



CLEVELAND

14 Miles from Extinction!

Homesteaders first settled here in 1884. The first homes were dugouts, tents and wagon boxes. Then logs were cut from the nearby mountains and log homes were built.

It is said that tall green grass covered the hills and flats but settlers were not fooled, and lacking a regular source of water, a canal system was built. This was done by using a bottle with water to check for level, and pick and shovels were the common tools. At a cost of \$30,000 and 4-1/2 years of labor, water arrived here on May 1, 1888. Farming and ranching continues to be an important part of life here.

The first official U.S. Mail service began in 1889. The first public building, a one-room log cabin used for school, church and other gatherings was built in 1890. In 1893 a larger frame school building was built. It was replaced in 1912 with an adobe brick building which was used until 1977, when the present school was built.

The first mercantile store was opened in 1892. Other businesses included a stable, blacksmith, hotel, bee apiary, dress maker, shoe maker, and hat maker. The only coffin house in Emery County was here. The adobe brick used in the school house was made at the local brick mill. An opera house was built in 1910. Plays and vaudeville acts were performed there. Dances were held there, and later movies and roller skating.

Cleveland was incorporated as a town in 1916. Electricity was brought here in 1929. The first culinary water system came in 1936.

Cleveland was a stopping place for the infamous Butch Cassidy gang en route to the many hiding places of the desert. It is the north entrance to Cedar Mountain and Buckhorn Draw, and the northwest entrance to Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry which was identified in 1944.

This rich heritage is still being built today by the many industrious, energetic, talented and caring people of Cleveland, and we welcome you to our town.



Settlers' Cabins, Cleveland



Cleveland's three-roomed frame school house, built in 1893. It even had a stage. When the new brick school was built, part of this school was moved to the town of Elmo, then later torn down.



Cleveland Co-op



Cleveland Wheat Field on South Flat



Cleveland Elementary School and the Davis Opera House built in 1912



Cleveland Corn Field on South Flat