

Alder Stream Township Postal History

Franklin County, Maine

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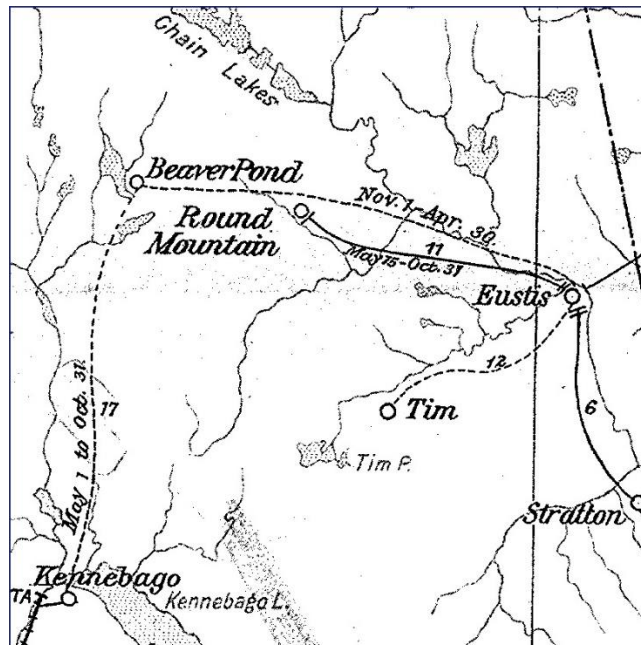
Also known as Township 2 Range 5 WBKP (West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase), this township is mostly Penobscot Indian Territory, distributed as part of the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement. The population, as recorded by the U. S. Census, went from eight in 1910 to a peak of 265 in 1920, then down to three in 1930.

Briefly, there were two post offices in Alder Stream Township:

1. [Alder](#) Post Office opened on 17 May 1899 and closed on 30 November 1901.
2. [Round Mountain](#) Post Office opened on 27 July 1905 and closed on 10 December 1942.
This was a summer office only.

In 1914, there was one post office in Alder Stream Township: Round Mountain.
source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914.

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/PostRouteMaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf>



Alder

17 May 1899:

The Alder Post Office opened.

17 May 1899:

John Mills became the Postmaster of the Alder Post Office.

30 November 1901:

The Alder Post Office closed.

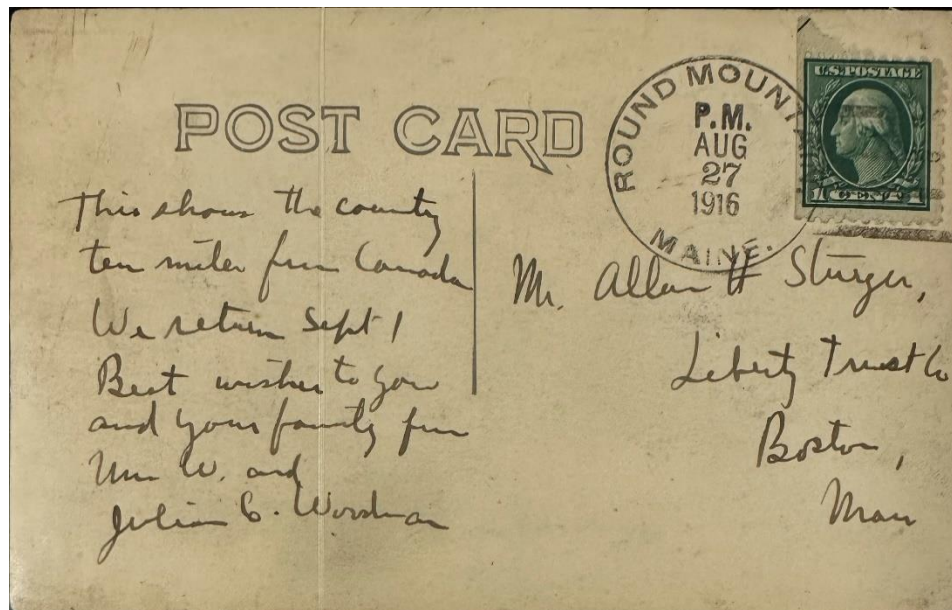
Round Mountain

27 July 1905:

Round Mountain Post Office opened as a summer office.

27 July 1905:

Dion O. Blackwell became the Postmaster of the Round Mountain Post Office.



27 August 1916:

The circular postmark has a four-bar killer.

10 December 1942:

Round Mountain Post Office closed effective 30 December 1942 with service from Eustis.

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U. S. Geological Survey Chain Lakes map 1932 shows location of hamlet of Round Mountain:

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U. S. Geological Survey Kennebago Lake map 1932 shows location of Alder Stream Farm:

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Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found

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