



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

NANTES – 1887

Ghost Towns in Weld County

May 20, 1870, at around noon the Denver Pacific Railroad laid tracks on the Cheyenne to Denver line at what would later become Nantes. After the Union Pacific Railroad took over the line, Nantes Station was built on the east side of the railroad tracks in 1887. That same year John McGinty became the postmaster of Nantes Post Office, named for McGinty's business partner, John Nantes.

The Nantes post office closed 9 February 1888 and by 1907 Nantes was little more than a railroad shipping station. W. K. Gilcrest, acquired much of the property around Nantes and began building a new community. Though the town name changed to Gilcrest, the railroad name for the station continued for several years as Nantes.

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