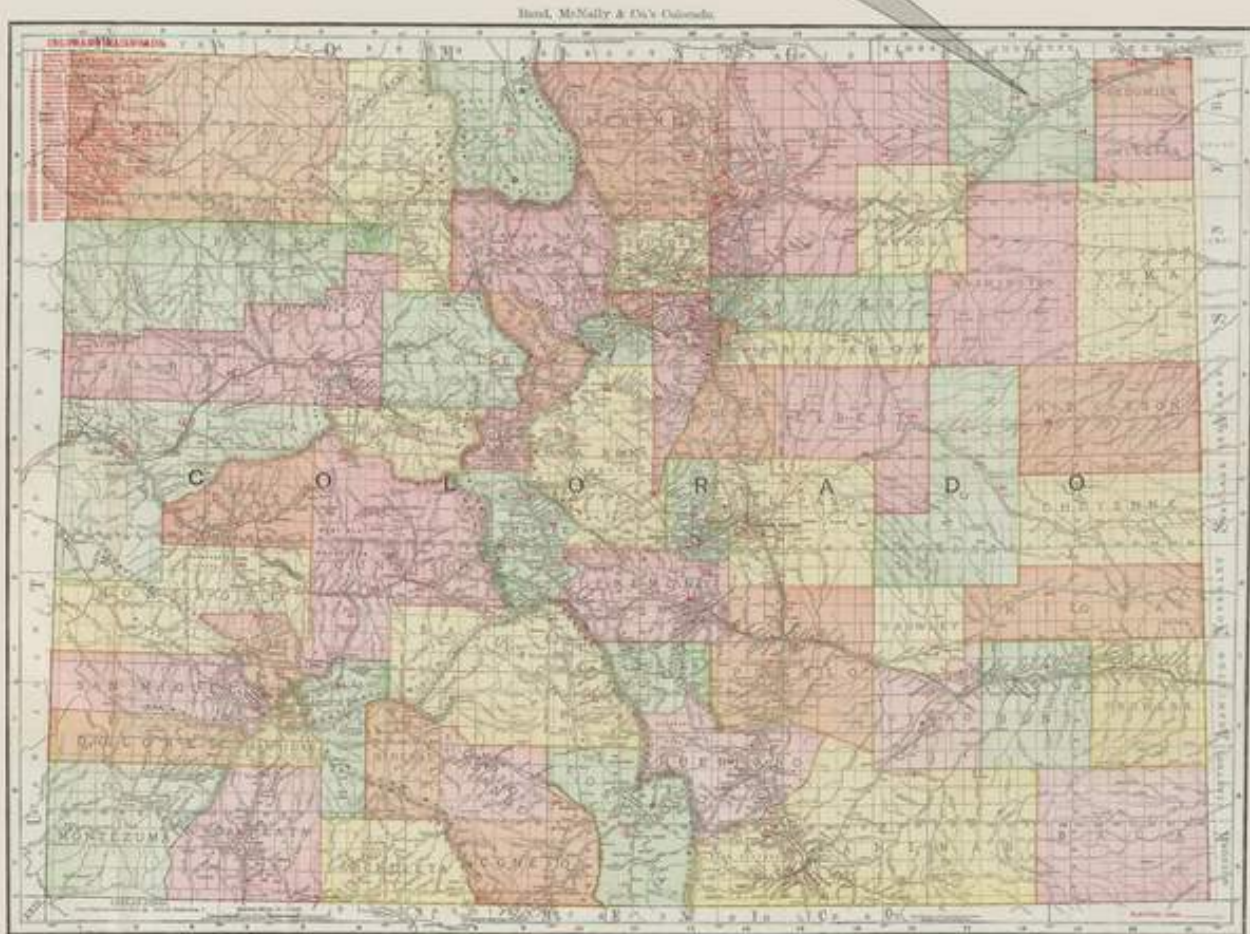


# Logan County



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*Established: February 25, 1887*

*County Seat: Sterling*



## **LOGAN COUNTY**

By William H. Bauer

Logan County is in the northeastern corner of Colorado. When Colorado Territory was created the area that became Logan County was included in Weld County. On February 25, 1887 Logan County was authorized by the Colorado Legislature, with Sterling as the county seat. At that time the county extended to the eastern border of the state. In 1889, the eastern portion of the county was severed to create Phillips County (March 27) and Sedgwick County (April 9). The county boundaries have remained unchanged since then.

The area of Logan County played an important part in the early history of Colorado. The South Platte River Valley, which bisects the county from southwest to northeast, was one of the major routes to the mountains during the gold rush of 1859. The river provided an easy to follow route as well as a source of water for the Fifty-niners. The completion of the Transcontinental Railroad and a rail connection from Cheyenne south to Denver reduced the importance of the South Platte River Route but in the early 1880's the construction by the Union Pacific of the Ogden, Denver, and Salt Lake Railroad from Julesburg to Denver restored the importance of the valley route. In the twentieth century the development of major highways along the river culminating with the construction of Interstate 76 continued the importance of the route.

In addition to the Union Pacific's line, The Burlington Railroad entered Colorado from the east. It came through Phillips County to Sterling in Logan County. From Sterling the Burlington continued west to Cheyenne, Wyoming. A few years later with the construction of a branch line from Alliance, Nebraska, through Sidney, Nebraska to Sterling, the Burlington added another railroad to Logan County.

All of these railroads and highways have been critical to the movement of livestock and farm produce from Logan County to markets.

The earliest route through Logan County was the Overland Trail that was on the southern side of the South Platte River. This was the route for the early stages and emigrants coming to Colorado. Several stage stations were within the boundaries of Logan County. From the east they were: Spring Hill, Riverside Ranche, Lillian Springs, Dennisons Station, Washington Ranche (Fort Moore), Valley Station, Wisconsin Ranche, American Ranche and Holon Godfrey's station. Only Fort Moore, Lillian Springs and American Ranche had post offices.

During the Indian troubles of the early 1860's Lillian Springs and American Ranche were raided and burned. Holon Godfrey's station was attacked but it survived and earned the name "Fort Wicked" for its spirited defense.

The construction of the railroad on the northern side of the South Platte River put an end to the Overland Trail and the stations along the trail.

Logan County has an extensive network of county roads. Most remain unpaved but they are well-graded and easy to drive. During my visits in 1996 the county roads were numbered, not named. The numbering begins at the west county line with Road 1 and increments by 2 for each mile to the east (1, 3, 5, etc.). At the south county line the first is Road 2 and the number increments by 2 to the north (2, 4, 6, etc.). This is a simple system to follow once it is learned and it is one that several other Colorado counties have adopted. Usually there is a change in the directions of the numbering schemes when a county line is crossed.

There are several state highways. Colorado 14 goes west from Sterling. Colorado 63 goes south from Atwood to Akron, Colorado 61 goes south from Sterling to US 36, Colorado 55 runs north-south in the eastern portion of the county and Colorado 113 runs north from US Highway 138 through Peetz to Sidney, Nebraska.

The Federal Highways are US 6 which enters from Phillips County, parallels the Burlington Railroad to Sterling then follows the Union Pacific and the South Platte River west to Denver. US 138 parallels the Union Pacific and the South Platte from Sterling east to Julesburg. In the twenty-first century, the dominant highway is Interstate 76. This highway connects Interstate 80 at Julesburg to Interstate 70 and Interstate 25 at Denver. It parallels the South Platte River on the southern side and fortunately has easy connections to Crook, Proctor, Iliff, Sterling and Merino.

The South Platte River dominates the topography of Logan County. From the north a number of intermittent small streams drain south to the river. Pawnee Creek in the western portion of the county is the largest of these streams. The series of bluffs to the south of the river restrict to a narrow band the drainage northward to the South Platte. Southeastern Logan County drains to the eastward.

Logan County is a part of the high plains. The land is a rolling countryside broken by the numerous streams. To the north the Pawnee Buttes and escarpment rise above the average land surface.

With an end to the Indian troubles the agricultural possibilities of the South Platte Valley and the surrounding plains became obvious. At first cattle dominated the area with several very large ranches running thousands of head of cattle. The LF Ranch of John Wesley Iliff was the most famous. The Homestead Act brought in settlers who because of a few years of above normal rainfall were tricked into believing that the countryside could easily support farming. A return to normal, and below normal, rainfall brought reality and many homesteaders abandoned the country. The development of irrigation from cooperative ditches and from deep wells coupled with the development of dry land farming techniques gave a new burst of life to agriculture.

Once again nature struck and the Dust Bowl years brought another downturn in agricultural activity. As the twentieth century drew to a close, new factors intruded on agriculture in Logan County. The insatiable demand for water by Denver and other Front Range urban communities saw the sale of water rights to the thirsty cities. Deeper and deeper wells are required to tap the falling water level in the Ogallala Aquifer.

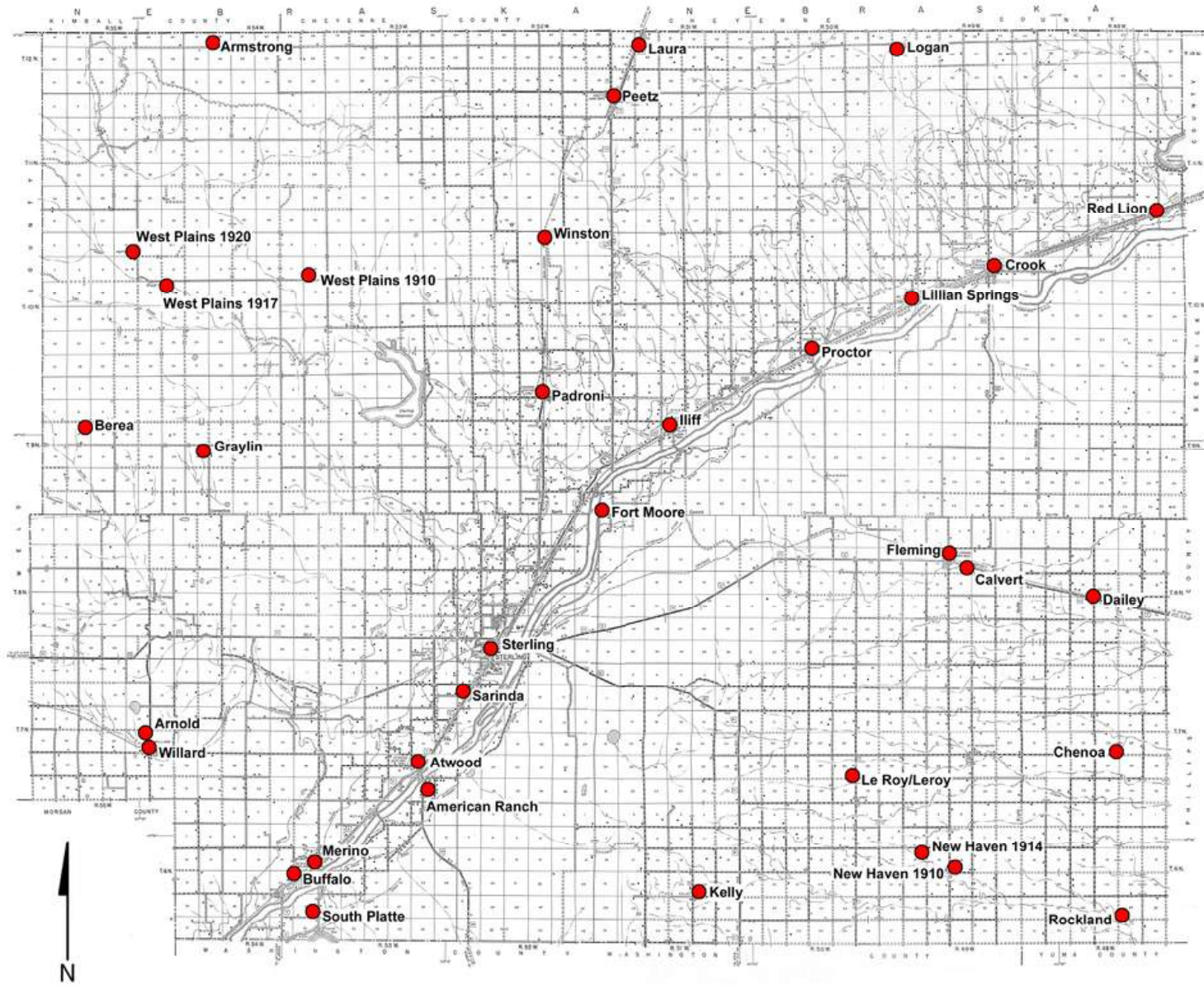
Logan County is still largely agricultural but ranching has once again increased while grain and sugar beet production has declined. To the north some abandoned ranches have reverted to the public domain and become part of the Pawnee National Grassland.

During the history of the county there were numerous attempts to establish towns beyond the limits of the South Platte Valley or along the railroads. Of those, only Willard has barely survived.

Sterling has become a small city and an attractive community. The presence of the Burlington and Union Pacific Railroads and its status as the county seat support its economy. With the demise of the other towns, Sterling has become the prime shopping and supply center for a large portion of northeastern Colorado.



**Overview near site of Buffalo, Colorado**  
Photograph by William H. Bauer                      May 12, 1996



Post Office Location Map – Logan County

## **AMERICAN RANCH**

There exists considerable confusion about who established and who ran the early stage station known as American Ranche.

Several sources mention that Jim and Charlie Moore came from Ohio to Colorado in 1859 and that they started the American Ranche. There is other evidence that they started Valley Station. Perhaps they were involved with both stations. Another name associated with the American Ranche is Morrison for an early family who settled there. Local legend says that Uncle Jimmy Chambers was the first to settle at the site.

Another name for the site that appears on some maps is Kelleys. This actually has some logic, as the first postmaster was William A. Kelley, however he was not appointed until 1863 and the stage station was in operation before then.

One final name appears in the history, that of Holon Godfrey. It is claimed that in September of 1867 the original site was abandoned and the American Ranch Post Office was moved to Godfrey's Fort Wicked Station. Godfrey is recorded as the American Ranch Postmaster from September 2, 1867 to November 25, 1867. At that time Godfrey packed up and moved to the mouth of the Big Thompson River and the American Ranch Post Office was gone for good.

The history of the American Ranch Post Office was tied to the Overland Trail route along the south bank of the South Platte River. It was first a station for the Jones and Russell's Pikes Peak Express, later the Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express Company. It continued as a stage station and a rest stop for freighters on the Overland Trail until the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 when most freight went to Cheyenne, Wyoming then south to Denver.

The American Ranche had its share of trouble. In August 1864 there was a fire of unknown origin but the store was saved and the station was rebuilt. On January 14, 1865 Indians struck, massacred seven inhabitants and burned the buildings. Neither the Moores nor Kelley were resident at that time.

The precise location of the American Ranche has also been one of speculation. One nebulous report placed it south of Atwood. The most reliable location is that shown on the map that is part of the informational brochure produced by the Overland Trail Museum in Sterling. That map shows it to be southeast of Merino and on the south side of the South Platte River.

From US Highway 6 in Merino, take the road south that crosses the South Platte River. After crossing the river, the road curves east and encounters a T intersection. Turn south and in about a half mile you will find a marker on the west side of the road honoring Jimmy Chambers. This monument can also be reached by continuing west from Merino on US 6 across the South Platte River. Take the first road east for one mile and turn north for one mile. The monument is all there is to see. It reads: "JIMMY CHAMBERS First Permanent settler in South Platte, Second in Logan County, March 1872. He claimed this land east of Old American Ranch Stage Station, helped dig the first ditch called "Fort Wicked" later South Platte. Gave one acre for a school and for a school district in what was to be Logan County. Dedication by Centennial Committee." Some of the claims in this inscription do not match with other historical information.

### **Chronology of the Post Office**

**No document was found in the Weld or Logan County Geographic Site Location Reports. Approximate location: E/2 Sec 35 T7N R53W South side of the South Platte River. This is most likely the location at Godfrey's Fort Wicked (1867).**

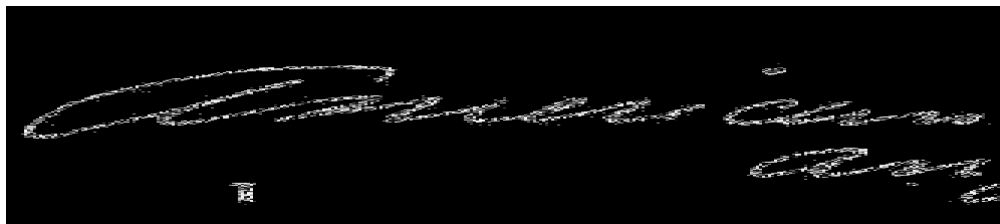
<b>Feb 9 1863</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Feb 9 1863</b>	<b>Kelly, William A.</b>
<b>Dec 12 1864</b>	<b>Discontinued</b>
<b>May 1 1865</b>	<b>Re-established</b>

**AMERICAN RANCH – Continued**

May 1 1865	Shuland, James A.
Apr 18 1866	Tracey, Hartwell S.
Sep 2 1867	Godfrey, Holon
Nov 25 1867	Discontinued

**American Ranch CT****August 1st 1865****Confirmed types of postal markings**

- |   |                       |            |                                    |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | American Ranch C.T.   | Aug 1 1865 | Oct 19 1865                        |
|   | MS                    | Mscp       | Pen cancel; Cork, Negative X-roads |
| 2 | AMERICAN RANCH / COL. | Aug 1 186? |                                    |
|   | CI 10P 27.0           | Hstp       | Target, 5-ring 18mm                |

**ARMSTRONG**

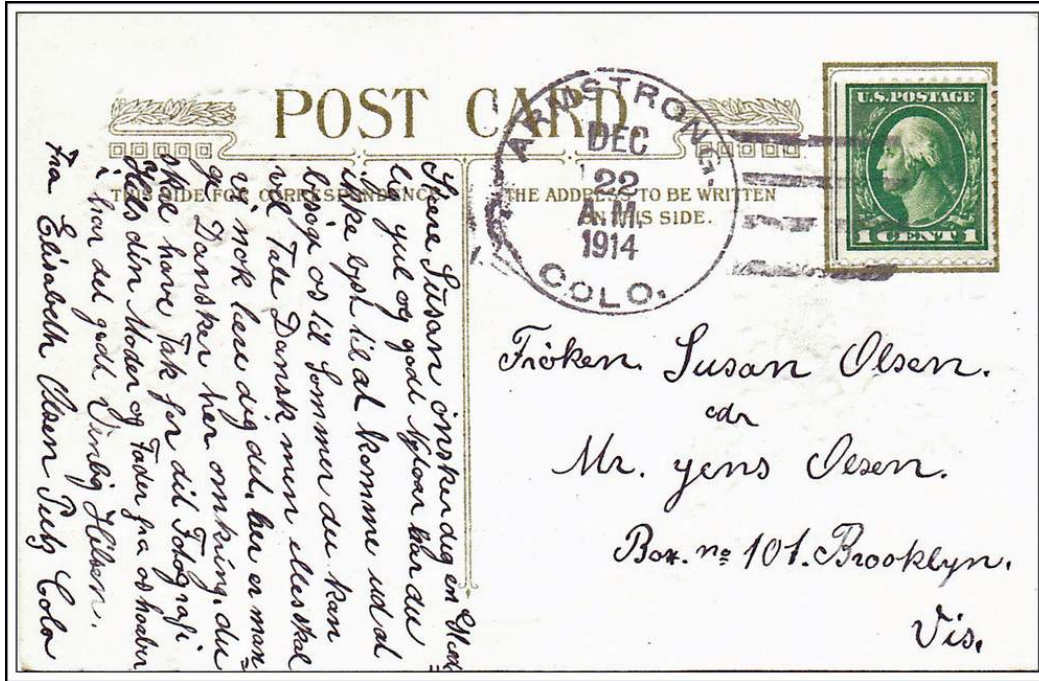
Armstrong was a rural post office in the extreme northern portion of Logan County, only a half-mile south of the Colorado-Nebraska State line. It is likely there was a ranch there that provided postal service for other ranches in a large portion of northwestern Logan County.

The community was named for the first postmaster, William S. Armstrong.

To reach the site of Armstrong begin where Logan County Road 78 intersects Colorado Highway 113 and the tracks of the Burlington Northern Railroad from Sterling to Alliance, Nebraska. This is about two miles northeast of Peetz and it was also the location of Laura, Colorado. Drive eighteen miles west on County Road 78. In 1996 there was a well, a couple of cisterns and some watering tanks on the north side of the road. There was no evidence of buildings but the presence of the well argues for some form of habitation in the past.

**ARMSTRONG – Continued**

If you continue west for three miles to County Road 9, then turn south you will be on the road that goes to Westplains.



**ARMSTRONG, / COLO.**

**December 22, 1914**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Aug 24 1911 --- SW/4 Sec 20 T12N R54W The document gives the impression (not true) that the office was being moved from Peetz.  
Document submitted by William S. Armstrong
- Oct 30 1911 Established
- Oct 30 1911 Armstrong, William S.
- Mar 3 1914 Armstrong, Charles M.
- Jun 15 1917 Discontinued Mail to Peetz

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 ARMSTRONG, / COLO. Feb 25 1913 Mar 13 1917  
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-24x19mm



## **ARNOLD**

The Arnold Post Office served farmers and ranchers in the southwestern portion of Logan County from 1892 to 1900. In 1888 the Burlington Northern Railroad's Lincoln Land Company subsidiary platted a townsite a short distance south of the Arnold Post Office and named it Willard. That community was slow in developing. However, in 1900 the Arnold Post Office moved to a location closer to the railroad and became the Willard Post Office.

From US Highway 6 in Merino drive north five miles and then turn west. Seven miles west will bring you to the road intersection in Willard. The Arnold Post Office was 800 feet north of the railroad, which would place it on the edge of the small community of Willard.

### **Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>Jun 17 1900</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>S/2 W/2 NE/4 Sec 23 T7N R 55W 5 miles west of Pawnee Creek 800 feet from the Burlington &amp; Missouri Railroad</b>
<b>Jan 26 1897</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>Jan 26 1897</b>		<b>Veverka, S. Ignatz</b>
<b>Mar 30 1900</b>		<b>Name changed to Willard</b>

### **Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ARNOLD**

## **ATWOOD**

Atwood was established in 1885 when Victor Wilson brought a group of farmers from Abilene, Kansas to the site and formed an agricultural colony. The town of Atwood was platted on July 29, 1885.

The site was an advantageous one as it was located on the Union Pacific Railroad and much of the town's early growth came from its being a shipping point for the area farmers and ranchers. In the mid-twentieth century Atwood provided services to travelers on US Highway 6, however that trade was largely lost when Interstate 76 was built on the south side of the South Platte River.

Victor Wilson was a Unitarian by faith and he chose to name the community for The Rev. John S. Atwood, a Unitarian minister in Boston, Massachusetts.

Atwood is on US Highway 6, six miles southeast of Sterling at the intersection with Colorado Highway 63. It is still an active community with a modest number of homes and a few small businesses.

Latitude = 40:32:52 North Longitude = 103:16:09 West

### **Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>May 2 1885</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NW/4 Sec 26 T7N R53W 1/4 mile north of the South Platte River 2 miles south of Pawnee Creek Proposed postmaster - Robert Knox</b>
<b>Aug 10 1885</b>		<b>Established</b>
<b>Aug 10 1885</b>		<b>Knox, Robert</b>
<b>Sep 1 1885</b>		<b>Wilson, Homer W.</b>
<b>Feb 26 1887</b>		<b>Shriffler, Theodore W.</b>
<b>Dec 13 1887</b>		<b>France, Wm W.</b>
<b>Nov 13 1890</b>		<b>Howell, Allen</b>
<b>Apr 23 1896</b>		<b>Stratton, Mattie E.</b>
<b>Dec 1 1897</b>		<b>Leake, Harry S.</b>
<b>Jun 6 1900</b>		<b>Wright, Samuel F.</b>
<b>Jun 5 1902</b>		<b>Bryant, Junius</b>
<b>Jan 21 1905</b>		<b>Fish, Ned O.</b>
<b>Apr 21 1910</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>From: NW/4 Sec 26 T7N R53W To: NW/4 Sec 26 T7N R53W A move 2 blocks (900 feet) west of the previous location</b>
<b>May 2 1910</b>		<b>Riordan, M. Charles</b>

**ATWOOD – Continued**

May 2 1911	Fish, Ethel M. B.	
Jan 14 1914	Wedig, H. Pearl	Confirmed
Jan 26 1914	Wedig, H. Pearl	Commissioned
Feb 1 1914	Wedig, H. Pearl	Assumed charge
Apr 21 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T7N R53W 1000 feet north of the South Platte River 1-1/2 miles south of Pawnee Creek
Oct 20 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 26 T7N R53W South Platte River 1/3 mile south of post office
Dec 1 1948	County, Mrs. Ella J.	Assumed charge
Mar 25 1949	---	Not reported A move 200 feet south of the previous location US-6 is 150 feet south of post office Railroad 785 feet south and east
Apr 11 1950	Arnold, Quinton G.	Appointed
Jun 6 1950	Arnold, Quinton G.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1950	Arnold, Quinton G.	Possession
Dec 31 1952	Squier, VaBow L.	Possession
Jan 15 1953	Squier, VaBow L.	Acting
May 20 1955	Squier, VaBow L.	Appointed
Jun 8 1955	Squier, VaBow L.	Commissioned
Jun 14 1955	Squier, VaBow L.	Possession
Jul 1 1968		Office made Presidential
Jul 1 1969		Office relegated (year questionable)
Dec 1 1980	Mason, Roma L.	Officer in charge
Apr 4 1981	Mason, Roma L.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

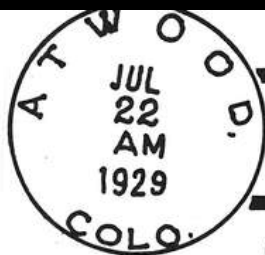
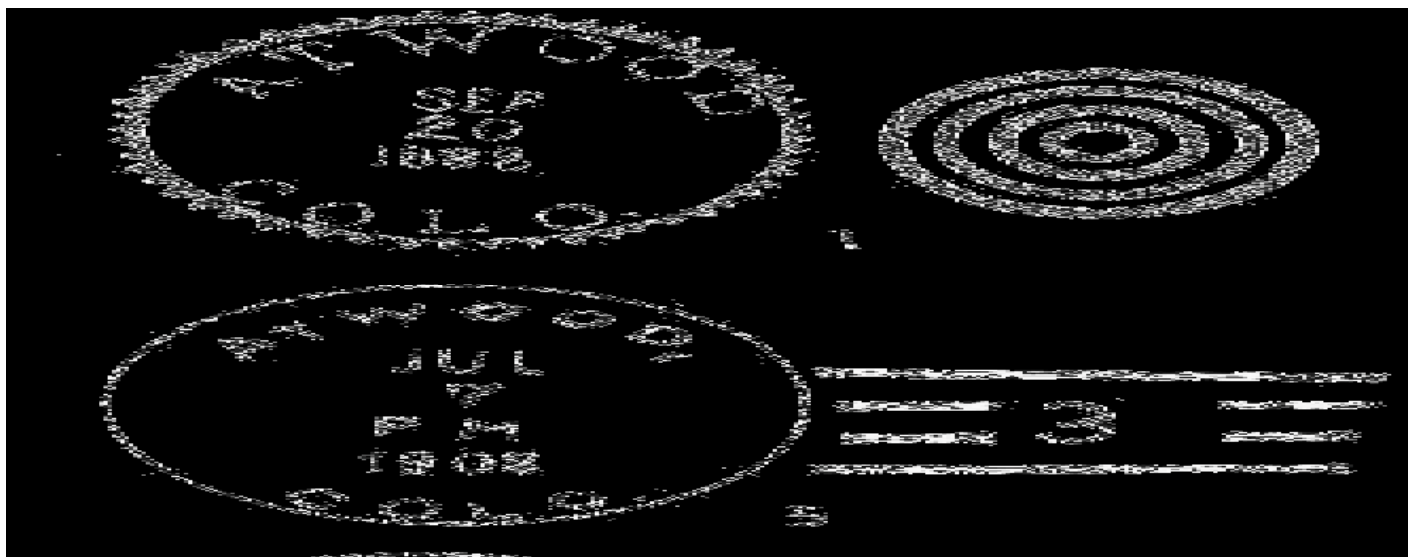
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3	ATWOOD / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Pen cancel	Nov 4 1890 Nov 14 1897
4	ATWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target, 3-ring	Aug 2-- 1896 Mar 9 1899
5	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Type 3 with 3; S-23x13mm	May 13 1907 Aug 11 1910
5.1	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Jul 23 1909 Dec 30 1909
6	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	bars S-23x19mm	Nov 27 1911 Dec 3 1914
6.1	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Jul 22 1929
7	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 9 1937 Jan 21 1943
8	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Aug 23 1948
9	ATWOOD, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-24x18mm	Aug 2 1949 Jan 12 1950
10	ATWOOD, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Aug 16 1952 Mar 14 1955
11	ATWOOD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Dec 26 1962
12	ATWOOD, CO / 80722 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 30 1965 Dec 3 1987
13	ATWOOD, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 15 1994
14	ATWOOD, CO / 80722 CI 10P 28.0	4bars S-26x21mm	Oct 7 1991 Jun 20 1994

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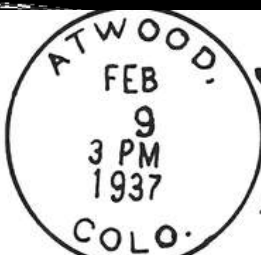
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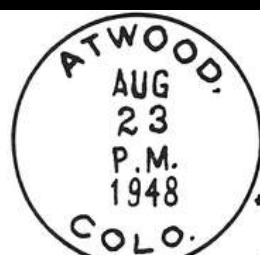
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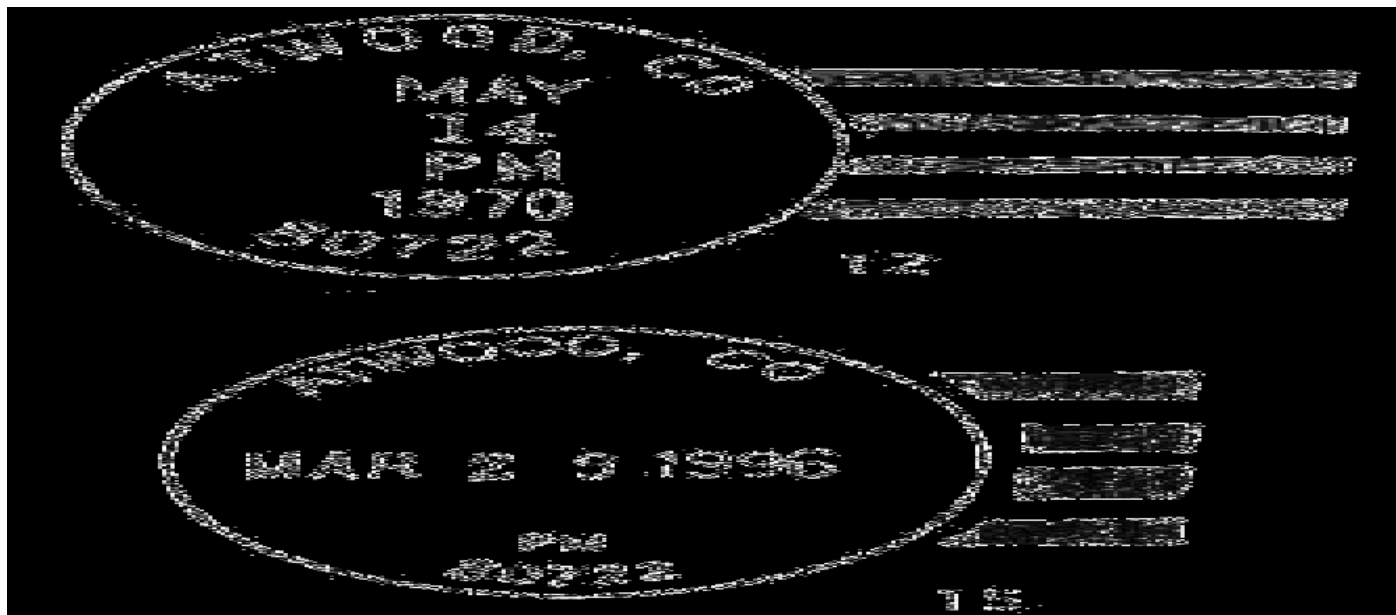
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**BEREA (Never Established)**

In 1911 a post office, to be named Berea, was requested. However there is no evidence that a post office for Berea was ever approved.

The proposed location is two miles east of the Logan-Weld County line. To reach this site follow the directions to Graylin (at the intersection of Logan County Roads 15 and 44). Drive west five miles. The stated location was a mile north of Road 44 but the area is a wide-open field with no sign of any habitation or structure.

At the time the request for the Berea Post Office was submitted the Graylin Post Office was in operation only five miles to the east. That proximity, combined with a developing Rural Free Delivery system may have been the reasons Berea was not authorized.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

**Apr 25 1911 --- NE/4 Sec 17 T9N R55W Pawnee Creek four miles south of site  
Proposed postmaster - Earl E. Retzer  
NOTE: There is no evidence this office was approved**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BERA**

**BUFFALO**

Buffalo began as another agricultural colony on the north side of the South Platte River. When the members of the colony arrived there were already two families living in the area: The Rasmus Nelson and the Johnny Doughty families. Rasmus Nelson was twice appointed postmaster for Buffalo. In December 1873 a newspaper reported: "A new town called Buffalo is to be started on the Julesburg Road, opposite the old American Rancho, 78 miles below Greeley. Being in the center of a fine country, it will become a prosperous town providing the Denver people do not drain the Platte." [How little things change.]

The colony and the community struggled for several years but by 1881 it was obvious that the Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake branch of the Union Pacific would soon reach the town. The railroad arrived in August and soon a town plat of 640 acres and 160 blocks had been filed.

Originally named for the "Buffalo Colony," the railroad decided a different name was needed, ostensibly because there was another Buffalo somewhere else along the railroad. The name change took place in February 1883. Merino is a breed of sheep that was being raised along the railroad.

The location given in the 1874 Geographic Site Location Report is approximately a mile west of the present community of Merino. Since this was seven years before the arrival of the railroad it is possible that it was at that location, which now is open rangeland. A different, more reasonable site is on the north side of US Highway 6 on the western edge of Merino.

Please refer to the discussion of Merino for additional details.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

**Apr 20 1874 --- SW/4 Sec 14 T6N R54W Immediately on the line Col. Central R.R., S., Buffalo Station  
NOTE: It seems more likely that this was in the NW/4 Section 24**

**Jun 24 1874 Established**

**Jun 24 1874 Flary, Jacob S.**

**Mar 20 1876 Propst, Mrs. Missouri N.**

**Dec 27 1876 Powell, E. A. Jr.**

**Jan 30 1877 Nelson, R.**

**Feb 23 1877 Propst, Mrs. Missouri N.**

**Jun 26 1878 Nelson, Rasmus**

**Feb 23 1882 Clanton, Sterling D.**

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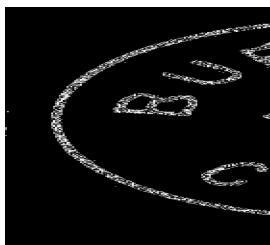
May 22 1882	Jhurnate, Samuel D.
Sep 22 1882	Busch, Elwood R.
Feb 21 1883	Name changed to Merino

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1 BUFFALO / COLO.  
CI 10P 26.0

Hstp Target

Apr 14 187?

**CALVERT**

Initially the siding on the Burlington Northern Railroad was called 29 Mile Siding. When a post office was obtained it took the name Calvert for a railroad superintendent, Elwood Calvert.

The Lincoln Land Company, a Burlington subsidiary, laid out a townsite a half-mile west of the siding and Calvert. This new townsite was named Fleming, for H. B. Fleming, a representative of the Lincoln Land Company. In less than a year the post office was moved from Calvert to Fleming.

Calvert was one of several sidings along the Burlington Northern Railroad that served as shipping points for local farms and ranches. Some of these sidings developed into supply towns for the ranches and farms.



CALVERT / COLO.

May 26, 1888

**CALVERT – Continued**

The actual site of Calvert is on US Highway 6 about twenty miles east of Sterling and a half-mile east of Fleming. The Fleming Post Office is in a well-maintained and attractive brick building that was previously the First National Bank.

Please refer to the discussion of Fleming for additional details.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Dec 10 1887 --- SE/4 Sec 10 T8N R49W The office will be on north side of track within 100 feet  
Proposed postmaster - John McDonald
- Dec 22 1887 Established
- Dec 22 1887 McDonald, John
- Aug 8 1888 Name changed to Fleming

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 0.1 Calvert / Colo Mar 3 1888  
MS Mscp Pen Cancel
- 1 CALVERT / COLO. Mar 24 1888 May 26 1888  
CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm

*Calvert Colo*  
*3/3/88*  
0.1



**CHENOA**

Chenoa was a small agricultural community developed by a group of families that came to Colorado from Chenoa, Illinois. It was located on a wagon road from Haxtun to Fleming. The realities of farming in the dry lands of Eastern Colorado soon became apparent and the community faded as settlers moved on to more suitable lands.

The name was in memory of the hometown of the original settlers. The original spelling was Chenowa, a Cherokee word that has been interpreted as either, “white dove” or “dark and bloody ground”; a real contrast in meanings.

From US Highway 6 in Dailey drive south 7 miles on Logan County Road 91 to the intersection with County Road 18. There is a group of old ranch buildings on the west side of the road that correspond with the location of Chenoa as given in the Geographic Site Location Report. One mile south is another old ranch complex and two miles south is where Glenn Scott locates Chenoa on his *Historic Trail Maps: Sterling Quadrangle*.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Oct 24 1886 --- SW/4 SW/4 Sec 22 T7N R48W 3/4 miles north of Payton Creek  
Proposed postmaster - W. B. Lenney
- Nov 19 1886 Established
- Nov 19 1886 Lenney, W. B.
- Nov 19 1895 Discontinued Mail to Le Roy

**CHENOA – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**1 Chenoa, / Colo  
MS

Jan 20 1888

Mscp Pen Cancel

**CROOK**

Crook was established in 1881 with the arrival of the Omaha and Denver Railroad, a branch of the Union Pacific. The town was named for Brevet Major General George Crook, commander of the Military Department of the Platte from 1875 to 1882. At first Crook was little more than a siding where livestock from surrounding ranches could be shipped to market.

In 1893 the Holland Company attempted to establish an agricultural colony at Crook but this endeavor soon failed. In the early 1900's Crook began to grow and the Cedar Valley Land and Irrigation Company filed a town plat on February 20, 1909. The town of Crook was incorporated in 1918.

Crook continues to survive as a small community of homes with a few small businesses and is still a shipping point for agricultural products from northeastern Logan County.

Crook is located on the north side of the South Platte River, on US Highway 138, eight miles west of the Logan-Sedgwick County line. The Crook Post Office is in a small white building on the north side of the highway. The building has the appearance of once having been a gasoline station and garage serving travelers on US 138. The construction of Interstate 76 has diverted that kind of business to other more convenient locations.

Latitude = 40:51:32 North Longitude = 102:48:02 West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

May 3 1882 ---	T10N R48W ????	[SRM: Apparently an error in R] 3/4 mile north of the Platte River South side of U. P. track - office in Depot, Crook Station
		Proposed postmaster - George William Atkinson
May 26 1882	Established	
May 26 1882	Atkinson, George W.	
Mar 20 1888	Bickett, Thomas	
Mar 2 1889	Borce, Grace B.	
Jul 31 1891	McKenney, Charles E.	
Sep 28 1892	Breckenridge, Seward L.	
Dec 7 1900	Foster, William W.	
Jun 15 1901	Breckenridge, Seward L.	
Dec 4 1902	Buckley, Edgar A.	
Apr 23 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 11 T10N R49W	About one mile north of the South Platte River 655 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad
Apr 1 1921	Office made Presidential	
Nov 2 1921	Buckley, Edgar A.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Dec 14 1925	Buckley, Edgar A.	P&S
Dec 16 1929	Buckley, Edgar A.	P&S
Mar 24 1934	Duncan, John H.	Nominated

**CROOK – Continued**

Apr 9 1934	Duncan, John H.	Confirmed
May 2 1934	Duncan, John H.	Commissioned
May 12 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Nominated
May 23 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
Jun 22 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Assumed charge
May 23 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Appointed
Jun 30 1939	Chapin, Mrs. Glemma M.	Assumed charge
Jan 8 1942 ---	SW/4 NW/4 Sec 11 T10N R49W Second Avenue & 4th Street South Platte River is 1/4 mile south of office	
Oct 31 1969	Roush, Mrs. Fern	Officer in charge
Mar 20 1971	Amen, Alvin A.	Assumed charge as postmaster



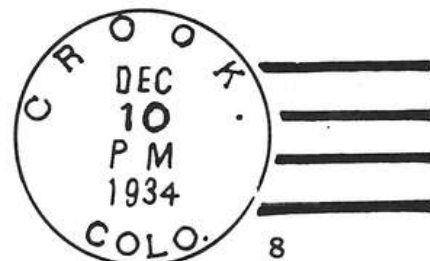
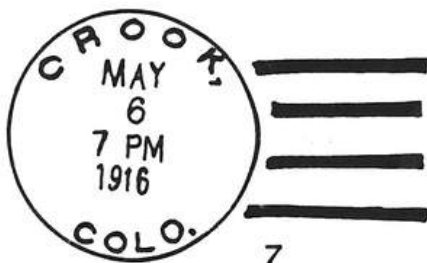
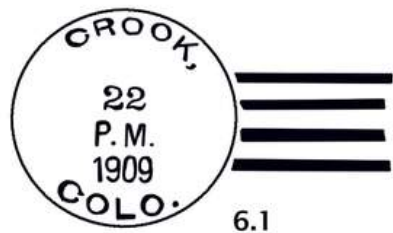
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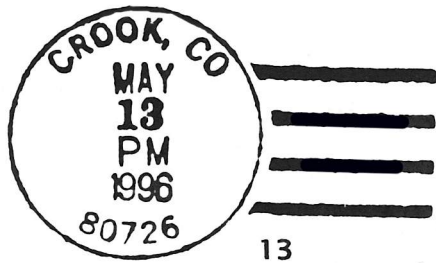
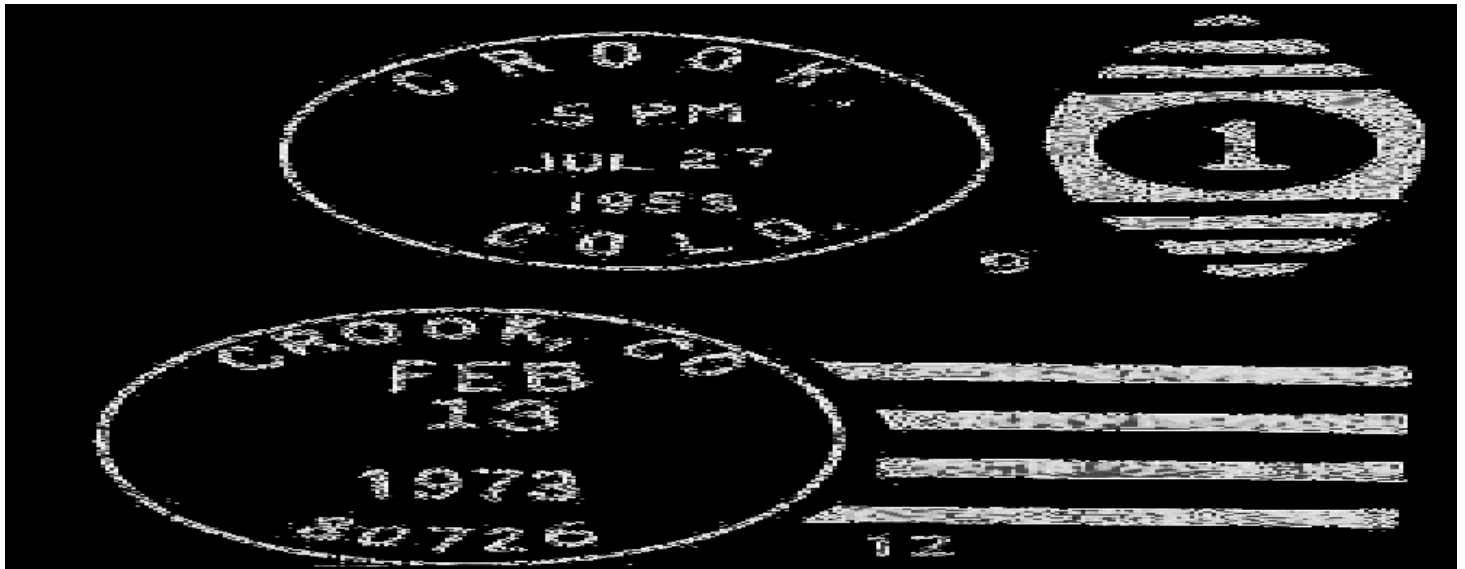
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2	CROOK / COL. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, double grid	Jul 30 1887 Oct 12 1888
3	CROOK / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge; target	May 6 1893 Dec 20 1894
4	CROOK, / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Grid, 16-bar oval	Aug 30 1896
5	CROOK / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Not present	Aug 29 1900
6	CROOK, / COLO CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2, with 2; S-??x13mm	Jul 5 1905 Oct 9 1908

CROOK – Continued

6.1	CROOK / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Dec 22 1909
7	CROOK, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars 3-24x20mm	Sep 9 1913 May 6 1916
8	CROOK. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 20 1934 Jul 6 1936
9	CROOK. / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Nov 7 1937 Apr 9 1959
10	CROOK / COLO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Aug 31 1948
11	CROOK, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	4bars 7 wavy lines	Oct 10 1962 May 16 1964
12	CROOK, CO / 80726 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Oct 4 1971 Oct 16 1976
12.1	CROOK, CO / 80726 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Sep 20 1970 Feb 1- 1990
12.2	CROOK, CO / USPO CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 27 1987
13	CROOK, CO / 80726 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jun 20 1994 May 13 1996



CROOK – Continued



**DAILEY**

In June 1914 the Burlington Railroad constructed a siding three miles east of the Logan-Phillips County line. They named the siding Dailey after James Dailey, a trainmaster for the railroad. Although initiated by the railroad, the town of Dailey was not a product of the Burlington's subsidiary, the Lincoln Land Company. Six months later, December 21, 1914, the town of Dailey was incorporated. W. B. Ford is considered the town father and founder.

Mrs. Mabel Markham opened the Dailey Cash Store and for fifty plus years the building was used as a grocery store, dry goods store, post office, restaurant and boarding house. In October of 1923 the store/post office was robbed with a loss of goods from the store and stamps and currency from the post office.

Dailey grew into a small community with the store, grain storage and shipping facilities and a number of homes. There are still several residences at Dailey and the grain storage facility may be in use. However the Dailey Cash Store has been moved from Dailey to the Overland Trail Museum in Sterling. The building is on the museum grounds and has been restored, including the post office section.

Dailey is on US Highway 6, three miles west of the Logan-Phillips County line and 6 miles east of Fleming. It is a good place to begin a tour of the several rural post offices in the southeastern portion of Logan County.

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DAILEY – Continued

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 1 1915	---	NE/4 Sec 21 T8N R48W 1-1/4 miles north of the Frenchman Creek	
		Applicant for postmaster - Guy Frank	
Jun 28 1915		Established	
Jun 28 1915		Frank, E. Guy	
Jun 17 1924		Markham, Mrs. Mabel	Acting
Jul 11 1924		Markham, Mrs. Mabel	Appointed
Jul 23 1924		Markham, Mrs. Mabel	Commissioned
Nov 1 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 21 T8N R48W	
Jun 30 1960		Langdon, Mrs. Edith M.	Assumed charge
Jul 6 1960		Langdon, Mrs. Edith M.	Acting
Jul 3 1961		Ordered closed	
Jul 7 1961		Discontinued Mail to Fleming	

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1	DAILEY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jan 22 1916 Oct 4 1917
2	DAILEY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Apr 6 1926
3	DAILEY. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 1 1934 Nov 16 1936
4	DAILEY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 5 1938 Aug 31 1948
5	DAILEY, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 8 1948
6	DAILEY. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Oct 15 1953 Sep 14 1956



**FLEMING**

This town was established by the Burlington Railroad in 1889 and was first named Twenty-nine Mile Siding. The Twenty-nine Mile name was a reference to the distance from the siding to Haxtun in Phillips County. In December 1887, anticipating the arrival of the railroad, a post office was opened a short distance east of the eventual siding and operated briefly as Calvert. With the arrival of the railroad in 1881, the post office moved west to the siding and took the name of Fleming for H. B. Fleming, a representative of the Lincoln Land Company, a Burlington Railroad subsidiary.

Fleming was platted as a town in 1889 but was not incorporated until 1917.

Fleming is still an active community with a number of residences but like so many towns in Eastern Colorado the business section is in slow decline. There are still a few small businesses to serve day to day needs of residents. The Fleming Post Office now occupies the former First National Bank building. The brick bank building has been restored and is well maintained. It is a visual treat in distinct contrast to the catalog architecture of so many modern post offices.

Fleming is located on US Highway 6, about twenty miles east of Sterling.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

<b>Jul 31 1888</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NW/4 Sec 10 T8N R49W 600 feet north of the B.&amp; M., Fleming Station</b>	
		<b>Proposed postmaster - John McDonald</b>	
<b>Aug 8 1888</b>		<b>Name changed from Calvert</b>	
<b>Aug 8 1888</b>		<b>McDonald, John W.</b>	
<b>May 14 1889</b>		<b>Russell, Letitia</b>	
<b>Jun 28 1897</b>		<b>Rogers, John H.</b>	
<b>May 13 1904</b>		<b>Ordered closed</b>	
<b>May 31 1904</b>		<b>Discontinued Mail to Haxtun</b>	
<b>Aug 26 1904</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NW/4 Sec 20 T8N R49W (Error - I believe it should have been Section 10)</b>	
		<b>South side of Burlington Track, Fleming Station</b>	
		<b>Proposed postmaster - Arnetta I. Bird</b>	
<b>Sep 16 1904</b>		<b>Re-established</b>	
<b>Sep 16 1904</b>		<b>Bird, Arnetta R. [sic]</b>	
<b>Apr 05 1905</b>		<b>Delamore, Margaret C.</b>	
<b>Jan 31 1914</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	
<b>Apr 23 1914</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NE/4 Sec 9 T8N R49W 500 feet north of the Burlington Railroad</b>	
<b>Jun 19 1917</b>		<b>Holms, Mary E.</b>	
<b>Oct 1 1917</b>			<b>Office made Presidential</b>
<b>Jan 24 1918</b>		<b>Holms, Mary E.</b>	<b>P&amp;S</b>
<b>Aug 5 1919</b>		<b>Wort, Vina</b>	
<b>Aug 31 1923</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Acting</b>
<b>Dec 18 1923</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<b>Jan 10 1928</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<b>Jan 19 1932</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Nominated</b>
<b>Jan 28 1932</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
<b>Feb 24 1932</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Commissioned</b>
<b>Feb 29 1932</b>		<b>Rudel, Charles L.</b>	<b>Assumed charge</b>
<b>Apr 17 1936</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Nominated</b>
<b>Apr 22 1936</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
<b>Apr 25 1936</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Appointed Presidential</b>
<b>Jun 7 1936</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Assumed charge</b>
<b>Apr 15 1940</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Nominated</b>
<b>Apr 24 1940</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
<b>Apr 29 1940</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Appointed Presidential</b>
<b>May 15 1940</b>		<b>Dugan, Martin J.</b>	<b>Assumed charge</b>
<b>Oct 23 1941</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>NE/4 Sec 9 T8N R49W Logan Avenue &amp; Larimer</b>	

**FLEMING – Continued**

Jun 30 1951	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Assumed charge
Jul 12 1951	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Acting
May 9 1952	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Nominated
May 21 1952	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Confirmed
May 22 1952	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 3 1952	Hopkins, Dallas D.	Assumed charge
Dec 31 1952	Waln, Burl M.	Assumed charge
Jan 23 1953	Waln, Burl M.	Acting
Oct 31 1953	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Assumed charge
Dec 17 1953	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Acting
Oct 31 1953	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Assumed charge
Feb 4 1954	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Nominated
Mar 1 1954	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Confirmed, Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
Mar 31 1954	Bledsoe, Austin C.	Assumed charge
Nov 30 1956	Wilson, Mrs. Erma May	Assumed charge
Dec 17 1956	Wilson, Mrs. Erma May	Acting
Feb 7 1958	Beck, Leon Victor	Assumed charge
Feb 13 1958	Beck, Leon Victor	Nominated
Feb 21 1958	Beck, Leon Victor	Acting
May 22 1958	Beck, Leon Victor	Confirmed, Apptd. Presid. & Commissioned
Jun 13 1958	Beck, Leon Victor	Assumed charge



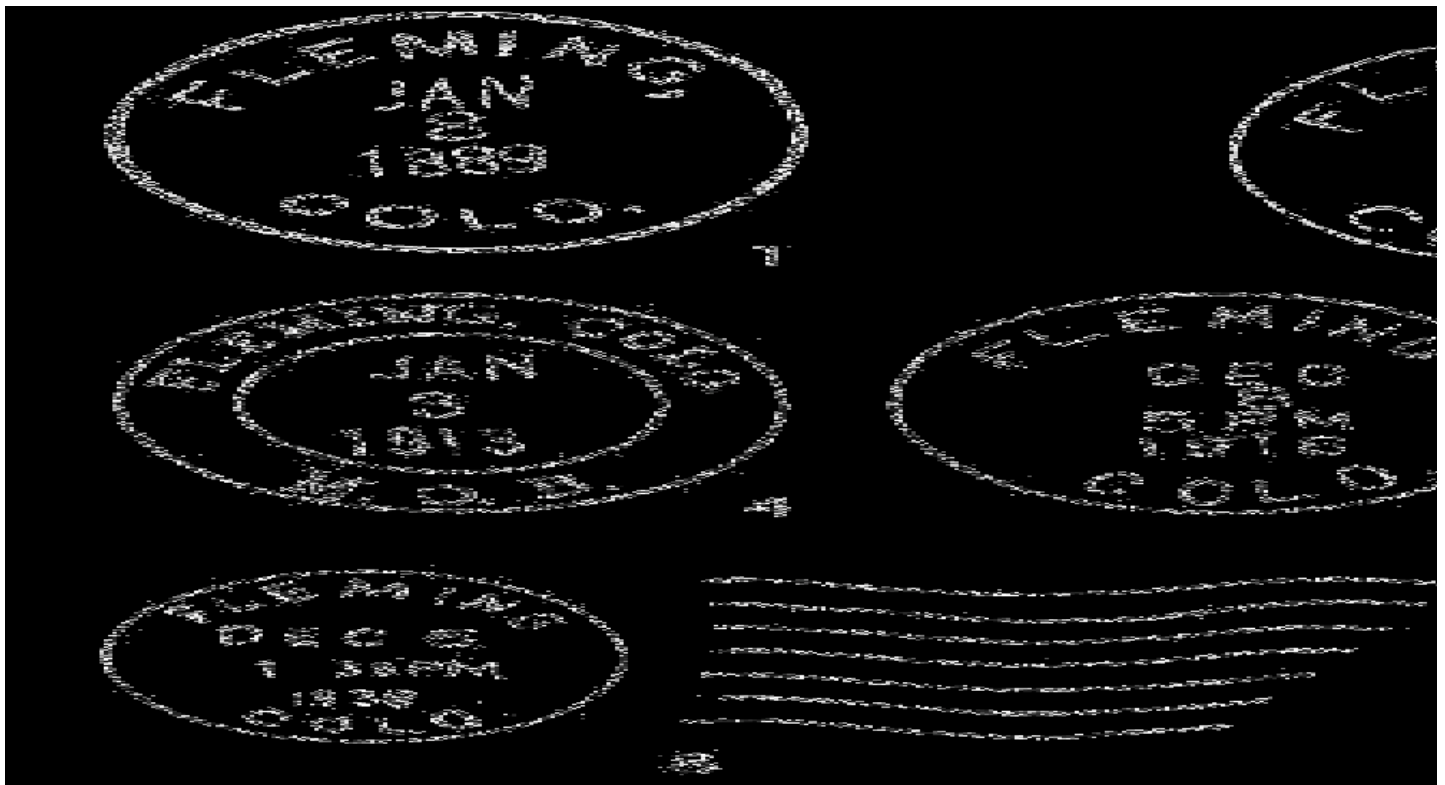
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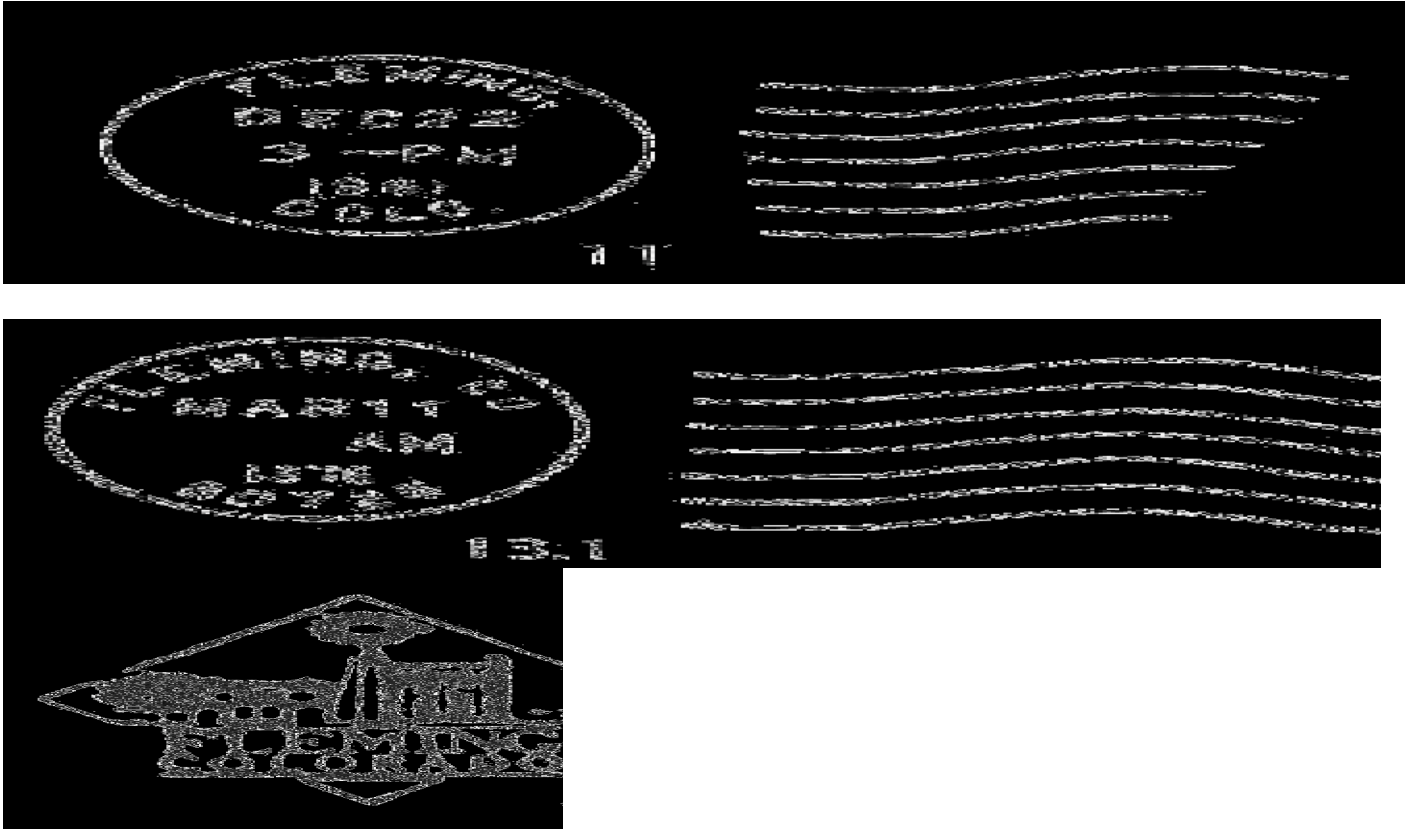
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2	FLEMING, / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Jan 15 1906 Jul 9 1908 Doane Type 2, with 1; S-20x13mm

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3	FLEMING, / COLO CI 10P 28.5	4bars S-24x13mm	Jul 24 1909 Jul 27 1914
4	FLEMING, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 10P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 3 1913
5	FLEMING / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jun 7 1915 Feb 17 1919
6	FLEMING / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Jul 14 1934
7	FLEMING, / COLO. RC 10P 36.0x18	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	Jul 14 1934
8	FLEMING / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 5 1926 Jul 25 1952
9	FLEMING / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Apr 13 1944 Dec 25 1962
10	FLEMING / COLO. CI 10P 24.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 19 1956
11	FLEMING, / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 22 1961 Feb 28 1967
12	FLEMING, CO / 80728 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 17 1967 Sep 2- 1977
13	FLEMING CO / 80728 CI 10P 30.5	4bars S-23x16mm	May 17 1995
13.1	FLEMING, CO / 80728 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 11 1976 May 31 1991
13.2	FLEMING, CO / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 16 1990
13.3	FLEMING, CO 80728 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 7 1993 Sep 24 1997
14	FLEMING CO 80728 SL 00R 40.0x13.0	Pict Scene - Buildings & windmill with town & state names; Text - FLEMING / FALL FESTIVAL	Sep 16 1995



FLEMING – Continued



**FORT MOORE**

The Fort Moore Post Office was at another of the stage stations on the early main stage route along the south side of the South Platte River. Very little is known about it or its precise location.

It is reported that Jim and Charley Moore built a toll road between Valley Station and the Washington Ranche and renamed the Ranche as Fort Moore. James A. Moore was the one and only postmaster for Fort Moore. Valley Station was also on the south side of the South Platte River about three miles down river from Sterling.

From Iliff drive southwest on US Highway 138 to a crossroads community known as Ford where there is a small grain elevator and some storage tanks. Turn east onto a dirt road and cross the railroad and the South Platte River. This should be Logan County Road 40. Continue east to the intersection with County Road 49. Turn south for one mile to where the road makes a short turn west before again turning south. The best information I have placed Fort Moore about a half mile west of this short jog. The site is mostly screened from the road by trees but appears to be open pasture with no remnant structures.

There is an error in the Records of Postmaster Appointments. Fort Moore was first listed under Gilpin County. It is further reported as “moved” to Weld County.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

	No document was found in the Logan or Weld County Geographic Site Location Reports.
	Was listed in error under Gilpin County. Approximate Location: SE/4 Sec 36 T9N R52W
	On the south side of the South Platte River
Jan 15 1866	Established
Jan 15 1866	Moore, James A.
Jan 22 1868	Discontinued

**FORT MOORE – Continued**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM FORT MOORE**

**GRAYLIN**

Graylin was a rural post office in the central portion of western Logan County. It served ranchers in a large section of the county. The original application for the Graylin Post Office suggested the name Martinsburg. That choice was a reflection of the proposed postmaster - Mrs. Sadie A. Martin. I have found no explanation for the name Graylin.

The early twentieth century was a time when, employing dry land farming techniques and irrigation from deep wells, agriculture in eastern Colorado was expanding. However, it was also a time of expansion for the Rural Free Delivery System. As that system grew in coverage many of the rural farm and ranch post offices were no longer needed. The ranchers could now have mail delivered to their front gate and not have to travel several miles to collect their mail and newspapers.

To reach the site of Graylin begin in Sterling, drive eight miles west on Colorado Highway 14 to Logan County Road 25. Turn north five miles to Road 38 and then west four and one half miles to Road 15. From the intersection of Roads 38 and 15 drive north to the intersection of Roads 44 and 15. The stated location for Graylin is the southwest quarter of that intersection.

The area surrounding the intersection consists of open fields with only trace signs that there was once something there. Approximately a half-mile to the south, on the east side of Road 15 there is an active ranch that would have been served by the Graylin Post Office.

From Graylin you can continue west to the proposed location for Berea and then north to Westplains and Armstrong. A long, scenic loop across the north part of Logan County would take you to Laura, Peetz, Logan and back to US Highway 138 near Red Lion.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Apr 5 1910 --- NE/4 Sec 19 T9N R54W 3 miles north of Cedar Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Sadie A. Martin
- Sep 26 1910 Established
- Sep 26 1910 Martin, Sadie A.
- Aug 3 1911 Benson, Susan
- Dec 15 1917 Discontinued Mail to Sterling

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	GRAYLIN, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Dec 19 1911 Jul 9 1917 4bars S-20x19mm
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**ILIFF**

John Wesley Iliff came to Colorado with the gold rush of 1859. In 1861 he turned from prospecting to cattle and began acquisition of land along the South Platte River. Eventually his cattle empire included nine ranches from Greeley to Julesburgh. He held title to 20,000 acres and by control of water rights controlled an additional 650,000 acres of grazing land.

His home ranch was the LF which included the old Riverside Stage Station. The arrival of the railroad in 1881 led to the formation of a townsite, which included the ranch headquarters and was named Iliff. The site was platted in 1887 and Iliff was incorporated in 1926. Upon the death of John W. Iliff, a large portion of his estate went to found the Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver.

From its inception, Iliff was a cattle town providing services and supplies to the LF and other ranches as well as being the principal shipping point for livestock from the surrounding area. Iliff is still an active but small community on US Highway 138 near the center of Logan County and ten miles northeast of Sterling.

In May 1996 I spent a few days in the Logan County area visiting the post office sites. On May 13, while on my way back to Sterling I encountered traffic congestion. It turned out to be the Olympic Torch Relay on its way out of Denver. Naturally I stopped to watch the process. I discovered that they don't necessarily "run" the torch all the way. In this case there was a State Police Motorcade and two or three people on bicycles - no runners. Apparently they only do the running through towns and places where they can attract attention. Fortunately I was westbound, because there was a long backup behind the eastbound relay.

Latitude = 40:45:33 North Longitude = 103:03:58 West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 6 1882	---	Sec 16 T9N R51W On south side of track, at station by track	
		Proposed postmaster - Barnabas McMillan	
Mar 21 1882		Established	
Mar 21 1882		McMillan, Barnabas	
Nov 17 1886		Mosher, Henry G.	
May 24 1889		Greenland, Walter Scott	
Jun 24 1891		Greenfield, John	
Sep 23 1893		Buckingham, John P.	
Apr 2 1895		Eckroot, Lewis A.	
Oct 28 1895		Ramey, William A.	Declined
Nov 27 1895		Discontinued	
Feb 5 1896	---	NW/4 Sec 16 T9N R51W North side of Union Pacific Railroad, about 80 rods	
		Proposed postmaster - William A. Ramey	
Apr 23 1896		Re-established	
Apr 23 1896		Ramey, William A.	
Aug 7 1896		Buckingham, John P.	
Aug 28 1903		Boyd, William E.	
May 3 1904		Conaughy, James M.	
Nov 8 1907		Richmond, Henry T.	
Jan 15 1910		Matthews, Edith L.	
Sep 27 1911		Stuck, William L.	
Apr 29 1914		Majors, Leona B.	
Aug 28 1914	---	NE/4 & NW/4 Sec 16 T9N R51W About 150 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Feb 7 1916		Matthews, Jennie B.	Declined
Jun 16 1916		Gumprecht, Zua F.	
Nov 8 1917		McGinley, Julia T.	
Sep 23 1918		Maddox, Nellie F.	
Nov 7 1919		Fleming, James J.	
Feb 11 1921		Simpson, Bertha W.	Confirmed

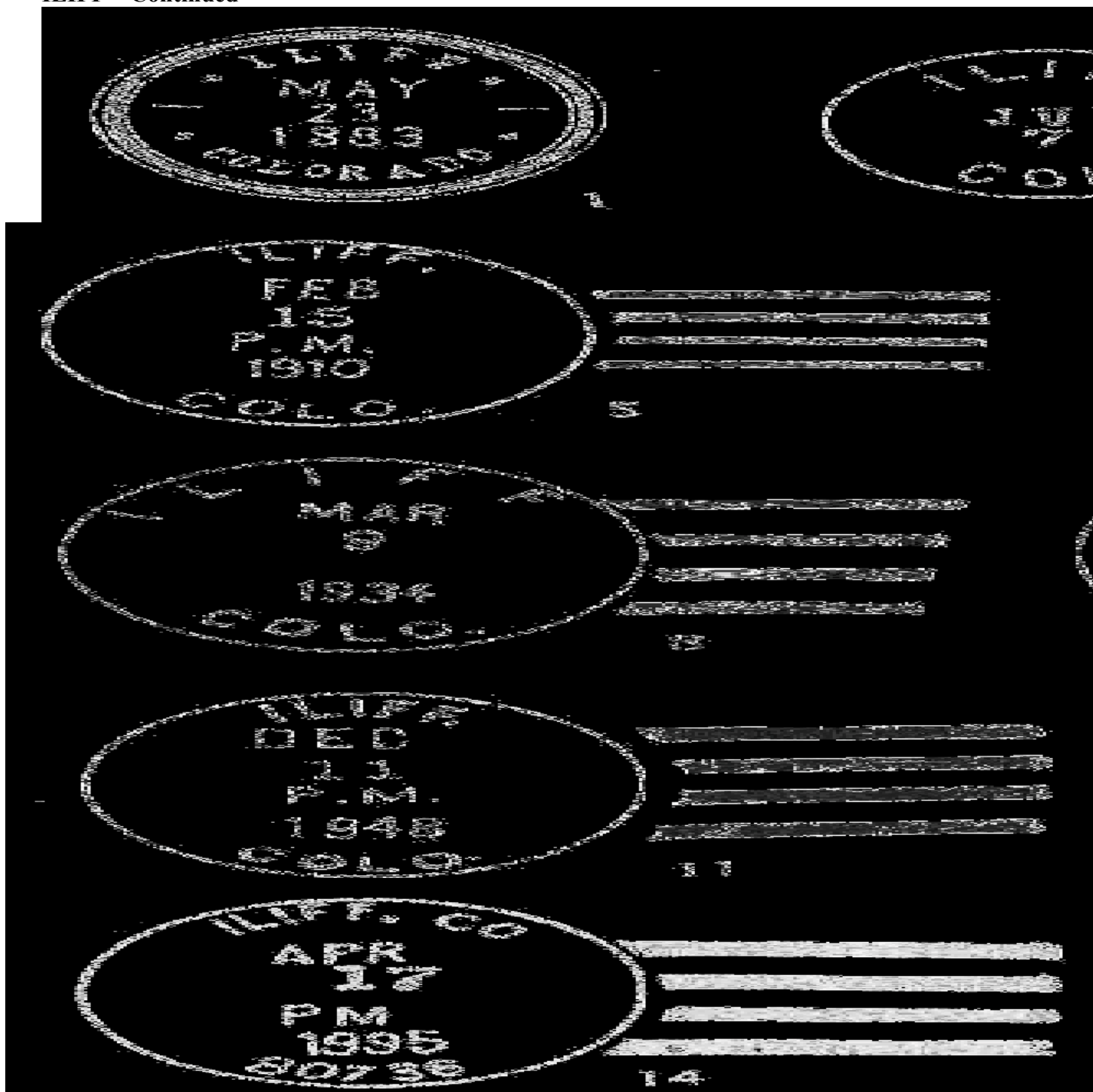
**ILIFF – Continued**

Feb 25 1921	Simpson, Bertha W.	Commissioned
Mar 7 1921	Simpson, Bertha W.	Assumed charge
Oct 23 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 16 T9N R51W South Platte River 5/8 mile south of post office	
Jul 1 1945		Office made Presidential
Sep 26 1945	Simpson, Bertha W.	Nominated
Oct 29 1945	Simpson, Bertha W.	Confirmed
Oct 30 1945	Simpson, Bertha W.	Appointed Presidential
Jan 23 1946	Simpson, Bertha W.	Commissioned
Jan 28 1946	Simpson, Bertha W.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1947		Office relegated
Jun 30 1947	Sturbaum, John H.	Acting & Assumed charge
Aug 2 1947 ---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 16 T9N R51W Union Pacific Railroad 988 feet southeast of post office	
Sep 29 1947 ---	NE/4 NW/4 Sec 16 T9N R51W 3rd Avenue & N 4th Street South Platte River one mile south of post office	
Jul 6 1948	Sturbaum, John H.	Confirmed & Appointed
Apr 8 1949	Sturbaum, John H.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1949	Sturbaum, John H.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1953		Office made Presidential
Aug 31 1966	Hoffman, Cecil S.	Acting
Oct 2 1967	Hoffman, Cecil S.	Nominated & Confirmed
Oct 5 1967	Hoffman, Cecil S.	Appointed
Oct 11 1967	Hoffman, Cecil S.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1967	Hoffman, Cecil S.	Assumed charge
Jun 2 1978	Wilson, Mrs. Zelma	Officer in charge
Jan 13 1979	Welch, Ronald M.	Officer in charge
Apr 7 1979	Ballinger, Mrs. Betty L.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	ILIFF / COLORADO CI 30P 29.5/28.5/26.0	Hstp No killer	May 23 1883
2	ILIFF / COL. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Not present	Jul 7 188-
3	ILIFF, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Doane Type 2 with 3;	Jan 9 1904 May 13 1908
4	ILIFF, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 31.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 27 1908
5	ILIFF, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	Jul 11 1908 Jul 20 1910
6	ILIFF / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 15 1912 Dec 23 1913
7	ILIFF. / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Jan 14 1915 Sep 21 1915
8	ILIFF / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Nov 16 1921 Mar 9 1934
9	ILIFF / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Nov 16 1936 Apr 27 1940
10	ILIFF / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x17mm	Oct 10 194-
11	ILIFF, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 22 1941 Jul 20 1950
12	ILIFF / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 24 1957 Jan 30 1964
13	ILIFF, CO / 80736 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Sep 10 1969 Sep 14 1978
14	ILIFF, CO / 80736 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	May 30 1990 Apr 17 1995

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**KELLY**

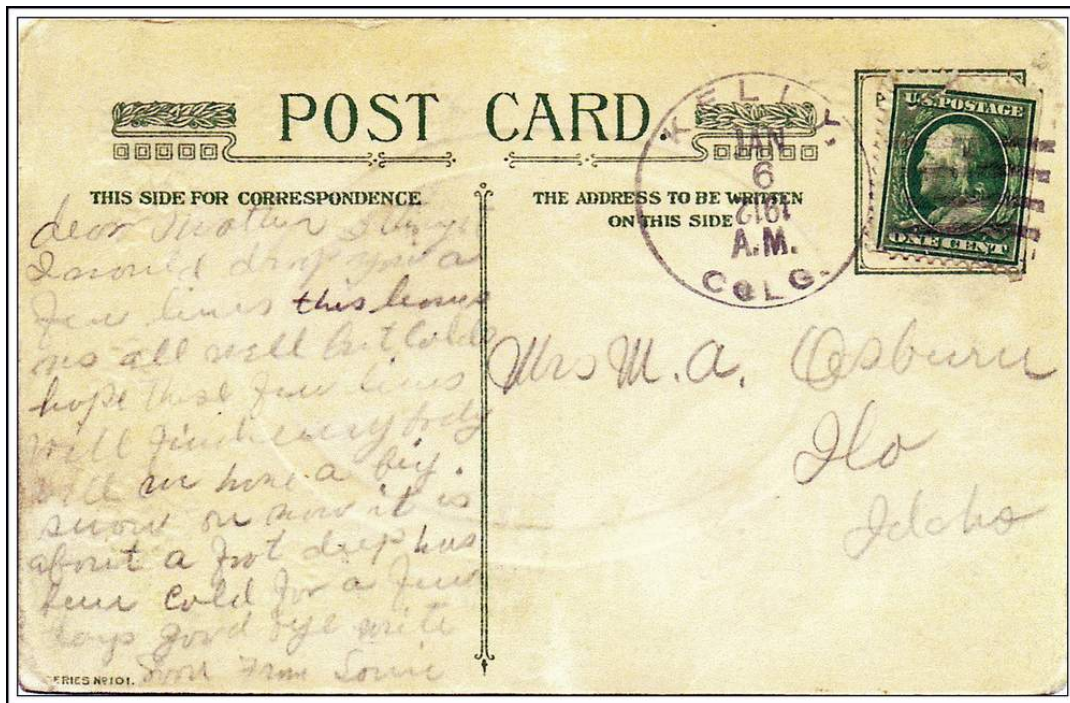
W. C. Kelly was one of the group of homesteaders who settled in this area in the mid-1880's. The drought of the 1880's nearly eliminated the community but somehow it struggled on into the twentieth century. By 1909 improvements in dry land agriculture brought a resurgence of farm activity in the area. A one-room frame store was opened and for a few years a post office, named for W. C. Kelly, operated in

**KELLEY – Continued**

the store. As the roads and transportation improved it seems likely that the Kelly Post Office fell victim to the expanding Rural Free Delivery system.

From the site of Le Roy at the intersection of Logan County Roads 71 and 16, drive south three miles to County Road 10. Turn west and drive west five miles to Colorado Highway 61 (County Road 61). Turn south for two miles and then west on County Road 6 for two miles to the site of Kelly in the northeast corner of the intersection of County Roads 6 and 57.

North of the intersection there is an abandoned church or school and a cemetery. There is a recent, occupied residence at the intersection and another, older residence in a clump of trees a short distance to the east.



**KELLY, / COLO.**

**January 6, 1912**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jul 26 1909 --- SW/4 Sec 23 T6N R51W**
- Proposed postmaster - Mrs. A. B. Vanscoy**
- Aug 26 1909 Established**
- Aug 26 1909 Vanscoy, Anna**
- Nov 30 1912 Discontinued Mail to Leroy**
- May 26 1913 Re-established**
- May 26 1913 Lowers, Jasper P.**
- Feb 6 1915 Bloomfield, Harley L.**
- Aug 15 1916 Discontinued Mail to Leroy**

**KELLEY – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	KELLY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm	Apr 19 1910 Jan 2 1915
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**LAURA**

The post office at Laura preceded the one at Peetz by a few months. The town was founded by H. C. McKibben [SRM: [Harry C. McKibben is listed as Postmaster in Beulah, Colorado in 1918, but Harry B. McKibben is listed in \*Appts of Postmasters\* for Laura in 1908](#)] and was located on the proposed route of the Burlington Railroad from Alliance, Nebraska to Sterling, Colorado. However, when the railroad chose a site for a station, two miles to the southwest at what became Peetz the development of Laura ceased and everything eventually moved to Peetz.

The location of Laura was one-half mile south of the Nebraska-Colorado State line at the junction of Logan County Road 78 with Colorado Highway 113. The railroad is on the west side of Highway 113. No structures remain in the vicinity of the site. Jim Ozment did find a photograph of the Laura Post Office. In the photograph, the small, rather crude frame building stands isolated from any other building.

To reach the site simply drive north on Colorado 113 from US Highway 138 to County Road 78, just south of the state line.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 7 1908	---	SW/4 Sec 20 T12N R51W Burlington & Missouri Railroad 30 rods east of post office Proposed postmaster - Abner Ragan
Apr 16 1908		Established
Apr 16 1908		Ragan, Abner
Dec 22 1908		McKibbin, Harry B.
Nov 26 1909		McKibbin, Lee Roy
Jun 30 1916		Discontinued Mail to Peetz

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	LAURA, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x13mm	Aug 16 1908 Jun 19 1912
2	LAURA, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x??mm	Aug 29 1913



**LE ROY/LEROY**

A town plat for Le Roy was filed on February 14, 1889 by Michael Thinigan. A small community developed and survived the drought of the 1890's. It was an agricultural community with minimal services for residents of the area.

I have found no information as to the source of the name. In 1895, in its fervor to shorten post office names, the Post Office Department changed the spelling from Le Roy to Leroy.

From the site of Chenoa at the intersection of Logan County Roads 91 and 18 drive west on Road 18. Five miles west of Chenoa you will come to St. Petersburg. This is a tiny community centered on a large, brick Catholic Church. As far as I can determine there was not a post office at St. Petersburg, certainly not by that name. Inquiries to a couple residents provided no information. Continue west another five miles (ten miles from the Chenoa site) to County Road 71 and turn south.

The Leroy Cemetery is in the southeast corner of this intersection and is properly marked. The location for Le Roy, provided by the Geographic Site Location Report is one mile south of the cemetery and in the northwest corner of the intersection of County Roads 16 and 71. There is a single building, perhaps a former school, on the west side of Road 17. At the intersection there is a well-constructed, stone historical marker. The marker reads: *"This marker commemorates our pioneer forefathers who erected the first Evangelical Church of Leroy from native limestone on this site October 20, 1889. Their valiant courage, vision, and faith to God is an inspiration and guiding light to the present and future generations."* Another plaque reads: *"Dedicated October 24, 1976."* The marker sits on the edge of an open field and there is no remaining evidence of the church building.

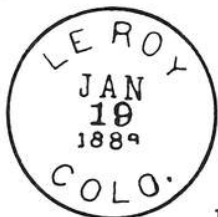
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**Chronology of the Post Office**

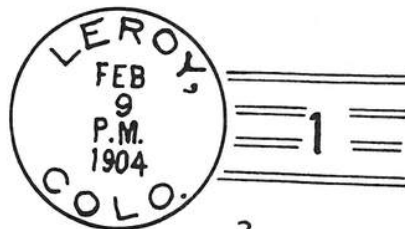
Jun 9 1888	---	SE/4 Sec 26 T7N R50W 1/2 mile north of Frenchman Creek Proposed postmaster - Albert Zabel
Jul 2 1888		Established
Jul 2 1888		Zabel, Albert
Oct 16 1889		Thum, William N.
Nov 14 1890		Koenig, Peter
Aug 2 1895		Spelling changed to Leroy
Aug 2 1895		Held, John
Apr 4 1900		Granberger, Henry
May 25 1903		Stoltz, Julius
Mar 25 1910		Sonnenberg, Henry P.
Apr 18 1913		Simkins, Nettie
Dec 31 1917		Hetrick, Hazel
Jun 30 1918		Discontinued Mail to Fleming

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

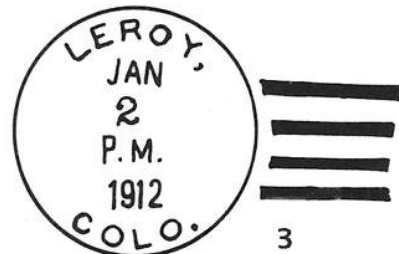
1	LE ROY / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Jan 19 1889 Mar 15 1894 Hstp Target, 4-ring 18mm
2	LEROY, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Feb 9 1904 Apr 8 1909 Doane Type 2 with 1, S-25x14mm
3	LEROY, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Jul 27 1909 Oct 3 1916 4bars S-25x14mm



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**LILLIAN SPRINGS**

Lillian Springs was one of the very early stage stations on the stage route that ran along the south side of the South Platte River. Of the several stations in Logan County three had post offices: Lillian Springs, Fort Moore (Washington Ranche) and American Ranche. Since these post offices were placed in operation several years before the Federal Land Survey was applied to the area it is difficult to pin down their locations other than approximately. Published descriptions are often conflicting. The source in which I place the most confidence is the USGS map, *Historic Trail Maps of the Sterling 1°x2° Quadrangle, Northeastern Colorado* prepared by Glenn R. Scott.

Scott locates Lillian Springs three miles east of the road that connects Interstate 76 to US Highway 6 at Proctor. Just south of the bridge over the South Platte River, Logan County Road 38.5 runs east a mile and a half to a ranch complex. I drove a short distance beyond the ranch before the road disappeared. I was not three miles in, so likely I did not get to the site of Lillian Springs. However, near the point where I turned around, there was a swampy area perhaps indicative of one or more springs. Could this have been Lillian Springs?

The ranch I drove through included several old buildings. It was at a point that corresponds to a location on Glenn Scott's map that he identifies as "W. S. Coburn Ranch near here."

Interstate 76 is elevated above the South Platte River flood plain. I drove west on the Interstate to Mile Post 145. From there I had a good overview of the valley and the supposed location of Lillian Springs. Other than farm and ranch land there was nothing to observe.

It should be noted that the map included in the Overland Trail Museum brochure places Lillian Springs west of the road from Proctor to I-76.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Undated	--	Clear Water 23 miles northeasterly American Ranch 40 miles westerly On southern bank of the South Platte River Approximate Location: SE/4 Sec 18 T10N R49W On the north side of the South Platte River. [Not true] [This document is filed under Weld County]
Jul 23 1863		Established
Jul 23 1863		Lewis, Arthur C.
Apr 9 1864		Discontinued

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LILLIAN SPRINGS**

**LOGAN - (Never established)**

Logan is another place in Logan County for which an application for a post office and a Geographical Site Location Report were filed but the office was never authorized. Like Armstrong and Laura the location is on Logan County Road 78 a half-mile south of the Colorado-Nebraska border.

Drive two miles northeast from Peetz on Colorado Highway 113 to County Road 78 and then turn east. The proposed location for Logan was eleven miles from Colorado 113. A short distance east of the intersection of County Roads 78 and 73 there is a ranch complex to the south of Road 78. This is in the right spot for Logan. The ranch includes a nice old house and does not appear to be abandoned.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 30 1911	--	NW/4 Sec 30 T12N R49W Proposed postmaster - R. G. Simpson
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**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LOGAN**

**MERINO**

This town was first established in 1874 and was known as Buffalo until the Omaha, Denver, and Salt Lake branch of the Union Pacific reached the site in the very early 1880's. In 1883 the railroad arbitrarily dictated a change in name, supposedly to avoid confusion with another Buffalo on the railroad. The town plat for Merino was filed by the Corona Cattle Company on August 10, 1906.

The story is that a man named N. Workman looked out a window and saw some sheep. Merino was a popular breed at the time and whether or not the railroad man could separate a Merino sheep from a prairie dog, Merino became the new name. It seems ironic that a town in cattle country that had once been the great buffalo range should eventually be named for a breed of sheep. Please refer to the discussion of Buffalo for the early history of this town.

Merino is located in the southwestern corner of Logan County, on US Highway 6 some three miles east of the county line and on the north side of the South Platte River. The town is still a modest size community with residences and a few small businesses catering to local farmers and ranchers.

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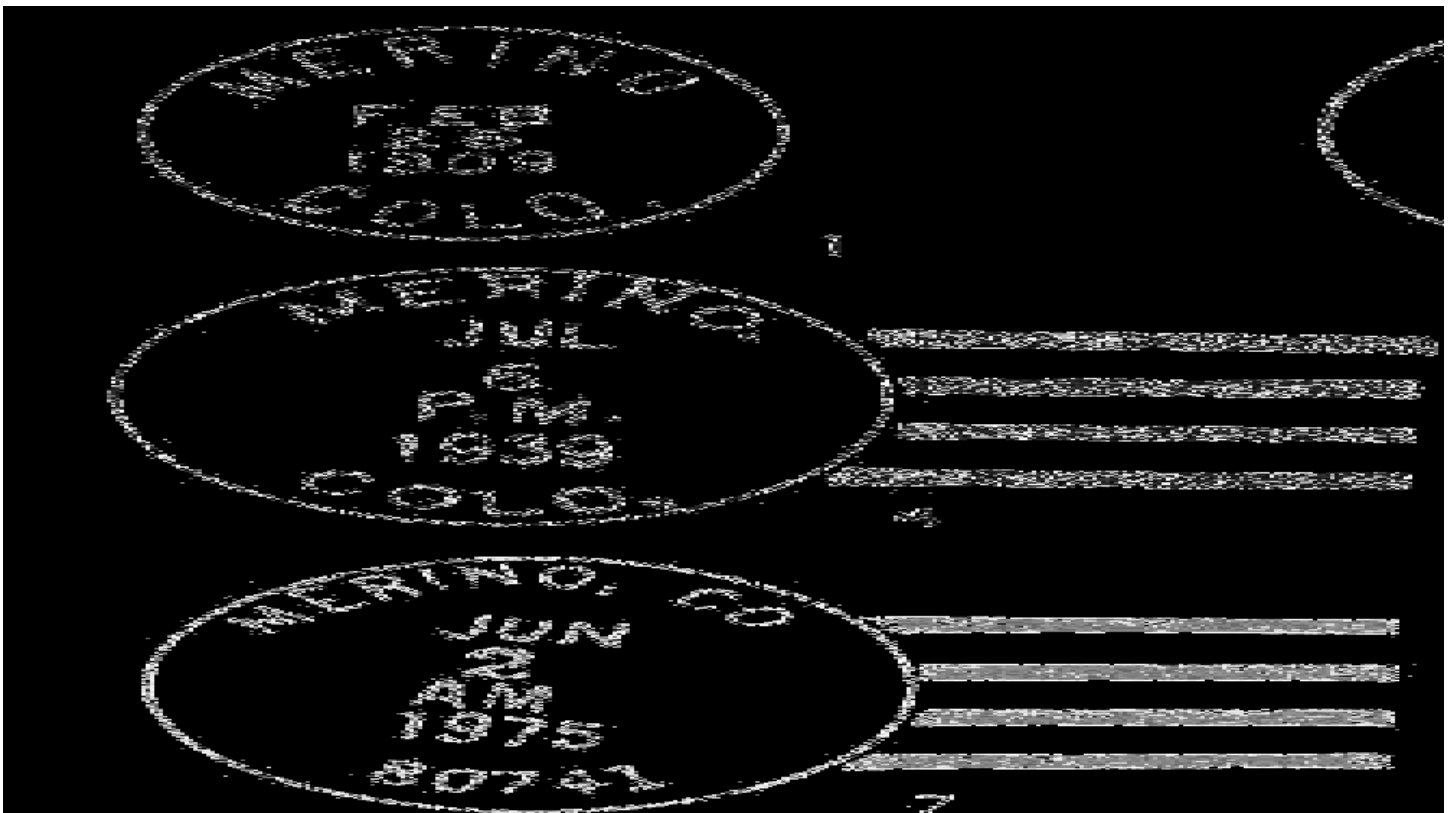
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Mar 19 1883	---	NE/4 Sec 13 T6N R54W 1/2 mile north of the South Platte River	
Feb 21 1883		Formerly named Buffalo	
Feb 21 1883		Brusch, Elwood R.	
May 31 1883		MacMillan, Archibald A.	
Apr 9 1886		Hughes, Winfield S.	
Jul 28 1888		McCoy, Samuel F.	
Jan 5 1894		Trewitt, Lee H.	
Aug 15 1901		Stockham, Samuel S.	
Mar 18 1902		Smith, Emmett O.	
Dec 22 1908		Pinney, Earl T.	
Aug 18 1913		Brown, Kiah C.	
Apr 21 1914	---	SE/4 NE/4 Sec 13 T6N R54W 523 feet northwest of the Union Pacific Railroad	
Jul 1 1920			Office made Presidential
Mar 7 1922		Brown, Kiah C.	
Mar 10 1926		Brown, Kiah C.	
Mar 18 1930		Brown, Kiah C.	
---	---	Office relegated	
Nov 2 1933		Smith, Emmett O.	Appointed
Dec 1 1933		Smith, Emmett O.	Commissioned
Dec 11 1933		Smith, Emmett O.	Assumed charge
Oct 21 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 13 T6N R54W South Platte River is 1/2 mile southeast of office	
		Union Pacific Railroad tracks 207 feet southeast	
Jul 1 1943			Office made Presidential
Dec 8 1943		Smith, Emmett O.	Nominated
Jan 12 1944		Smith, Emmett O.	Confirmed , Apptd Presid. & Commissioned
Mar 8 1944		Smith, Emmett O.	Assumed charge
Apr 30 1948		Craig, Mrs. Myrtie L.	Acting & Assumed charge
May 16 1949		Craig, Mrs. Myrtie L.	Nominated
Jun 1 1949		Craig, Mrs. Myrtie L.	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949		Craig, Mrs. Myrtie L.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jul 31 1949		Craig, Mrs. Myrtie L.	Assumed charge
Oct 15 1977		Anderson, Mervin L.	Officer in charge
Mar 9 1978		Lemmon, Dorothy J.	Officer in charge
Aug 12 1978		Rumney, Donald W.	Appointed

MERINO – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	MERINO / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Dplx 9 bar oval	Dec 22 1908 Feb 25 1909
2	MERINO, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	4bars S-25x14mm	Apr 10 1909 Jan 5 1918
3	MERINO / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x21mm	Sep 1 1933 Oct 31 1934
4	MERINO. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x21mm	Mar 19 1936 Dec 22 1939
5	MERINO. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 31 1940 Mar 1- 1945
6	MERINO / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Sep 15 1948 Apr 3 1965
7	MERINO, CO / 80741 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Apr 24 1967 Sep 4 1980
8	MERINO, CO / 80741 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Nov 16 1987 Nov 26 1994
9	MERINO, CO MOB / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 15 1994
10	MERINO, CO / 80741 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 26 1993 Jun 15 1994
A-1	merino, colo. IR 55.0x29.0	RETURN TO SENDER UNCLAIMED with pointing hand	Aug 8 1947



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**NEW HAVEN**

It is claimed that New Haven was founded by a group of easterners that came to Colorado for their health and was named for their hometown. Although an intriguing story, surely they could have found a less isolated site than one that was out on the high, dry plains, twenty miles from the more settled towns along the South Platte River.

The residents did successfully engage in dry land farming and were even able to survive the Dust Bowl years of the 1930's. New Haven is still an active but small community with a few residences and a modest size grain storage facility. The New Haven Cemetery is marked.

You have two choices to visit the site of New Haven. From the intersection of County Roads 16 and 71 at Leroy, drive south three miles to County Road 10 and turn east. At three miles you will pass the claimed 1914 location for the New Haven Post Office - open fields. Continue east to County Road 79 and turn south one mile to the present day and 1910 location of New Haven at the intersection with County Road 8.

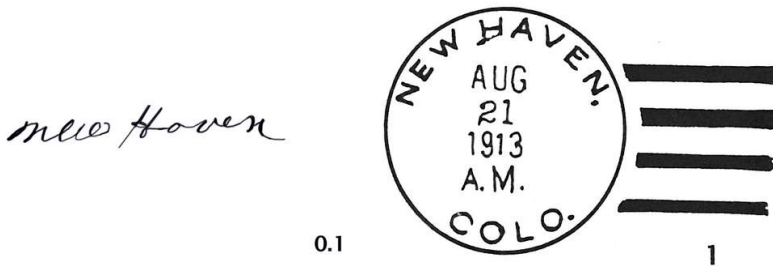
The second route to New Haven begins after your visit to the site of Rockland. From the intersection of County Roads 4 and 93 drive north on Road 93 one mile to Road 6 and turn west. Drive seven miles west to County Road 79 and then north one mile to New Haven.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Sep 19 1910 --- SW/4 Sec 15 T6N R49W  
Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Julia Probasco
- Dec 7 1910 Established
- Dec 7 1910 Probasco, Julia
- Feb 7 1914 Moore, Abbie L.
- Apr 21 1914 --- NE/4 Sec 17 T6N R49W 3-1/2 miles north of the county boundary
- Mar 4 1916 Ride, Irene
- Jun 30 1916 Discontinued Mail to Fleming

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 0.1 | New Haven<br>MS                   | Mscp Pen cancel | Feb 12 191-                                  |
| 1   | NEW HAVEN, / COLO.<br>CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-24x19mm | Date from dateline<br>Apr 6 1912 Jan 16 1914 |



**PADRONI**

When the Burlington Railroad built through the area about 1899 the railroad established a section house at what would eventually become the community of Padroni. There was no real development of the town until 1909 when the Sterling Reservoir was built about five miles west of Padroni. Padroni became the supply depot for the construction project. With the development of sugar beet farming in the area it also became a sugar beet collection depot and shipping point for the Great Western Sugar Company.

The town was named for the brothers George and Tom Padroni who were farmers in the area. On January 22, 1910 George E. Clayton and A. V. Hunt filed a town plat for Padroni.

**PADRONI – Continued**

To reach Padroni, drive northeast from Sterling on US Highway 138 to Logan County Road 43.5 (Three miles to the north this becomes Road 43). Padroni is on Road 43 seven miles north of US 138.

The present community consists of a number of small homes many of which seem abandoned. I did not see any businesses or a recognizable business district. In 1996 the post office was in a home on the west side of the road and the railroad about 400 feet north of the junction of Roads 43 and 48.

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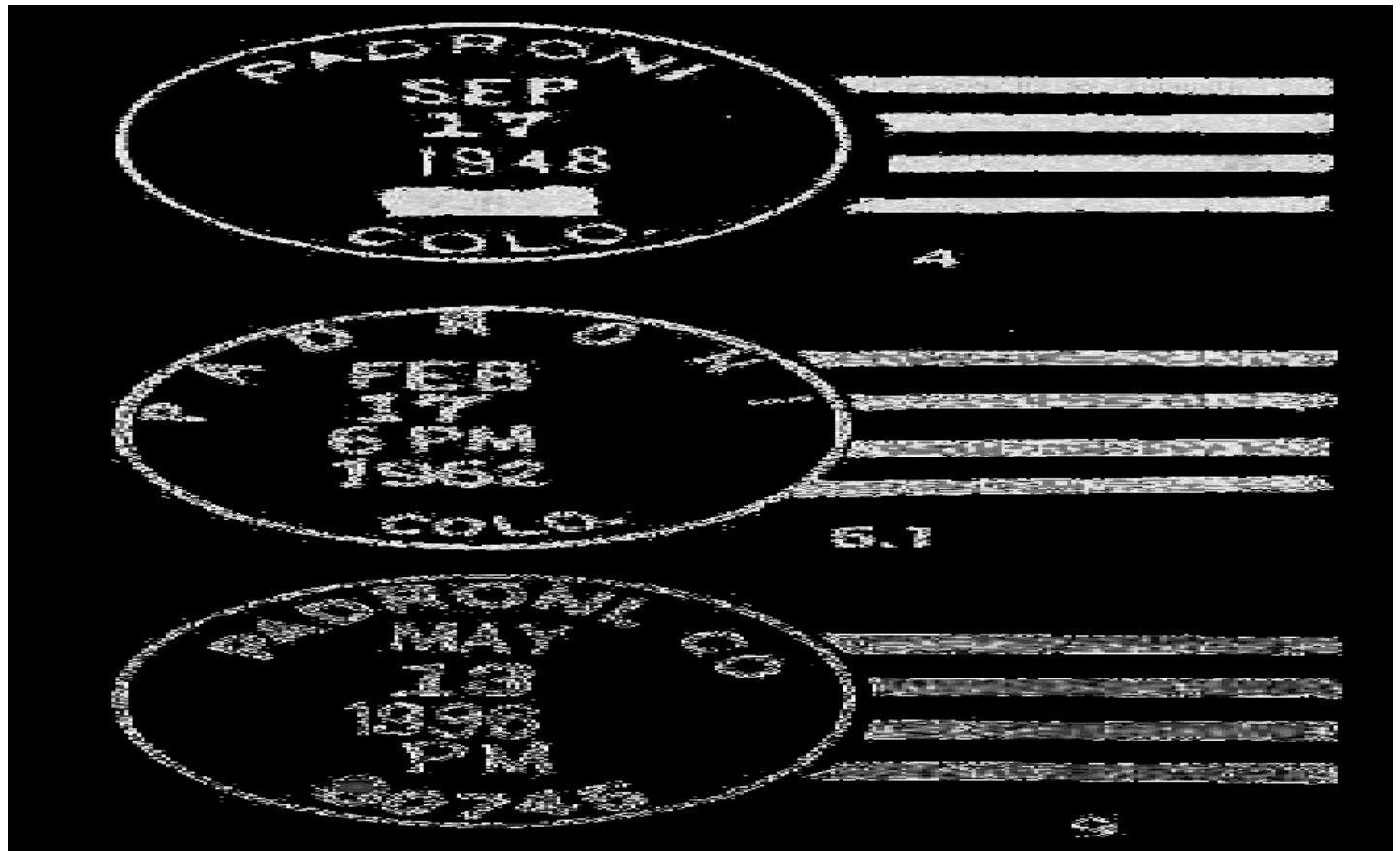
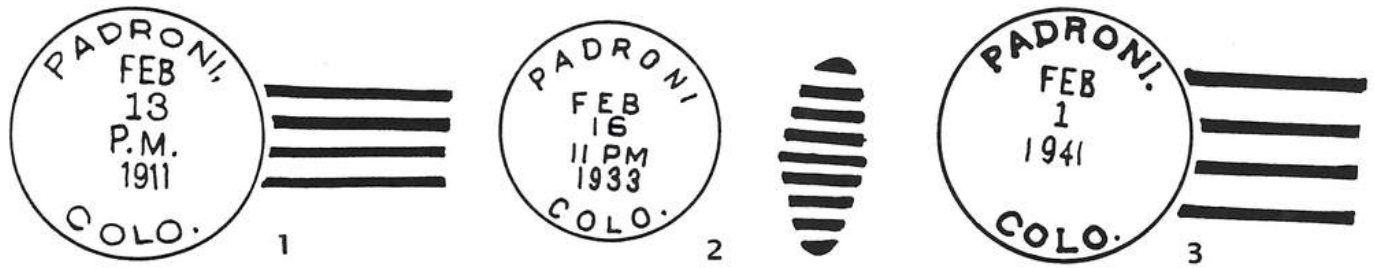
**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 10 1909	Established	
Nov 10 1909	Parr, Leonard K.	
Dec 11 1909	--- SE/4 Sec 4 T9N R52W	
	Proposed postmaster - Leonard K. Parr	
Jul 10 1911	Harris, John A.	
Jul 10 1914	--- SE/4 Sec 4 T9N R52W 2-1/2 miles north of Cedar Creek	
	400 feet west of the Burlington Railroad	
Oct 8 1914	Harris, Chesley M.	
Sep 25 1918	Ribble, Alice	Confirmed
Oct 17 1918	Ribble, Alice	Commissioned
Nov 30 1918	Ribble, Alice	Assumed charge
Sep 4 1926	Johnson, Alice	Change in name
Oct 21 1941	--- SE/4 Sec 4 T9N R52W Burlington Railroad Station is 800 feet northeast of office	
Jan 31 1959	Ballinger, Mrs. Betty L.	Possession & Assumed charge
Feb 3 1959	Ballinger, Mrs. Betty L.	Acting
Nov 4 1959	Ballinger, Mrs. Betty L.	Commissioned
Nov 13 1959	Ballinger, Mrs. Betty L.	Possession & Regular appointment
Apr 6 1979	Koester, Helen	Officer in charge
Feb 23 1980	Koester, Helen	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	PADRONI, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-??x13mm	Oct 24 1910 Jan 19 1915
2	PADRONI / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Nov 3 1923 Feb 16 1933
3	PADRONI. / COLO CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	May 27 1936 Nov 2 1944
4	PADRONI / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 17 1948 Dec 8 1948
5	PADRONI / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Apr 18 1951 Dec 13 1953
6	PADRONI, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Feb 19 1957
6.1	PADRONI / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Feb 17 1962
7	PADRONI, CO / 80745 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	May 28 1968 Apr 14 1992
8	PADRONI, / CO 80745 RC 10P 49.0x17.0	Parcel Post Box style	May 28 1968 No killer
9	PADRONI, CO / 80745 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 1 1991 May 13 1996

PADRONI – Continued



**PEETZ**

Peetz is a farming center in the far north central portion of Logan County. It was originally established in 1889 and was known as Mercer until 1908.

In 1899 Mercer became a stop on the Burlington Railroad from Alliance (Nebraska) to Sterling. It had a depot and a section house and not much else.

In 1908 the town was platted and renamed for a pioneer homesteader, Peter Peetz. The name change was likely instigated when the application was made for a post office. At the time there was a Mercier Post Office in Pueblo County and the similarity of names may have brought about the change. The town of Peetz was incorporated in 1917.

Peetz is located on the west side of Colorado Highway 113 about three miles south of the Colorado-Nebraska State line. The post office is at the western end of the main street that begins at the highway. There are a few small businesses and in general the business district is in better condition than is

**PEETZ – Continued**

found in many similar towns of eastern Colorado. The distance, some twenty-five or more miles to larger towns helps support the local businesses. There are a good number of small homes in Peetz.

Local pride is evident in the annual “For Peetz Sake Days” festival.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

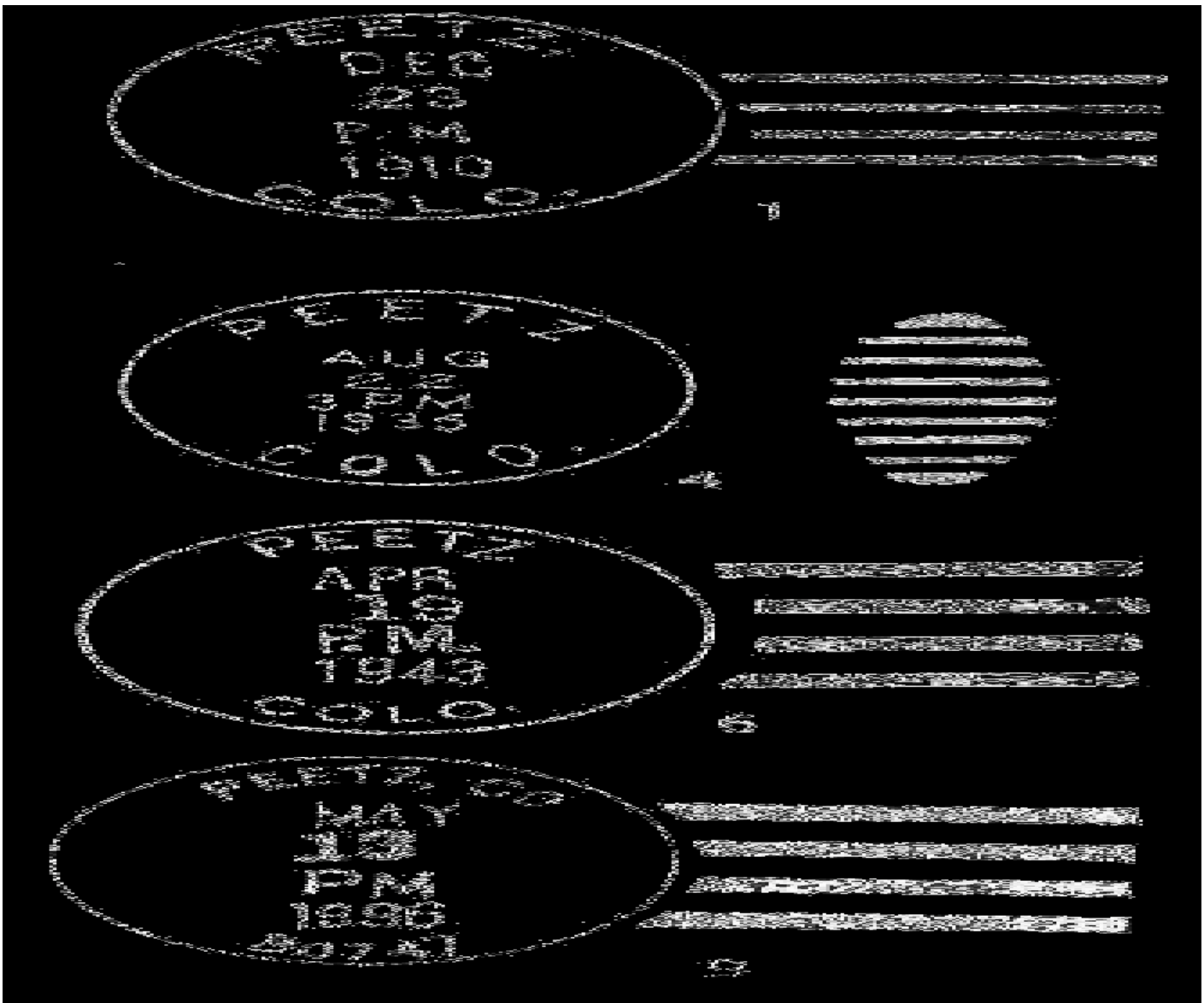
Jul 1 1908	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T11N R51W	Accompanying map indicates that this was Mercer Station on the railroad	
			Proposed postmaster - G. W. Strohmeyer	
Nov 20 1908			Established	
Nov 20 1908			Strohmeyer, George W.	
Jul 9 1909			Hayden, James P.	
Aug 20 1909			Tappan, Munson A.	
Nov 28 1910			Van Valkenburgh, Horatio	
May 12 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T11N R51W	300 feet west of the CB&Q Railroad	
Oct 18 1914			Frazier, Grace T.	
Jan 28 1916	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T11N R51W	600 feet west of the CB&Q Railroad	
Jul 18 1918			Pike, Hattie A.	
Jul 18 1918			Pike, Hattie A.	
Jul 1 1919				Office made Presidential
Feb 18 1920			Pike, Hattie A.	P&S
Aug 16 1924			Arnett, Fannie E.	Acting
Dec 13 1924			Arnett, Fannie E.	Appointed
Dec 13 1928			Arnett, Fannie E.	Appointed
----				Office relegated
Jan 23 1934			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Nominated
Feb 1 1934			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Confirmed
Feb 20 1934			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Commissioned
Apr 5 1938			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Nominated
Apr 8 1938			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Confirmed
Apr 12 1938			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Appointed Presidential
May 11 1938			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Commissioned
Jul 12 1941			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Confirmed
Jul 23 1941			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Commissioned
Jul 31 1941			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Assumed charge
Oct 20 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 6 T11N R51W	Burlington Railroad 2-1/2 blocks east of post office	
Jul 1 1943				Office made Presidential
Feb 10 1944			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Nominated
Feb 17 1944			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Confirmed
Feb 18 1944			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Jun 30 1944			Kennedy, Mrs. Edna A.	Assumed charge
May 31 1955			Fairchild, Mrs. Hannah Esther	Nominated
Jun 15 1955			Fairchild, Mrs. Hannah Esther	Confirmed, Apptd. Presid. & Commissioned
Jun 30 1955			Fairchild, Mrs. Hannah Esther	Assumed charge
Oct 19 1979			Otsuka, Ms Mitsura	Officer in charge
Nov 29 1979			Steib, Anne E.	Officer in charge
Feb 9 1880			Burkholder, Larry L.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	PEETZ, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24x14mm	Dec 23 1910
2	PEETZ, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Nov 7 1915 Dec 5 1915

**PEETZ – Continued**

3	PEETZ, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jan 6 1919 Oct 6 1924
4	PEETZ / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	Apr 16 1927 Oct 27 1936
5	PEETZ / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, diamond with 1	Mar 31 1938 Mar 4 1965
5.1	Peetz Colo. / R F D / J P MS	Mscp Manuscript on stamp, RFD marking with carrier's initials	Oct 25 1943
6	PEETZ / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Apr 19 1943
7	PEETZ, CO / 80747 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-23x19mm	Jun 1 1965 Oct 18 1978
8	PEETZ, CO / 80747 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Sep 7 1982 Jun 1 1993
9	PEETZ, CO / 80747 CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-25x20mm	May 13 1996 Nov 27 1998
10	PEETZ CO / 80747 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-13x25mm	Aug 5 1997



PEETZ – Continued

PEETZ STATIONS

NEW YEAR'S EVE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 31 1999      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | PEETZ, CO 80747 // New Year's Eve Station<br>SL 00R 73.0x24.0 | Dec 31 1999<br>Pict Scene - LCD style date; Text -<br>Postmark of the Century |
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PEETZ STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 5 2001      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station  
Apr 12 2002      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | Peetz, CO 80747 // Peetz Station<br>IR 00R 42.0x69.0 | Oct 5 2001<br>Pict Scene - Wind generator; Text - The Winds of Change -                              |
| 2 | PEETZ, CO 80747 / STATION<br>CI 10P 23.5             | Apr 12 2002<br>Pict Scene - Tree, buildings and mountain profile;<br>Text - Greetings from / AMERICA |



**PEETZ STATIONS – Continued**

**PEETZ ANNIVERSARY STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 20 1998      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | Peetz, CO 80747 // Peetz Anniversary Station<br>IR 00R 71.0x32.0 | Nov 20 1998<br>Pict Scene - Post Office building; Text -<br>Post Office / Celebrating / 90 Years / 1908-1998 |
|---|--|--|



**PEETZ SAKE DAYS STATION**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Oct 7 1994      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station  
Oct 14 1995      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station  
Oct 4 1996      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | Peetz, CO / 80747 :: "FOR PEETZ SAKE" DAYS STATION<br>IR 00R 75.0x42.0 | Oct 7 1994<br>Pict Scene - Children in a wagon; the date and town<br>are in the wheels of the wagon |
| 2 | PEETZ COLORADO / 80741 :: PEETZ SAKE DAYS STATION<br>CI 10P 27.0       | Oct 14 1995<br>Pict Scene - Grain with wavy line banner;<br>Text: Peetz Sake Days                   |
| 3 | Peetz Colorado / 80747 // Peetz Sake Days Station<br>IR 80.0x57.0      | Oct 4 1996<br>Pict Scene - Greased pig contest - two pigs and two kids                              |



**PEETZ STATIONS – Continued**  
**PEETZ SAKE DAYS STATION – Continued**



## PROCTOR

Until 1906 Proctor was little more than a siding on the Union Pacific branch line to Denver. That year, a group of investors from Iowa under the name The Logan County Development Company, purchased 5,000 acres of the Powell and Blair ranch. Under the direction of J. D. Blue forty acres of the ranch were set aside for development as a town. The town plat for Proctor was filed in 1908.

Some local sources claim that the town was named for a General Proctor who participated with General Crook in the Indian campaigns of the 1860's. It seems more likely that the name commemorates Redfield Proctor, a former governor of Vermont who served as Secretary of War under President Benjamin Harrison. Proctor was elected to three terms in the United States Senate and died in 1908 the same year the Proctor Post Office was established.

Proctor has not survived the changes of the twentieth century as well as the other towns along US 138 and US 6 on the north side of the South Platte River. The post office closed in 1963 and only a few buildings and no businesses remain at Proctor. It does have a connection to Interstate 76 on the south side of the river.

Proctor is located on US Highway 138 seven miles east of Iliff and seven miles west of Crook.  
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### Chronology of the Post Office

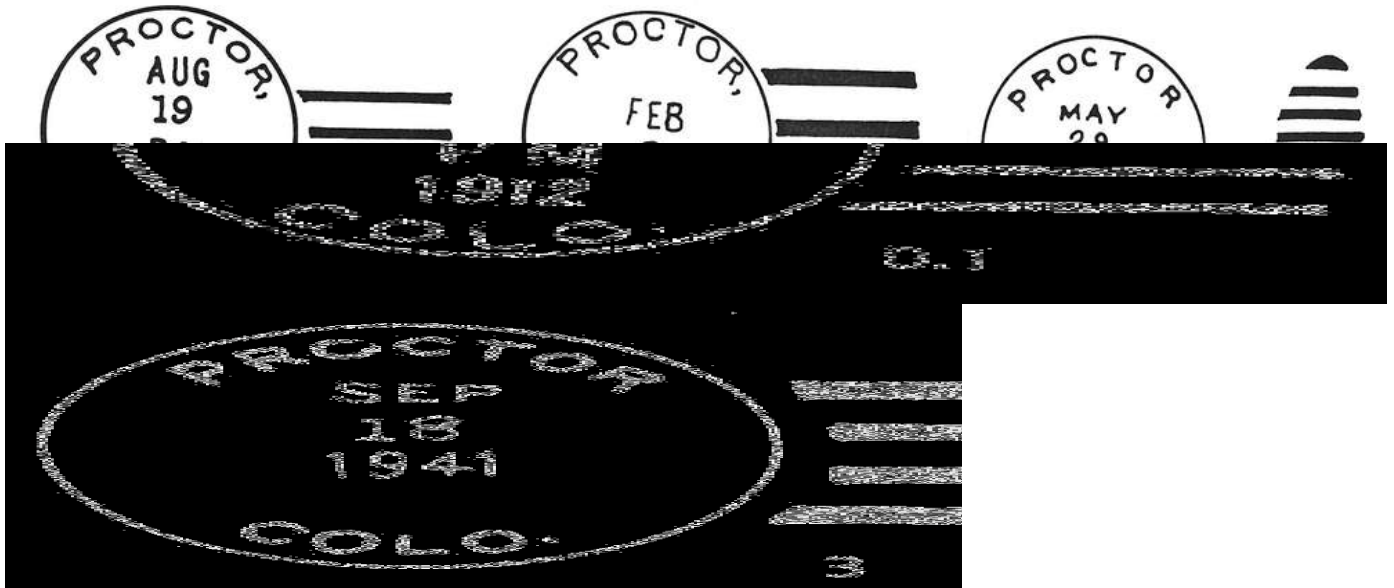
Aug 27 1908	---	Secs 28 & 33 T10N R50W	On Union Pacific Railway, Julesburg Branch
Nov 21 1908		Established	
Nov 21 1908		Stewart, James L.	
Aug 13 1910		Fedder, Fred W.	
Dec 28 1912	---	SW/4 Sec 28 T10N R50W	Post office is 3/4 mile north of the South Platte River and 420 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad
Apr 27 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 28 T10N R50W	400 feet north of the Union Pacific Railroad
Oct 8 1914		Lamb, Lee A.	Confirmed
Oct 16 1914		Lamb, Lee A.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1914		Lamb, Lee A.	Assumed charge
Feb 10 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 28 T10N R50W	A move 400 feet east of a previous location
Nov 1 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 28 T10N R50W	South Platte River is 1/2 mile south of post office
Aug 1 1948		Smith, Leilah E.	Assumed charge
Jan 5 1948		Smith, Leilah E.	Confirmed
Feb 1 1949		Smith, Leilah E.	Commissioned

**PROCTOR – Continued**

- Sep 10 1948 --- SW/4 Sec 28 T10N R50W A move 750 feet southwest of a previous location  
South Platte river 3/4 mile south of post office Proctor Station of  
Union Pacific is 27 feet south of post office
- Dec 30 1963 Discontinued Mail to Iliff

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

0.1	PROCTOR, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Feb 16 1912 Aug 19 1912
1	PROCTOR, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 8 1933
2	PROCTOR / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid, 9 bar oval	May 28 1935
3	PROCTOR / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x19mm	Sep 13 1937 Sep 8 1955
4	PROCTOR / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Dec 28 1955



**RED LION**

Two men from York, Nebraska, F. O. Bell and E. O. Wright had a hand in the origins of Red Lion. F. O. Bell was a rancher and lumberman. He purchased land in Logan County a short distance west of the Sedgwick County line. On November 5, 1886 E. O. Wright platted the site. Mr. Wright owned the Red Lion Flour Mill in York and the new town was given the name of his flour mill.

Red Lion was on the Union Pacific branch line from Julesburg to Denver and had a siding from which livestock could be shipped to market. In spite of the filing of a town plat, there is no evidence that an organized community developed. After an erratic early existence and a twenty-year hiatus, the Red Lion Post Office did enjoy a twenty-five year run serving local residents from 1910 to 1935.

Red Lion is on US Highway 138, one mile west of the Logan-Sedgwick County line. On the south side of the highway and the railroad is a single, active ranch with a gateway that proclaims it to be the Red Lion Ranch. There are no other nearby buildings.

From the Geographic Site Location Report it appears the requested name was Viola. The origin of that choice is unknown but perhaps the Post Office Department deemed it to be too similar to Vilas in Baca County and rejected it in favor of Red Lion.

**RED LION – Continued**

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

Nov 19 1886	Established	
Nov 19 1886	Olmstead, John D.	
May 13 1887	Discontinued	
Aug 30 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T11N R48W 3/4 mile north of the South Platte River 30 rods south of the Union Pacific Railroad Proposed postmaster - Thomas White
May 7 1888	Re-established	
May 7 1888	White, Thomas	
Sep 19 1890	Discontinued	Papers to Crook
Apr 9 1910	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T11N R48W Proposed postmaster - Howard F. Bell
Jun 20 1910	Re-established	
Jun 20 1910	Bell, Howard F.	
Aug 8 1914	Hollenback, William D.	
Apr 21 1917	Circle, Otis I.	
Apr 25 1917	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T11N R48W 450 feet south of the Union Pacific Railroad
Dec 19 1918	Bever, Belle	
May 29 1920	Kelly, Andrew J.	
Jul 23 1921	Bell, Howard F.	
Aug 31 1921	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T11N R48W 100 yards south of the Union Pacific Railroad
Apr 14 1922	Bricker, O. R.	
Dec 10 1923	Mills, Horace G.	
Dec 19 1924	Bird, Hazel	Name changed to Hazel Terrall
Jul 2 1927	McKinstry, Harry E.	Acting
Jul 26 1927	McKinstry, Harry E.	Appointed
Feb 15 1930	Powell, Mrs. Lola A.	Acting
Apr 9 1930	Powell, Mrs. Lola A.	Appointed
May 8 1931	Stewart, Bessie J.	Confirmed
Feb 28 1934	Ferguson, Mrs. Martha	Assumed charge
Mar 7 1934	Ferguson, Mrs. Martha	Acting
Apr 25 1934	Ferguson, Mrs. Martha	Confirmed
May 14 1934	Ferguson, Mrs. Martha	Commissioned
Oct 29 1935	Ordered closed	Effective Nov 15 1935 Mail to Crook
Nov 12 1935	Ordered closed	[SRM: ??]
Nov 30 1935	Discontinued	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	RED LION, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 9 1915 Dec 3 1915
2	RED LION, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Apr 6 1923 Nov 30 1935



**ROCKLAND**

Rockland was one of the group of agricultural communities founded in southwestern Logan County during the 1880's. On November 27, 1888, in anticipation that the Burlington Railroad would build through the area, a town plat was filed for Rockland. Ultimately the railroad selected a different route and without a railroad the town was stillborn. The name could still be found on Colorado maps for a few years. The name Rockland was chosen as representative of the rocky terrain of southeastern Logan County.

From US Highway 6 at Dailey drive south on Logan County Road 91 thirteen miles to County Road 6. Seven miles south from Dailey you pass the site of Chenoa. Turn east on Road 6 for one mile and then south one mile on Road 93. The location was in the northeast corner of the intersection with Road 4. Nothing remains at the location. From Rockland it would be convenient to go west to the locations of New Haven, Leroy and Kelly before going into Sterling.

The site of Rockland is two miles west of the Logan-Phillips County line and one mile north of the Logan-Yuma County line.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Dec 28 1887 --- SW/4 Sec 26 T6N R48W 1/2 mile north of Frenchman Creek  
Proposed postmaster - Peter Faust**
- Apr 23 1888 Established**
- Apr 23 1888 Faust, Peter**
- Jul 3 1889 Bowles, Thomas O.**
- Jan 25 1890 Walmsley, Thomas L.**
- Feb 4 1891 Discontinued Papers to Bryant**

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 ROCKLAND / COLO. Dec 7 1888**
- CI 10P 27.0 Hstp Target, 4-ring**



**SARINDA**

Sarinda was one of the earliest settlements in Logan County on the north side of the South Platte River. Nearly all of the earlier settlements were on the south side of the river along the Overland Trail from Julesburg to Denver.

In April 1871 William Shaw Hadfield (Uncle Billy) took up a claim at the confluence of Pawnee Creek and the South Platte River. The location soon became known as Hadfield's Island. By 1875 the settlement had grown to a dozen or more families with a post office named Sarinda. The area was excellent grazing land.

The site of Sarinda was about two miles southwest of Sterling. When the Burlington and the Union Pacific Railroads chose Sterling as a site for their rail yards Sterling became the dominant community and Sarinda faded into history. There is a large cemetery on the north side of US Highway 6. Sarinda was in the vicinity, but between the highway and the river. There are some modern buildings in the area but no older structures. There is an historical marker that notes The Hadfield's Island settlement of William Shaw Hadfield.

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

Mar 17 1875	---	NW/4 Sec 7 T7N R52W 1 mile north of the South Platte, and 1-1/2 miles southwest of Pawnee Creek North side of railroad (Railroad only graded not in running order) The Site Location Report for Sarinda is filed under Weld County
Jul 28 1875		Established
Jul 28 1875		Troyer, Adam E.
Dec 11 1876		Hadfield, William S.
Mar 14 1879		Hadfield, Osker W.
Feb 7 1882		Discontinued Mail to Sterling

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SARINDA**

**SOUTH PLATTE**

South Platte was the earliest settled community in what is now Logan County. The settlement began in 1872 although there had been earlier farming and ranching in the area. The South Platte settlement was on the south side of the South Platte River in the area of the American Ranche and Godfrey's (Fort Wicked) stations on the Overland Trail. Construction on the north side of the river, of the Union Pacific Railroad from Julesburg to Denver eventually led to the demise of all of the original settlements along the Overland Trail in Logan County. Merino, originally Buffalo, was on the railroad opposite South Platte and displaced South Platte as a supply town.

From Merino drive west on US Highway 6 and cross the South Platte River. Less than a half-mile from the bridge, turn left on to County Road 4. South Platte was in this area to the east of US 6. There are active ranches and farms in the vicinity.

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 6 1873	---	SW/4 Sec 25 T6N R54W (Unsurveyed) On the surveyed line of the Colorado Central which is under construction. 1/2 mile south of said line and where it is supposed there will be a station. 1/4 mile south of the South Platte River Document signed by Edwin M. Hansbrough
Jun 20 1873		Established
Jun 20 1873		Hansbrough, Edwin M.
Oct 16 1876		Isom, Newton A.
Oct 27 1876		Godfrey, Hosea M.
Apr 12 1880		Litch, James E.
Jan 24 1882		Allen, Mrs. Alice V.
Jan 9 1883		Discontinued Mail to Buffalo

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM SOUTH PLATTE**

**STERLING**

Settlement on the northern side of the South Platte River, in the vicinity of Sterling began in the early 1870's. In 1871 William Shaw Hadfield located his ranch about two miles west of modern Sterling. Known as Hadfield's Island the settlement acquired a post office named Sarinda.

In 1873 a group of agricultural colonists settled at a site east of modern Sterling. In 1874 a post office was acquired and was named for Sterling, Illinois, the hometown of David Leavitt on whose ranch it was located. A few years later the colonists became aware of the plans of the Union Pacific to construct a branch railroad: the Omaha, Denver, and Salt Lake Railroad, from Julesburg to Denver. Minos C. King

**STERLING – Continued**

went to Omaha and met with officials of the Union Pacific. King offered to donate eighty acres of land if the railroad would select the site for its shops. The railroad accepted the offer. In 1881 King platted the new town of Sterling about three miles southwest of Old Sterling. Soon the residents of Old Sterling had moved to New Sterling.

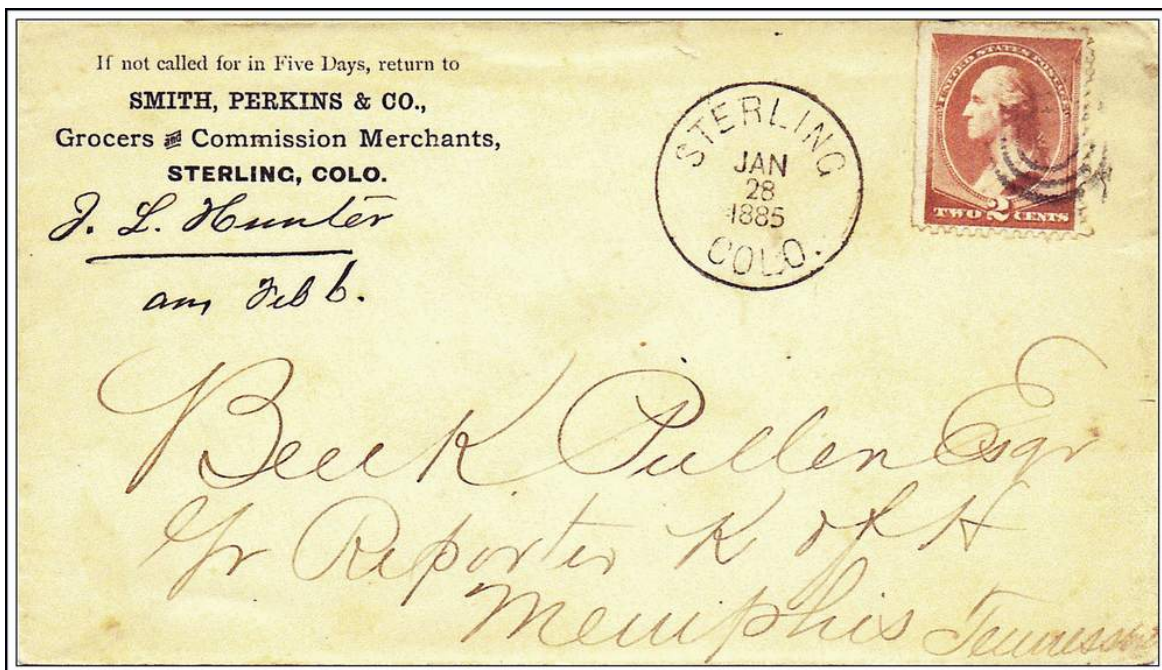
In 1887 the Burlington Railroad reached Sterling from the east and the same year Logan County was created with Sterling selected as the county seat. The Burlington Railroad would build on to Cheyenne and later would construct a branch line from Alliance, Nebraska to Sterling.

Thus, Sterling became a railroad hub for northeastern Colorado. In 1905 the Great Western Sugar Company built a refinery at Sterling and in 1941 the Northeastern Junior College was established in the city.

During the twentieth century, as roads improved and automobile travel increased, Sterling became an important service center for travel on US Highways 6 and 138. In the late twentieth century it would fill the same purpose for travelers on Interstate 76.

Throughout its history, Sterling has not lost contact with its origins as an agricultural center. It is the major supply and shopping center for northeastern Colorado and its economy continues to reflect the importance of agriculture in the area.

Sterling is a small city offering all of the modern conveniences to its residents and visitors.



**STERLING / COLO.**

**January 28, 1885**

I confess to some ambivalence as to the location of Old Sterling. According to the Post Office Department Geographical Site Location Reports (see below) the location was about one mile northeast of the center of modern Sterling. On the other hand, Glenn Scott, on his *Historic Trail Map of the Sterling Quadrangle* locates the site between US Highway 138 and the South Platte River, on the north side of Logan County Road 34. In any event, both of those locations are open farmland with no remaining older structures.

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## Chronology of the Post Office

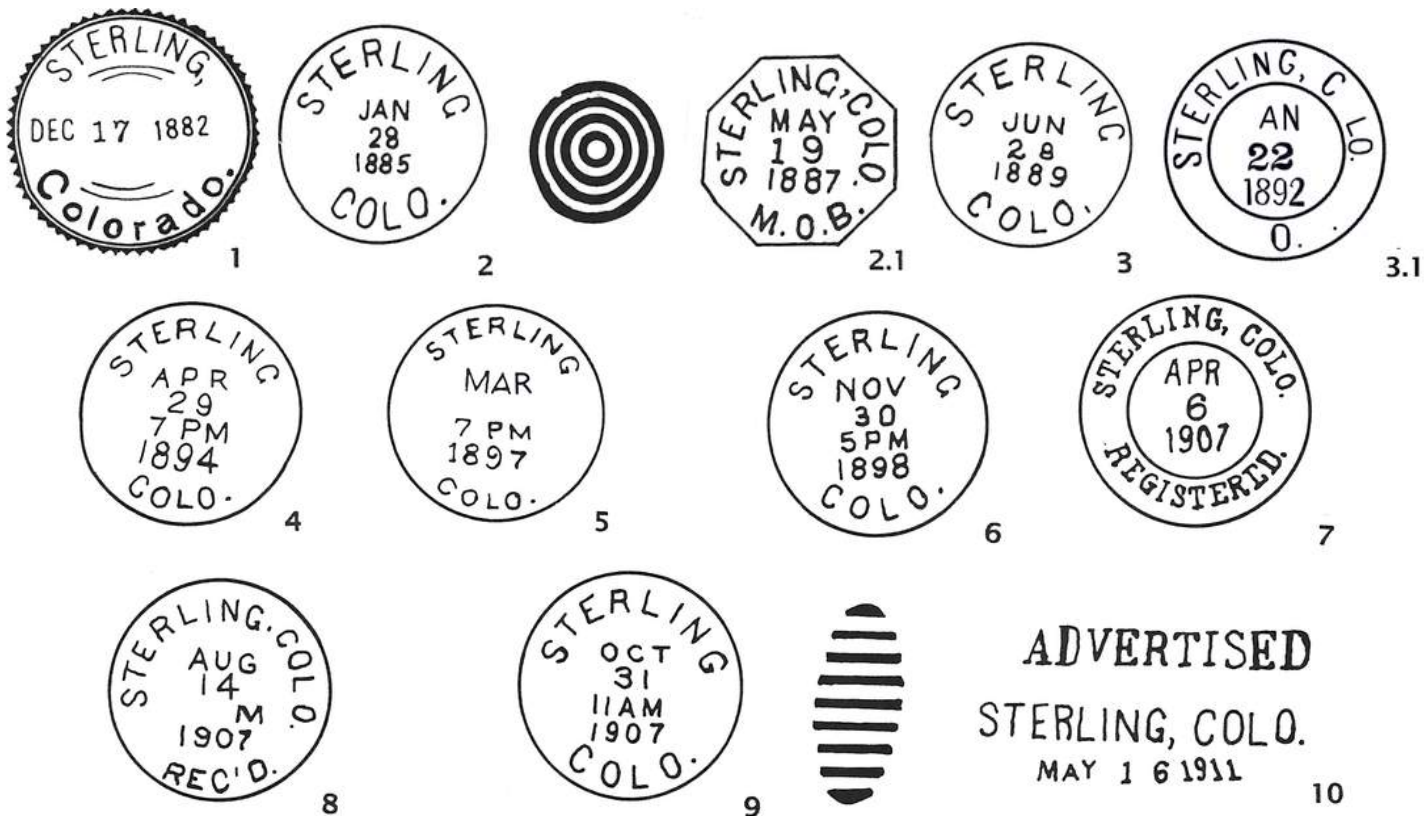
Jan 20 1874	---	NW/4 Sec 27 T8N R52W 1/2 mile northwest of the South Platte River. On line of the Colorado Central Railroad as graded. Document signed by Frank Soper
Feb 24 1874		Established
Feb 24 1874		Soper, Frank
Jun 10 1874		Leavitt, Mrs. Mary
Nov 5 1875		Parkins, Richard C.
Nov 11 1879		Gragg, A. J.
Nov 1 1881		King, M. C.
Nov 17 1882		Minter, E. L.
Nov 24 1882		Scott, James H.
Nov 12 1885		Minter, Ethelwin L.
Apr 5 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T8N R52W One mile north of the South Platte River
May 14 1889		Scott, James H. P
Dec 21 1889		Scott, James H. P&S
Jun 4 1894		Smith, Robert M. P&S
May 12 1897		Scott, John C. P&S
Jan 20 1902		Scott, John C. P&S
Dec 14 1903		Sutherland, Henry T. P&S
Dec 10 1906		Burke, Emma C. P&S
Jan 11 1911		Burke, Emma C. P&S
Apr 24 1912		Bush, Walter J. P&S
Apr 21 1914	---	W/2 Sec 32 T8N R52W 80 rods northwest of the Union Pacific railroad Northwest of the Union Pacific Denver Branch
Mar 23 1916		King, William E. P&S
Jun 4 1920		King, William E. P&S
Sep 30 1924		Funk, Charles J. Acting
Dec 13 1924		Funk, Charles J. Appointed
Dec 13 1928		Funk, Charles J. P&S
Sep 14 1933		Warner, Arthur G. Acting
Sep 21 1933		Warner, Arthur G. Assumed charge
Jan 23 1934		Giacomini, William B. ominated
Feb 1 1934		Giacomini, William B. Confirmed & Appointed
Feb 20 1934		Giacomini, William B. Commissioned
Mar 21 1938		Giacomini, William B. Nominated
Mar 28 1938		Giacomini, William B. Confirmed
Apr 1 1938		Giacomini, William B. Appointed Presidential
Apr 15 1938		Giacomini, William B. Commissioned
Nov 1 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T8N R52W Third and Poplar Streets Railroad is two blocks southeast of post office South Platte River is 1/2-mile southeast
Jun 22 1942		Giacomini, William B. Nominated
Jul 30 1942		Giacomini, William B. Confirmed
Jul 31 1942		Giacomini, William B. Appointed Presidential
Aug 24 1942		Giacomini, William B. Commissioned
Aug 31 1942		Giacomini, William B. Assumed charge
Feb 28 1949		Lundin, Leigh Acting
Mar 1 1949		Lundin, Leigh Assumed charge
Jun 22 1950		Beery, Harley N. Nominated
Jul 30 1950		Beery, Harley N. Confirmed
Sep 16 1950		Beery, Harley N. Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Oct 6 1950		Beery, Harley N. Assumed charge
Nov 13 1964		Catron, Lloyd C. Acting
May 18 1966		Catron, Lloyd C. Appointed
Jun 3 1966		Catron, Lloyd C. Assumed charge
May 18 1972		Grossart, Lawrence Officer in charge

**STERLING – Continued**

Aug 5 1972	Grossart, Lawrence	Appointed
Feb 4 1980	Latta, Alan L.	Officer in charge
Jun 5 1980	Teetsel, Raymond S.	Officer in charge
Nov 29 1980	Doyle, Hayward Jr.	Appointed

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	STERLING, / COLORADO. CI 20T 32.0/29.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 17 1882
2	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target 3-ring	Jan 28 1885 May 19 1887
2.1	STERLING, COLO. / M.O.B. OC 10P 24.0x24.0	Hstp No Killer	May 19 1887
3	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Target 4-ring	Sep 26 1887 Nov 26 1889 20mm
3.1	STERLING, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Jan 22 1892
4	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, negative	Apr 16 1894 Dec 22 1894 X-roads, smudge
5	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, smudge	Mar 2 1897
6	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, smudge;	May 30 1898 Apr 13 1899 Grid, 9 bar oval
7	STERLING, COLO. / REGISTERED. CI 10P 30.0/18.5	Hstp No Killer	Oct 30 1906 Apr 6 1907
8	STERLING, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp No Killer	Aug 14 1907 Jan 18 1908
8.1	Sterling (RFD) MS	RFD Type 11F Manuscript in pencil scribble only [NOT ILLUSTRATED]	Jun 4 1909
9	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 29.5	Dplx Grid 9 bar oval	Aug 21 1903 Sep 20 1912



STERLING – Continued

10	STERLING, COLO. // ADVERTISED SL 00R 42.0x20.0	Hstp No killer	May 16 1911
11	STERLING, COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag with "1"	Dec 30 1910 Apr 15 1913
12	STERLING, COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Flag 13 star waving flag	Dec 20 1921 Feb 20 1925
13	STERLING / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, oval with circle and 1	Nov 29 1940 Dec 17 1942
14	STERLING, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 28 1925
15	STERLING / COLO. OV 11P 27X19/15X8	Hstp No killer	Feb 28 1925
16	STERLING, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Dec 18 1929 Apr 11 1959
17	STERLING, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 28.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Nov 14 1939
18	STERLING, / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 1 1961 Mar 1 1965
18.1	STERLING, COLO. CI 10P 20.0	Mach Slogan in box with bars: PRAY / FOR / PEACE	Dec 12 1959 Feb 18 1965
19	STERLING, CO / 80751 CI 10P 21.5	Mach Slogan between bars: CENTENNIAL OF / SUMMIT SPRINGS BATTLE / JULY 11 1869-1969	Jul 11 1969 Jul 30 1969



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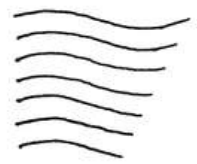
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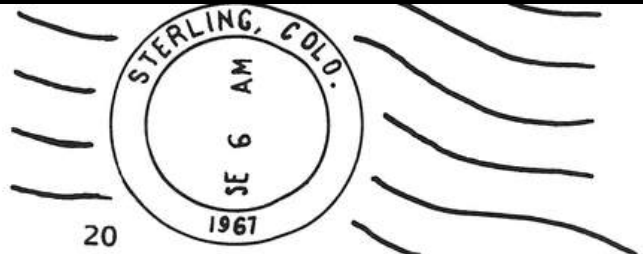
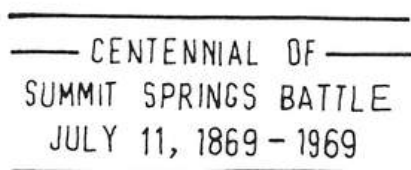
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**STERLING – Continued**

20	STERLING, COLO. CI 11P 31.5/23.0	Rolr 7 wavy lines	Sep 6 1967 Sep 7 1976
21	STERLING, CO / 80751 CI 10P 21.5	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jan 25 1967 May 31 1991
21.1	STERLING, CO / USPO CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 14 1978
21.1.1	STERLING, CO / 80751 CI 10P 34.0	4bars 27.0x20.0	Aug 17 1989
21.1.2	STERLING, CO / 80751 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 29 1990 Town and state close
21.2	STERLING, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1992
21.3	STERLING, CO / USPS CI 11P 30.0/20.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 1 1993
22	STERLING, / CO 80751 RC 10P 45.0x16.0	Parcel Post box style	Jun 15 1994 No killer
23	STERLING, CO 80751 / USPO CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 25 1990 Apr 17 1995



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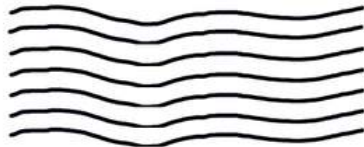
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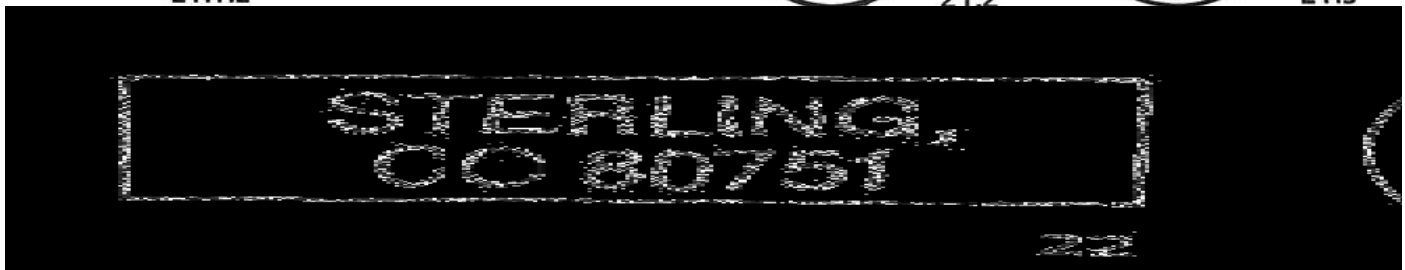
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**AUXILLIARY MARKING**

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Apr 17 1995  
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NOT / FOUND in pointing hand



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**STERLING STATIONS**

**STATION NUMBER 1**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Aug 23 1982      Established

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1      STERLING CO / CONTRACT STA. 1      Feb 9 1987    Apr 15 1987  
       CI 10P 34.0      4bars S-25x19mm
- 2      STERLING, / CO 80751      Dec 27 1989  
       RC 10P 45.0x16.0      Hstp No killer, Undated cancel used at Contract Station #1
- 2.1    STERLING, CO CONT. STA. NO. 1 / USPO      Nov 9 1993  
       CI1P 29.0x19.0      Hstp No killer
- 3      STERLING CO CONT STA # 1 / USPS      Sep 7 2002  
       CI 11P 30.0/20.0      Hstp No killer



**STATION NUMBER 2**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

-----      Established

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1      STERLING CO CONT. STA. # 2 / USPS      Sep 7 2002  
       CI 11P 30.0/20.0      Hstp No killer



**BUFFALO STATION ON THE OVERLAND TRAIL**

**Chronology of the Post Office**

Jan 13 1987      Operated as a Special Commemorative Station



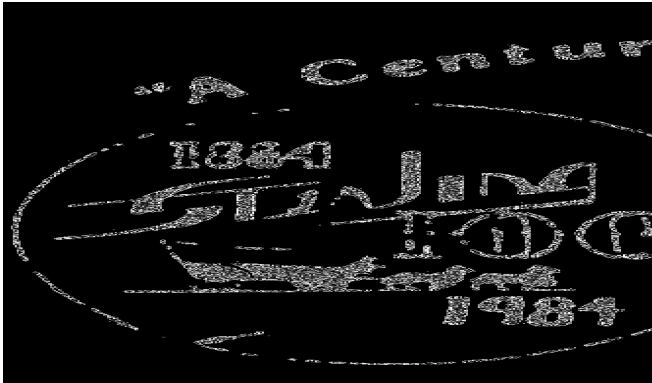
## STERLING STATIONS – Continued

**SOPER'S CABIN STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Jun 30 1984 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 STERLING COLORADO 80751 //SOPERS CABIN STATION Jun 30 1984 Jun 30 1984  
CI 11P 34.0/25.0 Pict Scene - Emblem at left,  
Text - "A CENTURY OF NEW BEGINNINGS"

**WAL\*MART STATION****Chronology of the Post Office**

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

- 1 STERLING, CO / 80751 :: WAL\*MART / STATION Apr 17 1999  
CI 10P 24.0 Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny

**WESTPLAINS**

Westplains was a rural post office in the northwestern corner of Logan County. The name is indicative of its location on the "western plains." Examination of the Geographic Site Location Reports for Westplains shows that the office moved frequently, usually with a change in postmaster. That supports the belief that the post office was at the ranch or farm home of whoever was the postmaster and that there was not an organized Westplains community.

From the site of Graylin continue west four miles to Logan County Road 7. Turn north for six miles. The road will turn east for one mile before it again turns north as Road 9. One-mile north, at Road 58, turn east. The 1910 and 1917 locations of the Westplains post office were a mile to the east. The 1910

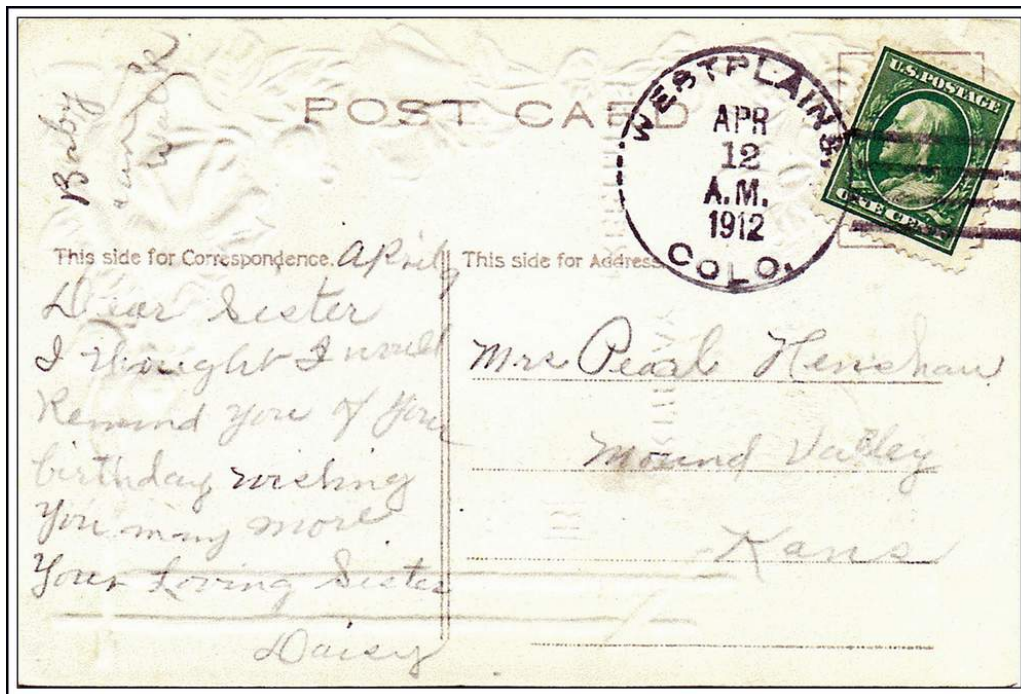
**WESTPLAINS – Continued**

site is north of Road 58 and the 1917 site is to the south of Road 58. There are no remaining structures at either of these locations. Return to the intersection of Roads 9 and 58 and turn north. A mile from the intersection there is a large, active ranch complex on the west side of Road 9. This was the location of Westplains in 1927 and apparently until it closed in 1949.

Latitude = 40:51:53 North Longitude = 103:29:50 West

**Chronology of the Post Office**

- Jun 18 1910 --- SW/4 Sec 12 T10N R54W George Creek is one-mile southwest of post office
- May 23 1910 Established
- May 23 1910 Youmans, Frank J.
- Dec 17 1913 Cooper, Ina O.
- Mar 2 1915 Baker, Ira E.
- Apr 13 1917 --- NW/4 Sec 13 T10N R55W 1/4 mile north of Cedar Creek
- Apr 26 1917 Vance, Laura
- Nov 26 1920 --- NW/4 Sec 13 T10N R55W One half mile north of Cedar Creek This is a country office.
- Nov 18 1927 Sheldon, Katherine Acting
- Nov 20 1927 --- SE/4 Sec 3 T10N R55W One mile north of Cedar Creek
- Nov 28 1927 Sheldon, Katherine Appointed
- Jan 5 1928 Sheldon, Katherine Commissioned
- Oct 22 1941 --- SE/4 Sec 3 T10N R55W Cedar Creek is one mile south of post office
- Feb 1 1949 Ordered closed
- Feb 15 1949 Discontinued Mail to Padroni



**WESTPLAINS, / COLO.**

**April 12, 1912**

**WESTPLAINS – Continued****Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	WESTPLAINS, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Apr 27 1911 Mar 23 1917 4bars S-24x13mm
2	WESTPLAINS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	Aug 10 1928 Feb 17 1941 4bars S-23x19mm
3	WESTPLAINS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	May 4 1942 Feb 15 1949 4bars S-23x19mm

**WILLARD**

In the late 1880's the Burlington Railroad extended its line from Sterling, Colorado to Cheyenne, Wyoming. In the southwestern corner of Logan County the railroad passed a short distance south of the small, established settlement of Arnold. In 1888 the railroad platted a town that they named Willard. The new town was slow to grow. In 1910 the site was re-platted by William A. House and the post office was moved from Arnold to Willard.

Willard did develop into a small town with a grain elevator and shipping facilities for livestock and farm produce. There were also other small businesses to serve the residents of this portion of Logan County.

Willard is still a pleasant community with several homes, a grain elevator and a couple of agricultural related businesses. When I visited Willard in May 1996, there was a large, new home under construction on the east side of the community.

The name is attributed to Dan Willard who was president of the Burlington Railroad during the construction period in Logan County.

In March 1920 Raymond Mahoney was appointed postmaster for Willard. He served forty-six years, to October 1966. Mrs. Virginia Walters who was the acting postmaster until the Willard Post Office closed in July 1967 followed him.

From US Highway 6 in Merino, drive north five miles and then turn west. Seven miles west will bring you to Willard.

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**Chronology of the Post Office**

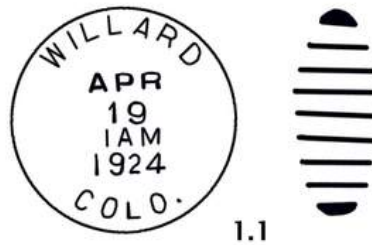
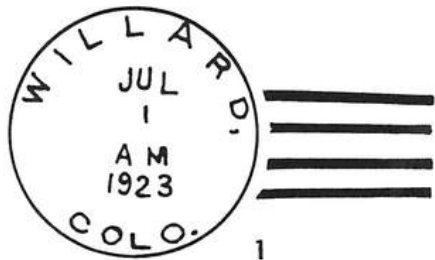
Sep 12 1888	---	T7N R55W Sketch map shows it in sections 23 & 24 40 rods north of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Proposed postmaster - Charles E. Williamson
Sep 26 1888		Established
Sep 26 1888		Williamson, Charles E.
Jul 3 1889		Henderson, Fremont J.
Jan 29 1891		Soldeholm, Benjamin
Apr 19 1894		Discontinued Mail to Sterling

**WILLARD – Continued**

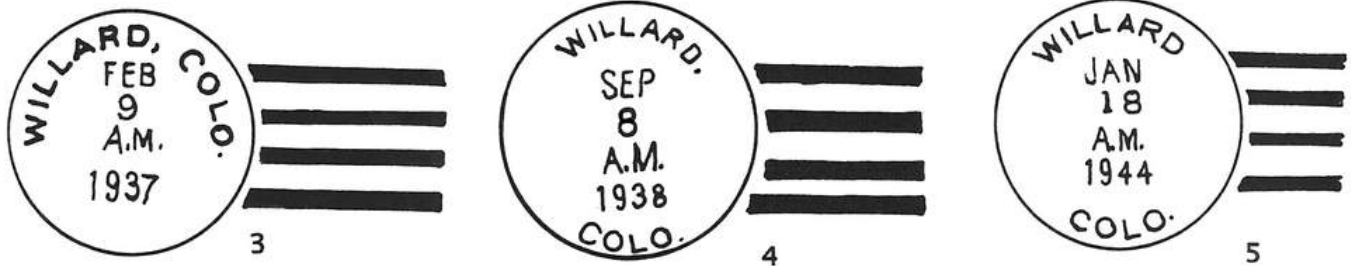
Dec 22 1899	---	NW/4 Sec 23 T7N R55W Northwest side of Burlington & Missouri Railroad Proposed postmaster - S. Ignatz Ververka	
Mar 30 1900		Formerly named Arnold	
Mar 30 1900		Veverka, S. Ignatz	
Feb 10 1901		Ordered closed	
Feb 28 1901		Discontinued Papers to Sterling	
Dec 27 1909	---	Secs 23 & 24 T7N R55W Proposed postmaster - J. D. Killerlain	
Apr 5 1910		Re-established	
Apr 5 1910		Killerlain, Joseph D.	Appointed
Jun 3 1910		Killerlain, Joseph D.	Commissioned
Jun 22 1910		Killerlain, Joseph D.	Possession
Sep 20 1910	---	SW/4 NW/2 & S/E4 NE/4 Sec 23 T7N R55W On north side of CB&Q Railroad about 250 feet	
Sep 19 1911		Woodside, John C.	Appointed
Oct 2 1911		Woodside, John C.	Commissioned
Oct 7 1911		Woodside, John C.	Possession
Apr 21 1914	---	SW/4 Sec 24 T7N R55W 500 feet north of the Burlington Railroad	
Mar 31 1920		Mahoney, Raymond W.	Appointed
Jul 6 1920		Mahoney, Raymond W.	Commissioned
Jul 15 1920		Mahoney, Raymond W.	Possession
Nov 7 1941	---	SE/4 Sec 23 T7N R55W CB&Q Railroad is 300 feet south of post office	
Oct 18 1966		Walters, Mrs. Virginia A.	Acting, Possession
Jul 14 1967		Discontinued Mail to Merino	

**Confirmed types of postal markings**

1	WILLARD, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x14mm	May 1 1911 Jul 1 1923
1.1	WILLARD / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid 9-bar oval	Nov 27 1923 Apr 19 1924
2	WILLARD / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 27 1929
3	WILLARD, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 13 1933 Mar 4 1952
4	WILLARD, COLO. CI 10H 31.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Sep 8 1938 Apr 30 1940
5	WILLARD / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-??x18mm	Jan 18 1944 Dec 23 1953
6	WILLARD / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Oct 7 1957 Jul 3 1957
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## WILLARD – Continued



## WINSTON

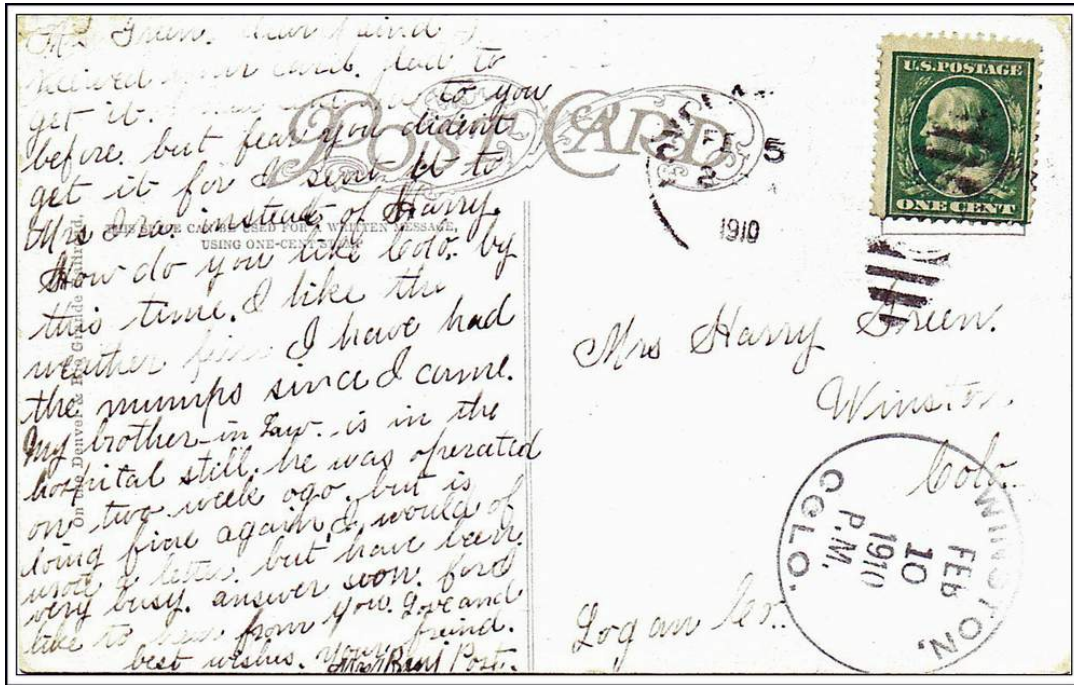
Winston was a rural post office located six miles southeast of Peetz on the east side of the Burlington Railroad. It provided postal services to a surrounding farms and ranchs but there is no evidence that there was an organized community.

From Peetz, drive six miles south on Colorado Highway 113 to Logan County Road 62. Turn west and go three miles to the railroad. The location of Winston was south of Road 62. There is an access road south along the railroad and near its end there is a group of abandoned buildings that seem a likely location for Winston. In addition, there are a windmill and a corral a quarter mile east of the railroad on Road 62. There is a signal station on the railroad, which is named East Buchanan.

## Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 5 1902	---	NW/4 Sec 3 T10N R52W 60 feet east of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad Proposed postmaster - Iva E. Logan
May 18 1902		Established
May 18 1902		Logan, Mrs. Iva E.
Sep 30 1902		Ordered closed
Oct 15 1902		Discontinued Papers to Sterling
Jun 8 1908	---	S/2 NE/4 & S/2 NW/4 Sec 3 T10N R52W B&N RR is 50 feet west of post office Proposed postmaster - Annie Ribble
Jul 23 1908		Re-established
Jul 23 1908		Ribble, Annie
Mar 5 1909		Ribble, Kate
Jul 7 1909		Pearson, Fred H.
Nov 14 1914		Pearson, Claude A.
Sep 19 1916		Pierce, William
Dec 31 1918		Discontinued Mail to Padroni

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**WINSTON, / COLO.**

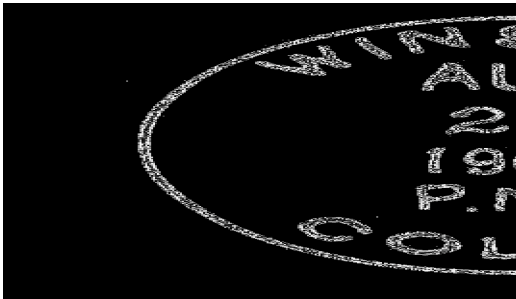
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**Confirmed types of postal markings**

**1 WINSTON, / COLO.  
CI 10P 32.0**

**Mar 20 1909 Aug 15 1914**

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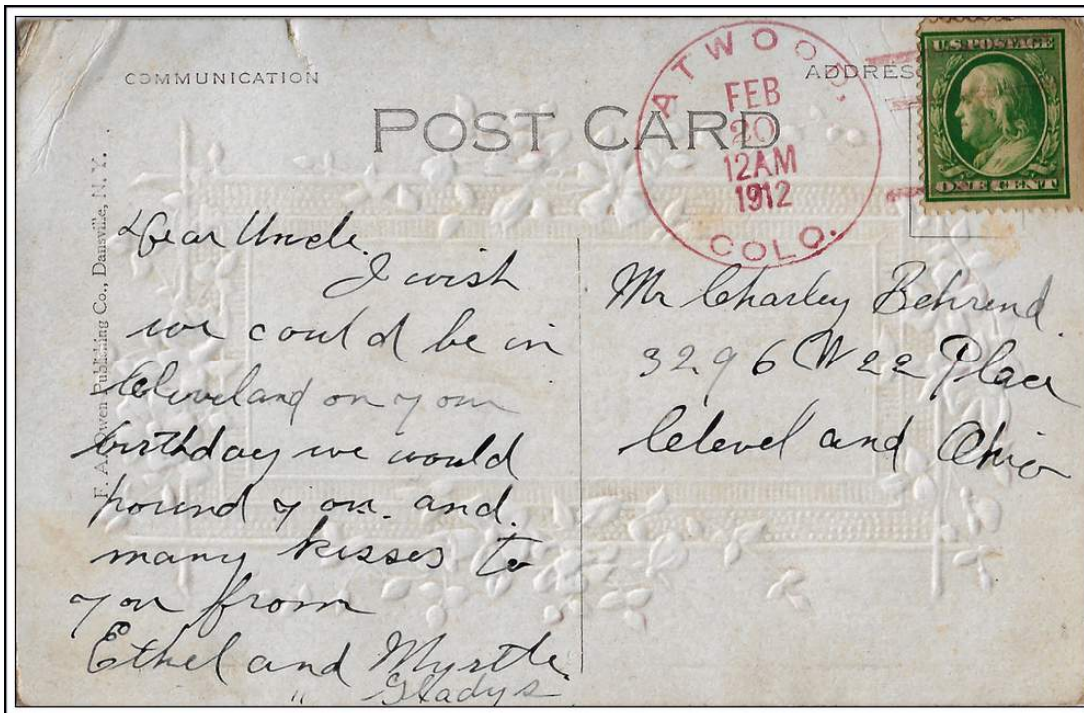
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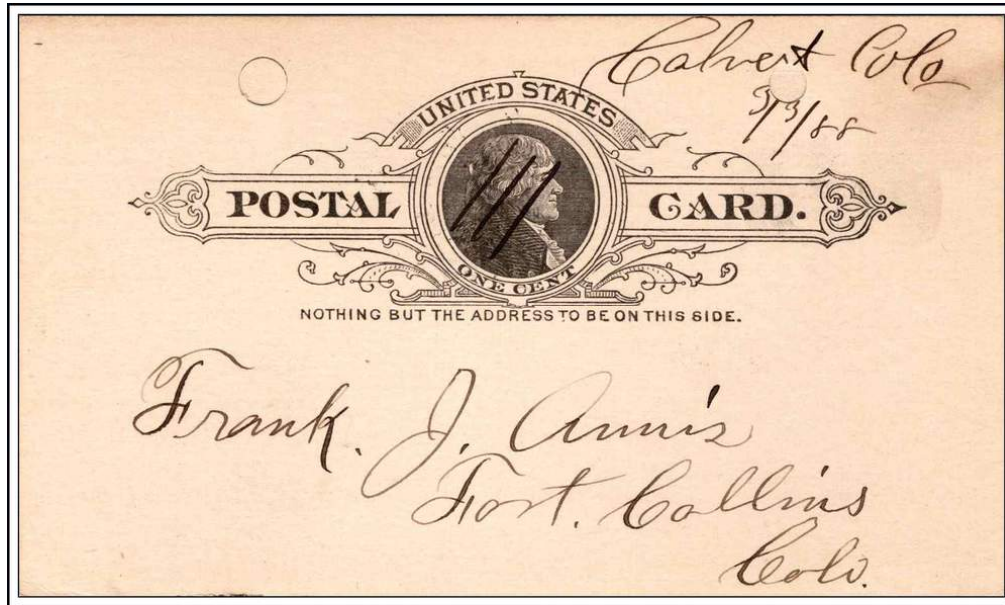
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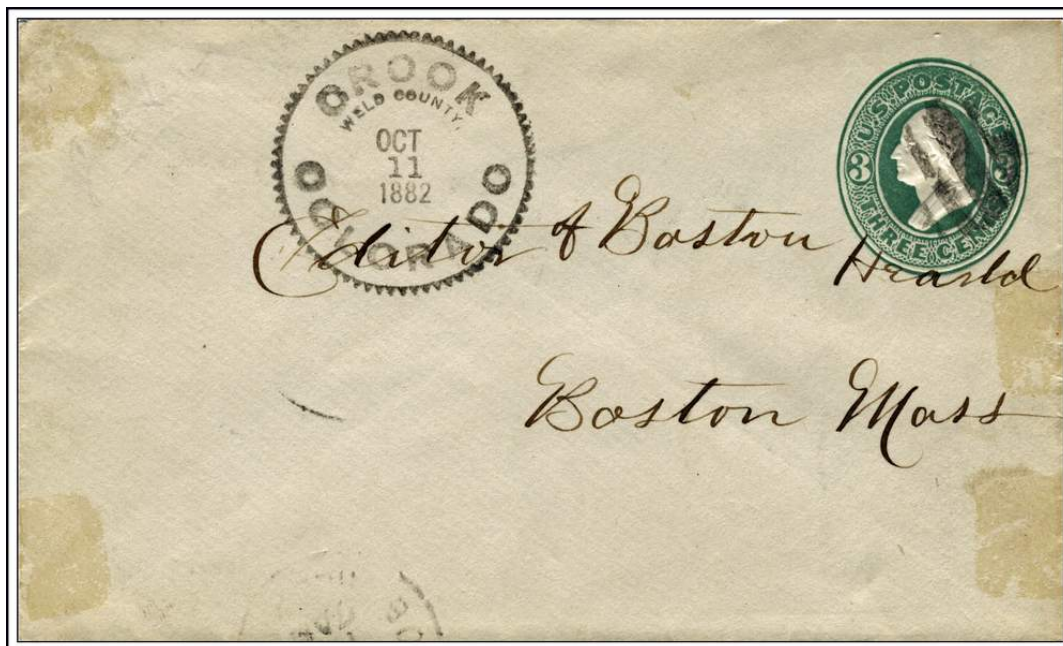
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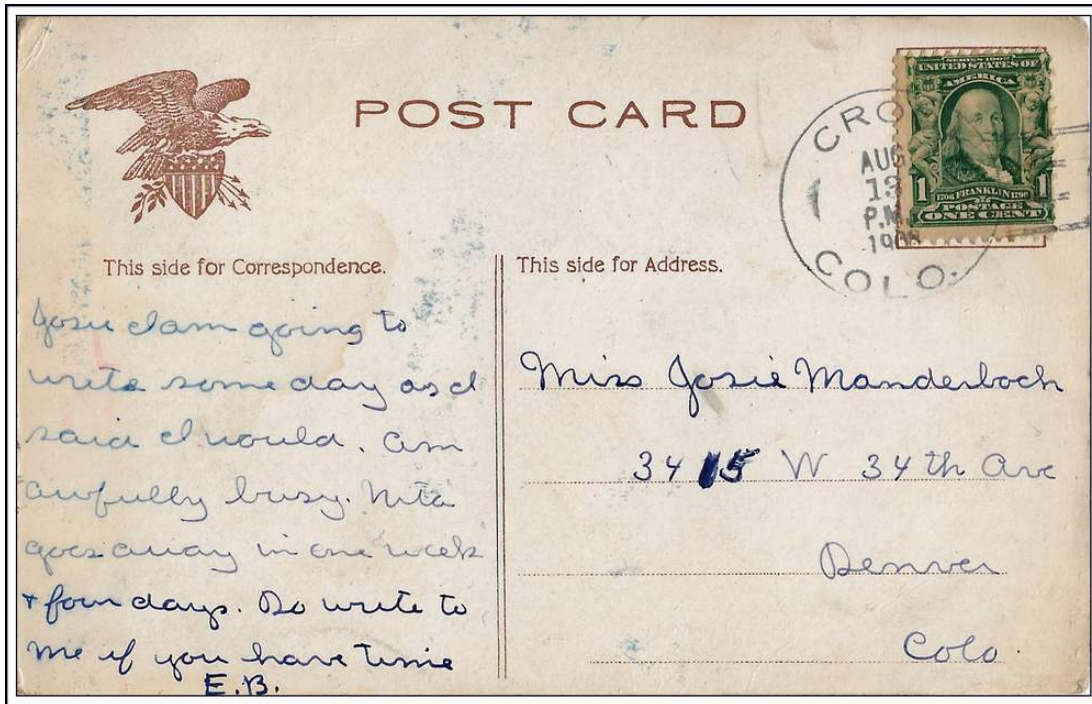
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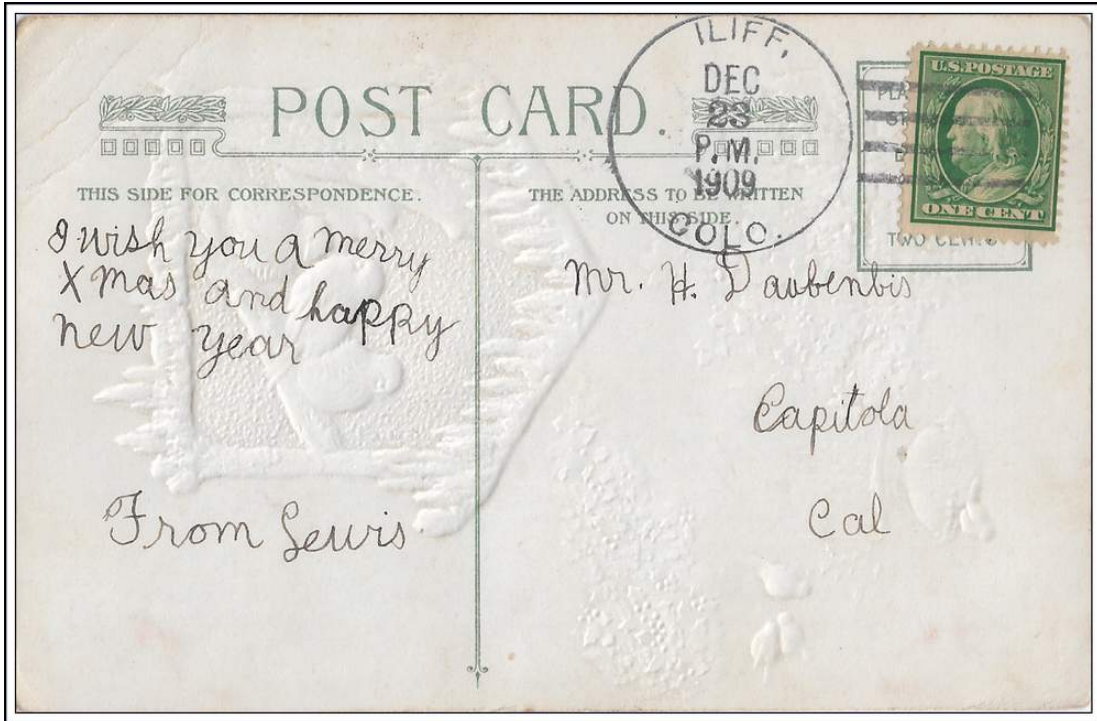
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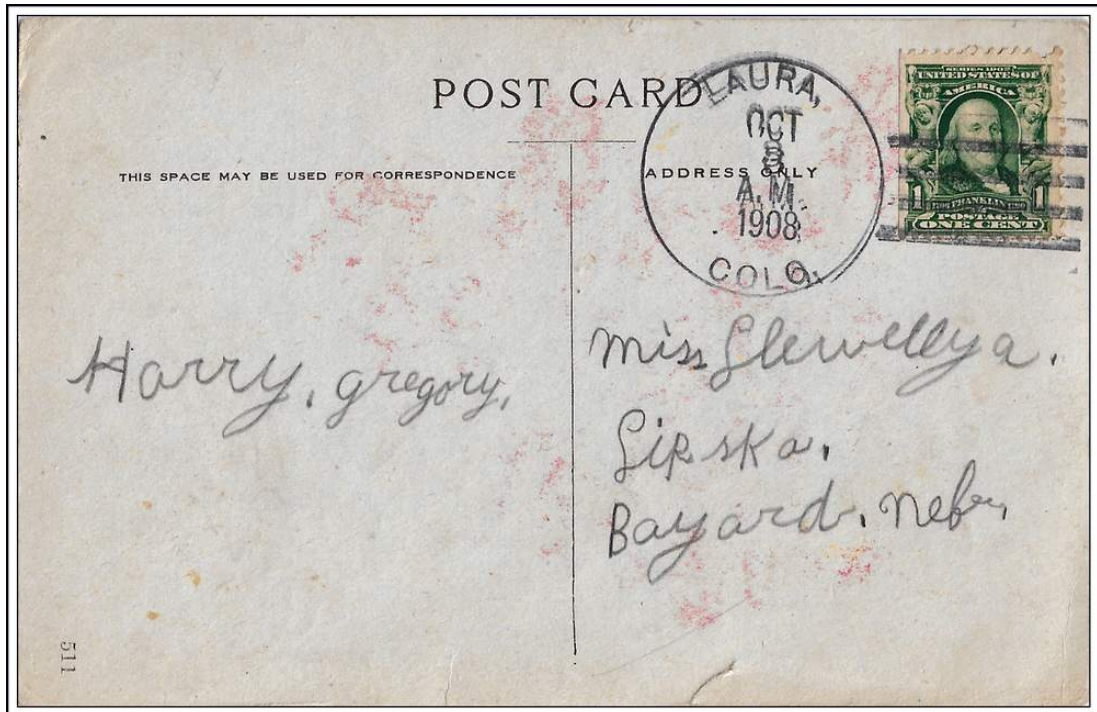
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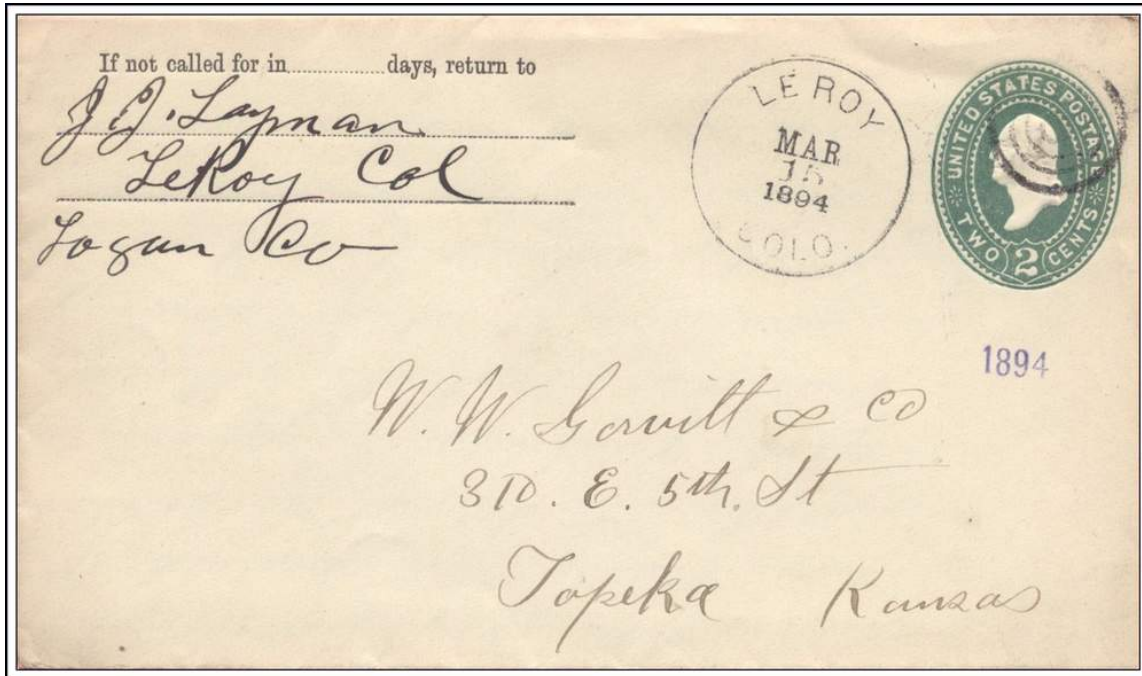
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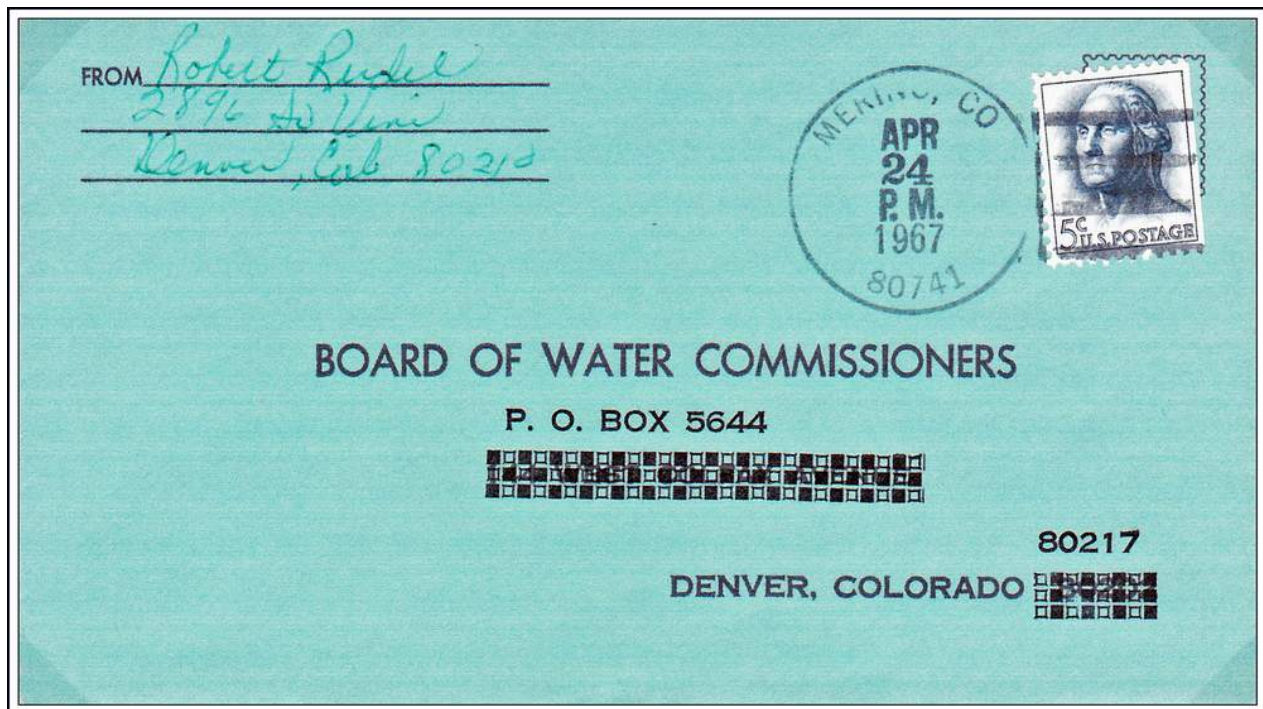
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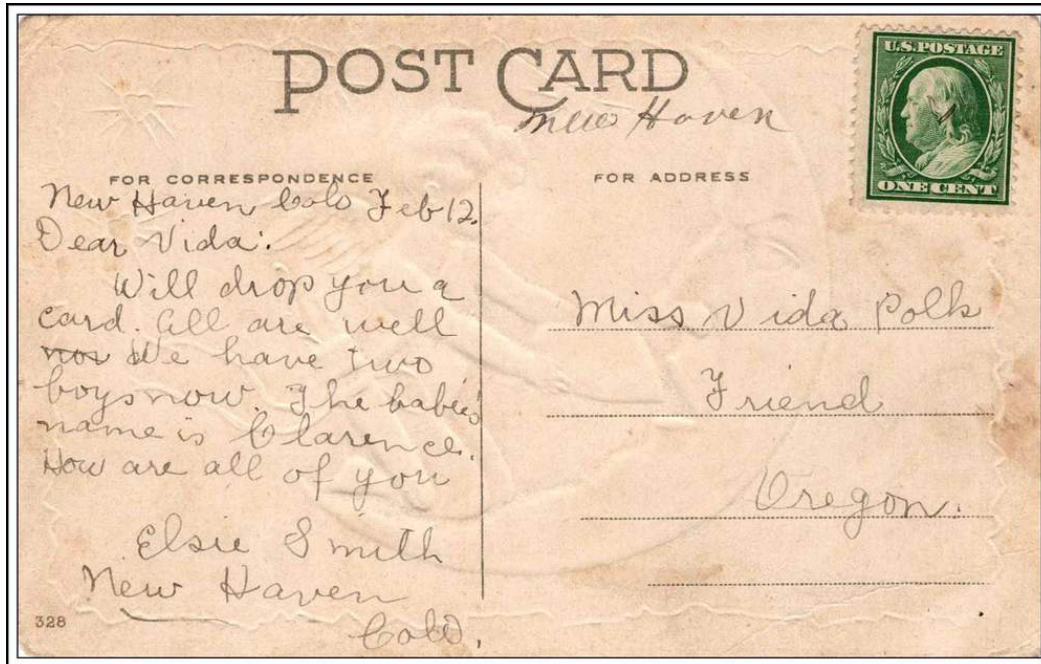
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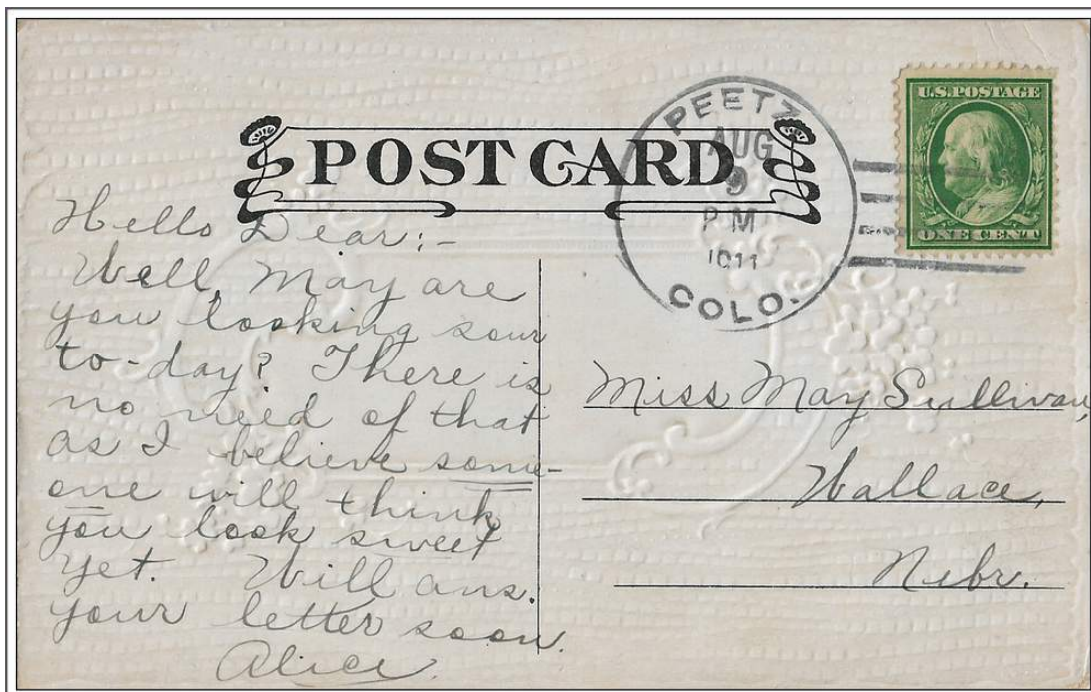


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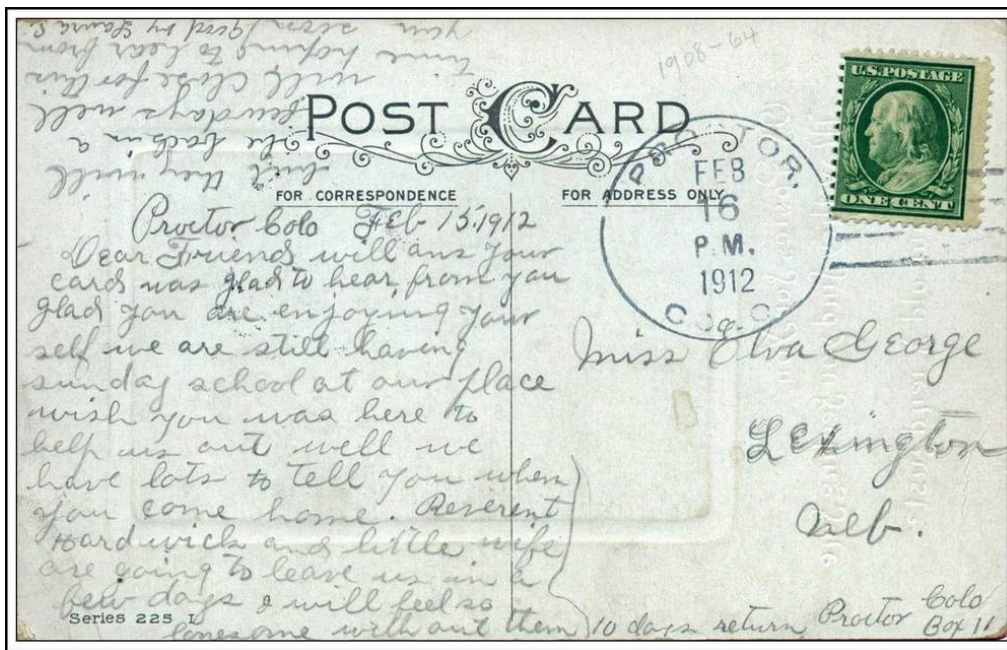
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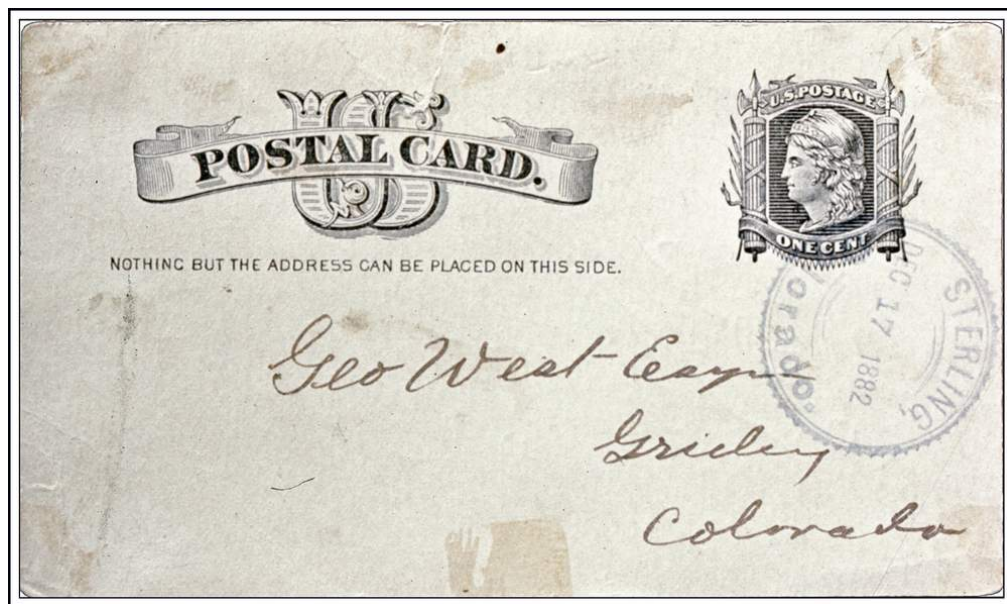


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