Stamp Cancellations at a Rural Post Office in the 1940’s

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Postmark Records of a 4\textsuperscript{th} class PO

“As a check on the correctness and legibility of the postmarking, the postal regulations require the postmaster to make an impression of the postmark on an office record every time any change is made in the die.”

--Roper (1916)
Fondis, Colo. 1895-1954
INTERNATIONAL PARCEL POST
Colis Postal International
INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY SENDER
Dispositions de l'expéditeur

If undeliverable at address:
Au cas de non-récupération:
(a) Deliver to:
(Le colis doit être livré à):
(b) Address:
(L'adresse doit faire:
(c) Addressee:
(Adressé à):
(d) Addressee's Signature:
(Signature de l'expéditeur):

MISSOURI
Parcel Post
From

Count of Postal Funds

POSTAGE-STAMP STOCK
FIXED CREDIT RECEIPT

P.O. State Date

I CERTIFY that I have received the Postmaster at
P.O.

postage-stamp stock furnished on a FIXED CREDIT without payment to the value of

Dollars ($)

which I agree to produce or refund in postage-stamp stock or cash whenever called upon

Signature of postmaster

POSTMASTER'S AUTHORIZATION

IN POSTAGE-STAMP STOCK

List of Paid Money Orders

Detail: Issue Post Office, Date

Total Cash Items...

P.O. Orders...

List of Paid Money Orders...

P.O. Name...

P.O. Orders...

Received from Post Office...

P.O. Name...

P.O. Orders...

Received from Post Office...

P.O. Name...

P.O. Orders...
CONTENTS: MERCHANDISE
FOURTH CLASS MAIL
Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for postal inspection if necessary.
C. N. TRIPP, FONDIS, COLO.
Postmark records 1920’s, 1930’s

1920, #=6;
1921, #=22;
1931, #=5
To Denver

Elbert County

Railroad
1941, #=116
1942, #=230
1943, #=213
1944, #=263
1945, #=246

1953, #=16
1954, #=5
To Denver

Elbert County

Elbert

Kiowa

Fondis

Simla

Matheson

Agate

Railroad
Stamps

Aug 9
10am
1945

Aug 9
11am
1945
Change in postmarking stamp, 1941
Actual times of the arrival and dispatch of mail and identity of carrier
Mail carrier could not meet appointed rounds
Problems with the arrival and departure of mail
AM and PM postage (before and after mail dispatch)
Cancelled postage
Daily Cancellations at Fondis, Colo.
(pop = 380, households = 58)
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<th>Average Daily Revenue</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
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<tr>
<td>1941-45</td>
<td>0.879</td>
<td>0.634</td>
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<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td>1.712</td>
<td>1.337</td>
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<td>Jan - Nov</td>
<td>0.777</td>
<td>0.375</td>
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Transactions

12
50
67
120
67
11.19
11.32
## COUNT OF STAMP STOCK

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Denomination</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>1 cent ordinary,</td>
<td>44.4</td>
<td>4.92</td>
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<td>2 cent</td>
<td>52.7</td>
<td>4.17</td>
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<td>3 cent</td>
<td>1.1</td>
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<td>5 cent</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<td>10 cent</td>
<td>4.6</td>
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<td>1 cent postage due,</td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<td>5 cent</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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<td>10 cent spec. del.</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>2.10</td>
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<td>1 cent postal cards,</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>3.15</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 cent books,</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>8.15</td>
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<td>2 cent</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>4.60</td>
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<td>2 cent env. No. 5,</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>8.11</td>
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<td>2 cent env. No. 9,</td>
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<td>9.04</td>
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Total value of stock on hand, 66.56
Postage Frequency at Fondis, Colo.
### Average Travel Cost Per Transaction

Average Travel Cost Per Transaction = $0.3824

Average Travel Cost Per Day = $1.03

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<th>Number of households</th>
<th>Average distance to PO, miles</th>
<th>Average round trip, miles</th>
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<td>58</td>
<td>4.78</td>
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Demand for Postal Service

Consumers’ Surplus = $1.03

Revenue = $.837

Price

Quantity, Number Of Transactions Per Day

Elasticity = .4

$.31

2.7
Business on Holidays and during storms.
Jesse (Tripp) drove extra mileage without extra pay, then when returned to regular, tried deducting pay for same milage, also he carried long while, months, I believe, before getting check. At another time, Denver carriers time changed twice from contract, My scraps of paper, huh?

--Mary Tripp