

(No. 30.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
CONTRACT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

February 1871.

SIR:

To enable the Topographer of this Department to determine, with as much accuracy as possible, the relative positions of Post Offices, so that they may be correctly delineated on its maps, the Postmaster General requests you to fill up the spaces and answer the questions below, and return the same, verified by your signature and dated, under cover to this Office.

Respectfully, &c.,

Giles Smith
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

TO POSTMASTER AT

Rock Butte

Douglas Co

Colorado

The (P. O. Dept.) name of my office is

* Its local name is

It is situated in the *South* part of *4th* quarter of Section No. *5*, in Township *nine South* (north or south), Range *Eighty four West* (east or west), County *Douglas* of *Colorado*

The name of the most prominent river near it is

The name of the nearest creek is

This office is *30* miles from said river, on the *East* side of it, and is

of a mile from said nearest creek, on the *East* side of it.

The name of the nearest office on route No. *1782-6* is *Franktown*, and its distance is *12* miles, by the traveled road, in a *North west* direction from this my office.

The name of the nearest office, on the same route, on the other side, is *Gomers Mill* and its distance is *10* miles in a *South east* direction from this my office.

The name of the nearest office off the route is *Running creek*, and its distance by the most direct road is *7* miles in a *North* direction from this my office.

This office is at a distance of _____ from the _____ Station of the _____ Railroad, on the _____ side of the railroad.

State, under this, the names of all other offices near your office, in different directions from it, and their distances from it by the most direct roads.

* If the town, village, or site of the Post Office, be known by another name than that of the Post Office, state that other name here, that it may be identified on the map of the State (or Territory).

☞ A diagram of the township and sections (or, where the land is not so divided, a sketch map), showing the precise location of your office, together with the adjoining Post Office, towns, or villages, the roads, railroads, and larger streams or creeks, in addition to the above, will be useful, and is desired.—See diagram blank accompanying this, to be filled up.)

(Signature of Postmaster.)

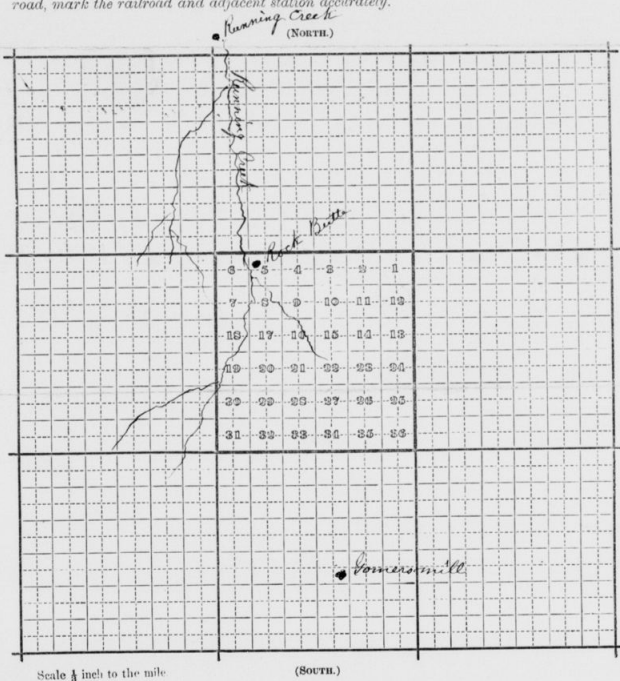
Geo H. Hertel

(Date.)

March 29th 1871

Diagram showing the site of the *Rock Butte* Post Office
in Township 9 North Range Sixty four of Principal Meridian, County of *Douglas*, State of *Colorado*,
with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed, or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department. If on, or near a railroad, mark the railroad and adjacent station accurately.



... gives traces by their true official making; and answer the inquiries, queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE EARLE,

First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. *George M. Hertel*
Care of the Postmaster of *Frankston Colo.*, who will please forward to him

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called *Rock Butte*

[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 *5th* quarter of Section *8*, Township *9*, Range *64*, in the County of *Logan*, State of *Colorado*

It will be on or near route No. *1*, being the route from *Frankston* to *Big Horn Basin*, on which the mail is now carried *one* times per week.

The contractor's name is *Joseph Summitt*

Will it be directly on this route?—*Ans. A mile*

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

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—*Ans. Not any*

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. Not any*

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is *Frankston*, its distance is *twelve* miles, in a *Westerly* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is *Frankston*, its distance is *twenty* miles, in a *Easterly* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is *Frankston*, distance by the most direct road is *12* miles, in a *Westerly* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is

The name of the nearest creek is *Running Creek*

The proposed office will be *on* *Running Creek* *East* side of it, and will be *on* *Running Creek* *East* side of it, and will be *on* *Running Creek* *East* side of it.

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

If not, state the number of families within two miles.—*Ans. ten*

Also, the number of families within one-half the distance to the next office.—*Ans. Twenty five*

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 *28* day of *August*, 18*69* *G M Hertel*

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

James F. Gardner

Postmaster of

Frankston

There is an office at Rock Butte, Colo.

Running creek P.O.

(NORTH.)



Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the mile.