

Towns and Postoffices of Weld County

SOURCES OF INFORMATION—The Colorado Year Book issued by the State Planning Commission, office of the secretary of state, Postmaster Redman, and the archives of City Hall.

However reliable these sources, one class of figures, owing to the passing of time, must be incorrect—those on population. They were gathered in 1930, hence must not be expected to be correct in 1938. But being the latest available, are here used.

A word of explanation should also be given with regard to the dates of incorporation of towns. With the single exception of Greeley they are all as taken from the Year Book, which in turn took them from the office of the secretary of state. In that office dates are given when the state approved incorporation, and those dates are not necessarily those of actual incorporation by the towns. In the case of Greeley the state office gives November 15, 1885 as the date, while the Book of Ordinances at the City Hall gives April 19, 1886. Both can be right. On the first date Greeley had established a right to incorporation by proving a certain population and on the last date the city council took action. In this case facts have been easily obtainable, but not so in others; old records of town council meetings are rare, so those of the secretary of state are depended upon for dates of incorporation.

In giving statistics regarding the towns of Weld the following order has been adopted:

Date of incorporation, acres covered by incorporation, altitude, principle industry, location in county relative to center and in reference to distance and direction from county seat, highway, railroad and bus line, and Postal service. Towns run alphabetically.

AULT

Incorporated April 11, 1904, covering 50 acres. Altitude 4,940 feet. Location, western part of county north of center; 11 miles north of county seat, and 3 west; on Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and bus line. Principal industry agriculture. Popula-

tion 737. Postal service local and rural. Route No. 1 with 148 boxes.

CARR

Not incorporated. Town site laid out March 23, 1907, by F. B. Stevenson, S. W. McGuire, T. A. Baden, J. L. Gray, Milt Warner and C. L. Warner; only one now living in Carr. McGuire and Mrs. Warner have died; Stevenson has removed to Ft. Collins, Gray to San Pedro, California, and Baden to Greeley. Milt Warner is still in Carr and has served as secretary of the town site company ever since its organization. Location in northwestern part of county, 33 miles north and 9 west of county seat; 7 miles south of Wyoming state line and 3 east of Larimer county line. Elevation 5,705 feet. Population 75. On Union Pacific Railroad. Four and a half mile east of famous Natural Fort.

DACONA

Incorporated September 23, 1908, covering 40 acres. Altitude 4,500 feet. Principal industry coal mining. Location southwestern part of county, 13 miles west and 23 south of county seat. Population 275. Postal service, local only.

EATON

Incorporated December 5, 1892, covering 100 acres. Altitude 4,750 feet. Population 1,221. Principal industry agriculture, almost wholly by irrigation. Location western part of county, north of center; 7 miles north of county seat, 1 west; on paved Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and bus line. Postal service, local and rural; Rural routes 1, 2, 3 with 375 boxes.

ERIE

Incorporated November 15, 1885, covering 10 acres. Altitude 5,000 feet. Population 830. Principal industry coal mining. Location extreme southwest corner of county, 25 miles south and 18 west of county seat. On Boulder Valley Railroad. Postal service local and rural; Route 1, with 87 boxes; local lock boxes 187.

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EVANS

Incorporated November 15, 1885, covering 1,000 acres. Altitude 4,647 feet. Principal industry agriculture; irrigation. Population 540. Location north and east of center, 3 miles south of county seat. On highway 85, U. P. Railroad, Colorado Motorway. Postal service local; Lock boxes 125.

FT. LUPTON

Incorporated January 15, 1890, covering 500 acres. Altitude 4,906 feet. Principal industry agriculture by irrigation; some coal mining. Population 1,578. Location, west of center; 23 miles south and 5 west of county seat. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and Colorado Motorway. Postal service local and rural. Rural Routes 1, 2, 3, with 410 boxes. Local lock boxes 252

FIRESTONE

Incorporated October 8, 1908, covering 240 acres. Altitude 5,280 feet. Principal industry coal mining. Population 240. Location southwest part of county, 20 miles south and 13 west of county seat. Postal service local; Lock boxes 67.

FREDERICK

Incorporated September 9, 1908, covering 120 acres. Altitude 5,120 feet. Principal industry coal mining. Population 595. Location southwestern part of county; 21 miles south and 13 west of county seat. Postal service local; Lock boxes 186.

GILCREST

Incorporated March 18, 1912, covering 500 acres. Altitude 4,752 feet. Principal industry agriculture. Population 324. Location west and south of center, 8 miles south and 5 west of county seat. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and Colorado Motorway. Postal service local; Lock boxes 50.

GREELEY—COUNTY SEAT

Incorporated April 19, 1886, covering 2,297 acres. Altitude 4,637 feet. Principal industry agriculture by irrigation. Population 12,203. Location south and west of center of county. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and Colorado Motorway. Postal

service local and rural; Rural Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, serving 1,122 boxes. Local lock boxes 688.

GROVER

Incorporated October 6, 1916, covering 200 acres. Altitude 5,000 feet. Industry, agriculture—dry farming. Population 167. Location northern part of county near center; 30 miles north and 24 east of county seat. On Burlington Railroad. Postal service local and rural; Rural Route 2, serving 190 boxes; Local lock boxes 40.

HUDSON

Incorporated April 2, 1914, covering 200 acres. Altitude 5,000 feet. Industry, agriculture. Population 346. Location, southern part of county west of center; 24 miles south and 3 west of county seat; 5 miles north of Adams county line. Postal service local and rural; Rural Route serving 94 boxes; Local lock boxes 72.

JOHSTOWN

Incorporated May 13, 1907, covering 40 acres. Altitude 4,820 feet. Population 767. Principal industry agriculture; also special sugar factory, only one of its kind in the world. Southwest of center; 6 miles south and 10 west of county seat. Postal service local and rural; Rural 118 boxes; Local lock boxes 245.

KEENESBURG

Incorporated June 4, 1919, covering 300 acres. Altitude 4,951. Population 297. Industry agriculture, both dry and irrigated ;irrigation mostly by wells. Location southern part of county west of center; 20 miles south and 9 east of county seat. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route A serves 164 boxes. Local lock boxes 7.

KEOTA

Incorporated April 17, 1919...., covering 140 acres. Altitude 5,000. Population 108. Industries dry farming and cattle grazing. Location north and east of center; 32 miles east and 20 north of county seat; 8 miles south and 4 west from famous fossil fields of Pawnee Buttes. Postal service local; 28 boxes.

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KERSEY

Incorporated December 3, 1908, covering 320 acres. Altitude 4,614. Industry agriculture, both dry and irrigated. Location south and east of center; 3 miles south and 7 east of county seat. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route A serves 187 boxes. Local lock boxes 81.

LA SALLE

Incorporated May 6, 1910, covering 640 acres. Altitude 4,700 feet. Population 564. Location south and west of center; 5 miles south and 1 west of county seat. On Highway 85, Junction of U. P. and Burlington railroads. On Colorado Motorway. Industries agriculture and Railroad business. Postal service local and rural. Route 2 serves 294 boxes. Local lock boxes 143.

MEAD

Incorporated March 17, 1908, covering 60 acres. Altitude 5,280 feet. Population 152. Location extreme west of county south of center; 3 miles from Boulder county line; 16 miles west and 12 south of county seat. Industries agriculture and coal mining. Postal service local. Lock boxes 80.

MILLIKEN

Incorporated October 1, 1910, covering 160 acres. Altitude 4,760 feet. Population 483. Industry agriculture, mostly by irrigation. Location, south and west of center; 9 miles west and 6 south of county seat. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route No. 1 serves 105 boxes; local 87 boxes.

NUNN

Incorporated March 23, 1908, covering 640 acres. Altitude 5,186 feet. Population 196. Location north and west of center, 20 miles north and 5 west of county seat. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and bus line. Industries agriculture, mostly dry farming, and cattle grazing. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route A serves 105 boxes. Lock boxes 70.

PIERCE

Incorporated August 30, 1918, covering 400 acres. Altitude 5,041 feet. Population 281. Industries, dry farming and cattle

grazing. Location north and west of center, 15 miles north and 4 west of county seat. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and bus line. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route No. 1 serves 88 boxes. Local boxes 70.

PLATTEVILLE

Incorporated January 1, 1887, covering 640 acres. Altitude 4,820 feet. Population 533. Location south and west of center; 14 miles south and 4 west of county seat. Industry agriculture, almost wholly by irrigation. On Highway 85, U. P. Railroad and Motorway bus line. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route No. 2, serves 267 boxes. Local 157 boxes.

NEW RAYMER

Incorporated May 29, 1919, covering 250 acres. Altitude 4,779 feet. Population 254. Industry, farming and cattle grazing. Location north and east of center; 44 miles east and 12 north of county seat. On Burlington Railroad. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route 1 serves 76 boxes, and local 96.

SEVERANCE

Incorporated November 20, 1920, covering acres (not given by secretary of state.) Altitude 4,900. Population 300. Location western part of county near center—(as measured from north to south) 5 miles from Larimer county line; 7 north and 7 west of county seat. Industry agriculture both dry farming and irrigated. Postal service local; 32 boxes.

WINDSOR

Incorporated April 15, 1890, covering 275 acres. Altitude 4,900 feet. Population 1,852. Location western edge of county near central as from north to south; 2 miles from Larimer county line; 10 west and 4 north of county seat. On Burlington Railroad and Highway. Industries agriculture and horticulture, irrigation only. Postal service local and rural. Rural Route No. 1 serves 180 boxes. Local 445.

TOWNS NOT INCORPORATED, POSTAL CENTERS BRIGGS DALE

North central part of county, 18 miles east and 14 north of

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county seat. Population about 210. Industry dry farming, cattle grazing.

BRIGGSDALE

North central part of county, 18 miles east, 14 north of county seat. Population about 210. Industry dry farming, cattle.

BUCKINGHAM

Northeastern part of county; 37 miles east and 13 north of county seat. Population about 110. Industry dry farming and cattle grazing.

CORNISH

West of central part of county; 14 miles east, 7 north of county seat. Industry dry farming. Annual Stone Age Fair.

GALETON

West of center of county; 5 miles east, 7 north of county seat. Industry agriculture, dry and irrigated. Population about 150.

GILL

West of center of county; 7 miles east and 3 north of county seat. Population about 200. Industry agriculture, dry and irrigated.

HARDIN

South of central, 13 miles east and 4 south of county seat. Dry farming and cattle grazing.

HEREFORD

Extreme north-central part of county, 20 miles east and 38 north of county seat; 2 miles south of Wyoming state line. Dry farming and cattle grazing. Population about 60.

IONE

Southwest of center; 18 miles south and 6 west of county seat. Industry agriculture, dry and irrigated.

LUCERNE

West of central part of county, 4 miles north of county seat. Industry agriculture, mostly by irrigation.

MASTERS

South central part of county, 7 miles south and 25 east of county seat on South Platte River near Morgan county line.