



HISTORY OF WELD COUNTY TOWNS

NUNN

Incorporated Weld County Town - 1906

The area directly west of present-day Nunn was called Maynard Flats, named after Adjunct General Joseph S. Maynard, American Civil War veteran and Weld County pioneer. In 1869, the Denver Pacific Railroad built their rail line from Cheyenne to Denver adjacent to Maynard Flats.

During the early 1900s, an influx of homesteaders inspired Cheyenne real estate agents to build a real estate office on the Nunn site and a town developed there. For the town plat in 1906, the first name selected was Maynard. However, a railroad foreman preferred to name it for Tom Nunn, a local homesteader who saved a train by flagging it down after he discovered a bridge on fire about a mile north of Pierce.

The town of Nunn was incorporated in 1908 and, as of 2009, agriculture remains the primary economic force in the surrounding community of approximately 470 residents. The High Plains Historical Society maintains the Northern Drylanders Museum in Nunn.

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.