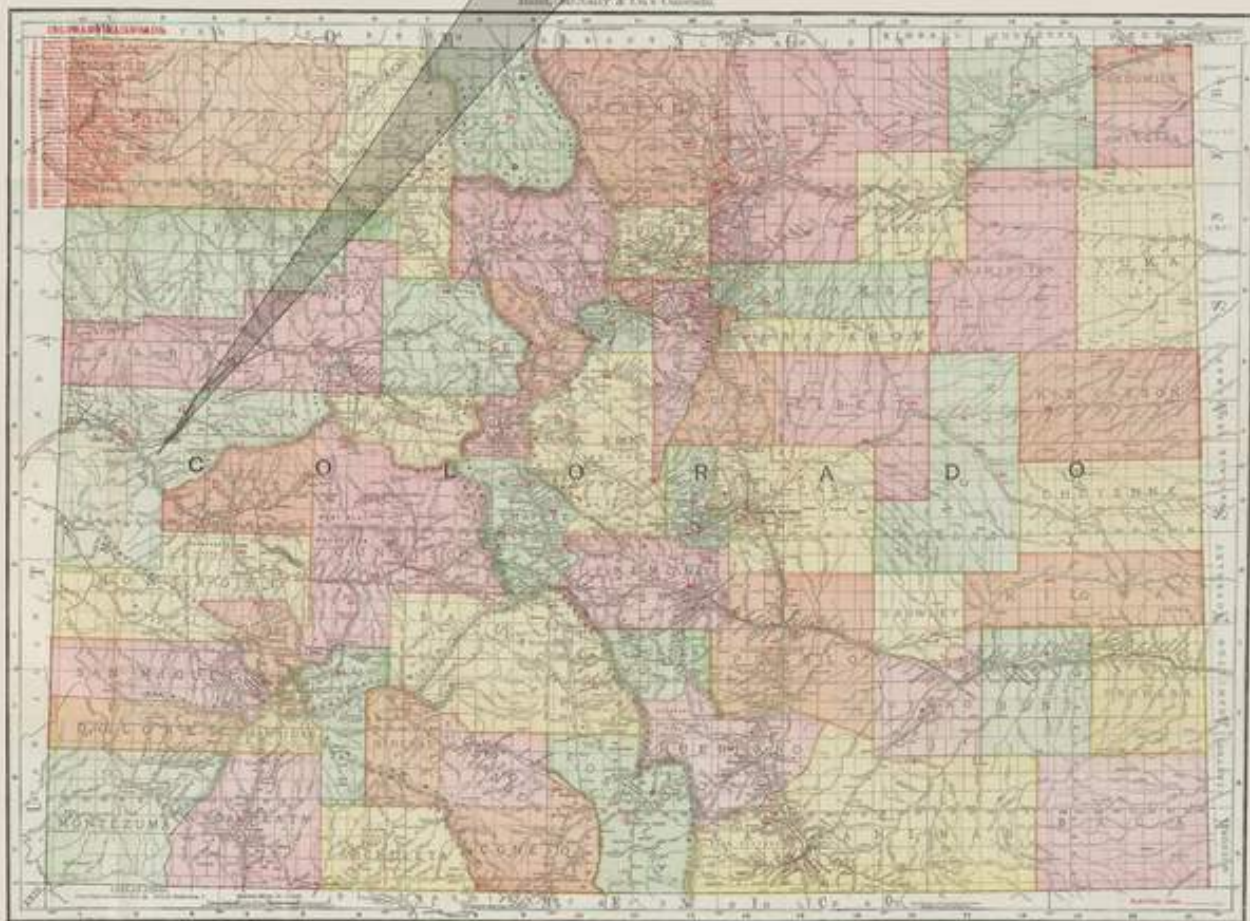


Mesa County



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Established: February 14, 1883

County Seat: Grand Junction



MESA COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

The area that today comprises Mesa County was originally a part of Lake County, one of the original counties created November 1, 1861 by the Colorado Territorial Legislature. On March 7, 1877 the Colorado Legislature authorized Gunnison County and the future Mesa County was within the boundaries of that new county. On February 14, 1883 the legislature subdivided Gunnison County and Mesa County was authorized with the boundaries that it has today.

Mesa County lies at the center of the western edge of Colorado. On the north it shares an east-west boundary with Garfield County. The eastern boundary is irregular through much of its length, trending northeast to southwest. That boundary is shared with Pitkin, Gunnison, Delta and Montrose Counties. The southern boundary is an east-west line shared with Montrose County. The western boundary is the state line with Utah (Grand County).

The maximum east-west dimension of Mesa County is 90 miles. Along the border with Utah the north-south distance is 57 miles. One has to be careful in using the Federal Land Survey System in Mesa County. Most of the county is tied to a single meridian, however, in the heart of the Colorado River Valley, from Mack to Palisade, the system is based on the Ute Meridian.

Topographically Mesa County consists of four primary features. To the north of the Colorado River, the Book Cliffs rise to a dissected plateau with elevations reaching 7,000 feet or more. The Colorado River and the Gunnison River Valleys form a second major feature. Between the two rivers lies Grand Mesa, with a summit of over 10,000 feet altitude. To the west of the Colorado and the Gunnison Rivers the Uncompaghre Mountains comprise another group of mesas with summit elevations between 9,000 and 10,000 feet.

Three major rivers cross Mesa County. The Colorado loops through the county from east to west. The Gunnison River comes from the southeast to join the Colorado at Grand Junction. The Dolores River angles across the southwest corner of the county, ultimately joining the Colorado River in Utah. All three of these rivers have cut deep canyons along much of their passage through Mesa County. There are many tributary streams, most of which are intermittent. Other than the major rivers, East Creek and West Creek in the Unawep Canyon, the Little Dolores River and Plateau Creek carry some year-around flow. Nearly all of the settlements that have or had post offices were located along one of these principal watercourses.

The Denver and Rio Grande was the first railroad to penetrate Mesa County having followed the Gunnison River to Grand Junction and reached the Utah border on December 19, 1882. In 1890 the Denver and Rio Grande completed a second line, along the Colorado River to Grand Junction. The Colorado Midland Railway also followed the Colorado River but it used the Rio Grande's tracks from New Castle to Grand Junction.

In 1890 the Little Book Cliff Railway was built from Grand Junction north to exploit the coal mines at Carpenter. Similarly, in 1905 the Uintah Railway was competed from Mack in Mesa County to Watson in Utah to carry gilsonite to a refinery near Fruita. From 1909 to 1933 the Grand Valley Electric Railway served a small area northwest of Grand Junction.

In the twenty-first century, the rails along the Colorado River are operated by the Union Pacific and also carry Amtrak's passenger trains. The line along the Gunnison River continues to operate but its principal traffic is unit coal trains from the mines near Somerset in Delta County.

The Gunnison and the Colorado River have always dictated the routes of travel through Mesa County. US Highway 6 followed the Colorado River and US Highway 50 followed the Gunnison River to join with US 6 at Grand Junction. Interstate 70 has supplanted US 6 as the main highway through Mesa County.

Colorado 141 is the longest State Highway in the county. It begins at Whitewater, follows the Unaweep Canyon west to Gateway and then the Dolores River south to Nucla in Montrose County. Colorado 139 begins at Loma and goes north over the Book Cliffs to Rangely in Rio Blanco County. Colorado 65 begins at Exit 49 on Interstate 70 and crosses Grand Mesa into Delta County.

Two shorter State Highways are 340, from Grand Junction along south side of the Colorado River to Fruita, and 330 that connects from Colorado 65 to Collbran on Plateau Creek.

There is a network of county roads, most of which are good. However, large sections of the county are not served by roads and travel from one point to another, a few miles away as the crow flies, may require a long devious journey, made palatable by the scenery along the way.

It is necessary to express a word of caution about the designation of roads in Mesa County. In preparing the directions to the post office sites I have for the most part used the road names that I read from signs as I sought out the locations. I have also referred to the Colorado Atlas & Gazetteer produced by DeLorme Mapping. For some reason, some road names shown in the Atlas do not agree with what I observed in my travels. Hopefully this will not be too confusing if you attempt to follow my directions. In the descriptions, road designations of the form "XX.99" are from the DeLorme Atlas. The road designation scheme of Mesa County does not follow the neat patterns used by the counties of eastern Colorado. There may be a pattern but it is not obvious to me.

The economic history of Mesa County has gone in several different directions. Some are still important and new directions have arisen. Initially agriculture was the dominant economic factor. The river valleys provided land and water for irrigation. Hay and grain could be produced to support livestock. A suitable climate spurred the development of fruit orchards. Recently a wine industry is developing along the Colorado River. The uplands away from the valleys provide summer grazing for sheep and cattle.

A considerable portion of the county, particularly on Grand Mesa and the Uncompaghre Mountains provides abundant timber to support a lumbering industry.

Mining has played an important part in the Mesa County economy. There was some base metal mining but it was insignificant compared to coal mining. The strata of the Book Cliffs contained numerous coal seams that could easily be exploited. This activity has declined but there is still some coal production at Cameo.

From the late 1950's, for about 30 years, Grand Junction held the title of "Uranium Capitol." Southwestern Colorado was a hot spot in prospecting for and developing uranium mines to feed a growing nuclear energy industry. Grand Junction was headquarters for many of the mining companies and the location of several uranium refineries. This industry had its downside. When the demand fell Grand Junction was left with major cleanup of environmental hazards.

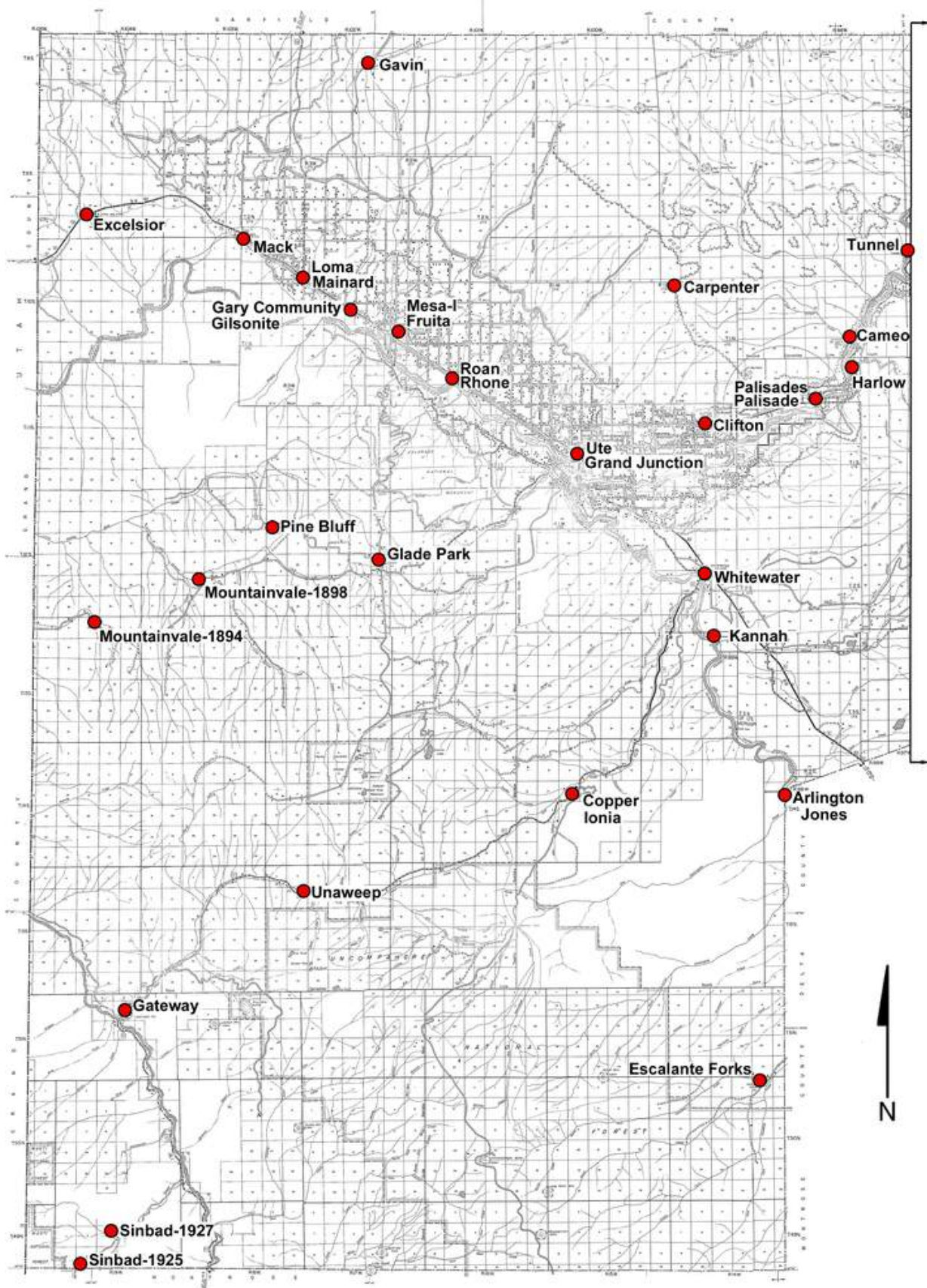
The uranium boom had a good side effect. It introduced the area to other industries and in recent years there has been a growth of light industry, focused on high technology. During the boom years many people were exposed to Western Colorado and they stayed to start new businesses or returned to make Mesa County their retirement homes.

The large, undeveloped areas of Mesa County provide an abundant, renewable resource for outdoor activities. People who take part in hunting, fishing, hiking and camping contribute much to the county's economy. The splendid scenery of the river canyons, the Colorado National Monument, the Book Cliffs and Grand Mesa will always attract tourists providing another important piece of the economic foundation of Mesa County.

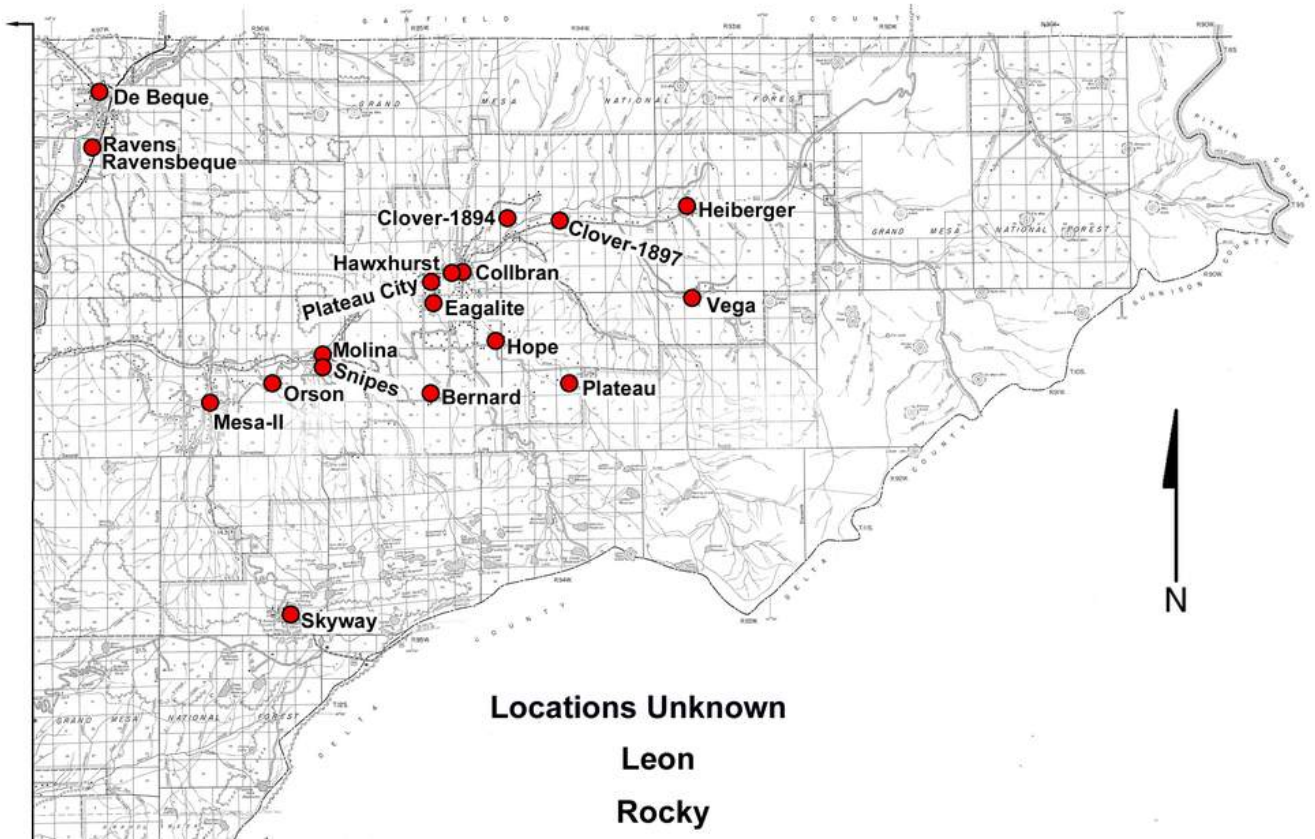


Mesas near Clifton, Colorado

Photograph from <https://www.uncovercolorado.com/towns/clifton/>



Post Office Location Map – Western Mesa County



Post Office Location Map – Eastern Mesa County

ARLINGTON

This post office began in early April 1883 with the name of Jones. In May of that year the name was changed to Arlington. Arthur C. Jones, the postmaster of Jones, continued as postmaster for Arlington and I have found no reason for the change in post office name. A more appropriate name would have been Bridgeport, which was the name of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad siding near Arlington.

One reference, Colorado Ghost Towns, Volume II by Leanne C. Boyd and Carson Glenn claims that Arlington was shown on an 1887 map and listed with a population of 75. Considering the remote location, that figure seems unreasonable. I doubt that Arlington was more than a ranch post office that briefly served a few ranches and perhaps some railroad employees at Bridgeport.

For directions to the location and a description of the site, please refer to the discussion of Jones.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 25 1883	Formerly named Jones
May 25 1883	Jones, Arthur C.
Dec 1 1883	Barger, Francis J.
Mar 4 1884 ---	Unsurveyed 1/4 mile south of the Gunnison River 2 miles west of Dominguez Creek South side 1/4 mile from track of D&RG, Bridgeport Station [Document was filed under Kiowa County] Proposed postmaster - Robert Halley
Apr 14 1884	Halley, Robert
Aug 12 1884	Discontinued Papers to Grand Junction

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM ARLINGTON

BERNARD

The only description of Bernard that I have found describes it as a, "Small town on Grand Mesa, about 7 miles south of Collbran on a 1923 map." Although there may have been a community I question the description as a "small town."

When Jim Ozment and I visited the site in 1999 all we could see, north of the road (Road KK), was a few Lombardy poplars and one building that may or may not have been still in use. I would describe Bernard as a rural post office that likely gave way to the Rural Free Delivery System.

The first postmaster was Bernard J. Duffy; thus the post office assumed his surname.

From Molina the road to the site of Bernard is not very direct. At Molina, on Road KE.00, cross to the east side of Cottonwood Creek where the road turns to the southeast. The road goes southeast for two miles and then turns north for a mile and a half and then turns east for a mile to a junction with Mesa County Road 58. Turn south on Road 58 to the intersection with Road KK and then east one mile on Road KK. This roundabout way takes you around Mormon Mesa. Road KK does connect to Road KE where the latter road turns north.

Looking at that road, which goes up and over Mormon Mesa, I was not thrilled with its possibilities so Jim and I took the long way around Mormon Mesa. By the route I described, it is seven and a half miles from Molina to the location of Bernard.

Chronology of the Post Office

Dec 23 1895 ---	SW/4 Sec 22 T10S R95W Proposed postmaster - Bernard J. Duffy
Jan 27 1896	Established
Jan 27 1896	Duffy, Bernard J.
Jun 5 1900	Crane, Victor O.
Apr 20 1903	Parker, A. C.

BERNARD – Continued

Aug 20 1903	Kendall, John
May 17 1904	DeCamp, Louis C.
May 12 1905	Ordered closed
May 31 1905	Discontinued Mail to Collbran

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM BERNARD

CAMEO

Although discovered several years earlier it was not until 1907 that coal production began from the Cameo Mine. The Grand Junction Fuel and Mining Company opened the mine. The president of the company, John W. McNeil, founded the town to provide housing for the workers at the mine. The name Cameo was a reference to a natural sculpture on the overlooking cliffs that resembled a carved cameo.

Coal production from the mine continues but the coal is used on site to fuel an electrical power plant. The town has largely disappeared with the workers now living in nearby Palisade or other towns in the Grand Valley.

The site of Cameo is about two miles into the De Beque Canyon of the Colorado River and is reached via Interstate 70. From Exit 46 take the frontage road east to the bridge that crosses the Colorado River to the power plant and what remains of the town of Cameo. There is a large, old elm tree on the east side of the power plant. Jim Ozment claims that the Cameo Post Office was located in the vicinity of the tree.

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Chronology of the Post Office

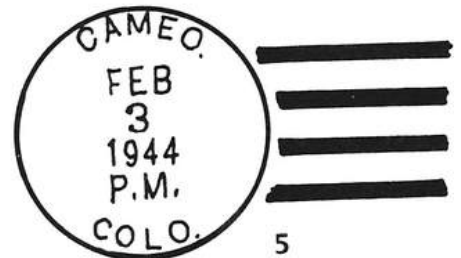
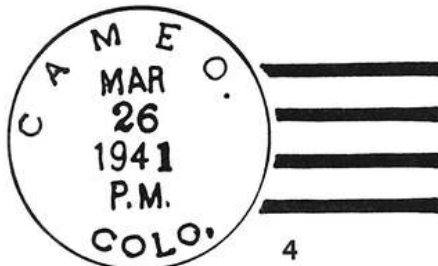
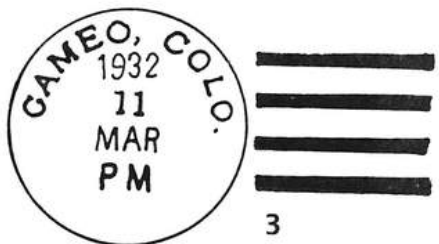
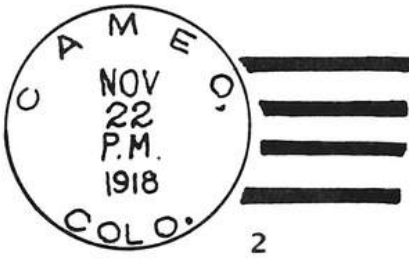
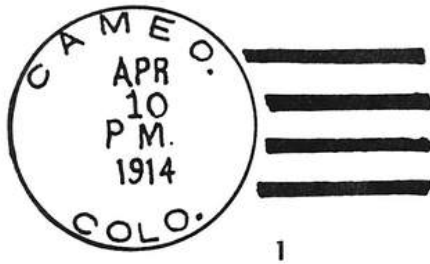
Sep 11 1907	---	NW/4 Sec 27 T10S R98W Proposed postmaster - George W. McNeil	
Dec 14 1907		Established	
Dec 14 1907		McNeil, George W.	
Apr 22 1914	---	SE/4 Sec 27 T10S R98W 750 feet west of the Grand River 100 feet south of Coal Creek 600 feet west of the Rio Grande tracks	
Sep 10 1914		Wachob, Frank A.	
Sep 1 1917		Vandenberg, Earl W.	
Jul 30 1919		Layden, William L.	
Sep 1 1927		Neish, Andrew R.	Acting
Apr 4 1928		Neish, Andrew R.	Appointed
Mar 6 1929		Rush, Clark E.	Confirmed
Apr 5 1929		Rush, Clark E.	Commissioned & Assumed charge
Aug 21 1934		Fister, Mrs. Jean Rush	Confirmed
Sep 13 1934		Fister, Mrs. Jean Rush	Commissioned
Sep 30 1934		Fister, Mrs. Jean Rush	Assumed charge
Apr 18 1935		Miller, Judd	Assumed charge
Apr 27 1935		Miller, Judd	Acting & Confirmed
Nov 25 1935		Miller, Judd	Commissioned
Jan 28 1940		Robbins, James J.	Assumed charge
Feb 9 1940		Robbins, James J.	Acting
Mar 4 1940		Robbins, James J.	Confirmed
Mar 28 1940		Robbins, James J.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 27 T10S R98W 1300 feet west of the Colorado River 50 feet west of the High Line Canal	
Jun 18 1942		Yarnell, Denzell L.	Confirmed
Jun 30 1942		Yarnell, Denzell L.	Commissioned

CAMEO – Continued

Jul 4 1942	Yarnell, Denzell L.	Assumed charge
Oct 18 1949	Davis, Roy Mack	Assumed charge
Oct 28 1949	Davis, Roy Mack	Acting
Dec 6 1949	Davis, Roy Mack	Confirmed
Dec 30 1949	Davis, Roy Mack	Commissioned
Feb 28 1953	Duncan, Mrs. Cora L.	Assumed charge
Mar 12 1953	Duncan, Mrs. Cora L.	Acting
May 7 1953	Duncan, Mrs. Cora L.	Confirmed
May 29 1953	Duncan, Mrs. Cora L.	Commissioned
Jan 31 1969	Oberly, Mrs Beulah E.	Acting
Feb 28 1969	Discontinued Mail to Palisade	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CAMEO, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jun 25 1912 Apr 10 1914
2	CAMEO, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x19mm	Nov 22 1918
2.1	CAMEO, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 31.0/20.5	Hstp No killer	Feb 25 1924
3	CAMEO, COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Mar 11 1932 Sep 2 1935
4	CAMEO. / COLO. CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Mar 26 1941 Mar 29 1943
5	CAMEO, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 3 1944 Feb 25 1957
6	CAMEO / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Jan 29 1960 Dec 20 1963
7	CAMEO, CO / 81622 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Jun 30 1967 Jan 31 1969



CARPENTER

The Carpenter Post Office was established in May 1890. That year date is in some conflict with historical descriptions of Carpenter. Historians have claimed that on June 30, 1892 Susan Carpenter bought the property for \$30,050 from the U. S. Government.

Another account attributes the development to W. T. Carpenter, a Grand Junction banker who decided to develop a coal prospect at the foot of the Book Cliffs north of Grand Junction. In 1890 he began construction of an eleven mile, narrow gauge railway to the mine site. This was the Little Book Cliff Railway that was chartered September 11, 1889 and operated under that name until October 15, 1899. Following receivership the railroad was incorporated as the Book Cliff Railroad Company and continued to operate until 1922. Although the prime purpose of the railroad was to haul coal from the mine to a connection with the main line Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in Grand Junction, the railroad also operated excursion trains to the “cooler” elevation of Carpenter.

A fair sized community did develop at the end of the railway. Carpenter had a school, a church and a store. One source claims a peak population of 1,400. In view of the fact that the Carpenter Post Office lasted little more than a year, that figure seems unlikely.

The post office was named for a Carpenter; perhaps Susan Carpenter or maybe W. T. Carpenter.

The following item from *The Silver State Record*, Volume 4, Number 1, May 1966 tells the later history of Carpenter:

Then Miss Carpenter sold the property to Princeton University, and later a dangerous fire broke out in the mine. The University refused to supply funds to extinguish the flames, so the State of Colorado attached the property in order to put out the fire. Still later, the Monument Investment Company bought the property, and in a short time sold it for salvage. Most of the old buildings were hauled away, so all that remains is some ruins at the mine entrance. The site of CARPENTER is today privately owned.

It is possible to visit the site of Carpenter. From Grand Junction drive to the entrance to the terminal of Walker Field, north of Interstate 70. From the traffic circle in front of the terminal, go west on Mesa County Road H to Mesa County Road 27-1/4. Turn north on that road and stay with it all the way to the end at the foot of the Book Cliffs. For much of the distance you will be on the old railroad grade.

There are still remnant signs of the mining activity and from the end of the road you can look down on a level area where it is likely the town of Carpenter was located.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 21 1890	---	NE/4 Sec 4 T1N R1E	Terminus of the D&RG road (Branch)
Jun 11 1890		Established	
Jun 11 1890		Crieger, Mack	
Aug 3 1891		Discontinued	Papers to Grand Junction

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CARPENTER

CLIFTON

The accounts that I have read that discuss the origin of Clifton make little sense as they have been written. It is claimed that in the late 1880's the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad opened a “section of track” here and gave it the name of Clifton. Why would the railroad name an empty section of track? A further claim is that it was necessary to show a station at that point on the line and even though none existed it was called Clifton. It makes more sense to say that a section house was established and the site was named Clifton. In any event, a station did come into existence and by 1900 a town had grown up around the station and was named Clifton.

CLIFTON – Continued

The name Clifton is in reference to the spectacular Book Cliffs that rise a short distance north of the town.

Clifton is in the heart of the fruit-producing region of the Grand Valley. A wide variety of fruit is raised but peaches and apples are the ones for which the area is most famous.

Clifton is a thriving community. Its businesses serve the surrounding orchards and farms and in recent years it has become a growing suburb of Grand Junction. The less extreme temperatures of the eastern portion of the Grand Valley attract those seeking a moderate climate within easy reach of the outdoor recreational activities of Western Colorado.

Clifton is on US Highway 6 and is reached from Interstate 70 (Exit 37) via the I-70 Business Route towards central Grand Junction.

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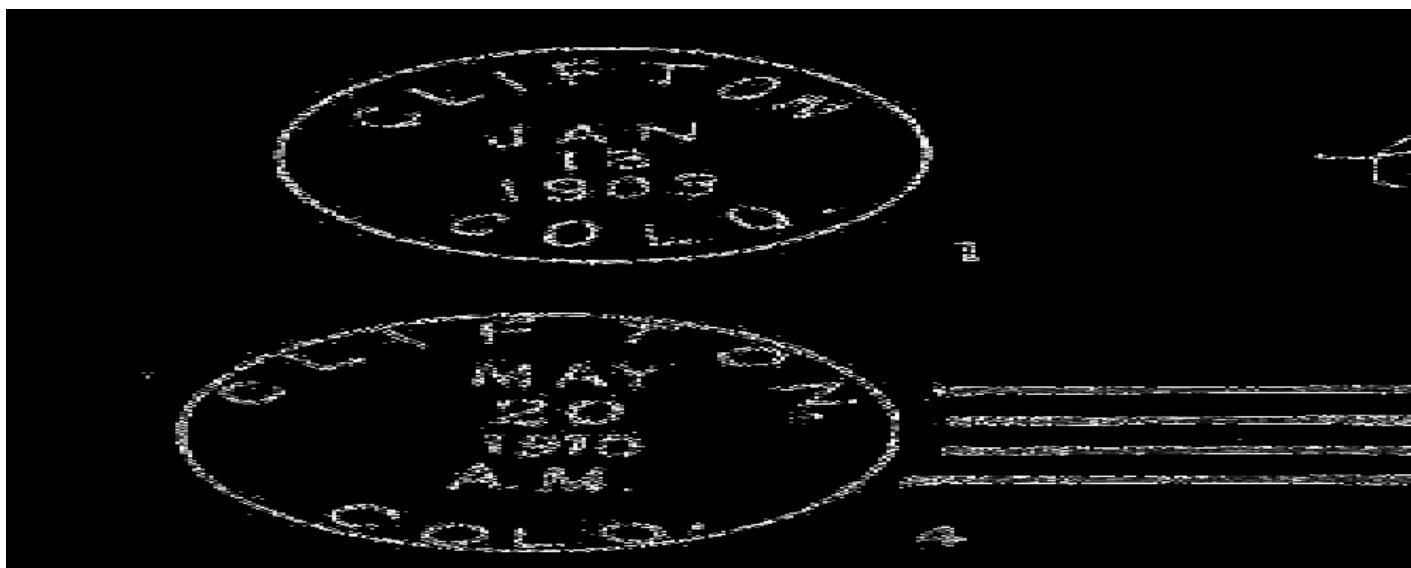
Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 4 1900	---	SE/4 SE/4 Sec 11 T1S R1E Proposed postmaster - Abner G. Mann	
Aug 18 1900		Established	
Aug 18 1900		Mann, Abner G.	
Mar 14 1906		Griffin, Anna	
Apr 28 1906	---	From: W/4 Sec 11 T1S R1E To: NE/4 Sec 11 T1S R1E Move to new location 1/4 mile east 140 feet north of D&RG Depot	
May 11 1906		Johnson, Samuel C.	
Feb 5 1907		Griffin, Anna	
Dec 31 1909		Meyers, Frederick M.	
Apr 25 1914	---	NW/4 NE/4 Sec 11 T1S R1E, Ute Meridian	
Jul 1 1917			Office made Presidential
Jan 24 1918		Meyers, Frederick M.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Jul 1 1919		Office relegated	
Nov 20 1919		Van Horn, Charles J.	
Oct 1 1920			Office made Presidential
Sep 15 1921		Lucas, Frank S.	Acting
Feb 16 1922		Lucas, Frank S.	P&S
Feb 23 1926		Lucas, Frank S.	P&S
Mar 8 1930		Lucas, Frank S.	P&S
Jul 1 1933			Relegated
Aug 15 1933		Lucas, Frank S.	Confirmed
Aug 31 1933		Lucas, Frank S.	Commissioned
Jul 1 1939			Presidential
Jan 3 1940		Hickman, Charles Ray	Acting
Feb 1 1940		Hickman, Charles Ray	Assumed charge
May 20 1940		Grant, James L.	Nominated
May 24 1940		Grant, James L.	Confirmed
May 29 1940		Grant, James L.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 27 1940		Grant, James L.	Commissioned
Jul 16 1940		Grant, James L.	Assumed charge
Oct 27 1941	---	Not reported, "Main Street" US-24 is 850 feet north D&RG tracks are 535 feet south	
Dec 31 1967		Sondergard, Robert L.	Acting
Apr 17 1971		Sondergard, Robert	Appointed
Apr 17 1971		Sondergard, Robert	Assumed charge
Sep 24 1976		Blair, Ms. Blanche L.	Officer in charge
May 21 1977		Kellerby, Dale W.	Appointed

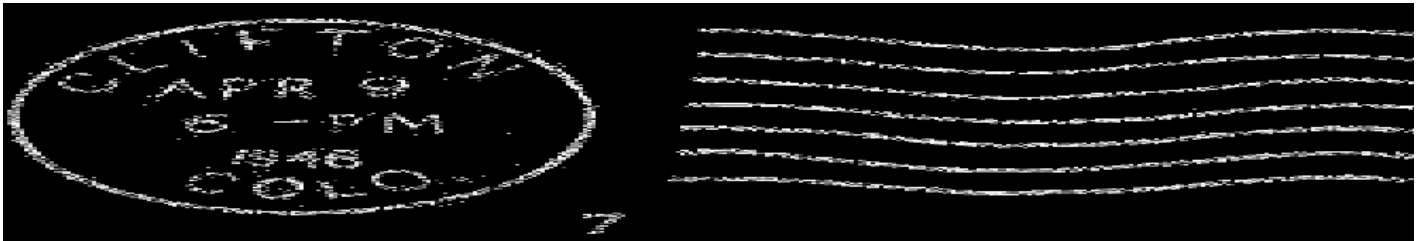
CLIFTON – Continued

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	CLIFTON / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded	Jan 13 1903
2	Clifton Colo MS	Mscp Target	Sep 30 1907
3	CLIFTON, / COLO CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-??x14mm	Sep 17 1908 Jan 29 1910
4	CLIFTON, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x13mm	May 20 1910 Mar 21 1913
5	CLIFTON, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 30.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 6 1933
6	CLIFTON / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1	Dec 27 1933 Feb 2 1957
7	CLIFTON / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Apr 9 1946 Aug 15 1956
7.1	CLIFTON / COLO. RC 10P 39.0x18.5	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1950s
8	CLIFTON / COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 2 1957 Dec 18 1961
8.1	CLIFTON, COLO. / USPO CI 11P 29.0/18.5	Hstp No killer	Sep 18 1965
9	CLIFTON, CO / 81520 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 6 wavy lines	May 15 1968 Apr 26 1982
10	CLIFTON, CO / 81520 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Mar 5 1969 Mar 22 1976
11	CLIFTON, CO / 81520 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Sep 21 1970 May 27 1975
12	CLIFTON, CO / 81520 CI 10P 35.0	4bars S-25x21mm	Oct 28 1981
13	CLIFTON, CO / 81520 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm ["L" missing from CLIFTON, this may be a reintroduction of Type 11]	Sep 18 1985 Nov 13 1985 Apr 16 1990 Jul 23 1992
14	CLIFTON, CO / USPO CI 11P 29.0/18.5	Hstp No killer	Apr 16 1990 Jul 23 1992
15	CLIFTON CO 81520 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 1 1995 Jul 6 2001



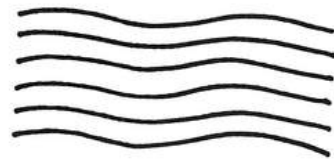
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CLIFTON STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Oct 21 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Clifton, CO 81520 // VFW Clifton Station
IR 00R 102.0x51.0 | Oct 21 1995
Pict Scene - VFW emblem and flag outline;
Text - VFW POST 4663 / 50th / Anniversary /
Auxiliary November 8, 1995 |
| 2 | CLIFTON CO. STA. / 81520
CI 10P 21.5 | Aug 18 2004
Pict Scene - Mickey mouse with letters;
Text - The Art of Disney / FRIENDSHIP |

CLIFTON STATION – Continued



CLOVER

There is no mention of the Mesa County community of Clover in the literature of Colorado that I have studied. I would consider it to be nothing more than a ranch post office that during its short history operated at two different locations. However, a mile and a half east of Collbran, on the north side of Mesa County Road 330E, there is the small Clover Cemetery. The presence of the cemetery indicates that at some point in time Clover was a small community, likely centered on a church. The cemetery is at the original, 1894 location of Clover. There are a couple of old buildings near the cemetery.

After less than a year of operation, the Clover Post Office was closed. When it reopened in 1897, at a new location, it appears that Thomas was proposed as the post office name. Thomas was the surname of the postmaster to be. He could not suggest his last name, Sanford, as there was an operating Sanford Post Office in Conejos County. The name Thomas was rejected, probably because of the similarity to Thomasville in Pitkin County. The final decision was to re-institute the name Clover.

The second, 1897 location of Clover, is two miles to the east of the Clover Cemetery. At that point there is an old log barn and a small house in a grove of large trees.

The relative proximity to Collbran and improving transportation in the early twentieth century may be what led to the 1902 termination of the Clover Post Office.

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 19 1894	---	NW/4 Sec 19 T9S R94W 1/4 mile north of Plateau Creek Proposed postmaster - Elizabeth Hughes
Feb 1 1895		Established
Feb 1 1895		Hughes, Elizabeth
Nov 8 1895		Discontinued Mail to Collbran
Sep 16 1897	---	NW/4 Sec 21 T9S R94W 1/4 mile north of Plateau Creek Proposed postmaster - Thomas Benton Sanford
Feb 28 1898		Re-established
Feb 28 1898		Sanford, Thomas B.
Sep 13 1902		Ordered closed
Sep 30 1902		Discontinued Papers to Collbran

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM CLOVER

COLLBRAN

Collbran was the second settlement to develop in a two-mile section of the Plateau Creek Valley that includes Plateau City and Hawxhurst. Collbran was established in 1891 and by 1892 it had outgrown Hawxhurst, its adjacent neighbor, and became the dominant supply center for this portion of the Plateau Creek Valley.

The naming of Collbran, if the story is true, is unusual. Reportedly, when the Colorado Midland Railroad built into De Beque on the Grand River, Henry Collbran, an official of the railroad, agitated to have the name of De Beque changed to Collbran. Dr. W. A. E. De Beque objected. Then for some reason the name Collbran became attached to the growing, eastern section of Hawxhurst and soon supplanted the original name.

Collbran became the commercial center of the valley and on July 28, 1908 was incorporated with an area of 60 acres. In 1960 an additional 25 acres were annexed to Collbran.

Located on Colorado Highway 330, Collbran has a small but busy business district and a residential district that includes the older Hawxhurst on the western edge.

In 1996 a modest memorial to America's Servicewomen was erected in Collbran, on the south side of Colorado Highway 330.

Colorado Highway 330 ends at Collbran. The road continues eastward but beyond Collbran it is designated as Mesa County Road 330E

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Chronology of the Post Office

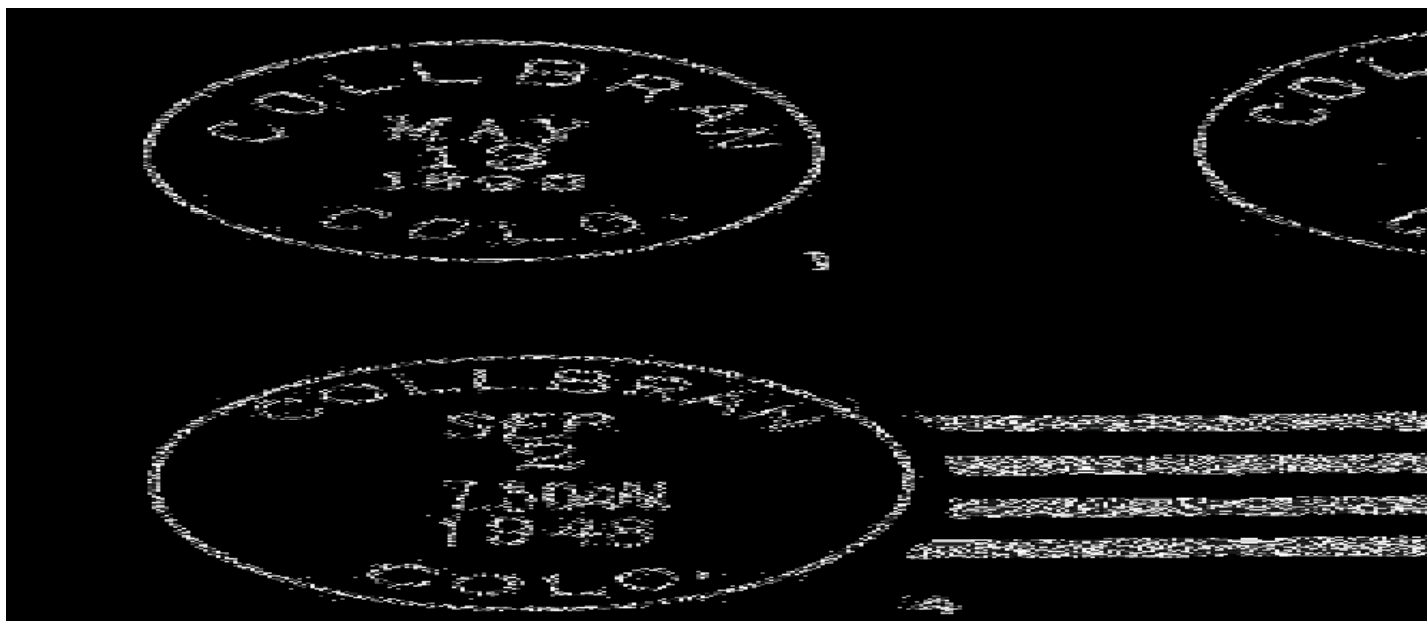
Dec 1 1891	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T9S R95W On the south bank of Plateau Creek	
		Proposed postmaster - J. Milton Englehart	
Jan 9 1892		Established	
Jan 9 1892		Englehart, J. Milton	
Jul 23 1895		Parkison, Edith	
Mar 2 1899		Putney, Joseph J.	
Nov 29 1909		Bloss, Fred A.	
Apr 24 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T9S R95W 207 feet south of Plateau Creek	
May 5 1914		Humeston, Adelbert E.	
Oct 1 1916			Office made Presidential
Mar 16 1917		Humeston, Adelbert E.	P&S
May 10 1922		Humeston, Adelbert E.	P&S
Jan 4 1932		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Nominated
Jan 22 1932		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Confirmed
Feb 11 1932		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Commissioned
Feb 4 1936		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Nominated
Mar 5 1936		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Confirmed
Mar 11 1936		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Appointed Presidential
Apr 2 1936		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Commissioned
Apr 26 1940		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Nominated
May 2 1940		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Confirmed
May 8 1940		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 3 1940		Humeston, Adelbert E.	Commissioned
Oct 21 1941	---	NE/4 Sec 35 T9S R95W 1/2 block south of Plateau Creek	
Jul 1 1942		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Assumed charge
Jul 4 1942		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Acting
Mar 5 1944		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Nominated
Mar 17 1944		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Confirmed
Mar 18 1944		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Appointed Presidential
Apr 16 1944		Humeston, Miss Loudene	Commissioned
Nov 1 1945		Adams, Roy Alfred	Acting

COLLBRAN – Continued

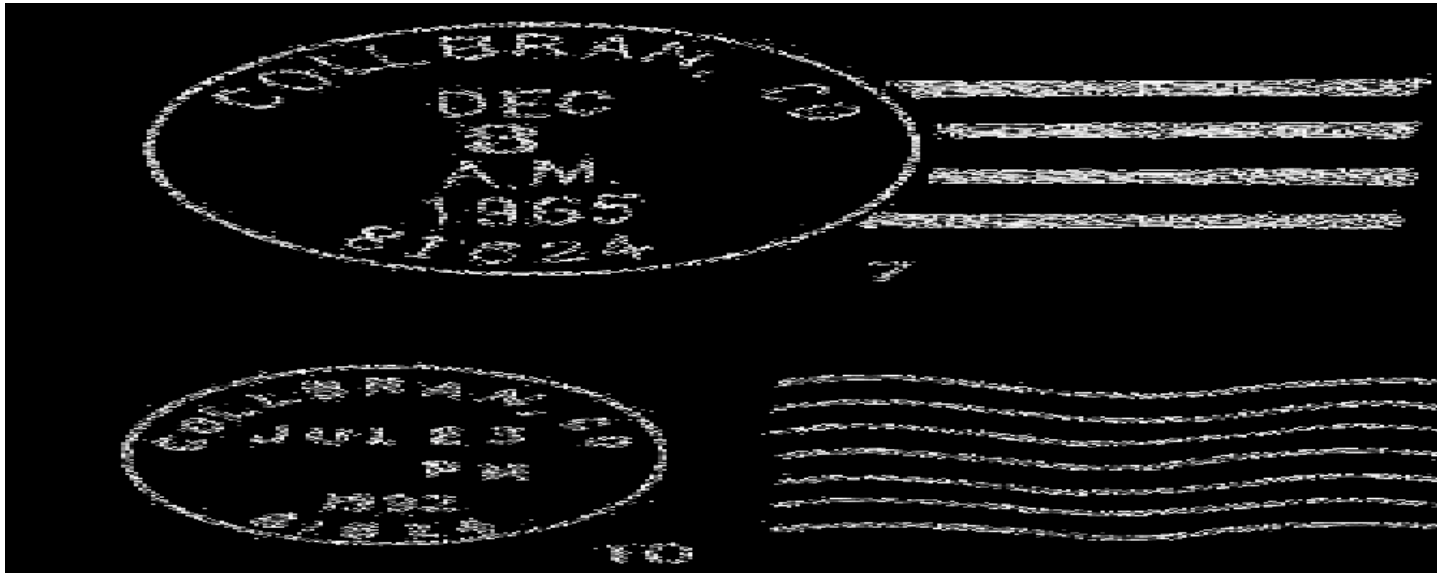
Jan 30 1948	Adams, Mrs Elma N.	Nominated
Jun 15 1948	Adams, Mrs Elma N.	Confirmed
Jun 16 1948	Adams, Mrs Elma N.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 5 1948	Adams, Mrs. Elma N.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1963	Ramseier, Mrs Bernice	Acting
Apr 6 1966	Gibson, Ballin R.	Nominated, Confirmed & Appt'd Presid.
Apr 15 1966	Gibson, Ballin R.	Commissioned

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 28.5	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Sep 30 1892 May 13 1899
2	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, Oval	May -- 1903 Jan 27 1909
3	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, Oval 8-bar	Jan 20 1917 Jul 23 1943
4	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Sep 2 1948 Jul 29 1950
5	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 16 1953 May 13 1959
6	COLLBRAN / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Dec 14 1962 May 25 1964
7	COLLBRAN, CO / 81624 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 3 1965 Oct 9 1972
8	COLLBRAN, CO / 81624 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x18mm	Dec 3 1965 Feb 18 1987
9	COLLBRAN, CO / 81624 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jul 23 1992 May 29 1999
10	COLLBRAN, CO / 81624 CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jul 23 1992 Mar 23 1993
11	COLLBRAN CO 81624 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/19.5	Hstp No killer	Oct 25 1999



COLLBRAN – Continued



AUXILLARY MARKING

A-1 collbran, colo.
IR 00P 38.0x39.0

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Hstp Pointing hand, RETURNED / TO / WRITER /with reasons



REASON CHECKED
 Unclaimed _____ Refused _____
 Unknown _____
 For better address _____
 Moved, Left no address
 No such office in state _____

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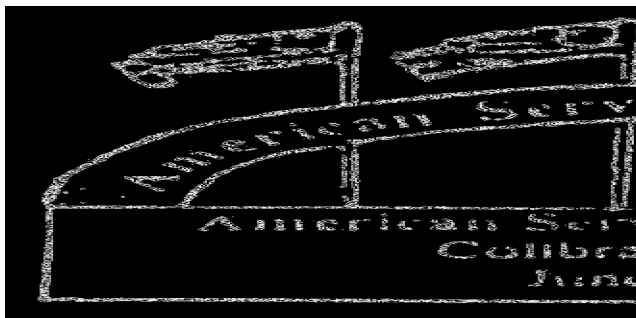
AMERICAN SERVICEWOMEN'S STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 28 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Collbran, CO 81624 // American Servicewomen's Station Jun 28 1996
 IR 10P 86.0x36.0 Pict Scene - Arch with four flags. Text - American Servicewomen's Memorial



COPPER

Other than the information provided by the Post Office Department, I have been unable to find any information about this place, either under the name Copper, or the subsequent name of Ionia.

It is difficult to guess whom this post office was intended to serve. From the name I suspect that there might briefly have been some copper mining in the area. The area is not very suitable for ranching or farming.

Copper was located on East Creek; as best I can determine it was at the junction of Colorado Highway 141 with Mesa County Road 26.10 (to the south). This is in the Unaweep Canyon, fourteen miles from Whitewater and US Highway 50. At that location there is a grove of trees with some old buildings.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 20 1898	--	Not reported Unsurveyed 100 yards north of East Creek
		Proposed postmaster - John W. Bidwell
May 9 1898		Established
May 9 1898		Bidwell, John W.
Mar 2 1899		Name changed to Ionia

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM COPPER

DE BEQUE/DEBEQUE

In 1884 W. A. E. DeBeque, a Canadian by birth and a Civil War veteran, came to the valley of the Grand River. He established a ranch which he named Ravensbeque. From 1885 Mrs. Marie T. DeBeque was the postmaster of Ravens and of Ravensbeque, both of which were located on the DeBeque ranch.

In 1888 W. A. E. DeBeque moved two miles north to a new townsite, which was named in his honor. The Ravensbeque Post Office closed and Mrs. Marie T. DeBeque became the first postmaster of DeBeque.

In the early days, and following the arrival of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, DeBeque prospered as a supply center and a shipping point for cattle. However as the years passed DeBeque failed to keep pace with the other towns along the Colorado River. Even during the oil shale boom of the 1980's DeBeque received little benefit from the frantic activity surrounding that event.

The situation has begun to change. In the twenty-first century, the modernization that began at Vail is beginning to reach DeBeque and change is taking place. Stores and businesses are being renovated, new businesses are being opened and there are plans for a major residential development at DeBeque.

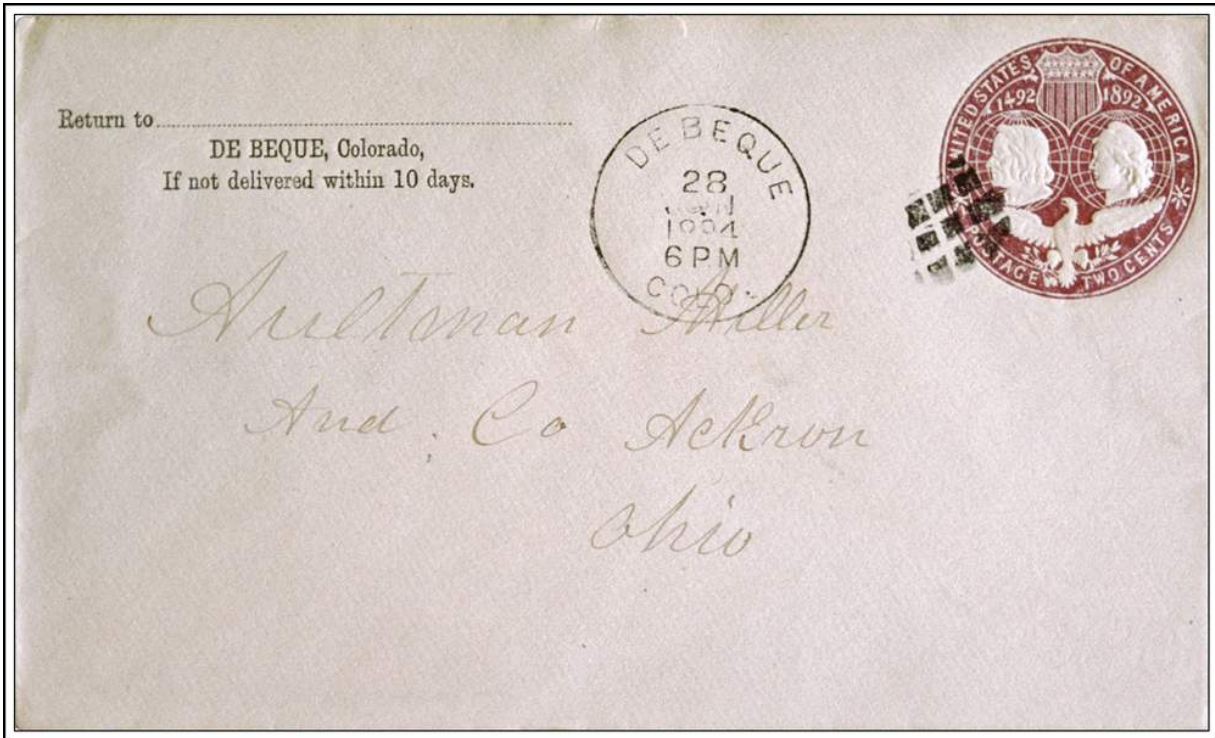
A comment in a *Denver Post* July 2003 article may point to the future of DeBeque. "Two years ago, a single building permit was issued in De Beque. Last year there were four. So far this year, there have been nine."

The name of the town has been spelled in several different ways: De Beque, DeBeque Debeque, and de Beque. DeBeque is located at Exit 62 from Interstate 70.

Please refer to the discussions of Ravens and Ravensbeque for more of the history of this locale.

Latitude = 39:20:04 North Longitude = 108:12:52 West

DE BEQUE/DEBEQUE – Continued



DEBEQUE / COLO.

January 28, 1894

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 23 1888	Moved from Ravensbeque	
Mar 23 1888	DeBeque, Marie T.	
May 9 1888	---	NE/4 Sec 28 T8S R97W 1/4 mile northwest of Grand River 75 yards northeast of Rhone Creek
Nov 14 1889	DeBeque, Flora L.	
Apr 15 1890	DeBeque, Wallace A.	
Jan 3 1891	---	NE/4 Sec 28 T8N R97W 1/4 mile north of the Grand River 10 rods east of Roan Creek
Jul 3 1893	Shanks, Lewis N.	
Apr 28 1894	Spelling changed to Debeque	
Apr 28 1894	Shanks, Lewis N.	
Mar 25 1898	McGee, Rose E.	
Feb 10 1899	Armstrong, George M.	
Jul 25 1900	Reeder, John D.	
May 27 1902	Spelling reverted to De Beque	
May 27 1902	Reeder, John D.	
Feb 17 1905	Heflin, Edwin R.	
Jul 1 1912		Office made Presidential
Jul 24 1912	Heflin, Edwin R.	P&S
Apr 20 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 27 T8S R97W 900 feet east of Rhone Creek 650 feet north of D&RG
Jul 10 1916	Conrad, Nettie	P&S
Nov 23 1921	Heflin, George W.	P&S
Dec 14 1925	Heflin, George W.	P&S
Dec 16 1929	Heflin, George W.	P&S
Dec 19 1933	Cameron, Perry N.	Acting
Dec 31 1933	Cameron, Perry N.	Assumed charge
Apr 25 1934	Cameron, Perry N.	Nominated

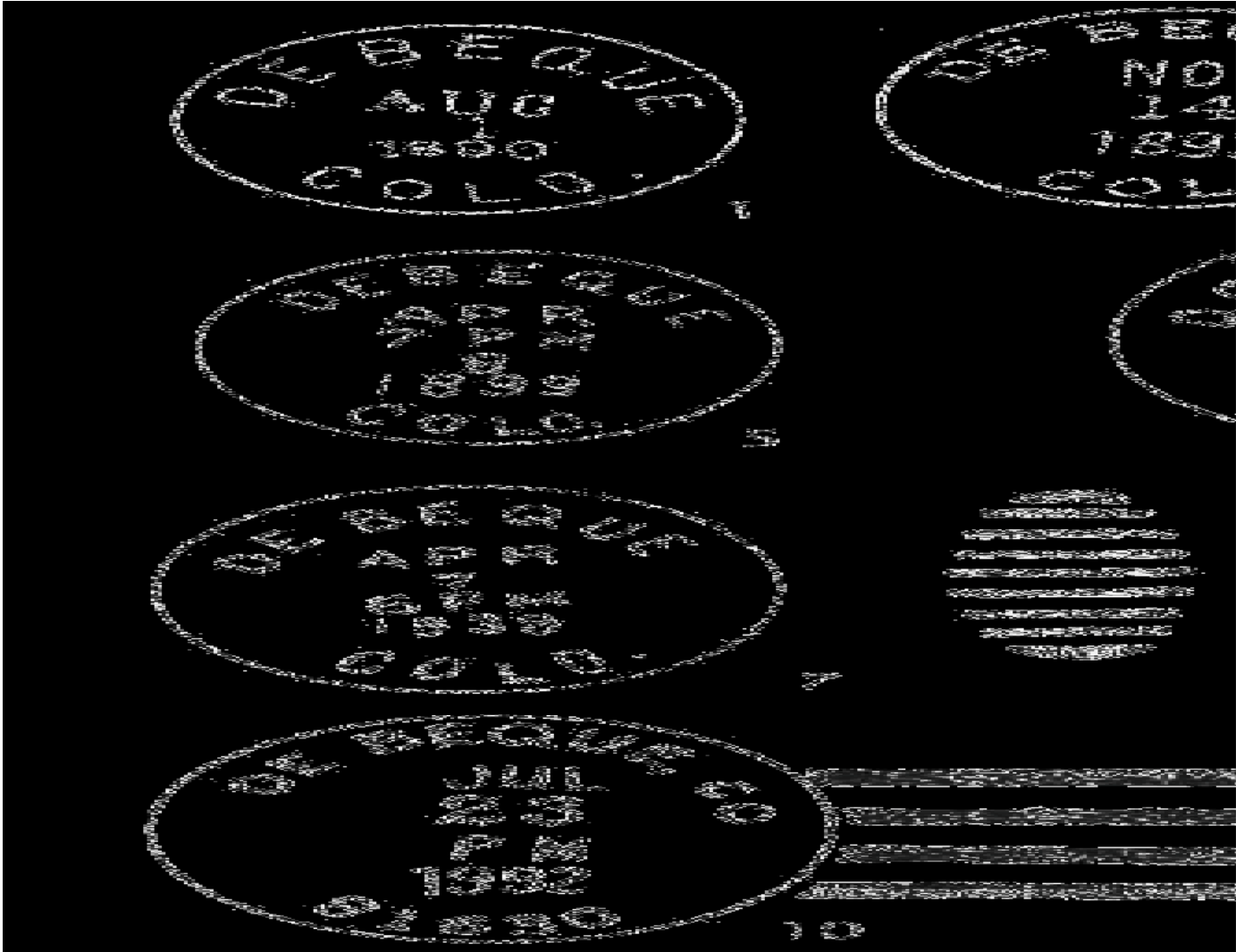
DE BEQUE/DEBEQUE – Continued

May 7 1934	Cameron, Perry N.	Confirmed
Jun 12 1934	Cameron, Perry N.	Commissioned
Apr 29 1938	Cameron, Perry N.	Nominated
May 3 1938	Cameron, Perry N.	Confirmed
May 7 1938	Cameron, Perry N.	Appointed Presidential
May 23 1938	Cameron, Perry N.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	W/2 NW/4 Sec 27 T8S R97W D&RG tracks 575 feet south Colorado River 700 feet south	
Jul 23 1942	Cameron, Perry N.	Nominated
Aug 25 1942	Cameron, Perry N.	Confirmed
Aug 26 1942	Cameron, Perry N.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 23 1942	Cameron, Perry N.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1947	Redmon, Ernest J.	Acting
Jul 1 1947	Redmon, Ernest J.	Assumed charge
Jun 11 1948	Redmon, Ernest J.	Nominated
Jun 19 1948	Redmon, Ernest J.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1948	Redmon, Ernest J.	Appt'd Presid & Commissioned
Feb 28 1961	Castor, Mrs. Flora B.	Assumed charge
Mar 8 1961	Castor, Mrs. Flora B.	Acting
Jun 15 1962	Miller, Thomas R.	Nominated
Aug 31 1962	Miller, Thomas R.	Confirmed
Sep 4 1962	Miller, Thomas R.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 14 1962	Miller, Thomas R.	Commissioned
Sep 28 1962	Miller, Thomas R.	Assumed charge
Sep 7 1979	Allen, Mrs. Maxine A.	Officer in charge
Jan 26 1980	Allen, Mrs. Maxine A.	Appointed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring;	Sep 6 1888 Jul 5 1892 Cork, circular hobnail
2	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Pen cancel	Nov 14 1892 Mar 15 1893
3	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, Hobnail grid, Smudge	Jan 28 1894 Nov 26 1896
4	DEBEQUE, COLO. / REC'D. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp No killer	Mar 11 1899
5	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Apr 9 1899 Jan 30 1900
6	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Not present	Dec 15 1904 May 25 1912
6.1	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jun 3 1912 Feb 8 1913
7	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jan 2 1936 Apr 11 1959
7.1	DE BEQUE, / COLO. RC 10P 37.0x17.5	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	1950s [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]
8	DE BEQUE / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Oct 21 1970 Feb 4 1976
9	DE BEQUE, / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jul 14 1977
10	DE BEQUE, CO / 81630 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Mar 23 1988 Jul 23 1992
11	DE BEQUE, CO / USPO CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 17 1995
12	DE BEQUE CO 81630 / USPS CI 11P 30.0/22.0	Hstp No killer	Jun 29 2005

DE BEQUE/DEBEQUE – Continued

**EAGALITE**

How should the name of this town be spelled? The Post Office Department spells it EAGALITE, and the USGS Topographic map of Mesa County (sheet 3) locates the Eagalite Cemetery. Based on that evidence, I will go with the spelling Eagalite.

However there are a couple of sources that omit the initial “a” giving it the French spelling EGALITE - equality. I have recorded postmarks with both spellings.

The easiest way to visit the location of Eagalite is to start at Collbran on Colorado Highway 330. Go south on Mesa County Road 58.50 to Road DE.00 and turn west. It is a mile and a half to the intersection with Road 57.00. The Eagalite Cemetery is a half-mile south on the west side of Road 57.00. The surrounding countryside, looking north from the cemetery, is ranchland with an active ranch in the distance.

Latitude = 39:13:22 North Longitude = 107:59:22 West EAGALITE CEMETERY

EAGALITE – Continued



EAGALITE / COLO. November 2, 1895
Note the spelling in the return address – EAGALITE

Chronology of the Post Office

- Feb 26 1885 --- NW/4 Sec 3 T10S R95W One mile south of Plateau Creek
Proposed postmaster - James Willis Hodgson
- Dec 3 1885 Established
- Dec 3 1885 Hodgson, James W.
- Mar 6 1890 Palmer, Asa
- Feb 26 1890 Palmer, Ellen
- Sep 21 1899 Maldrige, James P.
- Aug 26 1901 Post Office moved to Plateau City

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | EAGALITE / COL.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring | Jun 30 1887 Oct 21 1889 |
| 2 | EGALITE / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Not recorded | May 28 1891 Jun 1 1891 |
| 3 | EAGALITE / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Hstp Target | Feb 2 1893 Nov 5 1897 |



ESCALANTE FORKS

Escalante Forks was an appropriately named rural community at the junction of the North Fork and the South Fork of Escalante Creek. It may be a stretch to call this a community but it does appear that there was more than one ranch in the broader part of the Escalante Valley where the two streams join.

The name of course, is geographically descriptive, but originates from the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776 that passed through this portion of Colorado to be.

To make the trip to Escalante Forks, begin on US Highway 50 in Delta County at the intersection with Road 6.50 to the west. This is the road to Escalante Canyon and there is a small rest stop at the intersection. At two and seven-tenths miles you reach the Gunnison River and the tracks of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The Escalante Post Office was at this location. At twelve miles from US 50 you enter Montrose County and at thirteen and four-tenths miles you enter Mesa County. At fourteen and seven-tenths miles from US 50 you are at Escalante Forks and shortly thereafter the end of the public road.

There are some ranch buildings scattered about the valley, which is rimmed with high sandstone cliffs. In 2003 the Escalante Forks road sign was still in place. From Escalante Forks you must return the way you came, back to US 50.

Latitude = 38:38:02 North Longitude = 108:23:35 West

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 27 1916	---	NE/4 Sec 2 T50N R14W 150 feet north of the North Fork of Escalante Creek	
		Applicant for postmaster - Zora L. Ward	
Oct 16 1916		Established	
Oct 16 1916		Ward, Zora L.	
Jan 7 1921	---	SE/4 NW/4 Sec 2 T50N R14W A move 1/2 mile southwest	
		12 miles west of the Gunnison 1/4 mile south of Escalante Creek	
Jan 21 1921		Musser, Shaw K.	
Mar 2 1931		Hendrickson, Lute H.	Acting
Mar 12 1931		Hendrickson, Lute H.	Appointed
Apr 9 1931		Hendrickson, Lute H.	Confirmed
Apr 30 1931		Hendrickson, Lute H.	Commissioned
May 14 1931		Hendrickson, Lute H.	Assumed charge
Oct 26 1941	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T50N R14W Escalante Creek north 1/2 mile	
		Delta northeast 29-1/2 miles "only one way out"	
Jan 18 1946		Hendrickson, Morgan B.	Confirmed
Feb 20 1946		Hendrickson, Morgan B.	Commissioned
Mar 31 1946		Hendrickson, Morgan B.	Assumed charge
Sep 6 1957		Discontinued	

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	ESCALANTE FORKS, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Feb 19 1917
2	ESCALANTE FORKS / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Aug 9 1941 Apr 1 1955



EXCELSIOR

Excelsior was a small station on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. It is shown on 1885 and 1887 maps.

The settlement at Excelsior was short-lived and may not have been much more than the depot and a section house. The location is two miles east of the Colorado-Utah border.

From Mack, drive west on what was US Highway 6, now Mesa county Road M 80. Nine and one half miles from Mack you will be on the crest of a low ridge. There is a large tree next to the road (1997) and some slight depressions that may once have been locations for buildings. No structures remain and that is all there is to Excelsior.

Chronology of the Post Office

No document found in the Mesa County Geographic Site Location Reports

Feb 18 1889	Established
Feb 18 1889	Moore, John
Oct 16 1890	Discontinued No papers

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM EXCELSIOR

FRUITA

In 1883 William E. Pabor established a community that took the name "Mesa" (I). He began promoting the region as a prime area for raising fruit, the climate being favorable, and the Grand (Colorado) River providing water for irrigation.

Originally the townsite was part of a ranch claim preempted by the Messers Steele, Ross, Sutton and Downer. Pabor and his associates purchased the claim and on July 23, 1884, as the Fruita Town and Land Co., filed a town plat for Fruita. In April 1894 Fruita was incorporated.

Two other names are associated with this location: Fairview and Fruitdale. These names may have been connected to the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad station at the location. It is my opinion that briefly the name Fruitdale was in use. However, I doubt that the place was ever called Fairview.

A mixture of apple, peach, plum, cherry, pears and quince trees were planted and the area soon developed into a significant producer of fruit. To a lesser extent grape vines and nut trees were planted and also contribute to the agricultural economy.

Fruita has continued to grow as an agricultural settlement producing a variety of fruit that is highly prized for its constancy and taste.

During the twentieth century Fruita became the western gateway to the Colorado National Monument, south of the Colorado River. Fruita has capitalized on the presence of dinosaur fossils and tracks in the sedimentary rocks of the region. In the town square there is a sculpture of a large, green dinosaur. The town has also experienced growth as a suburb of nearby Grand Junction and as a residential community for the Gary-Western gilsonite refinery three miles to the west. Fruita is a thriving, modern community. Fruita is northwest of Grand Junction on US Highway 6 with access from Interstate 70 at Exit 19.

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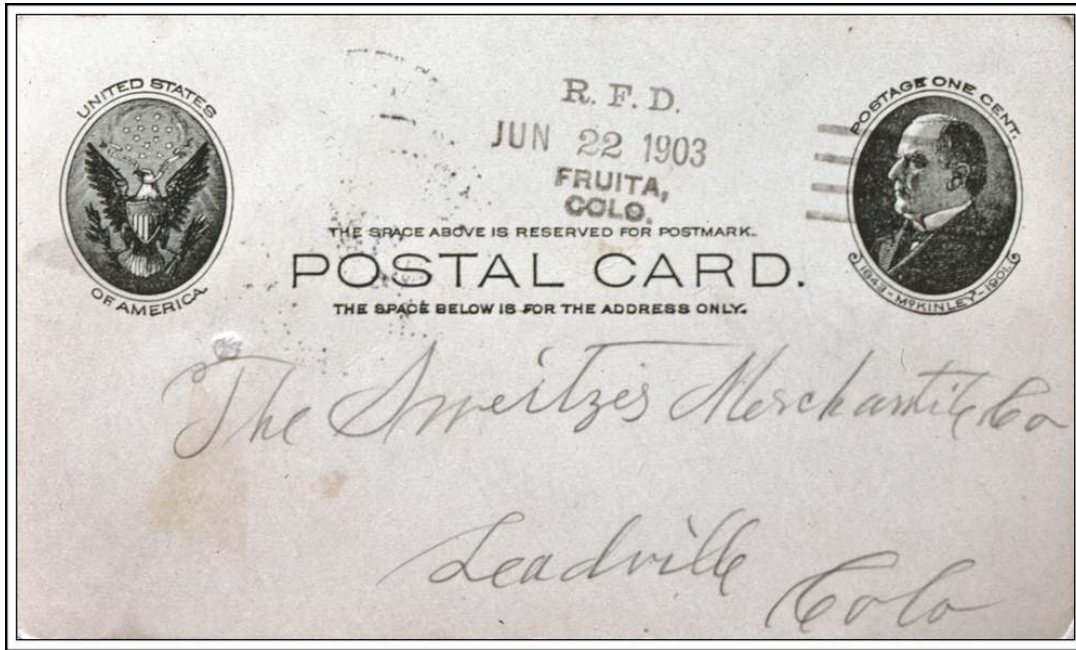
Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 4 1884	Formerly named Mesa
Apr 4 1884	Lane, Squire G.

FRUITA – Continued

Mar 28 1888 ---	S/2 NE/4 Sec 17 T2N R2W This office is at a distance 110 Rods from the Fruitvale Station of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, on the north side of the railroad	
Sep 22 1892	Sibley, Frank C.	
Dec 6 1893	Kiefer, Benjamin F.	
Jan 5 1895	Masser, Charles B.	
Jul 16 1898	Bruner, Mrs. Myra	
Apr 21 1900	Carpenter, G. J.	
May 12 1900	Bruner, Frederick S.	
Jan 15 1906	Bruner, Frederick S.	P&S
Jan 28 1910	Brumbaugh, William T.	P&S
Apr 25 1914 ---	NW/4 Sec 17 T1N R2W About 77 rods north of D&RG tracks	
May 29 1914	Sharpe, Andrew W.	P&S
Dec 29 1914	Sharpe, Andrew W.	P&S
Aug 5 1919	Sharpe, Andrew W.	P&S
Aug 5 1923	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Acting
Dec 18 1923	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Appointed
Dec 17 1927	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Appointed
Jan 4 1932	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Nominated
Jan 22 1932	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Confirmed
Feb 11 1932	Dewey, Lawrence H.	Commissioned
Apr 13 1936	Perkins, Joseph B.	Nominated
Apr 21 1936	Perkins, Joseph B.	Confirmed
Apr 24 1936	Perkins, Joseph B.	Appointed Presidential
May 24 1936	Perkins, Joseph B.	Commissioned
Sep 15 1938	Gore, Wade E.	Acting
Sep 16 1938	Gore, Wade E.	Assumed charge
Feb 4 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie E.	Acting
Feb 11 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie E.	Assumed charge
Jun 12 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie E.	Nominated
Jun 19 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie E.	Confirmed
Jun 22 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie	Appointed Presidential
Jul 15 1939	Arbuckle, Mrs. Mollie E.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 17 T1N R2W North side, adjacent to US-50	
Sep 30 1947	Kemper, Mrs. Blanche M.	Acting
Oct 1 1947	Kemper, Mrs. Blanche M.	Assumed charge
Apr 28 1949	Gore, Wade Ernest	Nominated
Jun 1 1949	Gore, Wade Ernest	Confirmed
Jun 2 1949	Gore, Wade Ernest	Appointed Presidential
Jun 2 1949	Gore, Wade Ernest	Commissioned. Deceased before taking charge
May 8 1949	Weaver, John T.	Nominated
Oct 31 1949	Weaver, John T.	Assumed charge
Jun 14 1950	Weaver, John T.	Confirmed
Jun 22 1950	Weaver, John T.	Appt'd Presid. & Commissioned
Sep 30 1950	Weaver, John T.	Assumed charge
Oct 18 1957	Warren, John C.	Assumed charge
Nov 12 1957	Warren, John C.	Acting
Feb 16 1959	Warren, John C.	Nominated
Jun 4 1959	Warren, John C.	Confirmed
Jun 5 1959	Warren, John C.	Appointed Presidential
Jun 22 1959	Warren, John C.	Commissioned
Jul 31 1970	Tuflly, Ivol M.	Officer in charge
Jun 26 1971	Tuflly, Ivol M.	Appointed
Jan 26 1979	Lynch, E. Kay	Officer in charge
Sep 22 1979	Pond, Ronald K.	Appointed

FRUITA – Continued



R. F. D. / FRUITA, / COLO.

June 22, 1903

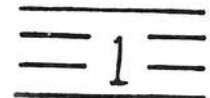
Confirmed types of postal markings

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| | Mscp | Pen cancel |
| 1 | FRUITA / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Apr 16 188- Jul 3 1898 |
| 2 | FRUITA, / COLO. // R.F.D.
SL 00R 28.0x17.0 | Hstp Target, 4-ring 16mm
Jun 22 1903 May 25 1904 |
| 3 | FRUITA / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | RFD 4 bars with 1
Mar 22 1907 Oct 31 1935 |
| 4 | FRUITA, / COLO.
CI 10P 29.5 | Grid, 9-bar oval
Dec 1 1937 Jul 7 1954 |
| 5 | FRUITA / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Dplx Grid, oval with 1
Jul 11 1956 Jun 6 1961 |
| 6 | FRUITA, CO / 81521
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
Jun 12 1968 Sep 11 1973 |
| 7 | FRUITA, CO / 81521
CI 10P 33.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
Jul 26 1969 Jul 20 1977 |
| 8 | FRUITA, CO / 81521
CI 10P 21.0 | 4bars S-24x19mm
Jun 1 1984 |
| 9 | FRUITA, CO 81521-9998 / U.S.P.S
CI 11P 28.0/19.0 | Mach Slogan in box with bars; FRUITA, COLORADO /
JULY 23 CENTENNIAL / 1884 - 1984
Nov 14 1985 May 29 1993 |
| 10 | FRUITA CO 81521 / USPS
CI 11P 29.0/18.0 | Hstp No killer
Feb 21 1995 Feb 8 2002 |
| | | Hstp No killer |

Fruita CO 81521, 12



R. F. D.
JUN 22 1903
FRUITA,
COLO.

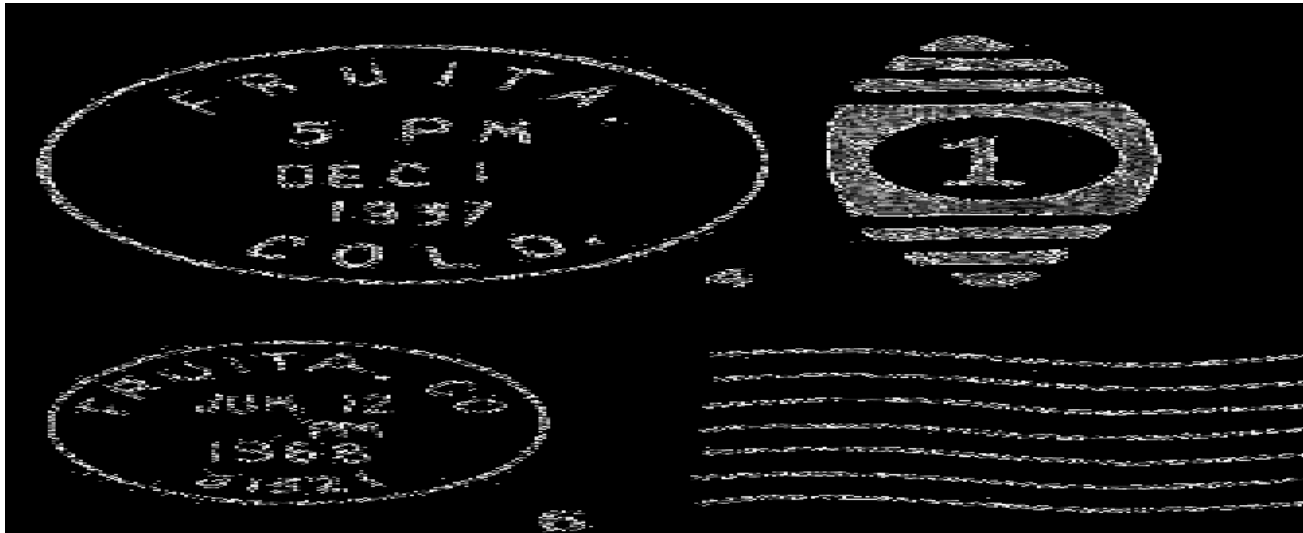


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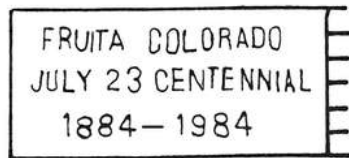
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FRUITA – Continued



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FRUITA STATIONS

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 25 1991 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Fruita, Colorado 81521 :: Diamond Anniversary Station
IR 00R 48.0x38.0 | Aug 25 1991
Pict Scene - Monument Rock, text frames pictorial;
Colorado National Monument |
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FRUITA STATIONS – Continued

85TH ANNIVERSARY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 24 1996 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Fruita, Colorado 81521 // 85th Anniversary Station May 24 1996
IR 00R 81.0x33.0 Pict Scene - Lizard; Text - Colorado
National Monument



GARY RURAL BRANCH/GARY COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

When the Gary-Western Company assumed operation of the American Gilsonite Company refinery the name of the Gilsonite Rural Branch Post Office was changed to the Gary Community Post Office. The name change was indicative that the post office served surrounding residents as well as the refinery.

In 1997, twelve years after the Gary Community Post Office closed, I stopped at the refinery on the west side of US Highway 6. At the refinery office I was told that the post office had been located within the office. Although not stated, I suspect that the refinery management decided that operating a post office was a nuisance and not worth the expense.

I am not certain of the current status of the refinery. I believe it has been closed.

Please refer to the discussion of the Gilsonite Rural Branch for more information.

Chronology of the Post Office

--- -- 1974 Formerly named Gilsonite, Rural Branch
Aug 30 1985 Discontinued Formerly named Gilsonite, Rural Branch of Fruita
Located at the Gary-Western Refinery

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 FRUITA, CO 81521 / GARY COMMUNITY RUR. STA. Dec 4 1975 Jun 18 1980
CI 10P 31.0 4bars S-24x18mm



FRUITA STATIONS – Continued

GILSONITE RURAL BRANCH

This post office was established as a Rural Branch of the Fruita Post Office. It was never an independent operation.

Gilsonite is the common name for the mineral uintaite, a type of natural asphalt. The mineral was named for the Uintah Mountains where it was found. Gilsonite takes its name from Samuel Gilson of Salt Lake City, who discovered the deposits in the late 1870's.

From 1905 to 1939 the Uintah Railway Company operated from Mack, on the Denver and Rio Grande, to the gilsonite mines at Watson in Utah. The transport of gilsonite was almost the only reason for the construction of this railway.

A refinery developed a short distance west of Fruita and in 1957, a Rural Branch Post Office was opened to serve the operations of the American Gilsonite Company.

In 1974 the post office name was changed to Gary Community Rural Branch to reflect the then current ownership of the refinery by the Gary-Western Company.

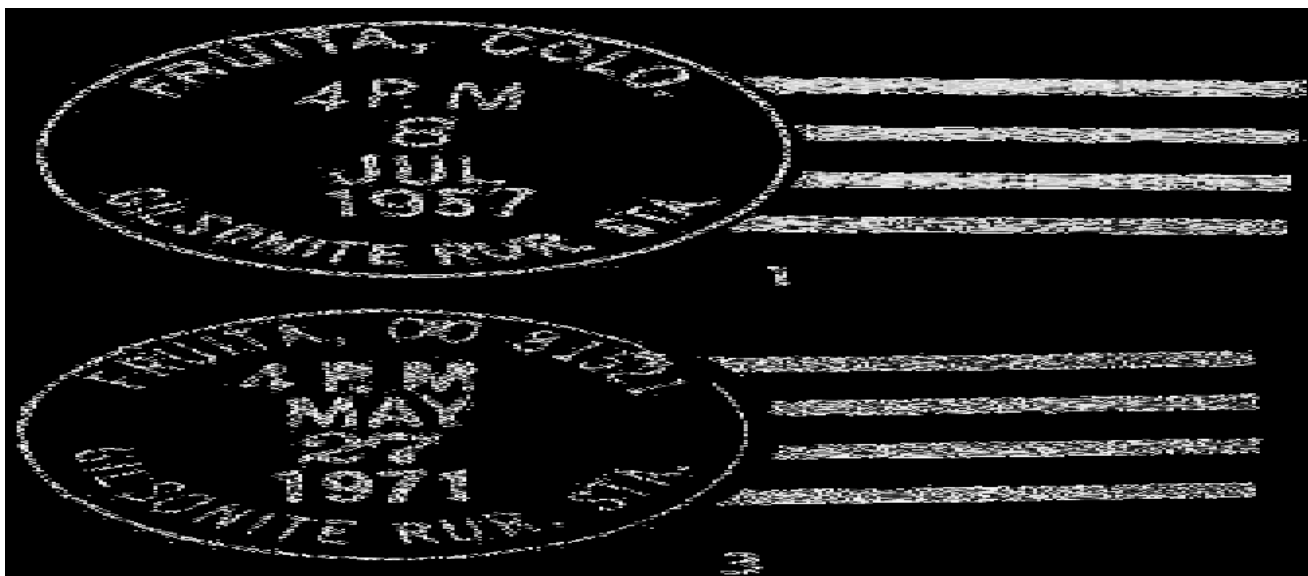
There was a small residential community around the refinery, which is on US Highway 6, west of Fruita.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 18 1957	Established as a Rural Branch of Fruita
--- -- 1974	Name change to Gary Community Rural Branch

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	FRUITA, COLO. / GILSONITE RUR. STA. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	May 18 1957 Jul 28 1959
1.1	FRUITA, COLO. / GILSONITE RUR. STA. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 23 1957
2	FRUITA, COLO. / GILSONITE RUR. STA. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 29 1961
3	FRUITA, CO 81521 / GILSONITE RUR. STA. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x20mm	Aug 5 1969 May 27 1975



GATEWAY

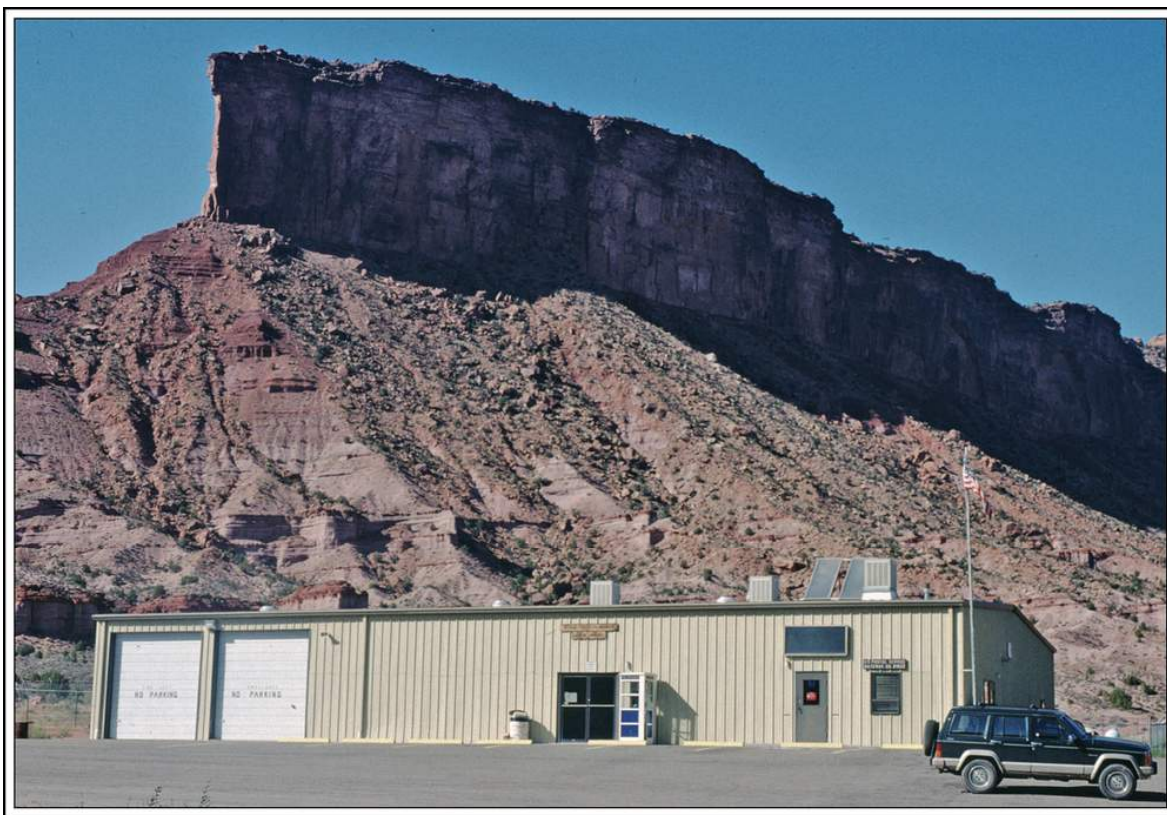
Gateway was established about 1890. It is situated at a point where West Creek joins the Dolores River and where the canyon of the Dolores widens somewhat so that ranching is possible for a distance downstream.

The source of the name is controversial. Most frequently it is attributed to being a “gateway” junction of Ute Indian trails that went northeastward or southward to the San Juan Mountains. Another thought is that the large, sandstone butte, “The Palisade,” that dominates the skyline immediately north of the settlement was the inspiration for the name.

Initially Gateway served the scattered ranchers in this area along the Dolores River. To a small extent that is still true but more recently Gateway has become a small resort community catering to fishermen and other outdoor activities.

To visit Gateway take Colorado Highway 141 from Whitewater or the same highway from Nucla-Naturita. Please refer to the discussion of Unawep for my personal comments on this trip.

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The Gateway, Colorado Post Office is located in the right end of this building.

Photograph by William H. Bauer

September 27, 1994

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 25 1903	Established	
Apr 25 1903	Shaff, Anthony O.	Order rescinded Jul 29 1903
Jul 29 1903	Discontinued	
Apr 9 1904	---	SE/4 Sec 17 T51N R19W 1 mile north of Dolores River 1/4 mile north of West Creek
		Proposed postmaster - Mrs. Minnie Hall

GATEWAY – Continued

Jul 16,1904	Re-established	
Jul 16 1904	Hall, Minnie	
Nov 6 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 15 T51N R19W 1 mile north of Dolores River 660 feet north of West Creek
Nov 6 1914	Mullineaux, Zetta	
Aug 5 1919	Parker, Georgia E.	
Feb 17 1920	---	SE/4 Sec 15 T51N R19W A move 160 rods south west of previous location 4 rods north of West Creek
Apr 18 1921	Buchanan, William R.	Confirmed
May 31 1921	Buchanan, William R.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1921	Buchanan, William R.	Assumed charge
Apr 1 1936	Bond, Mrs. Katie W.	Assumed charge
Apr 10 1936	Bond, Mrs. Katie W.	Acting
Apr 29 1936	Bond, Mrs. Katie W.	Confirmed
May 15 1936	Bond, Mrs. Katie W.	Commissioned
Oct 23 1941	---	SW/4 Sec 15 T51N R19W Dolores River 1/4 mile southwest West Creek southeast 300 feet
Jul 25 1942	Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie C.	Possession, Acting
Jul 26 1942	Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie C.	Assumed charge
Aug 10 1942	Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie C.	Acting
Nov 14 1942	Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie C.	Confirmed
Dec 8 1942	Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie C.	Commissioned
Jul 31 1957	Larsen, Clara T.	Assumed charge
Aug 31 1957	Larsen, Clara T.	Acting
Sep 5 1958	Larsen, Clara T.	Appointed
Jun 26 1972	Graham, Elda M.	Officer in charge
Sep 2 1972	Colcord, Elbert L.	Appointed
Nov 9 1973	Youngblood, Barbara A.	Officer in charge
Aug 3 1974	Muender, Mrs. Katherine	Appointed

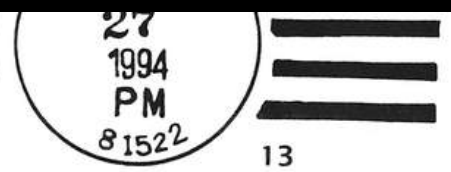
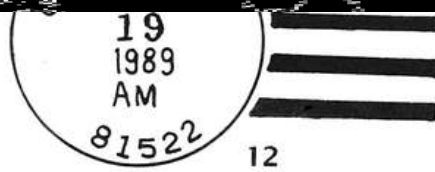
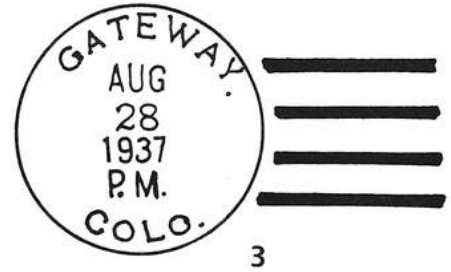
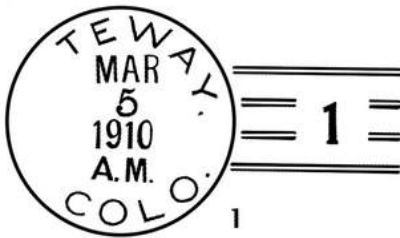
Confirmed types of postal markings

[SRM: Cancels B10-12 are very similar in size and letter spacing. Several of the cancels in the reference collection are badly distorted into ovals. Better examples and further study would be useful.]

1	GATEWAY, / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Doane Type 2 with 1	Mar 5 1910
2	GATEWAY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 9 1914
3	GATEWAY, / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-24x19mm	Dec 19 1913 Aug 28 1937
4	GATEWAY, COLO. CI 10P 30.0	4bars P-25x19mm	Jan 17 1931
5	GATEWAY / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Dec 16 1939 Mar 2 1953
6	GATEWAY, COLO. / M.O.B. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Nov 14 1952
7	GATEWAY / COLO. CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 25 1956 Dec 28 1956
8	GATEWAY / COLO. CI 10P 32.5	4bars S-23x20mm	Jul 6 1957 Mar 17 1959
9	GATEWAY / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-23x20mm	Feb 14 1962 Jul 9 1962
10	GATEWAY, CO / 81522 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Jul 30 1969 Nov 10 1975
11	GATEWAY, CO / 81522 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x19mm	Oct 10 1972 May 30 1991

GATEWAY - Continued

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| 12 | GATEWAY, CO / 81522
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-25x19mm | Dec 19 1989 Dec 4 1991 |
| 13 | GATEWAY, CO / 81522
CI 10P 32.0 | 4bars S-24x19mm | Sep 27 1994 |
| 14 | GATEWAY CO / 81522
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-20x15mm | May 22 2003 |



GAVIN

Gavin was a rural post office about twelve miles north of Fruita, near the foot of the Book Cliffs. Almost nothing has been written about this place. Leanne C. Boyd and H. Glenn Carson in *Colorado Ghost Towns, Volume II* refer to Gavin being near Garmesa. Garmesa is identified as a ranching project of the Quaker Oats Co.

If that is true, the operation was apparently soon abandoned and the post office closed.

From Fruita drive west on US Highway 6 to Mesa County Road 16.00 and turn north on Road 16. The road runs due north for about six miles. For the next six miles Road 16 follows an irregular course northward. At that distance, to the left, there is evidence for an old road going due north. The road is faintly visible, has been smoothed out, and is largely overgrown. If the Post Office Department Geographic Site Location Report is correct, Gavin was about a half mile north of Road 16. The ground is level and nothing but sagebrush is visible in the distance.

Chronology of the Post Office

May 8 1916	---	SE/4 Sec 22 T8S R102W 14 miles north of the Grand River 3/4 mile west of Salt Wash
		Applicant for postmaster - Mary M. Perry
Sep 26 1916		Established
Sep 26 1916		Perry, Mary M.
Jul 31 1917		Discontinued Mail to Fruita

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM GAVIN

GLADE PARK

In 1910 Mrs. Jennie France settled on Pinon Mesa west of Grand Junction and the Colorado River. The surrounding area is reasonably level and partially wooded. It was the setting that gave rise to the name Glade Park.

Initially this was a ranch post office. Gradually a community of scattered homes developed and a store was opened. In recent years the area is becoming popular for small summer homes.

In 1986 the Glade Park Post Office was converted to a Community Post Office of Grand Junction. It still operates from within the Glade Park Store.

From Grand Junction, go west on Colorado Highway 340 towards the Colorado National Monument. After crossing the Colorado River, turn onto the road to the south entrance to the monument. Of course there is an entrance fee but if you tell the attendant that you are going to Glade Park you should not have to pay the fee. I believe this is Mesa County Road DS.00. At the top of the mesa stay to the left on Road DS.00. It is sixteen miles to the Glade Park Store at the intersection with Road 16.50.

The building across the street from the store is interesting. Reportedly it was the original homestead but appears to have had added to it a structure that resembles an astronomical observatory. The post office is a neat, rustic style facility within the well kept and attractive store building.

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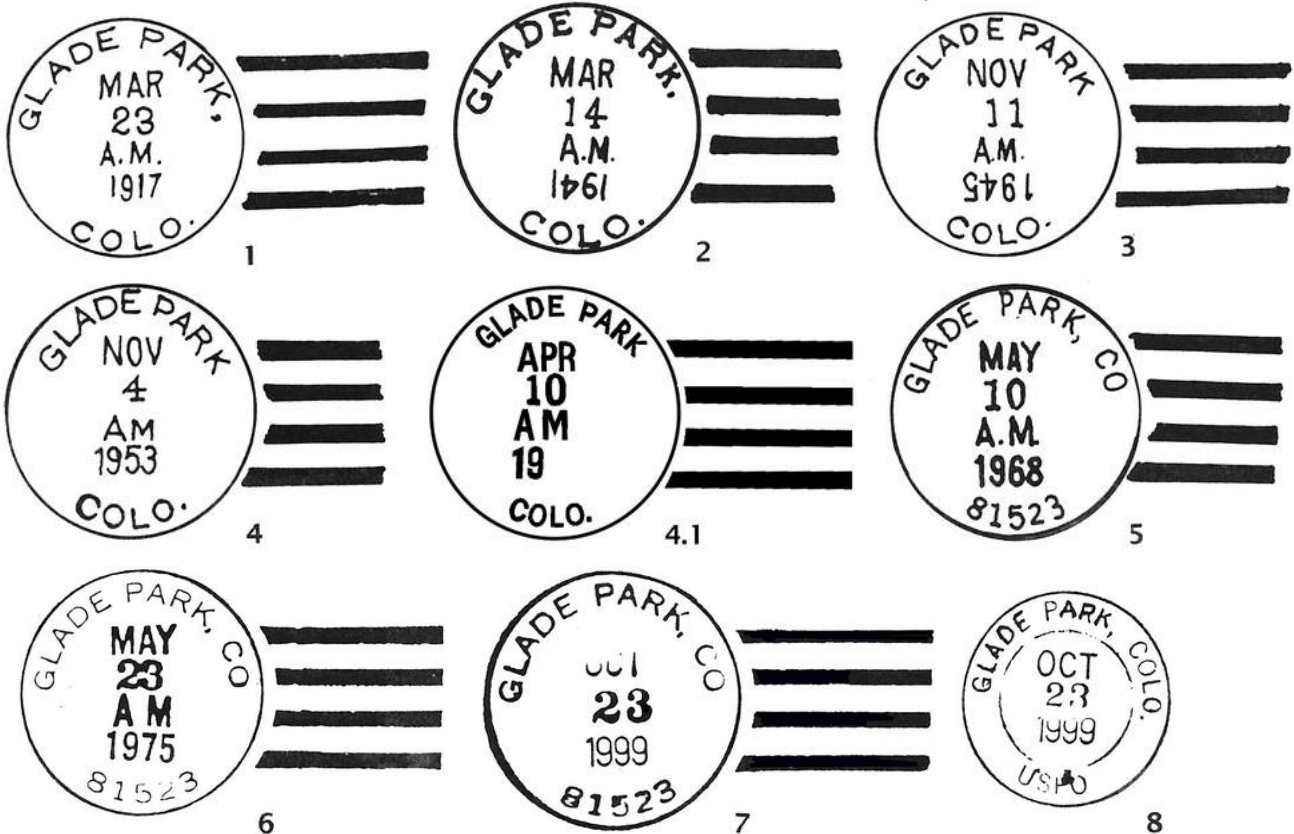
Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 4 1910	---	NE/4 Sec 23 & NW/4 Sec 24 T12S R102W	
Nov 11 1910		Established	
Nov 11 1910		France, Jennie M.	
May 12 1914	---	NE/4 SW/4 Sec 24 T12S R102W	
Jan 31 1919		Charles, Ema P.	
Aug 24 1921		Lightner, John D. W. T.	Acting
Apr 14 1923		Lightner, John D. W. T.	Appointed

GLADE PARK – Continued

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| 4.1 | GLADE PARK / COLO.
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-25x20mm | Apr 10 1960? |
| 5 | GLADE PARK, CO / 81523
CI 10P 33.0 | 4bars S-??x19mm | May 10 1968 |
| 6 | GLADE PARK, CO / 81523
CI 10P 31.0 | 4bars S-24x18mm | Aug 11 1969 Nov 1 1985 |

SEE GLADE PARK RURAL BRANCH OF GRAND JUNCTION FOR SUBSEQUENT
POSTAL MARKINGS LISTINGS, TRACINGS ARE ILLUSTRATED HERE

**GRAND JUNCTION**

On September 4, 1880 the area around the junction of the Gunnison and the Grand Rivers was opened to white settlement. On September 22, George Crawford, a former Governor of Kansas, with a party that included R. D. Mobley, M. R. Warner, Colonel Morris and S. A. Harper crossed the Grand River. On September 26 they formally located section 14 as a townsite and began constructing cabins. Section 14 is now the central portion of the city of Grand Junction. The Grand Junction Town Company was incorporated on October 10, 1881. On November 5, 1881 Grand Junction was accepted as the formal name of the new settlement.

On February 3, 1882 a post office was opened but with the name of Ute. In view of the name of the town company, the fact that Ute postmaster Richard D. Mobley was a member of the town company, and the acceptance of Grand Junction as the community name, it is strange that the post office would carry a different name. Apparently that name did not set favorably with the community and the post office name was soon changed to Grand Junction to agree with that of the developing community. It has been mentioned that the name West Denver was also suggested.

GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

Grand Junction grew rapidly and was incorporated on July 22, 1882; however a patent validating land titles was not received until February 1890.

A major event for the future of Grand Junction was the arrival on November 22, 1882 of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. A few months later, February 14, 1883, the Colorado Legislature authorized the creation of Mesa County with Grand Junction as the county seat.

Grand Junction became an important railroad center for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, serving the lines from Salida via Gunnison and what is still the main line from Denver, down the Colorado River and on to Utah.

For many years Grand Junction’s development depended on agriculture. The surrounding countryside was prime grazing for livestock, the river bottoms could be irrigated for farming and the climate was suitable for fruit orchards.

There was no mining in the immediate vicinity of Grand Junction but there were early smelters to treat ore from mines in the northern San Juan Mountains.

During the Cold War in the second half of the twentieth century, Grand Junction was the center for the uranium mining and refining industry in western Colorado. That episode has passed, unfortunately leaving a mess to be cleaned up.

Today Grand Junction is the largest metropolitan area in Western Colorado. It still serves agriculture and the railroad. But it now has a growing focus on high tech industries. It is attractive to retirees familiar with the climate and the available recreational activities.

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Chronology of the Post Office

--- -- 1882 ---	Center Sec 14 T1S R1W of Ute Meridian	
May 26 1882	Formerly named Ute	
May 26 1882	Mobley, Richard D.	
Jul 20 1882	Russell, Owen D.	
Nov 3 1882 ---	SW/4 Sec 14 T1S R1W	
May 16 1884	Price, Edwin	P&S
Jul 24 1885	Crawford, Thomas B.	P
Jan 12 1886	Crawford, Thomas B.	P&S
Oct 29 1889	Bridges, John W.	P
Dec 19 1889	Bridges, John W.	P&S
Dec 11 1890 ---	Sec 14 T1S R1W	
Sep 25 1891	Connely, William G.	P
Dec 16 1891	Connely, William G.	P&S
Jun 12 1893	Shores, Marcus M.	P
Sep 25 1893	Shores, Marcus M.	P&S
Oct 1 1897	Price, Edwin	P
Jan 10 1898	Price, Edwin	P&S
Jan 28 1902	Price, Edwin	P&S
Jan 31 1906	Price, Edwin	P&S
Jan 19 1910	Price, Edwin	P&S
Jan 27 1914	Price, Edwin	P&S
Apr 24 1914 ---	SW/4 Sec 14 T1S R1W	
Sep 5 1918	Price, Edwin	P&S
Dec 23 1922	Measure, Joseph A.	P&S
Dec 21 1926	Measure, Joseph A.	P&S
Apr 1 1932	Pond, Orissa B.	Nominated
Apr 27 1932	Pond, Orissa B.	Confirmed
May 28 1932	Pond, Orissa B.	Commissioned

GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

Apr 13 1936	Moslander, Clyde D.	Nominated
Apr 21 1936	Moslander, Clyde D.	Confirmed
Apr 27 1936	Moslander, Clyde D.	Appointed Presidential
May 13 1936	Moslander, Clyde D.	Commissioned
May 16 1936	Moslander, Clyde D.	Assumed charge
Apr 15 1940	Moslander, Clyde D.	Nominated
Apr 24 1940	Moslander, Clyde D.	Confirmed
May 16 1940	Moslander, Clyde D.	Commissioned
Oct 22 1941 ---	SW/4 Sec 14 T1S R1W 402 Rood Avenue	
Nov 15 1946	Ellington, Rollin L.	Acting
Nov 16 1946	Ellington, Rollin L.	Assumed charge
Feb 17 1949	Ellington, Rollin L.	Nominated
Mar 16 1949	Ellington, Rollin L.	Confirmed
Mar 17 1949	Ellington, Rollin L.	Appt'd Presid. & Commissioned
Aug 31 1958	Cross, Howard W.	Assumed charge
Sep 2 1958	Cross, Howard W.	Acting
Jan 11 1960	Cross, Howard W.	Nominated
Aug 31 1960	Cross, Howard W.	Confirmed
Sep 2 1960	Cross, Howard W.	Appt'd Presid. & Commissioned
Jul 16 1965	Guadnola, James A.	Assumed charge
Jul 19 1965	Guadnola, James A.	Acting
Oct 22 1965	Guadnola, James A.	Nominated & Confirmed
Oct 23 1965	Guadnola, James A.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 1 1965	Guadnola, James A.	Commissioned
Feb 28 1973	Wooters, Nolan D.	Officer in charge
May 12 1973	Wooters, Nolan D.	Appointed
May 1 1980	Bowman, Donald R.	Assumed charge as postmaster



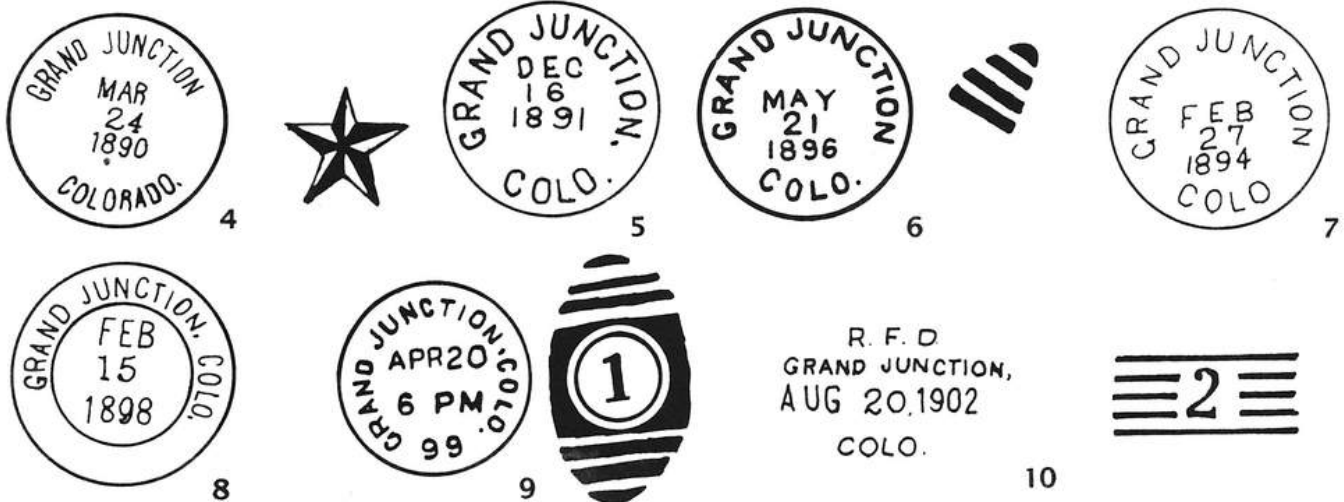
GRAND JUNCTION, / COLORADO. January 3, 1883

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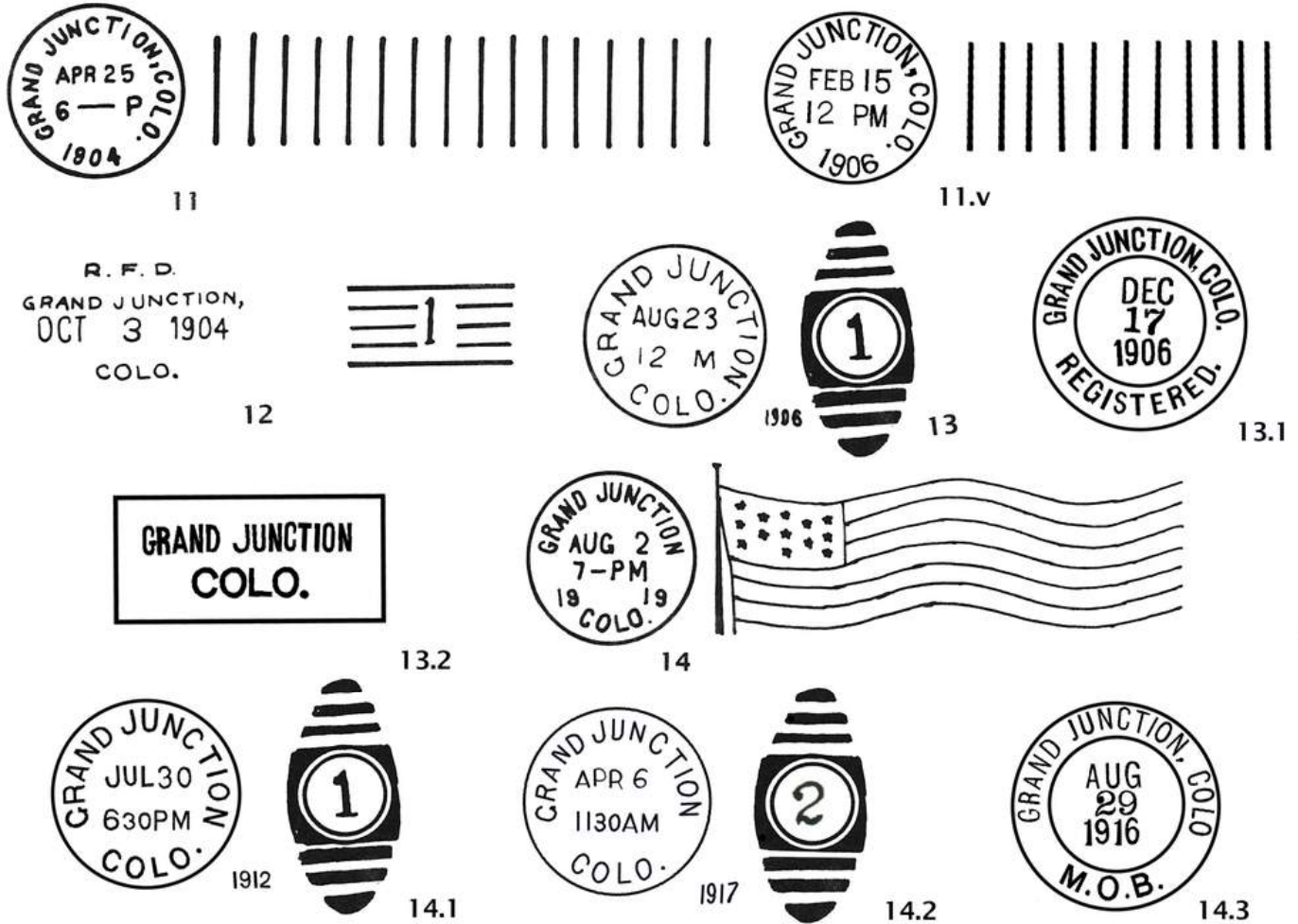
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CI 20P 28.0/25.5 | Jan 3 1883 Sep 25 1883
Hstp Cork, 5-bar circular grid |
| 2 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Oct 28 1883 Dec 10 1884
Hstp Target, 3-ring 17mm, quartered |

GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

3	GRAND JUNCTION / COL. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Cork, 8 piece pie, Smudge	Nov 20 1885 Aug 6 1889
4	GRAND JUNCTION / COLORADO CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Fancy, Shaded star	Mar 24 1890 Jun 24 1891
5	GRAND JUNCTION, / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not present	Dec 16 1891 Feb 7 1894
6	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads, Smudge	Dec 11 1890 May 21 1896
7	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO CI 10P 29.0	Hstp Cork, Smudge	Feb 14 1893 Mar 15 1895
8	GRAND JUNCTION. / COLO. CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 15 1898
9	GRAND JUNCTION, / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Apr 10 1898 Oct 5 1901
10	GRAND JUNCTION, / COLO. // R.F.D. CI 00R 30.0x17.0	RFD 5 bars with 2	Aug 20 1902 Sep 17 1902
11	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. CI 10P 24.0	Mach 16 vertical bars	Nov 24 1903 Jan -- 1908
11.v	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. CI 10P 24.0	Mach 16 vertical bars Larger letters	Feb 15 1906
12	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO. // R.F.D. SL 00R 26.0x18.0	RFD 5 bars with 1	Oct 3 1904 May 23 1904
13	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle	Dec 18 1905 Nov 30 1912
13.1	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / REGISTERED. CI 11P 29.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Dec 17 1906
13.2	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO. RC 10P 38.0 x 19.0	Hstp Parcel Post Box style	Mar 6 1910
14	GRAND JUNCTION / COLO. CI 10P 22.5	Flag 13 star waving flag, split year date	Apr 6 1908 Aug 2 1919



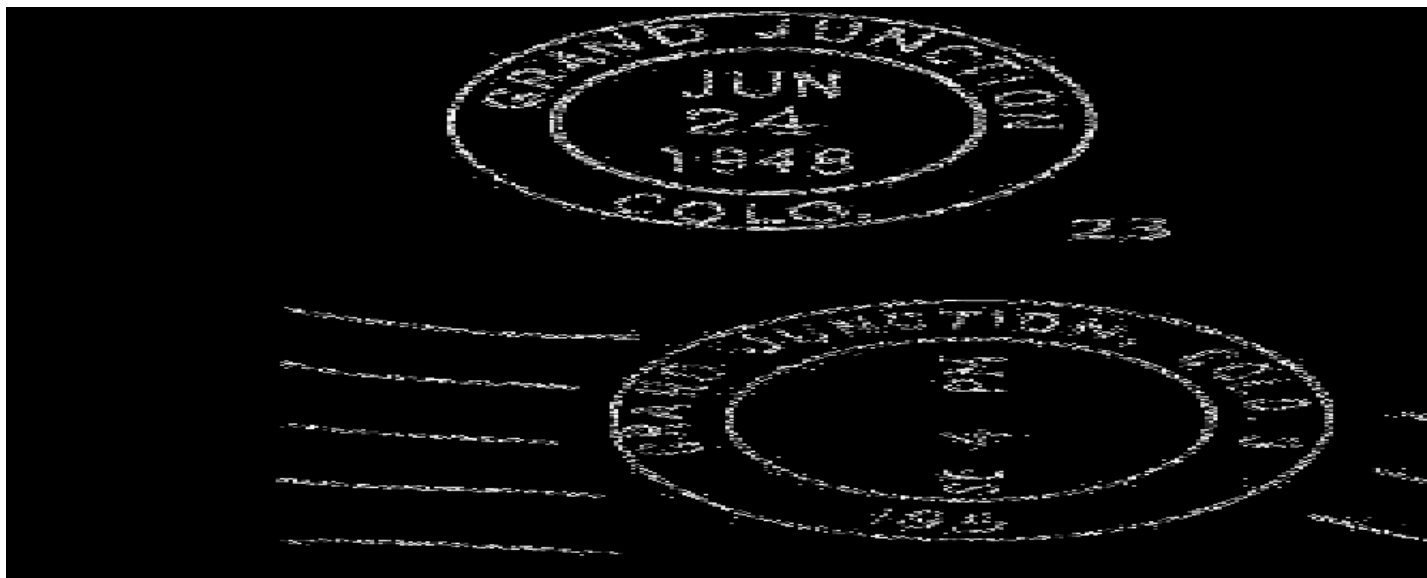
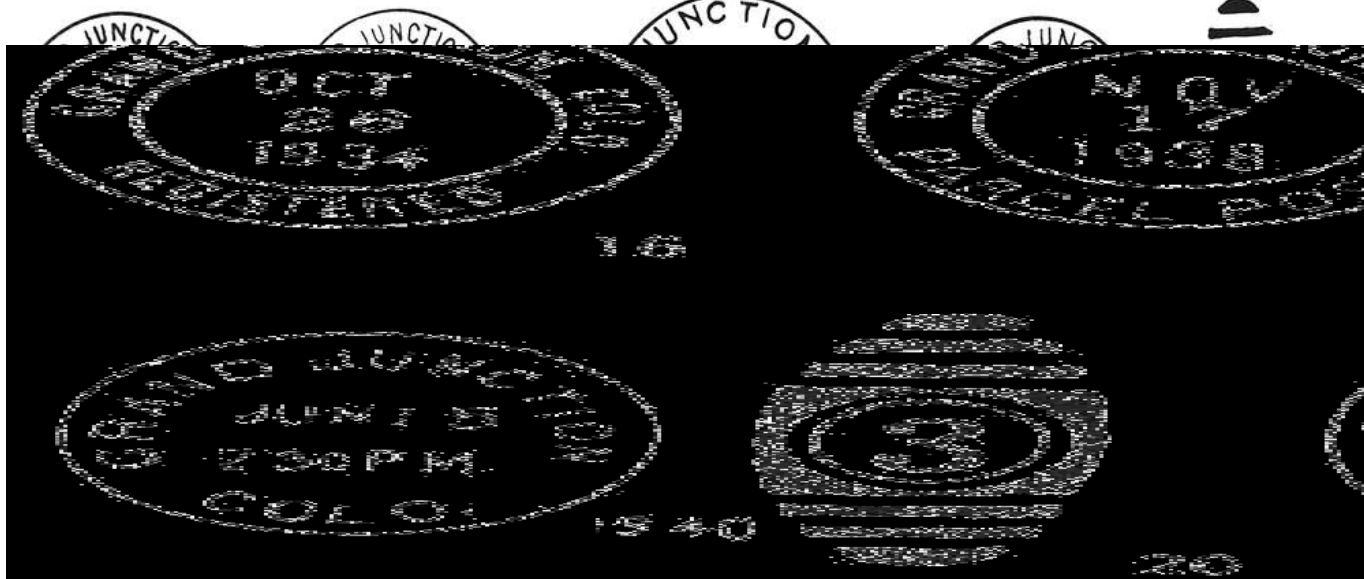
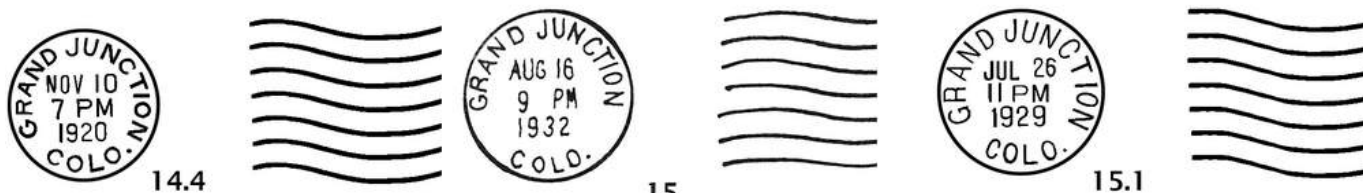
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| 14.1 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Jul 30 1912 Jul 20 1915
Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle Town & State further
apart than B13 |
| 14.2 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Apr 6 1917
Dplx Grid, oval with 2 and circle |
| 14.3 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / M.O.B.
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Aug 29 1916
Hstp No killer |
| 14.4 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Oct 14 1920 Nov 10 1920
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 15 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 22.5 | May 24 1930 Nov 11 1952
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 15.1 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Jul 26 1929
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 16 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / REGISTERED
CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Nov 27 1929 Mar 10 1941
Hstp No killer |
| 17 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / PARCEL POST
CI 11P 28.5/19.0 | Nov 17 1938
Hstp No killer |
| 18 | GRAND JUNCTION. COLO. / GEN. DEL.
CI 10P 33.0 | Dec 12 1938 Oct 12 1940
Hstp No killer |

GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

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| 19 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 25.0 | Sep 20 1929 Dec 23 1938 |
| | | Dplx Grid, oval with 1 and circle |
| 20 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 26.0 | Jun 15 1940 Jun 19 1940 |
| | | Dplx Grid, oval with 3 and circle |
| 21 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 30.0 | Dec 4 1941 Dec 13 1941 |
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CI 10P 23.0 | Apr 1 1946 Nov 11 1952 |
| | | Mach 7 wavy lines |

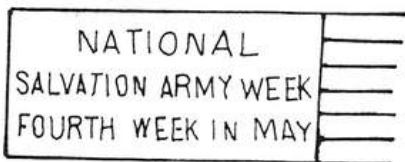


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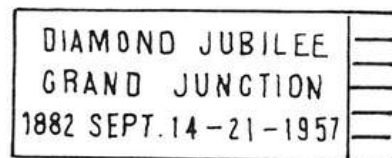
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CI 11P 28.0/18.0 | Jun 24 1948 May 28 1955 |
| 24 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 22.0 | Hstp No killer
Oct 3 1949 Nov 7 1954
Mach Slogan in box with bars; Feather at left:
GIVE-ENOUGH / THROUGH YOUR /
COMMUNITY CHEST |
| 25 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. 3
CI 11P 31.0/23.0 | Sep 4 195- |
| 26 | GRAND JUNCTION. COLO. (4)
SL 00R 54.0x3.0 | Rolr 7 slanted wavy lines
--- -- 195- |
| 27 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 31.0 | Rolr 2 wavy lines above and below
Mar 31 1954 |
| 28 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Dplx Grid, diamond with 3
Feb 21 1955 Mar 29 1965 |
| 29 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 21.0 | Mach 7 wavy lines
May 16 1956
Mach Slogan in box with bars; NATIONAL /
SALVATION ARMY WEEK / FOURTH WEEK IN MAY |



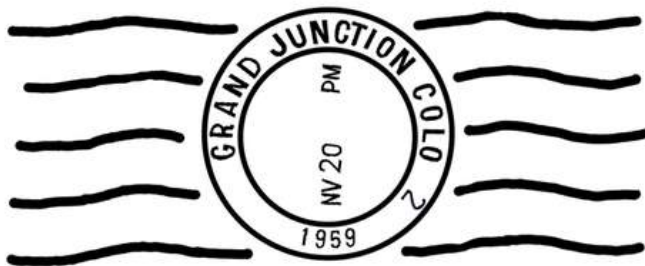
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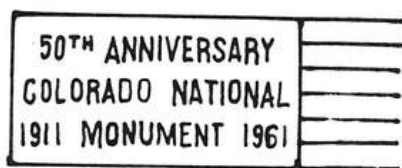
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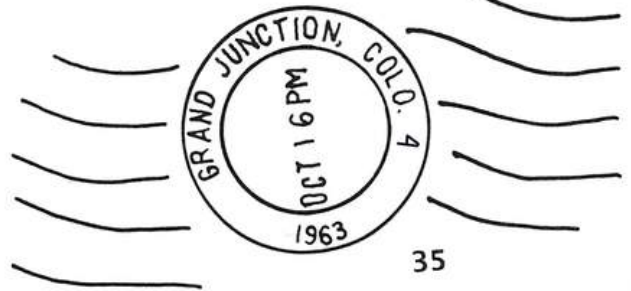
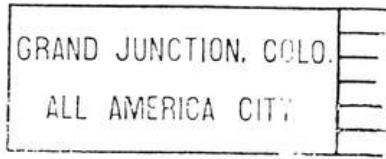
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CI 10P 22.0</p> <p>31.1 GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. 2
CI 11P 32.0/24.0</p> <p>32 GRAND JUNCTION, / COLO.
CI 10P 20.5</p> | <p>Jul 15 1957 Sep 21 1957
Mach Slogan in box with bars; DIAMOND
JUBILEE / GRAND JUNCTION / 1882 SEPT. 14-21 - 1957
May 12 1958 Feb 1 1959
Mach Slogan in box with bars; PRAY / FOR / PEACE
Nov 20 1959
Rolt 5 wavy lines</p> <p>May 12 1961 Sep 25 1961
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COLORADO NATIONAL / 1911 MONUMENT 1961</p> |
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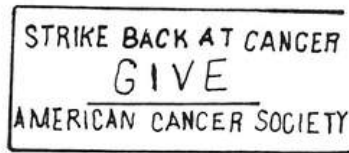
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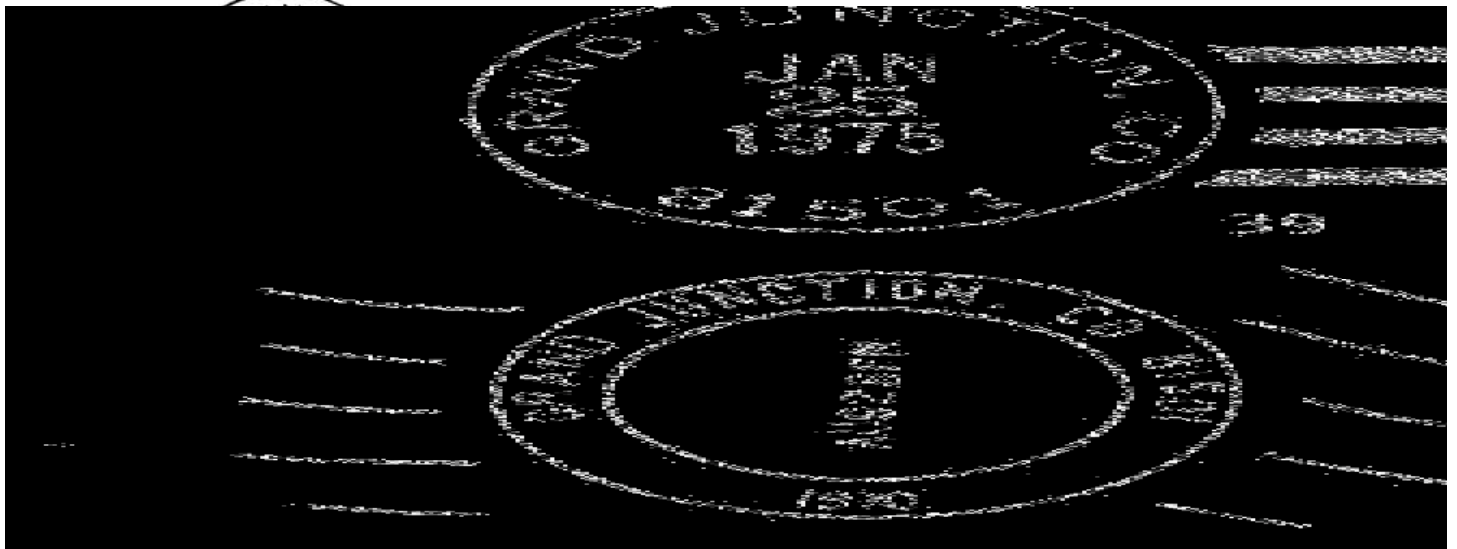
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CI 11P 36.0/27. | May 17 1962
Hstp No killer |
| 34 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | May 17 1963 Dec 20 1963
Mach Slogan in box with bars; GRAND
JUNCTION. COLO. / ALL AMERICA CITY |
| 35 | GRAND JUNCTION. COLO. 4
CI 11P 31.5/23.0 | Oct 1 1963
Rolr Slanted wavy lines |
| 36 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Apr 8 1965
Mach Slogan in box with bars; STRIKE BACK
AT CANCER / <u>GIVE</u> / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY |
| 36.1 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / USPO
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Jul 1 1965
Hstp No killer |
| 37 | GRAND JUNCTION / COLO.
CI 10P 20.0 | Jul 14 1965
Mach Slogan with Smokey Bear; Remember /
Only you can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES |
| 38 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 20.5 | Jun 10 1968 Dec 23 1972
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 39 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 32.0 | Jun 11 1968 Mar 31 1978
4bars S-24x18mm |
| 40 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 20.5 | Jul 6 1970 May 8 1974
Mach Slogan with Smokey Bear; Remember /
ONLY you can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES |
| 41 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 11P 32.0/23.0 | Aug 2 1970 Nov 11 1971
Rolr 7 slanted wavy lines |
| 42 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 21.0 | Apr 8 1971 Apr 19 1974
Mach Slogan in box with bars; STRIKE BACK
AT CANCER / <u>GIVE</u> / AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY |
| 43 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 815
CI 10P 20.5 | Jul 6 1976 Aug 11 1977
Mach 7 wavy lines [This may be Type 38
with the last 2 digits of "81501" removed] |
| 43.1 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 815
CI 10P 20. | Oct 20 1976
Mach Slogan in bars; COLORADO /
THE CENTENNIAL STATE/ 1876--1976 |
| 44 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 34.0 | Sep 18,1978 Jul 14 1980
4bars S-24x20mm |
| 44.1 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 815
CI 10P 20.5 | Apr 27 1979 Jan 18 1980
Mach Slogan with Smokey Bear; Remember /
ONLY <u>you</u> can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES |
| 45 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 815
CI 10P 35.5 | Dec 4 1979 Oct 12 1990
Mach 9 straight lines |
| 46 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Jun 3 1982 Jul 19 1982
Mach Slogan in box with bars: GRAND
JUNCTION AREA / CENTENNIAL 1882-1982 /
June 16 - July 4 1992 |
| 47 | GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81501
CI 10P 31.0 | Jan 6 1983
Hstp No killer |
| 48 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 815
CI 10P 20.5 | Nov 26 1980 Sep 15 1986
Mach Slogan; United Fund emblem and text:
Give / The United Way |
| 49 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
10P 24.0 | Sep 24 1985 Nov 15 1985
Mach Slogan: United Fund emblem and text:
Give / The United Way |
| 50 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 815
CI 10P 21.0 | Nov 17 1985 Jun 21 1990
Mach Slogan in box with bars: WE MEET /
THE / CHALLENGE |

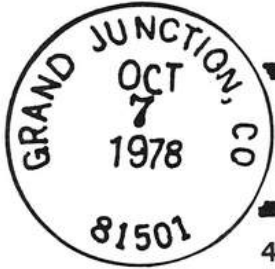
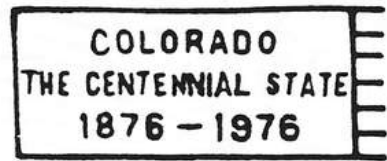
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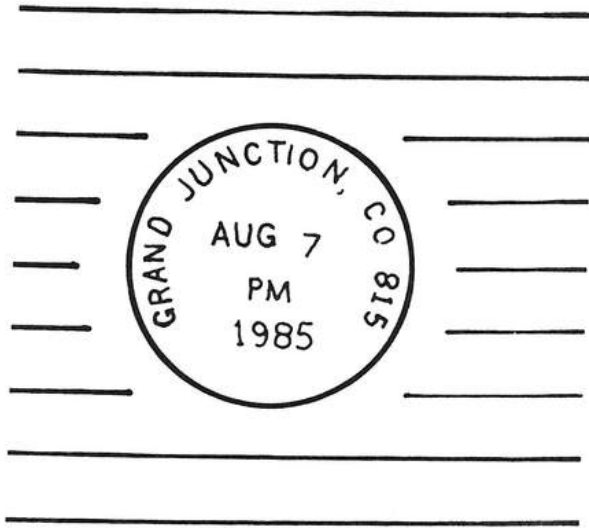
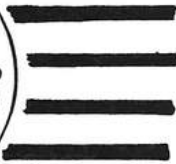
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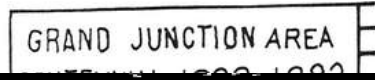
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GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

51 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 24.0

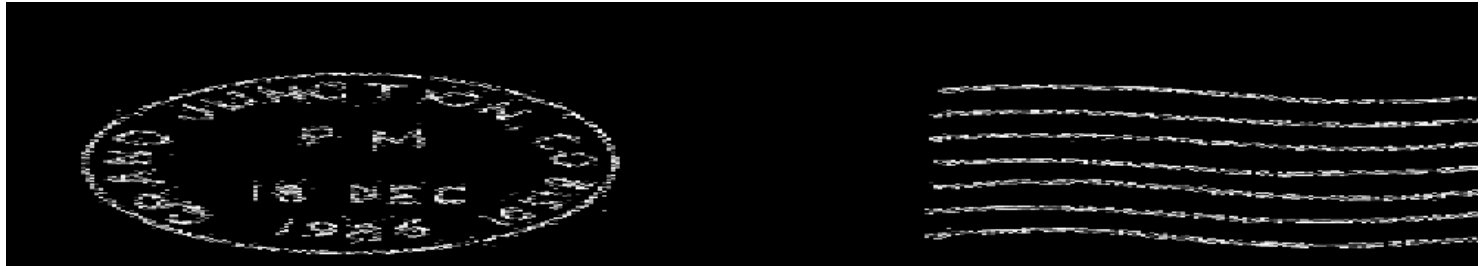
Jul 28 1983 Jun 12 1986

Mach Slogan in box with bars: WE MEET /
THE / CHALLENGE

52 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 24.0

Apr 12 1982 Jun 3 1991

Mach 7 wavy lines



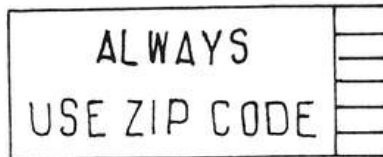
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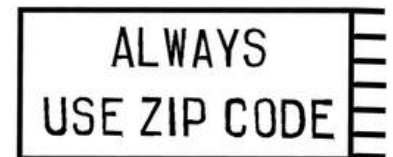
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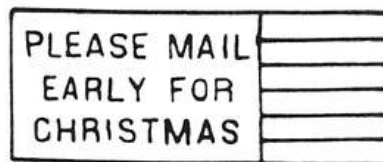
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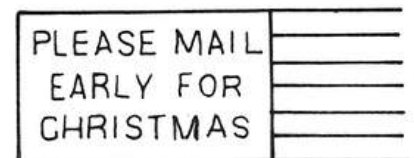
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53 GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81504
CI 10P 29.5/18.5

Jun 18 1987 Jul 23 1992

Hstp No killer

54 GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 38.0

Nov 28 1987

4bars S-27x22mm

55 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 815
CI 10P 23.5

Oct 5 1985 Jul 3 1990

Mach Slogan in box with bars; ALWAYS /
USE ZIP CODE **No scan of 3 digit zip, all may be 5 digit Zip**
Sep 19 1988

55.1 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.5

Mach Slogan in box with bars; ALWAYS / USE ZIP CODE
Dec 15 1988

56 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 815
CI 10P 23.5

Mach Slogan in box with bars; PLEASE MAIL /
EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS

57 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.5

Nov 15 1985 Dec 16 1990

Mach Slogan in box with bars; PLEASE MAIL /
EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS

57.1 GRAND JUNCTION CO 815
10P 23.0

Nov 26 1980

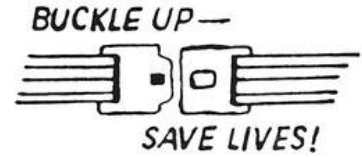
Mach Slogan; United Fund emblem and text; Give /
The United Way

58 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0

Jul 15 1991

Mach Slogan – Safety Belt; text – BUCKLE UP - /
SAVE LIVES!

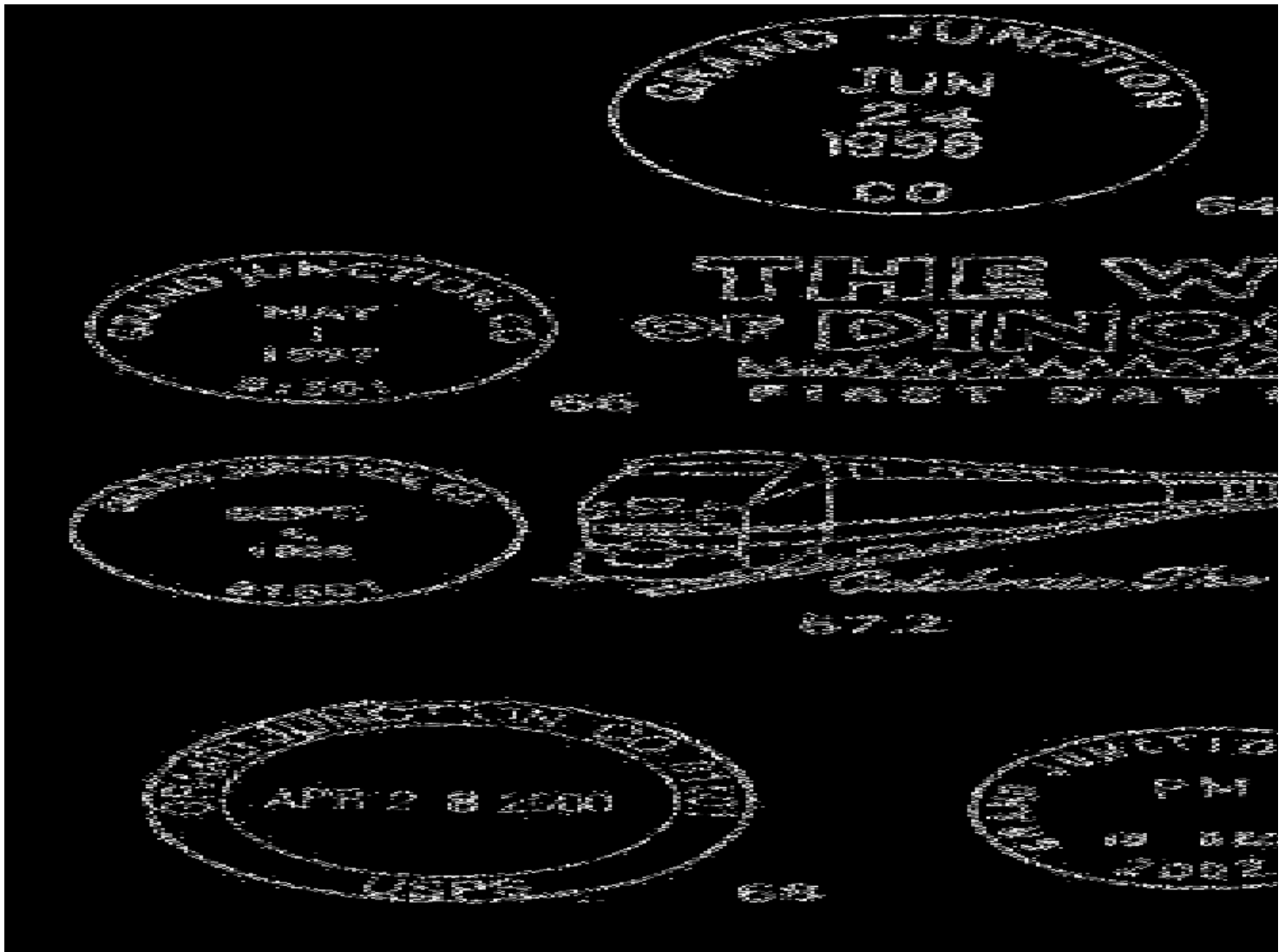
GRAND JUNCTION – Continued



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|------|---|---|
| 59 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Dec 20 1991 Jan 7 1992
Mach Slogan in box - Dolphin; Splash /
into an Ocean / of Fun! / Collect Stamps! |
| 59.1 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 33.0 | Dec 28 1991
Hstp No killer |
| 60 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 34.0 | May 15 1991 May 29 1993
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 61 | GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81501
CI 10P 39.0 | Jul 29 1992
Hstp No killer |
| 62 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Dec 13 1993
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 63 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Dec 10 1994 Dec 14 1994
Mach Slogan in box with bars; PLEASE MAIL /
EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS |
| 64 | GRAND JUNCTION / CO
CI 10P 31.0 | Jun 24 1996 Jun 2 1999
Hstp No killer |
| 65 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Sep 3 1996 Jul 8 2000
Mach 7 wavy lines |

GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

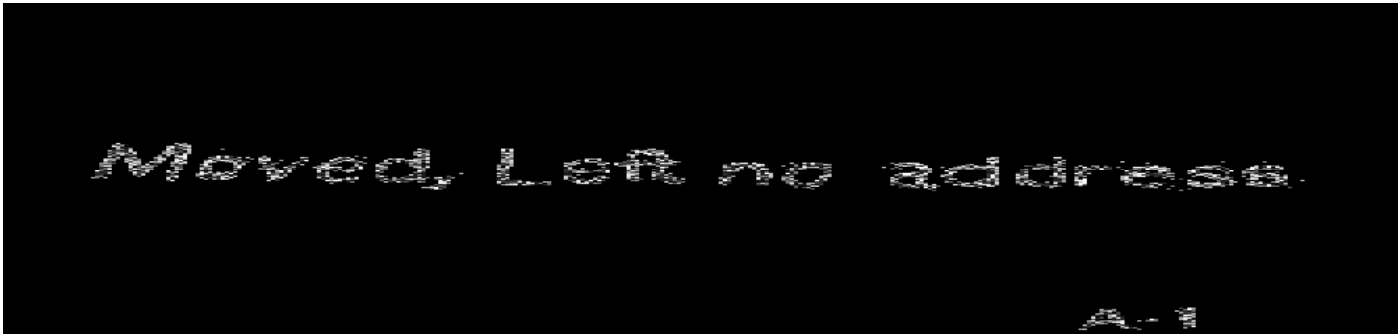
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|------|--|---|
| 66 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 24.0 | May 1 1997
Pict Text: THE WORLD / OF DINOSAURS /
row of teeth / FIST DAY OF ISSUE (Dinosaurs -
sheet of 15 stamps) |
| 67.1 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 22.0 | Sep 3 1999 Sep 3 1999
Pict Scene - Train and Celebrate the Century Logo;
Text - Celebrate The Century Express |
| 67.2 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 22.0 | Sep 4 1999
Pict Scene - Train and Celebrate the Century Logo;
Text - Celebrate The Century Express |
| 67.3 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501
CI 10P 22.0 | Sep 5 1999
Pict Scene - Train and Celebrate the Century Logo;
Text - Celebrate The Century Express |
| 68 | GRAND JUNCTION CO 81501 / USPS
CI 11P 31.0/23.0 | Apr 28 2000 Feb 19 2002
Hstp No killer |
| 69 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
CI 10P 23.0 | Dec 10 2002
Mach Slogan in box with bars; PLEASE MAIL /
EARLY FOR / CHRISTMAS |
| 70 | GRAND JUNCTION CO / 81501
CI 10P 41.0 | Nov 29 2005
Hstp No killer |



GRAND JUNCTION – Continued

AUXILIARY MARKINGS

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|-----|---|--|
| A 1 | Grand Junction
SL 52.0x4.0 | Dec 6 1918
Hstp Moved, Left no address |
| A 2 | Grand Junction
IR 74X40.0 | Dec 6 1918
Hstp Large pointing hand with text:
Returned to Writer / Unclaimed / FROM /
Grand Junction / Colo. |
| A 3 | GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / ADVERTISED.
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 | Aug 27 1910
Hstp No killer |



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 805

During the mid-1970's the United States Postal Service instituted a policy whereby the postmarks applied at Sectional Centers no longer carried the name of the town in which they were located. The designation was in the form of U. S. POSTAL SERVICE and the three-digit zip code. Occasionally, this style of postmark appears at random from a Sectional Center somewhere in the country.

Chronology of the Post Office

There are no firm periods during which the following postmarks were in use

Confirmed types of postal markings

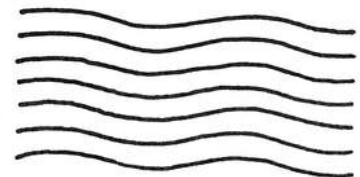
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|-----|---|--|
| 0.1 | U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 815
CI 10P 20.0 | Nov 2 1974
Mach Slogan with Smokey Bear; Remember /
Only <u>you</u> can / PREVENT / FOREST FIRES |
| 1 | U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 815
CI 10P 20.5 | Jan 27 1975 Apr 24 1998
Mach 7 wavy lines |
| 2 | U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CO 815
CI 11P 31.5/23.0 | Dec 11 1975 Dec 11 1975
Rolr 6 wavy lines |



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GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES

STATION NUMBER 1

Chronology of the Post Office

Jul 1 1913	Established as a Station of Grand Junction
	--- 901 Ouray Avenue
Dec 9 1915	Closed
Jan 1 1927	Reopened
	--- 723 North 12th Street
Feb 10 1946	Closed
Oct 1 1947	Reopened
Jul 7 1956	Ceased operations
Feb 14 1957	Officially closed
Apr 19 1958	Reopened
	--- 2140 North 12th Street
Apr 1 1960	Closed
Feb 16 1961	Reopened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
	--- 2232 North 7th St., Plaza Pharmacy, Teller Arms Center
May 27 1967	Ceased operations
Aug 31 1967	Officially closed
Mar 27 1982	Reopened as a Contract station of Grand Junction
	--- 1710 North 12th Street

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / STA. NO. 1 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer	Apr 19 1958
2	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81501 (Sta. No. 1) CI 10P 38.0 Hstp No killer	Mar 14 1984 May 29 1991
3	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81501 (Sta No 1) CI 10P 45.0 Hstp No killer	Nov 3 1988
4	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81501 (STA. NO. 1) CI 10P 49.0 Hstp No killer	Apr 14 1993 May 28 1993



GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

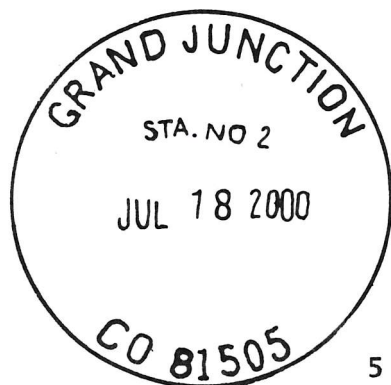
STATION NUMBER 2

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 2 1948	Opened as a station of Grand Junction
---	956 UnawEEP Avenue
Jun 7 1948	Closed
Jul 1 1948	Reopened
---	2121 UnawEEP Avenue
Sep 30 1953	Closed
Nov 1 1952	Reopened
---	1624 US Highway 50
Mar 15 1956	Closed
Apr 7 1956	Reopened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
---	1620 US Highway 50, Farmers Market
---	Moved to 1938 N First, Hillcrest Plaza
Aug 31 1967	Closed
Jun 22 1983	Reopened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
---	Mesa Mall Shopping Center

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / STA. NO. 2 CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No killer	Jan 3 1950
2	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / STA. NO. 2 CI 11P 30.0/19.0 Hstp No killer	Dec 8 1976
3	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81505 (Sta. No. 2) CI 10P 43.0 Hstp No killer	Mar 15 1984 Sep 18 1985
4	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81505 (Sta. No. 2) CI 10P 45.0 Hstp No killer	Feb 12 1988
5	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81505 (Sta. No 2) CI 10P 49.0 Hstp No killer	Jun 3 1991 Jul 18 2000



GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued

STATION NUMBER 3

Chronology of the Post Office

May 16 1951	Opened as a Station of Grand Junction
---	902 North Avenue
Sep 30 1952	Closed
Sep 9 1953	Reopened
---	950 North Avenue
Jun 30 1957	Closed
Jul 1 1962	Reopened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
---	2514 Broadway
---	Moved to 2516 Broadway, Western Auto
Mar 24 1967	Closed
Nov 28 1983	Reopened
---	2770 Highway 50, City Market

Confirmed types of postal markings

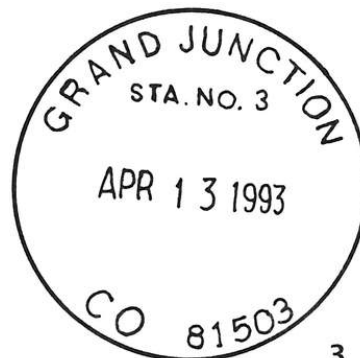
1	GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / STA. NO. 3 CI 11P 30.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	May 16 1951
2	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81503 (Sta. No 3) CI 10P 41.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 18 1985 Jul 22 1992
3	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81503 (STA. NO. 3) CI 10P 46.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 13 1993



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STATION NUMBER 4

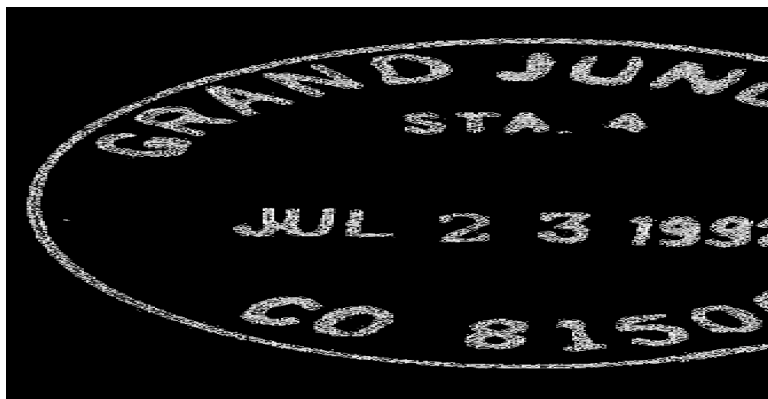
Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 20 1956	Opened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
---	2815 North Avenue
--- 1966	Moved to 2847 North Avenue
Apr 30 1966	Closed
Oct 17 1983	Reopened
---	759 Horizon Drive, # 2

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GRAND JUNCTION / CO 81503 (STA. 4) CI 10P 41.0	Hstp No killer	Oct 3 1988 Jul 23 1992
2	GRAND JUNCTION (STA. NO. 4) CO 81506 CI 10P 46.5	Hstp No killer	Nov 2 1994 Jan 31 1996

**GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
STATION NUMBER 4 – Continued**



STATION NUMBER 5

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 16 1986 Opened as a Contract Station of Grand Junction
--- Glade Park Store See GLADE PARK COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STATION NUMBER 5

ANNEX STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Before 1964 Opened as a Station of Grand Junction
--- 3rd and Grand

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / ANNEX Oct 9 1956 Oct 22 1956
 CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer



C.O.D. STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jan 26 1924 Opened as a Station of Grand Junction
--- -- 1951 Closed

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. (C.O.D.STA.) / M.O.B Apr 16 1926
 CI 11P 29.0/18.0 Hstp No killer

GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
C.O.D STATION – Continued

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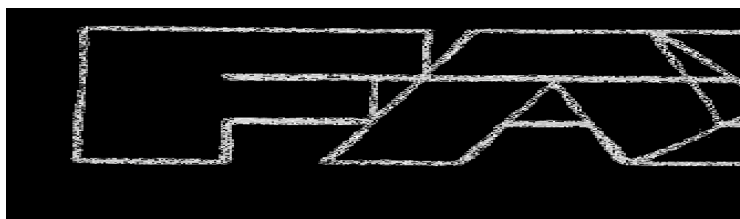
FAX STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 25 1990 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 / FAX STATION May 25 1990
IR 00R 87.0x18.0 Pict Scene - Large FAX with arrow



FRUITVALE RURAL STATION / FRUITVALE STATION

Although the name Fruitvale appears on maps, it was not a town in the normal sense. It was a district, taking its name from the primary agricultural product of the region along the Colorado River, east of Grand Junction.

In early years the “district” included a school, packing sheds and a dance hall scattered along US Highway 6.

The Fruitvale District is located just north of US Highway 6 - Interstate 70 Business, along Mesa County Road 30. It is a mixed residential and commercial area.

For two years the Fruitvale Post Office operated as a Rural Station of Grand Junction. It was closed in 1950 but some time later it reopened as a station of Grand Junction. As best I can determine, it is still in operation at 2923 North Avenue.

Latitude = 39:04:54 North Longitude = 108:29:46 West

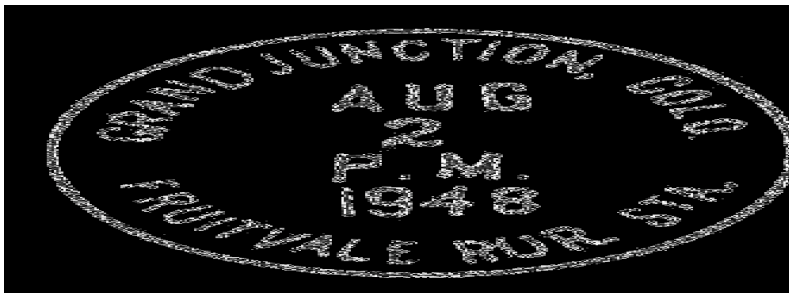
Chronology of the Post Office

- Jul 1 1948 Established as a Rural Station of Grand Junction
--- Corner of 30 Road and US Highway 6, Huckaby’s Market
Aug 24 1950 Discontinued
Before 1986 Reopened as a Station of Grand Junction at 2923 North Avenue

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. / FRUITVALE RUR. STA. Aug 2 1948 Aug 2 1948
CI 10P 32.0 4bars S-23x19mm
2 GRAND JUNCTION, CO FRUITVALE BR. / USPO Apr 13 1989
CI 11P 29.0/19.0 Hstp No killer

**GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
FRUITVALE RURAL STATION – Continued**



GLADE PARK COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

In addition to being listed as a Community Post Office, this was also called Contract Station Number 5.

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 16 1986 Designated a Community Post Office of Grand Junction
 --- Glade Park Store

Confirmed types of postal markings

SEE GLADE PARK INDEPENDENT POST OFFICE FOR EARLIER POSTAL MARKINGS.

7	GLADE PARK, CO / 81523	Jun 1 1991	Jun 18 2002
	CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-25x20mm	
8	GLADE PARK, COLO. / USPO	Oct 23 1999	
	CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	

SEE PAGE 34 FOR ILLUSTRATIONS OF GLADE PARK TYPES 7 & 8 POSTMARKS

MAIL HANDLING ANNEX

Chronology of the Post Office

1987 Opened as an Annex of Grand Junction
 --- 602 Burkey St.

Confirmed types of postal markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM MAIL HANDLING ANNEX

GRAND JUNCTION SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	Grand, Junction CO 81501 // Celebrate the Century Station	Jun 15 2000
	SL 00R 107.0x3.0	Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 -- / The Life of a Century

GRAND JUNCTION STATIONS AND BRANCHES – Continued
CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION – Continued



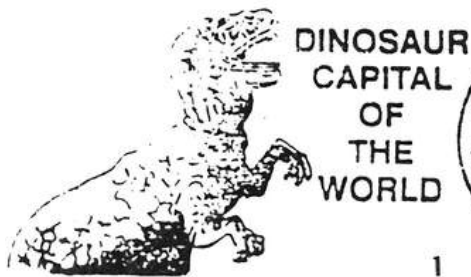
DINOSAUR STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

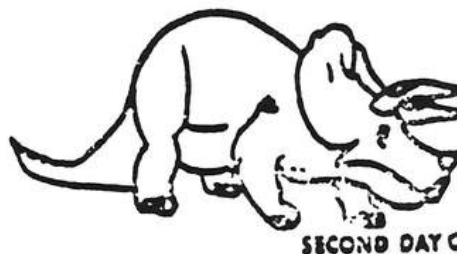
- Jul 22 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Oct 2 1989 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Jul 21 1990 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | GRAND JCT. CO 81501 // DINOSAUR STATION
CI 10P 30.5 | Jul 22 1989
Pict Scene - Dinosaur; Text - DINOSAUR /
CAPITAL / OF / THE / WORLD |
| 2 | GRAND JUNCTION CO 81501 // DINOSAUR STATION
CI 00R 25.0 | Oct 2 1989
Pict Scene - Dinosaur; Text - SECOND DAY OF ISSUE
(for dinosaur block of four) |
| 3 | GRAND JCT. CO 81501 // DINOSAUR STATION
CI 10P 30.0 | Jul 21 1990
Pict Scene - Dinosaur below CDS |



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GRAND JUNCTION SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS

GRAND JUNCTION STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 22 1996 Established

Confirmed types of postal markings

1 Grand Junction Station / CO 81501
IR 00R 40.0x30.0

May 22 1996

Pict Text - Celebrating a / Century / OF CARING



GRANJEX STATION

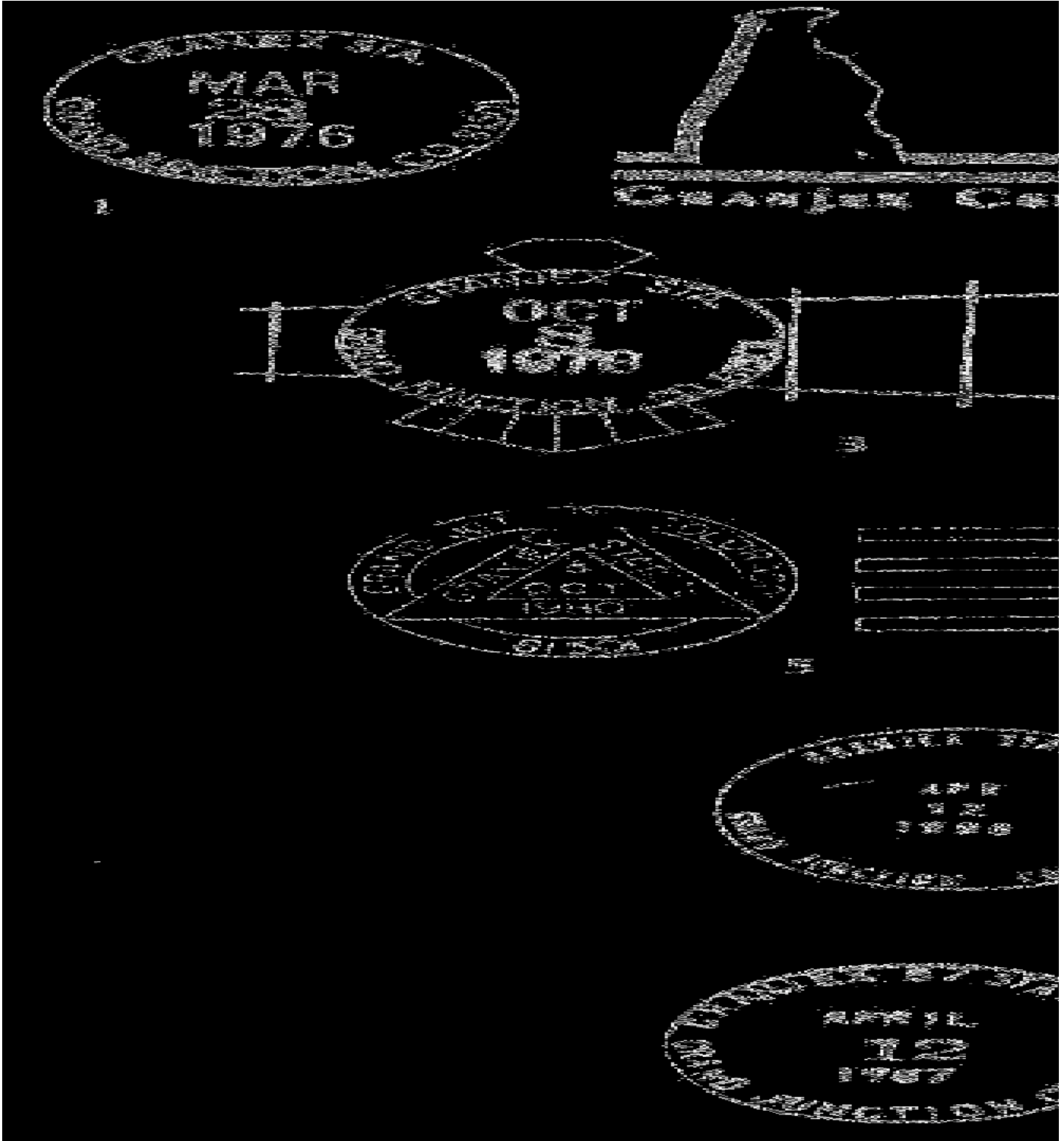
Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 27-28 1976 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Mar 26-27 1977 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 8 1978 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 6- 7 1979 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 4- 5 1980 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Oct 3- 4 1981 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Apr 12 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
Apr 12 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

1	GRAND JUNCTION, CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STA. CI 10P 28.0	Mar 27 1976 Mar 28 1976 Pict Scene - Rock pillar and three towers
2	GRAND JUNCTION CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STA. CI 10P 28.5	Mar 26 1977 Mar 27 1977 Pict Scene - 13 star waving flag
3	GRAND JUNCTION CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STA. CI 10P 26.5	Oct 8 1978 Pict Scene - Railroad track, CDS forms face of a steam engine
4	GRAND JUNCTION CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STA. CI 10P 24.5	Oct 6 1979 Oct 7 1979 Pict Scene - Monument style rock
5	GRAND JCT. COLORADO (GRANJEX STATION) 8150 FY 11P 27.0/20.0	Oct 4 1980 Oct 5 1980 Pict Scene - 4 open bars; CDS is a double triangle superimposed on a double circle
6	GRAND JUNCTION CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STA CI 10P 26.0	Oct 3 1981 Oct 4 1981 Pict Scene - 5 star waving flag
7	GRAND JUNCTION CO. 81501 // GRANJEX STATION CI 10P 28.5	Apr 12 1986 Pict Scene - Stegosaurus to right of CDS
8	GRAND JUNCTION CO 81501 // GRANJEX 87 STATION CI 10P 29.0	Apr 12 1987 Pict Scene - Mesa outline; Text - GRAND MESA - WORLD'S / LARGEST FLATTOP MOUNTAIN / OVER 200 LAKES / SKIING-FISHING-HUNTING

GRAND JUNCTION SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued
GRANJEX STATION – Continued



GRAND JUNCTION SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued

HOSPICE CARE STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Sep 15 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Grand Junction, CO 81501 // Hospice Care Station Sep 15 1999
CI 10P 82.0x26.0 Pict Scene - heart-shaped emblem; Text -
hospice and palliative care



JUCO BASEBALL STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Mar 23 1987 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 // JUCO BASEBALL STATION May 23 1987
CI 10P 28.0 Pict Scene - Baseball bat with logo; Text -
30th ANNUAL NJCAA WORLD SERIES



PURPLE HEART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

May 30 2003 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

- 1 Grand Junction, CO 81501 // Purple Heart Station May 30 2003
IR 00R 82.0x43.0 Pict Scene - 3 stars, flames at sides; Text -
The United States Postal Service / honors
the sacrifices of the men / and women who
defend our nation.

GRAND JUNCTION SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STATIONS – Continued
PURPLE HEART STATION – Continued



TOUR OF THE MOON STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Aug 15 1986 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO 81501 :: TOUR OF THE MOON STATION
CI 10P 27.5 | Aug 15 1986
Pict Scene - Stylized cyclist; Text - COLORADO /
NATIONAL / MONUMENT |
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WAL*MART STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 17 1999 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed types of postal markings

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| 1 | GRAND JUNCTION, CO / 81501 :: WAL*MART / STATION
10P 24.0 | Apr 17 1999
Pict Scene - Sylvester, Tweety, Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny |
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