



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

NEW RAYMER

Incorporated Weld County Town – 1910

After disappearing for nearly 15 years - see the “Raymer” story in the *Ghost Towns of Weld County* section - the town of Raymer was given the opportunity to rise again. In 1909, the Meacham family, followed by R. C. Pitcairn, were the first recorded



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c1913 – New Raymer Teachers and Beaus; Bertha Blair and lady friends in New Raymer, apparently wearing the hats of their male friends. City of Greeley Museums Hazel E. Johnson collection #1991.42.1155

homesteaders. Pitcairn created plans for a new town in the previous Raymer location. In July of 1910, the plat was filed to reestablish the town as Raymer.

In the same year of 1910, because of the similarity to Ramah, a village east of Colorado Springs, Raymer's post office was re-established

as *New Raymer*. However, the town continued to be known as Raymer in all Weld County documents and reached a population of 417 in the 1920s.

Aside from the well for the railroad, Raymer had no viable water source. The drought and economic depression of the 1930s caused the population to plummet. A well was eventually dug in 1969 and Raymer's houses finally received running water. It is thought that improved access to paved roads leading to larger towns kept Raymer's businesses from prospering.

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