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Ghost Towns in Washington County

also had a blacksmith shop, school and church. With improved methods of transportation and roads these small towns faded away over time

Riverdale was a post office in Clifton Township and in 1877 was moved to West Clifton. In 1881 the town's name changed to Vining.

Day was an early post office in Sheridan Township from 1883 to 1930. Day was located southwest of Palmer on the Missouri Pacific Railroad and at one time had a store and an elevator.

The Pete's Creek



or Peach Creek post office from 1870 to 1878 in Sherman Township was founded by Dr. Randall. In 1871 there were four business establishments in Pete's Creek. In 1879 the village was moved to the new town of Palmer on the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad.

In Kimeo Township there was a post office southwest of Greenleaf at Butler from

1870 to 1885. The post office was moved to Ardale in 1885 and later moved to Weltbote in 1888 and closed in 1898. Also, in Kimeo Township was the post office at Koloko from 1877 to 1891. The Kimeo post office was in existence from 1872 to 1904. It was established by W. H. Knight who had a store and blacksmith shop. The last store in Kimeo closed in 1973. St. Michael's Catholic Church was established in 1876 by Father Fitzgerald Chepstow and Parallel were early post offices in

Lincoln Township south of Barnes. Chepstow post office served the community from 1870 to 1904. Early post masters were H. P Cooper and F. W. Kincaid who also had a blacksmith shop. In 1877 Messrs. Husselman, Shimp and Company started a store and the post office moved to the store.

The Parallel post office moved back and forth across Washington and Clay County line from 1863 to 1905. There was a store at Parallel for many years.