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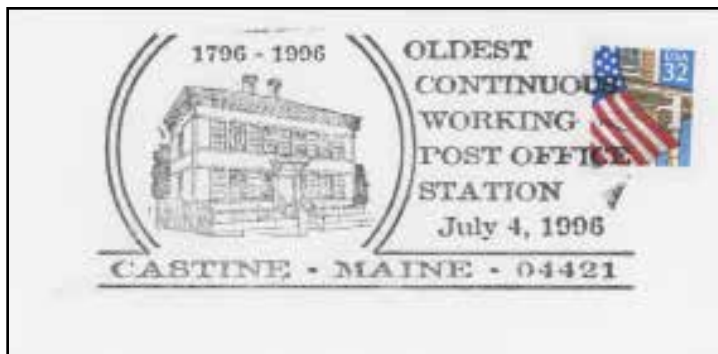
## So what is Maine's oldest post office?

By Kelvin Kindahl

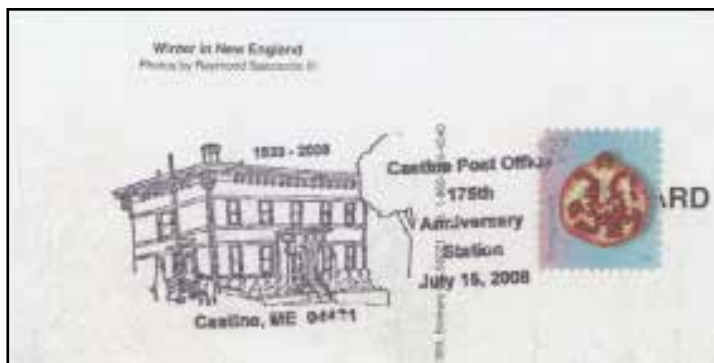
In response to Dan Goodwin's question about the oldest post office in Maine (*The Maine Philatelist*, Vol. 41, No. 3, July 2022, page 8), there are different answers, depending on how the question is asked. The first post office in Maine was named Falmouth, which appears to have opened under British administration in 1764. Falmouth was the only British post office in Maine. It changed name to Portland on July 5, 1786, and is still operating. Therefore, Portland is the oldest post office in Maine, but it wasn't always named Portland. On the other hand, having had the name Portland since 1786 still makes it the oldest post office name in the state.

The next post offices were established by the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, before the Continental Congress appointed Ben Franklin as the first United States Postmaster General on July 26, 1775. These were Georgetown, at what is now Bath, and Kennebunk, both in May 1775. Both closed in October of the same year. Thomaston and a reopening of Georgetown (Bath) were next, also by Massachusetts, though after the federal postal system had started in October of 1777. Both lasted only about a year.

It would be another 10 years before the federal government began to open more offices in Maine. First was Pownalborough in 1787, which would soon become Wiscasset, then Biddeford and Bath in 1790. From 1792 onward, more and more offices opened. The first inland post office was Hallowell Court House in 1794, which would change name to Augusta.



**"Oldest Continuous Working Post Office Station"  
Castine, Maine, 1996.**



**"Castine Post Office 175th Anniversary Station"  
Castine, Maine, 2008.**

While Portland may be the oldest post office in Maine, the Portland Post Office building is not the oldest post office building in the state. The Portland Post Office has been housed in many different buildings over the years.

The oldest post office *building* in Maine is probably Castine's building, which was built as a bank and customs house in 1814. However, the Castine Post Office is not known to have been in that building until 1833. Still, having been in that building since 1833 does make

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## Maine stamp club meetings



*Club meeting schedules may change from month to month; to avoid disappointment, please check with the email contact for the meeting before making plans to attend. Please send information to the editor.*

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### BRUNSWICK AREA COIN & STAMP CLUB

The club sponsors four coin and stamp shows annually, held on the same weekends every year as follows: First Sunday in May; Second Sunday in July; Last Sunday in August; First Sunday in October. Shows are held at the Exhibition Hall, Topsham Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact is Bob Caouette, P. O. Box 519, Brunswick, ME 04011; email [brunswickcoinclub@comcast.net](mailto:brunswickcoinclub@comcast.net). Website: [brunswickmainecoinclub.com](http://brunswickmainecoinclub.com).

### UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 445 High St., Ellsworth. Contact Secretary Art Wittine at [lindawittine@yahoo.com](mailto:lindawittine@yahoo.com) or Bruce Downs (email: [brucewdowns@yahoo.com](mailto:brucewdowns@yahoo.com)) for additional information.

### WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The Waterville club meets on the first and third Friday of each month at 6 p.m., except during June, July and August, when the meeting is on the third Friday only. Meetings are held at the Getchell Street Baptist Church, 3 Getchell St., Waterville. Buy, sell, trade, auction items, program, business meeting. For information, contact Alan Tieman, 156 Deer Run St., Apt. 2, Pittsfield, ME 04967. Email: [cantdog1@gmail.com](mailto:cantdog1@gmail.com).

### YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month from the fourth Thursday in August to the second Thursday in June. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanford Masonic Temple on Elm Street in Sanford (behind the library). Usual events include raffle, auction and presentations by members. Dues are \$10 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Corner Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076. Email: [sharpei@sacoriver.net](mailto:sharpei@sacoriver.net).

Castine the post office which has been in the same building for the longest period of time in the state of Maine. It is also the post office to have been in the same building for the second longest period of time in the whole country. Hinsdale, New Hampshire has been in its building since 1816.

The Castine Post Office has used two pictorial special cancels and a rubber stamp perhaps best described as a cachet, celebrating its long tenure in one building, none of which tell the story quite right. The first, used in 1996, was the “Oldest Continuous Working Post Office” station, showing an image of the building and “1796-1996.” Castine has been a post office since 1796, but wasn’t yet in that building, and although the building is the oldest continuous use post office building in Maine, it is not the oldest in the whole country.



**Postcard showing “Post Office & Custom House / Castine, Me.” in the earlier 1900s.**

2020.” These facts are all correct, but the dates given relate to the State of Maine, rather than the Castine Post Office or the Castine Post Office building.

Inclusion of the word “station” is a requirement for pictorial cancels, a vestige of the days when such cancels were used only at locations outside the post office building, making them stations of the post office. The cachet may have originally been intended as a special postmark.

The records of early post offices are not always clear. In the George Davis Chase post office list in Sterling T. Dow’s classic *Maine Postal History and Postmarks*, Falmouth is listed as opening in “1763?” In the 1976 reprint of Dow, several additional articles are included, two of which have different dates for the opening of Falmouth. In Dow’s own essay, “Origin of the Portland Post Office” he gives reasons to believe it opened in 1764. Arthur Hecht and Paul Hannemann, in *The Post Offices of the District of Maine* give the date as “1761, assumed.” The “Postmaster Finder” page, on USPS.com, says Falmouth was called “Falmouth, in Casco Bay” and that it opened “as early as 1763.” The 1995 *The Post Offices of Maine, A Rarity Guide*, edited by Bruce Hazelton, gives the date as 1764. The forthcoming *The Post Offices of Maine 2022 Edition* also uses the 1764 date.

This writer mentioned Castine in an article about Hinsdale, published in the second Quarter 2018 issue of *La-Posta, the Journal of America Postal History*, which can be found at <http://www.lapostapub.com/articles/LP274k.html>. Castine and Hinsdale are both mentioned on the “Fun Facts” page of USPS.com, although that page now shows less detail than it had in 2018.

In 2008, Castine used a “Castine Post Office 175th Anniversary Station” pictorial, again with a picture of the building and “1833-2008.” This one has the dates of the building correct, but implies that the Castine Post Office was 175 years old, when in fact it was 212 years old at the time.

In celebration of the state bicentennial in 2020, Castine used a text-only rubber stamp which has neither a picture nor a date, so it can’t be considered either a pictorial or a postmark. For lack of a better term, perhaps it is a cachet. The wording is “Castine’s Post Office Station / Maine’s Oldest & USA’s 2nd Oldest Station / Celebrating Maine’s 200th Anniversary / 1820-



**“Castine’s Post Office Station / Maine’s Oldest & USA’s 2nd Oldest Station,” 2020.**

# *Doane postmarks of Maine: a primer*

By Dan Goodwin

In October of 2000, the Maine Philatelic Society began printing a list of Maine towns that used Doane postmarks. In the early 1900s, the Post Office Department issued new rubber stamp devices that were made to produce clearer impressions.

This new device was named “Doane” in honor of Edith Doane, who was instrumental in the research, production and distribution of these devices. They were issued between 1903 and 1906 and were used well into the 1910s.

Research and compilation credit goes to Richard Helbock, editor of *LaPosta*, and Bruce Hazelton, a long-time dealer, collector and postal historian. Mr. Helbock, through his research, determined that the number inside the killer bars is based on the amount of compensation for the postmaster prior to the issue of new handstamps. The higher the compensation, the higher the number.

Doane handstamps were issued in three types (see illustrations).

Type 1 has five solid bars with the number breaking the middle three. Type 2 has four hollow bars with the number breaking the center two. Type 3 has four solid bars with the number breaking the center two. Most of these rubber stamps were discontinued after about 15 years of usage. A few were used up to approximately 15 years beyond that.

Maine Doane postmarks are not easy to find. Most strikes place the killer bars on a one-cent green stamp making it difficult to determine the number



**Examples of Doane postmarks from the author's collection.**

inside the bars. Also, most are found on picture post cards intermingled with writing and objects imprinted on the “business” side. A good place to look for Doanes is in any antique shop that sells old post cards. I sit and start looking at the postage side. People nearby think I am nuts because I seldom look at the pictures (unless railroad related). These cancels were also used on letters but most have been destroyed. Picture post cards are exempt only because of the picture.

*The author is a member of the MPS Board of Directors.*

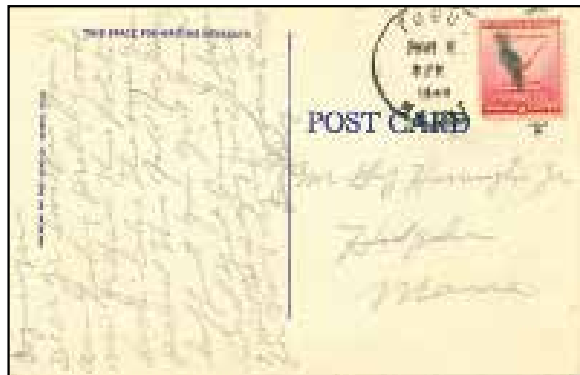
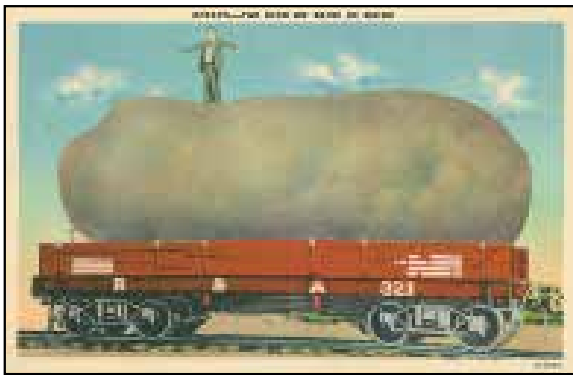
# Now those are some big potatoes!

By Mark Fonda

**M**aine has been known for its potato industry for decades, but in the early 1900s, using greatly exaggerated images of spuds on postcards became rather popular. While the “fad” only lasted for a relatively short period of time, a number of card publishers took advantage of the trend to create some really funny images. While transporting often huge “potatoes” by rail was one of the more popular methods depicted, other forms of transportation were also employed. The images below are only a sampling of those used during the earlier days of the 20th century.



*This fanciful image of a potato taking up an entire railcar was mailed on October 8, 1915 from Houlton, addressed to Manset on Mount Desert Island. This card is captioned “Maine Potato.”*



*Apparently the same image, although altered slightly, bears the caption, “Potato - the Kind We Raise in Maine.” The card is dated March 8, 1944 and was sent to Hodgdon in Aroostook County. The stamp has a Togus, Maine circular datestamp.*



*A wagon load of huge potatoes is titled “A Load of Potatoes from Maine.” It was sent to North Berwick from Tenants Harbor on August 15, 1906 (?).*

# Remembering old Maine post offices

Submitted by Jim Husson of Hampden, Maine

Arthur Braithwaite's store and post office was located at the Upper Corner on the Kenebeg Road (what is now Western Avenue) near the intersection of Main Street (now Route 1A) in Hampden (Penobscot County). Note the trolley (far right) which would deliver mail to and from Bangor (*Figure 1*). This photograph has been colorized and shows the building in the middle as Arthur Braithwaite's store and post office. He was postmaster from 1905 to 1944. With magnification you can see "Hampden Post Office" just under the large sign for the store. The post office was located here until the Great Hampden Fire of May 1912. Another view of the store is shown in *Figure 2*.

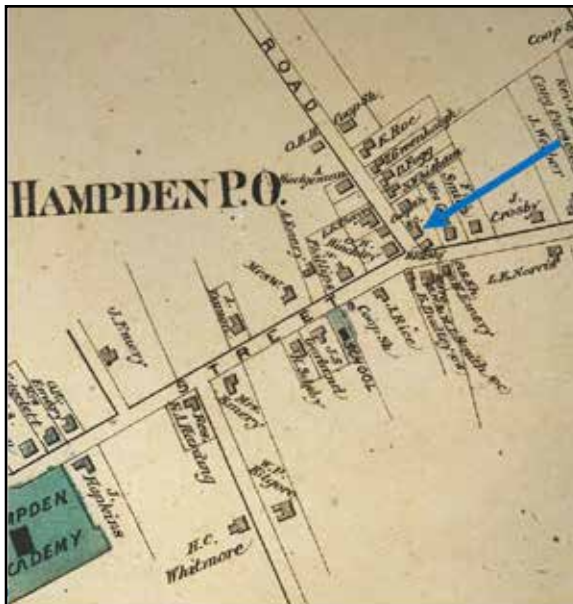


**Figure 1**  
Arthur Braithwaite's store and post office, Hampden Upper Corner, circa 1912.

Braithwaite salvaged as much as he could and moved his store and post office across the street. *Figure 3* is a copy of the Comstock & Cline map showing the location of the post office (look for the small "PO"). Finally, *Figure 4* is a form, required to be filled out by each postmaster, used by the Post Office Departments to locate all of their post offices.



**Figure 2**  
Another view of Arthur Braithwaite's store and post office, Hampden Upper Corner, circa 1912.



**Figure 3**  
Early map showing location of Hampden Post Office.

Post Office Department  
FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL  
Washington, D.C. 20548

Sir:

In order that this office may determine, with as much accuracy as possible, the relative positions of Post Offices, so that they may be correctly delineated on its maps, please carefully answer the questions below, and furnish the diagram on the other side, returning the same as soon as possible, verified by your signature and dated.

Respectfully,

*Arthur M. Braithwaite*  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

To Postmaster at *Hampden*  
*Penobscot Co.*

The (P. O. Dept.) name of my office is *Hampden, Maine*.  
If the town, village, or site of the Post Office is known by another name than that of the Post Office, state that other name here.

My Office is situated *East* of \_\_\_\_\_ Township, County of *Penobscot*.

State of *Maine*.

The name of the nearest river upon which it is \_\_\_\_\_  
The name of the nearest creek is *West Branch*  
My office is *1/2* mile from said river, on the *West* side of it, and is *1/4* mile from said creek, on the *West* side of it.

My Office is on *Main* Route No. \_\_\_\_\_ and its distance is \_\_\_\_\_ miles from the \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this, my Office.

The name of the nearest Office on my route is \_\_\_\_\_ and its distance is \_\_\_\_\_ miles, by the traveled road, in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this, my Office.

The name of the nearest Office, on the same route, on the other side, is \_\_\_\_\_ and its distance is \_\_\_\_\_ miles in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this, my Office.

The name of the nearest Office off the route is \_\_\_\_\_ and its distance by the road direct road is \_\_\_\_\_ miles in a \_\_\_\_\_ direction from this, my Office.

My Office is a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ miles from the track of the *Bangor* Railway \_\_\_\_\_ on the *West* side of the right-of-way.

My Office is \_\_\_\_\_ miles, air-line distance, from nearest post of my County Secretary.

(Signature of Postmaster) *Arthur M. Braithwaite*  
(Date) *December 16, 1915.*

**Figure 4**  
Form filled out by local postmasters to locate individual post offices. This one dates to December 13, 1915.

## What does your stamp room or den look like?

Roy Douglass sent a photo of his stamp room, or part of it. He noted, "My stamp space is a large room overlooking our front yard, which used to be two side-by-side tennis courts in 1908, when our house was the Kenduskeag Canoe and Country Club here in Hampden. In fact, during the War of 1812, the USS Adams was anchored for repairs just below where our house now sits. We are on a high hill overlooking the Penobscot River and the Souadabscook Stream as it enters the Penobscot. During the war, Captain Morris of the Adams placed nine of his ship's guns on 'our' hill during the repairs. When the British came sailing up the Penobscot with five ships, Captain Morris destroyed his guns and sunk his ship, then withdrew towards Bangor.



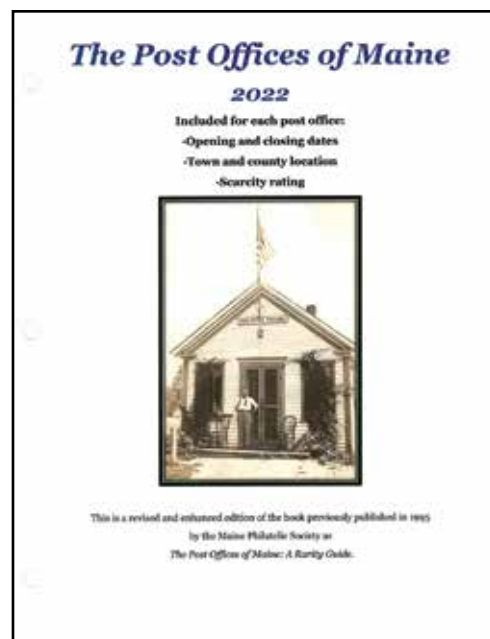
"My stamp room is engulfed in the history of Maine and the history portrayed by stamps. In addition to sorting, identifying and ultimately filing my stamps, and some U.S. and foreign coins, I also conduct ZOOM meetings with three other philatelists. My daughter-in-law in Indiana, my brother-in-law in Oklahoma, and my best friend in Nova Scotia would ask me questions about stamps. So, I thought 'why not have a ZOOM meeting with them so that all would hear the question and the answer at the same time?' Since beginning the calls, we've moved on to short presentations given by one of us during each virtual meeting. Our individual assignments make us research and present, rather than guessing or 'winging it.'"

So what does your stamp room or den look like? Send a high resolution pdf or tiff image and let others know. Email to: [everettparker1245@gmail.com](mailto:everettparker1245@gmail.com).

## New Maine post office book now available!

*The Post Offices of Maine, 2022*, a project of the Maine Philatelic Society, is now available for purchase. The book is a significant enhancement from the 1995 edition, with an extensive introduction, appendices and list of sources, full color pictures, and a significantly more detailed post office listing. The main listing stands at some 3,300 entries, or a couple hundred more than the old book, in addition to being 27 years more up to date. If you collect Maine postal history, you will want a copy!

The book, covering about 280 pages, is published in the 8.5 x 11 inch format and three-hole punched to fit in a binder if so desired. It is available for \$35.00 postpaid from Moosehead Communications, Inc., 207 Corinth Road, Hudson, ME 04449-3057. Checks should be made out to Moosehead Communications and NOT Maine Philatelic Society, please! The Maine Philatelic Society receives a royalty on each book sold.



## From the President ...

**M**ail delivery certainly isn't what it used to be, and delivery of this publication is no exception! In the last issue, we mentioned about how featuring a much-reduced cover with barcode on the July issue back cover created a crisis at the postal service.

Why the barcode on the tiny illustration would cause the postal service sorting equipment to go into hysterics is a mystery, but it did, and we were told it would be a couple of weeks before some copies of the journal would be resorted and delivered.

Well, that was optimistic. Some were never delivered, such as a copy for our secretary, Kelvin Kindahl, and some were delayed for a month or more. Albert Haller in Farmingdale noted his copy, mailed from Maine on June 30, arrived on August 16. That's six weeks to deliver!

An even better example was a copy sent to Silver Spring, Maryland, also mailed on June 30 as were all copies. That copy never was delivered, and was returned to us on September 1 -- that's over two MONTHS and never got to its recipient.

Interestingly, there was a handwritten notation in blue ink, with a circle around the intended recipient's mailing label. The note read, "Send here, not there!" Another arrow pointed to the three-inch cover illustrated with the article at top of the page.

And the postal service still couldn't figure it out, and the mailing was returned to our office with the standard label, "Return to Sender -- Attempted -- not known." Which makes one wonder, does any human being ever look at mail being processed by the postal service? Hmmm.

Hopefully the perfins on the back page of this issue won't throw everything into a tizzy again! Remember the days when a piece of mail would travel cross-country in three days? -- *Everett Parker*

### DEADLINES

#### January issue

**Deadline:** November 15; mailing December 30.

#### April issue

**Deadline:** February 15; mailing March 30.

#### July issue

**Deadline:** May 15; mailing June 30.

#### October issue

**Deadline:** August 15; mailing September 30.

## A look back ... 20 years ago

In the January 2003 issue of *The Maine Philatelist*, Dan Goodwin and Tom Sullivan teamed up to provide a primer on Maine's horizontal date hand cancels. The two men had assembled about 400 hand cancels from Maine post offices and undertook a study of varieties.

Also, Nancy B. Clark wrote about contract postal work in Maine from 1828 to 1833. She reported on documenting postmaster appointments from old records. One such record was a printed notice from U.S. Postmaster General John McLean to Augustine Blake of Monmouth requesting the number of horses, drivers and carriages used to transport mail on each of his post office's routes.

An antiquarian photograph of the post office at Beachwood in the early 1900s was featured in "Post Offices of Maine." Beachwood was a summer post office in Kennebunkport in that era.

Also, there was information about the Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collectors Club stamp show coming in March.

## Question & Answer



By **Jim Husson**

*Got a question about Maine philately (or collecting in general)? Know the answer to a previously asked question? We want to know!*

*Send your input today to:  
jimhusson65@gmail.com*

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Today's question is a bit more complex, and in three parts.

- 1) Who flew the first airmail in Maine?
- 2) Where did he or she start and finish?
- 3) What was the date?

If you know the answer, please let me know. We'll share the answers in the April issue of *The Maine Philatelist*.



# Secretary's Report

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Since the October Secretary's Report, the inevitable has happened, two members died. The not quite so inevitable also happened, and two new members joined, leaving us with the same 127 total. Renewals have been trickling in. By the time you read this, renewal notices will have gone out to all who had not renewed. We assume that anybody who doesn't respond to either the notice in TMP or a direct notice from the secretary no longer wishes to be a member. The hope had been that our excellent newsletter would entice them to join, but it's just not everybody's cup of tea. Undoubtedly the membership number to be reported in April will be lower than what we have now.

That said, a good number of those who have renewed have done so at the Benefactor and Champion levels, and we are most grateful for that. Clearly some members think the society is doing something right, and is worthy of support.

Sales of *The Post Offices of Maine 2022* have been pretty good, with each sale netting the society a royalty. Notice of the book's publication has appeared in several philatelic publications, and will be appearing in several more. It is anticipated that more sales will come, and with them, additional support for the society. As always, the Secretary welcomes comments!

## THE CLASSIFIEDS

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WANTED: New England numbered stations, sub-stations, C. O. D. stations, other stations and branches, postal forms, documents, any time period. Kelvin Kindahl, 267 Locust St. # 2E, Florence, MA 01062-2059. Email: Kelvin01027@gmail.com. (4-23)

WANTED: U.S. precancels, buy or trade. Elmer L. Harmon, 83 Milwaukee Road, Dennysville, ME 04628; email: Elmerlookharmon@icloud.com. (4-23)

WANTED: I am a collector of county and postmaster named postmarks. I have found none from Maine. Do you have any? Elliott Idoff, 555 North Ave., Apt. 141, Fort Lee, NJ 07024-2415 (4-23)

WANTED: Lubec postal history. Particularly interested in South Lubec postal markings. Please email John Schorn, jschorn@gmail.com (4-23)

WANTED: I am writing a postal history for Hampden, Maine. I am interested in buying or obtaining scans for the following: Hampden, Hampden Corner, Hampden Highlands, North Hampden, South Hampden, West Hampden, East Hampden, East Hampden Branch Bangor, Hampden Postal

Distribution Center, Hampden Centre, Hampden Center and Nealey's Corner. Contact Jim Husson at jinhusson65@gmail.com (4-23)

WANTED: Postal history from Isle au Haut, Lookout, and Stonington, Maine. Will buy, but if not for sale, a scan or photocopy would be appreciated. Peter Martin, P.O. Box 6074, Fredericksburg, VA 22403; e-mail: pmartin2525@yahoo.com (4-23)

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE: For sale, 50 quality worldwide stamps for SASE. Elmer L. Harmon, 83 Milwaukee Road, Dennysville, ME 04628; email: Elmerlookharmon@icloud.com. (4-23)

FOR SALE: Vatican City sets and FDC's, Australian, French and British Antarctica, all MNH-VF sets. Prices you can't refuse! What do you need? Joseph LoPreiato: enotrialp@gmail.com (4-23)

FOR SALE: Tons (well, it looks like tons ...) of U.S. and foreign mixture accumulated over the years, on and off paper. Also about 400 pounds of current U.S. mix on paper (no commems) but unsorted. Also some with commems. Contact me if interested in any -- I need the room! Everett Parker, email: everettparker1245@gmail.com (4-23)

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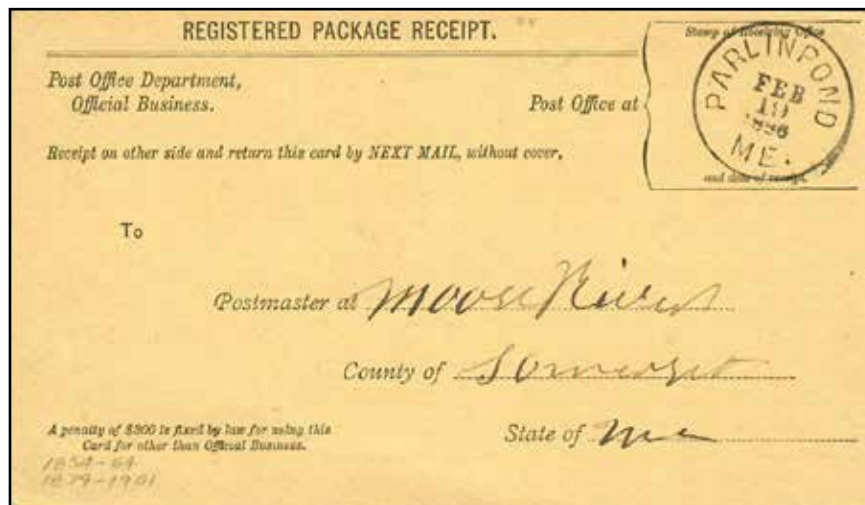
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# Maine Cover of the Quarter

*A postal history  
feature by  
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The above Registered Package Receipt has a rare February 19, 1886 Parlin Pond cancel. *The Post Offices of Maine – 2022* gives the cancel a scarcity rating of 8. In 1901, the Parlin Pond Post Office was changed to Lake Parlin. Lake Parlin's post office was discontinued in 1905.

*(If you have an unusual, interesting or scarce Maine cover candidate for Maine Cover of the Quarter, please send a clear photocopy against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976 or email: stamps@beeline-online.net).*

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## **ADDENDA and ERRATA: *The Post Offices of Maine***

**By Kelvin Kindahl**

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This will be an irregular, but continuing, column, reporting on any addenda and errata to the new *The Post Offices of Maine* book. It is expected the column will generally be short, mostly reports of post offices closing, which will inevitably happen. To start off, however, we have three S/R 10s having been reported, an unexpected scarcity rating change, and a typo correction.

As noted on page 11, if something was found from an S/R 10, it would instantly become an S/R 9. Three former 10s in Washington County have been found. Also noted, if a large group of items from a scarce town is found, that can bring the rating down. A group of Registered Package Receipts has been found with enough items to downgrade a scarcity rating from 8 to 7.

- **Baileyville** (1), fifth time period (opened December 13, 1899), closing date should be November 30, 1903, not December 30, 1899.
- **Dewey** is now known, S/R changed from 10 to 9.
- **Northfield**, second time period (June 7, 1855 - April 28, 1863) is now known, S/R changed from 10 to 9.
- **Oaks** S/R changed from 8 to 7.
- **Plantation No. 14**, first time period (March 21, 1856 - August 10, 1897) is now known, S/R changed from 10 to 9.

These all demonstrate the importance of all collectors reporting their discoveries and reporting any errors, apparent errors, or questions they may have.

**PLEASE report any updates to [Postalhistorymaine@gmail.com](mailto:Postalhistorymaine@gmail.com).**

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