

HILLSBORO

A Homestead Patent dated January 6, 1873, granted the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 11 Twp. 4N Range 67 W along with other lands, to J.M. Wolaver who was the Sheriff of Weld County Territory and also a Justice of the Peace. This grant consisted of 160 acres. Some later became part of Milliken. President U.S. Grant signed the Patent with S.D. Williamson Secretary, and C.B. Boyton Recorder of the General Land Office.

Within the next thirty-one years this land changed owners many times: July 18, 1874 - August 30, 1876 - March 9, 1889 - July 7, 1890 - December 17, 1890 - March 18, 1891 - July 27, 1891 - April 15, 1901 - August 11, 1902. On June 9, 1904, Charles A. Robinson and wife, Mary, sold this area to Mary T. Knowlton. On June 29, 1904, a warranty deed from Mary T. Knowlton to the Great Western Railway Company was recorded. She conveyed a strip of land 100-ft. in width to the Great Western Railway Company for the use of a right-of-way for the line, to be confined to uses incident to construction, maintenance and operation of the railway. This line was a spur leading from Johnstown, Colorado, to Hillsboro, serving as a passenger line from Hillsboro to Loveland, Colorado, and going through Johnstown.

