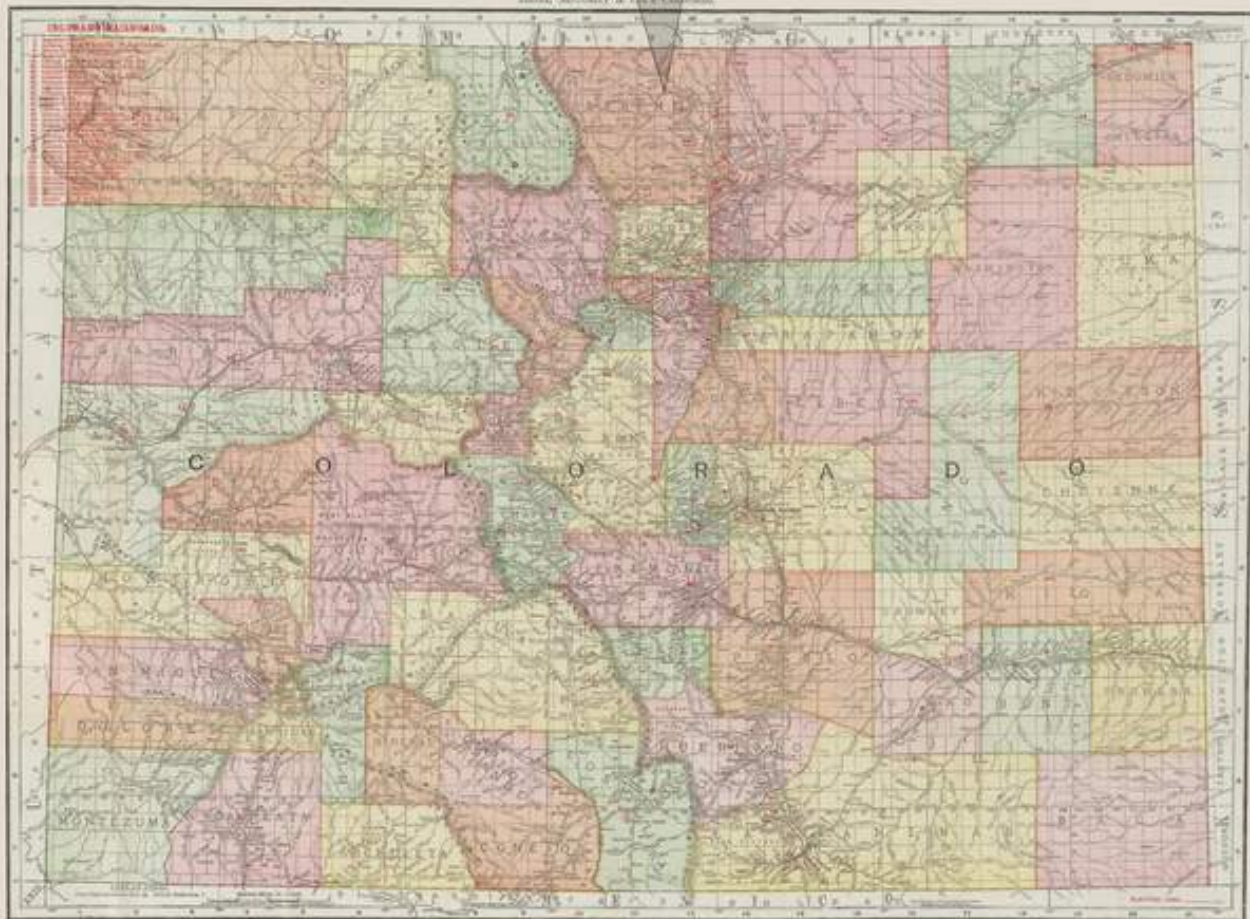


Larimer County



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Established: November 1, 1861

County Seat: Fort Collins



LARIMER COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Larimer County was one of the seventeen original counties authorized by the Colorado Territorial Legislature on November 1, 1861. The present boundaries of the county are those that it had when formed in 1861. However, from 1877 to 1909 the area that is now Jackson County was a part of Larimer County. In 1861 La Porte was designated to be the Larimer County seat. By 1876 the county seat had been moved a few miles east to Fort Collins, its present location.

Larimer County is somewhat rectangular in form. For the most part, the western boundary of the county angles from northwest to southeast following the crest of the Medicine Bow Mountains and a portion of the Continental Divide. At its maximum dimensions Larimer County measures approximately sixty miles from east to west and fifty miles from north to south.

Topographically more than seventy-five percent of the county is mountainous with several mountain peaks exceeding 12,000 feet in altitude. The eastern quarter of the county consists of hogbacks and mesas gradually leveling out to the prairielands of Eastern Colorado.

The majority of the county drains eastward to the South Platte River. The far northwestern corner of the county drains north into Wyoming via the Laramie River, which eventually joins the North Platte River.

The Cache La Poudre River and the Big Thompson River are the principal streams that flow eastward from the mountains to the South Platte. They are fed by a number of smaller, mostly intermittent streams. The source of these streams in the high mountains, increases the possibility of flash floods which can be, and have been, devastating along the stream courses.

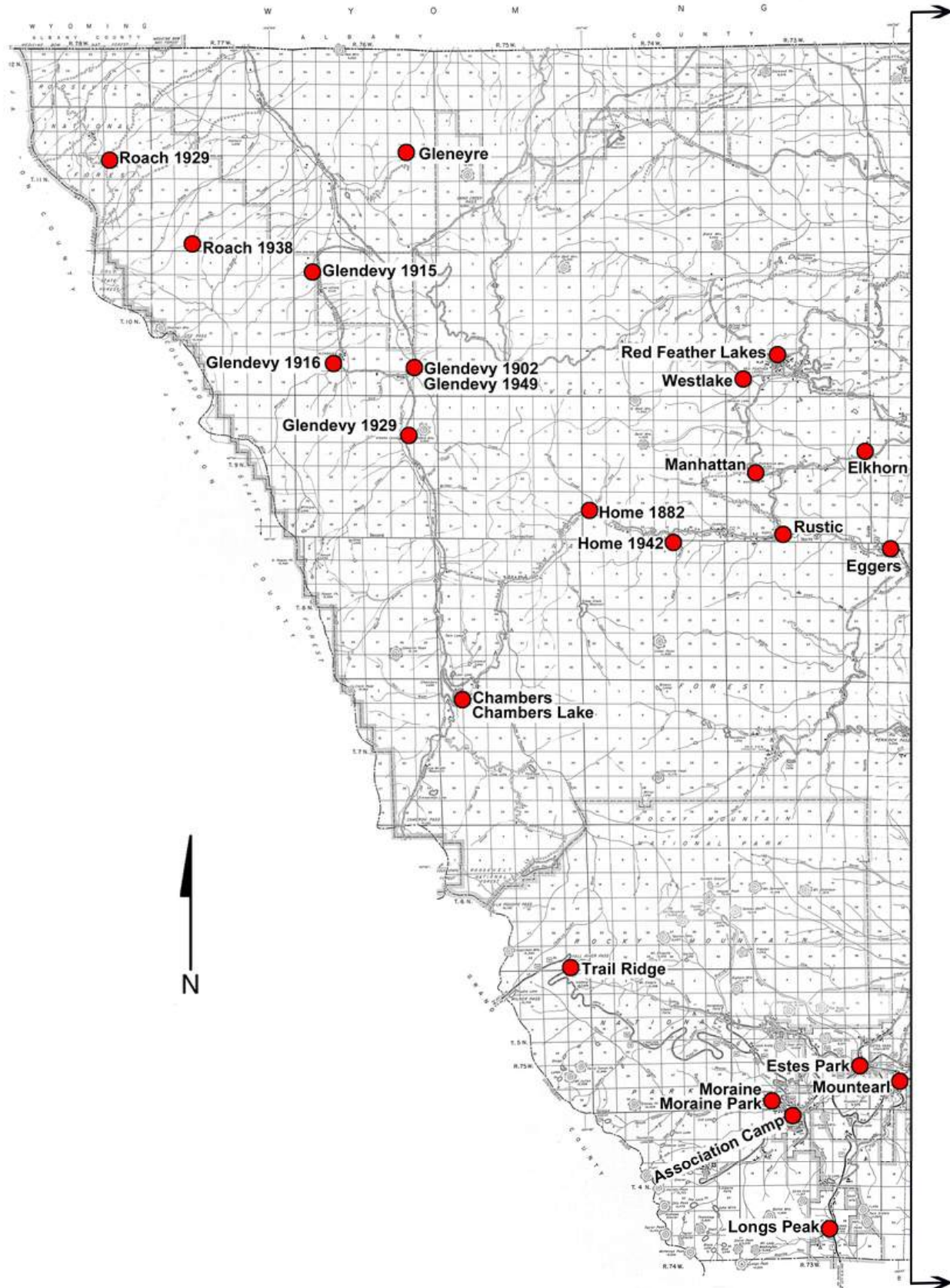
Early settlement of the area was principally in the area east of the mountain front. With irrigation this was excellent agricultural land. Grain and sugar beets were major crops and are still produced in the area. Cattle and sheep-raising dominated the land not feasible for irrigation and in some of the mountain valleys. The mountains are heavily forested and lumbering has been a major factor in the Larimer County economy.

Sine the early nineteenth century, eastern Larimer County has been on the main north south travel routes of Colorado. At first it was the Cherokee Trail that passed through the county, went by the eventual site of Virginia Dale and into Wyoming. This was also the path taken by the Overland Stage Company for its route from Denver towards Utah and California. Emigrant trains also used the route.

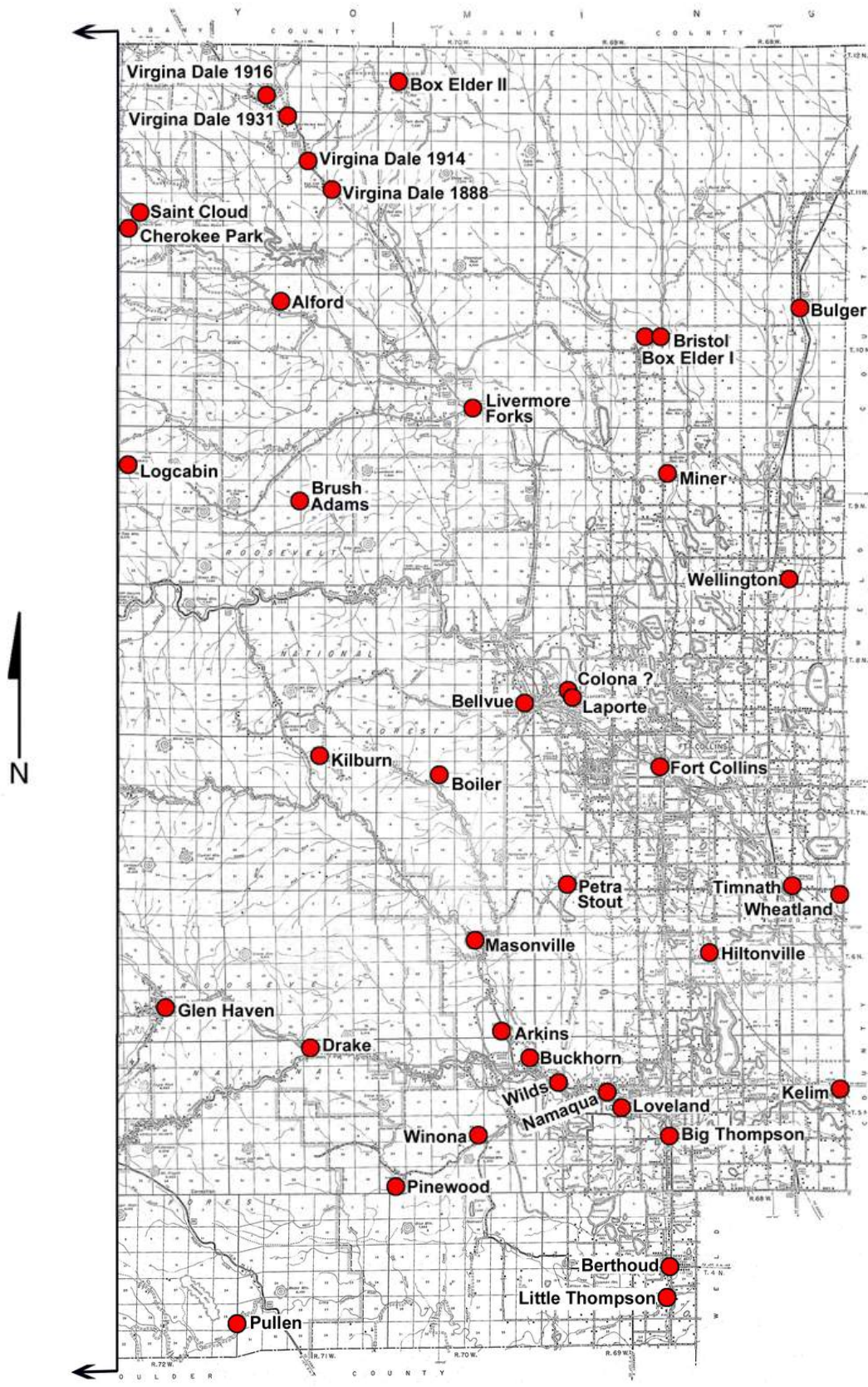
Next came the Denver Pacific Railroad that in 1871 connected Denver with the Union Pacific Railroad at Cheyenne. In subsequent years the Greeley, Salt Lake, and Pacific, the Denver, Laramie, and Northwestern, the Colorado Central, and the Colorado and Southern Railroads all played important roles in the development of the eastern portion of Larimer County.

There were also a number of shortline and spur railroads that served the small towns east of the mountain front. However, none of the railroads penetrated into the mountains that dominate the western portion of the county.

There is an extensive road network in the eastern portion of the county. US Highway 287 and Interstate 25 are the principal north-south roads. US Highway 34 enters from the east, passes through Loveland and goes to Estes Park before climbing Trail Ridge Road on the way to Grand Lake on the western slope. However, that road is closed during the winter months because of the heavy snow accumulations on the Trail Ridge Summit (11,827 feet). From Fort Collins, Colorado Highway 14 follows the Cache La Poudre River into the mountains and then crosses Cameron Pass (10,285 feet) into Jackson County.



Post Office Location Map – Western Larimer County



Post Office Location Map – Eastern Larimer County

There are other roads that penetrate short distances into the mountains but much of the area is either in Rocky Mountain National Park or a Wilderness Area, which is great for hiking but is not open to vehicular travel.

Mining has played only a minor role in the development of Larimer County. There was some gold mining in the area around Manhattan but that lasted only a short time. Quarrying of stone from the hogbacks along the mountain front was a more significant activity and continues, albeit greatly reduced from early levels of activity.

Beginning about the time Colorado became a state in 1876, tourism began to play a role in the economy and history of Larimer County. It was tourism and the desire of people to experience a relaxing vacation in the mountains that gave impetus to the establishment and growth of Estes Park and surrounding resort communities.

In 1915 the authorization of Rocky Mountain National Park assured the future of heavy tourist travel to Larimer County.

In addition, the major streams were prime attractions for fishermen and the mountains for hunters. As a result, many resorts came into being along the Big Thompson and the Cache La Poudre Rivers. Several of those resorts were sufficient in size to support a post office for a period of time.

Following World War II a major change in the future of Larimer County occurred. At first there was a gradual influx of people seeking to retire to a place of moderate climate and one with access to a variety of outdoor activities. Others built small cabins to serve as summer or weekend retreats.

As the second half of the twentieth century progressed there came an accelerating wave of industrial development along the highway and railroad corridors on the eastern edge of the county. Most of this was light industry but there has been an increasing growth in high-tech industry. The result of that growth has been a loss of agricultural land and an extension of the Front Range Metroplex northward to Fort Collins and a bit beyond.

The recent growth is again symptomatic of the many attractions that Larimer County offers to its residents and those seeking a more rural lifestyle.



Devil's Backbone evening

Photograph by Kenneth Jessen

December 12, 2011

ADAMS

In 1885 the name of the Bush Post Office was changed to Adams. That was a curious event since the Bush Post Office had been named for its postmaster, John Bush, who continued as the postmaster for Adams. The Bush Post Office lasted only three years. The Adams Post Office operated for over thirteen years.

Like Bush, information about Adams is practically non-existent. The population directory on an 1887 map does list Adams as a small settlement of twenty-eight people. That places Adams in the classification of rural or ranch post office.

Reportedly a Joseph Adams came to the area from Wyoming but after only a few months he returned to Wyoming. Apparently he was there when the new name was selected for the Bush Post Office.

From the road junction at Logcabin, drive east five and a half miles on Larimer County Road 74E to an unmarked dirt road to the east. This point is where Road 74E turns to the northeast. In October 1999 this side road was open and I could drive in the mile and a half to where Bush was located.

From the road you can look across the small valley to a grove of trees at the foot of a very rocky hill. That seems a likely location for Bush and for Adams after the post office changed its name in 1885.

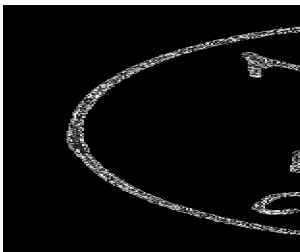
An interesting feature of this place are two stone walls that run up the rocky slope to a higher rock outcropping.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Sep 30 1882 --- SE/4 Sec 16 T9N R71W One mile north of Sampson Creek
[Report filed for the Bush Post Office]
Proposed postmaster - John Bush
- Sep 10 1885 Established Not listed in 1898-1899 postal guides
- Sep 10 1885 Bush, John J.
- Apr 27 1895 Bush, John J.
- Jan 19 1897 Discontinued Mail to Livermore

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 ADAMS / COLO. Mar 24 1896 May 2 1896
CI 10P 28.5 Hstp Target, 4-ring



ALFORD

Alford was a rural or ranch post office on a branch of the Cache La Poudre River. The area was, and still is, used primarily for raising livestock. There is no evidence for the development of a community at this place.

Alford is shown on maps of the 1880's as being about eight miles northwest of Livermore. From Livermore, drive north on US Highway 287 three miles to the Cherokee Park Road (Larimer County Road 80C). Turn west on Road 80C and go eight miles to the junction with County Road 82E. Alford was located just east of that intersection. In 1999 there was a small ranch complex near the road.

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

Jun 16 1882	---	NW/4 Sec 9 T10N R71W North bank of North Fork of Rabbit Creek Proposed postmaster - Lettie C. Miller
Jun 28 1882		Established
Jun 28 1882		Miller, Mrs. Lettie
Dec 7 1883		Fisher, Mrs. Mary E.
Apr 11 1887		Heardin, James
Jun 15 1891		Lalisbury, Mary A.
Oct 20 1892		Derby, Mary E.
Dec 16 1892	---	NE/4 Sec 33 T11N R71W On the north bank of the Cache La Poudre at the mouth of Meadow Creek, west side
Apr 15 1899		Keach, Elmer E.
Feb 15 1909		Discontinued Mail to Livermore

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ALFORD / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Feb 17 1906
2	ALFORD, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Aug 27 1908

**ARKINS**

In August 1882 the Denver, Salt Lake, and Pacific Railroad began work on a branch line from Loveland west towards Buckhorn Creek. The objective was to open a series of quarries that would provide stone for projects in Denver and Kansas City and also increase the freight business of the railroad.

In preparation for opening the quarries, bunkhouses, a boarding house and a small depot were constructed at the base of the ridge that parallels the road to Masonville. The place was named Arkins. Some of the first stone quarried there was used in the foundation for the state capitol building in Denver.

After the initial orders for stone had been filled, the quarries soon ceased operation. However, by May 1889 a stone crusher had been installed and the quarries returned to operation, employing a hundred men and shipping dozens of cars of crushed stone each day. Quarry operation continued well into the twentieth century and as late as 1996 there was still some activity here.

Drive west from Loveland on US Highway 36 to Larimer County Road 27 and turn north. Within two miles the quarry operations will be visible on the west side of the road. In 1999 there was still one small, stone building next to the road on the west side.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 14 1887	---	No report or SW/4 Sec 35 T6N R70W 1/4 mile west of the Buckhorn River. Buckhorn, Colo. about three miles southerly Sketch map places it about a half mile north of the junction of Buckhorn Creek and the Big Thompson River Proposed postmaster - Edgar P. Smith A sketch map with the 1896 report for Masonville shows Arkins in the SW/4 SW/4 Sec 36 T6N R70W
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ARKINS – Continued

Feb 26 1887	Established
Feb 26 1887	Smith, Edgar P.
Jan 5 1889	Evans, James C.
Oct 15 1891	Greenlee, John R.
Sep 3 1896	Aufdengarten, Arthur H.
Dec 1 1897	Gray, Joseph L.
Oct 10 1902	Wild, Sarah
Feb 28 1906	Ordered closed
Mar 31 1906	Discontinued Mail to Masonville



**Arkins, Colorado – The quarries on the hillside above the building are periodically operated.
Photograph by James L. Ozment May 5, 1999**

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ARKINS / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0

Aug 29 1892 Apr 10 1899
Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm, Cork, 6-bar circular
grid, Fancy star-in-star



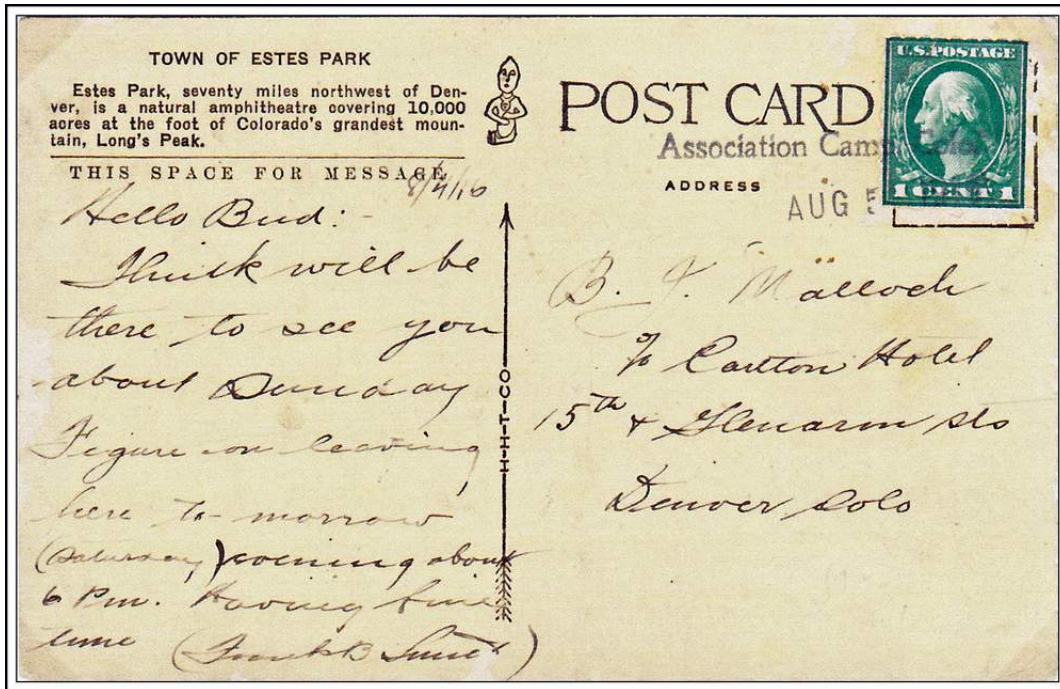
ASSOCIATION CAMP

In 1915 A. A. Hyde gave 125 acres of land southwest of Estes Park to the YMCA Conference. The property became a summer conference ground for the Young Mens' Christian Association.

Friendship Lodge and a number of cabins were built in 1922 and the facility has continued to operate as a YMCA summer camp and conference center. There have been improvements and the complex has become an attractive and historic site. The place is now known as the YMCA Camp of the Rockies.

In 1916 an independent post office opened at the camp. For much of its tenure it was a summer only post office, operating during the time that the camp and conference center were open to the public. In 1966 Association Camp lost its independent status and became a Rural Branch of Estes Park. It is now classed as a Community Post Office of Estes Park.

To visit the YMCA Camp of the Rockies, drive west from Estes Park on US Highway 36 to Colorado Highway 66, to the south. Follow the signs on that road to the YMCA Center. In 1976 the post office was in a small building of its own. In 2000 the post office was housed in the main building of the conference center.



ASSOCIATION CAMP, / COLO.

August 5, 1916

Chronology of the Post Office

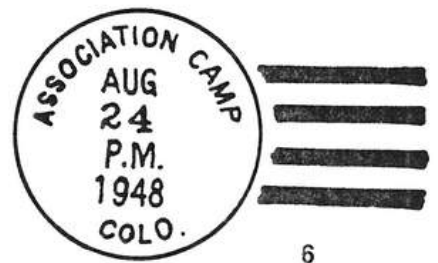
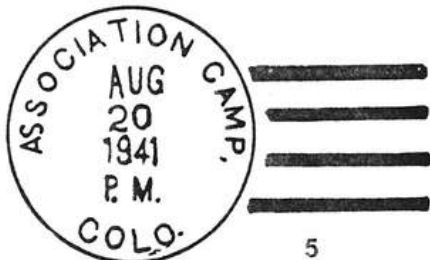
Mar 25 1916	---	NE/4 Sec 4 T4N R73W 150 yards west of Wind River	
		Applicant for postmaster - G. S. Bilheimer	
May 29 1916		Established	
May 29 1916		Bilheimer, Gus S.	
Jun 9 1917		Dillon, Morris N.	
Jul 13 1918		Lute, Ira E.	
Jul 21 1927		Black, Louis A.	Acting
Aug 22 1927		Black, Louis A.	Appointed
May 2 1931		Ebersole, Amos A.	Confirmed
May 14 1931		Ebersole, Amos A.	Commissioned & assumed charge
Aug 5 1938		Parton, Edward D.	Confirmed

ASSOCIATION CAMP – Continued

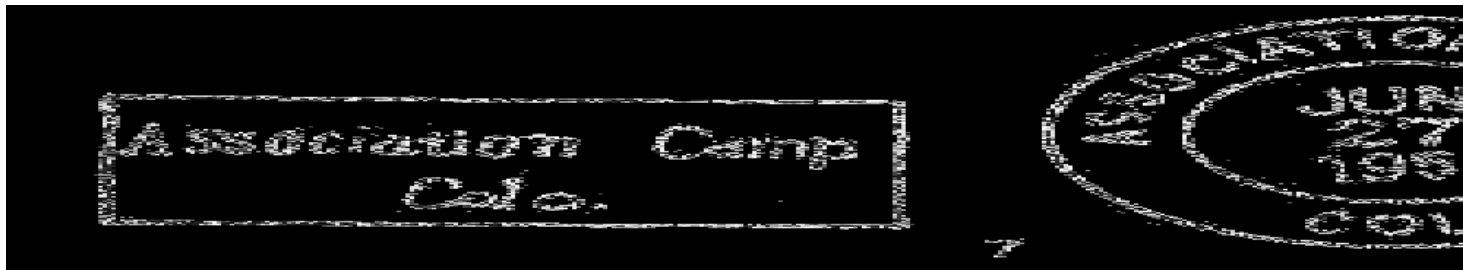
Sep 3 1938	Parton, Edward D.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1939	Parton, Edward D.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 4 T4N R73W Wind River north & east 1/4 mile	
May 18 1947	Ware, Lisle T.	Acting
May 19 1947	Ware, Lisle T.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1947		Office made Presidential
Jul 16 1948	Miller, Mrs. Lucille S.	Assumed charge
May 16 1949	Byrd, Mrs. Doris B.	Nominated
Jun 1 1949	Byrd, Mrs. Doris B.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949	Byrd, Mrs. Doris B.	Commissioned
Jul 8 1949	Byrd, Mrs. Doris B.	Assumed charge
Dec 29 1961	Myers, Mrs. Hattie A.	Assumed charge
Jan 2 1962	Myers, Mrs. Hattie A.	Acting
May 21 1965	Myers, Mrs. Hattie A.	Confirmed
May 25 1965	Myers, Mrs. Hattie A.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 8 1965	Myers, Mrs. Hattie A.	Commissioned
Apr 3 1966	Converted to a Rural Branch of Fort Collins	
Apr 30 1966	Became a Rural Branch of Estes Park Now a Community Post Office of Estes Park	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Association Camp, Colo. SL 00R 42.0x11.0	Hstp No killer	Jul 15 1916 Aug 5 1916
2	ASSOCIATION CAMP, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 12 1916 Jun 4 1925
3	ASSOCIATION CAMP, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 31 1934 Aug 10 1938
4	ASSOCIATION CAMP, COLO. CI 10H 31.0	4bars P-19x18mm	Aug 24 1931 Jul 29 1940
5	ASSOCIATION CAMP, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jul 20 1941 Aug 31 1947
6	ASSOCIATION CAMP / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 19 1948 Jul 17 1957
7	Association Camp / Colo. RC 10P 36.0x18.0	Hstp Parcel Post Box style	--- -- 1950s
8	ASSOCIATION CAMP / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 27 1959
9	ASSOCIATION CAMP / COLO. CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 29 1962
10	ASSOCIATION CAMP, / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 17 1960 Jul 23 1965



ASSOCIATION CAMP – Continued

**BELLVUE**

In 1882 Jacob Flowers brought a small colony of settlers from Wyandotte, Kansas to northern Colorado. For their settlement they selected a site two miles west of La Porte. Bellevue was the name chosen for the community. This was a combination of the French words “Belle”- beautiful and “vue” - view. However, someone misspelled the name and it has always been spelled as Bellvue.

Historians seem a bit confused on the subject of the founder and who made the spelling error. Some name the founder as Jacob Fowler and attribute the misspelling to the Post Office Department.

The Post Office Department records list Jacob Flowers as the first postmaster of Bellevue so that question is resolved. In 1934 the younger Flowers, Jacob’s son, told an interviewer that he and his father decided on the name Bellevue – Beautiful View but that they misspelled it as Bellvue. I assume he knew what he was talking about so I won’t blame the Post Office Department for the error.

Jacob Flowers proved that fruit could be grown in Northern Colorado and agriculture became the economic base for the community. Mr. Flowers was also involved with the Flowers Wagon Road to North Park.

From La Porte drive west on Larimer County Road about a mile to County Road 52E. Take that road west to Road 23 and turn south into Bellvue. Bellvue is a small town with a few businesses and a number of residences. Like nearby La Porte, it is attracting new residents from nearby Fort Collins.

Latitude = 40:37:35 North Longitude = 105:10:16 West BELLVUE

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 3 1884	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T8N R70W 100 yards south of the Cache La Poudre
		Proposed postmaster - Jacob Flowers
Jun 24 1884		Established
Jun 24 1884		Flowers, Jacob
Aug 30 1889	---	SE/4 Sec 25 T8N R70W
Jun 26 1890		Flowers, Benjamin F.
Aug 13 1890		Kracaw, Charles E.
Oct 28 1891		Flowers, Jacob
Sep 8 1892		Flowers, Benjamin F.
Oct 30 1899		Tilton, William
Feb 16 1901		Wilkins, Cornelius F.
Mar 12 1902		Robbins, George L.
Dec 31 1904		Bairstow, Roland J.
Jun 19 1905		Gillette, Elmer W.
Jun 1 1906		Clark, Frederick Y.
Jul 24 1908		Hoffman, Wallis
May 31 1910		Cox, David T.
Apr 25 1914	---	SE/corner NE/4 Sec/25 T8N R70W
Jan 13 1920		Lane, John R.

BELLVUE – Continued

Feb 21 1921	Dietrick, Richard R.	
Nov 2 1921	Hayes, Bertha E.	
May 18 1923	Trower, Elsie A.	
Sep 29 1924	Cook, Frances E.	Confirmed
Nov 26 1924	Cook, Frances E.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 25 T8N R70W 1/4 mile west of Cache La Poudre River	
May 31 1953	Townsend, Mrs. Mary P.	Assumed charge
Sep 8 1953	Townsend, Mrs. Mary P.	Acting
Mar 31 1954	Hickman, Myrtle D.	Assumed charge
May 18 1954	Hickman, Myrtle D.	Acting
May 21 1954	Hickman, Myrtle D.	Confirmed
Aug 16 1954	Hickman, Myrtle D.	Commissioned
Mar 6 1971	Firkins, Oliver O.	Assumed charge as postmaster

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BELLVUE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Killer not present	Dec 11 1890
2	BELLVUE / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Jul 25 1894
3	Bellvue (RFD) MS	RFD Type 11D, manuscript in pencil "RFD / #1"	Nov 4 190-
4	BELLVUE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3 with 2	Aug 15 1906 May 13 1907
5	BELLVUE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Jul 20 1908 Sep 5 1910
6	BELLVUE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-??x19mm	Jan 21 1914 May 26 1914
7	BELLVUE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 24 1931 Jul 10 1940
8	BELLVUE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 7 1943 Feb 25 1950
9	BELLVUE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr -- 1959 Jun 19 1960
10	BELLVUE / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 22 1964
11	BELLVUE, CO / 80512 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 24 1967 Sep 11 1978
12	BELLVUE, CO / USPO CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 24 1984
13	BELLVUE, CO / 80512-9998 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Mar 23 1984 Nov 2 1990
14	BELLVUE, CO / 80512 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 21 1991 May 10 1996
15	BELLVUE, CO 80512 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 27 1994 May 10 1996



BERTHOUD

In 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad extended a line into Northern Colorado. The railroad crossed the Little Thompson River at the ranch belonging to Lewis Cross and slightly east of the Little Thompson Post Office. The railroad built a station and section house on the north side of the river and named it Berthoud in honor of the railroad's chief civil engineer – Captain Edward L. Berthoud.

As business grew and the trains became longer, the railroad was faced with a physical problem. If a train stopped at the Berthoud Station it would have difficulty resuming the trip and climbing the bluffs away from the river. The solution was to move the station a mile north to level ground.

In 1880 Peter Turner platted the new town of Berthoud on his farm. The railroad relocated its station and section house to the new town and brought along the name Berthoud and its post office. By the spring of 1885 the population of Berthoud had grown to a point that warranted incorporation.

For many years Berthoud was an agricultural community with alfalfa, potatoes, fruit, sugar beets and grains supporting its economy. In recent years light industry and high-tech businesses have proliferated in the corridor that stretches from Denver to Fort Collins and Berthoud has been part of a slow but steady growth. With that growth have come new subdivisions in the surrounding area and an improved business district within the town.

Leave Interstate 25 at Exit 250 and drive five miles west on Colorado Highway 56 to Berthoud. The town is also on US Highway 287.

Latitude = 40:18:30 North Longitude = 105:04:50 West BERTHOUD



Berthoud Colo

September 17, 1881

Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 24 1875 --- NE/4 Sec 26 T4N R69W [Report filed for Little Thompson]
On north side of the Little Thompson River
- Apr 4 1878 Formerly named Little Thompson
- Apr 14 1878 Cross, Lewis
- Aug 7 1879 --- NE/4 Sec 26 T4N R69W 4 rods west of the Berthoud Station of
the Colorado Central Railroad

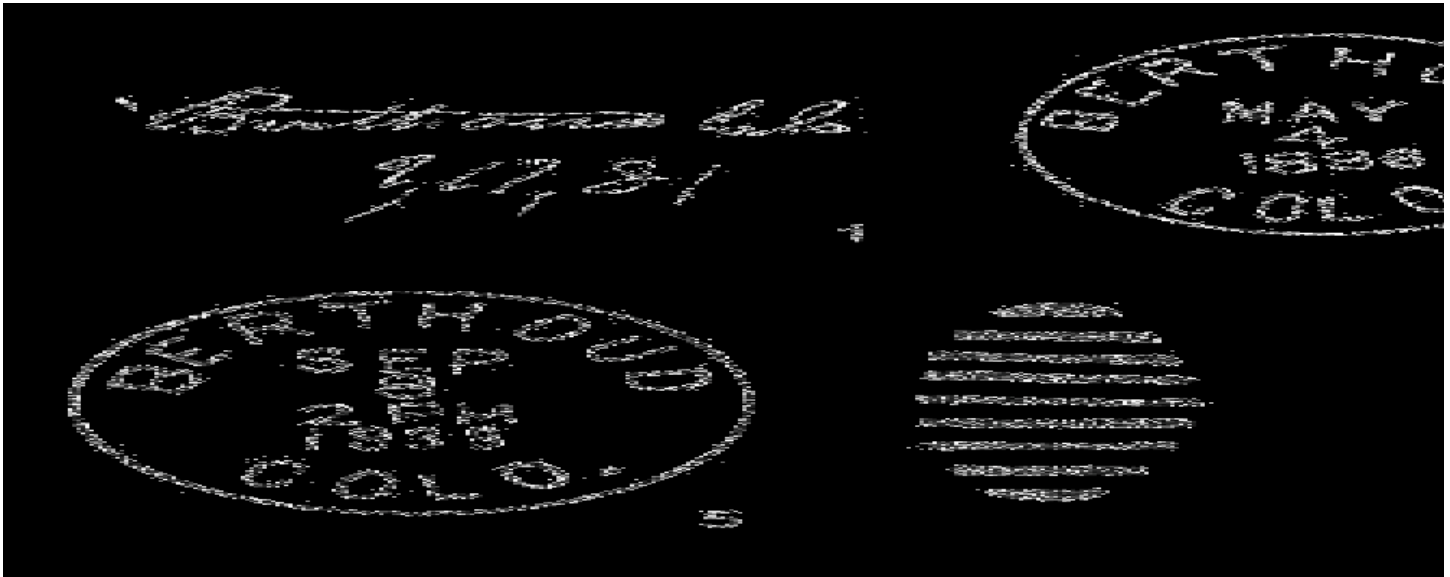
BERTHOUD – Continued

Nov 30 1886	Kelley, Leonard H.	
May 11 1889	Cole, William W.	
Sep 22 1893	Kelly, Leonard H.	
Sep 15 1897	Cole, William W.	
Nov 2 1901	Brown, Arthur F.	
Nov 19 1903	Brown, Arthur F.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jan 22 1908	Shull, John C.	P&S
Jan 11 1912	Shull, John C.	P&S
Apr 23 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 14 T4N R69W 200 feet west of	Colorado & Southern tracks
Jan 11 1916	Rogers, Walter E.	P&S
Mar 22 1922	Whipple, Hoyt D.	P&S
Mar 25 1926	Whipple, Hoyt D.	P&S
Mar 22 1930	Whipple, Hoyt D.	P&S
Apr 23 1934	Rogers, Walter E.	Nominated
May 1 1934	Rogers, Walter E.	Confirmed
May 17 1934	Rogers, Walter E.	Commissioned
Jun 7 1938	Rogers, Walter E.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938	Rogers, Walter E.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938	Rogers, Walter E.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NE/4 Sec 23 T4N R69E 100 feet west of	railroad tracks
Aug 6 1942	Rogers, Walter E.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Rogers, Walter E.	Confirmed
Nov 10 1942	Rogers, Walter E.	Commissioned
Dec 31 1949	Griffey, Mrs. Dollie A. K.	Assumed charge
Oct 12 1951	Barrowman, Roy P.	Nominated
Oct 19 1951	Barrowman, Roy P.	Confirmed, Commissioned
Dec 31 1951	Barrowman, Roy P.	Assumed charge
Dec 30 1977	Murray, Glenn J.	Officer in charge
Feb 17 1978	Von Feldt, Timothy H.	Officer in charge
May 26 1978	Patino, Rogelio	Officer in charge
Jan 13 1979	Schneider, Mrs. Anna M.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

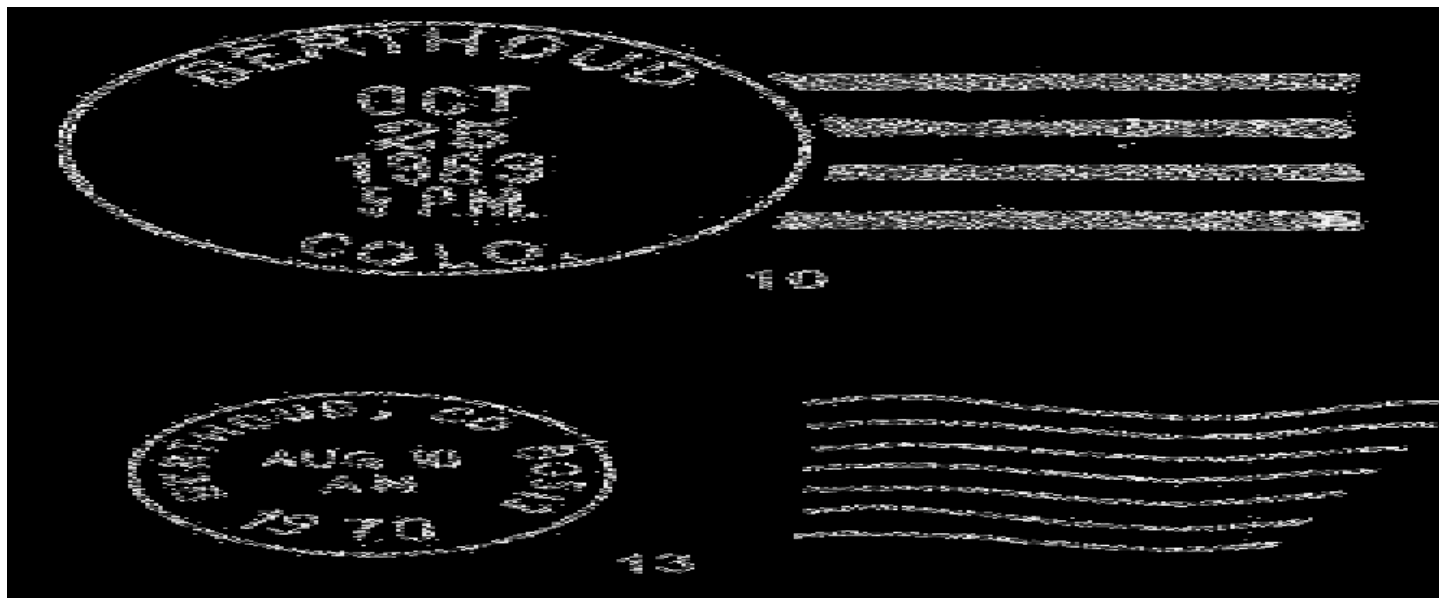
1	Berthoud Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Feb 24 1879 Oct 14 1882
2	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	May 4 1886
3	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	May 29 1888 Nov 12 1892
4	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	17mm, Cork, Negative X-roads Jan 2 1894 Apr 21 1900
5	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Apr 21 1904 Sep 8 1939
6	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Apr 11 1914 Dec 30 1941
7	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Mar 1 1918 Jan 14 1920
8	BERTHOUD, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jun 10 1939 Apr 8 1958
9	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 14 1947 Aug 9 1950
9.01	BERTHOUD, / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x17.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	1950s Hstp No killer Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
9.1	BERTHOUD, COLO. CI 11P 35.0/27.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Dec 31 1962 Hstp No killer

BERTHOUD – Continued



10	BERTHOUD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Oct 25 1963
11	BERTHOUD, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 18 1963
12	BERTHOUD, CO / 80513 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 4 1967
13	BERTHOUD, CO 80513 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 10 1969 Oct 9 1975
14	BERTHOUD, CO / 80513 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 30 1973 Dec 13 1975
15	BERTHOUD, CO / USPO CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No Killer	Mar 18 1980
16	BERTHOUD, COLO. SL 00R 55.0/5.0	Hstp No Killer	--- 1980s
17	BERTHOUD, CO 80513 / USPO CI 11P 28.5/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 31 1987 Apr 4 1987
18	BERTHOUD, CO / 80513 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x18mm	Feb 19 1987
19	BERTHOUD, CO / 80513 CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan with bars, BERTHOUD, COLORADO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY/1888-1988	Aug 10 1988
19.1	BERTHOUD, CO / 80513 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	May 29 1990 Jun 20 1991
20	BERTHOUD CO 80513 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 20 1995 May 5 1999

BERTHOUD – Continued



BIG THOMPSON

Big Thompson was one of the small communities that, in the 1860's, developed in the area around what is today Loveland. The others were called St. Louis and Winona. Neither of the latter had a post office. There was a Winona Post Office in Larimer County but it was seven miles west of Big Thompson.

St. Louis seems to have been the most successful of the three and reportedly had a flour mill selling flour with the brand name of "St. Louis."

Big Thompson had some advantage over the other two communities as it was on the stage line and hence was where mail could be delivered to or sent from. This was after the stage route moved east from Namaqua or Mariano's Crossing. Big Thompson was an agricultural community raising hay that was sold to the mining camps in the mountains.

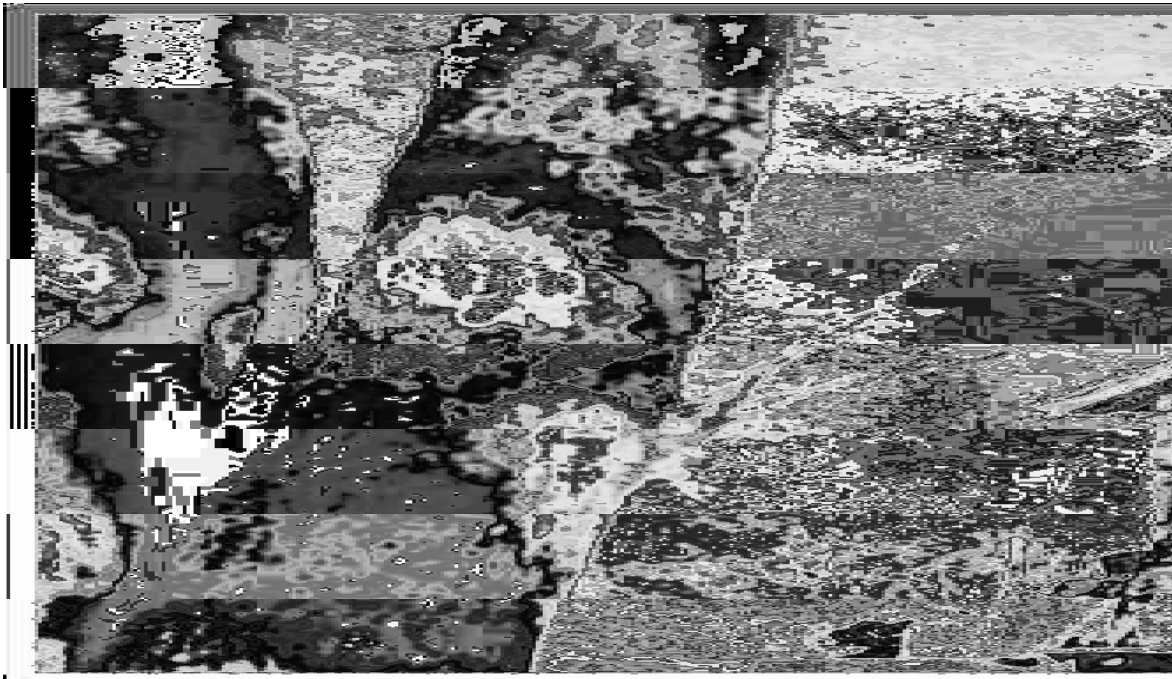
BIG THOMPSON – Continued

In 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad built north, passing close to Big Thompson but establishing its station, named Loveland, a mile further north on the bluffs above the Big Thompson River Valley. Soon the Big Thompson Post Office was moved to Loveland. This was the same situation as occurred with Little Thompson and Berthoud at the crossing of the Little Thompson River.

Beginning in Loveland at the intersection of US Highways 34 and 287, drive south to the bridge over the Big Thompson River. Big Thompson was located on the south bank of the river. Much of that area has succumbed to a mix of modern commercial and residential development.

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 18 1862	---	Unsurveyed On the south bank of the Big Thompson River Document signed by John E. Washburn
Nov 12 1862		Established
Nov 12 1862		Washburn, John E.
May 25 1869	---	SW/4 Sec 24 T5N R69W 4 rods south of the Big Thompson
Mar 28 1870		Manville, Guy C.
Jan 30 1871		Yunt, Abram K.
Oct 31 1872		Smith, James M.
Feb 19 1875		Buchanan, Jonathan
Jan 10 1878		Moved to Loveland



**The ranch house belonging to Judge Washburn, which served as his home,
the stage station and the post office of Big Thompson**
Denver Public Library Western Collection

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Big Thompson C.T. MS	Jan 13 1863 Mar 4 1865
2	BIG THOMPSON / COL. CI 10P 30.0/17.0	Mscp Pen Cancel, "H" Nov 2 1862 Sep 26 1876 Hstp Cork, Smudge, 8-bar circular grid

BIG THOMPSON – Continued

3	Big Thompson / Col. MS	Apr 14 187- Mscp Pen cancel on 3c 1869
4	BIG THOMPSON / COL. CI 10P 25.0	Feb 3 187- May 10 187- Hstp Target, 4-ring

**BOILER**

Boiler was another remote post office north of Masonville and I have found no historical references to the place. The post office lasted little more than a year before it closed.

From the “T” intersection at the north end of Masonville, Jim Ozment and I drove east on Road 38E towards the Horsetooth Reservoir. Go one and eight-tenths miles to Road 25E to the north. Go north on that road to where it dead-ends at White’s Ranch (2000). The ranch sits a bit above the road. While taking photographs, the Whites’ came out to inquire of our purpose, which we explained. They had lived at the ranch for thirty-two years but had never heard of the name Boiler. They did tell us that there had been a sawmill a quarter mile beyond their ranch and others a short distance down the valley.

It thus seems possible that the Boiler Post Office briefly served those local sawmills. Perhaps the Kilburn Post Office served a similar purpose.

When originally proposed the requested name was Ames, likely for the proposed postmaster Mrs. F. M. Ames. That would have conflicted with the Ames Post Office operating in San Miguel County.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 6 1914	---	Sec 9 T7N R70W South side of the Powder River, west side of Red Stone Creek Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. F. M. Ames
Sep 3 1914		Established
Sep 2 1914		May, Frances
Sep 15 1915		Discontinued Mail to Masonville

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BOILER

BOX ELDER (II) / BOXELDER

In 1884 a Box Elder Post Office was again opened in Larimer County. However, this version was some thirteen miles to the northwest of the 1876-1877 location of Box Elder (I).

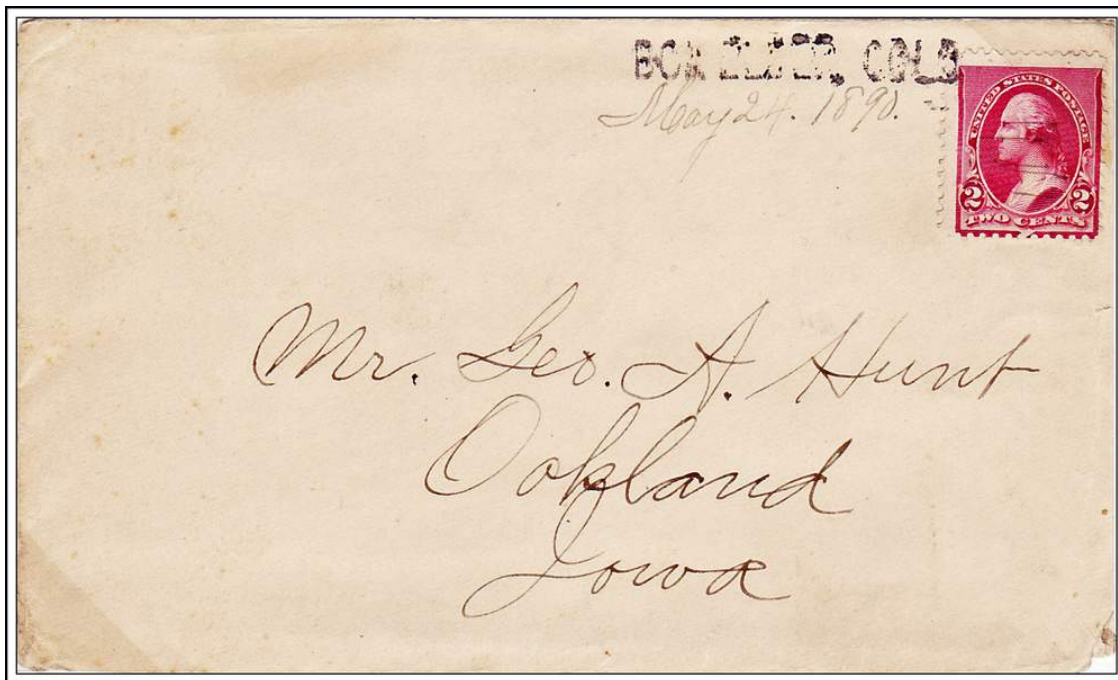
The new location (1884) was in the rangeland about two miles south of the Colorado-Wyoming border. In 1924 the post office was reported at a location about two miles to the west. Both of these locations have to be classified as ranch post offices with no organized community.

A personal communication from Mr. Francis Clark of Fort Collins states that a move of the Box Elder Post Office took place in 1894. Postmaster Anthony Bariant was killed, his widow Mary remarried (Mary Rawlings) and eventually the Rawlings sold the homestead. The new owner did not want the post office so a new location was needed. According to Mr. Francis this was a mile east of the location that was reported in 1924.

Movements such as these were not unusual for isolated rural post offices. I am convinced that at times moves took place that were never formally reported to or recorded by the Post Office Department.

In October 1999 Jim Ozment and I went in search of these sites. Returning from a visit to Virginia Dale, we turned off US Highway 287 on to Larimer County Road 37 (Red Mountain-Granite Canyon Road). We drove north seven miles on that winding road. We then turned east on an unmarked road and drove a little more than a half mile on a private road and down close to the north branch of Box Elder Creek. There we found a house under construction at or near what we believed to be the 1884 site of Box Elder (II).

Returning to Road 37, we drove north one mile and then turned west on another private road. A mile and a half in on that road we found an unoccupied building and a small partially collapsed building. These were likely the second reported location for Box Elder (II).



BOX ELDER, COLO

May 24, 1890

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 24 1884 ---	NW/4 Sec 34 T12N R70W
	Proposed postmaster - Anthony Bariant
Apr 29 1884	Established

BOX ELDER (II) – Continued

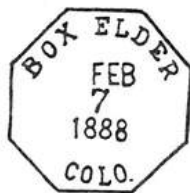
Apr 29 1884	Bariant, Anthony
Apr 17 1886	Bariant, Mary B.
Sep 29 1888	Rawlings, Mary B.
Sep 29 1893	Crooke, Joseph
Oct 30 1894	Webster, William
Oct 30 1894	Spelling changed to Boxelder
Apr 26 1905	Webster, Andrew G.
Mar 21 1911	Brodie, John D.
Oct 26 1912	Webster, Alexander
Sep 7 1915	Boyle, John H.
Apr 10 1922	Lendecke, Hugo
Jun 15 1923	Discontinued Mail to Granite Canon, Wyoming
Apr 25 1924 ---	SE/4 Sec 30 T12N R70W 100 yards west of South Boxelder Creek Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Nellie Griffith
May 16 1924	Re-established
May 16 1924	Griffith, Mrs. Nellie
Nov 19 1924	Discontinued Mail to Granite Canon, Wyoming

Confirmed types of postal markings

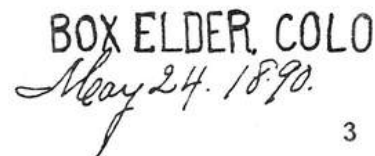
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4	BOXELDER / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Mar 8 1899
5	BOXELDER / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Nov 14 1900
6	BOXELDER, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 3 with 1, S-25x11mm	May 3 1904 Feb 03 1910
7	BOXELDER, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm	May 13 1911 Aug 15 1916



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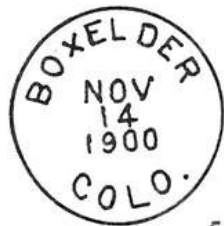
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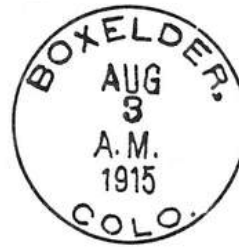
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BRISTOL

This post office was originally established in 1876 by Noah Bristol and called Box Elder. In 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad built through the area and in late 1887 the post office name was changed to Bristol.

Bristol was a small station on the railroad located in an area of sheep and cattle ranches. The station would have provided shipping facilities for the ranches.

Begin the trek to Bristol and Box Elder (I) at Livermore on US Highway 287. Go a half-mile north to County Road 80. Take Road 80, which at first goes north, then curves around some hills and eventually turns due east. Continue east to County Road 17. There you will have to turn south. There is an unmarked side road that leads down to a small, older building in a clump of cottonwoods. This is the only building in the area; thus it may have been connected to Bristol and the earlier Box Elder (I).

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 31 1874	---	No reliable statement of survey 100 yards north of Box Elder Creek 14 miles from the P.O. west side "Carr Junction." Document signed by "A. Bristol." BY NOTE, May be in Sec 14 T10N R69W
Dec 26 1877		Formerly named Box Elder (I)
Dec 26 1877		Bristol, Noah
Dec 2 1890		Discontinued Papers to Miner

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BRISTOL

BUCKHORN

Buckhorn was reported as a small farming community on Buckhorn Creek west of Loveland. There is no evidence for an organized community and calling it a "community" may be a stretch of reality.

From Loveland drive west on US Highway 36 to Larimer County Road 27 to the north. Go north two-tenths mile and turn east on County Road 24. Continue east to the next intersection – Glade Road or County Roads 25 and 23H. Buckhorn was to the southeast of the intersection.

When Jim Ozment and I visited the location in May 1999 we could find no structures that might date back to the time of the Buckhorn Post Office. Among some large cottonwoods there was a modern building and a tennis court.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 22 1878	---	SE/4 Sec 1 T5N R70W On north side of Big Thompson River On east side at the mouth of Buckhorn Creek
Aug 2 1878		Established
Aug 2 1878		Galucia, James F.
Aug 23 1878		Galucia, George A.
Aug 18 1888		Discontinued Papers to Arkins

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Buckhorn Colo.	Jul 14 1888
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel



BULGER

Bulger City was the brainchild of one man – Colonel James C. Bulger. In 1909 he laid out a “City” north of Wellington. A true promoter, Bulger made himself president of the Bulger Land and Livestock Company and had himself designated a postmaster, a deputy sheriff and the district agent for all kinds of insurance.

The chosen location was on the line of the Colorado Southern (Union Pacific) Railroad. The site was re-platted in 1912 and a few people did come to the “City.” However, the place never really developed. A fire destroyed Bulger’s personal property and he departed leaving the development in the hands of a few disheartened residents who also soon left.

Drive north on Interstate 25 to Exit 288. From the interstate go about a mile west on Larimer County Road 82 and then turn north on County Road 5. The site of Bulger was a mile north of Road 82, on the east side of Road 5 near the railroad. By 1999 there were no remaining visible signs of Bulger, simply open rangeland. There was possibly a second Bulger at a different location without a post office.

Latitude = 40:47:37 North Longitude = 104:58:55 West BULGER

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 4 1909	---	NW/W Sec 11 T10N R68W
Oct 4 1909		Established
Oct 4 1909		Bulger, James
May 8 1911		Kempel, Edward J.
Jul 31 1912		Discontinued Mail to Wellington

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	BULGER, / COLO.	Mar 20 1910 Jun 7 1910
	CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-22x13mm



BUSH

Bush is described as being on a small tributary of the Cache La Poudre River, actually a tributary to Hewlett Gulch. It is shown on maps of the period 1885-1887 as being about eight miles southwest of the Forks (Livermore).

Other than that scanty information, I have found no other mention of Bush. From the location I assume that it was a rural or ranch post office.

Obviously the post office took the name of its one and only postmaster. The change in post office name may have been to eliminate confusion between mail directed to Bush or to the Brush, Colorado Post Office.

From the road junction at Logcabin drive east five and a half miles on Larimer County Road 74E to an unmarked dirt road to the east. This point is where Road 74E turns to the northeast. In October 1999 this side road was open and I could drive in the mile and a half to where Bush was located.

BUSH – Continued

From the road you can look across the small valley to a grove of trees at the foot of a very rocky hill. That seems a likely location for Bush and for Adams when the post office changed its name in 1885.

An interesting feature of this place are two stone walls that run up the rocky slope to a higher rock outcropping.

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 30 1882	---	SE/4 Sec 16 T9N R71W One mile north of Sampson Creek Proposed postmaster - John Bush
Oct 11 1882		Established
Oct 11 1882		Bush, John J.
Sep 10 1885		Name changed to Adams

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BUSH

CHAMBERS

It is reported that in 1858 Robert Chambers and his son established a trapper's camp near a small lake in the upper reaches of the Laramie River Canyon. One day, while Robert Jr. was away from the camp, his father was killed by Indians. Nine years later Robert told the Union Pacific Railroad about the timber available on the upper reaches of the Laramie and Cache La Poudre Rivers. A contractor established a camp by the lake to cut ties for the railroad and named the lake Chambers Lake in honor of the trapper that had been killed there.

The tie camp was temporary but in 1880 a new camp developed to serve lumbering and prospecting activity near the eastern foot of Cameron Pass as well as travelers on the wagon road to North Park.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report for Chambers does not define a location for the post office. Historical accounts place it on the South Fork of the Cache La Poudre River. It seems likely that it was in the level area along present day Colorado Highway 14, a short distance south of the Chambers Lake Reservoir.

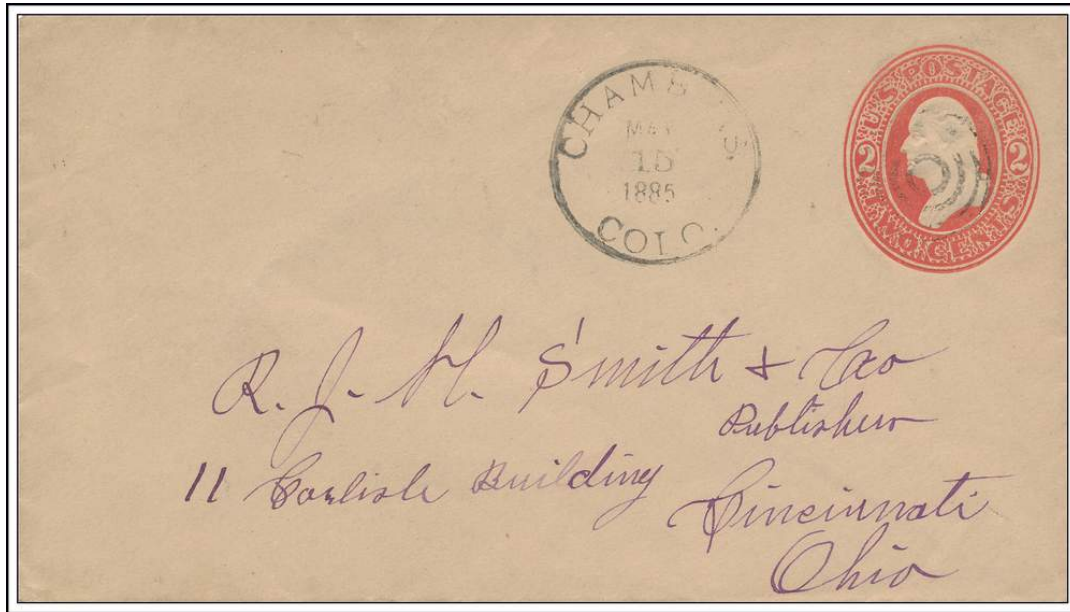
In that area, on the south side of Colorado 14, there are (1996) the remains of several log buildings. A couple of the buildings were fairly large structures. It is possible that they served as a logging camp in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

The Chambers Post Office was discontinued in 1886. Forty years later application was made for a post office to be called Chambers Lake with a location in the same general area.

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 11 1880	---	Unsurveyed Proposed postmaster - John P. Vandolah NOTE: This is a wood choppers camp - getting out ties & I cannot say as to the number of persons to be supplied from the office. I have been sending the mail by the carrier on the route 38214
Sep 21 1880		Established
Sep 21 1880		Vandolah, John P.
Apr 16 1886		Mansfield, Paul
Aug 17 1886		Discontinued Mail to Home

CHAMBERS – Continued



CHAMBERS / COLO.

May 15, 1885

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 CHAMBERS, / COLO.
CI 20P 27.5/26.0

Oct 22 1883 May 15 1885

Hstp Target, 4-ring



CHAMBERS LAKE

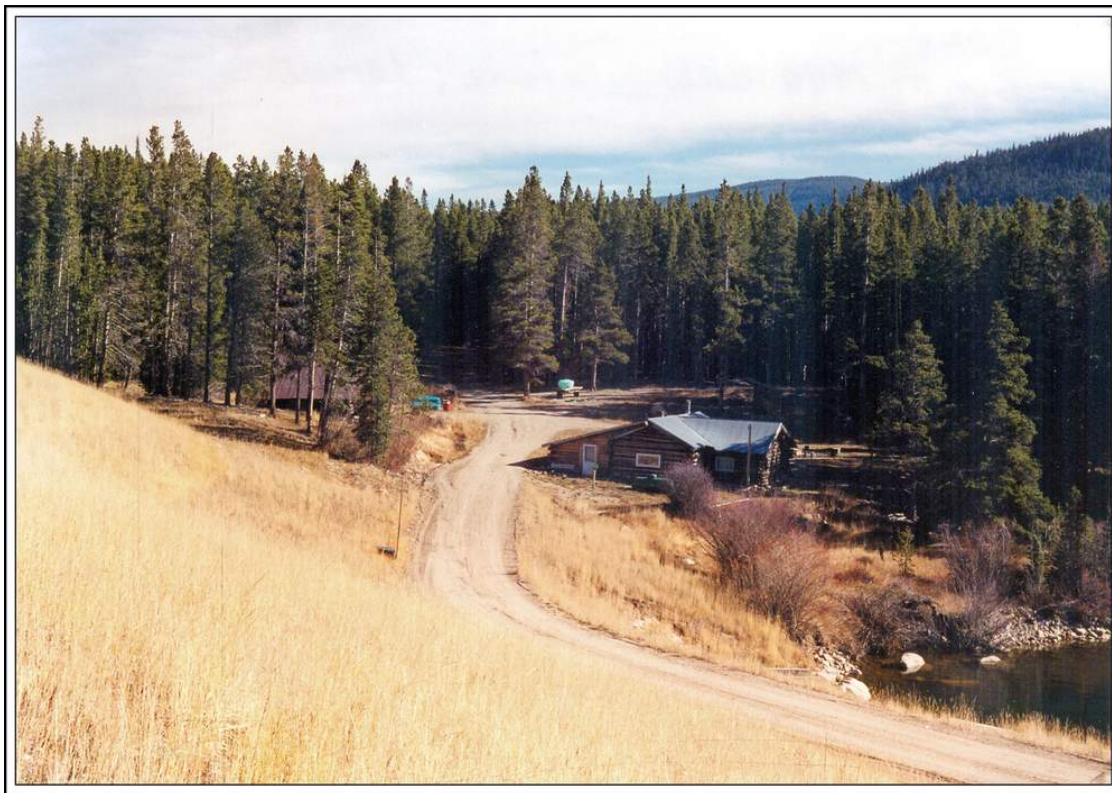
From 1880 to 1886 there was a post office in this area with the name of Chambers. That office served travelers on the road to North Park and also prospectors and lumbering interests in the area.

There have been a few mentions of Chambers Lake in the literature about Colorado; however, those references apply to the early settlement - the Chambers Post Office.

In 1926, application was made for a Chambers Lake Post Office. Archie Gifford was recorded as having been appointed postmaster. There are no further entries relative to Chambers Lake in the Post Office Department records, not even a date of discontinuance. Chambers Lake was not listed in the Postal Guides of the time. From that it seems very likely that this post office was never placed in operation.

The location specified in the Site Location Report for Chambers Lake could include the site described above for Chambers. Another possibility is the group of buildings at the foot of the dam on the south end of the reservoir. Those buildings can be seen by turning north from Colorado 14 on to Laramie County Road 103 towards Glendevey. It may be possible to drive in to the dam; otherwise it is a short walk out onto the dam where you can look down on the buildings.

CHAMBERS LAKE – Continued



Buildings below the dam at the west end of Chambers Lake
 Photograph by James L. Ozment October 27, 1999

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 7 1926	---	SE/4 Sec 6 T7N R75W 15 rods north of the Cache La Poudre 2 miles south of Joe Wright Creek Applicant for postmaster - Archie E. Gifford
Sep 21 1926		Established
Sep 21 1926		Gifford, Archie
----		Discontinued Not listed in postal guides Establishment listed but no further entries Probably never operated

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CHAMBERS LAKE

CHEROKEE PARK

Saint Cloud was the first post office in this area. It operated from 1884 to 1913 when it was closed, moved a half-mile south, and took the new name of Cherokee Park.

Originally this area was devoted to raising livestock. In the early twentieth century it began to develop as a resort destination featuring guest ranches. William Campton came from Fort Collins and developed the first dude ranch in Cherokee Park.

When the post office moved from Saint Cloud, William Campton was the first postmaster for Cherokee Park.

CHEROKEE P ARK – Continued

To reach this site, follow the directions to Alford. From Alford continue west for eight miles on Cherokee Park Road (Larimer County Road 80C). That will bring you into the park and the guest ranch complex.

The Cherokee Park Ranch is on the south side of the road. It is actually a group of “ranches” with an attractive central lodge. In 1922 the post office moved across the road to what is now the Trails End Ranch.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 12 1913	--	NW/4 Sec 28 T11N R72W	
		On the south bank of the north fork of the Cache La Poudre	
Feb 14 1913		Formerly named Saint Cloud	
Feb 14 1913		Campton, William	
Feb 15 1919		Discontinued	Mail to Livermore
Dec 26 1922		Re-established	
Dec 26 1922		Bell, Mrs. Alletta	
Dec 28 1922	---	NE/4 Sec 28 T11N R72W	100 feet south of the Cache La Poudre
Nov 3 1927		Cowan, Mrs. Winifred	Acting
Nov 30 1927		Cowan, Mrs. Winifred	Appointed
Aug 23 1929		Ordered discontinued	Mail to Livermore effective Sep 14 1929
----		Closing order rescinded	
Jan 21 1930		Campton, William	
Aug 6 1931		Freudenthal, Mrs. Ethel	Confirmed
Aug 31 1931		Freudenthal, Mrs. Ethel	Commissioned
Aug 31 1931		Freudenthal, Mrs. Ethel	Assumed charge
May 31 1933		Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CHEROKEE PARK, / COLO.	Aug 11 1914 Sep 8 1914
	CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x19mm



COLONA

In 1858 Antoine Janis left Fort Laramie with a party composed of Nicholas Janis, Elbridge Gerry, Todd Randall, Raymond B. Goodwin, John B. Provost, Oliver Morissette, A. LeBon Ravofiere and others. They laid out a site on the north side of the Cache La Poudre River, built a number of houses and named their new settlement Colona.

The location became a stop on the Overland Stage route and as such attained some significance in that portion of Colorado.

The status of a post office at Colona is unresolved. On December 11, 1858 a post office named Auroria [Do not confuse this with Auraria in Denver County] was authorized and Samuel S. Curtis was named the postmaster. Post Office Department records state that on April 27, 1860 the Auroria Post Office was moved to Colona and Samuel S. Curtis continued as postmaster.

COLONA – Continued

Mr. Curtis was an active participant in a number of communities in the vicinity of Denver City but I have been unable to find any reference that indicates he was involved with Colona on the Cache La Poudre River. If the post office did move to that northern location, and it would seem logical to have a post office there, why was a new postmaster not appointed?

The Colona Post Office, wherever it was, closed on February 11, 1861. On July 15, 1862 a new post office opened at what had been the Colona settlement but it was given the name of La Porte.

There is no Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report on file for Colona (or Auroria). So the best location I can report is to say it may have been in what is now the town of La Porte.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 27 1860	Moved from Auroria The location of this office within the present boundaries of Colorado has not been confirmed. Believed to be a predecessor of LaPorte in Larimer County.
Apr 27 1860	Curtis, Samuel S.
Feb 11 1861	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COLONA

DRAKE

I have found no reference as to when settlement began at this community. I suspect that it was in the latter portion of the nineteenth century and that it served as a way stop on the road from Loveland to Estes Park. In addition, it would have provided services to local ranchers and to hunters and fishermen visiting the Big Thompson Canyon.

Initially the settlement was called The Forks, a reference to its location at the junction of the North Fork with the main stream of the Big Thompson River. In 1905 a post office was acquired and given the name of Drake. This choice of name was to honor State Senator William A. Drake who was instrumental in securing approval of the post office.

In 1976 a disastrous flood swept down the Big Thompson River severely damaging the community of Drake, the highway in the canyon, many residences along the river and killing a number of people. Twice Drake has commemorated this event with special postmarks.

In reading Colorado history, I have twice encountered a reference to a Drake located on US Highway 287 near Fort Collins. One of the references incorrectly equates that place to the location of the Drake Post Office. About two miles south of Fort Collins there is a Drake Road that intersects US 287.

Drake continues to be a small, active service community for travelers, local residents and visitors enjoying the many outdoor activities available in the area. There are several small businesses, stores and restaurants.

The Drake Post Office is located on US Highway 34 about seventeen miles west of Loveland.

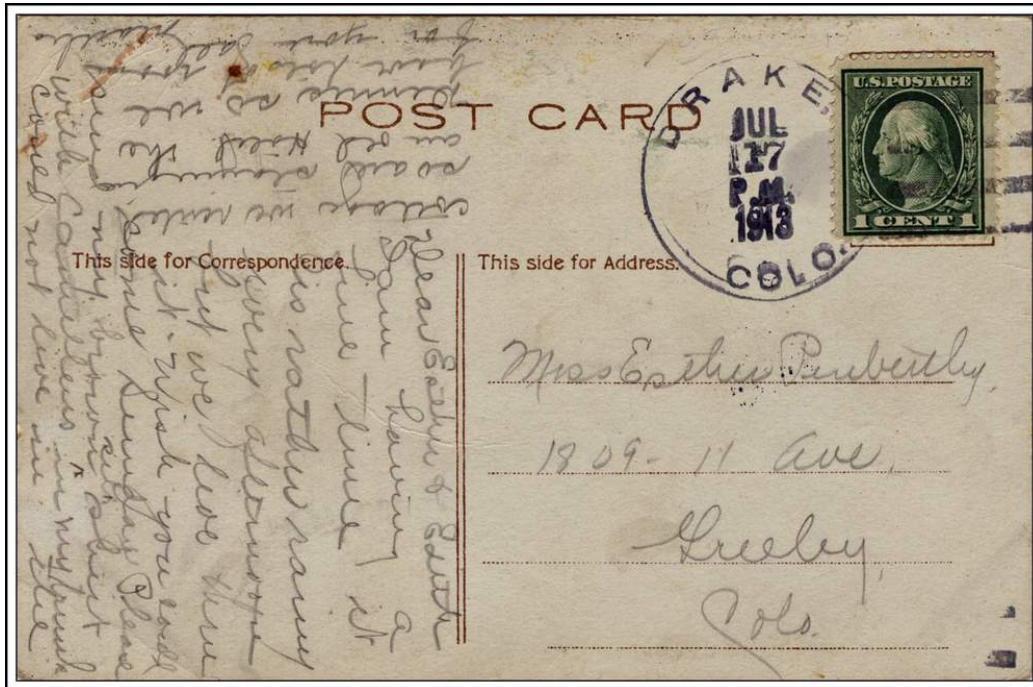
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Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 11 1905	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T5N R71W It is at the forks of the Big Thompson Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Ella Van Bramer
Dec 14 1905		Established
Dec 14 1905		Van Bramer, Ella
May 3 1909		Alderdyce, Frank C.
Jun 10 1911		Mills, Enoch J.
May 11 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T5N R71W 200 feet from Big Thompson River 206 feet from the North Fork
Mar 14 1914		Luce, Ombra G.

DRAKE – Continued

Jan 8 1915	Luce, George	Declined
Apr 30 1915	Alderdyce, Frank C.	
Jul 19 1918	Galloway, Almon D.	
Dec 16 1918	Salsbury, Lena	
Apr 26 1920	Alderdyce, Frank C.	
Sep 12 1927	Buck, Ellis S.	
-----	Decker, Edward J. Date of appointment not listed	
Nov 15 1929	McMillen, A. C.	Acting
Dec 29 1929	McMillen, Augustus C.	
Feb 21 1930	Hayden, Ralph V.	Acting
Mar 24 1930	Hayden, Ralph V.	Confirmed
Apr 14 1930	Hayden, Ralph V.	Commissioned
Apr 18 1930	Hayden, Ralph V.	Assumed charge
Sep 22 1940 ---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 3 T5N R71W New site, 100 feet site of previous location	
	Big Thompson River 40 feet south North Fork 200 feet north	
Oct 21 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 3 T5N R71W 200 feet north of the Big Thompson River	
	100 feet south of the North Fork	
Dec 8 1945	Gilleland, Mrs. Juanita M.	Assumed charge
Jan 6 1947	Gilleland, Mrs. Juanita M.	Confirmed
Jan 27 1948	Gilleland, Mrs. Juanita M.	Commissioned
Feb 12 1948	Gilleland, Mrs. Juanita M.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1961		Office made Presidential
Dec 30 1972	Helming, Terroll W.	Appointed
Sep 13 1974	Venrick, Dorothy J.	Officer in charge
Mar 1 1975	Venrick, Dorothy J.	Commissioned



DRAKE, / COLO.

July 17, 1913

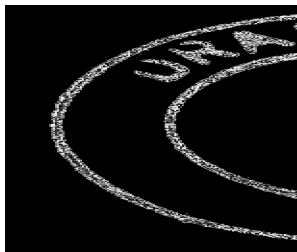
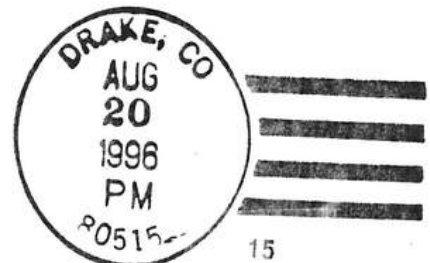
DRAKE – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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2	DRAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 21 1912 Jul 17 1913
3	DRAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Oct 8 1934 Nov 23 1934
4	DRAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 20 1937 Dec 19 1940
5	DRAKE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Dec 25 1945 Sep 3 1948 <i>Or Dec 21? No scan now so not known</i>
6	DRAKE / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Oct 8 1951
7	DRAKE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Mar 20 1958 Dec 26 1962
8	DRAKE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 28 1966 Oct 21 1970
9	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 4 1973 Oct 19 1976
10	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jan 31 1974 Aug 24 1981
11	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x17mm	Apr 13 1987 Dec 9 1991
12	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Apr 14 1988
13	DRAKE, CO 80515 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1992 Sep 15 1992
14	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 29 1993 May 29 1993
15	DRAKE, CO / 80515 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Aug 20 1996
16	DRAKE, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 20 1996



DRAKE – Continued



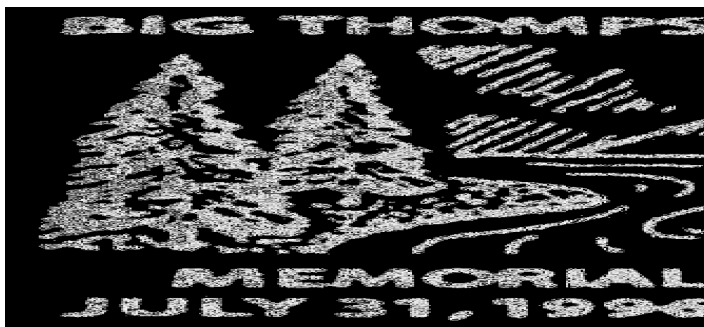
MEMORIAL SERVICE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 31 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 DRAKE, CO 80515 // MEMORIAL SERVICE STATION Jul 31 1996
SL 00R 70.0x7.0 Pict Scene - Mountains and stream(flood),
Text - BIG THOMPSON FLOOD OF 1976



EGGERS – Continued

Apr 23 1926	Eggers, Fred F.	Confirmed
May 5 1926	Eggers, Fred F.	Commissioned
Apr 23 1926	Eggers, Fred F.	Assumed charge
Jan 28 1938	Claypool, Mrs. Golda E.	Confirmed
Feb 1 1938	Claypool, Mrs. Golda E.	Commissioned
Feb 8 1938	Claypool, Mrs. Golda E.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1941	--- It is on government land ... so unable to find out if section or range is specified NOTE: NW/4 Sec 5 T8N R72W written in margin of document About a block south of the Cache La Poudre	
Feb 20 1942	Nichols, Forrest L.	Assumed charge
Mar 11 1942	Nichols, Forrest L.	Acting
Oct 2 1942	Nichols, Forrest L.	Confirmed
Oct 15 1942	Nichols, Forrest L.	Commissioned
Apr 22 1944	Ordered closed	
Apr 30 1944	Discontinued Mail to Bellvue	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	EGGERS / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Aug 19 1926 Feb 22 1933
2	EGGERS, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jun 25 1934 Dec 20 1941
3	EGGERS / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 25 1942



ELKHORN

Elkhorn was a small settlement that was involved in a number of activities including lumbering, mining, farming, dairying and even some tourism. The community reached its peak in the mid-1880's when its population approached 100.

The Elkhorn Post Office first operated from 1879 to 1880. In 1900 the Manhattan Post Office was closed and a new post office established at Elkhorn on the ranch of Willis S. Miller. Miller built a store at the edge of the road to house the post office.

In July 1992 I received a communication from Francis Clark concerning the locations of the Elkhorn and Manhattan Post Offices. With regards to Elkhorn, Mr. Clark offered the following information:

Secondly, "Elkhorn, 1879-1890 and 1900-1917." Again a location change was involved, this time to a different township. 1879-1890 was in section 21, T-9-N R-72-W, and in the Elkhorn House or Hotel, the only building at its particular location on the middle Elkhorn. The 1900-1917 was in Section 15 T-9-N R-73-W, on the Willis Miller ranch on the upper Elkhorn. The Elkhorn Hotel burned down completely on January 9, 1890. You give the terminal date as Feb 6, 1890 for the P.O. I suspect that after the burnout it took the red tape a month to accomplish the termination.

ELKHORN – Continued

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports do not contain a location report for the first period of Elkhorn. The 1900 report does fit with the description provided by Mr. Clark. I note that the 1900 report proposed the names of Woodbridge or Cascade for the post office. Apparently the Post Office Department preferred to name it for its location on Elkhorn Creek.

When I plot the supposed 1879-1890 location on a map, it falls about two miles south of the location of the Log Cabin Post Office in an area that is not now accessible by road. From that I can draw no firm conclusion as to the veracity of that location.

Mr. Clark provided additional information concerning the relationships between the Elkhorn and Manhattan Post Offices. Please refer to the discussion of Manhattan for those comments.

The 1900-1917 site of Elkhorn is on Larimer County Road 68C. If you have come from Rustic by way of Road 69, turn right on Road 68C and go east about four miles. In 1999 the remnants of a foundation were still visible a short distance north of the road. The other choice is to come from Livermore via the Red Feather Lakes Road (Road 74E). Go west to the junction with County Road 68C and then west four miles on Road 68C.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 5 1879	Established
Jun 5 1879	West, Henry T.
Mar 21 1883	Halliday, Thomas W.
Apr 16 1888	Sargisson, John H.
Jun 21 1888	Hemingway, John W.
Feb 6 1890	Discontinued Papers to Arkins
Feb 20 1900	--- NE/4 Sec 13 T9N R73W 1/8 mile west of Elkhorn Creek Original proposed names WOODBIDGE or CASCADE Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Lillian E. Batterson
Apr 14 1900	Re-established
Apr 14 1900	Batterson, Lillian E.
Oct 14 1902	Miller, Willis S.
Oct 31 1917	Discontinued Mail to Log Cabin



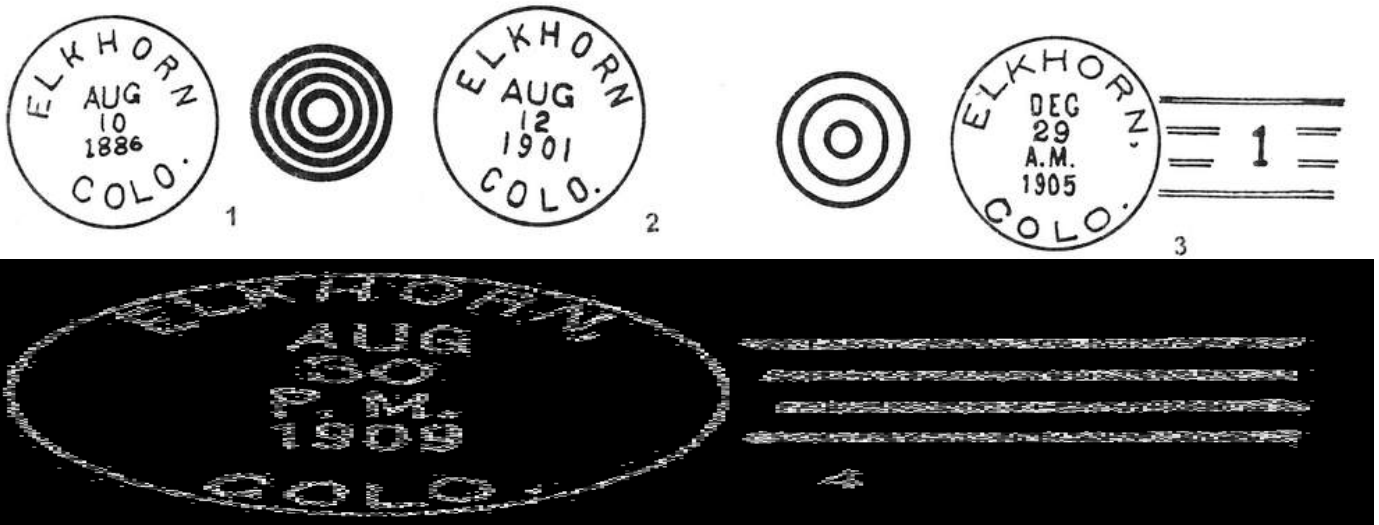
ELKHORN / COLO.

July 29, 1886

ELKHORN – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ELKHORN / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Jul 16 1883 Apr 9 1889 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2	ELKHORN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 12 1901 Jan 20 1901 Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm
3	ELKHORN, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 17 1904 Feb 7 1911 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-24x13mm
4	ELKHORN, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Apr 15 1908 Jul 19 1912 4bars S-24x13mm



ESTES PARK

In the summer of 1860 Joel Estes brought his family to a location where Fish Creek joins the Big Thompson River, now the site of Lake Estes. They built two houses and corrals and drove their stock in from the plains. It appears that Estes had first come to the area in October 1859 while on a hunting and exploring trip. Until 1865 Joel Estes was engaged in ranching. The winter of 1865-1866 was a severe one and he was faced with failing health and a heavy loss of stock. Estes left the area and moved to the warmer climates of Texas.

Squatter's rights to the park changed hands a couple of times until 1867 when it became the property of Welshman, Griff Evans. In 1872 another Welshman, William Thomas Wyndham-Quin, Fourth Earl of Dunraven and Mount Earl, visited the park. Attracted by the spectacular scenery he attempted to acquire the entire region with the intent to make it his private preserve. That effort failed and he turned to stock raising and built the first hotel for the exclusive entertainment of tourists.

The efforts of the Earl of Dunraven and his manager Theodore Whyte were not very successful and in 1907 the property passed into the hands of Freelan Stanley and B. D. Sanborn. The English Hotel of Lord Dunraven became the classic Stanley Hotel which is still in operation. Freelan Stanley was the developer of the Stanley Steamer Automobile. One of those vehicles is still occasionally in operation in Estes Park.

Somewhat earlier, in the summer of 1904, Estes Park could claim about 200 year-around residents. In March 1905 Cornelius H. Bond bought the 160-acre homestead of Postmaster John Cleave. On August 24, 1905 Bond and his partners formed the Estes Park Development Company and the town of Estes Park came into formal existence. Estes Park was incorporated in 1917.

ESTES PARK – Continued

In 1915 the Federal Government created Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park became the gateway to the park. Over the years that purpose has grown and today Estes Park is the center of an extensive mountain resort with all of the services necessary to serve the hordes of annual visitors to the mountains and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Estes Park can be reached by either US Highway 34 from Loveland or US Highway 36 from Lyons.

Latitude = 40:22:38 North Longitude = 105:31:16 West ESTES PARK

Chronology of the Post Office

May 12 1876 ---	NE/4 Sec 24 T5N R73W 3/4 mile north of the Big Thompson 20 rods north of Black Canon Creek	
Jun 2 1876	Established	
Jun 2 1876	McGregor, Mrs. Mariae	
Jan 8 1877	Evans, Mrs. Jennie W.	
Jan 23 1877	Evans, Mrs. Jane A.	
Dec 6 1877	Whyte, Theodore	
Jan 24 1881	MacGregor, Alex	
Jun 22 1881	McCrary, W. H.	
Jul 14 1881	Whyte, Theodore	
Jul 6 1888	Cleave, John T.	
Apr 27 1905	Bond, Cornelius H.	
Jan 30 1907	Hupp, Josephine H.	
Oct 22 1912	Hupp, Josephine H.	
Apr 2 1913 ---	NE/4 Sec 25 T5N R73W	
Apr 23 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 25 T5N R73W	
May 20 1914	Tallant, William B.	
Jul 1 1915		Office made Presidential
Dec 16 1915	Tallant, William B.	P&S
Apr 23 1920	Carruthers, Hattie S.	P&S
Jul 31 1924	Wright, Beulah J.	Acting
Dec 10 1924 ---	NW/4 NE/4 Sec 25 T5N R73W	
Dec 12 1924	Wright, Beulah J.	Appointed
Dec 14 1928	Wright, Beulah J.	Appointed
Jan 23 1934	Sella, Joseph B.	Nominated
Feb 1 1934	Sella, Joseph B.	Confirmed
Feb 16 1934	Sella, Joseph B.	Commissioned
Apr 18 1934	Sella, Joseph B.	Assumed charge
Mar 21 1938	Sella, Joseph B.	Nominated
Mar 28 1938	Sella, Joseph B.	Confirmed
Apr 1 1938	Sella, Joseph B.	Appointed Presidential
Apr 14 1938	Sella, Joseph B.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 25 T5N R73W	
May 15 1942	Sella, Joseph B.	Nominated
Jun 4 1942	Sella, Joseph B.	Confirmed
Jun 5 1942	Sella, Joseph B.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 29 1942	Sella, Joseph B.	Commissioned
May 31 1950	Scott, Robert T.	Acting
Apr 30 1951	Peck, George B. Jr.	Nominated
May 9 1951	Peck, George B. Jr.	Confirmed
May 10 1951	Peck, George B. Jr.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 15 1951	Peck, George B. Jr.	Assumed charge
Jun 22 1973	Beckman, William V.	Officer in charge

ESTES PARK – Continued

Nov 10 1973	Beckman, William L.	Appointed
May 5 1979	Gurley, Mrs. Ruth M.	Appointed
Jan 24 1980	Custer, Hala E.	Officer in charge

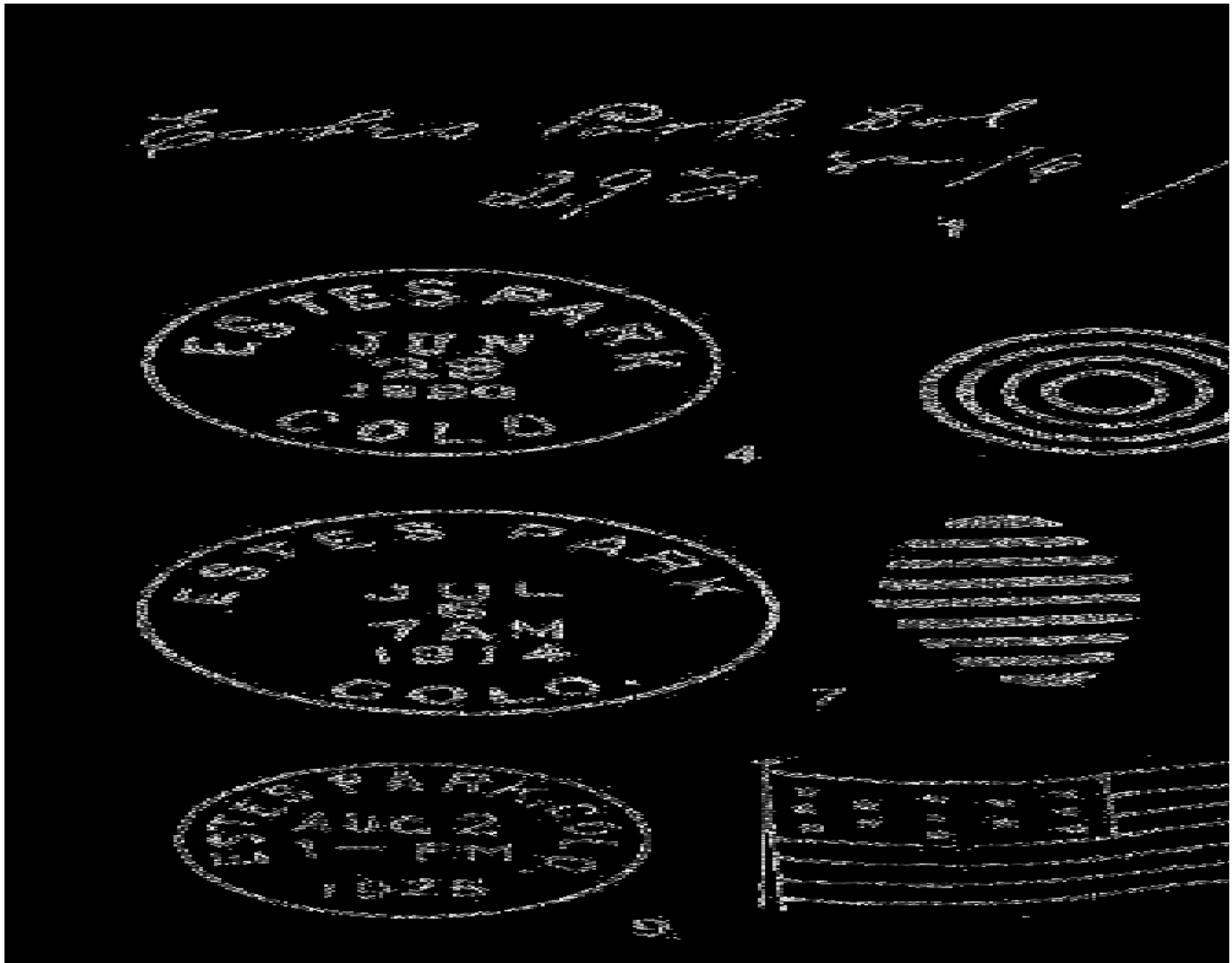


ESTES PARK / COL. September 28, 1887

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | Estes Park Col
MS | Aug 6 1877 |
| 2 | ESTES PARK, / COLO.
CI 20P 28.5/26.5 | Mscp Not recorded
Aug 9 1879 Feb 16 1886 |
| 3 | ESTES PARK / COL.
CI 10P 26.0 | Hstp Fancy, Positive star in circle; Target,
4-ring 18mm
Sep 28 1887 Aug 20 1888 |
| 4 | ESTES PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Cork, Smudge, Target
Jun 28 1890 Dec 24 1895 |
| 5 | ESTES PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring; Cork, smudge
Dec 24 1896 Sep 1 1903 |
| 6 | ESTES PARK / COLO
CI 10P 30.0 | Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads
Oct 12 1908 Oct 9 1923 |
| 7 | ESTES PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Dplx Grid, 8-bar oval
Jul 6 1914 Aug 26 1914 |
| 8 | ESTES PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 22.5 | Dplx Grid,
Oct 3 1917 Jul 29 1921 |
| 9 | ESTES PARK, COLO.
CI 10P 22.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines, abbreviated year date
Aug 2 1925 Jul 12 1929 |
| 10 | ESTES PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Flag 13 star waving flag
Nov 6 1925 Oct 12 1935 |
| 11 | ESTES PARK, / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
Aug 8 1933 Feb 11 1938 |
| 12 | ESTES PARK, / COLO.
RC 10P 35.0x14.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
--- 1930s --- 1940 |
| 13 | ESTES PARK, / COLO.
C1 10P 21.0 | Hstp No killer
Dec 14 1938 Jun 23 1964 |

ESTES PARK – Continued



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| 14 | ESTES PARK, (OUT) COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | Hstp No killer | May 29 1939 Oct 17 1941 |
| 15 | ESTES PARK, / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 | Dec 7 1951 |
| 16 | ESTES PARK, COLO.
CI 10P 21.5 | Mach Slogan with bars; FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY / ROCKY MOUNTAIN / NATIONAL PARK | Feb 13 1965 Sep 24 1965 |
| 16.1 | ESTES PARK, COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach Slogan with bars; NATIONAL PARK SERVICE / 50TH ANNIVERSARY | Jan 4 1966 Mar 15 1966 |
| 17 | ESTES PARK, CO 80517
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach Slogan with bars; NATIONAL PARK SERVICE / 50TH ANNIVERSARY | May 24 1966 Aug 16 1966 |
| 17.1 | ESTES PARK, CO 80517
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Apr 7 1967 Jun 18 1970 |
| 18 | ESTES PARK, CO / 80517
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Jan 31 1972 Jan 4 1992 |
| 19 | ESTES PARK, CO 80517
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach Slogan with bars; NATIONAL PARKS / CENTENNIAL YEAR / 1972 /1872 | Jul 16 1972 |

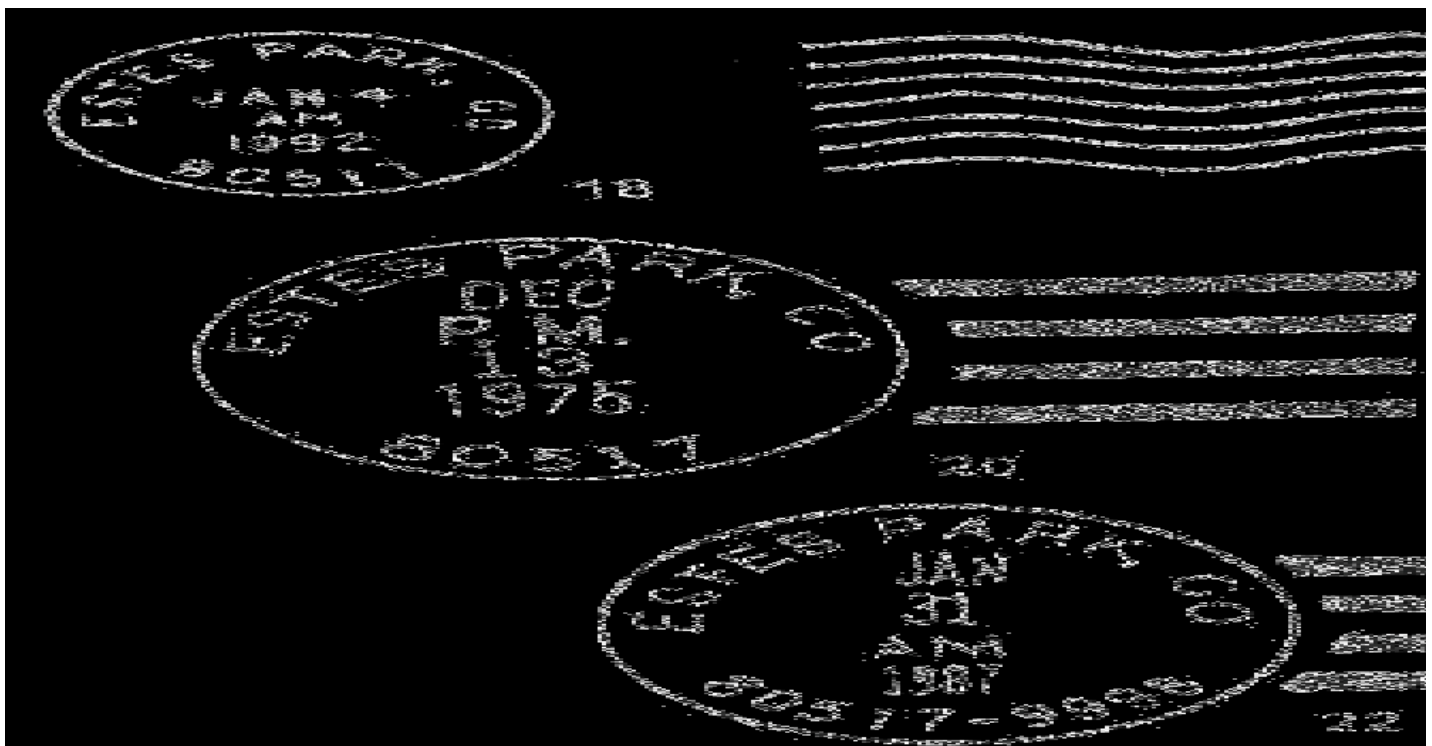
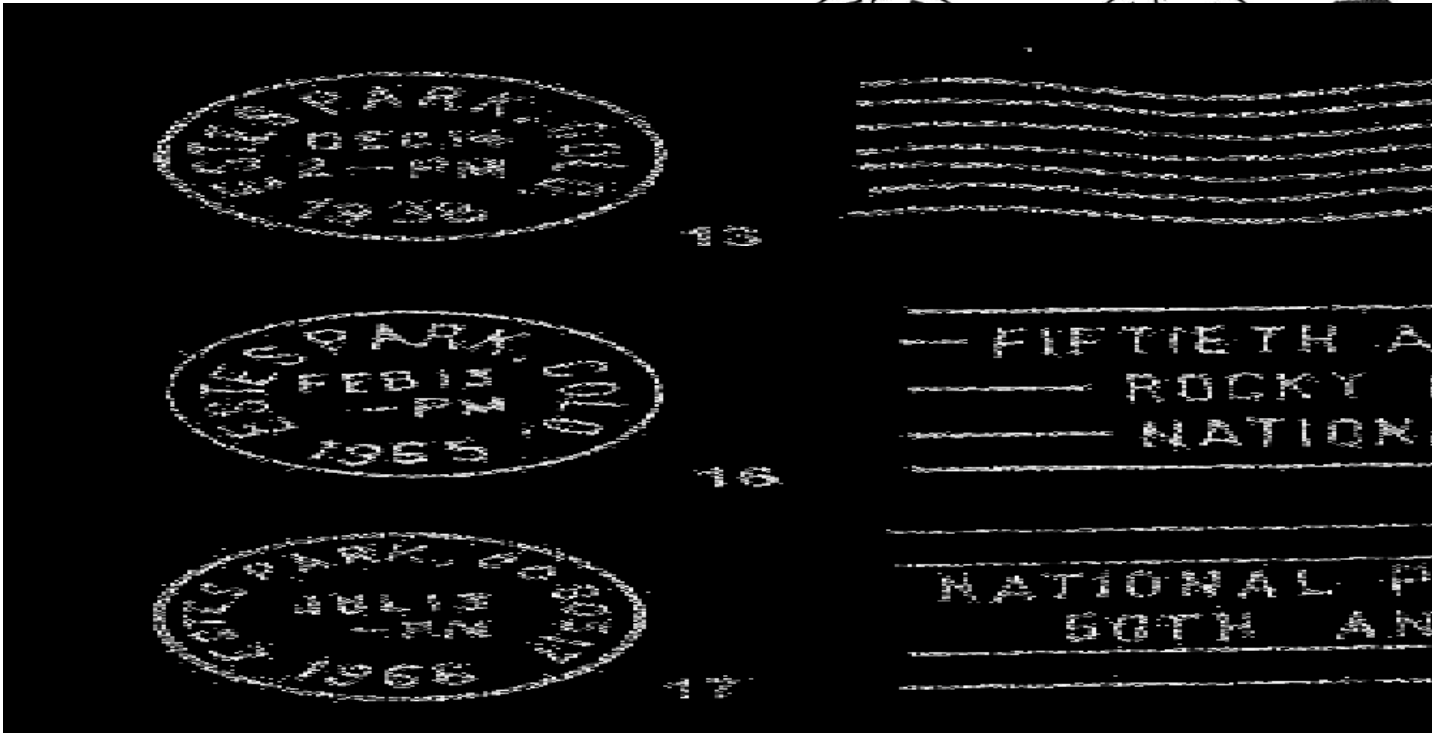
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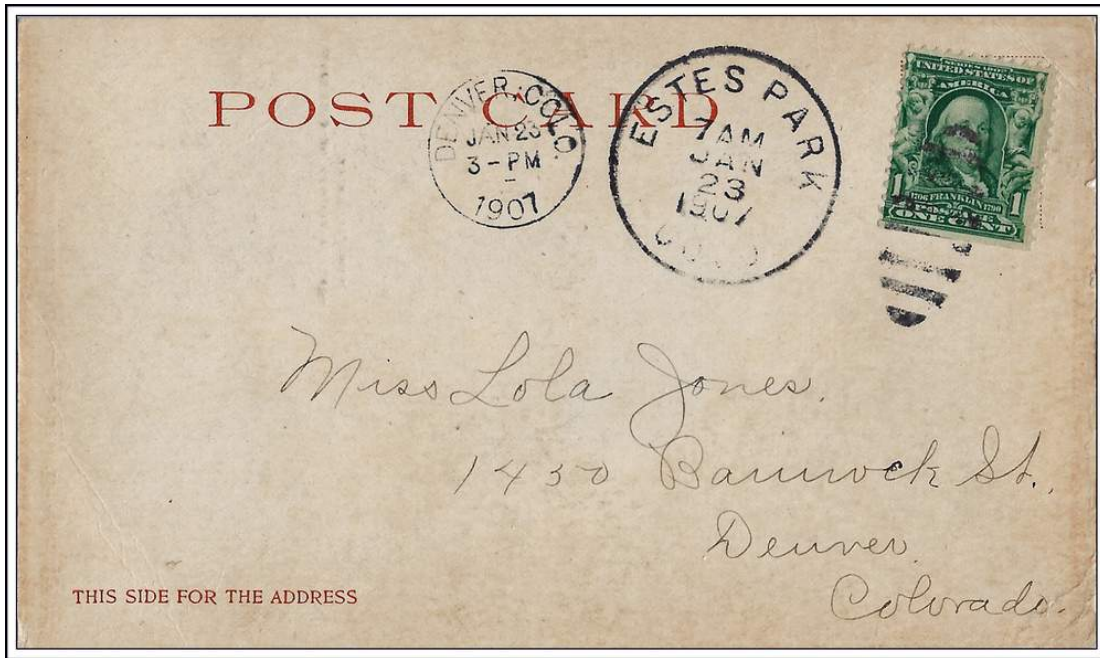
- 20 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517 Dec 13 1975
CI 10P 31.5 4bars S-24x19mm
- 21 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517 Jan 2 1976 Jan 15 1976
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in box with bars: USE / YOUR ZIP / CODE
- 22 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517-9998 Jan 31 1987
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-23x18mm
- 23 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517 Apr 14 1990 Jan 6 1992
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x18mm
- 24 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517 May 31 1990
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in box with bars; ROCKY MTN NAT'L
PARK / 75TH ANNIVERSARY / 1915-1990
- 25 ESTES PARK, CO / 80517 Jan 26 1992
CI 10P 32.0 Hstp No killer, proof strike
- 26 ESTES PARK CO 80517 / USPS Mar 6 1995 Jun 19 2001
CI 11P 29.0/20.0 Hstp No killer
- 27 ESTES PARK CO 80517 / USPS Aug 28 2007
CI 11P 20.0/21.0 Hstp No killer
- 28 ESTES PARK CO / 80517 Aug 28 2007
CI 10P 27.0 Hstp 4 straight lines with FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
between lines 2 & 3; 41-cent alpine tundra stamps
- 29 ESTES PARK CO / 80517 Aug 28 2007
CI 10P 28.0 Hstp No killer

AUXILIARY MARKINGS

- A 1 ESTES PARK, (OUT) COLO. Aug 9 1962
CI 10P 33.0 Hstp No killer, 41-cent alpine Tundra stamps



ESTES PARK – Continued



ESTES PARK / COLO. January 23, 1907

ESTES PARK STATIONS AND BRANCHES

NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

<1981 Established as a Station of Estes Park P. O. Box 3050

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|-----|--|----------------|
| 0.1 | ESTES PARK CO CONT. STA. NO. 1 / 80511 | Oct 5 1988 |
| | CI 10P 32.0? 4bars S-24x18mm | Distorted oval |
| 1 | ESTES PARK, CO CONT. STA NO. 1 / USPO | Jan 6 1992 |
| | CI 11P 28.0/19.0 Hstp No killer | |



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ESTES PARK STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued**NUMBER 2****Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 15 1983 Established as a Station of Estes Park East Side Food Store, Box 3800

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ESTES PARK, CO CONT. STA. NO. 2 / USPS Mar 20 1986
 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

**NUMBER 3****Chronology of the Post Office**

<1987 Established as a Station of Estes Park 459 Wonderview Drive, Hallmark Store

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 ESTES PARK CO CONT. STA. NO. 3 / USPO Apr 15 198-
 CI 11P 28.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

**NUMBER 4****Chronology of the Post Office**

<1987 Established as a Station of Estes Park Libby's, P. O. Box 1748

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STATION NUMBER 4

ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH**Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 30 1966 Established as a Rural Branch of Estes Park
 Summer operation only (May 10 - October 31)
 Nov 1 1970 Converted to a Community Post Office of Estes Park
 Nov 1 1970 Year around operation 2515 Tunnel Road
 Also listed as YMCA Of The Rockies (1989)

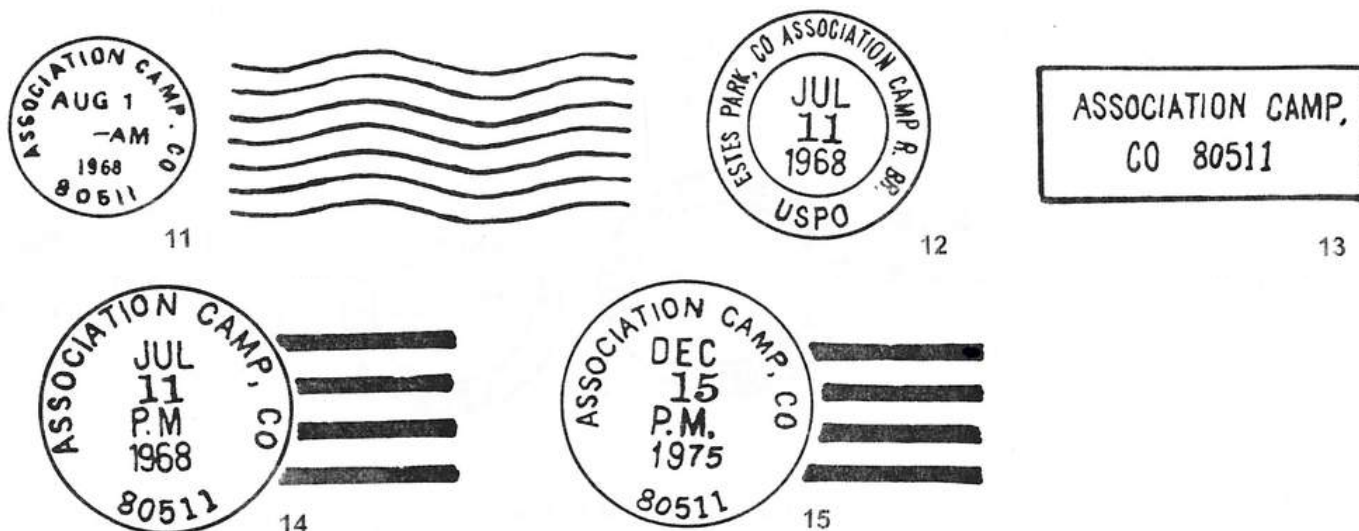
**ESTES PARK STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

FOR EARLIER MARKINGS SEE ASSOCIATION CAMP, INDEPENDENT POST OFFICE,
AND ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH OF FORT COLLINS

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|----|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11 | ASSOCIATION CAMP, CO / 80511
CI 10P 23.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines | Jul 11 1968 Mar 14 1973 |
| 12 | ESTES PARK, CO ASSOCIATION CAMP R. BR. / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer | Jul 11 1968 |
| 13 | ASSOCIATION CAMP, / CO 80511
RC 10P 44.0x19.0 | Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style | Jul 11 1968 Sep 7 1970 |
| 14 | ASSOCIATION CAMP, CO / 80511
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-24x20mm | Aug 27 1971 Jul 11 1968 |
| 15 | ASSOCIATION CAMP, CO / 80511
CI 10P 31.5 | 4bars S-24x18mm | Mar 14 1973 Nov 16 1977 |

FOR LATER MARKINGS SEE YMCA CAMP OF THE ROCKIES



MACGREGOR RANCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 28 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | Estes Park, Colorado 80517 // MacGregor Ranch 125th Anniv. Sta.
IR 00R 93.0x31.5 | Pict Scene - Simulated postmark -
CI 11P, ESTES PARK (Aug/28/1998)COL TER
at left, 3 bars at right | Aug 28 1998 |
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ESTES PARK STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

YMCA CAMP OF THE ROCKIES STATION

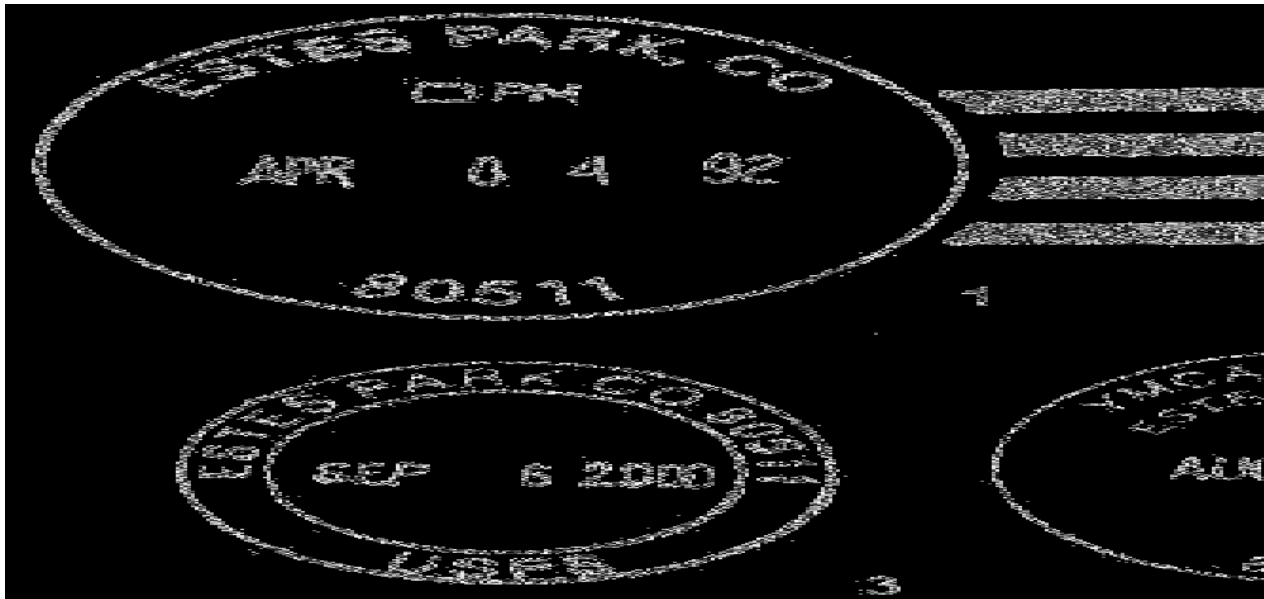
Chronology of the Post Office

Sep -- 1989 Established as a Station of Estes Park

Confirmed types of postal markings

FOR EARLIER MARKINGS SEE ASSOCIATION CAMP INDEPENDENT POST
OFFICE AND ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH OF FORT COLLINS

1	ESTES PARK, CO / 80511 CI 10P 40.0	4bars S-15x20mm, (cbs does not include station name; "YMCA Camp Of the Rockies")	Apr 4 1992
1.1	ESTES PARK CO // YMCA CONT STA / 80511 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-22x16mm	Aug 27 1997
2	YMCA CONT STA ESTES PARK CO / 80511 CI 11P 33.0/25.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 6 2000
3	ESTES PARK CO 80511 / USPS CI 11P 29.5/21.5	Hstp No killer	Sep 6 2000 Aug 28 2007
4	ESTES PARK CO / 80511 // YMCA CONT STA CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-15x23mm	Aug 28 2007



FORKS

Forks was a rural post office at the junction of two wagon roads - the road from Fort Collins to Laramie and the road to the Red Feather Lakes.

From 1898 to 1905 there was a post office at Forks, located in the hotel. During that period of time the Livermore Post Office was also in operation two miles to the west. By 1925, twenty years after the closure of the Forks Post Office, the Livermore Post Office had moved to the more central location at the Forks.

In 1874, R. O. Roberts who had been running the Fisk Hotel at Livermore began, with his son George, to build the Forks Hotel at what is now the junction of US Highway 287 and the Red Feather Lakes Road. In addition to accommodating travelers the hotel served workers from nearby lumbering operations.

FORKS – Continued

Over the years the hotel passed through a number of owners. On December 13, 1985 the Forks Hotel burned to the ground and an historical landmark was lost. In May 1987, Derek Roberts (a great-grandson of R. O. Roberts) with Leonard Dickey and John and Linda Higgins organized “Forks, CO Inc.” Their intent was to sell stock to finance construction of a two-story building to closely resemble the original hotel that was destroyed in the fire. On April 14, 1999 the new Forks Cafe opened for business.

The Forks Cafe is on the north side of Red Feather Lakes Road and the west side of US Highway 287 at Livermore. It is a popular stopping place for tourists and local residents. The Livermore Post Office is across the road from the cafe.

Chronology of the Post Office

- Mar 21 1898 --- Sec 34 T10N R70W
Proposed postmaster - James A Robinson
- Oct 22 1904 --- NE/4 Sec 34 T10N R70W
Proposed postmaster - William Golding Dwyre
- Apr 5 1898 Established
- Apr 5 1898 Robinson, James A.
- Jun 27 1898 Vanderkarr, George S.
- Mar 17 1903 Vanderkarr, Jennie
- Sep 23 1903 Ordered closed
- Oct 14 1903 Discontinued Mail to Livermore
- Dec 3 1904 Re-established
- Dec 3 1904 Dwyre, William G.
- May 15 1905 Ordered closed
- Jun 15 1905 Discontinued Mail to Livermore

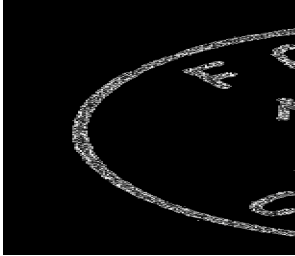


**The reconstructed Forks Lodge and Store at the site of Forks, now Livermore, Colorado
Photograph by William H. Bauer
October 28, 1999**

FORKS – Continued**Confirmed types of postal markings**1 FORKS / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0

Mar 21 1901

Hstp Not present

**FORT COLLINS**

In the fall of 1863 Company B of the First Colorado Volunteer Cavalry came to La Porte and established a camp to protect the Overland Stage routes from harassment by Indians. In May 1864 two companies of the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry from Fort Laramie in Wyoming under the command of W. H. Evans arrived at the small military post on the Cache La Poudre River, a short distance southwest of Point of Rocks. The new post was named Camp Collins in honor of Colonel W. O. Collins, the commander at Fort Laramie.

On June 9, 1864 a severe flood swept through the new camp. By October of 1864 the military establishment had been moved some four miles to the southeast to a site that would become the modern city of Fort Collins.

Military operations at Fort Collins continued until 1866 by which time the Indian problems had been resolved. On February 24, 1868 the legislative assembly of Colorado Territory passed a resolution in favor of opening the Fort Collins Military Reservation to be subject to preemption under homestead laws.

During the period of military activity a small community had grown around the fort and it continued after the fort was closed.

Joseph Mason pushed for the move of the county seat from La Porte to Fort Collins and in 1868 he was successful in the effort. The county records were brought to Fort Collins and placed in Mason's Store - for some reason known as "Old Grout." The building served many purposes - store, courthouse, church, theater, community center and post office with Joseph Mason as the Postmaster.

Under the provision of an Act of Congress approved May 15, 1872 the military reservation was relinquished by the government and thrown open to homestead and preemption entries.

General Robert A. Cameron organized an agricultural colony and was elected president of the group. The colony founded a town upon the land and started agricultural development of the area. The town plat was filed in 1873 and Fort Collins was incorporated in 1879.

In 1870 the Territory authorized a State College to be established at Fort Collins, however no money was made available until 1874 when an appropriation of \$1,000 permitted construction of a small building that was used for various purposes but not for a college. On July 27, 1878 the cornerstone for "Old Main" was laid. On September 1, 1879 the first classes were held in the building.

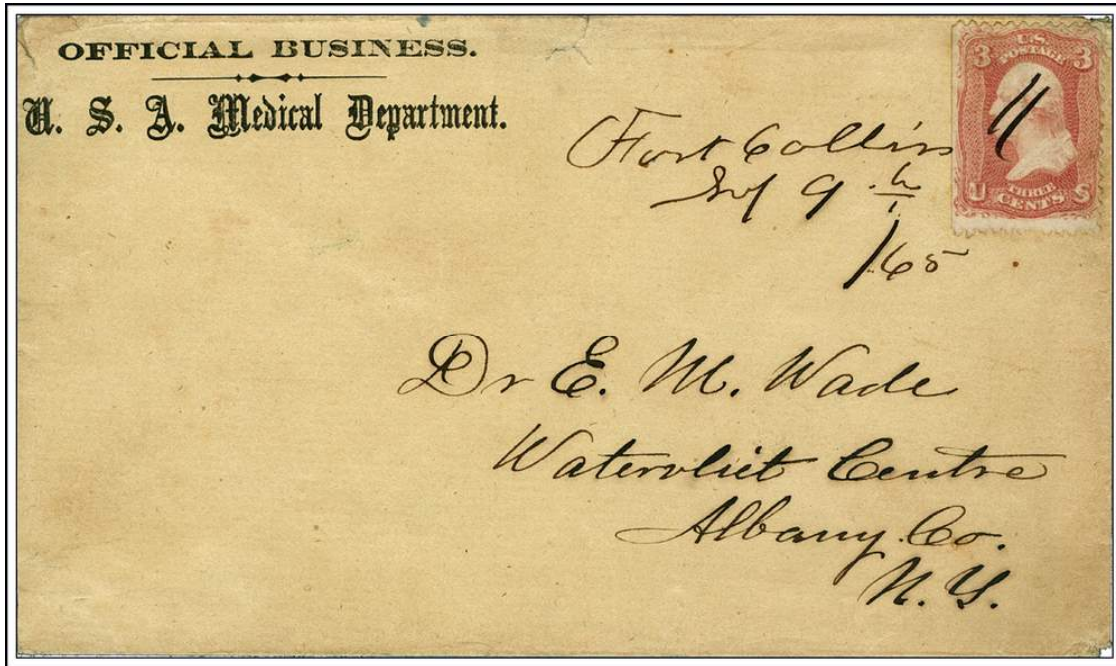
Known first as Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College it is now Colorado State University and has become a major institution of higher education in Colorado.

In 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad was built from Longmont through Fort Collins to Cheyenne. The railroad provided necessary transportation for the growing agricultural settlement.

FORT COLLINS – Continued

For much of its history the Fort Collins economy depended on agriculture and the state college. In recent years the growth of high-tech industry has contributed to an expansion of the city to an important center at the northern end of the Front Range Metroplex.

Latitude = 40:35:07 North Longitude = 105:05:02 West FORT COLLINS



Fort Collins

September 9th 1865

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 9 1865	---	NW/4 Sec 12 T7N R69W	On the south side of the Cache La Poudre River
Jun 27 1865		Established	
Jun 27 1865		Mason, Joseph	
Oct 19 1865		Discontinued	
May 12 1866		Re-established	
May 12 1866		Mason, Joseph	
Dec 7 1869		Patterson, Arthur H.	
Feb 7 1871	---	SE/4 NE/4 Sec 12 T7N R69W	On the south bank of the Cache La Poudre River
Oct 6 1871		McClannahan, Perry D.	
Sep 20 1872		Remmington, John E.	
May 25 1874		Remmington, John E.	
Oct 23 1876		Mason, Joseph	
Apr 7 1879		McClelland, James S.	
Jan 22 1880		Armstrong, Andrew	P&S
Mar 22 1881		Ramer, Charles W.	P&S
Apr 1 1885		Watrous, Ansel	P&S
May 14 1889		Ramer, Charles W.	P
Dec 21 1889		Ramer, Charles W.	P&S
Mar 5 1894		Threlkeld, David C.	P&S
Sep 14 1897		Linis, James W.	P
Jan 10 1898		Linis, James W.	P&S
Jan 20 1902		Roberts, William V.	P&S
Jan 26 1905		Davy, Thomas H.	P&S

FORT COLLINS – Continued

Feb 9 1909	Moore, Marshall	P&S
May 9 1912 ---	Larger part of Secs 10-11-12-13-14 T7N R69W On west side of Dry Creek	1/8 mile south of Cache La Poudre
Jan 12 1914	McAnelly, Emmet C.	P&S
Apr 20 1914 ---	SE/4 Sec 11 T7N R69W	
Sep 5 1918	McAnelly, Emmet C.	P&S
Mar 1 1923	Nightingale, John L.	P&S
Feb 12 1927	Nightingale, John L.	P&S
Feb 6 1931	Nightingale, John L.	P&S
Mar 27 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Acting
Apr 30 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Assumed charge
Jun 5 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Nominated
Jun 24 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Confirmed
Jun 30 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Appointed Presidential
Jul 15 1931	Maxwell, Roy	Commissioned
Oct 27 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 11 T7N R69W	
May 24 1947	Pinkerton, William D.	Acting
May 25 1947	Pinkerton, William D.	Assumed charge
Aug 25 1949	Pinkerton, William D.	Nominated
Sep 23 1949	Pinkerton, William D.	Confirmed
Sep 23 1949	Pinkerton, William D.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 23 1949	Pinkerton, William D.	Commissioned
Nov 30 1958	Wyss, Walter H.	Assumed charge
Dec 2 1958	Wyss, Walter H.	Acting
Jun 11 1959	Wyss, Walter H.	Nominated
Aug 28 1959	Wyss, Walter H.	Confirmed
Aug 31 1959	Wyss, Walter H.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 22 1959	Wyss, Walter H.	Commissioned
Dec 30 1966	Stevens, Squire B.	Acting
Dec 31 1968	McGraw, Nelson W.	Acting
Nov 28 1970	McGraw, Nelson W.	Appointed postmaster
Feb 22 1974	McCallister, Berton J.	Officer in charge
Jun 29 1974	Croshall, Frank A.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

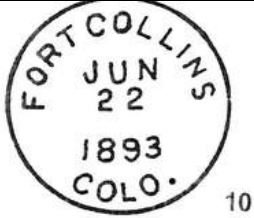
0.1	Camp Collins Col. Terty MS	Aug 31 1864 Mscp Dateline, envelope has manuscript "(Official Business)"
1	Fort Collins MS	Sep 9 1865 Oct 23 1865 Mscp Pen cancel
2	FORT COLLINS / COL. CI 10P 25.0	Dec 5 1865 May 17 1868 Hstp Target, 4-ring
3	FORT COLLINS / C.T. CI 11P 28.0/15.0	Apr -- 1867 Oct-- 1876 Hstp Fancy, Negative pinwheel; Cork, smudge, circle of wedges; Fancy cork, negative "flower"
4	Fort Collins C.T. MS	May 27 1869 May 4 1872 Mscp Pen cancel
4.A	Fort Collins Colo MS	Jun 6 1874 Dec 13 187- Mscp Pen cancel
4.B	Ft Collins Colo. MS	May 4 1872 Mscp Pen cancel
5	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 26.5	Oct 20 1874 Jun 7 1879 Hstp Cork, 8-piece pie, 4 "V"s, Negative X-roads, Smudge
6	FORT COLLINS / COL. OC 10P 25.0	Jul 15 1880 Sep 4 1880 Hstp Not present

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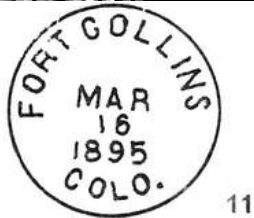


7	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 23 1880 May 27 1884 Hstp Cork, Smudge, 4-bar oval grid, Negative X-roads
8	FORT COLLINS / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Aug 28 1886 Oct 19 1888 Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Double grid
9	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Mar 31 1890 Oct 26 1892 Hstp Cork, Smudge
10	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jun 22 1893 Sep 18 1894 Hstp Cork, Smudge, Negative X-roads, Circle of wedges
11	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Sep 18 1894 Aug 3 1898 Hstp Cork, Smudge, 5-bar grid
12	FORT COLLINS, COLO. / REC'D.	Dec 5 1898 NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION
13	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jan 17 1898 Mar 30 1899 Hstp Target, 3-ring 20mm
14	FORT COLLINS, / COLO CI 10P 25.0	Dec 12 1896 Dec 17 1899 Dplx Grid, oval with 1 Abbrev. year date
15	FORT COLLINS, COLO CI 10P 26.0	Aug 18 1900 Jul 9 1904 Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle
16.1	FORT COLLINS, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 29.0x15.0	May 4 1903 RFD 5 bars with 1
16.2	FORT COLLINS, / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 29.0x16.0	Jun 2 1903 Oct 31 1903 RFD 5 bars with 2

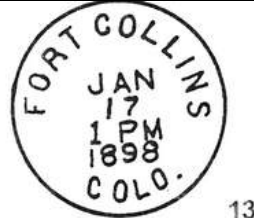
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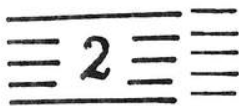
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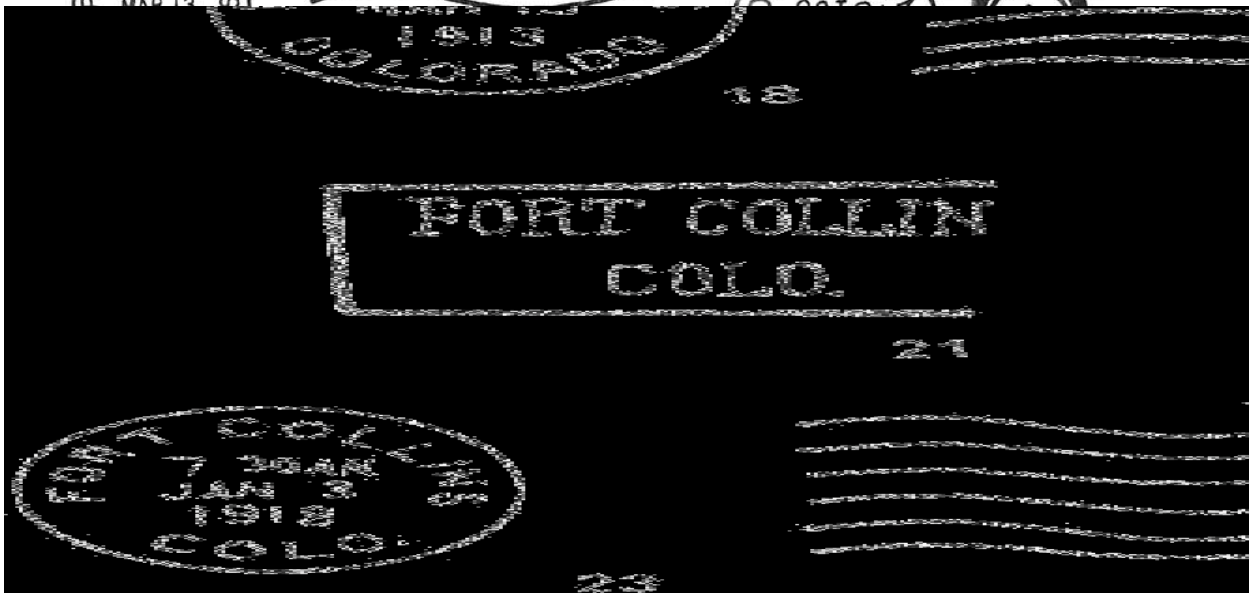
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R. F. D.
FORT COLLINS,
JUN 2 1903
COLO.

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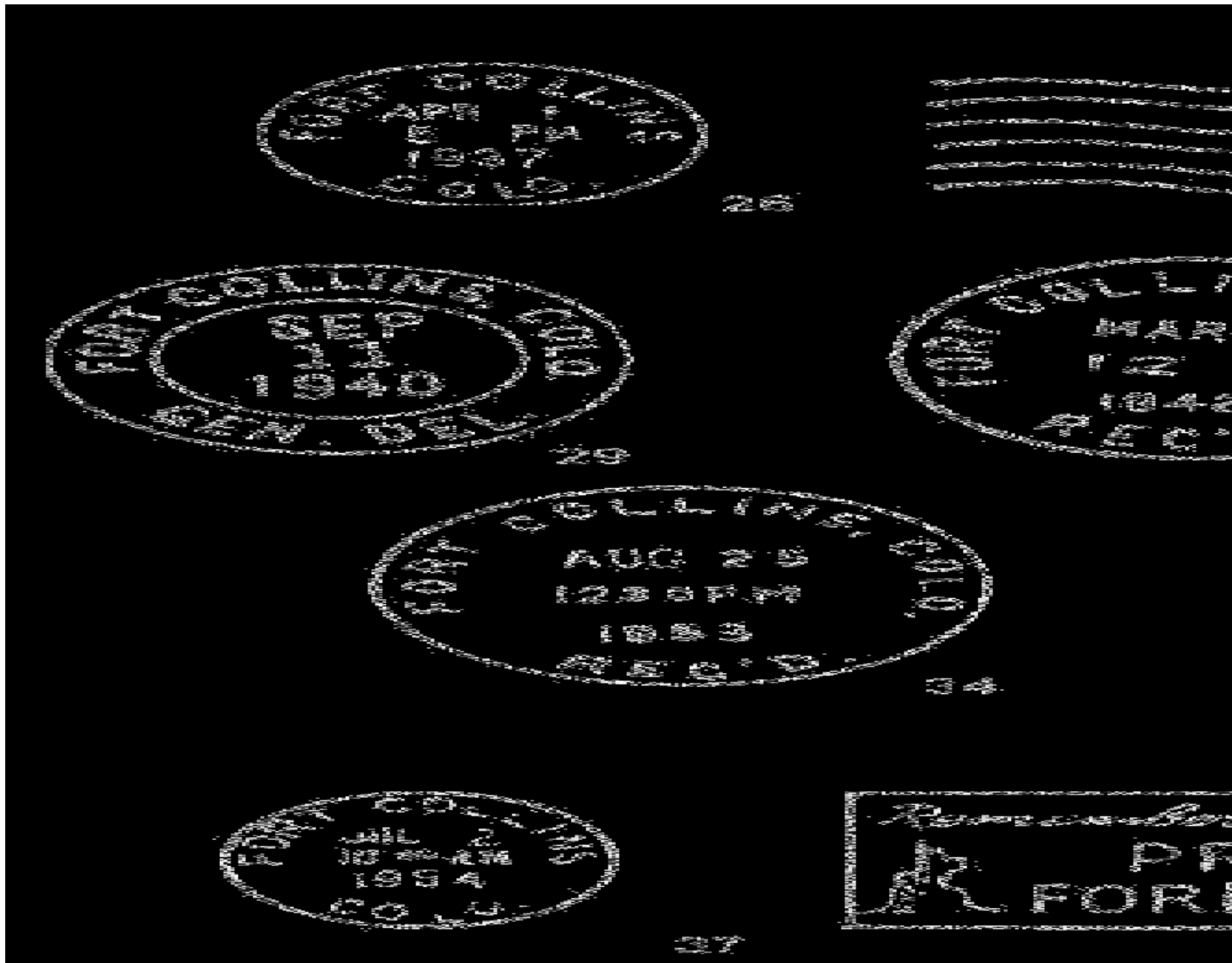
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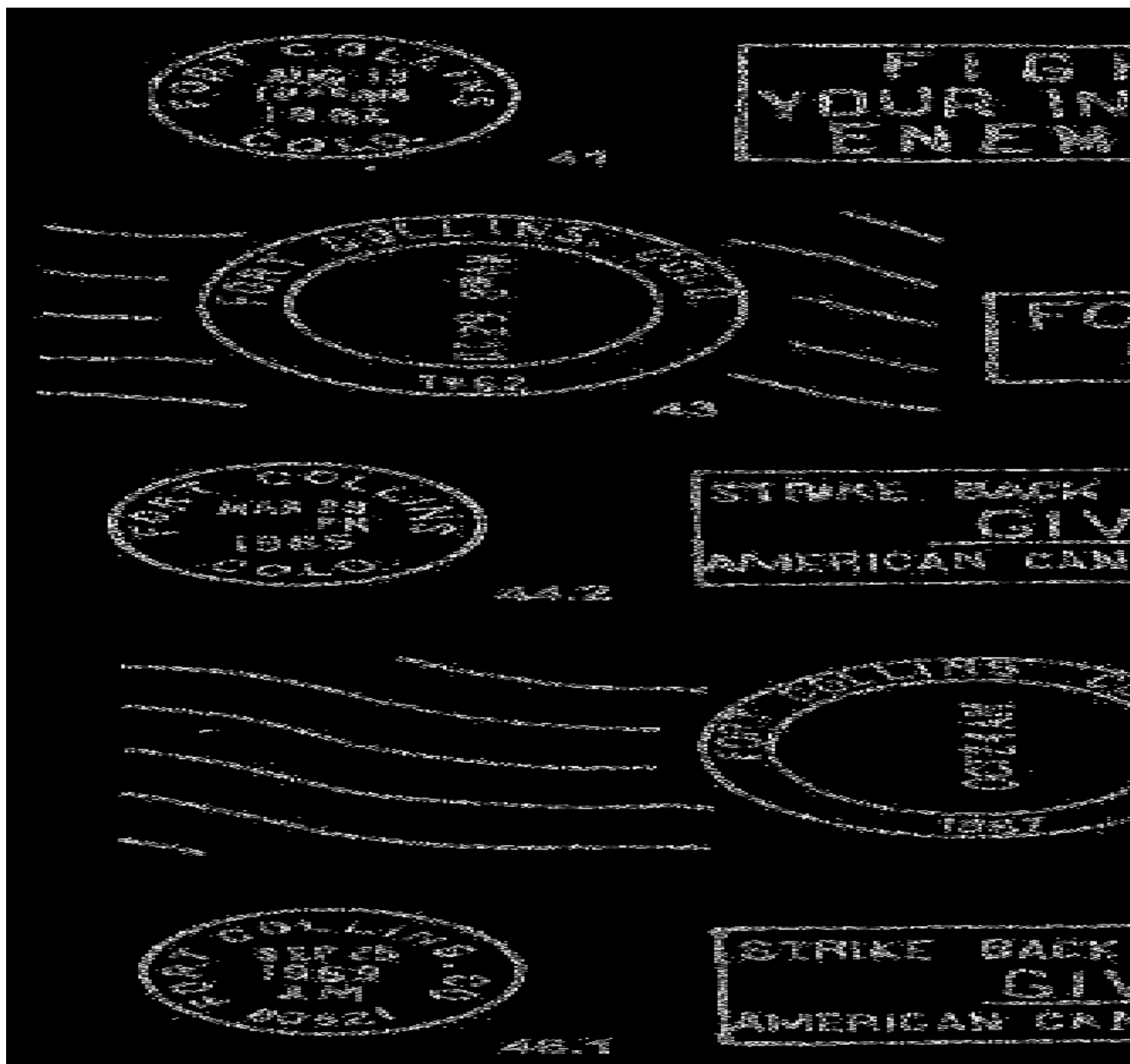
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18	FORT COLLINS / COLORADO CI 10P 22.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 3 1911 Mar 13 1913
19	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 25.5	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Oct 21 1912 Feb 20 1933
20	FORT COLLINS / COLO. M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Jan 10 1914 Feb 5 1914
21	FORT COLLINS / COLO. RC 00P ??./16.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post box style	--- -- 1915
22	Fort Collins (RFD) MS	RFD Type 11c manuscript in pencil "R 2 /6 17 16"	Jun 17 1916
22.1	FORT COLLINS, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 8 1917
23	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Jun 3 1919 Oct 23 1923
24	FORT COLLINS / COLO. M.O.B. CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Nov 24 1924
25	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Dec 22 1932 Oct 1 1934
26	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	Mar 21 1936 Dec 21 1948
27	FORT COLLINS. / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Oct 15 1938 Nov 29 1940
28	FORT COLLINS, COLO / GEN. DEL. CI 10P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 23 1938
29	FORT COLLINS, COLO / GEN. DEL. CI 10P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 11 1940
30	FORT COLLINS, COLO / REC'D. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 12 1942
31	NO LISTING		
32	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Mar 5 1952 Aug 20 1954
33	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 2	Jan 4 1953 Aug 25 1953
34	FORT COLLINS, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 25 1953
35	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 25 1953 Jul 21 1966
36	FORT COLLINS, COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 26 1953
37	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box: Remember - Only <u>you</u> can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES (with stump)	Jul 2 1954 Jan 4 1957
38	FORT COLLINS. COLO. CI 11P 32.0/23.5	Rolr 5 horizontal wavy lines	Jun 9 1955
39	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 20.5	Mach Slogan in box with bars: NATIONAL / SALVATION ARMY WEEK / FOURTH WEEK IN MAY	May 1 1956
40	FORT COLLINS COLO. CI 11P 35.0/27.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 19 1958
41	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: FIGHT / YOUR INSECT / ENEMIES	Jun 23 1958 Nov 16 1964
42	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars; PRAY / FOR / PEACE	Sep 14 1961 Jan 9 1962

FORT COLLINS – Continued



- 43 FORT COLLINS. / COLO. Oct 29 1962
CI 11P 31.0/23.0 Rolr 5 (?) slanted wavy lines
- 44 FORT COLLINS, / CO 80521 --- -- 196-s
RC 10P 49.0x17.0 Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style
- 44.1 FORT COLLINS / COLO. Oct 29 1963
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in box: Remember / Only you can /
PREVENT / FOREST FIRES; with Smokey Bear
- 44.2 FORT COLLINS / COLO. Feb 9 1965 Apr 9 1965
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in box: STRIKE BACK AT CANCER /
GIVE / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
- 45 FORT COLLINS, CO / 80521 Oct 21 1967 Jun 21 1976
CI 10P 20.5 Mach 6 wavy lines
- 45.1 FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 Oct 24 1967 Oct 12 1973
CI 11P 31.0/23.0 Rolr 7 slanted wavy lines
- 46 FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 May 21 1968 Nov 1 1968
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in box with bars: STRIKE BACK AT
CANCER / GIVE / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

FORT COLLINS – Continued

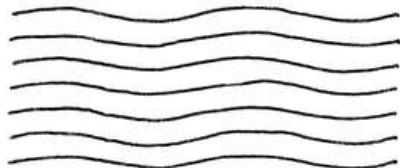


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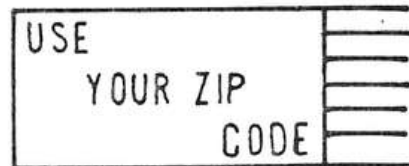
46.1	FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 CI 10P 21.0	Apr 12 1966 Sep 25 1969 Mach Slogan in box with bars: STRIKE BACK AT CANCER / <u>GIVE</u> / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY Dec 14 1959 Dec 11 1968
47	FORT COLLINS / COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach 6 wavy lines
47.1	FORT COLLINS, CO / 80521 CI 10P 21.0	Dec 17 1969 Dec 7 1973
48	FORT COLLINS, CO / 80521 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines
48.1	FORT COLLINS, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.5/18.0	Dec 17 1979
49	FORT COLLINS, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: USE / YOUR ZIP / CODE Jul 25 1990
50	FORT COLLINS, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
50.1	FORT COLLINS, CO / 80521 CI 10P 29.0	Mar 3 1991
51	FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer
52	FORT COLLINS, CO 80525 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Mar 18 1991 Jun 1 1993
		Hstp No killer
		May 1 1992
		4bars S-24x18mm
		May 5 1999
		Hstp No killer [used at Old Town Station]
		Mar 14 1997 Aug 1 2001
		Hstp No killer



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AUXILIARY MARKINGS

A 1 Ft. Collins, Colo. // Missent to
SL 00R 41.0x8.0

Hstp No killer

Mar -- 1922



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES

NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 1 1962 Established as a Station of Fort Collins
 --- 1671 College Avenue
Oct 7 1967 Discontinued
Apr 1 1985 Re-established as a Station of Fort Collins
 --- 1643 South College Avenue Choice Books and Gifts

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FORT COLLINS, COLO. STA. NO. 1 / USPO CI 11P 29.5/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 9 1962 Jul 17 1962
1.1	FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO. 1 / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 15 1984
2	FORT COLLINS, CO STA NO 1 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 6 1987



NUMBER 2

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 16 1964 Established as a Station of Fort Collins
 --- 1117 West Elizabeth Avenue The Collection
Mar 19 1964 --- 1119 West Elizabeth Avenue Campus West

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO.2 / USPO CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 15 1984 Apr 15 1988
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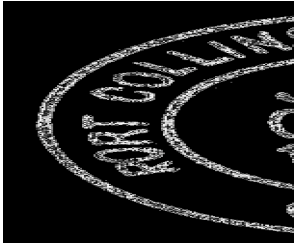
Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 1 1964 Established as a Station of Fort Collins
 --- May have opened on May 13 1962 1025 Lemay Avenue Bob's Lemay

FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
NUMBER 3 – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO. 3 / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Jan 30 1986
Hstp No killer |
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NUMBER 4

Chronology of the Post Office

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|-----------------|---|
| Jun 16 1965 | Established as a Station of Fort Collins 2320 South College Avenue |
| Mar 15 1967 | Discontinued |
| Mar 16 1967 | Re-established as a Station of Fort Collins 2310 South College Avenue |
| Oct 31 1986 --- | 344 East Foothills Parkway "Extra, Extra," Later "Postscript" Format |

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 0.1 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO. 4 / USPO
CI 11P 28.5/18.0 | Mar 14 1984
Hstp No killer |
| 1 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA. 4 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Apr 15 1987
Hstp No killer |
| 2 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO. 4 / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Mar 15 1984 Apr 15 1988
Hstp No killer |



NUMBER 5

Chronology of the Post Office

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| Mar 16 1981 | Established as a Station of Fort Collins
2601 South Lemay T. M. Ltd. |
|-------------|---|

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA. NO. 5 / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Apr 15 1989
Hstp No killer |
| 2 | FORT COLLINS, CO STA NO 5 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Apr 22 1995
Hstp No killer |



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

ASPEN PHILATELIC CENTER STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 3 1992 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Fort Collins, CO 80525 // Aspen Philatelic Center Oct 3 1992
IR 00R 49.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Aspen leaf between station and town names



ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH

Chronology of the Post Office

THE STATUS OF FORT COLLINS AS A PARENT OFFICE FOR THIS STATION HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED.

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ASSOCIATION CAMP RURAL BRANCH OF FORT COLLINS

BARNEY APODACA STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 29 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BARNEY APODACA STATION

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 17 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FORT COLLINS CO / 80525 :: BREAST CANCER RESEARCH / STA. Oct 17 1998
IR 00R 98.0x34.0 Pict Scene - Woman's profile to right of CDS



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

C.O.D. STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Established as a Station of Fort Collins

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE C. O. D. STATION

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Fort Collins, CO 80525 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 15 2000
SL 00R 97.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century



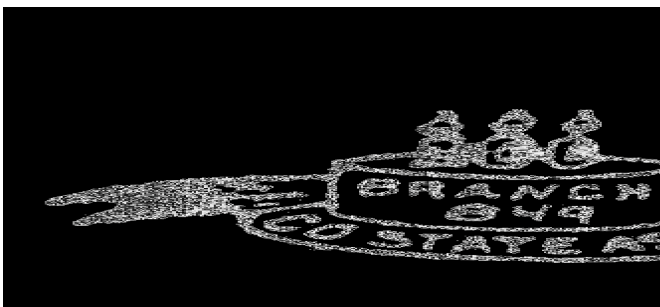
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 17 2002 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FT. COLLINS 80525 / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STATION May 17 2002
IR 00R 84.0x37.0 Pict Scene - cake with candles (100), Colorado state flag,
Mountain profile, hand holding letter in double circle
with text - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER
CARRIERS; Text - on cake BRANCH / 849; CO STATE ASSO



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

CITY PARK BASE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 10-16 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FORT COLLINS, CO // CITY PARK / BASE STATION Jun 10 1998
IR 00R 32.0x53.0 Pict Scene - Two soldiers; Text - THE MOVING WALL



COLORADO INTERNATIONAL POSTER STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 15 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FORT COLLINS / COLORADO / 80521 Sep 15 1989
IR 00R 75.0x21.0 Pict Scene - Two unidentifiable blobs in center;
Text - COLORADO / INTERNATIONAL / POSTER /
EXHIBITION (STA.)



FIREBASE COLORADO STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 9-11 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FT. COLLINS, CO. / 80521 :: FIREBASE / COLORADO / STATION Nov 11 1985
IR 00R 70.0x45.0 Pict Scene - Eagle with wings spread; Text - APO 96695 /
WELCOME HOME VIET NAM VETS;
DUTY / HONOR / COUNTRY

**FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
FIREBASE COLORADO STATION – Continue**



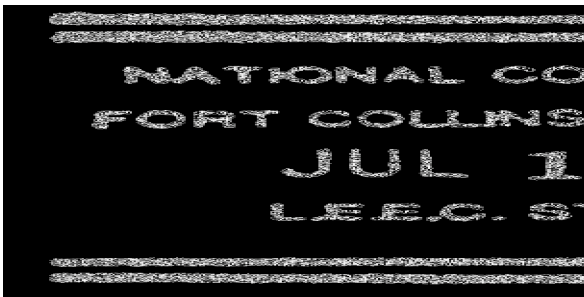
LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING CONFERENCE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 11 1983 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FORT COLLINS, CO 80521 / L.E.E.C. STATION Jul 11 1983
IR 00R 73.0x35.0 Pict Scene - Emblem with LAW ENFORCEMENT /
EXPLORING; Text - NATIONAL CONFERENCE



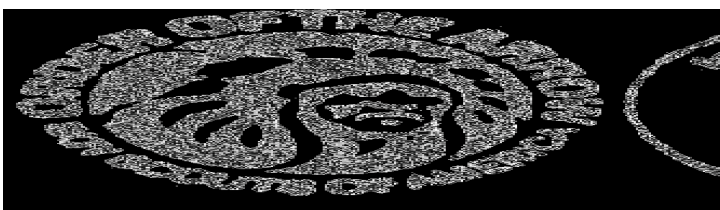
NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 12 1988 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Fort Collins, CO 80521 / STATION Aug 12 1988
CI 10P 23.5 Pict Scene - Indian Head; Text - 73RD ANNIVERSARY /
NATIONAL / ORDER OF THE ARROW /
CONFERENCE



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

NORTHERN COLORADO PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION

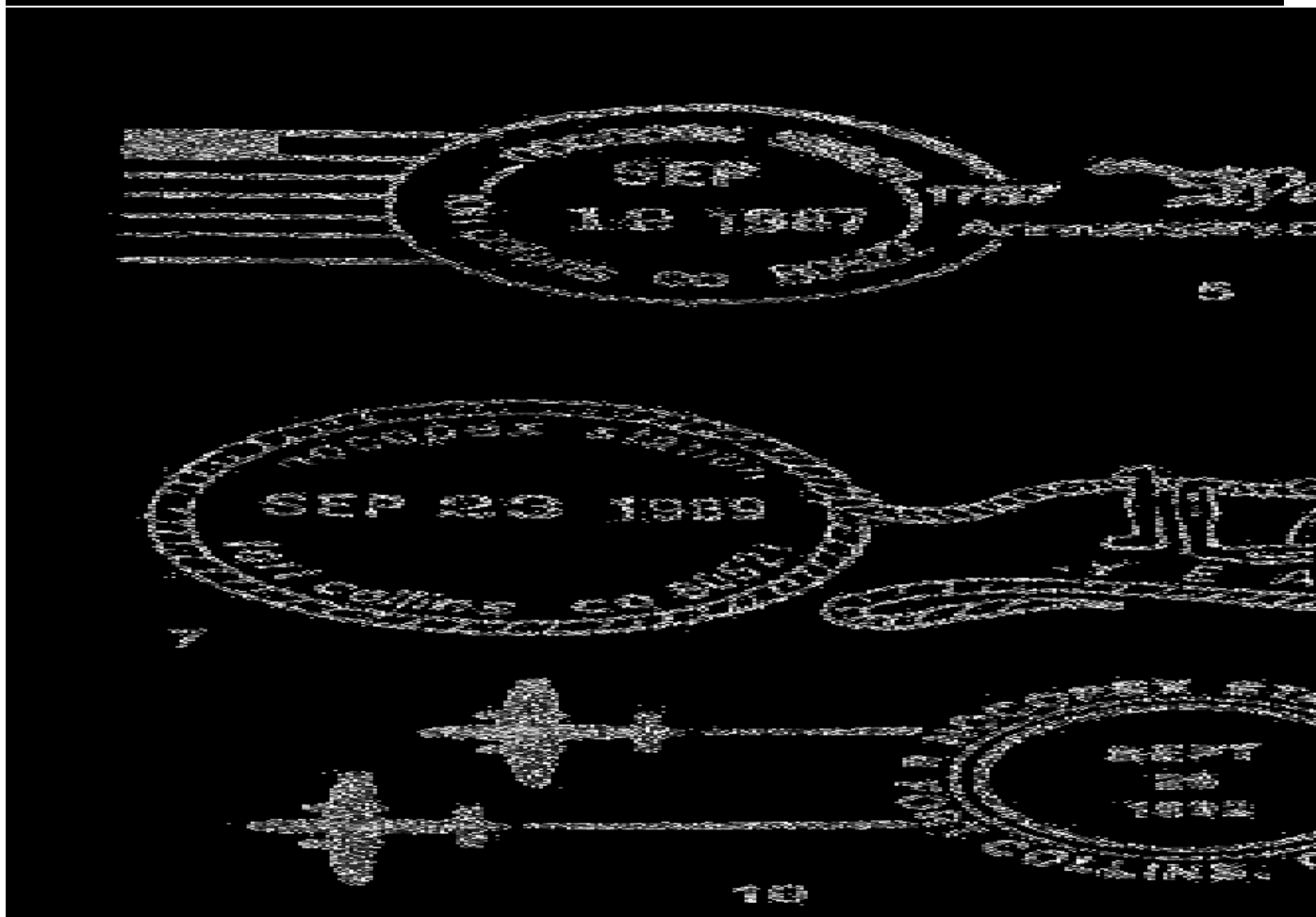
Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 24-25 1983	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 22-23 1984	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 11-12 1985	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 19-20 1987	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 23-25 1988	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 23-24 1989	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Mar 2-3 1991	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 26 1992	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 26 1993	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 24-25 1994	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Dec 7 1995	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Sep 27-1997	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jan 9-10 1999	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jan 8-9 2000	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Jan 6-7 2001	Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

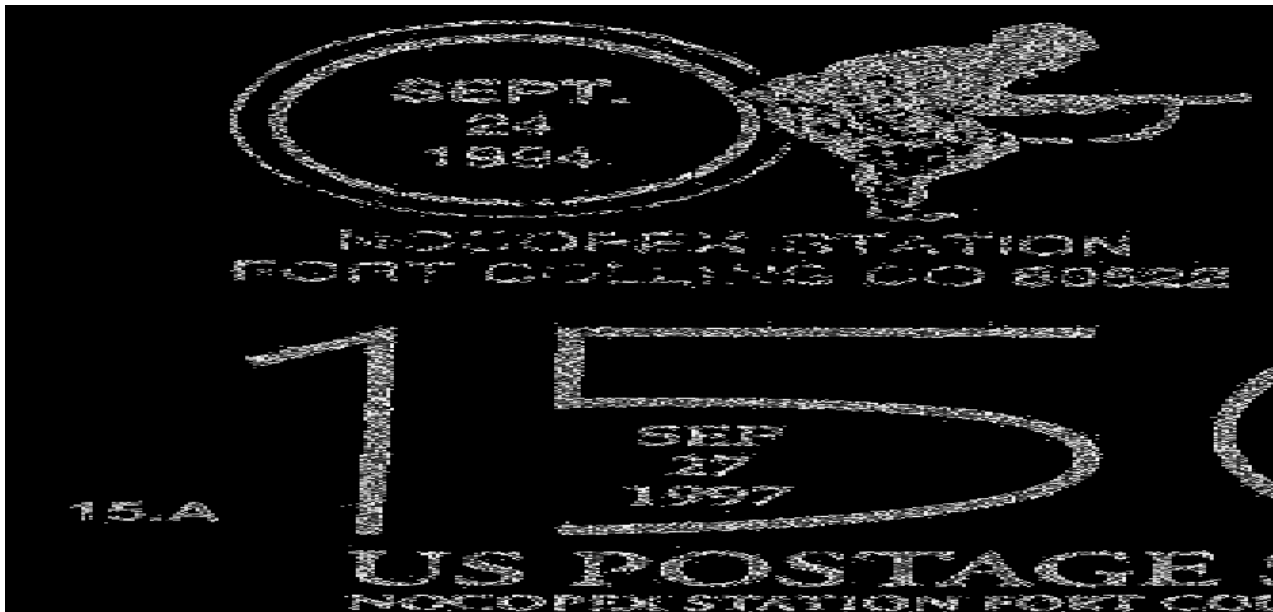
1	FORT COLLINS CO 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION CI 10P 27.0	Pict Scene - Sailboat with balloons	Sep 24 1983
2	FORT COLLINS, CO. / 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION IR 00R 58.0x27.0	Pict Wagon	Sep 23 1984
4	Fort Collins / CO ...80521 // NOCOPEX STATION IR 00R 84.0x40.0	Pict Scene - Three silhouettes of the Statue of Liberty	Oct 11 1986
5	fort Collins CO 80522 // nocopex station CI 10P 28.0	Pict Scene - None; Text - 1787 "We The People" 1987, Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution	Sep 19 1987 Sep 20 1987
6	Fort Collins / CO. 80521 // Nocopex / Station IR 00R 58.0x22.0	Pict Scene - Five overlapping half-shaded circles	Sep 23 1988 Sep 25 1988
7	fort collins co 80521 // nocopex station CI 10F 32.0	Pict Scene - Lariat forms circle and loops to right with; 100 YEARS	Sep 23 1989 Sep 24 1989
9	FORT COLLINS, CO 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION IR 00R 95.0x42.0	Pict Scene - Shield, Independence Hall tower; Text - 200th ANNIVERSARY / 1791-1991 / BILL OF RIGHTS	Mar 2 1991 Mar 3 1991
10	FORT COLLINS, CO 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION CI 02R 28.0/22.0/20.0	Pict Scene - Silhouette of two planes at left	Sep 26 1992
11	FORT COLLINS, CO 80525 // NOCOPEX STATION CI 12H 25.0/18.0/16.0	Pict Scene - Silhouette of destroyer on "waves"	Sep 26 1993
12	FORT COLLINS CO 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION IR 00R 45.0x34.0	Hstp Scene - Infantry soldier to right of date; Date in double circle	Sep 24 1994 Sep 25 1994
13	Fort Collins, CO 80522 // NOCOPEX STATION CI 12P 27.0/17.0/15.0	Pict Scene - bars at left & right of cds, silhouettes of two warships	Dec 7 1995
15.A	FORT COLLINS CO 80525 // NOCOPEX STATION IR 00R 66.0x36.0	Pict Scene - large "150" with <u>TH</u> / ANNI / VER / SARY within the "0"; Text - US POSTAGE STAMP, separate device for each date	Sep 27 1997

FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
NORTHERN COLORADO PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued



FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

NORTHERN COLORADO PHILATELIC EXHIBITION STATION – Continued



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| 15.B | FORT COLLINS CO 80525 ;; NOCOPEX STATION
IR 00R 66.0x36.0 | Sep 28 1997
Pict Scene - large "150" with TH / ANNI / VER / SARY within the "0"; Text - US POSTAGE STAMP, separate device for each date |
| 17 | FT. COLLINS, CO / 80525 // NOCOPEX / STATION
IR 00R 41.0x28.0 | Jan 9 1999
Pict Scene - Large "1999" with rays rising to a star at right, Date is January 9-10 |
| 18 | FT. COLLINS, CO / 80525 // NOCOPEX / STATION
SL 00R 38.0x34.0 | Jan 8 2000
Pict Scene - Large "2000" and "80525", on cachet envelope |
| 19 | FT. COLLINS, CO / 80525 // NOCOPEX STATION
SL 00R 34.0x37.0 | Jan 6 2001
Pict Scene - Large "2001" and "80525", on cachet envelope (1), dual date (January 6-7) |
| 20 | FORT COLLINS, CO 80525 :: NOCOPEX STATION
CI 11P 19.0/12.0 | Jan 5 2002
Pict Scene - Involute flag with Station Name in flag |

FORT COLLINS STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
SYLVESTER & TWEETY STATION – Continued

WAL*MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | FORT COLLINS, CO / 80525 :: WAL*MART / STATION
CI 10P 25.0 | Apr 17 1999
Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny |
|---|---|---|



GLEN HAVEN

In 1897 Oren S. Knapp settled on the North Fork of the Big Thompson River where Devil's Gulch joins the river. In 1903 he sold his property to a group headed by Presbyterian missionary William H. Schureman. Myron Aiken and E. J. Gregory were also involved in the acquisition of the property. Together they established a summer resort for Presbyterians and incorporated the resort under the name of the Presbyterian Assembly Association.

Because of its peaceful surroundings the resort was named Glen Haven. However, the Presbyterians were not happy with the name of Devil's Gulch, considering it to be blasphemous. Current maps show that they did not succeed in changing that name and the name even applies to the road that runs through the heart of the present day community.

From Drake on US Highway 34, take the right fork, Devil's Gulch Road (Larimer County Road 43) and drive west about five miles along the North Fork to Glen Haven. Glen Haven is a resort community in a narrow canyon with many cabins, some stores and restaurants along the main road and the side roads that come into the community.

Recently there has developed a controversy as to whether Glen Haven should retain its own zip code or be merged into the zip code that applies to Drake. As of this writing (2008) that is still an open subject.

Latitude = 40:27:14 North Longitude = 105:26:55 West GLEN HAVEN

GLEN HAVEN – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 4 1917	---	SE/4 SW/4 Sec 27 T6N R72W	About 60 feet southeast of West Creek
May 28 1917		Established	
May 28 1917		Bilheimer, Gus A.	
Jul 31 1919		Discontinued	Mail to Estes Park
Mar 8 1922	---	SW/4 SE/4 Sec 27 T6N R72W	
May 26 1922		Re-established	
May 26 1922		Alber, Clarence A.	
Jul 31 1924		Ordered closed	
Aug 15 1924		Discontinued	Mail to Drake
Mar 18 1926	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T6N R72W	50 feet south of the West Fork of the Big Thompson
May 18 1926		Re-established	
May 18 1926		Knapp, Ira O.	Confirmed
Jun 9 1926		Knapp, Ira O.	Commissioned
Jun 23 1926		Knapp, Ira O.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1941		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Assumed charge
Jul 8 1941		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Acting
Oct 23 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T6N R72W	6 feet east of the West Branch of the North Fork of the Big Thompson River
Dec 2 1941		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Confirmed
Dec 12 1941		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Commissioned
Apr 28 1949		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Nominated
Jun 1 1949		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949		Rector, Mrs. Lou Mae	Appointed Presidential
Nov 15 1950		Ewing, Mrs. Mildred M.	Assumed charge
Nov 28 1950		Ewing, Mrs. Mildred M.	Acting
May 17 1951		Ewing, Mrs. Mildred M.	Confirmed
May 31 1951		Ewing, Mrs. Mildred M.	Commissioned
Jun 16 1959		Bonnel, Mrs. Daisy B.	Assumed charge
Jun 18 1959		Bonnel, Mrs. Daisy B.	Acting
Jan 27 1960		Bonnel, Mrs. Daisy B.	Confirmed, Appointed
Feb 5 1960		Bonnel, Mrs. Daisy B.	Possession
Jul 1 1961			Office made Presidential
Dec 31 1972		Sidwell, Mrs. Irma A.	Officer in charge
Feb 17 1973		Sidwell, Mrs. Irma A.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GLEN HAVEN / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 15 1927 Feb 3 1941
2	GLEN HAVEN. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 13 1940 Sep 8 1949
3	GLEN HAVEN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jun 22 1957 Jul 3 1957
4	GLEN HAVEN / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 19 1961 Jan 4 1964
5	GLEN HAVEN, CO / 80532 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x19mm	Feb 27 1967 Jul 13 1977
6	GLEN HAVEN, CO / 80532 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 19 1976
6.1	GLEN HAVEN, CO / 80532 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Nov 5 1987 Apr 19 1988
7	GLEN HAVEN, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 13 1989 Apr 10 1991
8	GLEN HAVEN, CO / 80532-9998 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 6 1993

GLEN HAVEN – Continued

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|----|--|---|-------------------------|
| 9 | GLEN HAVEN CO / 80532
CI 10P 34.0 | 4bars S-12x24mm | Aug 20 1996 |
| 10 | GLEN HAVEN CO / USPS-80532
CI 11P 34.0/22.5 | Hstp No killer, incomplete inner circle | Aug 20 1996 Jul 22 1997 |



GLEN HAVEN STATIONS

18TH ANNUAL FIRE DAYS STATION

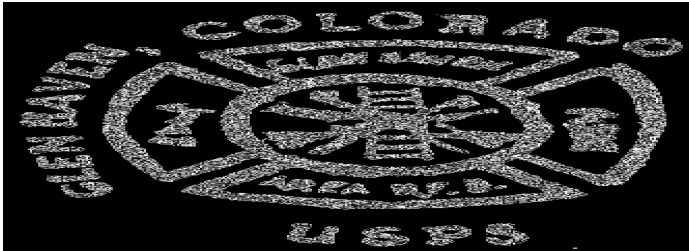
Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 13 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | GLEN HAVEN, COLORADO 80532 :: 18th ANNUAL / FIRE DAYS STATION | Jul 13 1996 |
| | IR 00R 90.0x30.0 | Pict Scene - Glen Haven Area RFD badge encircled
by T-S-Z/USPS; Date and station name at right
with three thin bars |

**GLEN HAVEN STATIONS – Continued
18TH ANNUAL FIRE DAYS STATION – Continued**



MEMORIAL SERVICE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 31 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532 // MEMORIAL SERVICE STATION Jul 31 1996
IR 00R 85.0x41.0 Pict Scene - trees, stream, mountains, 9 short thin bars;
Text - BIG THOMPSON FLOOD OF 1976



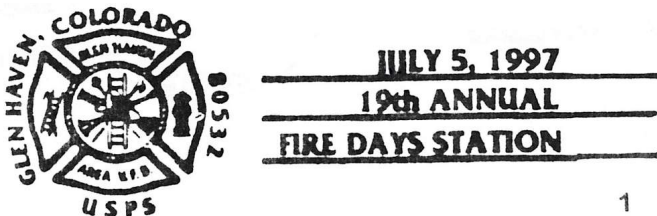
19TH ANNUAL FIRE DAYS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 5 1997 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GLEN HAVEN, COLORADO 80532 :: 19th ANNUAL / FIRE DAYS STATION Jul 5 1997
IR 00R 85.0X28.0 Pict Scene - Glen Haven Area RFD badge encircled
by T-S-Z/USPS; Date and station name at
right with three thin bars



GLEN HAVEN STATIONS – Continued

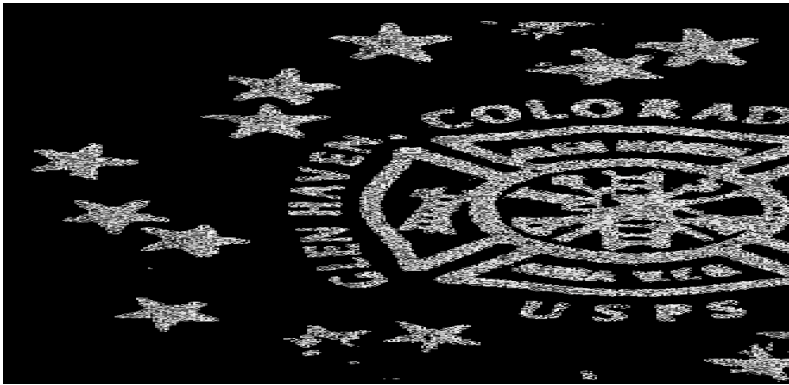
20TH ANNUAL FIRE DAYS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 4 1998 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | GLEN HAVEN, COLORADO 80532 :: 20th Annual / Fire Days Station
IR 00R 101.0x50.0 | Jul 4 1998
Pict Scene - Glen Haven Area RFD badge encircled
by T-S-Z/USPS, surrounded with random stars;
Date and station name at right with three thin bars |
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GLENDEVEY

In 1902 Thomas Davy a retired Mississippi River captain bought a ranch on the Laramie River in the northwestern corner of Larimer County. The place was first known as Glen Davy, combining his name with the location in a glen. When a post office was acquired the name was modified to Glendevey.

The Laramie River Valley descends from Chambers Lake through a narrow mountain valley, eventually widening to provide a more rolling terrain that is occupied by a number of ranches. Thomas Davy's ranch was at the southern end of the wider valley.

In addition to ranching, several guest ranches operate along the Laramie River serving fishermen, hunters and others seeking a relaxing outdoor vacation.

Begin at Chambers Lake on Colorado Highway 14, turn north on Laramie County Road 103. It is nine and one-half miles to the R Double Quarter-Circle Ranch. There is a large, two-story log building. This was the location of Glendevey as reported in 1929 and 1941.

Continue north on County Road 103 and turn west on County Road 190. From the turn it is three and three-tenths miles to the Old Glendevey Lodge – an active guest ranch with a central lodge and a number of cabins. This was the location of the Glendevey Post Office from 1916 to 1929.

From the Glendevey Lodge, return to County Road 103 and turn north. About a half-mile north from the intersection there are a couple of small buildings back from the road. This would have been the location of Thomas Davy's ranch and the initial location of the Glendevey Post Office.

Continue north on County Road 103 to the intersection with County Road 80C - the "Four Corners." According to maps of the 1970's, the Glendevey Post Office was located near this intersection. It is possible that the post office was in the complex of buildings in the southwest quadrant of the intersection, below the roads.

The 1915 Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the Glendevey Post Office about three miles west of the Four Corners. From this intersection drive west two miles. The road

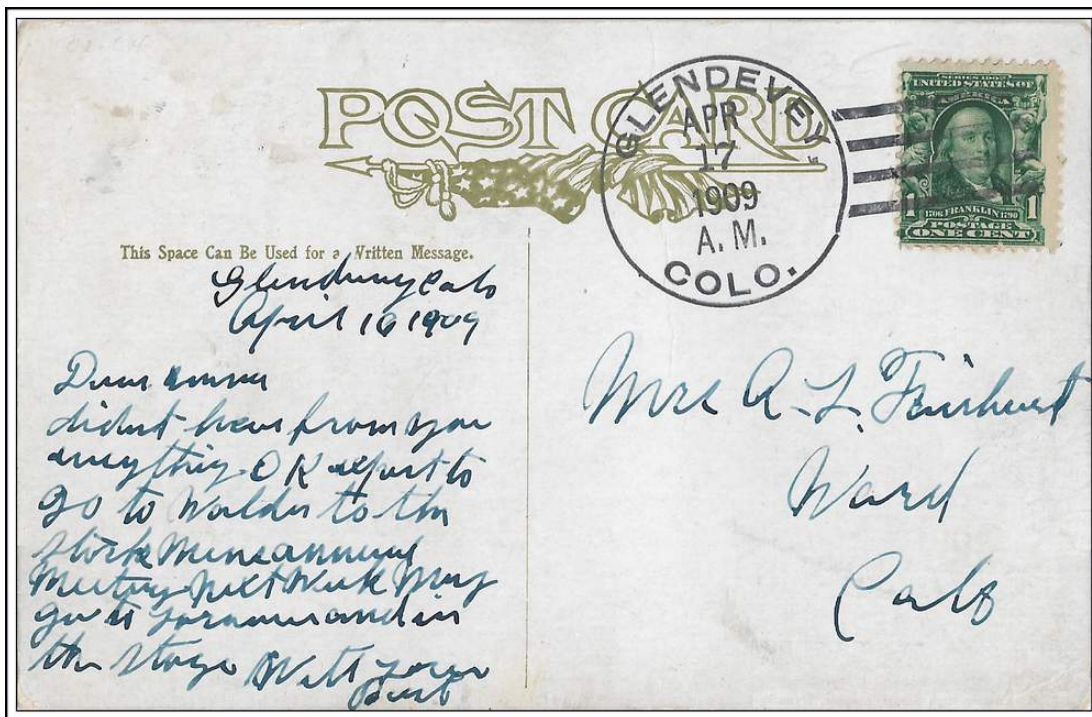
GLENDEVEY – Continued

turns south and it is another mile to the post office location, west of the road. There does not appear to be any remaining structures there.

I first visited Glendevy in 1972. At that time the post office was back at the Old Glendevy Lodge, the 1916-1929 location.

In 1963 Glendevy became a Rural Branch of Jelm, Wyoming. In 1963 Walden, in Jackson County, became the parent office of the Glendevy Rural Branch. The post office closed in 1975. The visit to these sites was made in October 1999.

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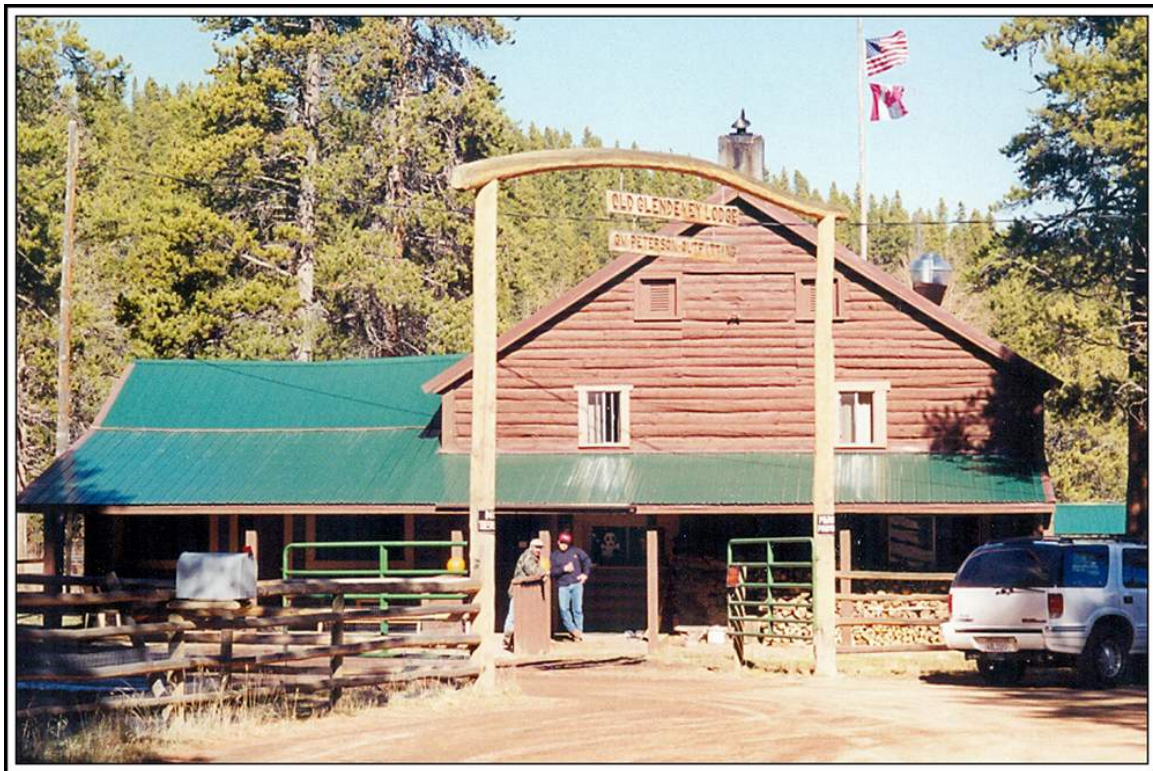
GLENDEVEY, COLO. April 17, 1909

Chronology of the Post Office

- May 1902 --- SW/4 Sec 25 T10N R76W 1/4 mile east of the Laramie River
Proposed postmaster - Thomas H. Davy
- May 19 1902 Established
- May 19 1902 Davy, Thomas H.
- Oct 15 1904 Summers, William W.
- Jun 22 1905 Graves, Edward S.
- May 3 1909 Graves, Rose B.
- Jan 24 1913 Davy, Donovan, L.
- Apr 14 1914 Sholine, Hans M. Declined
- Apr 24 1914 --- SW/4 Sec 25 T10N R76W 100 yards east of the Laramie River
1 mile north of Deadman Creek
- Jan 21 1915 --- SE/4 Sec 6 T10N R76W 2 miles west of the Laramie River
400 feet south of McIntyre Creek
- Feb 2 1915 Burns, Bessie E.
- Apr 10 1916 --- SE/4 Sec 29 T10N R76W 4 miles west of the Laramie River
200 feet south of McIntyre Creek
- Nov 30 1917 Farnham, Lydia R.

GLENDEVEY – Continued

Dec 10 1919	Jones, Lloyd E.	
Jan 31 1924	Bowers, George N.	
Jul 17 1926	Moore, Mrs. Gertrude	Confirmed
Aug 4 1926	Moore, Mrs. Gertrude	Commissioned
Aug 25 1926	Moore, Mrs. Gertrude	Assumed charge
Oct 8 1929	--- SE/4 Sec 11 T9N R76W	200 feet east of the Laramie River
Sep 13 1941	Wagnild, Mrs. Gertrude	Assumed charge
Sep 19 1941	Wagnild, Mrs. Gertrude	Acting
Oct 28 1941	--- SE/4 Sec 11 T9N R76W	125 feet east of the Laramie River
Dec 2 1941	Wagnild, Mrs. Gertrude	Confirmed
Dec 15 1941	Wagnild, Mrs. Gertrude	Commissioned
Oct 15 1949	Sholine, Mrs. Alice C.	Assumed charge
Nov 1 1949	Sholine, Mrs. Alice C.	Acting
Nov 2 1949	--- SW/4 Sec 25 T10N R76W	1/4 mile east of the Laramie River
Jan 20 1950	Sholine, Mrs. Alice C.	Confirmed
Feb 3 1950	Sholine, Mrs. Alice C.	Commissioned
Nov 27 1959	Rush, Mrs. Celeste M.	Assumed charge
Nov 30 1959	Rush, Mrs. Celeste M.	Acting
Apr 29 1960	Rush, Mrs. Celeste M.	Appointed postmaster
Nov 23 1960	Haxton, Mrs. Judith A.	Assumed charge
Nov 29 1960	Haxton, Mrs. Judith A.	Acting
May 26 1961	Buckallew, Mrs. Lana E.	Assumed charge
May 29 1961	Buckallew, Mrs. Lana E.	Confirmed
Jun 21 1963	Converted to a Rural Branch of Jelm, Wyoming	
Apr 24 1965	Transferred to a Rural Branch of Walden, Colo.	
Jan 31 1975	Discontinued	



The Old Glendevy Lodge, location of the Glendevy, Colorado Post Office in 1916
 Photograph by William H. Bauer October 27, 1999

GLENDEVEY – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GLENDEVEY / COLO. CI 10P ?	Hstp Target	Jul 10 1907
2	GLENDEVEY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x13mm	Mar 26 1910 Aug 10 1920
3	GLENDEVEY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jan 21 1941 Aug 5 1957
4	GLENDEVEY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 21 1963 Jun 24 1963
5	GLENDEVEY RUR. STA. // JELM, WYO. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 24 1963 Jul 29 1963
6	GLENDEVEY, CO / 80485 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jul 12 1968 May 10 1971



GLENEYRE

Glenevre appears to have been only a ranch post office near Glendevy. Its operational period predates, and for ten years overlaps, with the Glendevy Post Office. It is entirely possible that Glenevre was also a guest ranch at times during its history.

From the “Four Corners” (Intersection of Laramie County Roads 103 and 80C), drive northwest on Road 103. About where the road turns to the north, there is a good-sized ranch complex to the west of the road and near the river. A little further north there are two abandoned log buildings, also near the river.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 1 1895	---	SE/4 Sec 9 T11N R76W On the east side of the Laramie River, at the mouth of McIntyre Creek Proposed postmaster - Joseph H. Smith
Jun 16 1895		Established
Jun 19 1895		Smith, Joseph H.
Dec 3 1906		Burns, Lewis F.
Apr 30 1912		Discontinued Mail to Jelm, Wyoming

GLENEYRE – Continued



GLENEYRE / COLO. December 28, 1909

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GLENEYRE / COLO. Jul 24 1907 Dec 28 1909
 CI 10P 27.5 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm



HILTONVILLE

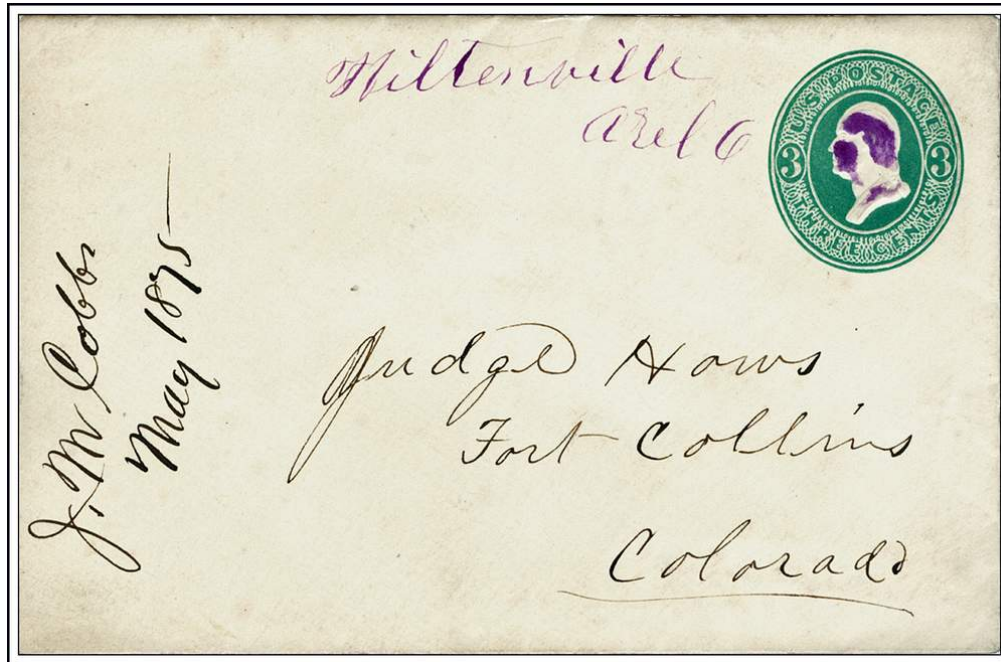
Hiltonville was an early rural post office eight miles south of Fort Collins. I have found no information as to its purpose but considering the location it seems obvious that it served ranches and farms in the general area.

The post office was named for its first postmaster - John L. Hilton. However the post office lasted only two years before it was moved some five miles northeast to continue as the Wheatland Post Office.

From Interstate 25 take Exit 262 and drive west on Larimer County Road 32 to the intersection with County Road 11. The road curves around Duck Pond and the intersection is about two and a half miles from the interstate. Hiltonville was located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection and on the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad. This point can also be reached by driving two miles east on Road 32 from US Highway 287 north of Loveland.

In 1999 there were some remnant signs of previous habitation but the area is a mostly open field. To the west, a half-mile or so, was a new residential subdivision.

HILTONVILLE – Continued



Hiltenville April 6, 1875 Note the variant in spelling

Chronology of the Post Office

- Sep 15 1873 — SE/4 Sec 18 T6N R68W 1 mile north of the Cache La Poudre River
Document signed by John L. Hilton
- Oct 10 1873 Established
- Oct 10 1873 Hilton, John L.
- Feb 8 1875 Ackerman, Abraham Sr.
- Sep 24 1875 Moved to Wheatland

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Hiltenville Apr 6 1875
MS Mscp Cork, Smudge



HOME

John Zimmerman took up a preemption claim on the Cache La Poudre River and in 1884 built a log cabin. Soon thereafter the Zimmermans began to develop their property as a resort. They built two frame houses across the river from the homestead site. One was the family residence and the other a cookhouse and dining room for guests staying in the several small cabins at the resort. This facility, operated by John and Marie Zimmerman, is considered to be the first resort in the upper Cache La Poudre Valley.

It should be noted that various historical accounts attribute John Zimmerman’s arrival in the area to 1864 or 1874, as well as 1884.

HOME – Continued

The resort operated for many years. On July 2, 1945 an agreement was reached to sell the property to the State of Colorado. The warranty deed was recorded on September 12 of that year and included 640 acres of land.

John R. Brown, a blacksmith in Fort Collins must have come to the area sometime prior to 1884. He built a small cabin, which in 1882 became the location of the Home Post Office. Reportedly Mountain Home was the name requested but the Post Office Department shortened it to Home. This initial location for the Home Post Office was about three miles west of the Zimmerman homestead, the later locations of the post office.

It is difficult to reconcile the locations provided by Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Reports with published history. Historians state that “When John Zimmerman became postmaster in 1896 he moved the post office to the hotel he was building.” However, Mr. Zimmerman became postmaster in 1887 and continued until 1920 when his daughter Agnes followed him. Agnes served until the post office closed in 1946. According to the Site Location Reports, the post office did not move until 1914.

The locations for Home are along Colorado Highway 14, five to nine miles west of the location of Rustic. The 1882 location is at Kinikinik, a small active resort community where Roaring Creek from the north joins the Poudre. The 1914 location is three miles east of Kinikinik and like the 1942 site, was on the south side of the river. The 1942 site was another mile further to the east.

Following the state acquisition of the Zimmerman property the existing buildings were removed. There is nothing visible at either of those sites. There are a number of buildings and the Kinikinik store along Colorado 14 at the 1882 location and also the Home Moraine Trailer Park (1996).

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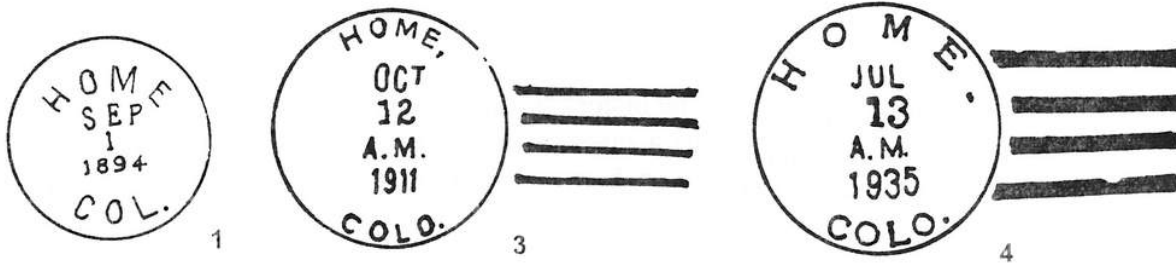
Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 1 1882	---	SW/4 Sec 30 T9N R74W On north bank of Cache La Poudre On west bank of Roaring Creek Proposed postmaster - John B. Brower (?)
Feb 7 1882		Established
Feb 7 1882		Brown, John R.
Dec 18 1884		Mansfield, Paul
Apr 12 1886		Blackman, George E.
Jul 6 1887		Zimmerman, John
Apr 25 1914	---	N/2 NE/4 Sec 4 T8N R74W 100 feet south of the Cache La Poudre 100 feet south of Zimmerman Creek
Jul 23 1920		Zimmerman, Agnes Confirmed
Jan 7 1942	---	NE/4 Sec 3 T8N R74W Cache La Poudre 50 yards northwest from post office
Mar 26 1946		Ordered closed
Mar 31 1946		Discontinued Mail to Bellvue

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	HOME / COL. CI 10P 26.0	Sep 1 1894 Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm
2	HOME, / COLO. CI 10P ???.?	Jun 10 1904 Aug 14 1906 Doane Type 1 with 2 NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION
3	HOME, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Jan 1 1909 Oct 12 1911 4bars S-23x13mm
4	HOME. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	--- 19 1932 Apr 5 1945 4bars S-25x20mm

HOME – Continued



KELIM

German immigrants familiar with raising sugar beets founded Kelim in the early 1900's. The driving force for the creation of a town was the arrival of the Great Western Railroad, built to tap the new sugar beet industry and other agricultural products of the region. The railroad designated the location as Officer Junction. Agriculture continues to be the basis for the economy of the area around what remains of Kelim.

On February 8, 1907 Lee J. Kelim filed a plat for the town named after him. The town never grew to any size.

From Exit 257 on Interstate 25 drive two miles east on US Highway 34. The few residences that remain at Kelim are along US 34 just west of Road 901, which marks the boundary between Larimer and Weld Counties.

Latitude = 40:34:24 North Longitude = 104:57:01 West KELIM

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jan 9 1915 --- NE/4 Sec 13 T5N R68W 1 ½ mile north of the Big Thompson River
400 feet north of Union Pacific tracks
Applicant for postmaster - Robert E. Kelim
- Mar 2 1915 Established
- Mar 2 1915 Kelim, Robert E.
- Jun 12 1919 Bethke, Paul H.
- Feb 10 1923 Ordered closed
- Mar 15 1923 Discontinued Mail to Koenig
- Apr 16 1923 Re-established
- Apr 16 1923 Gevrez, Charley M.
- Apr 20 1923 Gevrez, Charley M.
- Jun 3 1925 Renshaw, Goldia L.
- Oct 7 1925 Ordered closed
- Oct 31 1925 Discontinued Mail to Koenig

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 KELIM, / COLO. Jun 3 1915 Mar 28 1918
CI 10P 31.5 4bars S-??x19mm



KILBURN

I have found no information relative to the history of this remote post office. A trip to the location does not provide much information and leaves a question as to the accuracy of the location that was reported to the Post Office Department. The Township (8 North) reported to the Post Office Department would place Kilburn on the Cache La Poudre River, much more than one mile north of Buckhorn Creek. I believe the location was in Township 7 North.

Drive to Masonville and go to the "T" intersection at the north edge of the town. Turn left on to Laramie County Road 27. Go ten and one-half miles to the junction of Pennock Pass Road and Stove Pipe Road. Continue on Stove Pipe Road. A mile north of the intersection there are some collapsed buildings below the road (2000). Another two and a half miles will bring you to the Stove Pipe School, which seems to still be in use. There are some other buildings in the vicinity of the school.

My plotted location is in the vicinity of the collapsed buildings, so lacking better information I will place Kilburn at that location.

In any event, it does not appear that there was an organized community served by this rural post office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 30 1895	---	SE/4 Sec 3 T8N R71W One mile north of Buckhorn Creek Proposed postmaster - Emanuel Vannarsdel
Jun 4 1895		Established
Jun 4 1895		Vannarsdel, Emanuel
Jan 11 1897		Shull, Margaret M.
Nov 2 1898		Discontinued Mail to Bellvue

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM KILBURN

LA PORTE / LAPORTE

In 1858 John B. Provost and Antoine Janis led a group of French trappers from Fort Laramie to a location on the Cache La Poudre River near where the river exits from the mountains. They established a trading post, which at first was called Colona. Janis claimed to have staked a claim to the site as early as 1844.

In 1862 when a post office was acquired, it took the name of La Porte, French for "the gateway" or "the door." This was an appropriate choice given the location near the mouth of the Cache La Poudre Canyon.

Initially the settlement appears to have been called Colona. It is not clear whether the change in name took place before or at the time of the application for a post office. It is also possible that there was a Colona Post Office here from 1860 to 1861. Please refer to the previous discussion of Colona for more on that possibility.

This location, first as Colona and then as La Porte, became a station on the Overland Stage Route. During the Indian troubles in 1864 a military detachment from Fort Laramie established Camp Collins nearby. Following spring floods, the military camp moved to a safer location that would eventually grow into the modern city of Fort Collins.

In its early years La Porte was an important community. When Larimer County was created by the Territorial Legislature, La Porte was selected to be the county seat. Departure of the military camp reduced the status of the settlement and in 1868 the county seat was moved to Fort Collins.

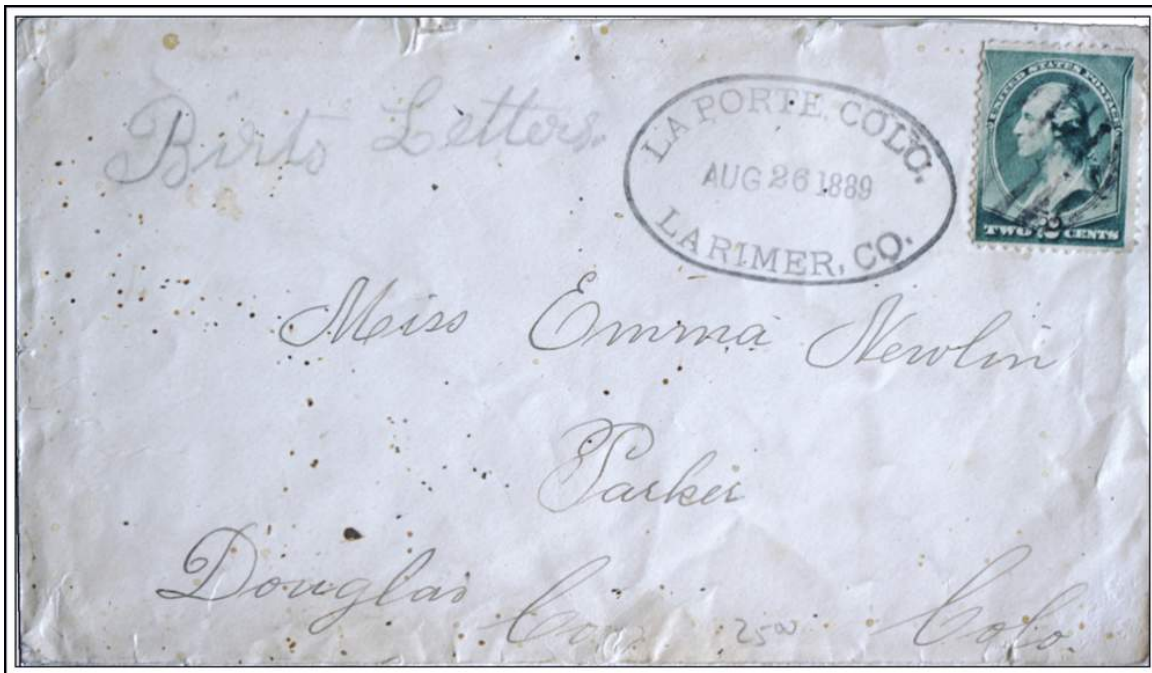
LA PORTE / LAPORTE – Continued



LA PORTE / COL.

September 16

This letter, origin unknown, entered the United States mail at La Porte Colorado, which was located on the Overland Route northwest of Denver City. The Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company operated in Colorado for a little more than four years. This is one of two recorded uses of a Colorado postal marking on a Holladay franked envelope.



LA PORTE, COLO. / LARIMER CO.

August 26, 1889

LA PORTE / LAPORTE – Continued

Over the years La Porte has slowly grown as a community focused on agriculture from nearby ranches and farms and as a service community for tourists and sportsmen visiting Northern Colorado. In recent years, the moderate climate has attracted retirees and those seeking a quieter lifestyle than that of nearby Fort Collins.

From Fort Collins drive north on US Highway 287. US 287 turns due west for a mile or so before angling to the northwest. US 287 used to continue west into La Porte but that road is now Larimer County Road 54G and Colorado Highway 14 - follow the road signs to La Porte.

Latitude = 40:37:35 North Longitude = 105:08:14 West LAPORTE

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 3 1861	--	Unsurveyed	On the north side of the Cache La Poudre River	
Jun 14 1862	--	Not reported	On south side of Cache La Poudre River	
Jul 15 1862		Established		
Jul 15 1862		Peabody, John C.		
Nov 21 1863		Chamberlin, H. W.		
Dec 12 1864		Discontinued		
Oct 5 1866		Re-established		
Oct 5 1866		Weld, Jonathan E.		
Nov 13 1866		Chamberlin, Henry W.		
Mar 26 1867		Glenn, Oliver S.		
Jul 24 1868		Hanna, James W.		
Dec 15 1869		Carter, A. E.		
Dec 7 1870		Rogers, Charles D.		
Oct 16 1871		Patterson, Arthur H.		
Oct 28 1871	--	W/4 Sec 29 T8N R69W	On north side of Cache La Poudre	
Sep 11 1873		Campbell, Charles A.		
Apr 14 1874		Tomlin, A. B.		
May 4 1874		Wallace, Frederick		
Jun 1 1875		Wallace, Louis V.		
Apr 18 1886		Garbutt, Horace J.		
Mar 6 1890		Garbutt, Edward N.		
Sep 22 1894		Kerr, John S.		
Dec 21 1894		Spelling changed to Laporte		
Dec 21 1894		Ramer, John E.		
Jun 20 1898		Vanderkarr, Haron G.		
Jun 13 1899		McNeil, William H.		
Jul 13 1900		Wright, Fred M.		
Mar 17 1903		Wright, Anna M.		
Nov 25 1905		Baxter, Frank E.		
Apr 21 1911		McNutt, Richard J. Jr.		
Sep 18 1913		Baxter, Frank E.		Confirmed
Oct 7 1913		Baxter, Frank E.		Commissioned
Oct 16 1913		Baxter, Frank E.		Assumed charge
Apr 20 1914	--	SE/4 Sec 29 T8N R69W	1/4 mile north of the Cache La Poudre	
Jan 26 1937		Holtz, Mrs. E. Anna		Assumed charge
Feb 16 1937		Holtz, Mrs. E. Anna		Acting
Jul 9 1937		Holtz, Mrs. E. Anna		Confirmed
Sep 3 1937		Holtz, Mrs. E. Anna		Commissioned
Oct 28 1941	--	SE/4 NW/4 Sec 29 T8N R69W		
Jul 1 1945				Office made Presidential
Jul 17 1945		Holtz, Mrs. Esther Anna		Nominated
Jul 28 1945		Holtz, Mrs. Esther Anna		Confirmed

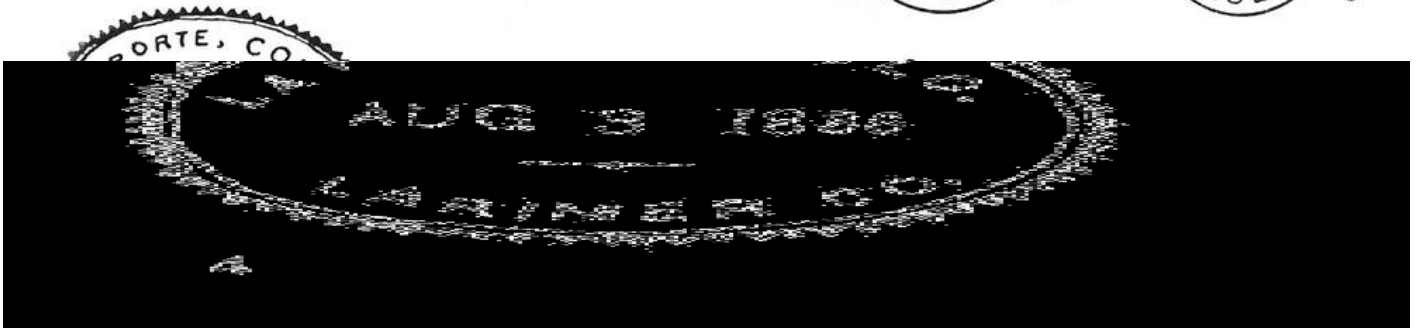
LA PORTE / LAPORTE – Continued

Jul 30 1945	Holtz, Mrs. Esther Anna	Apptd. Presid. & Commissioned
Aug 16 1948	Ver Straeten, Mrs. Frances M.	Assumed charge
Oct 14 1949	Ver Straeten, Mrs. Frances M.	Nominated
Oct 19 1949	Ver Straeten, Mrs. Frances M.	Confirmed
Oct 20 1949	Ver Straeten, Mrs. Frances M.	Apptd. Presid. & Commissioned
Jun 15 1979	Wainwright, Robert G.	Officer in charge
Jan 26 1980	Poppe, Earl L.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

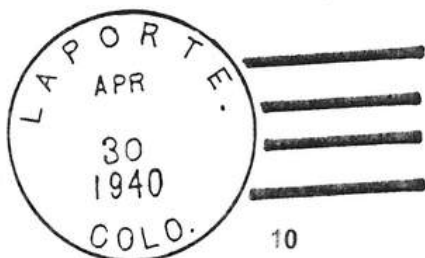
1	La Porte C.T. MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Nov 4 1862 Nov 15 1862
2	LA PORTE / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Jun 17 1867
3	LA PORTE / COLO CI 10P 24.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Nov 8 1879
4	LA PORTE, COLO. / LARIMER CO. OV 20T 42x31/40x29	Hstp Cork, Circular Grid	Nov 31 1885 Aug 3 1886
5	LA PORTE, COLO. / LARIMER, CO. OV 10P 44.0x27.0	Hstp Cork, 5-bar circular grid	Jan 17 1887 Mar 11 1890
6	LA PORTE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Jan 14 1893
7	LAPORTE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Doane Type 3, with 3	Jul 14 1906 Dec 28 1907
8	LA PORTE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Nov 20 1912 Jul 17 1916

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1 *Oct 28 '62*



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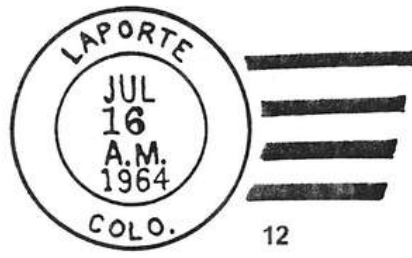
9	LA PORTE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 10 1933 Jul 31 1939
10	LAPORTE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 30 1940 Aug 15 1947
11	LAPORTE / COLO. CI 11P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Apr 9 1948 Oct 11 1948
12	LAPORTE / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	4bars S-??x19mm, cancel is distorted, one word	Feb 23 1951 Jul 27 1964
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13	LAPORTE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 9 1958 Oct 31 1962
14	LAPORTE. / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 22 1961
15	LAPORTE / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 8 1967
16	LAPORTE, CO / 80535 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 7 1969 Jun 27 1994
16.1	LAPORTE, CO / 80535 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 2 1971
17	LAPORTE, CO / 80535 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 30 1975 May 10 1996
18	LAPORTE, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 3 1991 Mar 29 1993
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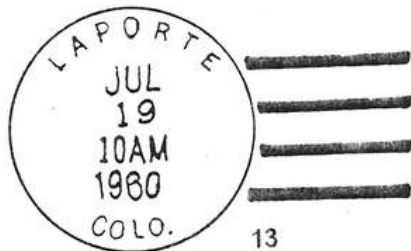
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LA PORTE / LAPORTE – Continued



LA PORTE / LAPORTE STATIONS

FESTIVAL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 12 1993 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 LAPORTE, CO 80535 // FESTIVAL STATION Sep 12 1993
 CI 10H 30.0 Pict Text - LA PORTE / COLORADO / FESTIVAL
 (letters are simulated "logs")



HONORING VETERANS STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 26 2001 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 LAPORTE, CO 80535 :: HONORING / VETERANS / STATION May 26 2001
 CI 10P 32.0 Pict Scene - Waving flag; Text - AMERICAN LEGION
 POST # 4



LA PORTE / LAPORTE STATIONS – Continued

PURPLE HEART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 31 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Laporte, CO 80535 :: Purple Heart Station IR 00R 82.0x43.0	May 31 2003 Pict Scene - Stars, leaves: Text - American Legion Post 4 / The United States Postal Service / honors the sacrifices of the men / and women who defend our nation.
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VIRGINIA DALE RURAL BRANCH

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 11 1967 Rural Branch, became a Community Post Office of Laporte
Oct 19 1988 Discontinued (Approximate closing date)

Confirmed types of postal markings

PREVIOUS MARKINGS ARE LISTED UNDER VIRGINIA DALE INDEPENDENT POST OFFICE

6	LAPORTE, CO / VIRGINIA DALE RUR. BR. CI 10P 33.0	Feb 11 1967 Apr 3 1967 4bars S-25x20mm
7	VIRGINIA DALE, CO / 80548 CI 10P 31.0	Jun 24 1969 Jul 19 1991 4bars S-24x18mm



LITTLE THOMPSON

In 1862 the Overland Stage Line initiated a new route from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming. The new route crossed the Little Thompson River at the ranch belonging to Lewis Cross. A stage station was established there and eventually a post office named Little Thompson, with Mr. Cross as postmaster, was opened. The stage station was on the north bank of the river and about a quarter mile west of present day Larimer County Road 15.

In 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad built north through the area. They crossed the Little Thompson River slightly east of the Little Thompson Post Office (alongside the present day highway). A station was erected and named Berthoud for Captain Edward L. Berthoud, the chief civil engineer of the railroad.

In April 1878 the post office name was changed to match the railroad station name. Within little more than a year the railroad would move its station a mile north to a more suitable location and the Berthoud Post Office would follow.

Begin at the intersection of Colorado Highway 56, US Highway 287 and Larimer County Road 15 on the east edge of Berthoud. Drive on south on Road 15. In about a half-mile Road 15 divides with one segment crossing the railroad and turning south as Road 15A. Drive down that segment to the Little Thompson River. Just north of the river there is an active farm complex with some older buildings, although they may postdate Little Thompson.

Please refer to the discussion of Berthoud for the subsequent history of this community.

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 24 1875	---	NE/4 Sec 26 T4N R69W	On north side of the Little Thompson River
Apr 5 1875		Established	
Apr 5 1875		Cross, Lewis	
Apr 4 1878		Name changed to Berthoud	

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LITTLE THOMPSON

LIVERMORE

In 1863 Adolphus Livernash and Stephen Moore built a cabin near where the road from Fort Collins to Red Feather Lakes crossed the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River. They used their cabin as a base for prospecting in the mountains to the west.

In 1871 Russell Fisk bought a portion of the Livernash-Moore claim. Fisk built a hotel and store. In the same year a post office was opened. The name Livermore is said to be a blend created from the names of Adolphus Livernash and Stephen Moore. Moore was the first postmaster for Livermore.

About 1888 a dance hall was constructed. Intended for social gatherings, the building also housed the post office, a grocery store and an outlet for bottled liquors. The hotel was a popular way station on the stage lines from Fort Collins to Laramie and to the Red Feather Lakes area.

I have found no reference that Livermore was ever platted as a community. It was, and still is, a small community of homes and ranches that focuses on the store at the junction of Red Feather Lakes Road with US Highway 287 and serving the surrounding ranches and travelers on the highway.

During its existence the Livermore Post Office has moved several times. However, the moves were back and forth between two sites.

The 1871 Geographical Site Location Report does not precisely define a location for the Livermore Post Office. By 1925 it was at the road junction. In 1926 the post office moved two miles to the west, back to what I believe was the original location and was there until as late as 1945 when it returned to the major road junction where it is currently located.

LIVERMORE – Continued

To complicate the situation, from 1898 to 1905 there was another post office in the area - Forks. That post office was at the road junction but I believe that was during a time the Livermore Post Office was at its western site.

When I visited Livermore in 1973 and again in 1976, the post office was in a small mobile home style structure. By 1999 it had moved to a larger building that also serves as a restaurant and convenience store.

The original location is on the north side of Red Feather Lakes Road, two miles west of the current location. At that site there is a large, well-maintained, two-story building, now a residence that may once have been a hotel. There is also a small frame building that was likely the post office.

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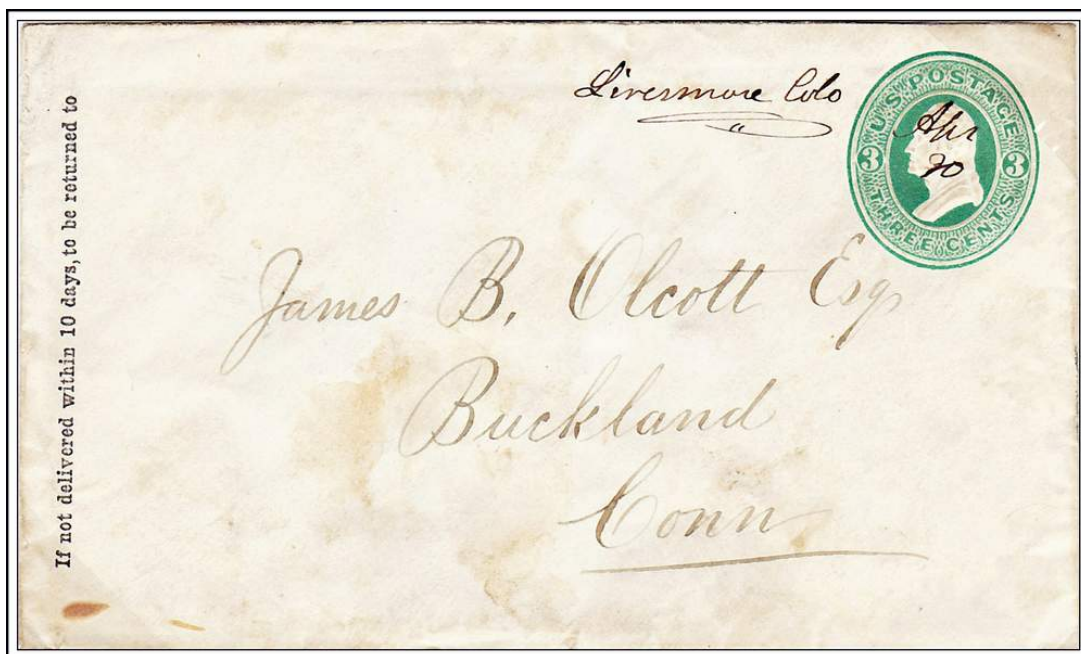
Location of the Livermore, Colorado Post Office prior to October 1945
 Photograph by James L. Ozment October 27, 1999

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 30 1871	---	Unsurveyed On west side of Cache La Poudre (North Fork) One mile south of Lone Pine creek (T11N R71W ?? by poor sketch map)
Dec 1 1871		Established
Dec 1 1871		Moore, Stephen S.
Feb 4 1873		Calloway, John M.
Feb 13 1873		Fisk, Russell
Oct 10 1887		Keys, Silas D.
Jun 15 1891		Swan, James H.
Feb 10 1902		Ramer, Charles W.
Jan 21 1910		Bellairs, Malcom

LIVERMORE – Continued

Apr 10 1919	Ramer, Charles W.	
Jan 22 1924	Roe, George H.	Possession
Jan 31 1924	Roe, George H.	Acting
Jun 26 1924	Settle, Harry	
Nov 10 1925 --	NE/4 SE/4 Sec 34 T10N R70W 1-1/2 miles east of the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre 2-1/2 miles southeast of Pine Creek This is a move 1-1/2 miles east of previous location Reason for move: More central located, better place of business, handier for patrons, better roads	
Feb 26 1926 --	SW/4 Sec 32 T10N R70W 100 yards west of North Fork of Cache La Poudre One mile south of Pine Creek	
Mar 15 1926	Bollin, Clarence J.	Acting
Jul 15 1926	Bollin, Clarence J.	Confirmed
Aug 17 1926	Bollin, Clarence J.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941 --	SW/4 Sec 32 T10N R70W 100 yards west of North Fork Of Cache La Poudre	
Aug 31 1945	Nauta, Mrs. Dorothy	Assumed charge
Oct 30 1945 --	NE/4 Sec 34 T10N R70W Move 2 miles northeast from present location. The post office was changed Sept 15 - The former postmaster resigned.	
Feb 20 1946	Nauta, Mrs. Dorothy	Confirmed
Jun 5 1946	Nauta, Mrs. Dorothy	Commissioned
Jun 10 1946 --	SE/4 Sec 34 T10N R70W Move 2-1/2 miles northeast 2 miles east of Cache La Poudre, at "The Forks"	
Feb 28 1947	Nauta, Mrs. Sarah Ruth	Assumed charge
Apr 10 1947	Nauta, Mrs. Sarah Ruth	Confirmed
May 23 1947	Nauta, Mrs. Sarah Ruth	Commissioned
Jun 30 1947	Nauta, Mrs. Sarah Ruth	Possession
Jun 28 1974	Nauta, Linda J.	Officer in charge
Feb 1 1975	Nauta, Linda J.	Appointed

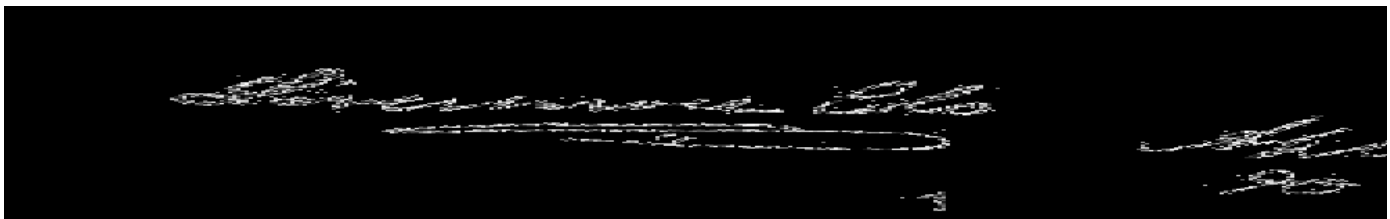


Livermore Colo April 30 (Probably Territorial period)

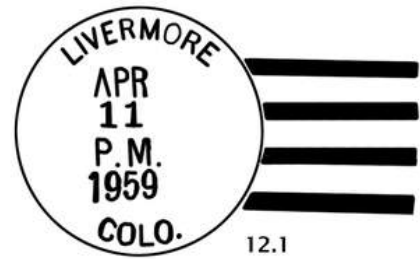
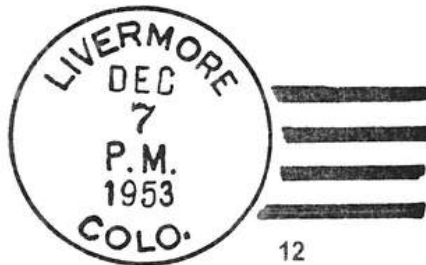
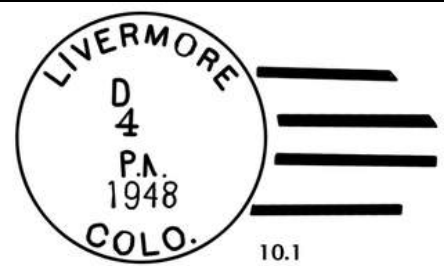
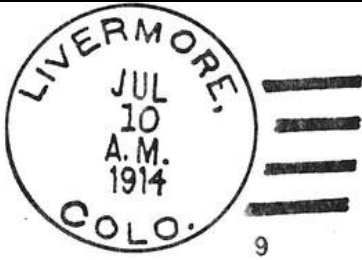
LIVERMORE – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Livermore Colo MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Apr 30 187-
2	LIVERMORE / COL. CI 10P 25.0	Hstp Fancy, Negative star with outer circle	Jul 26 1877
3	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Fancy, Negative star in circle with outer rim	Jun 10 187- Apr 2- 1883
4	LIVERMORE / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Fancy, Negative star in circle with outer rim	Oct 10 1885
5	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Oct 8 1887
6	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Mar 24 1896 Apr 22 1899
7	LIVERMORE, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3 with 3, S-23x14mm	Aug 1 1906 Jul 9 1908
8	Livermore (RFD) MS	RFD RFD Type 11E manuscript in pencil, date and scribble only NOT ILLUSTRATED	Sep 19 1910
9	LIVERMORE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x??mm; Type "B" 4-bar ?	Jul 10 1914
10	LIVERMORE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 8 1933 Dec 15 1943
10.1	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Dec 4 1948
11	LIVERMORE. COLO. / M.O.B. 10P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 23 1950
12	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Feb 23 1950 Dec 7 1953
12.1	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0 4	bars S-25x20mm	Apr 11 1959 Jan 7 1961
13	LIVERMORE / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 8 1971
14	LIVERMORE, CO CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 5 1969 Nov 2 1976
15	LIVERMORE, CO / 80536 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Seen with and without comma Mar 12 1987
15.1	LIVERMORE CO / 80536 CI 10P 30.5	4bars S-23x17mm	Aug 23 1988
16	LIVERMORE, CO / 80536 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-26x20mm	Apr 15 1990 Apr 15 1992
17	LIVERMORE, CO / 80536-9998 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 12 1993 Jun 27 1994
18	LIVERMORE, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 27 1994
19	LIVERMORE, CO / 80536 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 13 1994
20	LIVERMORE CO 80536 / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Oct 28 1999



LIVERMORE – Continued



LIVERMORE – Continued

AUXILIARY MARKINGS

A 1 livermore colo // RETURN TO WRITER / REASON... Dec 4 1948
RC 10P 80.0x25.0 Hstp No killer On cover with B10.1 of same date



LOGCABIN

In 1888 Mrs. Elizabeth St. Clair moved a two-story structure to her homestead at the wagon road junction, seventeen miles west of Livermore. The building became a hotel. Another building was a store and eventually home to the Logcabin Post Office.

Mrs. St. Clair was the first postmaster for Logcabin. In 1911 Stewart Case, who also operated the Forks Hotel near Livermore, took over operating the hotel, the store and became the postmaster for Logcabin.

The Logcabin Post Office survived well into the twentieth century, being closed in 1942. Likely it was a victim of reduced travel during the war years.

Logcabin is approximately six miles east of Red Feather Lakes on Larimer County Road 74E (Red Feather Lakes Road). This is also the intersection with County Road 68C, which can be used as access to the sites of Elkhorn and Manhattan.

In 1999 there were two small groups of buildings on the north side of Red Feather Lakes Road. In one group there was a small log building.

Latitude = 40:45:35 North Longitude = 105:28:17 West LOG CABIN

Chronology of the Post Office

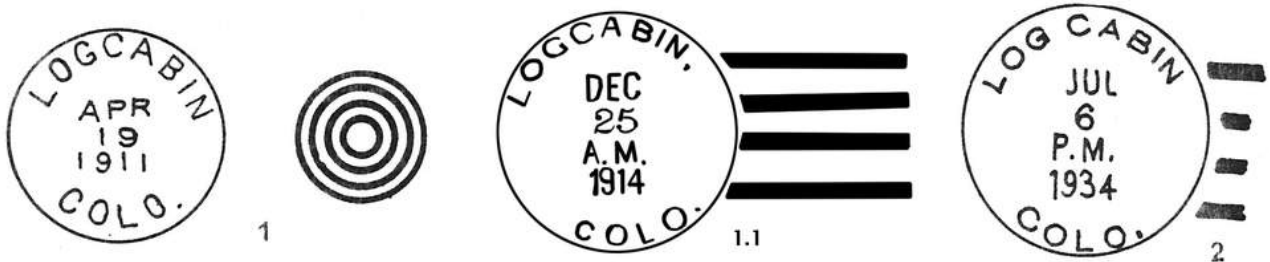
May 28 1903 ---	SW/4 Sec 9 T9N R72W	
	Proposed postmaster - Elizabeth J. St. Clair	
Jun 24 1903	Established	
Jun 24 1903	St. Clair, Elizabeth J.	
Nov 1 1911	Case, Stewart C.	
Apr 28 1914 ---	NE/4 Sec 9 T9N R72W	1 mile south of Lone Pine Creek
Mar 11 1919	Worster, Myron	
Dec 20 1919	Miller, Willis L.	
Jul 23 1928	Geiger, James J.	Confirmed & Assumed charge
Jul 27 1928	Geiger, James J.	Commissioned
Dec 18 1931	Geiger, Cord M.	Assumed charge
Dec 24 1931	Geiger, Cord M.	Acting
Jan 28 1932	Geiger, Cord M.	Confirmed
Feb 17 1932	Geiger, Cord M.	Commissioned
May 19 1937	Graves, David L.	Assumed charge
May 27 1937	Graves, David L.	Acting
Jun 7 1937	Graves, David L.	Confirmed
Jun 17 1937	Graves, David L.	Commissioned
Jul 20 1938	Collette, William L.	Confirmed
Aug 8 1938	Collette, William L.	Commissioned
Aug 11 1938	Collette, William L.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 9 T9N R72W	

LOGCABIN – Continued

May 12 1942 Ordered closed
May 31 1942 Discontinued Mail to Livermore

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	LOGCABIN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target	Aug 10 1904 Apr 19 1911
1.1	LOGCABIN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Dec 25 1914
2	LOG CABIN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jul 2 1934 Jul 6 1934
3	LOGCABIN, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jan 2 1931 Feb 6 1939
4	LOGCABIN / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 31 1939 May 30 1942



LONGS PEAK

Longs Peak is the dominant and most recognizable feature of the Front Range skyline north of Denver. The mountain was named for explorer Stephen D. Long and this post office was named for the mountain and its location at the Longs Peak Inn run by Enos Mills.

Enos Mills became one of the premier early naturalists and ecologists of the United States. In 1901 he bought the Lamb Ranch from his cousin Carlisle Lamb. In 1904 the name was changed to the Longs Peak Inn.

The inn sat near the base of Longs Peak. From the inn, Mills guided hikers to the summit of Longs Peak. To avoid his guests being distracted from the natural setting he did not allow smoking, drinking, card playing or music in the lobby of the inn. At one time it was claimed that the three best restaurants in Colorado were at the Brown Palace, the Broadmor and the Longs Peak Inn.

In the spring of 1906 the main building burned to the ground. It was promptly rebuilt. Fire-killed timber from the region was used in the reconstruction and in building additional cabins.

Enos Mills was one of the prime motivators in the effort that culminated on January 26, 1915 with President Wilson signing the bill creating Rocky Mountain National Park.

LONGS PEAK – Continued

In September 1922 Enos Mills died at the age of 52. His wife continued to operate the Longs Peak Inn, eventually selling it in 1946. In 1949 the original main lodge burned. A new main lodge was constructed and since then the facility has passed through a number of owners.

The Longs Peak Inn is located about seven miles south of Estes Park. It sets on a low rise to the west of Colorado Highway 7, the Peak to Peak Highway, with Longs Peak itself providing a spectacular backdrop to the inn. The former inn now serves as a Salvation Army conference center.



The modern version of the Longs Peak Inn, now a Salvation Army Conference Center
 Photograph by William H. Bauer September 6, 2000

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 17 1909	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T4N R73W Proposed postmaster - Agnes McCall Levings
Jul 23 1909		Established
Jul 23 1909		Levings, Agnes McCall
May 14 1910		Schwartz, Julius F.
Jun 10 1912		Mills, Enos A.
Apr 14 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T4N R73W 200 feet south of Cabin Creek, signed by Postmaster Enos Mills
Dec 15 1922		Mills, Esther B. Acting
Feb 23 1923		Mills, Esther B. Appointed
Jun 12 1936		Ordered closed
Jun 30 1936		Discontinued Mail to Estes Park

LONGS PEAK – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	LONG'S PEAK / Colo SL 00R 40.0x5.0	Hstp Manuscript state and date	Sep 13 1909 No killer
1	LONGS PEAK, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x13mm	Jul 26 1910 Jun 30 1936
2	LONGS PEAK/ COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 10 1935 Aug 14 1935

LONG'S PEAK
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LOVELAND (I)

This entry in the Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments is a puzzle. There is abundant historical discussion of Loveland, Colorado but none of it makes any reference to a Loveland prior to the arrival there of the Colorado Central Railroad in 1877. In addition, there is no Geographical Site Location Report on file for this post office. The only postmaster was one Revilo Loveland and he served for only ten months before the office was “closed.”

Prior to 1877 the boundaries of Larimer County were almost identical with the present day boundaries. Thus it seems certain that if this Loveland really existed, it was within Larimer County as it exists today.

I do have one very vague note that seems to connect this Loveland with Little Thompson. That may be possible as the operation dates for the Little Thompson Post Office postdate this office.

Any information that you can provide to help resolve this puzzle would be most appreciated.

Chronology of the Post Office

No document for this early settlement was found in the Larimer County Geographic Site Location Reports

Apr 4 1872	Established
Apr 4 1872	Loveland, Revilo
Jan 24 1873	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LOVELAND (I)

LOVELAND (II)

In 1873 David Barnes moved his family to a 320-acre farm on the bluff north of the Big Thompson River. Wheat was the primary product from his farm.

Mr. Barnes learned of the plans for the Colorado Central Railroad to build north from Longmont to Fort Collins. He saw an opportunity and platted a town on an eighty-acre tract of land. At the time, Big Thompson was a mile to the south. To the southwest there were other communities - St. Louis and Winona. About three miles to the west was Namaqua.

LOVELAND – Continued

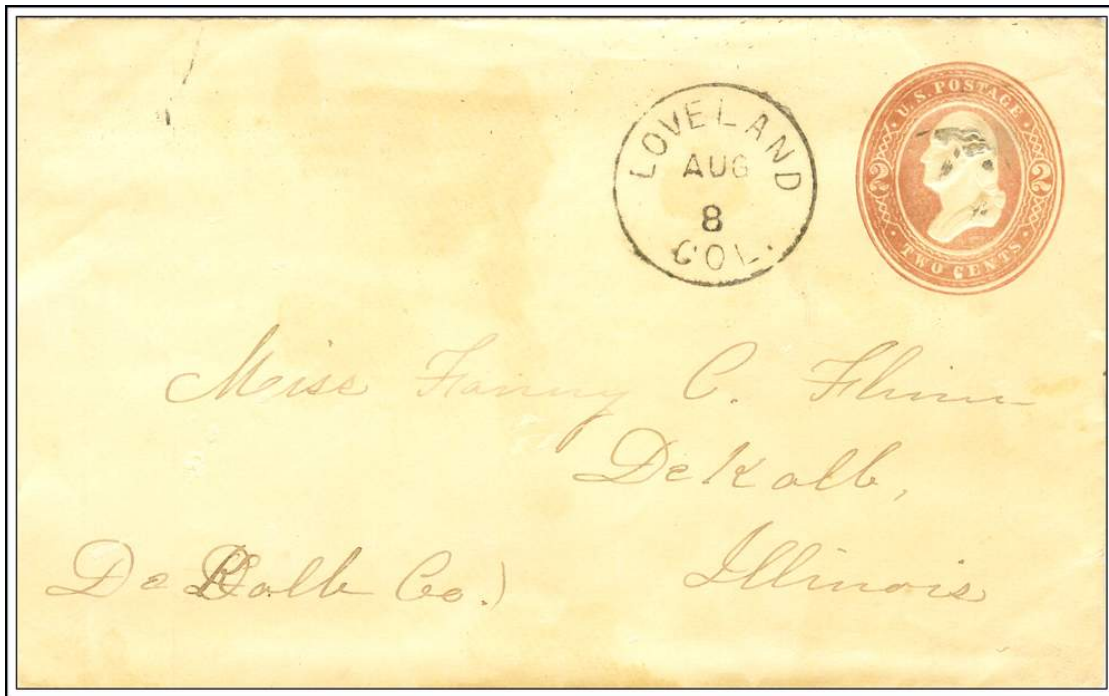
In 1877 the railroad arrived and established its station on the tract of land platted by David Barnes. It was suggested that the new town be named Barnesville, but Mr. Barnes preferred to name it Loveland to honor his friend William Austin Hamilton Loveland, president of the Colorado Central Railroad.

The Big Thompson Post Office was moved north to Loveland. In order to gain easy access to the railroad the businesses and residents at St. Louis and Winona also moved into the new community. Namaqua would retain its post office for another year, but soon it too gave way to the growing Loveland.

For many years Loveland was a growing community with an economy based largely on agriculture. In the second half of the twentieth century the focus changed and Loveland has participated in the growth of light industry and high-tech business that has proliferated in the corridor west of Interstate 25 and north of Denver.

The entry points to Loveland are west from from Interstate 25 at either Exit 240 or 243. US Highway 287 runs north-south through Loveland.

Latitude = 40:23:52 North Longitude = 105:04:28 West LOVELAND



LOVELAND / COLO. August 8, (1887)

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 27 1878	---	SW/4 Sec 13 T5N R69W 1-1/4 mile north of the Big Thompson 120 yards east of the Colorado Central Sketch map shows Namaqua in SE/4 NE/4 Sec 14 T5N R69W	
Jan 10 1878		Moved from Big Thompson	
Jan 10 1878		Buchanan, John	
Nov 7 1878		Buchanan, Mary J.	
Jul 5 1883		Seaman, John W.	
May 15 1884		Seaman, John W.	P&S
Sep 20 1887		Beckfield, William L.	P
Feb 28 1888		Beckfield, William L.	P&S
May 27 1892		Krouskof, Solomon J.	P&S

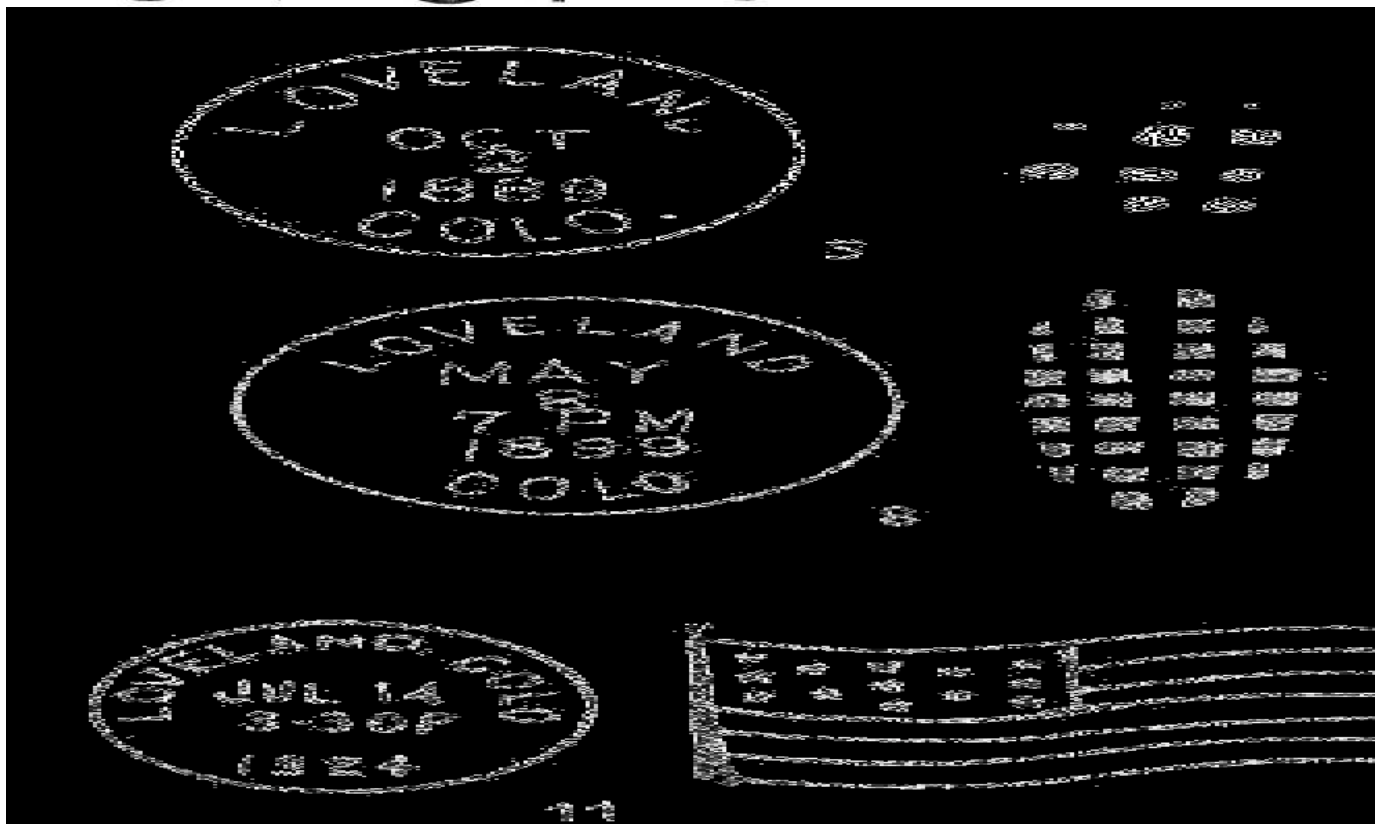
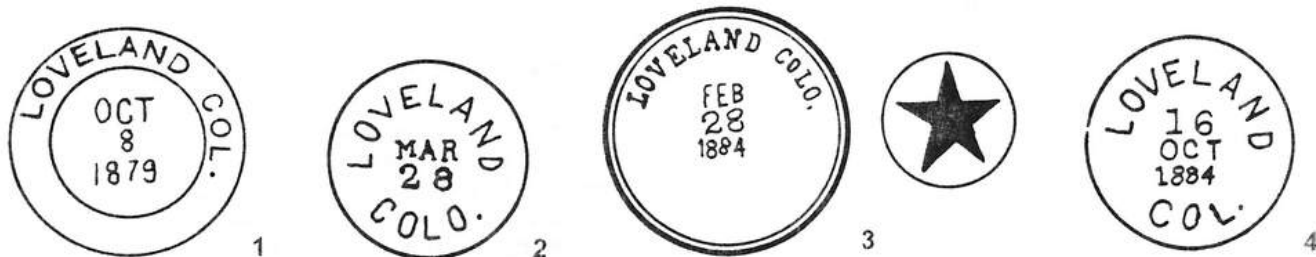
LOVELAND – Continued

May 29 1896	Allen, Oswald	P&S
May 4 1900	James, David	P&S
Apr 27 1904	James, David	P&S
Jan 30 1907	James, Carrie	P&S
Apr 20 1911	James, Carrie	P&S
Apr 21 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 13 T5N R69W	
Mar 26 1915	Gross, John A.	P
Nov 16 1915	Gross, John A.	P&S
Jan 1 1920	Vandeventer, O. V.	Acting
Apr 12 1925	Cunningham, John H.	P&S
Apr 16 1930	Finley, Robert R.	Confirmed
Apr 27 1934	Ivers, Elmer M.	Nominated
May 17 1934	Ivers, Elmer M.	Confirmed
Jun 6 1934	Ivers, Elmer M.	Commissioned
Nov 22 1937 ---	SW/4 Sec 13 T5N R69W 1-1/4 mile north of the Big Thompson	
Jun 7 1938	Ivers, Elmer M.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938	Ivers, Elmer M.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938	Ivers, Elmer M.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 14 1938	Ivers, Elmer M.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 13 T5N R69W East 6th St & Clev. Ave.	
Aug 24 1942	Ivers, Elmer M.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Ivers, Elmer M.	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942	Ivers, Elmer M.	Appointed Presidential
Oct 15 1942	Ivers, Elmer M.	Commissioned
Sep 30 1955	Brewer, Mrs. C.	Assumed charge
Oct 14 1955	Brewer, Mrs. C.	Acting
Jun 20 1956	Brewer, Mrs. C.	Appointed
May 27 1956	Brewer, Mrs. C.	Nominated
Jun 20 1956	Brewer, Mrs. C.	Confirmed, Appted Presidential & Commissioned
May 28 1955	Faucett, Harold L.	Officer in charge
Jun 2 1972	Greene, Jay	Officer in charge
Jul 7 1972	Porter, Henry B.	Officer in charge
Aug 5 1972	Porter, Henry B.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

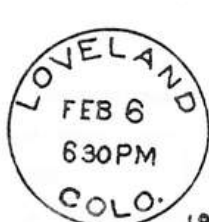
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2	LOVELAND / COLO. CI 10P 26.5	Hstp No killer Apr 28 1879 Jan 27 1883
3	LOVELAND, COLO. CI 20P 32.5/29.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring; Fancy, Positive star, Cork, smudge Feb 28 1884 May 1 1884
4	LOVELAND / COL. CI 10P 26.5	Hstp Fancy, Positive star-in circle (Something has probably been removed from lower portion of CDS) Oct 16 1884 Aug 8 1887
5	LOVELAND / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge, Negative "S" ? Oct 2 1889 Nov 7 1891
6	LOVELAND / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge May 28 1894 Dec 3 1896
7	LOVELAND / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge, Negative X-roads, 4 "V"s Oct 6 1897 Nov 1 1898
8	LOVELAND / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Fancy, Cork, four "V"s May 8 1899 Mar 28 1900
9	LOVELAND / COL. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp Grid, 9-bar oval, cut into hobnail pattern Oct 28 1901 Sep 2 1902 Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval

LOVELAND – Continued



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| 10 | LOVELAND, COLO. | Feb 21 1907 |
| | | [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION] |
| 10.1 | LOVELAND, COLO. /REC'D.
CI 10P 29.0 | Aug 7 1905 Dec 25 1907 |
| 11 | LOVELAND, COLO.
CI 10P 22.0 | Hstp No killer
Jul 29 1911 Jul 14 1924 |
| 12 | LOVELAND, COLO.
CI 10P 20.5 | Flag 13 star waving flag
Feb 15 1933 Dec 30 1957 |
| 13 | LOVELAND / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
Feb 28 1931 Feb 14 1949 |
| 13.1 | LOVELAND / COLO.
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Dplx Grid, pointed oval with 1
Nov 9 1954 |
| 14 | LOVELAND, / COLO.
CI 10P 22.0 | Hstp No killer
Feb 12 1959 Feb 13 1966 |
| 15 | LOVELAND, COLO.
CI 11P 35.0/27.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
Feb 14 1959
Hstp No killer |

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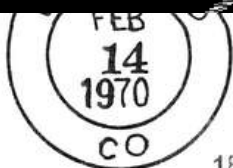
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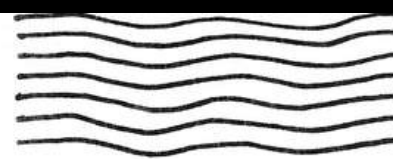
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16	LOVELAND, CO / 80537 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-26x19mm	Sep 11 1967 Oct 28 1969
17	LOVELAND, CO / 80537 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 8 1967 Jun 2 1973
18	LOVELAND / CO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 14 1970
19	LOVELAND, CO / USPO CI 10P 27.5/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 14 1971
19.1	LOVELAND, CO / 80537 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 7 1972
20	LOVELAND, CO / 80537 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 20 1973 Dec 19 1975
21	LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 CI 10P 20.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 12 1987 Jan 7 1988
22	LOVELAND / CO CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 20 1990 Oct 17 1991

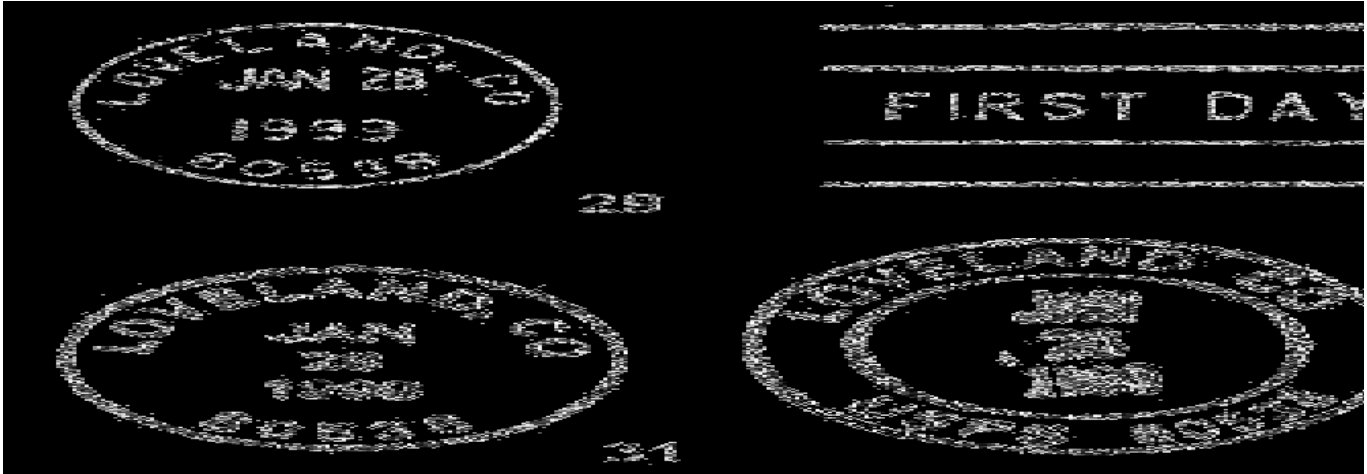
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| 23 | LOVELAND / CO
CI 10P 30.0 | Apr 12 1991 Jun 3 1991
Hstp No killer |
| 24.H | LOVELAND, CO 80538
SL 00R 72.0x22.0 | Feb 6 1992
Pict Love stamp First Day Of Issue; envelope,
row of hearts, and dove above Text -
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE; over date stamp
From First Day Program] |
| 24.M | LOVELAND, CO 80538
SL 00R 70.0x22.0 | Feb 6 1992
Pict Love stamp First Day Of Issue; envelope,
row of hearts, and dove above Text -
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE; over date stamp |
| 25 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
CI 10P 24.0 | Feb 6 1992
Hstp No killer, Love Stamp First Day Of Issue |
| 26 | LOVELAND CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Apr 15 1993
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 27 | LOVELAND / CO
CI 10P 30.0 | --- 7 1994
Hstp No killer, only the number "7" is present
in the center of the CDS |
| 28 | LOVELAND CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 9 1998
Mach No killer (mis-strike of the 1998 Valentine
slogan postmark, ?) |
| 29 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
CI 10P 21.0 | Jan 28 1999
Mach 4 long thin bars with FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
(33-cent Love stamp) |
| 30 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
CI 10P 23.5 | Jan 28 1999 Jan 28 1999
Hstp 4 long thin bars with FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
(33-cent Love stamp) |
| 31 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
CI 10P 23.5 | Jan 28 1999
Hstp No killer (First Day 33c Love envelope) |
| 32 | LOVELAND CO / USPS 80538
CI 11P 28.5/19.0 | Jan 28 1999 Oct 19 2006
Hstp No killer (First Day 33c Love envelope) |



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LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES

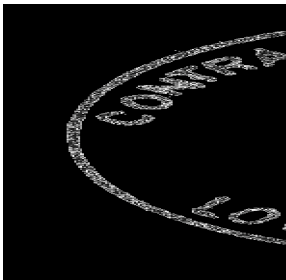
NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 7 1985 Established as a Station of Loveland
 --- 1415 West Eisenhower Ben Franklin Store, Westlake Shopping Center

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LOVELAND, CO // CONTRACT STATION # 1 Feb 6 1992
 CI 10P 30.0 Hstp No killer



NUMBER 2

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 6 1984 Established as a Station of Loveland
 --- 1531-1/2 North Lincoln Computer Technology Systems

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LOVELAND / CO May 3 1988
 CI 10P 31.0 Hstp No killer, used at Contract Station #2
 2 LOVELAND, CO // CONTRACT STATION # 2 Feb 6 1992
 CI 10P 30.0 Hstp No killer
 3 LOVELAND, CO // CONTRACT STATION # 2 Apr 20 1993
 CI 10P 30.0 Hstp No killer

LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
NUMBER 2 – Continued



NUMBER 3

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 1 1982 Established as a Station of Loveland
--- 240 Barberry Place Collins Cashway Lumber Company

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | LOVELAND, CO // CONTRACT STATION # 3
CI 10P 29.5 | Hstp No killer | Feb 6 1992 Dec 2 1993 |
| 2 | LOVELAND CO CONT STA NO 3 / 80538
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | May 5 1999 |



NUMBER 4

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Established as a Station of Loveland

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | LOVELAND CO 80537 // CONTRACT STATION #4 / USPS
CI 11P 30.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Jan 2 1997 May 5 1999 |
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LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STAMP CLUB STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 7 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STAMP CLUB STATION

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 6 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Loveland, CO 81077 // Celebrate the Century Station Jun 6 2000
SL 00R 96.0x3.0 Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century



CHRISTMAS AT HEART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Community Post Office of Loveland
Aug 26 2006 Closed Replaced by Loveland Postal Services CPU

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LOVELAND CO 80538 // CHRISTMAS AT HEART CPU Jan 4 2006
CI 11P 28.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

COLORADO COMMUNITY BANK STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

----- Community Post Office of Loveland
Nov 8 2006 Established 1050 Eagle Drive, Loveland, CO 80537

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE COLORADO COMMUNITY BANK STATION

DOWNTOWN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

1986 Name changed to Valentine Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE DOWNTOWN STATION

FINANCE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

1986 Established as a Station of Loveland

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LOVELAND, CO // FINANCE STATION Feb 6 1992 Mar 30 1995
CI 10P 29.5 Hstp No killer



LARIMER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CONSTITUTION CELEB STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 17 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: LARIMER COUNTY STATION Sep 17 1987
CI 10P 26.0 Pict Text only - between bars to right of CDS:
LARIMER COUNTY STATION / BICENTENNIAL /
CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION



LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
THUNDER IN THE ROCKIES STATION – Continued**VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION**

The Valentine Re-mailing Program is a special commemorative station that currently operates from February 1 to February 14 of each year.

In mid-January 1947 Ted Thompson and then Postmaster Elmer Ivers conceived the idea of promoting Loveland through a "Valentine Re-mailing Project." Occasionally the Loveland Post Office had received requests to re-mail valentines with the Loveland postmark. The two men considered the idea and thought it would be a good way to advertise Loveland. The Loveland Chamber of Commerce agreed to promote the service.

People would be invited to send their valentines to the Loveland Post Office. The envelopes would be marked with a promotional handstamped cachet and mailed with the Loveland postmark.

The first year the service was officially offered was 1947. For the first few years the cachet was a simple design promoting "Loveland the Sweetheart Town." By 1953 a short piece of poetry was included in the cachet and by 1955 the "Cowboy Cupid" had become an annual fixture of the cachet. The Re-mailing program became an annual event with each year seeing an increasing number of Valentines submitted for re-mailing.

At first, with relatively small quantities of mail to be serviced the postmarking appears to have been restricted to February 14. Also the standard Loveland machine postmark or on some the Loveland duplex handstamp were used to postmark the outgoing valentines.

In 1972 a machine postmark with an appropriate slogan came into use. In 1973 a handstamp with a slogan was used. From 1973 through 1988 both the handstamp and the machine postmark were employed. The handstamp seems to have been used only on February 14, but the machine postmark was available for several days in February. Each year the same wording was used in each device.

In 1989 the first pictorial postmark was placed in use for the Valentine Re-mailing Program. For the first time the postmark included the designation of "Valentine Station."

Since 1989 each year has seen both a pictorial postmark and a machine postmark. The machine postmark does not include the Valentine Station designation and for some years it has been omitted from the handstamp postmark.

An additional facet soon appeared. There are two forms of the handstamp: one has a fixed date of February 14 and the other a changeable date (day) and is used from February 1 to February 14. Considering the volume of mail that is processed it seems likely that there may exist more than one of each of the devices for the given year.

The program has been immensely successful and each year hundreds of thousands of valentines are submitted and re-mailed from Loveland.

VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

The listing below begins with the 1972 postmark, which was the first one to specifically identify the Valentine Remailing Program. To this time I have not found for reproduction, examples of all of the markings. Help in filling the gaps would be appreciated.

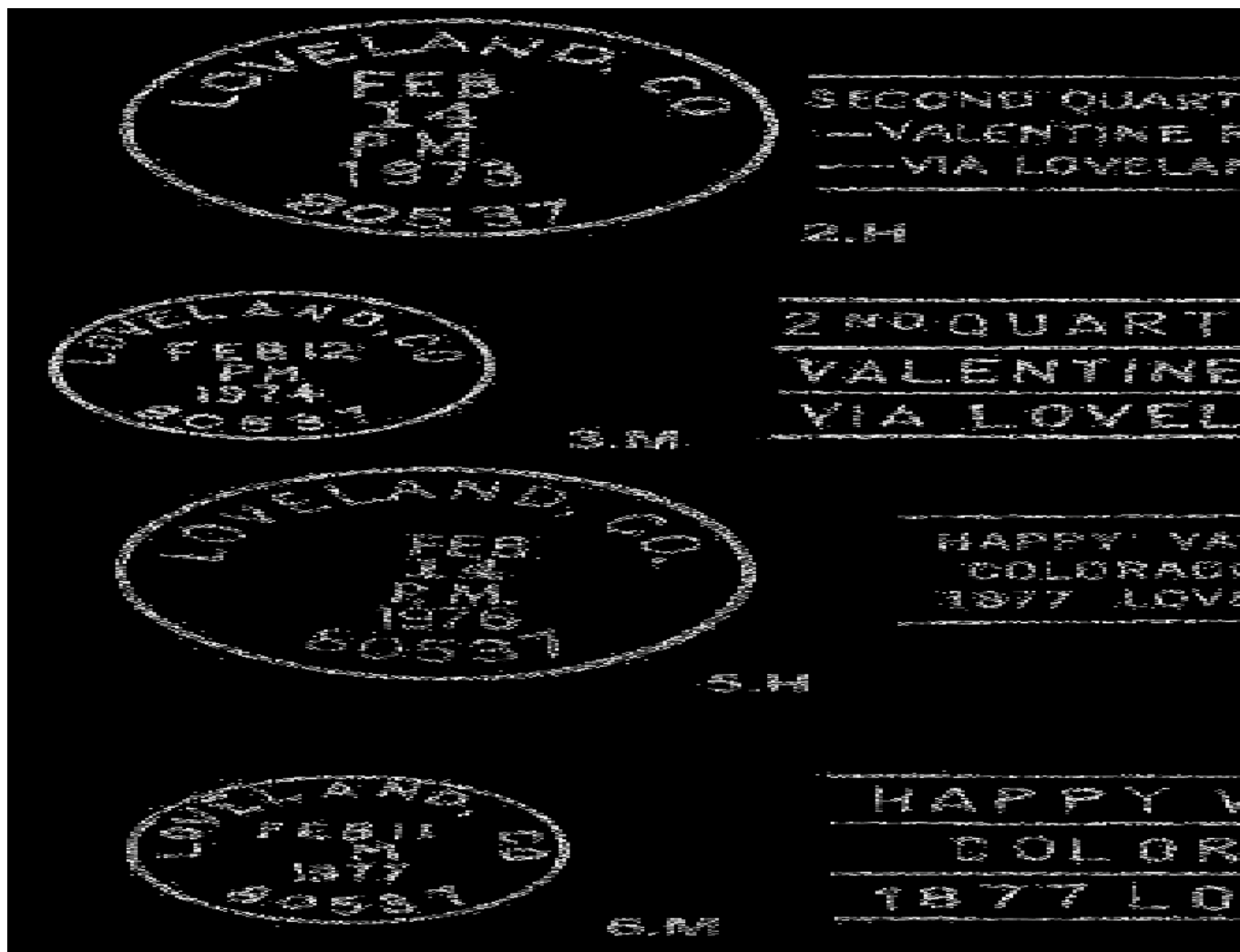
Because of the interest in this activity, a review of the origins of the Valentine Re-mailing Program and illustrations of the cachets that have been used on the re-mailed valentines, will be included as an addenda to this chapter. There are known variations in the size of the cachet for some years.

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 31.0 | Feb 14 1972
Hstp Slogan in bars: SECOND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1972 Valentine's Day cachet |
| 1.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 1 1972 Feb 16 1972
Mach Slogan in bars: 2ND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1972 Valentine's Day cachet |
| 2.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 31.0 | Feb 14 1973
Hstp Slogan in bars: SECOND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1973 Valentine's Day cachet |
| 2.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 12 1973
Mach Slogan in bars: 2ND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1973 Valentine's Day cachet |
| 3.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 12 1974
Mach Slogan in bars: 2ND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1974 Valentine's Day cachet |
| 4.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 30.0 | Feb 3 1975
Hstp Slogan in bars: SECOND QUARTER CENTURY /
VALENTINE REMAILING/ VIA LOVELAND, COLO.;
1975 Valentine's Day cachet. Note on back:
"Yes, we are using this slogan for the
entire month of February." |
| 5.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 31.0 | Feb 12 1976 Feb 14 1976
Hstp Slogan between bars: HAPPY VALENTINE TO /
COLORADO & U.S.A. / 1877 LOVELAND 1977 |
| 5.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 11 1976 Feb 12 1976
Mach Slogan between bars: HAPPY VALENTINE TO /
COLORADO & U.S.A. / 1877 LOVELAND 1977 |
| 6.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 11 1977
Hstp Slogan between bars: HAPPY VALENTINE TO /
COLORADO & U.S.A. / 1877 LOVELAND 1977 |

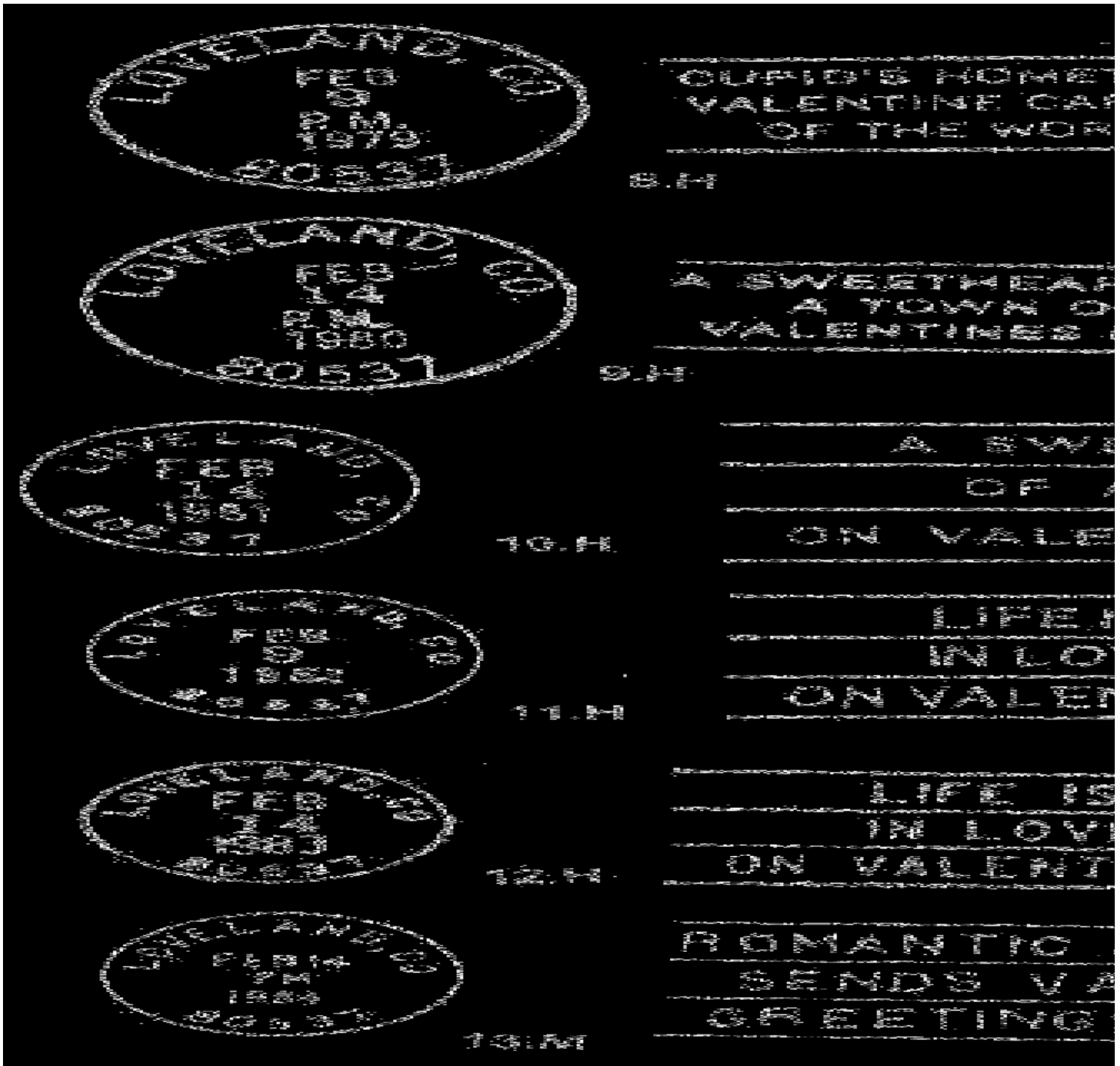


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VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued



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| 7.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 30.0 | Feb 14 1978 Feb 15 1978
Hstp Slogan between bars: CUPID'S HOMETOWN /
VALENTINE CAPITOL / OF THE WORLD |
| 7.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 7 1978
Hstp Slogan in box: AS UNITED WE STAND / LOVELAND
CONNECTS / HEARTS ACROSS OUR LAND
NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION |
| 8.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 29.0 | Feb 9 1979
Hstp Slogan between bars: CUPID'S HOMETOWN /
VALENTINE CAPITOL / OF THE WORLD |
| 8.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0 | Feb 11 1979
Mscp Slogan between bars: CUPID'S HOMETOWN /
VALENTINE CAPITOL / OF THE WORLD |
| 9.H | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 29.0 | Feb 14 1980
Hstp Slogan between 4 bars: A SWEETHEART OF / A
TOWN ON / VALENTINE'S DAY |
| 9.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 22.0 | Feb 13 1980
Mach Slogan between 4 bars: A SWEETHEART / OF
A TOWN ON / VALENTINE'S DAY |

LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued



10.H LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 22.5

Feb 14 1981

Hstp slogan between 4 bars: A SWEETHEART /-/ OF
A TOWN /-/ ON VALENTINE'S DAY

10.M LOVELAND, CO / 80537
CI 10P 21.0

Feb 6 1981

Hstp slogan between 4 bars: A SWEETHEART /-/ OF
A TOWN /-/ ON VALENTINE'S DAY

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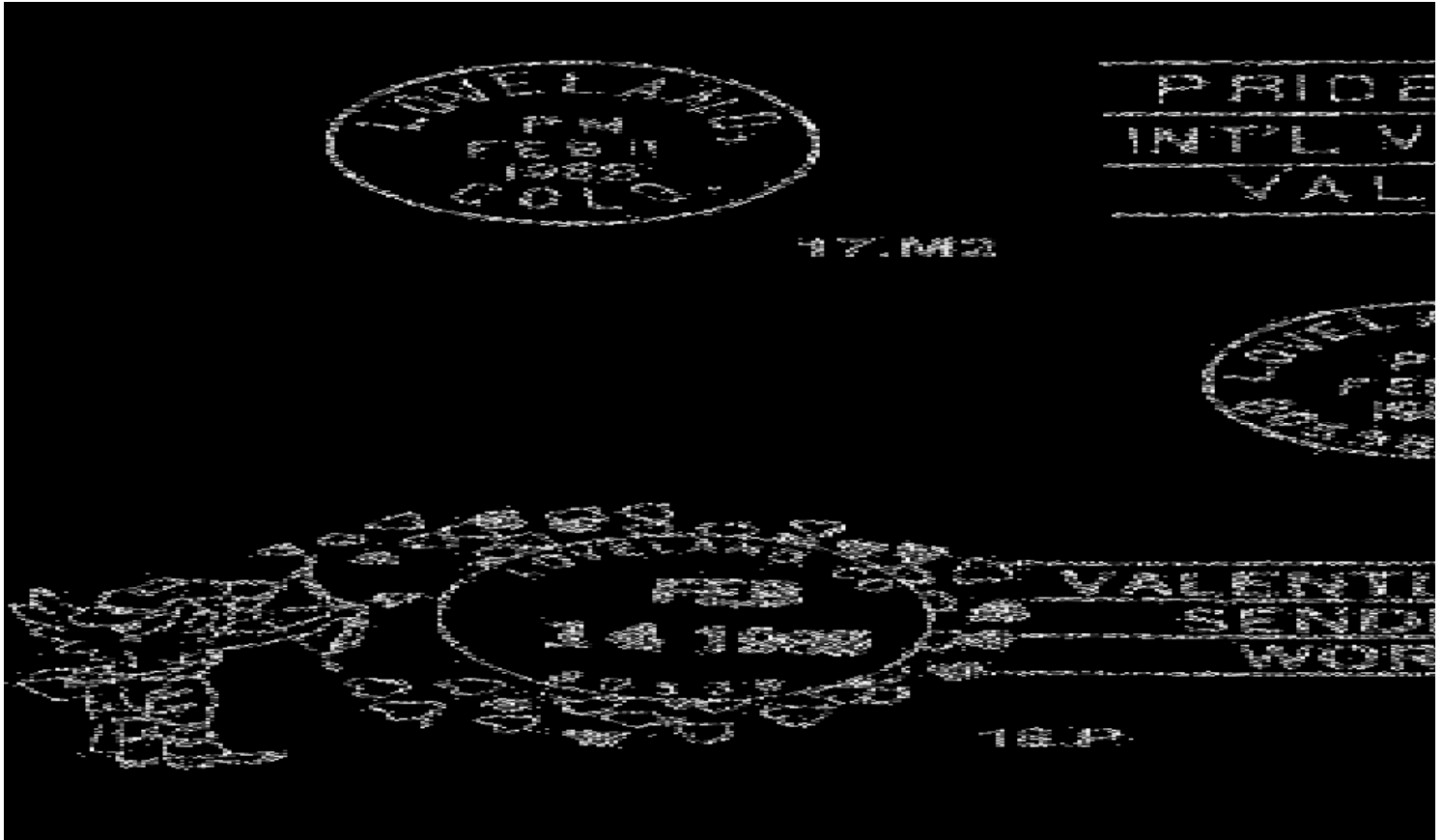
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

- 11.H LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 9 1982 Feb 14 1982
CI 10P 22.0
Hstp Slogan in bars: LIFE IS GOOD / IN LOVELAND / ON VALENTINE'S DAY;
with 1982 Valentine's Day cachet
- 11.M LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 14 1982
CI 10P 21.0
Hstp Slogan in bars: LIFE IS GOOD / IN LOVELAND / ON VALENTINE'S DAY;
with 1982 Valentine's Day cachet
- 12.H LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 11 1983 Feb 14 1983
CI 10P 21.0
Hstp Slogan in bars: LIFE IS GOOD / IN LOVELAND / ON VALENTINE'S DAY;
with 1982 Valentine's Day cachet
- 13.H LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 14 1984
CI 10P 22.0
Hstp Text in 4 bars Text - ROMANTIC LOVELAND / SENDS VALENTINE / GREETINGS TO ALL
- 13.M LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 14 1984
CI 10P 21.0
Mach Text in 4 bars - ROMANTIC LOVELAND / SENDS VALENTINE / GREETINGS TO ALL
- 14.M LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 13 1985
CI 10P 21.0
Mach Text in 4 bars - ROMANTIC LOVELAND / SENDS VALENTINE / GREETINGS TO ALL
- 15.H LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 14 1986 Mar 7 1986
CI 10P 28.0
Hstp Slogan in bars: FIRST 1947 NOW 1986 / 5 MILLION PLUS / VALENTINES REMAILED;
with 1986 Valentine's Day cachet
- 15.M LOVELAND, CO / 80537 Feb 9 1986
CI 10P 21.0
Mach Slogan in bars: FIRST 1947 NOW 1986 / 5 MILLION PLUS / VALENTINES REMAILED;



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VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued**

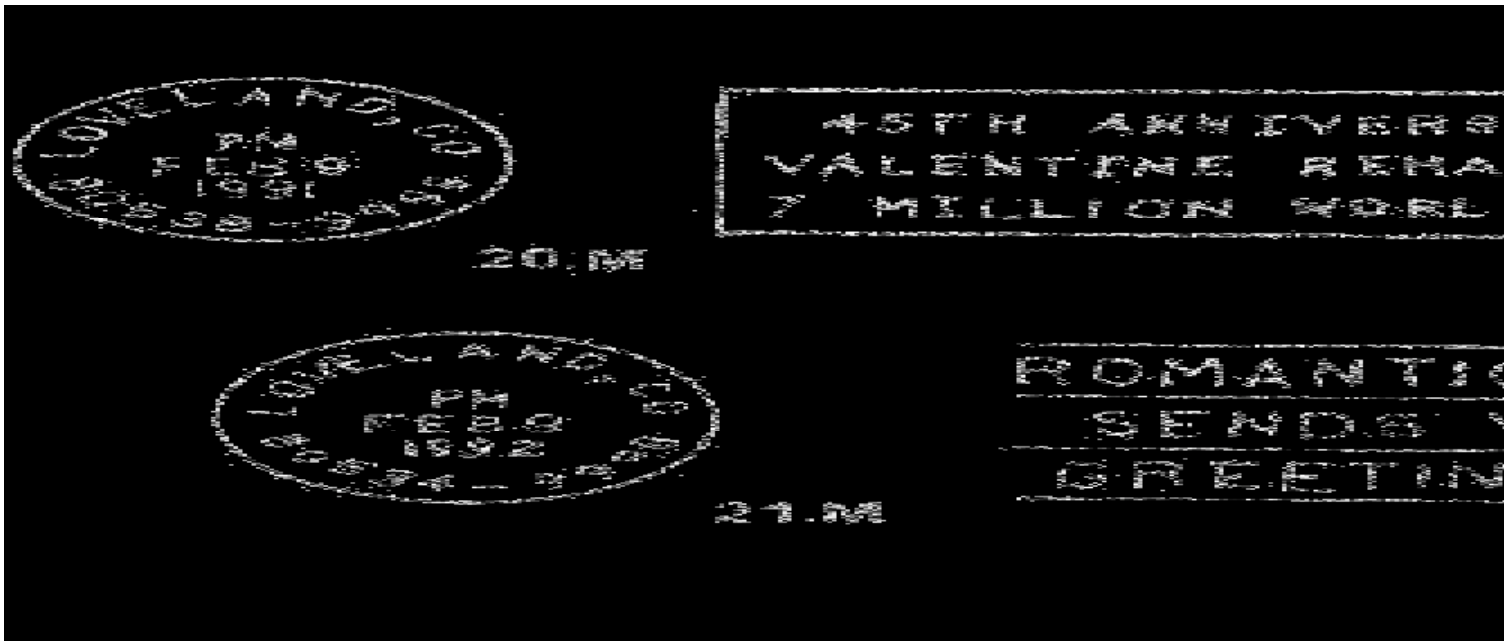
- 16.H LOVELAND, CO / 80538 Feb 14 1987
CI 10P 25.0 Hstp Slogan in bars: PRIDE OF LOVELAND /
VALENTINE MUSEUM / VALENTINE'S DAY; with
1987 Valentine's Day Cachet
- 16.M LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 18 1987
CI 10P 21.0 Hstp Slogan in bars: PRIDE OF LOVELAND /
INT'L VALENTINE MUSEUM / VALENTINE'S DAY
- 17.H LOVELAND, CO / 80538 Feb 19 1988
CI 10P 25.0 Hstp Slogan in bars: VALENTINE STATION / SENDING
LOVE / WORLDWIDE
- 17.M1 LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 9 1988
CI 10P 22.0 Hstp Slogan without bars: PRIDE OF LOVELAND /
INT'L VALENTINE MUSEUM / VALENTINE'S DAY
- 17.M2 LOVELAND, / COLO. Feb 11 1988
CI 10P 22.0 Mach Slogan in bars: PRIDE OF LOVELAND /
INT'L VALENTINE MUSEUM / VALENTINE'S DAY
- 17.P LOVELAND, COLO / 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 13 1988
CI 10P 22.0 Pict Scene - Cupid with bow; Text in bars -
SENDING / LOVE / WORLDWIDE / ;
with 1988 Valentine's Day cachet
- 18.M LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 9 1989 Feb 9 1989
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in bars - PRIDE OF LOVELAND /
INT'L VALENTINE MUSEUM / VALENTINE'S DAY



LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

- 18.P LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 14 1989
CI 10P 22.0 Pict Scene - Cupid with bow to left of CDS, CDS
encircled by hearts; Text between bars - VALENTINE S
TATION / SENDING LOVE / WORLDWIDE
- 19.P LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 14 1990
CI 10P 21.5 Pict Scene - Love birds in tree; VALENTINE
STATION / SENDING / FOND MEMORIES;
with 1990 Valentine's Day cachet
- 20.M LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 9 1991
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in box w/bars - 45TH ANNIVERSARY/
VALENTINE REMAILING / 7 MILLION WORLDWIDE;
with 1991 Valentine's Day cachet
- 20.P LOVELAND / 80538 / CO :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 7 1991
IR 10P 30.0x30.0 Pict Heart shaped, Globe; VALENTINE STATION /
SENDING / LOVE WORLDWIDE; with 1991
Valentine's Day cachet
- 21.M LOVELAND, CO / 80504-9998 Feb 9 1992
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan within bars - ROMANTIC LOVELAND /
SENDING VALENTINE / GREETINGS TO ALL
- 21.P LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 6 1992
CI 10F 25.0 Pict Scene - CDS is negative circle in heart; small
hearts at lower right; FROM OUR HEARTS / TO YOURS/
VALENTINE STATION (on 29c Love stamp FDC)

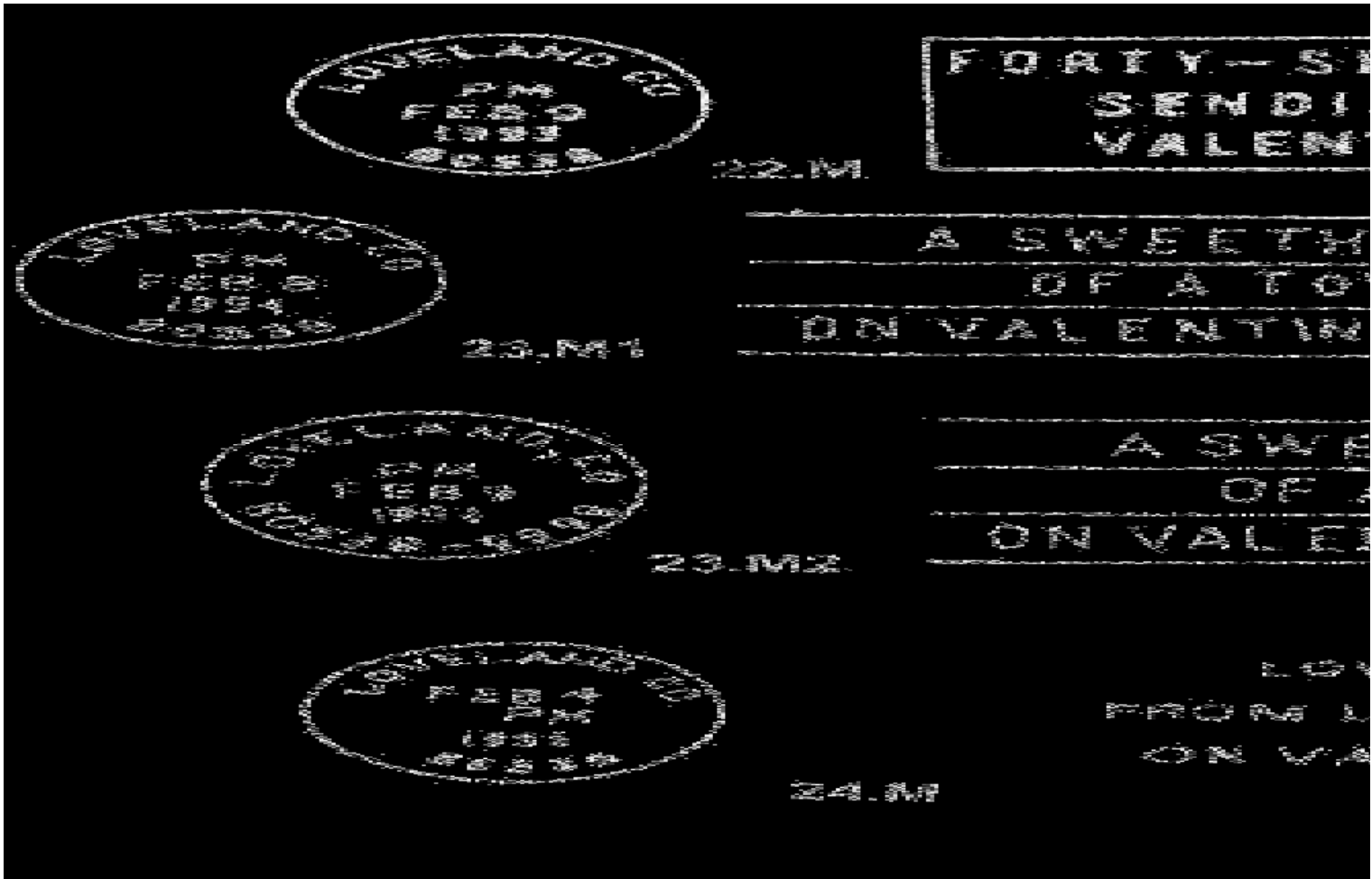


- 22.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 9 1993
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in box -: FORTY-SEVEN YEARS /
SENDING LOVE / VALENTINE DAY
- 22.P LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 14 1993
IR 00R 85.0x35.0 Mailbox with 2 doves; Text in bars -
47 YEARS / OF MEMORIES / VALENTINE STATION
- 23.M1 LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 8 1994
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in four thin bars - A SWEETHEART /
OF A TOWN / ON VALENTINE'S DAY

LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

- 23.M2 LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 9 1994
CI 10P 21.0 Mach Slogan in four thin bars - A SWEETHEART /
OF A TOWN / ON VALENTINE'S DAY
- 23.P LOVELAND / CO 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 14 1994
SL 00R 20.0x22.0 Pict Scene - Heart w/1994 rising above mountains,
Text in 4 bars - VALENTINE STATION / SENDING /
HEARTS AGLOW
- 24.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 4 1995
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan - LOVE ABOUND / FROM LOVELAND TOWN /
ON VALENTINE'S DAY
- 24.P LOVELAND / CO. 80538 Feb 7 1995 Feb 16 1995
IR 00R 94.0x40.0 Pict Scene - Dove carrying paper with date stamp;
At right, text between bars - BRINGING /
A VALENTINE / MESSAGE

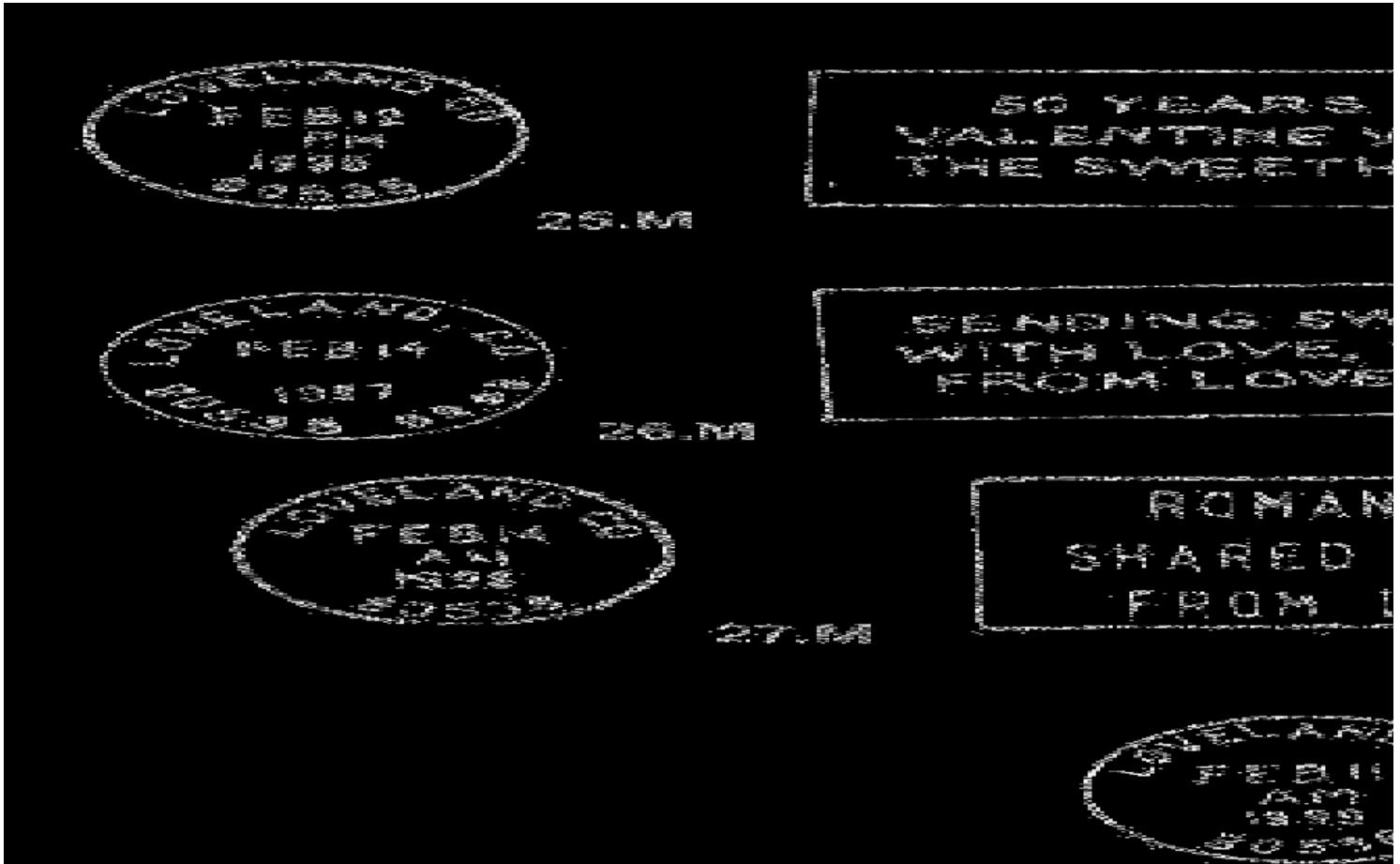


- 25.M LOVELAND / CO. 80538 Feb 10 1996 Feb 14 1996
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in box - 50 YEARS MAILING / VALENTINE
WISHES VIA / THE SWEETHEART CITY
- 25.P LOVELAND / COLORADO / 80538 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 7 1996 Feb 14 1996
IR 00R 92.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Heart-shaped Globe and ribbon with
text - VALENTINE STATION / SENDING LOVE
FOR / 50 YEARS

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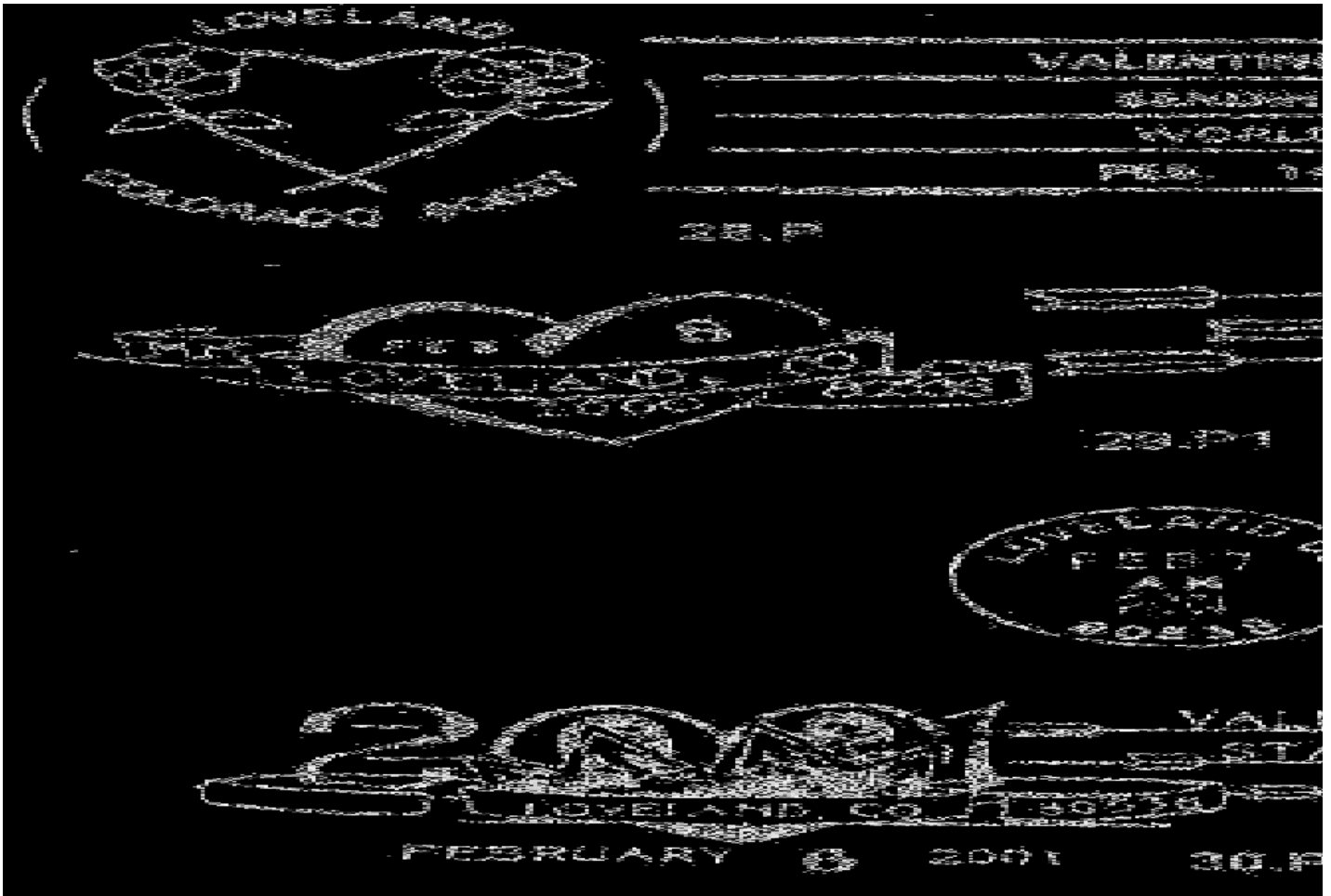
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

- 26.M LOVELAND, CO / 80538-9998 Feb 14 1997
CI 10P 20.5 Mach Slogan in box - SENDING SWEET LINES / WITH LOVE, VALENTINE / FROM LOVELAND, CO.
- 26.P LOVELAND, COLORADO :: Valentine Station Feb 14 1997
IR 10P 101.0X23.0 Pict Scene - two swans at left; 4 bars at right with Text - Valentine Station / Sending Love / Worldwide
- 27.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 11 1998 Feb 14 1998
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in box - ROMANTIC RHYMES / SHARED FOR ALL TIME / FROM LOVELAND CO
- 27.P LOVELAND, CO / 80538 Feb 9 1998 Feb 14 1998
CI 10P 26.5 Pict Scene - Heart, sun, pen at left. Text at left - HAPPY /VALENTINE'S DAY; at right Time / for / Romance; with bars
- 28.M LOVELAND, CO / 80538 Feb 11 1999
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan - VALENTINE STATION / SENDING LOVE /WORLD WIDE



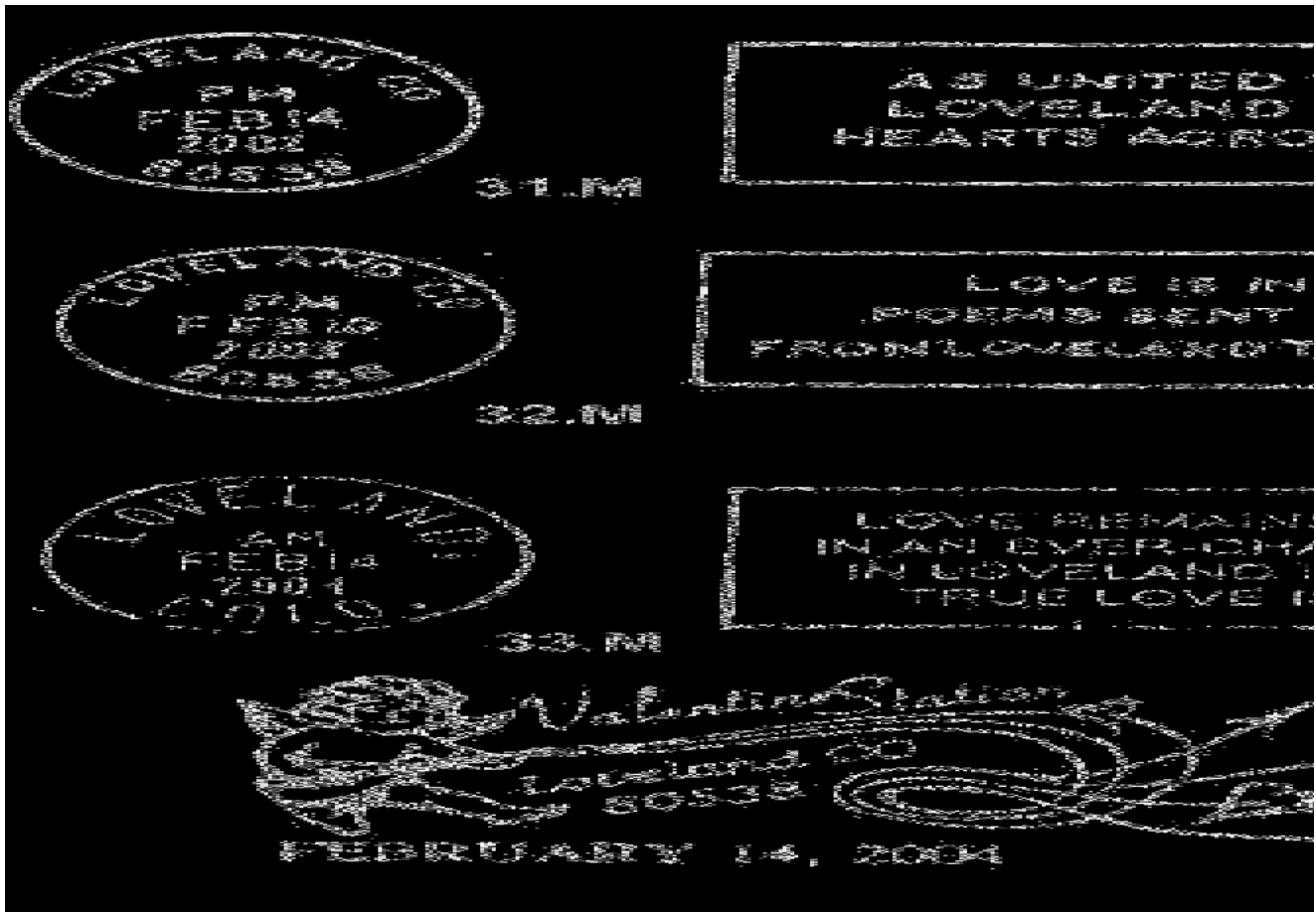
- 28.P LOVELAND / COLORADO 80537 :: VALENTINE STATION Feb 9 1999 Feb 14 1999
IR 00R 89.0x30.0 Pict Scene - Two roses, heart with Town, Station, & Zip; Text - in five bars with Station and Date: SENDING LOVE / WORLD WIDE
- 29.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 9 2000
CI 10P 20.0 Mach Slogan in box - AFFECTIONATE MAIL / FROM LOVELAND HAILS / ON VALENTINES DAY!

**LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued**



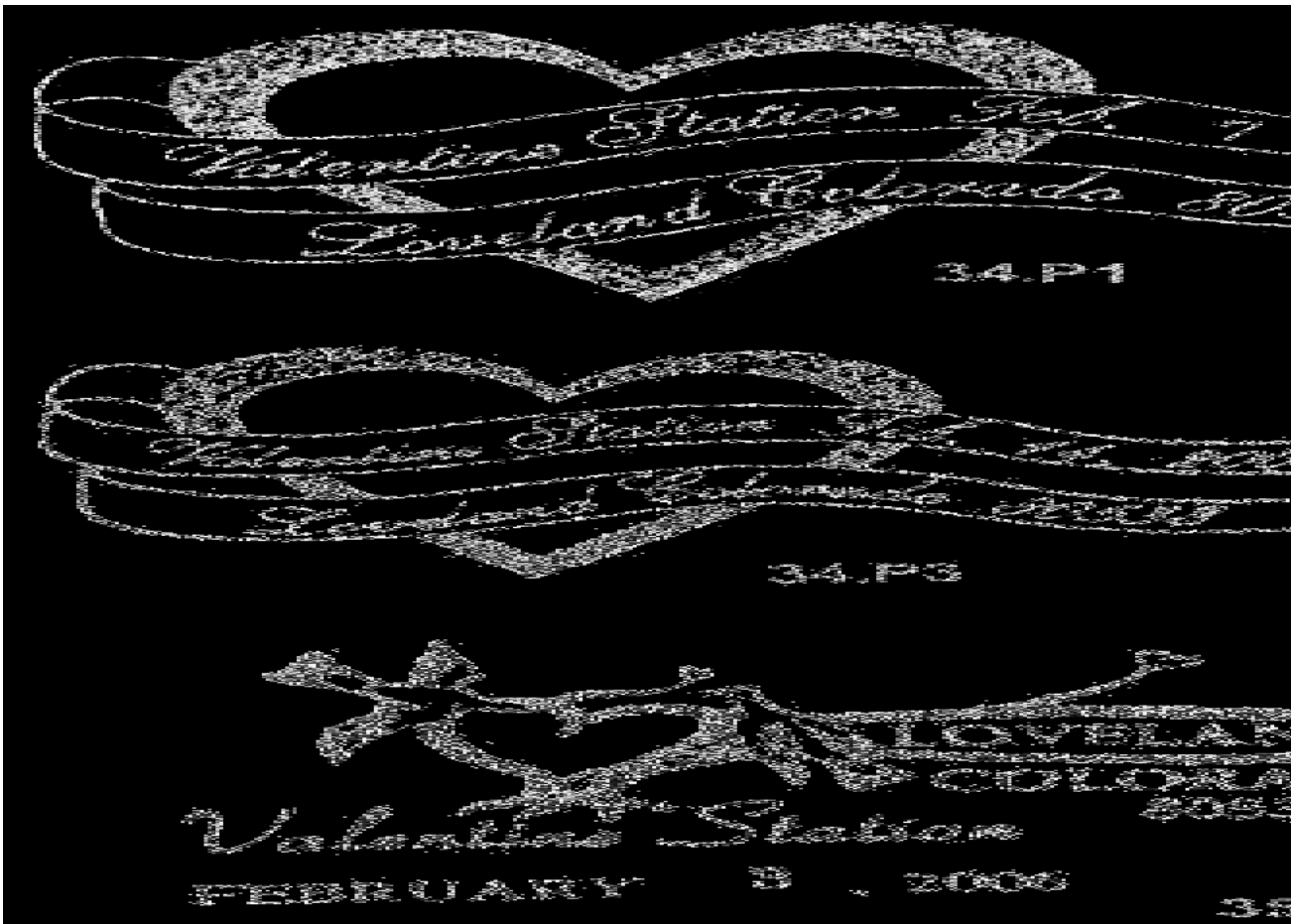
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| 29.P1 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
IR 00R 80.0X21.0 | Feb 8 2000 Feb 14 2000 | Pict Scene - Heart, ribbon, three arrows; Text - M M
[Changeable date, day] |
| 29.P2 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
IR 00R 80.0X21.0 | Feb 8 2000 Feb 14 2000 | Pict Scene - Heart, ribbon, three arrows; Text - M M
[Fixed date, day] |
| 30.M | LOVELAND CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 7 2001 | Mach Slogan in box - CONNECTING HEARTS / WITH
CUPIDS LINES / LOVELAND VALENTINES |
| 30.P1 | LOVELAND, CO 80538 // VALENTINE / STATION
IR 00R 69.0x23.0 | Feb 6 2001 | Pict Scene - Heart, stylized mountains,
large 2001, arrows, [changeable date, day] |
| 30.P2 | LOVELAND, CO 80538 // VALENTINE / STATION
IR 00R 69.0x23.0 | Feb 14 2001 | Pict Scene - Heart, stylized mountains,
large 2001, arrows, [fixed date, day] |
| 31.M | LOVELAND, CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 7 2002 Feb 14 2002 | Mach Slogan in box - AS UNITED WE STAND /
LOVELAND CONNECTS / HEARTS ACROSS OUR LAND |
| 31.P | LOVELAND, COLORADO 80538 // VALENTINE STATION
IR 00R 77.0x29.0 | Feb 14 2002 | Pict Scene - Mountains, Heart, Portion of
Symbolic Flag; Text - UNITED WE STAND |

LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued



- 32.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 10 2003 Feb 14 2003
CI 10P 20.0
Mach Slogan in box - LOVE IS IN THE AIR /
POEMS SENT WITH FLAIR / FROM LOVELAND
TO EVERYWHERE
- 32.P LOVELAND / COLORADO / 80538 / Valentine Station Feb 14 2003
IR 00P 65.0x28.0
Pict Scene - Mountain profile, the "V" of
Loveland is a heart
- 33.M LOVELAND / COLO. Feb 10 2004 Feb 14 2004
CI 10P 21.0
Mach slogan in box - LOVE REMAINS A CONSTANT /
IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD / IN LOVELAND
IT'S TRADITION / TRUE LOVE IS UNFURLED
- 33.P1 Loveland CO / 80538 // Valentine Station Feb 2 2004 Feb 2 2004
IR 00R 65.0x25.0
Pict Scene - Cupid and flight of arrows
[adjustable date]
- 33.P2 Loveland CO / 80538 // Valentine Station Feb 14 2004 Feb 14 2004
IR 00R 65.0x25.0
Pict Scene - Cupid and flight of arrows
[Fixed date]
- 34.M LOVELAND CO / 80538 Feb 14 2005
CI 10P 20.0
Mach Slogan in box - LOVELAND IS THE SWEETHEART
CITY / SENDING VALENTINES OH SO PRETTY
- 34.P1 Loveland Colorado 80538 // Valentine Station Feb 7 2005 Feb 14 2005
IR 00R 77.0x35.0
Pict Scene - Large outlined heart with ribbons
[adjustable date]

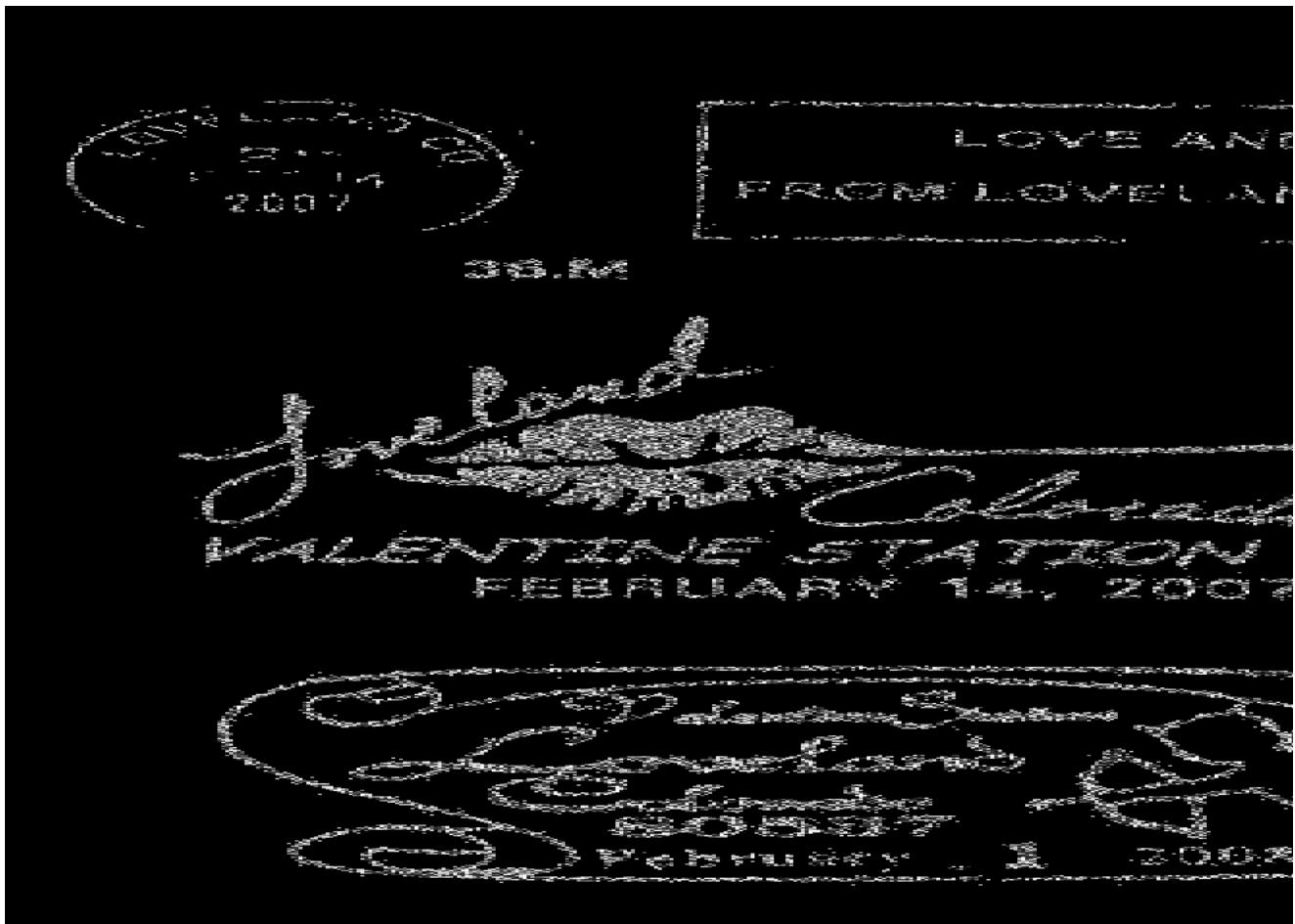
**LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued**



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| 34.P2 | Loveland Colorado 80538 // Valentine Station
IR 00R 77.0x35.0 | Feb 14 2005
Pict Scene - Large outlined heart with ribbons
[fixed date] |
| 34.P3 | Loveland Colorado 80538 // Valentine Station
IR 00R 66.0x30.0 | Feb 14 2005
Pict Scene - Large outlined heart with ribbons
[fixed date] |
| 35.M | LOVELAND CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 6 2006
Mach Slogan in 50x18 mm box - FOR 60 YEARS WE'VE
SPREAD YOUR LOVE / MAILING VALENTINES
AROUND THE WORLD |
| 35.P1 | LOVELAND / COLORADO / 80538 / Valentine Station
IR 00R 62.0x35.0 | Feb 3 2006 Feb 6 2006
Pict Scene - Two birds on tree branch tipped
with small hearts [adjustable date] |
| 35.P2 | LOVELAND / COLORADO / 80538 / Valentine Station
IR 00R 62.0x35.0 | Feb 14 2006
Pict Scene - Two birds on tree branch tipped
with small hearts [fixed date] |
| 36.M | LOVELAND CO / 80538
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 1 2007 Feb 14 2007
Pict Slogan - LOVE AND KISSES / FROM LOVELAND
COLORADO |
| 36.P1 | Loveland / Colorado / VALENTINE STATION 80528
IR 00R 72.0x38.0 | Feb 6 2007 Feb 14 2007
Pict Scene - Lips, XOXO; [Town and state in
script type] [adjustable date] |

LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE'S DAY REMAILING PROGRAM STATION – Continued

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| 36.P2 | Loveland / Colorado / VALENTINE STATION 80528
IR 00R 70.0x38.0 | Feb 14 2007 Feb 14 2007
Pict Scene - Lips, XOXO; [Town and state in script type] [fixed date] |
| 38.M | LOVELAND CO /80537
CI 10P 20.0 | Feb 1 2008 Feb 14 2008
Mach Slogan - VALENTINE STATION / SENDING LOVE / WORLD WIDE |
| 38.P1 | Loveland / Colorado / 80537 // Valentine Station
IR 10P 64.0x29.0 | Feb 1 2008 Feb 14 2008
Pict Scene – Scroll with Cupid [Town, State, and Station in script type] [adjustable date] |
| 38.P2 | Loveland / Colorado / 80537 // Valentine Station
IR 10P 64.0x29.0 | Feb 1 2008 Feb 14 2008
Pict Scene – Scroll with Cupid [Town, State, and Station in script type] [fixed date] |



VALENTINE STATION

This station appears to have been in operation to provide First Day of Issue postmarks for the 1999 Love stamps issued by the United States Postal Service. It is not clear whether these Valentine Station devices have been used at other times.

**LOVELAND STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
VALENTINE STATION – Continued**

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | LOVELAND, CO 80537 / VALENTINE STATION
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-26x19mm | Jan 28 1999 |
| 2 | LOVELAND CO 80537 / VALENTINE STATION
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Jan 28 1999 |
| 3 | LOVELAND CO 80537 // VALENTINE STATION
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Hstp No killer | Jan 28 1999 |



VIETNAM WALL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 24-26 1988 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: VIETNAM WALL / STATION
CI 10P 25.0 | Pict Scene - Text between bars to right of CDS -
REMEMBERING OUR VETS | Aug 25 1988 |
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WAL*MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|-------------|
| 1 | LOVELAND, CO / 80538 :: WAL*MART / STATION
CI 10P 25.0 | Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny | Apr 17 1999 |
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MANHATTAN

In 1886 a group of Fort Collins citizens organized an effort to systematically explore for precious metals in the mountains to the west of their town. They hired three experienced prospectors and in September of that year the prospectors reported that they had found gold on the ridge that separated Seven Mile and Elkhorn Creeks. The result was a gold rush with over 300 claims filed.

The initial mine was called the Elkhorn but the community was named Manhattan. The ore from the Elkhorn Mine proved disappointing and the settlement declined. In 1896 another discovery, by J. H. Gordon, revived interest in Manhattan. But once again poor grade ore and very difficult or long transport routes made the mines at Manhattan uneconomic.

In July 1992 I received the following communication from Francis Clark:

Incidentally, there is a further complication concerning the Elkhorn post offices. You list the Manhattan P.O. as 1887-1900. I consider that to be factual, but some of the area's long-time residents and others, consider Manhattan to have been the site of the "first" Elkhorn P.O., and the second to have been on the Miller ranch. I have a photo of the Manhattan store and P.O. building (it is bona fide Manhattan) in which the word "Groceries" shows in large letters on the top front of the building, and below groceries, the words "Elkhorn Post Office."

There are some problems with these statements. The Elkhorn Post Office was first in existence from 1879 to 1890. That would overlap with the Manhattan Post Office (1887-1900). The second period of Elkhorn was from 1900 to 1917 and the Post Office Department records report that after closure of the Manhattan office mail was directed to Elkhorn.

Unfortunately the only Geographical Site Location Report on file for Elkhorn is for the 1900-1917 period and that plots about five miles to the east-northeast of the location of Manhattan.

If I can make an assumption, it would be that the photograph referred to by Mr. Francis may have been taken sometime between 1890 and 1900 and that the Manhattan Post Office was serving both Manhattan and Elkhorn.

Once the mining at Manhattan ended the community disappeared and there is very little left to mark the site.

The source of the community name is most certainly Manhattan Island - New York City, but may have migrated to Colorado by way of Manhattan, Kansas.

In May 1996 Jim Ozment and I made a circuit tour of this portion of Larimer County. From the site of Rustic on Colorado Highway 14 we turned north on Larimer County Road 69, which climbs over the west slope of Pingree Hill and descends to Manhattan Creek where it intersects County Road 162. There, turn left and go one mile to an intersection with a dirt road to the left. This is in a somewhat level and open area and it was here that Manhattan was located. There are several prospect pits scattered around and the area showed signs of once having been cleared for habitation.

At the time, we were not certain that we were at the correct location so we drove up the dirt road eventually coming to a cabin in the woods. We talked with the resident who confirmed that Manhattan was indeed back at the intersection.

On closer inspection of the site we could see, fairly well hidden in the timber on the south side of Manhattan Creek, the remnants of a log structure - all that remained of Manhattan.

Latitude = 40:43:56 North Longitude = 105:35:58 West MANHATTAN

Latitude = 40:44:04 North Longitude = 105:35:29 West MANHATTAN CEMETERY

MANHATTAN – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 10 1887	--	Sec 20 T9N R73W On Manhattan Creek Proposed postmaster - Walter L. Hawley
Mar 19 1887		Established
Mar 19 1887		Burnett, Benjamin F.
Mar 30 1887		Hawley, Walter L.
Feb 17 1888		Akers, Thomas M.
Feb 20 1890		Wintersteen, George P.
Mar 15 1892		Holmes, William C.
Feb 2 1894		Wintersteen, Lemuel L.
May 1 1895		Ragan, George M.
Dec 18 1900		Ordered closed
Dec 31 1900		Discontinued Mail to Elkhorn

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MANHATTAN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Oct 10 1888 Nov 1- 1892 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2	MANHATTAN / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Aug 4 1899 Aug 12 1900 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm



MASONVILLE

It has been claimed that Masonville began around 1875 as a trading post operated by Benjamin James and Joseph Miller. Historical reports also mention nearby gold discoveries and a stamp mill, and a post office having been established in 1880. However, those comments relate to a Mason that did exist on the Michigan River in what is now Jackson County, not to the Masonville on Buckhorn Creek in Larimer County. It is true that when it existed, Mason was within the boundaries of Larimer County, prior to the creation of Jackson County. The result of this confusion is that nearly all of the references I have found to Masonville are really discussing Mason.

From the definite information available, it appears that Masonville began as a farming and ranching community on Buckhorn Creek. It can still be considered a farming community.

The origin of Masonville is attributed to James R. Mason who donated 80 acres of land on which the village, named for him, was laid out. I am not certain this is correct but it seems more appropriate for Masonville than for the short-lived mining camp of Mason.

Today Masonville is a small village with residences and a few small businesses serving the residents and the surrounding country. The Masonville Post Office is just north of the bridge over Buckhorn Creek as you enter the village.

From Loveland, drive west on US Highway 34 to Larimer County Road 27 and turn north. Masonville is about five miles north of US 34. On the way you will pass the quarries at Arkins.

Latitude = 40:29:15 North Longitude = 105:12:37 West MASONVILLE

Latitude = 40:28:50 North Longitude = 105:12:53 West MASONVILLE POST OFFICE

MASONVILLE – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

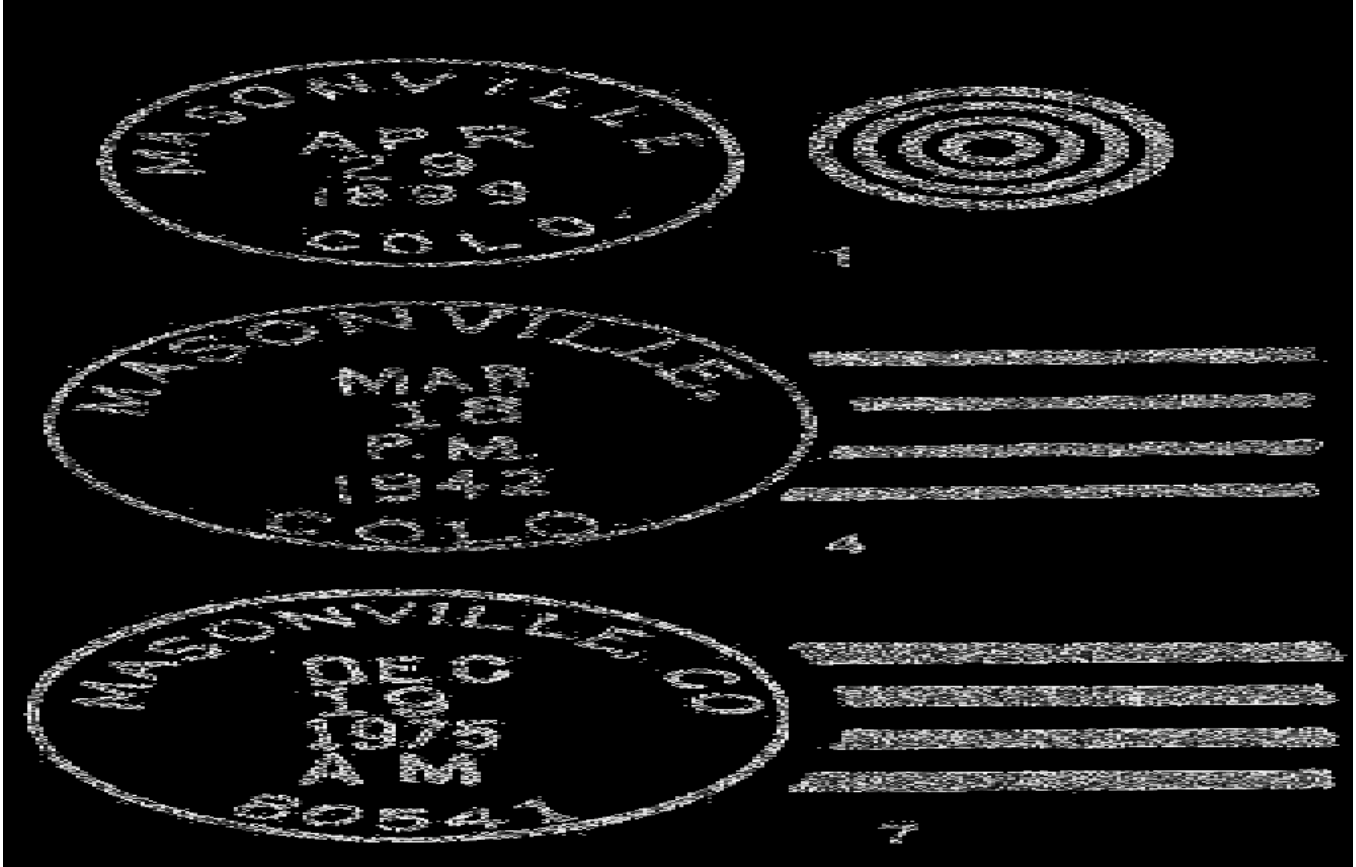
Jul 20 1896	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T6N R70W 1/4 mile east of Buckhorn Creek Proposed postmaster - Orion Charles Brown	
Sep 1 1896		Established	
Sep 1 1896		Brown, Orion C.	
Dec 28 1896		Buffum, Oscar E.	
May 1 1902		Thompson, Elijah, J.	
Mar 16 1910		Thompson, Herbert F.	
Oct 28 1910		Kitchen, Grant	
Jun 21 1912		Kitchen, William T.	
Jul 13 1914	---	SW/4 NE/4 Sec 15 T6N R70W 1/4 Mile west of Redstone Creek	
Jul 18 1916		McClinton, Edward L.	
Apr 6 1921		Kitchen, Edward W.	Acting
May 10 1921	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T6N R70W 1/4 Mile east of Buckhorn Creek	
Aug 11 1921		Kitchen, Edward W.	Confirmed
Sep 5 1933		Thompson, Mrs. Vina M.	Assumed charge
Sep 14 1933	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T6N R70W 100 yards east of Buckhorn Creek A move 1590 feet west & north of previous site	
Sep 23 1933		Thompson, Mrs. Vina M.	Acting
Nov 1 1933		Thompson, Mrs. Vina M.	Confirmed
Dec 27 1933		Thompson, Mrs. Vina M	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T6N R70W 100 yards west of Buckhorn Creek	
Sep 30 1948	---	NW/4 Sec 14 T6N R70W 1/4 mile east of Buckhorn Creek A move 1590 feet southeast of old site	
Oct 1 1948		Michael, Mrs. Hazel Lucille	Assumed charge
Dec 30 1948		Michael, Mrs. Hazel Lucille	Acting
Apr 5 1949		Michael, Mrs. Hazel Lucille	Confirmed
May 3 1949		Michael, Mrs. Hazel Lucille	Commissioned
Sep 2 1949	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T6N R70W A move .3 mile northwest of old site	
Sep 2 1949		Hutcheson, Mrs. Mary Louise	Assumed charge
Sep 22 1949		Hutcheson, Mrs. Mary Louise	Acting
Oct 24 1949		Hutcheson, Mrs. Mary Louise	Confirmed
Dec 30 1949		Hutcheson, Mrs. Mary Louise	Commissioned
Oct 2 1961		Mattlen, Mrs. Helen L.	Assumed charge
Oct 9 1961		Mattlen, Mrs. Helen L.	Acting
Dec 28 1961		Mattlen, Mrs. Helen L.	Confirmed
Jul 1 1964			Office made Presidential
---	----	Jenkins, Carl [WHB: Cannot read date on card]	
Nov 3 1979		Ackerman, Mrs. Clara B.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MASONVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm	Apr 24 1899 Apr 29 1899
2	MASONVILLE, / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Doane Type 2 with 2, S-23x13mm	Oct 12 1906 Apr 15 1911
3	MASONVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-??x20mm	Jan 6 1916 Apr 9 1917
4	MASONVILLE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 16 1933 May 15 1943
5	MASONVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 15 1948 Dec 28 1953
6	MASONVILLE / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 23 1958
7	MASONVILLE, CO / 80541 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 22 1969 Mar 5 1987

MASONVILLE – Continued

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| 8 | MASONVILLE CO / 80541
CI 10P distorted | 4bars S-13x23mm | May 5 1999 |
| 9 | MASONVILLE CO / USPS-80541
CI 11P 34.0/22.0 | Hstp No killer | Sep 16 1996 |



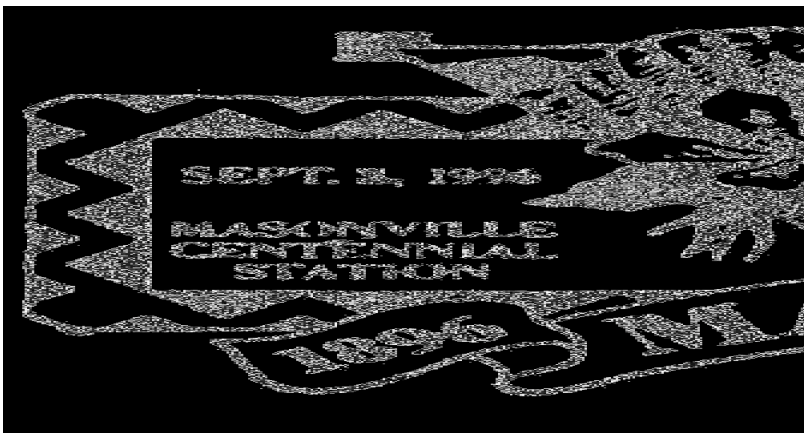
MASONVILLE CENTENNIAL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 23 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | MASONVILLE / COLORADO / 80541-9998 // MASONVILLE / CENTENNIAL / STATION | Sep 3 1996 |
| | IR 00R 102.0x50.0 | Pict Scene - Mountains, Columbine, old store,
elk head, decorative border, banner with text;
Text - 1896 MASONVILLE 1996 |



MINER

Miner was a small agricultural settlement on the Colorado Central Railroad two miles north of the later community of Waverly..There is no evidence that that a cohesive community developed. The source of the name is unknown, and it is odd that an agricultural settlement would be named Miner.

The most direct access to Miner is to leave Interstate 25 at Exit 281, north of Wellington. From the exit, drive west four and one-half miles on Larimer County Road 70 to County Road 15. Miner was in the northeast quadrant of the intersection.

In 1999 I described the site thusly: There is an old house, barn and a trash yard.” Perhaps the area has improved since then.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 10 1888	---	SW/4 Sec 12 T9N R69W
Mar 10 1888		Established
Mar 10 1888		Mefford, Joseph W.
Sep 5 1894		Discontinued Mail to Fort Collins

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 MINER / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0

Mar 1 1889
Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

**MORAINE**

Moraine was a small settlement in an area of Rocky Mountain National Park that is today designated Moraine Park. The Big Thompson River flows through this park.

Initially the residents were engaged in stock raising but also housing summer tourists visiting the mountains. As time passed the settlement came to depend more on tourists and visitors than on agriculture. In 1902 the post office name was changed to Moraine Park, more indicative of the location than the simple Moraine.

The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report indicates that Moraine Park was originally the desired name but the Post Office Department shortened it to Moraine.

The name refers to a large glacial moraine that once blocked drainage from the valley. The result was a shallow lake that was gradually filled, becoming partially a swamp, before the Big Thompson River cut through the moraine.

From Estes Park take US Highway 36 into Rocky Mountain National Park. Go to the Moraine Park Museum and Visitor Center. From the Visitor Center drive down into the park on Bear Lake Road. On the south side of the park there was in 1998, a single well preserved but apparently unoccupied log building. This may have been a guest house or a ranger station.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 31 1879	---	SE/4 Sec 32 T5N R73W
		On north side of Big Thompson River, 1 mile south of Bear Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Mary M. Sprague
Mar 22 1880		Established

MORaine – Continued

Mar 22 1880 Sprague, Mary M.
Jan 27 1902 Name changed to Moraine Park

Confirmed types of postal markings

0.1	Moraine, Colo.	Jan 7 1881
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel, with Estes Park cds Jan 8 1881
1	MORaine / COL.	Oct 15 1886
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
2	MORaine / COLO.	Mar 19 1895 Dec 24 1896
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
3	MORaine / COLO.	Apr 26 1898 May 8 1899
	CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm



MORaine PARK

In 1902 the name of the Moraine Post Office was changed to Moraine Park. By that time, what had at first been a small settlement of ranchers had gradually become a center for visitors to the mountains west of Estes Park.

In 1915 Moraine Park was included within the boundaries of the new Rocky Mountain National Park. Establishment of the National Park meant the gradual removal of private activities within its boundaries. As those activities left from Moraine Park, the need for the post office ceased and it was closed in 1921.

My first visit to Rocky Mountain National Park was in the summer of 1951 with a small group of Boy Scouts on our way to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. For two nights we camped in Moraine Park. Unfortunately I do not recall much beyond a spectacular sunrise the first morning there.

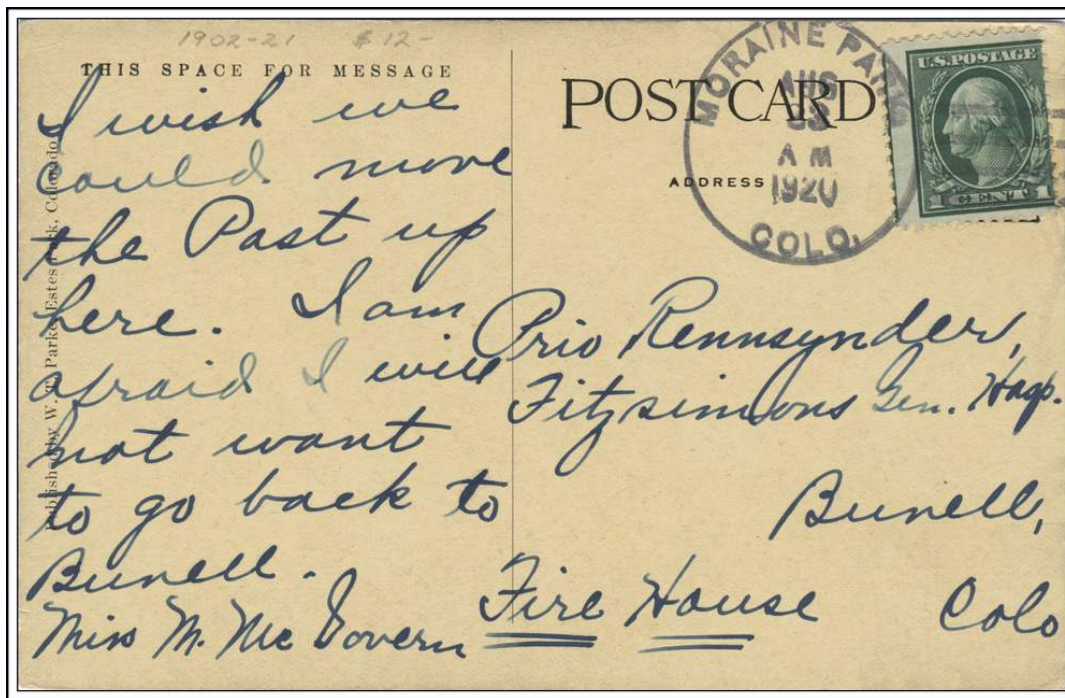
Directions to Moraine Park are given above in the discussion of Moraine.

Latitude = 40:21:12 North Longitude = 105:36:08 West MORaine PARK
Latitude = 40:21:31 North Longitude = 105:34:58 West MORaine PARK VISITOR CENTER

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 27 1902	Formerly named Moraine
Jan 27 1902	Sprague, Mary M.
Apr 2 1902 ---	SW/4 Sec 33 T5N R73W 100 feet north of the Big Thompson River
Jan 21 1908	Chapman, Asah
Jan 23 1915	Chapman, Charles A.
Feb 15 1921	Discontinued Mail to Estes Park

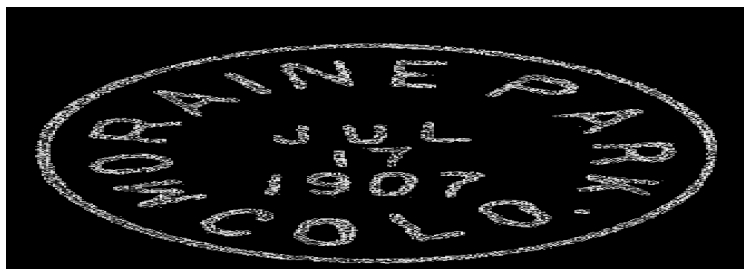
MORaine PARK – Continued



MORaine PARK, / COLO. August 23, 1920

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | MORaine PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 28.0 | Hstp Cork, Smudge | --- 11 1907 Jul 17 1907 |
| 2 | MORaine PARK, / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-23x13mm | Jul 16 1908 Aug 23 1920 |



MOUNTEARL

I have found no historical reference to this place. One source, discussing the history of Estes Park, makes reference to William Thomas Wyndham-Quin, “Fourth Earl of Dunraven and Mount Earl.”

From that it seems likely that the post office was named in his honor and for his early activities in developing Estes Park as a mountain resort community. There is no mention or evidence that Wyndham-Quin had any direct involvement with the Mountearl community.

Without additional information, I can only hypothesize that Mountearl was an attempt to develop a subsidiary resort to Estes Park but failed due to its proximity to the success of Estes Park.

MOUNTEARL – Continued

From the center of Estes Park, drive east on US Highway 36 along the south shore of Lake Estes to Fish Creek Road and turn south on Fish Creek Road. The Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report places Mountearl in the half-mile south of the intersection and along-present day Fish Creek Road. There are a few small residences on that segment of the road but no significant development (1996).

Chronology of the Post Office

- Oct 28 1896 **Established**
- Oct 28 1896 **Dwyre, Charles G.**
- Dec 11 1896 --- **SW/4 Sec 29 T5N R72W Also known as Ranch House**
 1/2 mile south of the Big Thompson and on the east bank of Spring Creek
- Jul 27 1899 **Discontinued Papers to Estes Park**

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 **MOUNTEARL / COLO.** **Nov 9 1897 Jan 18 1898**
- CI 10P 27.0** **Hstp Cork, Smudge, Target, 4-ring 18mm**



NAMAQUA

In 1858 Mariano Modena with his Indian wife, laid claim to a section of land on the north side of the Big Thompson River three miles west of modern Loveland, Colorado. This was the first settlement to be made in the Big Thompson Valley.

Modena built a large stable and other buildings. The settlement became a trading post and refuge for settlers in time of Indian troubles. Namaqua was also the site of the first school and the first church services in the region.

In 1862 Ben Holladay routed his Overland Stagecoach route to California through this settlement and designated the place as Big Thompson Station.

In its early days Namaqua went by many names. Some of which may have been fanciful and others that were misspelled when recorded. Among those names were Mirabel, Merival, Miraville, Mariano’s Crossing and Mariannes Crossing.

In 1868 a post office was acquired and the place took its final name - Namaqua. There are still questions as to the origin of the name. The choice is attributed to Hiram Tadder, the first postmaster for Namaqua. But, what did it mean? Suggested possibilities are:

An Indian word meaning, ”of the water,” “near water” or even “wayside inn.”

Nemaqua, a daughter of Chief Black Hawk (Tadder was from Illinois)

Namaqualand, a place on the west coast of Africa.

Namaqua is the name of a long-tailed African pigeon.

My choice, hopefully the most logical, is that it was named for a daughter of Chief Black Hawk.

NAMAQUA – Continued

For several years Namaqua was the center of activity in the Big Thompson Valley. However, in 1877 the Colorado Central Railroad built north through the area, passing three miles to the east of Namaqua. A station was established on the bluffs north of the Big Thompson River and became Loveland. With the presence of the railroad, Loveland grew and soon supplanted Namaqua as the center of activity for the region.

Beginning in Loveland, drive west on US Highway 34 to Namaqua Drive and then turn south to the Big Thompson River. Namaqua Park is on the east side of the road. There is a marker noting that this was the location of the early settlement of Namaqua.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 28 1868	Established
Jan 28 1868	Tadder, Hiram J.
Mar 9 1870	Rist, Abraham
Feb 21 1871 ---	NE/4 Sec 16 T5N R69W On the north side of Big Thompson Creek
Jan 3 1879	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Namaqua Col MS Dec 17 1868 Jul 1 1869
Mscp Pen cancel

**PETRA**

By 1881 the Fort Collins Flagstone Company, operated by William N. Bachelder, had opened a series of stone quarries south of Bellvue in the basin that now holds the Horsetooth Reservoir. A tramway had been installed and by June 1882 a large quantity of rock was being shipped.

In 1882 the Greeley, Salt Lake, and Pacific Railway built a branch line to the quarries. At first the branch originated at Greeley but later it connected to a junction near Bellvue.

Petra soon consisted of a large store and post office and so many tents that its headquarters “resembled an army encampment.”

In early 1882 William B. Stout leased the quarries and by September the Stout Post Office, with his cousin R. M. Stout as postmaster had replaced Petra.

In the mid-twentieth century the Horsetooth Reservoir was constructed. The resulting lake submerged the quarries and the sites of Petra and Stout.

From Bellvue drive south on Laramie County Road 23. The road passes the east end of the Horsetooth Dam and then skirts along the eastern side of the reservoir. The location of Petra was near the south end of the reservoir, about opposite where there is a large bay on the west side of the reservoir. The inlet is best viewed from the Spring Canyon Dam.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 17 1882	Established
May 17 1882	Bachelder, William N.
May 25 1882 ---	SW/4 Sec 32 T7N R69W A freight branch of the Greeley Salt Lake & Pacific Ry runs to the place. No station established yet. A settlement dependent on stone quarry. 200 people
	Proposed postmaster - William N. Bachelder
Sep 4 1882	Name changed to Stout

PETRA – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM PETRA

PINEWOOD

Pinewood was a ranch post office in the mountains west-southwest of Loveland. Very little is known about Pinewood but it should not be confused with Pinewood Springs on US Highway 36.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report does not provide a definitive location for Pinewood. For a location of Pinewood, I have relied on information from The *Rogers File* of the Colorado Historical Society [History Colorado]. Entries in that file place Pinewood on Cottonwood Creek in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 70 West.

That location is near the small Pinewood Reservoir. The reservoir is oriented from southeast to northwest. On the northeast side and at the southern end of the reservoir there is a small resort community with a number of cabins and a boat landing. None of the buildings appear to be very old.

The reservoir resulted from a dam, at the northern end of the lake and it is likely that any pre-existing structures were either moved or demolished.

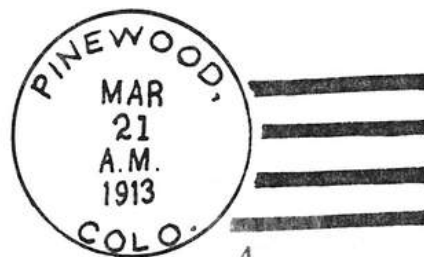
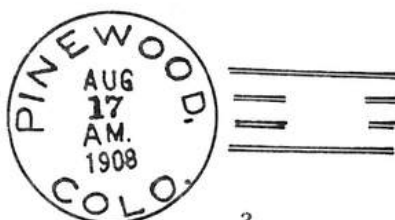
The most direct access to Pinewood Lake is to drive west from Loveland on US Highway 34 to Larimer County Road 29. Turn south and go to County Road 18E. Drive west on Road 18E until you reach Pinewood Lake.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 4 1879	--	Not reported	On route from Loveland to Estes Park
		Proposed postmaster - Franklin D. Tower	
Feb 6 1879		Established	
Feb 6 1879		Tower, Franklin D.	
Jul 9 1883		Bush, Mrs. Lile P.	
Oct 27 1887		Yrewill, Thomas D.	
Aug 29 1888		Barr, Thomas	
May 4 1891		Henkanfer, Joseph	
May 9 1903		Arndt, Simeon T.	Failed to qualify
Aug 21 1903		Stevens, Lulu M.	
Feb 1 1907		Stevens, Allen H.	
Oct 12 1912		Greens, Lettie May	
Jun 17 1921		Ordered closed	
Jun 30 1921		Discontinued	Mail to Loveland

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	PINEWOOD, / COLO.	---	1882
	CI 21P 27.0/25.5/17.0	Hstp	Not recorded
2	PINEWOOD / COLO.		Mar 21 1890
	CI 10P 27.0	Hstp	Cork, Smudge
3	PINEWOOD, / COLO.		Jul 21 1905 Oct 4 191-
	CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with ?,	S-24x13mm
4	PINEWOOD, / COLO.		Mar 21 1913 Jan 19 1915
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars	S-24x20mm



PULLEN

The only information that I have found about this place is that provided by the Post Office Department records. The Geographical Site Location Report places it on the west side of Little Thompson Creek, nine to ten miles southeast of Estes Park.

I plot that location about two miles north of the Larimer-Boulder County line and where the West Fork of the Little Thompson River joins the main stream. That is also the intersection of Larimer County Road 118, from the southwest, with US Highway 36. There are (1996) a couple of buildings, one older, one recent, at that location and it is a short distance northwest of the Pinewood Springs settlement.

This location would have been on the early wagon road from Longmont through Lyons and on to Estes Park. The conclusion is that it was likely a rest stop and way station on that road.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 26 1888	---	Sec 30 T4N R71W On the west side of the Little Thompson Creek Sketch map shows it in the NE/4 NE/4 Sec 30 Proposed postmaster - Charles Pullen
May 15 1888		Established
May 15 1888		Pullen, Charles
Jul 12 1894		Discontinued Papers to Lyons

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	PULLEN / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Sep 10 1888 Jul 28 1896 Hstp Target, 4-ring
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**RED FEATHER LAKES**

Red Feather Lakes is a resort community established in 1923 by a Mr. Princell. The community centers on a group of small lakes to the north of South Lone Pine Creek.

It is generally accepted that the place was named for Chief Red Feather, a hero of a Cherokee Indian legend.

Red Feather Lakes has become a rather large resort community with a number of small cabins and homes in among the lakes.

There is also a solitary log cabin, restored, with a sign identifying it as the Robinson Homestead Cabin - 1889. That indicates there was settlement in the area prior to the development of Red Feather Lakes.

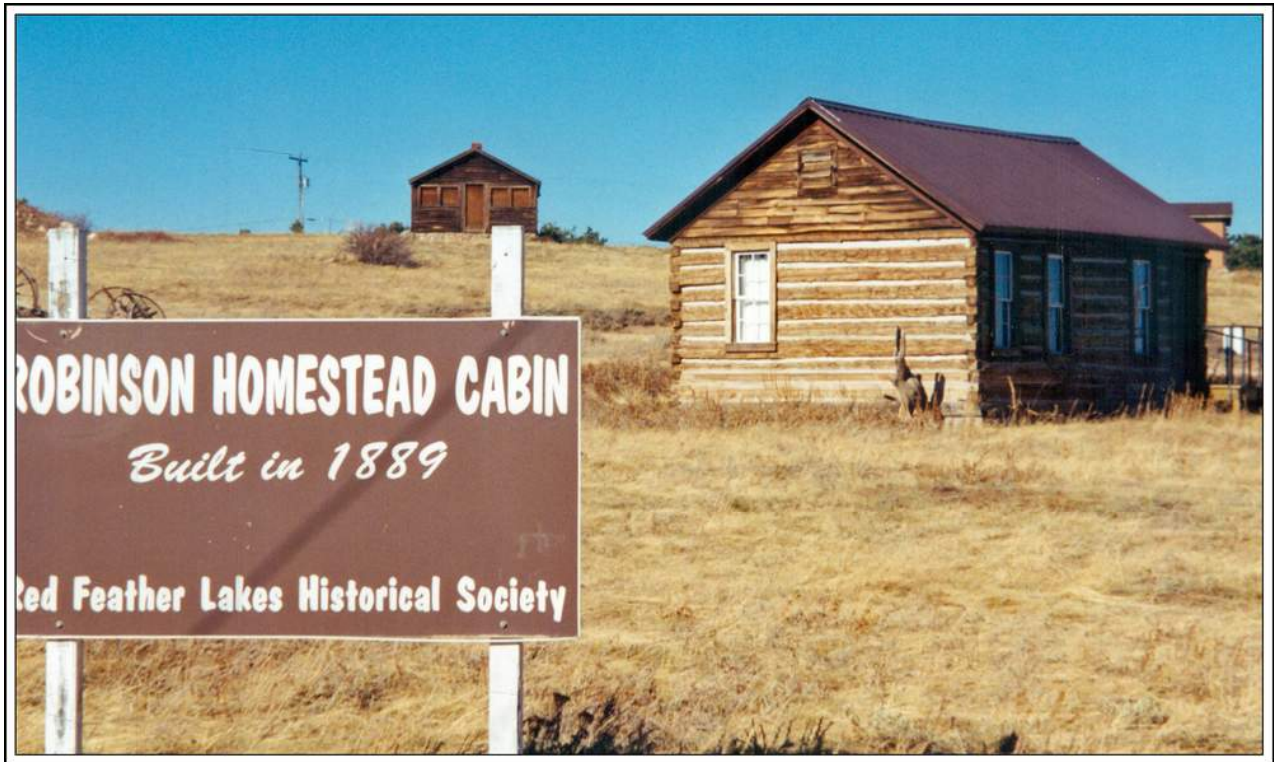
From Livermore drive west on Red Feather Lakes Road (Larimer County Road 74E). The entrance to the resort community is clearly marked.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 4 1924	---	NW/4 Sec 28 T10N R73W Applicant for postmaster - James E. Esterbrook
Jul 2 1924		Established
Jul 2 1924		Esterbrook, James E.

RED FEATHER LAKES – Continued

Jan 5 1925	Ordered closed	
Jan 31 1925	Discontinued Mail to Log Cabin	
May 29 1926 ---	NW/4 Sec 28 T10N R73W May have been proposed simply as "REDFEATHER," "LAKES" added	
	Applicant for Postmaster - G. C. Wallace	
Aug 4 1926	Re-established	
Aug 4 1926	Wallace, George C.	Confirmed
Mar 9 1934	Hastings, Mrs. Goldie	Assumed charge
Mar 21 1934	Hastings, Mrs. Goldie	Acting
Jun 4 1934	Hastings, Mrs. Goldie	Confirmed
Jun 18 1934	Hastings, Mrs. Goldie	Commissioned
May 2 1940	Dunning, Ted E.	Assumed charge
May 17 1940	Dunning, Ted E.	Acting
Oct 4 1940	Dunning, Ted E.	Confirmed
Nov 8 1940	Dunning, Ted E.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 28 T10N R73W	
Jul 1 1954		Office made Presidential
Dec 30 1966	Hurd, Mrs. Georgette E.	Acting
Mar 20 1971	Hurd, Mrs. Georgette E.	Assumed charge as postmaster



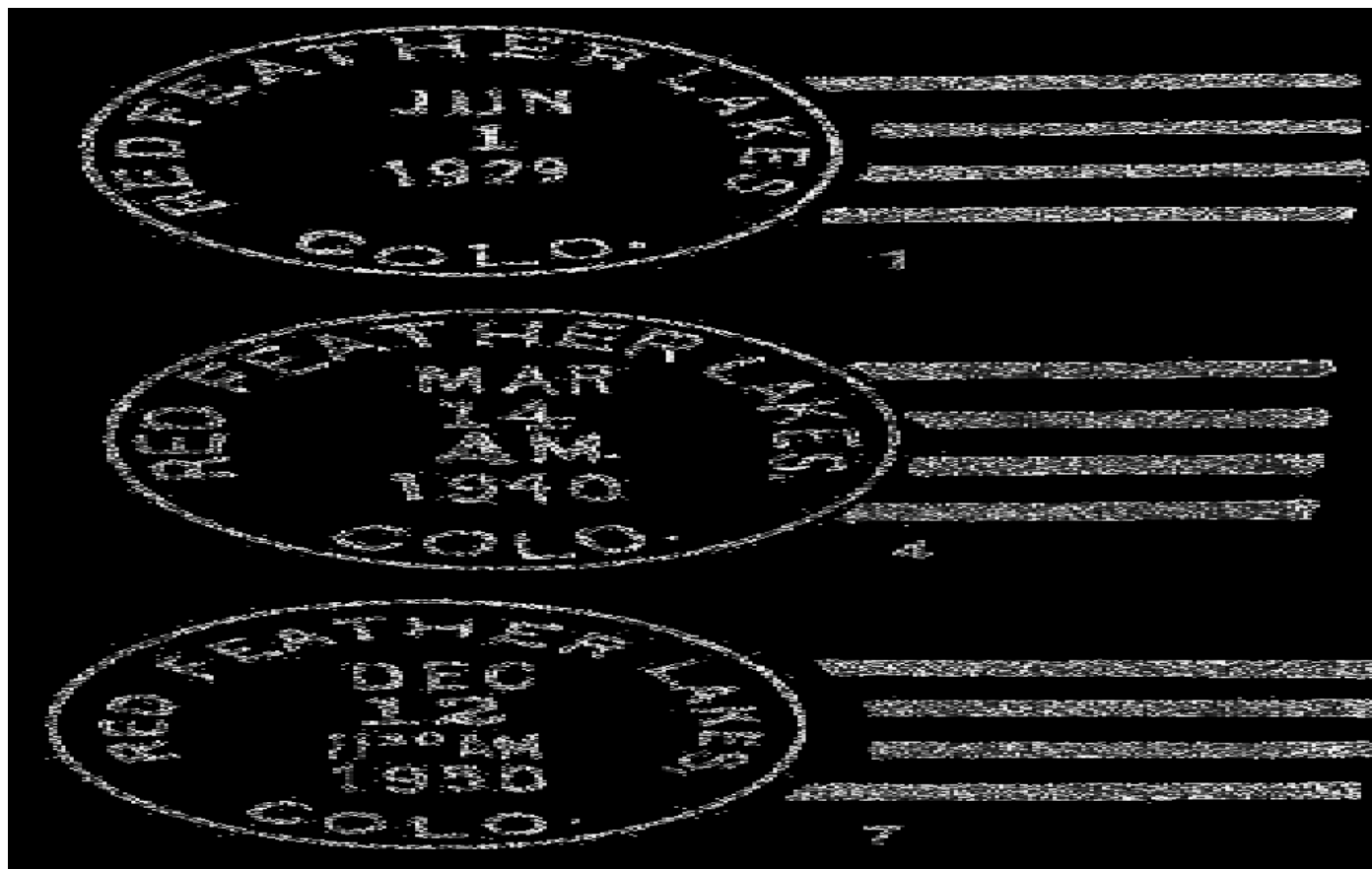
Cabins at Red Feather Lakes, Colorado
 Photograph by William H. Bauer October 27, 1999

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 1 1929 Aug 31 1936
2	RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Apr 20 1937 Jun 15 1938
3	RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO. CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-??x22mm	Jun 22 1939

RED FEATHER LAKES – Continued

4	RED FEATHER LAKES. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 14 1940 May 10 1940
5	RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Feb 28 1941 Oct 23 1941
6	RED FEATHER LAKES COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	Jul 25 1944 Sep 23 1948
7	RED FEATHER LAKES, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Sep 23 1948 Jul 9 1963
8	RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 28 1951
9	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO / 80545 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Oct 10 1966 May 9 1968
10	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO / 80545 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Aug 18 1969 Jul 17 1979
11	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO / 80545 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Aug 23 1976 Aug 4 1986
12	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO / 80545 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Nov 13 1989 Jun 27 1994
13	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO 80545 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 27 1994
14	RED FEATHER LAKES CO / USPS 80545-9998 CI 11P 36.0/24.0	Hstp No killer, distorted strike	Oct 27 1999 Aug 1 2001
15	RED FEATHER LAKES, CO 80545-9998 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/21.5	4bars S-19-17mm	May 17 2002



RED FEATHER LAKES – Continued



BEN DELATOUR SCOUT RANCH STATION

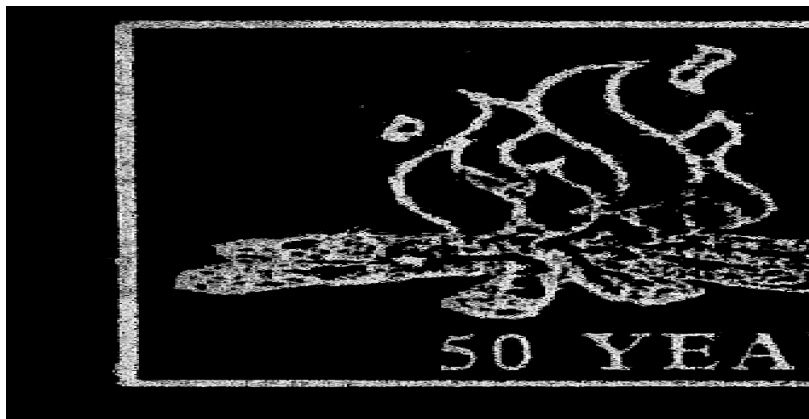
Chronology of the Post Office

- Jun 28 2007 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Jul 26 2007 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Jun 29 2008 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 RED FEATHER LAKES, CO 80545 // BEN DELATOUR SCOUT RANCH STATION Jun 28 2007
RC 10P 94.0x31.0 Pict Scene - Scout Fleur-de-lis emblem:
Text - 100 YEARS OF WORLD SCOUTING
- 2 RED FEATHER LAKES, CO 80545 // BEN DELATOUR SCOUT RANCH STATION Jul 26 2007
RC 10P 94.0x31.0 Pict Scene - Scout Fleur-de-lis emblem:
Text - 100 YEARS OF WORLD SCOUTING
- 3 RED FEATHER LAKES / COLORADO 80545 // BEN DELATOUR SCOUT / RANCH STATION
Jun 29 2008
RC 10P 98.0X48.0 Pict Scene – Campfire; Text – 50 YEARS OF SCOUT
CAMPING



BEN DELATOUR SCOUT RANCH STATION – Continued**ROACH**

Roach was built by the Otto Lumber Company for the purpose of cutting timber to be used for ties on the Union Pacific Railroad and other western railroads. Reportedly Roach was occupied from about 1923 to 1938. However, in August 1938 a Geographical Site Location Report was filed that clearly indicated that the Roach Post Office was being moved from its original location to a new site, closer to the Laramie River, where it continued to operate for three more years, possibly at a ranger station.

Roach was a company town and consisted of homes, a store, a school and the post office. The town was dismantled and removed from the National Forest. All that remains are a few foundations, the remnants of a wooden flume and a splash dam along nearby Stuck Creek.

I have no information as to why the place was named Roach. I leave it to your imagination.

The original location is within the Roosevelt National Forest on the east flank of the Medicine Bow Mountains about six miles south of the Colorado-Wyoming State line.

The U. S. Forest Service is currently conducting archaeological exploration of the site as a part of its “Passport in Time” program (2007).

Access to that site, if possible, would be best from Wyoming and would require a circuitous trip south along the flank of the Medicine Bow Range. It might also be possible to come from the Laramie River Valley, beginning at the “Four Corners” of Larimer County Road 103 and 80 north of Glendevey. However, that route would require a detailed map of the Forest Service roads leading into the area and would certainly require a four-wheel drive vehicle. There may be Forest Service roads that approach the 1938-1941 site but they are not shown on my map of Larimer County.

Now having access to the images in Google Earth, I have been able to follow the roads from the north to the 1929 location (“Old Roach”). No structures were visible at the location. To that point the roads appear reasonably good but may not be open to the public.

From Old Roach, I could continue to trace the route south to the 1938-41 site. These roads are not prominent on Google Earth and more than likely are not open to the public. Again nothing was visible at the site. Well almost nothing. Google Earth showed a very clear image of a large jet with a contrail that had just passed over the site of Roach!

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 21 1929	---	NW/4 Sec 14 T11N R78W 10 miles west of Big Laramie River 3 miles north of Grace Creek	
		Applicant for postmaster - Andrew Olson	
Dec 28 1929		Established	
Dec 28 1929		Olson, Andrew	Confirmed
Jan 25 1930		Olson, Andrew	Commissioned

ROACH – Continued

Feb 10 1930	Olson, Andrew	Assumed charge
Aug 12 1938 ---	SE/4 Sec 32 T11N R77W 6.5 miles west of Laramie River, 50 feet north of Jenkins Creek	Roach Post Office now located at a lumber camp that will be abandoned and moved to location specified in petition U.S.F.S Ranger Station at proposed new site.
Jan 1 1939	Olson, Mrs. Kay H.	Assumed charge
Jan 13 1939	Olson, Mrs. Kay H.	Acting
Jan 19 1939	Olson, Mrs. Kay H.	Confirmed
Feb 6 1939	Olson, Mrs. Kay H.	Commissioned
Jul 21 1939	Jensen, Mrs. Mary Etta	Confirmed
Aug 11 1939	Jensen, Mrs. Mary Etta	Commissioned
Aug 22 1939	Jensen, Mrs. Mary Etta	Assumed charge
Oct 24 1941 ---	SE/4 Sec 32 T11N R77W Laramie River 8 miles east	Accompanying map places it on Forrester Creek
Dec 1 1941	Ordered closed	Mail to Glendevey
Dec 23 1941	Modified	Mail to Laramie, Wyoming
Dec 31 1941	Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | ROACH, / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-23x18mm | May 21 1934 Dec 17 1934 |
| 2 | ROACH / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-23x18mm | Mar 3 1941 Dec 31 1941 |



RUSTIC

In 1882 a hotel was built on the Cache La Poudre Rive and named the Rustic. Historical accounts attribute the construction to either S. S. Stewart or to B. Stewart. I find it interesting that the first postmaster at Rustic, in 1880, was Charles Stewart. From that, it appears that there was a small settlement at the location prior to 1882 and if the hotel was built in 1882, it took its name from the existing community.

As a community Rustic served travelers on the road to North Park, local ranchers and those involved in cutting timber from the surrounding forests. For a few years at the end of the nineteenth century, Rustic was a way stop on the road to the mining activity at Manhattan, a few miles to the north.

Rustic continues to exist as a small settlement with a few residences, a number of summer camps, and a small grocery store and service station.

Rustic is on Colorado Highway 14 and the Cache La Poudre River west of La Porte. It is at the intersection with Larimer County Road 69, to the north, and about five miles west of the site of Eggers.

Latitude = 40:34:49 North Longitude = 105:41:58 West RUSTIC

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

Sep 13 1880	---	Unsurveyed Land 1/4 mile north of the Cache La Poudre River Hotel, store and Mountain Ranch
Oct 18 1880		Established
Oct 18 1880		Stewart, Charles
May 7 1883		Hopkins, James H.
Apr 12 1886		Gearhart, E.
May 24 1886		Gearhart, Edward G.
Oct 31 1887		Discontinued Papers to Manhattan

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	RUSTIC / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Apr 2 1881 May 16 1882 Hstp Target, 4-ring 20mm
2	RUSTIC / Colorado CI 21P 29.0/27.0/15.0	Jul 7 1886 Hstp Not recorded

**SAINT CLOUD**

Saint Cloud was another rural or ranch post office on the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River. The countryside was devoted to raising livestock. There is no evidence to support the existence of an organized community at Saint Cloud.

The location is at the south end of a valley that is now called Cherokee Park. The valley is the location for several guest ranches. In 1999 this included The Cherokee Park Ranch, the Saint Cloud Trail Creek Ranch and the Trail's End Ranch.

To reach this site, follow the directions to Alford. From Alford continue west for eight miles on Cherokee Park Road (Larimer County Road 80C). That will bring you into the park and the guest ranch complex. I believe the Saint Cloud Post Office would have been at the St. Cloud Trail Creek Ranch, on the north side of the road and a short distance west of the Cherokee Park Ranch Complex.

The Saint Cloud Post Office closed in 1913 and moved a half-mile south to become the Cherokee Park Post Office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 23 1884	---	SW/4 Sec 21 T11N R72W 100 yard north of the Cache La Poudre, 25 yards north of Trail Creek Proposed postmaster - Clarence T. Woods
May 9 1884		Established
May 9 1884		Woods, Clarence T.
Aug 31 1901		Watrous, Frank L.
Jul 7 1906		Bristol, Noah
Mar 11 1908		Campton, William
Feb 14 1913		Name changed to Cherokee Park

SAINT CLOUD – Continued

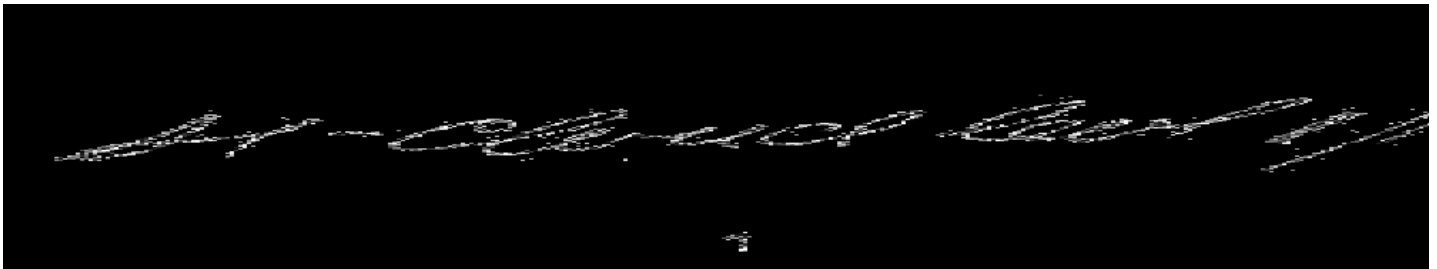


SAINT CLOUD, / COLO.

August 26, 1907

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	St Cloud Col MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Nov 16 1886
2	SAINT CLOUD / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Not present	Dec 13 1889
3	SAINT CLOUD / COLO. CI 10P 27.5	Hstp Not present	Jan 5 1896
4	SAINT CLOUD, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Mar -- 1907 Jul 15 1912



STOUT

In the early 1880's a series of red sandstone quarries opened between the hogbacks south of Bellvue. William Bachelder was responsible for the early operations at the quarries. The quarries were first served by a branch of the Greeley, Salt Lake, and Pacific Railroad and later came under the control of the Union Pacific.

STOUT – Continued

In 1882 Nebraska stone contractor William B. Stout leased the quarries. A new post office, adopting Mr. Stout's family name, was established in Spring Canyon, replacing the Petra Post Office that had been opened only a few months.

Sandstone from the quarries was used for sidewalks in Lincoln, Nebraska, Denver and Pueblo. Stone from the quarries was also used in construction of some of the buildings at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Operations at the quarries continued into the twentieth century; however the railroad was removed in 1909. In 1948 the completion of Horsetooth Reservoir submerged the site of Stout and its predecessor Petra.

Horsetooth Reservoir is a part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. It is one of the three principal storage units for water diverted from the western slope. It is the primary source of water for the City of Fort Collins.

From Bellvue drive south on Laramie County Road 23. The road passes the east end of the Horsetooth Dam and then skirts along the eastern side of the reservoir. The location of Stout was in the reservoir, near the south end of the reservoir and below the Spring Canyon Dam. The Spring Canyon Dam is opposite a large bay on the west side of the reservoir.



STOUT / COLO. Jan 21, 1885

Chronology of the Post Office

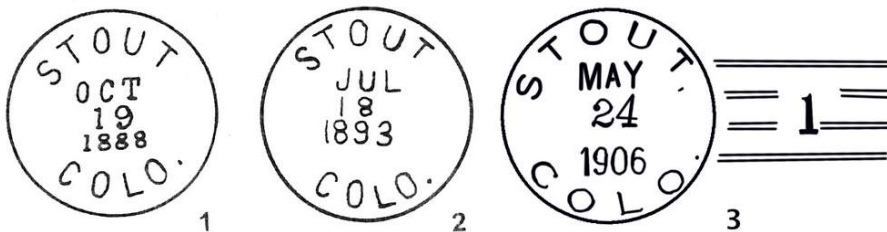
May 25 1882 ---	SW/4 Sec 32 T7N R69W [Report filed for Petra] A freight branch of the Greeley Salt Lake & Pacific Ry runs to the place. No station established yet. A settlement dependent on stone quarry. 200 people Proposed postmaster - William N. Bachelder
Sep 4 1882	Formerly named Petra
Sep 4 1882	Stout, Richeson M.
Sep 28 1882	Stout, Richard M.
Aug 3 1883	Stout, Homer D.
Sep 14 1883	Cox, John

STOUT – Continued

Dec 7 1883	Briggs, Robert	
Dec 31 1885	Clinton, John D.	
Jan 22 1889	Vollintine, Thomas W.	
Jun 15 1891	Greenlee, Robert C.	
Feb 5 1895	Lord, Orestes	Not commissioned
Apr 8 1895	Kane, Patrick F.	
Dec 27 1898	Geary, Thomas	
Mar 17 1903	Wathen, Stephen A.	
Jul 13 1908	Ordered closed	
Jul 31 1908	Discontinued Mail to Bellvue	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	STOUT / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Jan 21 1885 Nov 12 1889 Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm
2	STOUT / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jul 18 1893 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm; Cork, Negative X-roads
3	STOUT, / COLO. CI 10P ???	May 24 1906 Feb 27 1908 Type 2, with 1



TIMNATH

Following the construction of the Greeley, Salt Lake, and Pacific Railroad a small community came into existence. For a time the settlement lacked an accepted name, although by some reports it may have been called Wheatland, in deference to the primary crop of the area.

When a Presbyterian Church was organized, the Reverend Charles A. Taylor named the church Timnath for the Biblical city where Samson found a wife. In turn the community adopted the church name. That sequence of events is reported to have occurred twenty years after the settlement was established. However, that cannot be true unless the settlement was begun well before 1884 as the Timnath Post Office was established in 1884. Timnath was incorporated in 1920.

Timnath has continued to exist as a village with a number of residences and a small business district.

From Interstate 25, take Exit 265 and drive one-half mile east on Larimer County Road 40 to County Road 5. Turn north into the village of Timnath.

Latitude = 40:31:45 North Longitude = 104:59:05 West TIMNATH

Chronology of the Post Office

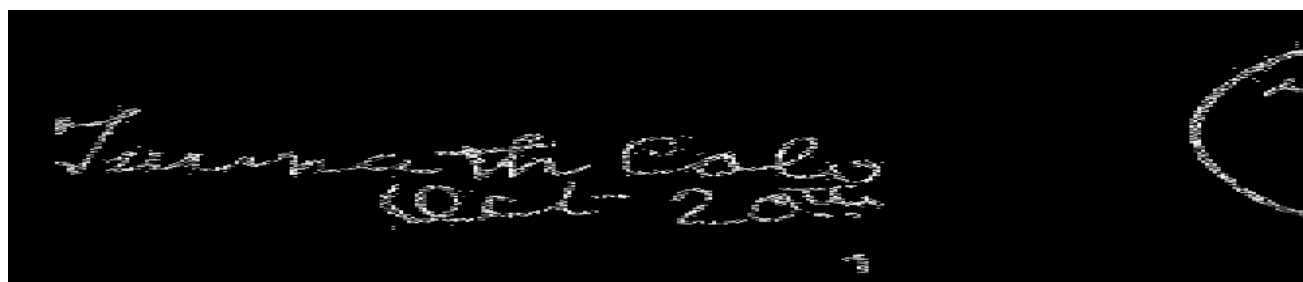
Jun 13 1884	---	NE/4 Sec 34 T7N R68W Proposed postmaster - William B. Groff
Jul 10 1884		Established
Jul 10 1884		Groff, William B.
Jan 29 1887		Williams, T. J.
Aug 20 1887		Kern, Frank P.
May 29 1889		Teller, Lewis W.

TIMNATH – Continued

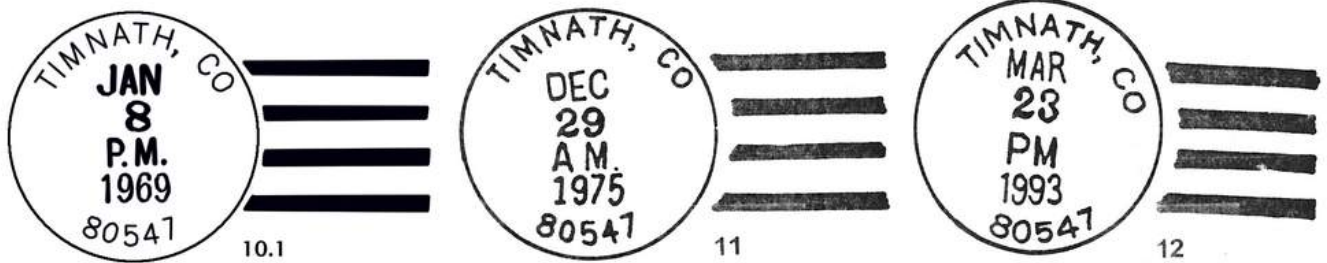
Jul 14 1892	Latson, Alfred	
Dec 6 1894	Springer, Richard	
Apr 22 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 35 T7N R68W 40 rods east of the Cache La Poudre	
Sep 5 1914	Sherred, Inez M.	
Jun 28 1917	Lund, Edward H.	Confirmed
Jul 11 1917	Lund, Edward H.	Commissioned
Jul 17 1917	Lund, Edward H.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1937	Weitzel, Mrs. Esther	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1937	Weitzel, Mrs. Esther	Acting
Jan 22 1938	Weitzel, Mrs. Esther	Confirmed
Feb 10 1938	Weitzel, Mrs. Esther	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 35 T7N R68W Poudre River 1/2 mile west of office	
Jul 1 1949		Office made Presidential

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Timnath Colo. MS	Mscp Pen cancel	Oct 20 188-
2	TIMNATH / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Mar 23 1899 Jun 29 1906
3	TIMNATH / COL. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Target, 3-ring	Apr 20 1895
4	TIMNATH, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Doane Type 3 with 4, S-24x14mm	Apr 27 1907 Jan 15 1913
5	TIMNATH, COLO. / REC'D CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 2 1908
6	TIMNATH, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Jun 11 1911 Feb 25 1914
7	TIMNATH / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-22x17mm	Feb 4 1936 Jun 17 1936
8	TIMNATH / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x18mm	Dec 20 1939
9	TIMNATH / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Feb 3 1938 Feb 7 1949
10	TIMNATH / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Oct 8 1958 Jul 18 1962
10.1	TIMNATH, CO / 80547 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 8 1969 Jun 21 1977
11	TIMNATH, CO / 80547 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 16 1969 Jan 15 1976
12	TIMNATH, CO / 80547 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jun 11 1987 Jun 1 1993
13	TIMNATH, CO / 80547 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 26 1995
14	TIMNATH CO / 80547 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 12 1997
15	TIMNATH, CO 80647 / USPS CI 11P 26.5/18.0	Hstp No killer	May 5 1999



TIMNATH – Continued



CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | Timnath CO 80547 // Celebrate the Century Station
SL 00R 96.0x3.0 | Jun 15 2000
Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- /
The Life of a Century |
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TRAIL RIDGE

Trail Ridge Road has been well covered in the literature of Colorado. The drive through Rocky Mountain National Park on US Highway 34 is perhaps the most popular and scenic ride in Colorado. Unfortunately, the Trail Ridge Post Office has escaped mention in any of the descriptions of Trail Ridge Road.

The Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Report places the post office at the visitor center where the Fall River Pass Road joins with Trail Ridge Road at an elevation of about 11,800 feet and above timber line.

The Trail Ridge Post Office was a summer post office, open only during the time that the road was open, usually from about Memorial Day to October. No effort is made to keep the road open during the winter months.

The Trail Ridge Post Office ceased to operate in 1953. Apparently the operators of the visitor facility no longer cared to perform the postal functions. The visitor center there is relatively new, not the one that would have been there in 1953. You can still mail postcards at the visitor center and you can handstamp them with a visitor center handstamp but they go into the regular Postal Service mail stream and will most likely receive a Denver postmark.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 9 1937	Established	Summer post office	
Jul 9 1937	Lawton, Jerry E.		Confirmed
Jul 22 1937	Lawton, Jerry E.		Commissioned
Aug 2 1937	Lawton, Jerry E.		Assumed charge
Aug 11 1937 ---	SW/4 Sec 36 T6N R75W	Accompanying maps show it at Fall River Pass	
Nov 5 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 36 T6N R75W		
May 23 1942	Lawton, Jerry E.		Military leave
Jun 16 1942	McNamara, Miss Josephine		Assumed charge
Jul 4 1942	McNamara, Miss Josephine		Acting, interim appointment
May 6 1946	Dunham, Norman A.		Confirmed
Jun 27 1946	Dunham, Norman A.		Commissioned
Jun 30 1946	Dunham, Norman A.		Assumed charge
Jun 14 1947	Lawton, Jerry E.		Assumed charge
Sep 22 1947	Lawton, Jerry E.		Confirmed
Jan 23 1948	Lawton, Jerry E.		Commissioned
Sep 2 1950	Hood, Philip Nelson		Assumed charge
Oct 12 1950	Hood, Philip Nelson		Acting
May 29 1951	Allen, Lon Charles		Assumed charge
Jun 20 1951	Allen, Lon Charles		Acting
Jun 26 1951	Allen, Lon Charles		Confirmed
Jul 20 1951	Allen, Lon Charles		Commissioned
Dec 31 1953	Discontinued	Mail to Estes Park	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	TRAIL RIDGE / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Aug 10 1938 Aug 20 1947
2	TRAIL RIDGE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jun 17 1948 Jul 22 1949
3	TRAIL RIDGE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jul 9 1950
4	TRAIL RIDGE, / COLO. CI 10P 37.0	4bars S-27x23mm	Aug 1 1951 Jul 2 1955

TRAIL RIDGE – Continued



VIRGINIA DALE

Virginia Dale was a station on the Overland Stage Route from Denver to Wyoming. The station was established in 1862 by the notorious Joseph A. (Black Jack) Slade who named it for his wife - Virginia Dale Slade.

Numerous historical accounts claim that Joseph Slade was the postmaster at Virginia Dale; however, his name does not appear in the Post Office Department Records of Postmaster Appointments. In addition the Virginia Dale Post Office did not open until 1868.

Slade is acknowledged to have been the station agent at Virginia Dale but he was gone by the time a post office opened. As agent he would have had some responsibility in handling the mails carried by the Overland Stage line.

Previous to coming to Virginia Dale, Slade was the station agent at Julesburg. While there he got into an argument with Jules Beni who had established Julesburg. Slade shot and killed Jules and is said to have cut off Jules' ears and nailed them to a corral post. Slade continued his scoundrel ways and in 1864 was hanged in Virginia City, Montana.

Virginia Dale remained a division point for the Overland Stage until the railway from Cheyenne to Denver was completed in 1871.

With the demise of the Overland Stage Route, the Virginia Dale Post Office continued to serve other travelers on the wagon road as well as the cattle and sheep ranches in the surrounding countryside. The growth of automobile travel provided an income for the Virginia Dale Store but by the late 1980's that was no longer sufficient to keep the store in operation.

The Virginia Dale Post Office has been at several locations along what is now US Highway 287. For many years in the late twentieth century the post office was a combination café, store, gas station and post office on the east side of US 287. Although no longer in use, that building was still there in 2005. I shall use it as a reference point for directions to the other sites described below.

VIRGINIA DALE – Continued

When the post office first opened in 1868 it was at the Virginia Dale Stage Station on Dale Creek. The original station building still stands and in 1985 was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. From the Virginia Dale Store, drive northwest about a half mile to an unmarked road to the right. Take that road and keep to the left at the first intersection. It is about a mile and a half to a ranch and the original stage station. The station is on private property so I cannot guarantee access to the site.

The Virginia Dale Post Office was closed from September 1868 to September 1871. I believe that when it reopened it was at the original site. In 1888 the post office moved some four miles southeast to a location where US 287 now crosses Sixmile Creek. It was on the west side of the creek. There is a ranch complex at that location. This is about three miles from the Virginia Dale Store at the top of the hill.

In 1914 the post office moved a little more than a mile back to the northwest to where US 287 now crosses Dale Creek. There is a ranch complex there, with an old barn but the house has been replaced by a mobile home.

In 1916 the post office moved to a location near or at the original site of the stage station.

Another move took place in 1931. That location was at what is now The Benedictine Abbey, St. Walburg, located east of US 287 and a short distance north of the Virginia Dale Store. The Abbey is an extensive group of mostly modern buildings.

Sometime subsequent to 1941 the post office moved to the location of the store on US 287, where it remained until it closed for good in 1988.

From 1967 to 1988 Virginia Dale was a Rural Branch of the La Porte Post Office.

Latitude = 40:57:17 North Longitude = 105:20:55 West VIRGINIA DALE



The Overland Stage Station at Virginia Dale – original location of the Virginia Dale Post Office

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October 28, 1999

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 9 1868	Established
Jan 9 1868	Kasson, Elijah

VIRGINIA DALE – Continued

Sep 28 1868	Discontinued	
Sep 14 1871	Re-established	
Sep 7 1874	---	No lines run On the west side of Dale Creek
Sep 14 1874		Smith, William G.
Jun 11 1878		Leach, Seymour C.
Jan 9 1880		Leach, Sarah C.
Jun 29 1888		King, Hannah
Aug 13 1888	---	SW/4 Sec 14 T11N R71W On the west side of Six Mile Creek
Dec 23 1889		Davis, Alexander L.
Dec 24 1890		King, Hannah H.
Oct 15 1892		Keckart, Melissa
Aug 1 1902		McNurlen, William W.
Jul 30 1907		Windecker, Eugene F.
Nov 18 1908		Aldrich, Mary C.
Apr 27 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 10 T11N R71W 300 feet west of Deadman Creek
Jan 21 1916	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T12N R71W 550 feet west of Dale Creek Applicant for postmaster - Mrs. Florence Lawson
Mar 1 1916		Lawson, Florence C.
Apr 1 1930		Bashor, Mrs. Mable T. Acting
May 1 1930		Bashor, Mrs. Mable T. Confirmed
Jun 11 1930		Bashor, Mrs. Mable T. Commissioned
Nov 4 1931	---	SE/4 NW/4 Sec 4 T11N R71W 3/4 mile east of Dale Creek
Oct 22 1941	---	SE/4 NE/4 Sec 4 T11N R71W
Oct 31 1951		Funk, Mrs. Helen Acting & Assumed charge
Nov 20 1951		Funk, Mrs. Helen Confirmed
Dec 11 1951		Funk, Mrs. Helen Commissioned
Mar 22 1954		Moen, Mrs. Shirlie M. Confirmed
Jun 23 1954		Moen, Mrs. Shirlie M. Appointment rescinded
Dec 17 1966		Nelson, Mrs. Lenna Eunice Acting
Jan 27 1967		Converted to a Rural Branch of Laporte

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	VIRGINIA DALE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp No killer	May 10 1887
2	VIRGINIA DALE, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Doane Type 2 with 1,	Sep 17 1906 Mar 5 1912
3	VIRGINIA DALE, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 14 1914 Dec 22 1916
4	VIRGINIA DALE. / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 24 1936 Sep 27 1950
5	VIRGINIA DALE /COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 12 1953 May 6 1955

SUBSEQUENT MARKINGS ARE LISTED UNDER VIRGINIA DALE RURAL BRANCH OF LA PORTE



VIRGINIA DALE – Continued



WAVERLY

Settlement of the area around Waverly began in the 1880’s. Initially, ranching was the dominant activity. Later sugar beet cultivation became an important factor in the local economy.

In 1903, F. Clinton Grable platted the town but his brother was responsible for promoting it. Selection of the name is attributed to a postal clerk, who named it Waverly after the Sir Walter Scott novel.

Waverly did not develop to any great degree. However, at its height Waverly had several stores, a church, a post office and a school built in 1918. In 1992 after consolidation with other districts, the school ceased operation.

Today, Waverly is principally a number of houses and ranches along Larimer County Road 15. The surrounding area is gradually being subdivided, an action not meeting with great favor among the long-time residents.

The most direct access to Waverly is to leave Interstate 25 at Exit 281 north of Wellington. From the exit, drive west four and one-half miles on Larimer County Road 70 to County Road 15. Turn and go south one and a half miles to Waverly.

Latitude = 40:44:11 North Longitude = 105:04:34 West WAVERLY

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jan 8 1906 --- SE/4 Sec 23 T9N R69W
Proposed postmaster - F. Clinton Grable
- Feb 23 1906 Established
- Feb 23 1906 Grable, H. C.
- Feb 11 1907 Hailey, Walter H.
- May 18 1907 Farrar, Mae
- Dec 3 1907 Widmann, Elizabeth
- May 15 1912 Discontinued Mail to Wellington

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 WAVERLY, / COLO. Nov 22 1907 Dec 1 1911
- CI 10P 30.0 Doane Type 3 with 1, S-23x13mm



WELLINGTON

The Colorado and Southern Railroad established Wellington in 1902. A plat for Wellington was filed on July 15, 1903 and the town was incorporated on November 10, 1905.

The area around Wellington was, and largely still is, devoted to agriculture—farming and ranching. The railroad’s intention was to exploit the ready source of freight to enhance its income and they succeeded.

F. C. Grable is credited with naming the new town for C. L. Wellington, a traffic manager for the Colorado and Southern Railroad.

Wellington is a modest size, active and growing community. It has a business district and expanding residential sections. Its proximity to Fort Collins makes it an attractive residence for people working in that much larger city.

Wellington is on the west side of Interstate 25 with access from Exit 278.

Latitude = 40:42:14 North Longitude = 105:00:29 West WELLINGTON



WELLINGTON, / COLO.

September 18, 1907

Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 30 1903 --- SE/4 Sec 33 T9N R68W 200 feet east of Dry Creek Box Elder
The Colorado Southern are now building branch to Wellington
Office will be on east side of track
Proposed postmaster - Raymond Jasper Baker
- Aug 25 1903 Established
- Aug 25 1903 Baker, Raymond J.
- Sep 14 1904 Coffey, Jasper P.
- Sep 10 1906 --- Center Sec 33 T8N R68W (note difference in township)
300 feet east of Box Elder Creek
- Feb 6 1907 Pleasant, Floyd W.
- Feb 21 1908 Baxter, Adam
- Apr 22 1914 --- SE/4 Sec 33 T9N R68W 700 feet east of Box Elder Creek

WELLINGTON – Continued

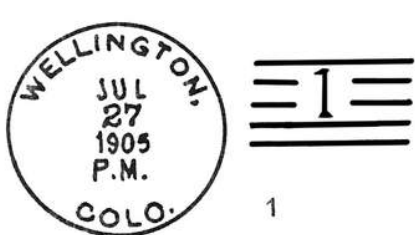
Jan 1 1918		Office made Presidential
Sep 5 1918	Baxter, Adam	P&S
Jan 30 1923	Aldridge, Frank D.	P&S
Jan 17 1927	Aldridge, Frank D.	P&S
May 8 1930	Marsh, Fred M.	Acting
Dec 8 1930	Marsh, Fred M.	P&S
Jun 4 1935	Carlson, Arthur L.	Nominated
Jun 10 1935	Carlson, Arthur L.	Confirmed
Jun 18 1935	Carlson, Arthur L.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 3 1935	Carlson, Arthur L.	Commissioned
Jul 10 1935	Carlson, Arthur L.	Assumed charge
Jul 26 1939	Carlson, Arthur L.	Nominated
Jul 29 1939	Carlson, Arthur L.	Confirmed
Aug 3 1939	Carlson, Arthur L.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 6 1939	Carlson, Arthur L.	Commissioned
Oct 19 1941	--- SE/4 Sec 33 T9N R68W 700 feet east of	Box Elder Creek
Aug 18 1961	DeGabain, Howard H.	Assumed charge
Aug 22 1961	DeGabain, Howard H.	Acting
Nov 14 1963	Hain, Archie N.	Confirmed
Dec 2 1963	Hain, Archie N.	Commissioned
Jan 17 1964	Hain, Archie N.	Assumed charge
Sep 13 1974	Hammers, Kenneth J.	Officer in charge
Mar 1 1975	Firkins, Oliver O.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WELLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 1 with 1, P-23x11mm	Jul 27 1905 Jun 1 1906
2	WELLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P ????	Doane Type 3, with 5;	Oct 26 1906 Sep 18 1907
2.1	WELLINGTON, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 26 1906
3	WELLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x14mm	Oct 17 1907 May 27 1910
4	WELLINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Apr 11 1911 Jul 14 1962
5	WELLINGTON / COLO. M.O.B. CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Jul 2 1927 Jul 18 1927
5.1	Wellington / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x17.0	Hstp No killer Parcel Post Box [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	1950s
6	WELLINGTON / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Jul 14 1962
7	WELLINGTON, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Oct 23 1962 Oct 7 1963
7.1	WELLINGTON, CO / 80549 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Dec 2 1967
8	WELLINGTON, CO / 80549 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 19 1975 Mar 23 1987
9	WELLINGTON, CO / 80549 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 13 1969 Apr 15 1976
9.1	WELLINGTON, CO / 80549 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x18mm	Apr 15 1991
10	WELLINGTON, CO / 80549 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Apr 15 1993
11	WELLINGTON CO / 80549 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-13x24mm	Oct 28 1999

WELLINGTON – Continued

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| 12 | WELLINGTON CO 80549-9998 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/18.5 | Oct 28 1999 Aug 6 2001 |
| | Hstp No killer | |
| 13 | WELLINGTON CO / 80549
CI 10P 33.0 | Jul 2 2004 |
| | 4bars S-22x14mm | |



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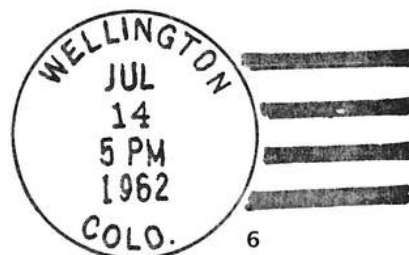
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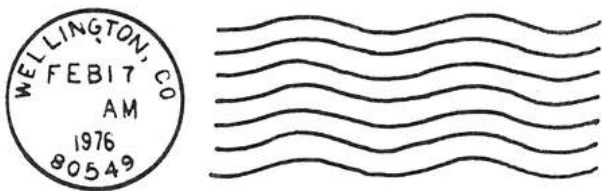
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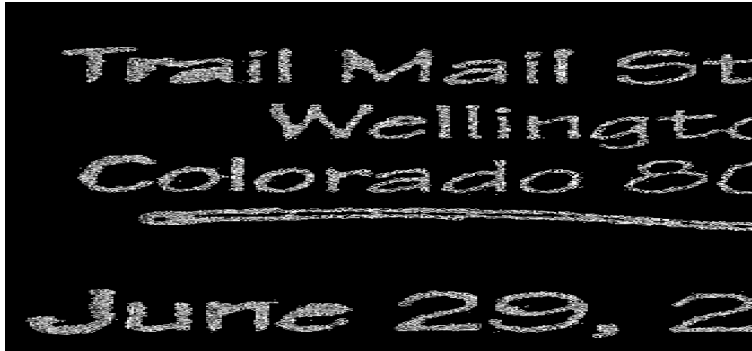


WELLINGTON – Continued
TRAIL MAIL STATION**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 29 2004 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Wellington / Colorado 80549 // Trail Mail Station IR 00R 92.0x42.0	Jun 29 2004 Pict Scene - Covered wagon; Text - Cherokee Trail / Wagon Train
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**WESTLAKE**

I have found no historical references to this place in Larimer County. Considering the location within the present day Roosevelt National Forest I would suggest that Westlake was a remote ranch post office, a lumber camp or a short-lived resort.

The name is a little bit of a puzzle. The location is on a tributary to Lone Pine Creek and there are no lakes nearby. The Red Feather Lakes are about two miles to the northeast so perhaps the intent was to designate this place as, “west of the lakes.” One of the Red Feather Lakes is designated as West Lake. so perhaps that was the source of the name. And it is possible that the location reported for Westlake was incorrect.

From Livermore drive west on Red Feather Lakes Road (Larimer County Road 74E). Go beyond the entrance to Red Feather Lakes to where the road becomes Deadman Road (Larimer County Road 162). Westlake, as reported, was approximately a mile west of that point.

I could not identify anything in the area as dating from 1890’s. There are some open fields and scattered cabins along the road as well as the Red Feather Lakes community to the north.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 8 1895	—	NE/4 Sec 31 T10N R73W 1/4 mile north of Lone Pine Creek Proposed postmaster - Samuel J. Peery
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Apr 25 1895	Established
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Apr 25 1895	Peery, Samuel J.
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Jul 22 1898	Discontinued Papers to Manhattan
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Confirmed types of postal markings**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WESTLAKE****WHEATLAND**

Wheatland was an early rural post office on the wagon road from Greeley to Fort Collins. It is possible that the name was applied to the surrounding area, including what eventually became the village of Timnath. In 1875 the Hiltonville Post Office was moved to Wheatland.

WHEATLAND – Continued

There is no evidence that there was an organized community of Wheatland. It seems likely that after the arrival of the Greeley, Salt Lake, and Pacific Railroad in 1882, most of whatever was there was moved to Timnath and a more advantageous location on the railroad.

From Interstate 25 take Exit 265 and drive east two and one-half miles to the Larimer-Weld County line. County Road 901 marks the boundary. The location of Wheatland was in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Roads 40 and 901. There are some old trees and a couple of recent buildings in that area.

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 24 1875	Moved from Hiltonville
Sep 24 1875	Kern, Lewis
Nov 26 1878	--- NE/4 Sec 1 T6N R68W
Jul 24 1878	Weller, Julia
Oct 1 1878	Discontinued
Oct 25 1878	Re-established
Oct 25 1878	Abbott, Jonathan C.
Apr 22 1880	Allen, Clara
Aug 2 1880	Allen, Charles A.
Feb 10 1881	Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Wheatland Colo	Jan 7 1878
	MS	Mscp Pen cancel



WILDS

In 1926 Alfred Wild, seeking to leave something behind with his name attached to it, platted a town west of Loveland and named it Wilds. The rail spur from Loveland to Arkins ran by the property. Streets were laid out and Wild built a 26-room mansion overlooking the townsite.

Unfortunately only a few people elected to live in Wilds. The post office remained open until 1934. Wilds was shown on maps for a number of years thereafter.

Wilds was located north of US Highway 34 at the south end of the “Devils Backbone.” This is just east of the junction of US 34 with Larimer County Road 23H. In 1996 there was a small ranch or stables at the location.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 7 1926	--- SE/4 Sec 7 T5N R69W One mile east of Buckhorn Creek	
	Applicant for postmaster - W. F. Webber	
Feb 11 1926	Established	
Feb 11 1926	Webber, Wardley F.	Confirmed
Jan 13 1934	Ordered closed	
Jan 31 1934	Discontinued Mail to Loveland	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	WILDS / COLO.	Jan 24 1929 Feb 17 1933
	CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm

WILDS – Continued



WINONA

Winona has been mentioned in several historical accounts of Larimer County and Loveland. Those reports would place Winona in proximity to the city of Loveland and at what was also known as St. Louis. However, the information in those accounts does not make sense when compared to the Post Office Department records for the Winona Post Office.

The Winona Post Office did not come into existence until ten years after the Loveland Post Office was moved from Big Thompson. The Geographical Site Location Report places Winona some seven miles west of Loveland.

To visit the site of Winona, drive west from Loveland on US Highway 36 to Larimer County Road 29 and turn south to County Road 18E. Turn west on Road 18E towards the Pinewood Reservoir and go one and three-tenths miles. At that point you will pass through a hogback and find a small, stone building on the north side of Road 18E. In 1999 that building appeared to be occupied.

The Site Location Report indicates that Cliff Cottage was the name requested for the post office. Given what I found at the location that would have been an appropriate name. The previously mentioned historical accounts claim that Winona was named for the daughter of Judge John E. Washburn, who was the first postmaster at Big Thompson. Winona Washburn Taylor was first and only postmaster of Winona.

From the location and what was there in 1999, I believe that Winona was nothing more than a ranch post office in the hogbacks near the foot of the mountains.

Chronology of the Post Office

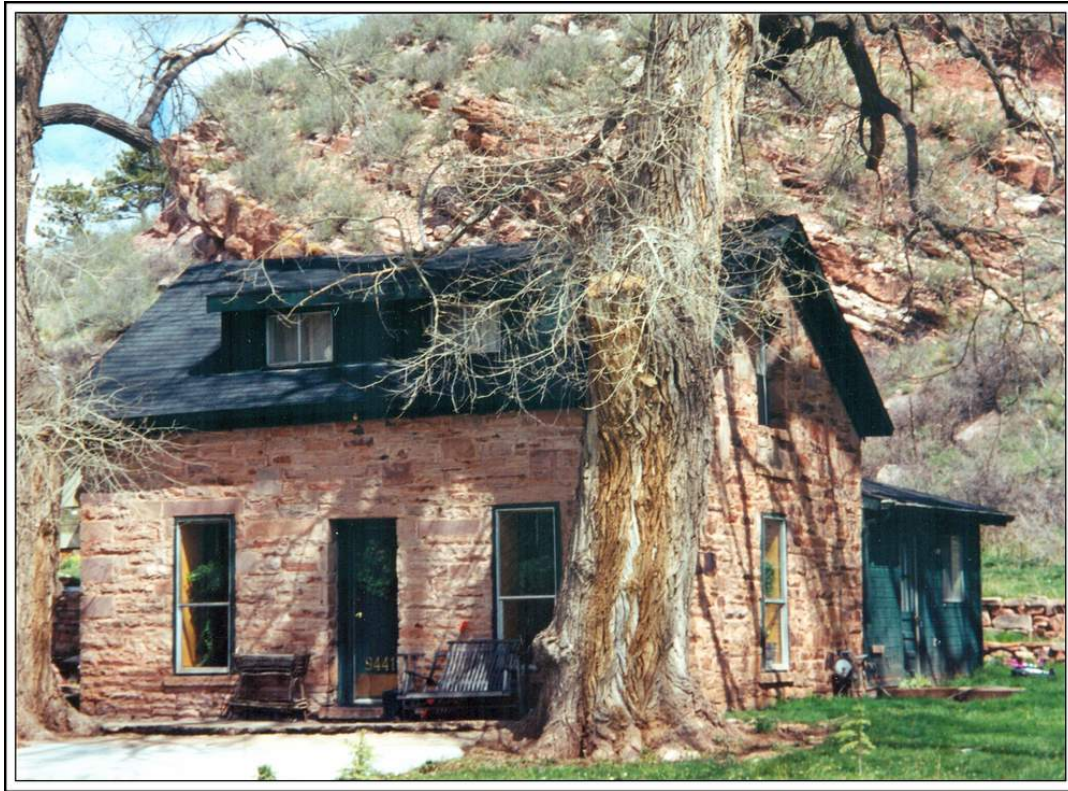
- Dec 19 1888 --- SE/4 Sec 22 T5N R70W 2-1/2 miles south of Big Thompson River,
3 rods north of Dry Creek
Proposed postmaster - Winona Washburn Taylor
- Feb 2 1889 Established
- Feb 2 1889 Taylor, Winona W.
- May 18 1893 Discontinued

Confirmed types of postal markings

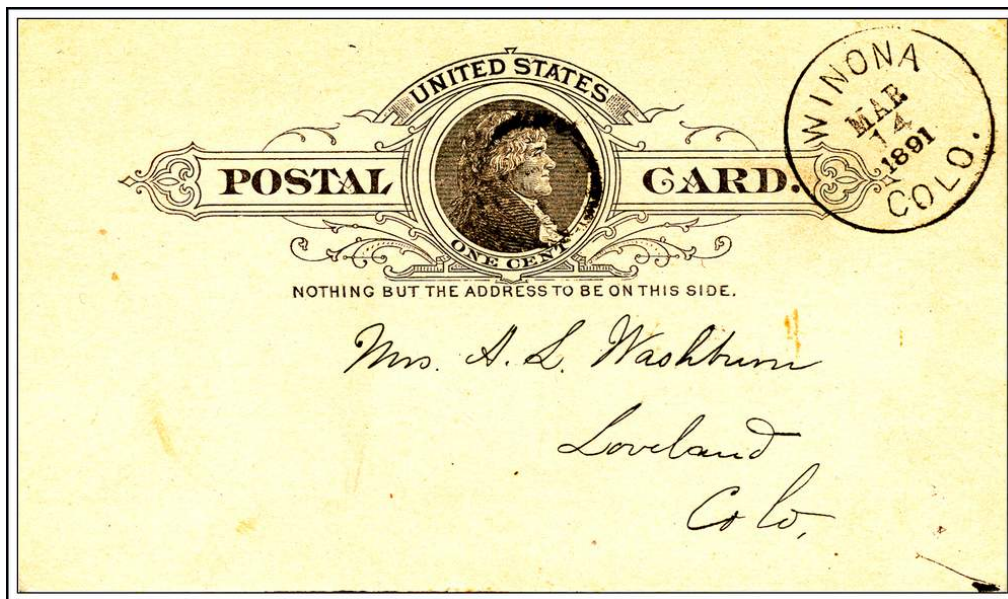
- 1 Winona Colo. Mar 15 1889
MS Mscp Pen cancel
- 2 WINONA / COLO. Aug 1 1889 Oct 6 1891
CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm



WINONA – Continued



**Old stone building at the location of Winona, Colorado west of Loveland
Photograph by William H. Bauer May 5, 1999**



WINONA / COLO.

March 14, 1891

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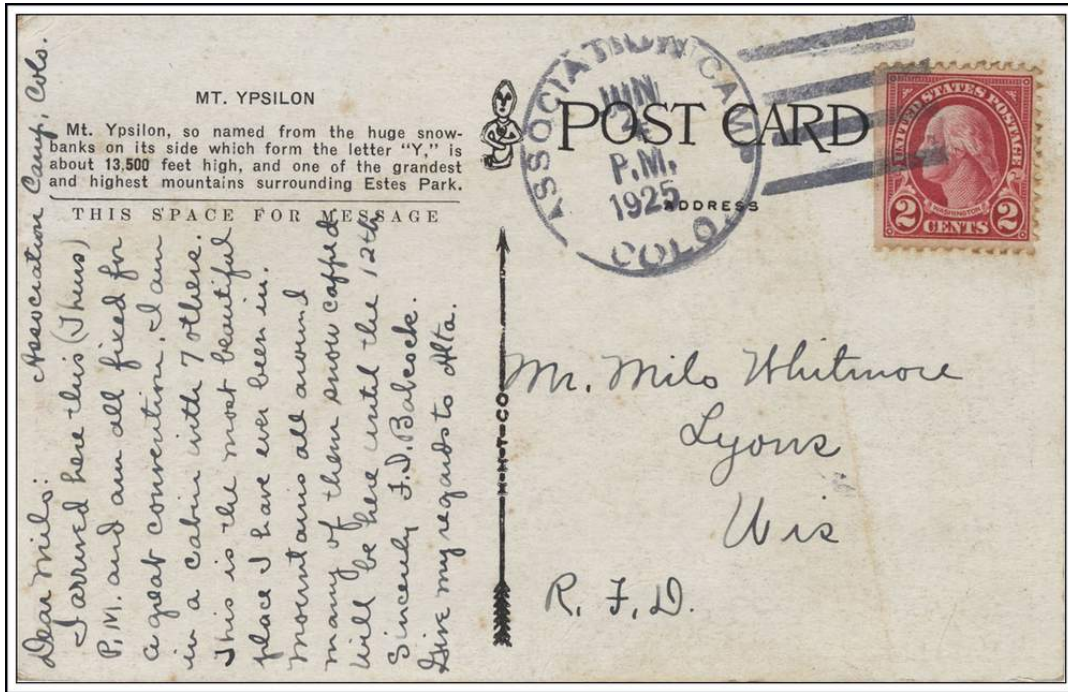
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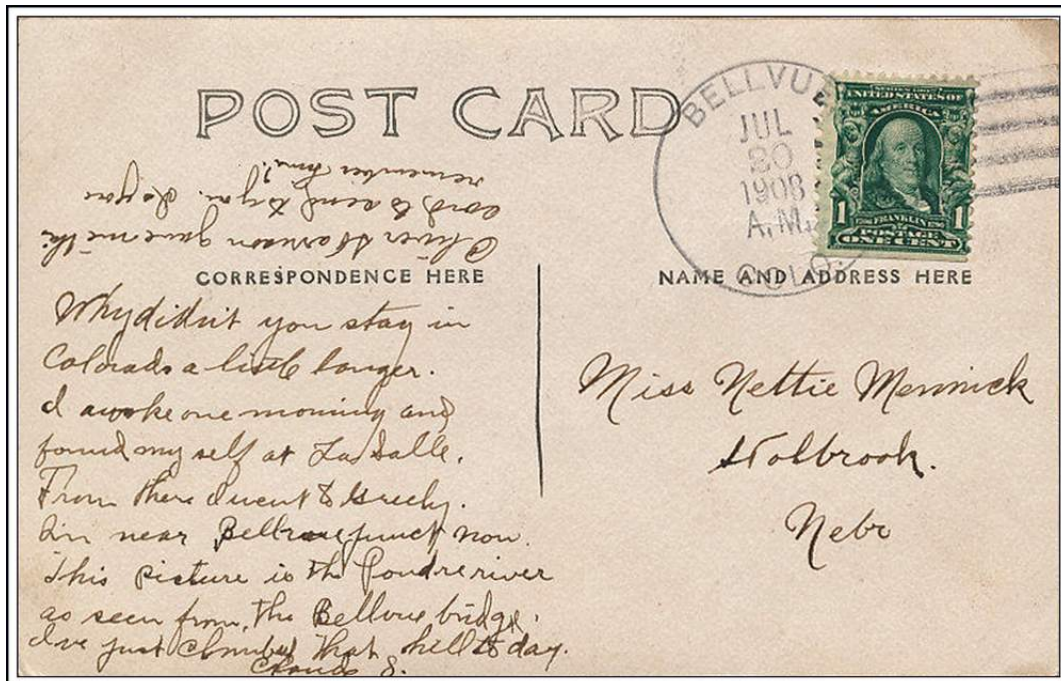
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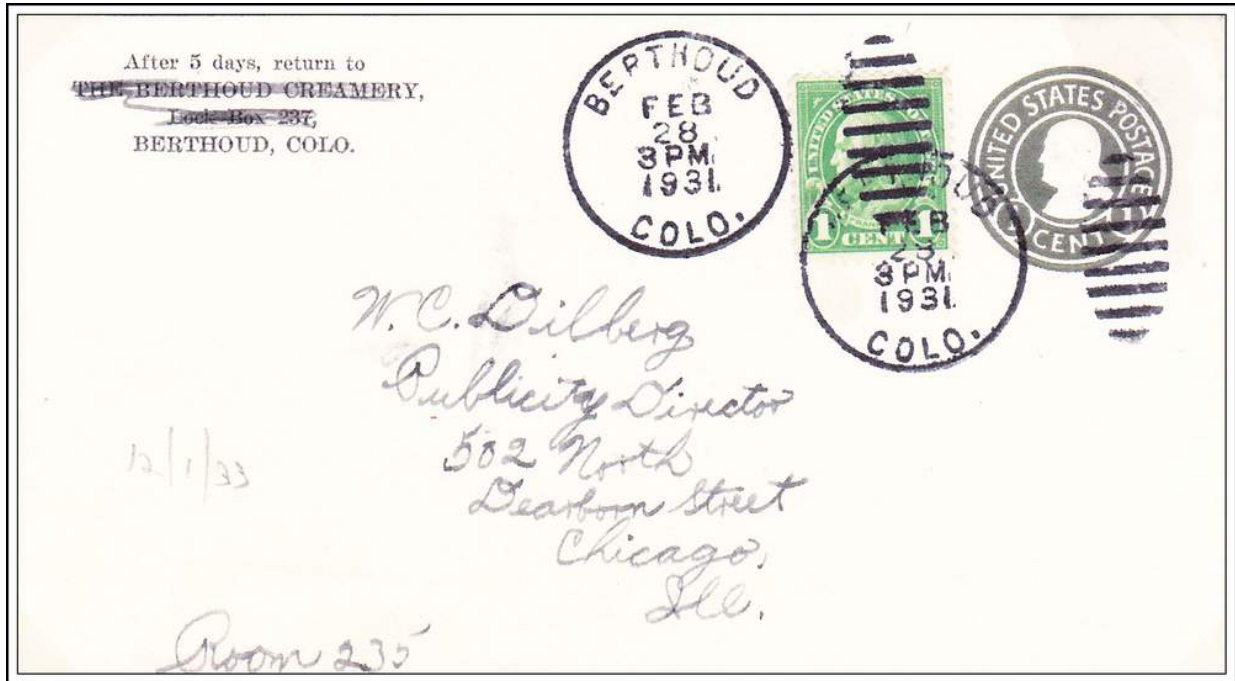
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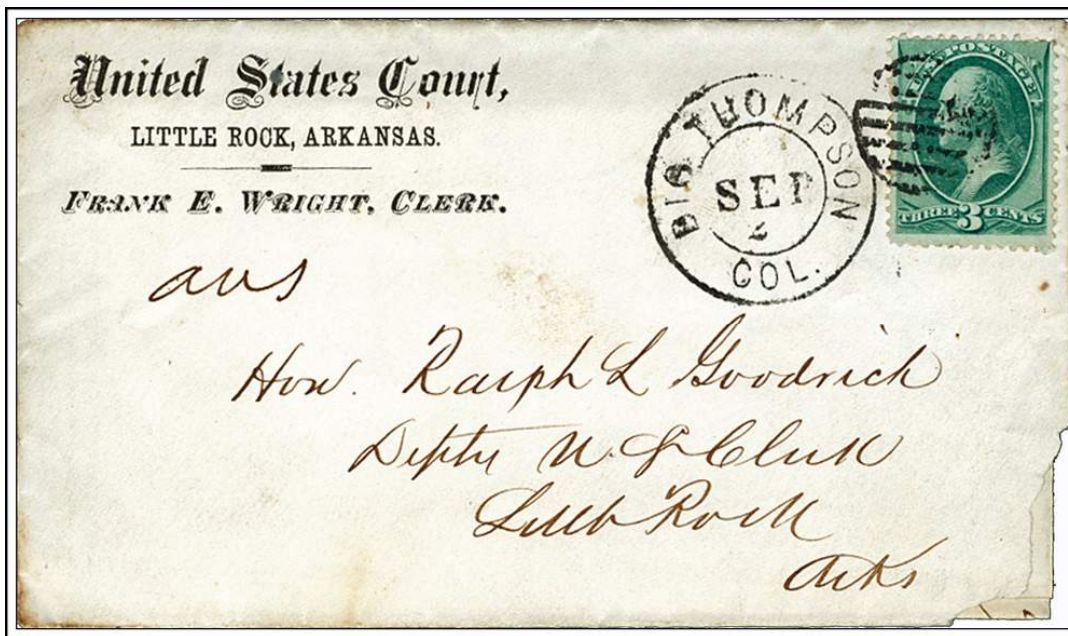
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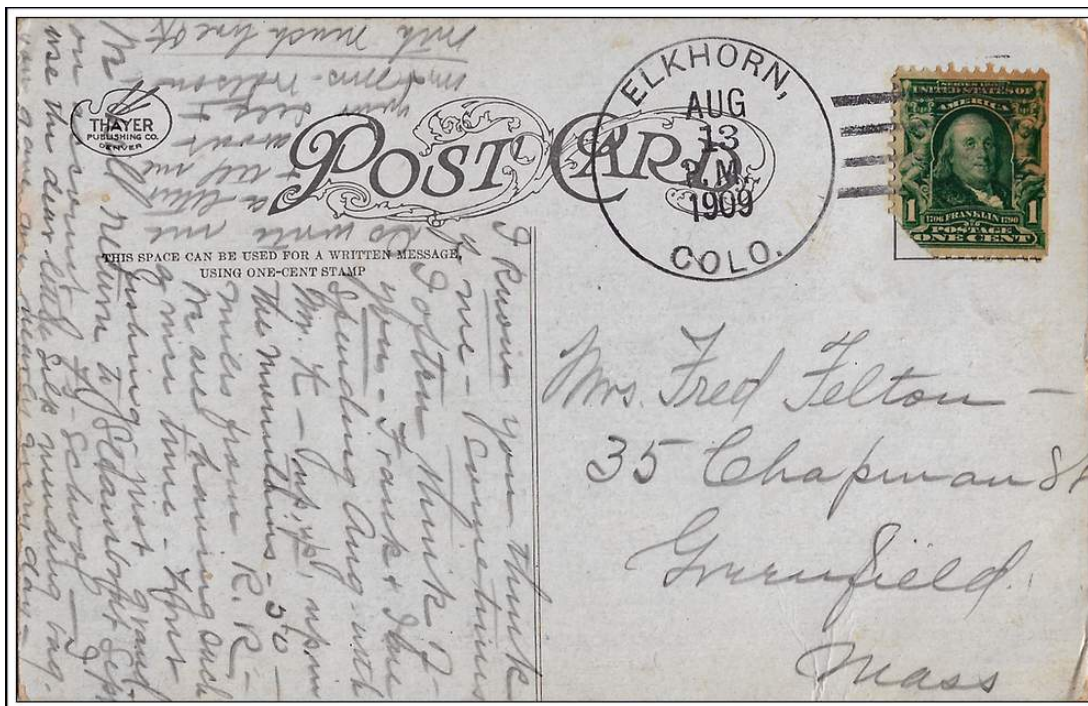
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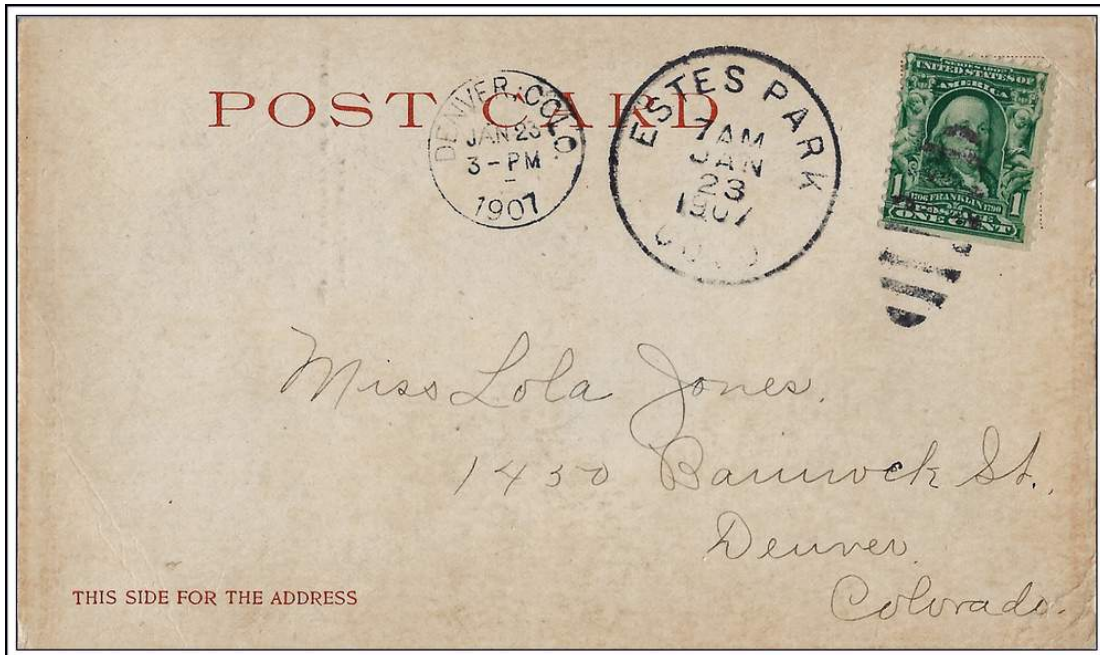
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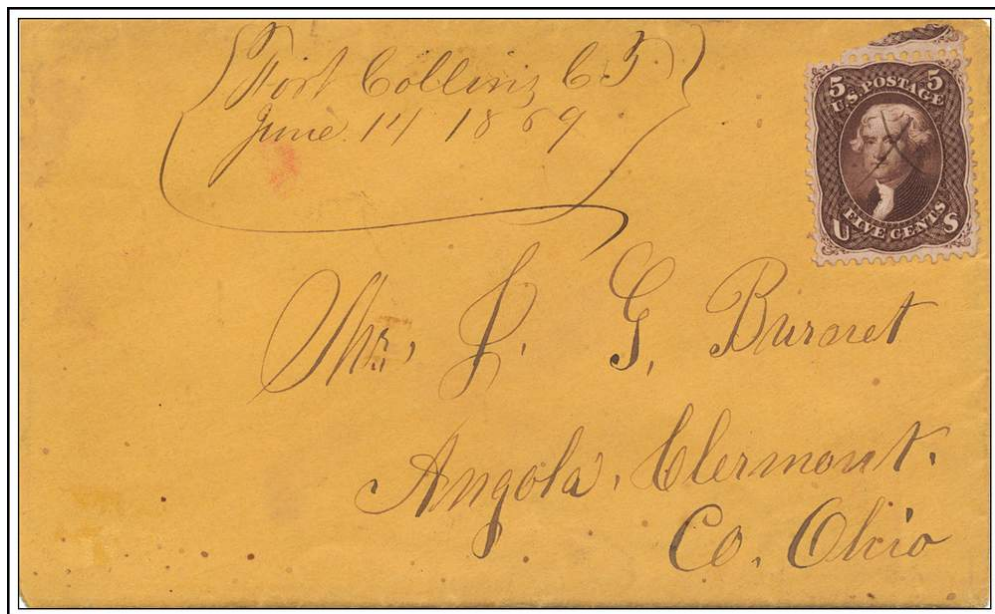
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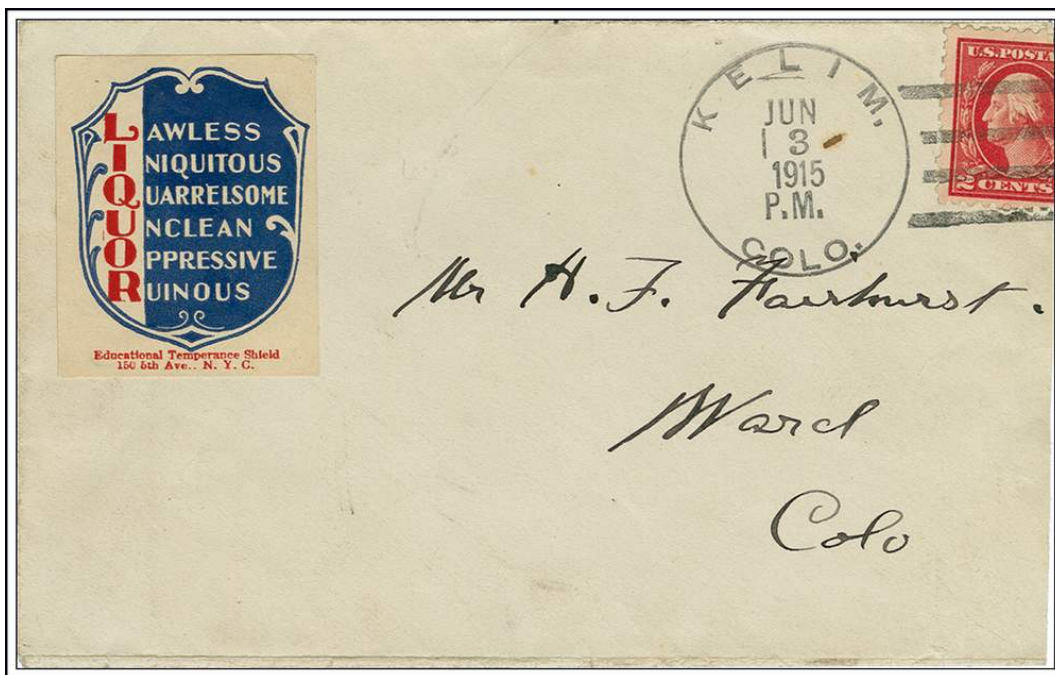
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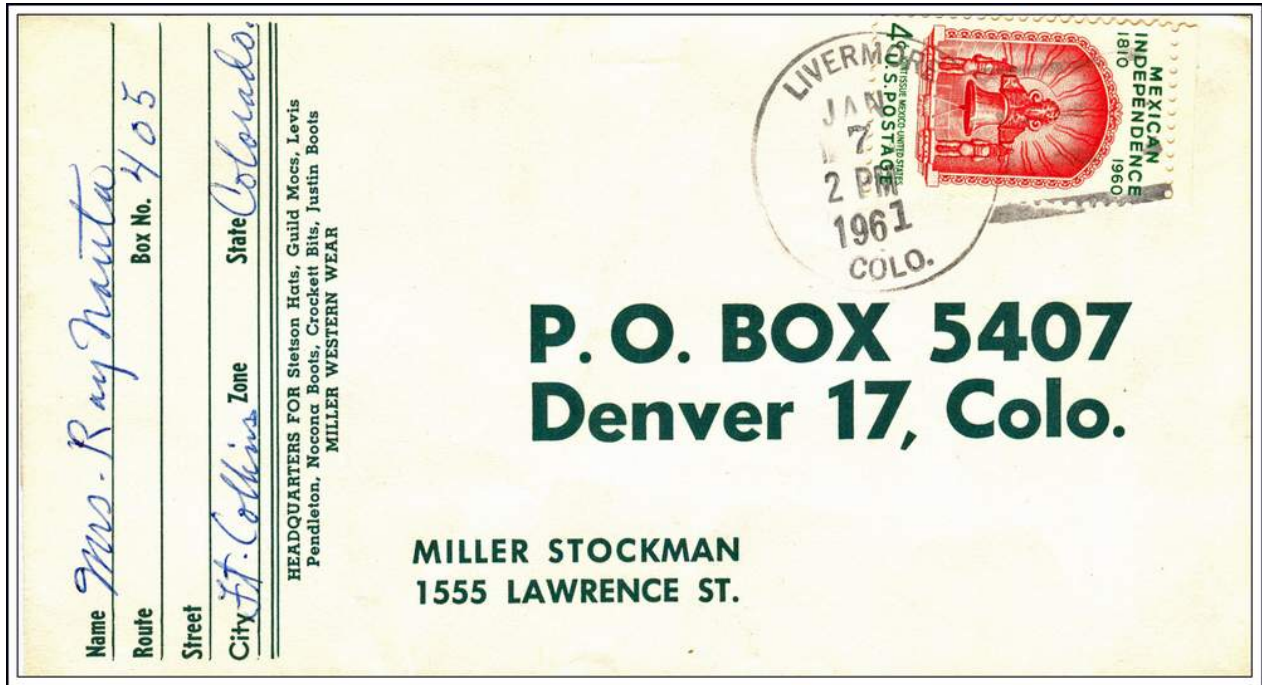
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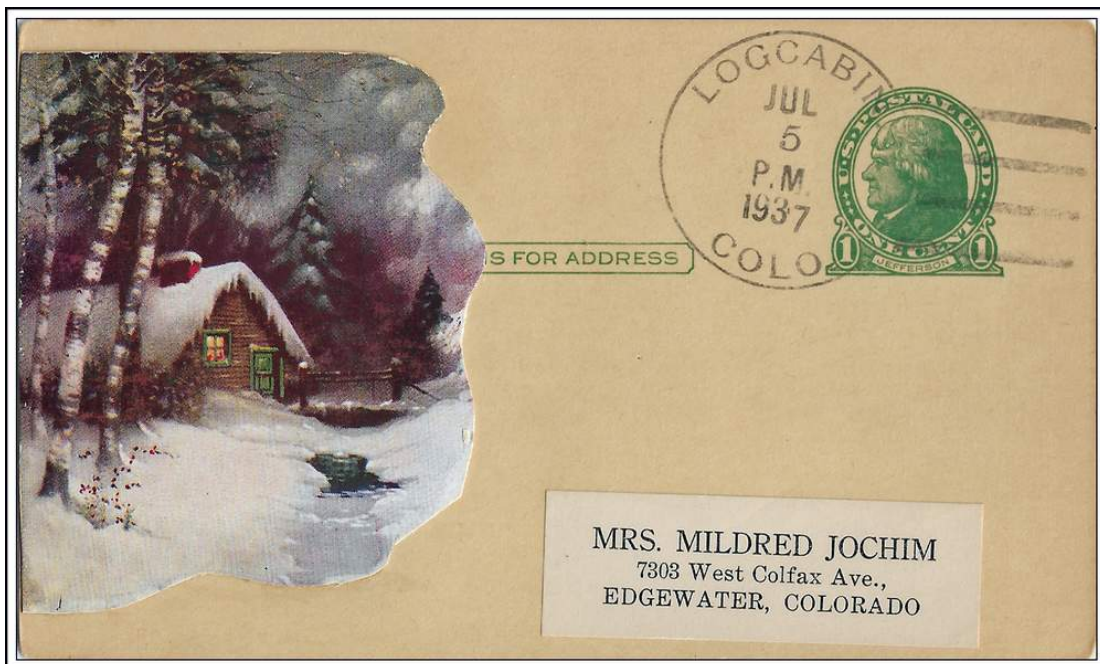
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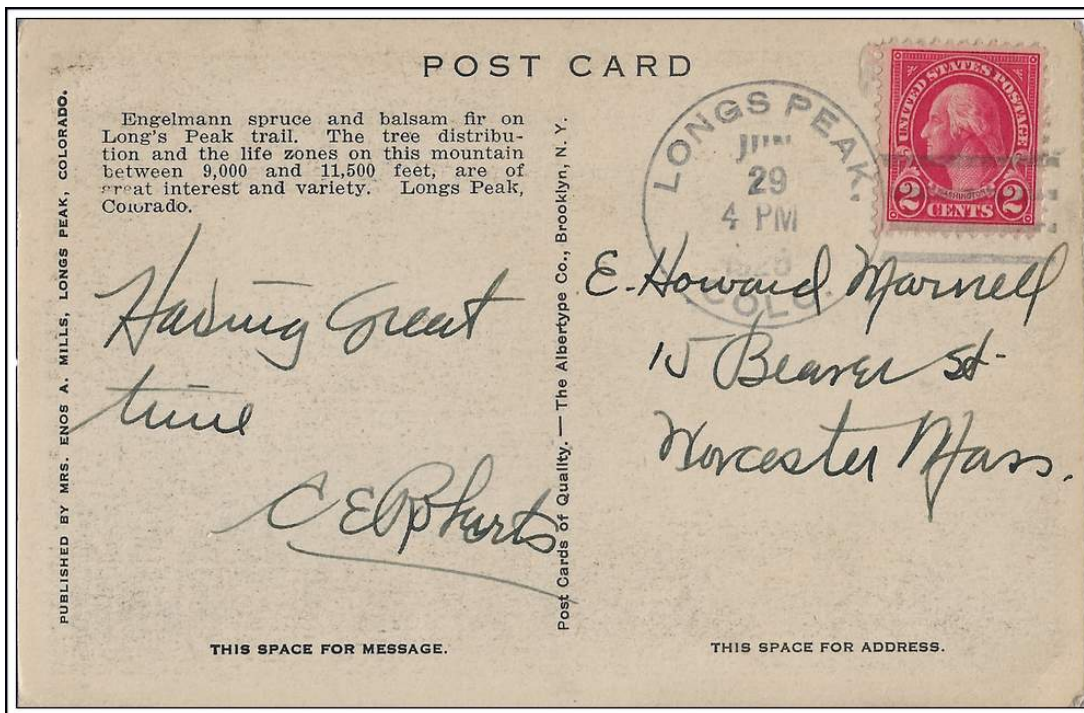
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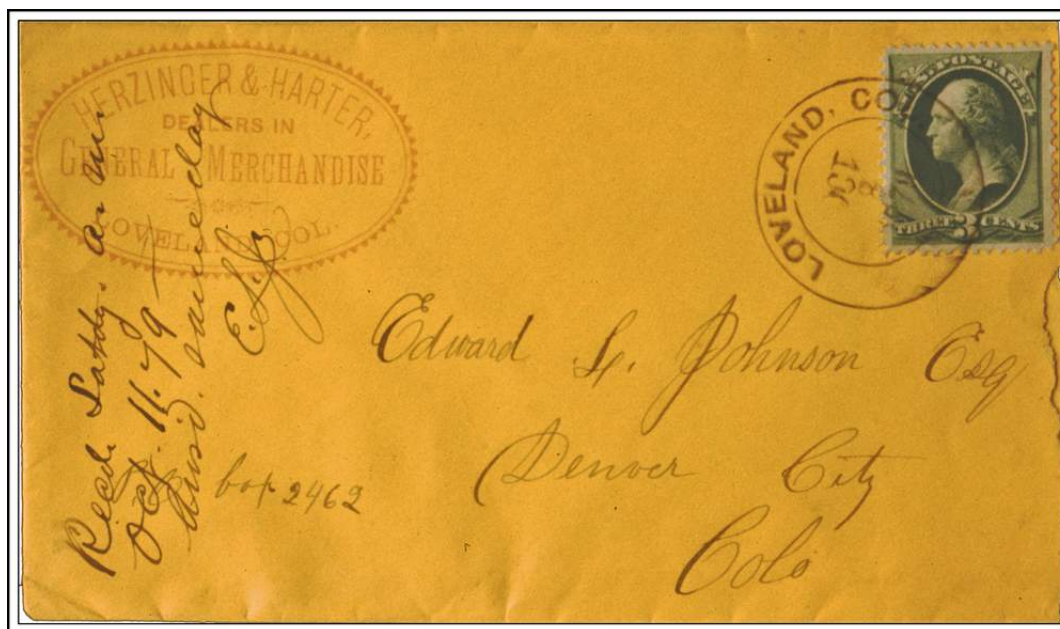
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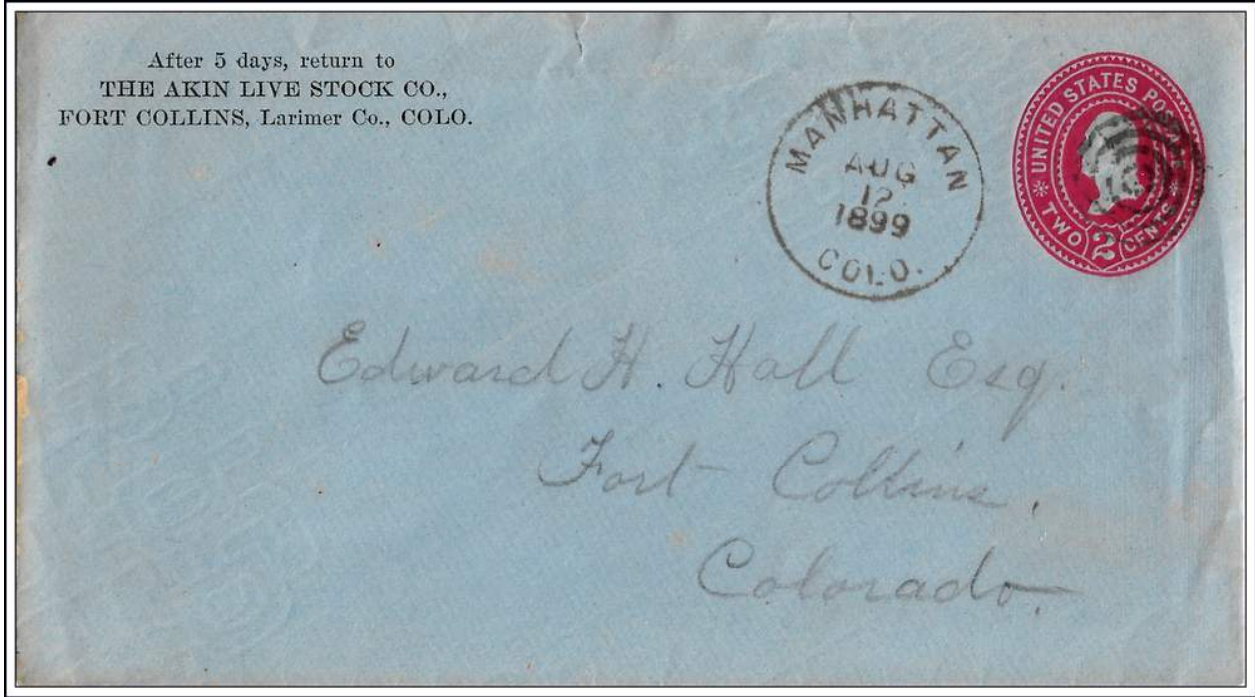
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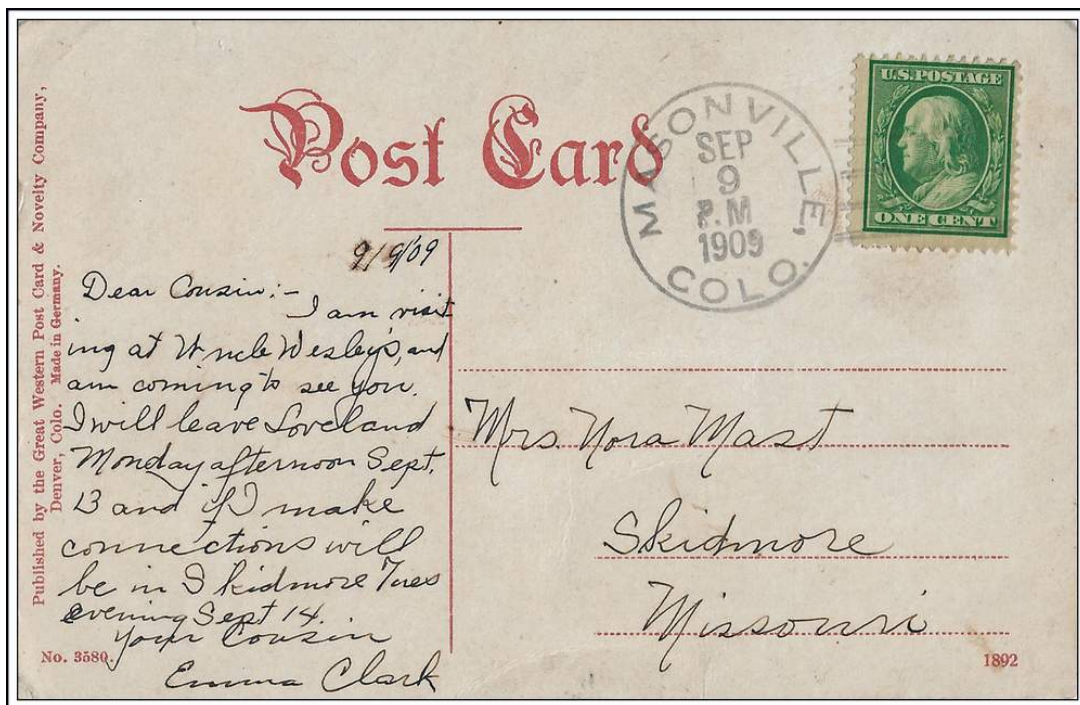
LOVELAND, COL.

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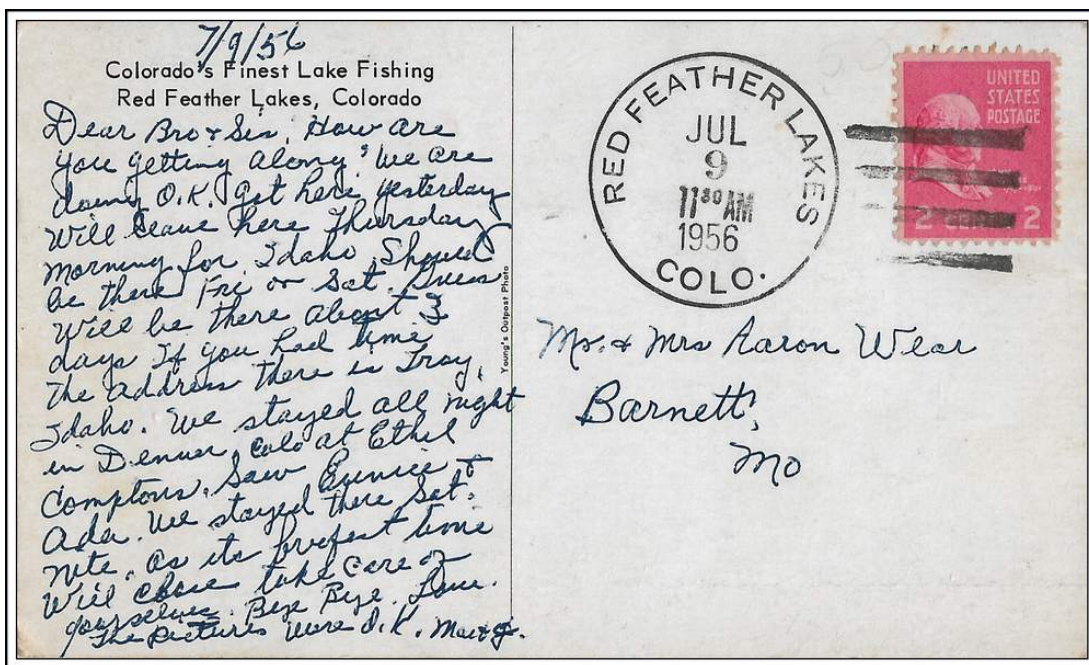
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January 18, 1898



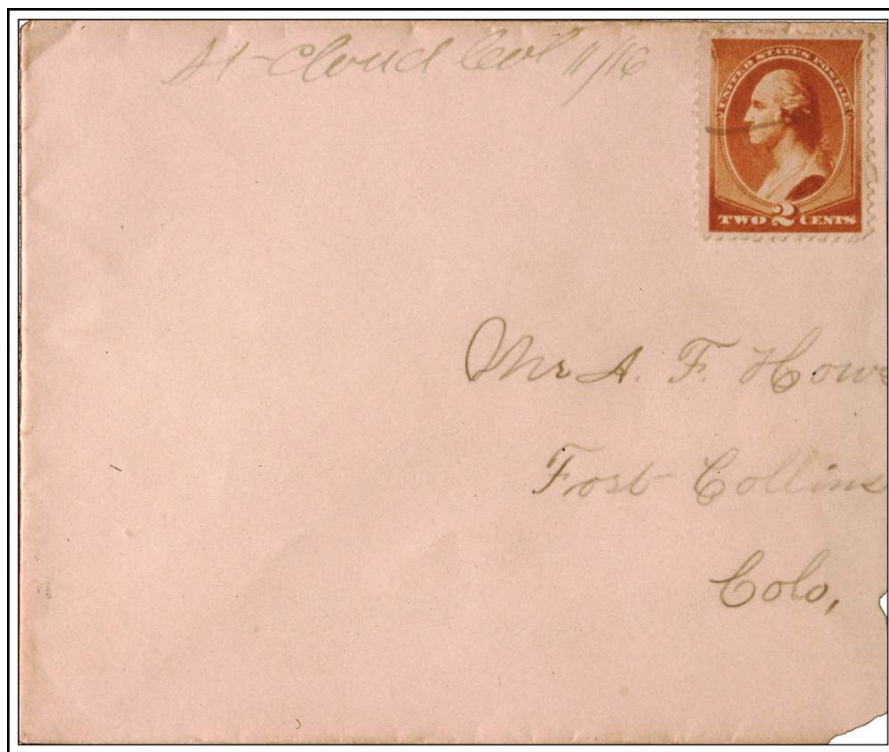
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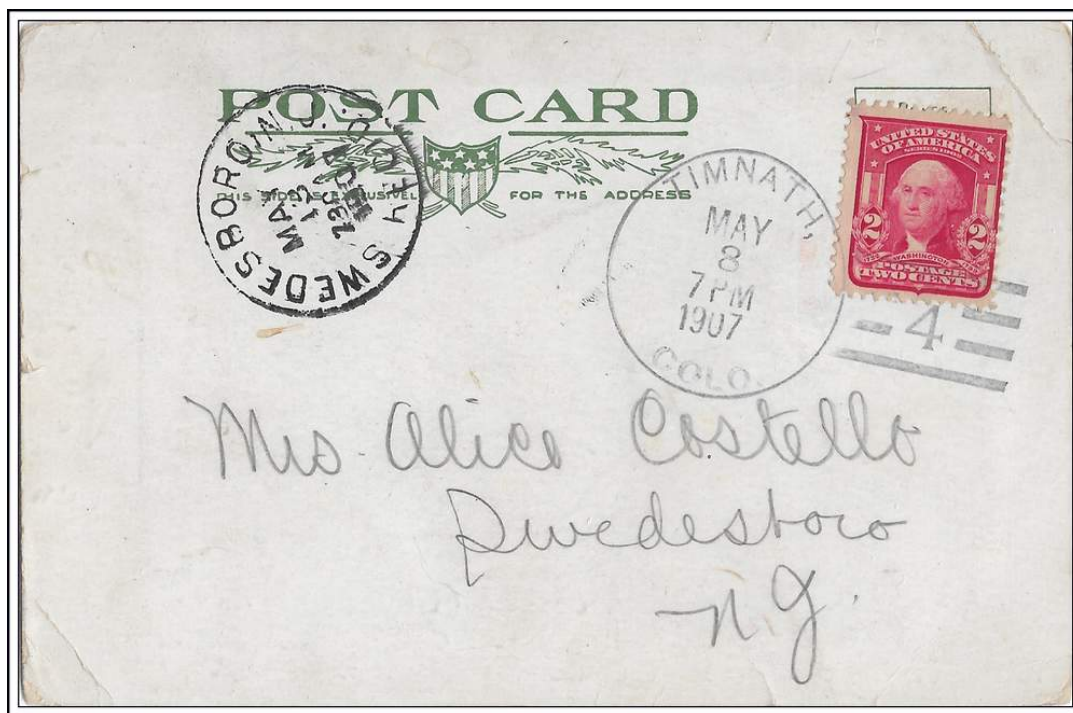
RED FEATHER LAKES / COLO.

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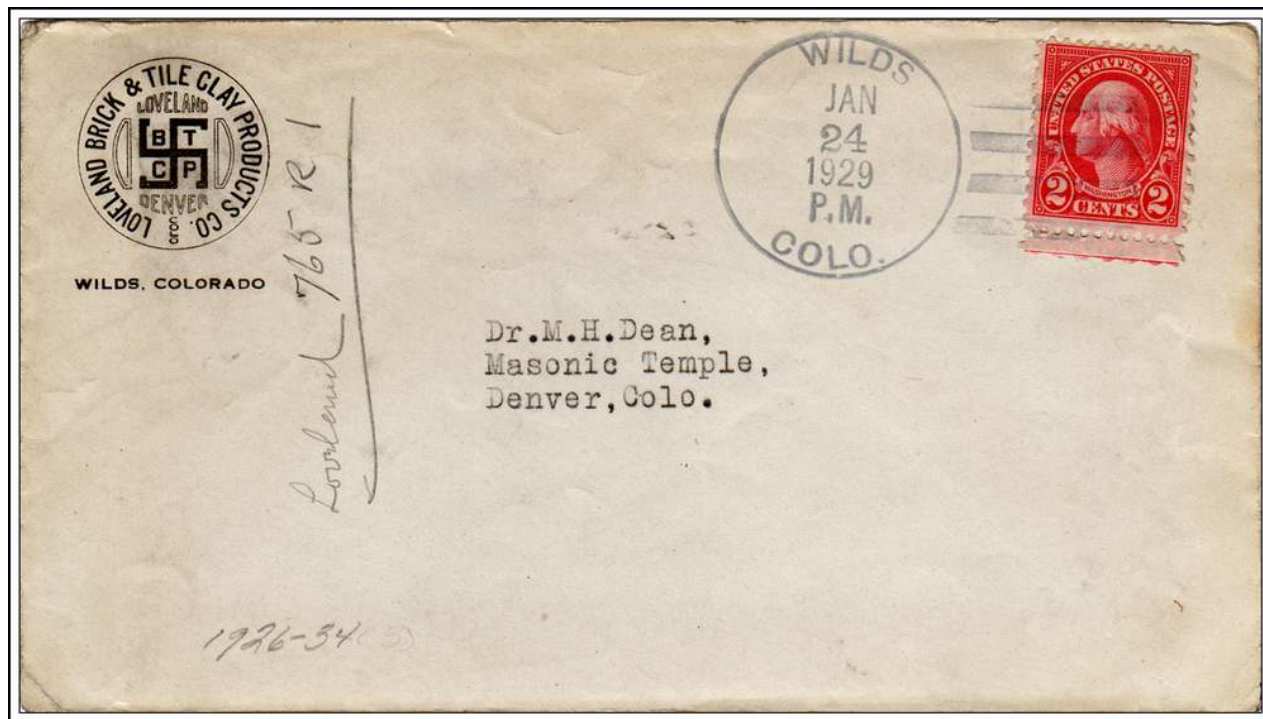
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TIMNATH, / COLO.

May 8, 1907



WILDS / COLO.

January 24, 1929

**LOVERS SWEET ON REMAILER PROGRAM
LOVELAND POSTMARK GRACING VALENTINES**

**By Coleman Cornelius; Denver Post Northern Colorado Bureau
Denver Post February 2, 2001**

LOVELAND -- Neil and Erna Mentzer are sweethearts with a renewed appreciation for the power of love.

The two, both 83 years old and earlier widowed, met over lunch at the local senior center, courted briefly, and married in June 1999.

On Thursday, the newlyweds volunteered on the first day of the 55th annual Loveland Valentine Remailing Program at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center. Working as the program's cupids is apt for them the elderly couple said, because they know how invigorating love can be.

"I probably always have appreciated love, but I have a new slant on it," Neil Mentzer said, as he sorted and counted valentines.

"Love has been great for us so late in life," His wife added.

They are among about 50 senior volunteers who form the Loveland Valentine Remailing Program's workforce. Each year, the Sweetheart City's renowned project collects valentines from around the globe, imprints the cards with a Loveland cancellation and Valentine's Day cachet, and sends the mail to its final destination.

The program will probably handle more than 210,000 cards from all 50 states and some 110 foreign countries this year, said Duane Kaye, postal coordinator. On the first day alone, volunteers imprinted cards from Ireland, Hungary, South Africa, Haiti, and Australia, among other countries.

The stamping operation will continue until Feb. 14.

This year's cachet, penned by Teresa Boynton of Loveland reads:

From the gateway to the great Rocky Mountains

Under skies of magnificent blue

Dan Cupid sends Valentine greetings

Directly from Loveland to you

The stamp features "Dan Cupid," a westernized image of Cupid wearing a cowboy hat and chaps. The figure has been a mascot for the remailing program since its early days.

Towns such as Valentine, Neb., Loveland, Ohio, and Kissimmee, Fla., run similar remailing programs. But the one on Colorado's Front Range is the largest in the world, postal officials said.

The late Ted Thompson, a town pillar and former president of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, started the project with the post office in 1947 as a promotional gimmick for the city.

The remailing program has since gained international attention and has become a source of pride of Loveland, a city of about 50,000 people.

"It's interesting that it's been around since 1947 and everybody has so much pride in it," said Aubrey Smith, a 17-year old senior at Loveland High School who is serving as Miss Loveland Valentine 2001.

"It kind of defines our town. It's the heart and soul of the city," said Smith, who will earn a scholarship for her work and will make a number of public appearances, including addresses to the state House of Representatives and Senate on Feb. 9.

On Thursday, Smith stamped this year's first valentine, while surrounded by enthusiastic seniors. Then she sang "People Will Say We're in Love," from the musical "Oklahoma."

Some of the volunteers said its fun to guess at the contents of the pink, red, purple, white, and fuchsia envelopes they handle. Some are addressed in a child's unsteady hand, others in neat calligraphy.

LOVERS SWEET ON REMAILER PROGRAM - Continued

“There are people who can’t express their emotions in person, but maybe they can in writing. Or maybe they’ve been meaning to apologize for 20 years. Or grandchildren may say, “I can’t wait to see you this summer.”” volunteer June White said.

“We’re just like messengers,” she said. “We just don’t have bows and arrows in our hands.”

Editor's note: The following is from a 1987 brochure describing the Loveland Valentine re-mailing program. The text in a 1992 brochure is similar, but does not elaborate on the history of program as much as does the 1987 version.

VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM

HOW IT BEGAN - Way back in 1947 an idea blossomed between Postmaster Elmer Ivers and Chamber of Commerce President Ted W. Thompson which is growing larger and larger each year. They said "Why don't we share the romantic name of our town of Loveland with the whole world?" No sooner said than done! The LOVELAND VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM had begun. Since its meager beginning of about 300 valentines, over 6 million Valentines have touched the heart strings of loved ones with Cupid's message stamped and remailed from Loveland, Colorado.

Over the years many ideas have been used to provide a unique flavor to the program. In 1952 a tiny Loveland lad was chosen to play the role of "Cowboy Cupid." This activity continued until 1962 when a high school senior girl was chosen to represent the program and the city as Miss Loveland Valentine." 1987 will be the 26th year for such a lovely ambassador to share in the remailing program. One of her responsibilities is traveling through the area, including a stop at the Colorado State Legislature and the Governor's office, to tell Loveland's valentine story. The fact that this is a dedicated community program and a gift from Loveland to the world suggests why it has drawn the attention of many of the world's large and small newspapers, as well as the disc jockeys and talk show hosts of radio and television. Thus, the Loveland valentine story spreads everywhere, even behind the Iron Curtain. During the 1986 program, our valentine mail entered 104 foreign countries plus all fifty U.S. states. All have given of their particular interest to help us tell the happy story of Loveland's Valentine Remailing Program.

HOW IT WORKS - First of all, the program is sponsored and guided by the Loveland Chamber of Commerce as a community project but has continued to remain in the hands of Ted and Mabel Thompson who have successfully headed the program for 41 years.

Their enthusiasm and dedication is also reflected by the treasured participation of about fifty senior folks who look forward to the job of hand stamping the special four-line cachet on each valentine envelope. Now averaging the 300,000 mark each year, it is important for you to understand that the special treatment is in the hands of these fine senior folks. It wouldn't work without them.

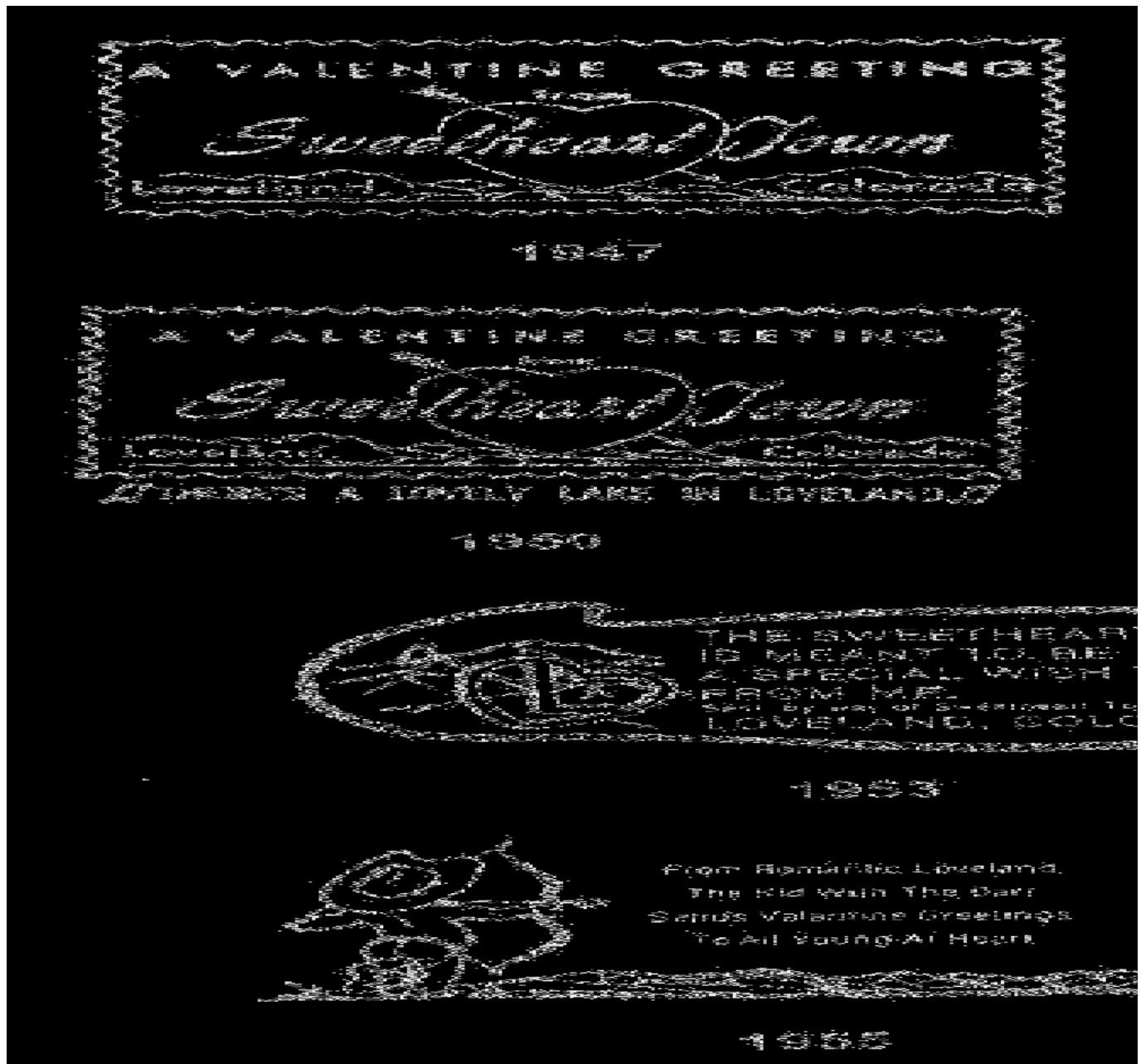
HERE'S WHAT TO DO - Buy your valentines where you wish, address them as usual, and be sure to apply the proper 1st class postage. Then place all your valentines in a larger envelope and address the larger envelope as follows: Postmaster, Attn: Valentines, Loveland, CO 80538. Dan Cupid will take it from there! P.S. This mail must arrive in Loveland no later than February 7th. To insure arrival, please send it first class.

VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS

From the beginning of the Valentine Re-mailing Program in 1948, a handstamped cachet has been applied to the re-mailed envelopes. For many years these were the product of Loveland Chamber of Commerce President Ted W. Thompson.

In recent years, there have been varieties of the cachet, but the image and the text is the same for that year.

Prior to 1972 there was no special postmark, all the mail receiving the normal Loveland postmark. Thus, only the cachet identifies a cover as part of the Valentine Re-mailing Program.



VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS - Continued



Atomic missiles are
Super, we know
But no match for the arrow
From Dan Cupid's bow

1957



Here is that Bow and Arrow Lad
our Mountain Bunkaroo,
and from his Loveland Stamp
Grounds a Valentine for You

1958



Our Cowboy Cupid is a lad
Whose technique is entranced
His secret flows from magic
to keep the world romancing.

1961



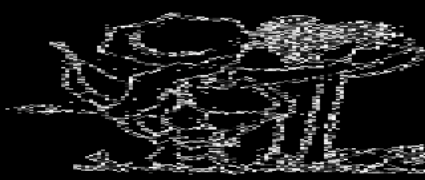
A bit of extra Sentiment
is added here for you.
It comes from folks in Loveland
Cupid's mountain rendezvous.

1963



This card was especially chosen
with the likes of you in mind.
Add to make it extra special,
You've been Loveland Valentined.

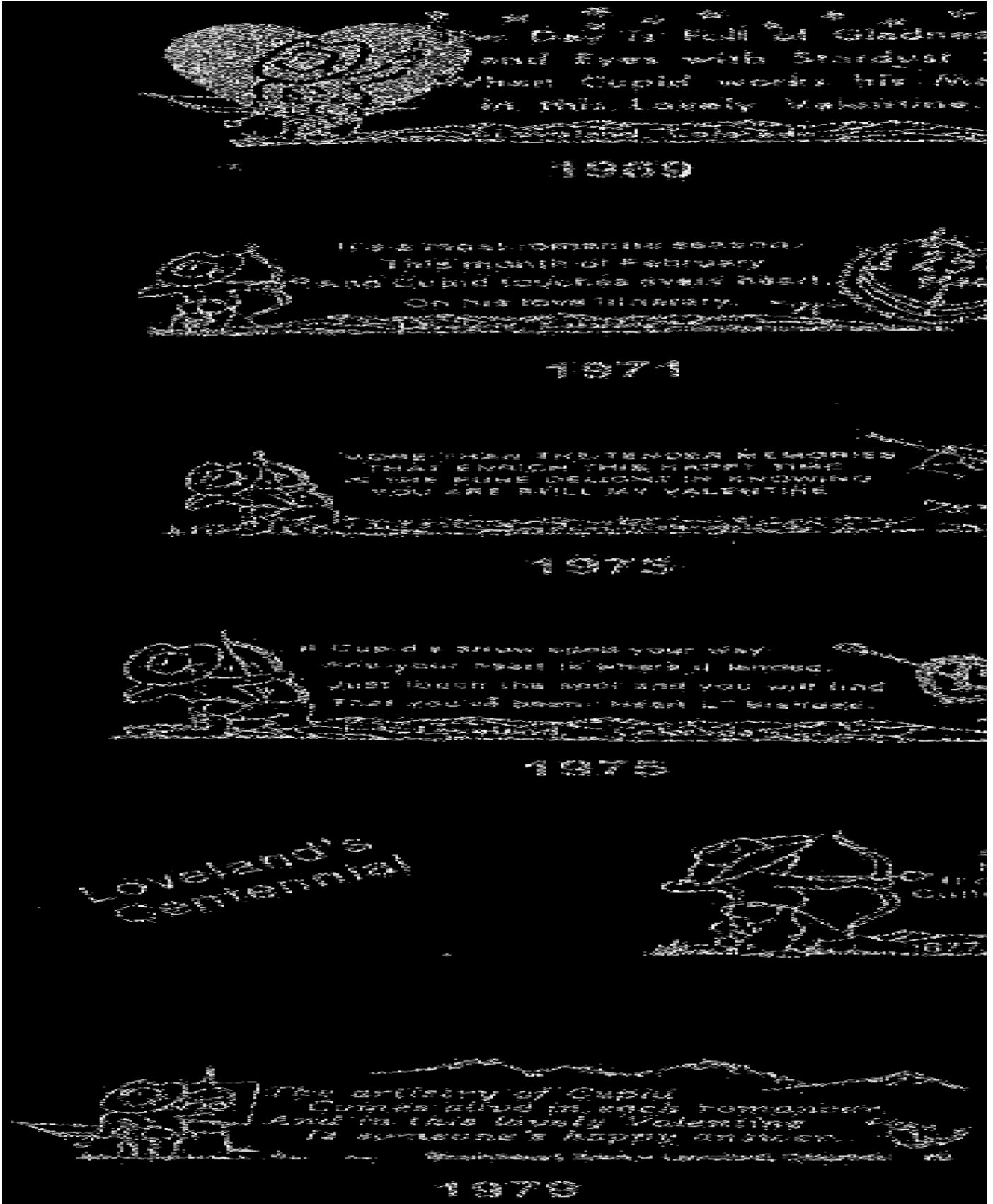
1965



Dan Cupid is your postman.
A shy one it is true.
But he makes a special effort
to bring my love to you.

1967

VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS - Continued



VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS - Continued



Memories Are Precious Things
With Some Especially Fine
When The Loving Touch of
Turns Them Into Valentines
LoveLand, Colorado

1982



Don Cupid's secret hope
is filled with hearts' desire
But look! He's found the
Your happy heart requires

1984



Val's cheerak knows as well
How the much delight
Of saying I Happy Valentine
I want just for you this

LOVELAND, COLORADO

1986

Don Cupid's very busy
With Valentines of course,
To spread the joy of caring
Astride his winged horse.

LOVELAND, COLORADO 1988

1988



It might just be a song bird
Or perhaps some spark
That brings fond recollect
And a zmeless cupid to

1990



Cupid's message will be
the target of your desire
The joy of simply
arrives by Loveland
Loveland, Colorado

1992

VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS – Continued



Hearts are winging on their
From Sweetheart City, U
Bringing love right to your
From Cupid's bow in '94

1994



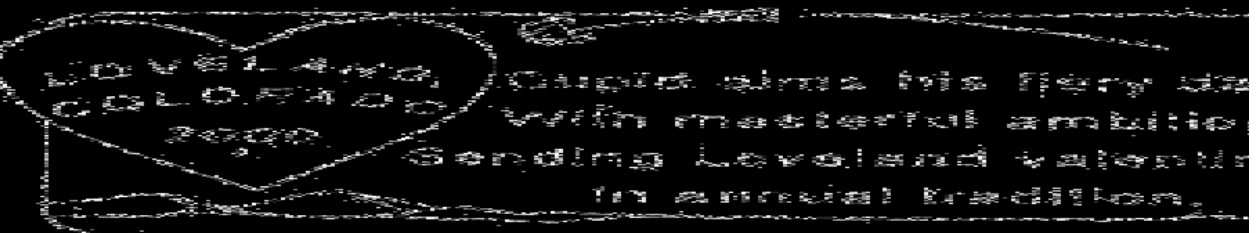
Fifty years of love notes
trailed round the world as wide,
Love mail is not hard to find
With Cupid as your guide.

1996



My pen is ready to go,
Sending love to you,
With a message of love,
From Sweetheart City, U

1998



Cupid aims his fiery darts
With masterful ambition,
Sending Loveland valentines
In annual tradition.

2000



As our fair land of the brave
This valentine greeting is
From the Sweetheart City U
With a message of love at

2002



VALENTINE REMAILING PROGRAM -CACHETS - Continued



Sweet Promises on Arrows Run
From Loveland's Heart
To the Whole Worldwide

LOVELAND, COLORADO 2004
2004



Since Valentines
is an annual
From the Heart of
You've got it

LOVELAND, COLORADO 2005
2005



A Loveland tradition
Grows sweeter each year
As heartfelt greetings
Are sent far and near

1948 - LOVELAND, COLORADO -
Celebrating 60 Years of the Valentine Re-mailing

2006



From the City of Loveland with
Sincerest of Wishes, Happy Valentine
To You - Hugs & Kisses

Loveland, Colorado 2007
2007

