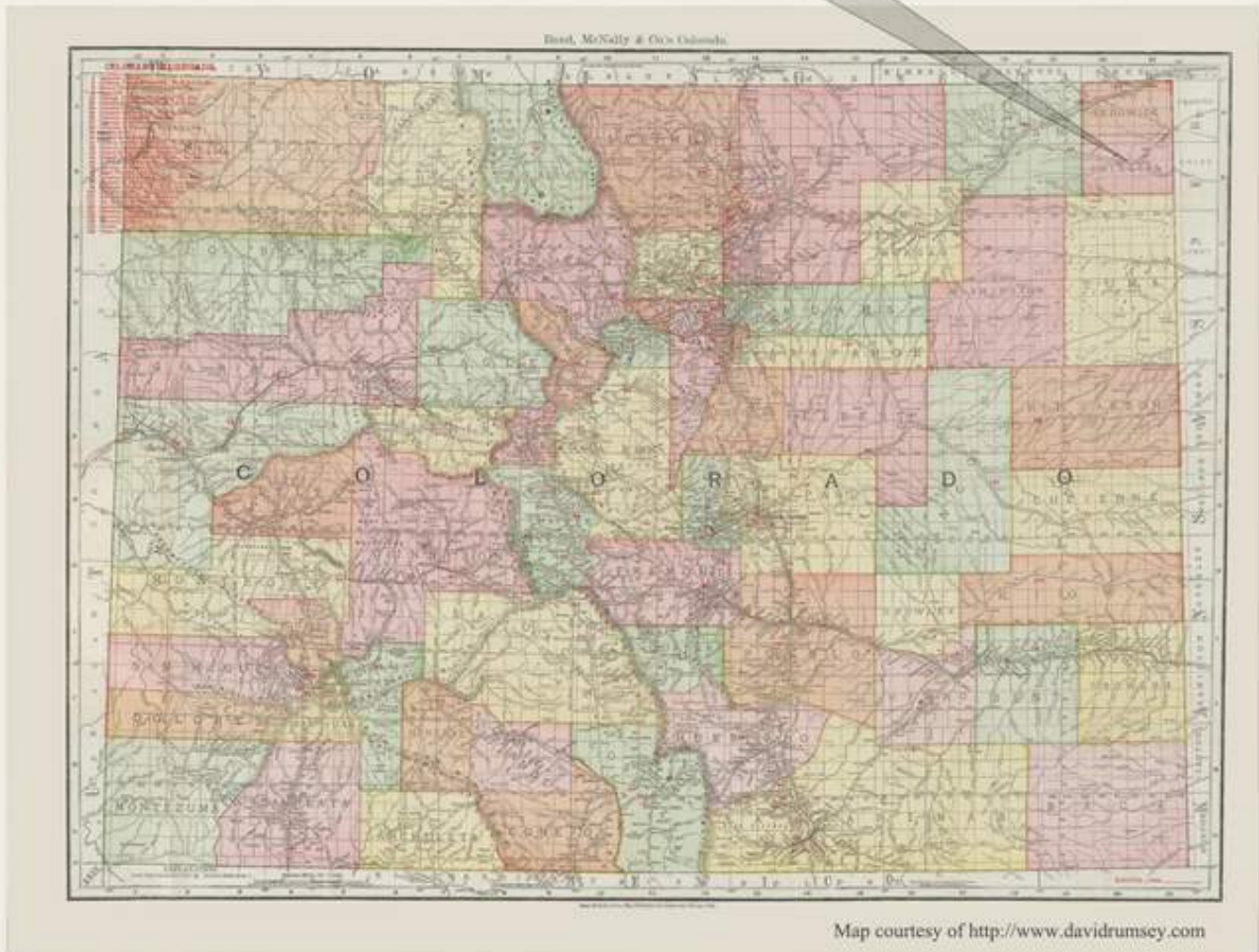


Phillips County



Established: March 27, 1889

County Seat: Holyoke



PHILLIPS COUNTY

By William H. Bauer

Phillips County is situated in the northeast corner of Colorado. Sedgwick County forms the northern boundary, Logan County the western boundary and Yuma County the southern boundary. To the east lies Nebraska. The county is comparable in size to Sedgwick County and like Sedgwick it has been host to only a few post offices. Nine post office names were used but that includes one that never operated (Starr), one change of name, actually a change of spelling (Haxtum-Haxtun) and one (Bryant) that, after a short time, moved from today's Phillips County to a site one mile south of the county line in Yuma County.

Geographically, Phillips County is the "high plains." The topography is broken by a number of small streams that drain east-southeast, the larger two being Wildhorse and Frenchman Creeks. The southeastern corner of the county is dominated by the northern edge of the Colorado Sand Hills.

There is an extensive network of county roads that follow nearly every section line. However the main road is US 6 which parallels the route of the Burlington Northern Railroad. The railroad (and the highway enter the county a half mile east of the state line, run southwest through Amherst to Holyoke, then west-northwest through Paoli and Haxtun and on into Logan County. US 385 is the other main road in the county, running north-south from Sedgwick County, through Holyoke and into Yuma County.

At first this area was a part of greater Weld County. On February 25, 1887 it became a part of Logan County. Two years later, March 27, 1889, Phillips County was formed with its present boundaries and with Holyoke as the county seat. No post office existed in the area prior to the creation of Logan County. Wakeman (September 19, 1887) was the first office authorized in what is today Phillips County. Holyoke followed on November 11, 1887. The surprising fact is by the end of June 1888 all but one of the post offices that have been in the county had been established. The only latecomer was Starr and it never operated.

The impetus for development in Phillips County was the coming of the railroad and it continues to determine the population centers of the county. The late 1880's were the initial period of settlement. When the climate reverted to its more natural and drier state, many of the homesteaders left. In the twentieth century better techniques of dry land farming and irrigation from deep wells brought a revival and support the present land use. The Burlington's Lincoln Land Company was the town organizer, creating towns to serve the homesteaders and those settling on the railroad land grants.

The area is agricultural. Livestock predominate in the more broken terrain, while wheat and corn occupy the more level ground. In recent years more and more acreage is being devoted to sunflowers. Farming is dry-land farming, supplemented by irrigation from wells. Of the towns, Holyoke is center of activity. Haxtun, Paoli and Amherst continue to exist, however, like many of the small towns in eastern Colorado, their future is in doubt. The presence of the railroad and the highway will sustain them for some time.

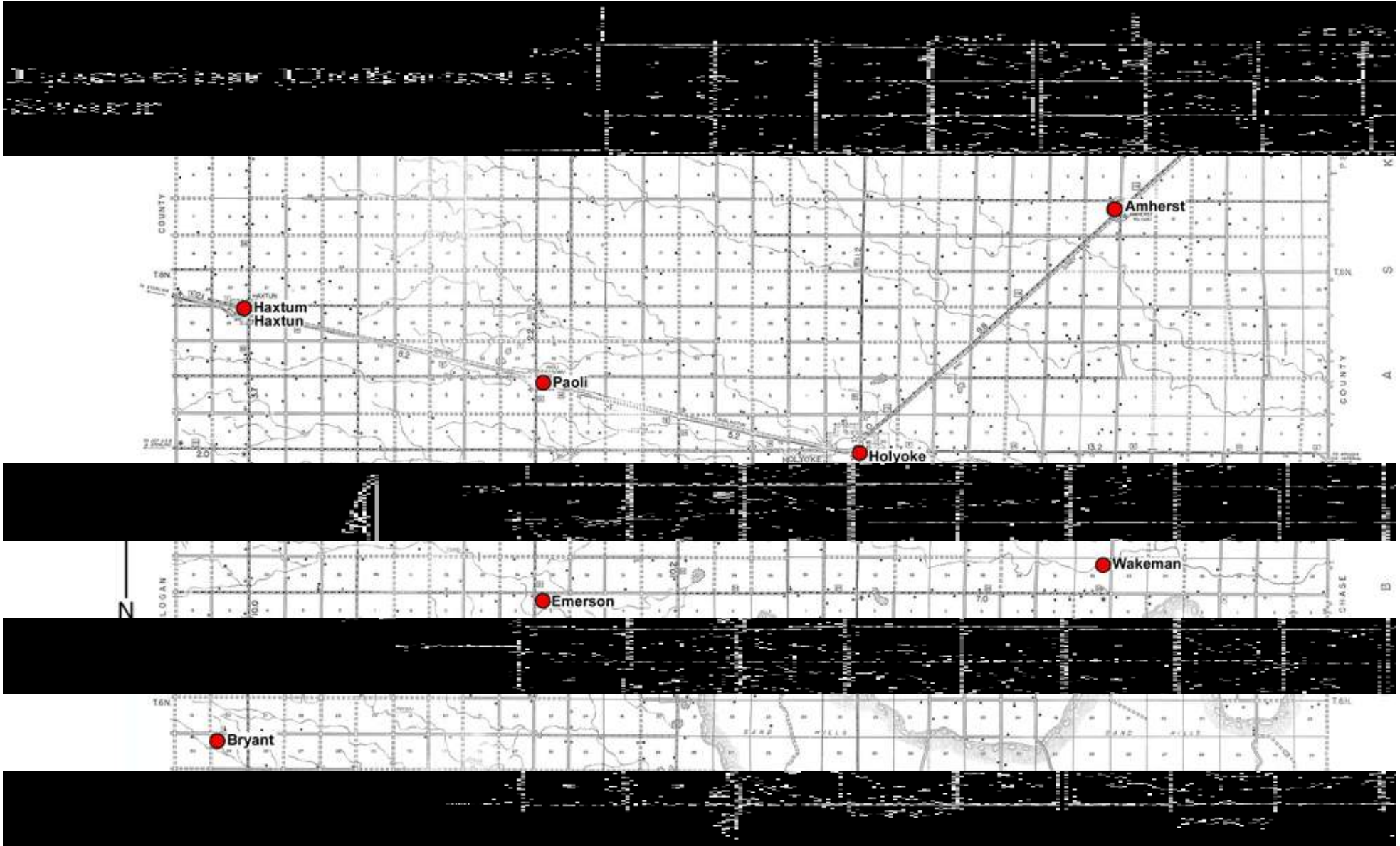
After travelling extensively throughout eastern Colorado, I am convinced that by the middle of the twenty-first century it likely that only county seats, towns along the Interstate Highways or at the intersections of major roads will still exist. Farming and ranching has changed. Most people now live in the larger towns where they have access to schools, hospitals, shopping and community activity. Like city workers, most commute to the farms and ranches when necessary and stay in the country only during periods of peak activity.



Looking east on Highway 6 into Phillips County

Photograph by [Jeffrey Beall](#)

From <https://www.uncovercolorado.com/counties/phillips/>



Post Office Location Map – Phillips County

AMHERST

Amherst was first settled in late 1887. It is the first of the Lincoln Land Company organized towns that one encounters by driving west on US Highway 6 along the Burlington Railroad. The late 1880's and early 1890's were a time of rapid growth for agriculture in eastern Colorado. For several years rainfall had been above normal; however, by the mid-1890's rain and water were in short supply, many homesteaders abandoned their farms, the post office closed and Amherst was on the brink of disappearing. In the mid-1900's, new techniques for dry-land farming and an increasing reliance on irrigation with well water from the Ogalala Aquifer, brought a revival of the region's agriculture and of Amherst. The post office reopened in 1907 and with ups and downs has remained active to the present day.

It is generally accepted that the name Amherst was proposed by an early settler whose hometown was Amherst, Massachusetts. Today the town survives. A grain elevator seems to be the centerpiece for the town, with a few small businesses and a modest number of residences.



Amherst, Colorado Post Office

Photograph by James. L. Ozment

May 15, 1995

Chronology of the Post Office

Nov 17 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43W 300 feet north of RR	
		Proposed postmaster - Marienus G. Brainard	
Feb 18 1888		Established	
Feb 18 1888		Brainard, Marienus G.	
Mar 17 1889	---	SE/4 of NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43W 256 feet north of RR	
Jan 8 1890		Taylor, Ray G.	
Mar 2 1894		Walker, Edson H.	
Apr 13 1896		Canaday, Anna	
Sep 1 1896		Chase, Ann	Declined
Oct 24 1896		Chase, John B.	
Aug 18 1899		Closed Papers to Holyoke	
Feb 13 1907	---	NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43W 200 ft north of RR	

AMHERST – Continued

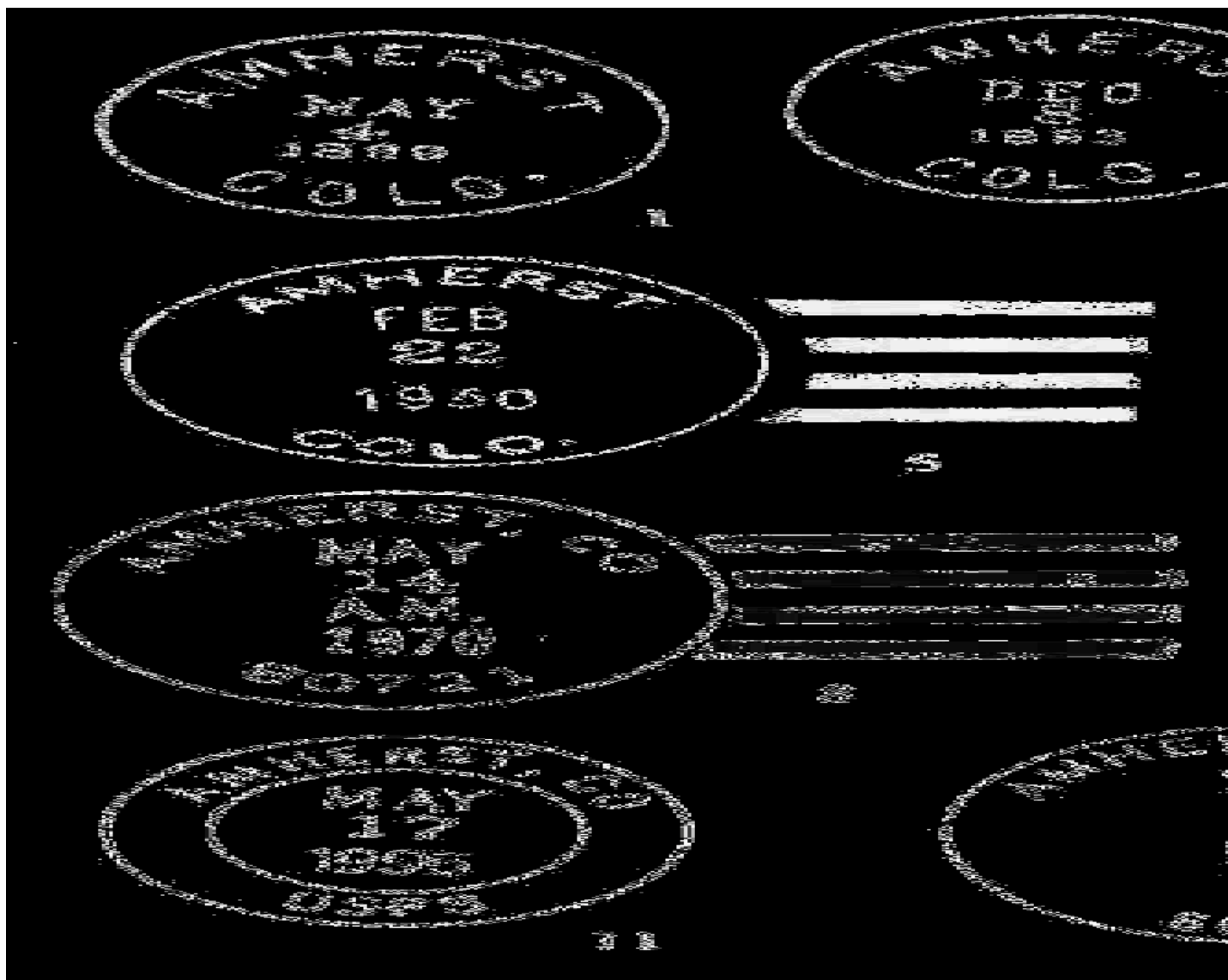
Apr 18 1907	Re-established	
Apr 18 1907	Fair, L. C.	
Mar 29 1911	Sloan, Joseph E.	
Jun 17 1911	Kimmell, Edward F.	
Sep 26 1911	Weyerts, Martin F.	
May 13 1914	Weyerts, John J.	
Jun 11 1919	Rohfield, Ernest H. W.	
Dec 15 1919 ---	NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43W 200 feet north of RR	
Feb 18 1924	Jung, Conrad	Acting
May 22 1924	Jung, Conrad	Confirmed
Jun 7 1924	Jung, Conrad	Commissioned
Feb 1 1940	Weyerts, Theodore G.	Assumed charge
Feb 13 1940	Weyerts, Theodore G.	Acting
Mar 7 1940 ---	New site, corner of Main and Seneca 398 feet south to RR (S-R-T not reported) The accompanying map shows it in the NE/4 of NE/4 Sec 8	
Aug 16 1940	Weyerts, Theodore G.	Confirmed
Oct 11 1940	Weyerts, Theodore G.	Commissioned
Oct 30 1941 ---	Corner of Main Ave and E. Seneca St. NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43W 395 feet south to RR	
Oct 24 1945 --	Main St. NE/4 Sec 8 T8N R43E 160 ft south of old site 270 feet south to railroad tracks	
Jul 1 1954		Office made Presidential
Jun 22 1958	Struempler, Martin	Assumed charge
Jun 24 1958	Struempler, Martin	Acting
May 5 1959	Claymon, Carroll A.	Nominated
Aug 27 1959	Claymon, Carroll A.	Confirmed
Aug 31 1959	Claymon, Carroll A.	Appointed Presidential
Sep 22 1959	Claymon, Carroll A.	Commissioned
Oct 8 1959	Claymon, Carroll A.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1965		Office relegated
Jul 1 1969		Office made Presidential
Mar 9 1972	Lappart, Mr. Everette L.	Officer in charge
May 27 1972	Smith, Max G.	Appointed
May 27 1972	Smith, Max G.	Assumed charge

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

1	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Target	May 4 1889
2	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Hstp Target, 4-ring	Dec 8 1893
3	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	4bars P-??x13mm	Sep 28 1909 Dec 30 1912
3.1	AMHERST, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars P-??x13mm [NOT AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATION]	Sep 6 1916 Aug 20 1917
4	AMHERST, / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-21x19mm	Jan 12 1932 Nov 9 1940
5	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-23x18mm	Jun 11 1941 Nov 20 1950
6	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Jul 23 1956 Sep 7 1957
7	AMHERST / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x19mm	May 29 1961 Dec 5 1961
8	AMHERST, CO / 80721 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm (broad '8')	Jul 26 1968 May 14 1970
9	AMHERST, CO / 80721 CI 10P 31.5	4bars S-24X19mm (narrow '8')	Nov 6 1967 Apr 8 1981

AMHERST – Continued

10	AMHERST, CO / 80721 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Nov 19 1987 May 17 1995
11	AMHERST, CO / USPS CI 11P 28.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 18 1988 May 17 1995
12	AMHERST CO / 80721 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-20x15mm	Sep 24 1997 Mar 24 2001
13	AMHERST CO 80721 / USPS CI 11P 29.0/18.5	Hstp No killer	Sep 24 1997

**BRYANT**

Bryant was first established at a location in the extreme southeast corner of what is today Phillips County – at the time Logan County. The site was platted by the Lincoln Land Company on November 8, 1888, the site being on a proposed route for the Burlington Railroad. The final choice for the railroad was a different route. By March 15, 1889 the Post Office Department identified Bryant as being in Yuma County at a site about 3 miles southwest of the original location. The earliest recorded postmark from Bryant is dated October 19, 1889, therefore additional details for Bryant will found under Yuma County.

BRYANT – Continued

The name is attributed to James Bryant, who was apparently the first postmaster at the site in Yuma County and was likely well known prior to that time.

To reach the Phillips County site of Bryant: From Haxtun, drive south on Colorado Highway 59 to County Road 6. Turn west on Road 6 go one mile to the intersection with Road 3. Bryant was in southeast quadrant of this intersection. In May 1995 there was no sign of habitation, not surprising, as anything usable was probably cannibalized for use at the second location or elsewhere.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 17 1888	---	NW/4 Sec 29 T6N R47W 6 miles south of Frenchman Creek No village Map shows it in NE/4 of NW/4 Section 29 Proposed postmaster - Christian Golter
Mar 27 1888		Golter, Christian
Aug 8 1889		Baker, A. J.
Mar 15 1889		Post office moved to Yuma County Date of move is approximate

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

No postal markings have been reported for the period in Phillips County. See Yuma County for the later markings.

EMERSON

Emerson was another of the towns located along the proposed Burlington route to Akron, Colorado. The railroad was never built but Emerson served the area as a rural post office for a little more than two years and could still be found on maps at least as late as 1916. One source attributes the name to a Mr. Emerson, the developer of Haxtun.

To reach the site of Emerson: From Paoli, drive six miles south on County Road 21 to the intersection with Road 14. The location was the southeast quadrant of the intersection. There is nothing in that corner but there are some older buildings on the northwest corner and an operating farm in the southwest corner. This portion of Phillips County is very level and intensively farmed.

Chronology of the Post Office

Feb 13 1888	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T6N R46W 3 miles south of Frenchman Creek No village Map shows it in SE/4/NW/4 of Section 2 Proposed Postmaster - Franklin Strickland
Mar 27 1888		Established
Mar 27 1888		Strickland, Franklin
Mar 15 1890		Chapman, Charles H.
Sep 20 1890		Closed Papers to Holyoke

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTAL MAKINGS HAVE BEE REPORTED FROM EMERSON

HAXTUM/HAXTUN

In Phillips County, Haxtun (Haxtum) is the western most of the four towns along US Highway 6 and the Burlington Railroad, two miles east of the Logan County line.

Haxtun was established in early 1888, when the Burlington built through the region. The survey was conducted by A. B. Smith and the plat was filed June 2, 1888. The town was incorporated in July 1909. The source of the name is believed to be the New York State town of Haxtun Landing on the Hudson River; the childhood home of a Mr. Emerson of the Lincoln Land Company that developed the community. Another, less credible version attributes the name to a railroad contractor by the name of Haxtum. Haxtun Landing must have been a very small place as it never had an operating post office, so perhaps there is some justification for the second version.

HAXTUM/HAXTUN – Continued

The spelling of the town name also has caused some confusion. The office was originally established as Haxtum. In January 1922 the spelling was changed to Haxtun. At times it appears on maps as Haxtuon. Apparently this was a misspelling or the mis-reading of a handwritten document. However it took 34 years for the Post Office Department to make the change.

Haxtun has served as a supply center for the surrounding agricultural area. That role continues today, although to a lesser extent than that of Holyoke but more so than either Paoli or Amherst. A large grain elevator dominates the skyline in Haxtun.



HAXTUM / COLO.

August 10, 1889

Chronology of the Post Office (Haxtum)

Aug 9 1887	---	Original proposal as RAFF, altered to HAXTUM NE/4 Sec 29 T8N R47W 1/8 mile north of RR track Sketch map identifies the site as RAFF Proposed postmaster - Alice C. Strohm	
Apr 25 1888		Established	
Apr 25 1888		Strohm, Alice C.	
Dec 21 1889		Broughton, Elroy A.	
Mar 30 1895		Wiggins, John M.	
Aug 15 1895		Hendrix, Lydia B.	
Aug 20 1909		Johnson, Frances M.	
Apr 7 1910		Johnson, Frances M.	P&S [Apptd. by President & confirmed by Senate]
Aug 1 1911		Coleman, George L.	P&S
Apr 28 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 29 T8N R47W 900 feet from RR	
Aug 31 1915		House, Hester E.	P
Dec 16 1915		House, Hester E.	P&S
Feb 18 1920		House, Hester E.	P&S
Feb 25 1920	---	NE/4 Sec 29 T8N R47W 600 feet from RR The sketch map seems to place it south of the RR	
Apr 5 1921		Barton, Frank L.	
Jan 17 1922		Closed Spelling of name changed to Haxtun	
Jun 9 1934		Crist, Tom C.	Appointed
Jun 14 1934		Crist, Tom C.	Nominated
Jul 19 1934		Crist, Tom C.	Confirmed
Jul 31 1934		Crist, Tom C.	Comissioned

HAXTUM/HAXTUN – Continued

Jun 7 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Nominated
Jun 8 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Confirmed
Jun 23 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Appointed Presidential
Jul 19 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Commissioned
Aug 6 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Nominated
Sep 28 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Confirmed
Sep 29 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Appointed Presidential
Nov 10 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1949	Powell, George C.	Acting
Apr 30 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Nominated
May 9 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Confirmed & Appointed Presidential
May 10 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Commissioned
Jun 30 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Acting
Oct 5 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Nominated
Oct 15 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Confirmed
Oct 16 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Appointed Presidential
Oct 25 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Commissioned

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings (Haxtum)

0.1	HAXTUM / COLO. CI 10P 27.0	Aug 10 1889 Hstp Target, 4-ring 17mm
1	HAXTUM / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Jul 1 1898 Mar 28 1899 Hstp Cork, smudge
1.1	HAXTUM / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Nov 7 1902 Hstp Not present
1.2	HAXTUM, / COLO. CI 10P 31.0	Dec 1 1906 Aug 2- 1907 Doane Type 3 with 4
2	HAXTUM, / COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Feb 29 1908 May 14 1910 4bars S-23x13mm
3	HAXTUM / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Sep 13 1910 Sep 19 1919 Dplx Grid, 8 bar oval



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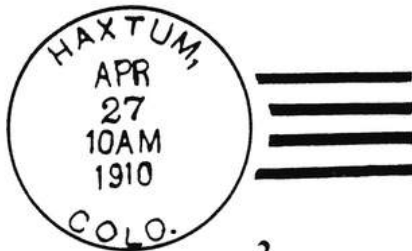
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Chronology of the Post Office (Haxtum)

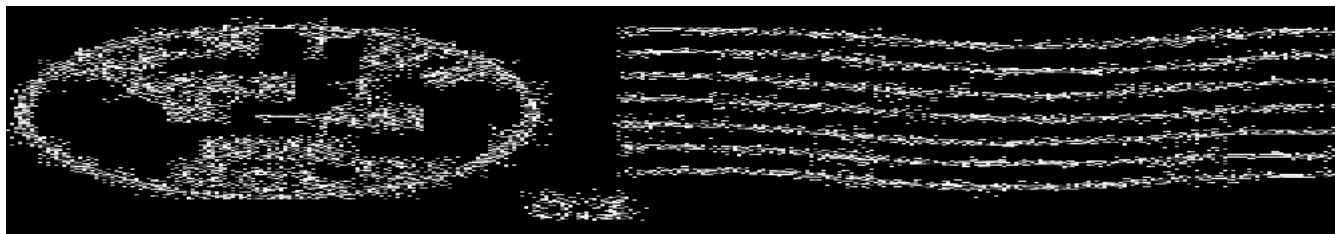
Jan 17 1922	Established Formerly named Haxtum
Jan 17 1922	Barton, Frank L.
Apr 27 1922 ---	NE/4 Sec 29 T8N R47W 800 feet north of RR Map shows it in NE/4/NE/4 Sec 29

HAXTUM/HAXTUN – Continued

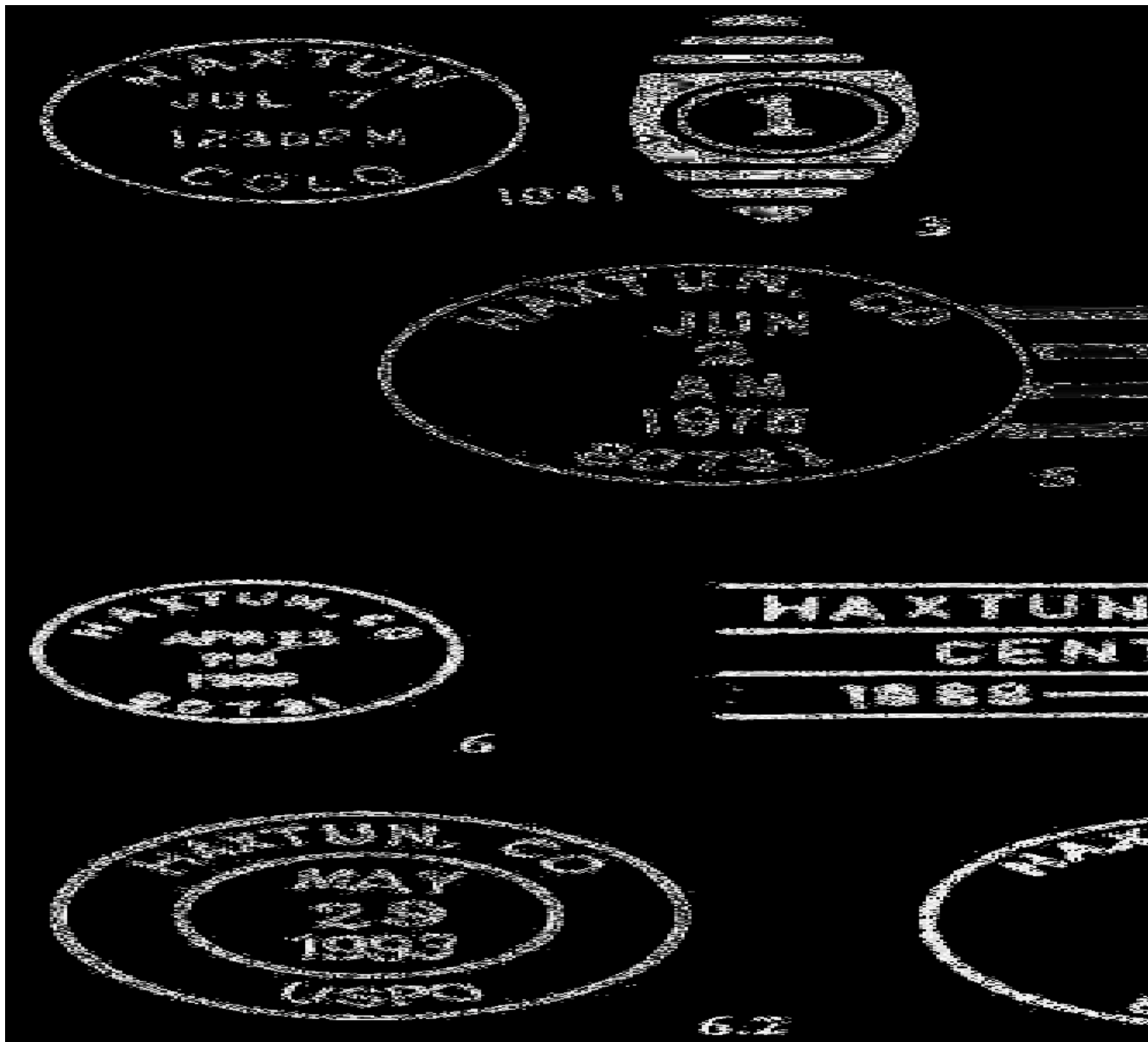
Jan 18 1926	Barton, Frank L.	
Jan 28 1930	Barton, Frank L.	
Jun 14 1934	Crist, Tom C.	Appointed
Jul 31 1934	Crist, Tom C.	Assumed charge
Jun 23 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Appointed
Aug 1 1938	Crist, Tom C.	Assumed charge
Oct 22 1941	--- NE/4 Sec 29 T8N R47W 150 feet west of	State Highway 59 1040 feet SW to RR
Sep 29 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Appointed
Dec 31 1942	Crist, Tom C.	Assumed charge
Oct 31 1949	Powell, George C.	Acting
May 10 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Appointed
Jun 30 1951	Taylor, Leslie E.	Assumed charge
Jun 30 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Acting
Oct 16 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Appointed
Oct 22 1965	Dix, Vernon J.	Assumed charge
Sep 10 1976	Melcher, Albert	Officer in charge
May 24 1977	Scott, Ms. Doris J.	Officer in charge
Sep 21 1977	Cantonwine, Alfred L.	Officer in charge
Mar 11 1978	Steib, Jacob Jr.	Appointed

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings (Haxtun)

0.1	HAXTUN / COLO. CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Mar 1 1926
1	HAXTUN, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 16 1933 May 12 1966
2	HAXTUN / COLO. RC 10P 26.0x14.0	Rolr No killer Parcel post box; appears to be a continuous, repeating roller style	--- -- 193- Oct 28 1938 Feb 8 1954
3	HAXTUN / COLO. CI 10P 25.0	Dplx Grid, oval, with 1, and circle	1950s
3.1	HAXTUN, / COLO. RC 10P 34.0x19.0	Hstp No killer, Parcel Post Box style	Jul 18 1968 Jul 3 1976
4	HAXTUN, CO 80731 CI 10P 22.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 3 1968 Sep 16 1975
5	HAXTUN, CO / 80731 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-24x20mm	Feb 28 1987 Apr 1- 1988
5.1	HAXTUN, CO / 80731 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Apr 25 1988
6	HAXTUN, CO / 80731 CI 10P 21.0	Mach Slogan in bars: HAXTUN, COLORADO / CENTENNIAL / 1888 ---1988	May 1 1990 Jun 22 1990
6.1	HAXTUN, CO / 80731 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	May 29 1993
6.2	HAXTUN, CO / USPO CI 11P 31.0/19.0	Hstp No killer	Feb 17 1995 May 17 1995
7	HAXTUN CO / 80731 CI 10P 34.0	4bars S-24x16mm	



HAXTUM/HAXTUN – Continued



HAXTUN STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

- Oct 1 1994 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station
- Oct 7 1995 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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| 1 | Haxtun, Colorado // Haxtun Station
IR 00R 97.0x41.0 | Oct 1 1994
Pict Scene – Wagon wheel, house and windmill;
Text - Haxtun / Corn Festival |
| 2 | Haxtun, CO // Haxtun Sta.
SL 00R 82.0x3.0 | Oct 7 1995
Pict Scene – Portion of flag, ears of corn;
Text - HAXTUN CORN FESTIVAL |

HAXTUN STATION – Continued**HOLYOKE**

Holyoke was the second post office to be established in what is today Phillips County. The site of Holyoke is at the junction of four quarter sections of land originally homesteaded by Miss Lizzie Gordon, T. B. Carnahan and two other gentlemen. In 1887 The Lincoln Land Company acquired these quarter sections and quickly platted a 100-acre town site. On September 28, 1887 an auction of town lots was held and Holyoke was on its way. The town plat was filed on December 30, 1887 and in 1889 Holyoke was incorporated.

When Phillips County was created, March 27, 1889, Holyoke was designated as the county seat and remains so today. As the county seat, Holyoke has become the dominant town in the county. It is the most prosperous of the four Phillips County towns along US Highway 6 and the Burlington Railroad, and is the principal supply center for Phillips County and a considerable surrounding area.

Apparently one or more of the earlier settlers claimed Holyoke, Massachusetts as their hometown and selected that name for the new community. The original Holyoke name can be traced to either the Reverend Edward Holyoke, an early President of Harvard College or to an early Connecticut Valley pioneer - Elizur Holyoke.

Chronology of the Post Office

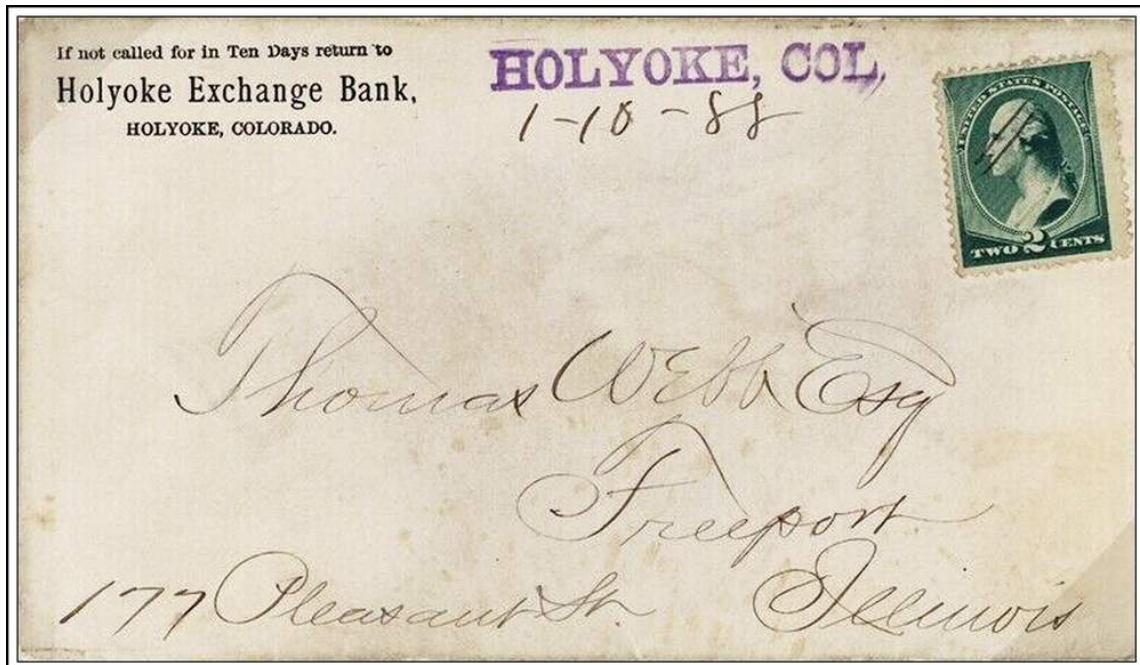
Aug 24 1887	---	Sketch map places it in NW/4 of NW/4 Sec 17 T7N R44W	
		Approved application was returned to David Casteller	
Nov 9 1887		Established	
Nov 9 1887		Casteller, David	
Apr 30 1890		Brannon, Emmet E.	P&S
Jul 3 1891		Brannon, Emmet E.	
Nov 25 1891		Shuler, George W.	
Jul 24 1894		Casteller, Otis	
Jun 2 1898		Shuler, George W.	
Jan 28 1907		Shuler, George W.	
Mar 8 1911		Smith, F. M.	P
Apr 20 1911		Smith, F. M.	P&S
Apr 25 1914	---	NE/4 Sec 18 T7N R44W 875 feet south of RR	
Jan 24 1918		Smith, F. M.	P&S
Mar 22 1922		Richardson, Cecil N.	P&S
May 21 1926		Willis, Dwight L.	
Apr 1 1929		Anderson, Ralph L.	Acting
Jun 19 1929		Anderson, Ralph L.	Appointed
Jan 23 1934		Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Nominated
Feb 1 1934		Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Confirmed

HOLYOKE – Continued

Feb 20 1934	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Commissioned
Mar 21 1938	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Nominated
Mar 28 1938	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Confirmed
Apr 1 1938	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Appointed Presidential
Apr 14 1938	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Commissioned
Oct 20 1941 ---	NW/4 Sec 17 T7N R44W .19 miles south of RR	
Jul 23 1942	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Nominated
Sep 21 1942	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Confirmed
Sep 22 1942	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Appointed Presidential
Oct 15 1942	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Commissioned
Oct 31 1942	Hargreaves, Thomas H.	Assumed charge
Jul 31 1944	Flanagan, Francis B.	Acting
Aug 1 1944	Flanagan, Francis B.	Assumed charge
Feb 19 1945	Flanagan, Francis B.	Nominated
Feb 27 1945	Flanagan, Francis B.	Confirmed
Feb 28 1945	Flanagan, Francis B.	Appointed Presidential & Commissioned
Mar 31 1945	Flanagan, Francis B.	Assumed charge
Feb 28 1967	Lappart, Everette L.	Acting
Dec 11 1971	Rundall, Keith	Appointed
Dec 11 1971	Rundall, Keith	Assumed charge

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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| 1 | HOLYOKE, COL.
SL 00R 52.0x 5.0 | Jan 6 1888 Jan 10 1888
Hstp Pen cancel, manuscript date |
| 2 | HOLYOKE, LOGAN CO., / COLO.
CI 20T 32.0/29.0 | Jan 17 1888 Feb 1 1888
Hstp Target, 3 ring 19mm |
| 3 | HOLYOKE / COLO.
CI 10P 27.0 | Apr 13 1888 Dec 9 1890
Hstp Target, 4 ring 17mm |
| 4 | HOLYOKE / COLO.
CI 10P 28.5 | Aug 17 1892 Jul 15 1895
Hstp Cork, negative X-roads |



HOLYOKE, COL.

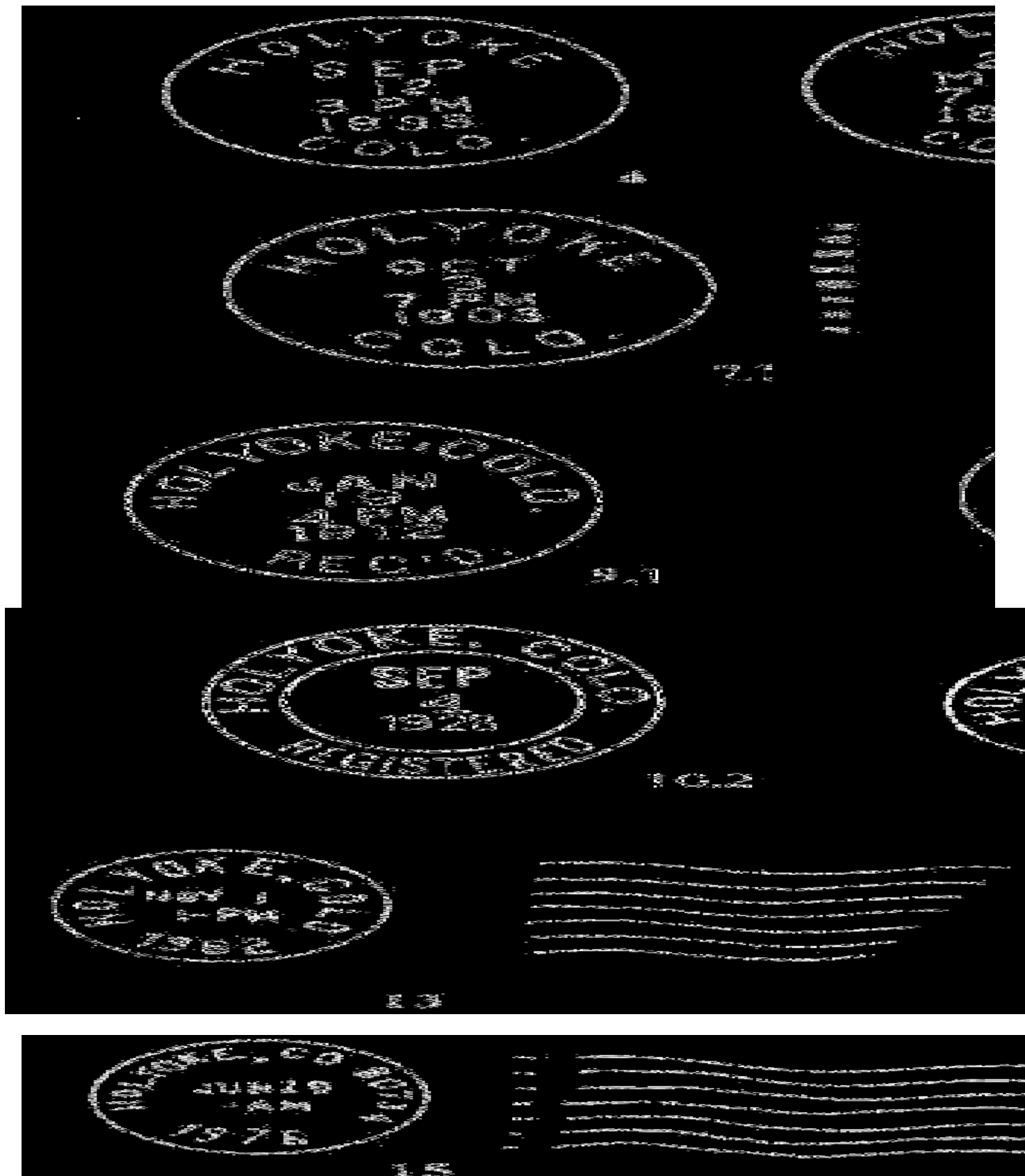
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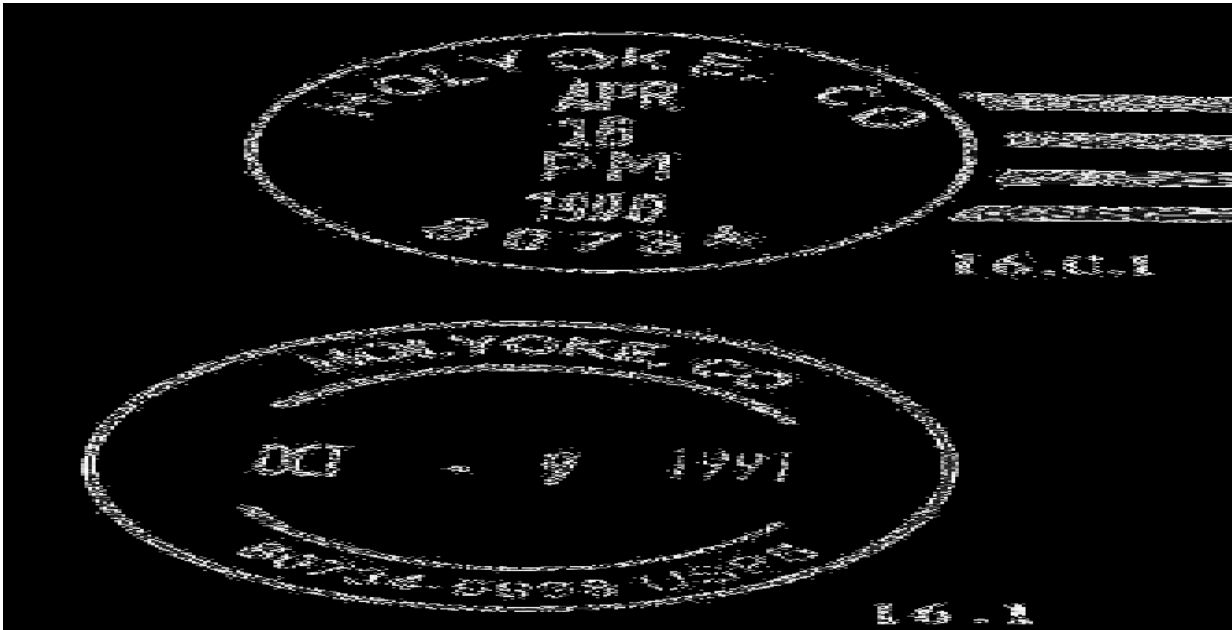
5	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Not recorded	May 20 1897 Dec 20 1897
6	HOLYOKE, COLO. / Registered CI 11P 29.0/17.0	Hstp Pen cancel	Nov 13 1897
7	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 28.0	Hstp Cork, Negative X-roads	Dec 17 1898 May 25 1901
7.1	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, oval	Oct 3 1903
8	HOLYOKE, COLO. CI 10P 31.5	Doane 4 bars w/6 (?), S-23x14mm	Jul 16 1906 Sep 8 1908
9	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 29.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Dec 21 1908 May 10 1912
9.1	HOLYOKE, COLO. /REC'D CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Jan 19 1912
10	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 30.0	Dplx Grid, 9-bar oval	Apr 6 1917
10.1	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 23.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Aug 27 1920 Oct 8 1926
10.2	HOLYOKE, COLO. / REGISTERED CI 11P 29.0/19.0	Hstp No Killer	Sep 4 1928 May 25 1937
11	HOLYOKE, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Feb 15 1933 Mar 17 1952
12	HOLYOKE / COLO. CI 10P 26.0	Dplx Grid, oval, with 1 and circle	Oct 4 1934 Oct 3 1946
13	HOLYOKE, COLO. CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Nov 27 1956 Nov 1 1962
13.1	HOLYOKE CO / 80734 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-??x20mm	Aug 3 1968 Nov 23 1971
14	HOLYOKE, CO 80734 CI 11P 32.0/23.0	Rolr 6 wavy lines	Jun 2 1975 Sep 1 1975
15	HOLYOKE, CO 80734 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	Jun 29 1966 Jun 29 1976
16	HOLYOKE, CO / 80734 CI 10P 21.5	Mach Slogan in bars; HOLYOKE, COLORADO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY / 1888-1988	Feb 2 1988
16.0.1	HOLYOKE, CO / 80734 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-23x17mm	Apr 16 1990
16.0.2	HOLYOKE, CO / 80734 CI 10P 21.0	Mach 7 wavy lines	May 4 1990 May 30 1991
16.1	HOLYOKE, CO / 80734-9998 USPS CI 11P 38.0/26.0	Hstp No killer	Oct 9 1991
17	HOLYOKE, CO 80734 / USPS CI 11P 27.0/18.0	Hstp No killer	Apr 13 1993 May 17 1995
18	HOLYOKE CO 80734 / USPS CI 11P 28.5/19.0	Hstp No killer	Sep 24 1997 Jul 6 2000

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HOLYOKE – Continued



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HOLYOKE CELEBRATE THE CENTURY STATION

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 15, 2000 Operated as a Special Commemorative Station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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| 1 | Holyoke, CO 80734 // Celebrate the Century Station
IR 00R 91,0x27.0 | Jun 15 2000
Pict Text only - CENTENARIAN / -- 100 - /
The Life of a Century |
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HOLYOKE CENTENNIAL STATION

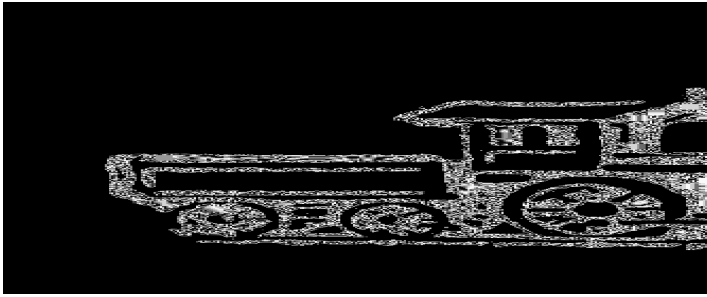
Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 24 1988 Special commemorative station

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

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| 1 | Holyoke, Co. 80734 // Holyoke Centennial Station
IR 00R 81.0x32.0 | Apr 24 1988
Pict Scene – Steam locomotive and tender |
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HOLYOKE CENTENNIAL STATION – Continued



PAOLI

Paoli is on US Highway 6 and the Burlington Railroad, a little more than half way from Holyoke to Haxtun. Even though Paoli was established at about the same time (1888) as the other towns along the Burlington Railroad, it was not a child of the Lincoln Land Company. The name is attributed to the chief engineer of the Burlington who named it for his hometown – Paoli, Pennsylvania. In turn, the Pennsylvania town honors General Pasquale di Paoli, a Corsican patriot who unsuccessfully led his countrymen in a revolt against the French.

Another, humorous, concept of the name is that it originated when a Swedish workman on the railroad became angry with his boss, so went to the time-keeper and said "I quit. Pay Ole."

Like Amherst, Paoli suffered in the bad times of the 1890's and 1900's. The post office closed in 1890 and did not reopen until 1910 when agriculture revived. Paoli remains home to a number of people but like Amherst, it too has only a little business activity other than the grain elevator.

Chronology of the Post Office

Apr 18 1888	---	SW/4 Sec 35 T8N R46W 50 rods north of RR track Proposed postmaster - George Washington Huffman	
Jun 8 1888		Established	
Jun 8 1888		Huffman, George W.	
Jan 15 1889		Smith, James S.	
Feb 11 1890		Closed	
Mar 9 1910		Re-established	
Mar 9 1910		Berg, Charles	
Feb 13 1914		Peter, Philip J.	
Apr 25 1914	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T7N R46W 200 feet south of RR track	
May 29 1918		Chaney, Charles L.	
May 28 1919		Platt, Zetta	
Jan 7 1920	---	NW/4 Sec 2 T7N R46W South of RR about 1270 feet from the depot	
Jul 23 1920		Crowner, Mary	
Jul 26 1928		Johnson, Willa S.	Acting
Oct 27 1928		Johnson, Willa S.	Confirmed
Feb 20 1933		Chaney, Charles L.	Confirmed
Mar 2 1933		Chaney, Charles L.	Commissioned
Mar 13 1933		Chaney, Charles L.	Assumed charge
Jul 1 1935		Taylor, Ira J.	Assumed charge
Aug 5 1935		Taylor, Ira J.	Acting
Dec 11 1935		Flaker, Ervin H.	Confirmed
Dec 24 1935		Flaker, Ervin H.	Commissioned
Jan 1 1936		Flaker, Ervin H.	Assumed charge
Apr 6 1941		Strehlow, Ruth K.	Assumed charge
Apr 11 1941		Strehlow, Ruth K.	Acting
Jul 9 1941		Strehlow, Ruth K.	Appointed & Confirmed
Jul 21 1941		Strehlow, Ruth K.	Commissioned
Jul 26 1941		Strehlow, Ruth K.	Assumed charge

PAOLI – Continued

Oct 17 1941 --- NW/4 Sec 2 T7N R46W 150 ft north of the RR tracks
1-1/2 block west and 1/2 block north of RR station

Dec 11 1971 Miller, Mrs. Marilyn R. Appointed & Assumed charge

**Post Office – Paoli, Colorado**

Photograph by Jim L. Ozment

July, 1997

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

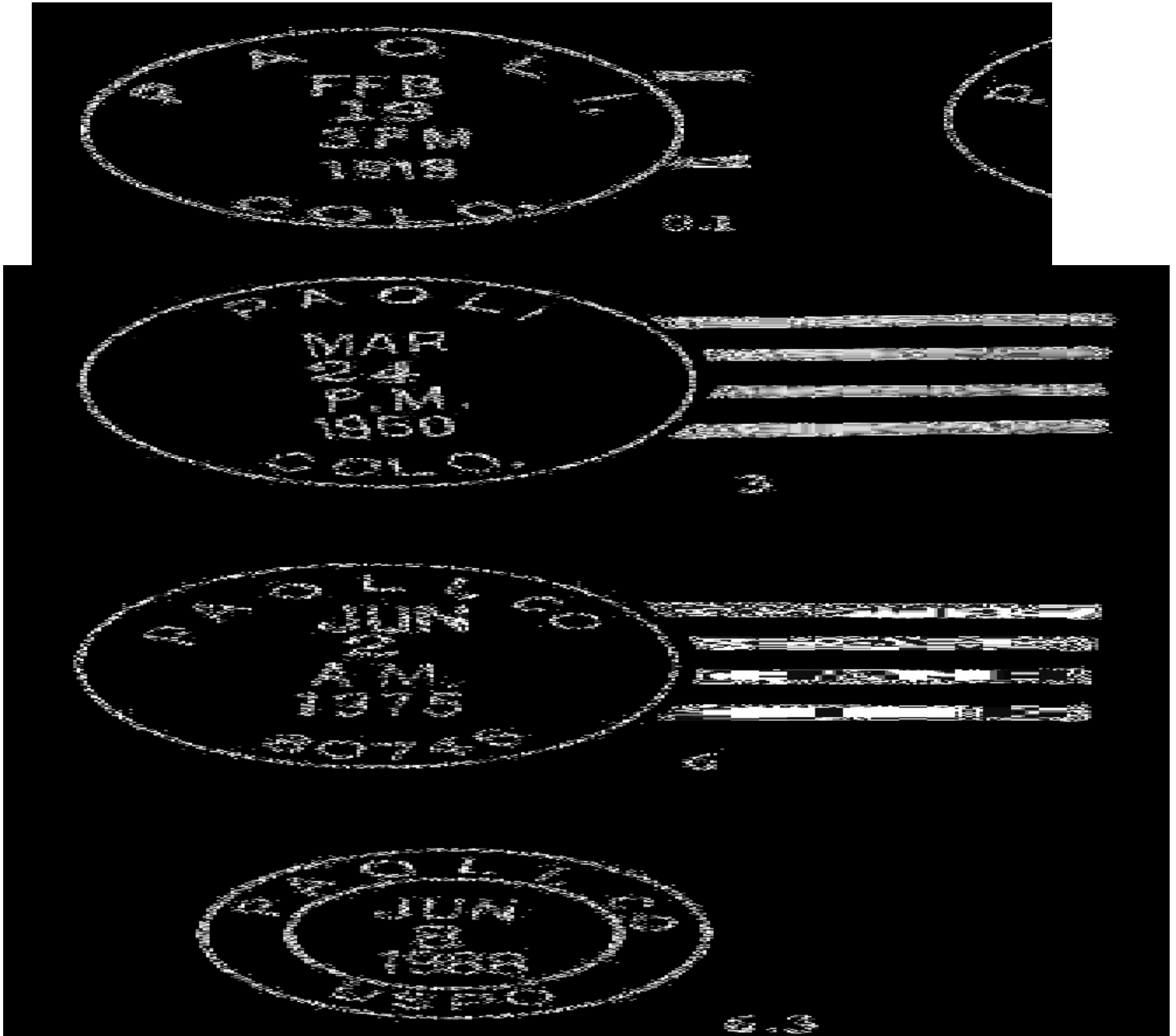
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3	PAOLI / COLO. CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Mar 24 1950
4	PAOLI / COLO. CI 10P 33.5	4bars S-25x20mm	Jan 6 1956 Feb 14 1962
5	PAOLI, CO / 80746 CI 10P 33.0	4bars S-25x20mm	Nov 4 1965 Oct 24 1973
6	PAOLI, CO / 80746 CI 10P 31.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 2 1975 Jan 7 1976
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6.2	PAOLI, CO / 80746 CI 10P 32.0	4bars S-24x19mm	Jun 8 1988
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PAOLI – Continued

8 PAOLI CO / 80746
CI 10P 34.0

Sep 24 1997 Mar 21 2005

4bars S-13x23mm



STARR

A post office with the name of Starr was authorized on February 2, 1907; however on June 11, 1907 the order of establishment was rescinded. In such instances I interpret rescinded as an indication that for some reason the office never went into operation. Likely reasons are that the proposed postmaster changed his mind, moved away or failed to post the required bond and no replacement came forward. Other than the

STARR – Continued

record of the postmaster appointment, there is no report for Starr in the Post Office Geographic Site Location Reports and I have found no mention of Starr in published literature. So its location in Phillips County remains a mystery.

Chronology of the Post Office

	No entries were found under Phillips County in the Geographic Site Location Reports.	
Feb 2 1907	Established	
Feb 2 1907	Starr, Mattie E.	
Jun 11 1907	Order of establishment rescinded	

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM STARR

WAKEMAN

Wakeman was located in southeastern Phillips County at the northern edge of the Sand Hills of eastern Colorado. This is cattle range country. The Wakeman Post Office was the first to be established in what is today Phillips County, pre-dating Holyoke by less than two months. The first postmaster was Henry Wakeman, therefore it would seem that his family name is the source of the post office name.

There is no evidence to suppose that Wakeman was ever more than a rural post office; a ranch that provided mail service for others in the area.

To reach the site of Wakeman, from Amherst drive south on County Road 53 to the intersection with Road 16. Wakeman was in the quarter section that forms the southwest corner of this intersection. Nothing remains; however, there is a westward line of old cottonwoods along the south side of Road 16 and I suspect that they had some relation to Wakeman. Wakeman can be found on maps of the early twentieth century. Three miles north, on the road to Wakeman, there is a roadside sign referencing the Wakeman Wildlife Area, so the historic name remains in use.

Chronology of the Post Office

Jun 24 1887	---	NE/4 Sec 32 T7N R43W One mile south of Frenchman Creek (and/or) Frenchman River
		Proposed postmaster - Halsey W. Wakeman
Sep 19 1887	Established	
Sep 19 1887		Wakeman, Halsey W.
Oct 8 1888		Burdette, Mary M.
Dec 20 1894		Worley, Maggie L.
May 15 1897	Closed	Mail to Holyoke

Confirmed Types of Postal Markings

NO POSTAL MARKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM WAKEMAN

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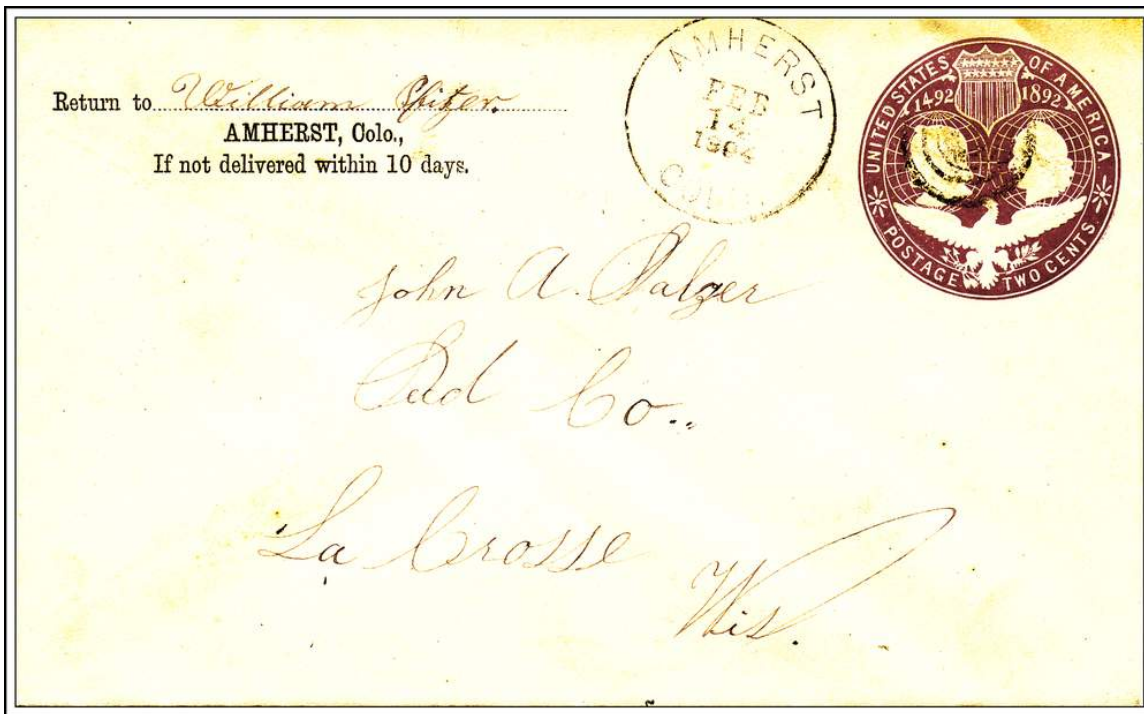
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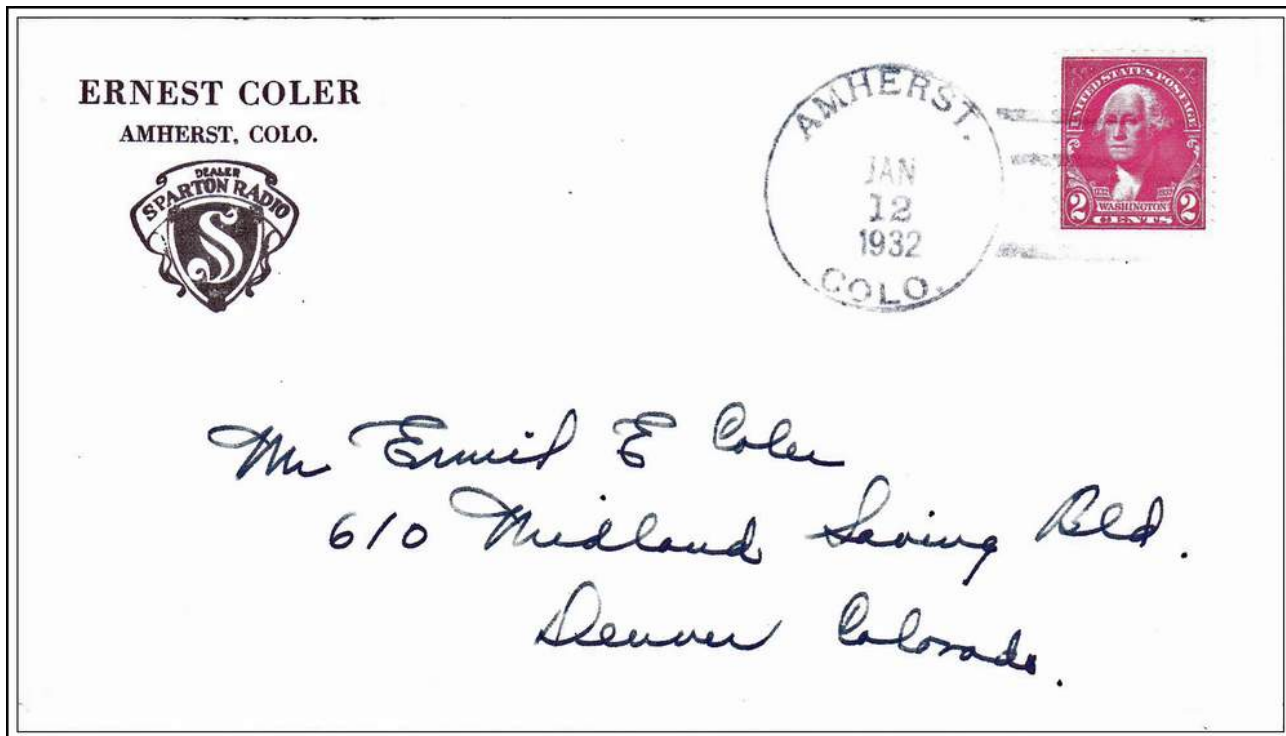
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A GALLERY OF PHILLIPS COUNTY COVERS



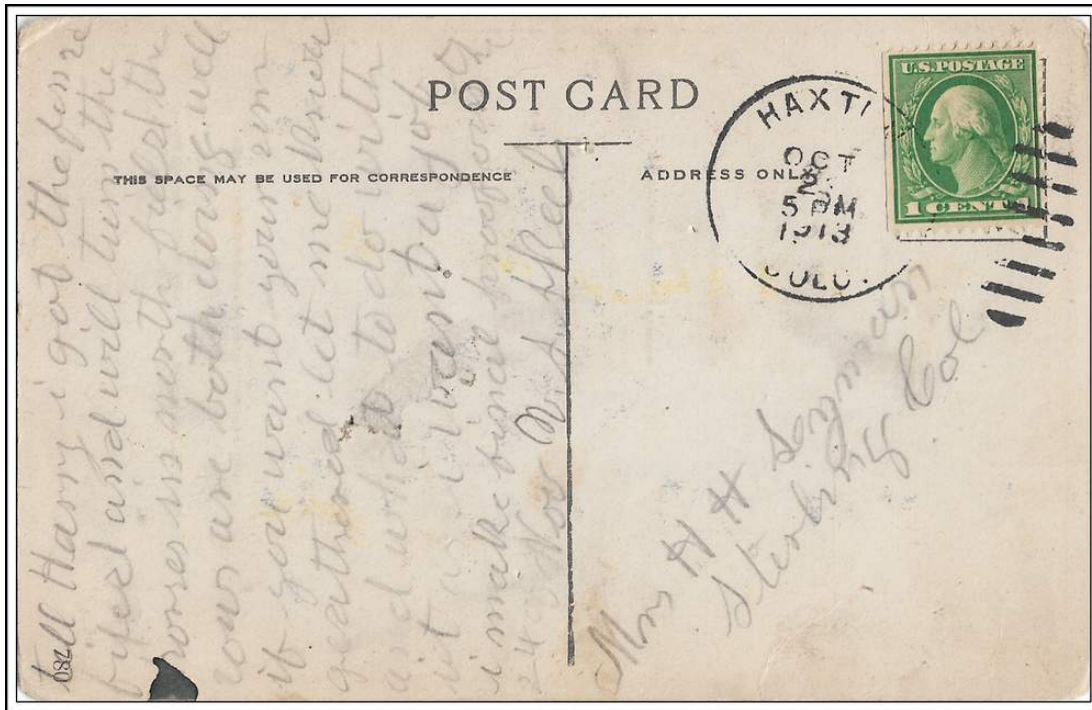
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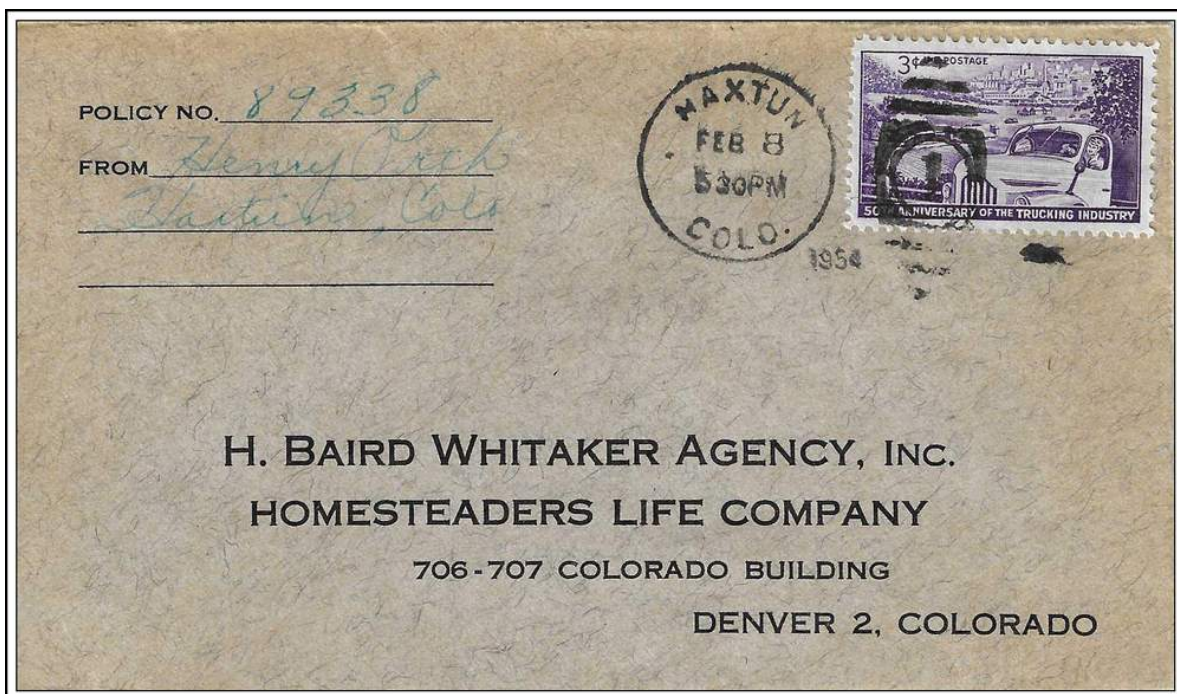
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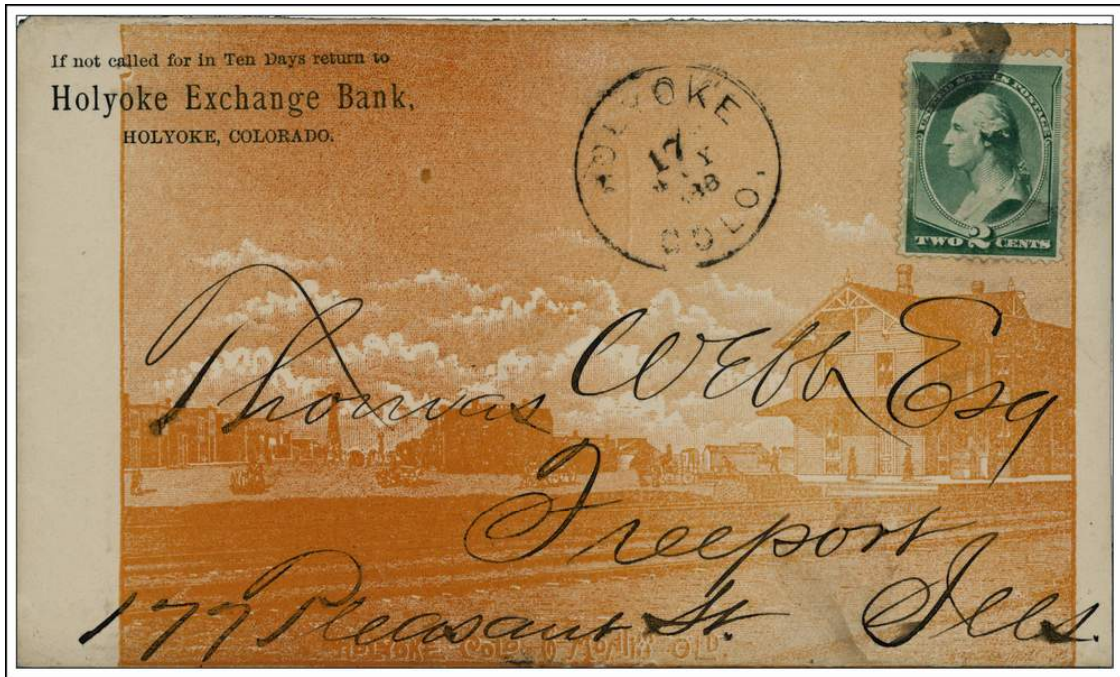
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HAXTUN / COLO.

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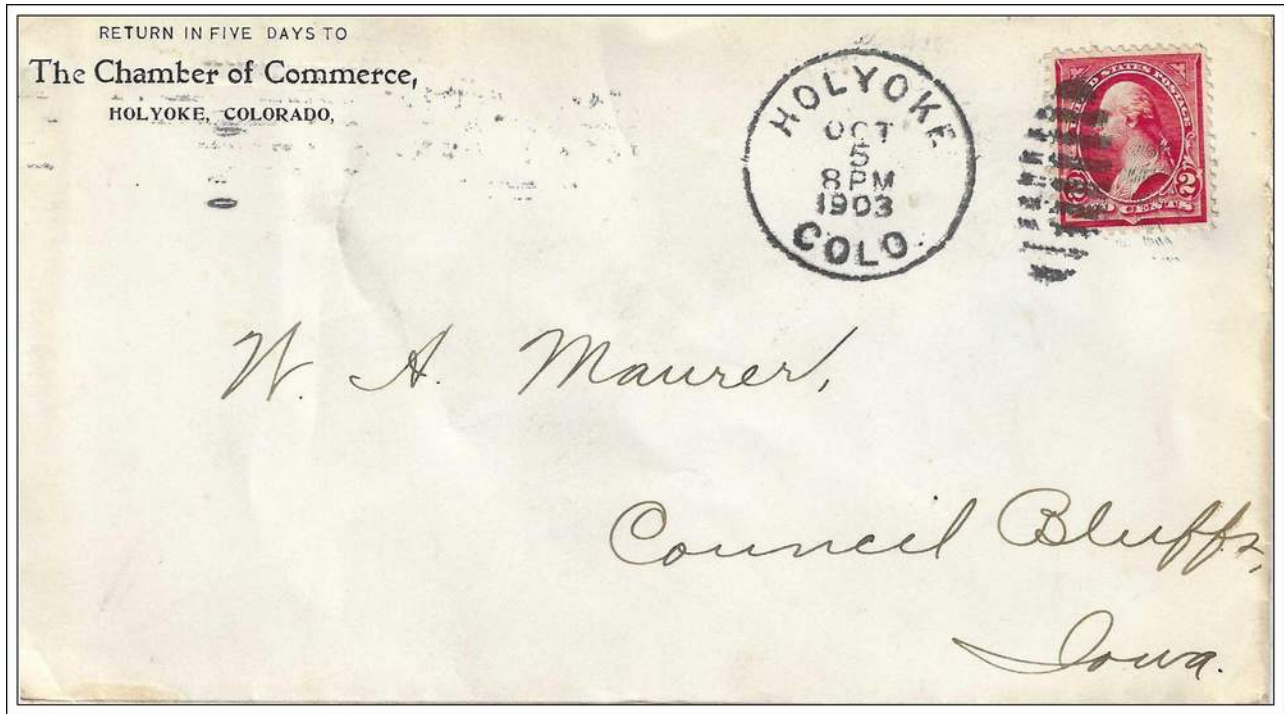
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HOLYOKE, COLO. with Registered

November 13, 1897



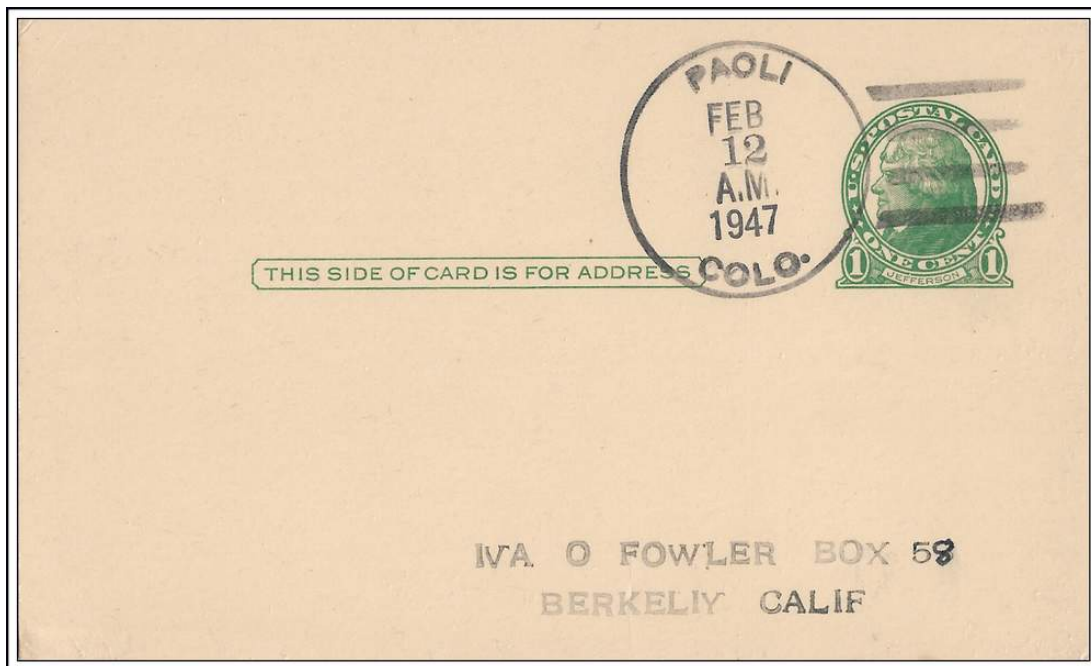
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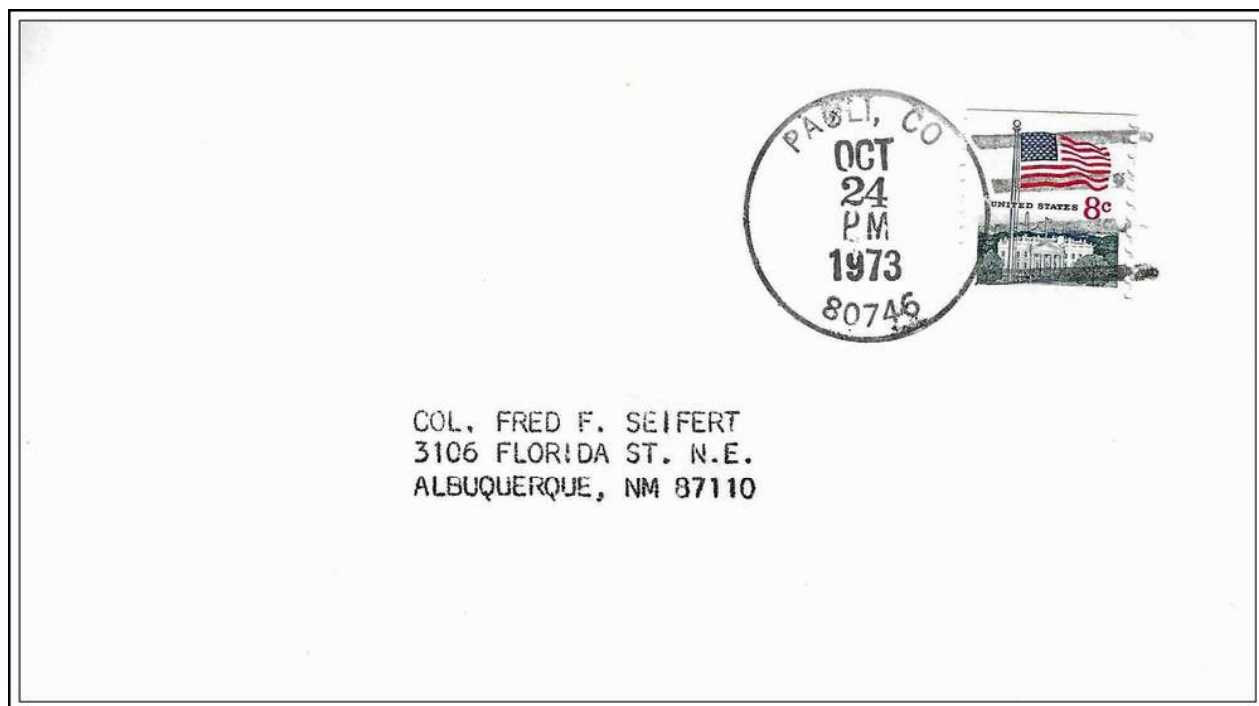
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PAOLI, CO / 80746

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