

Post Office Department

APPOINTMENT OF ICE.

WASHINGTON CITY, *April 1st*, 187*0*.

SIR:

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new Post Office at *Gomer's Mills*, County of *Douglas*, State of *Colorado*, at which you are recommended for Postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application, and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. M. Marshall
(Signature)
 First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. *Louisa A. Gomer*
 Care of the Postmaster of *Bijou Basin Colo*, who will please forward to him

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called *Gomer's Mills*

[The name of the candidate for postmaster should not be applied as the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State; and you should aim to select a name not appropriated to any office in the United States.]

It will be situated in the *East* quarter of Section *22*, Township *ten (10)* SouthRange *64* West in the County of *Douglas*, State of *Colorado*It will be on or near route No. *1*, being the route from *Stanktown*to *Bijou Basin*, on which the mail is now carried *one* times per week, *both ways*The contractor's name is *J. H. Bennett*Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. *Yes. The carrier passes by this mill not far*

If not, how far from and on which side of it?—Ans.

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail on way each trip?—Ans. *None*

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans.

Where intersect the route again?—Ans.

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. *None - no change of travel*The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is *Bijou Basin*its distance is *five* miles, in a *South East* direction from the proposed office, as possibleThe name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is *Rock Butte*its distance is *over ten* miles, in a *North West* direction from the proposed office.The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is *Bijou Basin*distance by the most direct road is *five* miles, in a *South East* direction from the proposed office.The name of the most prominent river near it is *No river in a dry fork of the river creek*The name of the nearest creek is *Kiowa*The proposed office will be *50* miles from said river, on the *South*side of it, and will be *on the head of the creek*, on the *East* side of it.If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. *not calling a village but has forty at least*If not, state the number of families within two miles.—Ans. *I think twenty*Also, the number of families within one-half the distance to the next office.—Ans. *ten*

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

All which I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this *fourth* day of *April*, 187*0*. *P. P. Gomer*

I CERTIFY, That I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. Holden Postmaster of *Bijou Basin*

As soon as possible are not dry to as far as possible. I have been in a number of places and have seen some of the best of the country.

Frankston
Post Office