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NINETEENTH CENTURY OREGON POSTMARKS: MALHEUR,
HARNEY AND WALLOWA COUNTIES

By Charles A. Whittlesey

Malheur, Harney and Wallowa counties represent almost one-fifth of the total land area of Oregon, but their combined populations are small and the number of post offices which have served those hearty settlers is correspondingly few. In Malheur County there were some 38 offices established prior to 1900, a number which includes name changes and several short-lived facilities. Many of these offices were carried on the Baker County list, for Malheur County was not created until 1887. The arrival of the railroad in the northern part of Malheur County in the mid-1880's brought life to towns such as Ontario, Vale and Nyssa. Postmarks have been recorded from 15 Malheur County offices dating prior to 1900. Only four offices (Eldorado, Humboldt Basin, Malheur and Stone) are documented prior to the arrival of the railroad.

Harney County is a vast arid region containing 10,132 square miles. It is Oregon's largest, and was created in 1889. A total of 27 post offices were established here prior to 1900, but only two (Camp Harney and Alvord) operated prior to 1880. Postmarks have been recorded from 10 of the 27 offices; the earliest being an 1883 example from Camp Harney.

Wallowa County lies in Oregon's far northeast corner. Created in 1887, population has been largely concentrated to the beautiful Wallowa River Valley as represented by towns such as Wallowa, Joseph and Lostine. Four post offices (Wallowa, Prairie Creek, Alder and Lostine) were established prior to 1880. The last 20 years of the 19th century brought an additional 17 offices, including name changes. Thus far postmarks have been recorded from 14 of the county's 21 post offices prior to 1900.

In addition to the postmarks listed for Harney County, a manuscript marking from RILEY dated 13 March 1897 is known. The markings listed below form part of the 19TH CENTURY OREGON POSTMARK CATALOG. Persons who are able to add new information to this or other listings of 19th century Oregon postmarks are urged to contact either the author or LA POSTA's editor.

MALHEUR COUNTY NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTMARKS

TOWN TYPE NO.	POSTMARK CODE	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	EXAMPLES KNOWN	KILLER TYPE	NOTES
ARCADIA (1896-1908)						
1.	C1ES1B29	6APR98		1	STAR	
2.	C1EN1B27.5	7NOV99		1	TARGET	
BEULAH (1884-1947)						
1.	C1J3N1B30	14NOV87		1	CORK	
BULLY (1882-1889)						
1.	C1E3N1BRB32.5	17DEC86	15FEB87	3		
2.	C1EN1BBR27	10FEB88		1		
CORD (1897-1917).						
1.	C1JN1B27.5	17FEB98			TARGET	
DELL (1881-1911)						
1.	MSS.	20JUL86	5SEP88	2		
2.	C1EN1BBR26.5	25JUN89		1		
3.	C1EN1B27.5	26MAY97		1	TARGET	
ELDORADO (1869-1879)						
1.	C1EA1BBR25	22DEC75	24JUN76?	2	TARGET	
2.	C1EA1BBR25.5	7AUG78		1	TARGET	
HUMBOLDT BASIN (1869-1883)						
1.	C1JA1BBR26	20FEB??		1	TARGET	
IRONSIDE (1891-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	16OCT94	26NOV98	3	TARGET	
JORDAN VALLEY (1867-DATE)						
1.	C41JN1B32	24JUN83		1	STAR IN CIRCLE	
2.	C21J13S1RRB29.5	6JUL85	12NOV87	3	TARGET	
3.	C1EN1BBR27.5	2FEB89	22FEB89	2	TARGET	
4.	C1EN1B29	28NOV94	26JUN95	2	STAR IN CIRCLE	
MALHEUR (1879-1944)						
1.	OV22J1S1RRB38X23	7JUL79P	29JUL79P	2	STAR IN CIRCLE	
2.	C1EN1B26.5	20OCT83	13DEC86	2	TARGET	
NYSSA (1889-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1B27.5	11DEC97		1	TARGET	
ONTARIO (1884-DATE)						
1.	C21JN1B27.5	31OCT86	29AUG87	25		
2.	C1J12S1B29.5	22OCT87	30SEP90	12		
3.	C1JN1B28	26FEB92		1	CORK GRID	
4.	C31J11N1B30.5	19DEC92	22MAY94	3	CIRC. BAR GRID	

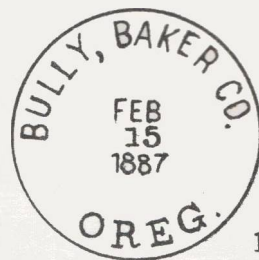
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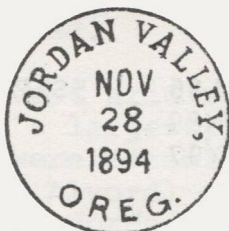
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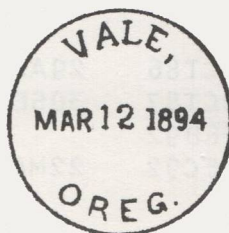
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MALHEUR COUNTY NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTMARKS

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STONE (1874-1887)						
1.	C21EN1RRB27.5	28DEC77P	6SEP80P	3		
2.	C1EN1B27	28JAN84		1	TARGET	
3.	MSS.	4JUL84		1		
VALE (1883-DATE)						
1.	MSS.	9MAY85		1		
2.	C21JN1B28	18MAY87		1	TARGET	
3.	C1J12S1B30	18AUG87R	15DEC87	12	TARGET	
4.	C1EN1BBR27.5	26OCT87		1	TARGET	
5.	C1JS1RRB30	22JUL89		1		
6.	C1ES1RBB29	12MAR94		1	STAR IN CIRCLE	
WESTFALL (1889-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	19OCT94		1		

HARNEY COUNTY NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTMARKS

ANDREWS (1890-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	20JAN94		1	TARGET	
BLITZEN (1888-1892)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	13FEB89	21MAR89	2	TARGET	
BURNS(1884-DATE)						
1.	OV21JS1RRB39X22	31NOV84	16APR85	6		
2.	C1EN1BBR27	19DEC85	30MAR89	6	TARGET	
CAMP HARNEY (1874-1885)						
1.	C31J3N1BRB32	16JUL83P		3	MALTESE CROSS	
DIAMOND (1887-1962)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	19NOV90		1		
DREWSEY (1884-DATE)						
1.	C1B1,13S1RRB29	20MAY86	24NOV86	2	CORK	
EGAN (1882-1884)						
1.	C1EN1B27	6MAR84		1	TARGET	
HARNEY (1885-1919)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	11JUN89	15OCT89	2	TARGET	
2.	C1ES1RBB29	3MAR96P		1	OVAL GRID	
OAKLEY (1889-1895)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	26MAR95		1	TARGET	

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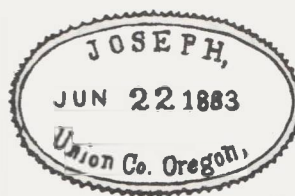
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WALLOWA COUNTY NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTMARKS

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ALDER (1878-1890)						
1.	OV31EM2B40X30	10JAN80		1		
2.	C1EN1BBR26.5	27APR85	24JUN85	2	TARGET	
ARCADIA (1887-1896)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	94		1		
ARCO (1895-1902)						
1.	MSS.	LATE 90'S		1		
ENTERPRISE (1887-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	4APR89	23SEP89	2	TARGET	
2.	C1JN1B28	26FEB94	10AUG94	2	CORK	
FLORA 91890-1966)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	21OCT97		1	TARGET	
IMNAHA (1885-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27	3FEB87		1	TARGET	
JOSEPH (1880-DATE)						
1.	OV22J1S1RRB38X23	22JUN83		1	TARGET	
2.	C1EN1BBR27	1APR90	7NOV91	2	TARGET	
3.	C1ET1B28	4AUG94		1	CORK	
4.	C1EN1B27.5	13JUN98	15OCT99	2	TARGET	
LEAP (1892-1904)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	29DEC97	7NOV99	2	TARGET	
LOSTINE (1878-DATE)						
1.	C1JN1BBR27.5	20AUG95	13FEB99	3	TARGET	
LOST PRAIRIE (1887-1900)						
1.	C1EN1BBR28	29FEB95		1	TARGET	
PARADISE (1889-1942)						
1.	C1EN1BBR28	OCT94		1	TARGET	
2.	C1EN1B27	23MAR99		1	TARGET	
PRAIRIE CREEK (1876-1893)						
1.	MSS.	12JUN83		1		
WALLOWA (1873-DATE)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	21FEB90		1	TARGET	
2.	C1JT1B27.5	3DEC96		1	CORK	
WINSLOW (1892-1900)						
1.	C1EN1BBR27.5	2MAY99		1	TARGET	

SATICOY CA 93003

By Rod Crossley

Saticoy, California, is located nine miles west of the City of Ventura in an unincorporated part of the County of Ventura. The town was started in the 1860's, however it has never become an incorporated city.

The name Saticoy is derived from the name of a Chumash Indian Rancheria; although the meaning of the word is unknown (1). Father Serran of San Buenaventura Mission noted in the early 1800's, "this site (Saticoy) was abandoned by the 1780's though it still bore and bears its Indian name." (2) The name was also used in a land grant of some 17,700 acres in the 1840's Santa Paulay Saticoy Rancho.

The town of Saticoy was started in the late 1860's by E.B. Higgins. It was initially located approximately one mile west of the present site. The post office was established July 28, 1873, with Eugene Dunal as first postmaster.

In 1887 the Southern Pacific Railroad was building from Saugas through Ventura to Santa Barbara County. The railroad came close, but not through the town. A new town was started nearer the railroad, and the former townsite began to decline. The new town was also called Saticoy, and the former townsite became known as West Saticoy. The post office, which was still located in the old town, was closed on March 25, 1892. On April 25, 1892, it was re-established as West Saticoy, a 4th class office with George Walden as postmaster. This office was to last until May 15, 1913, when it was finally closed out to Ventura.

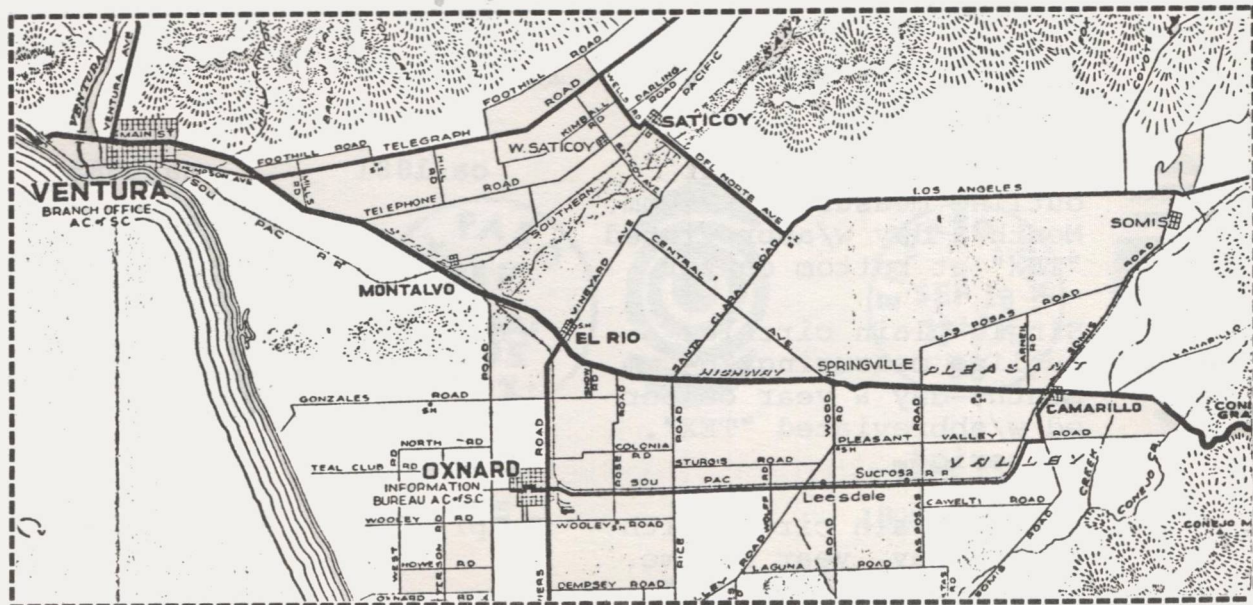
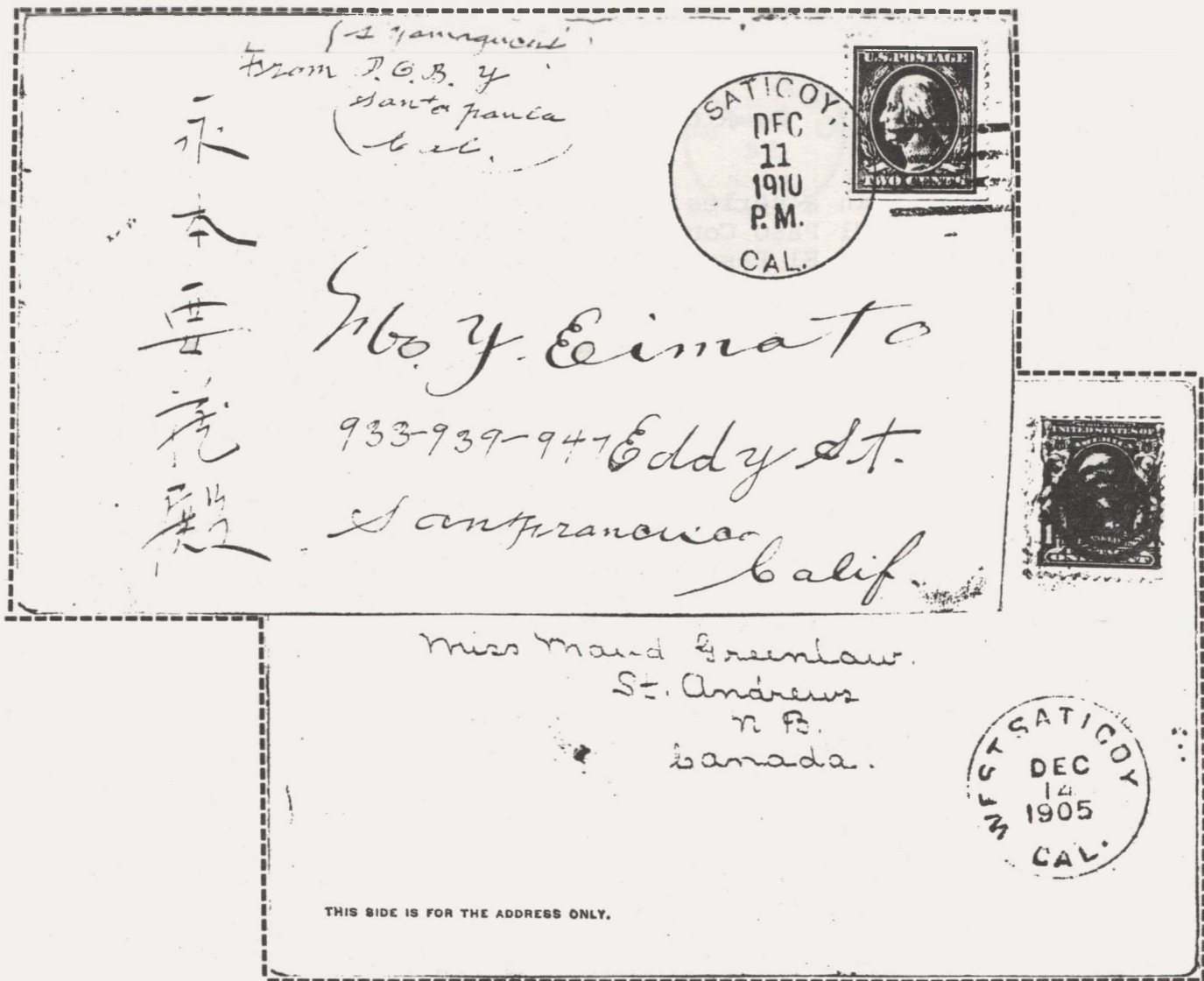
The Post Office Department re-established the Saticoy post office in the new town site on May 27, 1892. On November 1, 1959, it was converted to a Classified Branch of Ventura, and on April 1, 1974, the status was changed to Classified Station, which it remains to this day.

Saticoy enjoyed R.P.O. service between the arrival of the railroad and 1935. Postmarks used on this service were as follows:

LOS ANGELES & SANTA BARBARA
SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JOSE & LOS ANGELES
SURREY & VENTURA
OXNARD & VENTURA
SAUGUS & VENTURA

The town also had H.P.O. service between September 2, 1957 and June 4, 1960. This service was provided by SANTA BARBARA & LOS ANGELES H.P.O.

(1) CALIFORNIA PLACE NAMES, page 299.
(2) VENTURA COUNTY CENTENNIAL, page 56.



POSTMARKS OF THE CITY OF EL PASO

By Richard Wadsworth

In this the third in a series of articles which present aspects of the postal history of El Paso County, Texas, the subject will be the postmarks of the City of El Paso. Included are all known postmark types used up to the year 1950. A description of the postmark is provided, and each listing includes records of the earliest and latest known dates of use. Since this is a basic research study, it is requested that assistance be given by LA POSTA readers in either adding to the types of postmarks known or extending the earliest and latest dates. Please send all additions to the author in care of LA POSTA's editor. Thank you.

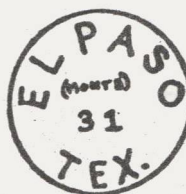
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1.	Double Circle outline of size 25½ mm. Month, day & year w/abbreviated "TEX" at bottom center.	22 Jan 1866		Shield
2.	"Balloon" type measuring Month & day only w/abbreviated "TEX" at bottom.	18 Mar 1867	5 Apr 1868	Star
3.	Single plain circular outline measuring 22½ mm. Day only w/abbreviated "TEX" at bottom center.	31 Jan 1875		
4.	Octagonal outline 27 mm. Centered month and day only. Abbreviated "TEX" at bottom.	4 Jun 187		Geometric
5.	As above but with month, day and year.	19 Dec 1879		
6.	Single plain circular outline measuring 27½ mm. Month & day w/abbreviated "TEX" at bottom center.	ca.1881	ca.1885	
7.	Single plain circular outline measuring 26½ mm. Month, day & year centered w/abbreviated "TEX". No period.	3 Oct 1883		Geometric
8.	Single plain circle with Month, day, year & time. Measures 27½ mm. "TEX" followed by a period.	8 Apr 1886	9 May 1887	Geometric



TYPE 1
1866



TYPE 2
1867 - 1868



TYPE 3
1875



TYPE 4
1870's



TYPE 5
1879



TYPE 6
CIRCA 1881



TYPE 7
1883



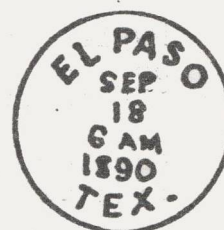
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TYPE 8
1886 - 1887



TYPE 9
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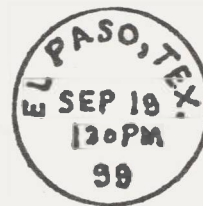
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TYPE 11
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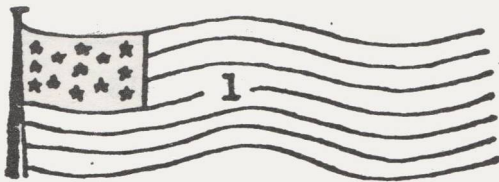
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TYPE 13
1896 - 1899



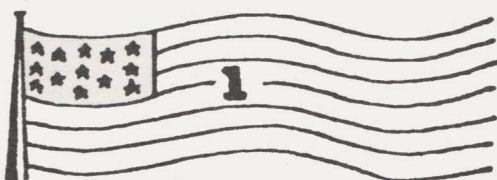
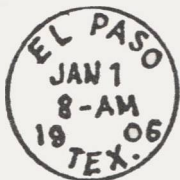
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9.	Duplex hand canceller Single ring circular outline measuring 27½ mm. w/Month, day, time and year.	27 Mar 1889	17 Sep 1889	Circular Rings
10.	As above but with 5- ring circle in killer.	9 Apr 1890	18 Sep 1890	Circular Rings
11.	As above but with 6- ring circle in killer.	1 Dec 1890		Circular Rings
12.	As above but with 4- ring circle in killer.	5 Sep 1895		Circular Rings
13.	Duplex hand canceller single ring outline measuring 25 mm. Month & day on same line w/ "EL PASO, TEX" at top.	2 Feb 1896	10 Sep 1899	Ovate grid w/"1"
14.	Machine cancel with flag killer. Postmark measures 22½ mm. Flag has thin "1" centered in bars.	28 Sep 1901		Flag
15.	Duplex hand canceller as Type 13, but with a "2" in killer grid.	30 Jul 1904		Ovate grid w/ "2"
16.	Machine cancel with flag killer. Postmark measures 22½ mm. Flag has thick "1" in bars.	1 Jan 1906	26 Nov 1906	Flag
17.	As above, but without "1" in killer bars.	10 Aug 1907	17 Oct 1907	Flag
18.	Duplex hand canceller measuring 25 mm. in dial diameter. "TEX" at bottom & year outside the dial.	9 Aug 1912		Ovate grid w/"6"
19.	Machine cancel w/dial measuring 20½ mm. EL PASO, TEXAS at top and "1" & "D" in killer.	25 Jan 1908	12 Jun 1913	Wavy lines
20.	Machine cancel w/22 mm. dial and "TEXAS" spelled out at bottom. Also used w/ DRY FARMING CONGRESS & EXPOSITION slogan.	22 Nov 1913	23 Sep 1916	Wavy lines



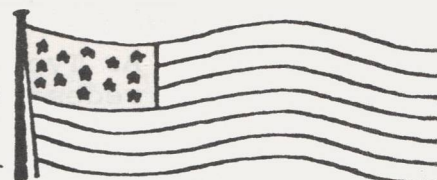
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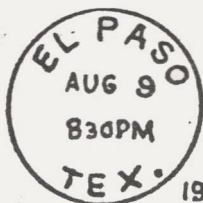
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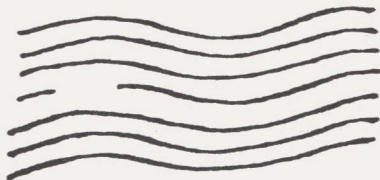
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TYPE 19
1908 - 1913



TYPE 20
1913 - 1916



TYPE 21
1918

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EARLIEST DATE</u>	<u>LATEST DATE</u>	<u>KILLER</u>
21.	Machine cancel w/20½ mm. dial. Six killer lines. "TEX" abbreviated at bottom.	31 Mar 1918	5 Dec 1918	Wavy lines
22.	Machine cancel w/22 mm. dial. "2" at left in dial & "TEXAS" spelled out.	17 Apr 1924	25 Oct 1924	Wavy lines
23.	As above, but without period after "TEXAS".	15 Nov 1924	30 Dec 1924	Wavy lines
24.	As Type 22, but with a redesigned "2" in dial.	19 Dec 1925		Wavy lines
25.	Machine cancel w/22 mm. dial. No number in dial. "TEXAS" at bottom, but without period.	25 Dec 1928	30 Apr 1941	Wavy lines
26.	As Type 23, but dial is only 21½ mm. and "2" is slanted.	7 Oct 1932	31 Oct 1947	Wavy lines
27.	As Type 26, but w/"1" in place of "2". All known uses are with slogan cancels.	15 Nov 1938	31 Mar 1947	Slogan
28.	Duplex hand canceller w/ 29½ mm. dial. "TEX." at bottom of dial.	15 Aug 1939	1 Apr 1950	Ovate grid w/"1"
29.	As above, but w/"2" in center of ovate bar grid.	8 Jul 1946	17 Oct 1946	Ovate grid w/"2"
30.	Machine cancel w/21½ mm. dial and small thin "1" inside dial at left.	2 Apr 1947	19 May 1948	Wavy lines
31.	As above, but with "2" in instead of "1" in dial.	12 Aug 1947	10 Feb 1948	Wavy lines



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1924



TYPE 23
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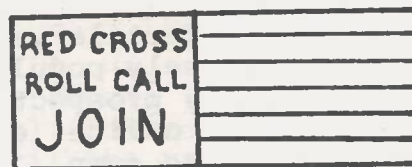
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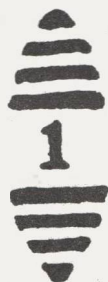
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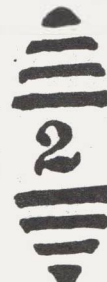
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1938 - 1947



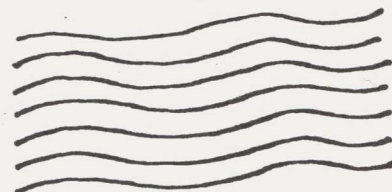
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1939 - 1950



TYPE 29
1946



TYPE 30
1947 - 1948



TYPE 31
1947 to 1948

THE POST OFFICES OF UTAH

By Dan Meschter with Arthur E. Rupert

Part XI: Millard County

Millard County is a land of mountain ranges and valleys. The east end follows mountain ridges, through which a gap found by Fremont in 1844 furnished a route for a wagon road via Round Valley on its way from Salt Lake City to southern California. Proceeding west is first the broad Pahvan Valley, and then a series of mountains and valleys to the Nevada line.

An important feature is Sevier Lake -- an expanse of marsh lands that give rise to the Sevier River, which in turn irrigates the fertile valley around Delta. The west end of the county is sparsely populated grasslands, perhaps best suited to grazing. Early prospectors found ore bodies worthy of mining, and no post office, except perhaps Ibex, could be said to have served a mining camp.

Millard County was erected in 1851 by the First Utah Legislature, and named in honor of President Millard Fillmore, who had signed the Utah organizing act the year before. Although the foundation for a capitol building had already been laid in Salt Lake City, the Territorial Legislature decided to locate the capitol in Millard County, some 150 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. The reasons for this choice are not entirely clear, but a good guess is that the dominantly Mormon Territorial Legislature had in mind "sagebrushing" the unwelcome territorial officers being appointed by the President.

Earlier in 1851 a settlement had been established by Anson Call at the place where the California Trail crossed Corn Creek. This location was strategic to support a colony and the post office at Centre Creek further south in Iron County. It was also anticipated that Congress would contract a mail route to San Diego via this route the following year. Call was appointed postmaster of the Corn Creek post office, but any mail dispatched during the year of its recorded existence was probably carried privately.

Meanwhile, Brigham Young selected a site on Chalk Creek, 15 miles northeast of Corn Creek, for the new capitol and named it Fillmore City to complete Utah's salute to the President. The name of the post office at Corn Creek was soon changed to Fillmore City. The facility was moved to the new site, taking Postmaster Call with it.

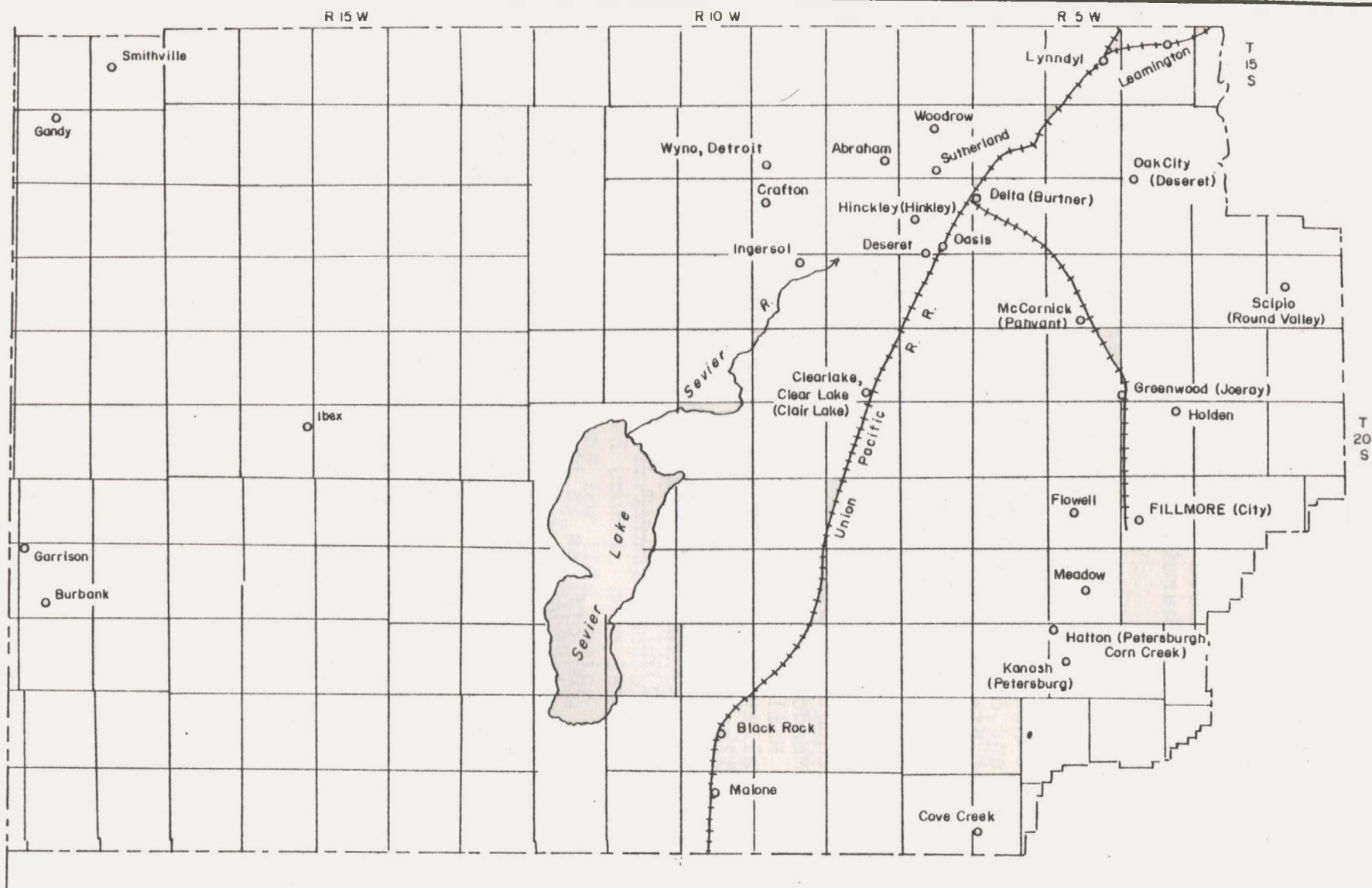
The Legislature continued to meet in Salt Lake City until the new State House was completed in Fillmore City in 1855. The Utah Legislature convened in Fillmore City that year for the first and last time. The next Legislature, sitting in Salt Lake City, resolved to move the capitol back there, leaving the Old State House as a charming relic of Fillmore City's brief moment in the sun.

Even while the State House was under construction, Millard County was still little more than a dent in the frontier. Captain J.W. Gunnison was exploring the Sevier Valley for a transcontinental railway route when he was ambushed by Pah Ute Indians on October 25, 1853, and murdered along with seven others of his command. The tragedy for the Mormons was that Gunnison was one of the few gentiles of his time who understood them and their culture. His book on the Mormons of Utah is still an invaluable reference.

The old California Trail continued to furnish access through Millard County by way of Round Valley (Scipio), Fillmore, Holden, Meadow, Petersburg and Cove Creek until the Utah Southern Railroad was extended south across the county via the Pahvan Valley and on to Milford and Frisco in Beaver County in 1879. Railroad construction went on without end-of-the-line towns or post offices -- it was not then planned as a through route to California -- and few places along the present Union Pacific main line can claim the railroad as their principal reason for existence.

Most of the post offices in the county, other than the county seat at Fillmore, serve agricultural communities. Those around Delta are based on irrigated farming on the delta of Sevier Lake. Farmers around Flowell, Meadow, Hatton and Kanosh also irrigate, using streams which flow from the nearby mountains. The few post offices in the central and western parts of the county serve widely scattered ranches.

A total of 48 post office names are listed for Millard County. This number includes duplication of Deseret at different sites, and 10 name changes. Joeray and Pahvant probably did not operated under these names. Of the total, only 12 offices were still in existence in 1979.



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<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Abraham	6 Apr 1899	31 Jul 1954	M. to Hinckley
Black Rock	1 Apr 1891	13 Nov 1959	
Burbank	28 Mar 1881	30 Jun 1919	M. to Delta
Burtner	16 Oct 1907	19 Apr 1911	N. ch. to Delta
Clair Lake	28 Mar 1881	18 May 1881	N. ch. to Clear Lake
Clear Lake	18 May 1881	5 Apr 1883	Was Clair Lake
Clearlake	25 Oct 1894	31 Dec 1937	M. to Deseret
Corn Creek	19 Dec 1851	3 Dec 1852	N. ch. to Fillmore City
Cove Creek	22 Nov 1862	30 Mar 1866	
	21 Jun 1871	20 Jul 1881	
Crafton	18 May 1898	15 Aug 1907	M. to Clearlake
Delta	19 Apr 1911	Operating	Was Burtner
Deseret	7 Dec 1864	17 Mar 1874	N. ch. to Oak City
Deseret	5 Jan 1877	16 Aug 1974	M. to Delta
Detroit	4 Sep 1882	8 Dec 1885	M. to Ingersol
Fillmore	7 Jul 1884	Operating	Was Fillmore City
Fillmore City	3 Dec 1852	17 Oct 1853	Was Corn Creek
	12 Apr 1854	7 Jul 1885	N. ch. to Fillmore
Flowell	27 Apr 1923	20 Feb 1924	M. to Fillmore
Gandy	30 Jul 1906	31 Jul 1940	M. to Garrison
Garrison	2 Dec 1896	Operating	
Greenwood	19 Apr 1923		Was Joeray
		30 Aug 1930	M. to Delta
Hatton	7 Mar 1898	15 Oct 1940	M. to Kanosh
Haw Bush	7 May 1921	15 Aug 1925	M. to Greenwood
Hinckley	21 Sep 1908	Operating	Was Hinkley
Hinkley	5 May 1892	21 Sep 1908	N. ch. to Hinckley
Holden	7 Dec 1864	20 Apr 1866	
	26 Apr 1869	Operating	
Ibex	1 Apr 1898	30 Nov 1907	M. to Newhouse
	14 Sep 1910	31 May 1911	M. to Black Rock
Ingersol	9 Jul 1883	30 Aug 1887	M. to Deseret
Joeray	19 Apr 1923	19 Apr 1923	N. ch. to Greenwood
Kanosh	13 Jan 1868	Operating	Was Petersburg
Leamington	19 May 1880	Operating	
Lynndyl	19 Feb 1907	Operating	
Made	22 Jan 1924	30 Aug 1924	M. to Delta
Malone	22 Oct 1913	15 Apr 1919	M. to Black Rock
McCornick	16 Feb 1920		Was Pahvant
		16 Aug 1930	M. to Delta
Meadow	27 May 1864	Operating	
Oak City	17 Mar 1917	Operating	Was Deseret
Oasis	14 May 1883	Operating	
Orth	11 Jun 1886	16 Sep 1886	M. to Milford
Pahvant	22 Oct 1919	14 Feb 1920	Order modified to McCornick
Petersburg	15 Apr 1862	13 Jan 1868	N. ch. to Kanosh
Petersburgh	13 Jun 1870	18 Oct 1871	
	12 Dec 1877	30 Apr 1879	

<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Ronde	7 Dec 1864	25 May 1865	
Round Valley	23 Mar 1864	3 Jan 1866	N. ch. to Scipio
Scipio	3 Jan 1866	Operating	Was Round Valley; Conv. to Rur. Br. of Fillmore, 30 Dec 1965
Smithville	23 May 1890	30 Apr 1911	M. to Garrison
Sutherland	12 Sep 1913	31 May 1915	M. to Delta
Woodrow	10 Sep 1913	31 May 1915	M. to Delta
Wyno	12 Jul 1888	15 May 1890	M. to Oasis

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please allow me to express my appreciation for your patience in tolerating the diminished quality of printing which has plagued LA POSTA for the past few issues. The experiment with a computer based word processor has had some drawbacks in terms of reproduction quality, but I believe the problem is just about cleared up. This page, and several articles in this issue, are being set up with a new printer, which should produce a clear camera-ready copy. If the new process meets my expectations, LA POSTA should henceforth reach a new level in quality of format.

WYOMING POST OFFICES, 1850-1980 is the latest offering by John S. Gallagher and Alan H. Patera, those two most productive researchers of postal history. Published by The Depot, this 176-page cloth-bound volume is a most useful compendium of post office information for Wyoming. A county format is emphasized, and for each county a detailed locator map accompanies the post office listing and background information. There is an excellent introduction both to the early development of Wyoming and to the research methods employed by the authors. A section presents population data, and there is a master list of post offices arranged alphabetically for the entire state. This is a good useful basic reference on Wyoming post offices, and certainly deserves a place on the shelf of every Western Postal History library. To order write: The Depot, P.O. Box 202, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

Also still available are two titles from our own "factory", the FRONTIER CENTENNIAL WESTERN POSTAL ROUTE ATLAS (\$12.50) and POST OFFICES OF NEW MEXICO (\$8.00). Modesty prohibits a review here, but there's bound to be some useful information in them.

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