



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **AUBURN – 1873**

#### *Ghost Towns in Weld County*

In 1873, Auburn School was built on the Auburn Ranch. The school district covered a large area south of the South Platte River bend near present-day Kersey. The Union Pacific constructed a railroad line from Julesburg to LaSalle in 1881, and Auburn station was also named for the rancher there. Alfalfa, sugar beets and potatoes were the crops raised and shipped from Auburn station. In the early 1900s, Auburn Dairy was at that location, featuring island-bred Guernsey milk cows. Milk sold for 5¢ a quart.

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