



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

CHEROKEE CITY – 1860

Ghost Towns In Weld County

After the spring floods of 1860 decimated the farming community of Agricola, many of its residents relocated in October of 1860 to a site they named Cherokee City, located on the south bank of the South Platte River, about 6 miles east of present day Greeley. Cherokee City was named after its location along a portion of the 1849 Evans/Cherokee Trail. It had a post office in 1862 and by spring a saw mill, several houses, a stage station and a hotel had been constructed. There were even plans to build a railroad from Omaha to Cherokee City and ultimately on towards the Pacific Ocean. About ten years later, similar plans were completed to LaSalle.

In November of 1863, Cherokee City's residents moved their buildings to a site about a quarter mile south and merged with Latham, a settlement on a ridge overlooking the South Platte River. Cherokee City's original location had been precariously close to the river, putting it in danger of flooding and possible Indian attacks.

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