



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

PURITAN – 1908

Unincorporated Community and Populated Place in Current Weld County

The Union Pacific Railroad built a spur line in 1908 for the Puritan Coal Mine. A shaft mine, with a vein 10 1/3 feet thick, which in the first year produced 30,262 tons of lignite coal. The coal bed was between a layer of soapstone and sand rock on the bottom. Daily output was about 400 tons.

The settlement was a “company town,” operated by the national fuel company, and all the stores and houses were owned and rented by the company to the coal miners and their families, who lived there between 1908 and 1939, when the Puritan mine closed. Puritan was named after the nearby Puritan Coal Mine, and the town plat for Puritan was filed in Weld County on July 1, 1947.

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