

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

Appointment Division,

WASHINGTON, D. C., JUN 2 1891, 18

"Sir: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at Midland, County of El Paso, State of Tex., it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjoined questions, get a neighboring postmaster to certify to the correctness of the answers, and return the location paper to the Department, addressed to me. If the site selected for the proposed office should not be on any mail route now under contract, only a "Special Office" can be established there, to be supplied with mail from some convenient point on the nearest mail route by a special carrier (see section 733, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1887), for which service a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount of the salary of the postmaster at such office will be paid by the Department.

You should inform the contractor, or person performing service for him, of this application, and require him to execute the inclosed certificate as to the practicability of supplying the proposed office with mail, and return the same to the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. J. Rathbone

Fourth Asst Postmaster General.

To Mr. J. A. Searbaugh

care of the Postmaster of Doyle, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called

Midland P.O.

Select a short name for the proposed office, which, when written, will not resemble the name of any other post office in the State.

It will be situated in the SE quarter of Section 1, Township 14 (North or South), Range 70 (East or West), in the County of El Paso, State of Tex.

It will be on or near route No. 65357, being the route from Doyle to Arp, on which the mail is now carried 6 times per week.

Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. It is directly on this route.

If not, how far from it?—Ans. Not applicable.

If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Ans. To be supplied from.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on one side, is Doyle

its distance is 6 miles miles in a North direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office, on the other side, is Doyle

its distance is 10 miles miles in a South direction from the proposed office.

The name of the other nearest office to the proposed one is Doyle

its distance by the most direct road is 6 miles miles in a North direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is Ch. Creek

The name of the nearest creek is Ch. Creek

The proposed office will be 2.5 miles miles from said river, on the West side of it, and will be 220 ft. miles from said nearest creek, on the West side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is San Antonio & N.

If on the line of or near a railroad, on which side will the office be located; how far from the track; and what is, or will be, the name of the station?—Ans. On the line of the railroad, 1/2 mile from the track, and what is, or will be, the name of the station?—Ans.

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. 25

Also, the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—Ans. 150

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

day of June, 1891

(or Sign full name.) James A. Searbaugh Proposed P. M.

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

John A. Searbaugh

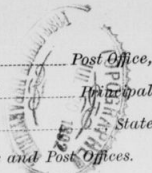
Postmaster at Doyle

J. A. Searbaugh

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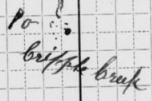
Be careful to answer the inquiries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Applications for post offices should be accompanied by petitions of the citizens interested.



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