



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

BUCKINGHAM – 1888

Unincorporated Communities and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Though now abandoned, Buckingham was a thriving town with a hotel and a dozen other businesses on the Burlington-Missouri River Railroad. Named for the McCook Division Superintendent, C. D. Buckingham, the town was granted a post office in 1888. In 1911, the post office and townsite of Buckingham were moved to the other side of the tracks.

In 1914 Charles H. Deford moved with his family to Buckingham in a railroad car, living in the car until their house was built. Deford and Frank Doty bought the Buckingham townsite and began developing it.

The U. S. Government operated a Conscientious Objector's Camp in Buckingham, detaining men who refused to serve in the military during WWII, between 1943-1946. The inmates worked on nearby farms and helped establish what became the Pawnee National Grasslands.

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