

# Portland Postal History

## Cumberland County, Maine

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First named Casco, the area was organized as the Town of Falmouth, under control of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1658. Abandoned in 1689 in the midst of war, it was resettled, and then re-incorporated in 1718. The section known as Falmouth Neck – now informally called “The Peninsula” -- separated and became the Town of Portland in 1786, and ultimately the City of Portland in 1833.

The bounds of the City grew dramatically in 1899 when Portland annexed the entire City of Deering, which had occupied most of Portland’s “Off-Peninsula” lands. Portland’s boundaries have long included a number of Casco Bay islands, although Long Island successfully seceded and became its own town in 1993.

Portland has had the longest history of postal service of any community in Maine. Maine’s first post office was opened under the name Falmouth by the British Post Office in 1764, under the administration of Benjamin Franklin, whose title at the time was Deputy Postmaster General for British America.

During Portland's history, there have been approximately seventy post offices. Note: There have been at least twelve more post offices -- administered under the main Portland Post Office and identified with a Portland name -- in Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth, and South Portland. Examples include Portland Br. No. 15 (actually in Cape Elizabeth) and Portland Sub-Sta./Sta./Br. No. 12 (in South Portland). In this website, these offices are included under the towns in which they are located.

Briefly, the history of Portland’s post offices is as follows:

1. [Allen’s Corner](#) Post Office opened on 17 May 1872 and closed on 12 March 1875. (Town was Deering at the time)
2. [Cliff Island](#) Post Office 28 December 1892 and is still operational.
3. [Cushing Island Station Portland](#) Post Office opened on 1 June 1903 and closed on 1 May 1919.
4. [Deering](#) Post Office (formerly Stevens Plains Post Office) opened on 14 February 1882, closed on 30 June 1900, and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 1. The town was Deering before 1899.
5. [Deering Centre](#) Post Office opened on 10 April 1889, closed on 24 October 1895, and was renamed Deering Center Post Office.

6. [Deering Center](#) Post Office (formerly Deering Centre Post Office) opened on 24 October 1895, closed on 30 June 1900, and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 2. The town was Deering before 1899
7. [Deering Center S Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Portland Sta. No. 6) opened about 2007 and closed about 2009. It was then changed to Jet Video S Portland, located at Jet Video, 199 Pleasant Ave.
8. [Diamond](#) Post Office opened on 24 May 1892 and closed on 31 August 1901. The summer office was located on Great Diamond Island.
9. [Downtown Sx Portland](#) Post Office (Formerly Pearl Street Sx Portland) opened on 15 October 1973 and is still operational.
10. [East Deering](#) Post Office opened on 15 April 1872, closed on 30 June 1900, and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 3. The town was Deering before 1899.
11. [Falmouth \(1\)](#) Post Office opened in 1764 and closed on 4 July 1786. It was then changed to Portland.
12. [Fort Levett S Portland](#) Post Office opened on 16 April 1941 and closed on 1 April 1944 on Cushing Island.
13. [Fort McKinley S. Portland](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1925 and closed on 31 December 1948. It was located on Great Diamond Island.
14. [Jet Video S Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Deering Center S Portland) opened in 2009 and closed on 31 July 2018 at Jet Video, 199 Pleasant Ave.
15. [Little Chebeague](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1889 and closed on 20 November 1889. (The town is now Long Island (see Long Island), but it was Portland before 1993.)
16. [Long Island](#) Post Office opened on 25 February 1878 and closed on 18 December 1878. It reopened on 29 September 1884 and is still operational. The town was Portland before 1993. (See Long Island)
17. [Mariner](#) Post Office opened on 23 July 1907 and closed on 8 May 1942. A. Summer office that was located on Long Island. The town was Portland before 1993. (see Long Island)
18. [Navy 104 S Portland](#) Post Office opened before 3 October 1942 and closed about 1946—Fleet Post Office Postal Concentration Center for Overseas Mail.
19. [Navy 10305 S Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Section Base S Portland) opened on 15 March 1944 and closed on 15 August 1945. Navy Post Office for Naval Station Grand Trunk Pier; established as 10305 (NPO for Naval Frontier Base), modified to 10305 (NPO for Naval Station Grand Trunk Pier).
20. [Navy Sx Portland](#) Post Office opened on 1 May 1946 and closed on 31 March 1948.
21. [North Deering](#) Post Office opened on 26 February 1892, closed on 30 June 1900, and became Portland Sub-Sta. No. 4. The town was Deering before 1899
22. [Northwest Carrier Ax Portland](#) Post Office opened in 1993 and closed on 1 December 1995, when Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland replaced it.
23. [Ottawa](#) Post Office opened on 21 March 1898 and closed on 13 June 1899. It was located at Ottawa House on Cushing Island.
24. [Peak Island](#) Post Office opened on 22 March 1872 and closed on 14 July 1873, when it was renamed Peak's Island Post Office.

25. [Peak's Island](#) Post Office (formerly Peak Island Post Office) opened on 14 July 1873 and closed on 14 July 1893, when it was renamed Peak Island Post Office.
26. [Peak Island](#) Post Office (formerly Peak's Island Post Office) opened on 14 July 1893 and closed on 31 March 1913 when it was renamed Peak Island Sx Portland.
27. [Peak Island Sx Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Peak Island Post Office) opened on 31 March 1913 and closed on 30 September 1960, when it was renamed Peaks Island Sx Portland Post Office.
28. [Peaks Island Sx Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Peak Island Sx Portland) opened on 1 October 1960 and is still operational.
29. [Pearl Street Sx Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Portland Sta. A Sx) opened on 21 January 1934 and closed on 15 October 1973 when it was changed to Downtown Sx Portland.
30. [Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Falmouth (1)) opened on 5 July 1786 and is still operational.
31. [Portland Sta. A Sx \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 15 December 1921, closed on 20 January 1934, and became Pearl Street Sx Portland Post Office.
32. [Portland Sta. A Sx \(2\)](#) Post Office 1 November 1943 and is still operational.
33. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 1](#) Post Office (formerly Deering Post Office) opened on 2 July 1900 and closed in 1964/1981.
34. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 2](#) Post Office (formerly Deering Center Post Office) opened on 2 July 1900 and closed on 31 March 1948.
35. [Portland Sta. No. 2](#) Post Office opened on 26 August 1963 and closed in 1964/1981.
36. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 3](#) Post Office (formerly East Deering Post Office) opened on 2 July 1900 and closed on 31 March 1948.
37. [Portland Sta. No. 3](#) Post Office opened in 1964/1981 and closed in 1981/1993.
38. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 4](#) Post Office (formerly North Deering Post Office) opened on 2 July 1900 and closed on July 1934.
39. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 5](#) Post Office opened on 15 August 1900 and closed on 1 March 1908.
40. [Portland Sta. No. 5](#) Post Office opened on 16 June 1911 and closed on 13 June 1964.
41. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 6](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1901 and closed on 31 March 1948.
42. [Portland Sta. No. 6](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1948 and closed circa 2007.
43. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 7](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1901 and closed on 30 June 1956.
44. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 8](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1901 and closed in 1981/1983.
45. [Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 9](#) Post Office (formerly Stroudwater) opened on 1 July 1901 and closed in 1937.
46. [Portland Sta. No. 11](#) Post Office opened in 1928/1935 and closed on 31 March 1948.
47. [Portland Sta. No. 13](#) Post Office opened on 1 August 1907 and closed on 30 November 1937.
48. [Portland Sta. No. 14](#) Post Office (formerly Trefethen Post Office) opened on 1 July 1913 and closed on July 1934.

49. [Portland Sta. No. 15](#) Post Office opened on 16 April 1916 and closed on 30 September 1958.
50. [Portland Sta. No. 16](#) Post Office opened on 1 October 1916 and closed on 31 March 1948.
51. [Portland Sta. No. 17](#) Post Office opened on 16 September 1917 and closed on July 1934.
52. [Portland Sta. No. 18 \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 1 May 1918 and closed on July 1934.
53. [Portland Sta. No. 18 \(2\)](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1936 and closed on 1 October 1938.
54. [Portland Sta. No. 19](#) Post Office opened on 16 April 1926 and closed on 31 March 1948.
55. [Portland Sta. No. 20](#) Post Office opened on 1 December 1926 and closed on 31 March 1948.
56. [Portland Sta. No. 21](#) Post Office opened on 1 December 1926 and closed on 31 August 1934.
57. [Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Northwest Carrier Ax Portland) opened on 2 December 1995 and closed on 17 March 2007.
58. [Receiving Station S Portland](#) Post Office opened on 1 October 1942 and closed on 31 December 1945.
59. [Section Base S Portland](#) Post Office opened on 15 August 1942 and closed on 15 March 1944 and Changed to Navy 10305 S Portland (Navy Post Office for Naval Frontier Base)
60. [Stevens Plains](#) Post Office opened on 21 March 1832 and closed on 14 February 1882. It was changed to Deering; Stevens' Plains and Steven's Plains have been seen.
61. [Stroudwater](#) Post Office opened on 13 December 1875, closed on 1 July 1901, and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 9.
62. [Trefethen](#) Post Office opened on 18 April 1904 and closed on 31 March 1913. It was a summer office located on Peaks Island; it was replaced by Portland Sta. No. 14.
63. [U.S. Fleet Post Office S Portland](#) Post Office opened before 1943 and closed on 31 March 1946.
64. [West End S Portland](#) Post Office (formerly West End Sx Portland) opened on 21 January 1934 and closed on 15 September 1980. It was located at Steele's Drugstore, 947 Congress St.
65. [West End Sx Portland](#) Post Office opened on 1 March 1908, closed on 21 January 1934, and changed to West End S Portland Post Office at 309 Saint John St.
66. [Woodfords](#) Post Office opened on 24 January 1870 and closed on 30 June 1900 and changed to Woodfords Sx Portland
67. [Woodfords Sx Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Woodfords Post Office) opened on 2 July 1900 and closed on 21 January 1934 changed to Woodfords S Portland; Woodf'ds Sta. has been seen.
68. [Woodfords S Portland](#) Post Office (formerly Woodfords Sx Portland Post Office) opened on 21 January 1934 and closed on June 2014.



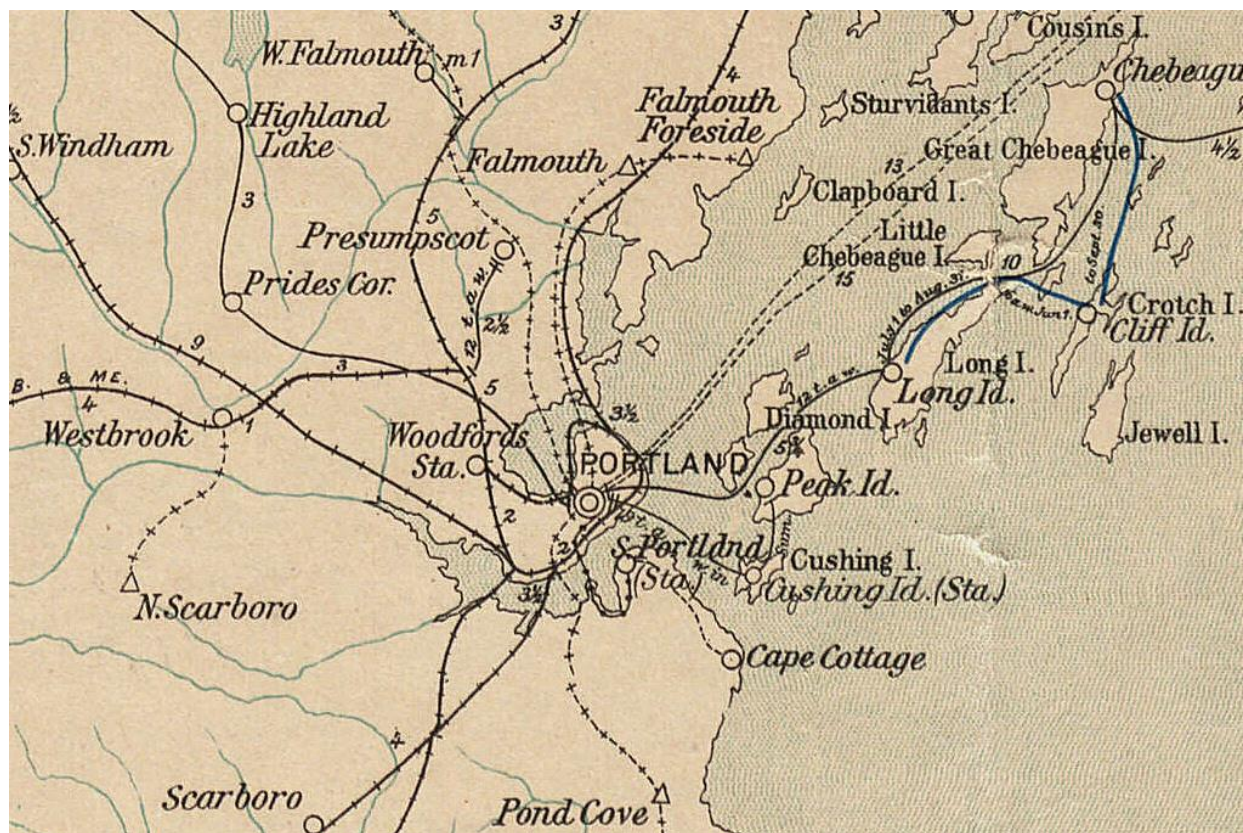
The 1891 Post Route Map of Maine shows eight post offices in what is now Portland: Deering, Deering Centre, East Deering, Long Island, Peaks Island, Portland, Stroudwater, and Woodfords. (Note that the map includes the Cumberland and Oxford Canal, which had been rendered obsolete by the railroad, and closed down operations a few years before.)

Source: <http://maps.bpl.org/id/16411>. Detail from map reproduction courtesy of the Normal B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.





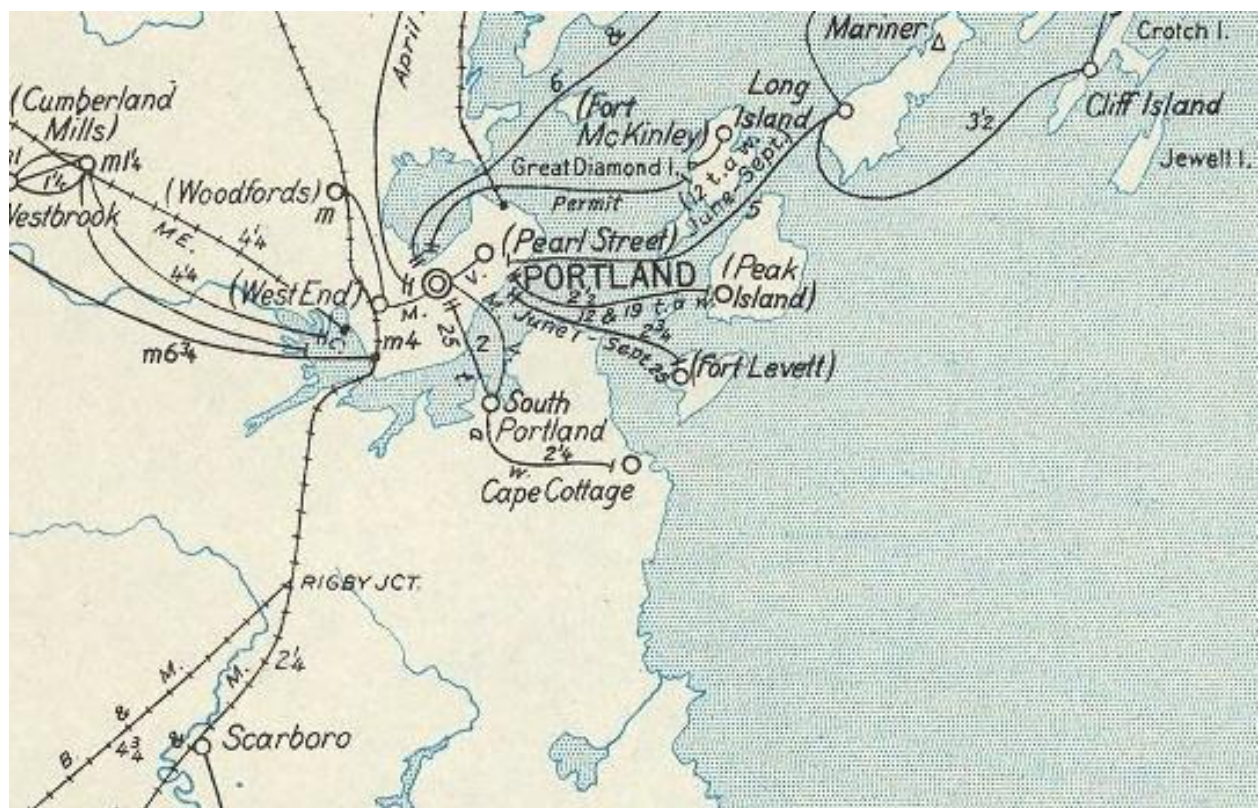
The 1903 Post Route Map of Maine reveals the effects of increased home delivery of the mail. Although there were only two mainland post offices shown (Portland and Woodfords Station) there were several numbered stations in operation, *which typically do not appear on the Post Route Maps*. Four island post offices are shown: Cliff Island, Cushing Island Station, Long Island, and Peak Island. (Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1903. <http://maps.bpl.org/id/16604>. Detail from map reproduction courtesy of the Nortman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.)



The 1942 Post Route Map of Maine shows mainland post offices at Pearl Street, Portland, West End, and Woodfords. It does not include several numbered stations which were in full operation at the time. On the islands there were offices at Cliff Island, Fort Levett, Fort KcKinley (on Great Diamond Island), Long Island, and Peak Island. The summer office at Mariner, on Long Island, is shown with a triangle symbol, reflecting its recent closure. (In addition, there were post offices in South Portland and at Cape Cottage (located in the Town of Cape Elizabeth) that were administratively attached to the Portland Post Office.)

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1942.

<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/193qf0> Detail from map reproduction courtesy of David Rumsey Map Collection, David Rumsey Map Center, Stanford Libraries, Stanford University.



## **Allen's Corner**

17 May 1872:

Allen's Corner Post Office opened.

17 May 1872:

Cyrus B. Abbott became the Postmaster of the Allen's Corner Post Office.

12 March 1875 (Town was Deering at the time).

Allen's Corner Post Office closed.

## **Cliff Island**

28 December 1892:

Cliff Island Post Office opened.

28 December 1892:

Clara P. Johnson became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

27 April 1899:

Mrs. Lillie W. Southard became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

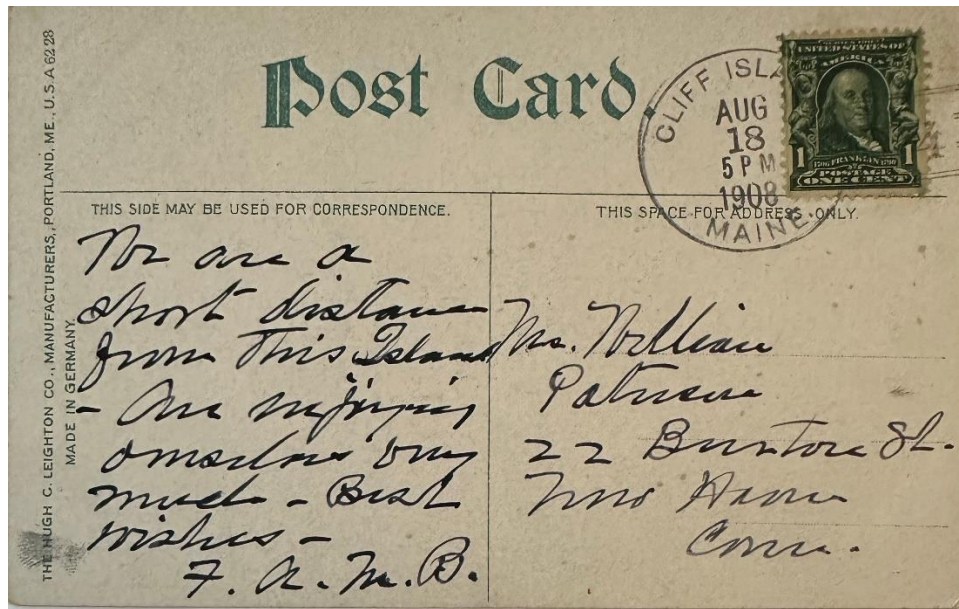
7 February 1902:

Charles H. Harmon became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office. It was rescinded on 17 February 1902.

1 November 1902:

Charles H. Harmon became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.





18 August 1908:

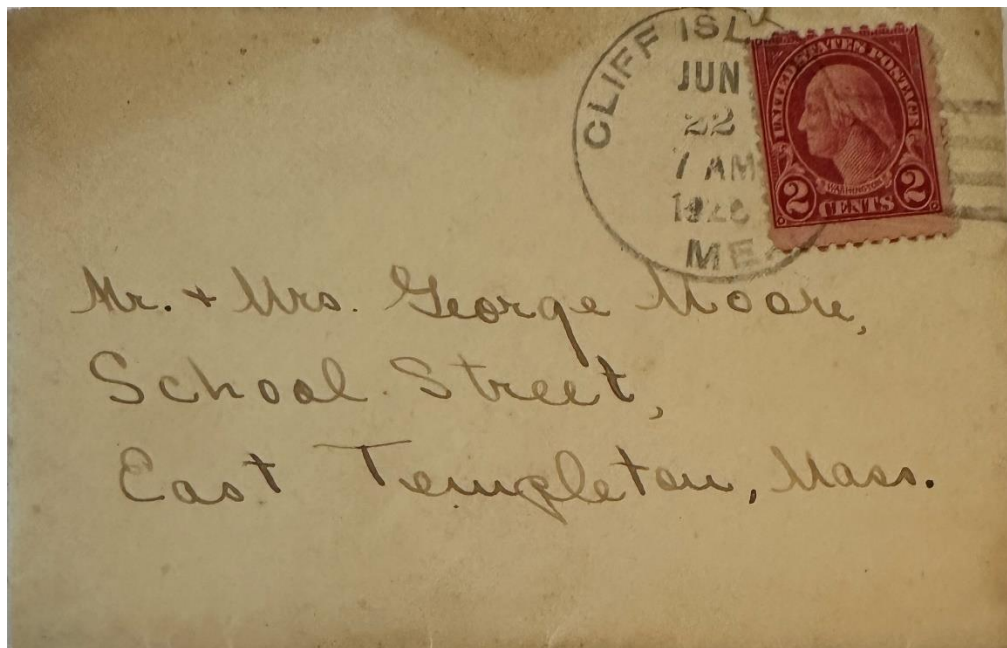
The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/4 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 16 August 1909 is known.

12 December 1913:

Mary O. Merrill became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

11 October 1917:

Arthur W. Stevens became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.



22 June 1926:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/3) killer.

20 May 1919:

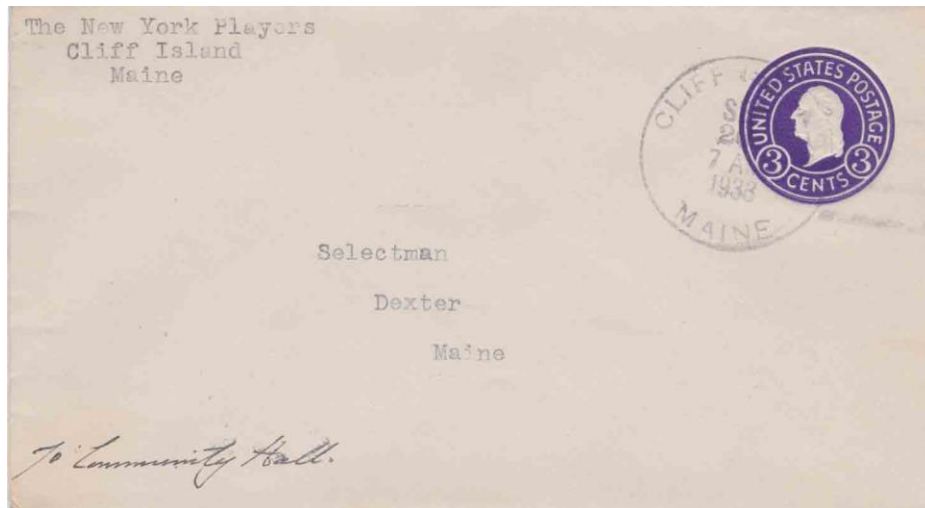
Leland Merrill became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

17 December 1935:

Mary O. Merrill became the Acting Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

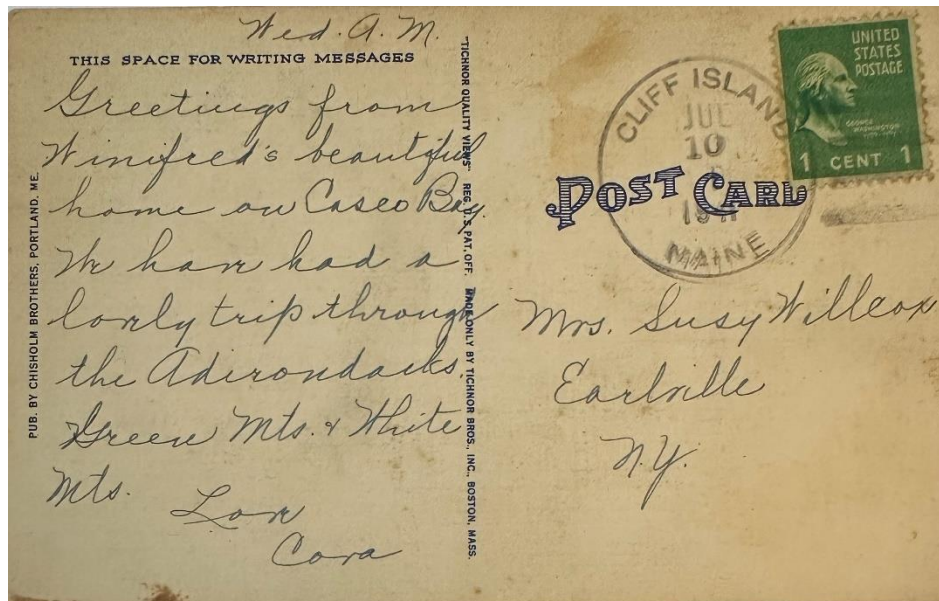
28 July 1936:

Mary O. Merrill became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.



20 September 1938:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer.



10 July 1941:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.



27 June 1951:

Christina Hill became the Acting Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

18 June 1952:

Helen E. Cushing became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

28 June 1961:

Eleanor V. Cushing became the Acting Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

4 September 1962:

Eleanor V. Cushing became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.



31 August 1967:

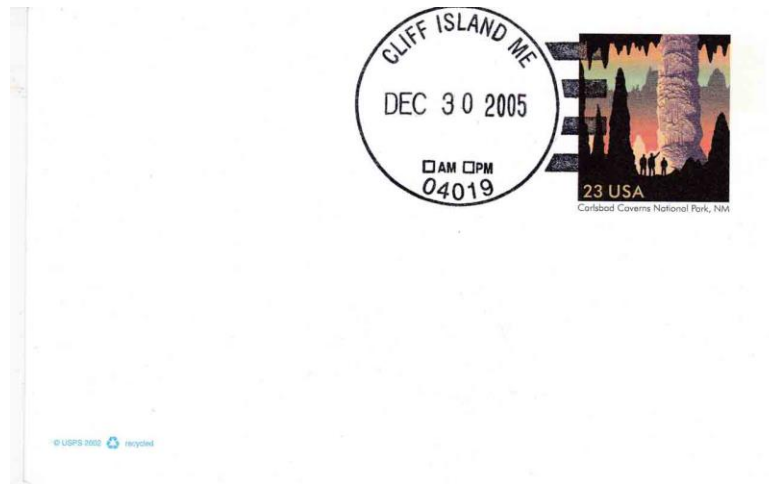
The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/2) killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 18 September 1970 is known.

30 April 1998:

Evelina M. Dyer became the Officer-In-Charge of the Cliff Island Post Office.

26 September 1998:

Evelina M. Dyer became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.



30 December 2005:

The circular postmark is 37 mm in diameter with a four-bar (G/1) killer.

30 July 2012:

Amy Lent became the Officer-In-Charge of the Cliff Island Post Office.

18 May 2013:

Amy Lent became the Postmaster of the Cliff Island Post Office.

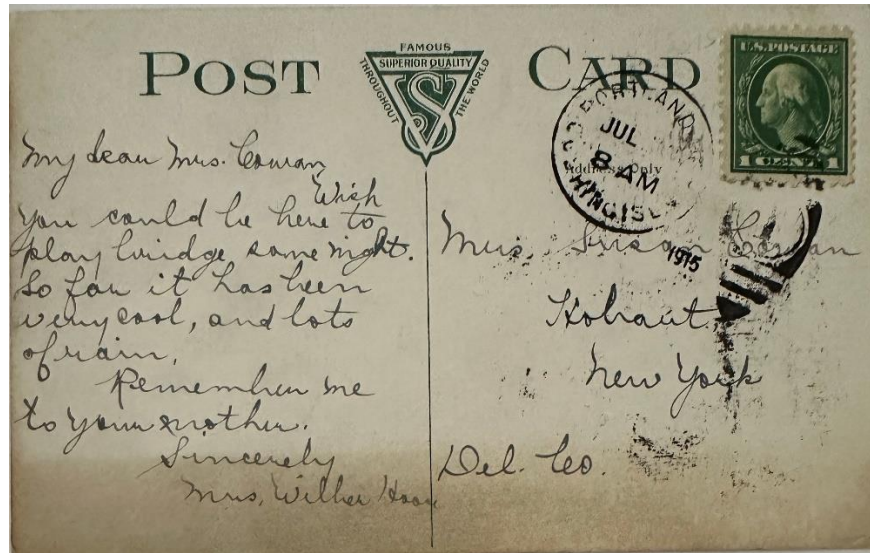
21 March 2024:

Cliff Island Post Office is still operational at 11 Sunset Rd: unit 1, Cliff Island, ME 04019 GPS 43° 41' 50" N 70° 06' 21" W.

## Cushing Island Station Portland

1 June 1903:

Cushing Island Station Portland opened. It was a summer office only. Postmarks that have been seen include Cush. Island Sta. Portland, Maine, and Cushing Island, Portland.



July 1915:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a six-bar elliptical duplex/1 killer.

1 May 1919:

Cushing Island Station Portland closed. The actual last day of operation would have been 30 September 1918.

## Deering

14 February 1882:

Deering Post Office (formerly Stevens Plains Post Office) opened.

25 July 1881:

Charles A. Hayden became the Postmaster of the Stevens Plains Post Office and remained as Postmaster when Stevens Plains Post Office was renamed Deering Post Office on 14 February 1882.



23 June 1882:

The outer circle of the double-ring circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter, and it has a serif print and a four-circle target killer.

31 December 1883:

Cynthia M. Record became the Postmaster of the Deering Post Office.



28 October 1886:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a serif print and a four-circle target killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 9 July 1883, 1 January 1890, 27 February 1889 and 2 October 1889 are known.

9 May 1890:

Miss Sarah S. Morrill became the Postmaster of the Deering Post Office.

24 April 1894:

Honora J. Scanlon became the Postmaster of the Deering Post Office.



17 November 1899:

The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 29 May 1900 is known.

16 January 1900:

George C. Roberts became the Postmaster of the Deering Post Office.

30 June 1900:

Deering Post Office closed and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 1.

## Deering Centre

10 April 1889:

Deering Centre Post Office opened.

10 April 1889:

Charles S. Chadbourne became the Postmaster of the Deering Centre Post Office.

12 August 1891:

Charles C. Brown became the Postmaster of the Deering Centre Post Office.



21 May 1892:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 9 July 1892 is known.

24 October 1895:

Deering Centre Post Office closed and was renamed Deering Center Post Office.

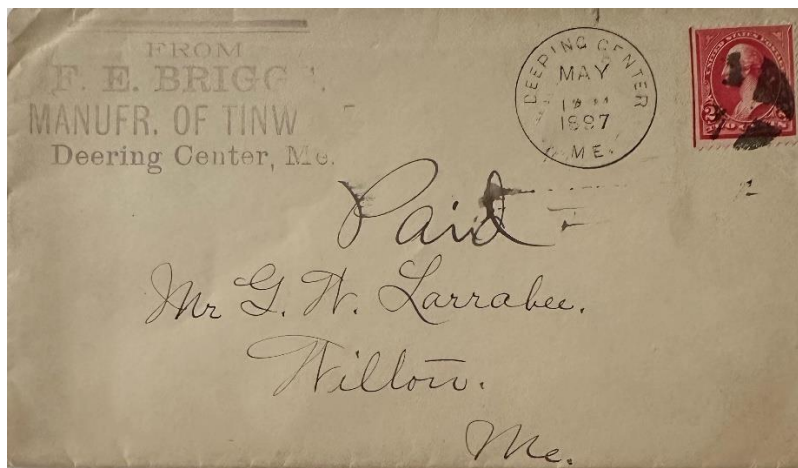
## Deering Center

24 October 1895:

Deering Center Post Office (formerly Deering Centre Post Office) opened.

24 October 1895:

Alexander A. McStone became the Postmaster of the Deering Center Post Office.



May 1897:

The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter and features a quartered circle cork killer. A similar postmark with a smudged cork killer dated January 1899 is known.

15 January 1900:

Leander M. Clark became the Postmaster of the Deering Center Post Office.

28 May 1900 discontinued effective 30 June 1900:

Deering Center Post Office closed and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 2.

## Deering Center S Portland

Circa 2007:

Deering Center S Portland Post Office (formerly Portland Sta. No. 6) opened.





February 2009:

Deering Center S Portland before it changed its name to Jet Video-Photo Credit Kelvin Kindahl

Circa 2009:

Deering Center S Portland Post Office closed, and the name changed to Jet Video S Portland.

## **Diamond**

24 May 1892:

Diamond Post Office opened. The Summer Office was located on Great Diamond Island.

24 May 1892:

Charles H. Ross became the Postmaster of Diamond Post Office.

13 August 1901 discontinued effective 31 August 1901:

Diamond Post Office closed with service from Portland.

## **Downtown Sx Portland**

15 October 1973:

Downtown Sx Portland Post Office (Formerly Pearl Street Sx Portland) opened.



October 2022:  
Downtown Sx Portland Post Office-Photo Credit J. Husson

22 March 2024:

Downtown Sx Portland Post Office is still operational at 400 Congress Street Ste 9998, Portland, ME 04101 GPS 43° 39' 30" N 70° 15' 27" W.

## **East Deering**

15 April 1872:

East Deering Post Office opened.

15 April 1872:

Osgood Knight became the Postmaster of the East Deering Post Office.

10 April 1882:

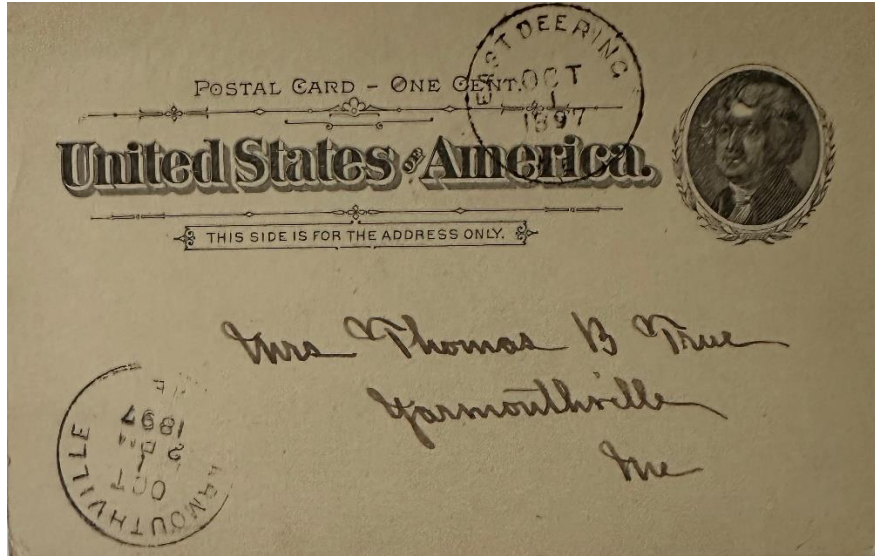
Hattie O. Knight became the Postmaster of the East Deering Post Office.

18 February 1886:

Emily Knight became the Postmaster of the East Deering Post Office.

15 September 1894:

Alvin Murray became the Postmaster of the East Deering Post Office.



1 October 1897:  
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a "D" killer.

28 May 1900 discontinued effective 30 June 1900:

East Deering Post Office closed and replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 3.

**Falmouth (1)** (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Falmouth 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.)

1764: (5 January 1764 per Mazza) (A Post Office apparently operated here as early as 1763, under the British. Thomas Child reportedly served as Postmaster from at least 1764 to 1773.)

Falmouth (1) Post Office opened.

1764:

Thomas Child became the Postmaster of Falmouth (1) Post Office.

12 May 1775:

Samuel Freeman became the Postmaster of Falmouth (1) Post Office. (the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appointed Samuel Freeman on May 12, 1775. Benjamin Franklin reappointed him on October 1, 1775.)

4 July 1786:

Falmouth (1) Post Office closed and was renamed Portland Post Office.

## Fort Levett S Portland

16 April 1941:

Fort Levett S Portland Post Office opened. (Located on Cushing Island)

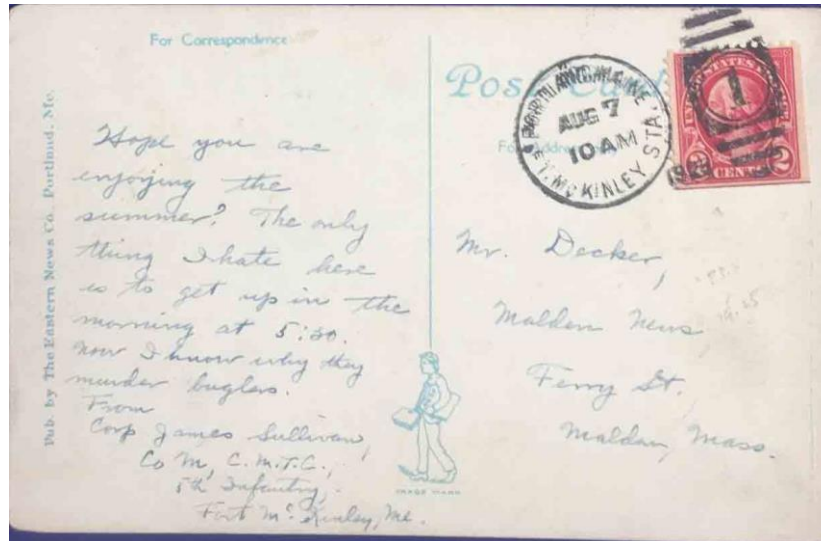
1 April 1944:

Fort Levett S Portland Post Office closed.

## Fort McKinley S. Portland

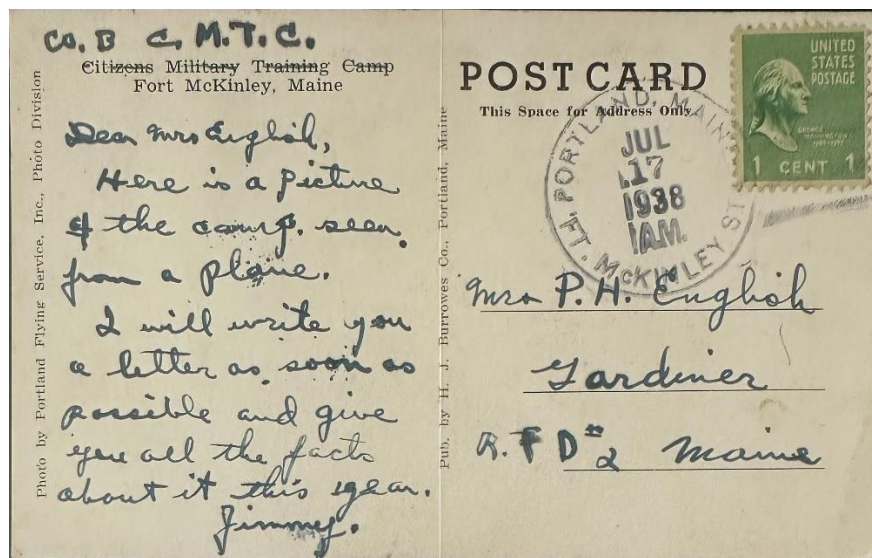
1 July 1925:

Fort McKinley S. Portland opened. It was located on Great Diamond Island.



7 August 1925:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval triplex/1 killer.



17 July 1938:

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

31 December 1948:

Fort McKinley S. Portland closed.



## Jet Video S Portland

2009:

Jet Video S Portland Post Office (formerly Deering Center S Portland) opened. It was located at Jet Video, 199 Pleasant Ave., Portland 04103. GPS 43° 40' 27" N 70° 17' 42" W.



Date unknown:

Jet Video-unknown photographer.

**U.S. Postal Service™ Delivery Confirmation™ Receipt**

Postage and Delivery Confirmation fees must be paid before mailing.

**Article Sent To: (to be completed by mailer)**

(Please Print Clearly) *Henry Gonsky*

**DELIVERY CONFIRMATION NUMBER:** 0309 2880 0001 6471 2894

**POSTAL CUSTOMER:**  
Keep this receipt. For Inquiries:  
Access internet web site at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)®  
or call 1-800-222-1811

**CHECK ONE (POSTAL USE ONLY)**

☒ Priority Mail™ Service  
☐ First-Class Mail® parcel  
☐ Package Services parcel

**POSTMARK:**  
JET VIDEO CPU PORTLAND ME 04103  
APR 30 2010  
5.60

PS Form 152, May 2002 (See Reverse)

30 April 2010:

The outer circle of the double-ringed circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with no killer.

31 July 2018:

Jet Video S Portland Post Office closed.

### **Little Chebeague**

1 July 1889:

Little Chebeague Post Office opened. (The town is now Long Island (see Long Island), but it was Portland before 1993.)

1 July 1889:

Joseph B. Reed became the Postmaster of the Little Chebeague Post Office.

20 November 1889:

Little Chebeague Post Office closed with service from Portland.

### **Long Island**

25 February 1878:

Long Island Post Office opened. (see Long Island)

25 February 1878:

Mary E. Witham became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

18 December 1878:

Long Island Post Office closed.

29 September 1884:

Long Island Post Office reopened.

29 September 1884:

Thomas M. Glendenning became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

1 September 1893:

John W. Hughey became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

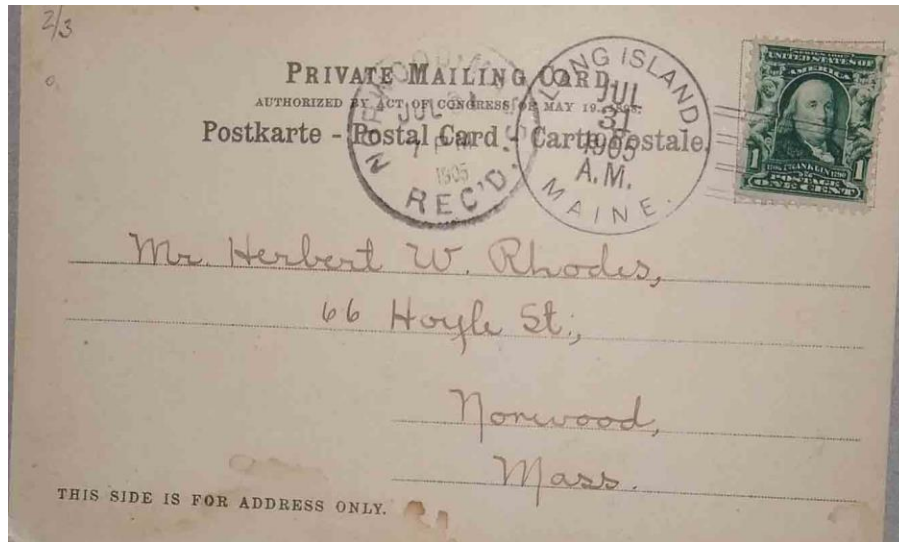
10 April 1895:

George H. Hughey became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

1 December 1896:

Samuel H. Marston became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.





31 July 1905:

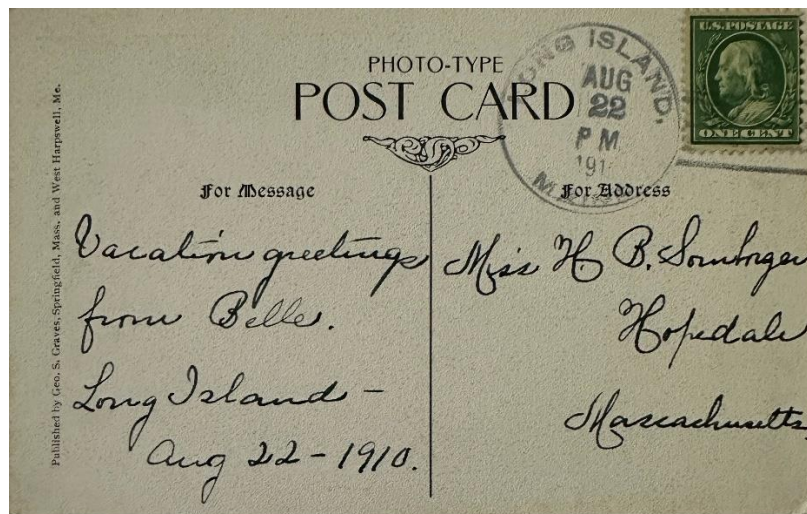
The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 24 August 1907 is known.

23 October 1907:

Thomas M. Glendenning became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

21 October 1908:

Henry J. Clarke became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.



22 August 1910:

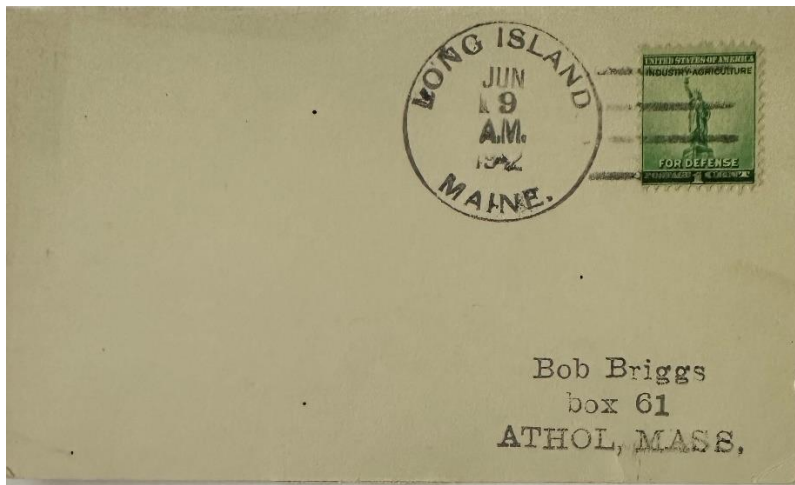
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/2) killer.

12 January 1923:

Everett E. Clarke became the Acting Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

19 March 1923:

Everett E. Clarke became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.



9 June 1942:

The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/1) killer.

1 July 1944:

Long Island Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.



22 June 1950:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with an eight-bar Duplex/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 4 January 1961 is known.

30 April 1964:

Irving James Coolbrith became the Acting Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

26 June 1967:

Irving James Coolbrith became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

1 December 1988:

Kathleen M. Floyd became the Officer-In-Charge of the Long Island Post Office.

17 December 1988:

Helen H. Hammond became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

29 July 1999:

Evelyn Gail Wood became the Officer-In-Charge of the Long Island Post Office.

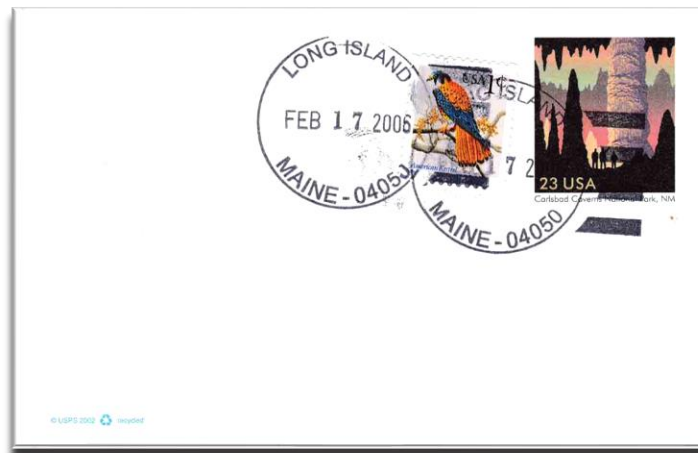
26 February 2000:

Pamela Joy Parker became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.



2002:

Long Island Post Office-Photo Credit Kelvin Kindahl



17 February 2006:

The circular postmark is 34.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (G) killer.

23 May 2013:

Kim A. MacVane became the Officer-In-Charge of the Long Island Post Office.

16 May 2015:

Kim A. MacVane became the Postmaster of the Long Island Post Office.

10 March 2024:

Long Island Post Office is still operating at 280 Island Ave. Long Island, ME 04050 GPS 43° 41' 20" N 70° 10' 04" W.

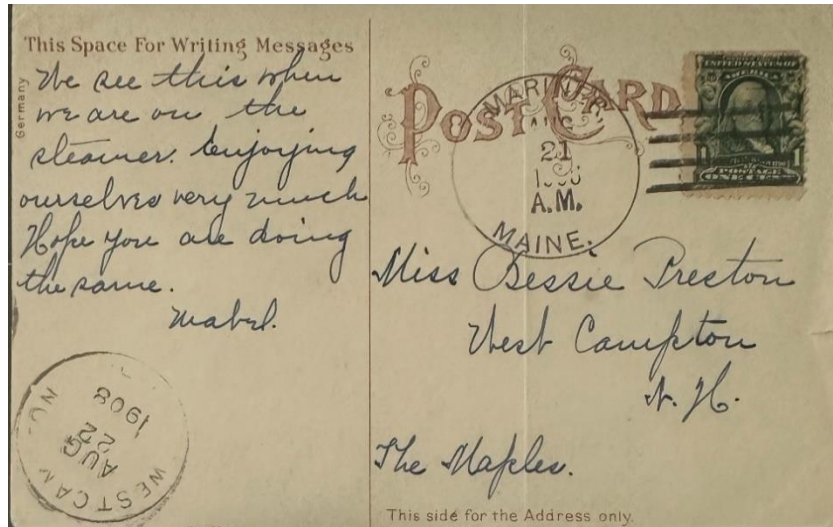
## **Mariner**

23 July 1907:

Mariner Post Office opened. (A Summer Office located on Long Island) (The town was Portland before 1993) (See Long Island)

23 July 1907:

Flora I. Eloritte became the Postmaster of the Mariner Post Office.



21 August 1908:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/1) killer.

10 January 1916:

Pauline Johnson became the Postmaster of the Mariner Post Office.

1 March 1920:

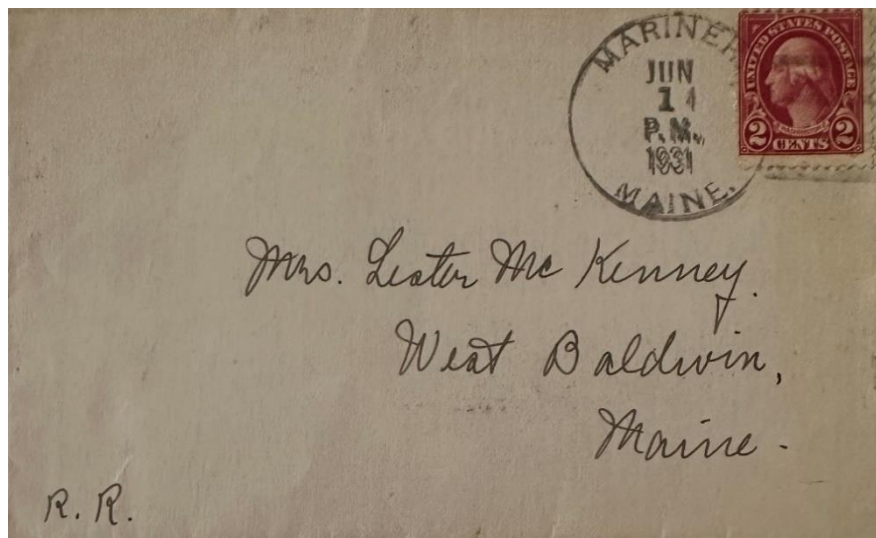
Eva M. McVane became the Postmaster of the Mariner Post Office.

8 July 1921:

Mimmie E. Doughty became the Postmaster of the Mariner Post Office.

1 November 1922:

Phoebe A. Clark became the Postmaster of the Mariner Post Office.



14 June 1931:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/1) killer.

8 May 1942:

Mariner Post Office closed with service from Long Island Post Office.

### **Navy 104 S Portland**

Before 3 October 1942:

Navy 104 S Portland opened. (Fleet Post Office Postal Concentration Center for Overseas Mail)

Circa 1946:

Navy 104 S Portland closed.

### **Navy 10305 S Portland**

15 March 1944:

Navy 10305 S Portland Post Office (formerly Section Base S Portland) opened. It was the Navy Post Office for Naval Station Grand Trunk Pier.

15 August 1945:

Navy 10305 S Portland Post Office closed.



## Navy Sx Portland

1 May 1946:

Navy Sx Portland Post Office opened.

31 March 1948:

Navy Sx Portland Post Office closed.

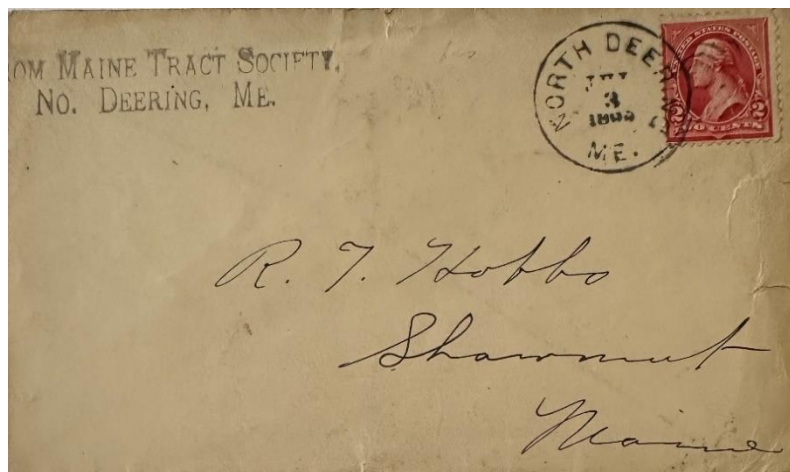
## North Deering

26 February 1892:

North Deering Post Office opened. (The town was Deering before 1899)

26 February 1892:

Mrs. Hannah D. Cobb became the Postmaster of the North Deering Post Office.



3 July 1899:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

17 April 1900:

Arthur C. Noyes became the Postmaster of the North Deering Post Office.

30 June 1900:

North Deering Post Office closed and became Portland Sub-Sta. No. 4.

### **Northwest Carrier Ax Portland**

1993:

Northwest Carrier Ax Portland Post Office opened. (Postmark seen as "Portland, ME 041".)  
Located at 380 Riverside St., Portland, ME.

1 December 1995:

Northwest Carrier Ax Portland Post Office closed and replaced with Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland.

### **Ottawa**

21 March 1898:

Ottawa Post Office opened. It was located at Ottawa House on Cushing Island.

21 March 1898:

Benjamin C. Gibson became the Postmaster of the Ottawa Post Office.

13 June 1899:

Ottawa Post Office closed.

### **Peak Island**

22 March 1872:

Peak Island Post Office opened.

22 March 1872:

William T. Jones became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

14 July 1873:

Peak Island Post Office closed and was renamed Peak's Island Post Office.

## Peak's Island

14 July 1873:

Peak's Island Post Office (formerly Peak Island Post Office) opened.

22 March 1872:

William T. Jones became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office and remained the Postmaster when Peak Island Post Office changed its name to Peak's Island Post Office on 14 July 1873.

15 July 1880:

James B. Jones became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.



18 August 1880:

The double-ringed, outside line cogged, oval postmark is 30 X 23 mm in dimension with a four-circle target killer.

6 October 1884:

Clinton S. Stevens became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

1 March 1886:

Gilman L. Brackett became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

15 March 1886:

William A. McIntosh became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

14 October 1887:

John D. Brackett became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

8 November 1887:

John T. Brackett became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

22 July 1889:

Elmer E. Skillings became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

14 July 1893:

Peak's Island Post Office closed and was renamed Peak Island Post Office.

## Peak Island

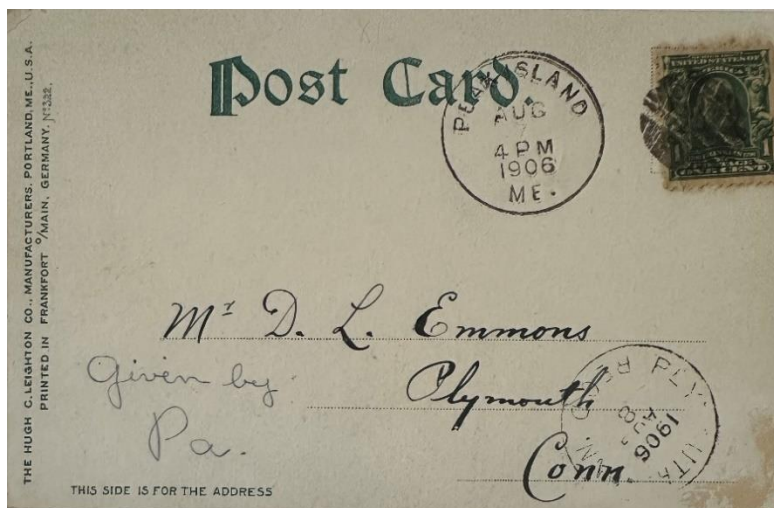
14 July 1893:

Peak Island Post Office (formerly Peak's Island Post Office) opened.

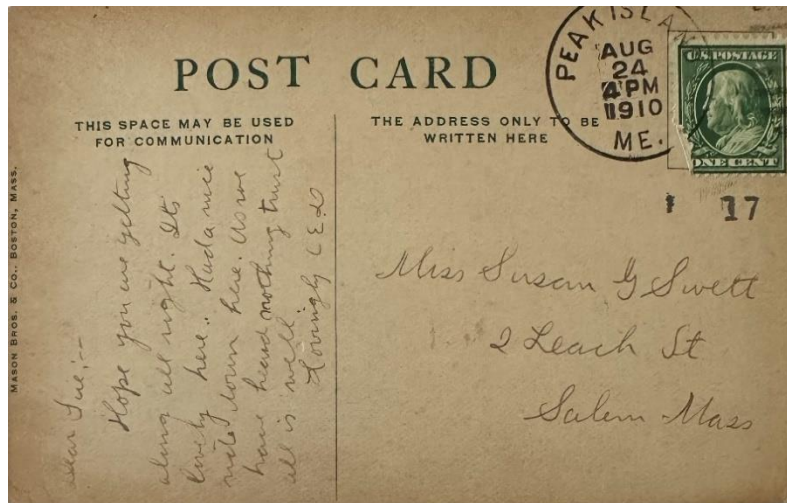
14 July 1893:

Melville Morse became the Postmaster of the Peak Island Post Office.

7 August 1906:  
postmark is 29 mm  
cork killer.



The circular  
in diameter with a



24 August 1910:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a seven-bar oval duplex killer.

31 March 1913:

Peak Island Post Office closed and was renamed Peak Island Sx Portland.

## Peak Island Sx Portland

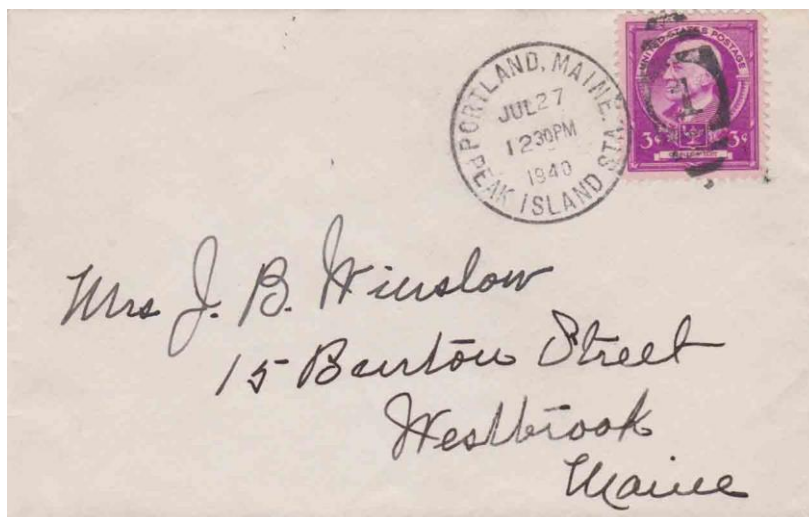
31 March 1913:

Peak Island Sx Portland Post Office (formerly Peak Island Post Office) opened.



12 July 1915:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval triplex/1 killer.



27 July 1940:

The circular postmark is 39 mm in diameter with a six-bar elliptical duplex/1 killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 24 January 1949 and 14 August 1952 are known.

30 September 1960:

Peak Island Sx Portland Post Office closed and was renamed Peaks Island Sx Portland Post Office.

### Peaks Island Sx Portland

1 October 1960:

Peaks Island Sx Portland Post Office (formerly Peak Island Sx Portland) Post Office opened.



7 March 2006:

The outer circle of the double-ringed circular postmark is 23.5 mm in diameter, and the CDS is also used as a killer.



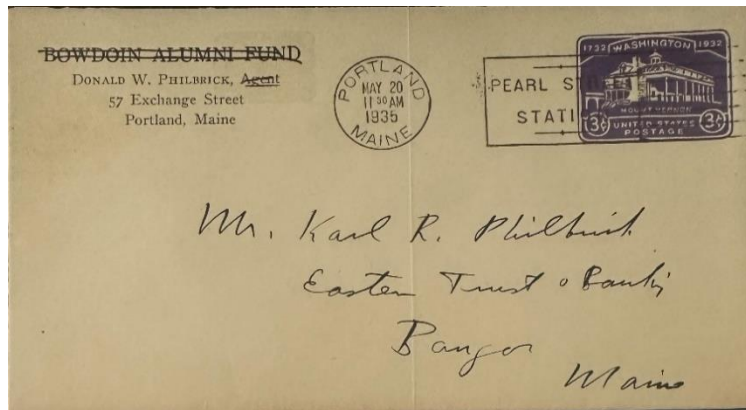
24 March 2024:

Peaks Island Sx Portland Post Office is still operational and located at 66 Island Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108, GPS 43° 39' 23" N 70° 11' 53" W.

## Pearl Street Sx Portland

21 January 1934:

Pearl Street Sx Portland Post Office (formerly Portland Sta. A Sx) opened at U.S. Courthouse Addition, 76 Pearl St. Portland, ME. GPS 43° 39' 32" N 70° 15' 16" W (now Edward T. Gignoux U.S. Courthouse).



20 May 1935:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a box and lines slogan Pearl Street Station killer.

15 October 1973:

Pearl Street Sx Portland closed and was renamed Downtown Sx Portland

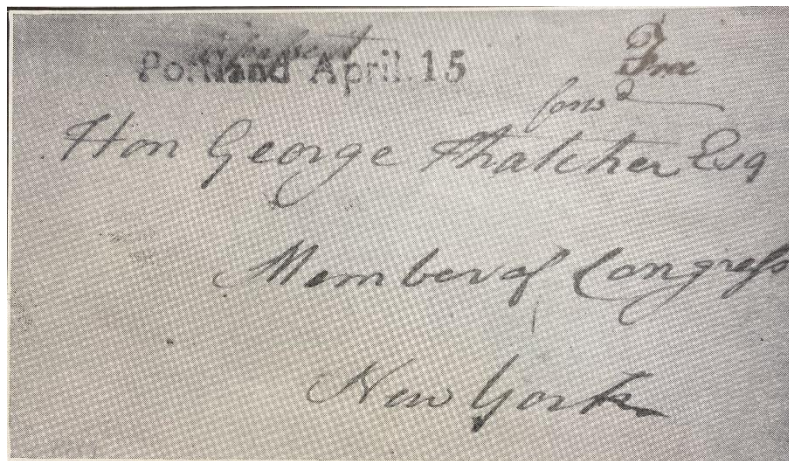
## Portland

5 July 1786:

Portland Post Office (formerly Falmouth (1)) opened.

12 May 1775:

Samuel Freeman became the Postmaster of Falmouth (1) Post Office and remained the Postmaster when Falmouth (1) Post Office became Portland Post Office on 5 July 1786.



15 April 1789:

A straight-line postmark with a manuscript Free.

6 March 1804:

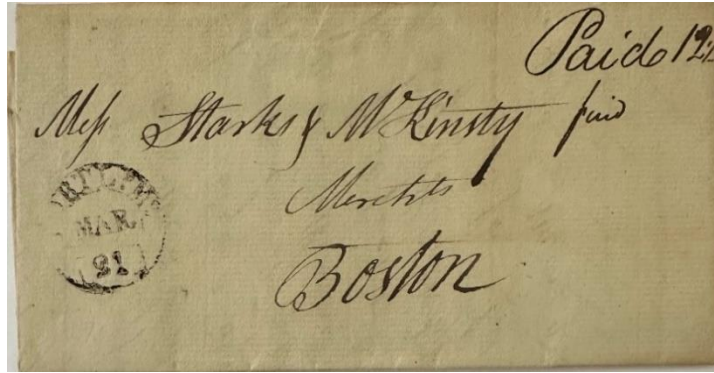
Thomas M. Prentiss became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

28 May 1804:

Joshua Wingate Jr. became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office (per Stets). By 15 January 1805 per Postmaster Finder.

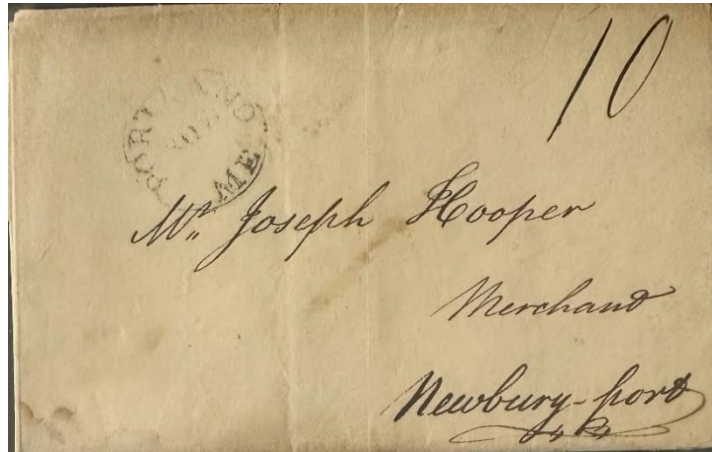
17 July 1805:

James Wingate became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



21 March 1807:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a Paid 12 ½ 'killer.'



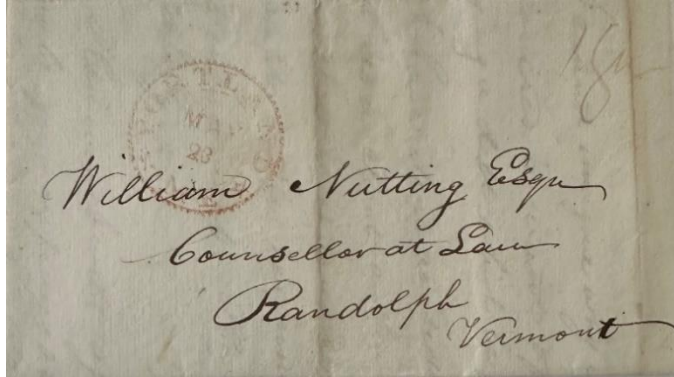
24 November 1812:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter, with manuscript 10 as a 'killer.'

1 June 1815:

Robert Ilsley became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

Maine became a State on 15 March 1820, and until 1832 Portland served as the state capital.



22 May 1824:

The circular cog postmark is 31 mm in diameter, with manuscript 18 as a 'killer.' A similar postmark dated 22 December, the year unknown, is known.



15 July 1826:

The octagonal postmark is approximately 26 mm across, with manuscript 12 as a 'killer.' Similar postmarks with manuscript killers dated 3 January 1827 (2), 16 February 1827, 4 April 1827, 4 September 1827, 30 December 1831, 11 June 1832, 15 August 1832, and 29 August 1834 are known.

3 December 1828:

Nathaniel Low became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

9 April 1829:

Nathaniel Mitchell became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

8 December 1834:

Thomas Todd became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

11 September 1839:

Nathaniel Mitchell became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



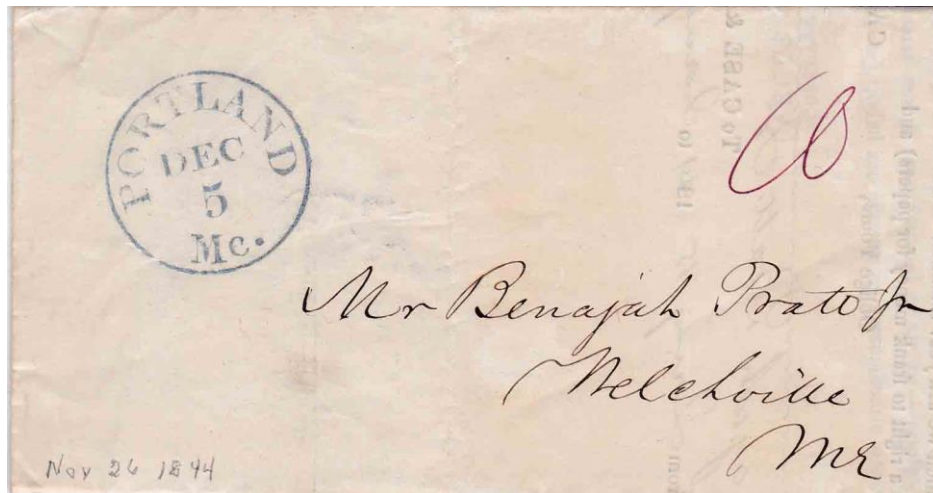
4 May 1841:

Sylvanus R. Lyan became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



24 April 1843:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped PAID and manuscript 40 as a 'killer.' Similar postmarks with the PAIDs and manuscript killers dated 6 May 1843, 3 June 1843, 14 June 1843, 1 July 1843, and 2 May 1844,

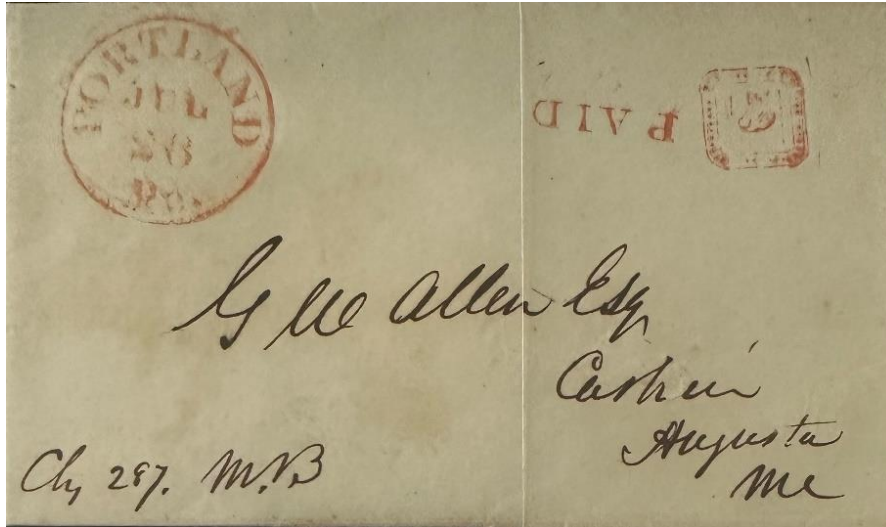


5 December 1844:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter, with manuscript 10 as a 'killer.'

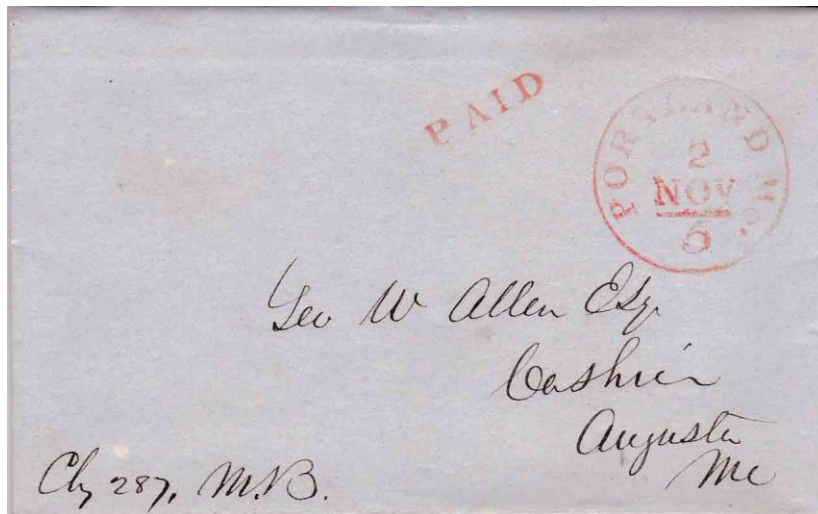
2 April 1845:

Nathan L. Woodbury became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



26 July 1845:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped PAID and a boxed 5 killer. A similar postmark, hand-stamp, and boxed 5 dated 18 May 1847 is known. Similar postmarks with the boxed 5 but without the PAID dated 23 October circa 1845, 26 June 1846, 10 June 1847, and 4 October 1848 are known.



2 November 1847:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped PAID and the cost (4 cents) inside the postmark. A similar postmark with the PAID dated 1 May 1849 is known. Similar postmarks dated 22 January (unknown year), 11 December unknown year, 11 May 1848, 17 August 1848, 8 September 1849, 3 May 1850, 16 June 1851, 22 December 1851, and 3 May 1852 without the PAID are known.

5 May 1849:

Joshua Dunn became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

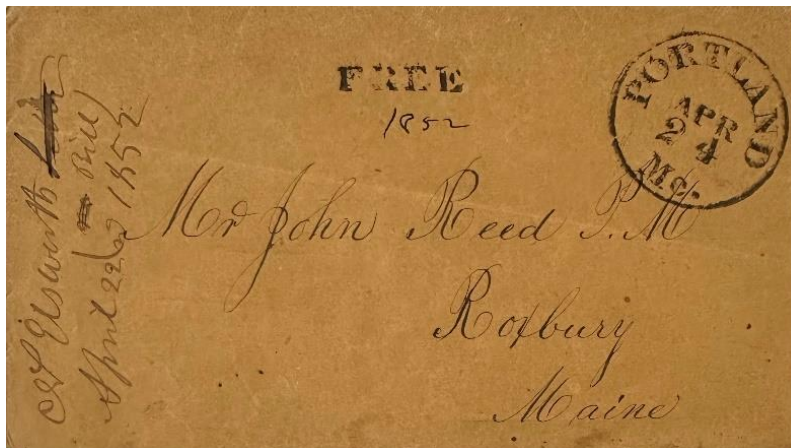
5 May 1849:

Portland Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.



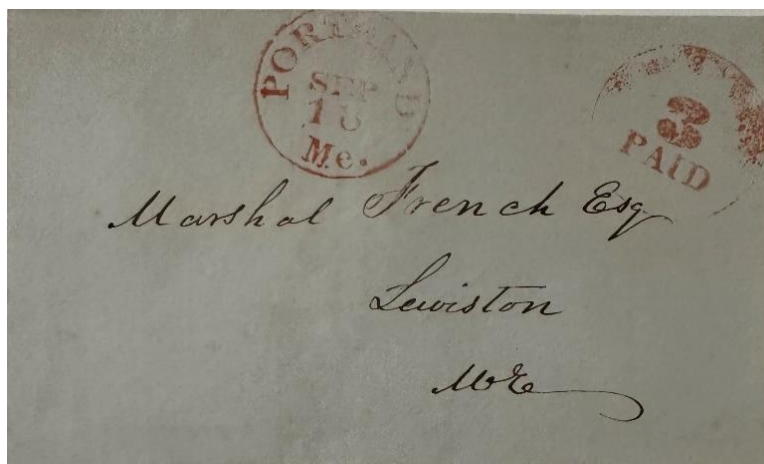
20 May 1851:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped FREE and the cost (5 cents) inside the postmark.



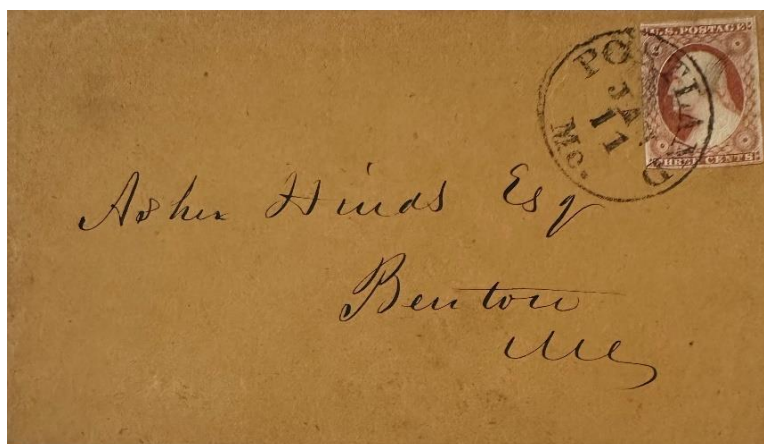
24 April 1852:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped PAID.



18 September circa 1852:

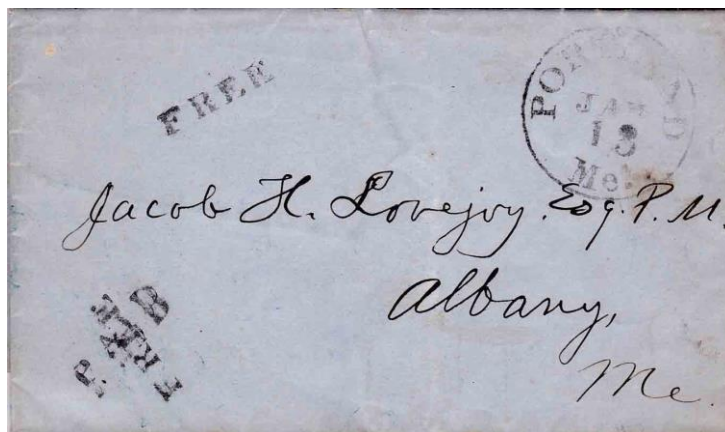
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a PAID 3 in a circle 'killer.'



11 January circa 1852:

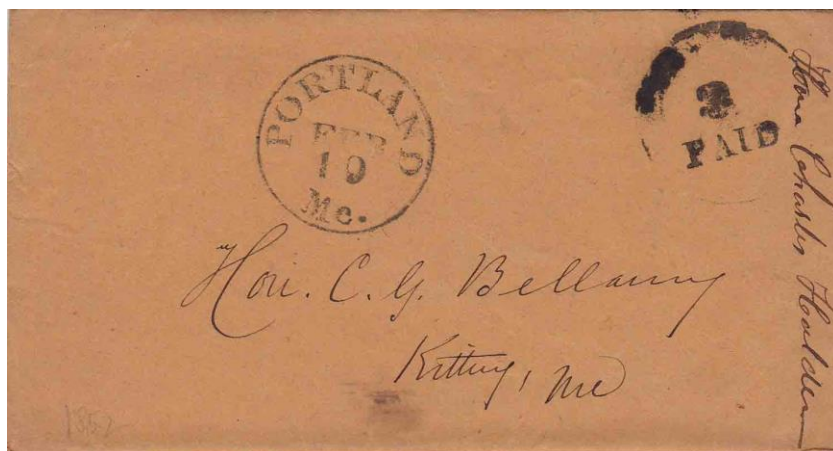
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter, with the postmark is also used as the killer.





13 January 1853:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a hand-stamped FREE.



10 February 1853:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a circled PAID 3.

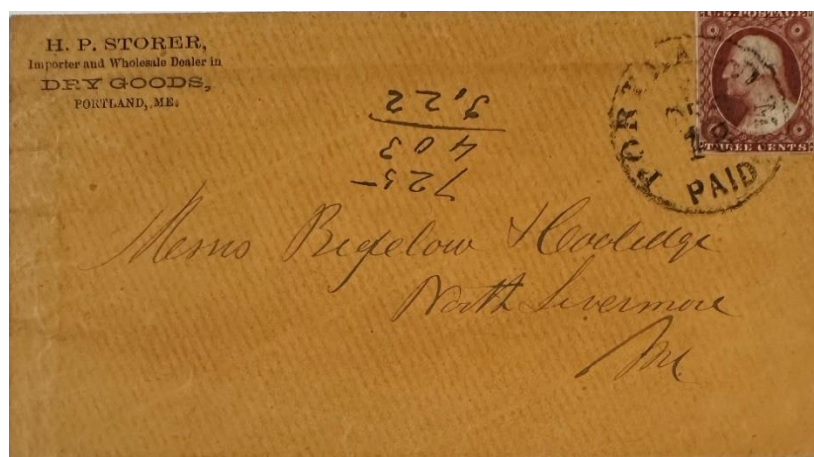
1 April 1853:

Nathan L. Woodbury became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



15 July 1853:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with the PAID inside the postmark and a manuscript Paid.



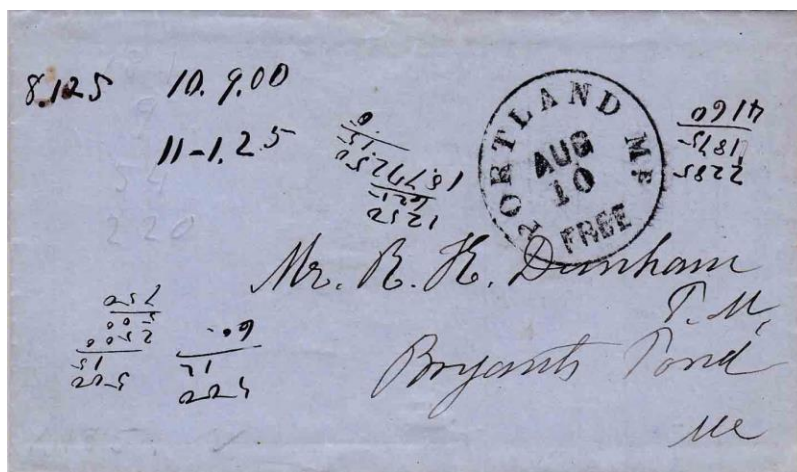
18 October circa 1853:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with the postmark also used as the killer.



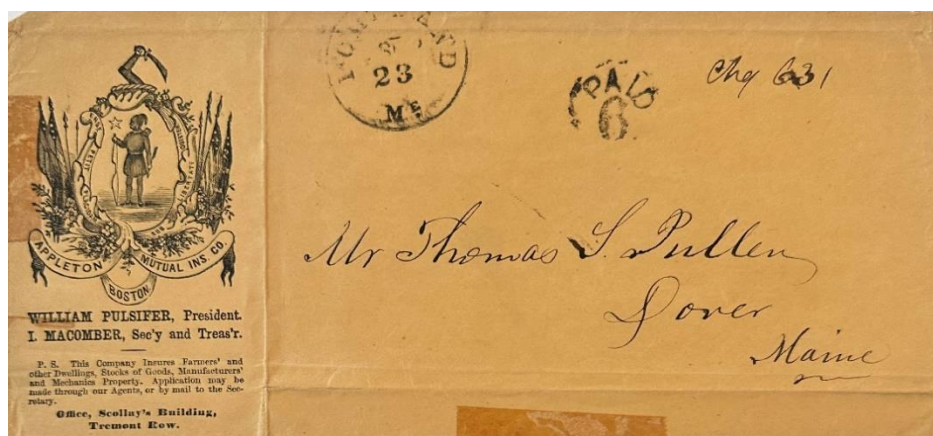
9 April circa 1854:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with the postmark also used as a killer.



10 August 1854:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a FREE inside the postmark.



23 September 1854:

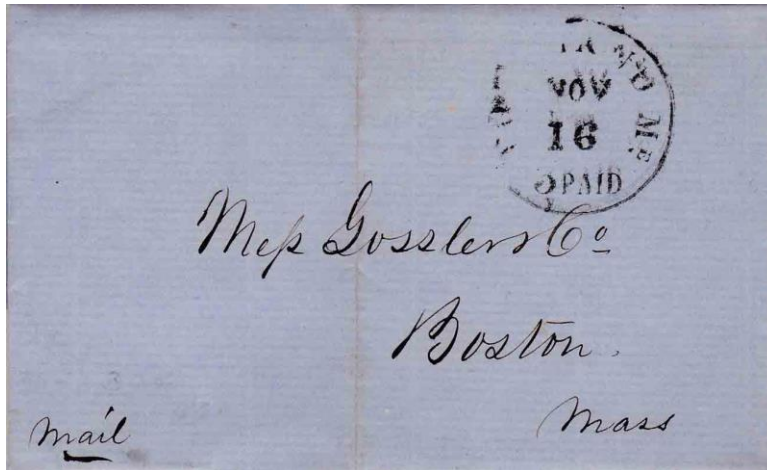
The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a circled PAID 6.



31 January 1855:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a 10 in the postmark, a manuscript 6, and a semicircle surrounding the U. States.





16 November 1855:

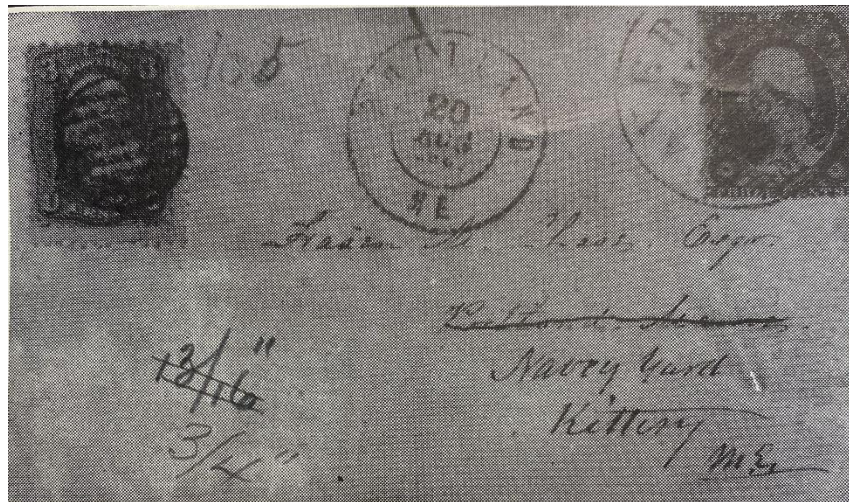
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter.

1 April 1857:

Samuel Jordan became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

8 April 1861:

Andrew T. Dole became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

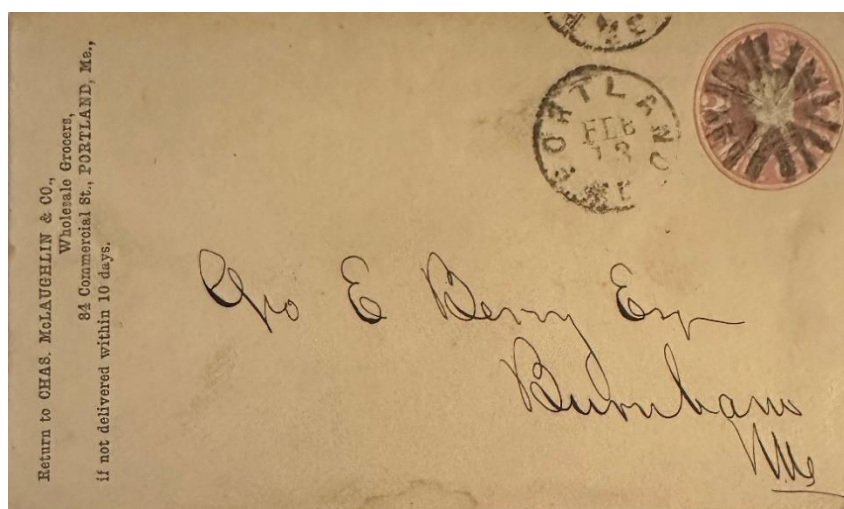


This cover is of interest, particularly to first-day cover collectors. Note that the letter was postmarked at Haverhill on August 19, 1861, prepaid with the 3-cent stamp of 1857. It was re-addressed at Portland on August 20, 1861, and the new 3-cent stamp was applied. August 20, 1861, was the day the new 3-cent stamp went into use. The outer circle of the double-ringed circle is 27 mm.



20 October 1862:

The outer circle of the double-ringed postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy circle grid killer.



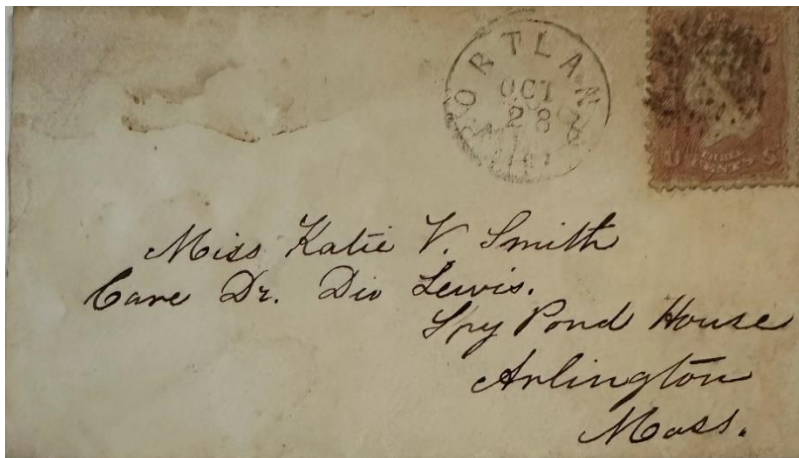
13 February circa 1865:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a fancy circle of V's as a killer.



10 August circa 1865:

The circular postmark is 24 mm with a small circle of V's as a killer.



28 October Circa 1865:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a circle 'leaf' killer.

19 December 1865:

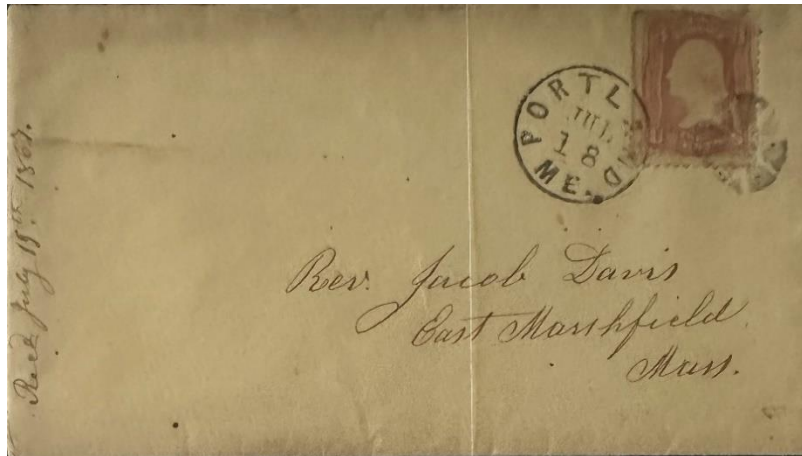
Woodbury Davis became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.





29 March 1867:

This is a very scarce Portland American Packet, London to Portland. Note the depreciation in U.S. currency, as the postmark shows 24 (gold) at the top and 31 (or U.S. Notes) at the bottom.

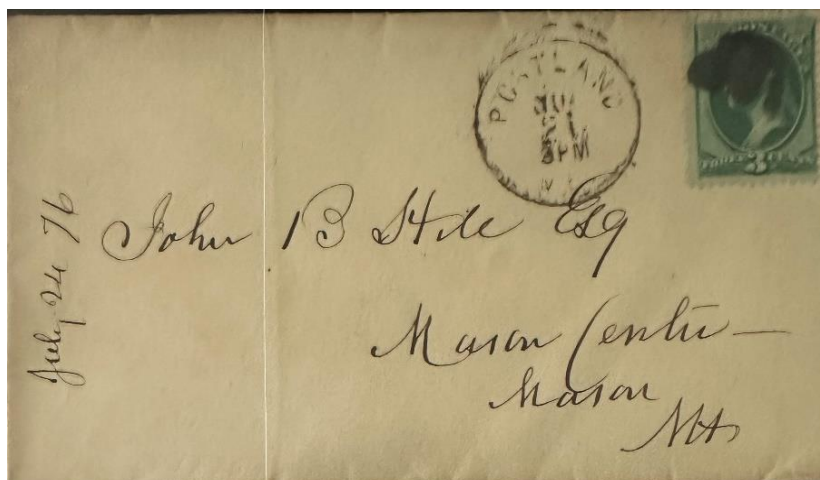


18 July 1867:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a circle of wedges killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 6 October circa 1867 is known.

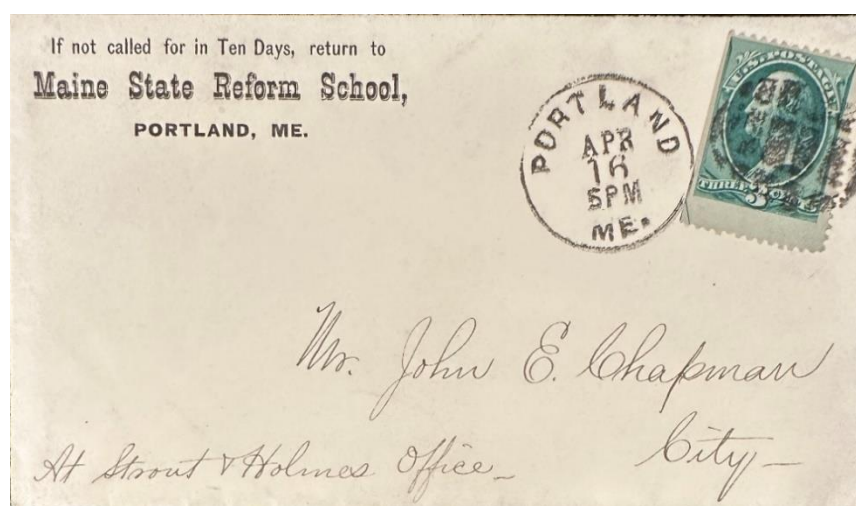
7 October 1871:

Charles W. Goddard became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



21 July 1876:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer.



16 April circa 1878:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a geometric design killer.





19 July circa 1880:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a backward negative E killer.



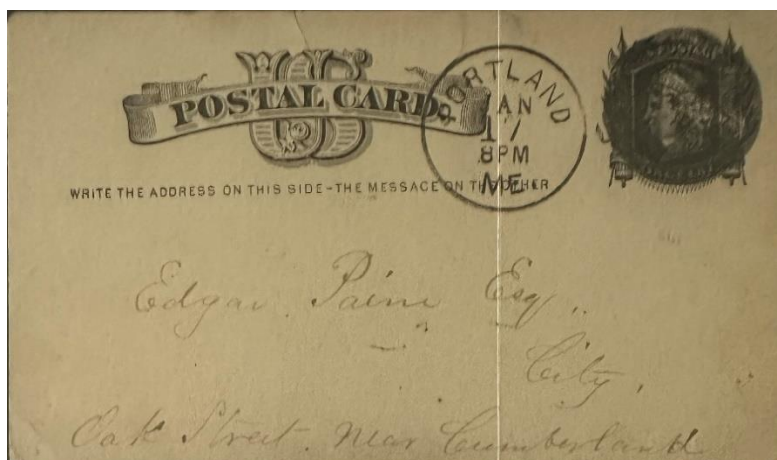
17 August 1880:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm with a negative F killer. A similar postmark dated 11 September (year unknown) is known.



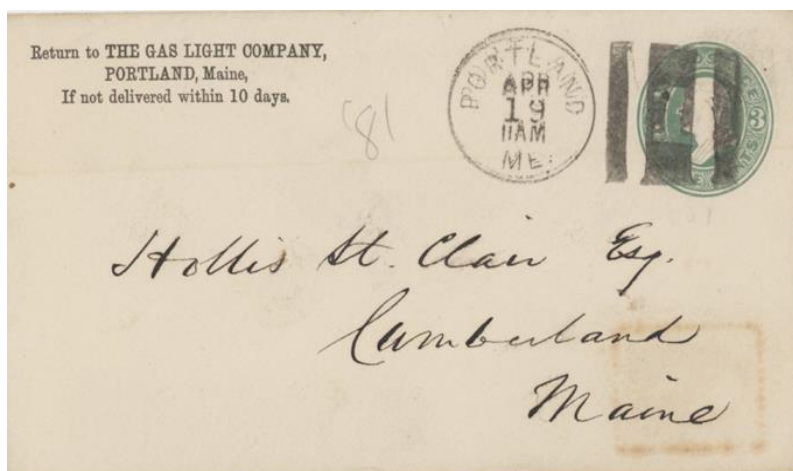
3 December circa 1880:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a geometric circle killer.



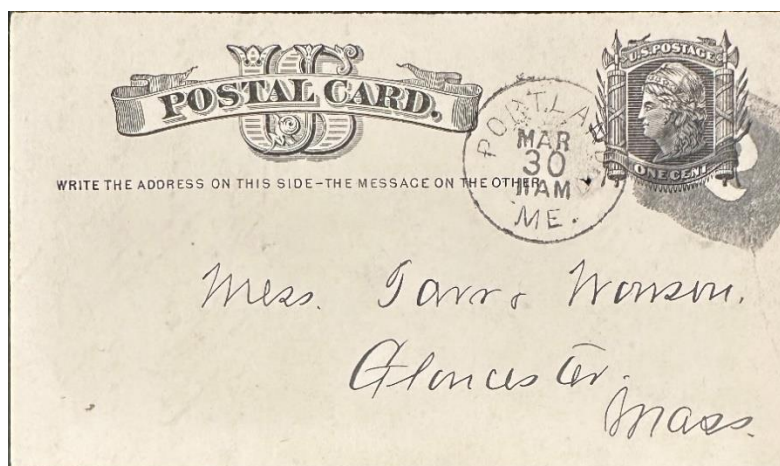
17 January circa 1881:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a negative A killer.



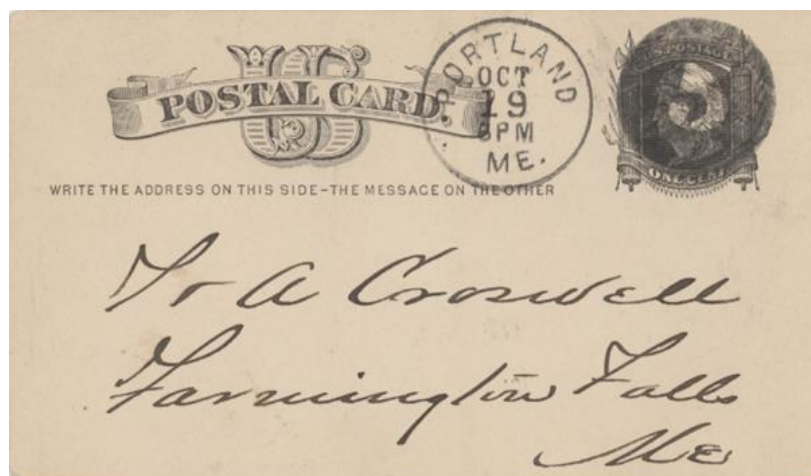
19 April circa 1881:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 1 between parallel negative lines killer.



30 March 1881:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a negative 2 killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 8 December and 10 December are known.



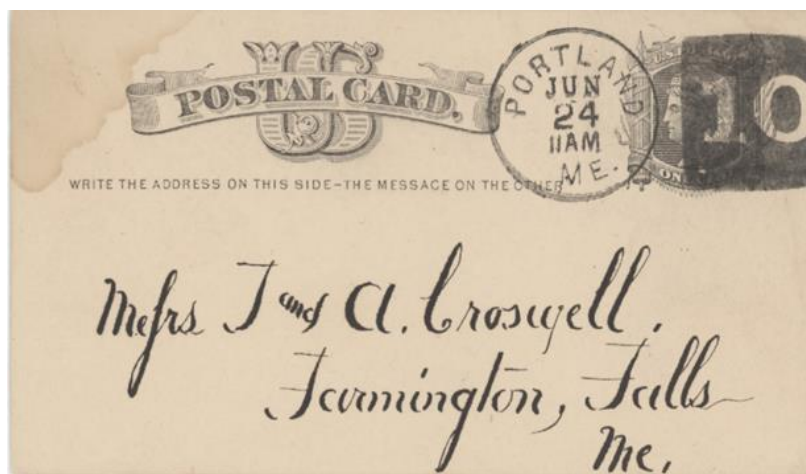
19 October circa 1881:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 5 killer.



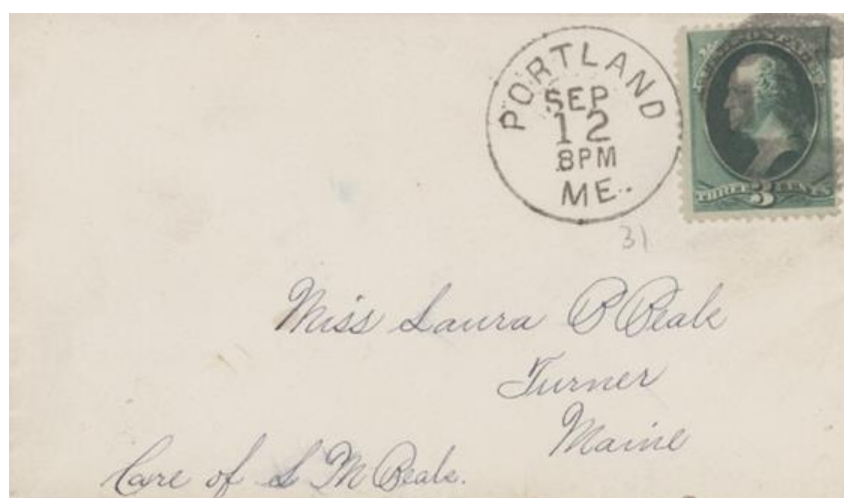
26 January circa 1883:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 8 between parallel lines as a killer.



24 June circa 1883:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 10 killer. A similar postmark dated 29 November is known.



12 September circa 1883:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 11 killer.





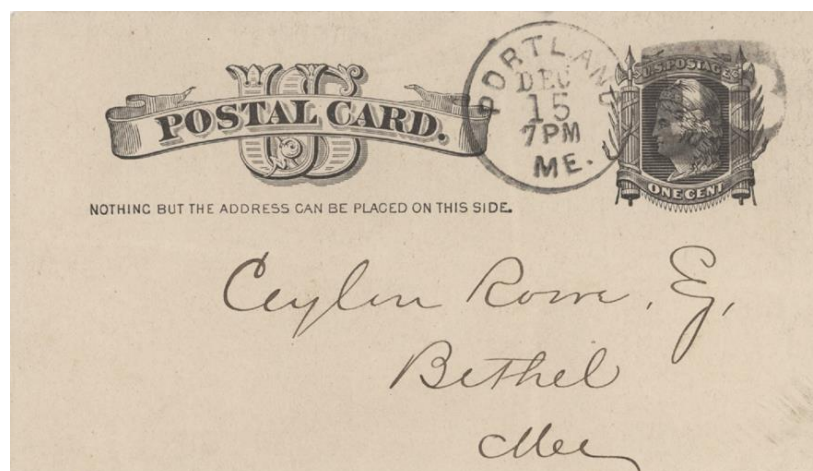
12 September circa 1883:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 11 killer.

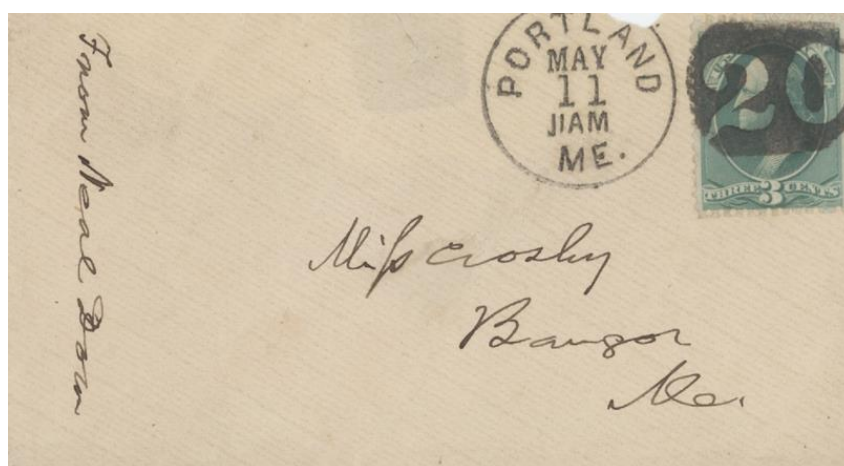


19 August circa 1883:

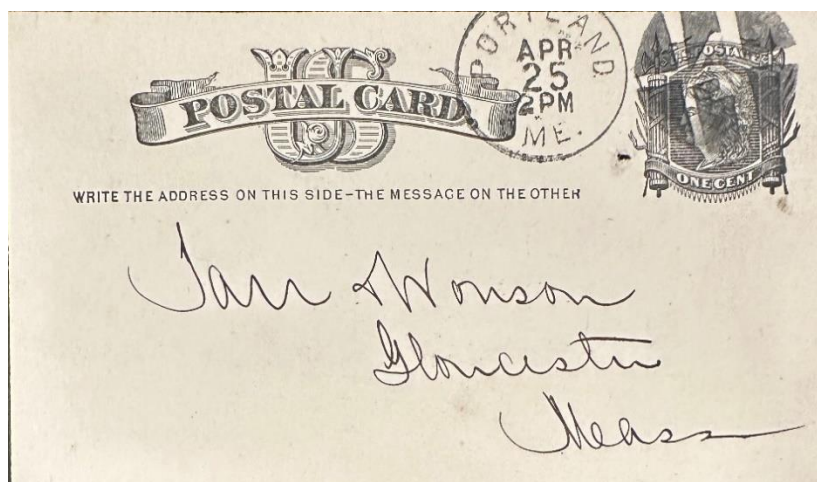
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter and has a negative 12 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 25 September are known.



15 December circa 1883:  
The circular postmark is 27 mm with a negative 13 killer.

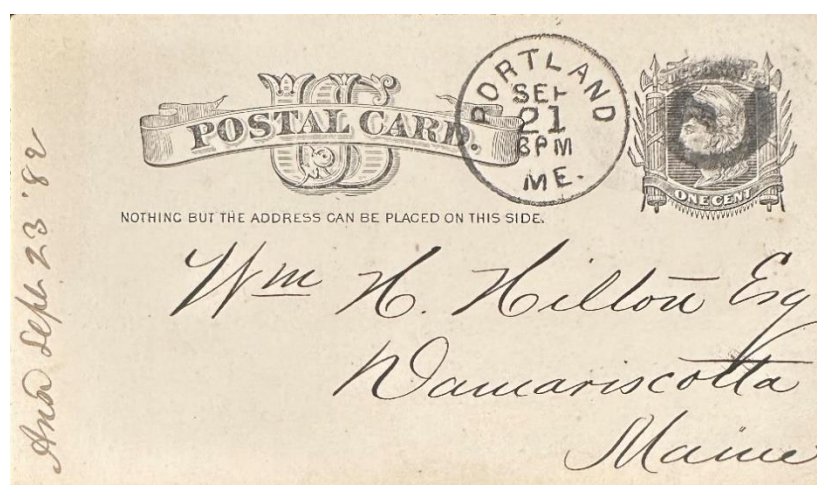


11 May circa 1883:  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative 20 killer.



25 April 1881:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a negative H killer.



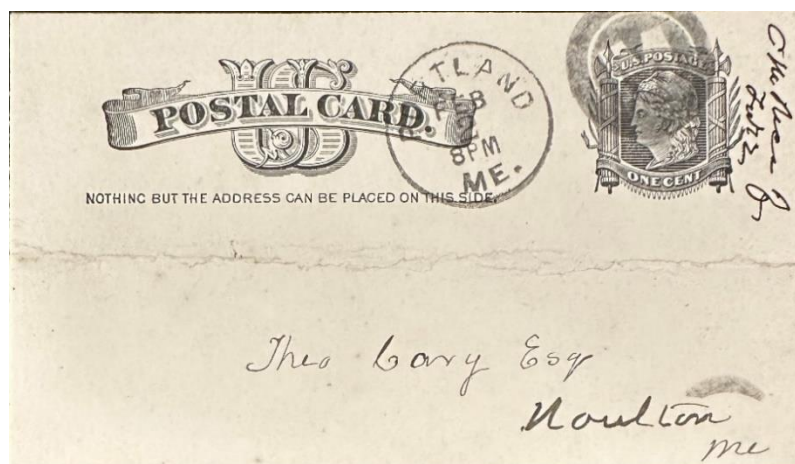
21 September 1872:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a negative backward C killer.



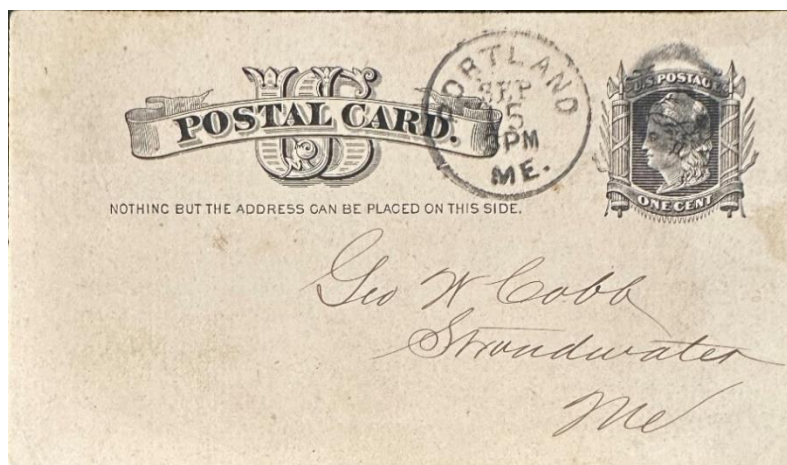
21 August circa 1882:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative H killer.



2 February 1883:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a negative M killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 24 February, 14 June, 10 November, and 15 November are known.



15 September 1883:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter and has a Negative D killer. Another similar postmark and killer dated September 27 are known.



20 April circa 1883:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a negative T killer.



6 February 1884:

Clark H. Barker became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



18 February 1884:

The circular postmark is 22.5 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/2 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 26 May 1884 is known.

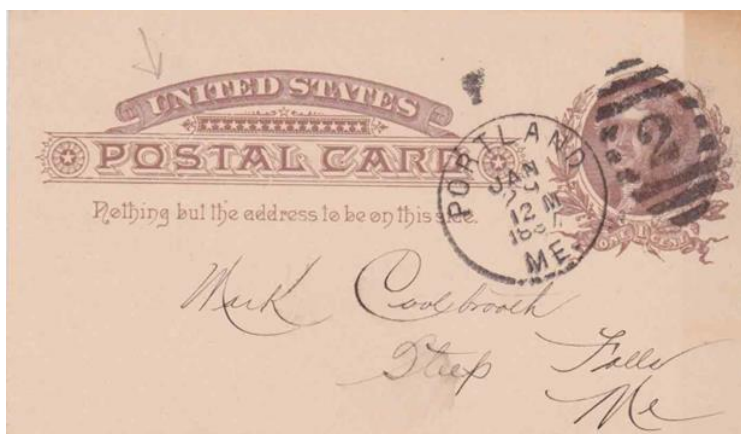


21 January 1885:

The circular postmark is 22.5 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/1 killer

6 July 1885:

Joshua S. Palmer became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



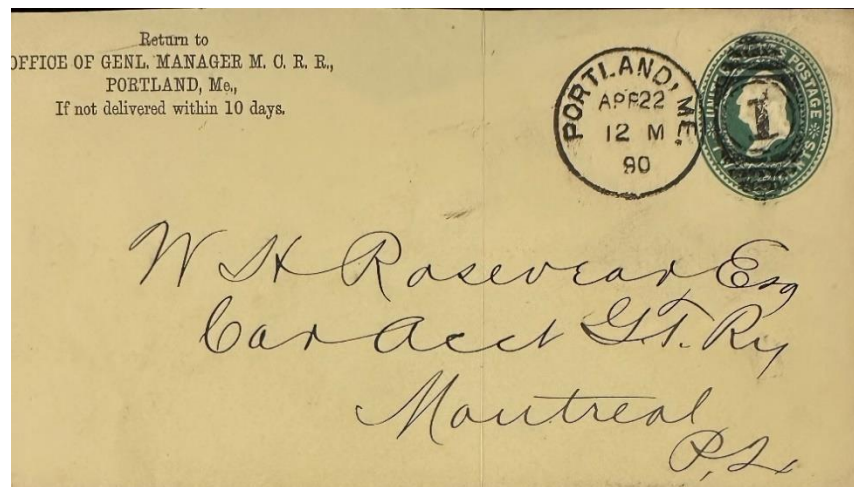
29 January 1887:

The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with a nine-bar oval duplex/2 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 7 March 1887 is known.



22 June 1887:

The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with a nine-bar oval duplex/1 killer.



22 April (18)90:

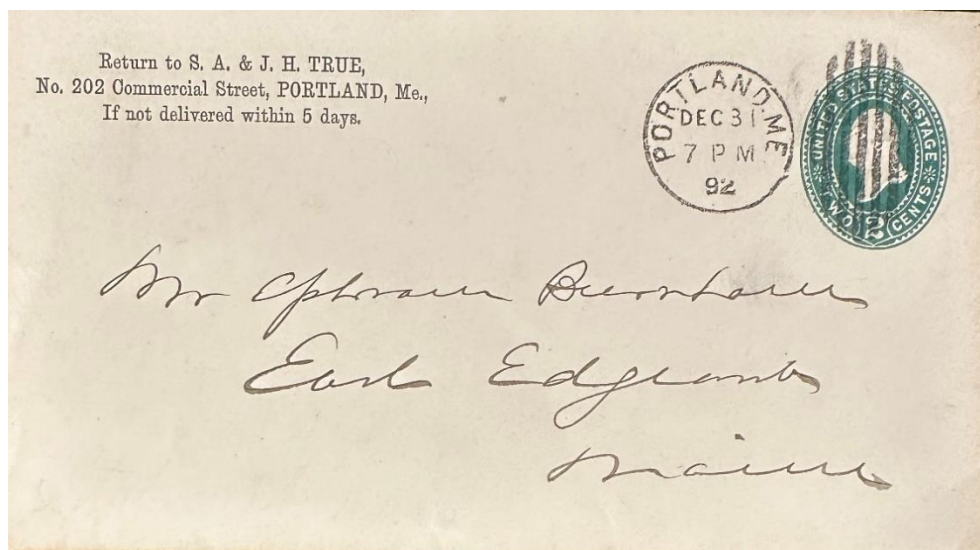
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a six-bar elliptical duplex/1 killer.

24 July 1890:

Herbert G. Briggs became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

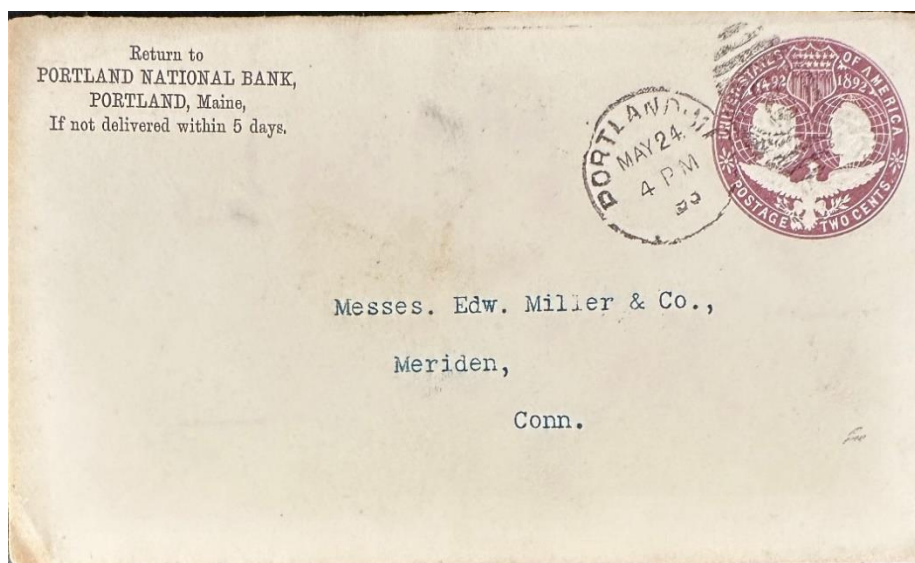
28 October 1891:

John C. Small became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



31 December (18)92:

The circular postmark is 24.5 mm in diameter with a large oval grid killer.



24 May 1893:

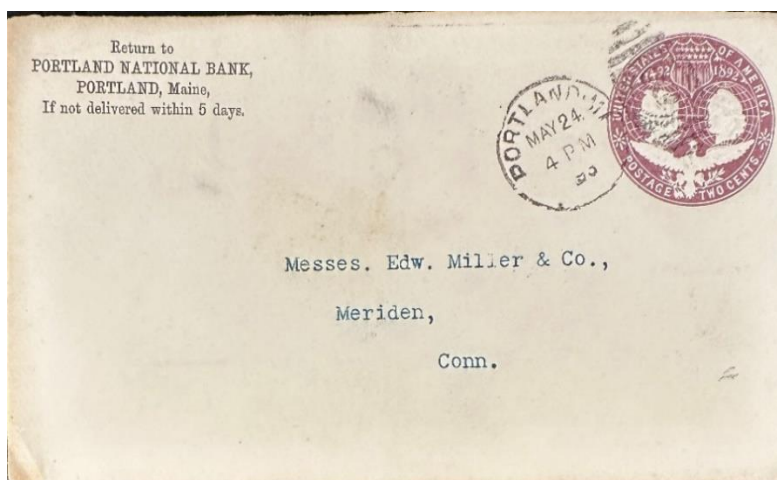
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/2 killer.



6 June 1893:

The circular postmark is 23 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine Co. seven straight line/1 killer.





14 July 1893:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/1 killer.



24 August 1894:

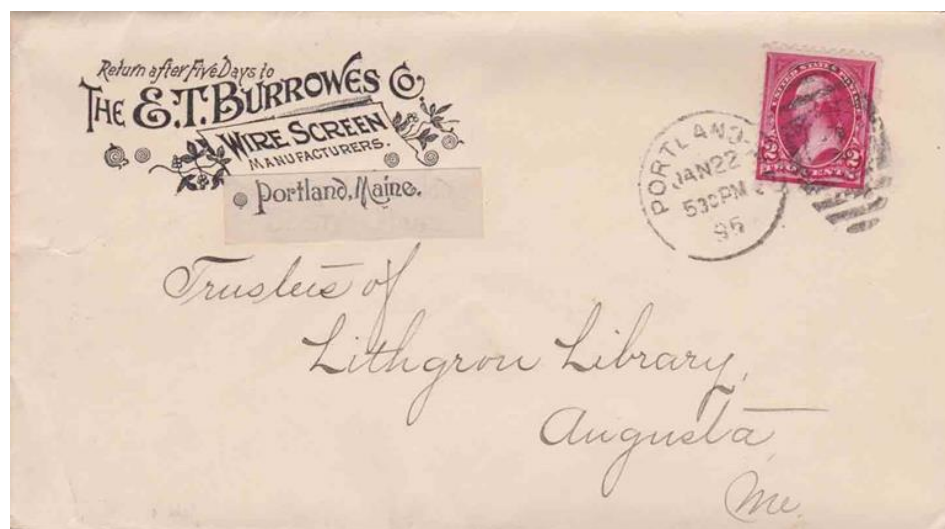
The circular postmark is 18.5 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine Co. seven straight line/1 killer.





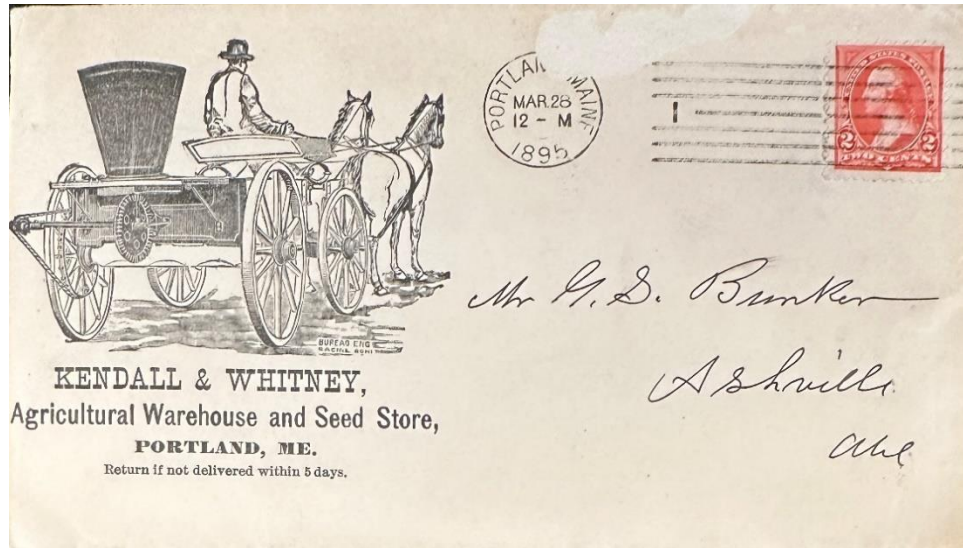
8 December (18)94:

The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/2 killer.



22 January 1895:

The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a six-bar oval duplex/2 killer.

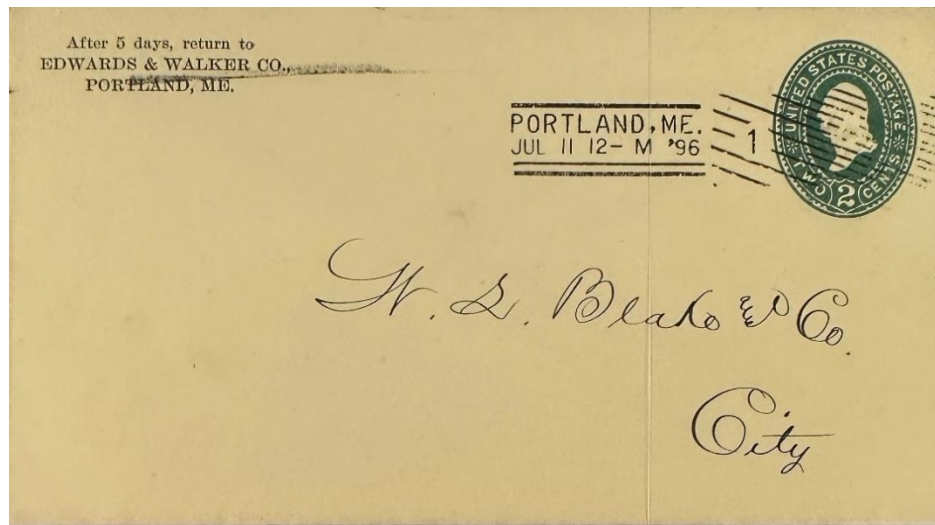


28 March 1895:

The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine Co. seven straight line/1 killer.

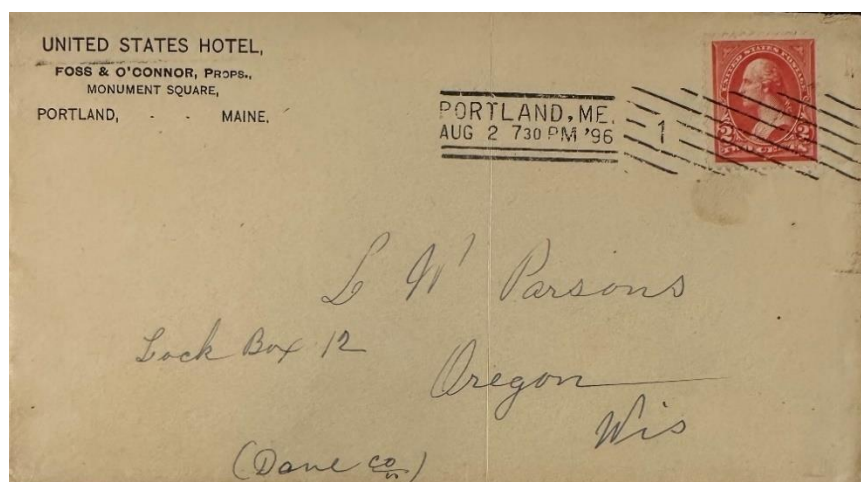
1 February 1896:

George L. Swett became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



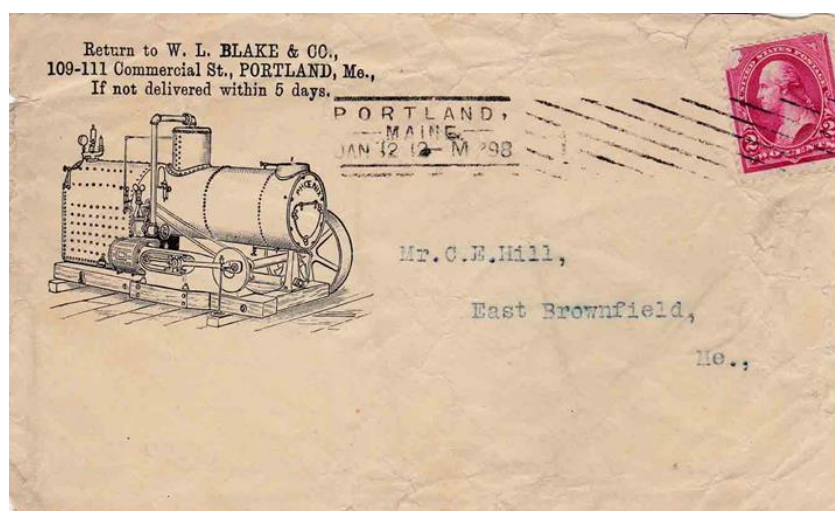
11 July (18)96:

The rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 12 mm high with diagonal lines/1 killer.



2 August (18)96:

Another rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 12 mm high with diagonal lines/1 killer.



12 January (18)98:

Another rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 12 mm high with diagonal lines/1 killer.



22 January 1898:

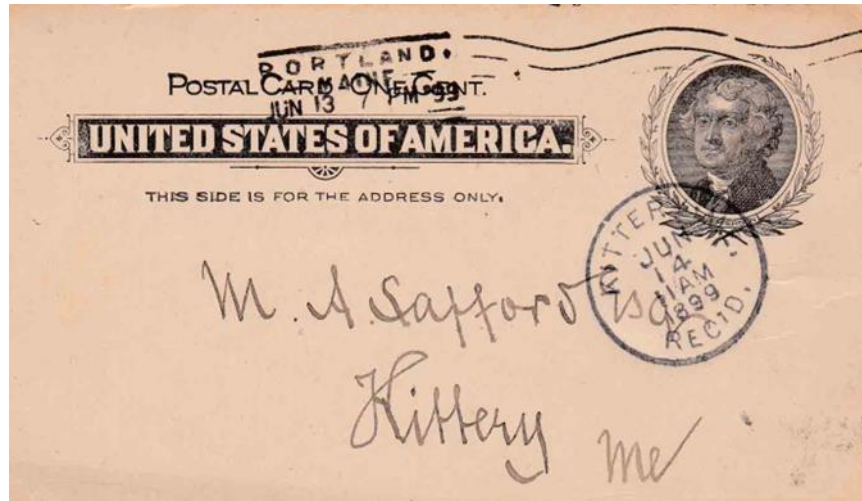
Another rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 12 mm high with diagonal lines/1 killer.



Circa 1898:

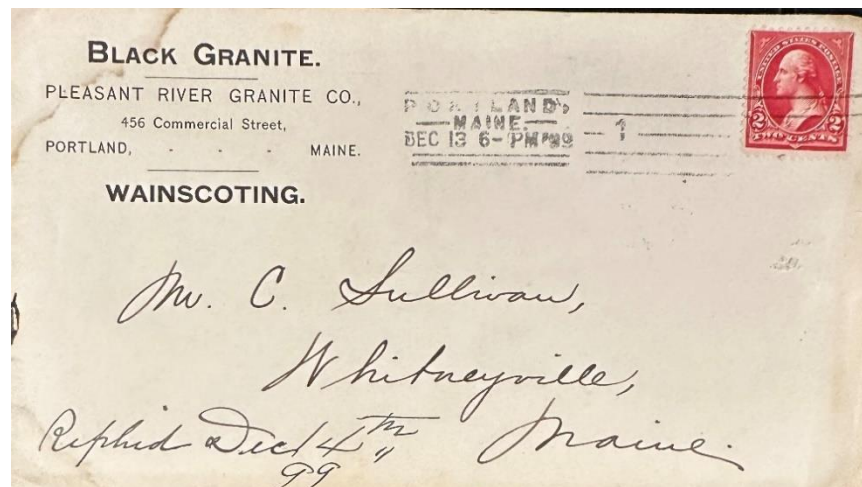
Portland Post Office (unknown photo source)





13 June (18)99:

The rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 12 mm high with a wavy line/1 killer.

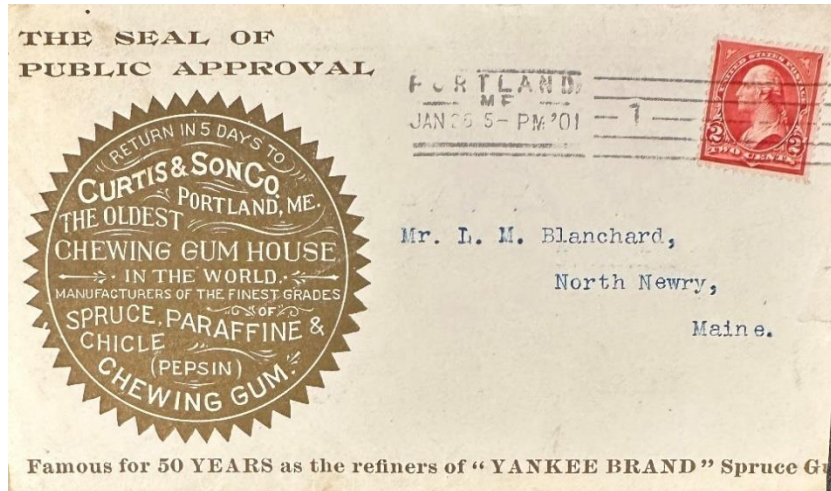


13 December (18)99:

The rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 14 mm high with a five straight line/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 13 June 1900 is known.

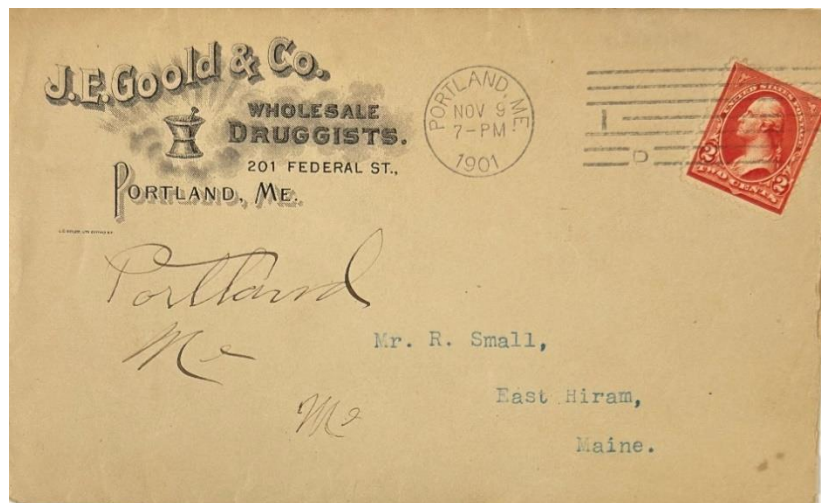
2 February 1900:

Clark H. Barker became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



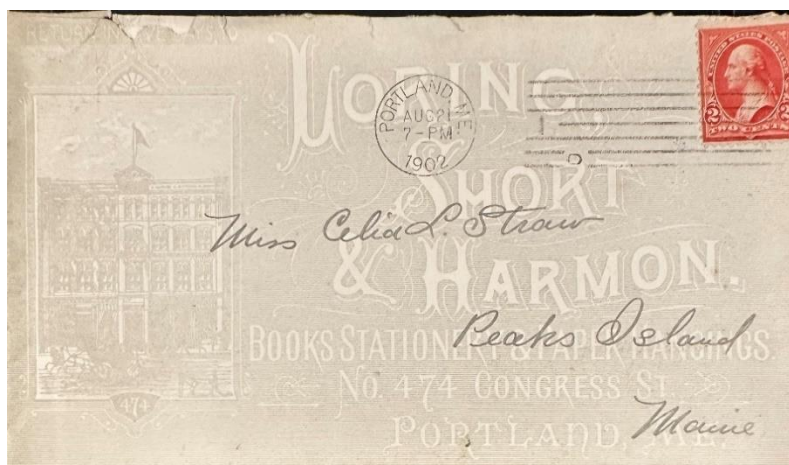
25 January 1901:

The rectilinear (straight line) Barry machine postmark is 32 mm long and 15.5 mm high with a five straight line/1 killer.



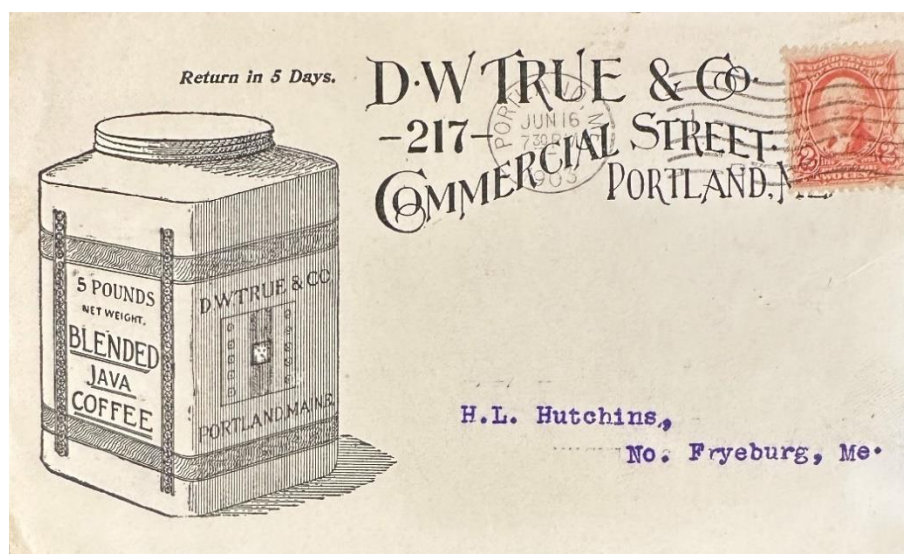
9 November 1901:

The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven straight line/1/D killer



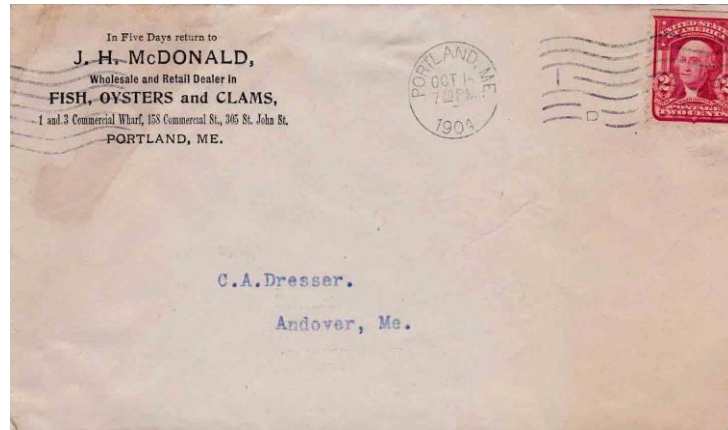
21 August 1902:

Another example of a circular postmark that is 20.5 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven straight line/1/D killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 28 May 1903 is known.



16 June 1903:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer.



28 December 1904:

Another example of a circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer.



28 December 1904:

Another example of a circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 18 September 1905 is known.

15 February 1905:

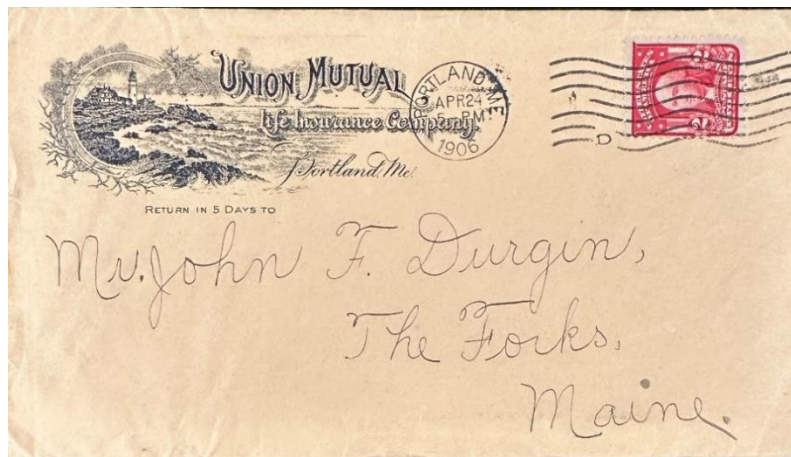
Fred H. King became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.





28 December 1904:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer.



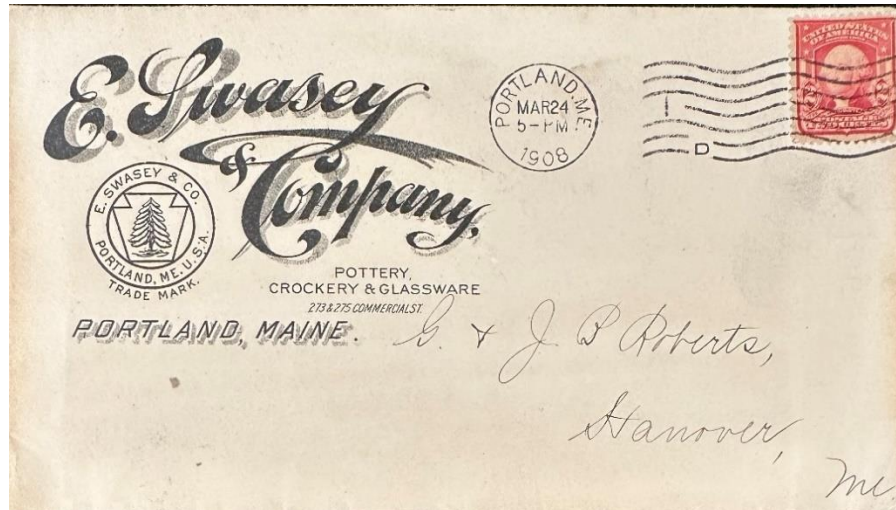
24 April 1906:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/?/D killer.



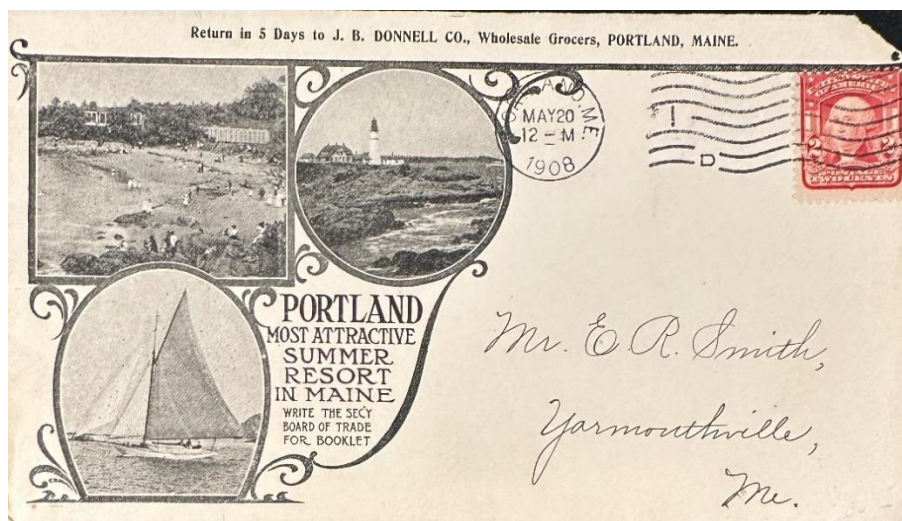
? August 1907:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/R killer.



24 March 1908:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer.



20 May 1908:

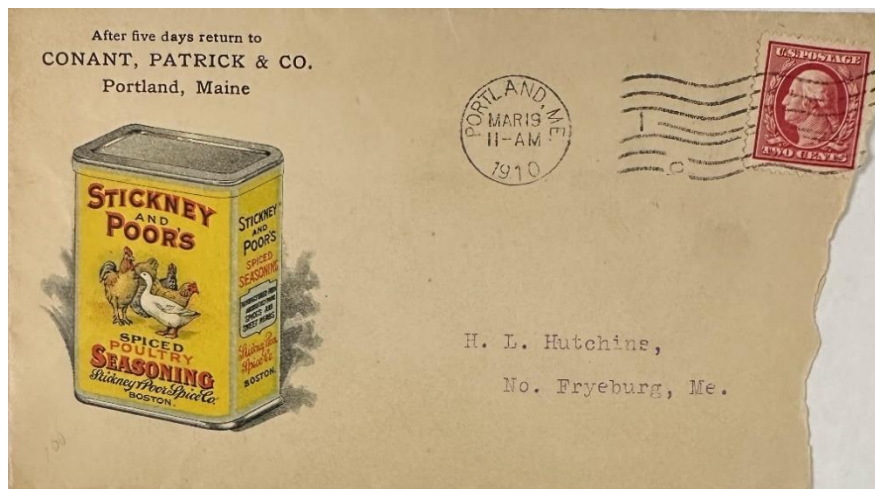
The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/D killer.

A similar postmark and killer dated 29 July 1908 is known.

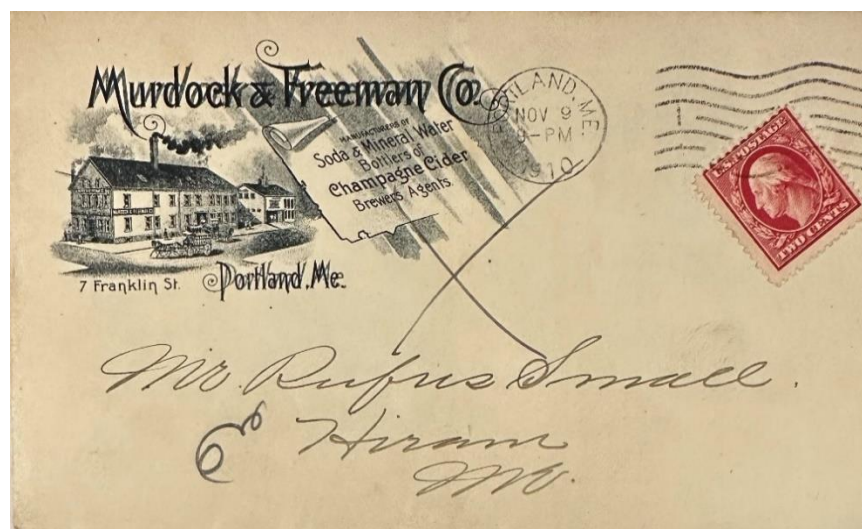




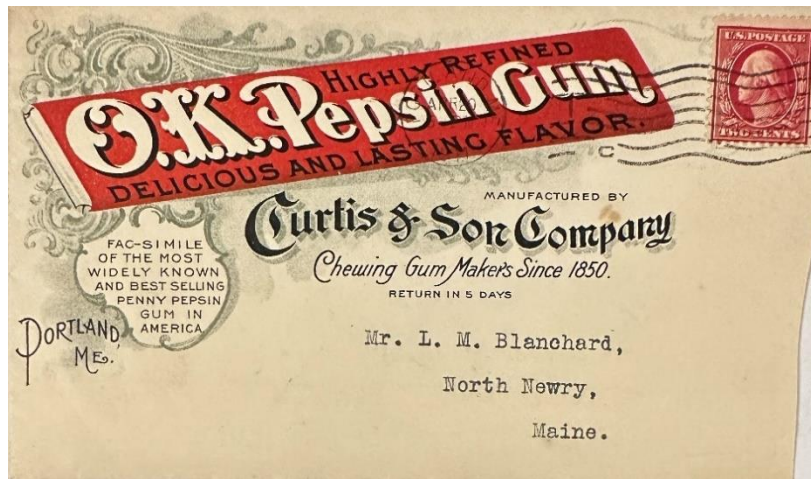
24 September 1909: The circular postmark is 23 mm in diameter with an American Postal Machine Flag killer.



19 March 1910:  
The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/C killer.



10 November 1910:  
The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/C killer.



20 April 1911:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with an International Postal Machine seven-wavy line/1/C killer.

29 July 1913:

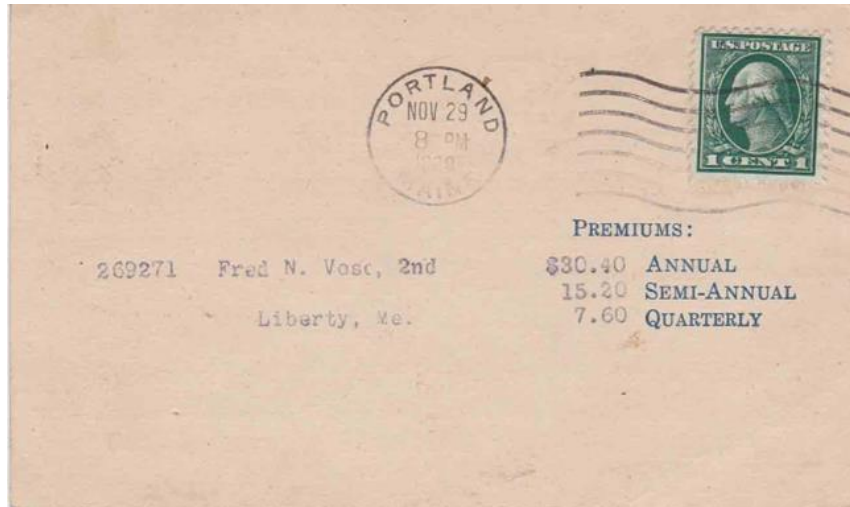
Oscar R. Wish became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



1 April 1915:

The circular postmark is 22.5 mm in diameter with an American Postal Machine Flag killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 27 July 1916 and 1 October 1919 are known.





29 November 1920:

The circular postmark is 21.5 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer.



17 May 1921:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a six-bar triplex/1 killer.

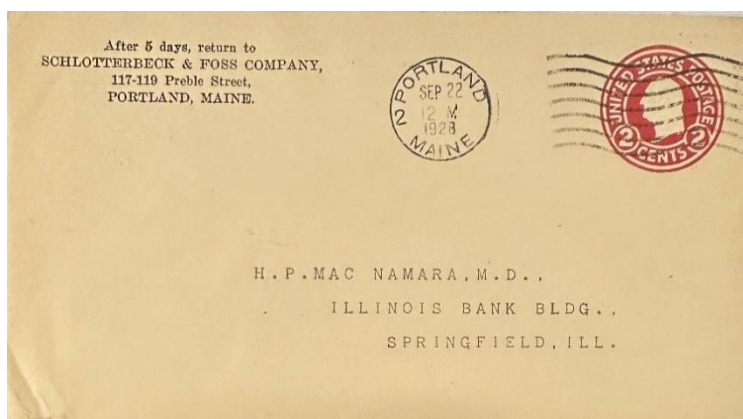
28 February 1922:

Charles A. Robinson became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

**A photo of a mail truck in Portland, loaded with holiday mail in 1926**, is available to view and purchase at the Vintage Maine Images website of the Maine Historical Society:  
<https://www.vintagemaineimages.com/record/20317>



1926:  
Letter carriers, Portland-unknown photo source.



22 September 1928:  
The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 21.5 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer.

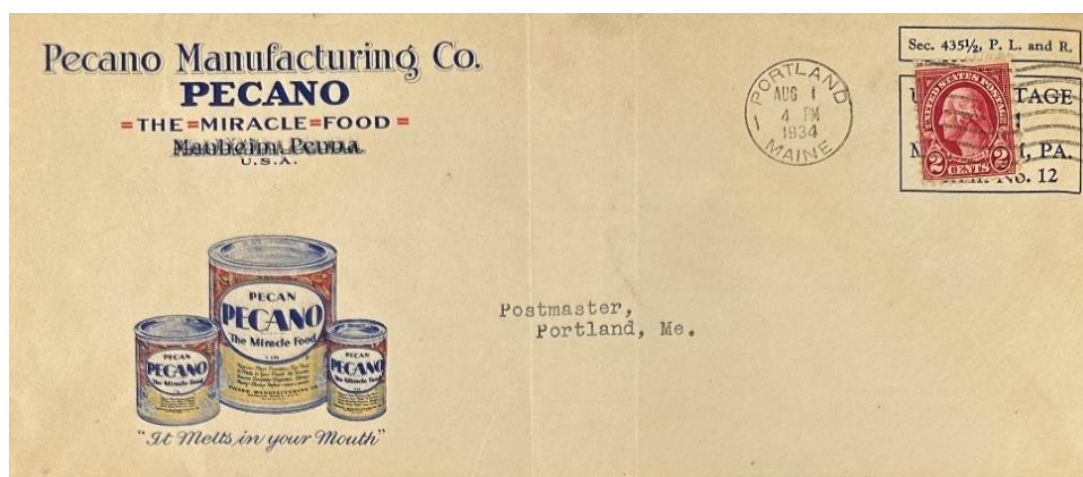
23 March 1934:  
Helen C. Donahue became the Acting Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

2 April 1934:  
Helen C. Donahue became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



26 June 1934:

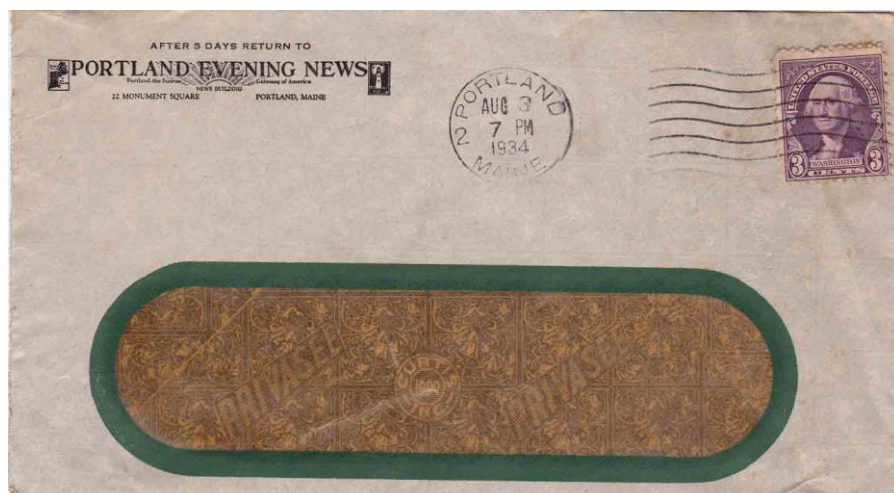
The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 21.5 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer.



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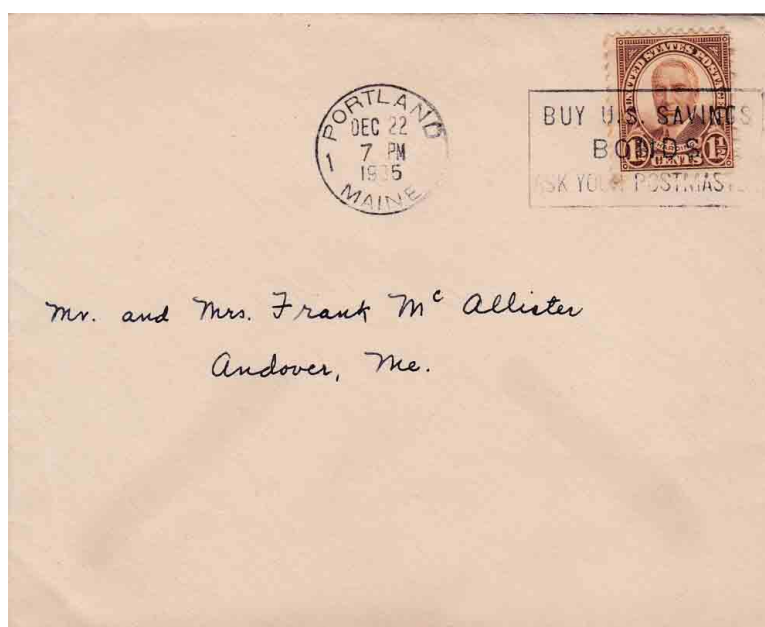
1 August 1934:

The circular postmark (Portland 1) is 21.5 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 20 December 1930 is known.



3 August 1934:

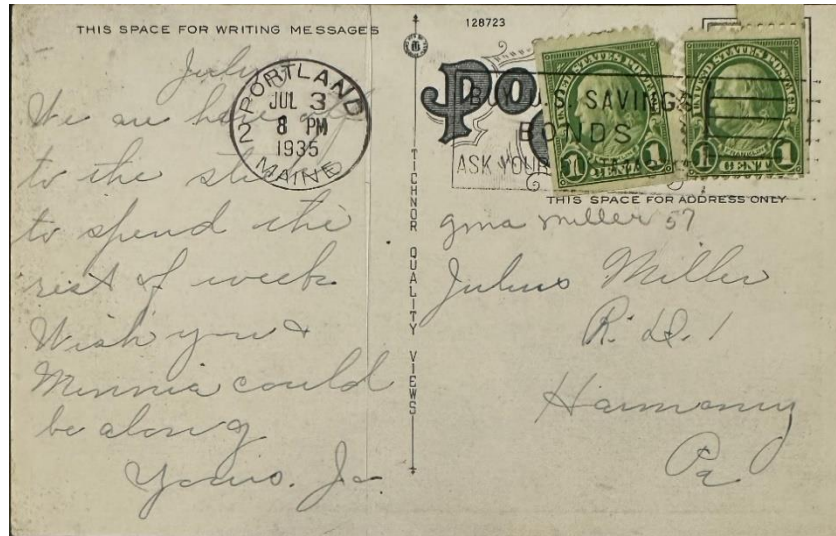
The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 21.5 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer.



22 December 1935:

The circular postmark (Portland 1) is 22 mm in diameter with a rectangle and six straight-line slogan; "Buy U. S. Savings / Bonds / Ask your postmaster" killer.





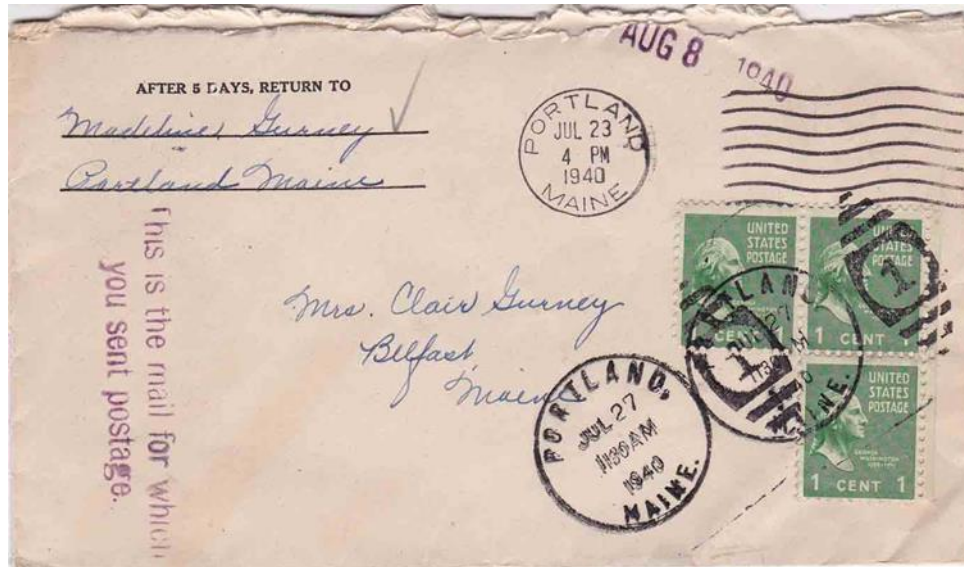
3 July 1935:

The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 22 mm in diameter with a rectangle and six straight-line slogan; "Buy U. S. Savings / Bonds / Ask your postmaster" killer.



9 June 1940:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a six-wavy line Universal Stamping Machine killer. Ancillary markings of "Opened by Censor" and "Passed by Censor S.48" were applied.



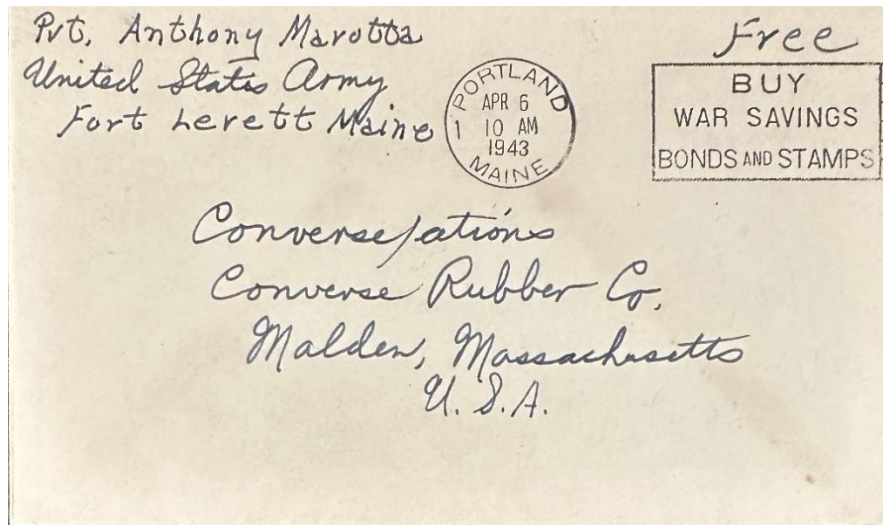
23 July 1940:

The first circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a six-wavy line Universal Stamping Machine killer. However, since the canceling machine did not “kill” the three stamps, another hand-applied postmark was applied with a circular postmark of 30 mm in diameter with a six-bar duplex/1 killer times two. Ancillary marking of “This is the mail for which you sent postage” was applied.



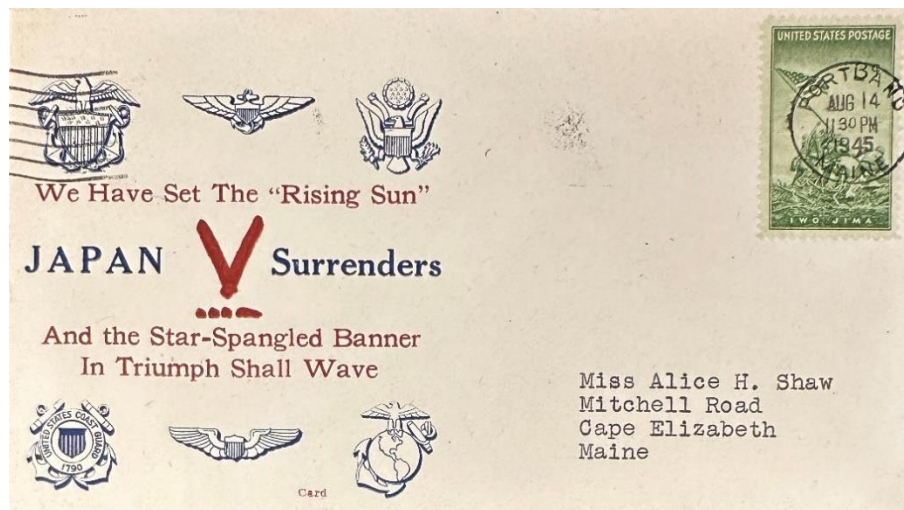
9 April 1941:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a six-wavy line Universal Stamping Machine killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 1 October 1945 and 3 October 1945 are known.



6 April 1943:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter, with a rectangle and six straight-line slogan killers: "Buy War Savings Bonds and Stamps." Similar postmarks and killers dated 4 January 1943 and 15 December 1943 are known.

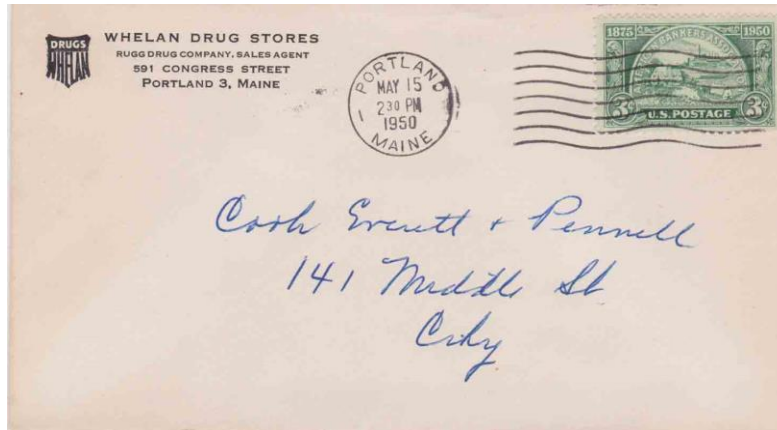


14 August 1945:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with no killer. Note the "3" embedded in Portland.

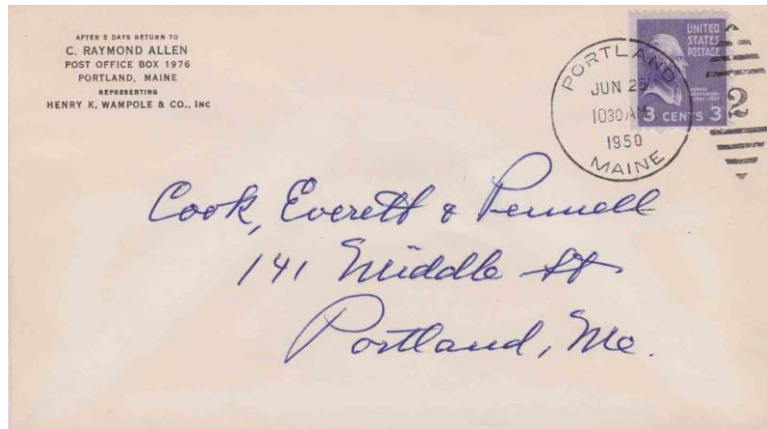
30 April 1949:

James A. McVicar became the Acting Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



15 May 1950:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a six-wavy line Universal Stamping Machine killer.

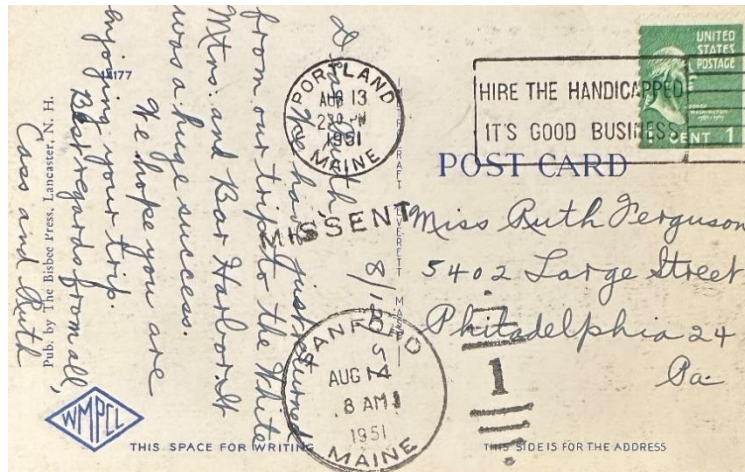


The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with an eight-bar duplex/2 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 19 June 1950 is known.

13 February 1951:

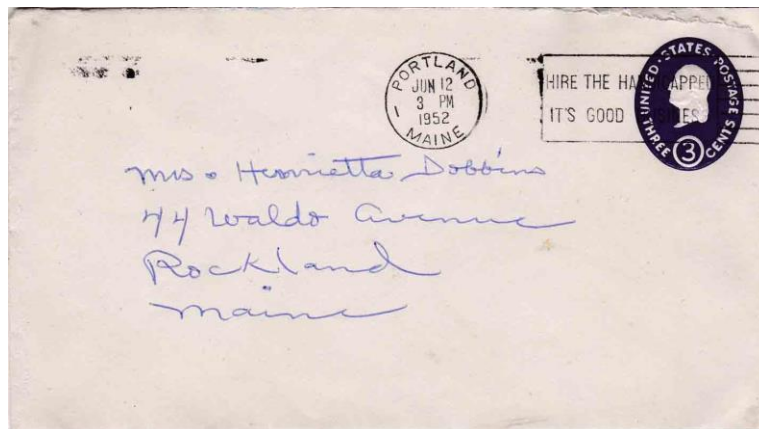
Joseph L. Cook became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.





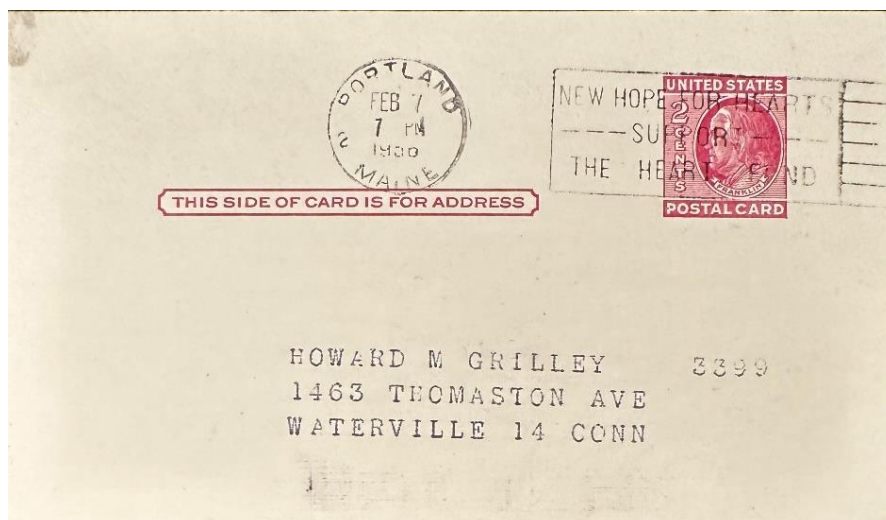
13 August 1951:

The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 22 mm in diameter with a 40 X 20 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan: "Hire the handicapped, It's Good Business" killer.



12 June 1952:

The circular postmark (Portland 1) is 22 mm in diameter with a 40 X 20 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan: "Hire the Handicapped, It's Good Business" killer.



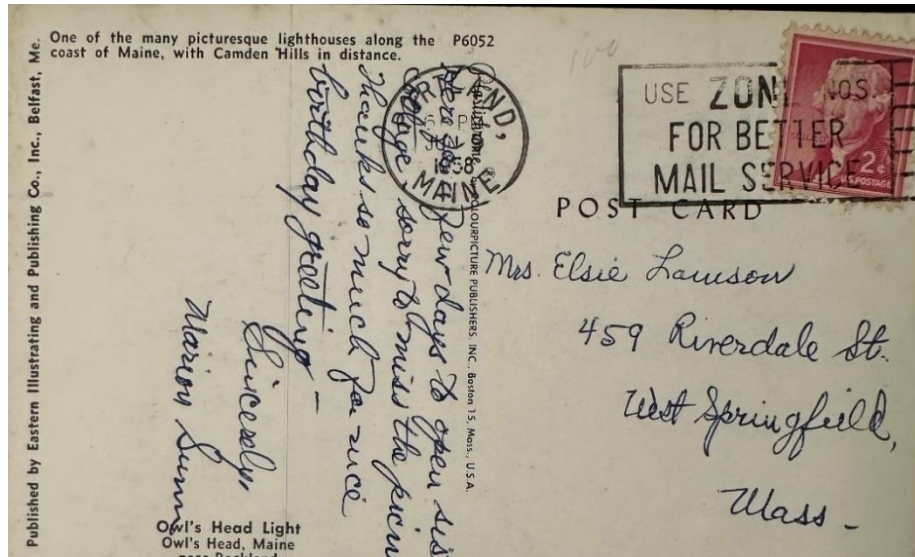
7 February 1956:

The circular postmark (Portland 2) is 21 mm in diameter with a 46 X 19.5 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan  
“New Hope for Heart, Support the Heart Fund” killer.



Circa 1959:

Portland Post Office-unknown photo source



9 June 1958:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a 40 X 20 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan "Use Zone Nos for Better Mail Service" killer.

31 August 1960:

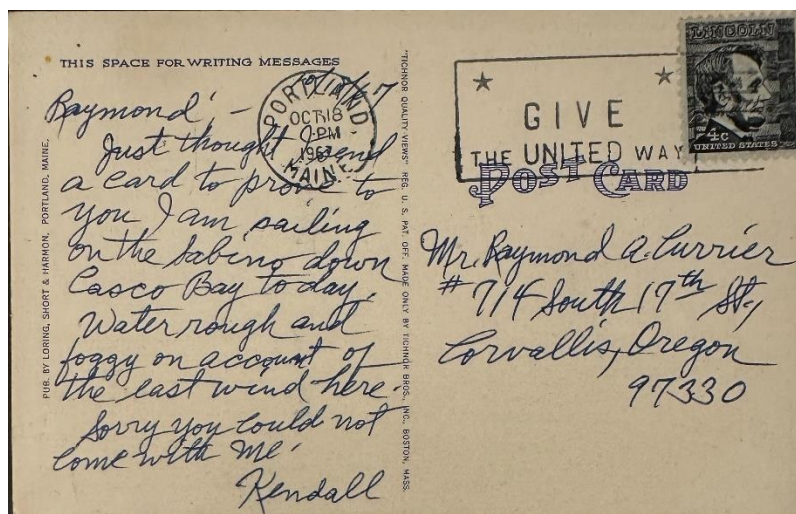
Edward I. Bernstein became the Acting Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

26 January 1962:

John R. Fortin became the Acting Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

28 March 1962:

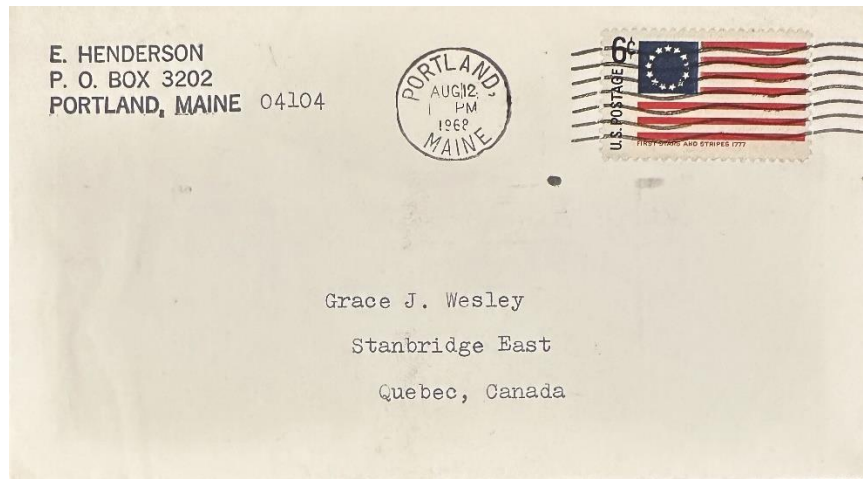
John R. Fortin became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



18 October 1967:

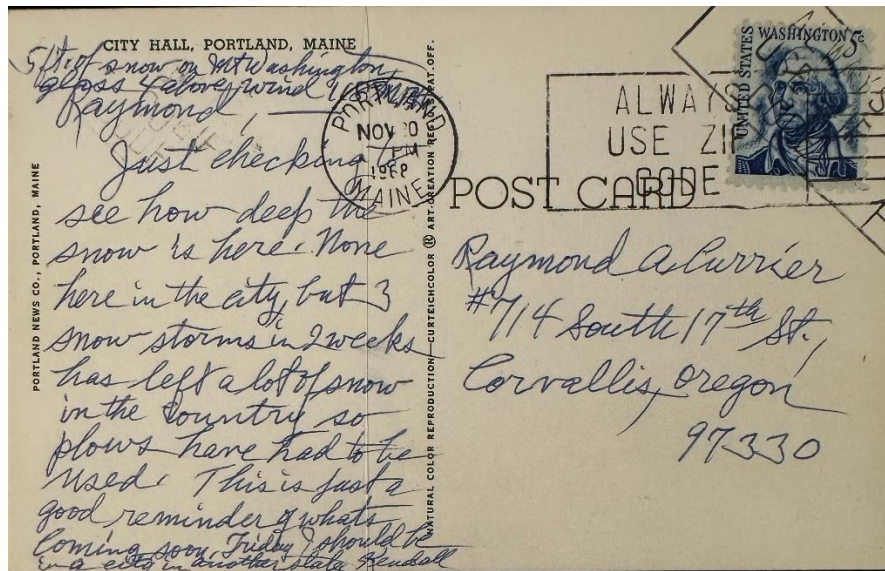
The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a 41 X 20 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan "Give the United Way" killer.





12 August 1968:

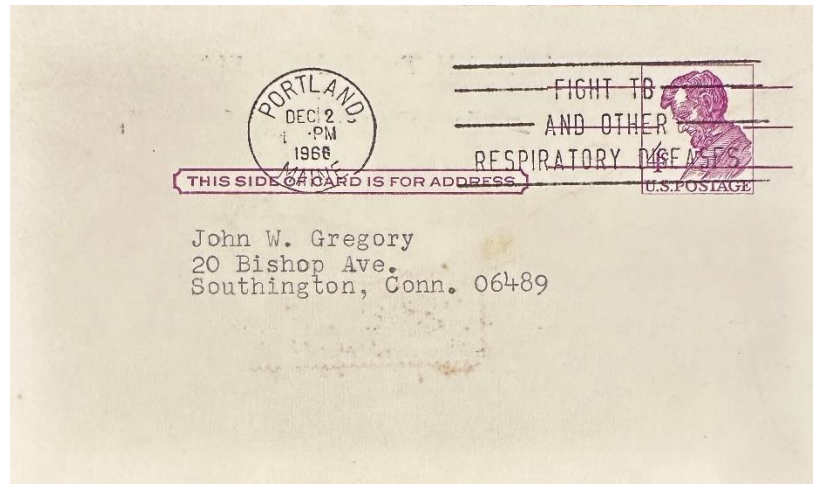
The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a Universal Machine seven-wavy line killer.



20 November 1968:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a 40 X 21 mm rectangle with six straight line slogan "Always Use Zip Codes" killer.



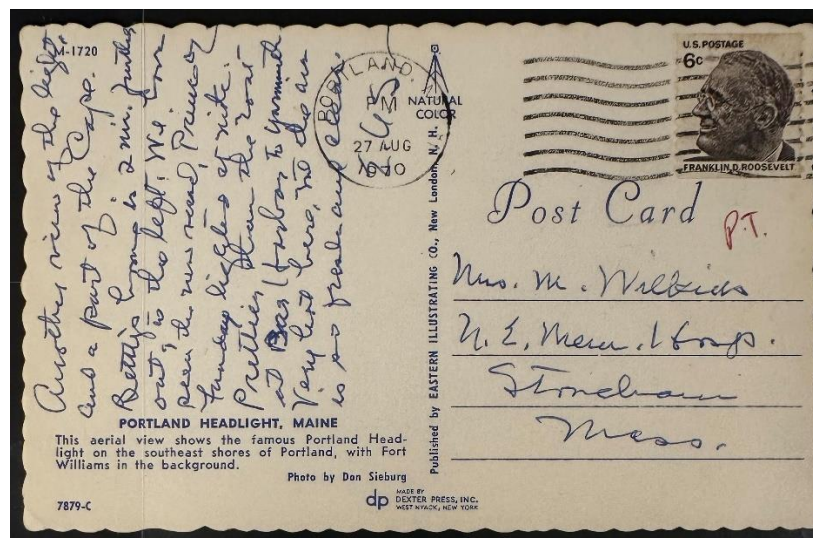


2 December 1968:

The circular postmark is 21.5 mm in diameter with a four straight-line slogan "Fight TB and Other Respiratory Diseases" killer.

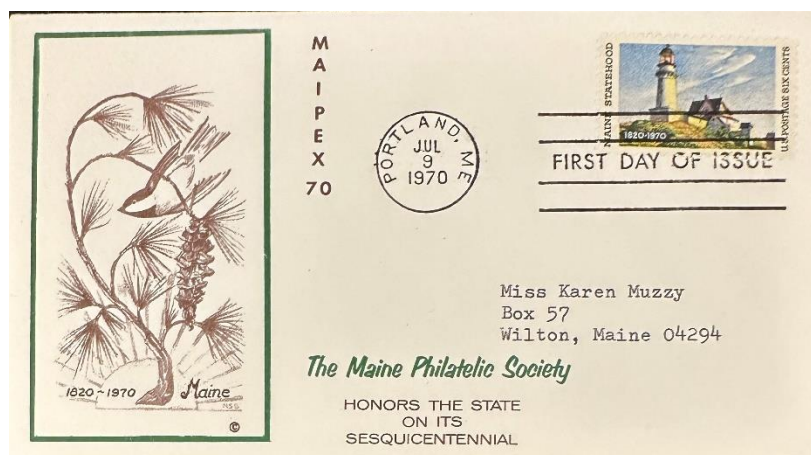
31 July 1970:

William J. Loring became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.



27 August 1970:

The circular postmark is 23 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy-line International Machine killer.



9 July 1970:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a typical four-line First Day Of Issue killer. Four other examples of the same date, postmark, and killer are known.

11 December 1971:

William J. Loring became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

31 December 1973:

James E. Donovan became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

11 May 1974:

Raymond A. Perrin became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

10 June 1974:

Paul F. Beaver became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

12 October 1974:

Alfred V. Cashman became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

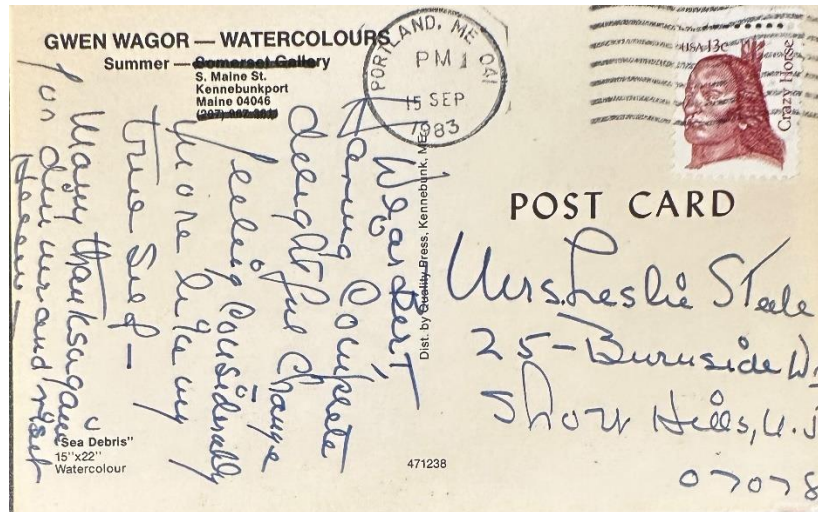


24 April 1981:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a typical four-line First Day of Issue killer. Two other covers with the same date, postmark, and killer are known.

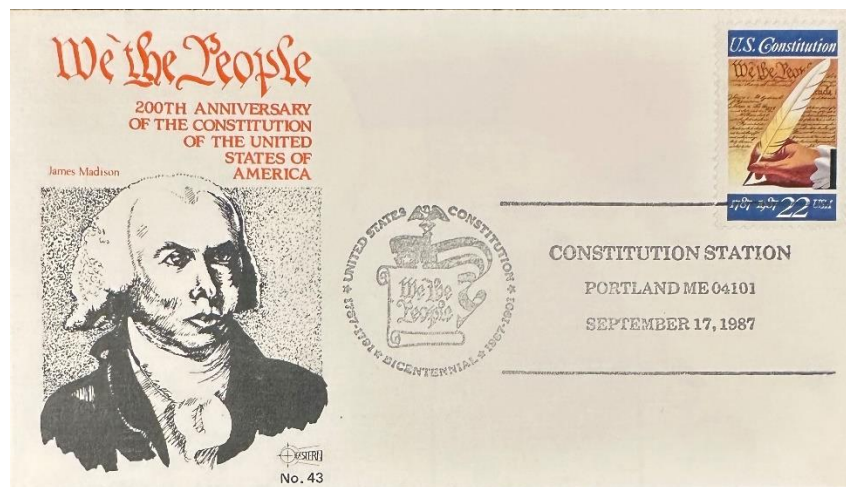
2 April 1983:

Kenneth N. Andre became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



15 September 1983:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line International Machine killer.



17 September 1987:

Special event/souvenir cancellation.

26 November 1990:

Paul F. Beaver became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

9 February 1991:

Alexander Lazaroff, Jr. became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

16 October 1992:

Steven Pelletier became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.



26 December 1992:

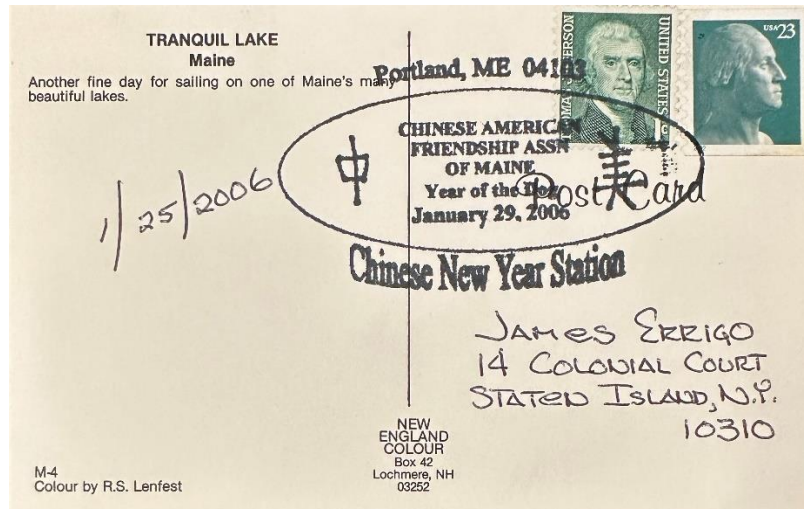
Michael Plunkett became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

30 September 1996:

Steven Pelletier became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

15 March 1997:

Michael K. Fortunato became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

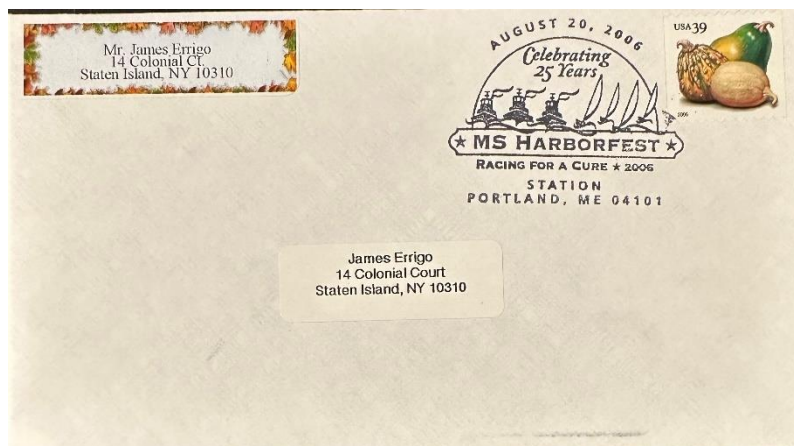


29 January 2006:

Special event/souvenir cancellation.

9 August 2006:

Guy Kothan became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.



20 August 2006:

Special event/souvenir cancellation.

20 January 2007:

David C. Guiney became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



8 October 2013:

John Godlewski became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

13 March 2014:

James H. Thornton, Jr. became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

15 November 2014:

James H. Thornton, Jr. became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.

Unknown date:

An unknown person became the Officer-In-Charge of the Portland Post Office.

5 November 2022:

Patricia A. Tapper became the Postmaster of the Portland Post Office.



October 2022:

Portland Post Office (southeast side)-Photo Credit Jim Husson



October 2022:  
Portland Post Office (northwest side)-Photo Credit Jim Husson

26 March 2024:

Portland Post Office is still operational at 125 Forest Ave: Portland, ME 04101 GPS 43° 39' 31" N 70° 15' 58" W.

### **Portland Sectional 040 and 041:**

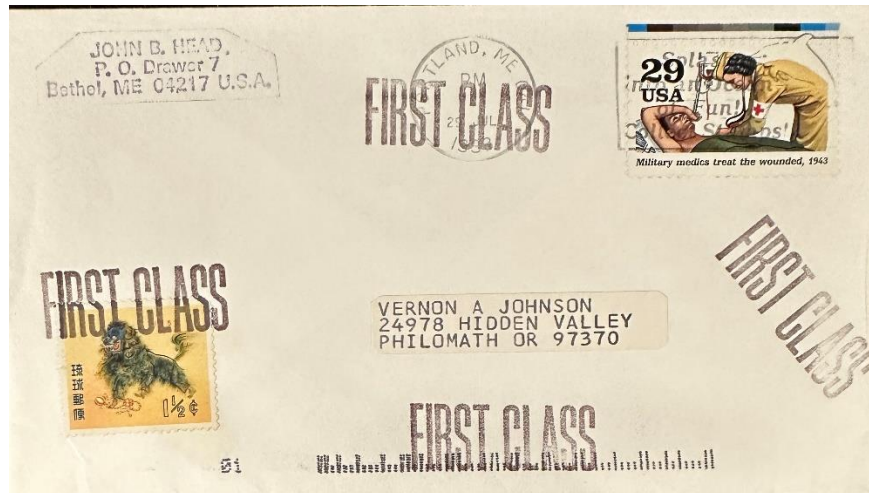
10 June 1971: (per Postal Bulletin 20818)

Portland Sectional Center 040 and 041 opened under a reorganization plan by the Postal Service.



1 April 1974:

The circular 040 postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line International Machine killer.



29 July 1993:

The circular 041 postmark is 24 mm in diameter with the slogan "Splash into a world of fun, collect stamps" killer.

2 December 1995:

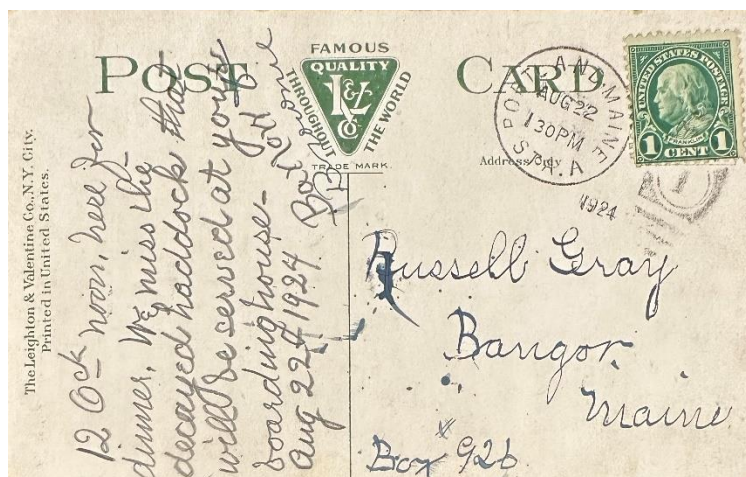
Portland Sectional Center 040 and 041 closed and became Rand Road Carrier Ax.

**Note:** Many stations/branches were located in towns such as South Portland and Cape Elizabeth that had "Portland" as part of the post office's name (e.g., Portland Br. No. 15 was located in Cape Elizabeth). These post offices can be found in the town where they were located.

**Portland Sta. A Sx (1)** (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Portland Sta. A Sx 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.)

15 December 1921:

Portland Sta. A Sx opened.



The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a six-bar triplex/1 killer.

20 January 1934:

Portland Sta. A Sx (1) closed and became Pearl Street Sx Portland Post Office.

**Portland Sta. A Sx (2)** (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Portland Sta. A Sx at different times and locations. The (2) 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.)

1 November 1943:

Portland Sta. A Sx (2) Post Office opened at Libby Bldg., 10 Congress St.



Unknown date and unknown photo credit.

23 June 2024:

Portland Sta. A Sx (2) is still operational at 622 Congress St.

## **Portland Sub Sta. Sta. 1**

2 July 1900:

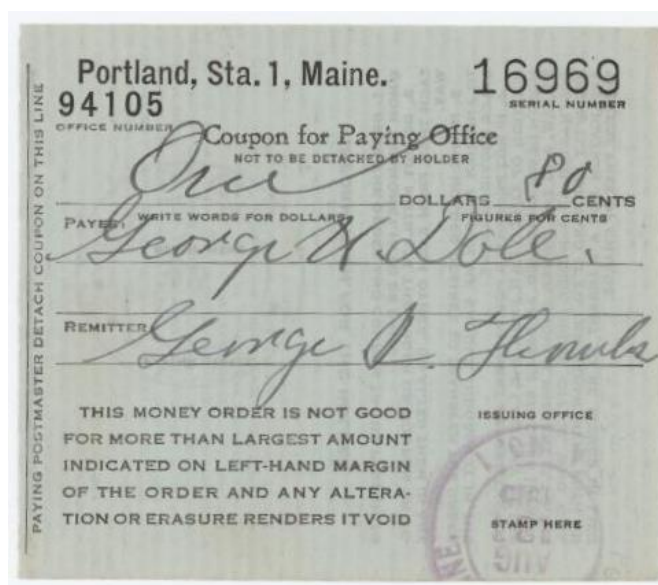
Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 1 Post Office (formerly Deering Post Office) opened. Located at 1191, 1175, 1192, and 1183 Forest Ave.





10 April 1913:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.



3 August 1915:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.





31 March 1965:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.

2 July 1900:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 1 Post Office closed in 1964/1981.

### **Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 2**

2 July 1900:

Portland Sub Sta. Sta. 2 Post Office opened, replacing the Deering Center Post Office. It was located at 471 Stevens, 5 Brentwood, 385 Stevens, and 203 Pleasant Streets.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sub Sta. Sta. 2 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 2**

26 August 1963:

Portland Station Sta. No. 2 Post Office opened at Liggett's Drug Store, Pine Tree Shopping Center.



3 May 1965:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.

1964/1981:

Portland Station Sta. No. 2 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 3**

2 July 1900:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 3 Post Office opened at 2 Veranda St. and 507 Washington Ave.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 3 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 3**

1964/1981:

Portland Sta. No.3 Post Office opened at Services Inc., 477 Congress St.

1981/1993:

Portland Sta. No.3 Post Office closed.



## Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 4

2 July 1900:

Portland Sub Sta./Sta. No. 4 Post Office opened (formerly North Deering Post Office). Located at 47 India St., 36 Middle St., and Troiano's Fruit Store,

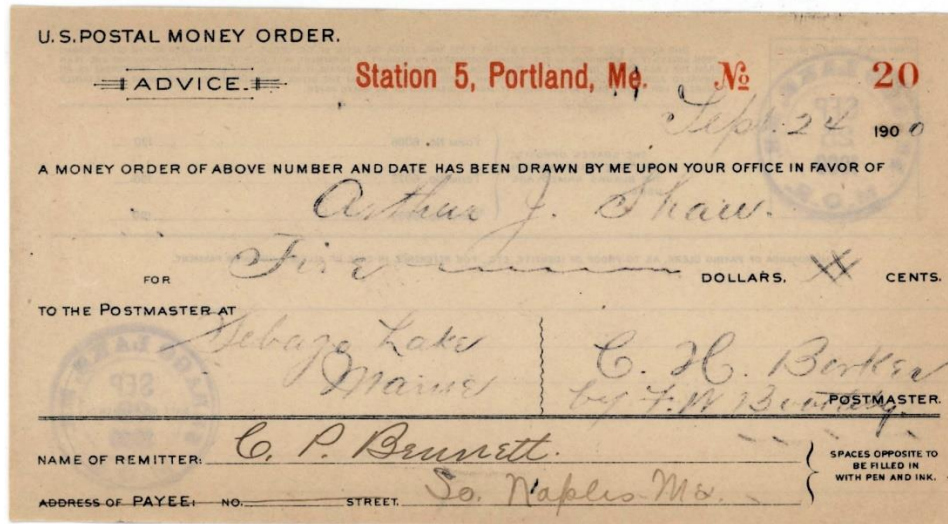
July 1934:

Portland Sub Sta./Sta. No. 4 Post Office closed.

## Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 5

15 August 1900:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 5 Post Office opened. Located at 931A Congress St.



24 September 1900:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.

1 March 1908:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 5 Post Office closed.

## Portland Sta. No. 5

16 June 1911:

The Portland Sta. No. 5 Post Office opened. It was at 653, 735 Congress St., 340 Allen Ave., 1381, 1392 Washington St.

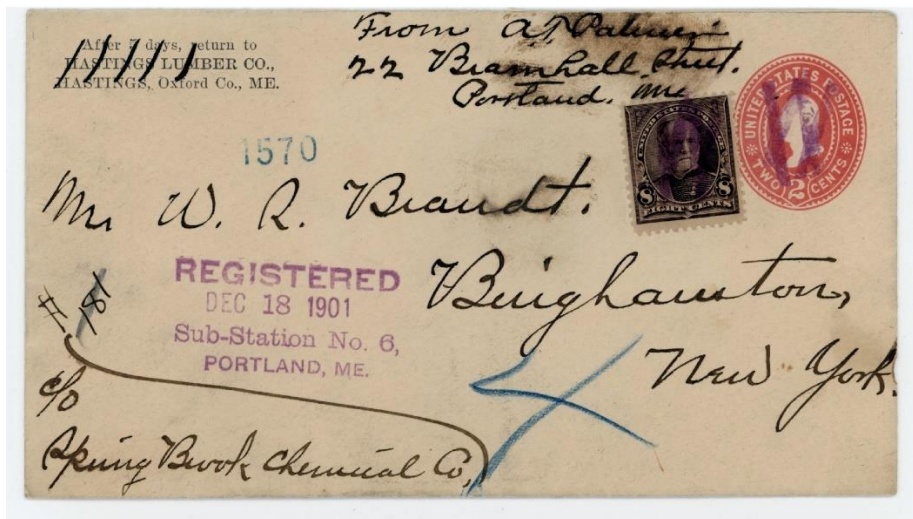
13 June 1964:

The Portland Sta. No. 5 Post Office closed.

## Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 6

1 July 1901:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 6 Post Office opened. Located at 202 Brackett St., 737 Congress St., and 563 Main St., South Portland.



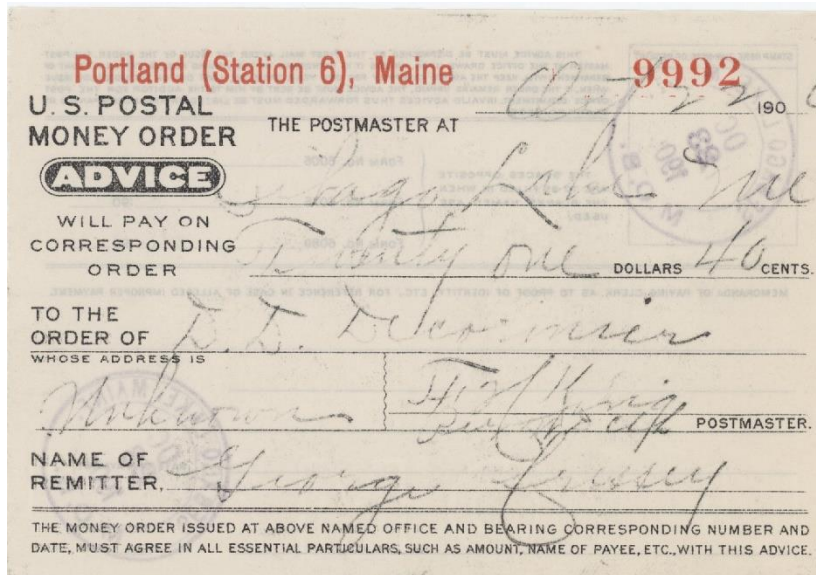
18 December 1901:

Straight line postmark with a manuscript killer.



3 April 1930:

The outer circle of the circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.



31 March 1948:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 6 Post Office closed.

### Portland Sta. No. 6

1 July 1948:

Portland Sta. No. 6 Post Office opened. Located at 503 Washington Ave. and 469 Stevens Ave.





Circa 2007:

Portland Sta. No. 6 Post Office closed and replaced by Deering Center S Portland.

### **Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 7**

1 July 1901:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 7 Post Office opened. Located at 469, 461, 599A, 652A Congress St., and 128 High St.



Portland (Sta. 7), Maine. 58628  
(SERIAL NUMBER)

COUPON

COUPON SHOULD BE DETACHED HERE BY PAYING POSTMASTER

ISSUING OFFICE  
AUG 5 1912  
STAMP HERE

Six — DOLLARS <sup>#</sup> CENTS  
WRITE WORDS FOR DOLLARS FIGURES FOR CENTS

PAYEE: Mrs. G. Y. Lewis

REMITTER: Mrs. C. E. Hewitt

THIS COUPON SHOULD BE RETAINED AT PAYING OFFICE

5 August 1912:

The outer circle of the double-ringed postmark is 30 mm in diameter with no killer.

Portland (Sta. 7), Maine. 55456  
(SERIAL NUMBER)

COUPON

COUPON SHOULD BE DETACHED HERE BY PAYING POSTMASTER

ISSUING OFFICE  
AUG 5 1912  
STAMP HERE

Eight — DOLLARS <sup>#</sup> CENTS  
WRITE WORDS FOR DOLLARS FIGURES FOR CENTS

PAYEE: Mrs. G. Y. Lewis

REMITTER: Mrs. C. E. Hewitt

THIS COUPON SHOULD BE RETAINED AT PAYING OFFICE



30 June 1956:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 7 Post Office closed.

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

## Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 8

1 July 1901:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 8 Post Office opened. Located at 108, 107, 129, 107, and 109 Congress St.







1981/1983:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 8 Post Office closed.

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/mpb>



### **Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 9**

1 July 1901:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 9 Post Office opened (formerly Stroudwater). Located at 1 Waldo St.

1937:

Portland Sub-Sta./Sta. No. 9 Post Office closed.

**(Portland Sta. No. 10 was located in South Portland.)**

### **Portland Sta. No. 11**

1928/1935:

Portland Sta. No. 11 Post Office opened Located at 795 Washington Ave.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sta. No. 11 Post Office closed.

**(Portland Sta. No. 12 was located in South Portland.)**

### **Portland Sta. No. 13**

1 August 1907:

Portland Sta. No. 13 Post Office opened. Located at Cash Corner, York & Pleasant Streets, 221 and 243B Congress St.,

30 November 1937:

Portland Sta. No. 13 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 14**

1 July 1913:

Portland Sta. No. 14 Post Office opened. Located at Trefethen, on Peaks Island, summer office

July 1934:

Portland Sta. No. 14 Post Office closed.

## **Portland Sta. No. 15**

16 April 1916:

Portland Sta. No. 15 Post Office opened at 897, 861 Brighton Ave., 477 Congress St., Fessenden's Stationery, and 497 Congress St.

30 September 1958:

Portland Sta. No. 15 Post Office closed.

## **Portland Sta. No. 16**

1 October 1916:

Portland Sta. No. 16 Post Office opened at 213 Danforth St., 500 Woodford St., and 580 Brighton Ave.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sta. No. 16 Post Office closed.

## **Portland Sta. No. 17**

16 September 1917:

Portland Sta. No. 17 Post Office opened and was located at 107 Portland St.

July 1934:

Portland Sta. No. 17 Post Office closed.

**Portland Sta. No. 18 (1)** (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Portland Sta. No. 18 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.)

1 May 1918:

Portland Sta. No. 18 (1) Post Office opened at 173 York St.

July 1934:

Portland Sta. No. 18 (1) Post Office closed.

**Portland Sta. No. 18 (2)** (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Portland Sta. No. 18 at different times and locations. The (2) 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.)

1 July 1936:

Portland Sta. No. 18 (2) Post Office opened at 308 Spring St.

1 October 1938:

Portland Sta. No. 18 (2) Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 19**

16 April 1926:

Portland Sta. No. 19 Post Office opened and was located at 183 Brighton Ave.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sta. No. 19 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 20**

1 December 1926:

Portland Sta. No. 20 Post Office opened.

31 March 1948:

Portland Sta. No. 20 Post Office closed.

### **Portland Sta. No. 21**

1 December 1926:

Portland Sta. No. 21 Post Office opened.

31 August 1934:

Portland Sta. No. 21 Post Office closed.

### **Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland**

2 December 1995:

Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland Post Office (formerly Northwest Carrier Ax Portland) opened.

17 March 2007:

Rand Road Carrier Ax Portland Post Office closed.

## **Receiving Station S Portland**

1 October 1942:

Receiving Station S Portland Post Office opened.

31 December 1945:

Receiving Station S Portland Post Office closed.

## **Section Base S Portland**

15 August 1942:

Section Base S Portland Post Office opened.

15 March 1944:

Section Base S Portland Post Office closed and changed to Navy 10305 S Portland (Navy Post Office for Naval Frontier Base).

## **Stevens Plains**

21 March 1832:

Stevens Plains Post Office opened. Stevens' Plains and Steven's Plains have been seen.

21 March 1832:

Zachariah B. Stevens became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

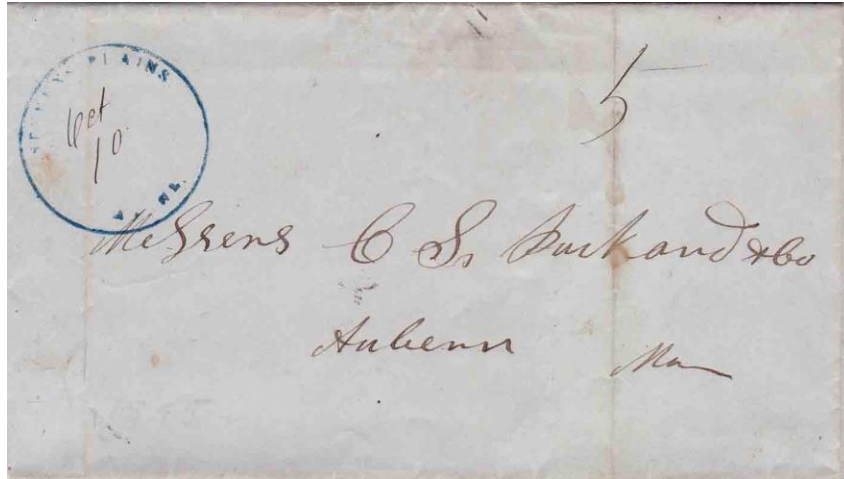
1 July 1843:

Christopher C. Tobie became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

2 July 1845:

David Torrey became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.



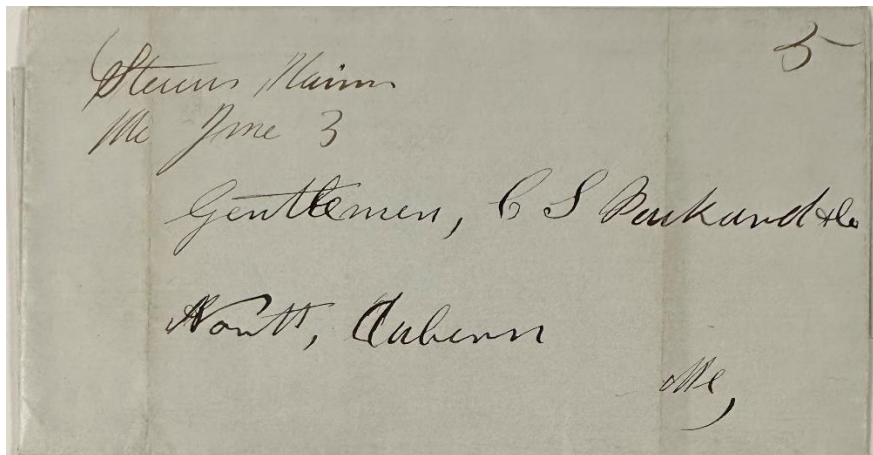


10 October 1845.

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a manuscript 5 killer.

2 March 1846:

Andrew Cram became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.



3 June 1848:

Manuscript postmark and killer.

10 December 1851:

Stephen Morrill became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

23 April 1853:

Daniel S. Jones, Jr. became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

17 March 1854:

David Torrey became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

12 October 1855:

Oliver B. Howard became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

4 March 1858:

Levi Cram became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.



13 September circa 1860:

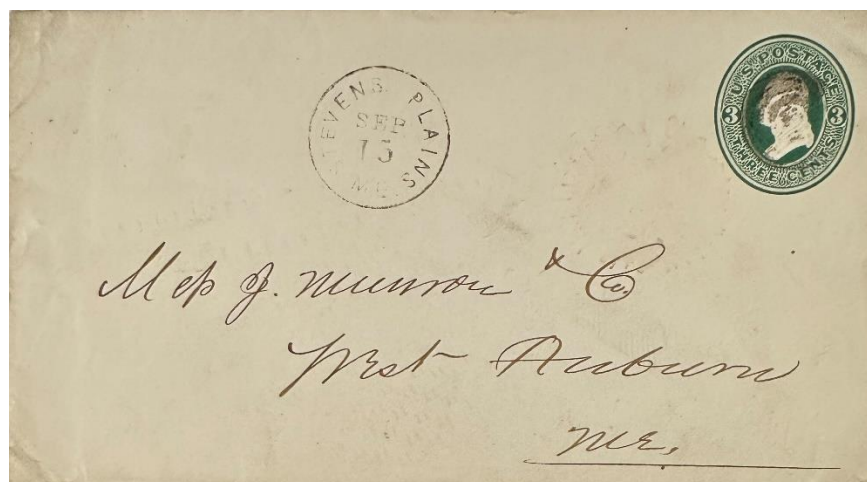
The circular postmark is 37.5 mm in diameter with the CDS used as a killer. A similar postmark dated October circa 1860 is known.

25 September 1861:

George Wilson became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

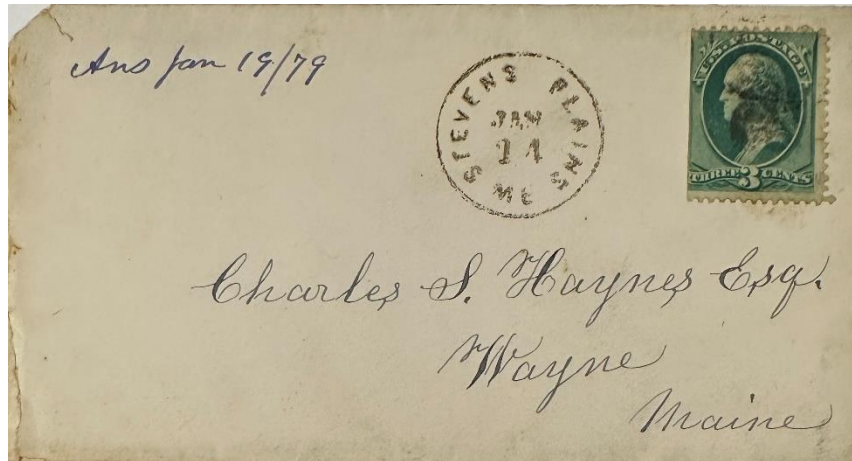
28 September 1870:

David Torrey became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.



15 September circa 1870:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. The font size is 3 mm.



14 January 1879:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a smudged cork killer. The font size is 2.5 mm and bold.

25 July 1881:

Charles A. Hayden became the Postmaster for the Stevens Plains Post Office.

14 February 1882:

Stevens Plains Post Office closed and became Deering Post Office.

## Stroudwater

13 December 1875:

Stroudwater Post Office opened.

13 December 1875:

Andrew Hawes became the Postmaster for the Stroudwater Post Office.

25 August 1881:

Elias M. Jacobs became the Postmaster for the Stroudwater Post Office.

14 May 1887:

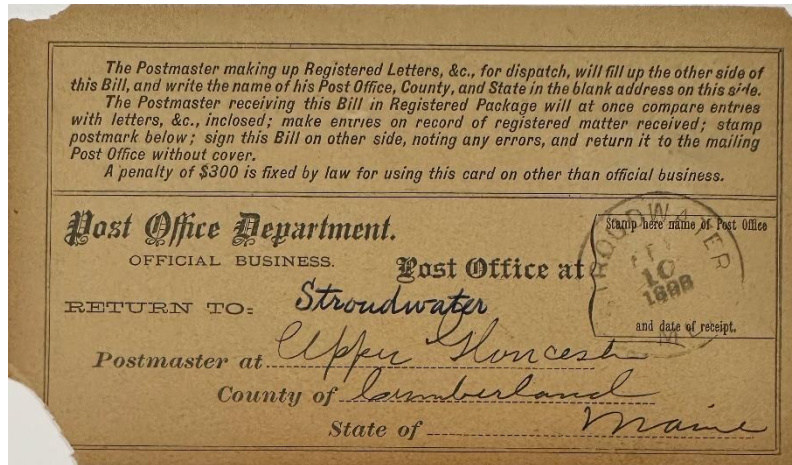
Walter Fickett became the Postmaster for the Stroudwater Post Office.

2 August 1889:

Elias M. Jacobs became the Postmaster for the Stroudwater Post Office.

14 April 1894:

Martha J. Milliken became the Postmaster for the Stroudwater Post Office.



10 April 1898:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with no killer. A similar postmark used as a received postmark dated 12 July 1889 is known.

1 July 1901:

Stroudwater Post Office closed and was replaced by Portland Sub-Sta. No. 9.

## Trefethen

18 April 1904:

Trefethen Post Office opened as a summer office located on Peaks Island.

18 April 1904:

Fred H. Small became the Postmaster of the Trefethen Post Office.

2 May 1905:

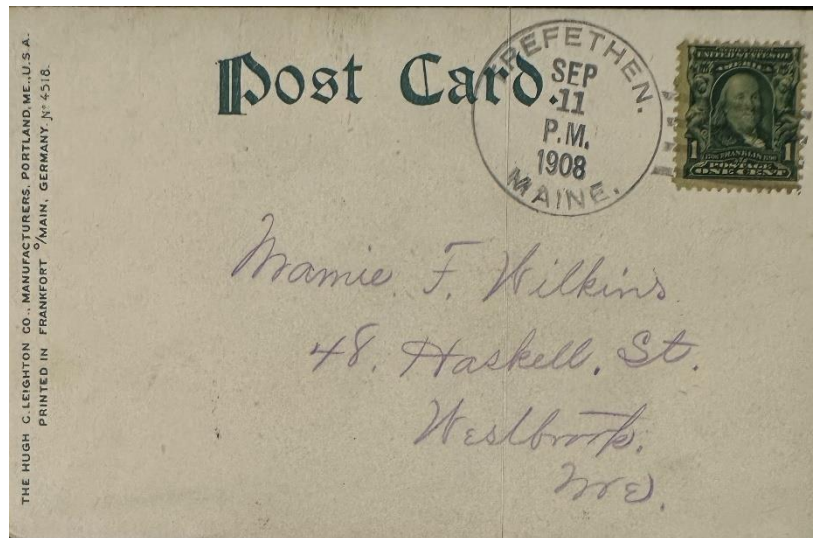
Arthur F. Webber became the Postmaster of the Trefethen Post Office.



31 July 1905:

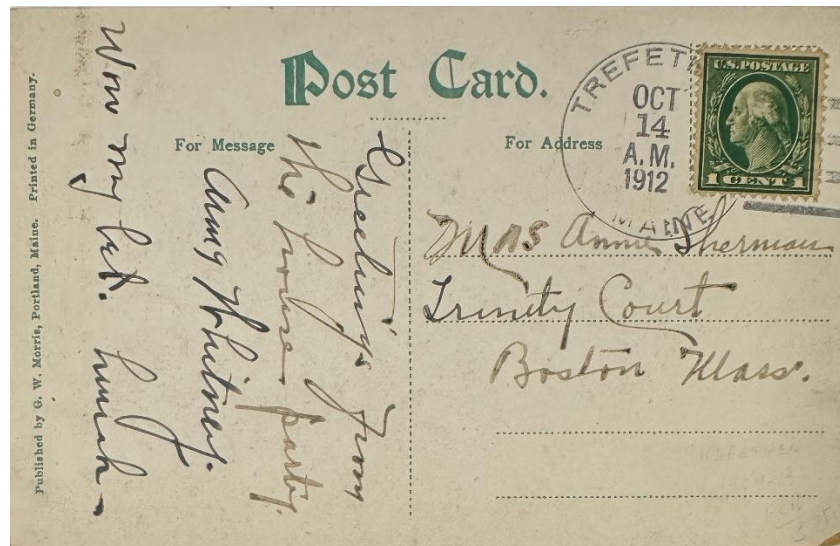
The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/1 killer. A similar postmark dated 24 August 1904 is known.





11 September 1908:

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



14 October 1912:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

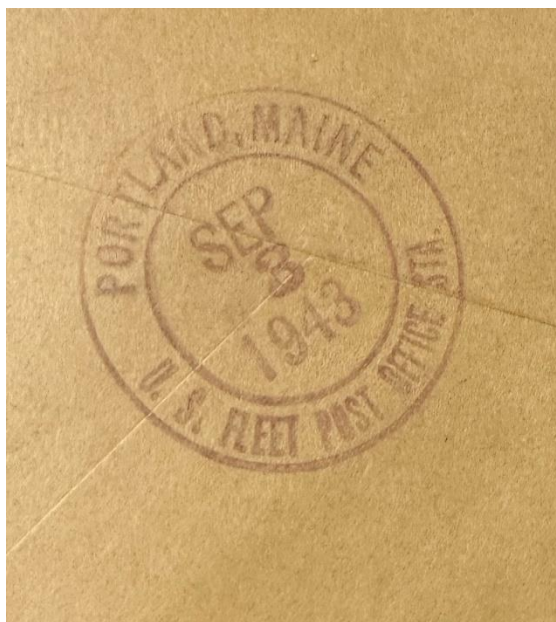
31 March 1913:

Trefethen Post Office closed and was replaced by Portland Sta. No. 14.

## U.S. Fleet Post Office S Portland

Before 1943:

The U.S. Post Office S Portland Post Office opened.



3 September 1943:

The outer circle of the double-ringed postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with no killer.



21 August 1944:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.

31 March 1946:

The U.S. Post Office S Portland Post Office closed.

## West End S Portland

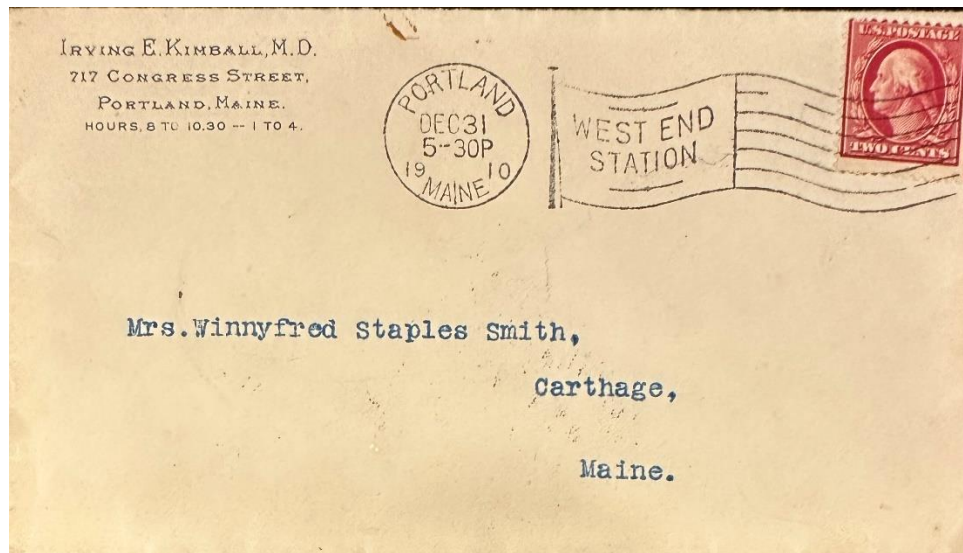
21 January 1934:

West End S Portland Post Office (formerly West End Sx Portland) opened at Steele's Drugstore, 947 Congress St.

15 September 1980:  
West End S Portland closed.

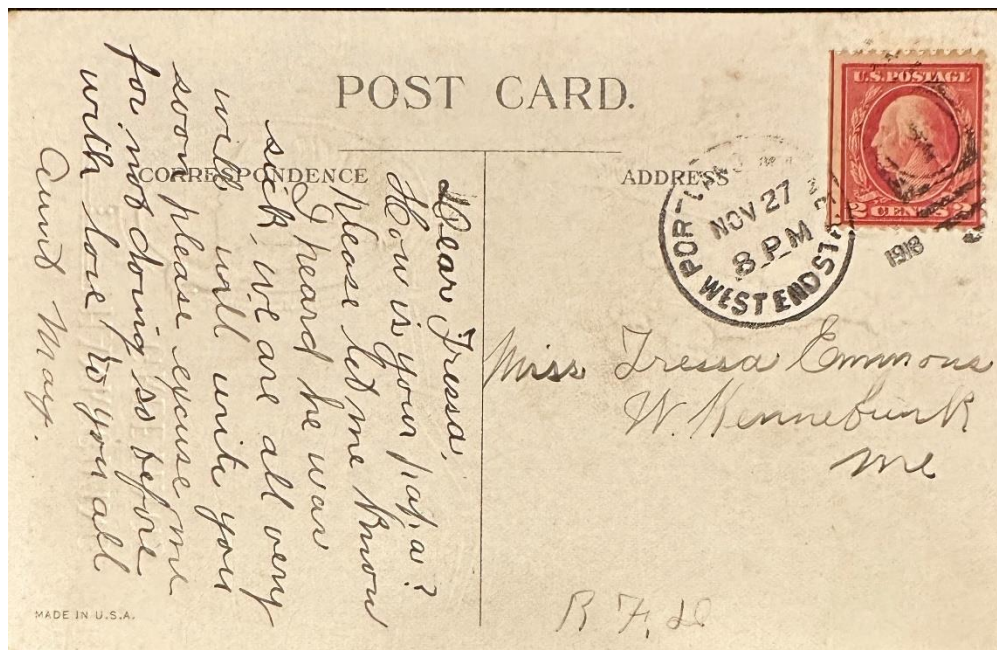
## West End Sx Portland

1 March 1908:  
West End Sx Portland Post Office opened.



31 December 1910:

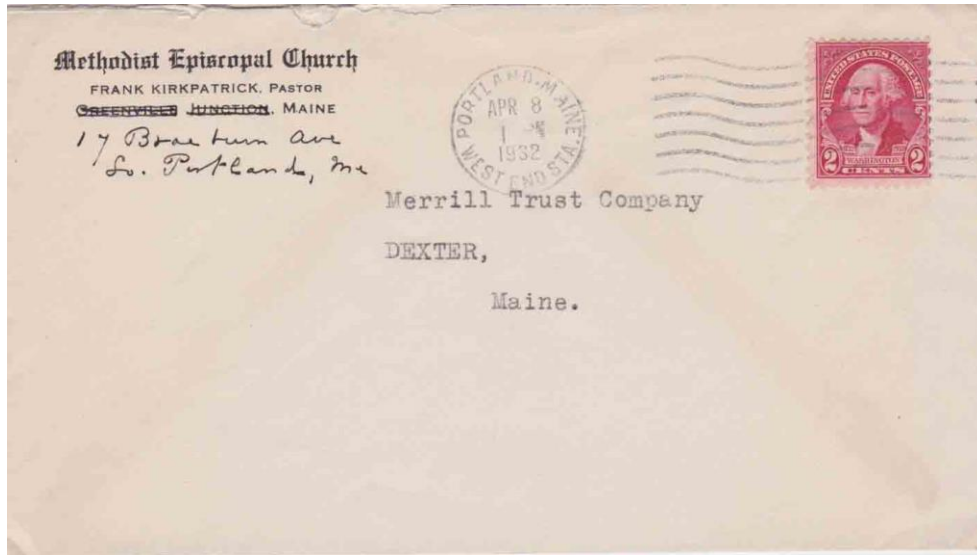
The circular postmark is 22.5 mm in diameter with a Station Flag American Machine killer. A similar postmark dated 23 February 1915 is known.



27 November 1918:

The circular postmark is 26.5 mm in diameter with a six-bar triplex/1 killer.





8 April 1932:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line International Machine killer. Similar postmarks dated 24 November 1919 and 28 August 1920 are known.

21 January 1934:

West End Sx Portland Post Office closed and was replaced by the West End S Portland Post Office at 309 Saint John St.

## Woodfords

24 January 1870:

Woodfords Post Office opened.

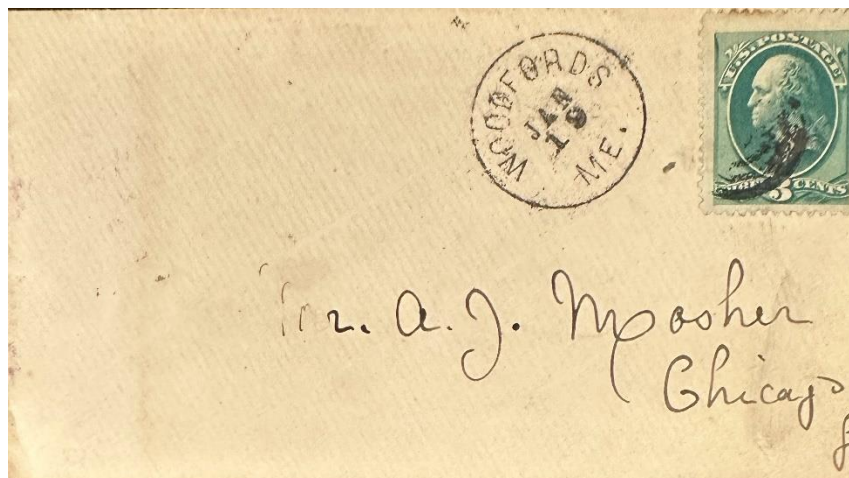
24 January 1870:

Royal Leighton became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.

2 January 1876:

Charles M. Legrow became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.





19 January 1880:

The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

24 August 1885:

Alfred R. Huston became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.



3 January 1886:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a cork partial quartered circle killer.

11 April 1889:

William H. Motley became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.

9 January 1896:

Alfred R. Huston became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.



2 July 1899:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer.

27 April 1900:

Frederic E.C. Robbins became the Postmaster of the Woodfords Post Office.

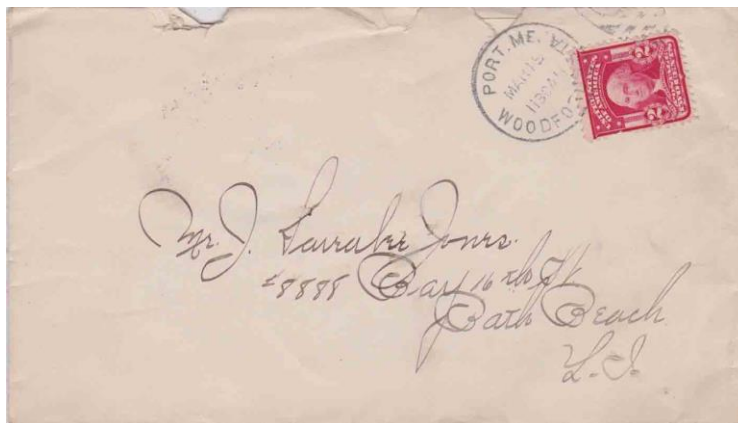
30 June 1900:

The Woodfords Post Office closed and changed to Woodfords Sx Portland.

## Woodfords Sx Portland

2 July 1900:

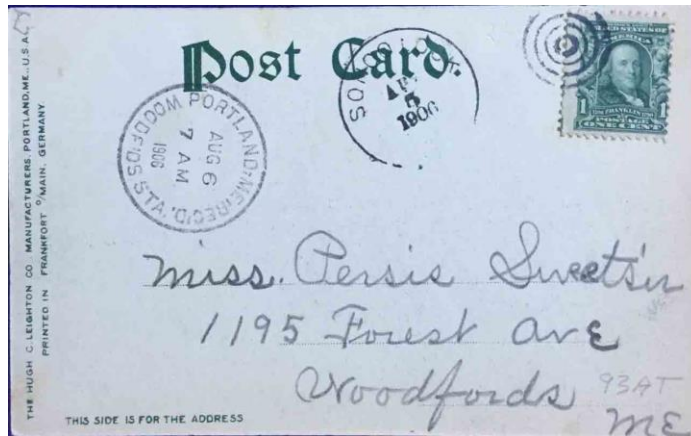
Woodfords Sx Portland Post Office (formerly Woodfords Post Office) opened. Woodf'ds Sta. has been seen.



19 March circa 1905:

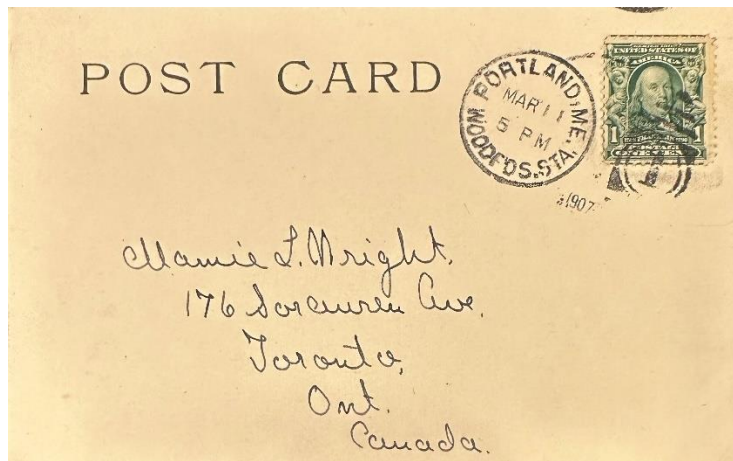
The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a duplex killer.

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



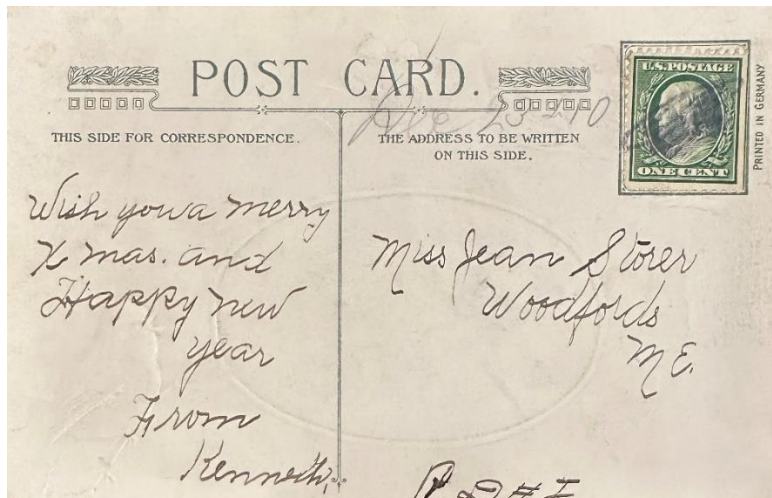
6 August 1906:

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



11 March 1907:

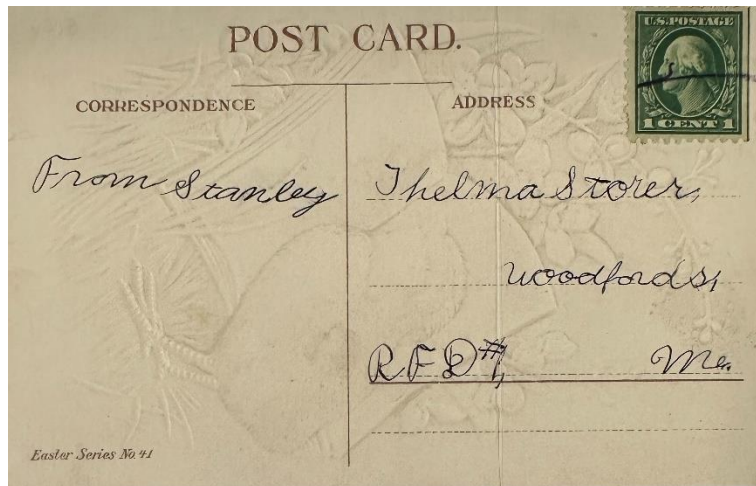
The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a six-bar duplex/1 killer.



23 December 1910:

R.F.D. Type 11E postmark.

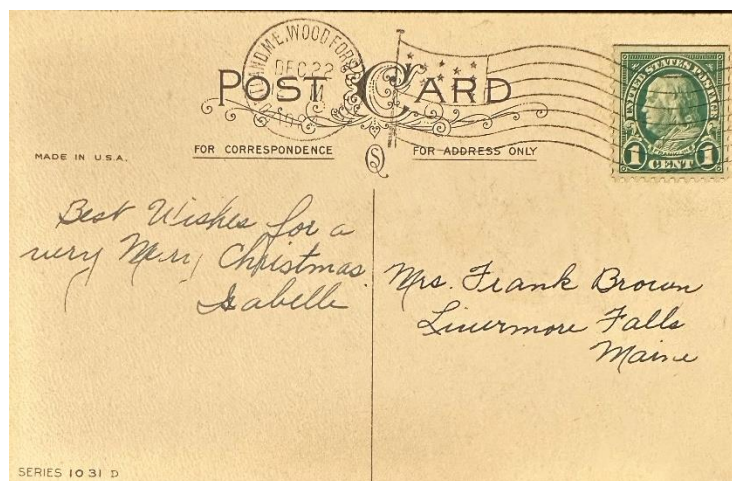




Circa 1915:  
R.F.D. Type 11F postmark.



15 May 1916:  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a six-bar triplex/2 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 23 December 1916 is known.



24 December 1924:  
The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a machine flag killer.



21 January 1934:

Woodfords Sx Portland Post Office closed and changed to Woodfords S Portland Post Office.

21 January 1934:

Woodfords S Portland Post Office (formerly Woodfords Sx Portland Post Office) opened.

June 2014:

Woodfords S Portland Post Office closed.

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<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uc1.b4512618>). The 1976 edition has additional papers pertinent to Portland, including "The Origin of Portland, Maine Post Office," and "Postmaster Samuel Freeman and His Account Book."

Atlas of Cumberland County, Maine 1871. Includes several maps that are helpful in locating post offices in operation at the time:

--Westbrook and Deering [map] [https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/27/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/27/)  
Most of the land area of the current City of Portland was part of Deering in 1871.

--Portland [map] [https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/31/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/31/) Shows mainland Portland and the islands which were part of Portland in 1871.

--Portland and vicinity [map] [https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/33/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/33/) [map]  
Nicely shows the boundary between the City of Portland and the Town of Deering as it existed in 1871.

--Morrill's Corner, Woodfords [map] [https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/29/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/29/)

--Brighton Corner, Nason's Corner, Stroudwater village, Woodfords [map]  
[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/30/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/30/)

--City of Portland showing parts of Wards 1 and 2 [map]  
[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/34/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/34/)

--City of Portland showing parts of Wards 2, 3 and 4 [map]  
[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_cumberland\\_1871/35/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/35/)

--City of Portland showing parts of Wards 5, 6 and 7 [map]  
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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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<http://swansongrp.com/postal/about/index.html>

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