

Stetsontown Township Postal History

Franklin County, Maine

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Stetsontown Township contains the northwestern end of Kennebago Lake. It was at one time reached by a branch line of the Maine Central Railroad. Stetsontown Township is the site of Grant's Kennebago Camps, renowned for fishing.

Briefly, there were two post offices in Stetsontown Township:

1. [Kennebago](#) Post Office opened on 10 May 1913, closed on 27 February 1915, and was renamed Grants Post Office. Kennebago Post Office was a summer Post Office.
2. [Grants](#) Post Office (formerly Kennebago Post Office) opened on 27 February 1915 and closed on 31 March 1954. Grants Post Office was a summer Post Office.



This detail from the 1914 Post Route Map of the State of Maine portrays that brief period when there was a post office called Kennebago on the northwest end of the lake, and a post office called Kennebago Lake on the southeast end, in the adjoining Davis Township.

Source: <https://www.mainephilatelic.org/PostRouteMaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf>

→ For information on the post office called *Kennebago Lake*, or to view additional maps of this area, see the Maine Postal History page for [Davis Township](#).

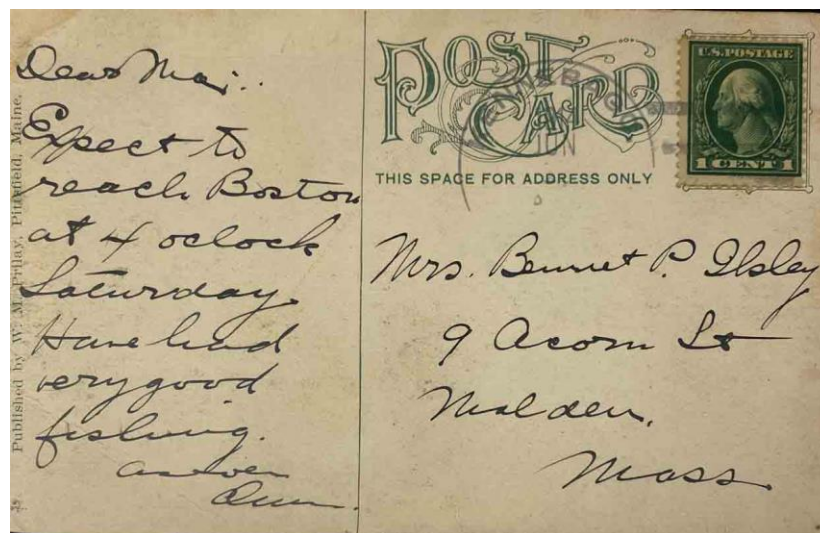
Kennebago

10 May 1913:

Kennebago Post Office opened as a Summer Post Office.

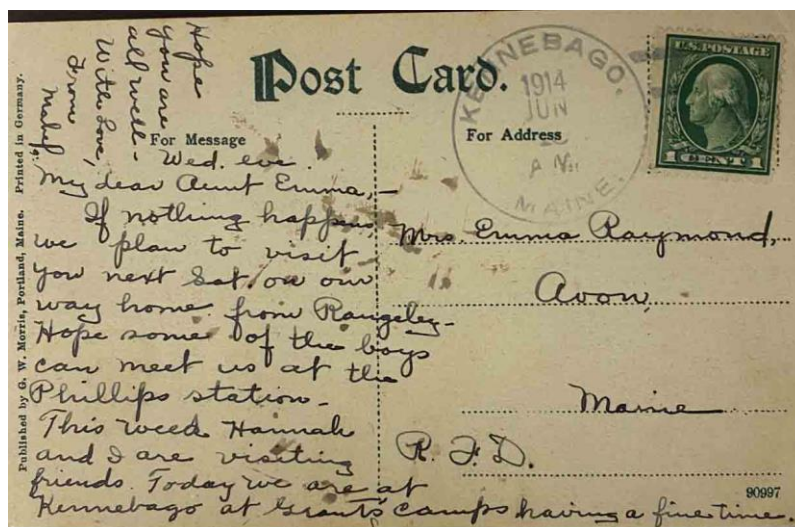
10 May 1913:

Lena P. Grant became the Postmaster of the Kennebago Post Office.



June 1914:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar B killer.



20 June 1914:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar B killer.

27 February 1915

Kennebago Post Office closed and was renamed Grants Post Office. Presumably there had been a problem with misdirected mail, owing to confusion between Kennebago, and Kennebago Lake. This could have led to renaming the Kennebago office with the name of Grants, the name of the fishing camps served by the post office.

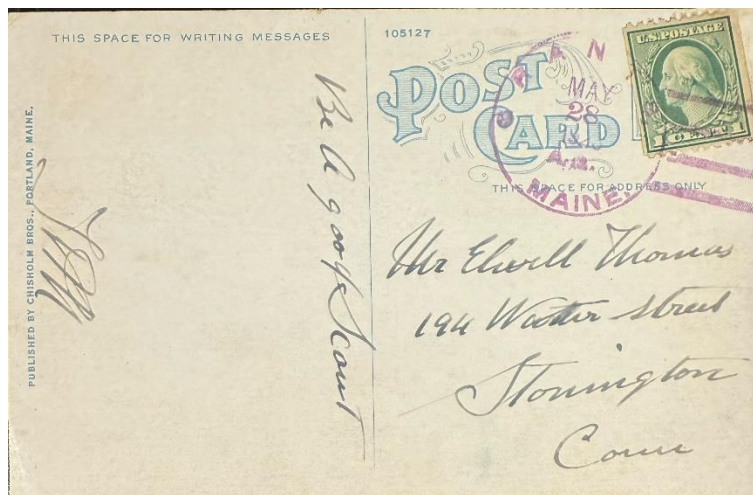
Grants

27 February 1915:

Grants Post Office (formerly Kennebago Post Office) opened as a summer Post Office.

10 May 1913:

Lena P. Grant, who had been the Postmaster of the Kennebago Post Office, remained as Postmaster when the Kennebago Post Office name was changed to Grants Post Office on 27 February 1915:



28 May 1923:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar B killer.

30 August 1929:

Carl C. Hennings became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

3 December 1936:

Helen L. Clark became the Acting Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

16 January 1937:

Helen L. Clark became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

17 June 1937:

Mrs. Elaine Hennings became the Acting Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

20 July 1937:

Mrs. Elaine Hennings became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

24 June 1939:

Carl C. Hennings became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

29 September 1943:

William M. Myers became the Acting Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

28 February 1944:

William M. Myers became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

7 July 1948:

Howard H. Dunning assumed charge of the Grants Post Office.

12 January 1949:

Howard H. Dunning became the Postmaster of the Grants Post Office.

2 March 1954:

Grants Post Office closed effective 31 March 1954 with service from Oquossoc Post Office.

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