



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

HEREFORD – 1888

Unincorporated Communities and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Along the Colorado-Wyoming border on Crow Creek a section house and flag station on the Sterling to Cheyenne branch of the Colorado-Wyoming division of the Burlington Missouri River Railroad was built. Its first name was Devon, but with thousands of Hereford cattle raised and shipped from there by the J. W. Iliff Land and Cattle Company, the town that sprung up there became known as Hereford. Hereford Post Office was barely in Weld County, Colorado, while the railroad station was across the railroad tracks in Wyoming, then moved to Colorado in 1908.

Chicagoan, Fredrick Findeisen, a successful designer of a flush toilet and the Rayburn carburetor, took his money and built up the town of Hereford. He owned nearly every business and had his family members manage them. The 1930s drought and depression took their toll on Hereford. Hereford school was abandoned in 1940 and the few remaining students were bused to Grover.

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