

# Coplin Postal History

## Franklin County, Maine

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“Coplin Plantation, also known as Copelin Plantation, is a Maine plantation in the forests of Franklin County. It was first organized from Township 1 R3 WBKP as part of [Bloomfield Plantation](#) in 1841. Bloomfield Plantation became part of [Jackson Plantation](#) in 1845. Coplin Plantation was set off from Jackson Plantation in 1866.” – from the Coplin Plantation website, <https://www.coplinplantation.maine.gov/>

Briefly, there was one post office in Coplin:

1. [Coplin](#) Post Office opened on 25 October 1893 and closed on 15 November 1905:



As depicted in this detail from the Post Route Map of Maine 1903, the Coplin Post Office was in operation, connected to the rest of the world via a ten-mile road to a point on the Phillips and Rangeley Railroad. Source: Detail from the Post Route Map of the State of Maine, digital copy published courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.

<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:cj82km77v>

## **Coplin**

25 October 1893:

Coplin Post Office opened.

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Mary J. Green became the Postmaster of the Coplin Post Office, but she declined.

13 December 1893:

Benjamin G. Luce became the Postmaster of the Coplin Post Office.

27 July 1897:

Mary J. Green became the Postmaster of the Coplin Post Office.

6 January 1905:

Atwood C. Vaughan became the Postmaster of the Coplin Post Office; however, this was rescinded on 24 May 1905.

17 October 1905:

The Coplin Post Office closed effective 15 November 1905 with service from Rangeley

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### **Sources, Postal History**

Maine Postal History Gateway at Maine Philatelic Society:

<https://www.mainephilatelic.org/mph>

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society:

<https://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/TPOOM>

<https://www.mainephilatelic.org/mph>

National Archives Catalog: Postmaster Appointments for Franklin County, Maine

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/78746541>

National Archives Catalog: Reports of Site Location, Franklin County, Maine

Link to image of application to open post office at Coburn Gore

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/68415820?objectPage=67> (and one following page)

The Digitised U. S. Postal Bulletins and PL&Rs 1880—2013

<http://www.uspostalbulletins.com/>

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

#### **Sources, Coplin Plantation History**

“Coplin Plantation,” article in Maine: An Encyclopedia

<https://maineanencyclopedia.com/coplin-plantation>

Coplin Plantation website:

<https://www.coplinplantation.maine.gov/>