



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

BRIGGSDALE – 1910

Unincorporated Communities and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Briggsdale was named by landowner Frank N. Briggs for his father, George W. Briggs. George and Emily Briggs moved to Windsor and had a son, Frank, in 1870. Frank became president of the First National Bank in Windsor and ran a grocery store. His store clerk was Edwin L. Laycock.

Frank Briggs had land where the town of Briggsdale would soon be. Knowing that the Union Pacific was planning a rail line, and believing there would soon be irrigation



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c 1920 – DEPOT AGENT ANDY CORDILL Worked for Union Pacific Railway in Briggsdale and became a favorite with all of Briggsdale's children. Photo from Early Days in the Crow Creek Dryland Region by Loraine Brooks, City of Greeley Museums Permanent Collection #1973.16.0001

(though not there yet), Briggs persuaded the Union Pacific to locate on his property. On June 24th, 1910, Edwin L. Laycock, “as part owner and founder of the town of Briggsdale” requested that a post office be established at the “terminus of the Crow Creek branch of the Union Pacific Railroad.”

Frank Briggs gave some of his lots to schools and churches and initiated the Briggsdale State Bank. The eldest son of Nellie and Frank Briggs, Paul, proved up on a nearby homestead and had a general merchandise store, cream station, and held dances in Briggsdale. Their music was provided by a player piano and a drum set, and occasionally a band would drop by.

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