

Eustis Postal History

Franklin County, Maine

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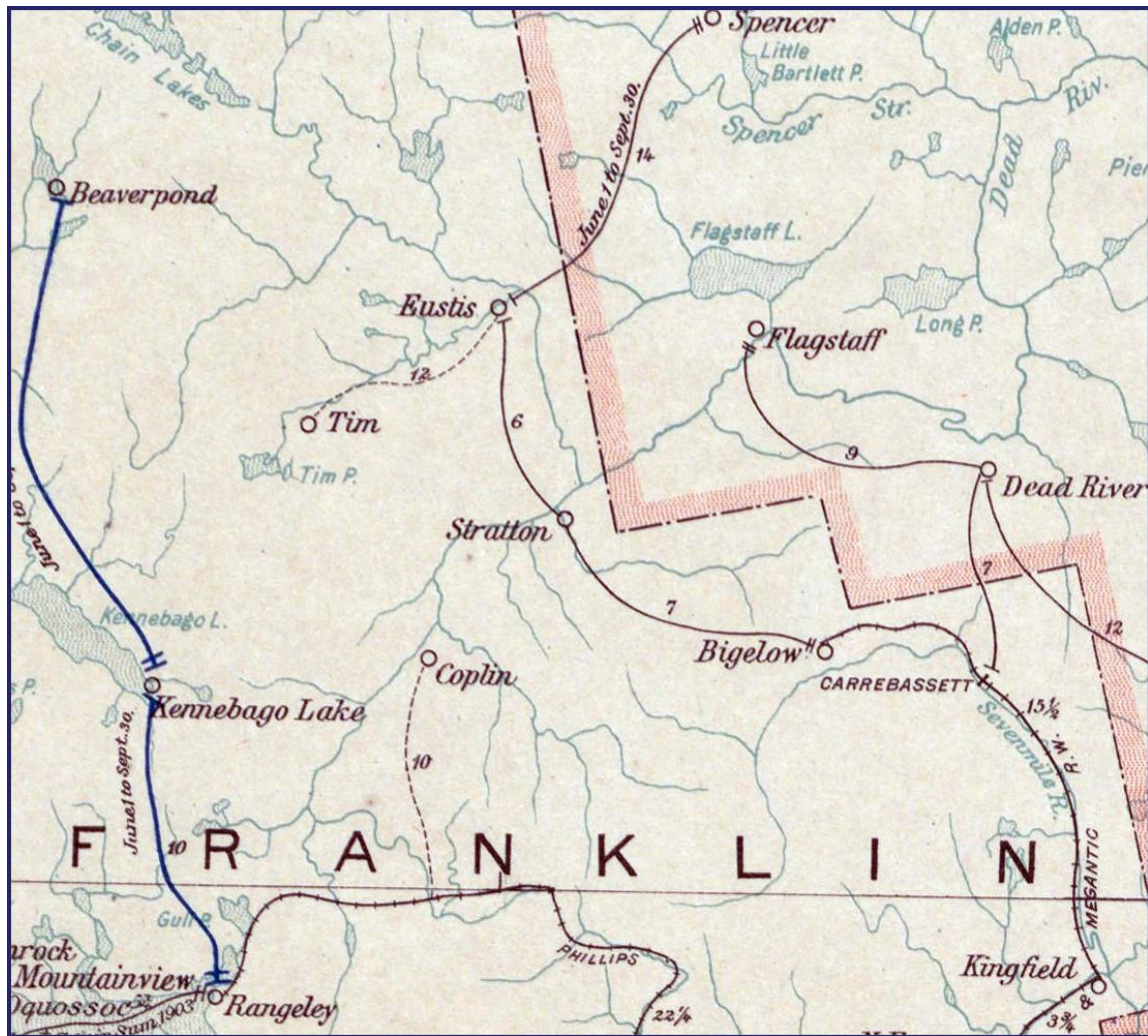
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Eustis, one of the more remote of the organized towns in Franklin County, was initially known as T 1 R 4 WBKP (Township Number 1 Range 4, West of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase). It was first settled in 1831 and named Hanover Plantation before merging with Jackson Plantation. The town was officially named Eustis in 1857 and incorporated in 1871.

Briefly, there were six post offices in Eustis:

1. [Eustis](#) Post Office opened on 15 July 1869 and remains operational.
2. [Jackson Plantation](#) Post Office opened on 20 August 1852 and closed on 21 September 1852. The name was changed to Nashville Post Office.
3. [Jacksonville \(1\)](#) Post Office (formerly Nashville Post Office) opened on 19 February 1855 and closed on 8 October 1858.
4. [Nashville](#) Post Office (formerly Jackson Plantation) opened on 21 September 1852 and closed on 7 June 1854.
5. [Nashville](#) Post Office reopened on 2 October 1854 and closed on 19 February 1855. The name was changed to [Jacksonville \(1\)](#) Post Office.
6. [Stratton](#) Post Office opened on 29 June 1880 and remains operational.

Note that this town contains three examples of confusing duplication of place names in the State of Maine. There is also a Town of Jackson in Waldo County, a neighborhood called Jacksonville in Washington County, and a Nashville Plantation in Aroostook County.



In 1903 there were two post offices in operation in the Town of Eustis. At that time there was no road, and no connection to Coburn Gore and the Canadian border. Note that Bigelow, below Stratton on the post route, is now the locale of Sugarloaf USA.

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1903. Detail from map reproduction courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.

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



By 1941, there were still two post offices in the Town of Eustis, but a highway now known as Route 27 had been constructed to the Canadian border at Coburn Gore.

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1941

<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/5jvo2h>

Detail from map courtesy of David Rumsey Map Collection, David Rumsey Map Center, Stanford University Libraries.



This composite from the U. S. Geological Survey maps from 1932 (west portion) and 1928 (east portion) shows the settlement pattern in the town. Flagstaff Lake, which was flooded in the 1940s to create a reservoir for power generation, is just off the town line to the east. As a result, the North Branch of the Dead River, running south from Eustis village, sometimes looks more like a lake today. For links to the maps, see the Sources listing at the end of this document.

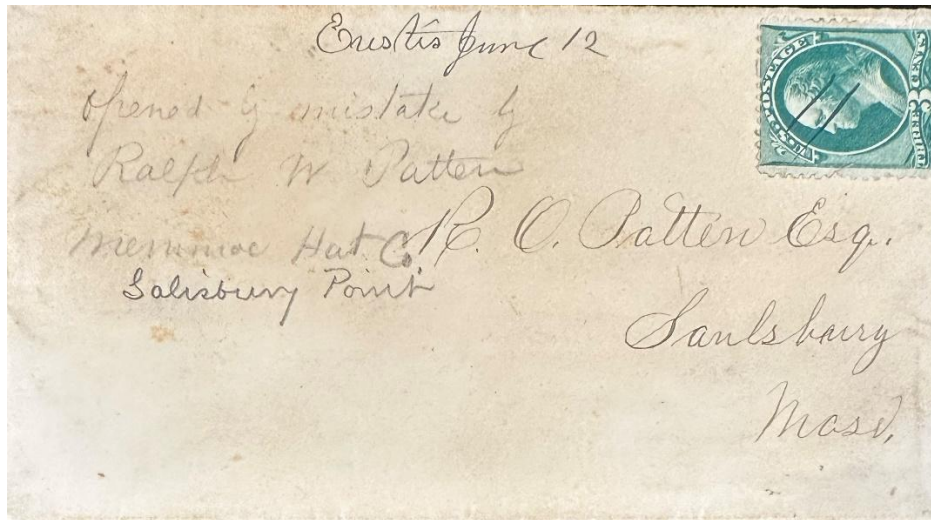
Eustis

15 July 1869:

Eustis Post Office opened.

15 July 1869:

Albee Parsons became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.



12 June circa 1875:
Manuscript postmark and killer.

14 August 1876:

William Sylvester became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

20 December 1886:

Lucy Lockyer became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

21 July 1893:

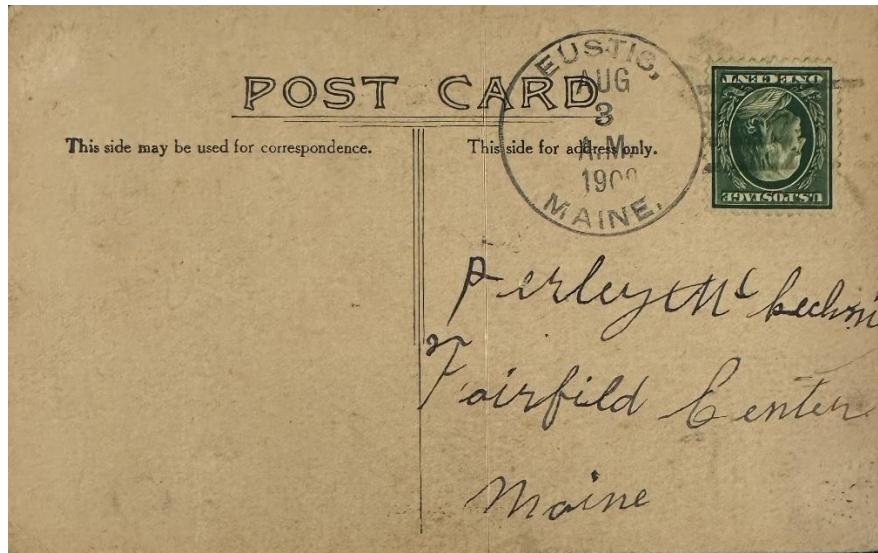
Fuller A. Putnam became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

13 June 1899:

Myles H. Wyman became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

19 March 1907:

Elsie A. Wyman became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.



The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar A/2 killer.

22 June 1910:

Edith B. Taylor became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

1 October 1917:

Floyd D. Stubbs became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

13 July 1921:

Clyde M. Jacobs became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

31 January 1923:

Ruth H. Jacobs became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

5 November 1923:

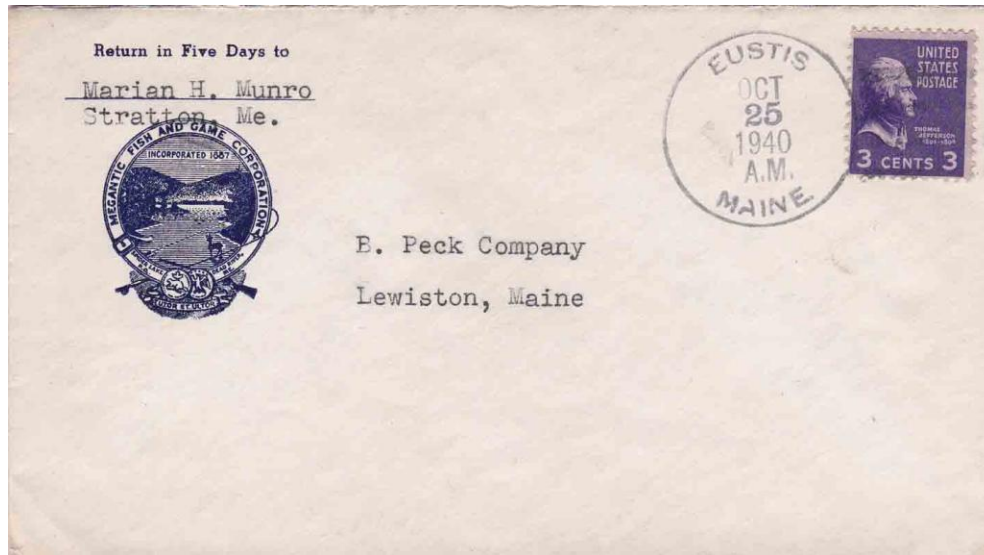
Mary L. Guild became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

2 December 1926:

Willis M. Sylvester became the Acting Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

14 May 1927:

Willis M. Sylvester became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.



25 October 1940:

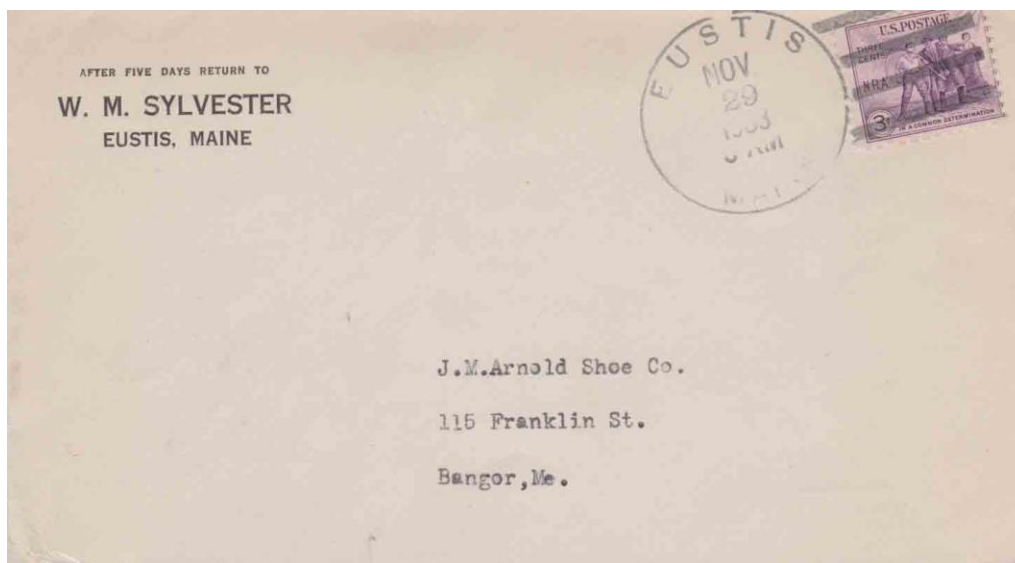
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/1 killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 7 March 1949 and 23 September 1947 are known.

17 October 1949:

Lloyd F. Mac Donald became the Acting Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

15 November 1950:

Floyd F. Mac Donald became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.



29 November 1953:

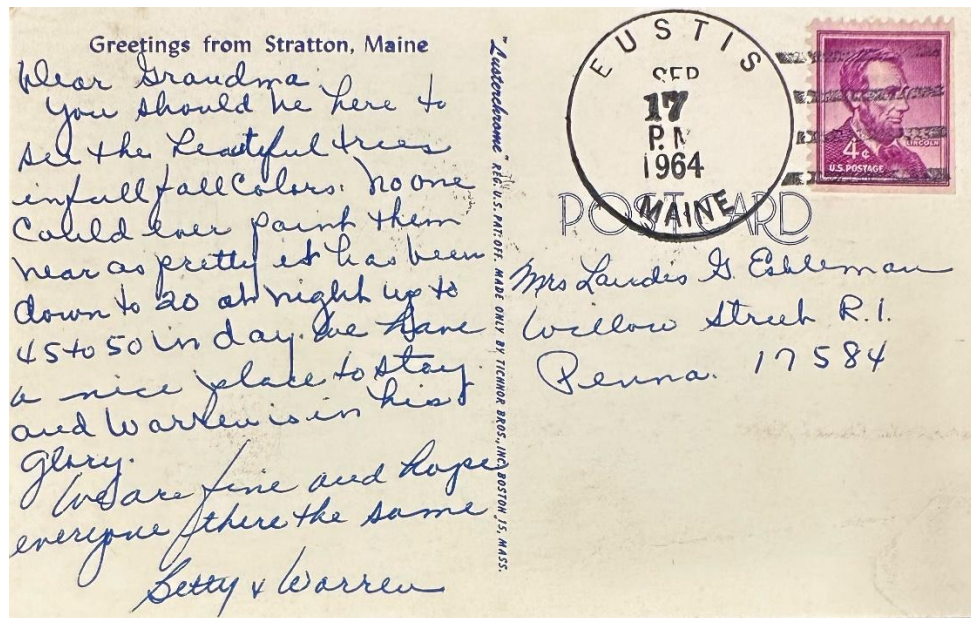
The circular postmark with wide spacing EUSTIS and year above the hour is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/1 killer.

13 September 1963:

Mrs. Beatrice L. Mac Donald became the Acting Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

1 February 1965:

Mrs. Beatrice L. Mac Donald became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.



17 September 1964:

The circular postmark with a wide-spaced EUSTIS, and the hour over the year is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/1 killer.

18 December 1986:

Marie-Luise F. Mac Donald became the Officer-In-Charge of the Eustis Post Office.

12 September 1987:

Marie-Luise F. Mac Donald became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

28 September 2006:

Letitia B. Williams became the Officer-In-Charge of the Eustis Post Office.

17 February 2007:

Letitia B. Williams became the Postmaster of the Eustis Post Office.

7 November 2012:

Bruce Townsend became the Officer-In-Charge of the Eustis Post Office.

10 June 2013:

Letitia Williams became the Officer-In-Charge of the Eustis Post Office.

15 June 2013:

Eustis Post Office became a remotely managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



11 September 2020:
Eustis Post Office.

1 November 2024:

Eustis Post Office is at 1050 The Arnold Trail; Eustis, Maine 04936. GPS 45°11'48" N 70°27'45" W.

Jackson Plantation

20 August 1852:

Jackson Plantation Post Office opened.

20 August 1852:

Jeremiah Stevens became the Postmaster of the Jackson Plantation Post Office.

21 September 1852:

Jackson Plantation Post Office is closed. The name was changed to Nashville Post Office.

Nashville

(order of post office is chronological instead of alphabetical for the following two post offices for simplicity)

21 September 1852:

Nashville Post Office (formerly Jackson Plantation) opened.

20 August 1852:

Jeremiah Stevens became the Postmaster of the Jackson Plantation Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the Jackson Plantation Post Office name was changed to Nashville Post Office.

7 June 1854:

Nashville Post Office closed.

2 October 1854:

Nashville Post Office reopened.

2 October 1854:

B. B. Mace became the Postmaster of the Nashville Post Office.

3 January 1855:

Ephraim H. Heald became the Postmaster of the Nashville Post Office.

19 February 1855:

Nashville Post Office closed, and the name was changed to Jacksonville Post Office.

Jacksonville (1) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Jacksonville at different times and locations. The (1) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

19 February 1855:

Jacksonville (1) Post Office (formerly Nashville Post Office) opened.

3 January 1855:

Ephraim H. Heald became the Postmaster of the Nashville Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the Nashville Post Office changed its name to Jacksonville (1) Post Office.

8 October 1858:

Jacksonville Post Office closed.

Stratton

29 June 1880:

Stratton Post Office opened.

29 June 1880:

Charles Green became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



15 December 1887

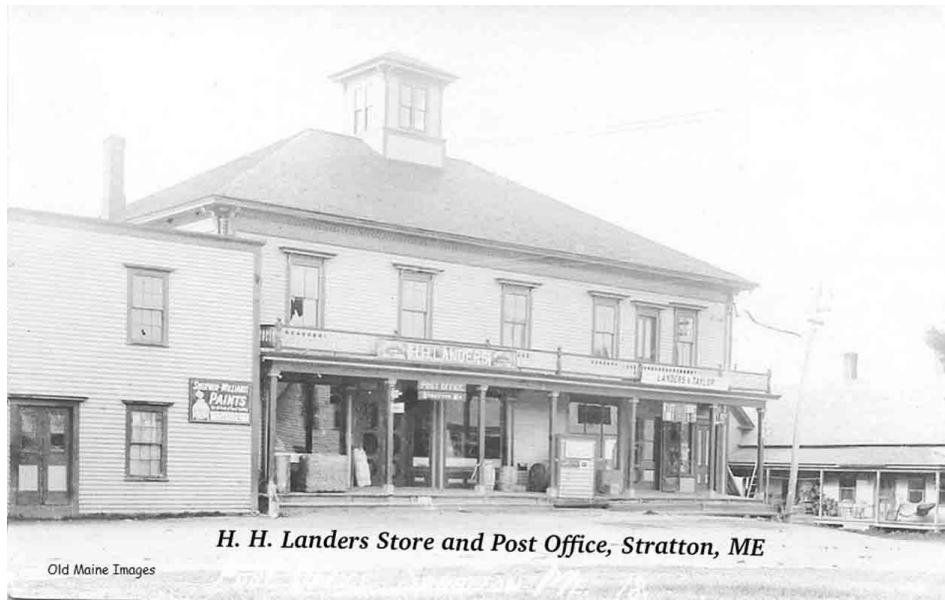
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

27 March 1895:

Royal W. Blanchard became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

4 October 1897:

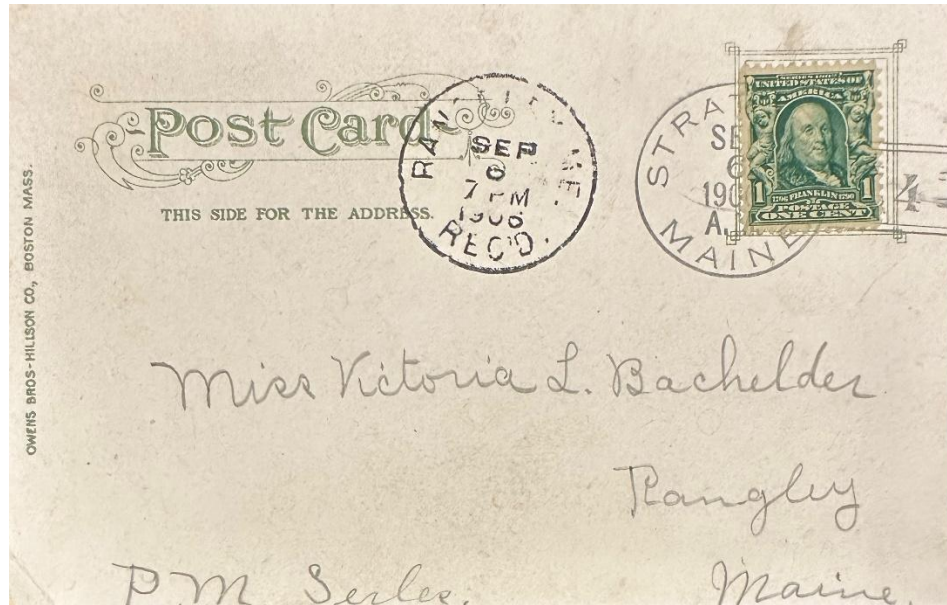
Herbert H. Landers became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



H. H. Landers Store and Post Office, Stratton, ME

Old Maine Images

Circa 1900:
Post Office Stratton, Maine.



6 September 1906:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/4 killer.

27 August 1914:

Ray L. Lisherness became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

5 June 1924:

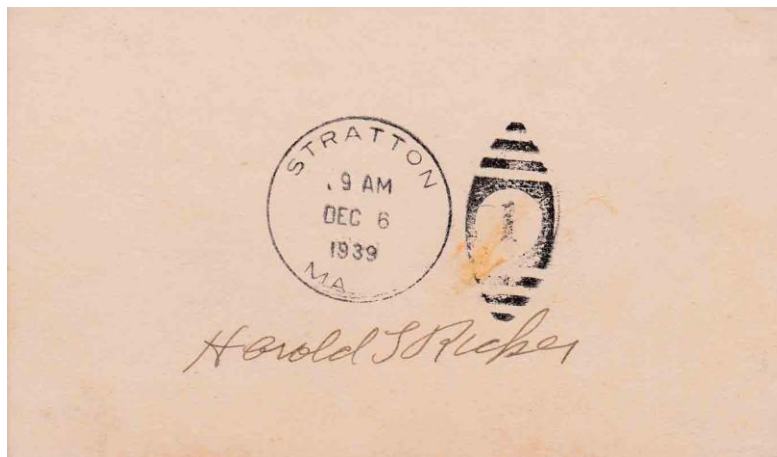
John W. Knapp became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

1 May 1936:

Harold T. Ricker became the Acting Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

18 May 1936:

Harold T. Ricker became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



6 December 1939:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a six-bar duplex/1 killer and Postmaster signature. Similar postmarks and killers dated 29 June 1949 and 6 February 1950 are known.

31 January 1960:

Dwight E. Lander became the Acting Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

2 September 1961:

Mrs. Florence F. Ricker became the Acting Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

25 April 1963:

Edward E. Scribner became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

4 April 1977:

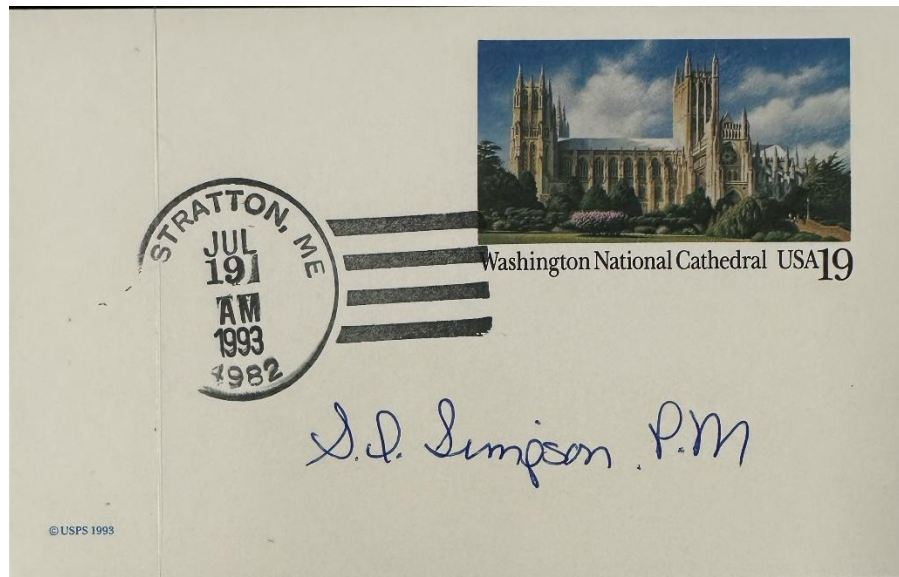
Mrs. Sherralyn D. Simpson became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

3 August 1977:

Beulah E. Berube became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

28 January 1978:

Mrs. Sherralyn D. Simpson became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



19 July 1993:

The circular postmark is 34.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/2a killer and Postmaster signature.

31 May 2002:

Theresa Bruce became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

10 August 2002:

Crystal A. Carignan became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

24 July 2003:

Letitia B. Williams became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

9 January 2004:

Sharon W. Luce became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

7 February 2004:

Margaret R. Bruno became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

26 June 2006:

Margaret R. Bruno's name was changed to Margaret B. Cosenza by marriage.

26 May 2009:

Letitia B. Williams became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

11 February 2010:

Sarah M. Roy became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

22 August 2011:

Bruce Townsend became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

6 October 2012:

Letitia B. Williams became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.

28 November 2023:

Mary Boothby became the Officer-In-Charge of the Stratton Post Office.

23 January 2024:

Letitia Williams became the Postmaster of the Stratton Post Office.



11 September 2020:
Stratton Maine Post Office.

1 November 2024:

Stratton Post Office is still operational at 96 Main Street, Stratton, Maine 04982. GPS
45°08'23" N 70°26'17" W

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Link to image of application to open post office at Stratton

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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>

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East portion of town: U. S. Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangle Map, Stratton, Maine, 1928.

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