



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

KOENIG – 1910

Ghost Towns In Weld County

Rudolph Koenig emigrated from Switzerland and became a successful firebrick manufacturer and then mayor of Golden. Koenig bought land from the Denver Pacific Railroad east of Loveland and moved there with his wife Emma and their children in 1889. In 1905 Rudolph died of pneumonia leaving Emma to raise 7 children by herself.

With both a Union Pacific Railroad line and plans for a Great Western Railroad line crossing through her property, Emma Koenig built a general store and a hotel with a dozen rooms to serve the expected railroad traffic. In 1910 she platted the town of Koenig there which soon had a railroad station and beet dump.

Koenig Post Office was established in 1913 and although the water had to be hauled from Loveland, four trains stopped daily in Koenig to fill with water. Even though there was a well in Koenig there was never enough water available to supply a town.

In a few years the store closed and in 1924 Emma Koenig converted the hotel into her own home. Koenig Post Office was discontinued in 1930 then in 1944 the townsite and buildings were purchased by Raymond and Nellie Amen to use for their farm and cattle feedlot.

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