



## HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

### **AULT**

*Incorporated Town in Weld County - 1904*

The Denver Pacific Railroad constructed their tracks from Cheyenne to the location known as present day Ault on November 11, 1869. The rail siding was named McCallister, after a railroad official. In the 1880s, it became a cattle shipping point for the nearby Wyatt Brothers Ranch. After the rail road master Burghdorf was killed at the crossing, the siding was renamed Burghdorf. In 1898, it was renamed Ault to honor a mule and grain buyer, Alexander Ault, who bought wheat in difficult times saving many local farmers from bankruptcy. The town of Ault was incorporated in 1904 and is located at the intersection of Highways 85 and 14 with ranching and farming as its core resources.

Ault was the site of a sugar beet dump for the Eaton Sugar Factory between 1913 and 1985. The letters in "AULT" were used for a branding acronym to keep the town name memorable; "A Unique Little Town."



*Image – Ault Harvest  
Carnival, 1908; City of Greeley  
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