



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

MEAD

Incorporated Weld County Town - 1906

The Great Western Railroad ran a line between Johnstown and Longmont to transport sugar beets to the sugar factory in Longmont. The railway passed through Paul Mead's property. His uncle, L. C. Mead, had homesteaded nearby and founded the neighboring town of Highlandlake.

When it was determined the railroad line would not cross through Highlandlake, Paul Mead platted a new town in 1906 adjacent to the tracks, naming it Mead for his father, Dr. Martin Mead. Mead was incorporated in 1908.

At its peak the town of Mead had a couple dozen businesses and stores including; a hotel, two saloons, a filling station, two auto garages, two doctors' offices, a bank a newspaper - *Mead Messenger*, and a pickle factory, a hay mill and a pea-hulling factory. Two of the churches in existence then are still active today

The land surrounding Mead is prime agricultural land with numerous irrigation reservoirs serving Mead's farmers and ranchers.

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