



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

SLIGO – 1884

Ghost Towns In Weld County

Sligo Station, named after a County in Ireland, was built on the Cheyenne-Sterling branch (locally known as the *Coyote Express*) of the Burlington Missouri River Railroad in 1884. It was located between Grover and Keota. Sligo's townsite was surveyed that first year.

Proctor and Wilson Land Company convinced a couple dozen lowans to move to Weld County to farm, settling in the Sligo area. A planned irrigation scheme gave Sligo residents high hopes and in 1908 a plat and map were filed in Weld County for the town and Sligo Post Office was established. Residents built a school, church, two grocery stores, a hotel, lumberyard, and the Sligo Cement Block Factory.

The irrigation plan faltered and coupled with the drought of the 1930s Sligo was not able to survive. Most of the town was abandoned by 1930. The depot was closed and Sligo Post Office was discontinued in 1951.

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