



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

WATTENBURG – 1908

Unincorporated Community and Populated Place in Current Weld County

On the Denver-Laramie and Northwestern Railroad (DLNWRR) line southwest of Fort Lupton, Watterburg Station was constructed in 1908. The station and subsequent town were named by landowners, Caroline and Christian Wattenburg, for his father, Frederick Wattenburg.

A plat and map were filed in Weld County for the new townsite of Wattenburg in 1909. Wattenburg became a Mexican beet worker's settlement center. A post office was not established there, likely because of the town's proximity to Brighton and Fort Lupton.

In 1917 the DLNWRR was taken over by the sugar beet industry's Great Western Railway line and a sugar beet dump was constructed in Wattenburg. The line was abandoned in 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.