



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

AGRICOLA – 1860

Ghost Towns in Weld County

A Latin word meaning farmer, Agricola was an early settlement located near the confluence of the Cache la Poudre River and the South Platte River, about six miles east of present day Greeley (exact location unknown). Many historic trails converged at the site of Agricola including the Platte River Trail, Cherokee Trail, the overland stagecoach route, and military roads. Agricola soon had a sawmill, a stage coach station and prospects for lively trade were good.

Unfortunately, the 1860 spring floods destroyed the months-old town. Some of its residents relocated to nearby higher ground, and renamed Agricola “Cherokee City.” Located on the south bank of the South Platte River, Cherokee City was probably within sight of where Agricola had been.

After the Union Colony of Colorado founded Greeley in 1870, farming remained viable and prosperous in this area which was later referred to as “the Delta.”

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