

Post Office Department, APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

June 5, 1877.

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at Turkey Creek, County of El Paso, 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,

James W. Marshall
JAMES W. MARSHALL,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. Almeda E. SpragueCare of the Postmaster of Colorado Springs Colo., who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called

Turkey Creek

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

It will be situated in the SE quarter of Section Three, Township 17 SouthRange 67 West, in the County of El Paso, State of ColoradoIt will be on or near route No. 38168, being the route from Colorado Springs Colo. to Canon City Colo., on which the mail is now carried _____ times per week.The contractor's name is Contract not yet awarded (New route)Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. Yes

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. _____

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. between Canon City & Colorado SpringsWhere intersect the route again?—Ans. between Canon City & Colorado Springs

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. _____

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Colorado Springsits distance is Twenty miles, in a Northerly direction from the proposed office.The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Canon Cityits distance is Twenty five miles, in a South westerly direction from the proposed office.The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is El Paso P.O.distance by the most direct road is Twelve miles, in a Easterly direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is _____

The name of the nearest creek is West Turkey CreekThe proposed office will be _____ miles from said river, on the _____ side of it, and will be about 100 yds from said nearest creek, on the East side of it.

If near a railroad, state on which side the office will be located, how far from, and the name of the station or depot.—

Ans. _____

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

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. One hundred & 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 22^d day of June, 1877.

Almeda E. Sprague
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 R. R. R. Postmaster of Colorado Springs
El Paso County Colo.

Diagram showing the site of the Turkey Creek Post Office
 in Township 17 Range 67 West of 6th Principal
 Meridian. County of Sioux, State
 of Iowa, 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.

