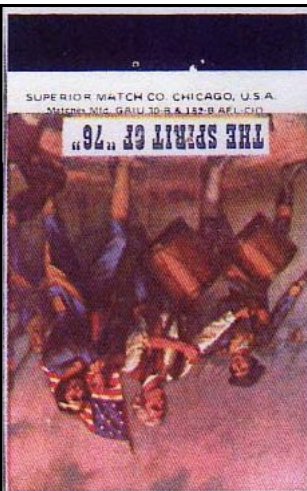


## Why Did They Name It That?

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**Dime Box, Texas:** In the 19th century, the citizens of Brown's Mill, Texas, a Lee County community that did not have a post office, relied on friends and neighbors to carry mail to the nearest post office in Giddings, the county seat. Eventually, a wooden box was placed at a strategic location in brown's Mill where people would leave their mail and ten cents. Then, anyone heading to Giddings would pick up the mail and money, go to the post office and, after paying the postage, keep the change as compensation.

A number of years later, a post office was established in Brown's Mill. However, because Brown's Mill was often confused with Brownsville, which was on the Texas-Mexican border, postal authorities required a name change. To commemorate the original mail delivery system, "Dime Box" was chosen as the new name for Brown's Mill.



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