



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

WENTZ – 1891

Ghost Towns In Weld County

The settlement of Wentz had approximately 21 families and was on the wagon road from LaSalle to Hudson. A post office was established there in 1891. Being 11 miles from the Evans Union Pacific Railroad Station meant that the mail was delivered by horse and wagon from Evans to Wentz.

Wentz Post Office was discontinued in 1903 and then the school and farms were abandoned to make way for the newly constructed Milton Reservoir. Milton's capacity was 30,000 acre feet of water (meaning 30,000 acres could be covered with water to a depth of one foot). Residents of Wentz dispersed to the nearby communities of Hudson, Keenesburg, LaSalle, Greeley and other Weld towns mostly to work in the sugar beet industry.

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