



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

KALOUS – 1915

Ghost Towns In Weld County

North of New Raymer a sheep and cattlemen settlement was started on Pawnee Creek called Kalous (pronounced cow-loose), named for a local ranch family. Many residents were the families of coal miners who came from the Boulder County coal mines during the coal mine strikes of 1914-1915. They planned to be farming land instead of mining coal. The last homesteads in Weld County were filed near Kalous in 1915, the same year their post office was established.

After the mines re-opened some of Kalous' miners returned to the coal mines. They drove over a hundred and twenty miles on unpaved roads, leaving their wives and children on the homesteads often for weeks at a time. Life for Kalous farmers often became an unendurable hardship during the drought of the 1930s. In 1931 Kalous Post Office was discontinued.

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