stop on the wagon road there was a stage station, a large stage barn and a tollgate in the settlement.

It seems obvious that Hutchinson took the family name of its first postmaster.

There is no firm location for either Junction or Hutchinson when it was first opened. Following a closure from 1869-1872 the Hutchinson Post Office reopened in the vicinity of what is now the junction of US Highway 285, Turkey Creek Road and the road from Evergreen.

That area is now a part of Conifer and has undergone extensive development including a recent rebuilding of US 285 from two to four lanes.



HUTCHINSON / COLO.

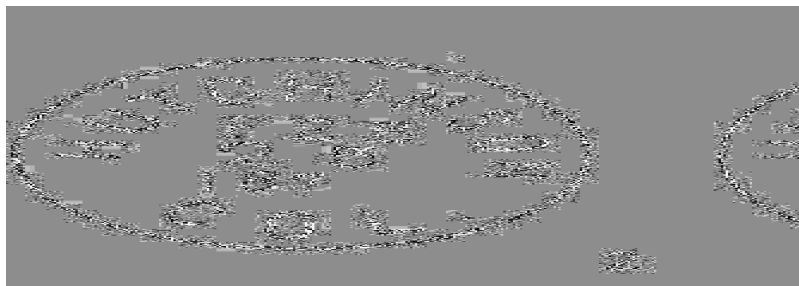
Mar 23, 1887

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

Apr 22 1865	---	Not surveyed Granite Vale 12 miles southwest Denver 40 miles northeast
Apr 27 1865		Established
Apr 27 1865		Hutchinson, George W.
Feb 19 1867		Hutchinson, Joseph B.
Sep 25 1869		Discontinued
Apr 26 1871	---	Not surveyed Deer Creek 14 miles southwesterly Denver 26 miles northeast 6 miles south of Bear Creek stream
Feb 19 1872		Re-established
Feb 19 1872		Kennedy, George O.
Jan 7 1873	---	NE/4 Sec 23 T6S R71W 4-1/2 miles east of Elk Creek
Sep 16 1873		Head, Willard
Dec 8 1874		Mullins, Andrew J
Feb 1 1875		Mullins, Alfred J.
Aug 29 1876		Hamer, Mrs. Evaline A.
Dec 13 1878		Pickard, Harry E.
Apr 21 1880		McDermott, George B.
Aug 3 1880		Judd, John F.
Sep 13 1880		McDermott, George B.
Jan 3 1881		Discontinued
May 15 1881		Kemp, James
Jun 15 1881		Re-established
Jul 17 1882		Hamer, Douglas
Jan 14 1884		Hamer, Mrs. Evaline A.
Nov 16 1894		Name changed to Conifer

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Hutchinson Col. MS	Jul 25 1865 Mscp Pen cancel [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
2	HUTCHINSON / COL. CI 10P 25.0	Feb 25 187- Hstp Fancy, indistinct on photocopy, last digit of year not struck
3	HUTCHINSON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 25 188- May 13 1884 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
4	HUTCHINSON, COLO. CI 11P 34.0/21.0	Mar 23 1887 May 2 1887 Hstp Cork, Smudge

**IDLEDALE**

About the time of World War I John C Starbuck opened a guest ranch on Bear Creek in the mountains west of Morrison. For a few years the post office was known as Joylan. In 1920 the name was changed to Starbuck in honor of John C. Starbuck. The post office operated under that name until 1930 when the name was again changed – to Idledale.

IDLEDALE – Continued

The community, being easily accessible from Denver, did develop; however, the focus moved from being a guest ranch for short-term visitors to a retreat community with weekend and seasonal cabins.

In 1932 a flood swept down Bear Creek killing a number of people and destroying many buildings. It is often claimed that the flood was the reason the name was changed from Starbuck to Idledale. However, the change in name predated the flood by two years.

In the second half of the twentieth century Idledale has grown to a larger community with many full-time residents. There is a small business district with homes spread along Bear Creek and over the surrounding hills.

From Morrison drive about three miles west on Colorado Highway 74 towards Evergreen. As late as 1998, the post office was in a small, brick building along the highway.

Latitude = 39:39:58 North Longitude = 105:14:37 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 6 1926	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W 75 feet north of Bear Creek Applicant for postmaster - Marie L. Dumbauld [Report filed for Starbuck]	
Sep 1 1930		Formerly named Starbuck	
Jan 31 1929		Peter, Maurice V.	Confirmed
Feb 13 1929		Peter, Maurice V.	Commissioned
Mar 11 1929		Peter, Maurice V.	Assumed charge
Apr 15 1932	---	SW/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W 20 feet north of Bear Creek	
Apr 25 1935	---	NW/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W 30 feet north of Bear Creek Formerly known as Starbuck A move 3/10 mile west Moved April 18th Old building destroyed by fire April 13th	
Jun 13 1935		Scanland, Carl S.	Assumed charge
Jun 17 1935	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W A move 528 yards east of a previous location This new site was apparently on the south side, 75 feet, of Bear Creek "To locate it near center of business and residents as possible."	
Jul 3 1935		Scanland, Carl S.	Acting
Oct 4 1935		Scanland, Carl S.	Confirmed
Oct 22 1935		Scanland, Carl S.	Commissioned
Mar 20 1937		Clark, Mrs Alice	Confirmed
May 15 1937		Clark, Mrs Alice	Commissioned
May 28 1937		Clark, Mrs Alice	Assumed charge
Feb 1 1938		Gourd, Mrs. Esther H.	Assumed charge
Feb 8 1938		Gourd, Mrs. Esther H.	Acting
Mar 7 1938		Gourd, Mrs. Esther H.	Confirmed
Mar 23 1938		Gourd, Mrs. Esther H.	Commissioned
Sep 6 1941		Matthews, Miss Thelma E.	Assumed charge
Sep 18 1941		Matthews, Miss Thelma E.	Acting
Oct 28 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W Bear Creek 200 feet north	
Nov 15 1941		Hunter, Curtis R.	Confirmed
Dec 1 1941		Hunter, Curtis R.	Commissioned
Dec 6 1941		Hunter, Curtis R.	Assumed charge
Mar 11 1943		Grabler, Mrs. Verna Y.	Assumed charge
Mar 19 1943		Grabler, Mrs. Verna Y.	Acting
Apr 10 1944		Grabler, Mrs. Verna Y.	Confirmed
Mar 19 1945		Grabler, Mrs. Verna Y.	Commissioned
Aug 15 1947		Ormsby, Leroy M.	Assumed charge
Aug 27 1947	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W A move 300 yards east of a previous location	

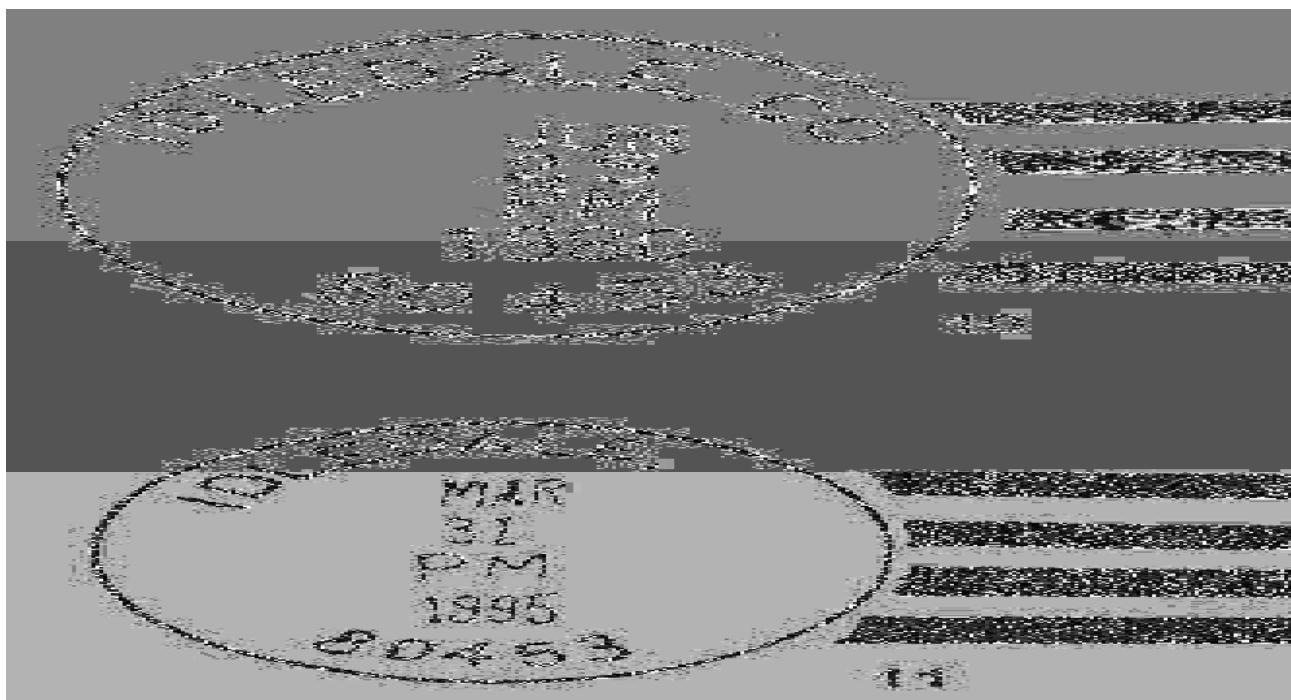
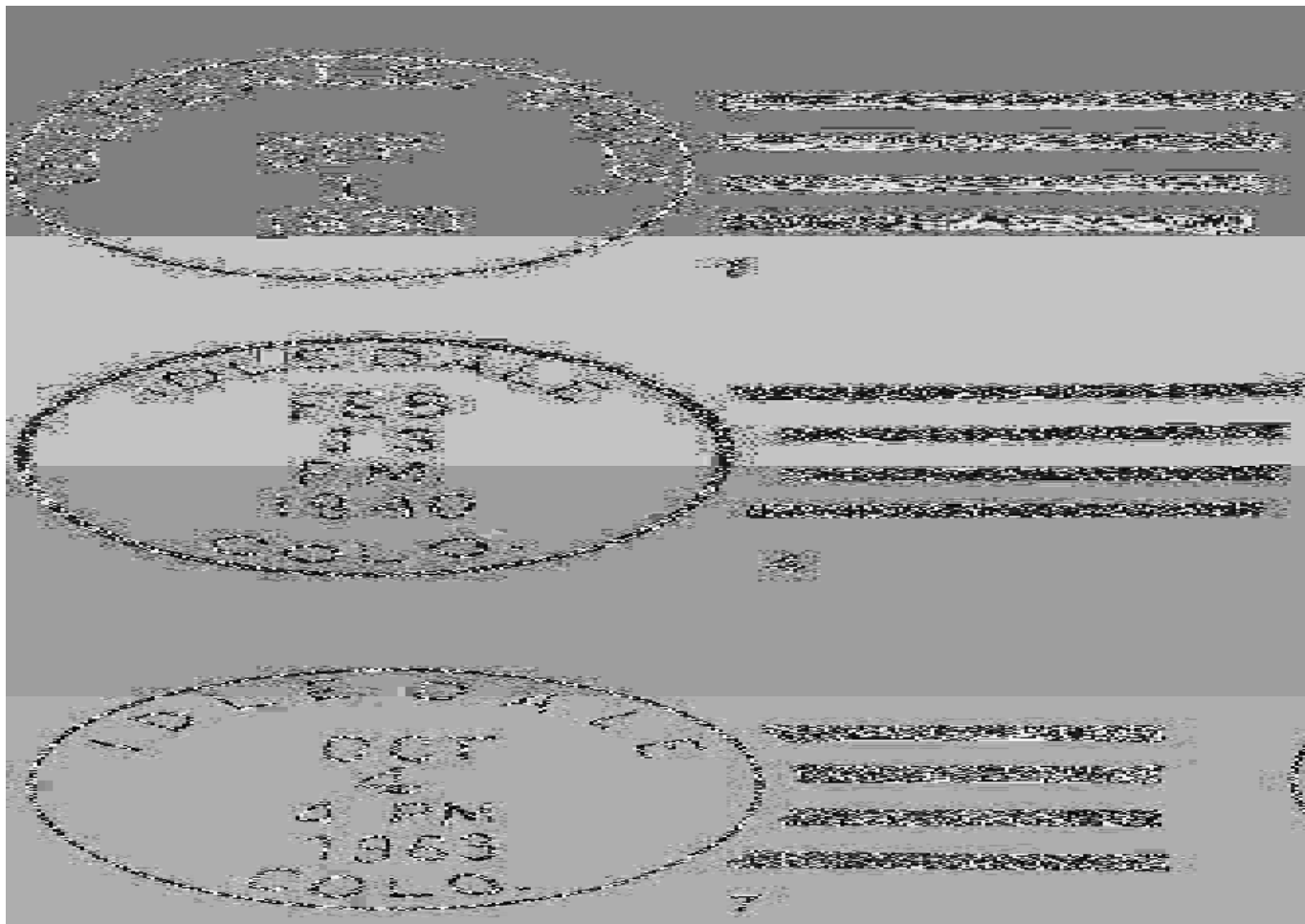
IDLEDALE – Continued

Jan 31 1948	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W Bear Creek 300 feet south of post office A move 1500 feet west of a previous location	
Jan 31 1948		Mason, Mrs. Margaret A.	Assumed charge
Feb 24 1948		Mason, Mrs. Margaret A.	Appointed
Jan 27 1949		Mason, Earl J.	Appointed
Feb 28 1949		Mason, Earl J.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1949		Mason, Earl J.	Possession
Apr 20 1949	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W Bear Creek 500 feet south of the post office	
Aug 17 1951		Silver, LeVeris P.	Possession
Aug 27 1951		Silver, LeVeris P.	Acting
Aug 1 1952		Silver, LeVeris P.	Appointed
Aug 15 1952		Silver, LeVeris P.	Commissioned
Aug 23 1952		Silver, LeVeris P.	Possession
Jul 1 1955			Office made Presidential
Apr 24 1964		Berk, W. Calvin	Acting
Jul 21 1964		Berk, W. Calvin	Confirmed
Jul 26 1965		Berk, W. Calvin	Appointed Presidential
Aug 5 1965		Berk, W. Calvin	Commissioned
Sep 22 1978		Berk, Jean K.	Officer in charge
Nov 3 1979		Berk, Jean K.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	IDLEDALE, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-23x19mm	Sep 1 1930
2	IDLEDALE, / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 11 1934 May 18 1936
3	Idledale Colo. MS	Mscp 3 long wavy lines	Jan 24 1938
4	IDLEDALE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Feb 13 1940 Feb 18 1954
5	IDLEDALE, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 18 1954
6	IDLEDALE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 11 1957 Mar 24 1958
7	IDLEDALE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jul 5 1963 Mar 17 1965
8	IDLEDALE, CO / 80453 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 15 1965 Jul 9 1976
9	IDLEDALE, CO / 80453 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-22x18mm	Nov 9 1971 Dec 30 1975
10	IDLEDALE, CO / 80453 CI 10P 39.0	4bars S-??x24mm	Jun 25 1980
10.1	IDLEDALE, CO / 80453 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 1 1993
11	IDLEDALE, CO / 80453 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-29x23mm	Mar 31 1995
12	IDLEDALE CO 80453 / USPS CI 11P 29.5/20.0	Hstp No killer	May 8 1998
13	IDLEDALE CO / 80453 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Aug 29 1996 May 8 1998

IDLEDALE – Continued



INDIAN HILLS

Several names have been applied to the area and community that now constitutes Indian Hills. First it was known simply as the North Fork of Turkey Creek. Next it was called Eaton Park and next it became Parmalee Gulch, named for one of the earliest settlers - John D. Parmalee.

In 1925, Associated Industries, a real estate firm involving Denver mortuary executive George Olinger and other businessmen created the Indian Hills mountain housing development in Parmalee Gulch.

Indian Hills never developed into an organized community and it remains unincorporated with no local government. Indian Hills has become a modest sized community and stretches from near the exit off US Highway 285 in Turkey Creek Canyon, some three miles to the northwest along Parmalee Gulch Road.

In the 1976 book by Helen N. Brush and Catherine P. Dittmar *Indian Hills, The Place, The Times, The People* there are two passages that relate to the Indian Hills Post Office and bear repeating here for your information.

I (Ray Jones) can't remember the name of the man who had the Indian Hills store and post office in 1925, but when autumn came, he refused to keep the post office. Mert (Jones) was prevailed upon to take it, and it was moved to the end of his long back porch. Later, after Mert's death in the late 1930's, my younger brother and I partitioned off about half of the porch, cut a doorway into the warm kitchen and moved the post office into that area. Now, Nellie, who was the postmistress, could give out the mail at any time without exposing herself to the cold weather. She had one bout with pneumonia because of the cold walk to the end of the porch. During her convalescence, I was postmaster for about a month. (Page 44)

The Turkey Creek post office at the tollgate and the large community mailbox at the turn-off from Turkey Creek to Parmalee Gulch served the residents for many years. In June 1925, the post office of Indian Hills was legally established. Frank Brinkhaus was appointed postmaster and he carried on postal operations in Chief's Inn, later renamed the Trading Post. His tenure was short, however, and in 1926 Mert Jones was made postmaster moved the post office to his home across the way. In 1939 his wife Nellie became the official postmaster; by 1951 the little post office in the corner of the Jones' home was no longer adequate for the greatly increased population and a new building was constructed on Parmalee Gulch Road opposite the Trading Post. When Mrs. Jones retired in 1951 Fran Wald was appointed postmaster. She served for 21 years, and saw the razing of the frame 1951 structure and the construction of the present brick building in 1965. Upon Fran Wald's retirement in 1972, Esther Schauer was appointed postmaster. (pages 66-68)

A comment on this last passage is necessary. The Turkey Creek Post Office may have served the early Indian Hills residents, but it was not at the junction of Parmalee Gulch with Turkey Creek. According to the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report the Turkey Creek Post Office was five miles south of Indian Hills.

Chronology of the Post Office

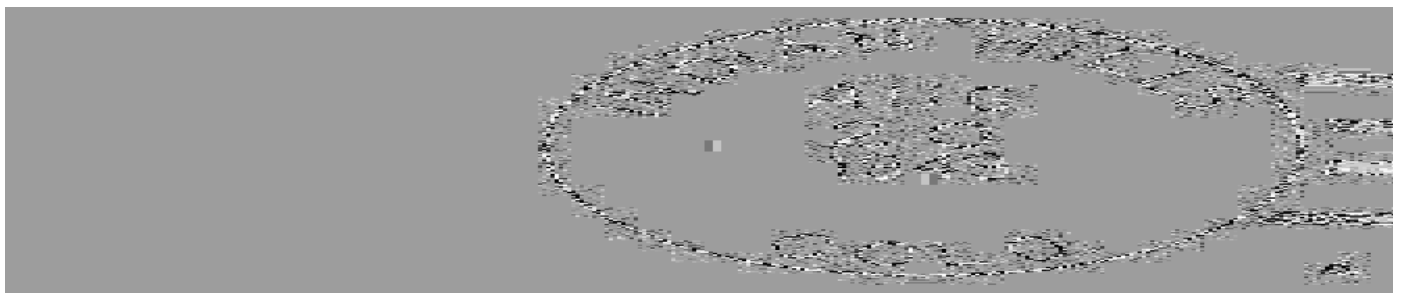
Mar 19 1925	---	NW/4 Sec 16 T5S R70W 1/4 mile west of Turkey Creek 100 feet north of Parmalee Gulch Applicant for postmaster - Frank H. Brinkhaus	
Jun 2 1925		Established	
Jun 2 1925		Brinkhaus, Frank H.	
Dec 22 1926		Jones, Mert G.	Confirmed
Jan 6 1927		Jones, Mert G.	Commissioned
Jan 22 1927		Jones, Mert G.	Assumed charge
Dec 1 1939		Jones, Mrs. Nellie E.	Assumed charge
Dec 19 1939		Jones, Mrs. Nellie E.	Acting
Apr 4 1940		Jones, Mrs. Nellie E.	Confirmed
Apr 23 1940		Jones, Mrs. Nellie E.	Commissioned

INDIAN HILLS – Continued

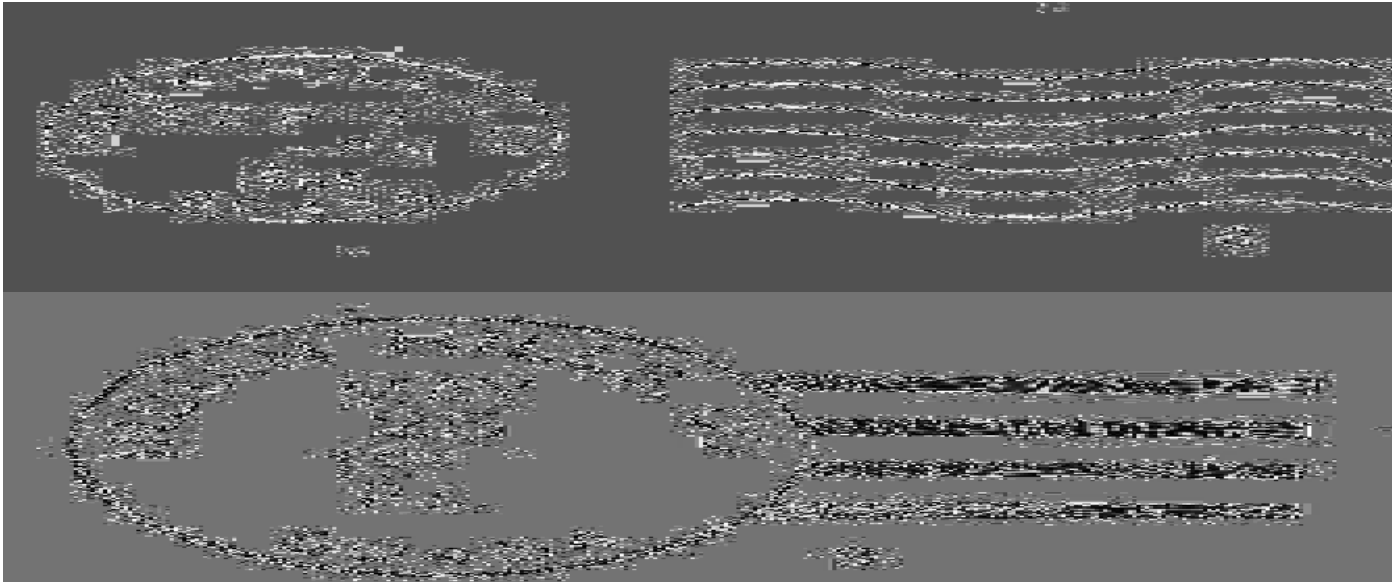
Oct 22 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 16 T5S R70W	
May 31 1951		Wald, Mrs. Frances I.	Assumed charge
Jun 12 1951		Wald, Mrs. Frances I.	Acting
Nov 8 1951		Wald, Mrs. Frances I.	Confirmed
Dec 11 1951		Wald, Mrs. Frances I.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1952			Office made Presidential
Jan 28 1972		Schauer, Mrs. Esther M.	Officer in charge
Mar 18 1972		Schauer, Mrs. Esther M.	Assumed charge (Appointed ?)

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	INDIAN HILLS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 26 1926 Aug 11 1927
2	INDIAN HILLS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 29 1932 Apr 30 1941
3	INDIAN HILLS / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 28 1942 Jun 18 1952
4	INDIAN HILLS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jul 8 1949 Dec 10 1953
5	INDIAN HILLS / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-23x19mm	Dec 2 1957 May 15 1963
6	INDIAN HILLS, CO / 80454 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 12 1969 Feb 23 1972
7	INDIAN HILLS, CO / 80454 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 20 1965 Nov 5 1973
8	INDIAN HILLS, CO 80454 / REC'D. CI 10P 32.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 8 1981
9	INDIAN HILLS, CO / 80454 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-27x19mm	Dec 8 1981 May 25 1995
10	INDIAN HILLS, CO / 80454 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-12x22mm	Aug 29 1996



INDIAN HILLS – Continued



INDIAN HILLS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 2 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	INDIAN HILLS, CO / STATION IR 00R 83.0/45.0	Jun 2 1992 Pict Scene - Indian's face
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JEFFERSON

The Jefferson Post Office in Jefferson County existed briefly during the time that the Park County Jefferson Post Office was closed and before the Jefferson Post Office was re-opened in Park County. The post office name was soon changed to Morrison and under that name the settlement at the mouth of Bear Creek Canyon continued to grow and survives today.

Historians have ignored the existence of this Jefferson with its successor Morrison getting all of the attention.

It seems logical that it took its name from the county and ultimately from President Thomas Jefferson.

JEFFERSON – Continued

There is no Geographical Site Location Report on file for Jefferson or for early Morrison, therefore I can only assume that it was likely located within what is now the business district of Morrison, along Colorado Highway 74 before that road enters Bear Creek Canyon.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 25 1872	Established
Mar 25 1872	Taylor, John A.
Oct 28 1873	Smith, William M.
Dec 12 1873	Name changed to Morrison

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM JEFFERSON

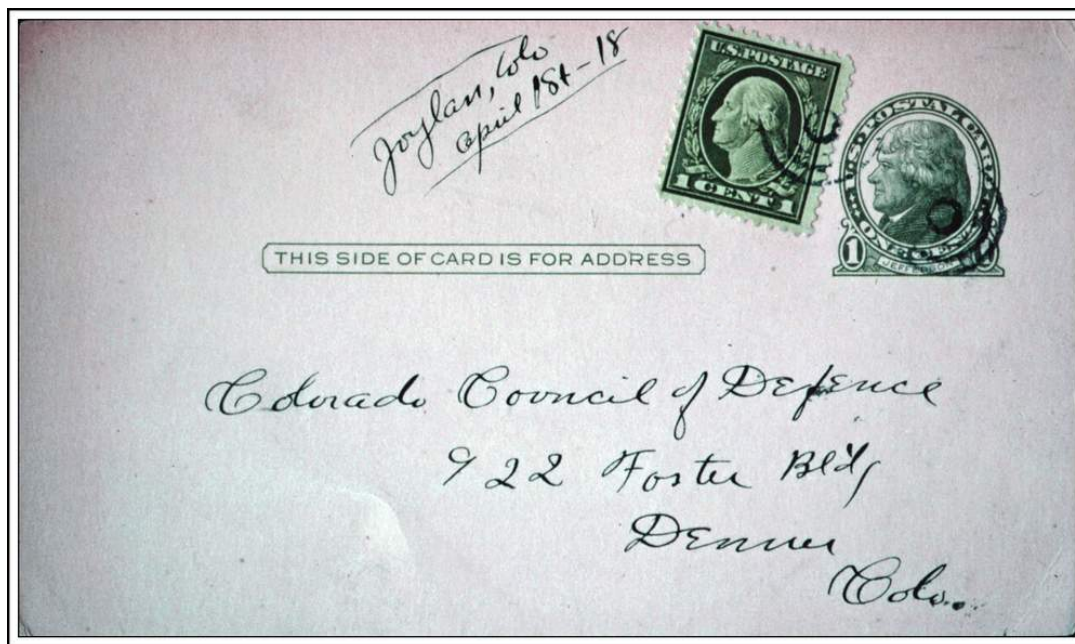
JOYLAN

John C. Starbuck was an early settler on Bear Creek west of Morrison. About the time of World War I he opened a guest ranch on his property. A post office was acquired in 1917 and took the name of Joylan.

Historical references often give the name as Joyland. The name was likely that of the guest ranch and perhaps a device to support the idea that it was a place to come and to be enjoyed.

Did that work? I don't know. However, in 1920 the name of the post office was changed to Starbuck, obviously for John C. Starbuck. In 1930 the name was changed to Idledale, its present name.

Joylan/Starbuck/Idledale is about three miles west of Morrison. From Morrison drive west on Colorado Highway 74 towards Evergreen.



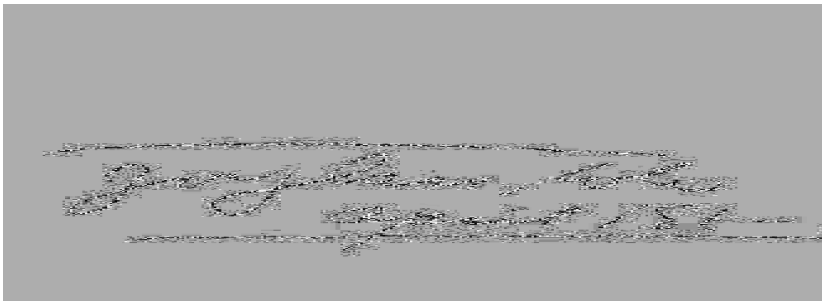
Joylan, Colo **April 1st, 1918**
From a badly faded color slide

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

Oct 2 1917	--	NE/4 Sec 32 T4S R70W 50 feet northeast of Bear Creek Applicant for postmaster - Sarah L. Scanland
Jan 28 1918		Established
Jan 28 1918		Scanland, Sarah L.
Oct 31 1918		Odered closed Mail to Morrison Order rescinded Oct 29 1918
Jul 7 1920		Name changed to Starbuck

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Joylan, Colo MS	Apr 1 1918 Mscp Target, 4 ring
2	JOYLAN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	May 10 1920 Aug 2 1920 4bars S-24x19mm

**JUNCTION**

Junction was the earliest of the post offices within the mountains, on the main trail from Denver via Turkey Creek to the mines in South Park. It is believed that it was also known as Bradford Junction and was where the Bradford Road (later Turkey Creek Road) intersected with the road from Bergen Park (Evergreen).

The Junction Post Office operated from 1861 to 1863. There was a hiatus of two years before the Hutchinson Post office opened.

It is not clear as to exactly where the Junction Post Office was located. I note that in 1862-1863 George M. Hutchinson was the postmaster at Junction. This may be the same person as the George W. Hutchinson who was the first postmaster of Hutchinson. Joseph B. Hutchinson followed him. From this it seems quite possible that Junction and Hutchinson were closely related.

Recent highway construction has somewhat altered the highway pattern in the area along US Highway 285 from Aspen Park to the Jefferson-Park County line. This makes it a bit more difficult to fit the early surveys to the present situation.

The 1873 Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report for Hutchinson places it at what is now the junction of Turkey Creek Road, US Highway 285 and the road from Evergreen. Lacking better information I will consider Junction to have also been there. This site is now called Conifer and has been heavily developed.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 27 1861	--	No survey 22 miles southwest of Mount Vernon, Hamilton 55 miles southwest
Aug 28 1861		Established
Aug 28 1861		Cummins, Ephraim V.
Sep 1 1861	--	No survey On route from Denver to Breckinridge Denver 30 miles northeast Hamilton 45 miles southwest 16 miles north and west of the Platte River
Jan 3 1862		Hutchinson, George M.

JUNCTION – Continued

Jul 23 1863	Ellis, John
Oct 22 1863	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM JUNCTION

KITTREDGE

Kittredge was established in 1920 when Charles M. Kittredge purchased the three hundred-acre Luther Ranch on Bear Creek between Morrison and Evergreen. The Kittredge Town Company was formed and a small community developed on the south side of Bear Creek just west of where Myers Gulch joins the main stream. It appears that this was a purely residential development, at the time mostly seasonal and weekend cabins.

It is obvious that the town was named for Charles M. Kittredge. However, several historical accounts state that the intention was to name the Post Office Bear Creek, but the Post Office Department rejected that choice, “because there was already an office by that name.”

From 1899 to 1900 and 1907 to 1918 there was a Bear Creek Post Office in Montezuma County. But in 1923, since that post office had been discontinued, the duplication of names would not have been a reason for rejecting Bear Creek in favor of Kittredge. Also, the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report makes no mention of Bear Creek as it might, if that had been the original choice for the post office name.

Kittredge has a residential district and a small business district along Colorado Highway 74. The narrow Bear Creek Canyon somewhat restricts growth of the community.

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Chronology of the Post Office

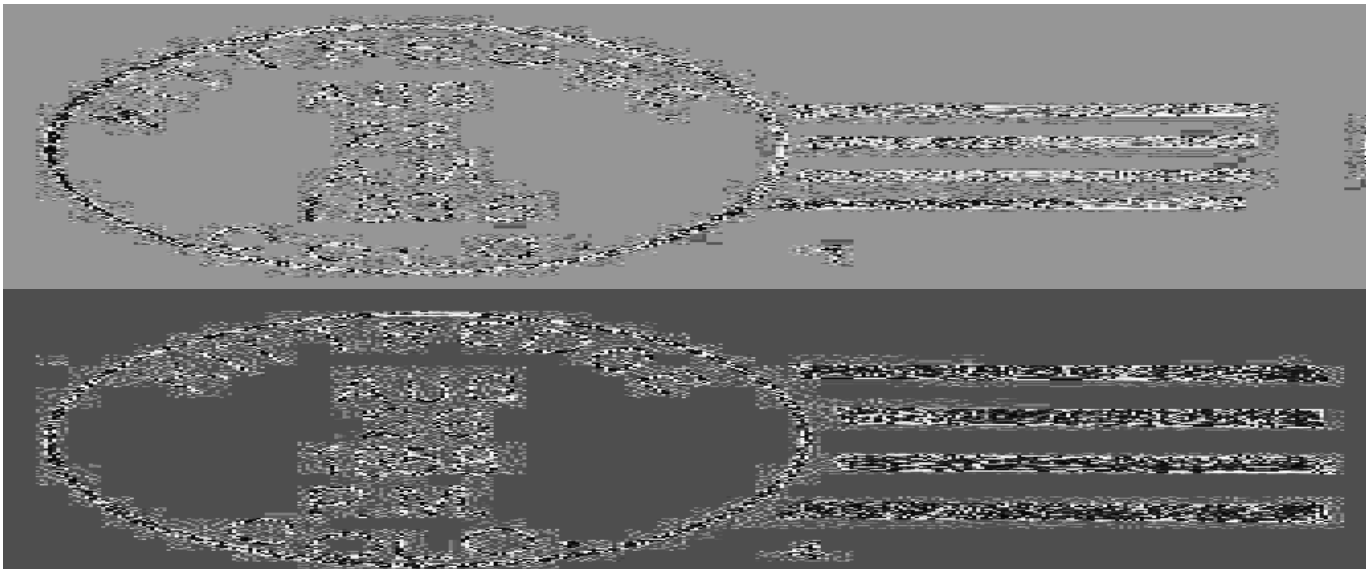
May 29 1922	---	SE/4 Sec 35 T4S R71W 200 feet north of Bear Creek	
		Applicant for postmaster - C. M. Kittredge	
Apr 2 1923		Established	
Apr 2 1923		Kittredge, Charles M.	
Mar 13 1929		Armbrust, Lillie M.	Acting
Mar 15 1929		Armbrust, Lillie M.	Appointed
Mar 4 1931		Dillon, Jesse D.	Possession
Mar 11 1931		Dillon, Jesse D.	Acting
Apr 8 1931		Dillon, Jesse D.	Confirmed
Apr 20 1931		Dillon, Jesse D.	Commissioned
Jun 24 1932		Replogle, Mrs. Lila K.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1932		Replogle, Mrs. Lila K.	Acting
Sep 7 1932		Replogle, Mrs. Lila K.	Confirmed
Sep 22 1932		Replogle, Mrs. Lila K.	Commissioned
Oct 1 1936		Reed, Mrs. Phoebe E.	Assumed charge
Oct 15 1936		Reed, Mrs. Phoebe E.	Acting
Oct 17 1936		Reed, Mrs. Phoebe E.	Confirmed
Nov 5 1936		Reed, Mrs. Phoebe E.	Commissioned
Nov 1 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 35 T4S R71W 200 feet south of post office	
Nov 30 1946		Burrous, Mrs. Beulah	Assumed charge
Mar 22 1948		Burrous, Mrs. Beulah	Confirmed
Jun 15 1948		Burrous, Mrs. Beulah	Commissioned
Jan 1 1949		Coakley, Frank M.	Assumed charge
Feb 7 1949		Coakley, Frank M.	Confirmed
Feb 23 1950		Coakley, Frank M.	Commissioned

KITTREDGE – Continued

Mar 21 1951	Harmer, Lawrence E.	Assumed charge
Apr 5 1951	Harmer, Lawrence E.	Acting
May 19 1952	Abbott, Mrs. Catherine B.	Confirmed
Jun 10 1952	Abbott, Mrs. Catherine B.	Confirmed
Jul 15 1952	Abbott, Mrs. Catherine B.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1953		Office made Presidential

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	KITTREDGE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Aug 22 1935 Aug 9 1941
2	KITTREDGE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 29 1937 Feb 23 1957
3	KITTREDGE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 16 1951 Sep 24 1951
4	KITTREDGE / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 13 1953 Aug 26 1958
5	KITTREDGE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Nov 5 1959 Nov 14 1962
6	KITTREDGE, CO / 80457 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x18mm	Oct 9 1965 Jul 8 1974
7	KITTREDGE, CO / 80457 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-23x19mm	Dec 19 1975 --- 3 1978
8	KITTREDGE, CO / 80457 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 28 1976 Jun 1 1993
9	KITTREDGE, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 13 1981
9.1	KITTREDGE, CO / 80457 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-19x15mm	Aug 31 1994
9.2	KITTREDGE, / CO 80457 RC 10P 45.0/15.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post box style	Aug 31 1994
10	KITTREDGE CO / 80457 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-13x24mm	May 8 1998
11	KITTREDGE, CO 80457 / USPS CI 11P 35.0/25.0	Hstp No killer, inner circle is two arcs	May 8 1998
12	KITTREDGE CO / 80457-9998 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-12x21mm	May 8 1998
13	KITTREDGE, CO 80457-9998 / USPS CI 11P 34.5/24.5	Hstp No killer, Inner circle is two arcs	May 8 1998



KITTREDGE – Continued



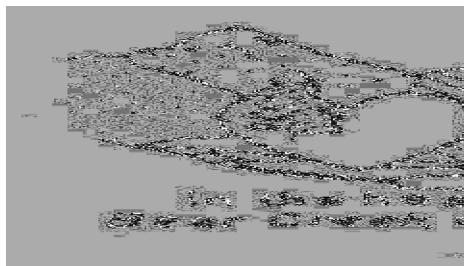
CANYONFEST STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 13 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | KITTREDGE, CO / CANYONFEST STATION / 80457 | Aug 13 1994 |
| | IR 00R 30.0x21.0 | Pict Scene - Mountains, heart; Text - In the heart of /
Bear Creek Canyon |



LAKEVIEW

The location of the Lakeview Post Office is actually in the present day town of Lakeside. It is questionable as to whether or not the Lakeview Post Office was ever in operation, as it was not listed in any of the annual Postal Guides of the period.

Lakeside was established in 1907 and incorporated the same year. It was named for a small lake – Lake Rhoda – that is now a part of an amusement park. Lakeside is located west of Sheridan Boulevard, between West 46th Avenue and Interstate 70. It is Jefferson County's smallest incorporated community.

Lakeside is an incorporated town; however, the Lakeside Amusement Park and the Lakeside Shopping Center occupy much of the town. The result is that there are only a few residences and maintaining the proper elected officials has often been a problem.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 12 1892	---	NW/4 Sec 24 T3S R69W 1/2 mile south of Clear Creek Proposed postmaster - Andrew Capelli
Dec 3 1892		Established
Dec 3 1892		Capelli, Angelo
Feb 3 1894		Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LAKEVIEW

LAKEWOOD

It is claimed that Lakewood was established as early as 1872. It does seem reasonable that a community did exist in the subsequent years. However, it was not until July 26, 1889 that a town plat for Lakewood was filed by Charles Welch, Miranda Loveland and William Loveland. The plat for the first Lakewood was vacated in 1927.

On June 24, 1969 Lakewood was incorporated but with the name of Jefferson City. In November 1969 the residents voted overwhelmingly to rename the city Lakewood.

The change in name was not without controversy and sarcasm. The November 9, 1969 issue of the *Denver Post* contained the following report:

There were 509 dissenters – some of them real wags – in last week's name selection for this city.

Most of those rejecting either the name Lakewood or Jefferson City, voted for the equally prosaic choices of Alameda, Columbine, Westwood, Belmar, Red Rocks, or combinations of names of former areas making up the new city of 116,000 population.

The others, however, had a field day with their choices. They turned to such tags as Jackass Junction, Dog Town, Picky-Picky-Picky, Ticky-Ticky-Ticky, Vandal's Haven, Blunder City, Up-Tight, Boondoggle, Taxedo Junction, Dogpatch, Podunk, Laugh-In, Wasteville, Bug-Scuffle, White Ghetto, Peyton Place, Dissolve, Jerusalem, Poverty Gulch, Sin City Mother, and Crystal City.

There were those with a sense of history who picked Eisenhower, Agnew, Arapahoe City (after the placer mining camp along Clear Creek), Kennedy, Tabor City, and Moffat.

Some trod on a few toes by suggesting such names as Denver II, West Denver, Denver 80215, Cherry Hills West, and just plain Denver.

Some suggestions showed imagination, including Colorful, AT, Union, and Piedmont.

Others were attracted to the current popularity of space exploration with names such as Apollo (and various misspellings of this), Lunar City, Luna City, and Armstrong.

The name Lakewood won by a 9-1 margin over Jefferson City, and the board of aldermen voted unanimously last Thursday to rename the city according to popular choice.

LAKEWOOD – Continued

The renaming climaxed an eight-week campaign led by Lakewood attorney Elias J. Candell, who, with a group of interested women, solicited petitions for the name change in September and presented their choice with 9,400 signatures to the aldermen last month.

Initially Lakewood was centered in the area along West Colfax Avenue and West Sixth Avenue. Following World War II Lakewood began a period of rapid growth and when it was incorporated in 1969 it became the third largest city in Colorado. Lakewood now includes much of the land between Sheridan Avenue on the east and the hogback to the west. Roughly, West 26th Avenue is the northern edge and West Hampden Avenue the southern edge. Future annexations are likely to expand the city boundaries to the south and west.

It has been suggested that the community was named for Lakewood, New Jersey, the home of one of the early settlers. It is also possible that the presence of several small lakes and of orchards within what was at first an agricultural community suggested the name.

Lakewood has far outgrown its original agricultural basis. Other than backyard gardens, agriculture is no longer a factor in Lakewood. Modern Lakewood is largely residential but has several commercial and office districts and includes the Denver Federal Center.

Lakewood was on the line of the Denver, Lakewood, and Golden Railroad. Eventually this became a part of the Denver City Tramway System. Passenger operations ended on June 6, 1950. Freight operations to the Federal Center continued until about 1986.

Rail service will soon be restored to Lakewood and beyond as in 2008 construction is scheduled to begin on a new commuter rail line from Denver west to Golden.

The Lakewood Post Office is a bit of a puzzle. From 1892 to 1942 - fifty years - Lakewood was an Independent Post Office. In 1942 Lakewood was converted to a branch of the Denver Post Office. In spite of serving a population far greater than when it was an Independent Office, Lakewood remains a branch of Denver.

Locations for the independent period are listed below and for your information I have added to the list the locations as a branch of Denver. Currently the Lakewood Post Office is located on West Alameda Avenue off the southwest corner of the Denver Federal Center.

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Chronology of the Post Office

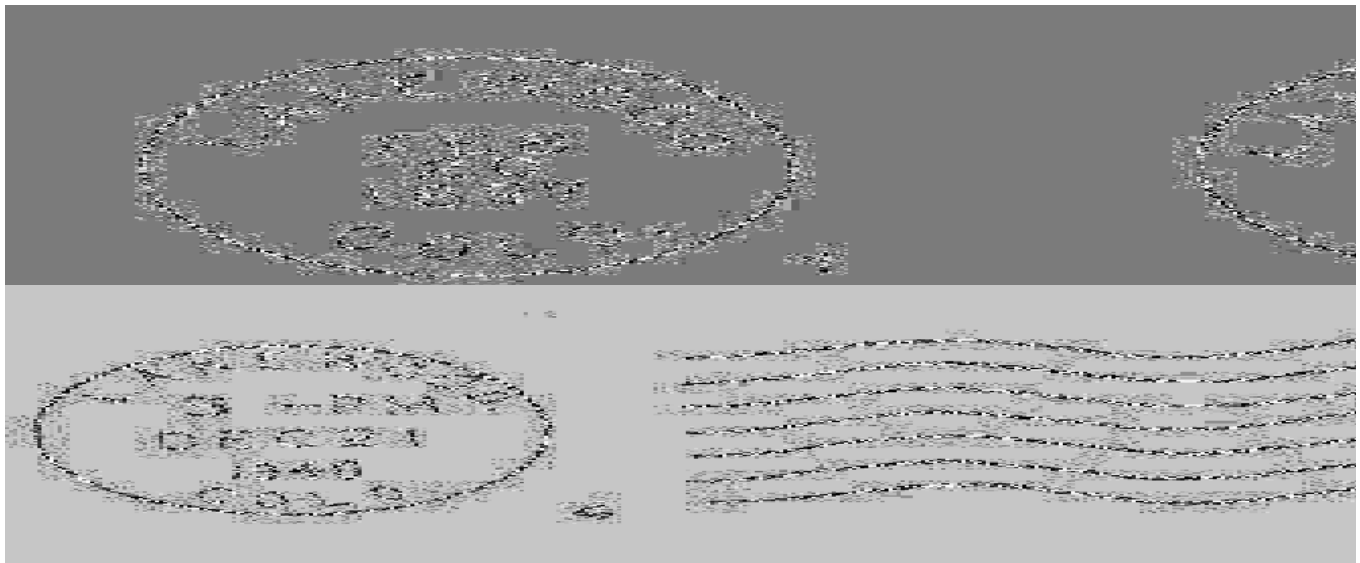
Apr 2 1892	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T4S R70W One block south of the railroad
		Proposed postmaster - William F. Robb
Apr 21 1892		Established
Apr 21 1892		Robb, William B.
Oct 14 1892		Hatch, Arthur
Oct 9 1896		Wright, Joseph B.
Sep 7 1900		Ordered closed
Sep 15 1900		Discontinued Papers to Edgewater
Jul 7 1937	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T4S R69W
Jun 7 1937		Re-established
Oct 24 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T4S R69W 7614 West Colfax Avenue
Mar 31 1942		Converted to a Branch of Denver
Sep 1 1942	---	7300 West Colfax Avenue [Branch of Denver]
Locations of the Lakewood Branch of Denver		
---	-- 1942	--- 1477 Carr Street
---	----	--- 8765 West 14th Avenue
1987-present	---	--- West Alameda On south side of Denver Federal Center

LAKEWOOD – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LAKEWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Apr 26 1894 Feb 20 1897 Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm
2	LAKEWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Mar 22 1899 Hstp Not present
3	LAKEWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	Jul 1 1937 Mar 31 1942 4bars S-24x19mm, Last day cover as independent post office
4	LAKEWOOD. / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Dec 21 1940 Mar 4 1941 Mach 7 wavy lines
5	Lakewood / COLO. RC 10P 41.0x19.0	--- -- 194- Hstp No killer, Parcel Post box style
6	LAKEWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Dec 16 1937 Apr 1 1942 4bars S-24x19mm

LATER MARKINGS FROM LAKEWOOD (INCLUDING CONTINUED USE OF TYPE 4) WILL BE LISTED FOR THE LAKEWOOD BRANCH OF DENVER.



LAMB

Lamb was a rural post office about two miles south-southeast of the site of Critchell. It is located on the ridge that separates Bear Gulch on the east from Kennedy Gulch on the west. The countryside is less rugged than the surrounding area and has been used for ranching. There is no evidence of any organized settlement at Lamb.

Follow the directions to the location of Critchell. At Critchell turn on to Kuehster Road and go south. This will take you into the Chaparral Ranch Development. Two and a half miles from Critchell you will pass a radio tower on your left. Another half-mile brings you to a small red building (2000) that has been restored. There are other buildings, mostly modern, scattered about a somewhat level section on the ridge.

Chronology of the Post Office

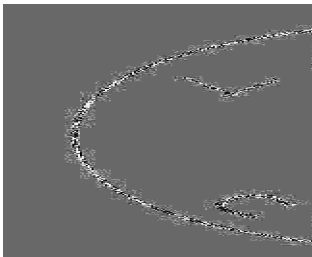
Aug 5 1889	---	SE/4 Sec 2 T7S R70W 2 miles south of Deer Creek Proposed postmaster - David Albert Lamb
Jun 11 1890		Established
Jun 11 1890		Lamb, David A.
May 11 1895		Green, Carlton E.

LAMB – Continued

Mar 9 1900	Green, Ella E.
Jun 4 1906	Green, Arthur W.
Jan 25 1908	Ordered closed
Feb 15 1908	Discontinued Mail to Critchell

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LAMB, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	May 26 1906 Doane Bars not present; Probably a Type 2 with 1
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LONGVIEW

Longview, at milepost 31.2 and altitude 6,194 feet, was another of the small railroad stations along the North Fork of the South Platte River. By the time the Longview Post Office opened, the Denver, South Park, and Pacific had been taken over by the Colorado and Southern Railroad. Longview appears to have been a small collection of summer cabins and fishing camps similar to the other settlements along the river.

The Longview Station was only three-tenths miles east of the station of East Dome Rock and five-tenths miles east of the Dome Rock Station. It is curious that the railroad found it acceptable to have three stations in less than a half mile. I can assume that it was a means of accommodating the various tourist and other recreational facilities along this stretch of the river.

In 1911 the Dome Rock Post Office was closed and moved east to become the Longview Post Office.

From its junction with Foxtton Road drive east three and four-tenths miles to Longview. There are several occupied cabins at Longview but they are on a side road upslope and parallel to the main road.

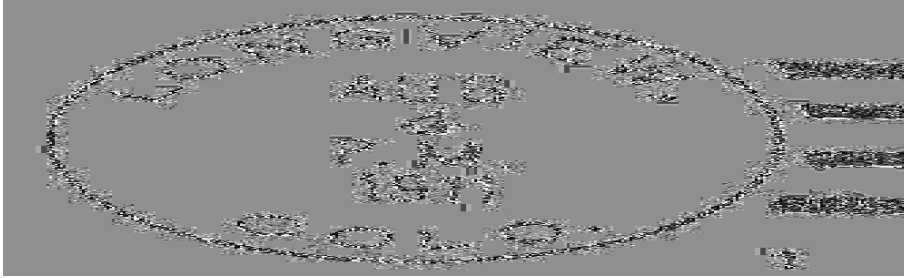
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Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 4 1911	Moved from Dome Rock
Apr 4 1911	Hynes, Ross
May 27 1911 ---	From: SE/4 Sec 22 T7S R70W To: SW/4 Sec 23 T7S R70W "on the same railroad 3/8 mile east Colorado & Southern 100 feet south of post office
May 5 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 26 T7S R70W 150 feet north of the north fork of the South Platte 50 feet north of the Colorado & Southern track
Oct 9 1919	Thompson, Ida M.
Aug 21 1937	Ordered closed
Sep 15 1937	Discontinued Mail to Sedalia [Douglas County]

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LONGVIEW, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 4 1911 Sep 13 1916
2	LONGVIEW / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 4 1925 Sep 15 1937

LONGVIEW – Continued**MEDLEN**

Medlen was the third in the sequence of rural post offices along South Turkey Creek. Unfortunately I have found no mention of Medlen in the historical literature, which leads to a conclusion that there was no organized community.

From the location of Brownville, continue south on Turkey Creek Road to the junction with South Deer Creek Canyon Road at Fenders. Keep to the left on Turkey Creek Road. Approximately a mile from the junction a small cemetery should be visible on the north side of the road. Medlen was in the vicinity of the cemetery.

In 1995 there was a small ranch complex with three derelict log buildings. A little further there was a small, white, story and a half house perched just above the road. I have assumed that these buildings were part of Medlen. There are other, more recent residences in the area.

The Turkey Creek Post Office is the next in the sequence along this road.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 24 1896	---	NE/4 Sec 4 T6S R70W On the west side of Turkey Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Anna Bigger
Aug 15 1896		Established
Aug 15 1896		Bigger, Anna
May 13 1901		Ordered closed
May 31 1901		Discontinued Papers to Conifer

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MEDLEN

MICHIGAN HOUSE

Michigan House was a dinner stop and stage station on the Golden Gate Road to the mines in Gilpin County. The location seems to be somewhat in question. Some sources place it in Cold Spring Valley and others place it in Guy Gulch. Current maps do not show Cold Spring Valley but do show Guy Gulch. I assume that Cold Spring Valley became Guy Gulch.

With that assumption, and some other bits of information, I would place Michigan House in Guy Gulch near where Golden Gate Road descends from Guy Hill to the stream in Guy Gulch. At that point there is enough open area to have supported the establishment that was Michigan House.

One quoted reference states, "This house, kept by Mrs. Farley is the regular halting place for the Western Stagecoach and is famous for its bountiful and well spread board." Mrs. Farley was likely the wife of R. McFarley, the postmaster for Michigan House and implies that the post office was within the stage station/eating house.

As new and better roads were opened to the Gilpin County mines, traffic on the Golden Gate Canyon Road declined and Michigan House disappeared.

MICHIGAN HOUSE – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 28 1863 Established
Feb 28 1863 McFarley, R.
May 5 1863 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MICHIGAN HOUSE

MORRISON

On October 24, 1872 the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad, headed by John Evans, with David H. Moffat, Jr. and Henry Cross, organized the Morrison Stone, Lime, and Townsite Company. A townsite was laid out on land that had been homesteaded by George Morrison.

In 1859, George Morrison came to Colorado from Quebec. In 1864 he purchased three hundred and twenty acres south of Mount Vernon, in the vicinity where Bear Creek exits from the mountains. Mr. Morrison was a participant in the townsite company that established Morrison and the town was named for him.

Morrison was the location for stone quarries and for some lime and gypsum mining. The community also developed as a resort, drawing patrons from nearby Denver. The popularity of Morrison declined as Denver expanded and other resorts were developed.

The town plat for Morrison was filed on November 28, 1874. By 69 to 0, a vote for incorporation passed and January 26, 1906 is the official date listed in the state records for the incorporation of Morrison.

In recent years Morrison has become the gateway to the Red Rocks Park and an area of growing residential and commercial development southward between the Dakota Hogback and the foot of the mountains. It is an active, growing community at the intersection of Colorado Highways 74 and 8.

There are some unanswered questions about the Post Office at Morrison. *The Rocky Mountain News* of July 26, 1869 had the following comment: “*The post office, located at Wulff’s store, was damaged by water and the building undermined.*” According to the Post Office Department records, there was no post office at this location in 1869. Perhaps this was a reference to the post office at nearby Mount Vernon.

The next question is why the post office first took the name of Jefferson. That name has not been mentioned in connection with Morrison in any of the literature I have read. Only the Post Office Department records verify it, stating that on December 12, 1873 the name was changed to Morrison.

The final question relates to the change in name from Morrison to Mount Morrison. I have found no explanation for that action. Perhaps it was a cosmetic change to promote the resort activity in the community. The change in name took place in 1908, but in 1950 the name reverted to the simpler Morrison.

Apparently the Morrison Post Office has had its share of problems. The *Denver Post* of March 7, 1919 carried a page one story “FLAMES SWEEP MT. MORRISON AFTER THIEVES BLAST POST OFFICE.”

Reading past the headlines, one learns that a Polish miner working late at the Rooney Coal Mine saw two men breaking into the post office and the Pike-Perry Company store. Seconds later a massive explosion blew the entire front of the store into the street. Jacob Schneider, the druggist ran into the street shooting a pistol at the escaping bandits, but was knocked down by a second explosion, when a gasoline lighting system in the store exploded spreading flames everywhere. Schneider alerted the all-night phone company operator who called locals to action and got the Denver fire trucks. It was surmised that the burglars had intended to steal the post office money, as the post office in Morrison had been a favorite target twice before.

MORRISON – Continued

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MORRISON, / COLO. June 11, (1883+)

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 12 1873	Name changed from Jefferson	
Dec 12 1873	Smith, William S.	
Jul 22 1878	Merrill, Charles	
Mar 5 1880	Adams, Erastus	
Dec 7 1885	Winterbottom, John	
Sep 29 1886	Nugent, Patrick J.	
Jan 28 1888	Petrikin, Adolphus W.	
Apr 19 1889	Harris, George T.	
Dec 19 1890	Phelps, Wilbur F.	
Oct 5 1891	Gregg, Isaac S. T.	
Sep 20 1895	Hines, Harry	
Aug 30 1899	Post, Charles C.	
Jun 8 1908	Name changed to Mount Morrison	
Aug 1 1950	Name changed from Mount Morrison	
Aug 7 1951	LaGrow, Mrs. Alice Ruth	Assumed charge
Aug 30 1951	LaGrow, Mrs. Alice Ruth	Acting
Apr 17 1952	Carney, Mrs Lillian K.	Assumed charge
May 6 1952	Carney, Mrs Lillian K.	Actin
Mar 3 1954	Baker, William E.	Acting
Mar 15 1954	Baker, William E.	Assumed charge
Jul 14 1954	Baker, William E.	Nominated
Jul 31 1954	Baker, William E.	Confirmed
Aug 2 1954	Baker, William E.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jan 9 1970	Smith, Mrs. Cassandra L.	Officer in charge
Oct 12 1973	Lindahl, Mrs. June Y.	Officer in charge

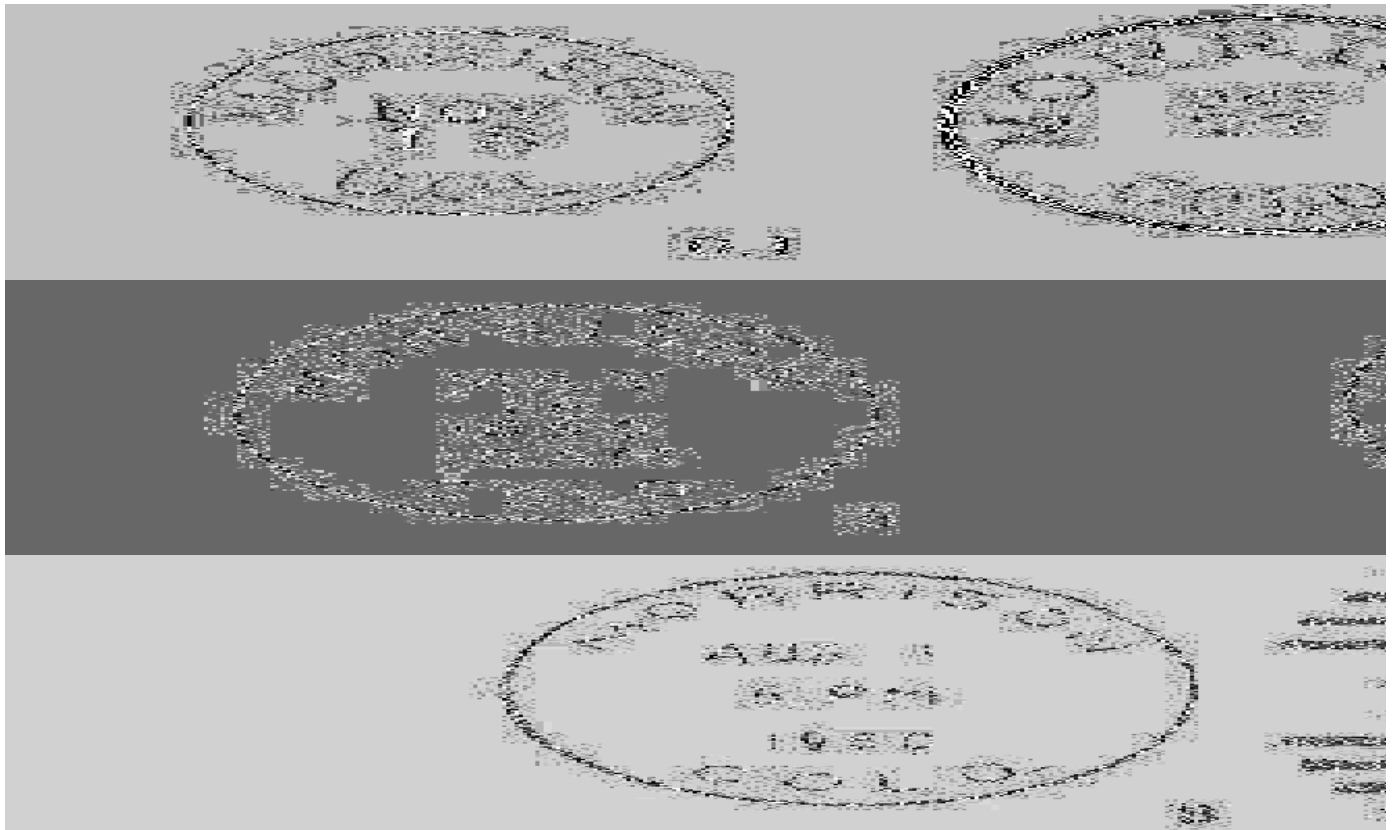
MORRISON – Continued

Feb 23 1974	Lindhahl, Mrs. June Y.	Appointed
Jan 3 1975	Darnell, Mrs. Nancy	Officer in charge
Feb 28 1975	Cariaga, Antonio F.	Officer in charge
Apr 26 1975	Hammers, Kenneth J.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	MORRISON / COL. CI 10P 24.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Nov 13 187-
1	MORRISON, / COLO. CI 10H 29.0	Hstp Target, 3-ring,	Aug 22 1876 Jul 20 1877
2	MORRISON, / COLO. CI 21P 29.5/28.0/15.5	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, smudge	Jul 21 1880 Sep 4 1883
3	MORRISON, / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/16.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Feb 14 1887 Jul 21 1888
4	MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Sep 22 1889
5	MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	May 16 1899 May 24 189-
6	MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Aug 13 1904 Aug 9 1908
7	MORRISON, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 35.0x16.0	RFD 4 bars with 1	Feb 10 1908 Jul 14 1908
8	MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Aug 1 1950 May 24 1958
8.1	Morrison / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0		1950s Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box "Mount" removed from postmark [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
9	MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 14 1962 Nov 14 1962
10	MORRISON, CO / 80465 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Oct 6 1969 Oct 23 1973
11	MORRISON, CO / 80465 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jan 10 1969 Aug 3 1976
11.1	MORRISON, CO / 80465 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Sep 27 1986 Distorted
12	MORRISON, CO / USPO CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 20 1987
13	MORRISON CO / 80465 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-20x16mm	Jul 24 1991 Jun 1 1993
14	MORRISON CO 80465 / USPS CI 11P 35.0/25.0	Hstp No Killer, inner circle is two arcs	May 8 1998
15	MORRISON CO / 80465 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-13x21mm	May 8 1998 Nov 17 2000
16	MORRISON CO / 80465 CI 10P 36.0	4bars S-11x26mm	Nov 14 2003
17	MORRISON CO 80465 / USPS CI 11P 38.0/25.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 23 2006 Jun 12 2006

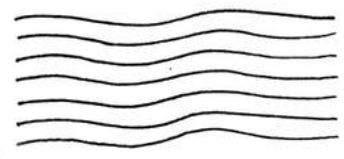
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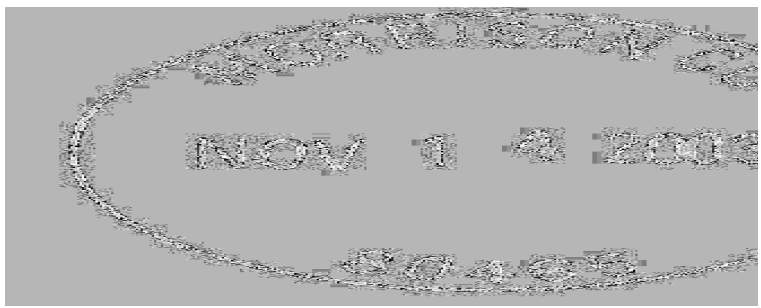
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MORRISON STATIONS

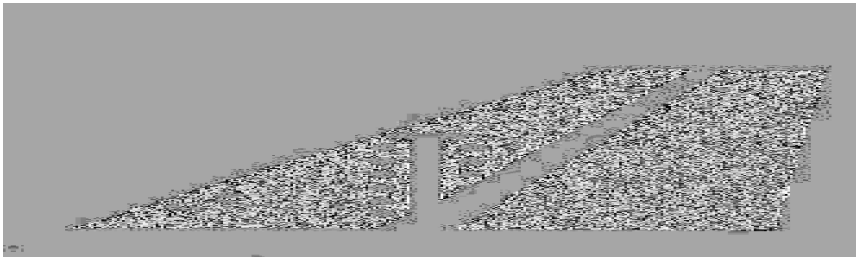
BANDIMERE SPEEDWAY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 21 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MORRISON, CO 80465 // BANDIMERE SPEEDWAY STATION Jul 21 1994
SL 00R 68.0x27.0 Pict Scene - Drag strip with lights; text -
16TH ANNUAL / NHRA/WINSTON MOPAR PARTS /
MILE-HIGH NATIONALS



MEMORY PLAZA DEDICATION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 11 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MORRISON, CO 80466-0116// MEMORY PLAZA DEDICATION / STATION Nov 11 2003
IR 00R 75.0x36.0 Pict Scene - Plaza outline with small CDS,
helmet, rifle, grave; Text - Veterans of
Foreign Wars Post 3471 / POSTMASTER /
POST OFFICE BOX 116



MORRISON STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 14 2006 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MORRISON CO / 80465 // MORRISON STATION Jun 14 2006
CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Reproduction of the Colorado State Quarter

MOUNT MORRISON – Continued

Nov 28 1911	---	SW/4 SE/4 Sec 35 T4S R70W 160 feet north of Bear Creek 108 feet north of main track of the Colorado & Southern	
Apr 22 1914	---	SW/4 SW/4 Sec 35 T5S(?) R70W "5" lightly crossed out and "4" added 182 feet north of Bear Creek	
Jun 24 1915		Van Gorder, Ira A.	
Jul 22 1918		Pike, Otis A.	
Jan 1 1921			Office made Presidential
Nov 1 1923		Sawyer, William A.	Acting
Dec 18 1923		Sawyer, William A.	Appointed
Dec 17 1927		Sawyer, William A.	Appointed
Jan 4 1932		Sawyer, William A.	Nominated
Jan 22 1932		Sawyer, William A.	Confirmed
Feb 11 1932		Sawyer, William A.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1935			Office relegated
May 17 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Nominated
May 29 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Confirmed
Jun 3 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1935			Office made Presidential
Jul 10 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Nominated
Jul 17 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Confirmed
Jul 25 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Appointed Presidential
Aug 1 1935		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Commissioned
Aug 4 1939		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Nominated
Aug 5 1939		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Confirmed
Aug 9 1939		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Appointed Presidential
Sep 22 1939		Durham, Mrs. Anna May	Commissioned
Oct 29 1941	---	SW/4 SE/4 Sec 35 T4S R70W Bear Creek 300 feet south of post office	
Aug 1 1950		Re-named Morrison	



MOUNT MORRISON, / COLO

Aug 17, 1908

MOUNT MORRISON – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

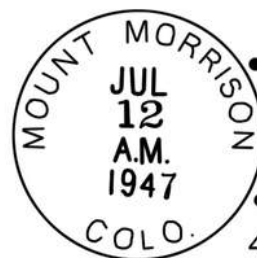
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2	MOUNT MORRISON / COLO CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval, narrow space between town and state	Nov 20 1909 Oct 26 1915
3	MOUNT MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval, wider space between town and state	May 12 1913 May 31 1916
3.1	MOUNT MORRISON / ----, CI 10P 28.0	Dplx Grid, 8 bar oval, 'town and state' wrap around	Dec 22 1927
4	MOUNT MORRISON. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	May 31 1932 Oct 19 1941
4.1	MOUNT MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 12 1947
5	MOUNT MORRISON, COLO. CI 10P 30.0	4bars P-24x19mm	Dec 20 1941 Feb 27 1943
6	MOUNT MORRISON / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 1	Nov 22 1937 Jul 31 1950
7	MOUNT MORRISON, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 30, 1941



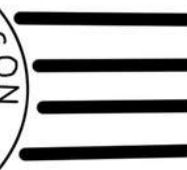
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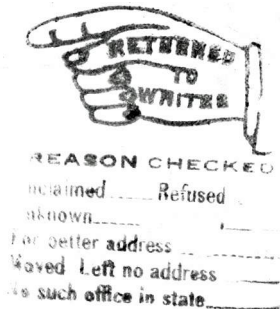


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MOUNT MORRISON – Continued
AUXILLARY MARKINGS

A-1 mount morrison RETURNED / TO / WRITER / REASON CHECKED Jul 12, 1947
IR 00R 35.0x38.0 Hstp No killer With pointing hand On ERU B4.1 cover above



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MOUNT VERNON

The *Golden Western Mountaineer* of January 4, 1860 contained the following letter:

Mr. Editor: As it is customary for new towns to receive notice from the newspapers if there is any in the place or convenient thereto, permit me to inform your readers that a town has been surveyed and platted at the base of the mountain about three miles south of Golden City and known by the name of Mt. Vernon. This town has many superior advantages, among which are the following: an extensive coal bank has been opened within a half-mile of the townsite; a very fine iron mine in the same vicinity; the best pinery in the territory within a few miles; a fine living stream of water passing through the town and at the entrance of two of the greatest thoroughfares in the country, to with; the Denver, Auraria, and Colorado Wagon Road, both of which will be completed early in the spring; lime also burned in this vicinity supplying all the towns in this part of the territory. About sixty houses are now under contract and still there is room to build more.

Respectfully yours
J. Casto

“J. Casto” is Dr. Joseph Casto who has been credited with laying out the new town of Mount Vernon. If so, that might explain his rosy picture of the settlement.

The Denver, Auraria, and Colorado Wagon Road Company established Mount Vernon. Principals in the company were George Morrison and Robert Steele, the Governor of Jefferson Territory. While Governor, Mr. Steele had his home at Mount Vernon.

Robert Steele was a great admirer of George Washington, hence his choice of Washington’s home for the name for the new settlement.

Mount Vernon was a tollgate on the road. On March 6, 1866 George W. Charles filed a town plat for Mount Vernon.

The location was at the mouth of Mount Vernon Canyon where the wagon road entered the mountains. Prior to the construction of the railroad via Clear Creek Canyon, this wagon road was one of the important routes to the Gilpin and Clear Creek Mining Districts. Completion of the railroad virtually ended traffic on the wagon road and Mount Vernon rapidly declined.

The site is on the relatively level alluvial fan of Mount Vernon Creek, to the south and below Interstate 70. The site is within a county park and contains a ranch and a small, poorly maintained cemetery.

MOUNT VERNON – Continued

The Mount Vernon Post Office operated off and on for twenty-five years. It is surprising that I have been able to record only a single cover originating at Mount Vernon. I have seen a second marking in the form of a cut square, but it is an obvious fake.



MOUNT VERNON / COL.

August 2

Chronology of the Post Office

May 9 1860	Established
May 9 1860	Sharp, Solomon
Jan 19 1861	Hare, Myron H.
Sep 10 1861	Benjamin, Henry R.
Dec 2 1861	Morrison, George
Sep 29 1866	Discontinued
Jan 31 1867	Re-established
Jan 31 1867	Kellog, Milan E.
Mar 19 1867	Discontinued
Jun 12 1869	---- NE/4 Sec 22 T4S R70W On Mt. Vernon Creek
Jun 29 1869	Re-established
Jun 29 1869	LeMaie, Chester
Apr 25 1870	Lake, Hulbert W.
Dec 7 1873	Matthews, William E.
Oct 11 1875	Discontinued
Feb 21 1880	--- NE/4 Sec 22 T4S R70W 1-1/2 mile south of Arapahoe Creek Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Minnie M. Hayward
Mar 10 1880	Re-established
Mar 10 1880	Hayward, Minnie M.
Jul 27 1882	Discontinued Mail to Golden
Dec 24 1884	--- NE/4 Sec 22 T4S R70W 2-1/2 miles north of Bear Creek and of Morrison Proposed postmaster - Charles E. Woods
Jan 13 1885	Re-established
Jan 13 1885	Woods, Charles E.
Jul 9 1885	Discontinued Mail to Golden