



Rollag Post Office Celebrates Twenty Years



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"The Rollag Post Office is the only post office open on Sundays and holidays," Retired Postmaster, Anna stated. But what's the catch? Well, "It is only open four days out of the year."

The original Rollag Post Office doors were open from

April 14, 1880 to October 15, 1925. When the doors closed, stamps were a whopping two cents. It would be sixty-nine years before another Post Office landed in Rollag. Notice how I said landed and not built. That's because the Post Office located on Steamer Hill is originally from Colfax, ND.

The Colfax Post Office opened in February 1880. It was operated in a store built by Mr. Stack which was later purchased by Mr. Crandall and known as the Crandall Store.

Over the years, the Colfax Post Office would jump from one side of the tracks to the other, from the "Farmer's

Store" to the "Cash Store." The reason for this is up until 1949, the Office of Postmaster was a political patronage position, meaning the post office changed stores based on who held the administration power, the Democrats or the Republicans.

In 1949, Mr. John Fiske built the Colfax Post Office and served as postmaster until 1969. In 1980, the post office was hit by a tornado that near-

ly took it down to the ground, but it survived and continued on for fifteen more years. In 1995, the doors closed for good and over time the old building became a burden to the city.

Deb Hackey stepped into the position of Postmaster in 1985, when stamps cost 22 cents. She started out working in the old Colfax Post Office

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