



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

ZITA – 1909

Ghost Towns In Weld County

A townsite plat and map were filed in Weld County on April 14, 1909 for the town of Zita, named for a local rancher's daughter. Zita Post Office was established on February 21, 1910. In less than a year this townsite went through four name changes and when the Union Pacific Railroad line was finished the townsite was bought up and the community relocated west of the original site. With the new location came a new name, Galeton, honoring Jesse S. Gale (1845-1927) a pioneer cattle rancher and Greeley banker. The post office was renamed Galeton on September 16, 1910 and the Zita townsite was vacated.

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