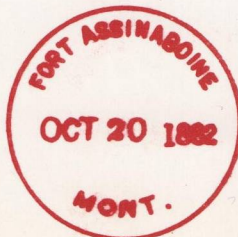
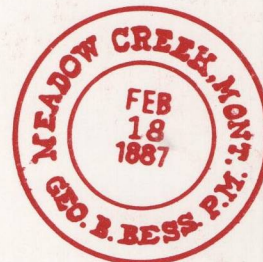
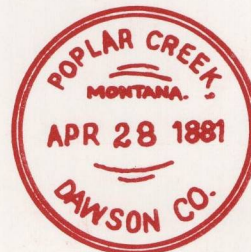
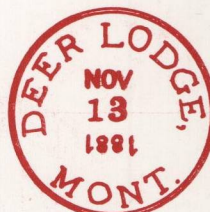
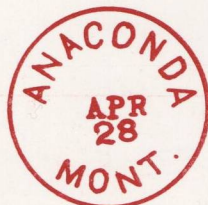


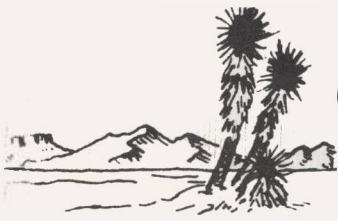


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NINETEENTH CENTURY POST OFFICES OF CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

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Much has been written of early seafarers exploring the Oregon coast, of the discovery of the Columbia River by Captain Robert Gray, and of the overland expedition of Lewis and Clark in 1805-06. A history of the nineteenth century post offices of Clatsop County is concerned with a somewhat later era, but its geographic focus encompasses the same territory. Clatsop District, later to become Clatsop County, was created by the provisional legislature by an act passed June 22, 1844. It was carved from northwestern Twality District, and named for a Chinookan tribe who formerly lived along the south bank of the Columbia between Tongue Point and the ocean. The 820 square mile area consists of rugged mountains of the Coast Range; densely forested and cut by numerous rivers and streams. Early pioneers were attracted to the low sandy hills of the Clatsop Plains between Youngs Bay and Tillamook Head, but the limited fertility of the soil soon discouraged many of the farmers.

Astoria, the first commercial settlement on the Pacific Coast built by Americans in 1811, was transferred to British control in 1813. Many years later Fort George, as the fur-trading post was called by the British, reverted to American control, and once again became known as Astoria. Astoria's early growth was slow. In 1834 the community consisted of "one principal building building of hewn boards, surrounded with a number of Indian huts." (1) There were only about four acres under cultivation, and the only white resident was James Birnie, the Hudson's Bay trader. Ten years later, after American settlement of Oregon had begun in earnest, Astoria was home to four white residents. In addition to Birnie, there was John M. Shively, an engineer who arrived in 1843, Col. John McClure, and A. E. Wilson. After 1844, however, the development of Astoria proceeded more rapidly. In 1846 survivors of the wreck of the U. S. Shark constructed a large crude log building in Astoria which became known as "Shark House." Pioneer families made use of the structure, three or four families at a time, until they could build their own homes. There were 95 white residents of Clatsop District in 1846. Most of them lived on donation land claims in the Clatsop Plains.

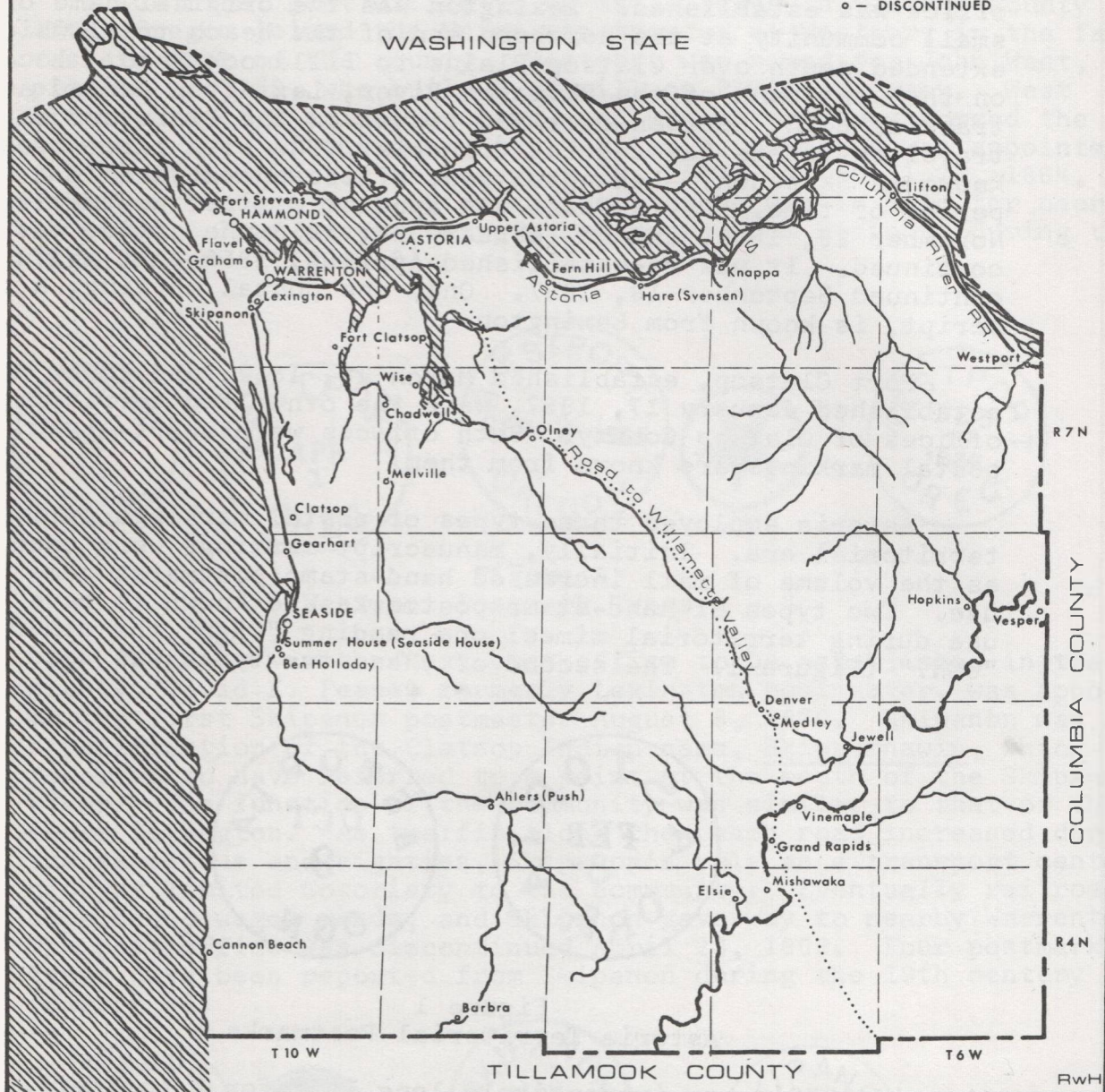
In 1846 John Shively made a trip to Washington, D. C. He returned the following year with a commission as postmaster of Astoria. His appointment was dated March 9, 1847. Astoria had been awarded the first post office on the Pacific Coast. Once back in Astoria, Shively opened the office in his home which was located on what later became 15th Street between Exchange and Franklin. The building was torn down in 1907.

CLATSOP COUNTY

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NINETEENTH CENTURY POST OFFICES

- — OPERATING
- — DISCONTINUED



The Astoria post office was the first of 42 offices established in Clatsop County during the nineteenth century. Only five of these are still in operation: Astoria, Seaside, Hammond, Warrenton, and Gearhart, which is now an independent branch of the Seaside office.

Three post offices were established in Clatsop County in addition to Astoria during Oregon's territorial period. In 1850, when the county's population stood at 462, the Lexington post office was established. Lexington was the original name of the small community at the northern end of the beach trail which extended south over Clatsop Plains to Tillamook Head. Located on the west bank of the Skipanon River, Lexington served as a transfer point between overland travel on the Plain and water travel on Youngs Bay and the Columbia. The site later became known as Skipanon. Lexington post office operated only a short period of time. David Pease was appointed first postmaster on November 28, 1850, and on February 24, 1853 the office was discontinued. It was re-established April 3, 1856, but again discontinued September 18, 1857. Only one postal marking, a manuscript, is known from Lexington.

Fort Clatsop, established March 10, 1852, and Lower Astoria, established January 17, 1857, were the other two territorial post offices of Clatsop County. Both offices were short-lived, and no postal markings are known from them.

Astoria employed three types of postal markings during the territorial era. Initially, manuscript markings were used, but as the volume of mail increased hand-stamp postmarks came into use. Two types of hand-stamp postmarks are known to have been in use during territorial times: one reading "ORgn" the other reading "OGN." (Figure 1) The second of these two types was used until

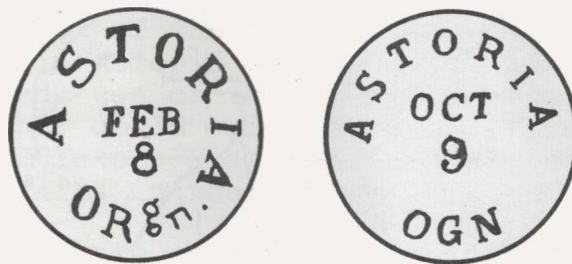


Figure 1
Astoria Territorial Postmarks

the mid-1870's, an impressively long life for a postmark. Later postmark types used at Astoria are shown in Figure 2 below.



Figure 2
Astoria Postmark Types 5, 6, & 8

The first post office to be established in Clatsop County after Oregon joined the Union was located at Westport in the far eastern part of the county. Westport was named for John West, a pioneer of 1850, who built a sawmill on Plympton Creek. West also operated a salmon cannery, and his enterprises formed the economic base of the community. Silas B. Plympton was appointed the first postmaster on December 18, 1863. On April 25, 1864, John West became postmaster, a position he was to hold for nearly 25 years. Four postmark types are known from Westport during the 19th century (Figure 3).



Figure 3
Westport Postmark Types 1 - 4

Skipanon was the next post office to be established in the county. David E. Pease, formerly Lexington postmaster, was appointed the first Skipanon postmaster August 8, 1870. Skipanon was a simplification of the Clatsop Indian name, Skippernawin, which is reported to have referred to a point at the mouth of the Skipanon river. The function of the community was similar to that of the older Lexington. As traffic along the beach road increased during the seventies and eighties, Skipanon's role as a transport center brought limited notoriety to the community. Eventually railroads superceded wagon roads, and Skipanon gave way to nearby Warrenton. The post office was discontinued April 23, 1903. Four postmark types have been reported from Skipanon during the 19th century (Figure 4).

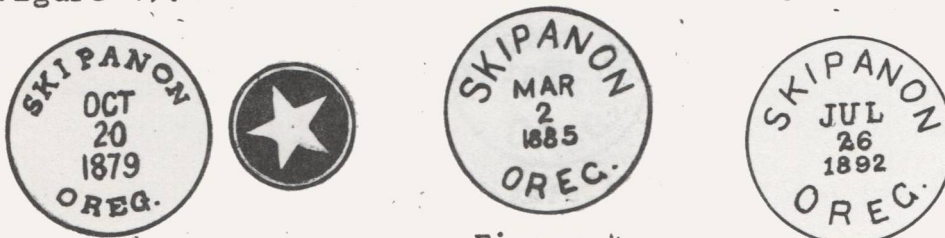


Figure 4

Summer House was the name of the first post office established to serve the resort hotel of railroad magnate Ben Holladay. The office was established December 1, 1871, with the appointment of A. J. Clontire as postmaster. A year and a half later the name of the office, and presumably the hotel, was changed to Seaside House. Gradually, a resort community grew-up around the hotel, and on March 29, 1882, the name of the post office was shortened to Seaside. The original Seaside House hotel was located about a mile south of the present business section of the town. Oddly, no 19th century postmarks are known from the Seaside post office under any of its three names. [See Editor's Comments].

Knappa post office was established June 27, 1872. The community was named in honor of Aaron Knapp, Jr., a pioneer settler and the first postmaster. Knappa post office was located on the south bank of the Columbia River opposite Karlson Island, and about midway between Astoria and Westport. Three different postmark types are known from Knappa during the 19th century. All of these are illustrated in Figure 5.



Figure 5
Knappa Postmark Types 1 - 3

Clifton post office was named descriptively for the steep cliffs above the Columbia River at its site. The office was established January 6, 1874, with the appointment of Vincent Cook, its first postmaster. Cook, together with his brother, operated a pioneer salmon cannery in the community. The four known 19th century Clifton postmark types are illustrated in Figure 6.

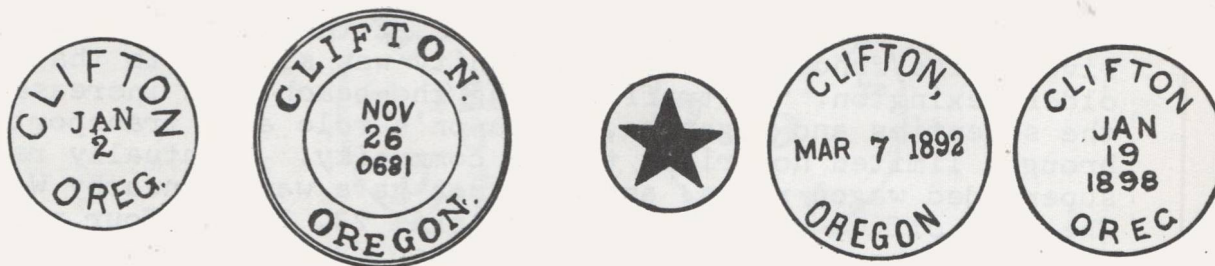


Figure 6
Clifton Postmark Types 1 - 4

Jewell post office became the first office to serve settlers along the Nehalem River in Clatsop County in late 1874. It was established with the appointment of William K. Kirkpatrick on December 23, but it is most unlikely that actual operations began before spring 1875. The office is said to have been named for Marshall Jewell, Postmaster General of the United States between 1874 and 1876. Only two examples of postal markings are known from Jewell during the 19th century. The earliest is a manuscript dated May 8, 1878, and the latest is illustrated in Figure 7.



Figure 7
Jewell Postmark Type 2

The need for local postal services at Olney, a farming community a few miles southeast of Astoria on the road to the Willamette Valley, was recognized by the establishment of a post office there March 12, 1875. Mrs. Mary A. Gray was appointed the first postmaster, and the community was named in honor of Cyrus Olney, Supreme Justice of Oregon Territory from 1853 to 1857. One 19th century postmark type has been recorded from Olney.

In 1876 the Fort Clatsop post office was re-opened at approximately the same location as the earlier one which saw service from 1852 to 1855. On March 19, 1877, Christian Leinenweber was appointed postmaster of an office named Upper Astoria. It was located about a mile and a half east of Astoria's main business district. Upper Astoria operated only until November 17, 1879. It was re-established January 21, 1886, but closed for good on September 17th of the same year. No postal markings are known from Upper Astoria, but given its brief existence that is not surprising.

Mishawaka became the second Nehalem Valley post office with the appointment of James F. Kimberlin on March 26, 1878. The office was apparently named for Mishawaka, Indiana, but the reason for this choice is unknown. Two Mishawaka postmark types are known: a manuscript and the type illustrated in Figure 8. Mishawaka was discontinued March 15, 1901.



Figure 8

Vesper post office was reportedly named by its first postmaster for the evening star. William Johnston was appointed postmaster January 30, 1879, for the office which was to be shifted back and forth between Clatsop and Columbia counties throughout its forty year existence. Originally, Vesper post office was located near the eastern border of Clatsop County on the Nehalem River. Only two Vesper postal markings are known from the 19th century. The first of these two types is shown in Figure 9.



Figure 9
Vesper Postmark Type 1

Fern Hill post office was established with the appointment of Mrs. Mary A. Dennis as postmaster October 24, 1879. This office was in operation only a few months more than a year being discontinued April 1, 1881. The name of the post office undoubtedly was meant to reflect the heavy fern growth of northwestern Oregon. One example of a Fern Hill postal marking is known. It is a manuscript dated May 19, 1880.

Another very short lived post office was established November 8, 1880. The name of the office was Graham, and its first postmaster was Carlton B. Allen. Little is known of the Graham office which was discontinued June 24, 1881. A place named Graham is shown on an 1887 map of Oregon. It is located two or three miles northwest of Skipanon, and it seems probable that the short lived office was meant to operate in that vicinity. The possibility exists that the Graham office was never in operation.

Chadwell post office, a few miles south of Miles Crossing in the Tucker Creek area, was named for the former home of its first postmaster. William True, of Chadwell, England, was appointed the first postmaster on February 20, 1882. The post office never handled a large volume of business, and on July 27, 1898 it was discontinued. Only one postmark type is known from Chadwell. It is illustrated in Figure 10.



Figure 10
Chadwell Postmark Type 1

Denver post office was named after its first postmaster, William J. Denver. Postmaster Denver was appointed May 26, 1884, and he served throughout the entire life of the office which was discontinued October 31, 1888. The Denver post office was located on the road to the Willamette Valley, about 4 miles northwest of Jewell. Two types of Denver postmarks are known: the earliest is a manuscript, and the latest is illustrated in Figure 11.



Figure 11
Denver Postmark Type 2

Twenty-one post offices were established in Clatsop County during the nineties -- a number equal to those started in the preceding 43 years. Medley, Hopkins, and Ben Holladay were all opened in 1890. Medley post office, after William Medley its first postmaster, was located in the same vicinity as the Denver office. It was discontinued September 26, 1900. Hopkins post office, after its first postmaster Thomas Hopkins, was located in the Nehalem Valley about six miles northeast of Jewell. This office was discontinued November 15, 1892, but was subsequently re-established April 10, 1894, and continued in operation until June 20, 1902. Ben Holladay post office operated for less than a year (June 13, 1890 - April 9, 1891). It was named for the founder of Seaside House, and probably operated in that resort hotel. No postmarks are known from Hopkins or Ben Holladay, and the only known Medley postmark type is illustrated in Figure 12.



Figure 12
Medley Postmark Type 1

Four offices were established in 1891: Melville, Cannon Beach, Hare, and Vinemaple. Melville was named for the oldest son of its first postmaster, Wilthea S. Ingalls. It was located in the Lewis and Clark Valley a few miles northeast of the present town of Gearhart. Cannon Beach post office was located near Hug

Point. It was named for the small cannon from the deck of the wrecked schooner Shark, which washed ashore near the place the Cannon Beach post office stood. This office was several miles south of the present-day community of the same name. James P. Austin was the first postmaster, and the office was discontinued November 2, 1901. The Cannon Beach post office operating today was created by change of name from Ecola, May 25, 1922. Hare was a short-lived post office in the vicinity of Svensen. The office was named for James W. Hare, who was postmaster at Astoria when Hare was established. On November 7, 1895, the name of the office was changed to Svensen. Vinemaple post office was named for the vine maple, a shrub which grows over a wide area of western Oregon. Henry V. Birchard was the first Vinemaple post office, and the Nehalem Valley office was discontinued May 12, 1902, when its name was changed to Grand Rapids. No postmarks are known from the 19th century from any of these offices.

Four more post offices were established in 1892. Warrenton, near the Columbia on the Skipanon River, has become an important industrial town as well as the home port for a large fishing fleet. It was named for D. K. Warren, an early settler. Barbra was a logging camp near the southern edge of the county on the North Fork of Nehalem River. The office was named for the wife of its first and only postmaster, Thomas Mitchell. Elsie is a small community near the Nehalem River. It was named in honor of Elsie Foster, a relative of George Gragg, the first postmaster. Grand Rapids, also on the Nehalem River, was intended to be developed into a furniture manufacturing center utilizing the locally abundant timber. The office was closed July 7, 1897, but it received new life in 1902 when the Vinemaple post office changed its name to Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids finally closed September 21, 1903. Nineteenth century postmarks are known from Barbra and Grand Rapids (Figure 13).



Figure 13
Type 1 Postmarks from Barbra and Grand Rapids

Kindred was originally intended to be the name of the first post office operating on the site of the present town of Hammond, but the authorizing order dated May 19, 1894, was rescinded on August 14, 1894. Clatsop post office was established along the tracks of the Seahorse Railroad between Warrenton and Seaside on July 12, 1894. Alexander Tagg was the first Clatsop postmaster. No 19th century postmarks are known from these two offices.

Three new offices were added to the Clatsop County list in 1895: Wise, Svensen, and Flavel. Wise post office was named for Herman Wise, postmaster of Astoria in 1895. Hugh McCormick was the first Wise postmaster, and the office was closed May 5, 1903, after about eight years of service. Svensen post office honored Peter Svensen, a seafaring pioneer of the area. Flavel post office, approximately three miles west of Warrenton, served a small community built around a dock and a large hotel. Passengers of ships of draft too deep to proceed to Astoria disembarked at Flavel. The office was named for Captain George Flavel. On June 10, 1897, its name was changed to Hammond, although a second Flavel post office was established June 27, 1897, and it continued to operate until 1918. The only postal marking dating from the 19th century known from any of these offices is the Svensen postmark illustrated in Figure 14.



Figure 14
Svensen Postmark Type 1

Ahlers post office, after Herman Ahlers the first postmaster, was established January 10, 1896. It was located in the Necanicum River valley about 15 miles southeast of Seaside. The name of this office was changed to April 13, 1899. No postmarks of the 19th century are known from either Ahlers or Push.

Two new offices were established in June of 1897. Hammond, named in honor of Andrew H. Hammond, builder of the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad between 1895 and 1898, came into being through the previously mentioned name change from Flavel. The second office was named Gearhart for Philip Gearhart, a pioneer settler on the southern Clatsop Plains. John Waterhouse was appointed the first Gearhart postmaster. The community is primarily a town of beach houses two miles north of Seaside. No 19th century postmarks are known from either Hammond or Gearhart.

Fort Stevens post office, established February 20, 1899, completed the roster of 19th century Clatsop County post offices. The office was named for the military reservation, which was built in 1864, and named in turn for Isaac Ingalls Stevens, one time governor of Washington Territory. The purpose of the fort was to defend the mouth of the Columbia. No Fort Stevens postmarks are known from 1899.

In summary, four Clatsop County post offices were authorized during the territorial era; 21 of the 42 established before 1900 were discontinued during the 19th century. Many of these offices handled a very small volume of mail for very limited

periods of time. Examples of 19th century postmarks are unknown or unrecorded from 24 of the 42 offices. Such material is not easy to locate for even in the 1890's Clatsop County was still sparsely settled. Surely some of our readers have material that could add to or expand our listings. Please contact the authors if you can help.

CLATSOP COUNTY POST OFFICES

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Astoria	9 Mar 1847	Operating	1st P. O. on Pacific Cst
Lexington	28 Nov 1850	24 Feb 1853	
	3 Apr 1856	18 Sep 1857	
Fort Clatsop	10 Mar 1852	15 Feb 1855	
	8 Mar 1876	28 Sep 1881	
Lower Astoria	17 Jan 1857	2 Apr 1858	
Westport	18 Dec 1863	31 Aug 1959	Mail to Clatskanie
Skipanon	8 Aug 1870	23 Apr 1903	Mail to Warrenton
Summer House	1 Dec 1871	23 Jul 1873	Name ch. to Seaside Hse.
Knappa	27 Jun 1872	31 Mar 1943	Mail to Astoria
Seaside House	23 Jul 1873	29 Mar 1882	Name ch. to Seaside
Clifton	6 Jan 1874	31 Mar 1956	To Clatskanie Rural
Jewell	23 Dec 1874	16 Jun 1967	Mail to Seaside
Olney	12 Mar 1875	31 Oct 1950	Mail to Astoria
Upper Astoria	19 Mar 1877	17 Nov 1879	
	21 Jan 1886	17 Sep 1886	Mail to Astoria
Mishawaka	26 Mar 1878	15 Mar 1901	Mail to Vinemaple
Vesper	30 Jan 1879	20 Nov 1919	Mail to Birkenfeld
Fern Hill	24 Oct 1879	1 Apr 1881	
Graham	8 Nov 1880	24 Jun 1881	
Chadwell	20 Feb 1882	27 Jul 1898	Mail to Melville
Seaside	29 Mar 1882	Operating	
Denver	26 May 1884	31 Oct 1888	Mail to Jewell
Medley	7 Jan 1890	26 Sep 1900	Mail to Jewell
Hopkins	24 Feb 1890	15 Nov 1892	
	10 Apr 1894	20 Jun 1902	Mail to Vesper
Ben Holladay	13 Jun 1890	9 Apr 1891	
Melville	7 Feb 1891	9 Nov 1922	Mail to Astoria
Hare	25 Apr 1891	7 Nov 1895	Name ch. to Svensen
Vinemaple	6 May 1891	12 May 1902	Name ch. to Grand Rapids
Cannon Beach	29 May 1891	2 Nov 1901	Mail to Seaside
Warrenton	8 Feb 1892	Operating	
Barbra	24 May 1892	26 May 1900	Mail to Nehalem
Elsie	1 Nov 1892	1 Dec 1943	Mail to Jewell
Grand Rapids	28 Dec 1892	7 Jul 1897	Mail to Vinemaple
Kindred	19 May 1894	14 Aug 1894	Rescinded
Clatsop	12 Jul 1894	25 Jul 1919	Mail to Warrenton
Wise	3 Jun 1895	5 May 1903	Mail to Astoria
Svensen	7 Nov 1895	30 Nov 1944	Mail to Astoria
Flavel (1)	22 Nov 1895	10 Jun 1897	Name ch. to Hammond
Ahlers	10 Jan 1896	13 Apr 1899	Name ch. to Push
Hammond	10 Jun 1897	Operating	
Gearhart	11 Jun 1897	27 Oct 1961	To Seaside Branch

TOWN	TYPE	VAL	POSTMARK	CODE	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	INTEGRAL KILLER	NOTES
ASTORIA (1847 - date)								
1.	8-7	M			16Apr49	1Sep50		
2.	7	C1FA1R32.5			23Feb51	26Apr52		ill.
3.	6	C1BA1R32.5			29Jan54	7Jun58		ill.
4.	3-2	C1BA1P32.5		60		4Mar75		Same as Ty3
5.	3-2	C1EA1BBR25.5			23Feb76?	20Jun85		ill.
6.	2	C1ET1B27.5			26Aug92	21Dec94		ill.
7.	2	C1ET8B24.5			25Aug98	27Nov98		
8.	2	C1DT6B22.5			19Jul99	Post 1900	Flag	ill.
BARBRA (1892 - 1900)								
1.	6	C1EA1BBR27.5			22Jan97			ill.
CHADWELL (1882 - 1898)								
1.	6	C1EN1B27			20Mar88		Target	ill.
CLIFTON (1874 - 1959)								
1.	7	C1EA1BBR25			2Jan75			ill.
2.	5	C41JN1PRB33.5			9Jun90	26Nov90	Star/circle	ill.
3.	4	C1JS1B29.5			7Mar92p	13Aug92p	Target	ill.
4.	4	C1EN1B27			19Jan98	22Jan98		ill.
DENVER (1884 - 1888)								
1.	7	M			20Mar85			
2.	7	C1EN1BBP27			26Mar86		Target	ill.
GRAND RAPIDS (1892 - 1897)								
1.	6	C1JN1BBR28			8Feb97		Target	ill.
JEWELL (1874 - 1964)								
1.	8	M			8May78			
2.	5	C1EN1BBR27			19Feb95			ill.
KNAPPA (1872 - 1943)								
1.	5	C41E9N1B28			16Jun80r	12Nov83r	Target	ill.
2.	5	C1EA1B26.5		89?				
3.	4	C1EN1BBR27.5			7Apr94	7Nov96	Target	ill.
LEXINGTON (1850 - 1853)								
1.	9	M			10Apr52			
MEDLEY (1890 - 1904)								
1.	6	C1EN1BBR27			24Apr94			ill.
MISHAWAKA (1878 - 1901)								
1.	8	M			1Nov78			
2.	6	C1EN1B27			18Mar86	2Feb89		ill.

TOWN	TYPE	VAL	POSTMARK	CODE	EARLIEST	LATEST	INTEGRAL	NOTES
	NO.	NO.			DATE	DATE	KILLER	
OLNEY (1875 - 1950)								
1.	5		C1EN1B27		10???91	19Oct94	Target	
SKIPANON (1870 - 1903)								
1.	6		M		2Sep74	26Feb75		
2.	7		C1EN1RRB26.5		20Oct79		Star/circle	ill.
3.	4		C1EN1B27		19Nov83	2Mar85	Target	ill.
4.	4		C1EN1BBR27.5		26Jul92			ill.(b/s)
SVENSON (1895 - 1944)								
1.	6		C1EN1B27		29Sep98		Target	ill.
VESPER (1879 - 1919)								
1.	7		C2EN1RRB26		19Jan89		Target	ill.
2.	5		C1EN1B27.5		1Mar99			
WESTPORT (1863 - 1959)								
1.	6		C1EA1BBR24.5		7Sep75			ill.
2.	6		C1EA1R28.5		1Dec78	1Apr??	Star/circle?	ill.
3.	5		C1JS1B31		7Mar81r	9Mar87	Star/circle	ill.
4.	4		C1EN1BBR26.5		17Feb86	7Sep94	Target	ill.

NOTES: ??? - indicates an estimate or questionable entry.
b/s - indicates back-stamp
ill. - indicates postmark type is illustrated in article

Astoria Types 3 and 4 are the same postmark, but since a territorial usage implies considerable increase in value it has been listed as two types. This postmark was in use for over 20 years at Astoria, and may well be a record period of use.

ADDENDA

FERN HILL (1879 - 1881)

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CLATSOP COUNTY POST OFFICES (continued)

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Flavel (2)	27 Jun 1897	11 May 1918	Mail to Hammond
Fort Stevens	20 Feb 1899	31 Jan 1949	
Push	13 Apr 1899	25 May 1907	Name ch. to Necanicum

THE POST OFFICES OF WYOMING: PART IX, JOHNSON COUNTY

By Daniel Y. Meschter and Ruth Dolezal

Johnson County was taken from the northern third of Carbon County and an adjacent part of Sweetwater County so that, in its original form, it stretched from the western boundary of Crook County to the Big Horn River on the far side of the Big Horn Mountains. The county was erected on December 8, 1875, the same day Crook County was created (La Posta, Vol. 4, No. 5), and the area was originally named Pease County. There was no more reason for the creation of Pease County than there was for Crook County. Most of their combined area was part of Indian territory, and they had practically no resident population. The name of the county was changed from Pease to Johnson on December 13, 1879, and it was organized on May 10, 1881, after the initial development of the cattle industry in the area.

Johnson County was reduced by the partition of Sheridan County from its northern end in 1888. In 1890, the western boundaries of both Johnson and Sheridan counties were moved east from the Big Horn River to the crest of the Big Horn Mountains. The portion lying between the mountains and the river is now included in Big Horn, Washakie, and Hot Springs counties.

Much of Johnson County is rolling prairie drained by the Powder River. From the time the Bozeman Trail was opened from the North Platte River to the gold mines of Montana in 1864, the Powder River country was bitterly defended by the Indians for whom the prairies were hereditary hunting grounds. Military posts along the trail in Johnson County were established and abandoned as the tide of Indian warfare ebbed and flowed. More than one bloody battle was fought on Johnson County ground. Prospectors searched the mountains for gold, but in vain. Later, outlaws and, some say, rustlers found refuge in the famous "hole-in-the-wall" - a hidden valley along the east slope of the Big Horn Mountains. Johnson County history reflects much of the tradition and legends of the frontier west.

Economic development began in 1879 when the first great herds of cattle were driven onto the vast range east of the mountains. The first four post offices tell the story. The first, at Fort McKinney, named for a lieutenant killed at the Battle of Dull Knife in 1876, recalls the military presence. Trabing City was next. It was the site of a store opened by the Trabing Brothers of Medicine Bow. Located where the old Bozeman Trail crossed Crazy Woman's Fork, it symbolized the coming of commerce.

Powder River post office commemorates the cattle industry. It was established in connection with the historic "76" Ranch started by the flamboyant Frewen Brothers, who were related by marriage to Winston Churchill. Buffalo, after the city in New York rather than the ruminant of the plains, was first a small

satellite of Fort McKinney. It later became the county seat and social and business center.

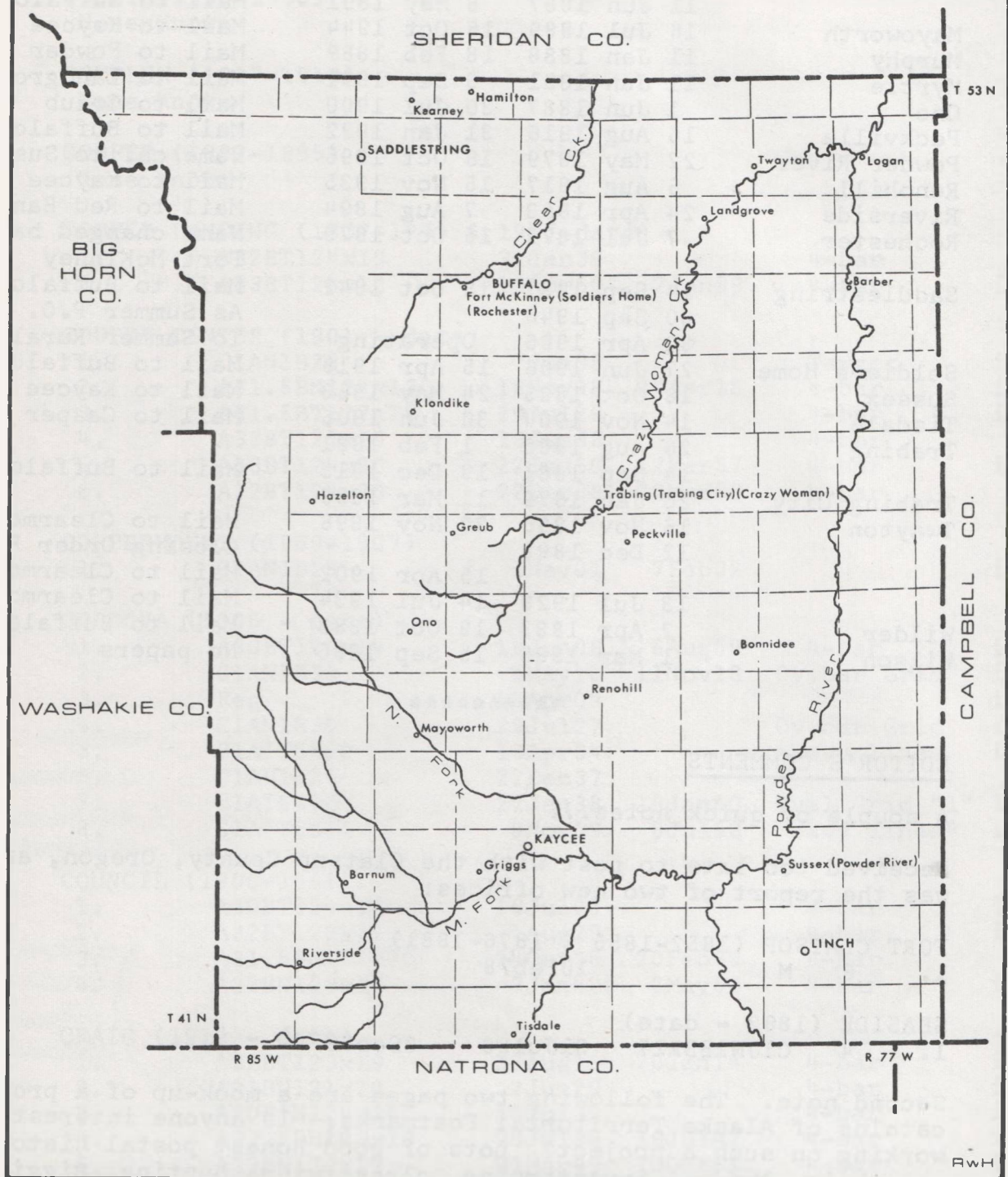
Virtually all of Johnson County's post offices were located at ranches and small trade centers serving the cattle industry. Those in the eastern and southern parts of the county along the Powder River are difficult to locate precisely since some of them were moved several times and few of them had a specific history to aid in their identification. It is likely also that different names were used for several of these offices at different times. One or two of the earliest may have been located in what is now Sheridan County.

The 39 post office names listed for Johnson County include 2 name changes and at least 2 offices which are known to have never been in service. The maximum number of offices in operation at any one time was 15 in 1901 and 1902. This number has dwindled to only 4 at present reflecting the rural nature of the county's population distribution.

WYOMING POST OFFICES JOHNSON COUNTY

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Barber	28 Jan 1904	15 Apr 1929	Mail to Arvada
Barnum	22 Jul 1899	31 Aug 1940	Mail to Kaycee
Barsee	7 Jan 1899	15 Jul 1899	Rescinded
Big Red	24 Jul 1886	3 Jun 1902	Moved to Sheridan Co., 11 Apr 1901
Bonnidee	16 Feb 1921	15 Nov 1935	Mail to Buffalo
Buffalo	6 Oct 1879	Operating	
Burrville	15 Jun 1891	12 Jun 1895	Never in Operation
Crazy Woman	14 May 1880	24 Aug 1880	
Eureka	30 Sep 1896	30 Sep 1899	Mail to Buffalo
	1 Apr 1907	13 Sep 1907	Rescinded
Fort McKinney	26 Nov 1878	7 Jul 1879	Name ch. to Rochester
	15 Oct 1879		N. ch. From Rochester
		7 Dec 1894	Mail to Buffalo
Gilbertson	12 Apr 1901	15 Oct 1902	Mail to Kaycee
Greub	28 Feb 1895	31 Jul 1913	Mail to Buffalo
Griggs	9 Jan 1896	15 May 1905	Mail to Kaycee
Hamilton	15 Apr 1899	30 Apr 1904	Mail to Kearney
	5 May 1904		Closing Order Resc.
		30 Sep 1914	Mail to Ulm
Hazelton	1 Sep 1899	31 May 1901	Mail to Klondike
	3 Mar 1902	15 Oct 1912	Mail to Buffalo
Kaycee	27 Jan 1898	Operating	
Kearney	14 Sep 1881	9 Aug 1882	Mail to Ft. McKinney
	1 Jun 1887	30 May 1936	Mail to Banner
Klondike	11 Jul 1900	31 Oct 1902	Mail to Buffalo
Landgrove	15 Jun 1891	10 Apr 1895	Mail to Buffalo
Linch	1 Dec 1951	Operating	

JOHNSON COUNTY POST OFFICES



Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Logan	2 Feb 1885	11 Jan 1886	Mail to Buffalo
	11 Jun 1887	8 May 1891	Mail to Buffalo
Mayoworth	16 Jul 1889	15 Oct 1944	Mail to Kaycee
Murphy	11 Jan 1888	18 Feb 1889	Mail to Powder River
Myrtle	11 Jun 1891	3 Sep 1891	Mail to Landgrove
Ono	1 Jun 1887	30 Jul 1900	Mail to Greub
Peckville	16 Aug 1916	31 Jan 1922	Mail to Buffalo
Powder River	22 May 1879	18 Oct 1895	Name ch. to Sussex
Renohill	6 Aug 1917	15 Nov 1935	Mail to Kaycee
Riverside	24 Apr 1883	7 Aug 1894	Mail to Red Bank
Rochester	7 Jul 1879	15 Oct 1879	Name changed back to Fort McKinney
Saddlestring	14 Sep 1937	15 Oct 1942	Mail to Buffalo
	30 Sep 1946		As Summer P.O.
	30 Apr 1966	Operating	To Summer Rural Br.
Soldiers Home	27 Jun 1906	15 Apr 1918	Mail to Buffalo
Sussex	18 Oct 1895	24 May 1963	Mail to Kaycee
Tisdale	14 Nov 1904	30 Jun 1905	Mail to Casper
Trabing	26 Aug 1880	1 Feb 1881	
	14 Sep 1881	19 Dec 1913	Mail to Buffalo
Trabing City	20 Jan 1879	11 Mar 1880	
Twayton	16 Nov 1896	30 Nov 1898	Mail to Clearmont
	12 Dec 1898		Closing Order Resc.
		15 Apr 1902	Mail to Clearmont
	13 Jul 1928	14 Jul 1934	Mail to Clearmont
Wilder	2 Apr 1883	19 Oct 1883	Mail to Buffalo
Wilson	1 Mar 1886	15 Sep 1886	No papers

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A couple of quick notes...

Received too late to post with the Clatsop County, Oregon, article was the report of two new offices:

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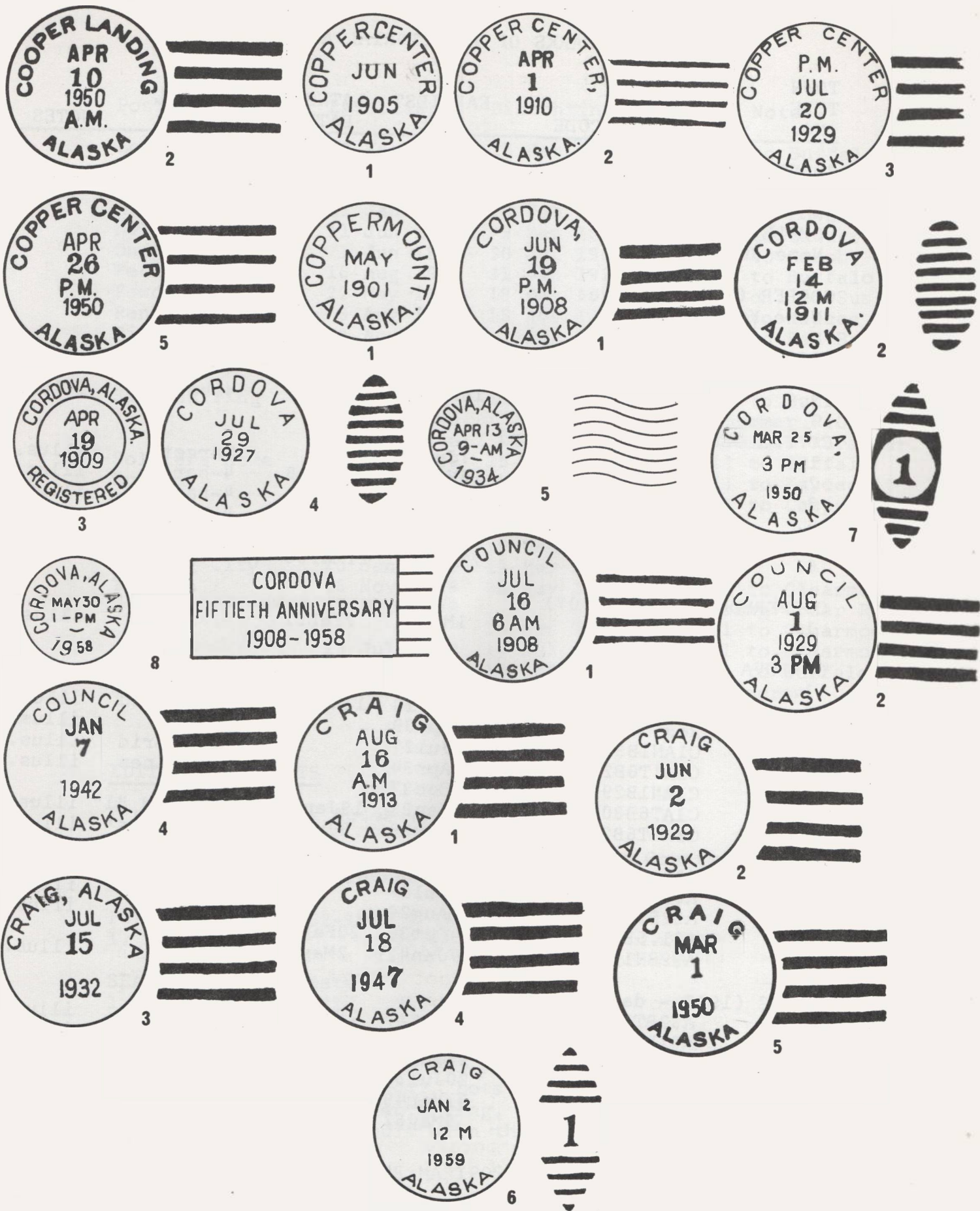
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Second note. The following two pages are a mock-up of a proposed catalog of Alaska Territorial Postmarks. Is anyone interested in working on such a project? Lots of good honest postal history research involved... inventorying, classifying, hunting, digging. If you are an Alaska buff with the time and inclination, drop me a line.

RICHARD W. HELBOCK, 1635 MARIPOSA DRIVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88001.

POSTMARKS OF TERRITORIAL ALASKA

TOWN TYPE NO.	POSTMARK CODE	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	INTEGRAL KILLER	NOTES
COMET (1936-1938)					
None Known					
COMPLEX (1917-1919)					
None Known					
COOPER (1892-1895)					
None Known					
COOPER LANDING (1937-1939 & 1947-date)					
1.	A32BT124x19	31Jan39		4-bar	
2.	A33BT124x19	10Apr50	2Jan59	4-bar	illus.
COPPER CENTER (1901 - date)					
1.	CIAN1B28	?Jun05		Target	illus.
2.	A31.5BN124x13	18Nov08	20Apr15	4-bar	illus.
3.	A31.5BT1??x18	20Jul29		4-bar	illus.
4.	A33BT121x19	13Jan38		4-bar	
5.	A33BT124x20	22Jan50	12Mar57	4-bar	illus.
6.	A32BT124x20	22Dec58	22Mar59	4-bar	
COPPERMOUNT (1900-1907)					
1.	CIAN1B28	1May01	7Feb02		illus.
CORDOVA (1906 - date)					
1.	A30BT120x14	19Jun08	6Aug09	4-bar	illus.
2.	CIAN1B30	2May10	11Nov18	Ov.bar Grid	illus.
3.	Reg	19Apr09			illus.
4.	CIAN1B30	29Jul27		Ov.bar Grid	illus.
5.	CIAT6B20	13Apr34		Wavy lines	illus.
6.	CIAN1B29	22Dec37			
7.	CIAT6B30	22Jan38	19Jan60	Oval Grid "1"	illus.
8.	CIAT6B21	8Nov39	8Jul58	Wavy lines*	illus.
COUNCIL (1900-1953)					
1.	A30BT124x14	16Jul08		4-bar	illus.
2.	A32BT120x17	1Aug29		4-bar	illus.
3.	A31.5BN122x20	24Oct36	20Feb39	4-bar	
4.	A32BN123x18	7Jan42r	2May53	4-bar	illus.
CRAIG (1912 - date)					
1.	A32BT123x19	16Aug13	20Jan14	4-bar	illus.
2.	A31BN121x20	2Jun29		4-bar	illus.
3.	A30B'N124x19	15Jul32		4-bar	illus.
4.	A32.5BN123x18	20Jul38	18Jul47	4-bar	illus.
5.	A32BN123x19	31Mar49	15Oct51	4-bar	illus.
6.	CIAT6B30	5May52	2Jan59	Oval Grid "1"	illus.



MONTANA TERRITORIAL POST OFFICES

By Richard W. Helbock

Montana, the Big Sky country, its very name suggests a land of snow covered rocky peaks and scenic fertile valleys. The fact that the name is appropriate for only the western third of the state reflects the way in which the land was settled and the determination of an Ohio Congressman. Montana was first used as a place name in the West for a short-lived 1858 gold rush town in the Pike's Peak region of what was then Kansas. Somehow, Representative James M. Ashley of Ohio, a member of the House Committee on Territories, became aware of the name, and took a fancy to it. Representative Ashley understood it to be the feminine form of the Spanish adjective, 'mountainous,' and, when a territory was carved out of Washington, Dakota, and Nebraska in 1863, Ashley proposed the name Montana. This territory became Idaho, but the following year Idaho was divided. Ashley once again proposed the name Montana, and when no one raised a more popular name, Montana was adopted.

The Territory of Montana was organized by an act of the United States Congress dated May 26, 1864, from a portion of Idaho Territory. Boundaries of the new territory, which remained remarkably stable compared to other territorial delininations of the West, were set forth in the organizing act (13 Stat. L. 86):

That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the limits, to wit: Commencing at a point formed by the intersection of the 27th degree of longitude west of Washington with the 45th degree of north latitude; thence due west along said 45th degree...to a point formed by its intersection with the 34th degree of longitude west from Washington; thence due south along said 34th degree...to its intersection with the 44th degree and 30 minutes of north latitude; thence due west along said degree...to a point formed by its intersection with the crest of the Rocky Mountains; thence following the crest of the Rocky Mountains northward till its intersection with the Bitter Root Mountains; thence northward along the crest of said Bitter Root Mountains to its intersection with the 39th degree of longitude west of Washington; thence along said 39th degree...northward to the boundary line of the British possessions; thence eastward along said boundary line to the 27th degree of longitude west of Washington; thence southward along said 27th degree...to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby, created into a temporary government by the name of the Territory of Montana.

Montana's population increased rapidly during its 25-year territorial period. The Census of 1870, Montana's first, counted only 20,595 residents. On November 8, 1889, Montana was admitted to the Union, and the Census of 1890 listed 132,159 inhabitants of the new state. The brief territorial period had seen a more than six-fold increase in the population of the state.

Pre-Territorial Post Offices

Three post offices were established in the area of Montana before the territory was created. They were Hell Gate, Bannack City, and Virginia City. Hell Gate post office received its first postmaster appointment November 25, 1862. Originally on the Washington Territory list, Hell Gate was named for the famous Hell Gate Canyon on the overland route connecting the Missouri and Columbia river basins. On May 14, 1866, the name of this pioneer office was changed to Missoula.

Bannack City post office was established November 21, 1863, almost a year and a half after the first reported gold discoveries in the area. Originally listed with Idaho Territory, Bannack City served the strike at "Grasshopper Diggins." The discovery soon proved so valuable that the rough camp grew into a town of over 3000 residents, and became the first territorial capital. For a time it must have seemed that Bannack City would long endure as Montana's leading urban center. But alas, the gold finally gave out and the town began to die. Bannack City became just plain Bannack post office May 12, 1898, and today even the post office has been closed.

Virginia City post office was authorized January 29, 1864, with the appointment of its first postmaster. Given the delays involved in 19th century communications between Washington, D.C. and the West, it seems likely that the Virginia City post office may not have begun actual operations until after the passage of the territorial act. Be that as it may, Virginia City quickly grew into a robust mining camp, and its post office survives to this day.

The Territorial Post Office List

The alphabetical list which follows is a transcription of the microfilmed Records of Appointments of Postmasters for the Territory of Montana. Each territorial post office is listed together with its initial county designation, its current county location, its date of first postmaster appointment, the name of its first postmaster, its date of discontinuance or name change, and the name of the office which served its patrons after closing (if applicable). There are almost certain to be some errors in a transcription of this type. The original records contain errors, and they may have been compounded in the transcribing process. A serious attempt has been made to minimize such errors, but it is unlikely that it was totally successful.

Post Office County Init. 1973 Established First Postmaster Discontinued Name Changed To :
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Ada	Cust	Rose	1 Aug 1881	Ada R. Parker	1 Nov 1882	(Rosebud)
Adobetown	Mad	Mad	16 Dec 1875	Nicholas Carey	15 Oct 1907	(Virginia City)
Agency	Miss	?	20 Feb 1872	George S. Mason	21 Sep 1874	
Ainslee	Cust	Cust	19 Dec 1882	Silvanus Miner	26 Oct 1883	(Miles City)
Alamo	Beav	Beav	5 Oct 1889	Mary A. Butch	9 Aug 1894	(Fox)
Albright	Cust	Rose	28 Oct 1884	William Albright	15 Nov 1892	(Rosebud)
Alhambra	Jeff	Jeff	15 Jul 1885	Wilson Redding		
Allard	Daw	Daw	7 Jan 1884	F. L. Sperry	22 Apr 1887	(Glendive)
Allerdice	Beav	Beav	16 Mar 1881	T. Eugene Simmons	6 Dec 1889	:Lima
Alpine	Ferg	Ferg	28 Oct 1885	Anna M. Coder	14 May 1904	(Fort Maginnis)
Alzada	Cust	Cart	15 Jul 1885	Joseph B. Moss	Operating	
Amazon	Jeff	?	26 Jan 1888	John W. Currin	About 1890	
Amesville	Beav	Beav	19 Dec 1884	Nancy S. Burnett	23 Sep 1897	(Alice)
Anaconda	D.L.	D.L.	13 Jul 1883	Clinton H. Moore	Operating	
Andersonville	Meag	Ferg	27 Jun 1881	Benjamin Dexter	26 Jun 1885	(Maiden)
Apex	Beav	Beav	2 Jun 1886	James Haining	16 Dec 1886	(Dillon)
Ardrum	Miss	Miss	28 Mar 1882	Cornelius O'Keefe	31 Dec 1883	(Missoula)
Argenta	Beav	Beav	15 Feb 1871	George D. French	31 Jan 1935	
Arlee	Miss	Lake	22 Oct 1885	Primus Bader	Operating	
Ashland	Cust	Rose	9 Mar 1886	Mary O'Connell	Operating	
Ashley	Miss	Flat	27 Mar 1884	Andrew Swaney	23 Jun 1891	(Demersville)
Augusta	L&C	L&C	9 Jun 1884	Phil A. Manix	Operating	
Avon	D.L.	Powl	2 Jun 1884	William Cramer	Operating	
Bannack City	Beav	Beav	21 Nov 1863	Nathaniel Langford	12 Mar 1898	:Bannack
Barcon	D.L.	Powl	25 Jan 1886	Jacob Whitmire	7 Apr 1886	:Blossburg
Barkerville	Meag	?	21 Mar 1881	Frank Bucksin	22 Jun 1881	
Barott	Ferg	?	28 Oct 1885	Luther B. Barott	31 Jan 1900	(Lavina)
Basin	Jeff	Jeff	14 Jun 1880	Julius P. Martin	Operating	
Basinski	Cust	Rose	14 Dec 1888	Monfort Bray	26 Jul 1898	(Sabra)
Bear's Mouth	D.L.	Gran	16 Mar 1875	Benjamin Horton	17 Dec 1892	:Bearmouth
Beartown	D.L.	Gran	20 Jul 1868	James McElroy	15 Nov 1892	(Bear's Mouth)
Beaver Creek	Jeff	Bwtr	3 Jun 1872	Thomas Pauley	20 Jan 1887	:Placer
Beaver Head Rock	Mad	?	2 Nov 1869	Andrew McHesser	11 Jul 1871	
Bedford	Jeff	Bwtr	19 Feb 1879	Garis Johnston	27 Apr 1895	(Townsend)
Beeman	Cust	Rose	21 Feb 1883	James H. Hay	21 Nov 1884	:Rosebud
Belgrade	Galn	Galn	13 Sep 1887	Thomas B. Quaw	Operating	
Belknap's	Chot	Blan	21 Apr 1879	Thomas O. Hanlon	22 Oct 1889	(Chinook)
Bellevue	Chot	Tetn	27 Oct 1885	George F. Miller	15 Aug 1910	(Choteau)
Belmont	L&C	L&C	15 Jan 1879	John H. Jurgens	9 Oct 1882	(Helena)

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Belt	Meag		Casc	2 Feb 1885	Eugene R. Clingan	Operating	
Beltane	Meag		Casc	12 Feb 1880	E. Hackshaw	3 Sep 1883	(Fort Benton)
Benson's Landing	Galn		Park	10 Jul 1878	James A. Bailey	8 Dec 1882	(Livingston)
Bercail	Meag		Whtd	16 Oct 1882	Philip I. Moule	31 Jul 1947	
Big Elk	Meag		Whtd	18 Sep 1882	Ozias M. Hatch	15 May 1913	(Twodot)
Big Horn	Cust		B.H.	20 Nov 1877	Theodore Borup	25 Feb 1878	: Fort Custer
Big Sandy	Chot		Chot	22 Dec 1887	Leigh Marlow	Operating	
Bigtimber	Galn		S.G.	14 May 1880	Ella Burns	Operating	As Big Timber
Billings	Cust		Yell	13 Jun 1882	Lucius Whitney	Operating	
Birney(1)	Cust		Rose	9 Mar 1886	Arthur M. Birney	9 Mar 1886	: Ashland
Birney(2)	Cust		Rose	2 Dec 1886	Edward R. Brown	Operating	
Blackfoot City	D.L.		Powl	21 May 1866	Silas H. Crouse	11 Jun 1896	: Ophir
Black Pine	D.L.		?	27 Sep 1887	Ewing Tarbeville	21 Aug 1890	No papers
Blakeley	Cust		B.H.	5 Aug 1886	Henry H. Ebert	14 Oct 1897	(Junction)
Blatchford	Cust		Prar	3 Mar 1885	John E. Kennedy	3 May 1915	: Zero
Bloomdale	Cust		?	17 Aug 1889	Fred Middleton	17 May 1890	No papers
Blossburg	D.L.		Powl	7 Apr 1886	Jacob Whitmire	31 Oct 1902	(Elliston)
Bonita	Miss		Glac	19 Jun 1886	John S. Lovall	Operating	
Bonner	Miss		Miss	24 Mar 1888	Lane E. Pashill	31 Oct 1942	
Boulder	Jeff		Jeff	5 Apr 1871	Samuel Harper	26 Jun 1871	: Boulder
Boulder Valley	Jeff		Jeff	23 Jan 1866	William Barkley	10 May 1897	
Box Elder	Chot		Hill	30 Oct 1889	William McGraw	Operating	
Bozeman	Galn		Galn	7 Dec 1868	James Roth	Operating	
Brandenberg	Cust		Rose	7 Jan 1881	George Lisconie	30 Sep 1957	
Brassey	Meag		Ferg	28 Dec 1881	Edward Brassey	23 May 1884	(Cottonwood)
Bremer	Chot		Hill	30 Oct 1889	Warner N. Bremer	26 Dec 1889	(Box Elder)
Brewers Springs	Meag		Meag	7 Jul 1875	Henry B. Brainerd	27 Nov 1876	: White Sulphur Springs
Bruckman	Cust		Yell	29 Apr 1884	Louis Bruckman	11 May 1886	(Billings)
Buell	Cust		Rose	2 Jun 1879	James Kennedy	13 Nov 1884	(Sadie)
Burlington	S.B.		S.B.	27 Oct 1885	William Master	15 Nov 1901	(Butte)
Burnt Pine	Beav		?	22 Jun 1874	Daniel R. Parker	30 Jan 1882	
Butte City	D.L.		S.B.	20 Jul 1868	Anson Ford	27 Feb 1894	: Butte
Bynum	Chot		Tetn	28 Oct 1885	George A. Fry	Operating	
Cable	D.L.		D.L.	14 Mar 1882	T. C. Macartney	15 May 1918	(Southern Cross)
Cabinet Landing	Miss		?	26 Feb 1867	M. B. Koontz	30 May 1867	
Cable City	D.L.		D.L.	20 Jul 1868	William Kelley	14 Mar 1882	: Cable
Callaway	Mad		?	26 Sep 1871	Ovide P. Laurin	18 May 1874	
Camp Baker	Meag		Meag	19 Sep 1875	John S. Hammell	7 May 1879	: Fort Logan
Canton	Meag		Bwtr	27 Aug 1872	William Tierney	28 Feb 1935	

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Canyon	Cust	Yell	11 Feb 1880	Sidney H. Erwin	10 Apr 1883	(Billings)	
Canyon Creek	L&C	L&C	7 Aug 1871	William S. Nigus	Operating		
Canyon Ferry	Meag	L&C	23 Apr 1868	Joseph Stafford	15 Jul 1922	(Helena)	
Carlton	Miss	Rava	31 Dec 1883	Lizzie Young	30 Jun 1908	(Florence)	
Carpenter's Bar	D.L.	?	3 Jun 1872	Thomas E. Pounds	16 Dec 1872		
Carroll	Daw	Petr	22 Jun 1874	George Clendenin	28 Nov 1882	(Fort Maginnis)	
Carroll	D.L.	D.L.	8 Jun 1888	Aaron G. Staton	30 Apr 1902	(Anaconda)	
Cartersville	L&C	L&C	24 Feb 1881	James W. Carter	8 Sep 1888	: Wolf Creek	
Castle	Meag	Meag	1 Nov 1887	Hanson H. Barnes	31 Oct 1919	(Lennop)	
Castner	Meag	Casc	2 Apr 1883	John K. Castner	14 Jun 1883	(Beltane)	
Cataract	Jeff	?	11 Feb 1880	George Gallahan	5 Jul 1881		
Cavetown	Meag	?	2 Apr 1878	Court Sheriff	9 Nov 1880		
Cecil	L&C	L&C	26 May 1884	DeWitt Holbrook	11 Jan 1886	(Augusta)	
Cedar Junction	Miss	Minl	31 Jan 1870	Aud J. Simmons	17 Jan 1871		
Centennial	Mad	Mad	6 Aug 1889	William M. Reed	18 Apr 1892	(Shambow)	
Centreville	Meag	Bwtr	4 May 1872	John M. Robinson	14 Nov 1883	(Townsend)	
Central Park	Galn	Galn	2 Oct 1871	Vardamon Cockrill	6 Sep 1887	(Creamery)	
Champion	D.L.	Powl	22 Aug 1889	William Molthen	13 Jul 1893	(Deer Lodge City)	
Chestnut	Meag	Casc	2 Apr 1878	R. N. Sutherlin	3 Apr 1890	(Saint Clair)	
Chico	Galn	Park	24 Feb 1874	John Cone	31 Oct 1919	(Emigrant)	
Chinook	Chot	Blan	12 Sep 1889	Thomas O. Hanlon	Operating		
Choteau	Chot	Tetn	15 Jan 1884	Alfred Hamilton	Operating		
Christina	Meag	Ferg	14 Dec 1885	David Hilzer	Operating		
Cicero	Mad	Mad	24 Feb 1869	Jean B. Laurin	11 Sep 1874	: Laurin	
Clagett	Jeff	?	14 Jun 1872	Abel Quaintance	4 Nov 1878		
Clancey	Jeff	Jeff	11 Aug 1887	Frances E. Harvey	1 Feb 1960	: Clancy	
Clancy(1)	Jeff	Jeff	25 Mar 1872	Henry M. Hill	15 Jul 1885	: Alhambra	
Clancy(2)	Jeff	Jeff	28 Oct 1885	Frances E. Harvey	11 Aug 1887	: Clancey	
Clarence	Meag	Meag	23 Feb 1887	William C. Heaton	17 Feb 1888	(Martindale)	
Clark	Galn	Park	17 Oct 1882	Oscar Phillips	13 Nov 1882	: Livingston	
Clarkston	L&C	L&C	28 Nov 1873	Bradford C. Woods	4 Feb 1884	(Helena)	
Clearwater	D.L.	Powl	24 May 1889	Libbie Blanchard	5 Oct 1926	(Greenough)	
Clendenin	Meag	Casc	12 Apr 1882	Fred W. Reed	26 May 1892	: Barker	
Clendennin	Meag	Casc	28 Dec 1881	James Matkin	24 Jan 1882		
Clifford	Miss	Flat	1 Jun 1888	John E. Clifford	26 Jan 1889	: Demersville	
Clyde Park	Galn	Park	14 May 1887	John Haney	Operating		
Coberly	D.L.	Gran	17 Jan 1872	Green A. Kirtley	27 Nov 1872	: New Chicago	

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	Init.	1973				
Cokedale	Galn	Park	16 Jan 1889	Joseph Dailey	15 Mar 1900	(Livingston)
Cold Springs	Jeff	Jeff	14 Jan 1872	P. F. Myers	31 Mar 1924	(Boulder)
Comet	Jeff	Jeff	13 Aug 1877	John W. Russell	16 Apr 1890	(Wicks)
Como	Miss	Rava	3 Aug 1882	Wilson B. Harlan	30 Nov 1936	(Fort Benton)
Conrad	Chot	Pond	10 Jul 1884	Joseph Kipp	17 May 1888	: Cooke City
Cooke	Galn	Park	1 Feb 1882	William Randall	1 Jan 1957	(Armington)
Copperopolis	Meag	Meag	6 Jan 1881	John H. Sutherlin	About 1882	(Lewistown)
Cora	Meag	Casc	15 May 1882	Frank K. Lewis	10 Jan 1903	
Corbin	Jeff	Jeff	13 Jun 1887	Emma Trimble	17 May 1943	
Corvallis	Miss	Rava	8 Dec 1870	Thomas B. Collins	Operating	
Cottonwood	Meag	Ferg	21 Nov 1883	William DeWitt	29 Feb 1904	
Coulson	Cust	?	16 Nov 1877	Samuel Alexander	12 Jul 1882	
Cowans	Galn	?	31 Aug 1876	Andrew Cowan	16 Jul 1877	
Cow Island	Chot	Ferg	15 Apr 1880	Frank Hughes	3 Aug 1880	
Craig	L&C	L&C	6 Feb 1888	Rescome Stickney	31 Oct 1954	
Crawford	Mad	?	20 Dec 1872	Charles Gideon	14 Nov 1873	
Creamery	Galn	Galn	8 Nov 1885	Vardamon Cockrill	5 Feb 1891	: Central Park
Crow Agency	CIR	B.H.	3 Feb 1881	Charles T. Babcock	Operating	(Etna)
Cutler	Cust	Cust	26 Dec 1882	George Cutler	8 May 1891	
Danton	Cust	?	11 Dec 1879	Daniel Harris	14 Jul 1881	
Darby	Miss	Rava	31 Oct 1889	James W. Darby	Operating	
Darling	Beav	?	3 Jun 1872	Joseph A. Browne	5 Apr 1881	(Fort Benton)
Davidson	Chot	Chot	14 Mar 1888	Thomas Harwood	9 Aug 1889	(Hogan)
Dearborn	L&C	L&C	7 Aug 1876	Hubert A. Milot	14 Feb 1898	(Centreville)
Deepdale	Jeff	Bwtr	23 Feb 1882	Burt Skinner	4 May 1883	(Danvers)
Deerfield	Meag	Ferg	9 Mar 1888	Emory A. Hudson	28 Feb 1917	: Deer Lodge
Deer Lodge City	D.L.	Powl	21 May 1866	Romulus J. Perry	23 Jun 1894	(Kalispel)
Demersville	Miss	Flat	26 Jan 1889	John E. Clifford	5 May 1898	
Denton	Meag	Ferg	9 Mar 1888	Henry F. Dent	Operating	(Oka)
Dever	Meag	Whtd	4 May 1886	James H. Dever	30 Aug 1887	: Dewey
Dewey's	Beav	Beav	27 Jun 1878	Allan Hay	4 Jan 1894	(Johnson)
Diamond City	Meag	Bwtr	12 Mar 1867	William H. Meek	15 Oct 1909	No Papers
Diamond Springs	L&C	?	7 Jan 1885	J. Underhill	26 Jun 1886	(Miles City)
Dickson	Cust	Cust	6 Mar 1883	Flora Woodliff	28 Sep 1883	
Dillon	Beav	Beav	31 May 1881	Thomas B. Warren	Operating	(Red Lodge)
Dilworth	Galn	Carb	17 Oct 1884	James R. Dilworth	15 Dec 1891	
Divide	D.L.	S.B.	17 Feb 1873	Charles Wunderlich	Operating	

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Dodge	Meag	Casc	6 Aug 1886	Thomas L. Gorham	5 Nov 1887	: Cascade	
Dodgeton	Meag	Musl	6 Jun 1883	Henry S. Dodge	24 May 1884	(Olden)	
Downieville	Meag	?	20 Jul 1868	Thomas Favorite	8 Oct 1869		
Drummond	D.L.	Powl	11 Jan 1884	Edy A. Hettinger	Operating		
Dry Creek	Galn	?	22 Jun 1874	Thomas Mulvaney	28 Jul 1874		
Dry Creek	Daw	Roos	21 Jul 1882	Gilman R. Norris	24 Apr 1883	(Wolfpoint)	
Dubuque	Meag	J.B.	27 Aug 1886	Thomas F. Morgan	27 Feb 1892	: Stanford	
Dudley	Meag	Ferg	12 Jun 1888	John W. Powell	14 Jan 1891	(Lewistown)	
Dundee	Daw	Daw	22 Sep 1884	John Scott	2 Jan 1885	(Glendive)	
Dupuyer	Chot	Pond	28 Nov 1882	Julian F. Burd	Operating		
East Gallatin	Galn	Galn	3 Sep 1869	Daniel Maxey	1 Feb 1881		
East Helena	L&C	L&C	13 Aug 1888	Henry H. Clark	Operating		
Edgerton	Beav	?	2 Oct 1879	James Kirkpatrick	19 Oct 1880		
Egan	Miss	Flat	28 Jan 1888	Jesse Yenne	6 Aug 1892	(Demersville)	
Ekalaka	Cust	Cart	27 Nov 1885	Charles Cartwright	Operating		
Elchetah	Cust	B.H.	23 Jul 1877	Madison M. Black	10 Sep 1892	(Blakeley)	
Elkhorn	Jeff	Jeff	19 May 1884	William H. Healey	30 Aug 1924	(Boulder)	
Elk Park	Jeff	Jeff	21 Jan 1889	Charles Cunningham	31 Dec 1930	(Butte)	
Elliston	D.L.	Powl	5 Feb 1884	S. N. Nicholson	Operating		
Emigrant	Galn	?	11 Jun 1872	Frederick Bottler	21 Jul 1876		
Emmettsburg	D.L.	Gran	18 Jan 1869	Matthew Wallwork	31 Mar 1879		
Empire	L&C	L&C	10 Nov 1886	Joseph C. Pyle	5 Feb 1895	(Marysville)	
Ennis	Mad	Mad	7 Jan 1881	William Ennis	Operating		
Enterprise	Miss	Miss	12 Mar 1884	Ezra D. Baker	12 Nov 1884	(Missoula)	
Etna	Miss	?	6 Mar 1872	Garland T. Jones	12 Jan 1875		
Etna	Cust	Cust	19 Dec 1882	Ellen M. Adams	15 Sep 1913	(Miles City)	
Evans	Meag	Casc	19 Jun 1889	Zinta Wamer	30 Sep 1937		
Exeter	Daw	Vall	10 Sep 1888	R. M. Trafton	17 Feb 1890	No Papers	
Fallon	Cust	Prar	17 Oct 1884	Cyrus Mendenhall	Operating		
Farrell	Mad	?	14 Feb 1881	Benjamin Burns	27 Jul 1881		
Fish Creek	Mad	Jeff	23 Feb 1870	Harrison Jordan	8 Apr 1896	(Silver Star)	
Flathead(1)	Miss	Lake	26 Feb 1867	John T. Hanks	26 Jun 1868	: Arlee	
Flathead(2)	Miss	Lake	27 Apr 1882	Ludgen C. Tuott	22 Oct 1885		
Flat Head Lake	Miss	Lake	25 Nov 1873	Valentine Coombes	7 Oct 1875		
Flatwillow	Meag	Petr	27 Mar 1883	John Dachter	30 Apr 1946		
Florence	Miss	Rava	17 May 1888	Gilbert S. Strout	Operating		
Foley	Cust	?	12 May 1881	Albert B. Long	7 Apr 1882		

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Forest City	Miss	Miss	Minl.	9 Jan 1871	Thomas Williams	4 Sep 1895	: Forest
Forsyth	Cust	Cust	Rose	2 Aug 1882	Fred Henning	Operating	
Fort Assinaboine	Chot	Chot	Hill	16 May 1879	H. B. Hill	29 Dec 1892	: Fort Assiniboine
Fort Benton	Chot	Chot	Chot	18 Jan 1867	Isaac G. Baker	Operating	
Fort Custer	Cust	Cust	B.H.	25 Feb 1878	Theodore Borup	9 Nov 1901	(Crow Agency)
Fort Ellis	Galn	Galn	Galn	19 Apr 1880	Winfield Lancey	23 Aug 1886	(Bozeman)
Fort Keogh	Cust	Cust	Cust	4 Jan 1878	William O'Toole	30 Nov 1908	(Miles City)
Fort Logan	Meag	Meag	Meag	7 May 1879	William Gaddis	28 Feb 1929	(White Sulphur Sprs.)
Fort Maginnis	Meag	Meag	Ferg	16 Mar 1875	Henry A. Kennedy	14 May 1938	
Fort Missoula	Miss	Miss	Miss	11 Jun 1879	John McCormick	5 Jul 1894	(Missoula)
Fort Owen	Miss	Miss	Rava	29 Jul 1868	John Chatfield	22 Dec 1868	
Fort Peck	Daw	Daw	Vall	1 Dec 1879	Charles Gould	8 Nov 1880	
Fort Shaw	L&C	L&C	Casc	30 Sep 1867	Nathaniel Pope	Operating	
Foster	Meag	Meag	Bwtr	23 Feb 1882	Thomas Foster	18 Aug 1882	:Toston
Franklin	Cust	Cust	P.R.	14 Jan 1889	Frank Daughtery	30 Sep 1902	(Broadus)
French Gulch	D.L.	D.L.	S.B.	17 Nov 1869	Michael Larkin	11 Apr 1881	
Frenchtown	Miss	Miss	Miss	20 Jul 1868	Charles Cusson	Operating	
Fridley	Galn	Galn	Park	2 Feb 1885	Frank A. Fridley	20 Jan 1911	
Feeley	S.B.	S.B.	S.B.	28 Jan 1888	John F. Cowan	26 Oct 1892	: Emigrant
Fulton	L&C	L&C	L&C	20 Feb 1888	Lottie Woodruff	15 Apr 1914	(Silver Bow)
Furness	Meag	Meag	Bwtr	10 Mar 1887	William L. Austin	21 May 1887	(Wolf Creek)
Gaffney	Mad	Mad	Mad	10 Nov 1871	Owen Gaffney	1 Nov 1875	: Toston
Gaffney's Station	Mad	Mad	Mad	16 Oct 1871	Owen Gaffney	10 Nov 1871	: Salisbury
Gallatin	Galn	Galn	Galn	13 Feb 1867	G. H. Campbell	16 Jul 1890	: Gaffney
Gallop	Galn	Galn	Galn	28 Oct 1885	James H. Gallop	15 Oct 1908	(Three Forks)
Gardenland	Meag	Meag	?	13 Sep 1880	Frank Bassett	10 Jan 1882	(Maudlow)
Gardiner	Galn	Galn	Park	19 Feb 1880	James McCartney	Operating	
Garfield	Galn	Galn	?	22 Oct 1867	John H. Culver	28 Sep 1868	
Garfield	Cust	Cust	?	26 May 1881	Frank A. Zahl	20 Jun 1881	
Garrison	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	4 Dec 1883	William Facer	Operating	: Canyon Creek
Georgetown	L&C	L&C	L&C	20 Sep 1869	Isaiah Douthill	7 Aug 1871	
German Gulch	D.L.	D.L.	S.B.	13 Jan 1869	Thomas Lowes	1 Nov 1875	
Gird's Creek	Miss	Miss	Rava	23 Aug 1870	Anthony Chaffin	19 Dec 1871	
Givendale	D.L.	D.L.	?	8 Mar 1872	Morgan Evans	13 May 1878	: Morristown
Glasgow	Daw	Daw	Vall	19 Jun 1888	Charles E. Hall	Operating	
Glendale	Beav	Beav	Beav	23 Jul 1875	Louis Schmalhausen	6 Aug 1900	(Melrose)
Glendive	Daw	Daw	Daw	25 Jul 1881	Nelson Lawrence	Operating	

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Gloster	L&C	L&C	L&C	23 Feb 1882	Hiram McAllister	14 Jan 1895	(Marysville)
Gold Creek(1)	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	21 May 1866	Nicholas Connolly	5 Aug 1870	: Pioneer
Gold Creek(2)	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	21 May 1886	Francis H. Bird	Operating	As Goldcreek
Goldrun	Meag	Meag	Casc	26 Jan 1882	Thomas Maddock	12 Apr 1882	: Clendenin
Gorham	Meag	Meag	Casc	22 Oct 1885	John P. Dyas	27 May 1889	: Saint Clair
Gould	L&C	L&C	L&C	25 Jan 1888	Otis R. Allen	30 Jun 1917	(Wilborn)
Grace	S.B.	S.B.	S.B.	27 Jun 1882	William McCall	29 Sep 1898	(Butte)
Grafton	Meag	Meag	J.B.	22 Sep 1887	Annie B. Frost	24 Jul 1894	(Geyser)
Granite	D.L.	D.L.	Gran	5 Mar 1886	Carlton H. Hand	31 Oct 1908	
Grantsdale	Miss	Miss	Rava	17 May 1888	Thomas B. Owings	Operating	: Grassrange
Graprange	Meag	Meag	Ferg	27 Mar 1883	John Chamberlin	7 Apr 1884	
Grassrange	Meag	Meag	Ferg	7 Apr 1884	James Chamberlin	Operating	(Missoula)
Grass Valley	Miss	Miss	Miss	3 Feb 1887	John E. Cyr	22 Jan 1895	
Great Falls	Meag	Meag	Casc	10 Jul 1884	Paris Gibson	Operating	(Helena)
Greenhorn	L&C	L&C	L&C	6 Sep 1871	John Reynolds	2 Apr 1883	(Wickes)
Green Wood	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	14 Apr 1868	Henry S. Clark	10 Sep 1875	(Big Timber)
Gregory	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	19 Sep 1881	Lionel R. Nettle	5 Oct 1888	: Meaderville
Greycliff	Galn	Galn	S.G.	27 Oct 1885	Julia J. Wirt	28 May 1887	: Rothiemay
Gunderson	S.B.	S.B.	S.B.	22 Mar 1883	Louis Gunderson	4 Apr 1903	(Superior)
Halbert	Meag	Meag	G.V.	4 Feb 1885	Thomas L. Halbert	30 Sep 1902	: Moreland
Halpin	Miss	Miss	Minl	24 Apr 1883	Michael S. Halpin	23 Aug 1883	(Cascade)
Hamilton	Galn	Galn	Galn	7 Dec 1868	Daniel Small	11 Sep 1884	(Sabra)
Hardy	Meag	Meag	Casc	24 Jul 1888	Stephen Carman	15 Jun 1915	
Harris	Cust	Cust	Rose	12 May 1888	Wilson Harris	23 Nov 1899	(Sand Creek)
Harrisburgh	D.L.	D.L.	L&C	16 Nov 1869	Benjamin Harris	27 Dec 1875	(Philipsburg)
Harrison	Mad	Mad	Mad	27 Jul 1870	H. S. Paul	15 Sep 1899	
Hasmark	D.L.	D.L.	Gran	19 Apr 1880	Samuel Silverman	6 Jan 1897	
Hathaway	Cust	Cust	Rose	30 Nov 1887	Albert V. Hufery	Operating	(Bozeman)
Havana	Mad	Mad	?	19 Feb 1873	John Thomas	19 Oct 1874	(Melrose)
Hayden	Galn	Galn	Galn	27 Jul 1874	Rhoda E. Ferrel	26 Feb 1883	
Hecla	Beav	Beav	Beav	14 Dec 1881	James Parfet	12 May 1900	: Missoula
Helena	L&C	L&C	L&C	2 Mar 1869	John Potter	Operating	
Hell Gate(1)*	Miss	Miss	Miss	25 Nov 1862	Frank L. Worden	14 May 1866	
Hell Gate(2)	Miss	Miss	Miss	26 Aug 1867	Oliver P. Clement	1 Sep 1871	
Helmville	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	2 Dec 1872	Alvin Lincoln	Operating	
Henderson	Galn	Galn	?	6 Jul 1875	Stokes Henderson	15 Nov 1875	
Heron	Miss	Miss	Sand	7 Jan 1884	William J. Quirk	Operating	

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Highwood	Chot	Chot	21	Mar 1881	Isaac C. McCord	Operating		(Helena)	
Hilgersville	L&C	L&C	2	Aug 1886	Nicholas Hilger	25 Aug 1890		(Central Park)	
Hillsdale	Galn	Galn	28	Mar 1881	Banajah Morse	3 Mar 1897		(Powderville)	
Hockett's	Cust	Cust	14	Feb 1889	Nathan Hockett	23 Jun 1898		No papers	
Hodson	Jeff	?	2	Feb 1887	John H. Baldwin	10 Nov 1887		(Augusta)	
Hogan	L&C	L&C	3	Sep 1887	Joseph Embody	15 Dec 1919		(Alder)	
Home Park	Mad	Mad	11	Jun 1879	James B. Snapp	15 Aug 1919			
Hoover	Meag	?	29	Oct 1879	William Buchanan	10 Nov 1880			
Hope	Jeff	Jeff	20	Dec 1887	Ellis Elmer	13 Apr 1891		(Whitehall)	
Horr	Galn	Park	2	Mar 1889	Laura E. Pinkston	30 Jan 1904		: Electric	
Horse Plains	Miss	Sand	2	Sep 1869	L. R. Hilleary	4 Oct 1883		(Missoula)	
Horse Prairie	Beav	Beav	2	Feb 1869	Joseph B. Yeanan	1 Feb 1888		(Amesville)	
Hotchkiss	Cust	Cust	26	Jan 1885	Stephen Hotchkiss	9 Apr 1892		(Beebe)	
Howard	Cust	Rose	6	Mar 1883	Samuel Newnes	15 Jul 1924		(Finch)	
Hughesville	Meag	Casc	28	Dec 1881	Charles Mix	2 Aug 1883		(Clendenin)	
Hunter's Hot									
Springs	Galn	Park	28	Aug 1878	Andrew J. Hunter	3 Nov 1932			
Huntley	Cust	Yell	16	Nov 1877	Omar Hoskins	Operating		(Melville)	
Hurst	Meag	S.G.	7	Jan 1884	Robert McClatshey	25 Aug 1891		(Kirby)	
Hutton	Cust	B.H.	12	Sep 1889	Joel W. Hutton	14 Feb 1901		(Etchetah)	
Hyde	Cust	B.H.	15	Feb 1883	George Hyde	13 Jul 1883		(Great Falls)	
Ida	Meag	Casc	2	Jun 1888	Edward Reinicke	17 Aug 1889		(Silver Star)	
Iron Rod	Mad	Mad	20	Sep 1869	Lucius D. Porter	4 Sep 1882		(Washington Gulch)	
Isabel	D.L.	Powl	31	Dec 1885	John Fitzpatrick	24 Jan 1888		: Fish Creek	
Jefferson Bridge	Mad	Mad	21	May 1866	Charles Flanagan	23 Feb 1870			
Jefferson City	Jeff	Jeff	21	May 1866	William Rutan	Operating		: Cardwell	
Jefferson Island	Jeff	Jeff	14	Jun 1872	Joseph Gans	15 Apr 1909		(Great Falls)	
Johnstown	Chot	Casc	10	Jul 1884	Edward Sargent	22 Dec 1887		(Winifred)	
Judith	Meag	Ferg	16	Apr 1880	James A. Wells	15 May 1919		(Custer)	
Junction	Mad	?	8	Jan 1869	William W. Rogers	10 Aug 1876			
Junction	Cust	Yell	13	Aug 1880	Henry Keiser	31 Dec 1907			
Junction Ranch	Beav	?	16	Nov 1871	George H. Phifer	20 Oct 1873			
Kalatta	Meag	?	12	Mar 1880	Harpin Davies	29 Jun 1880			
Keatingville	Jeff	?	7	Mar 1872	Eliaha S. Terrell	10 Nov 1873			
Keene	D.L.	Powl	26	Feb 1883	Hiram M. Keene	27 Mar 1884		(Garrison)	
Keith	Daw	Wilb	11	Jul 1882	William Fountain	30 Jul 1884		: Mingusville	
Kibbey	Meag	Casc	26	Mar 1883	William Sellev	15 Nov 1909		(Raynesford)	
Lame Deer	Cust	Rose	7	Sep 1887	George Walters	Operating			

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Laurel	Cust	Yell	14 May 1886	James Ashbaugh	Operating		
Laurin	Mad	Mad	11 Sep 1874	Jean B. Laurin	Operating		
Lavina	Meag	G.V.	3 Apr 1883	Walter Burke	Operating		
Lee	Cust	Rose	12 May 1888	Mary M. Lee	15 Oct 1936		: Kibbey
Lessard	Meag	Casc	15 Feb 1883	William Sellew	26 Mar 1883		(Anaconda)
Levengoods	D.L.	D.L.	13 Feb 1879	Relin Levengood	6 Mar 1884		(Philbrook)
Lewis	Meag	J.B.	3 Apr 1883	Joseph Rhodes	21 Feb 1884		(Red Bluff)
Lewis	Mad	Mad	14 Nov 1873	Paul D. Hayward	29 Jan 1883		
Lewistown	Meag	Ferg	10 Mar 1884	Nicholas Erickson	Operating		
Lincoln	L&C	L&C	8 Apr 1869	Alfred P. Rose	Operating		
Livingston	Galn	Park	13 Nov 1882	Frederick Wright	Operating		
Lizzott	S.B.	S.B.	10 Sep 1888	Frank Lizzott	3 Jul 1893		No papers
Lo Lo	Miss	Miss	31 Mar 1888	John F. Delany	1 Jan 1925		: Lolo
Louisville	Miss	Minl	31 Mar 1870	Franklin Decker	20 Jun 1871		
Lovejoy	Daw	?	10 Jul 1886	E. P. Lovejoy	4 Jun 1887		No papers
Lucille	Chot	Tool	30 Jun 1888	William Turner	7 Sep 1901		(Beatrice)
Lyon	Mad	Mad	10 Jun 1887	George A. Barnard	31 Oct 1935		
Madison	Galn	?	12 Oct 1870	Joseph T. Shed	14 Jan 1873		
Magnolia	Meag	?	23 Aug 1880	Nelson Bump	11 Oct 1881		
Maiden	Meag	Ferg	11 Mar 1882	Fred P. Danton	15 Jan 1921		(Hilger)
Mammoth	Mad	Mad	13 Aug 1877	William Marr	7 Feb 1879		
Mammoth Hot Springs	Galn	Park	6 Jan 1875	James McCartney	13 Feb 1877		
Mann	Casc	J.B.	2 Nov 1888	Edgar F. Mann	27 Jan 1892		(Grafton)
Marewell	Cust	Cust	14 Jan 1884	Joseph Kastner	9 Jun 1884		(Miles City)
Margana	Mad	Mad	9 Jul 1886	James H. Johnson	20 Jan 1887		: Revenne
Mariposa	Miss	?	23 Jul 1873	David Simmons	21 Jul 1874		
Martina	Miss	Miss	23 Jun 1875	John Rains	29 Jun 1918		(Stark)
Martinsdale	Meag	Meag	3 Jan 1878	George Clendenin	Operating		
Marysville	L&C	L&C	14 Feb 1881	Michael Lane	Operating		
McClellan Gulch	D.L.	L&C	20 Sep 1869	Charles Peyse	11 Jan 1890		: Rochester
McDowell	Cust	Rose	4 Jun 1883	William Jacobs	7 Apr 1884		(Brandenberg)
McLeod	Galn	S.G.	11 Jun 1886	Elijah E. Fowler	Operating		
Meadow Creek	Mad	Mad	9 Feb 1869	Waity P. Walton	15 Apr 1908		(McAllister)
Medhurst	D.L.	Gran	10 Jul 1884	Robert S. Ashby	25 Sep 1885		(Stone Station)
Melrose	S.B.	S.B.	1 Jun 1881	Charles Shively	Operating		
Melville	Galn	S.G.	4 Jan 1883	Herbert O. Hickox	Operating		
Merino	Meag	Whtd	9 Jun 1881	Delphaet Scammon	9 Nov 1900		: Harlowton

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Meysersburg	Park	Park	8 Dec 1887	Samuel O.C.Brady	30 Jun 1911	(Wilsall)
Middle Creek	Galn	?	5 Nov 1869	George Austin	11 Nov 1873	
Mikado	Meag	Ferg	30 Jan 1888	James A. Crouse	17 Sep 1889	(Sahara)
Miles City	Cust	Cust	16 Nov 1877	Louis Buyette	Operating	
Milk Ranch	Jeff	Jeff	27 May 1867	Orville D. Brace	3 Sep 1869	: White Hall
Milligan	Meag	Casc	22 Jan 1887	Reuben Millegan	31 Dec 1928	(Great Falls)
Mineral	Miss	Sand	10 Jul 1886	Thomas Anderson	9 Dec 1886	(Thompson)
Mingusville	Daw	Wibx	30 Jul 1884	Gustave Grisy	18 Jan 1895	: Wibaux
Mission	Galn	Park	26 Dec 1882	Jesse Thompson	2 Feb 1885	(Livingston)
Missoula	Miss	Miss	14 May 1866	Charles Swift	Operating	
Mitchell's	L&C	?	27 Jun 1888	Martin Mitchell	17 Sep 1888	No papers
Moccassin	Meag	Ferg	10 Jul 1884	John Arnold	7 Sep 1885	(Maiden)
Monarch	Casc	Casc	13 Sep 1889	Charles A. Martin	Operating	
Montana	Beav	Beav	18 Jun 1866	H. D. Weed	15 Feb 1871	: Argenta
Montana City	Jeff	Jeff	10 Aug 1887	John H. Geiger	25 Feb 1890	(Clancey)
Moose Creek	D.L.	S.B.	1 Nov 1875	William Burgess	24 Apr 1882	(Red Mountain)
Moreland	Galn	Galn	11 Sep 1884	Mark D. Ledbeater	15 May 1891	: Manhattan
Morristown	D.L.	?	13 May 1878	Daniel James	23 Sep 1878	
Mount Horeb	S.B.	S.B.	1 Jun 1882	John Morrison	23 Mar 1883	(Butte City)
Mount Pleasant	L&C	?	26 Mar 1878	Thomas Cotter	18 Nov 1880	
Muddy	Cust	Rose	17 Jun 1884	Hiram L. Young	8 Apr 1901	(Lame Deer)
Muir	Galn	Galn	12 Jun 1882	Alvin J. McCray	26 Oct 1883	(Bozeman)
Mullan	L&C	L&C	28 Mar 1882	James Morrison	24 Apr 1883	(Helena)
Musselshell	Meag	Musl	27 Mar 1883	Lawrence Reed	Operating	
Nashua	Daw	Vall	18 Sep 1888	Charles Sargent	Operating	
Neihart	Meag	Casc	21 Aug 1882	Donald Mackintosh	Operating	
Nevada City	Mad	Mad	6 Mar 1865	Horace H. Harding	16 Dec 1875	: Adobetown
New Chicago	D.L.	Gran	27 Nov 1872	John Featherman	15 Feb 1908	(Drummond)
Newlon	Daw	Rich	23 May 1881	William Newlon	31 Jul 1901	(Sidney)
Norwood	S.B.	S.B.	10 May 1882	John M. Parfet	6 May 1893	(Melrose)
Noxon	Miss	Sand	9 Apr 1888	Thomas H. Smith	Operating	
Nye	Cust	Stlw	6 Oct 1887	Thomas Ross	2 Jul 1965	Operating Rural Br.
Oka	Meag	Whtd	12 Apr 1880	Eliza Severance	29 Sep 1923	(Judith Gap)
Olden	Meas	Musl	12 May 1880	T. B. Joliffo	14 Nov 1884	(Roundup)
Oliver	Beav	?	17 Jan 1872	William H. Oliver	25 May 1874	
Old Agency	Chot	Glac	16 Mar 1875	Alfred Hamilton	15 Jan 1884	: Choteau
Onondago	Meag	?	4 Jun 1880	Robert Finley	17 Nov 1881	

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Otter	Meag	Casc	10 Jan 1882	Edgar F. Mann	19 Feb 1883	(Fort Benton)	
Ovando	D.L.	Powl	3 Apr 1883	Ovando Hoyt	Operating		
Overland	Meag	Ferg	14 Sep 1881	John L. Atcheson	8 Sep 1885	(Malden)	
Painer	L&C	L&C	28 Feb 1881	Henry McDonald	13 Feb 1882	(Cartersville)	
Panchet	?	?	15 Apr 1880	Hugh McAfee	Unknown		
Paradise	Galn	S.G.	27 Apr 1888	Adelbert Whitney	3 Nov 1888	(Melville)	
Park City	Cust	Stlw	26 Jul 1882	Alonzo J. Young	Operating		
Parker	Meag	Ferg	10 Sep 1880	Amelia Parker	27 Sep 1881	: Fort Maginnis	
Parnell	Jeff	Jeff	5 Dec 1881	Charles Howard	13 Jul 1883	: Weber	
Peasefort	Cust	Yell	13 Feb 1879	F. D. Pease	13 Aug 1880	: Junction	
Perrysburgh	Chot	Chot	10 Jul 1884	William McElhinney	23 May 1888	(Fort Benton)	
Philbrook	Meag	J.B.	5 Dec 1881	Edward Morrison	2 Dec 1912	: Halson	
Philipsburgh	D.L.	Gran	21 Jan 1868	Hugh Bell	Operating	"h" deleted	
Piegan	Chot	Glac	6 Apr 1877	John Billings	28 Feb 1902	(Browning)	
Pikes Peak	D.L.	Powl	8 Aug 1870	John H. Meyer	7 Aug 1878		
Pineland	Miss	?	28 Jul 1882	Edward Frank	2 Apr 1883	(Missoula)	
Pioneer	D.L.	Powl	5 Aug 1870	Nicholas Connelly	28 Feb 1918	(Goldcreek)	
Pipestone	Jeff	Jeff	4 Aug 1880	Ollie Barnes	14 May 1883	(White Hall)	
Pipe Stone							
Springs	Jeff	Jeff	12 Mar 1887	Geogre Worthington	15 Mar 1928	(Whitehall)	
Placer	Jeff	Bwtr	20 Jan 1887	John N. Kelly	22 Dec 1892	: Winston	
Plains	Miss	Sand	17 Oct 1883	John McDiarnied	Operating		
Point of Rocks	Beav	Beav	20 Jan 1873	Sim Estes	9 Oct 1873		
Pollinger	Mad	Mad	2 Sep 1869	Henry Morier	16 Oct 1871	: Gaffneys Station	
Pony	Mad	Mad	28 Feb 1877	William J. Want	Operating		
Poplar Creek							
Agency	Daw	Roos	15 Apr 1880	Charles D. Smith	14 Sep 1892	: Poplar	
Porcupine	Cust	?	26 Mar 1878	George Murphy	30 Jan 1880		
Potomac	Miss	Miss	14 Aug 1884	Robert S. Ashby	Operating		
Powder	Cust	?	3 Dec 1879	Leopold Hohman	7 May 1880		
Powderville	Cust	P.R.	20 Feb 1883	Ben Mason	Operating		
Prickly Pear	Jeff	Jeff	21 May 1866	Abraham Ackerman	25 Mar 1872	: Clancey	
Primus	Galn	?	29 Nov 1882	Charles Rehmig	25 Jun 1883	(Pony)	
Princeton	D.L.	Gran	21 Aug 1884	John W. Taylor	31 Aug 1918	(Maxville)	
Profile	Meag	G.V.	19 Feb 1885	George G. Carrill	11 Nov 1888	(Halbert)	
Puett	Galn	?	9 Jun 1881	Mary C. Puett	13 Jul 1882		
Puller Springs	Mad	Mad	11 Jun 1879	James Puller	15 Nov 1906	(Homepark)	

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Putman	Cust	Rose	15 Feb 1883	Henry T. Smith	30 Nov 1887		: Hathaway
Pyrenees	D.L.	D.L.	26 Sep 1887	Hetman B. Davis	11 Apr 1891		(Cable)
Quartz	Miss	Minl	16 Oct 1882	James Vanness	15 Nov 1916		(Rivulet)
Quartz Creek	Miss	Minl	13 Apr 1871	George H. Sandy	16 Oct 1882		: Quartz
Queen	Jeff	Jeff	15 Mar 1888	Isaac Kipp	5 Jul 1888		(Boulder Valley)
Race Track	D.L.	Powl	25 Jun 1879	Philelus Hoyt	15 Aug 1935		
Radersburgh	Jeff	Bwtr	12 Mar 1868	Robert W. Mimms	2 Dec 1966		Operating Rural Br.
Ralston	S.B.	S.B.	24 Apr 1888	Alexander Ralston	8 Jun 1896		(Wisdom)
Rancher	Cust	Trea	11 Jan 1888	James Struthers	15 Jun 1927		(Myers)
Rapids	Cust	Stlw	30 Nov 1880	Isaac Hensley	7 Apr 1897		(Columbus)
Ravalli	Miss	Lake	17 Feb 1887	Charles Stillinger	Operating		(Norris)
Red Bluff	Mad	Mad	23 Dec 1874	Sylvester Hurst	30 Apr 1901		(Butte City)
Red Lodge	Galn	Carb	9 Dec 1884	Ezra L. Benton	Operating		
Red Mountain	D.L.	S.B.	29 Jan 1880	Charles Edwards	22 Jun 1883		
Red Mountain City	D.L.	S.B.	29 May 1867	George Searles	7 Jan 1880		
Red Rock	Beav	Beav	7 Aug 1879	John Shineberger	15 Feb 1923		(Armstead)
Reedsfort	Meag	Ferg	6 Jan 1881	Alonzo S. Reed	24 Aug 1885		(Lewiston)
Revenne	Mad	Mad	20 Jan 1887	James H. Johnson	3 Dec 1888		(Red Bluff)
Richland	Galn	Park	5 Dec 1881	George J. Allen	4 Dec 1882		(Livingston)
Ridgelaun	Daw	Rich	6 Nov 1883	Alex P. Ayott	31 Jul 1914		(Sidney)
Rimini	L&C	L&C	15 Dec 1884	Brace Willson	15 Jun 1936		(Chico)
Riverside	Galn	Park	21 Jun 1882	Oliver Byam	8 Dec 1884		(Hamilton)
Riverside	Miss	Rava	16 Jan 1889	John M. Hyde	28 May 1895		No papers
Robare	Chot	Pond	17 Feb 1887	Hiram D. Upham	26 Aug 1899		: Robare
Robarre	Chot	Pond	10 Jul 1886	Hiram D. Upham	17 Feb 1887		(Castle)
Robinson	Meag	Meag	10 Sep 1888	Hiram K. Edwards	23 Aug 1894		
Rochester(1)	Mad	Mad	7 Sep 1868	William D. Wann	14 Aug 1876		
Rochester(2)	Mad	Mad	9 Mar 1888	Jerry Barth	11 Nov 1889		(Melrose)
Rocker	S.B.	S.B.	12 Mar 1887	Charles H. Carver	17 Feb 1896		(Silver Bow)
Rosebud(1)	Cust	Rose	19 Oct 1880	Malcolm G. Maples	28 Oct 1884		: Albright
Rosebud(2)	Cust	Rose	21 Nov 1884	James H. Hay	Operating		
Roundup	Meag	Musl	15 Jun 1883	Alexander McMillen	Operating		
Rouse's Point	Cust	?	4 Dec 1877	I. E. Rouse	28 Jun 1880		
Ruger	Meag	Ferg	21 Oct 1879	Charles McNamara	24 May 1881		
Rumsey	D.L.	Gran	12 Nov 1888	William Buskitt	11 Jan 1897		(Philipsburg)
Russell	Daw	?	2 Feb 1887	John Abrams	10 Nov 1887		No papers
Ryan	Beav	?	14 Jan 1869	James M. Ryan	29 Aug 1870		

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Sadie	Cust	Cust	Cust	5 Dec 1882	Corrydon Wilson	30 Sep 1909	(Calabar)
Sahara	Meag	Meag	Ferg	10 Jul 1884	Hugh Cameron	11 Sep 1890	(Highfield)
Saint Clair	Casc	Casc	Casc	27 May 1889	James M. Erskine	27 Mar 1893	(Cascade)
Saint Ignatius	Miss	Miss	Lake	20 Feb 1872	Isidore Cohn	Operating	
Saint Louis	Jeff	Jeff	Bwtr	17 Nov 1869	David Linebarger	22 Aug 1895	: Hassel
Saint Peter	Meag	Meag	Casc	15 Jul 1885	Thomas Moran	30 Jun 1938	
Salesville	Galn	Galn	Galn	16 Jun 1880	Norman A. Webb	1 Mar 1927	: Gallatin Gateway
Salisbury	Mad	Mad	Mad	1 Nov 1875	John E. Closton	15 Jun 1883	(Twin Bridges)
Saltbrook	Meag	Meag	Ferg	10 Jul 1884	Henry P. Burke	14 Dec 1885	: Christina
Sandcoulee	Meag	Meag	Casc	10 Jul 1884	Thomas Allen	Operating	As Sand Coulee
Saulee	?	?	?	19 Jul 1880	Chareles Aubrey	Unknown	
Savage	Cust	Cust	?	7 Jan 1881	William McTotten	31 May 1881	
Savannah	Miss	Miss	?	29 Jun 1886	George Bursoa	26 Sep 1887	No papers
Scribner	Miss	Miss	Lake	20 Feb 1872	Angus McLeod	25 Nov 1873	: Flat Head Lake
Selish	Miss	Miss	Flat	5 Dec 1881	John G. Dooley	10 Feb 1891	(Demersville)
Shambow	Mad	Mad	Mad	19 Jun 1889	Charles H. Smith	12 Oct 1892	: Magdalen
Shawmut	Meag	Meag	Whtd	27 Oct 1885	Francis E. Shaw	Operating	
Sheldon	Miss	Miss	Flat	30 Jan 1887	Sarah E. Sheldon	30 Nov 1903	(Kalispell)
Shepherd	Chot	Chot	Pond	23 Sep 1887	Newton Shepherd	11 Mar 1892	: Yemen
Sheridan	Mad	Mad	Mad	22 May 1866	Philip E. Evans	Operating	
Shields	Galn	Galn	?	10 Jan 1882	Isaac W. Baker	10 Jul 1882	
Shield's River	Galn	Galn	?	26 Sep 1877	David Carpenter	9 May 1878	
Showkin	Chot	Chot	Chot	13 Dec 1886	Ernest Leaming	24 Dec 1888	(Fort Benton)
Sidney	Daw	Daw	Rich	22 Oct 1888	Maggie Crossen	Operating	
Sifton	Meag	Meag	J.B.	16 Jun 1888	Annie Campbell	5 Feb 1890	(Stanford)
Silver	L&C	L&C	L&C	13 Aug 1888	Sumner L. Crane	15 Jun 1891	(Canyon Creek)
Silver Bow	D.L.	D.L.	S.B.	4 Jan 1869	R. C. Allen	Operating	
Silver City	L&C	L&C	L&C	5 Dec 1867	John Green	13 Aug 1888	: Silver
Silver Star	Mad	Mad	Mad	15 Jun 1869	John T. Conna	Operating	
Skalkaho	Miss	Miss	Rava	6 Mar 1872	William Burnett	17 May 1888	: Grantsdale
Smelter	Casc	Casc	Casc	16 Oct 1888	Val Laubenheimer	31 May 1901	(Great Falls)
South Butte	S.B.	S.B.	S.B.	28 Oct 1885	William Shirley	24 Aug 1895	(Butte)
Southvale	L&C	L&C	?	24 Feb 1879	Alvira Walrath	7 Jul 1879	
Spalding	Mad	Mad	Mad	11 Dec 1883	Don O. Spalding	8 Jul 1886	(Ennis)
Spokane	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	2 Jun 1882	Tom B. Warren	6 Dec 1882	(Helena)
Spring Creek	L&C	L&C	?	6 Feb 1878	August Kruger	26 Aug 1878	
Springdale	Galn	Galn	Park	10 Jul 1885	Alexander G. Yule	Operating	

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Spring Hill	Galn	Galn	31 Aug 1876	Lewis M. Howell	30 Jul 1904	(Belgrade)	
Springville	Jeff	Bwtr	23 Mar 1868	Wellington Stewart	19 Feb 1879	: Bedford	
Stacey	Cust	P.R.	13 Dec 1888	Charles Pring	31 Oct 1959		
Stanford	Meag	J.B.	19 Jan 1882	Robert Rabley	14 Dec 1891	(Dubuque)	
Steele	Chot	Chot	9 Mar 1888	John M. Steele	15 May 1914	: Lonetree	
Stemple	L&C	L&C	6 Jun 1884	Henry T. Jacob	17 Nov 1899	(Canyon Creek)	
Sterling	Mad	Mad	22 Oct 1867	Andrew S. Hall	16 Aug 1883		
Stevensville	Miss	Rava	5 Mar 1868	John W. Waislett	Operating		
Stickney	Meag	L&C	12 May 1884	Benjamin Stickney	6 Feb 1888	: Craig	
Stillwater	Galn	Stlw	2 Aug 1877	Horace Countryman	14 Oct 1893	: Columbus	
Stones Precint	Beav	Beav	17 Sep 1868	John Stone	2 Nov 1869		
Stone Station	D.L.	Gran	5 May 1879	Benjamin Horton	29 Jun 1899	: Stone	
Stoneville	Cust	Cart	4 Aug 1880	Lewis M. Stone	15 Jul 1885	: Alzada	
Straders	Cust	Rose	7 Jan 1881	John H. Strader	13 Jun 1881	: Birney	
Stuart	D.L.	D.L.	14 Aug 1882	William Wier	15 May 1914	(Anaconda)	
Sturgis	Beav	Beav	21 Jan 1868	William Sturgis	14 Jan 1869	: Ryan	
Sula	Miss	Rava	6 Aug 1889	William Whetstone	Operating		
Summit	Mad	?	27 Feb 1867	Nathaniel Sibley	29 Nov 1881		
Sunbeam	Miss	?	12 Mar 1887	Ada M. Ferguson	27 Nov 1888	No papers	
Sunnyside	Galn	Park	27 Feb 1885	Sarah Robertson	14 May 1887	: Clyde Park	
Sun River	L&C	Casc	14 Feb 1868	John Sargent	Operating	(Clearwater)	
Sunset	D.L.	Powl	9 Mar 1883	Israel Clern	31 Dec 1914		
Superior	Miss	Mnl	9 Jan 1871	Silas R. Smith	Operating	: Howie	
Sweet Grass	Galn	S.G.	4 Oct 1878	William Bramble	8 Apr 1892		
Sweetland	D.L.	Powl	21 Feb 1876	Nathaniel Sweetland	3 Aug 1877	(Fort Buford, N.D.)	
Tawopa	Daw	Rich	31 Oct 1889	Thomas Cushing	14 Jan 1891	: Dillon	
Terminus	Beav	Beav	30 Mar 1880	Thomas B. Warren	31 May 1881	(Rosebud)	
Terminus	Cust	Rose	22 May 1882	T. C. Kurtz	8 Jun 1882		
Terry	Cust	Prar	18 Sep 1882	Benjamin A. Bowen	Operating	(Loma)	
Teton	Chot	Chot	10 Jul 1884	J. D. Weatherwax	13 Apr 1917		
Thompson	Meag	?	27 Jun 1878	Albert Brackett	27 Dec 1878	: Thompson Falls	
Thompson	Miss	Sand	23 Oct 1882	Edward L. Shannon	14 Aug 1912		
Thompson's River	Miss	?	22 Apr 1870	Henry Hall	20 Jun 1871		
Three Forks	Galn	Galn	27 Dec 1882	Asher W. Paul	Operating	(Chesnut)	
Timberline	Galn	Galn	19 Jan 1885	James Heron	22 Apr 1898	(Sears)	
Tokna	Daw	Rich	6 Oct 1884	Jennie Dunlap	31 Dec 1909	: Fort Keogh	
Tongue River	Meag	Cust	27 Dec 1876	Nelson A. Miles	4 Jan 1878		

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Toston(1)	Meag	Bwtr	18 Aug 1882	Thomas Toston	10 Apr 1887	(Townsend)	
Toston(2)	Meag	Bwtr	21 May 1887	William L. Austin	Operating		
Tower	D.L.	?	17 Jan 1879	Frank Twinbee	8 Sep 1879		
Townsend	Meag	Bwtr	7 May 1883	William Wood	Operating		
Trotter	Jeff	?	6 Sep 1880	Richard Swarbrick	13 Jun 1881		
Trout Creek	Meag	Ferg	12 Mar 1867	P. T. Williams	31 May 1883		
Trout Creek	Miss	Sand	27 Oct 1885	W. J. Davis	Operating		
Truly	Meag	Casc	9 Jul 1884	Belinda Hopkins	15 Mar 1905	(Great Falls)	
Twin Bridges	Mad	Mad	6 Jul 1869	Mortimer H. Lott	Operating		
Tyner	Cust	B.H.	15 Jan 1880	Cadmus Kendall	11 Aug 1880		
Ubet	Meag	Ferg	3 Oct 1881	Augustus Barrows	29 Feb 1904	(Garneill)	
Ulidia	Meag	Casc	5 Apr 1880	John P. Dyas	22 Oct 1885	: Gorham	
Ulm	Casc	Casc	6 Oct 1887	Wilson H. Ulm	Operating		
Unionville	L&C	L&C	8 Apr 1869	Philip Constans	10 Dec 1894	(Helena)	
Unity	Meag	Meag	4 Jun 1880	Charles W. Cook	15 Dec 1912	(White Sulphur Sprs.)	
Utica	Meag	J.B.	14 Mar 1881	James H. Cutting	1 Jan 1960	Operating Rural Br.	
Valleux	Chot	Chot	10 Jul 1884	Nelson Valleux	20 Oct 1885	(Fort Benton)	
Valley	D.L.	S.B.	11 Feb 1880	Charles M. Edwards	4 Apr 1883	(Silver Bow)	
Vaughan	L&C	L&C	7 Sep 1887	Olaf Olson	26 Dec 1889	(Rimini)	
Vermilion	Miss	Sand	29 Oct 1889	Alfred Brile	31 Mar 1905	(Trout Creek)	
Vestal	D.L.	?	9 Sep 1878	James L. Root	5 Apr 1881		
Victor	Miss	Rava	12 Dec 1881	John L. Sloan	Operating	(Dewey's)	
Vipond	Beav	Beav	27 Jun 1878	William P. Spurr	9 Jun 1888		
Virginia City	Mad	Mad	29 Jan 1864	George B. Parker	Operating	Operating Butte Br.	
Walkerville	D.L.	S.B.	22 Nov 1878	Francis P. Carey	1 Dec 1959	: Clinton	
Wallace	Miss	Miss	7 May 1883	Elias Bryan	5 May 1892		
Walton	Cust	?	22 Nov 1880	Call McLellan	25 Jul 1881		
Warm Springs	D.L.	D.L.	9 Jan 1871	Luther Barnard	Operating	As Warm Springs	
Washington Bar	Mad	Mad	10 Jul 1884	George F. Cope	2 Jul 1896	(Meadow Creek)	
Washington Gulch	D.L.	Powl	2 Sep 1869	Patrick L. White	1 Nov 1907	(Avon)	
Watson	Beav	?	27 Jul 1870	Philip Lovell	28 Mar 1881		
Weber	Jeff	Jeff	13 Jul 1883	Mathias W. Weber	15 Jan 1901	(Boulder)	
Westacre	Meag	?	10 Jul 1886	Sadie F. Smith	26 Jan 1887	No papers	
White Hall	Jeff	Jeff	3 Sep 1869	Edward G. Brooke	Operating	As Whitehall	
Whites	Meag	Bwtr	7 Jan 1875	J. H. Welsher	30 Sep 1903	(Canyon Ferry)	
White Sulphur Springs	Meag	Meag	27 Nov 1876	Henry Brainerd	Operating		

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Wickes	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	30 Oct 1878	Ezekiel R. Dean	30 Dec 1964	
Willder	Meag	Meag	Ferg	10 Jun 1886	Robert A. Richhie	Unknown	
Williams	Galn	Galn	Park	25 Jan 1887	Henry J. Williams	22 Apr 1887	(Livingston)
Willis	Beav	Beav	Beav	10 Mar 1880	Ozias Willis	22 Apr 1913	: Reichle
Willis Station	Beav	Beav	Beav	22 Oct 1878	Ozias Willis	10 Jan 1879	
Willow Creek	Galn	Galn	Galn	11 Dec 1867	Richard Reeves	Operating	
Willowglen	D.L.	D.L.	D.L.	23 Feb 1882	John R. Eardley	15 Dec 1885	(Anaconda)
Windville	Galn	Galn	?	3 Aug 1881	George Hutchinson	29 Dec 1881	
Winnecook	Meag	Meag	Whtd	9 Jan 1885	Ralph Berry	15 Apr 1933	
Wisdom	Beav	Beav	Beav	10 Jul 1884	James Geery	Operating	
Wolf Creek	L&C	L&C	L&C	8 Sep 1888	George Houghton	Operating	
Wolfdene	Meag	Meag	?	6 Jan 1881	John Woodhurst	31 May 1881	
Wolfpoint	Daw	Daw	Roos	24 Oct 1882	Charles Aubrey	Operating	(Meaderville)
Woodville	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	8 May 1882	Thomas Wright	31 Mar 1912	
Woodworth	D.L.	D.L.	Powl	13 Sep 1889	Chauncy Woodworth	30 Nov 1945	
Yale	Meag	Meag	Whtd	24 Apr 1888	Ida S. Hedges	26 Feb 1910	: Hedgesville
Yantse	Chot	Chot	Blan	24 May 1889	Robert W. Main	11 Jan 1897	(Chinook)
Yellowstone	Cust	Cust	Yell	10 Jul 1886	William Stracken	10 Aug 1887	(Billings)
Yellowstone							
Crossing	Galn	Galn	?	30 Nov 1874	Hugh J. Hoppy	28 Jul 1875	
York	L&C	L&C	L&C	9 Mar 1887	Henry L. Kincaid	31 Jul 1917	(Nelson)
Younger	Cust	Cust	Rose	11 May 1886	Charles Younger	11 Dec 1888	: Basinski
Young's Point	Cust	Cust	Stlw	17 Jun 1878	Alonzo J. Young	21 Jul 1882	: Park City
Yreka	D.L.	D.L.	Gran	16 Nov 1871	William Ferguson	2 Nov 1882	(Beartown)

NOTES: 1) ? in the 1973 County column indicates that the location of the office has not been determined, and current county identification is unknown.

2) () in the last column indicates that the office was discontinued with papers to the office in parenthesis.

3) : in the last column indicates that the office had its name changed to the name following the colon.

4) "no papers" in the last column indicates that the microfilmed records gave no reference to the office which assumed the postal service for the closing office.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This double issue format has undoubtedly come as a surprise to most of our readers, and if it has been an unpleasant surprise I am truly sorry. There were a couple of very compelling reasons for going to this format on a one-time basis, and I would like to share them with you. First there was the Montana Territorial list which I have mentioned on and off in this column for the past year. The list was finished, and I had hoped our subscriptions would reach such a level this volume that we could publish an "extra." Unfortunately, subscriptions stayed at just about the same number that we had for Volume 4, i.e., 80. The double-issue format permitted us a couple of extra pages, and more importantly the opportunity to combine the long list with some other articles so that people uninterested in Montana would not be completely left out.

A second reason was perhaps even stronger in the decision to combine Numbers 5 & 6 for the current volume. As most of you know, I am a geography professor at New Mexico State University. My family and I are taking a leave of absence beginning in June of this year. For 18 months we will live and work in Islamabad, Pakistan. During my absence, editorial duties will be shared by Dr. Thomas Todsén, 2000 Rose Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Tom and I will attempt to co-ordinate the various tasks necessary to keep La Posta going, provided of course, that you our readers continue to support the journal through your subscriptions and articles.

At the moment it looks as though I will be able to continue editing and organizing the material for publication from my home in Pakistan. Tom will handle the printing and distribution end, as well as subscriptions and back number purchases. It is our deep hope that such an arrangement will work out with the minimum of disruption.

Enclosed with this issue are the subscription renewal forms. Please take a moment today to renew your subscription. Our printing runs are usually limited to 100-120 copies per number, and we have had a history of running out of one or two numbers per volume. In order to insure that you don't miss an issue, please send us your check right away. Subscription rates will remain the same as they have been for the last two volumes. \$10 lists you as a sustaining subscriber and entitles you to two copies per number. \$5 is our regular subscription rate.

Well, friends, that closes out another volume. Thank you all for your continuing support, and a special thanks to you who have submitted articles for our pages. I will advise everyone of my new address as soon as I can. Correspondence may be slowed-up a bit by the great distances, but I do not intend to be so isolated as to be cut off from our postal history research fraternity.

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