



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **LIBERTY - c 1900**

#### *Ghost Towns In Weld County*

The community of Liberty assembled in the late 1890s in the present area of Hwy 66 and Weld County Road 5. The community took the name "Liberty" from the name of the Liberty Hall Grange #459. The grange is a national agricultural organization. Grange meetings were often followed by a dance giving young people a chance to meet and court.

By 1906 Liberty had a school, church, sugar beet dump and several small businesses around the Great Western Railroad line crossing through the community. Liberty's school, Pleasant Hill, grew until residents in 1926 built a brick school. Pleasant Hill School was consolidated into the Mead School District in 1950 and the Liberty Hall Grange moved into the former school building.

Little remains of the village of Liberty but the brick school building and a few homes. The school building is still in use as a meeting hall for the Grange and hosts meetings for young farmers and 4-H Club.

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