

Amity Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Amity was first settled in 1826 and incorporated as a town on March 19, 1836, from township T10 R1 WELS.

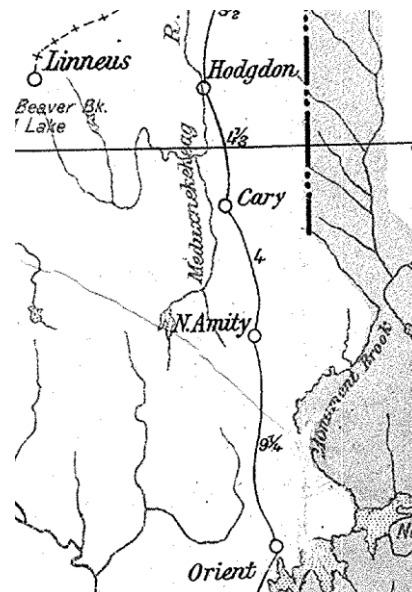
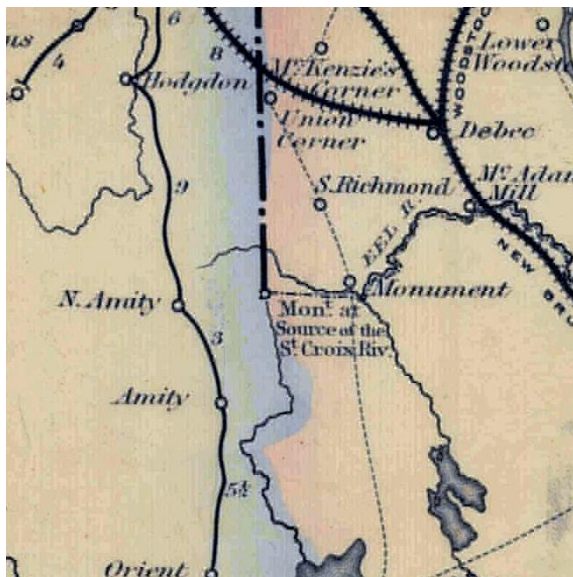
Note: Amity was part of Washington County until 1 May 1839

During the history of the town of Amity, there have been three post offices.

Briefly, the history of these three is as follows:

1. **Amity** Post Office opened on 15 July 1837, closed on 19 February 1855, re-opened on 15 July 1855, and closed on 14 August 1909.
2. **North Amity** (1) post office opened on 22 June 1869 and closed on 9 October 1874. [What does it mean when there is a \(1\) or \(2\) after the name of a post office? See the explanation near the end of this document.](#)
3. The former **Cary** (1) post office was renamed on 11 September 1889 as **North Amity** (2) post office, which closed in May 1989.

In 1873, there were two post offices – Amity and North Amity (1) -- in the town of Amity, as shown on the map at the left. By 1914, shown on the right, there was only North Amity (2). (sources: [Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1873](#) and [Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1914](#))



Post Offices from Amity are listed below. In addition, postmarks collectors have provided from the town of Amity for this project have been included.

[Amity](#)

[North Amity \(1\)](#)

[North Amity \(2\)](#)

Amity

15 July 1837:

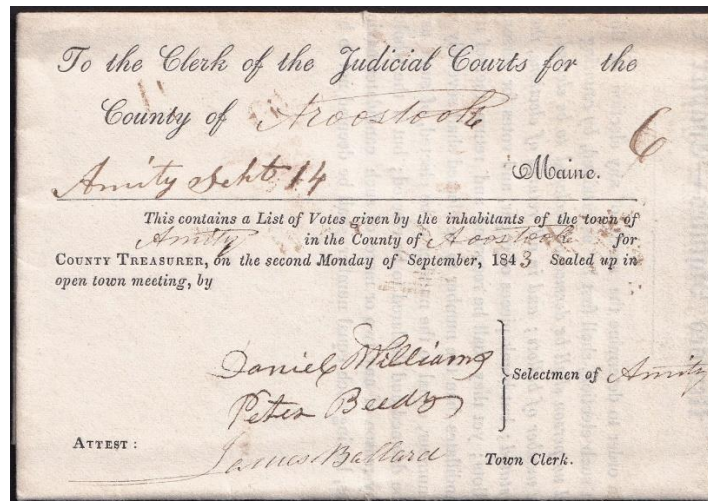
Amity Post Office opened as part of Washington County.

15 July 1837:

Columbus Dunn became Postmaster for Amity Post Office.

1 May 1839:

Amity Post Office became part of Aroostook County.



14 September 1843:

Single Sheet Folded Letter with a manuscript postmark.

23 December 1850:

Samuel G. Burt became Postmaster for Amity Post Office.

19 February 1855:

Amity Post Office closed.

2 July 1855:

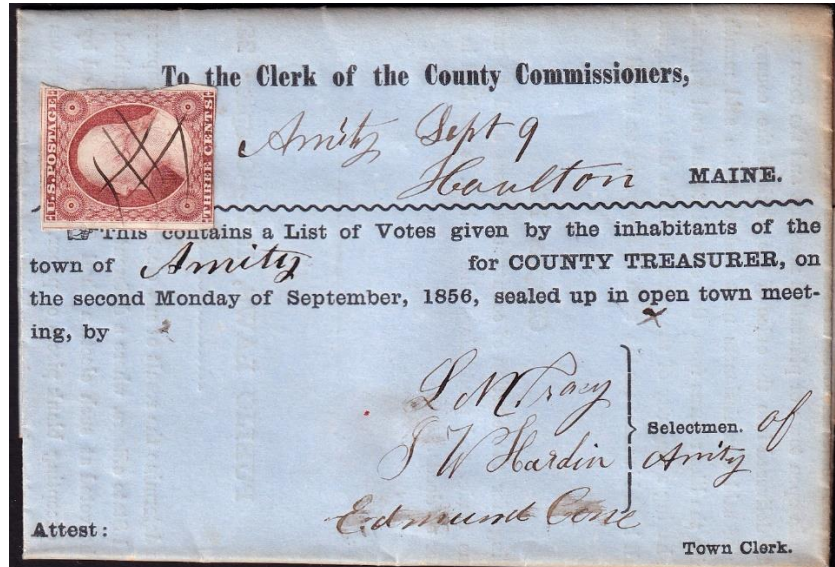
Amity Post Office re-open.

2 July 1855:

Calvin B. Curtis became Postmaster for Amity Post Office.

14 July 1856:

Samuel N. Tracy became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:

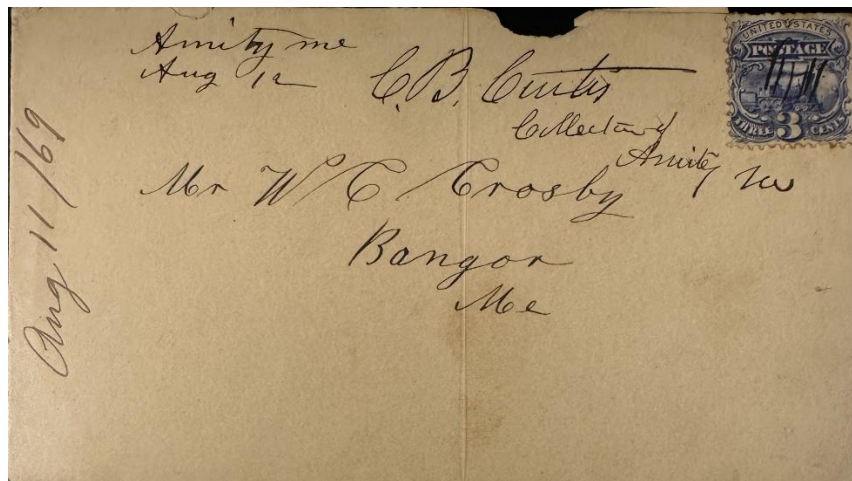


9 September 1856:

Single sheet folded letter with manuscript postmark.

21 September 1861:

Calvin B. Curtis became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:



11 August 1869:

Manuscript with Postmaster signature.

17 May 1880:

Holmer D. Foss became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:



9 November 1886:

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

12 May 1888:

B. Gerow became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:

10 September 1891:

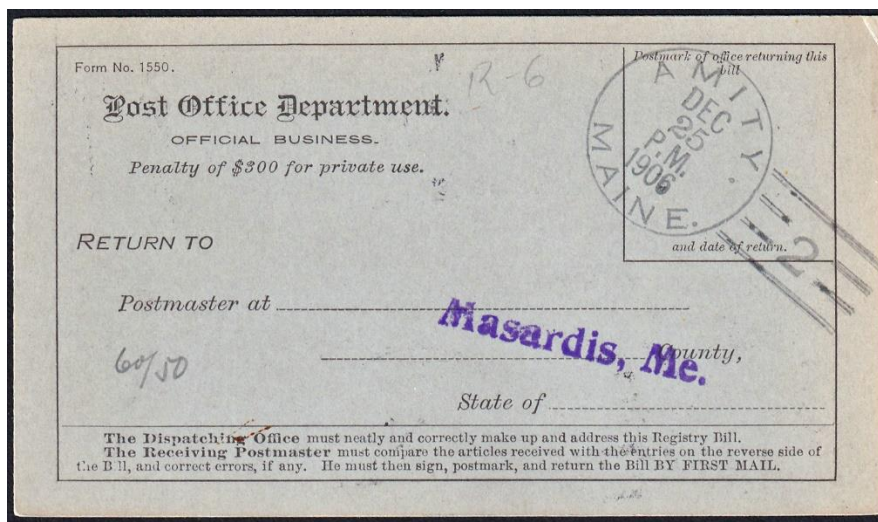
Caroline H. Curtis became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:

14 December 1893:

John B. Greenley became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:

2 June 1904:

Abner R. Farrar became Postmaster for Amity Post Office:



25 December 1906:

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

14 August 1909:

Amity Post Office closed. Mail sent to North Amity (2). (Note: There was another post office in Maine named North Amity at a different time and location. 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.)

North Amity (1)

22 June 1869:

North Amity (1) post office opened. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named North Amity at a different time and location. 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.)

22 June 1869:

Charles E. Dunn became Postmaster for North Amity (1) Post Office.

15 September 1873:

Mrs. Eunice S. Carr became Postmaster for North Amity (1) Post Office.

9 October 1874:

North Amity (1) post office closes.

North Amity (2)

11 September 1889:

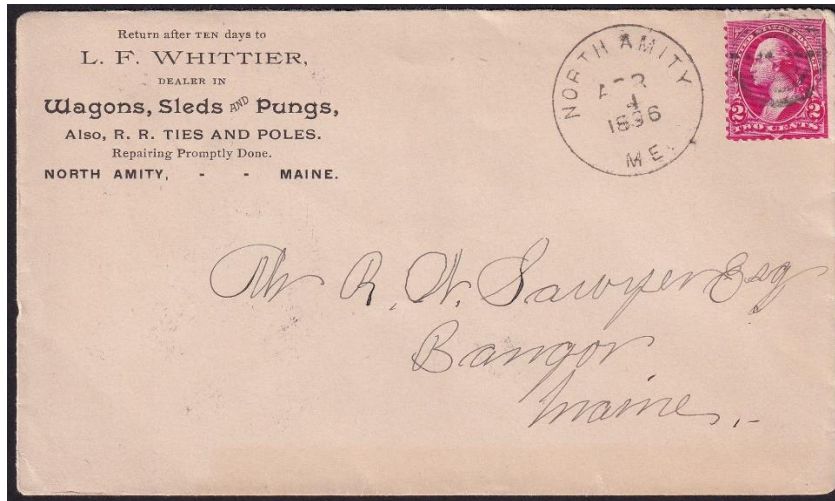
The former Cary (1) Post Office (in Cary Plantation) was renamed as North Amity (2) Post Office. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named North Amity at a different time and location. The (1) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

20 September 1886:

Mils W. Cone became Postmaster for Cary (1) Post Office and remained as Postmaster when Cary became North Amity Post Office.

15 September 1894:

Isaac F. Walton became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.



4 April 1896:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a target killer.



27 April 1898:

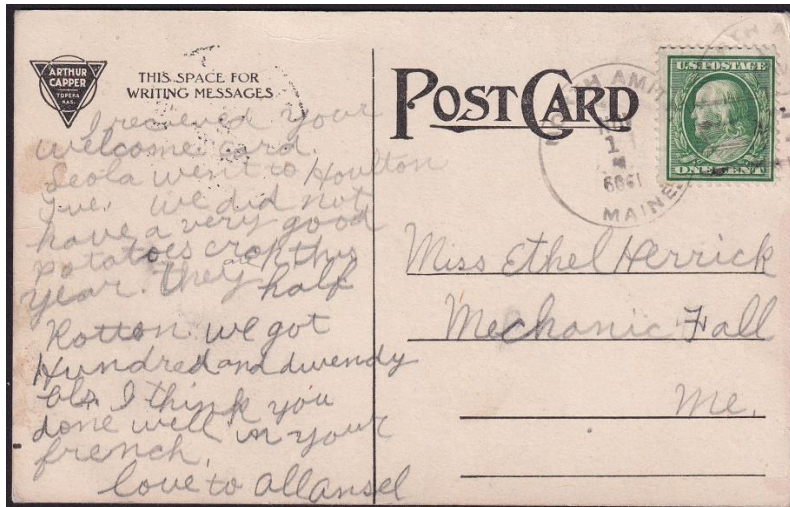
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a target killer.

18 November 1898:

Mrs. Charlotte J. Cone became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.

5 December 1902:

Anna J. Mack became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.



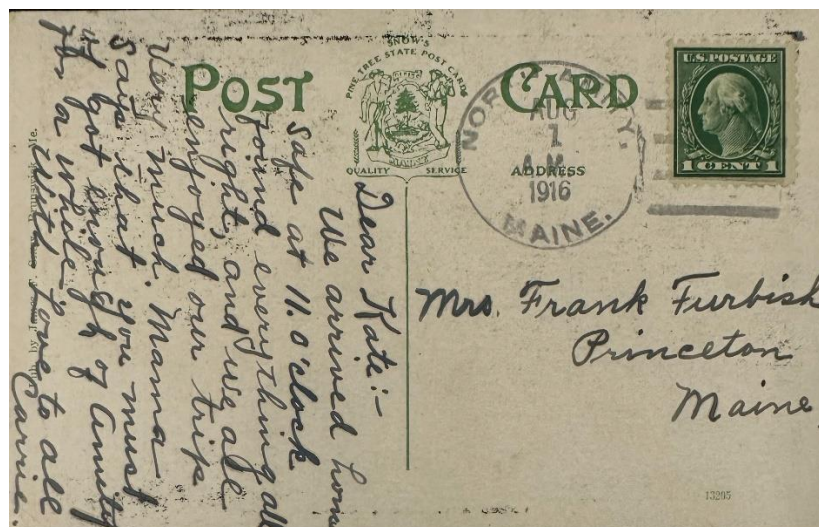
1 April 1909: (note: the year is inverted)
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/1 killer.

9 August 1910:

Cora L. Bubar became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.

25 March 1911:

Isaac F. Walton became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.



1 August 1916
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

17 December 1918:

Alice E. Walton became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.

3 April 1931:

Mrs. Grace D. Pullen became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.



17 December 1947:

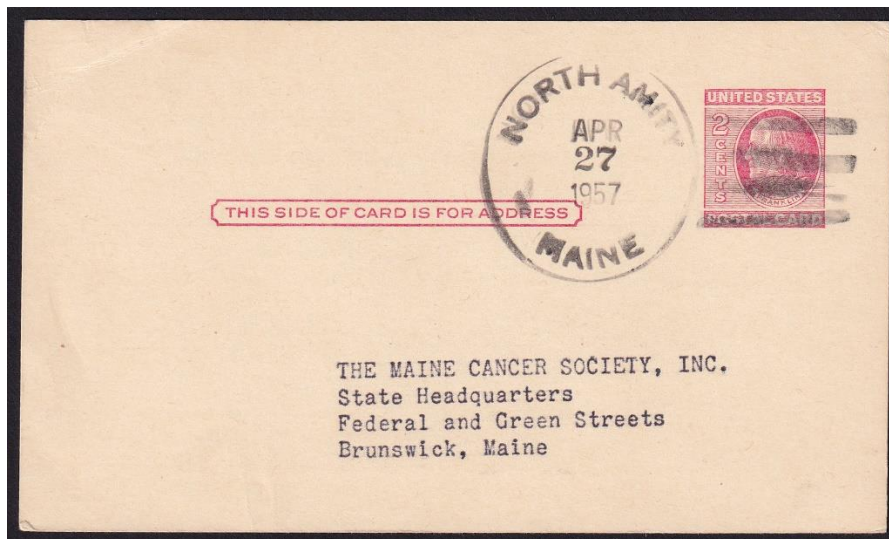
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter using a thin print and a four-bar (B) killer.

31 January 1951:

Mrs. Verna M. Bubar became Acting Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.

6 March 1951:

Mrs. Verna M. Bubar became Postmaster for North Amity (2) Post Office.



27 April 1957:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with bold print and a four-bar (B) killer.

20 April 1989:

North Amity (2) post office closed. Mail to Orient.

What does it mean when there is a (1) or (2) after the name of a post office?

Sometimes the numbers (1) and (2) appear after the name of a post office. These numbers indicate the (first) and (second) localities of post offices of the same name. For example, if the post office name is used for two separate post offices in two respective villages at different times, they will be identified in this manner. These numbers do not necessarily indicate time periods.

These numbers do not represent numbered stations. Some larger places, like Auburn, have postal stations with numbers. These differ from the post offices we call Auburn (1), Auburn (2), etc.

Also: the numbers do not appear in postmarks or official post office publications. However, they are used by postal historians and collectors to refer to different post offices, as noted above.

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Sources:

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society:

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/TPOOM>

Plantation No. 11 R 1 and Amity [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/11/.

Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found at Sources for Researching Maine Post Offices, Postmasters, and Postal History:

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources.pdf>.