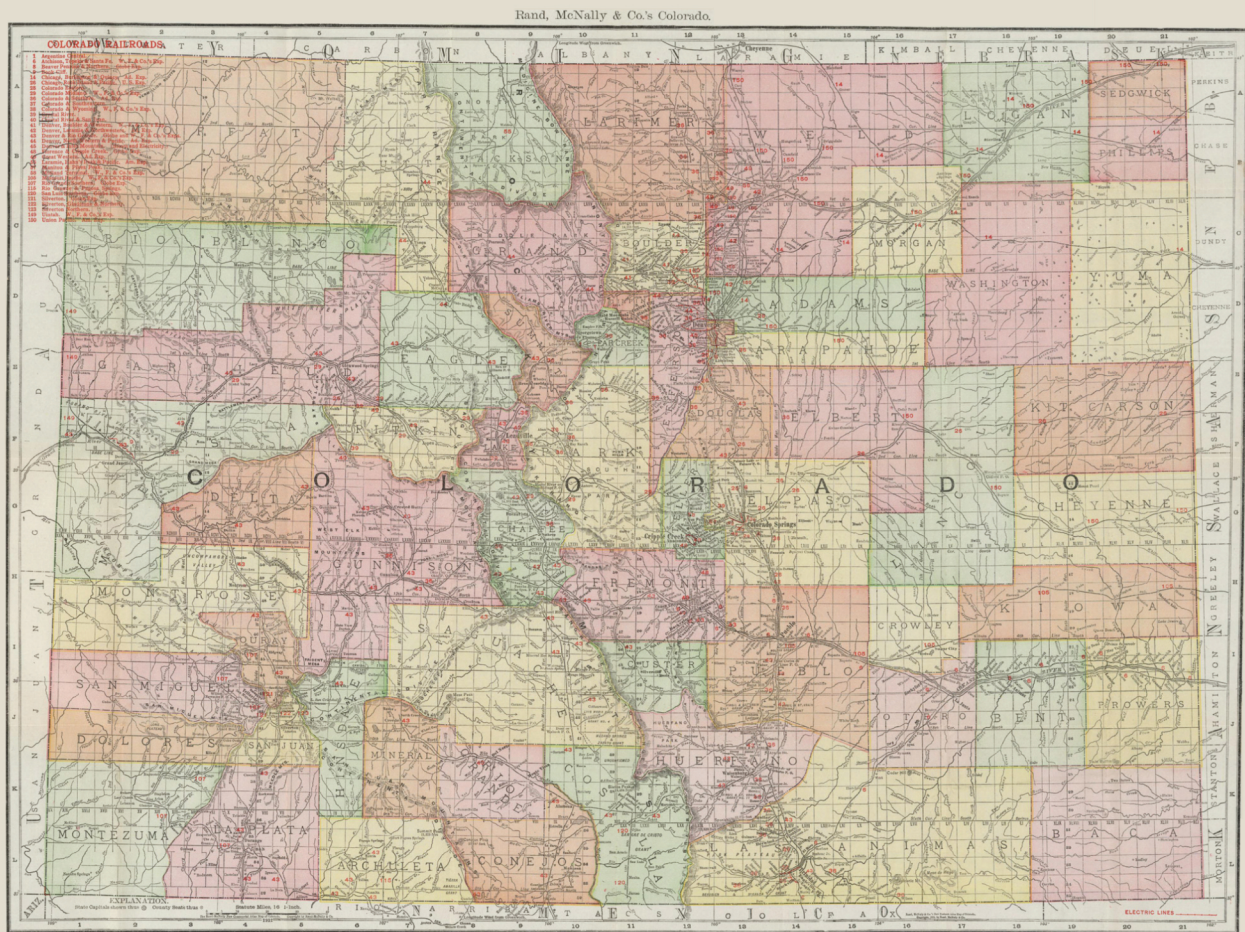


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*Kiowa - Kit Carson - La Plata - Lake - Larimer - Las Animas - Lincoln
Logan - Mesa - Mineral - Moffat - Montezuma - Montrose - Morgan
Otero - Ouray - Park - Phillips - Pitkin - Prowers - Pueblo*

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F R W A R D T O V O L U M E I I I

As editors it gives us great pleasure to offer Volume III of the digital revision of *The Colorado Postal Encyclopedia*. It describes the postmarks and post offices of 19 counties. This large size of Volume III will make it possible to complete the digital revision on four DVDs. We have now completed all but 12 of Colorado's 64 counties.

We were aware when Volume II was published that DVDs, and disk media in general, were being phased out. This is the first volume to be released as both a DVD and a USB flash drive. Our intention is to provide the final volume in the same manner and then to release all four volumes on a single USB flash drive. It is our ultimate goal to have the entire encyclopedia in the cloud and available in such a format that individual county chapters may be downloaded and read or printed.

Some comments made previously may bear repeating. Where either site images or cover images from the original serialized printed edition are no longer available, we have substituted similar images when possible.

With experience we have learned that when a discrepancy occurs between a tracing and a listing it is not always best to assume the tracing is the correct version. We have relied primarily on available information from both the census files and new submissions from collectors to correct these errors, when possible.

In the case of documenting and tracing postmarks, discrepancies also occur. Most of these can be resolved by referring to original cover scans in Bill Bauer's voluminous files. When cover scans are missing and no new images are available, the problems are not resolvable. And finally, it's been observed that listed cancellation dimensions are not necessarily in agreement with tracings. One can not help but wonder if all cover scans submitted to Bill were actually life size.

As progress was made in this revision we also have become increasingly aware of unanswerable questions with our current knowledge base. Both the U.S. appointments of Postmasters and the Geographic Site Location Reports are now available on the web, the former from the National Archives and the latter from the Ancestry.com website. Due to the originals having been mostly handwritten in the nineteenth century, discrepancies in transcription have occurred and are often not resolvable. Additionally, errors did occur in the location descriptions filed by postmasters with the Post Office Department.

For some time, general county views have been incorporated in most chapters and frequently, images from the web have been used with attribution and permission. We have added more images of representative covers in each chapter's cover gallery. This trend is the result of our desire to bring more images to the encyclopedia and has been made possible by the generous help of many collectors who have submitted images of covers from their collections.

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



Jim Ozment and Bill Bauer visiting the site of Horseshoe

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