

# Cornish Postal History

## York County, Maine

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Cornish grew around two distinct settlements, one on a plain by the Ossipee River and the other on a hillside, two miles south. The first post office, Cornish (1), located up on the hill, opened in 1811 and continued until 1842. A second office, called Cornishville, opened in the village on the Ossipee in 1829.

Over time the two settlements merged into one as houses and other buildings were moved down the hill. In 1842 the original Cornish (1) office on the hill closed. The post office in the river village continued with the name of Cornishville until 1847 when it adopted the Cornish (2) name. The Cornish (2) post office has been in continuous operation since then.

### Postmarks from the town of Cornish include:

Cornish (1)      Cornish (2)      Cornishville

Cornish (1):

21 January 1811 to 23 May 1842: Cover(s) believed to exist, but no copies have been submitted yet.

Cornishville: 1829 March 3 to 1847 February 4. Cover(s) believe to exist, but no copies have been submitted yet.

Cornish (2):

1847 February 4 to current

Postmaster Cornish (1):

Simeon Pease	Postmaster	21 January 1811
Philip Hubbard	Postmaster	23 October 1824
Simeon Pease	Postmaster	28 July 1830

Postmaster Cornishville:

John Jameson	Postmaster	17 February 1829
John O'Brion, Jr.	Postmaster	5 October 1838
John Jameson	Postmaster	4 June 1841
John O'Brion	Postmaster	23 February 1846

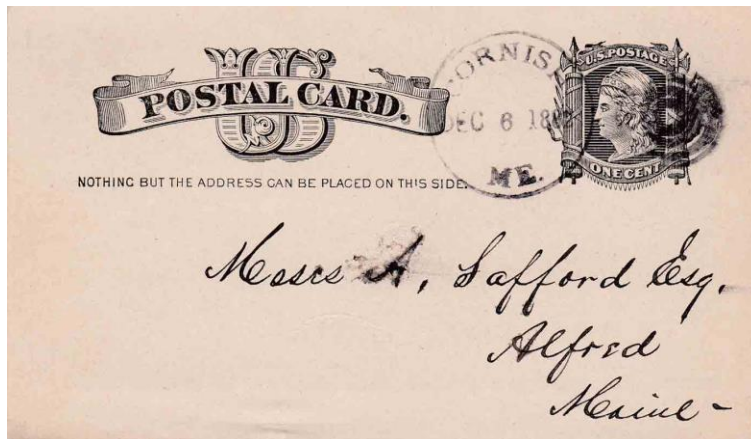
Postmaster Cornish (2):

(4 February 1847)

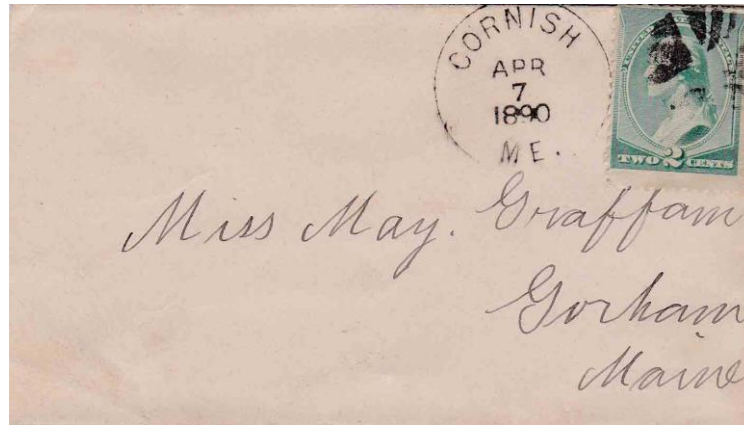
John O'Brion	Postmaster	4 February 1847
John Jameson	Postmaster	4 April 1849
William H Miller	Postmaster	30 June 1851
Horace A. Pike	Postmaster	21 October 1851
John S. Walker	Postmaster	15 August 1861
Horace A. Pike	Postmaster	28 January 1862
Erwin W. Pike	Postmaster	17 January 1878
William H. Nevers	Postmaster	3 March 1879
Isaac N. Brackett	Postmaster	24 September 1885
Howard Brackett	Postmaster	22 July 1889
George H. Milliken	Postmaster	29 March 1893
John F. Jameson	Postmaster	5 April 1897
Harry P. Jameson	Postmaster	24 June 1902
James Haley	Postmaster	9 March 1916
Geneva B. Haley	Acting Postmaster	23 September 1921
Harry P. Jameson	Postmaster	22 December 1921
Raymond W. Chapin	Postmaster	18 February 1835
Geneva B. Haley	Acting Postmaster	4 June 1935
Geneva B. Haley	Postmaster	23 January 1936
Claire D. Scott	Acting Postmaster	31 May 1963
Claire D, Scott	Postmaster	22 October 1965
Raymond E. Leavitt	Officer-In-Charge	28 December 1983
Robert J. Beaulieu	Office-In-Charge	26 April 1984
James A. Stewart	Office-In-Charge	21 July 1984

Valerie L. Schroeder	Postmaster	4 August 1984
Constance G. Webber	Postmaster	2 April 2005
Noli J. Lyle	Officer-In-Charge	29 January 2009
Laurie A. Buckley	Officer-In-Charge	13 January 2010
Robert E. Fox	Postmaster	30 July 2011
Lynne White	Officer-In-Charge	1 September 2015
Jeanine Mitchell	Officer-In-Charge	17 May 2016
Jeanine Mitchell	Postmaster	6 August 2016

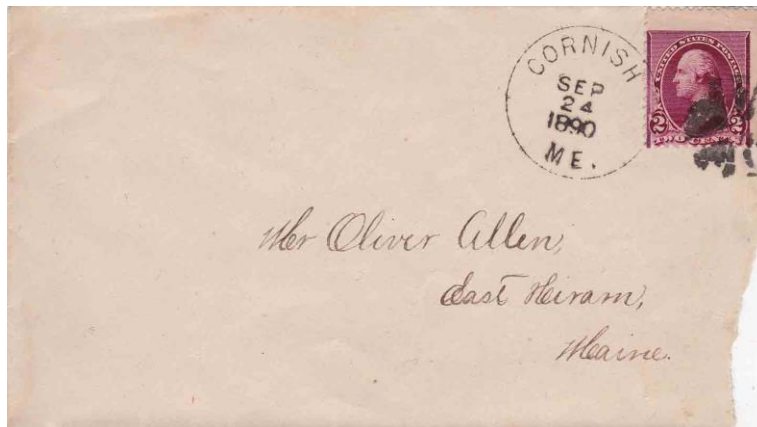
Cornish Postmarks:



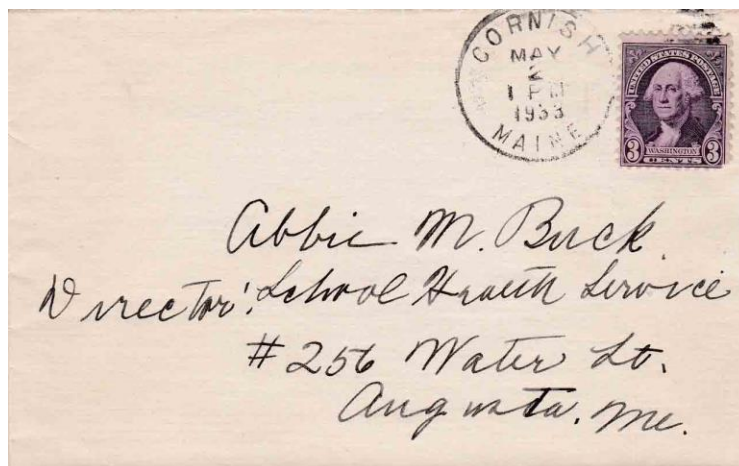
1882 December 6:  
The circular postmark is 27–29 mm in diameter, target killer.



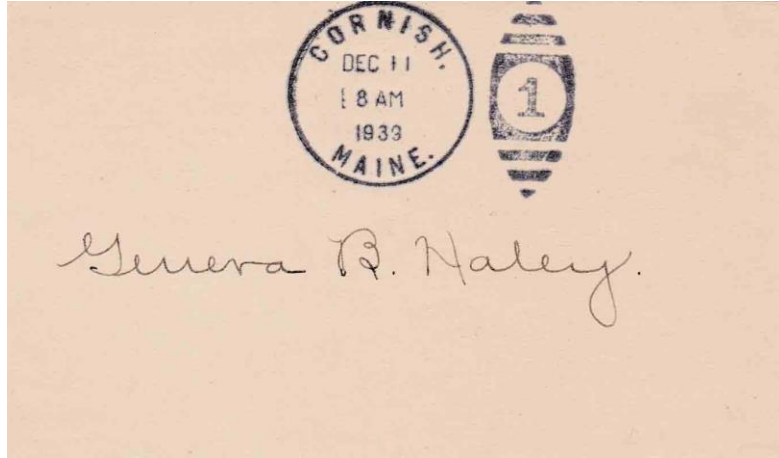
1890 April 7:  
The circular postmark is 27–28 mm in diameter, a circle of wedges killer.



1890 September 24:  
The circular postmark is 27–28 mm in diameter, a circle of wedges killer.



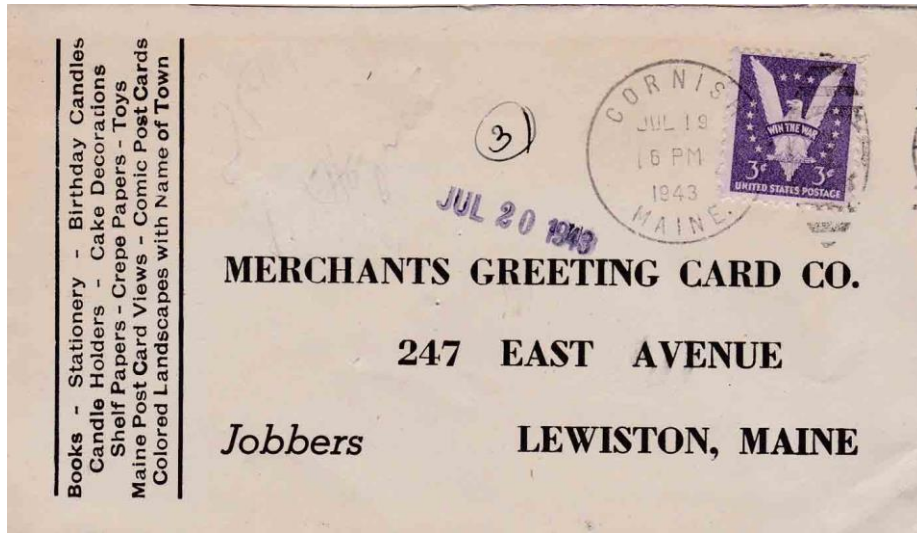
1933 May 2:  
The circular postmark is 28–29 mm in diameter, duplex killer.



1939 December 11:  
The circular postmark is approximately 30 mm in diameter, duplex/1 killer.



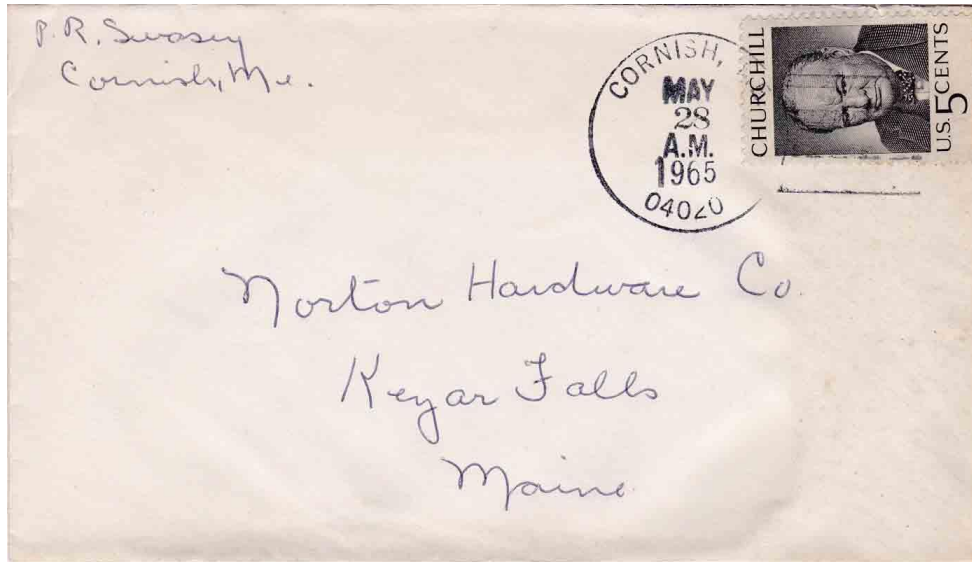
1940 April 9:  
The circular postmark is a universal machine killer, approximately 22 mm in diameter.



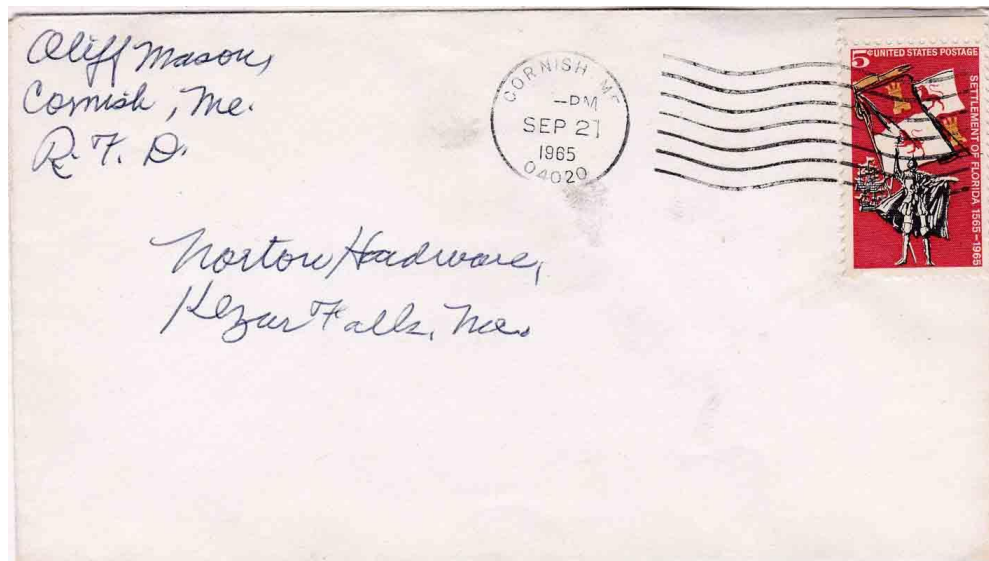
1943 July 19:  
The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter, Duplex/1 killer.



1954 March 11:  
The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter, Duplex/1 killer.



1965 May 28:  
The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter.



1965 September 2:  
The circular postmark is 22-23 mm in diameter



1970 December 28:  
The circular postmark is 22–23 mm in diameter.



Today:  
Cornish (2) post office is still in operation.  
9 July 2022

202 Maple Street, Cornish, Maine 04020  
43° 48' 00" North 70° 49' 22" West

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