



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

VOLLMAR – 1908

Unincorporated Community and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Vollmar Railroad Station was built on the Denver Laramie and Northwestern Railway (DLNWRR) in 1908 on the west bank of the South Platte River northwest of Fort Lupton. It was named for the land owner, George Vollmar, a farmer from Bavaria who came to Colorado and claimed land in Weld County in 1863. The name of the station was sometimes spelled Follmar in error because Mr. Vollmar pronounced the “V” in the soft Germanic fashion, making people think Vollmar was Follmar.

A community developed there and when the Vollmar Post Office opened in 1909 mail service was supplied by the DLNWRR. A plat and map for the town of Vollmar was filed in 1910 and the Denver-Laramie Realty Company sold Vollmar town lots for businesses and homes. The DLNWRR ran out of money and Vollmar, like many communities along its route, dwindled until in 1912 Vollmar Post Office closed.

In 1917 the Great Western Railway took over DLNWRR and Vollmar’s buildings and townsite were used for housing migrant sugar beet workers. A sugar beet dump was constructed there that same year and was in use until 1947.

The above information is gleaned from the upcoming book, Weld County Towns: The First 150 Years, researched by the City of Greeley Museums staff, Nancy Lourine Lynch head writer.