

Guide to Great Western Sugar Company Collection 2 – 2010.41

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Collection Summary

Dates 2008
Bulk dates 2008
Level of description Collection
Extent 266 digital files
Creator(s) Western Sugar Cooperative

Administrative/Biographical History

Brief History on the Great Western Sugar Company in Greeley

Six independent sugar factories in the Northern Colorado area, all built around the turn of the twentieth century, consolidated to form the Great Western Sugar Company in 1905. By 1930 Great Western was composed of 20 factories in the Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming areas. For many years, the sugar beet industry was important to the economy of Northern Colorado, including Weld County. Great Western became the national leader in beet sugar production by the 1940s. Apart from sugar production, the Company also undertook agricultural research into sugar beet practices during much of its history.

In 1967 Great Western was sold to Billy White, a Colorado businessman, and sold again in 1974 to the Hunt Brothers. In 1985 after several years of declining profits and economic instability, the downsized company was once again sold to Tate & Lyle, a British sugar company. Tate & Lyle changed the company's name to Western Sugar Company. In 2002, Western Sugar was sold to sugar beet growers from Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming, forming the Western Sugar Cooperative. The Cooperative still operates some factories, processing plants, and storage

facilities in Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming today. The Greeley factory was officially closed in the mid-2000s and demolition commenced in 2008. Today the Leprino Cheese Factory stands on the site.

Scope and Content

Consists of 266 digital photographs of the demolition of the Great Western Sugar Company in 2008. The photographer attempted to show the demolition from start to finish for as many buildings on the site as possible including the brick office building, the factory, the silos, and the smokestack.

System of arrangement Order imposed by material type and subject.

Conditions governing access There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

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Languages and scripts of the materials English

Immediate source of acquisition This collection was donated by the Western Sugar Cooperative

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Places Greeley (Colo.)

Subjects Demolition
Sugar industry

Document forms Photographs

Contents

Series I: Aerials

Consists of one aerial view of the buildings at the sugar factory shot from the top of another building, showing the layout.

Series II: Street Views

Consists of 62 photographs of street views of the sugar factory at various stages of demolition.

Series III: Workers

Consists of eight photographs of demolition workers laboring throughout the site.

Series IV: Machinery

Consists of 30 images of machinery that were removed from the buildings at the sugar factory.

Series V: Factory Demolition

Consists of 39 images showing various stages of demolition of the factory building.

Series VI: Metal Building Demolition

Consists of nine images of the demolition of a metal building on the site.

Series VII: Brick Building Demolition

Consists of 14 images of the demolition of a brick office building on the site.

Series VIII: Shed Demolition

Consists of one image of the demolition of a shed on site.

Series IX: Silos Demolition

Consists of 77 images of the various stages of demolition of the silos at the sugar factory.

Series X: Smokestack Demolition

Consists of 14 images of the various stages of demolition of the smokestack at the sugar factory.

Series XI: Debris

Consists of 11 images of the debris on the site at various stages of demolition.

Container List

Series I: Aerials

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	Rehoused with digital images.

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