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Bernalillo	W	Lincoln	S	Sandoval	W
Chaves	W	Los Alamos	S	Santa Fe	W
Cole	W	Mescalero	S	Torrance	W
Doña Ana	W	Mountain Park	S	Valencia	W
El Paso	W	Placitas	S		
Graham	W	San Juan	S		
Grant	W	San Mateo	S		
Hidalgo	W	Santa Fe	S		
		Trinidad	S		
		Yuma	S		

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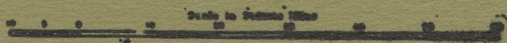
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THE POST OFFICES OF WYOMING: PART VIII, CARBON COUNTY

By Daniel Y. Meschter and Ruth Dolezal

Carbon County, erected on December 16, 1868, was the third of the original four Wyoming counties created by the Dakota Legislature. Like the others, it stretched across the entire territory from Colorado to Montana. Later, Carbon County was reduced as Johnson County was partitioned from the north, and Natrona County was cut from its center portion. On February 5, 1886, part of the southeastern corner was transferred to Albany County because the mining camps there were more convenient to the Albany County seat Laramie than to the Carbon County seat at Rawlins. At the same time, a somewhat larger part of Sweetwater County containing the village of Baggs and the Little Snake River valley was added to southwestern Carbon County for similar reasons.

Carbon County is highly diversified both from geographical and cultural standpoints. Its terrain includes alkaline flats, rolling prairies, fertile river bottom lands, forested mountain slopes, and high rocky peaks. Its rich historical tradition encompasses outlawry, range wars, labor strife, mining, and rugged individualism in a matrix of conservative animal husbandry, industry, and solid community life.

The county's postal history is equally diverse. The transportation industry is the most historic. A pre-territorial post office at Fort Halleck (not listed) was the first in present day Carbon County. It was located at an important point on the Overland Trail during Civil War days. A series of post offices between Aurora and Rawlins, including Carbon and Percy on an abandoned part of its route, was on the railroad. Fort Steele was a military post built in 1868 to protect railroad construction crews from the dangers of Indian attack. Coal mining at Carbon, Hanna, and Dana served the needs of the railroad before coal was phased out as a locomotive fuel in 1955. Wagon trails led south by way of Sulphur, Muddy, Baggs, and Dixon to isolated settlements in northwestern Colorado. Others led into the upper Platte River valley by way of Rankin, Bennetts Ferry, and Swan to ranch headquarters and mining camps in the southeastern part of the county. Still other trails led north from the railroad at Rawlins and Medicine Bow.

Unlike most Wyoming counties, Carbon County has had a long and varied history of metal mining beginning with abortive attempts at gold and silver mining at Seminole, Seminoe, Iron, and Ferris in 1875. Similarly, gold rushes to Dexterville, Altamont, and Gold gave rise to short-lived post offices at those places. More successful mining ventures in the mountains between Savery and Encampment spawned closely-spaced post offices at Battle, Rambler, Dillon, Copperton, and Rudefeha, plus a freight transfer station at Elwood. A copper smelter at the end of a 16-mile long aerial tramway from Rudefeha was served by post offices at Encampment and Riverside. In the past decade, uranium mines at Shirley Basin have been among the most important in the nation.

Saratoga, formerly called Warm Springs, has won fame as a resort spa. Seminoe Dam and Kortess Dam were the sites of reclamation projects on the North Platte River. Ryan Park commemorates a pioneer lumberman, and still serves the timber industry.

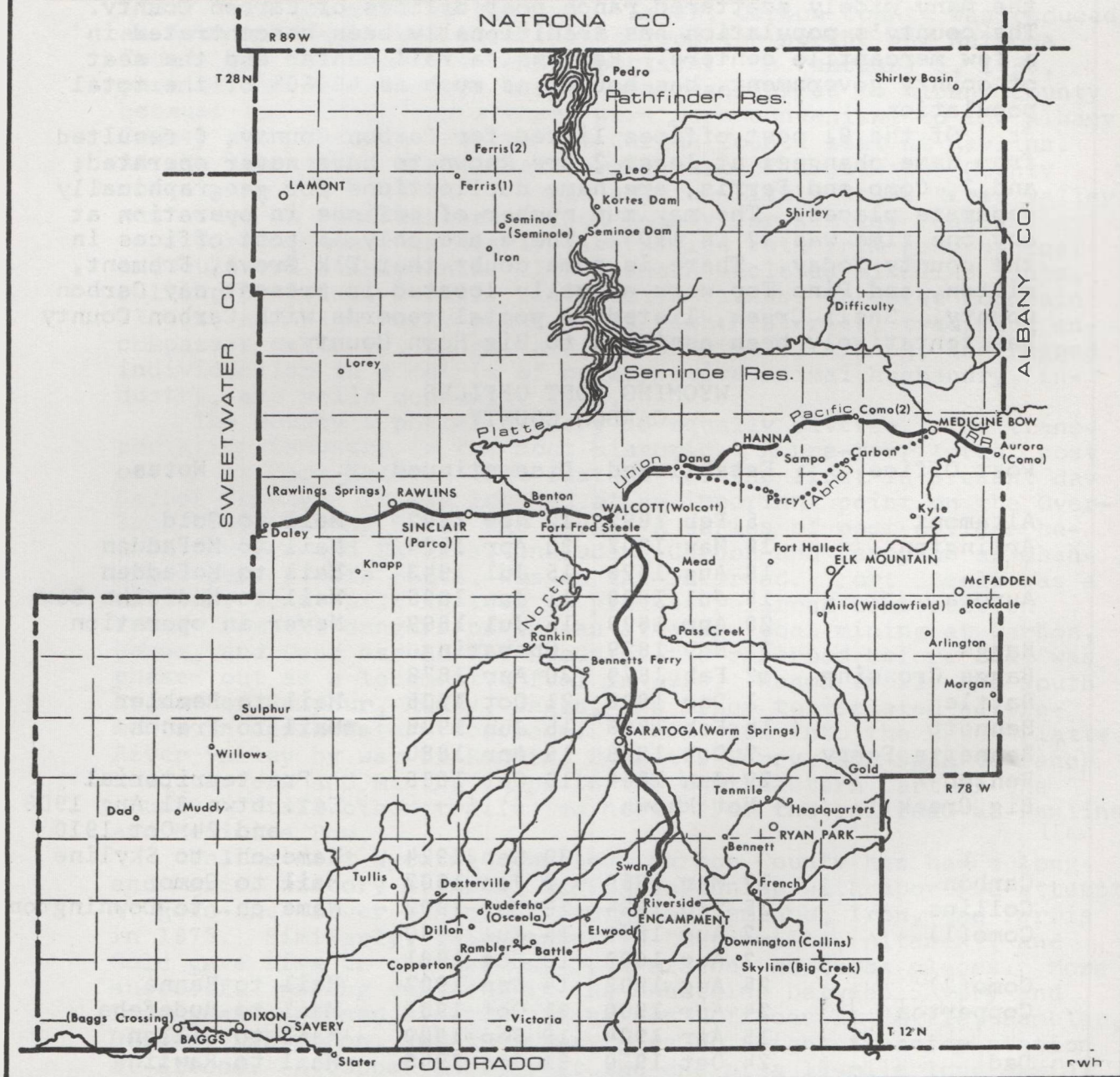
Next to the transportation industry, stock-raising has long dominated the local economy, and the industry is reflected in the many widely scattered ranch post offices of Carbon County. The county's population has traditionally been concentrated in a few mercantile centers. Rawlins, a rail center and the seat of county government, has housed as much as 40-50% of the total population.

Of the 91 post offices listed for Carbon County, 8 resulted from name changes; at least 2 are known to have never operated; and 2, Como and Ferris, are name duplications for geographically separate places. The maximum number of offices in operation at any one time was 32 in 1904. There are only 15 post offices in the county today. There is some doubt that Elk Grove, Fremont, Milton, and Pine Top were actually located in present day Carbon County. Shell Creek, listed in postal records with Carbon County has tentatively been assigned to Big Horn County.

WYOMING POST OFFICES CARBON COUNTY

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Altamont	5 Feb 1892	12 Nov 1892	Mail to Gold
Arlington	19 May 1902	30 Apr 1924	Mail to McFadden
	18 Aug 1925	15 Jul 1943	Mail to McFadden
Aurora	15 Jul 1889	11 Jun 1895	Mail to Medicine Bow
	28 Apr 1899	15 Jul 1899	Never in operation
Baggs	21 Nov 1879	Operating	
Baggs Crossing	12 Feb 1879	30 Apr 1879	
Battle	1 Dec 1898	21 Oct 1905	Mail to Rambler
Bennett	14 Feb 1888	15 Jun 1909	Mail to French
Bennetts Ferry	7 Oct 1878	19 Apr 1880	
Benton	29 Jun 1868	16 Oct 1868	Pre-territorial
Big Creek	Not known		Est. btwn 31 Aug 1906 and 24 Oct 1910
		30 Sep 1924	Name ch. to Skyline
Carbon	17 Mar 1869	2 Jan 1907	Mail to Como
Collins	25 Sep 1884	26 May 1902	Name ch. to Downington
Como(1)	7 Aug 1879	14 Jul 1880	
	2 Aug 1880	19 Oct 1881	
Como(2)	25 Aug 1902	14 Sep 1907	Mail to Hanna
Copperton	24 Apr 1900	31 Oct 1901	Mail to Rudefeh
	15 Apr 1904	15 Sep 1909	Mail to Dillon
Dad	24 Oct 1910	31 Jan 1940	Mail to Rawlins
Daley	9 Mar 1901	14 Sep 1901	Mail to Rawlins
Dana	14 Jul 1889	19 Aug 1892	Mail to Percy
	21 Jan 1895	30 Sep 1910	Mail to Hanna
Dexterville	14 May 1886	11 Aug 1887	Mail to Dixon

CARBON COUNTY POST OFFICES



Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Difficulty	8 Feb 1904	27 Feb 1937	Mail to Medicine Bow
Dillon	22 Dec 1902	28 Feb 1910	Mail to Rawlins
Dixon	24 Jan 1874	28 Mar 1878	
	19 Jan 1882	Operating	
Downington	26 May 1902	31 Aug 1911	Mail to Encampment
Elk Grove	24 Dec 1866	26 Jan 1869	Pre-territorial
Elk Mountain	5 Sep 1877	Operating	
Elwood	31 Jul 1900	31 May 1904	Mail to Encampment
Encampment	22 May 1897	Operating	
Ferris(1)	24 Feb 1875	28 Aug 1877	
Ferris(2)	4 Jan 1878	31 Aug 1906	Mail to Rawlins
Fort Fred Steele	10 Jul 1868		Pre-territorial
		7 Apr 1967	Mail to Rawlins
Fort Halleck	5 Jul 1870	20 Jan 1886	Mail to Carbon
Fremont	16 Mar 1877	9 Oct 1877	
French	6 Apr 1892	30 Nov 1937	Mail to Saratoga
Gold	9 Jan 1891	17 Nov 1892	
	21 Feb 1901	14 Sep 1901	Mail to Centennial
Green	6 Oct 1888	2 Sep 1893	Mail to Ft. F.-Steele
	10 Sep 1894	6 Nov 1897	Mail to Ft. F. Steele
Hanna	11 Jan 1890	Operating	
Harrison	15 Jan 1896	24 Dec 1898	Mail to Rockdale
Headquarters	19 Oct 1891	1 Nov 1892	Mail to Saratoga
Herman	31 Mar 1893	7 Sep 1893	No papers
Iron	19 Aug 1898	25 Mar 1901	Mail to Rawlins
Knapp	31 Aug 1906	31 Dec 1907	Mail to Rawlins
Kortes Dam	16 Jul 1947	31 Jul 1951	Mail to Hanna
Kyle	10 Mar 1938	23 Nov 1942	Mail to Medicine Bow
Lamont	2 Mar 1934	Operating	
Leo	13 Dec 1883	15 Oct 1952	Mail to Hanna
Lorey	9 Jun 1904	14 Oct 1905	Mail to Rawlins
McFadden	25 Mar 1921	Operating	
Mead	31 Mar 1893	24 Oct 1899	Mail to Saratoga
Medicine Bow	4 Jan 1869	Operating	
Milo	15 Mar 1909	15 Feb 1922	Mail to Elk Mountain
Milton	2 Jan 1883	27 Jun 1883	
Morgan	16 Nov 1896	29 Nov 1924	Mail to Laramie
	27 Feb 1925	14 Nov 1925	Mail to Rex
Muddy	27 May 1893	1 Jun 1895	Mail to Sulphur
Osceola	10 Jan 1900	22 Sep 1900	N. ch. to Rudefeha
Parco	11 Apr 1923	1 Jan 1943	N. ch. to Sinclair
Pass Creek	24 Jul 1920	29 Sep 1923	Mail to Walcott
Pedro	8 Dec 1913	28 Feb 1935	Mail to Leo
Percy	31 Dec 1868	2 Jan 1878	
	7 Jun 1880	14 May 1886	Mail to Carbon
	8 Jan 1887	2 Jun 1900	Mail to Carbon
Pine Top	17 Mar 1873	19 May 1873	
Poor	18 Jun 1886	30 Aug 1887	Mail to Carbon
Rambler	29 May 1900	30 Mar 1910	Mail to Encampment
Rankin	5 Feb 1892	30 Sep 1897	Mail to Rawlins

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Rawlings Springs	22 Oct 1868	4 Mar 1876	N. ch. to Rawlins
Rawlins	4 Mar 1876	Operating	
Riverside	17 Jan 1901	31 Oct 1904	Mail to Encampment
	17 Feb 1905	15 Aug 1910	Mail to Encampment
Rockdale	21 Mar 1882	14 May 1906	Mail to Arlington
Rudefeha	22 Sep 1900	15 Dec 1905	Mail to Dillon
Ryan Park	12 Jul 1937	Operating	
Sampo	10 Apr 1910	15 Aug 1912	Mail to Hanna
Sandstone	14 Jan 1898	23 Dec 1898	Mail to Slater, CO.
Saratoga	5 Feb 1884	Operating	
Savery	8 Jan 1880	10 Jun 1880	
	22 Jun 1880	14 Mar 1882	
	7 Feb 1889	15 Nov 1890	Mail to Dixon
	15 Mar 1910	Operating	
Seminole	28 Sep 1885	14 Mar 1894	Mail to Ferris
Seminole Dam	3 Jul 1936	19 Jan 1973	Mail to Sinclair
Seminole	25 Apr 1872	4 Aug 1875	
Shirley	19 Mar 1890	24 Jan 1891	Mail to Carbon
	11 Feb 1898	30 Sep 1945	Mail to Leo
Shirley Basin	1 Jan 1961	Operating	Rural Station of Casper
Sinclair	1 Jan 1943	Operating	
Skyline	30 Sep 1924	30 Sep 1925	Mail to Encampment
Slater	9 Jul 1883	24 Dec 1888	Moved to Routt Co., CO
Sulphur	20 Sep 1883	4 Sep 1895	Mail to Muddy (?)
Swan	27 Jun 1881	18 Feb 1893	Mail to Collins
	18 May 1893	13 Nov 1894	Mail to Collins
Tenmile	20 Nov 1900	1 Feb 1901	Rescinded
Tullis	27 Apr 1926	30 Sep 1949	Mail to Dixon
Victoria	31 Mar 1900	30 Sep 1904	Mail to Slater, CO.
Walcott	27 Jun 1902	Operating	
Warm Springs	4 Oct 1878	5 Feb 1884	N. ch. to Saratoga
Widdoeffield	15 Jun 1895	15 Mar 1909	N. ch. to Milo
Willowglen	20 Jul 1889	6 Feb 1891	Never in operation
Willows	27 Mar 1896	30 Nov 1899	Mail to Rawlins
Wolcott	28 Dec 1900	27 Jun 1902	N. ch. to Walcott

Note: (?) - records indicate mail to Muddy, but Muddy listed as discontinued at the time.

A REMINDER!!! Pat Hall and the Wyoming Bicentennial Commission, State Office Bldg., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, are hard at work on a postal history volume for Wyoming's bicentennial celebration. This is sure to be a valuable reference book, and one that we'll all want for our libraries, but Pat needs help. Specifically, he is seeking illustrations of covers and cards mailed from Wyoming post offices. So far, he has turned up several from the 1868-99 period, but he desperately wants DPOs from the 1900-1920 era. If you can help, please write Pat and tell him what you have.

TERRITORIAL TIMES By Sheldon H. Dike

(This article first appeared in Western Express, it is being reprinted with permission of the author.)

We so often read of the hardships endured by early settlers and miners in our early territories that it is refreshing to know that all was not rough going for some. Although Christmas will be past when this reaches you, I thought you might be interested in the following description of a Christmas dinner in Denver City, Kansas Territory, in 1858. The description was sent with other news to the editor of the Omaha Times by one A. O. McGrew. His letter was dated 29 December 1858, was published in the Times on 17 February 1859, and was republished in the Colorado Magazine, Vol. 14, pp. 15-25. What follows is a quotation from part of his dispatch.

"Editor of the Omaha Time:--A brief retrospect of occurrences since my sojourn in this portion of the country; ...a description of our Christmas festival; ... and a few of the leading events of the day ... may not be the least interesting news matter set before your readers, and (since) the departure of Sander's & Co.'s express from Fort Laramie offers favorable opportunity for sending news to the states, or, as some of the boys facetiously term it, "to America," I shall jot down such information...

"Talking of Christmas, Mr. Editor, have you poor frozen victims of the states, the remotest idea of what a real old-fashioned Christmas celebration is, and would it hurt your feelings or spoil your appetite, if I were to rehearse some of the savings and doings of that eventful day; and set before you our 'bill of fare' on that occasion, not an imaginary one, either, but a faithful record of the luxuries under which the board groaned--enough to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious gourmand? And as the day waned, and the good cheer disappeared, wit and sentiment flowed as freely as the sparkling wine, from which they emanated.

"In order to have the affair come off with as much eclat as possible a meeting was called to make suitable arrangements. The meeting was called Dec. 21st, and I make the following extract from the minutes of the secretary:

At a meeting held at Camp Spooner for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating Christmas day in a suitable manner, J.S.Lowry, Esq., was called to the chair, and Hon. Wm. Clancy appointed secretary. Mr. Lowry having in a brief speech set forth the object of the meeting.

Mr. E. Matthews /moved/ that committees be appointed, whose business it should be to make the necessary arrangements.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. J. C. Latta, Messrs. Spooner, Perkins, and Long were appointed a committee of arrangements.

On motion of Mr. E. H. Warner, Messrs. Baker, M'Lachlin, and M'Grew were appointed a committee of resolutions.

On motion of Jno. Burssee, Messrs. Franklin, Way, and Stevens were appointed a committee on toasts.

On motion of Mr. Perrin, Messrs. Forbes, Hobbs, and Dumont were appointed a committee on invitation.

On motion of Mr. E. Hay, Messrs. Frary, Sullivan, and Orum were appointed chief cooks.

Among the invited guests, were General Larimer, E. P. Stout, Esq'r, S. S. Curtis, and about fifty others. The day, as I said before, was as bright and beautiful as ever shone upon the face of animated nature; not a breeze whispered through the leafless branches of the trees, and everything seemed to be enjoying a general repose. The boys, with their invited guests, lolled lazily around on logs, smoking their pipes or spinning innumerable yarns about their gold prospecting and hunting expeditions. The cooks, or rather, 'culinary professors,' were steaming over their different departments, now turning a choice saddle of venison, then looking to the pastry to see that it was done to a nicety. One was moulding the fresh rolls of butter into all kinds of fantastic shapes, another cracking nuts, so as to be ready for mastication. Anon, a head would protrude from a cabin door, with a cry of 'more wine for the pudding sauce,' would again disappear within those precincts, which were at least sacred for the time, to labors of the disciples of 'Soger.' But, I am forgetting the dinner, which was the great feature of the day. The guests having taken their seats at the board, Hon. William Clancy was invited to take the head of the table; on his right was General Larimer, and on his left, Dr. Steinberger, who acted as secretary. Dinner having been fully discussed, the chairman called the board to order, and while they were coming to order, I will tempt you with the bill of fare:

Platte River Gold Diggings Bill of Fare
Christmas-----1858

Soups

Oyster soup. Ox tail.

Fish

Salmon trout, with oyster sauce.

Boiled

Corned beef, buffalo tongue, mutton, pork, ham, beef tongue, elk tongue.

Roast

Venison, a la mode; buffalo, smother; antelope; beef; mutton; pork; grizzly bear, a la mode; elk; mountain sheep; mountain pig.

Game

Mountain pheasants; mountain rabbits; turkeys; ducks; sage hen; prairie chickens; black mountain squirrel; prairie dog; snipe; mountain rats; white swans; quails; sand hill cranes.

Extras

Potatoes baked; potatoes, boiled; rice; beans, baked and boiled; beets, squashes, fried; pumpkins, stewed.

Desert

Mince pie; currant pie; apple pie; rice pie; peach pie; mountain cranberry pie; tapioca pudding; bread pudding; rice pudding.

Fruits

Brazil nuts; almonds; hazel nuts; filberts; pecans; wild currants; raisins; prickly pear; dried mountain plum.

Wine List

Hockheimer; madeira; champagne; golden sherry; cherry bounce; hock; Monongahela whiskey; claret; brandy; Scotch whiskey; Ja. rum; Bourbon whiskey; taos lightning."

McGrew's dispatch continues with an account of numerous resolutions, toasts, and songs that followed the repast. To wind up the day he wrote:

"Adjourning to Auraria, we found the town alive with an influx of miners, some of whom were dressed in the most fantastic and grotesque manner that an active imagination, and the application of the skins of wild beasts, could possibly devise. In a short time, an immense fire was blazing in the public square, and Terpsichore answered to the voice of Orpheus. Light hearts, merry countenances, and active feet were soon in motion, and the dance continued until midnight. Beneath many a rough exterior, were hearts that throbbed with pleasant thoughts of home. Groups of Indians, with their squaws and papooses, filled-up the background. It was a picture that Rembrandt would have contemplated with delight."

One of the toasts that was given at dinner was the following to Christmas Day: "May we never be less able to celebrate it than at present, and may we enjoy many a happy return of it."

I hope your Christmas holiday was as pleasant.

MAP ENTHUSIASTS, may I recommend the periodic listings of L. S. Straight, P.O. Box 106, New York, NY 10016. Straight's lists are published frequently at irregular intervals, and contain thousands of old maps from all parts of the world. Prices vary according to the rarity of the map, but seem quite fair. These are truly objet d'art. Many are hand colored, and most are very detailed. To obtain Mr. Straight's lists, which are free, write him direct and let him know which part(s) of the world you might be interested in. His lists for "The Americas" are of outstanding value and interest to Western postal historians.

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RESEARCH NOTES: THE POSTAL ROUTE MAP

Most of us are familiar with the modern postal route maps published for individual states by the U. S. Government Printing Office. They are generally available for less than one dollar, and provide handy references for locating existing post offices. Many people may not be aware, however, that similar postal route maps may still be purchased for states and territories dating from the 19th and early 20th century. These maps have been preserved by agencies of the Federal government, and, while the selection of old postal route maps is by no means complete, it is possible to obtain high quality photostats for ones' own reference library. The purpose of this report is to provide details of acquiring copies of postal route maps from two agencies of the Federal government and to offer some idea of what maps are available for the states and territories of the West. It should be noted in passing, however, that state, local, and university libraries as well as, state and county historical societies map also have copies of postal route maps.

The National Archives Collection contains many Western postal route maps of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and copies are available as positive photostats at reasonable rates. Most of these old maps are quite large (see listing below), and the photostat sheets measure 17 x 23 inches at a cost of \$1.25 per sheet. Prices are subject to change, of course, and anyone who wishes to order a map copy must first write the archives to obtain a price estimate. The address is:

Director, Cartographic Archives Division,
National Archives and Records Service,
General Services Administration,
Washington, D.C. 20408

Postal route maps in the National Archives collection have been listed in Special List No. 29, "List of Selected Maps of States and Territories." This list, which contains nearly 900 entries, is available free from the National Archives at the address above. In order to provide readers with an idea of the scope of the collection, the following table lists the complete holdings of postal route maps available for the 11 western states plus Alaska and Hawaii. Listings in this table have been greatly abbreviated to conserve space. A complete listing appears thusly:

Item 135. Post Route Map of the State of Colorado....Drawn by A. P. Dinsmore...up to date of October 1, 1879.
1 inch to 11 miles. 32.5 x 43.25 inches. Published.
Frequency and types of mail service, mileages between post offices, discontinued post offices, counties, towns, railroads, military posts, and physical features. Post routes in colors to show frequency of service. Continental Divide is identified and shaded green.

POSTAL ROUTE MAPS IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES

State	Entry #	Date	Scale	Sections	Size Each Sect.
ALASKA	29	1 Dec 1901	1"=40mi.	2	36x26 inches
ALASKA	37	1 Jan 1915	1"=40mi.	2	36.5x25 "
ALASKA	39	1 Jan 1917	1"=40mi.	2	36x25.5 "
ARIZONA	587*	1 Oct 1885	1"=12mi.	2	38.5x29.5 "
ARIZONA	64	1 Jan 1917	1"=12mi.	1	40x32 inches
CALIFORNIA	105*	1 Dec 1876	1"=12mi.	1	56.5x49 inches
CALIFORNIA	114*	1 Oct 1885	1"=12mi.	4	31x27 inches
CALIFORNIA	123*	1 Jan 1917	1"=10mi.	4	36x31 inches
COLORADO	135	1 Oct 1879	1"=11mi.	1	32.5x43.25 in.
COLORADO	142	1 Oct 1885	1"=10mi.	1	34x46 inches
COLORADO	152	1 Jan 1917	1"=10mi.	2	36x25.5 in.
HAWAII	209	1 Apr 1914	1"=9mi.	1	29.5x44 in.
HAWAII	212	1 Jan 1917	1"=9mi.	1	29x44 inches
IDAHO	495*	1 Dec 1883	1"=15mi.	2	43x30 inches
IDAHO	496*	1 Oct 1885	1"=15mi.	2	44x29 inches
IDAHO	498*	1 Dec 1886	1"=15mi.	2	44x29.5 in.
IDAHO	499*	1 Feb 1887	1"=15mi.	2	44x27.5 in.
IDAHO	500*	1 Apr 1891	1"=12mi.	2	44x27.5 in.
IDAHO	501*	1 Jun 1891	1"=12mi.	2	43.5x27.5 in.
IDAHO	512*	1 Jan 1917	1"=12mi.	2	49.5x32.5 in.
MONTANA (Same maps as for Idaho)					
NEVADA (Same maps as for California)					
NEW MEXICO	587*	1 Oct 1885	1"=12mi.	2	38.5x29.5 in.
NEW MEXICO	591	1 Jun 1902	1"=20mi.	1	24x19 inches
NEW MEXICO	599	1 Jan 1917	1"=12mi.	1	39.5x33 in.
OREGON	710*	1 Jan 1880	1"=12mi.	2	23.5x36 in.
OREGON	711*	1 Aug 1883	1"=10mi.	2	30x43.5 in.
OREGON	713*	1 Feb 1887	1"=10mi.	2	29x44 inches
OREGON	715*	1 Jun 1891	1"=10mi.	2	28.5x43 in.
OREGON	717	1 Jun 1897	1"=10mi.	1	34x43.5 in.
OREGON	726	1 Jan 1917	1"=10mi.	1	34x43.5 in.
UTAH	798	1 Jan 1917	1"=10mi.	1	42.5x31.5 in.
UTAH	799	1 Jan 1918	1"=10mi.	1	42.5x31.5 in.

WASHINGTON (Only with Oregon on Nos. 710, 711, 713, & 715)

WYOMING (Same as maps for Idaho)

Note: * indicates more than one state shown on map.

The Library of Congress Collection of postal route maps is probably even more extensive than that of the National Archives. I must say probably, for no central listing is known to exist outside the library's own extensive card catalog. In order to find out which maps are available in the Library of Congress collection, write:

Chief, Reference Department,
Geography and Map Division,
The Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C. 20540

It is necessary to ask for maps available for a specific state, territory, or portion thereof. For example, I was in need of postal route maps of the Willamette Valley of Oregon, so on a visit to Washington, I called the Geography and Map Division to ask them what maps were available. After a brief search, they told me what they had, and I ask for price quotations on six of them. Shortly, I received a letter listing the maps I wanted, and containing price quotations for both negative and positive photostats. The prices were a bit higher than those quoted by the National Archives, and, since this took place nearly three years ago, I will not detail the prices. The maps I ordered covered only the postal routes of the Willamette Valley, and they dated from years different than those in the National Archives. The dates of the maps were: 1877; March 1, 1879; April 1, 1887; February 1, 1892; June 1, 1897; and June 1, 1900. The photostats were exceptionally high quality, but as they are in black and white the color coding of the route frequency is lost.

That pretty well concludes my knowledge and experience with obtaining maps of postal routes from the Federal government. The maps are tremendous research aides, and in my opinion well worth the price. One word of caution, however, allow plenty of time once you begin the ordering process. Six to eight weeks is about normal, and if the agency in question is particularly busy it may be even longer.

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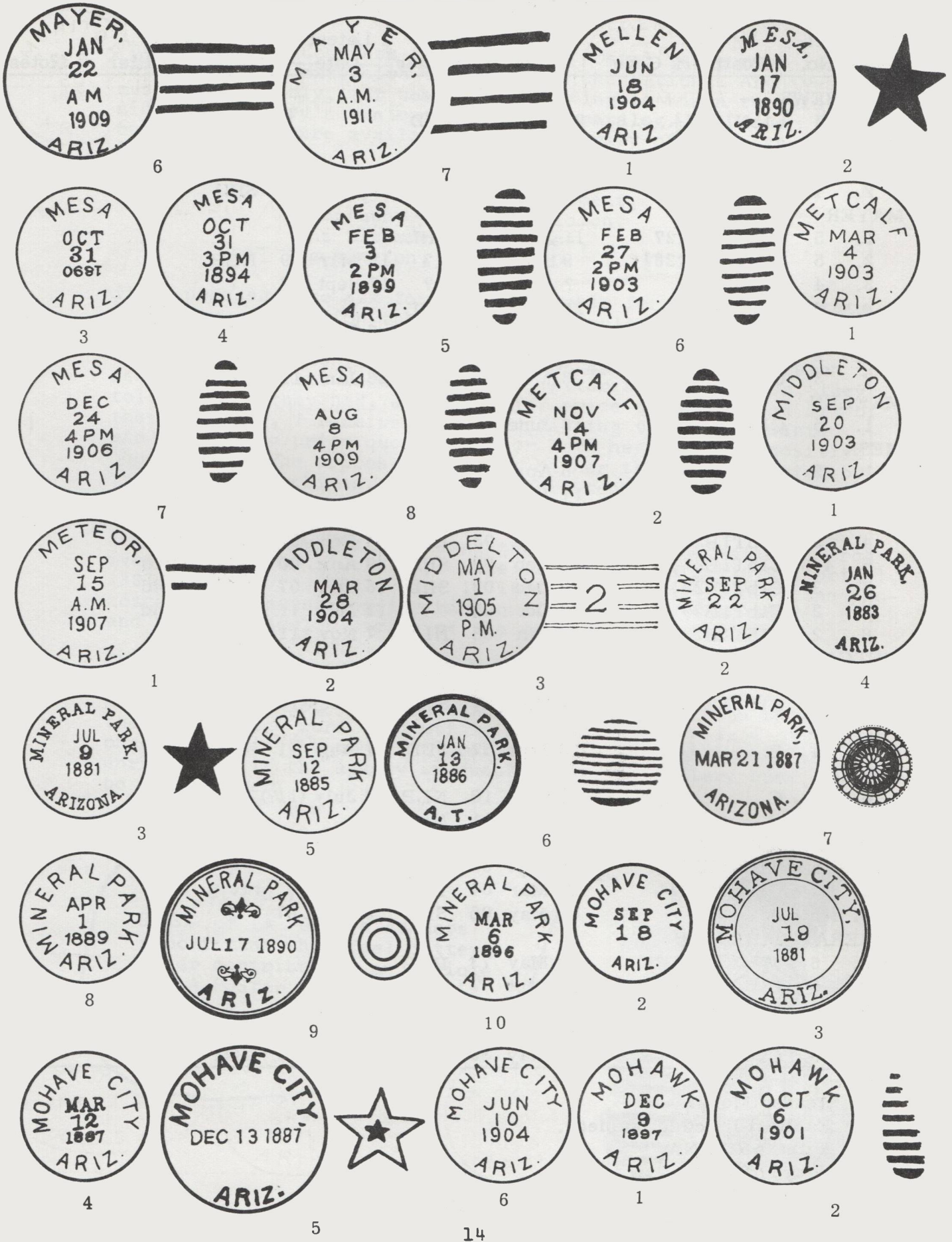
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Town type	Val. No.	Postmark Code	Earliest Date	Owner	Latest Date	Owner	Killer	Notes
MATTHEWS								
	1. 7	C1bN1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 Dec 98	SHD				
MAXTON								
	1. 5	C1bN1B28	15 Feb 02	HHL				
	2. 4	C	28 May 07	*	20 Apr 11	SHD		
MAYER								
	1. 5	C1bN1BBR27	11 June 85b	HHL				
	2. 5	C1bN1BBR26 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 Sept 86	?	18 Mar 89	NLP		
	3. 4	C1bT1B27	? July 92	?	17 Sept 98	?		
	4. 3	C1bN1B28	28 May 03	HHL			Grid	
	5. 3	A	8 May 06	?	6 Sept 07	?		
	6. 2	C	22 Jan 09	HHL	23 Sept 10	HHL		
	7. 3	C	3 May 11	HHL	26 Jan 12	NLP		
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MESA								
	1. 5	C31bN1B27	6 Apr 89	NLP				
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	3. 4	C1bN1BBR27	31 Oct 90	SHD				2
	4. 3	C1bT1B28	4 Sept 93	HHL	14 Feb 98	NLP		
	5. 4-3	C1bT1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 Feb 99	SHD	29 Apr 00	JOT	Grid	
	6. 3	C1bT1B28 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 Dec 02	SHD	18 Apr 07	?	Grid	
	7. 2	C1bT1B29	19 Oct 05	?	12 July 11	JOT	Grid	
	8. 2	C1bT1B29	11 Jan 08	NLP	7 Nov 11	?		
METCALF								
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	2. 3	C1bT1B29 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 Nov 07	SHD	16 Feb 10	NLP	Grid	
METEOR								
	1. 4	B	15 Sept 07	SHD	1 Aug 11	*		
MIAMI								
	1. 4	C	9 Oct 10	NLP	23 July (11?)	?		3
	2. 4	C	19 May 11	NLP				4
MIDDELTON								
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	2. 5	C1bN1B28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 Mar 04	HRF				5
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MINERAL PARK								
	1. 6	M	18 May 73	HHL				
	2. 6	C1bA1BBR24	22 Sept ?	NLP				
	3. 4-3	C1eN1RRB25	12 Aug 78	NLP	6 Sept 82	*	Star	
	4. 3	C1bN1RRB28	21 Oct 82	JOT	26 Jan 83	HHL	Grid	
	5. 3	C1bN1B27	7 May 83	*	21 Apr 87	JOT		

Notes:

1. Reads "Mellen"
2. Earliest listed is on piece.
3. With "ARIZONA."
4. With "ARIZ."
5. Spelled "Middleton."

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6.	4	C41aN1B27		13 Jan 86	SHD	6 Apr 86	JOT	Grid		
7.	4	C1eS1B28½		10 Dec 86	JOT	21 Mar 87	?	Wheel of fortune		
8.	3	C1bN1B26½		17 Oct 87	HHL	4 Jan 90	?			
9.	3	C21b13S1B32½		4 Feb 90	HHL	? Feb 94	HHL	Target		
10.	3	C1bN1BBR27½		29 July 95	HHL	? Nov 02	HHL			
MINNEHAHA										
1.	5	C1bN1B29		7 Mar 05	*			Grid		
MOCCASIN										
1.	6	C		1 Jan 12	?					
MOHAVE CITY										
1.	8	M		29 June 69	JOT	7 Aug 69	?			
2.	6	C1bA1B24		24 Apr (70?)	?	23 Dec ?	DLJ			
3.	5	C41bN1RRB34		19 July 81	HHL	18 Aug 81	?			
4.	5	C1bN1BBR26		12 Mar 87	JOT					
5.	5	C1bS1B34		20 Nov 87	SHD	15 Dec 87	NLP	Star in star		
6.	4	C1bN1B27½		3 Apr 03	?	29 June 04	?			
7.	4	A		13 Apr 06	?					
MOHAWK										
1.	6	C1bN1BBR26½		9 Dec 97	HHL					
2.	6	C1bN1B28		6 Oct 01	HHL			Grid		
3.	6	A?		6 Dec 09	JOT					
MONITOR										
1.	7	C1bN1BBR27½		25 Sept 99	HHL					
MORENCI										
1.	5	C21bN1B33		13 June 87	HHL	9 Oct 88	JOT	Star		
2.	4	C1bN1BBR27		6 July (91?)	HHL	30 Oct 94	NLP			
3.	4	C1bT1B27		4 June 95	SHD	12 Feb 96	SHD		1	
4.	4	REG		3 Sept 97	HHL	15 Sept 97	HHL			
5.	3	C1bT1B29		24 June 04	JOT	20 Apr 10	HHL			
MORRISTOWN										
1.	4	C1bN1B27½		29 Mar 06	SHD					
2.	4	C		12 Feb 08	NLP	24 May 11	?			
MOWRY										
1.	5	B		18 July 06	NLP	4 Jan 07	?			
2.	5	REG		? Nov 11	?					
MYRTLE										
1.	6	C1bN1B27½		29 Aug 08	JOT	29 Apr 10	HHL			
NACO										
1.	4	C1bT1B28½		4 Aug 01	HHL			Grid		
2.	4	C1bT1B29		13 Dec 03	HHL			Grid		
3.	3	C1bT1B29½		12 Sept 06	HHL	23 Jan 08	HHL			
NAVAJO										
1.	6	C1eN1B25½		14 June 85	SHD	12 Sept 93p	SHD	Star		
2.	5	C1bN1BBR27½		30 May 94	NLP	9 Aug 94	JOT			
3.	4	C1bN1BBR28		13 Feb 04	?					

Notes:

- Both listed are on piece.

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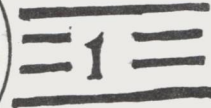
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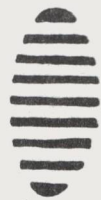
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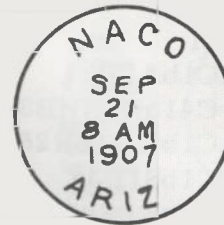
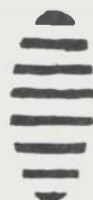
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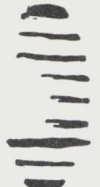
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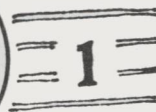
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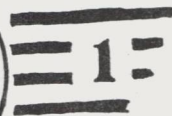
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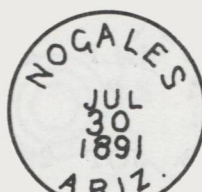
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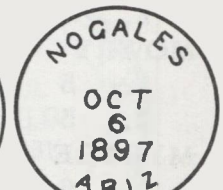
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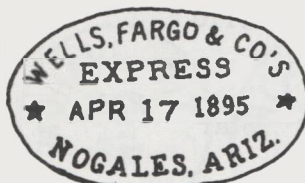
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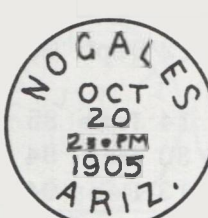
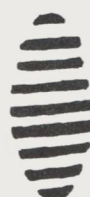
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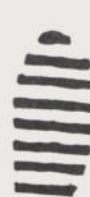
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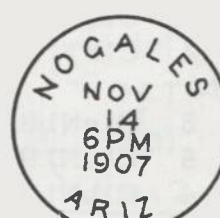
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NELSON										
1.	5	A		26 Mar 06	SHD	7 Nov 07	?			
2.	5	B		19 Dec 09	*					
NOGALES										
1.	5	C21eN1B34		31 Mar 84	HHL	22 Apr 85	NLP	Cross in circle		
2.	4	C41eN1B30		28 Oct 84	?	29 Apr 85	SHD	Target		
3.	4	C1bN1BBR26 $\frac{1}{2}$		21 Aug 85	NLP	10 Feb 86	HHL		1	
4.	4	C1bN1BBR26		24 Mar 87	NLP					
5.	5	EX		28 Oct 88r	NLP	17 Aug 89r	HHL			
6.	4	C1bN1B26		6 Jan 89	*					
7.	3	C1bN1B26 $\frac{1}{2}$		25 July 90	?	26 Aug 92	?			
8.	3	C1bT1B28 $\frac{1}{2}$		18 June 93	*	22 Oct 95	HHL			
9.	5	EX		9 Nov 92p	SHD	26 Jan 96p	HHL			
10.	3	C1bT1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		3 May 95	?	16 June 96	NLP			
11.	3	C1bT1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 Oct 97	SHD	10 Nov 99	?			
12.	2	C1bT1B28		19 Apr 00	?	18 June 02	HHL	Grid		
13.	2	C1bT1B28 $\frac{1}{2}$		31 July 03	?	15 Jan 07	?	Grid		
14.	1	C1bT1B29 $\frac{1}{2}$		7 July 07	NLP	22 Oct 10	?	Grid		
15.	2	REG		13 Nov 11	?					
NOONVILLE										
1.	7	C1bN1BBR27		18 Jan 90	HHL	4 Feb 90	SHD			
NORTONS										
1.	6	C41b'1N1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 Nov 85	NLP					
2.	6	C1b'1N1B?		26 Aug 87	*				2	
NUTRIOSO										
1.	5	C1bN1BBR27		24 Sept 94	?	6 July 96	?			
2.	4	B		21 May 08	?	29 Apr 11	?			
OCHOAVILLE										
1.	7	M		18 Aug 84	HHL					
2.	7	C21eN1B?		24 Sept 84	?				2, 3	
OCTAVE										
1.	4	C1bN1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		18 Aug 00	?					
2.	4	C		1 Feb 09	SHD	21 Aug 09	?			
OLDGLORY										
1.	5	A		5 May 04	?	29 Aug 06	NLP		4	
OLIVE										
1.	7	C1bN1BBR27		? Nov 90	HHL					
ORACLE										
1.	5	C21bN1RRB28		25 June 81	HHL	28 Aug 81	?	Target		
2.	4	C1bN1BBR27		29 Apr 92	?	16 Mar 03	?			
3.	3	C1bT1B29		18 Dec 03	NLP	29 Nov 11	JOT	Grid		
ORAIBI										
1.	4	C1bN1B28		22 Oct 01	NLP	23 Jan 04	?			
2.	3	C		2 Apr 08	?	30 Apr 10	NLP			

Notes:

1. Also with block date.
2. Listing taken from photo.
3. Receiving mark. Skull and cross bones killer. Looks suspicious.
4. Two words in the strike.

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No.	No.	Postmark	Code	Date	Owner	Date	Owner	Killer	Notes	
ORO BLANCO										
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2.	4	C1eS1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		21 Jan 81	?	22 Dec 84	*	Target		
3.	5	C1bN1BBR27 $\frac{1}{2}$		1 June 88	NLP	? ? 94	HHL			
4.	5	C1bS1B28		23 Apr 95v	HHL			Grid		
5.	4	C		1 Oct 08	HHL					
6.	4	C		27 Dec 11	?	3 Jan 12	*			
OWENS										
1.	5	C1bN1B28		26 Aug 01	SHD					1
PALMERLEE										
1.	5	A		24 Sept 06	HHL	20 May 08	HHL			
PALOMAS										
1.	5	C1bN1B28		29 Oct 94	NLP					
2.	5	C1bN1B28		10 May 05	HHL			Grid		
PAMELA										
1.	7	C21eN1RRB32		17 July 82	HHL					
PANTANO										
1.	6	M		15 July 81	*					
2.	5	C21bN1RRB27 $\frac{1}{2}$		30 Jan 82	HHL	29 Aug 88	NLP			
3.	5	C1bA1BBR26 $\frac{1}{2}$		15 July 94	SHD	20 Sept 94	JOT			
4.	3	C		2 Apr 11	?					
PARADISE										
1.	4	C1bN1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$		23 May 04	HHL	10 June 04	HHL			
2.	4	C1bT1B29 $\frac{1}{2}$		3 Oct 07	HHL	7 Oct 10	SHD	Grid		
PARKER										
1.	7	C1eA1BBR25		22 Apr ?	SHD					2
2.	4	C1eN1B31		3 Feb 04	HHL			Oval grid		
3.	4	A		25 Jan 09	HHL					
4.	4	M		3 July 09	?					
5.	4	C		28 Jan 10	NLP					
PATAGONIA										
1.	4	C1bN1B27 $\frac{1}{2}$? Nov ?	SHD					3
2.	3	C1bT1B29		16 May 01	SHD	1 Nov 07	?	Grid		3
3.	3	C		23 Sept 08	?	2 Nov 10	?			
4.	3	C		4 Jan 10	NLP	11 Nov 11	SHD			
PAYSON										
1.	6	C21e3N1rrB33 $\frac{1}{2}$		13 Jan 85	?	2 July 86	HHL			3
2.	6	C1bN1B26		11 May 88	JOT	24 ? 88	NLP			
3.	5	C1bN1BBR26 $\frac{1}{2}$? ? (90?)	SHD					3
4.	4	C1bT1B28		21 Jan 01	*					4
5.	2	C		19 Dec 09	?	21 Dec 11	?			

Notes:

1. Three known with same date.
2. Earliest listed is with 3-cent "71 stamped envelope
3. Earliest listed is on piece.
4. Earliest listed is a receiving mark.

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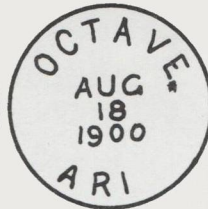
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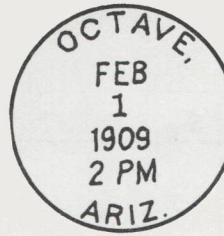
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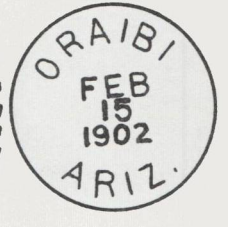
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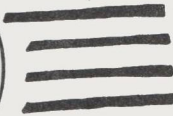
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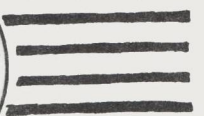
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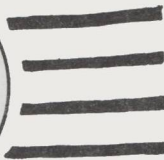
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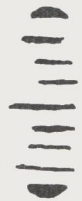
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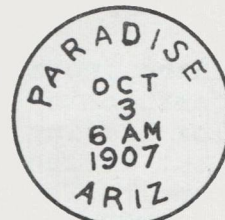
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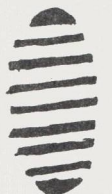
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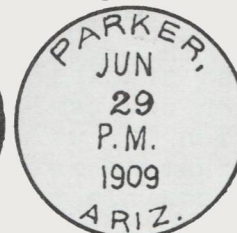
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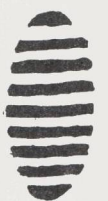
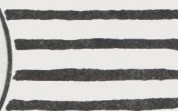
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Well, friends, here we are in another brand new year. 1974! It still doesn't sound just write, and I'll be writing 1973 on my checks for the next few months, but we'll all get used to it in time. I can't remember a year when there were quite so many ominous sounding predictions being made about the way we live, and in particular of course, consume energy. The stories out of Portland, Oregon, this first week of the new year have been exceptionally startling. Long lines at the gas pump, rationing by individual service station operators, and hundreds of people stranded without gasoline all sound like very bad news. It does seem a little unfair that the people of the Beaver State, who led the rest of us in self-imposed energy conservation measures, should be the first among us to suffer acutely from the pinch at the pump.

Now, we all know that this column is not the place to discuss subjects like the energy shortage. I could make an attempt to legitimize my thoughts by tying the likely increase in time we all spend at home to a plea for an expansion of postal history research efforts, but that's a little like rubbing salt in the wound so I won't do that. As a public service, though, I can not help but mention that practically all the materials one has need of to undertake postal history research can be obtained by mail. For example, the postal route maps described herein are an excellent starting point for some types of investigations. I won't belabor this. You've heard it all before, but if any of you think that now is the time that you might like to get involved with a postal history project, just drop me a line and I'll be only too happy to lend you a hand.

There are a few good pieces of postal history on hand for our forthcoming issues. We have Johnson County, Wyoming; the catalog listing for Clatsop County, Oregon; a brief survey of the post offices of the Dutch Harbor, Alaska area; and the Montana Territorial listing which is in the final stages of preparation. WE NEED MORE!!! How about some information on the postal past or present of Utah, or Nevada, or Idaho, or Washington? What about some RPO or express studies? Do any of you have special knowledge of cancellation devices? Why not review a recent postal history publication for us? There are just so many different kinds of things that an interested person could become involved with, it is impossible to list them. Seriously, my friends, give some thought to getting involved. I can't offer you any financial reward, but the rewards will be there just the same.

My heartiest wishes to each of you for a prosperous new year.
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