

HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

GILL - 1909

Unincorporated Communities and Populated Place in Current Weld County

Gill was originally a station on the Crow Creek Valley branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, named after William Gill, who filed a plat for the town on his land in 1909. By the end of 1910, Gill had a sugar beet dump, a post office and a two-story general merchandise store which also housed a bank and a number of rooms used for community gatherings.

A grain elevator built in Gill in 1911, burned to the ground twice, and was twice rebuilt. By 1915, Gill had a number of businesses, including a blacksmith with a vehicle repair shop, a meat market, a grocery and a branch of Gilcrest Lumber. The railroad tracks were removed around 1965.

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