

Auburn Postal History

Androscoggin County, Maine

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Auburn was incorporated as a town on 24 February 1842 and as a city on 22 February 1869. Auburn annexed land from the Town of Danville in 1859 and completely absorbed the remainder of Danville on February 26, 1867. It also annexed land from the Town of Minot on February 20, 1873. This is reflected in the listings of various post offices (e.g., Danville, East Minot) located in those annexed areas.

Researchers who wish to delve into the primary source records for the post offices listed below should also be aware that the area that is now included in the City of Auburn was part of Cumberland County until 31 March 1854, when Androscoggin County was established (with Auburn as the county seat). Therefore, when researching postal records from the National Archives, be aware that records from the earlier period will be found under Cumberland County, not Androscoggin County.

Briefly, the history of the 27 post offices in Auburn, *in alphabetical order*:

1. **Auburn (1)** was the first post office to bear that name. It was established on 5 March 1842 by renaming the former Nason's Mills Post Office, which had been established on 20 March 1833. Auburn (1) was renamed West Auburn on 27 December 1854. West Auburn closed on 15 April 1901. (*[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.](#)*)
2. **Auburn (2)** was established on 27 December 1854 by renaming the post office that had originally been called Goff's Corner (24 March 1825 to 18 July 1854) and then Lewiston Falls (18 July 1854 to 27 December 1854) before ultimately adopting the name of Auburn. This office, the city's main post office since 1854, is still operating in 2023, now on Rodman Road, four miles from the city center.
3. **Auburn Mail Processing Annex** opened on March 6, 1960, and closed in 1976.
4. **Auburn Plains** opened on 20 May 1889 and closed on 15 April 1901.
5. **Auburn Sta. No. 1**, a contract station, was established in March 1903 and closed in 2008.
6. **Auburn Sta. No. 2**, a contract station, was established in March 1903, closed in 1928, reopened in 1934, and closed at some point between 1964 and 1981.
7. **Auburn Sta. No. 3**, a contract station, opened in March 1903, closed in 1928, re-opened in 1933, closed on 30 June 1934, re-opened on 1 October 1954, and closed at some point between 1964 and 1981.
8. **Auburn Sta. No. 4**, a contract station, opened on 1 March 1912, closed on 30 June

1923, re-opened on 1 April 1927, and closed on 15 February 1935.

9. **Auburn Sta. No. 5**, a contract station, opened on 16 March 1912, closed on 20 June 1923, reopened on 15 March 1929, and closed on 15 February 1935.

10. **Auburn Sta. No. 6**, a contract station, opened on 1 December 1913 and closed on 31 March 1915.

11. **Briggs Corner** opened on 23 May 1825 and closed on 5 January 1826.

12. **Centre Minot** was established on 3 December 1825 by renaming the East Minot office, which had originated in 1817. Centre Minot was renamed North Auburn on 7 June 1845, eventually closing on 15 April 1901.

13. **Danville** was established on 1 January 1823 by renaming Pejepsct (1). It is still operating in 2023.

14. **Dirigo (2)** opened on 28 March 1896 and closed on 31 July 1901.

15. **East Auburn** opened on 2 July 1844, closed on 2 July 1845, re-opened on 24 December 1849, and closed on 10 April 1901

16. **East Minot (1)** was established on 29 December 1817 and renamed Center Minot on 3 December 1825. Centre Minot was renamed on 7 June 1845 as **North Auburn** and eventually closed on 15 April 1901.

17. **Goff's Corner** was established on 24 March 1825. On 18 July 1854, it was renamed Lewiston Falls Post Office and operated as such until 27 December 1854, when it was renamed Auburn (2), which was still operating in 2023.

18. **Great Falls Station Auburn** was established on 16 June 1976 and is still operating. (This office serves the downtown area, reflecting a need created when the main post office, identified in this document as Auburn (2), moved out of the city center.)

19. **Lewiston Falls** was established on 18 July 1854 by renaming the office previously called Goff's Corner. It, in turn, was renamed Auburn (2) on 27 December 1854.

20. **Lewiston Junction** was established on 9 July 1891 by the renaming of South Auburn, which was established by the renaming of West Danville on 10 March 1868. The office had originated as West Danville on 11 March 1850. Operating under the name of Lewiston Junction, it closed on 28 February 1907.

21. **Nason's Mills (1)** was established on 20 March 1833. On 5 March 1842, it was renamed Auburn (1) post office, which operated as such until 15 December 1854, when it was renamed West Auburn post office. West Auburn post office closed on 15 April 1901.

22. **North Auburn** was established on 7 June 1845 by renaming Centre Minot, which itself had been established by renaming East Minot, which had first opened on 29 December 1817.

23. **Pejepsct (1)** opened on 2 April 1815, then was renamed on 1 January 1823 as Danville, which is still operating in 2023. (Not to be confused with Pejepsct (2), a location several miles away in the Town of Topsham.)

24. **South Auburn** was established on 10 March 1868 by renaming the West Danville office, originally established on 11 March 1850. South Auburn was renamed Lewiston Junction on 9 July 1891 and closed on 28 February 1907.

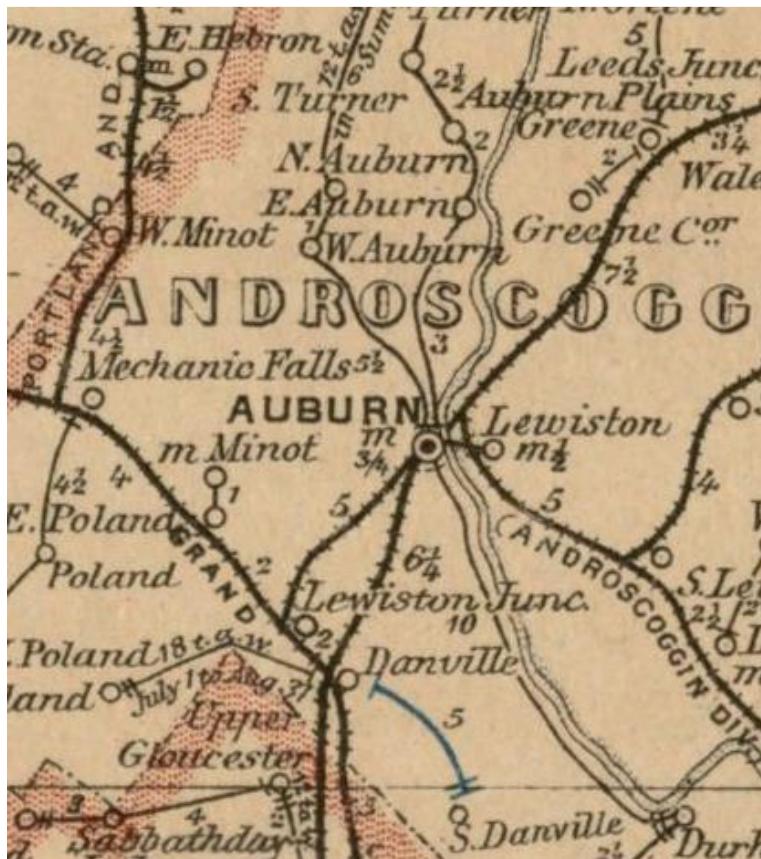
25. **South Danville** post office opened on 27 March 1886, closed on 28 December

1887, re-opened on 9 January 1888, and closed on 15 April 1901.

26. **West Auburn** was established on 15 December 1854 by renaming the Auburn (1) post office, called initially Nason's Mills. It closed on 15 April 1901.

27. **West Danville** post office was established on 11 March 1850. It closed on 13 November 1850, re-opened on 16 December 1850, and on 10 March 1868 was renamed as South Auburn Post Office. South Auburn post office was renamed Lewiston Junction Post Office on 9 July 1891, which operated until it closed on 28 February 1907.

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In 1891 there were eight post offices in operation in the city of

Auburn:

- Auburn (2)
- Auburn Plains
- Danville
- East Auburn
- Lewiston Junction
- North Auburn
- South Danville
- West Auburn

Extract from the 1891 Post Route Map of Maine. Map reproduction courtesy of Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library.

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Links to information about the Post Offices of Auburn are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided have been included.

[Auburn \(1\)](#)

[Auburn \(2\)](#)

[Auburn Plains](#)

[Auburn Station No. 1](#)

[Auburn Station No. 2](#)

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[Pejepscot \(1\)](#)

[South Auburn](#)

[South Danville](#)

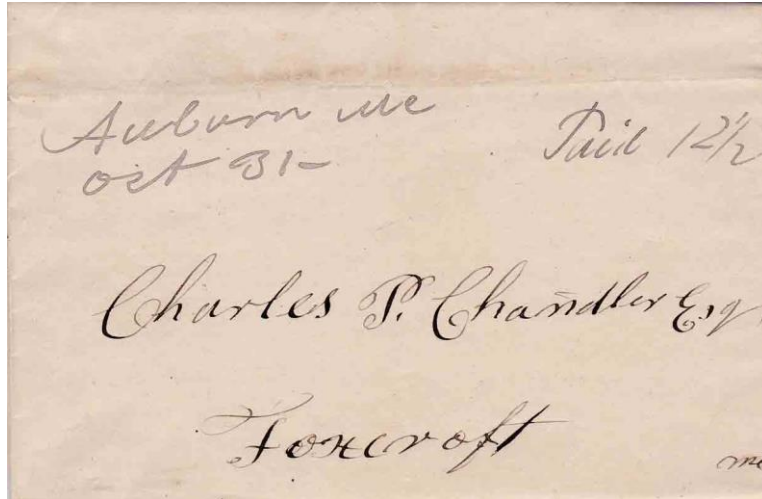
[West Auburn](#)

[West Danville](#)

Auburn (1)

15 March 1842:

The former Nason's Mills (1) post office was renamed Auburn (1).



1842 October 31: [year determined from the letter, but the letter is dated 1 November 1842]
The rate of 12 1/2 cents was for 81–150 miles. ([notation](#); [letter](#))

20 October 1840:

Enoch Littlefield became postmaster for Nason's Mills Post Office and remained postmaster when Nason's Mills Post Office name was changed to Auburn (1) on 15 March 1842.

1 February 1850:

George R. Ricker Jr. became postmaster for Auburn (1).

18 March 1854:

Auburn (1) county changed from Cumberland to Androscoggin

15 December 1854:

Auburn (1) post office was renamed as West Auburn Post Office.

Auburn (2)

1854 December 27:

The former Lewiston Falls post office was renamed Auburn (2) Post Office.

28 November 1853:

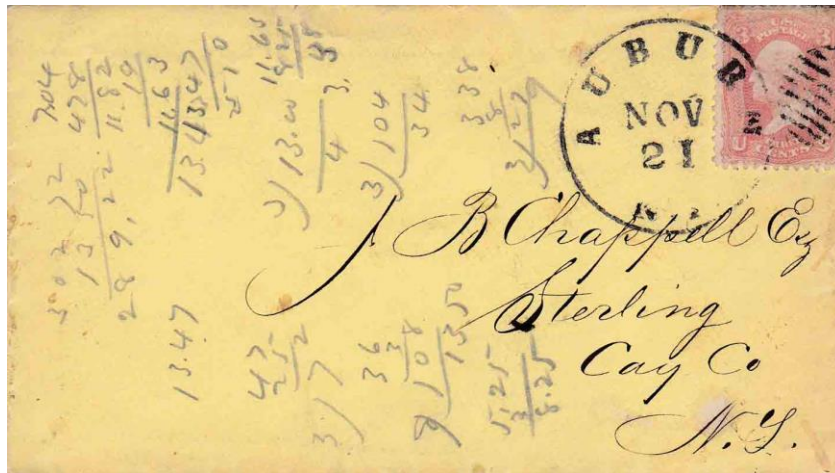
Freeman Newell became Goff's Corner Post Office's Postmaster when it changed to Lewiston Falls Post Office on 18 July 1854 and then to Auburn (2) on 1854 December 1854.

29 May 1855:

Rufus Penly became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

19 March 1861:

Silvester Oakes became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



21 November circa 1865:

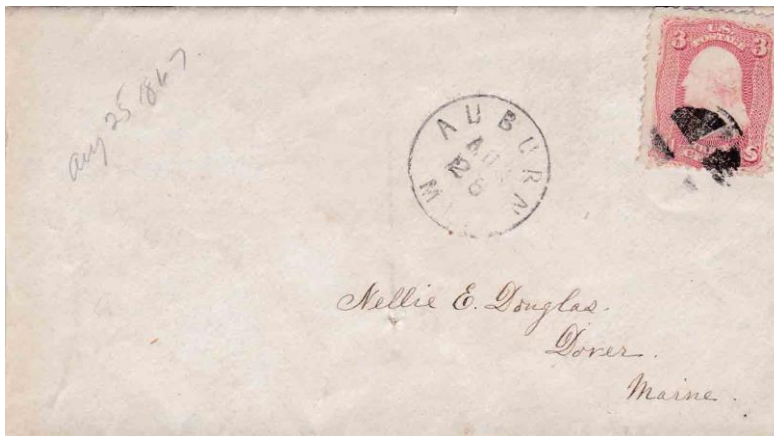
The circular postmark is approximately 35 mm in diameter with a fancy grid circle killer.

24 August 1866:

Willard Small became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

11 March 1867:

Jonathan A. Hill became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



26 August 1867:

The circular postmark is 23 mm in diameter with a fancy quartered circle killer.

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18 July 1868:

Henry Little became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



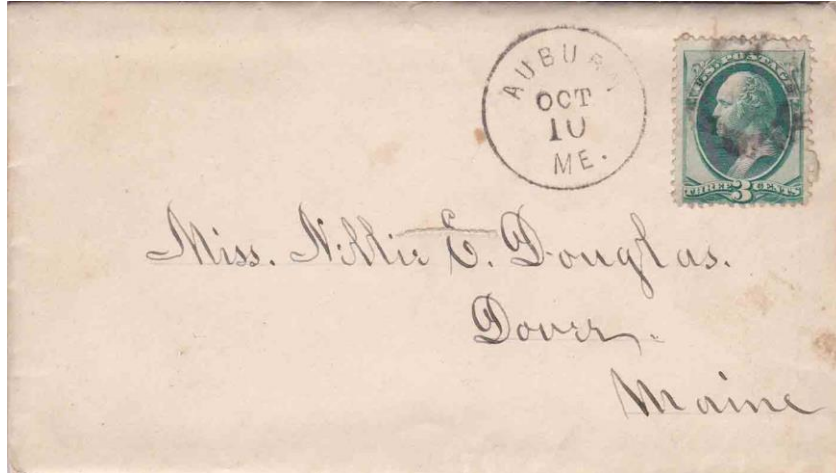
28 February Circa 1875:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with fancy negative mask cork killers.

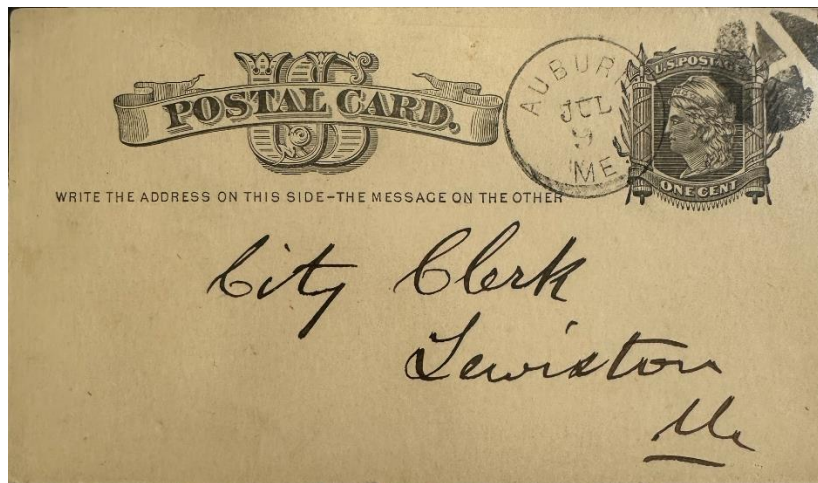


22 October Circa 1875:

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



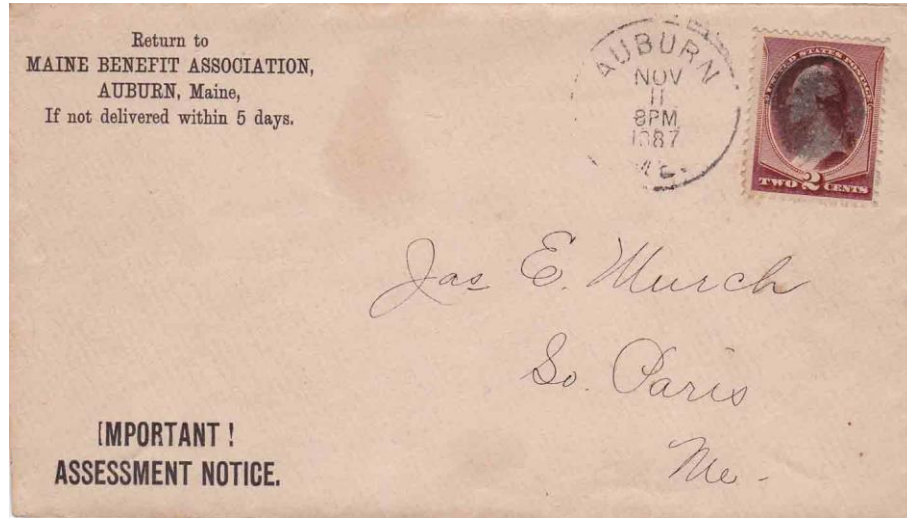
10 October 1876: [year determined from contents]
The circular postmark is 26–27 mm in diameter with a cork killer.



9 July 1879:
The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a fancy negative A cork killer.

21 April 1885:

Delance Young became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

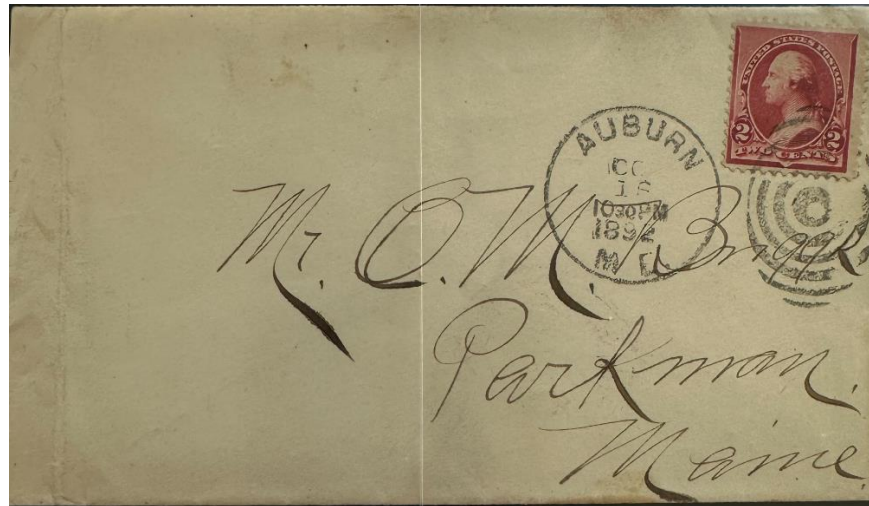


11 November 1887:

The circular postmark is 27–28 mm in diameter with a cork-smudged killer.

14 February 1890:

John C. Blake became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



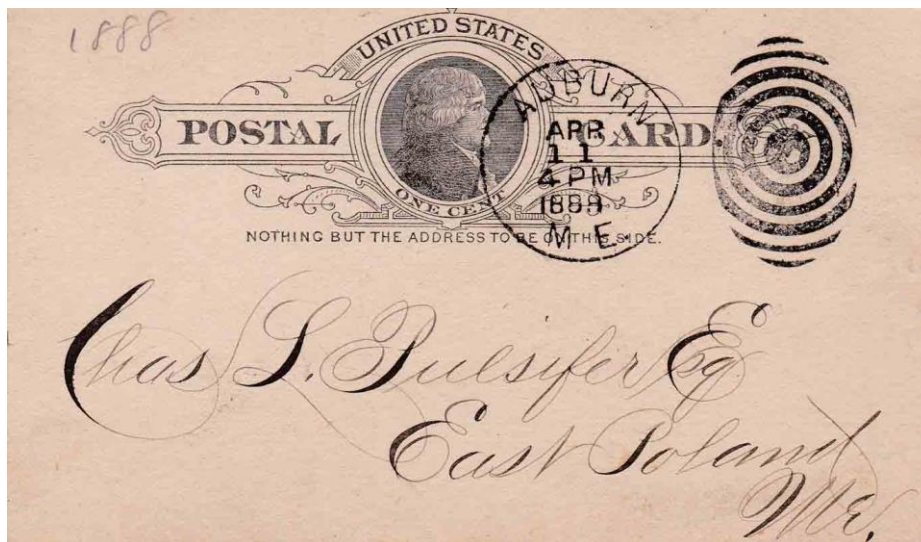
18 October 1892:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with an elliptical bullseye duplex cancellation approximately 32 mm tall and 22 mm wide.



18 March 1888:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with an elliptical bullseye duplex cancellation approximately 32 mm tall and 22 mm wide.



11 April 1888

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with an elliptical bullseye duplex cancellation approximately 32 mm tall and 22 mm wide.

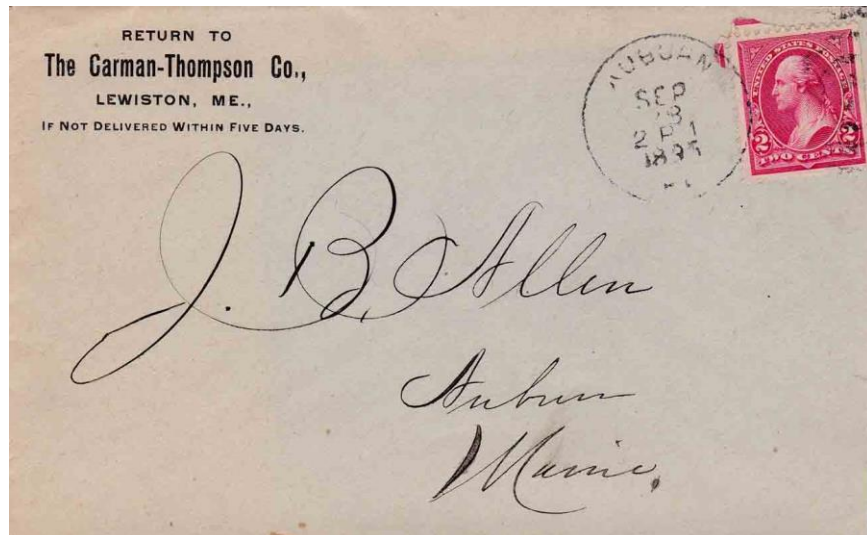
7 April 1894:

John H. Twombly became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



11 June 1894:

The circular postmark is approximately 28 mm in diameter. The bullseye duplex cancellation to the circle's right is approximately 32 mm tall and 22 mm wide.



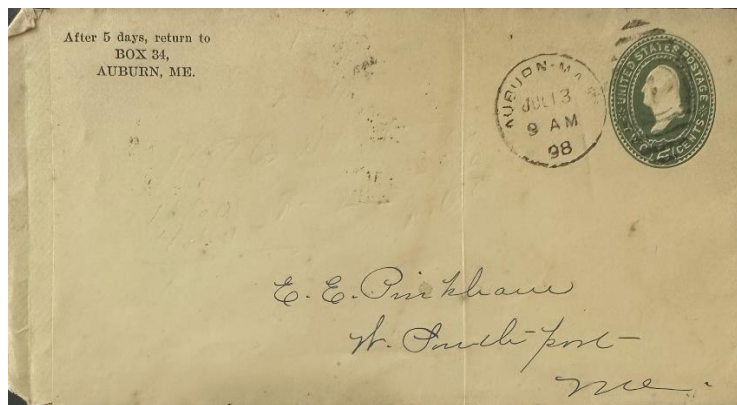
1895 September [28?]:

The circular postmark is 27–28 mm in diameter.



23 February 1898:

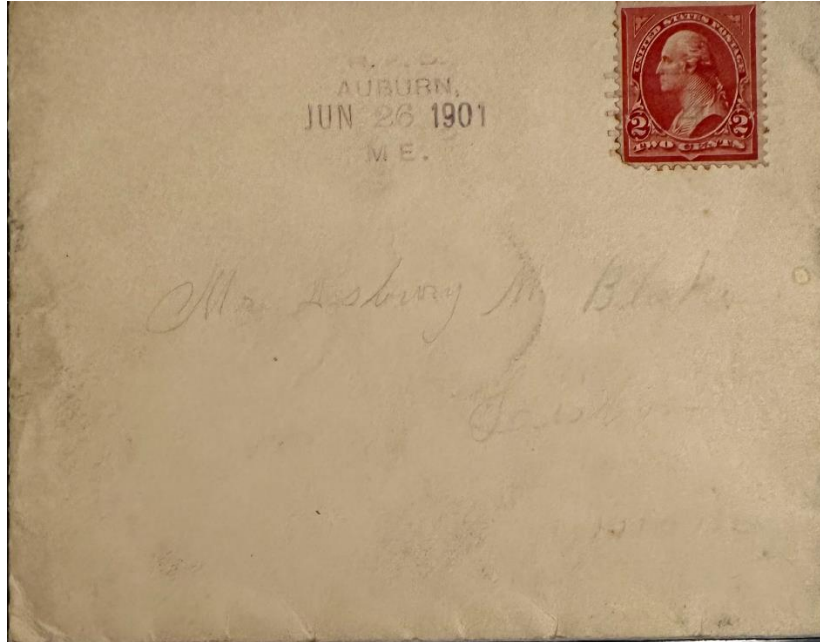
The circular postmark is 24–25 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.



13 July 1898:

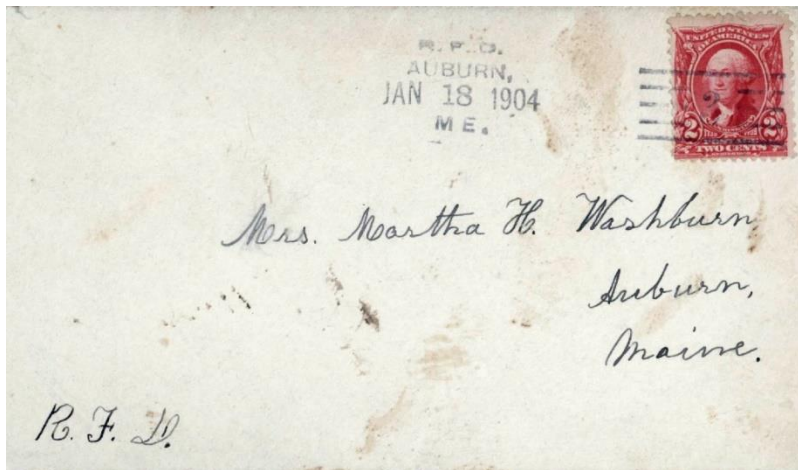
The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.

26 April 1898: Winchester G. Lowell became postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



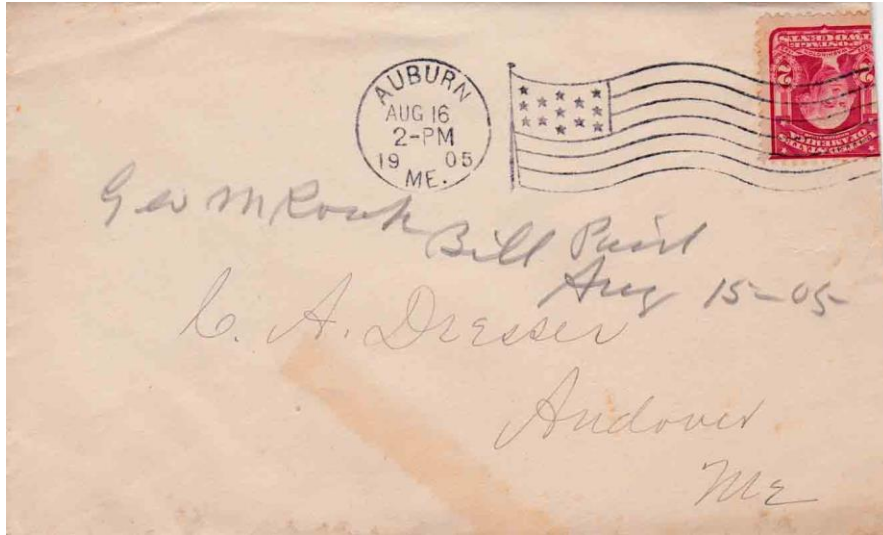
26 June 1901:

Postmark is a Richow Type 1 applied by a Rural Free Delivery (RFD) carrier to mail picked up on the route.



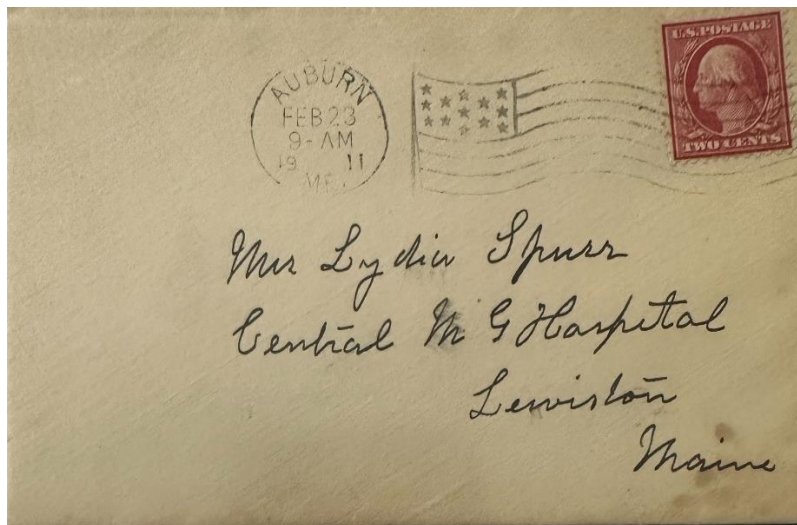
18 June 1904:

Another Postmark applied by a Rural Free Delivery (RFD) carrier to mail picked up on the route. However, the introduction and rapid growth of Rural Free between 1890 and 1910 led to the closure of many smaller post offices.



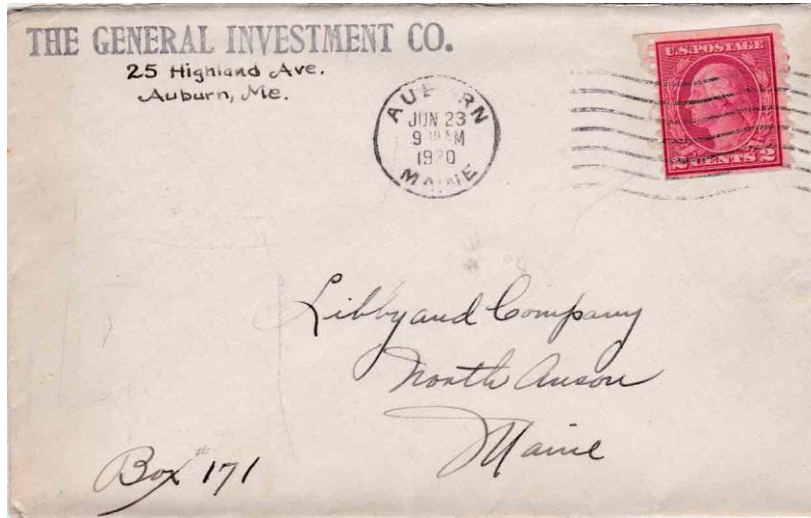
1905 August 16:

The circular postmark is 21–22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line and 13 solid stars flag killer.



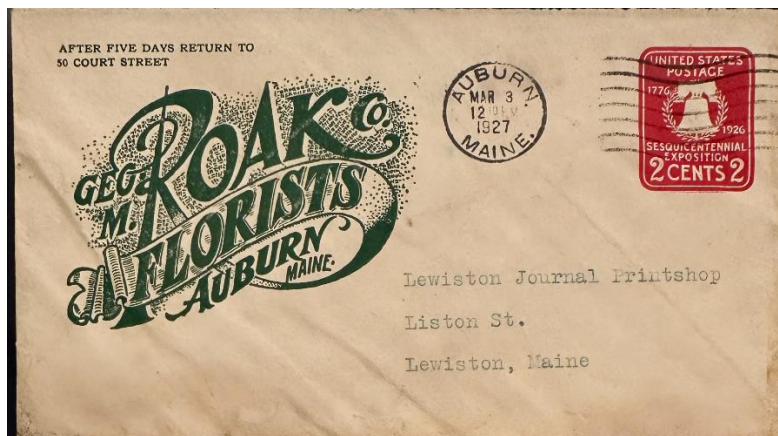
23 February 1911:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line and 13 solid stars flag killer.



23 June 1920:

The circular postmark is approximately 20 mm in diameter and is a seven-wavy line machine killer.



3 March 1927:

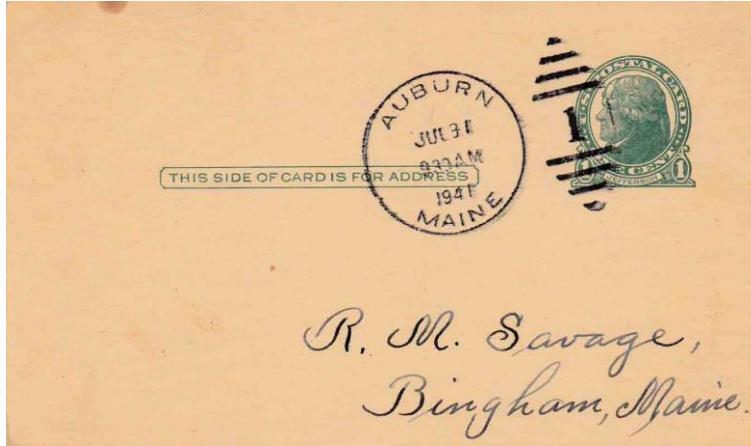
The circular postmark is 21.5 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy lines machine killer. Another example of this postmark for 21 December 1929 is known to exist.



1931 December 23:
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line machine killer.

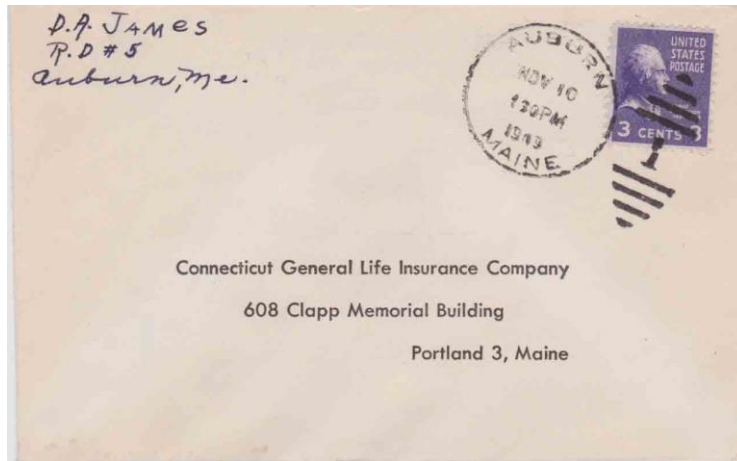


3 January 1940:
The circular postmark is approximately 30 mm in diameter with a duplex/1 killer.



31 July 1941

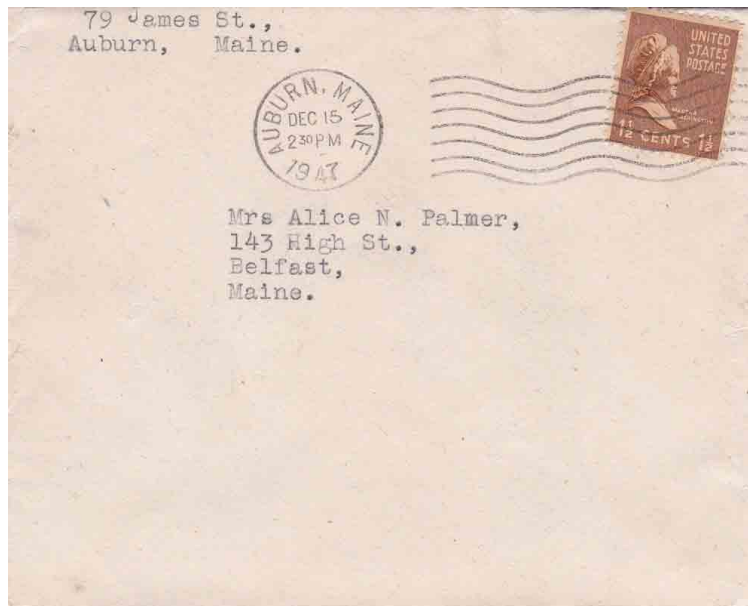
Another circular postmark 30 mm in diameter with a duplex/1 killer.



1941 July 31 through 1949 November 10:

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter. The duplex/1 elliptical cancellation to the circle's right is approximately 33 mm tall, with 4 bars above and below the numeral. The circular postmark on the back of the 1949 cover is approximately 21 mm in diameter. The rectangle bearing the words "Wear your red feather proudly!" is approximately 43 mm by 20–21 mm, and the longest visible horizontal bars at the right of the rectangle are 15 mm long.

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8 January 1942 through 15 December 1947:

The circular postmark is 20–22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line machine killer.

20 December 1930:

Ferdinand E. Stevens became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

28 December 1934:

Michael A. Casey became Acting Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

14 May 1935:

Lewis W. Haskell, Jr. became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

1950 June 30:

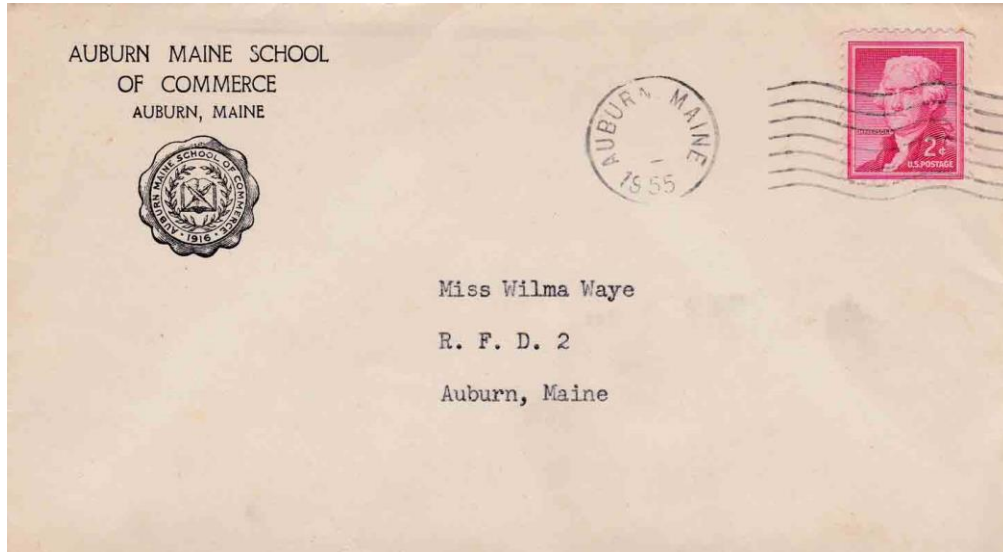
Ralph Verville became Acting Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

1954 March 31:

Donald C. Gautier became Acting Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office .

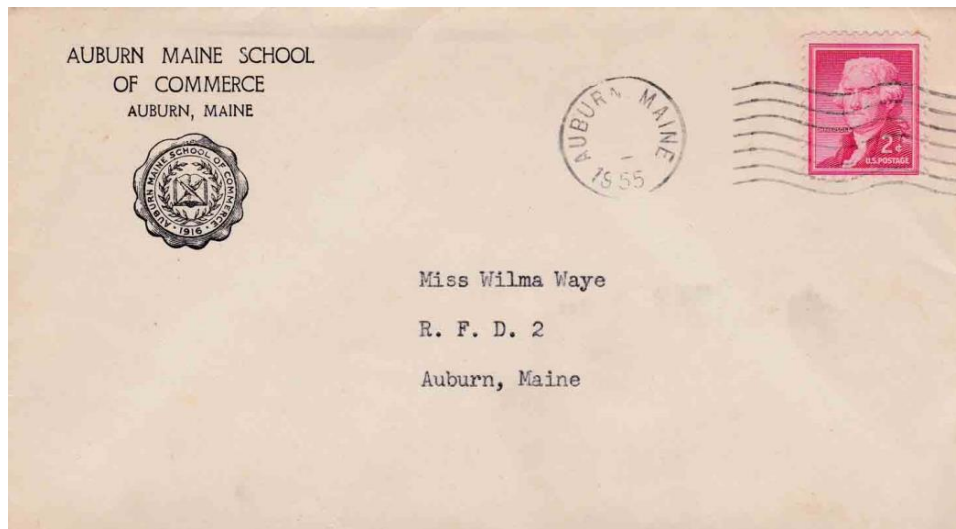
1954 May 24:

Donald C. Gautier became Acting Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



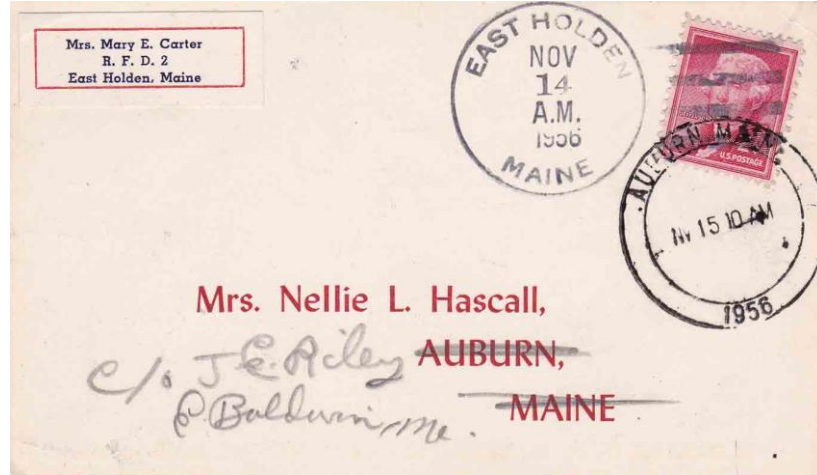
1955:

The circular date stamp is 20-21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line machine killer.



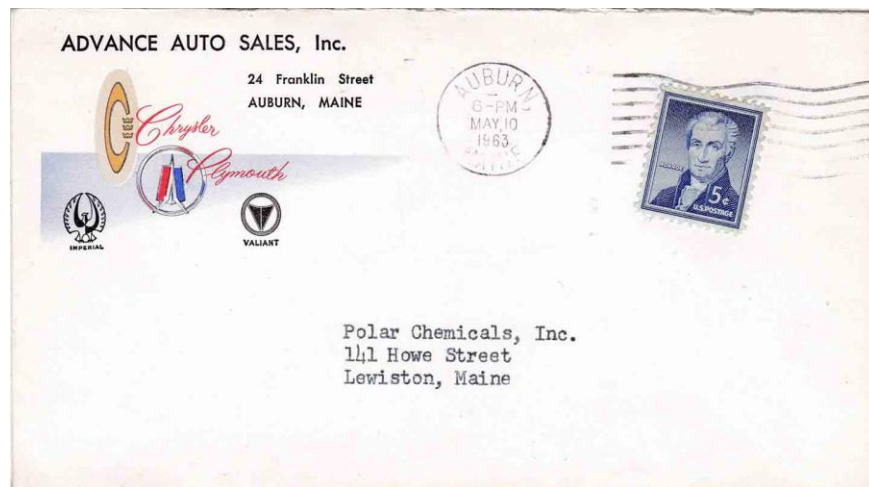
1955:

The circular postmark is 20-21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy lines machine killer.



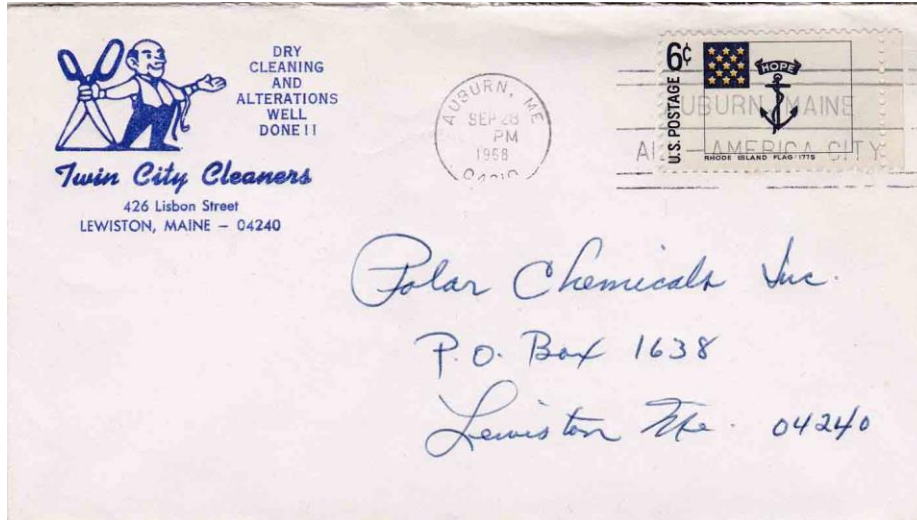
14 November 1956:

A received postmark for Auburn (2). A double ring circular date stamp with the outer circle of the postmark being 35–36 mm in diameter and the inner ring 27–28 mm in diameter. There is no killer with this postmark. The four-bar (B) killer is part of the East Holden postmark.



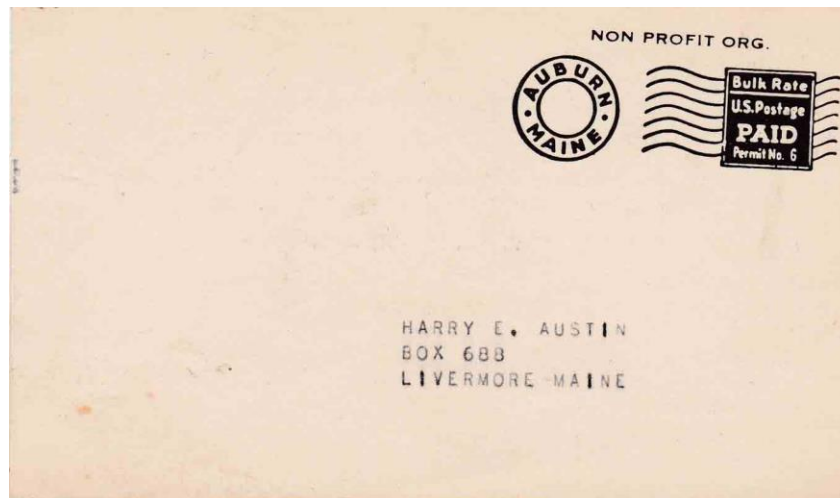
10 May 1963:

The circular postmark is 21–22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line machine killer.



28 September 1968:

The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a six straight line machine logo killer (Auburn, Maine An America City).



Unknown Date - Bulk Rate permit imprint, mimicking a postmark.

The outer circle of the postmark is 27–28 mm in diameter. The inner circle is 19–20 mm in diameter.

29 June 1973:

Joseph H. Albert became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

20 August 1973:

Gabriel O. Dumont became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

15 September 1973:

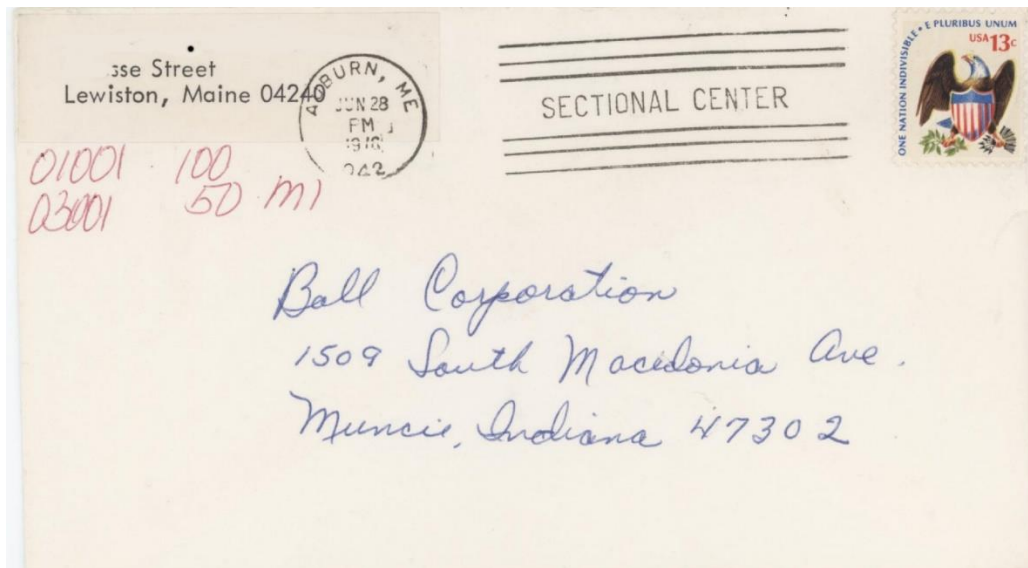
James E. Donovan became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

31 December 1973:

Patrick L. Faucher became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

12 October 1974:

Raymond A. Perron became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.



28 June 1973:

Before establishing the Southern Maine Processing and Distribution Center, Auburn was a regional processing center for mail from the surrounding towns. It is uncertain whether this postmark was applied at the Auburn Mail Processing Annex, which closed on an unknown date in 1976, or at the Auburn post office.

23 June 1978:

Arthur I. Porwick became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

14 September 1978:

Joseph M. Donahue became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

5 May 1979:

John T. Clifford became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

6 February 1981:

Alfred J. Doucet became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

19 September 1981:

Gerard N. Ouellette became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

3 April 1987:

Diane Kelley became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

21 May 1987:

William E. Penley became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

18 July 1987:

Gustav E. Karlsen became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

2 October 1992:

David St. Andre became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

20 February 1993:

Peter A. Desjardins became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

1997 May 13:

Louis Huard became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

16 August 1997:

Robert J. Balko became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

2 January 2003:

James E. Sylvain became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

28 June 2003:

Michael G. Foster became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

26 September 2008:

James H. Thornton became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

29 August 2009:

Kevin D. Clark became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

4 June 2010:

Leigh A. St. Pierre became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

16 December 2010:

Russell Hughes became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

23 February 2011:

Brian Carrier became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

26 July 2011:

Leigh A. St. Pierre became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

Date?:

[?] became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

16 February 2019:

Eric C. Parmenter became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

Date?:

[?] became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

26 March 2022:

Lori Goddard became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

Date?:

[?] became Officer-in-Charge for Auburn (2) Post Office.

27 August 2022:

Jordan R. Moussette became Postmaster for Auburn (2) Post Office.

2023:

Auburn (2) post office is still in operation.

Auburn Mail Processing Annex

6 March 1960:

Auburn Mail Processing Annex opens.

Known to have existed at 81 Manley Rd.

1976:

Auburn Mail Processing Annex closes.

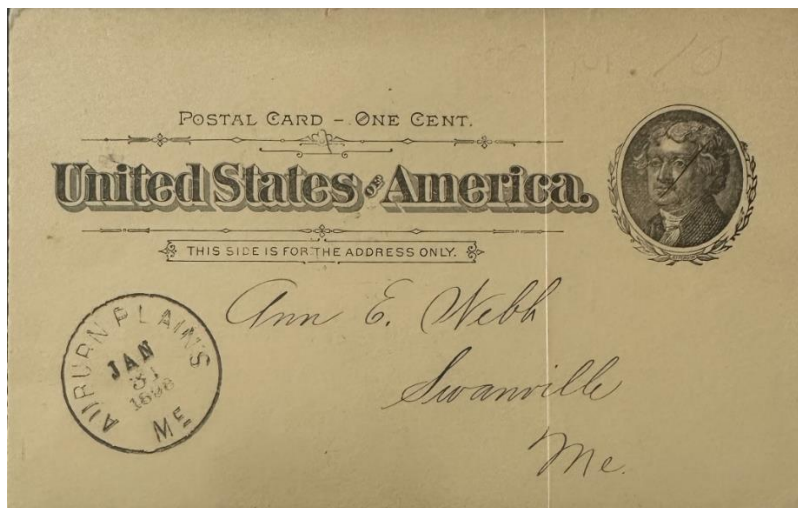
Auburn Plains

20 May 1889:

Auburn Plains Post Office opens

20 May 1889:

Fred A. Allen became Postmaster for Auburn Plains Post Office.



31 January 1898:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter. There is no killer.



26 September 1898:

A cut square with a circular postmark 28 mm in diameter. A similar cut square with a 189? The date also is known to exist.

15 April 1901

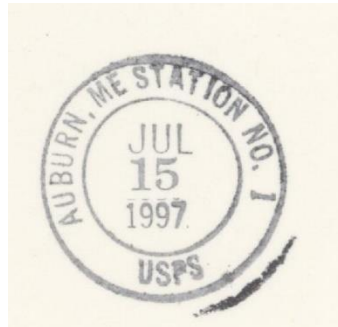
Auburn Plains Post Office closes.

Auburn Station No. 1

March 1903

Auburn Station No. 1 Post Office opens.

Known to have operated at several locations, including 61, 68, and 55 Broad Street; 41 Third Street; and Pontbriand's Hardware at 63 Mill Street. Closed in 2008.



24 September 1935 and 15 July 1997:

Two cut squares from Auburn Maine Station No. 1

Usually, numbered stations did not postmark outgoing mail, which would be taken to the main Auburn post office. However, they applied postmarks like these to receipts of various types. The postmarks shown here were probably made to fill requests from postmark collectors.

2008

Auburn Station No. 1 closes.

Auburn Station No. 2

March 1903:

Auburn Station No. 2 opens.

Station No. 2 operated in three different Court Street addresses (220, 210, and 214) before closing in 1928.



This picture is believed to be from the 1920s, showing the staff of Rounds and Sands Restaurant, which hosted Station No. 2 at 210 Court St.

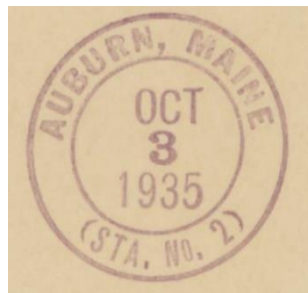
1928:

Auburn Station No. 2 closes.

1934:

Auburn Station No. 2 is re-established.

Known to be located at Seavey's Soda Shop, 240 Court Street.



3 October 1935:
Cut square of Auburn Station No. 2

1964/1981:

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Auburn Station No. 2 closes. The exact date is unknown.

Auburn Station No. 3

March 1903:

Auburn Station No. 3 opens.

Auburn Station No. 3 is known to exist at 180, then 178 Turner Street.

1928:

Auburn Station No. 3 closes.

1933:

Auburn Station No. 3 is re-established.

30 June 1934:

Auburn Station No. 3 closes

1 October 1954:

Auburn Station No. 3 is re-established.

Known to have existed at Herb's Variety Store, 381 Court Street.



15 January 1955:

Cut square of Auburn Station No. 3.

1964/1981:

Auburn Station No. 3 closes. The exact date is unknown.

Auburn Station No. 4

1 March 1912:

Auburn Station No. 4 opens.

Known to have existed at 381 and then 385 Court Street.

30 June 1923:

Auburn Station No. 4 closes.

1 April 1927:

Auburn Station No. 4 is re-established.

Known to have existed at 383 Court Street.

15 February 1935:

Auburn Station No. 4 closes.

Auburn Station No. 5

16 March 1912:

Auburn Station No. 5 opens.

Known to have existed at 267 Minot Avenue.

20 June 1923:

Auburn Station No. 5 closes.

15 March 1929:

Auburn Station No. 5 was re-established.

Known to exist at Turner Road.

15 February 1935:

Auburn Station No. 5 closes.

Auburn Station No. 6

1 December 1913:

Auburn Station No. 6 opens.

Known to have existed at 120 Gamage Avenue, corner of Davis Avenue.

31 March 1915:

Auburn Station No. 6 closes.

Briggs Corner

23 May 1825:

Briggs Corner Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County.

23 May 1825:

Nathan Briggs became Postmaster for Briggs Corner Post Office.

5 January 1826: Briggs Corner Post Office closes.

Centre Minot

3 December 1825:

Centre Minot Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County:

29 December 1817:

Oliver Pollard became Postmaster for East Minot and remained Postmaster when the name was changed to Centre Minot on 3 December 1825.

13 February 1835:

Stephen Packard became Postmaster for Centre Minot.

18 June 1841:

Oliver Pollard became Postmaster for Centre Minot again.

7 June 1845:

Centre Minot Post Office's name was changed to North Auburn.

Danville

1823:

Danville Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County.

1823:

Moses Rowe became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

13 November 1850:

Jeremiah Stinchfield became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

31 March 1854, Androscoggin County is created. Danville Post Office became part of Androscoggin County.

17 May 1860:

Oliver C. Waterman became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

14 November 1861:

Nathaniel G. Sturgis became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

7 October 1864:

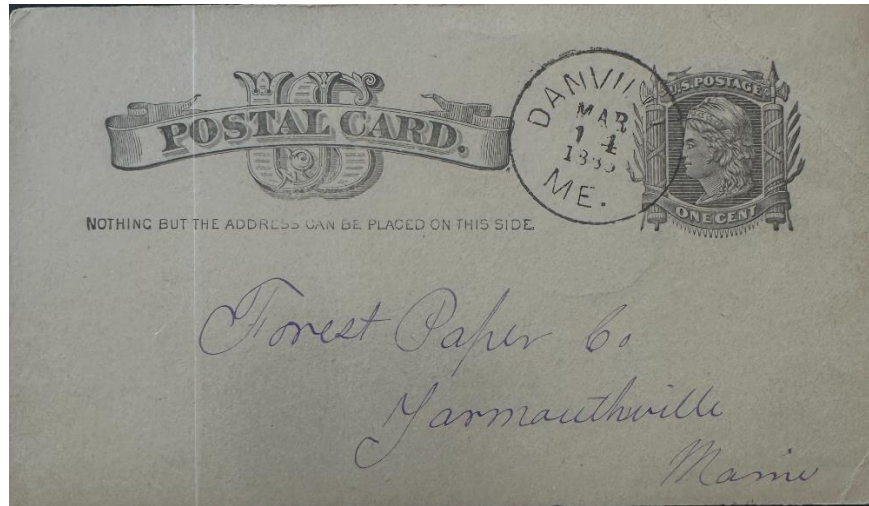
Oliver D. Stinchfield became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

10 December 1866:

Miss Harriet W. Ingersoll became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

24 November 1883:

Solon S. Waterhouse became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.



10 September 1888:

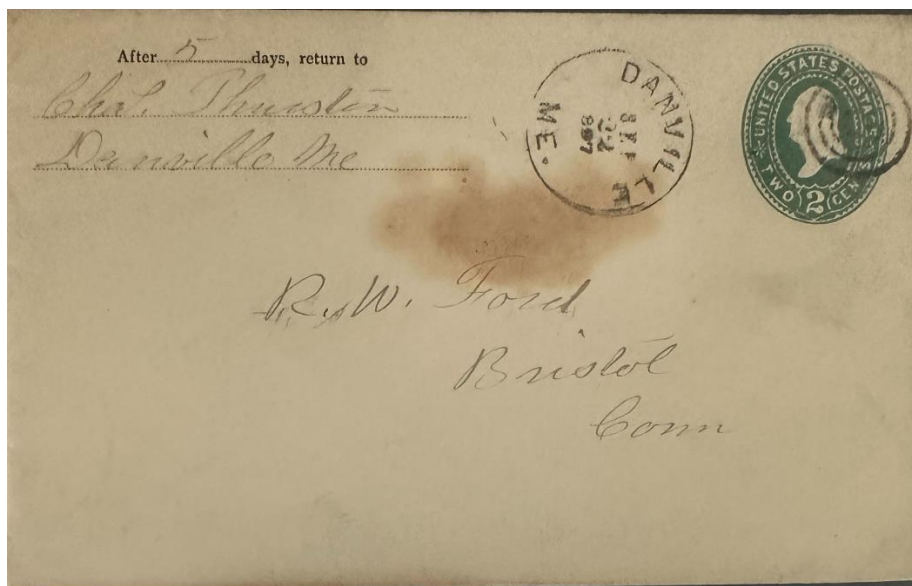
Peter M. Austin became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

12 April 1890:

Cerrell A. Leonard became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

4 December 1890:

Charles Thurston became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.



7 August 1907:

Arthur T. Parsons became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

5 December 1925:

Annie J. Hewins became Acting Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

29 December 1925:

Annie J. Hewins became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

6 January 1930:

Mrs. Grace L. Bonney became Acting Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

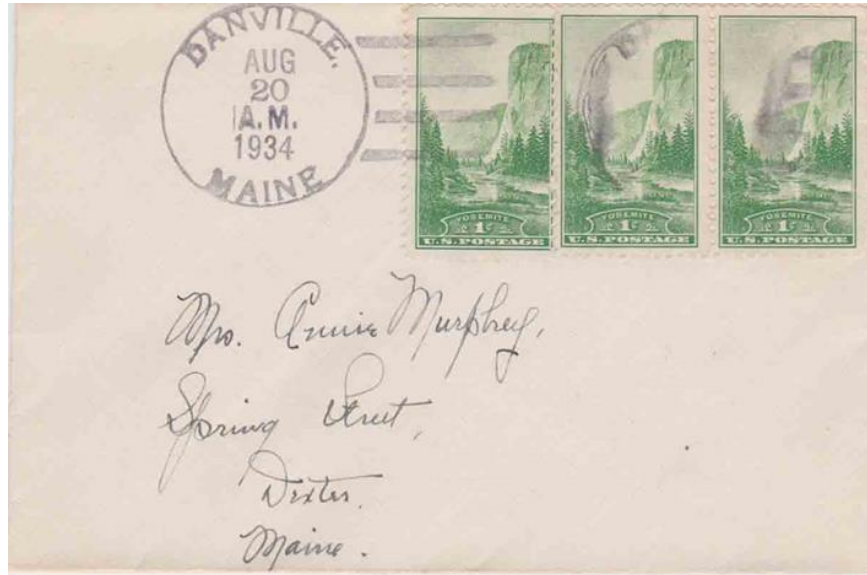
1 August 1930:

Mrs. Grace L. Bonney became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.



25 November 1907:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.



20 August 1934:
Danville postmark with a four-bar (B) killer.

6 January 1942:

Mrs. Grace L. Bonney became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

31 December 1941:

Mrs. Iva T. Eastman became Acting Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

1 June 1942:

Mrs. Iva T. Eastman became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.



26 July 1949:
Danville Postmark with a four-bar (B) killer.

31 December 1956:

Mrs. Theona D. McAlister became Acting Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

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25 March 1958:

Mrs. Theona D. McAlister became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

3 October 1978:

Thelma R. Redmun became Acting Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

13 January 1979:

Thelma R. Redmun became Postmaster for Danville Post Office.

30 March 1998:

Cynthia Rogers became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

30 July 1998:

John Schreiber became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

22 September 1998:

Robert R. Labbe became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

25 January 1999:

Michael Thurston became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

21 July 1999:

Merrill Lee became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

23 April 2003:

Coleen (Ritchey) Cothran became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

18 April 2007:

Sharon Wheeler became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

18 October 2012:

Robert R. Labbe became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

26 April 2012:

Bruce Gerry became Officer-In-Charge for Danville Post Office.

22 March 2014:

The Danville Post Office is converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

The Danville Post Office is still in operation.

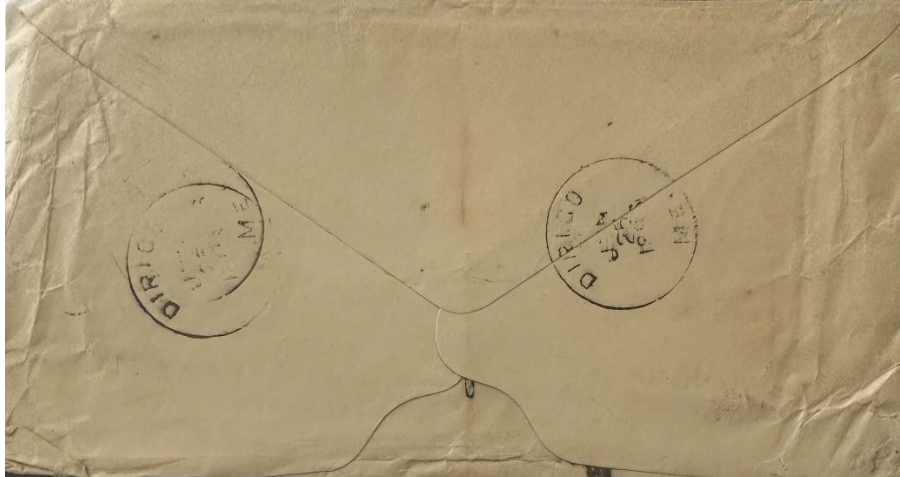
Dirigo (2)

28 March 1896:

Dirigo (2) Post Office opens. (Note: There were three other post offices in Maine named Dirigo, all at different times and different 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.)

28 March 1896:

Eugene H. Libby became Postmaster for Dirigo Post Office.



25 June 1896

Two received circular postmarks of 28 mm in diameter and no killer.

31 July 1901:

Dirigo Post Office closes

East Auburn

2 July 1844:

East Auburn Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County.

2 July 1844:

John C. Briggs became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

2 July 1845:

East Auburn Post Office closes.

24 December 1849:

East Auburn Post Office is re-established.

24 December 1849:

John C. Briggs became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office again.

31 March 1854:

East Auburn became part of Androscoggin County

10 April 1863:

Stillman T. Allen became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

3 December 1863:

C. White became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

13 August 1866:

John C. Briggs became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

30 October 1866:

Charles Withington became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

13 December 1866:

William K. Vickery became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

7 July 1871:

Alvin Waterman became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

8 March 1882:

David A. Whitman became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.

22 April 1889:

Charles F. Curtis became Postmaster for the East Auburn Post Office.



1 August 1898:

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

10 April 1901:

East Auburn Post Office closes.

East Minot (1)

29 December 1817:

East Minot (1) Post Office opens while still part of Cumberland County. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named East Minot 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.)

29 December 1817:

Oliver Pollard became Postmaster for East Minot (1) Post Office.

3 December 1825:

East Minot's name was changed to Centre Minot.

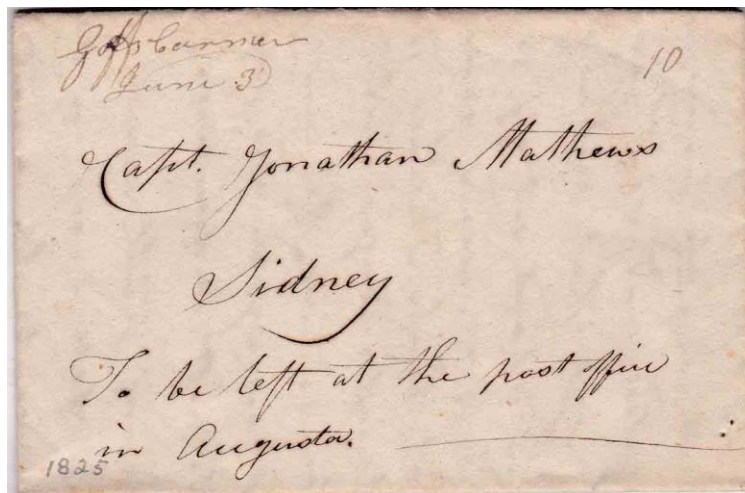
Goff's Corner

20 March 1825:

Goff's Corner Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County.

20 March 1825:

James Goff became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.



3 June 1825:

[year determined from contents]
Manuscript postmark. ([letter](#))

6 September 1826:

Edward Little became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.

24 February 1835:

James Goff, Jr. became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.



1848 December 1: [year determined from contents]
Manuscript ([notation](#); [letter](#))

6 June 1849:

Joseph D. Davis became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.

30 March 1853:

Daniel G. Hall became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.

28 November 1853:

Freeman Newell became the Postmaster for Goff's Corner.

31 March 1854:

Goff's Corner became part of Androscoggin County.

18 July 1854:

Goff's Corner name changed to Lewiston Falls

Great Falls Station Auburn

16 June 1976:

Great Falls Station Auburn opens.

2023:

Great Falls Station Auburn is still operating.

Lewiston Falls

18 July 1854:

Lewiston Falls Post Office opens, formerly Goff's Corner.

27 December 1854:

Lewiston Falls Post Office name was changed to Auburn (2)
(a cover dated 1 January 1855 from Lewiston Falls has been seen)

Lewiston Junction

9 July 1891:

Lewiston Junction Post Office opens, formerly South Auburn.

24 September 1884:

Jesse G. Dexter became Postmaster for South Auburn and remained Postmaster when South Auburn Post Office's name changed to Lewiston Junction Post Office on 9 July 1891.



17 April 1899:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter

9 April 1900:

William A. Bunting became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.

26 April 1901:

Samuel G. Gould became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.

29 December 1902:

Charles S. Patterson became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.

27 April 1904:

George B. Doran became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.

30 March 1905:

Ernest G. Herrick became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.

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26 December 1905:

Leon G. Mayo became Postmaster for Lewiston Junction Post Office.



30 May 1906:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/2 killer.

28 February 1907:

Lewiston Junction Post Office closes.

Nason's Mills (1)

20 March 1833:

Nason's Mills Post Office opens as part of Cumberland County:

(Note: There was another post office in Maine named Nason's Mills 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 March 1833:

Palfrey Lane became Postmaster for Nason's Mills Post Office.

3 July 1834:

Enoch Littlefield became Postmaster for Nason's Mills Post Office.

9 February 1839:

Nathaniel Small became Postmaster for Nason's Mills Post Office.

20 October 1840:

Enoch Littlefield became Postmaster for Nason's Mills Post Office.

5 March 1842:

Nason's Mills Post Office is renamed Auburn (1) Post Office.

North Auburn

7 June 1845:

Centre Minot Post Office's name is changed to North Auburn Post Office, still part of Cumberland County.

7 June 1845:

Stephen Packard became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

14 July 1849:

Joseph Keith became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

19 May 1853:

Isaac Osgood became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

31 March 1854:

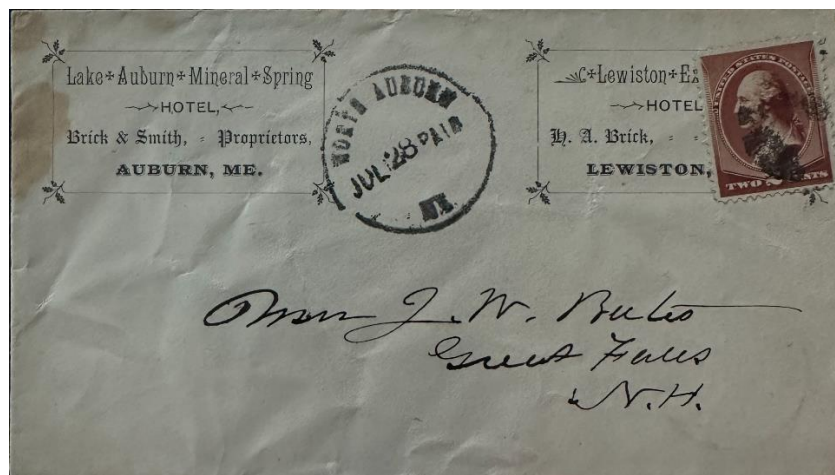
North Auburn Post Office became part of Androscoggin County.

3 October 1857:

Levi Perry became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

6 January 1862:

Isaac Osgood became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.



28 July circa 1885:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a cork killer.



14 May 1887:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a cork killer.

12 July 1894:

George B. Osgood became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

13 April 1897

Isaac Osgood became Postmaster for North Auburn Post Office.

15 April 1901:

North Auburn Post Office closes.

Pejepscot (1)

2 August 1815:

Pejepscot (1) Post Office opens while still part of Cumberland County.

(Note: There was another post office named Pejepscot, several miles south of Auburn, in what is now the Town of Topsham, at a later time. 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.)

1823:

Pejepscot (1) Post Office closes.

South Auburn

10 March 1868:

West Danville Post Office is renamed South Auburn Post Office.

14 March 1866:

Israel T. Merrill became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office and remained in office during the name change to South Auburn Post Office.

25 January 1875:

Quade L. Allen became Postmaster for South Auburn Post Office.

11 February 1875:

John Ross Pulsifer became Postmaster for South Auburn Post Office.

31 October 1885:

Loring Lovejoy became Postmaster for South Auburn Post Office.

24 September 1884:

Jesse G. Dexter became Postmaster for South Auburn Post Office.

8 July 1891:

South Auburn Post Office name is changed to Lewiston Junction.

South Danville

27 March 1886:

South Danville Post Office opens.

27 March 1886:

Emerson Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

9 November 1886:

R.E. Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

30 December 1886:

Augusta M. Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

28 December 1887:

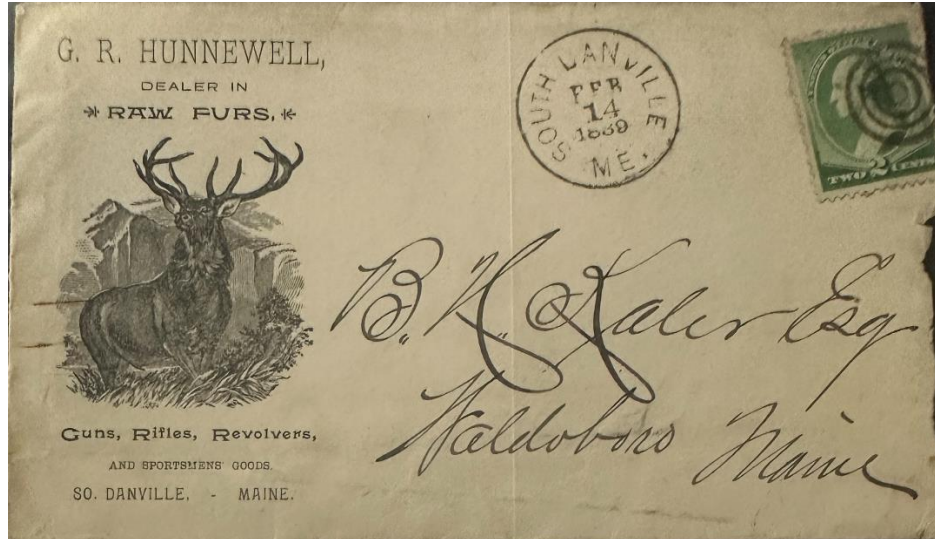
South Danville Post Office closes.

9 January 1888:

South Danville Post Office is re-established.

9 January 1888:

Mrs. Augusta M. Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.



14 February 1889:

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

28 August 1894:

Winfield S. Hunnewell became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

16 February 1898:

Augusta M. Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

19 November 1899:

Emerson Bowie became Postmaster for South Danville Post Office.

15 April 1901:

South Danville Post Office closes:

West Auburn

27 December 1854:

Auburn (1) Post Office is renamed West Auburn Post Office.

1 February 1850:

George Ricker, Jr. became Postmaster for Auburn(1) Post Office and remained Postmaster while the post office's name was changed to West Auburn Post Office.

7 March 1860:

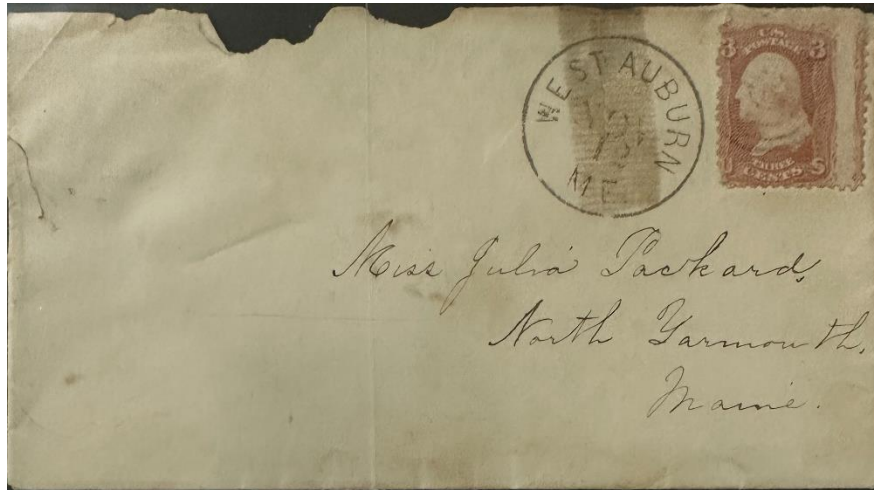
Apollos C. Howard became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.

5 August 1861:

George Ricker became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.

15 December 1862:

Henry M. Packard became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.



12 November circa 1865:

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

11 December 1871:

John M. Perry became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.

17 September 1884:

Emules S. Crafts became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.

12 July 1894:

George D. Bailey became Postmaster for West Auburn Post Office.

15 April 1901:

West Auburn Post Office closes.

West Danville

11 March 1850:

West Danville Post Office opened as part of Cumberland County.

11 March 1850:

Joseph S. Foster became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

13 November 1850:

West Danville Post Office closes.

16 December 1850:

West Danville Post Office is re-established.

16 December 1850:

Joseph S. Foster became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

20 June 1852:

Samuel Hicks became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

29 December 1853:

Brackett Marston became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

31 March 1854:

West Danville Post Office is now part of Androscoggin County.

6 October 1859:

William Freeman became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

16 August 1864:

Joseph W. Foster became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

14 March 1866:

Israel T. Merrill became Postmaster for West Danville Post Office.

10 March 1868:

West Danville Post Office name is changed to South Auburn.

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. 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 are *not* the same thing as the post offices we call Auburn (1), Auburn(2), etc.

Also: the numbers do **not** appear in postmarks or any official post office publications, but 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>

City of Auburn [map] from the 1873 Atlas and History of Androscoggin County, Maine:
https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/13/ This is very useful for identifying the locations of some old post offices.

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>.