



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **CHAPELTON – 1917**

#### *Ghost Towns In Weld County*

On January 11, 1917 a post office was requested and granted for the Negro colony of Dearfield. However, the name Dearfield was rejected and replaced by Chapelton. The Chapelton Post Office was located about two miles southeast of Dearfield. Its mail was carried from the Wiggins railroad stop, eight miles east in Morgan County.

By 1919, the Chapelton School District had hired its first Negro teacher. Opposite the Chapelton Post Office, a First Baptist Church was founded in 1921. The post office closed in 1922 and the mail was sent to residents in care of the Wiggins Post Office.

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