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IN MEMORY OF
 PHILIP T. MANLY,
 OUR GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW
 POSTAL HISTORIAN, WE DEDICATE
 THIS ISSUE OF LA POSTA.

WYOMING TERRITORIAL POST OFFICES

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Wyoming, as in the case with most Rocky Mountain territories, was considered by most of the early frontier settlers to be an undesirable place to be crossed as quickly as possible. It seems entirely fitting, therefore, that the first post office to be established in the territory of the present State of Wyoming should serve a military installation charged with the protection of travelers along the fastest route through the region - the Oregon Trail.

Fort Laramie had already been occupied for 16 years when its first post office was established in 1850. Built in 1834, as a way station for fur caravans of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, the fort became an important trade center and stopping place for emigrants headed for Oregon Country in the 1840's. Earliest postmarks from Fort Laramie are inscribed "OR" (for Oregon Route, perhaps), and the office was initially listed under the heading "Oregon Territory." An illustration of one of the rare Fort Laramie, OR postmarks of about 1852 appears on the front cover of this issue.

Nebraska Territory was created in 1854, and the Fort Laramie post office was transferred to the Nebraska post office list in Washington, D.C. Sampson reports a "Fort Laramie, N.T." postmark dated September 10, 1857 in his Stampless Cover Catalog. On March 2, 1861, Dakota Territory was created removed from the Nebraska list and placed on the Dakota list. Finally, on July 29, 1869, Wyoming Territory was created, and Fort Laramie "moved" to Wyoming.

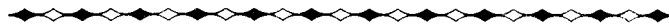
The name "Wyoming" has an interesting history. The word comes from the Algonquin Indian language, and specifically their term, "meche-weami-ing," which means "big flats at." The Anglicized form had already been applied as a place name to several localities in "Algonquin Country" (New York, Pennsylvania, etc.), when Representative James M. Ashley of Ohio proposed the name for the new western territory organized in 1868. Even though the Algonquins had probably never been within a thousand miles of the new territory, no one was able to suggest a more popular alternative, and Representative Ashley had his way.

Wyoming remained a territory for just under 22 years. It was admitted to the Union on July 10, 1890. The following pages contain a complete listing of all the post offices established in Wyoming during its territorial period according to the manuscript Records of Appointments of Postmasters from the Post Office Department. For each post office, this listing offers the following information, where available:

1. The name of the office, as carried by the P.O.D. in Washington,
2. The county in which the office was located. This item is based upon the original territorial counties which were much larger than present-day Wyoming counties (see map). In some cases, where present-day counties are known, they have been listed, but in most cases the counties listed refer to the organization of Wyoming as of 1890.

3. The date the post office was established. This is actually the date of appointment of the first postmaster. It rarely, if ever, coincided with the exact date on which the post office began to function.
4. The name of the first postmaster. Spelling given here have been "interpreted" from the manuscript records, and accuracy can not be guaranteed in either the original or the transcription.
5. The date the post office was discontinued. (if applicable) The notation "OP30" means that the office was operating in 1930, but has since closed. "OP70" means that the office is listed in the latest Directory of Post Offices. Dates of name changes are also given under this heading.
6. The name to which the post office changed. (if applicable) In some cases the location of the office was changed along with the the name. In this listing no differentiation has been offered between a simple name change and a name/site change.
7. Notes generally provide the name of the post office to which the listed office was closed. In other words, an office listed in this column took over the service of the discontinued office. This information is useful in determining locations in some cases. Other tidbits are offered in this column where available.

Bearing in mind the above cautions, this listing of Wyoming territorial post offices should prove to be a useful guide. In addition, the obvious shortcomings of this work can be used as a starting point for anyone interested in proceeding with a more detailed and scholarly study of Wyoming Territory postal history. Comments and additions will be greatly appreciated by the authors...



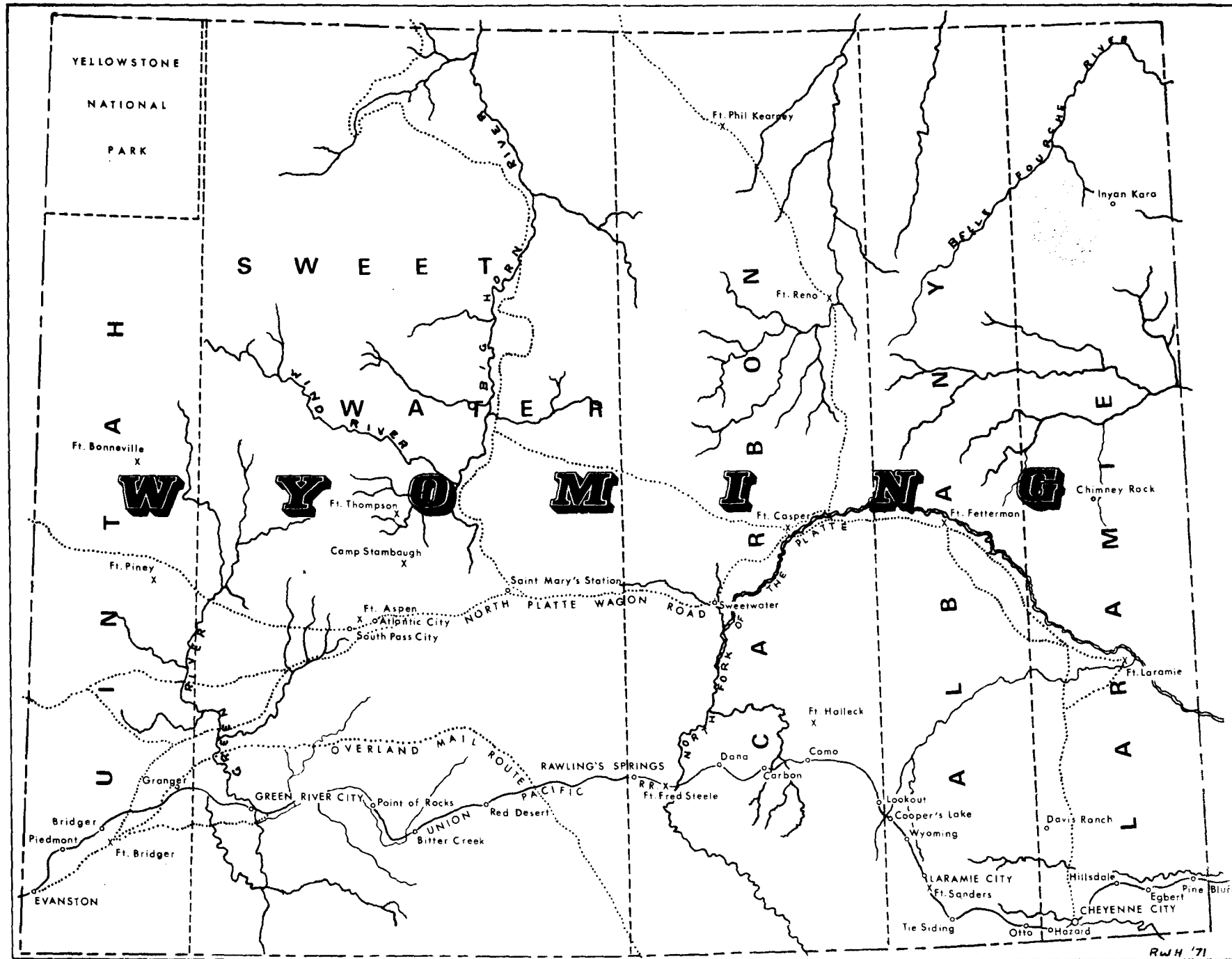
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Office	Co.	Established	First Postmaster	Discontinued	Changed To:	Notes
Afton	Lincoln	5 Apr 1888	William H. Cazier	OP70		
Alamo	Big Horn	26 May 1890	Margaret E. Shafer	15 Jan 1901		M. to Jordan
Almond	Sweetwat	14 Feb 1884	Rome Moffitt	31 Jul 1908	Point of Rocks	
Almy	Uinta	5 Apr 1872	Newell Beeman	15 Mar 1914		M. to Evanston
Alpine	Lincoln	30 Jun 1890	Electra Walton	22 Jun 1895		no papers
Archer	Laramie	12 Sep 1887	Andrew Carpenter	15 Jul 1919		M. to Cheyenne
Ariosa	Laramie	10 Jul 1888	Paul F. W. Blau	30 Nov 1901		M. to Cheyenne
Arland	Big Horn	10 Nov 1885	John F. Corbett	18 Jun 1894	Wise	
Aspen	Uinta	1 Sep 1873	William T. Day	15 Nov 1901		M. to Hilliard
Atlantic City	Fremont	16 Dec 1869	Robert McAuley	1956		
Auburn	Lincoln	4 Oct 1889	George Davis	OP70		
Aurora	Carbon	15 Jul 1889	Sallie C. Moffitt	15 Jul 1899		(Never in opn)
Badger	Laramie	20 Mar 1890	Mary J. Hauphoff	18 Nov 1901	Junction	
Baggs	Carbon	24 Nov 1879	John F. Porter	OP30		
Baggs Crossing	Carbon	12 Feb 1879	Margaret E. Baggs	30 Apr 1879		
Banner	Sheridan	9 Jun 1884	James L. Davis	OP70		
Barrett	Crook	9 Oct 1889	Daniel C. Baker	1 Dec 1898	Aladdin	
Bates Fork	Carbon	17 Aug 1879	William M. Daily	29 Jan 1880		
Beaver	Converse	7 Feb 1887	Charles Rice	27 Feb 1909		M. to Douglas
Beckton	Sheridan	2 Jun 1884	George T. Beck	13 Nov 1900		M. to Sheridan
Beckwith	Uinta	13 Nov 1884	William Egan	21 Jul 1886		M. to Sillem
Bellewood	Laramie	31 May 1889	Mary McDermott	26 Dec 1890	Glendo	
Bennett	Carbon	14 Feb 1888	Cora A. Mayden	15 Jun 1909		M. to French
Bennetts Ferry	Carbon	7 Oct 1878	Frank Earnest	19 Apr 1880		
Benton	Sweetwat	29 Jun 1868	William A. Hodgman	16 Oct 1868		
Bessemer	Natrona	18 Jun 1888	William Clark	10 Mar 1898		M. to Casper
Beulah	Crook	21 Feb 1883	Alexander Moorcraft	OP70		
Big Horn	Sheridan	4 Jun 1879	Thomas Creighton	OP70		
Big Laramie	Albany	6 Aug 1878	James King	14 Dec 1885		M. to Laramie City
Big Piney	Lincoln	20 Sep 1879	Nicholas D. Swan	OP30		
Big Red	Johnson	24 Jul 1886	Olin Austin	18 Jun 1902		
Bingham	Sheridan	2 Aug 1880	Benjamin F. Smith	27 Feb 1895		M. to Ranchester
Bitter Creek	Sweetwat	17 Mar 1869	Sylvanus Hermans	OP70		
Black Buttes	Sweetwat	30 Jun 1890	Charles B. Sears	28 Feb 1919		M. to Rock Springs
Bonanza	Big Horn	14 Jun 1887	Alonzo H. Taylor	29 Jun 1918		M. to Hyattville
Bordeaux	Platte	16 Feb 1877	Thomas Hunton	OP30		
Bothwell	Natrona	5 Sep 1889	Henry B. Fetz	11 Jun 1892	Johnstown	
Box Elder	Converse	1 Jun 1888	Martin Smith	OP30		
Bridger	Uinta	29 Mar 1875	G. C. Randall	15 Jun 1875		
Bridger Station	Uinta	15 Jul 1869	Edward D. Titus	10 Oct 1871		

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Bryan	Sweetwat	9 Sep 1868	David K. Allen	30 Apr 1901		M. to Green River
Buffalo	Johnson	6 Oct 1879	William H. Harte	OP70		
Buford(1)	Laramie	15 Jun 1887	John W. Hall	2 Oct 1889		M. to Converse
Buford(2)	Laramie	19 Jul 1880	John R. Hooper	4 Aug 1881		
Burlington	Weston	7 Feb 1889	Charles Brewer	7 Oct 1890		M. to Newcastle
Burnt Fork	Sweetwat	19 Aug 1879	Marshall M. Turley	OP30		
Cambria	Weston	20 Feb 1890	Charles S. Collyer	31 Jul 1928		M. to Newcastle
Campbell	Crook	15 Feb 1890	David L. Hawkins	22 May 1891		no papers
Camp Brown	Sweetwat	18 Mar 1875	James K. Moore	7 May 1879	Fort Washakee	
Camp Stambaugh	Sweetwat	20 Jul 1871	Noyes Baldwin	28 Dec 1878		
Carbon	Carbon	17 Mar 1869	Thomas Wardell	2 Jan 1907		M. to Como
Carlile(1)	Crook	6 Oct 1887	Cecil S. Handcock	15 Feb 1888		no papers
Carlile(2)	Crook	26 Apr 1888	Harriet N. Deatley	OP30		
Carter	Uinta	31 Mar 1869	James K. Moore	OP70		
Caspar	Carbon	7 Aug 1879	John Lind	11 Jul 1882		M. to Ft. Fetterman
Casper	Natrona	4 Oct 1888	James A. Hartman	OP70		
Centennial	Albany	23 Jul 1875	Isaac P. Lamburg	OP30		
Charleston	Uinta	28 Feb 1881	David Robinson	20 Jul 1881		
Cheyenne	Laramie	27 Jan 1888	Albert C. Snyder	OP70		
Cheyenne City	Laramie	22 Aug 1867	Thomas E. McLeland	27 Jan 1888	Cheyenne	
Chimney Rock	Laramie	18 Jun 1874	John McFarland	22 Apr 1880		
Chugwater	Platte	12 Jun 1872		OP70		
Clare	Converse	23 Feb 1887	William P. St.Clare	3 Oct 1890		M. to Hat Creek
Cokeville	Lincoln	12 Oct 1877	Sylvanus Collett	OP70		
Collins	Carbon	25 Sep 1884	Thomas J. Collins	26 Mar 1902	Downington	
Como	Carbon	7 Aug 1879	David C. Chase	19 Oct 1881		
Converse	Laramie	24 Jul 1886	James C. Pennington	16 Oct 1888	Hecla	
Cooke	Sweetwat	23 Dec 1881	W. H. Randall	31 Jan 1891		M. to Mam.Hot Sprs.
Cooper	Albany	19 Apr 1880	George Little	25 Aug 1893		M. to Laramie
Cooper Lake	Albany	16 Jan 1878	A. Field, Jr.	21 Oct 1878		
Corbett	Albany	6 Aug 1878	Cuthbert T. Waldron	21 Mar 1880		M. to Cummins
Corbett	Big Horn	17 Nov 1884	Robert Newmayer	31 Jul 1908		M. to Ralston
Craig	Albany	11 May 1886	John Hart	27 Nov 1888		no papers
Crazy Woman	Albany	14 May 1880	John R. Smith	24 Aug 1880		
Crooks	Fremont	21 Jul 1886	Arthur O'Neil	20 Oct 1888		M. to Rongis
Cummins	Albany	26 Mar 1880	George W. Moore	10 Aug 1888		M. to Woods
Dallas	Fremont	19 May 1884	Joseph Werlen	15 May 1918		M. to Lander
Dana	Carbon	14 Jul 1889	Thomas O. Minta	30 Sep 1911		M. to Hanna
Davis Ranch	Laramie	3 Nov 1873	Leander Davis	22 Jan 1908	Horse Creek	
Dayton	Sheridan	6 Jun 1883	Henry Baker	OP 70		

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Deer Creek	Converse	7 Aug 1879	Frank Wolcott	13 Nov 1886	Tolland	
Delta	Laramie	11 Feb 1880	William C. Lane	6 Jun 1881		
Denison	Laramie	6 Jun 1889	J. L. F. Johnston	24 Aug 1894		M. to Big Horse Ck.
Derby	Fremont	5 May 1888	John Bircumshaw	16 Mar 1895		M. to Dallas
Dexterville	Carbon	14 May 1886	Hiram F. Dexter	11 Aug 1887		M. to Dixon
Dixon	Carbon	24 Jun 1874	Robert Dixon	OP30		
Donkey Creek	Crook	31 Mar 1888	Wilson Ridgway	30 Nov 1888		no papers
Dougherty	Albany	10 Apr 1890	James Dougherty	9 Jan 1893		no papers
Douglas	Converse	28 Jun 1886	James F. McReynolds	OP70		
Douglass	Carbon	14 Oct 1878	Fletcher Dunham	4 Oct 1883		M. to Centennial
Downey	Albany	29 Jul 1886	William Downey	3 Nov 1886		M. to Rock Creek
Dry Piney	Lincoln	13 Jan 1888	James Colhoun	Apr 1892		M. to Big Piney
Dubois	Fremont	6 Aug 1889	Charles C. Smith	OP70		
Durbin	Carbon	6 Sep 1887	James A. Mendenhall	9 Apr 1892		M. to Cheyenne
Eagle Ranch	Sweetwat	5 May 1876	Herman G. Nickerson	10 Sep 1879		
Egbert	Laramie	8 Jan 1875	James Goff	OP30		
Elk Grove	Sweetwat	24 Dec 1866	Luther Wilson	26 Jan 1869		
Elk Mountain	Carbon	5 Sep 1877	John S. Jones	OP70		
Elsie	Albany	24 Jul 1886	David C. Lathrop	19 Nov 1888		no papers
Embar	Hot Sprs.	21 Aug 1884	A. J. Price	14 May 1927		M. to Thermopolis
Eothen	Crook	11 Jan 1887	John Pearson	28 Feb 1913		M. to Aladdin
Ervay	Natrona	6 Oct 1888	Jacob E. Ervay	OP30		
Evanston	Uinta	8 Feb 1870	Charles I. Devoe	OP70		
Fairbank	Laramie	26 Feb 1883	Louis P. Fay	15 Oct 1900		M. to Guernsey
Fairview	Lincoln	26 Jun 1889	John C. Dewey	OP70		
Farrel	Albany	22 Jun 1876	Edward Farrel	2 Feb 1883		
Fenton	Big Horn	13 Sep 1889	Amelia Cunnington	30 Sep 1909		M. to Burlington
Ferris	Carbon	24 Feb 1875	George Clarkson	31 Aug 1906		M. to Rawlins
Field	Crook	18 Sep 1889	Delos Tubbs	11 Jun 1895		no papers
Firehold	N.P.R.	17 Jun 1886	John Clark	22 May 1891		no papers
Firehole	N.P.R.	13 Sep 1880	Sarah Marshall	5 Dec 1882		M. to Mam.Hot Sprs.
Fisherville	Sweetwat	6 Aug 1889	C. Helen Fisher	OP30		
Fontenelle	Lincoln	20 Sep 1879	Justin Pomeroy	OP30		
Forks	Crook	15 Jun 1883	Higby J. Wisner	20 Dec 1899		M. to Aladdin
Fort Bridger	Uinta	6 Aug 1858	William A. Carter	OP70	to Bridger(14/7/06-19/7/11)	
Fort Fetterman	Converse	28 Jan 1873	Ephram Tillotson	5 Mar 1894		M. to Douglas
Fort Fred Steele	Carbon	10 Jul 1868	Lewis Lowry	OP30		
Fort Halleck	Carbon	5 Jul 1870	Robert Foote	20 Jan 1886		M. to Carbon
Fort Laramie	Goshen	14 Mar 1850	John Tutt	OP70		1st listed in Oregon Terr.

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Fort McKinney(1)	Johnson	26 Nov 1878	Elias U. Snider	7 Jul 1879	Rochester	
Fort McKinney(2)	Johnson	15 Oct 1879	John H. Leonard	7 Dec 1894		M. to Buffalo
Fort Russell	Laramie	25 Apr 1883	Charles A. Weidman	1 Feb 1930	Fort Warren	
Fort Sanders	Albany	21 Jun 1880	Edwin D. Lane	2 Jun 1882		M. to Laramie City
Fort Washakie	Fremont	7 May 1879	James R. Moore	OP30		
Fossil	Lincoln	15 Feb 1886	Isaac Smith	OP30		
Franc	Sweetwat	15 Sep 1882	Otto Franc	14 Jun 1883	Meeteetse	
Francis	Weston	11 Jan 1890	Francis N. Jenkins	26 Jan 1893	Milton	
Frank	Sweetwat	6 Apr 1882	Otto Franc	15 Sep 1882	Franc	
Freeland	Natrona	23 Mar 1889	Lillie Keith	28 Jul 1899		M. to Winthrop
Freels Ranch	Laramie	24 Jun 1874	John Freel	19 Feb 1875		
Gavera	Sweetwat	11 Feb 1880	John M. Reid	26 Jan 1881		
Gilmer	Uinta	5 Oct 1868	L. R. Freeman	20 Mar 1877		
Glenrock	Converse	25 Jan 1887	Oceola B. Abbott	OP70		
Goodwins Ranch	Laramie	16 May 1879	Oliver P. Goodwin	24 Oct 1884		M. to Cheyenne City
Goshen	Laramie	17 Jun 1886	Harvey M. Babbitt	15 Mar 1911		M. to Lingle
Granger	Sweetwat	1 Feb 1869	Lafayette Granger	OP70		
Granite Canon	Laramie	31 Dec 1883	William P. Dinsley	OP70		
Granite Canyon	Laramie	10 Jun 1872	D. W. Spring	29 Aug 1873		
Green	Carbon	6 Oct 1888	George E. Brenner	6 Nov 1897		M. to Ft. Fred Steele
Green River	Sweetwat	28 Nov 1887	Edward J. Morris	OP70		
Green River City	Sweetwat	26 Aug 1868	John T. Reynolds	28 Nov 1887	Green River	
Grover	Lincoln	24 Aug 1889	Lavina S. Thurman	OP70		
Hailey	Fremont	12 Jan 1887	Frank Geoffrey	15 Sep 1894		M. to Lander
Hale	Sweetwat	14 Jan 1884	Albert J. Dougherty	19 Nov 1885		M. to Green River Cy
Hamilton	Laramie	20 Jul 1881	William F. Hamilton	24 Oct 1881		
Ham's Fork	Uinta	14 Jun 1887	Brigham Y. Randall	1 Dec 1897	Kemmerer	
Hanna	Carbon	11 Jan 1890	George F. Doane	OP70		
Hartland	Platte	10 Apr 1882	Charles W. Nylen	3 May 1882	Hartville	
Hartville	Platte	3 May 1882	Charles W. Nylen	OP70		
Hat Creek	Niobrara	2 Feb 1877	H. O. Campbell	OP70		
Hatton	Albany	14 May 1883	Saphronia Towle	15 Jul 1902		M. to Centennial
Hawk Springs	Laramie	24 Aug 1874	John Campbell	5 Apr 1877		
Hay Creek	Crook	12 Jun 1888	Daniel C. Baker	9 Oct 1889	Barrett	
Hazard	Laramie	11 Jun 1886	J. Shea	27 Nov 1888		No papers
Hecla	Laramie	16 Oct 1888	James C. Pennington	31 Oct 1929		M. to Granite Canon
Hematite	Laramie	15 Feb 1889	Henry Morrell	16 Jul 1890		M. to Raw Hide Buttes
Hilliard	Uinta	23 Jul 1873	George W. Carleton	31 Dec 1902		M. to Knight
Hillsdale	Laramie	21 Feb 1881	Theodore W. Chaffee	OP70		
Horse Creek	Laramie	12 May 1875	Michael Fagan	26 Apr 1879		

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Hubert	Laramie	24 May 1886	John Groher	3 Oct 1890		M. to Uva
Hulett	Crook	1 Mar 1886	Lewis M. Hulett	OP70		
Hyattville	Big Horn	12 Nov 1887	Tami W. Hyatt	OP30		
Inez	Converse	16 Oct 1888	Robert H. Vosburgh	31 Jul 1913		M. to Careyhurst
Inyan Kara	Crook	17 Aug 1882	Samuel A. Young	15 Dec 1905		M. to Sundance
Iron Mountain	Laramie	20 Jun 1872	George T. Wallace	OP70		
Islay	Laramie	18 Feb 1886	Donald McPhee	19 Jun 1914	Federal	
Jenks	Laramie	31 Mar 1890	Adah Jenks	6 May 1893		M. to Iron Mounta
Kearney(1)	Johnson	14 Sep 1881	Oliver P. Hanna	9 Aug 1882		M. to Ft. McKinne
Kearney(2)	Johnson	1 Jun 1887	Christian J. Hepp	OP30		
Killion	Crook	13 Jan 1888	Louisa Killion	15 May 1888		M. to Sundance
Keystone	Albany	30 Nov 1889	David B. Dole	30 Nov 1910		M. to Albany
La Barge	Lincoln	5 Apr 1880	Charles Burkman	4 Aug 1928		M. to Tulce
La Belle	Crook	11 Jan 1888	Jacob L. Kaufman	20 Dec 1889	Moorcroft	
Labonte	Converse	17 Jun 1884	Charles A. Pollard	31 Jan 1930		M. to Douglas
La Bonte	Laramie	11 Feb 1878	C. Joseph Flagalthin	2 Mar 1883		M. to Ft. Fetterm
Lagrange	Goshen	25 Oct 1889	Seymour J. Robb	OP70		
Lamar	Carbon	27 May 1887	Lewis A. Smith	10 Oct 1889		M. to Sweetwater
Lander	Fremont	18 Mar 1875	James I. Patten	OP70		
La Plata	Carbon	16 May 1879	Frank O. Sarvin	6 Jan 1881		
Laramie	Albany	25 Jul 1888	Jay H. Donkersley	OP70		
Laramie City	Albany	19 Mar 1868	John Wanless	25 Jul 1888	Laramie	
Last Chance	Albany	25 Jun 1874	George W. Ritter	14 Oct 1878	Douglas	
Latham	Albany	27 Aug 1872	A. J. Gregory	17 Apr 1873		
Lawton	Albany	15 Jun 1881	Samuel A. Robertson	24 Oct 1881		
Leah	Albany	13 Dec 1883	George La Munyon	8 Feb 1896	Red Buttes	
Learight	Carbon	13 Jan 1888	William Clark	18 Jun 1888	Bessemer	
Leo	Carbon	13 Dec 1883	Volney M. Street	OP30		
Lewiston	Sweetwat	29 Jan 1883	Joseph Miller	20 Nov 1883		M. to Atlantic Ci
Linden	Crook	27 Aug 1888	Edgar C. Wakeman	15 Sep 1910		M. to Sundance
Little Bear	Laramie	24 May 1877	Isaac N. Bard	OP30		
Little Horse Crk	Laramie	19 Dec 1876	William McMinn	17 Jun 1884	South Bend	
Little Horse Crk	Laramie	14 Jan 1885	James R. Johnson	15 Jul 1919		M. to Wauneta
Little Moon	Laramie	7 Aug 1876	Nicholas Janis	11 Feb 1880	Delta	
Little Powder	Crook	25 Feb 1888	Harvey Calhoun	3 Oct 1891		M. to Gillette
Little Wind Rivr	Sweetwat	10 Jun 1870	John B. Cairnes	10 Oct 1870		
Logan	Johnson	2 Feb 1885	John E. Dalgren	8 Aug 1891		M. to Buffalo
Lone Tree	Uinta	9 Jan 1888	Annie Summers	12 Oct 1895	Lonetree (OP70)	
Lookout	Laramie	15 Jul 1869	J. R. Morton	13 Feb 1871		
Lookout	Albany	22 Dec 1879	J. H. F. Scholl	OP30		

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Lost Cabin	Fremont	31 Aug 1886	John B. Okie	OP30		
Lovell	Big Horn	12 Jan 1888	Josiah Cook	OP30		
Lusk	Converse	15 Feb 1884	Frank Lusk	OP30		
Lyons	Fremont	30 Jan 1885	Alice M. Gillis	15 Mar 1905		M. to Lander
Mahogany	Johnson	24 Jul 1886	Jordan L. Smith	19 Nov 1887		No papers
Mammoth Hot Sprs.	N. P. R.	2 Mar 1880	Clarence M. Stephen	30 Jan 1902	Yellowstone Park	
Mandel	Johnson	2 Mar 1879	George Mandel	7 Jun 1882	Sheridan	
Manville	Niobrara	8 Feb 1887	John A. Sheffer	OP70		
Maxon	Sweetwat	26 Jun 1889	Ebert P. Maxon	14 Dec 1907		M. to Green River
Mayoworth	Johnson	16 Jul 1889	Charles L. Jones	OP30		
McNally	Big Horn	19 Jun 1890	William McNally	12 Feb 1891	Altona	
Medicine Bow	Carbon	4 Jan 1869	J. N. Moses	OP70		
Meeteetse	Park	14 Jun 1883	Margaret B. Wilson	OP70		
Meriden	Laramie	15 Jul 1889	Jessie T. Durham	OP70		
Mikado	Crook	25 Feb 1888	Francis M. Lavering	7 Oct 1890		M. to Big Red
Millersburgh	Laramie	8 Feb 1883	Frank M. Watson	14 Apr 1884		M. to Fairbank
Milltown	Johnson	6 Jun 1883	George T. Beck	2 Jun 1884	Beckton	
Milton	Carbon	2 Jan 1883	William A. Goodlander	27 Jun 1883		M. to Cummins
Miner's Delight	Fremont	24 Jan 1870	David C. Nichols	31 May 1900		M. to Atlantic City
Moorcroft	Crook	20 Dec 1889	Stocks Miller	OP70		
Moran	Laramie	1 Mar 1886	James Moran	18 Apr 1894		M. to Glendo
Mountain Home	Albany	20 Nov 1886	Joseph H. Burbank	22 Apr 1891		M. to Rock Creek
Murphy	Johnson	11 Jan 1888	James G. Taylor	18 Feb 1889		
Myersville	Fremont	17 Aug 1886	Charles R. Bush	15 Jul 1909		M. to Hailey
New Castle	Crook	12 Oct 1889	Levi R. Davis	7 Feb 1890	Newcastle(OP70)	
Newfork	Fremont	1 Mar 1888	Charles M. Donnelly	15 Aug 1918		M. to Boulder
Newton	Laramie	21 Apr 1881	George W. Newton	12 Oct 1882		M. to Raw Hide Butte
North Fork	Sweetwat	27 Feb 1877	Henry R. Prather	27 Mar 1884		M. to Lander
Northfork	Fremont	24 Jul 1886	Charles B. Wiggins	14 Feb 1887		No papers
Nylin	Converse	17 Jun 1889	Charles W. Nylen	12 Jul 1895		M. to Orin
Ohlman	Sheridan	6 Jun 1883	George Ohlman	23 Feb 1894		M. to Pass
Oil City	Crook	6 Sep 1887	Fred W. Coutes	30 Dec 1887		No papers
Oil City	Natrona	29 Jul 1886	Daniel N. Carrington	30 Jun 1923		M. to Miller
Ono	Johnson	1 Jun 1887	Etta Cowman	30 Jul 1900		M. to Greub
Opal	Lincoln	24 Aug 1886	Samuel H. Wright	OP70		
Otto	Big Horn	4 Apr 1888	Frank S. Wood	OP30		
Owen	Albany	19 Feb 1887	John N. Mertz	31 Oct 1929		M. to Wheatland
Papypoc	Sweetwat	7 Jun 1880	Augustus Lankers	22 Nov 1880		
Pass	Sheridan	11 Sep 1888	Thurston W. Akins	10 Aug 1894	Parkman	
Patrick	Laramie	7 Sep 1887	Edwin A. Johnston	15 May 1914		M. to Torrington

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Percy	Carbon	31 Dec 1868	Nathan Vandervoort	2 Jun 1900		
Phillips	Goshen	29 Jan 1884	John H. Phillip	OP30		
Piedmont	Uinta	15 Jun 1869	John O'Leary	OP70		
Pine Bluff	Laramie	13 Jan 1869	Theodore H. Vail	1 Mar 1923	Pine Bluffs	
Pine Top	Carbon	17 Mar 1873	Dennis McMannis	19 Mar 1878		
Point of Rocks	Sweetwat	30 Nov 1868	D. White	17 Feb 1871		
Pole Creek	Laramie	7 Aug 1876	Frederick Schwartz	14 Apr 1879		
Pollock	Albany	14 Feb 1890	Homer W. Pollock	31 Mar 1903		M. to Centennial
Poor	Carbon	18 Jun 1886	William Poor	30 Aug 1887		M. to Carbon
Powder River	Johnson	22 May 1879	John Livingston	18 Oct 1895	Sussex	
Prager	Albany	24 Aug 1889	Maggie Matheson	24 Nov 1890		
Prospect	Sweetwat	25 Sep 1884	Jacob Price	?? 1884		
Raw Hide Buttes	Laramie	24 Jun 1878	William S. Jenks	30 Jul 1910		M. to Jayem
Rawlings Springs	Carbon	22 Oct 1868	John C. Dyer	4 Mar 1876	Rawlins	
Rawlins	Carbon	4 Mar 1876	James France	OP70		
Red Bank	Big Horn	31 Mar 1888	Alice Richards	15 Aug 1904		M. to No Wood
Red Buttes	Albany	2 Sep 1872	E. B. McNairn	2 Jul 1879		
Red Cañon	Uinta	26 May 1887	James A. Eakins	15 Aug 1900		M. to Almy
Red Desert	Sweetwat	6 Mar 1876	F. D. Higbee	5 Jun 1876		
Riverdale	Crook	2 May 1881	William T. Hazelton	20 Feb 1894		M. to Fork
Riverside	Johnson	24 Apr 1883	Mary A. Devoe	7 Aug 1894		M. to Red Bank
Rochester	Johnson	7 Jul 1879	Elias U. Snider	15 Oct 1879	Fort McKinney	
Rock Creek	Albany	13 Sep 1876	John T. Crawford	31 May 1910		M. to Rock River
Rock Creek	Laramie	10 Sep 1868	Alexander C. Irwin	17 Mar 1869		
Rockdale	Carbon	21 Mar 1882	Milton H. Williamson	14 May 1906		M. to Arlington
Rock Springs	Sweetwat	10 Jun 1872	George W. Haws	OP70		
Rongis	Fremont	4 Jan 1883	John J. Signer	15 Oct 1926		M. to Lander
Roseville	Albany	15 Apr 1884	William Rose	20 Aug 1884		M. to Rock Creek
Ross	Carbon	13 Oct 1884	James Ross	19 Jun 1886		No Papers
Ross	Converse	15 Jul 1889	Amanda Moore	OP30		
Sage Creek	Sweetwat	6 Feb 1879	Edgar H. Falkner	20 May 1879		
Saint Clair	Albany	4 Dec 1879	Daniel L. Evans	13 Oct 1881		
Saint Mary	Fremont	25 Jan 1888	James Brown	1 Jun 1888		No Papers
Saint Stephens	Fremont	9 Oct 1888	Franc H. Kuppens	OP70		
Salem	Laramie	24 Dec 1888	Swan J. Falk	15 Apr 1914		M. to Pineville
Saratoga	Carbon	5 Feb 1884	Wilbur B. Hugus	OP70		
Savers	Fremont	21 Apr 1890	Charles Savers	9 Oct 1890		No Papers
Savery(1)	Carbon	8 Jan 1880	Noah Reader	14 Mar 1882		
Savery(2)	Carbon	7 Feb 1889	Alfred Heath	15 Nov 1890		M. to Dixon
Seminole	Carbon	28 Sep 1885	Mary E. W. Tennant	14 Mar 1894		M. to Ferris

Office	Co.	Established	First Postmaster	Discontinued	Changed To:	Notes
Seminole	Carbon	25 Apr 1872	Eleazer Hunt	4 Aug 1875		
Shawnee	Laramie	7 Feb 1887	Frank S. Macomber	9 Jul 1888		M. to Lusk
Sherard	Laramie	25 Oct 1889	George W. Sherard	11 Sep 1890		No Papers
Sheridan	Sheridan	7 Jun 1882	John D. Loucks	OP70		
Sherman	Albany	9 Sep 1868	Josh H. Teats	30 Apr 1919		M. to Buford
Shell	Big Horn	14 Nov 1888	Jordan L. Smith	OP30		
Shell Creek	Carbon	22 Jun 1880	Emma J. Sturgis	6 Sep 1880		
Shirley	Carbon	19 Mar 1890	John Massingale	24 Jan 1891		M. to Carbon
Shoshone Agency	Fremont	28 Feb 1881	Thomas W. Vollentine	14 Sep 1905	Wind River	
Sibylee	Albany	16 Apr 1888	Julia Plaga	OP30		
Sillem	Uinta	21 Oct 1884	W. Ludovice	30 Aug 1887		M. to Fossil
Silver Crown	Laramie	10 Jul 1882	Patrick J. Hall	31 Jan 1914		M. to Cheyenne
Slater	Carbon	9 Jul 1883	William T. Morgan	24 Dec 1888	Moved to Routt County, Colorado	
South Bend	Laramie	17 Jun 1884	Mycajah H. Gilleland	30 Nov 1914		M. to Lagrange
South Pass City	Fremont	18 Mar 1868	John H. McGrath	OP30		
Spring Creek	Big Horn	31 Mar 1888	Robert A. Waln	27 Oct 1891		M. to Mayoworth
Spring Hill	Albany	21 Jul 1887	Lizzie N. Cushman	15 Jul 1921		M. to Esterbrook
Springwood	Crook	25 Feb 1888	Lewis H. Sharpe	27 Nov 1888		No Papers
Stockade	Laramie	9 Apr 1880	Egbert B. Coleman	6 Jul 1881		
Sulphur	Carbon	20 Sep 1883	Alex T. Via	4 Sep 1895		M. to Muddy
Sundance	Crook	17 Aug 1882	Philemon J. Foulboenf	OP70		
Sunrise	Laramie	14 Jan 1884	Eli W. Hall	23 Apr 1884		M. to Hartville
Sunshine	Park	4 Jun 1890	William B. Sheeper	OP30		
Swan	Carbon	27 Jun 1881	Amos Baggott	13 Nov 1894		M. to Collins
Sweetwater	Carbon	29 Jun 1886	James Arnold	31 Jul 1890		M. to Bothwell
Theresa	Converse	17 Oct 1882	Lizzie Henry	30 Aug 1902		M. to Douglas
Tie Siding	Albany	21 Jan 1875	Mills D. Hartt	OP30		
Tipton	Sweetwat	19 Jun 1886	S. L. Chenoweth	21 Sep 1886		No Papers
Tolland	Converse	13 Nov 1886	Stanley Harrington	7 Aug 1894		M. to Glenrock
Torrey	Big Horn	24 Jul 1888	John Cusack	9 Jan 1895	Themopolis	
Torrington	Goshen	20 Jul 1889	William G. Curtis	OP70		
Trabing	Johnson	26 Aug 1880	Andrew King	19 Dec 1913		M. to Buffalo
Trabing City	Johnson	20 Jan 1879	Abraham M. Bauman	11 Mar 1880		
Trelona	Laramie	25 Oct 1889	James Jackson	31 Jan 1912		M. to Meriden
Tremont	Carbon	16 Mar 1877	Francis S. Murphy	9 Oct 1877		
Twin Creeks	Uinta	15 Feb 1883	Dana D. Little	10 Nov 1885		M. to Wright's Ra
Two-bar	Laramie	31 Dec 1889	John McDougall	30 Apr 1903		M. to Wheatland
Uva	Platte	30 Jun 1880	John H. Gordon	OP30		
Vermillion	Sweetwat	6 Feb 1890	Jennie E. Rife	23 Nov 1893		M. to Rock Springs
Voorhees	Converse	16 Dec 1885	Andrew P. Brown	23 Sep 1898		M. to Lusk

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Walbach	Laramie	15 Nov 1875	David Lannen	10 Jan 1884		M. to Cheyenne City
Walters	Natrona	17 Jun 1889	Mary K. Breen	19 Nov 1895		M. to Casper
Ward	Crook	20 Jun 1890	Felix Ward	OP30		
Warm Springs	Carbon	4 Oct 1878	Ealter T. French	5 Feb 1882	Saratoga	
Warren	Big Horn	6 Jun 1890	Lewis G. Huling	27 Oct 1891		M. to Alamo
Washam	Sweetwat	3 Apr 1890	Pauline Washam	24 Oct 1893		M. to Green River
Webel	Albany	15 Nov 1886	Charles C. P. Webel	11 Aug 1887		M. to Labonte
Webber	Albany	23 May 1890	William Brower	21 Nov 1890		M. to Silver Canon
Wendover	Laramie	24 Apr 1888	Frank A. M. Stuart	31 Jul 1891		M. to Glendo
Wheatland	Laramie	7 Sep 1887	James A. Johnston	OP30		
Wilder	Johnson	2 Apr 1883	E. S. Wilder	19 Oct 1883		M. to Buffalo
Willowglen	Carbon	20 Jul 1889	Harrison W. Haines	6 Feb 1891		Never in Opn.
Wilson	Johnson	1 Mar 1886	Charles Wilson	15 Sep 1886		No Papers
Woods	Albany	19 May 1884	Henry Timmons	15 Mar 1914		M. to Laramie
Wrighter	Crook	2 Sep 1887	William A. Simmons	28 Feb 1889		M. to Powder River
Wright's Ranch	Uinta	1 Oct 1884	Samuel H. Wright	24 Aug 1886	Opal	
Wyoming	Albany	30 Jul 1868	Justin Pomeroy	14 Feb 1898	Oasis	

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Abbreviations Used in This Listing:

Crk. - creek

M. to - postal service taken over by ...

Never in Opn. - notation in postal records that office never operated.

No Papers - notation in postal records that office passed on no business.

N. P. R. - National Park Reservation (Yellowstone).

Sprs. - Springs

Sweetwat - Sweetwater County

WASHINGTON STATE RURAL STATIONS & BRANCHES

By Arthur E. Rupert

Ed Note: Arthur E. Rupert is one of our nation's most highly regarded authorities on the subject of rural branches and stations of United States post offices. We are indeed pleased that Mr. Rupert has agreed to publish in our pages a series of listings of rural branches and stations of the Western states. Mr. Rupert begins his series with a listing of the rurals of his home state: Washington.

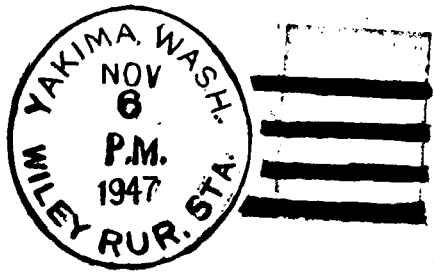
Rural stations were first established in the United States in the year 1899. Washington State gave birth to two stations in the summer of 1905. Only one survived the year. Of the 94 branches and stations, which have been documented for the State of Washington up to the present time, I find 11 that are elusive to my hands. I would rate only 5 as "toughies", however, with items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 from the following list taking the honors due to their early establishment and short life-span.

Observation of rural station postmark types show that, prior to the ZIP Code era, most of the Washington stations employed a postmark which included both the name of the station and the name of the parent office. Longmire and Paradise Inn were exceptions to this general rule. Postmarks of these two stations show only the station name. Other exceptions include Fife, Enterprise, and West Richland, which were non-postmarking stations. They were equipped with only the two-ring money order cancel, and their mail was forwarded to the parent office for postmarking.

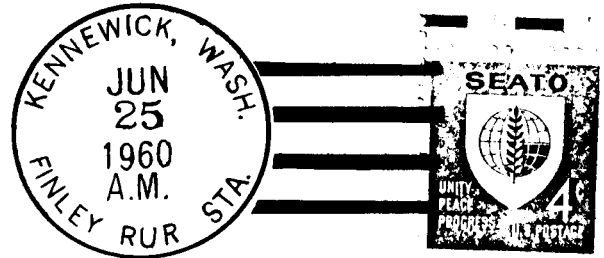
A study of rural station cancels suggests a classification into 6 basic types:

- TYPE 1 4-bar with parent office and reading "RUR. STA." This type was in general use prior to 1950.
- TYPE 2 4-bar with parent office and reading "RUR. STA." This type differs from Type 1 in letter spacing, diameter of circle, and overall appearance. It was in general use from the 1950's to early 1960's.
- TYPE 3 4-bar without parent office. This type was used by some offices concurrently with Type 2, i.e., from about 1950 to 1963.
- TYPE 4 4-bar ZIP coded without parent office. This is one of the more common types in use since the beginning of the ZIP code era, 1963 to date.
- TYPE 5 4-bar ZIP coded with parent office and reading "RUR. STA. or BR." This type has been used by some offices since about 1963.
- TYPE 6 Double-circle parcel post or money order cancel.

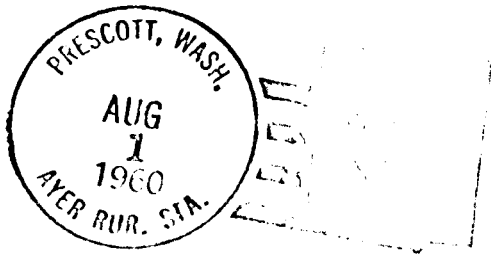
All six of these types are illustrated by selected examples below.



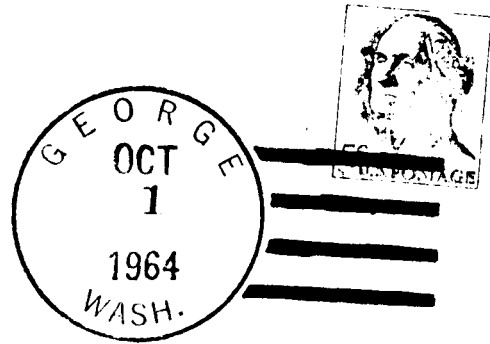
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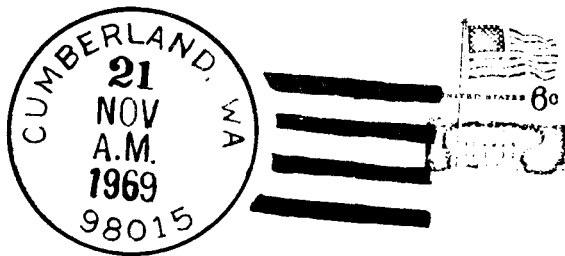
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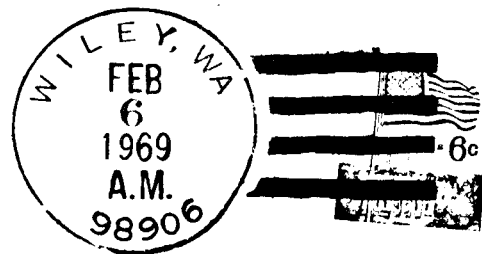
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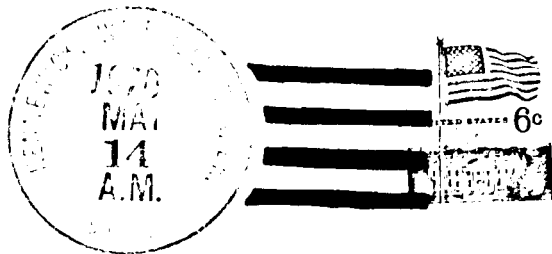
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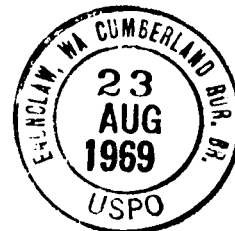
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WASHINGTON RURAL STATION POSTMARK TYPES

Beginning in 1963, large numbers of 4th class post offices were converted to rural station or branch status. Most of these small offices retained the same postmark after they had been converted to rurals. As a result, Type 3 and Type 4 postmarks have become common for rural stations and branches. In many instances, a Type 4 postmark has replaced a Type 2 in the older rural stations, but, in some cases, a worn-out Type 2 has been replaced with a Type 5 postmark.

This classification system describes only major variations in type. Within each type there exist many varieties which differ by such features as: the state abbreviation (WASH., WA.); arrangement of the placenames, ZIP code and dates; and, the use of "STA." or BR. This author will not at this time attempt a detailed listing by type for each of Washington's stations and branches, as such a listing by its nature must be very complex.

It is the purpose here to provide a list of Washington rural stations and branches along with their parent offices and dates of establishment and discontinuance. The list is arranged chronologically by the first date of establishment for a branch or station. Subsequent changes in the parent office are listed below the initial entry.

NO.	RURAL NAME	ZIP	PARENT POST OFFICE	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED
1.	Charboneau		North Yakima	1 Jun 1905	31 Jul 1905
2.	Selah		North Yakima	1 Aug 1905	28 Feb 1907
3.	Yardley		Spokane	2 Jan 1913	20 Aug 1920
4.	Yakima		North Yakima	1 May 1915	23 Jan 1918
	Yakima		Yakima	24 Jan 1918	15 Jun 1918
5.	Union Gap		Yakima	16 Jun 1918	30 Jun 1953
6.	Wiley RB	98906	Yakima	1 Feb 1920	
7.	East Alderwood		Bothell	2 Nov 1922	31 Dec 1925
8.	Growmore		Yakima	16 Mar 1924	31 Jan 1934
9.	Beverly Park		Everett	1 Aug 1927	14 Mar 1959
10.	East Wenatchee		Wenatchee	1 Jul 1931	30 Jun 1955
11.	Fife RB	98424	Tacoma	1 Jun 1936	
12.	Fairview		Everett	2 Jun 1941	2 Aug 1941
13.	Schwarder RB	98905	Yakima	2 Jan 1942	
14.	Mirror Lake		Auburn	Oct 1942	Dec 1944
	Re-Established			1 Apr 1955	31 Aug 1959
15.	Edgewood	98372	Puyallup	26 Mar 1946	30 Sep 1964
16.	Midland		Tacoma	1 Jul 1948	30 Sep 1951
17.	Clearview RB		Snohomish	16 Jul 1949	
18.	McGilvra		Mercer Island	1 Nov 1949	30 Sep 1950
19.	Hockinson		Brush Prairie	16 Sep 1950	28 Feb 1963
20.	Annapolis		Port Orchard	1 Feb 1953	1 Jun 1961
21.	Eastgate		Bellevue	1 Feb 1953	30 Apr 1956
22.	Factoria		Bellevue	1 Feb 1953	15 Nov 1955
23.	Federal Way		Auburn	1 Feb 1953	31 Mar 1955
24.	Finley RB		Kennewick	1 Feb 1953	
25.	Island Center		Port Blakely	1 Feb 1953	30 Nov 1958
	Island Center	Winslow	Port Blakely	1 Dec 1958	28 Feb 1959
	Island Center		Winslow	1 Mar 1959	30 Jun 1959
26.	Gleed RB	98904	Yakima	1 Apr 1953	

NO.	RURAL NAME	ZIP	PARENT POST OFFICE	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED
27.	Enterprise		Richland	1 Jun 1953	15 May 1954
28.	Maltby		Snohomish	1 Dec 1953	30 Apr 1962
29.	Oso RB		Arlington	1 Feb 1954	
30.	West Richland RB		Richland	16 May 1954	
31.	Fortson		Arlington	1 Jun 1954	4 Apr 1958
32.	Clipper RB		Deming	1 Mar 1955	
33.	Van Zandt RB		Deming	1 Mar 1955	15 Dec 1970
34.	Disautel		Omak	1 Aug 1955	30 Sep 1958
35.	Madrona Beach		Stanwood	16 Jan 1956	28 Feb 1959
36.	Lakeside		Chelan	1 Jun 1956	31 Mar 1960
37.	Mattawa RB		Othello	1 Feb 1957	
38.	Royal		Othello	1 Feb 1957	30 Sep 1962
39.	Wickersham RB	98285	Sedro Wooley	5 Oct 1957	
40.	Azwell RB		Chelan	1 Aug 1958	
41.	Red Rock (Ind)		Othello	1 Nov 1958	1 Oct 1962*
	name changed to:				
	Royal City (Ind)		Othello	1 Oct 1962*	30 Apr 1964
42.	Camano Island RB		Stanwood	1 Mar 1959	5 May 1969
43.	Guemes Island		Anacortes	1 Oct 1959	29 Jul 1962
44.	Mold		Coulee City	1 Oct 1959	30 Jun 1960
45.	Allen RB		Bow	1 Dec 1959	
46.	Glacier RB		Deming	1 Feb 1960	
47.	Alger		Burlington	1 Mar 1960	30 Apr 1961
48.	B & M RB		Lake Stevens	15 Jun 1960	
49.	Ayer		Prescott	1 Aug 1960	31 May 1963
50.	Marengo		Cheney	1 Aug 1960	30 Jun 1962
	Marengo		Ritzville	1 Jul 1962	31 Oct 1962
51.	Murphy's Corner RB		Everett	1 Nov 1960	30 Jun 1964
52.	Blakely Island		Anacortes	1 Jan 1961	16 May 1963
	Blakely Island	98222	Friday Harbor	16 May 1963	
53.	Nisqually (Ind)	98504	Olympia	1 Jan 1961	25 Feb 1966
54.	Longmire RB	98397	Tacoma	1 Apr 1961	
55.	Farmer RB		Waterville	27 May 1961	21 Mar 1969
56.	Providence Heights RB		Issaquah	15 Jun 1961	30 Apr 1969
57.	Samish Island RB		Bow	15 Jun 1961	3 Sep 1966
58.	Paradise Inn RB	98398	Tacoma	24 Jun 1961	
	S.P.O.(1 Jun to Labor Day)				
59.	Ocean Shores RB	98551	Hoquiam	1 Jun 1962	
60.	Holden Village RB		Chelan	16 Aug 1962	
	S.P.O.(16 May to 15 Oct)				
61.	Dash Point RB	98422	Tacoma	18 Aug 1962	
62.	Nighthawk RB	98839	Tonasket	1 Sep 1962	30 Jun 1970
63.	J.D. Traylor City RB		Goldendale	16 Nov 1962	5 Oct 1966
64.	Irby RB		Odessa	1 Dec 1962	
65.	Birch Bay RB		Blaine	1 Jul 1963	30 Apr 1970
	S.P.O.(1 Jul to 30 Sep)				
66.	Gooseprairie RB	98929	Naches	20 Jul 1963	
	S.P.O.(1 May to 15 Nov)				
67.	Redondo RB	98054	Auburn	14 Sep 1963	
68.	Snake River RB	99358	Pasco	28 Sep 1963	31 Aug 1967
69.	Fruitland RB	99129	Hunters	23 Nov 1963	

NO.	RURAL NAME	ZIP	PARENT POST OFFICE	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED
70.	Belmont RB	99104	Oakesdale	30 Nov 1963	30 Sep 1970
	Belmont RB	99104	Farmington	1 Oct 1970	
(Non-Personnel)					
71.	Maryhill RB	98636	Goldendale	6 Dec 1963 [#]	30 Sep 1967
72.	Longbranch RB	98351	Lakebay	31 Jan 1964 [#]	
73.	Vantage RB	98950	Ellensburg	10 Apr 1964 [#]	
74.	Eureka (RI)	99331	Prescott	28 Aug 1964 [#]	15 May 1965
75.	Mohler RB	99154	Harrington	11 Sep 1964 [#]	
76.	George RB	98824	Quincy	1 Oct 1964 [#]	
77.	Cook RB		Bingen	26 Mar 1965 [#]	
78.	Roche Harbor RB		Friday Harbor	1 Jul 1965	
79.	Chuckanut Gardens RB		Bow	1 Jul 1965 [#]	30 Nov 1966
80.	Port Ludlow RB	98365	Hadlock	3 Dec 1965 [#]	
81.	Snoqualmie Pass RB ^{**}		North Bend	1 Mar 1966	30 Oct 1968
	Snoqualmie Pass RB		Seattle	1 Nov 1968 [#]	
82.	Orient RB	99160	Kettle Falls	11 Mar 1966 [#]	
83.	Nahcotta RB	98637	Long Beach	25 Mar 1966 [#]	
84.	Crystal Mountain RB		Enumclaw	26 Mar 1966 [#]	
85.	Gorst RB	98337	Bremerton	1 Jul 1966 [#]	
86.	White Pass RB		Naches	16 Sep 1966 [#]	
87.	Clearwater RB	98399	Forks	23 Sep 1966 [#]	
88.	Gardiner RB	98334	Sequim	2 Dec 1966 [#]	
89.	Retsil RB	98378	Port Orchard	30 Dec 1966 [#]	
90.	Tumtum RB	99034	Nine Mile Falls	30 Dec 1966 [#]	
91.	Cumberland RB	98015	Enumclaw	10 Feb 1967 [#]	
92.	Hay RB	99136	Lacrosse	14 Jul 1967 [#]	
93.	Withrow RB	98863	Waterville	29 Dec 1967 [#]	
94.	Anderson Island	98303	Steilacoom	31 Dec 1967 ^{##}	

Notes: * Postal Bulletin Change #10, c Sep 1962, "Red Rock Ind., Grant County, name changed to Royal City Ind. R. Station effective 1 Oct 1962." BUT, a note to John Bernard of Richland on a card postmarked from Royal City Rural dated Sept. 17, 1PM, 1962, said the name was officially changed to Royal City Station on September 15th.

** After transfer to Seattle, this branch continued to use Item #81, North Bend cancel, as late as 5 Dec 1968.

These dates are all Friday dates. These stations were former 4th class post offices, and the date in each case is the conversion date from 4th class to rural status as listed in the Postal Bulletin.

This is a Sunday date. Does this mean that the first day of operation is the following Monday? Or was Saturday the first day of new status?

Not Listed: FORDS PRAIRIE Rural Station of Centralia. This station appeared in the 1921 Postal Guide, and was out by the 1922 guide. (From the records of Paul Dailey). It is not known whether this rural was placed in operation. John Benedict of Centralia questioned the old-time employees of the Centralia post office about this rural, and their answers were that to the best of their memories it was never in operation.

BOOKS REVIEWED

Under this heading we introduce a new column which will appear from time to time in the pages of La Posta. Jack Willard of Denver has agreed to supply us with some timely reviews of books of interest to postal history, and we will look forward to Jack's presentations in future issues. Since literature is such an essential factor to the establishment of a postal history collection, we will welcome reviews and suggestions of books for review by any of our members.

To get the ball rolling, I would like to describe two recent additions to the philatelic literature scene. Both are of particular value to postal history buffs.

WYOMING TERRITORIAL AND PRE-TERRITORIAL POST OFFICES by Daniel Y. Meschter. Published by Daniel Y. Meschter, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 1971. Available from Daniel A. Stone, 1545 Glenarm Place, Denver, Colorado 80202. Price: \$2.00

Mr. Meschter has compiled a neat 17 page listing of the pre-statehood post offices of Wyoming. His introduction contains articles on "Pre-territorial and county development," "Pre-territorial post offices," and "Statistical development of Wyoming post offices." The listing itself identifies 328 unique post office names. For each name, Meschter provides the date of establishment, date of discontinuance, county and changes, and remarks. The listing appears in small format, 5.5 by 8.5 inches, and is exceptionally neat having been prepared by a book printing process. The publication of Mr. Meschter's Wyoming listing so near the time of a similar listing in La Posta is purely coincidental. He was unaware of our work, and we were largely unaware of his until our listing was set for publication. It should be stressed, however, that both listings provide some information not duplicated in each other. For example, Meschter's listing contains valuable information about territorial organization and boundary changes not given in La Posta. While La Posta lists the first postmaster of each office and some statehood material not covered by Meschter. In short, it may be effectively argued that the works are largely complementary, rather than duplicative. Both should be considered a must for anyone interested in Wyoming postal history.

HJMR PRICED GUIDE TO PHILATELIC LITERATURE, Second Edition by the H.J.M.R. Co. Available from the H.J.M.R. Co., P.O. Box 308, North Miami, Fla. 33161. Price: \$5.00 paperbound, or \$7.50 clothbound. \$5.00 redeemable in purchases from the catalog.

This is truly an outstanding buy. The 2nd edition of the "Guide" carries some 50,000 items of philatelic catalogs, handbooks, auction catalogs and periodicals in its more than 500 pages. The book is indexed for ease of use and offers a section on postal history literature arranged by state. While many items are priced in line with their scarcity, there are thousands which are available from the HJMR Company at 50¢ or less. The "Guide" is a valuable piece of work, and we can only hope that HJMR continues to update and increase their offerings of philatelic literature. rwh

EDITOR'S COMMENTS & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Renewal subscriptions from the previous year were a wonderful vote of confidence. As of this writing, 39 out of our 46 members have sent in their \$5 dues for 1971. In addition, we have the following 8 members to welcome since the publication of our membership list last December.

James E. Watson, 2805 So. Newton St., Denver, CO 80236
Kenneth R. de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, NY 12208
The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York, NY 10016
Dr. Thomas K. Todsen, 2000 Rose Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001
Douglas A. Shelton, P.O. Box 5715, Wernert Branch, Toledo, Ohio 43613
John S. Hopkins, 2916 West 20, Topeka, KS 66604
Maj. Daniel C. Warren, Box 478, Hillsborough, NC 27278
Daniel Y. Meschter, 2848 Pine Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82001

We are very pleased to welcome you to what must surely rank as one of the most exclusive nation wide organizations in the United States...

Dan Meschter has offered to serve as our unofficial consultant on Wyoming postal history questions. If you have a question about a Wyoming post office, dates, history, etc., write Dan, and he will try to give you the straight information. Courtesy suggests return postage and allowance of plenty of time to work up the information.

Speaking of Wyoming, a tip of the editorial hat goes out to Ernie Peyton, our "Fun City, USA" member. Ernie kindly provided the Wyoming postmark illustrations which adorn the cover of this issue. I also note that Ernie was credited by Dan Meschter for providing him the "initial inspiration" to complete his work with Wyoming Territorial post offices. There must be something inspirational in that Las Vegas air, eh Ernie?

We have some fine material in preparation for our next issue of La Posta. Chuck Whittlesey of Portland has completed the first county of the 19th Century Oregon Postmark Catalog, and we will be carrying his excellent listing. Charles Finke of Albuquerque has prepared an interesting study of the Truth or Consequences, New Mexico post office. His article features a type listing of postmarks used by this office under its three different names. Tom Todsen of Las Cruces has completed a biographical sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Clapp, Jr., two pioneer postmasters of territorial New Mexico. There's room for more, so finish up those monographs and get them in to your editor. Remember, only you can stem the tide of trivia from the pen of Helbock...

ROMPEX has come and gone again. The Colorado study unit (Bauer, Ozment and Willard with Rapp consulting) is just about ready to bring out their anxiously awaited Colorado Postal History: Part I, The Post Offices. The many pages of postmark tracings by Bill Bauer alone will make this a book worth having. We will carry further details as the project progresses.

Time and space have run out on this issue. Just enough room to urge you to convince some unsuspecting soul to send his \$5 for a year of La Posta to:

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