

# New Limerick Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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The town was settled in 1775 and incorporated on March 18, 1837, from New Limerick Plantation, part of Washington County.

During the history of the town of New Limerick, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

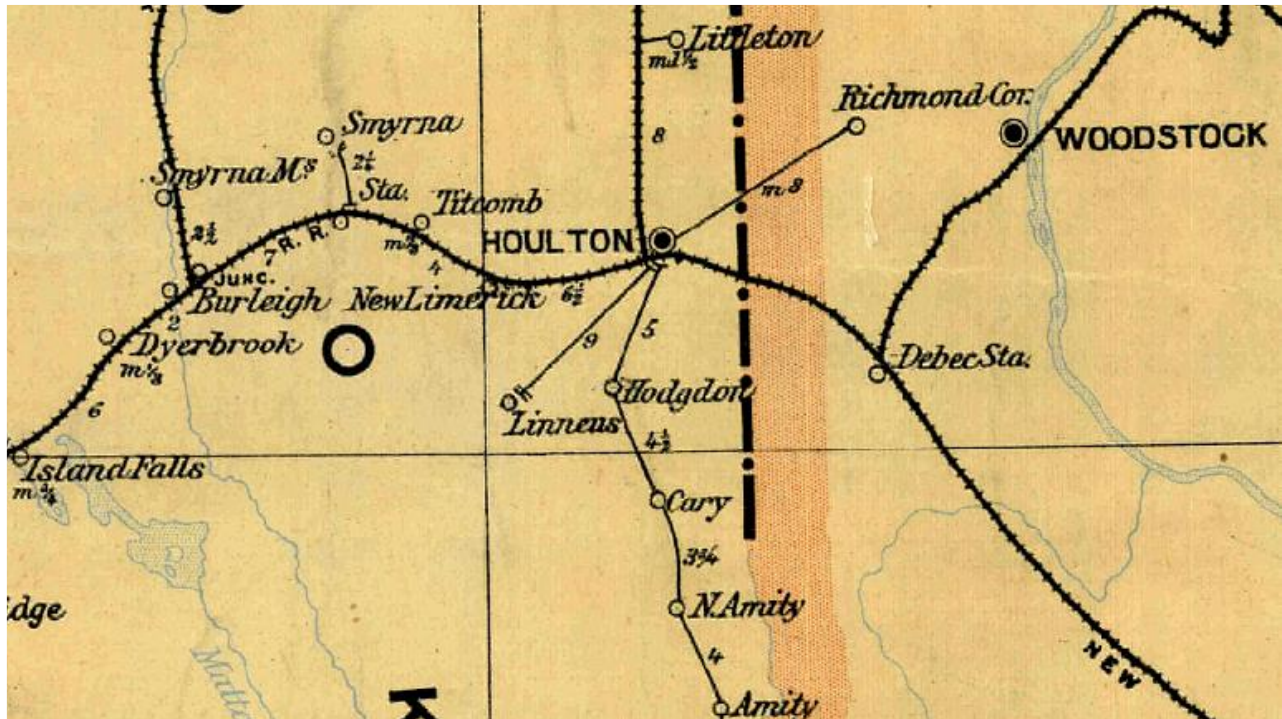
1. The [New Limerick](#) Post Office opened as a special office on 23 March 1837 and closed on 18 February 1839 as part of Washington County. (Refer to Washington County)(1 May 1839 County changed to Aroostook County)

New Limerick Post Office reopened as a special office on 28 January 1841. It closed on 17 February 1842, reopened on 19 January 1858, closed on 7 September 1865, reopened on 28 January 1868, closed on 4 January 1878, reopened on 7 January 1879, and closed on 26 October 1986, when it became New Limerick CPO Houlton.

2. [New Limerick CPO Houlton](#) Post Office opened on 26 October 1986 and closed on 31 March 2024.

3. [Titcomb](#) Post Office opened on 6 April 1883 and closed on 28 February 1902.

In 1896, there were two post offices in New Limerick: New Limerick and Titcomb.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1896.

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## New Limerick

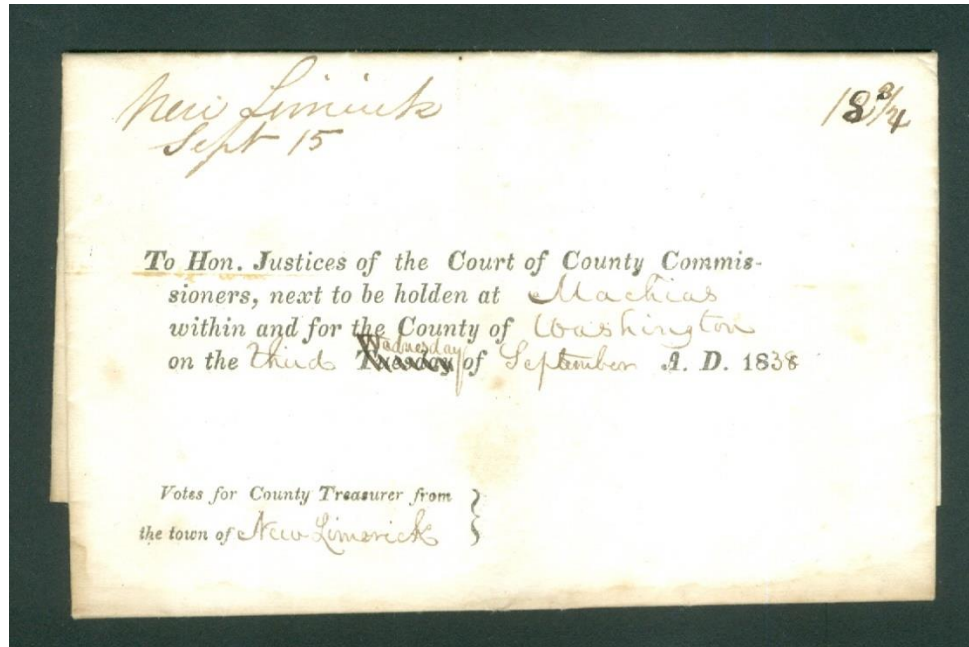
23 March 1837:

New Limerick Post Office opened as a special office and part of Washington County.

23 March 1837:

John Felch became the Postmaster for New Limerick Post Office.

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15 September 1838:  
Manuscript postmark.

12 December 1838:

Jonathan Hayes became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

18 February 1839:

New Limerick post office is closed.

28 January 1841:

New Limerick post office re-opened.

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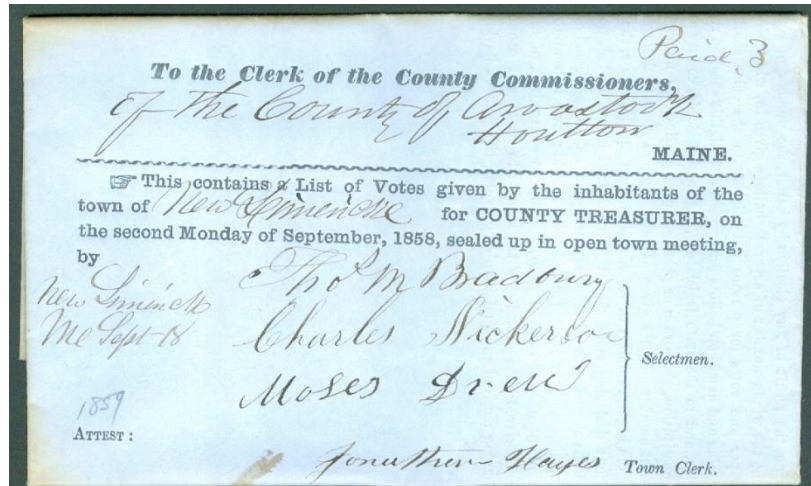
John Felch became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

17 February 1842:

New Limerick post office closed.

19 January 1858:

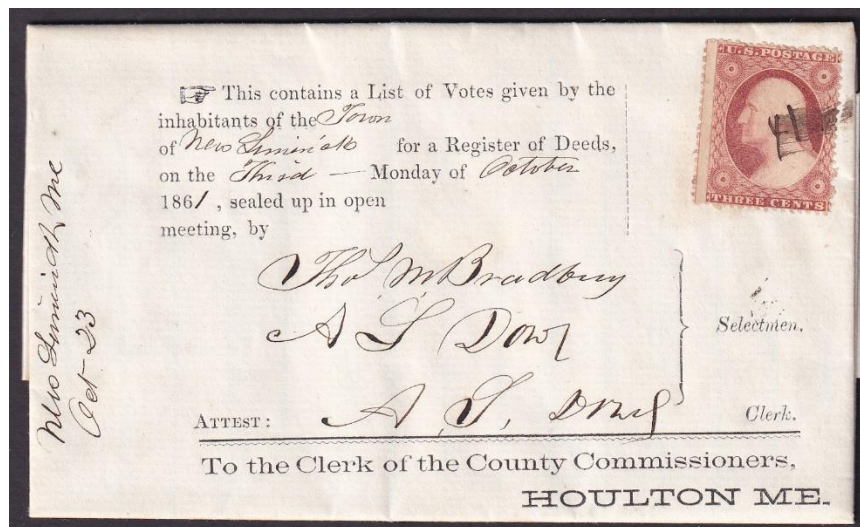
New Limerick post office re-opened



18 September 1858:  
Manuscript postmark.

19 January 1858:

Thomas M. Bradbury became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.



23 October 1861:  
Manuscript postmark.

8 June 1864:

James Meserve became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

7 September 1865:

New Limerick post office closed.

28 January 1868:

New Limerick post office re-opened.



28 January 1868:

John Bell, Jr. became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

18 January 1870: 22 May 1876

Absalom S. Dow became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

22 May 1876:

Frederick W. Stimson became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

4 January 1878:

New Limerick post office closed.

7 January 1878:

New Limerick post office re-opened.

7 January 1878:

Willis J. Shaw became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

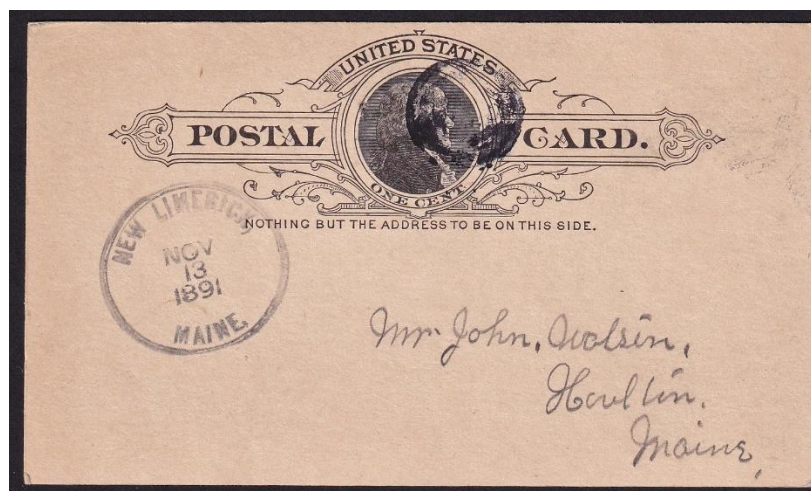


10 May 1880:

This octagon-shaped postmark is 28 mm across with a cork-smudged killer.



13 April 1894:  
The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter.



13 November 1891:  
The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a target killer.



5 July 1899:

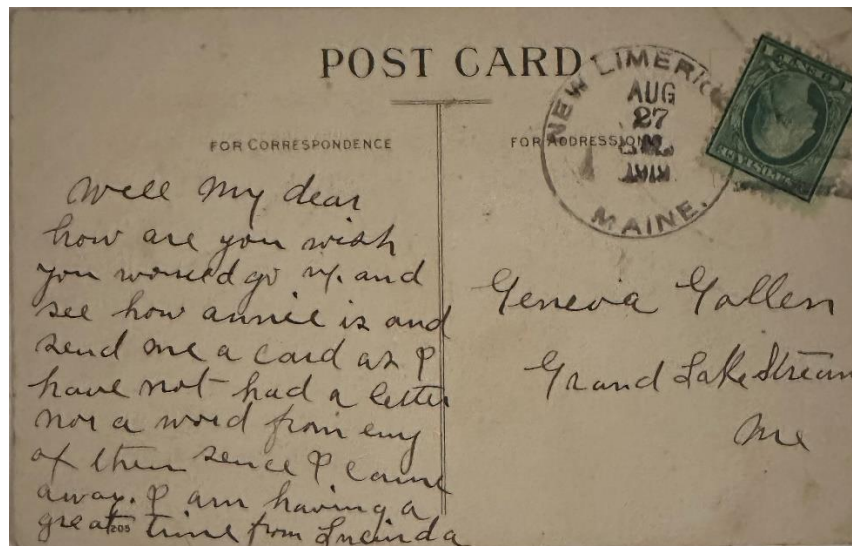
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

6 July 1905:

Ellsworth Longee became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

8 January 1914:

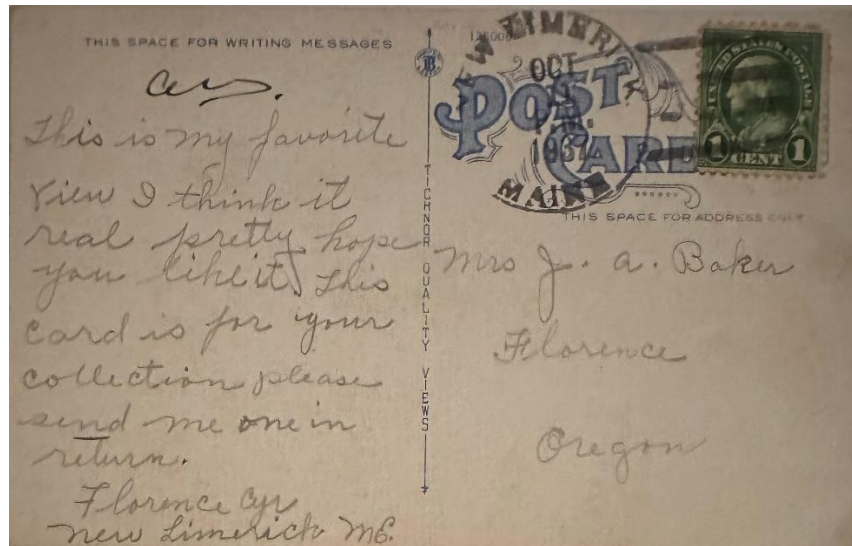
George A. Hoar became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.



27 August 1919:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) duplex killer



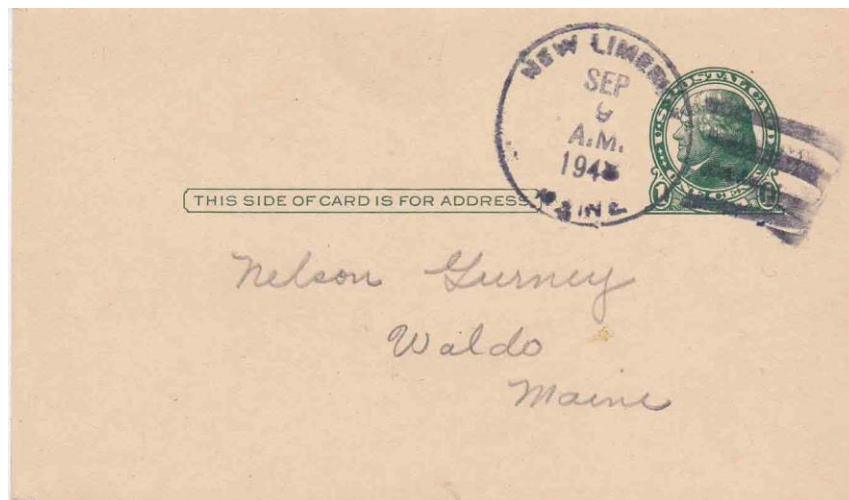


11 October 1937:

The circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) duplex killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 9 August 193 are known.

12 May 1947:

Ora P. Mooers became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.



9 September 1948:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) duplex killer.

17 September 1951:

Paul E. Cunliffe became the Acting Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

4 October 1951:

Paul E. Cunliffe became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

23 April 1953:

George A. Seward became the Acting Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.



7 May 1953:

George A. Seward became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

15 July 1977:

Hoep S. Anderson became the Officer-In-Charge for the New Limerick Post Office.

28 January 1978:

George S. Smith became the Postmaster for the New Limerick Post Office.

25 February 1986:

Kimberly A. Wright became the Officer-In-Charge for the New Limerick Post Office.

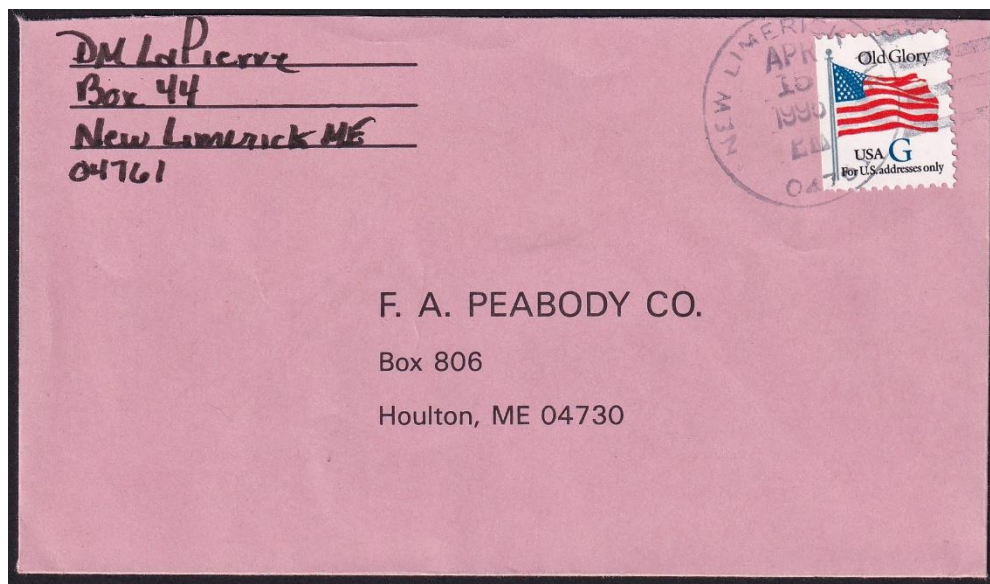
1986 October 24:

Emergency closure of New Limerick post office per order from postal service employee Donald C. Thompson.

### **New Limerick CPO Houlton**

25 October 1986:

New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office re-opened in the same location and was administered by the Postmaster of the Houlton Post Office, located at Carton's Store on Drews Lake Rd.



15 April 1995:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/2) killer



6 October 1999:  
The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a (F/2b) killer.



August 1997  
New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office. Photo Credit K. Kindahl

6 November 1999:  
New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office closed.

2000:  
New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office re-opened.

26 January 2024:

New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office was still operating at 1132 County Rd. New Limerick ME 04761. GPS N 46°07'32" x W 67°57'04"



2020:

New Limerick Post Office was located at Cameron's Market. Photo Credit J. Husson



2020:

Inside picture of the New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office at Cameron's Store. Photo Credit J. Husson.

31 March 2024:

New Limerick CPO Houlton Post Office closed.

## Titcomb Post Office

06 April 1883:

Titcomb Post Office opened.

6 April 1883:

William H. Smith became the Postmaster for the Titcomb Post Office.

16 June 1884:

John E. Webb became the Postmaster for the Titcomb Post Office.

29 September 1886

Alice G. Hunter became the Postmaster for the Titcomb Post Office.

30 January 1902 discontinued effective 28 February 1902:

The Titcomb Post Office closed. Service from Houlton.

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[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/19/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/19/)



Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found at Research Resources on Maine Postal History: <http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources.pdf>

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