

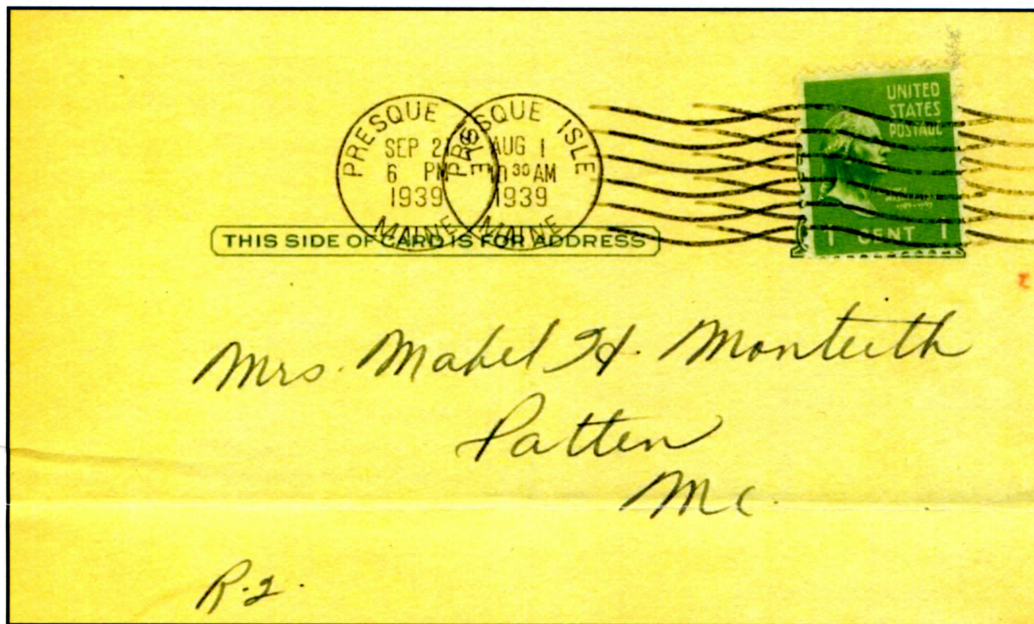


THE MAINE PHILATELIST



Spring 2012

Max Lynds, President



At first glance it looks like this postal card was cancelled twice when mailed from Presque Isle, Maine. But the card was actually mailed twice. First on Aug 01, 1930 to Patten, ME showing an assessment due. The recipient paid the amount due and returned the card to the insurance company. The card then was re-mailed by adding a stamp to the card on Sep 02, 1930 to confirm payment.

Aroostook County Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company

MEMBER OF MAINE MUTUAL GROUP

43d Assessment (Semi-Annual) Presque Isle, Maine, Aug 1, 1939

This is notice that in consequence of losses and expenses incurred between the dates of January 1, 1939 and June 30, 1939, both dates inclusive, you are hereby assessed on your Premium Note of

Policy Number 32255 \$ 14.40

Allowance has been made for Grange membership discount according to records on file in the office.

as provided by the By-Laws of this Company. The amount is now due and payable to the Company at its office in Presque Isle, Maine, and should be paid within thirty days but must be paid before Oct. 1, 1939 to avoid suspension of the policy as provided by the By-Laws.

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http://www.maxlynds.com/mps_shows.htm

Take a look at the Member Page— Past issues and updates

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The purpose of the Society is to promote philately in the Pine Tree State. Membership is open to everyone. Please send your name and address to the Secretary listed below along with \$10.00 dues for a year. Life memberships are not available at this time but you may prepay for as many years as you wish.

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Maine Stamp Club Meetings



WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 PM at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call Jake Ward, 872- 5107, xc-ski-nut@msn.com. Non-members are invited to attend.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm St, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$10 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Comer Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

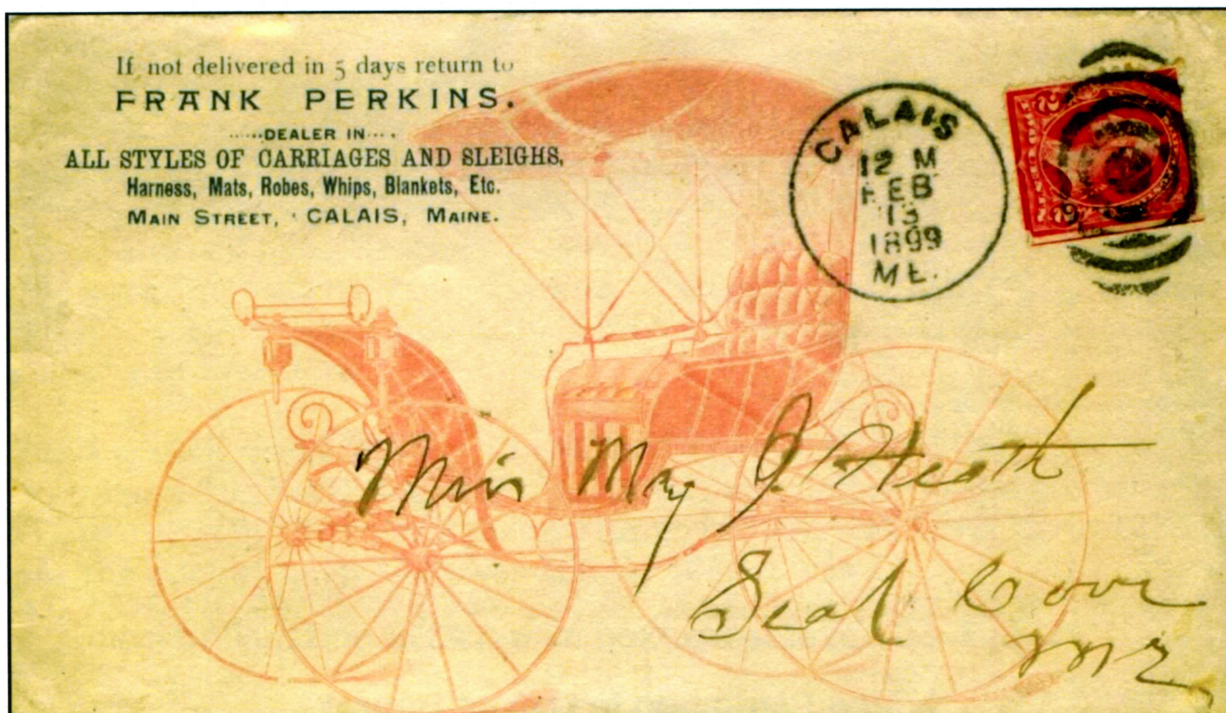
The club meets from April to November on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 PM at the Ellsworth Church of the Nazarene . Typical events include an auction, a raffle, presentations and an opportunity to purchase from a member stamp dealer. Non-members are welcome. For further information on location contact Eric Beal, 827-2686, Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu

KENNEBEC VALLEY STAMP AND COLLECTOR CLUB

The Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collector Club meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month from September thru June at Central Maine Power Co., 83 Edison Dr., Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Walt Hendron, walt.hendron@roadrunner.com

Please send your articles, scans, stories, comments, suggestions or questions to Max Lynds at the address listed on the left.

Frank Perkins
Dealer in
All styles of Carriages and Sleighs
Calais, Maine

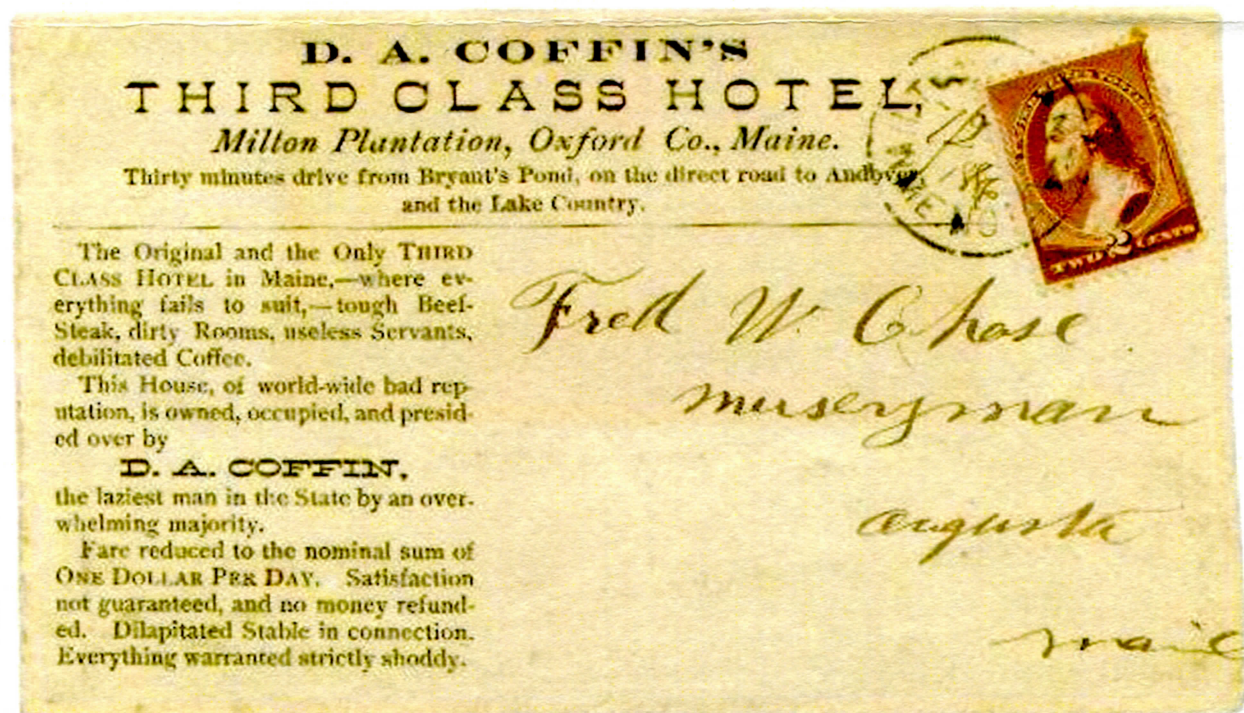


A Night at D.A. Coffins?

by

Elwyn (Doub) Doubleday

I returned late last night from a visit to the Waterville, Maine stamp show. I had driven up the night before to preclude the need to get up at 4:00 in the morning. Upon arrival in Waterville, I found that there was nary a hotel room to be found as Colby College had several events going on and foliage viewers had flooded the area. Consequently at 8:00 I headed up interstate 95 in hopes of finding lodging and I was reminded of one of my favorite Maine covers.



This 1886 cover is franked with a #210 and mailed from
Milton Plantation in Oxford County.

History of Milton, Maine

**From
A Gazetteer of the
State of Maine**

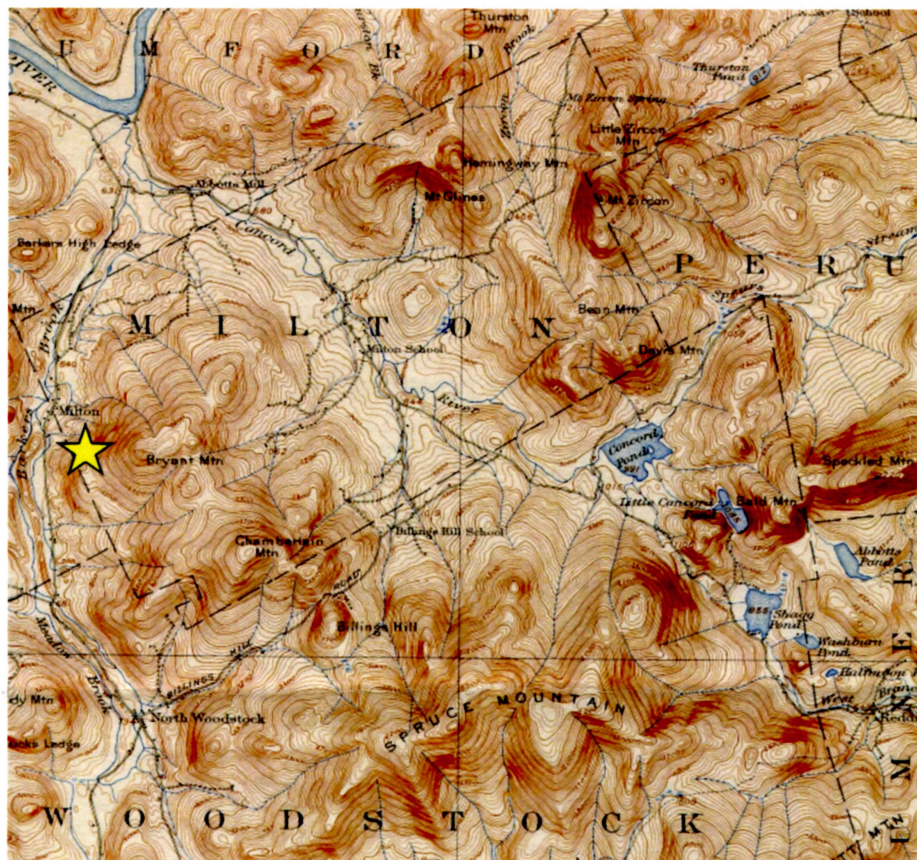
**By Geo. J. Varney
Published by B. B. Russell, 57 Cornhill,
Boston 1886**

Milton Plantation lies with its northern line about one mile south of the Androscoggin, midway between the eastern and western limits of Oxford County. Rumford bounds it on the north, Franklin Plantation on the east, Woodstock on the south, and Bethel on the west. The dimensions are about five and a half miles east and west by two and two-third miles north and south. The surface is broken and mountainous in the north-eastern and south-western parts, but more level, with some intervals along the courses of the streams in other portions. The principal streams are Concord River, with Peterson Stream and its other branches. In the north-eastern part are Glines and Peaked mountains, with Mount Zircon at the extreme angle, and Mount Hemingway just across the northern border. In the south. west, Bryant Mountain is the chief eminence. On the western slope of Mount Zircon is the noted Mount Zircon Mineral Spring.

The centres of business are on Concord River, at the centre of the township where there are a saw-mill for long and short lumber, a shingle-mill, a boot and shoe shop and a schoolhouse; and on Peterson Stream, at the western side of the township, where there are a steam saw-mill, a carriage-shop, a post-office and hotel. There is also a tub and pail handle factory in the plantation. The Oxford Mining Company is located here. The nearest railroad station is that of the Grand Trunk Railroad at Locke's Mills. The nearest railroad connection is at Bryant's Pond, by the stage-line from that place to Rumford.

This plantation was organized in 1842. The Free Baptists have an organization here, and stated meetings. There are two public schoolhouses; and the school property is valued at \$600. The valuation of estates in 1870 was \$41,272. In 1880 it was \$40,966. The population in 1870 was 258. In 1880 it was 270.

Milton Plantation had a Post Office from 12/2/1856 - 8/30/1902. With most Post Offices, the Postal records indicated how and from where Postal service was to become available, but not Milton Plantation - it was just closed.

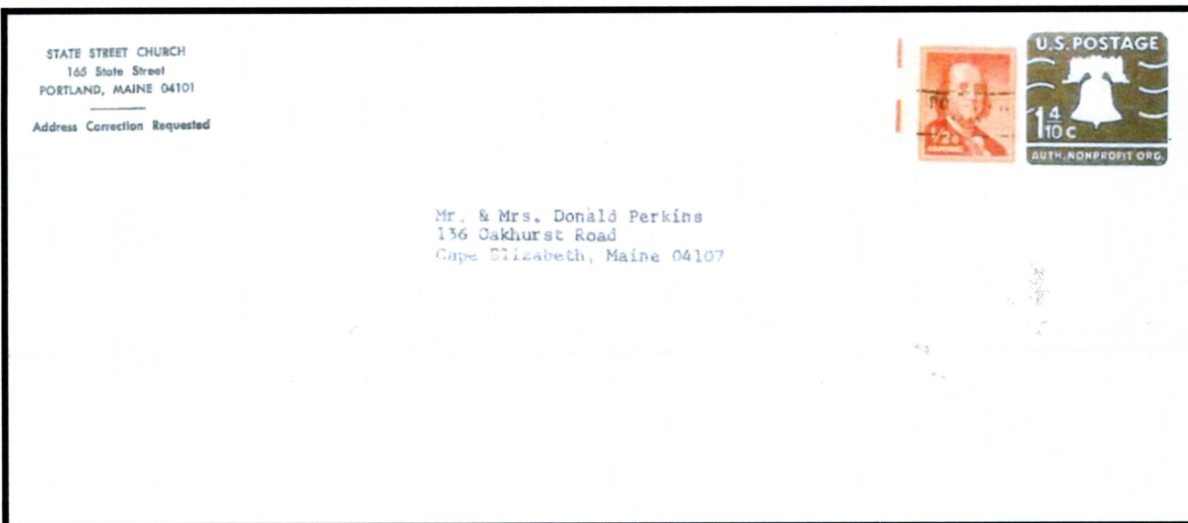


Today, Milton is considered "unincorporated territory". Oxford County is located in north western Maine, and today it is home to skiing, camping and other tourist attractions. The remains of the paper making industry still exist and the most southerly towns in the county are quaint Maine villages. The northern part of the county is sparsely populated or uninhabited. In 1886, logging, agriculture, hunting & fishing, and textile production (mostly in the most southerly towns) were the means of livelihood.

As I headed north on the interstate, the rain pelted down and thoughts raced between my recollections of this cover and a Stephen King novel. Could I end up at a hotel like this? Could I be the subject of some melodrama novel like *The Philatelist Langolier*?

Through the rain I spied a sign indicating lodging at the next exit and I found a small family operated motel. While Wi-fi was not an option, the room was neat and tidy and my fears of D.A. Coffin's 3rd Class Hotel thankfully were unfounded.

Maine Cover of the Quarter



Is the above cover from State Street Church in Portland a properly paid Usage of the 1.9 cent non-profit rate which was in effect from 07/06/1976 to 07/17/1976?

Without a postmark or dated contents, one can only guess, but it's certainly a possibility.

If you have an unusual, scarce or interesting Maine cover candidate for Maine Cover of the Quarter, please send a photo copy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976

At a stamp show I attended recently I found a collector searching covers that had his birthday in the cancellation. I did a quick search and came up with a couple of examples that had mine— November 24. I decided that the #10 must have been canceled in 1852 which would have been exactly 100 years before my birth. I found a large cent and a 3 cent piece from the same year that could have been used to purchase the stamp. The cover with the #68 was mailed on Nov 24, 1864 from Portland, ME to Cuba.



Max Lynds



*Sgt. Frank W. Pearce
Co. A, 2nd. Maine Cav.*

Frank W. Pearce was a Maine farmer working on his family's farm, was well educated and a musician in the town band. At the outbreak of the Civil War he and several of his friends volunteered to serve in the army and help form a regimental band. Pearce served for many months in that capacity and apparently the War Department decided to disband most all of the regimental bands. Pearce was discharged from service as a result of this.

After being home for several months he was drafted. He borrowed \$300 from a local merchant (Charles P. Tenney) and paid for a draft substitute (John Cameron). Later he changed his mind, volunteered and went into the 2nd Maine Cavalry as a Sergeant and later advancing to Sergeant Major. He saw action in Louisiana and Florida.

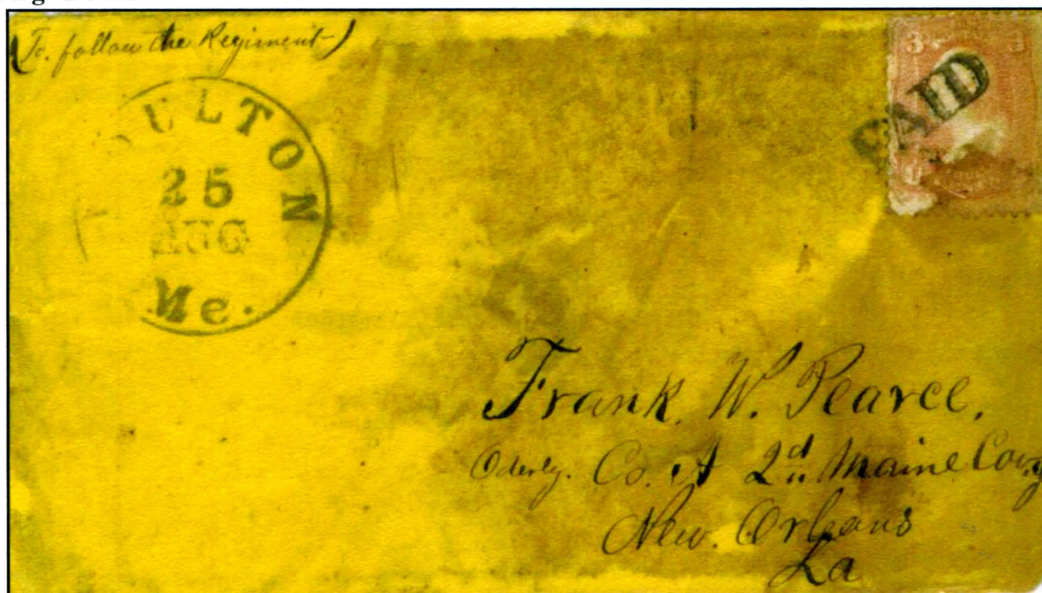
The 2nd Maine Cavalry was organized in Augusta, Maine November 30, 1863 through January 2, 1864 and mustered in for three years' service under the command of Colonel Ephraim W. Woodman.

The regiment was attached to District of La Fourche, Department of the Gulf, to July 1864. Pensacola, Florida, District of West Florida, Department of the Gulf, to October 1864. 2nd Brigade, District of West Florida, Department of the Gulf, to February 1865. 2nd Brigade, Lucas' Cavalry Division, Steele's Command, Military Division of West Mississippi, to April 1865. District of Florida to December 1865. The 2nd Maine Cavalry mustered out of service December 6, 1865 and was discharged December 21, 1865 in Augusta.

At the end of the war Pearce was field commissioned to 1st Lieutenant. He left the service to return to the farm, opened a clothing store and became a Postmaster.

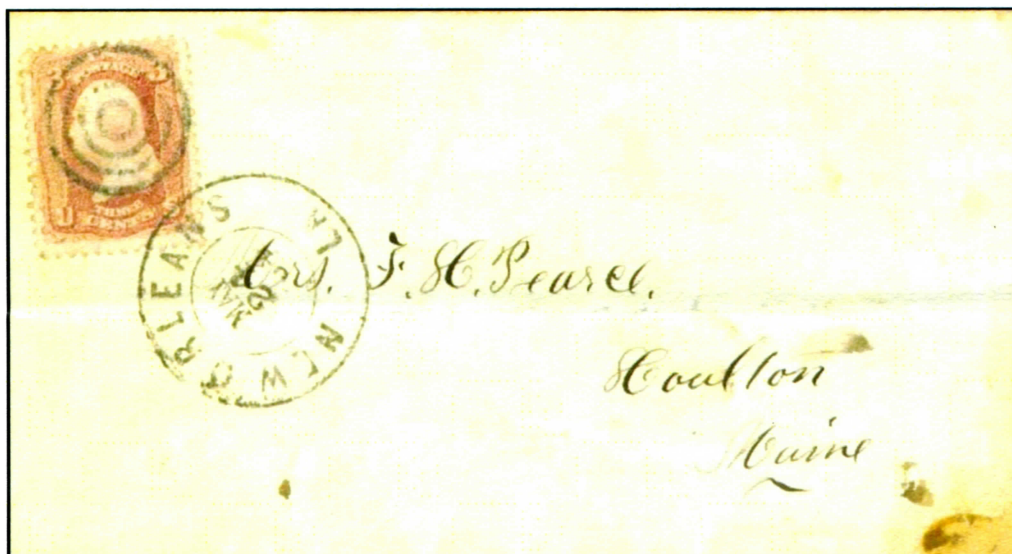


Augusta, Maine to Mrs. F.W. Pearce, Houlton, Maine



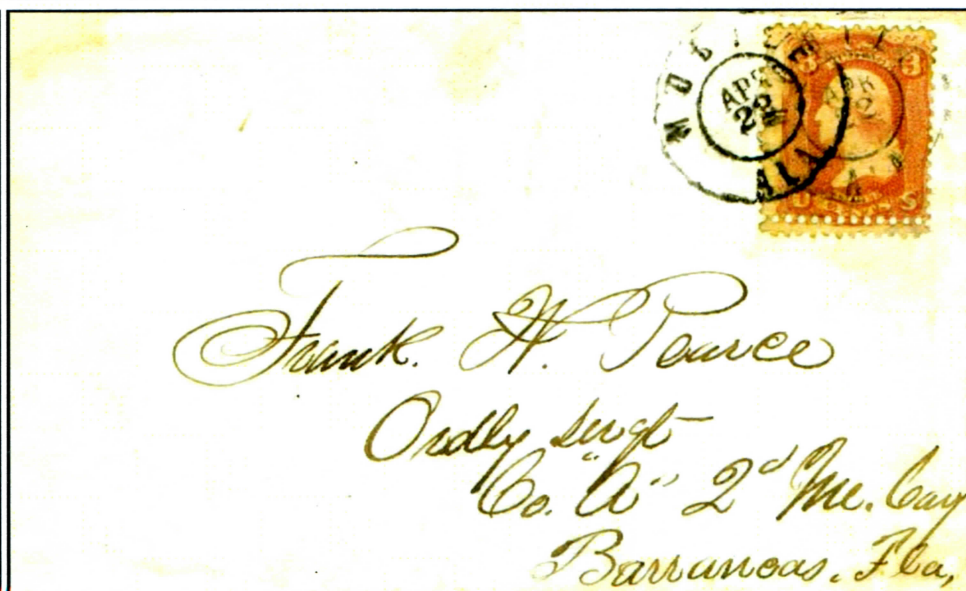
HOULTON, ME
To
Frank W. Pearce
New Orleans, LA

"To follow the
Regiment" over
the postmark



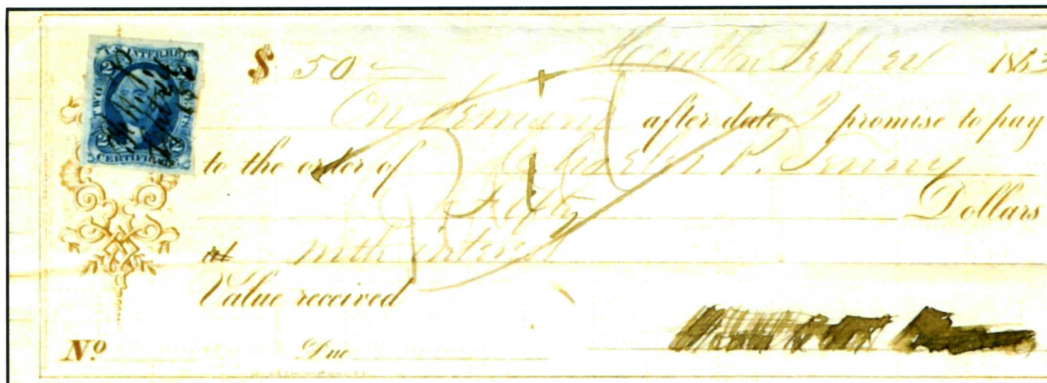
New Orleans, LA to Mrs. F.W. Pearce, Houlton, Maine

MOBILE, ALA
To
Frank W. Pearce
Barrancas, Fla



Town of Houlton
To Frank W Pearce Conscrip-
tion said Houlton under the Draft
ordered July 1863
To amount said John Cameran
as my substitute under said Draft \$300
1864.
Received payment by town order
for the above amount-
Pay the above to the order
of Chas P Tenney

Frank W. Pearce borrows \$300 from Charles P. Tenney to pay John Cameran to be his substitute in the Civil War.



Frank W. Pearce pays \$50 to Charles Tenney. Draft has imperforate 2 cent certificate revenue stamp. Back of note indicates \$1.50 in interest was paid .

I am researching the Postal History for Hampden Maine. I would be interested in seeing any Postal History items old or new that was sent from or to:

Hampden, Hampden Corner (Cor.), Hampden Highlands, South Hampden, West Hampden, North Hampden, East Hampden, Hampden Center (Centre), and Nealey's Corner (also seen as Nealley's Corner and Nealy's Corner). Please contact: James Husson, 5 Stetson Drive, Hampden Maine 04444-3444, jhusson@namecrna.com, 862-4232 after 5 PM.

2012-2013 Membership dues can be paid using form on last page.

Please indicate your e-mail address so that updates can be sent between newsletters.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Kennebec Valley Stamp & Collectors Club

Stamp Show
Elks Lodge
397 Civic Center Drive, Rte. #27
Augusta, ME

March 31, 2012

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Dealers Bourse
Stamps
Postcards
Ephemera
Silent Auction

Waterville Stamp Club

Show and Auction
MacCrillis-Rousseau VFW Hall
175 Veterans Drive
Winslow, ME

April 21, 2012

9:00 AM—3:30 PM

Dealers Bourse
Stamps
Covers
Postcards
Supplies
Auction

Presque Isle Collectors Club

Coin and Stamp Show

April 15, 2012

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center
116 Main St,
Presque Isle, ME 04769
Contact Bim Finemore, 207-425-6606

Brunswick Coin & Stamp Show

May 6, 2012

9:00am - 2:30pm

Columbus Drive, Brunswick, Me. 04011
FMI: Bob Caouette, 207-721-7872
caouette@Earthlink.net

Philatelic Show 2012

Northeast Federation of Stamp Clubs

May 04-06

Fri 11 AM—6 PM

Sat 10 AM—5 PM

Sun 10 AM—4 PM

Holiday Inn

Boxborough Woods

I-495 & Rt. 111 (Exit 28)

Boxborough, Massachusetts

www.philatelicshow.org

Greater Nashua Stamp Shows

3rd Sunday every month

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Holiday Inn

Rt 3, Exit 4

Nashua, NH

Information:

Ptstamps@megalink.net

207-966-2744

Spring 2012



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Maine Philatelic Society
155 Moody Island Road
Nobleboro, ME 04555-9512

