



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

RAYMER – 1888

In October of 1887 the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad was building a rail line running from Holyoke to Cheyenne. This line reached the site planned for the town of Raymer, named for the assistant chief engineer of the Burlington Missouri Railroad, George Raymer. Emma J. Courtright purchased the townsite from the railroad in February of 1888 for \$187.09. The town was then sold to the Lincoln Land Company for \$1,000, who in turn advertised Raymer as being part of “The Rain Belt.”

Lots were sold by spring of 1889, and soon there were several stores, a livery and a newspaper, *The Raymer Ranger*. However, there was little water and within a year businesses started to close. By 1895 the post office was discontinued and the town of Raymer was abandoned. When the next wave of settlers arrived in 1909 there was not a single person left who had been a part of the original town.

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