

Davis Township Postal History

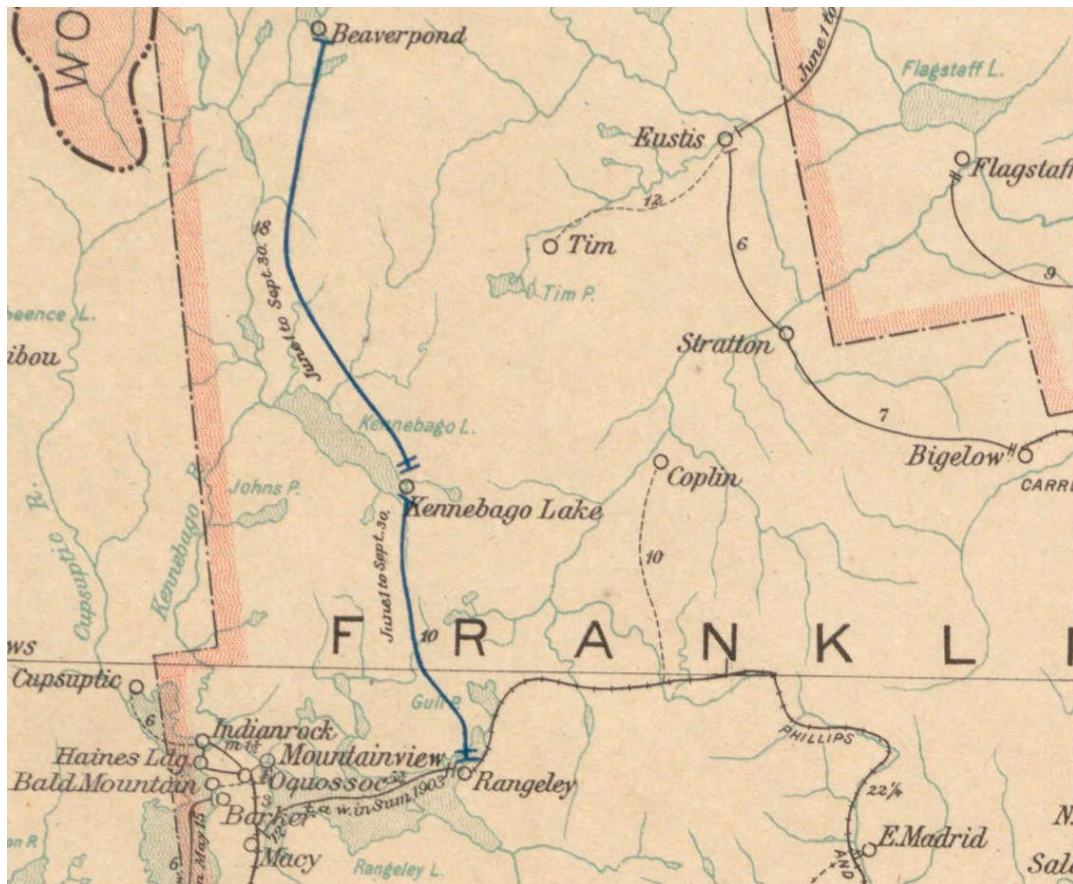
Franklin County, Maine

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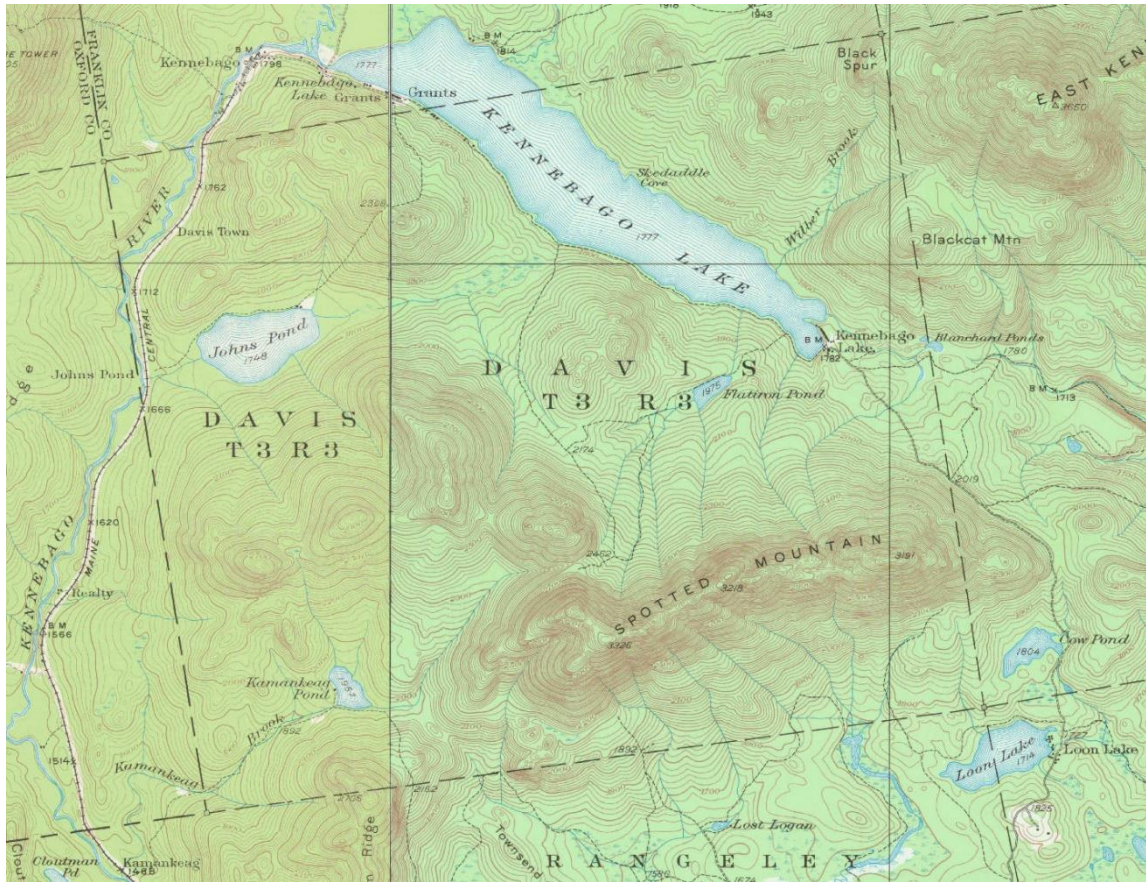
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Briefly, there was one post office in Davis Township.

1. [Kennebago Lake](#) Post Office opened on 8 May 1879 and closed on 31 March 1954.



This detail from the Post Route Map of Maine 1903 shows the location of the Kennebago Lake Post Office, at the eastern end of the lake. It was served by a route ten miles long from Rangeley, from June 1 to September 30. Reproduction of map courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.
<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:cj82km77v>



This composite of topographic maps from the 1930s shows the setting of the Kennebago Lake Post Office in Davis Township. Note that there was another post office, called Grants, located at Grant's Camps at the other end of the lake, in the neighboring Stetsontown Township. That end of the lake was served by a branch of the Maine Central Railroad for some time. (See the [Maine Postal History page for Stetsontown Township](#) for more information.)

Kennebago

Please note that there was also a post office called just *Kennebago*, at the northwestern end of the lake, in Stetsontown Township. That post office had the name of Kennebago only briefly, around 1913-1915. That post office was renamed Grants in 1915. See the [postal history page](#) on Stetsontown Township for more information on that office.

Kennebago Lake

8 May 1879:

Kennebago Lake Post Office opened.

8 May 1879:

Edward Grant became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

18 May 1892:

George A. Royal became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

5 June 1895:

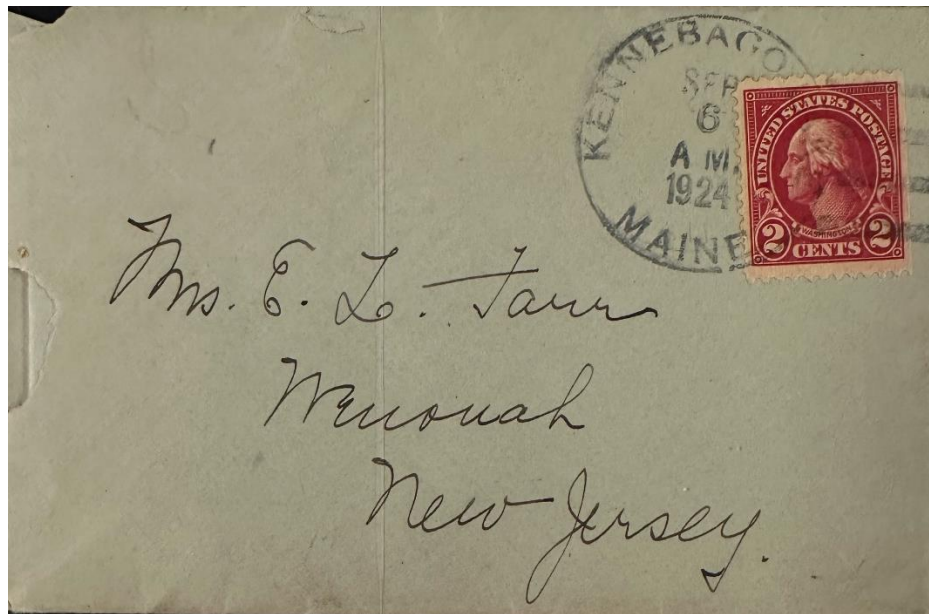
Addie S. Richardson became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.



Advertisement for York's Camps, from the *Maine Woods*, April 21, 1905. The Kennebago Lake post office was there to service the postal needs of the guests.

9 April 1908:

William E. Tibbetts became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.



6 September 1924:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar C/1 killer.

2 September 1927:

Frank M. Toothaker became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

21 April 1928:

Hayden B. Tibbetts became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

22 July 1935:

Ray L. Lisherness became the Acting Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

1 October 1935:

Ray L. Lisherness became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

6 June 1936:

J. Lewis York became the Acting Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

1 January 1937:

J. Lewis York became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

23 December 1942:

Gerald York became the Acting Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

1 July 1943:

J. Lewis York became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

Form 6001
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT No. 2401
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
DIVISION OF MONEY ORDERS Stamp of Issuing Office

FEE 18

The Postmaster will insert

here the office drawn on, when the office named by the remitter does not transact money order business

Spaces above this line are for the Postmaster's record, to be filled in by him

Application for Domestic Money Order

Spaces below to be filled in by purchaser, or, if necessary, by another person for him

Amount—
USE FIGURES, DO NOT SPELL 45 Dollars = Cents

To be paid to Mrs L.R. Winslip
(Name of person or firm for whom order is intended)

Whose address is 91 Sheridan Street
City and State Portland Me

Sent by Anna Hooper
(Name of sender)
City and State Kennebago Lake Maine

PURCHASER MUST SEND ORDER AND COUPON TO PAYEE
(FOR FEES SEE OTHER SIDE) c16-8391-2

7 June 1947:

The double-ringed circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with no killer.

26 May 1951:

Mrs. Ruth V. Russell became the Acting Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

30 June 1952:

Mrs. Ruth V. Russell became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Lake Post Office.

2 March 1954:

Kennebago Lake Post Office closed effective 31 March 1954 with service from Rangeley.

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