



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **PLATTE VALLEY/HARDIN – 1860/1881**

#### *Ghost Towns in Weld County*

The site where the town of Hardin was originally located was a stagecoach station c1860 on the Central Overland route called Eagles Nest for the local eagles nest in the rocks by a spring. In early 1876 a post office was established there called Platte Valley named for the Platte River.

As the Union Pacific Railroad from Julesburg to LaSalle was completed in 1881 the post office's name was changed to Hardin. Hardin was named for civil war veteran Lt. George H. Hardin whom became the first post master after the name was changed. A town plat was filed for Hardin on May 28, 1906. The Hardin post office was discontinued in 1955.

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