



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **HILTONVILLE -1873**

#### *Ghost Towns In Weld County*

In 1869 John Hilton moved from Wisconsin to Weld County and was elected Justice of the Peace. He built a house in 1873 on the Overland Stagecoach Trail which ran from Laporte (northwest of Fort Collins) to Latham (just southeast of Greeley). Hilton's home was located half way between them and became known as Half-Way House. As of 2009 it stands as the oldest building in Windsor.

The Hiltonville post office, named for the owner, was established at Half-Way House in 1873 and served 30 families. Hilton was the post master for two years until the office closed. The mail was forwarded to Wheatland in Larimer County. The site of Hiltonville was subsequently known as Hollister (1882), London and New London (1882), New Windsor (1884), and finally was incorporated into the town of Windsor in 1925.

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