



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

DACONO

Incorporated Weld County Town - 1908

Dacono was the second coal mining town of a trio of towns northeast of Erie, along with Firestone and Fredrick. They are commonly referred to as the Tri- town or Carbon Valley area. Dacono was founded by and then named by Charles Baum, a coal mining executive. He named it after three ladies he admired, Daisy (his wife) and Cora and Nora (friends of his wife), selecting the first two letters from each ladies' name. Da, Co and No.

Dacono had the first railroad depot of Tri-Town and through the 1930s passenger cars were running several times a day between Denver and Fort Collins, and coal cars were filling up hourly.

The mines are now closed, but coal has not been Dacono's only resource. Dacono farms have produced sugar beets, corn, wheat, and tomatoes.

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.