



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

DOVER – 1902

Unincorporated Communities and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Dover station was established on the Union Pacific Railroad's route from Denver to Cheyenne in 1902. It was located approximately a mile east of Lone Tree Creek, and some researchers believe that the nearby white chalk bluffs may have reminded English immigrant cattlemen of the White Cliffs of Dover. Within the first year a school and sugar beet dump were built. In 1905, a post office was established and named Dover because it was "the name given for this place on all maps, also [the] railroad timetable."

The townsite plat was filed in 1913, and by 1920 residents prospered by raising wheat and cattle. In 1930, Dover had grown to 229 residents; however, the following year drought and economic depression emptied the town, closing the post office. Dover's school district dissolved in 1941, merging with Nunn's. In 1960, the Dover townsite became part of an Ault subdivision.

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