

Bridgton Postal History

Cumberland County, Maine

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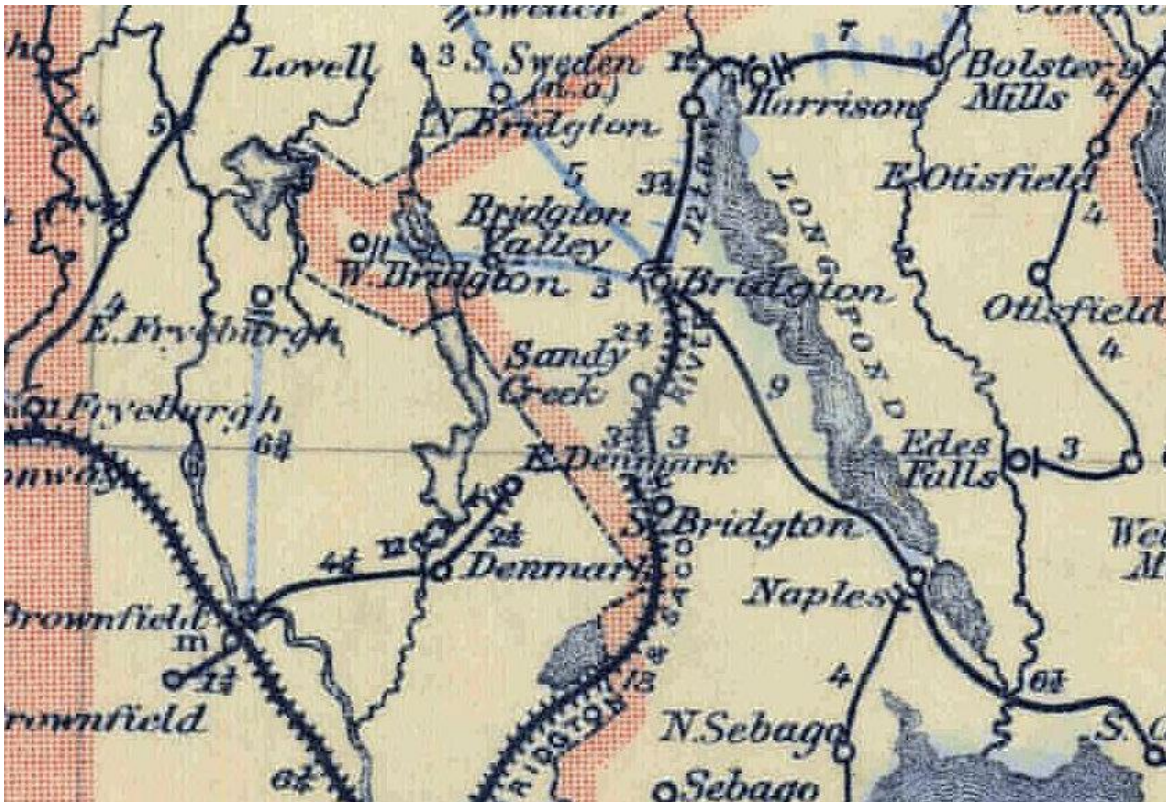
Bridgton was organized in 1779 as Bridgetown Plantation, named after Moody Bridges, and then incorporated as Bridgton on February 7, 1794.

During the history of Bridgton, there have been ten post offices.

Briefly, the history of these is as follows:

1. [Bridgetown](#) Post Office opened on 8 September 1800 and closed on 11 January 1809 (name changed to Bridgton).
2. [Bridgton](#) Post Office (formerly Bridgetown) opened on 11 January 1809 and is still operating. (Also seen spelled Bridgeton between 1870 –1888.)
3. [Bridgton Valley](#) Post Office opened on 13 April 1883 and closed on 26 July 1888.
4. [North Bridgeton](#) Post Office opened on 26 January 1821 and closed in the 1880s (name changed to North Bridgton).
5. [North Bridgton](#) Post Office opened in the 1880s (formerly North Bridgton) and is still open.
6. [Sandy Creek](#) Post Office opened on 14 March 1879 and closed on 30 November 1927.
7. [South Bridgeton](#) Post Office opened on 5 January 1829 and closed in the 1880s (name changed to South Bridgton)
8. [South Bridgton](#) Post Office opened in the 1880s (formerly South Bridgeton) and closed on 30 June 1955.
9. [West Bridgeton](#) Post Office opened on 31 March 1852 and closed in 1870 (name changed to West Bridgton).
10. [West Bridgton](#) opened in 1870 (formerly West Bridgton), closed on 10 October 1887, re-opened on 21 March 1888, and closed on 30 September 1901.

In 1886, there were six post offices in Bridgton: Bridgton, Bridgton Valley, North Bridgton, Sandy Creek, South Bridgton, and West Bridgton. (source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1886.via the U. S. National Archives. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/25464514>)



Bridgetown

8 September 1800:

Bridgetown Post Office opened.

8 September 1800:

Joseph Sears became the Postmaster of the Bridgetown Post Office.

11 January 1809:

Bridgetown Post Office closed (name changed to Bridgton)

Bridgton

11 January 1809:

Bridgton Post Office opened (formerly named Bridgetown)

11 January 1809:

Samuel Andrews became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

28 January 1818:

Nathaniel Howe became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

26 February 1821:

Richard Davis became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

29 December 1828:

Nathaniel S. Littlefield became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

1 May 1841:

Rensellaer Cram became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

11 April 1845:

Samuel Andrews II became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

15 February 1849:

Clement J. Adams became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

30 March 1853:

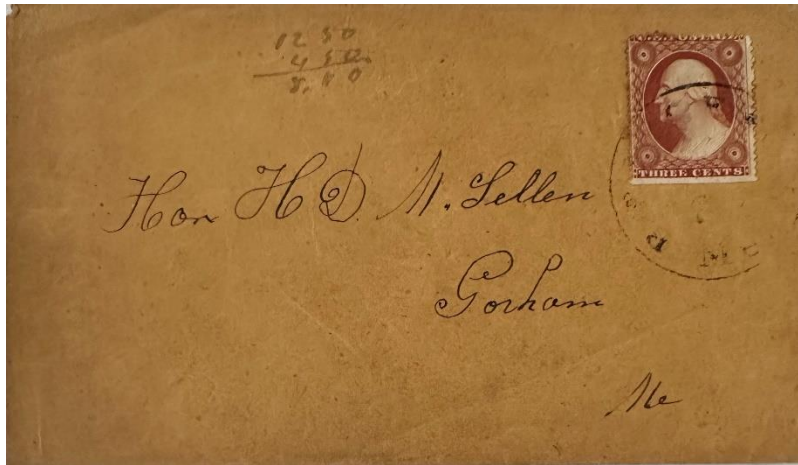
William J. Hayden became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

2 June 1856:

Thomas Cleaves became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

23 June 1856:

Samuel M. Hayden became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



Circa 1858:

The faint circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter, with the postmark used as the killer and spelled Bridgton.

22 June 1861:

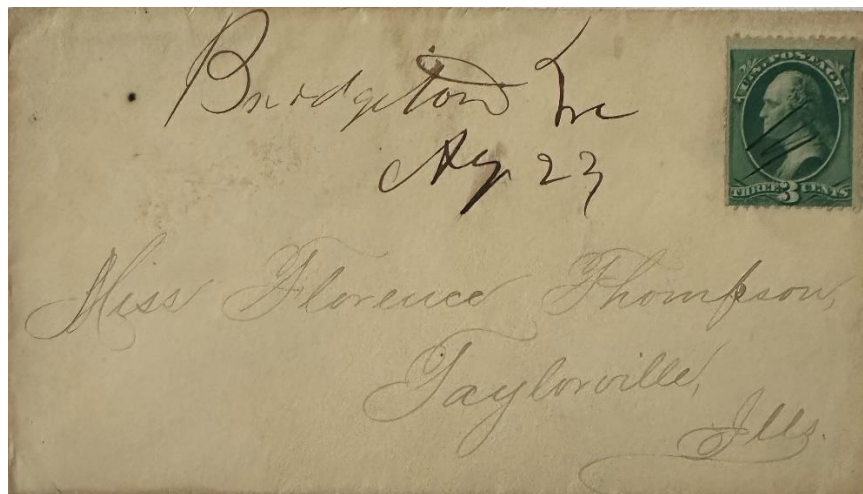
Luther Billings became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

28 May 1869:

Sherburne M. Harmon became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

12 February 1872:

Charles E. Gibbs became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



23 August circa 1872:

Manuscript postmark and spelled Bridgton.

25 January 1878 to 30 June 1880:

Bridgton Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.

30 June 1880:

Bridgton Post Office discontinued.

1 July 1880:

Bridgton Post Office reestablished. A device used to terminate Presidential status.

8 April 1884:

Bridgton Post Office became a Presidential Post Office again on 30 July 1885.

30 July 1885:

Thomas J. Douglas II became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

29 January 1887:

Bridgton Post Office became a Presidential Office again.

6 January 1891:

John H. Roes became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

15 January 1895:

Frank P. Bennett became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



9 November 1893:

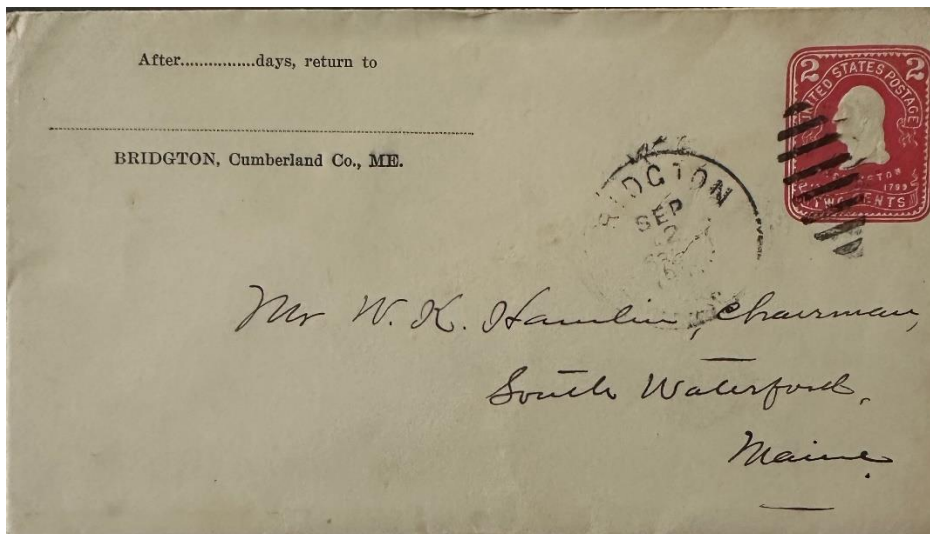
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a quartered cork killer—a similar postmark and killer dated 6 June 1898 is known.

2 March 1899:

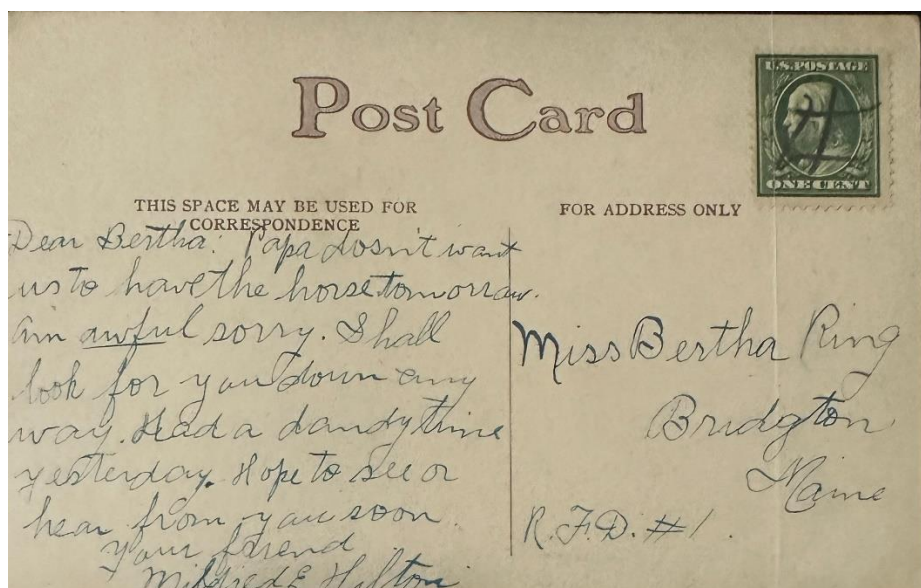
Abel H. Harriman became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

16 January 1902:

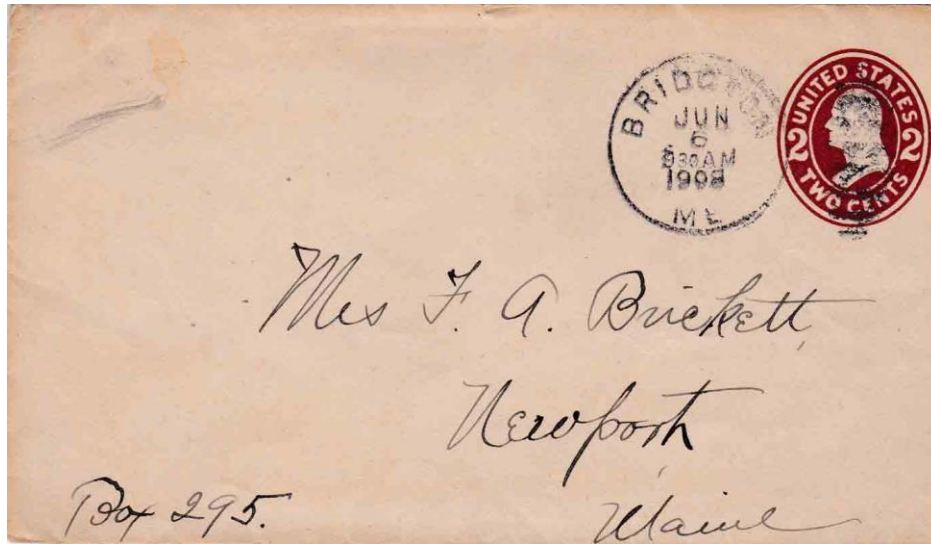
John F. Davis became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



2 September 1903:
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with an eight-bar oval duplex killer.



Circa 1905:
R.F.D. Richow Type 11 F Route 1.



6 June 1908:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a nine-bar oval duplex killer.

12 January 1914:

Frank P. Davis became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

22 September 1922:

Howard W. Jones became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

25 April 1927:

Perry J. Murphy became the Acting Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

15 December 1927:

Perry J. Murphy became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

28 February 1929:

George O.M. Oberg became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



25 March 1931:

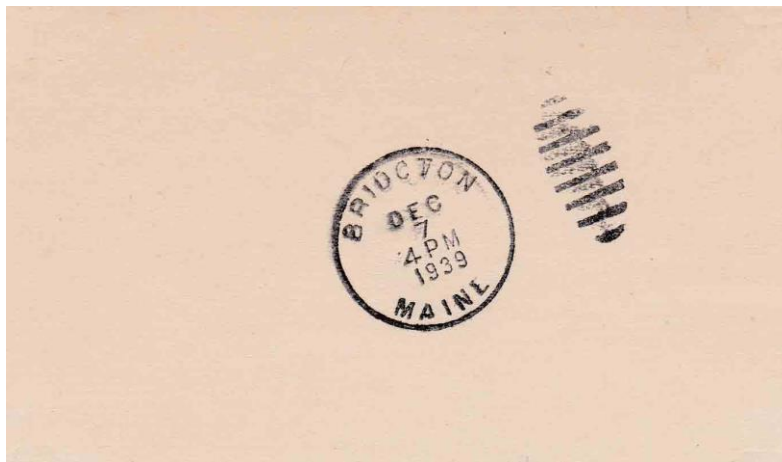
The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter and has an International machine killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 16 March 1938, 23 October 1946, and 11 August 1951 are known.

1 June 1933:

Mrs. Marjory D. Woolley became the Acting Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

31 January 1934:

Mrs. Marjory D. Wolley became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



7 December 1939:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with an eight-bar oval duplex killer.

18 November 1940:

Everett F. Larrabee became the Acting Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

3 January 1942:

Everett F. Larrabee became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

5 April 1957:

Henry A. Shorey became the Acting Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

22 May 1958:

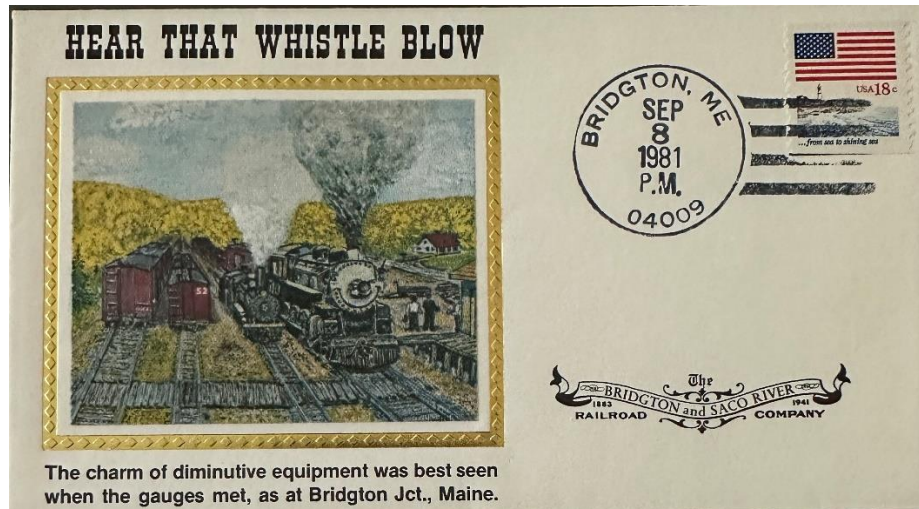
Henry A. Shorey became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

Unknown date:

Unknown became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

17 November 1979:

George W. Rousseau became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



8 September 1981:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm with a four-bar F2/a killer.

20 May 1992:

Barry Curtis became Postmaster-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

6 August 1992:

Diane M. Rock became Postmaster-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

2 December 1992:

Richard Zaccaro became Postmaster-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

6 February 1993:

George A. Vokey Jr. became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

16 October 1997:

Donna Rae Menard became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

13 February 1998:

Keith Kinney became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

24 April 1999:

Donald R. Cote became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

19 June 2003:

James Wescott became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

29 November 2003:

Joyce L. Champagne became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

10 October 2012:

Kristine L. Gould became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

5 February 2013:

Jason R. Beach became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

23 February 2013:

Jason R. Reach became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

6 March 2013:

Kristine L. Gould became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

10 August 2013:

Michael P. Anderson became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

Unknown date:

Unknown person became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

28 December 2013:

David J. Worthley became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.

26 March 2020:

Kevin Cidre became the Officer-In-Charge of the Bridgton Post Office.

9 May 2020:

Dana K. Dery became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Post Office.



October 2023:
Bridgton Post Office. Photo credit Dennis Dixon

16 February 2024:

Bridgton Post Office remains open at 6 Elm Street, Bridgton, ME 04009 GPS 44° 03' 19" N 70° 42' 26" W.

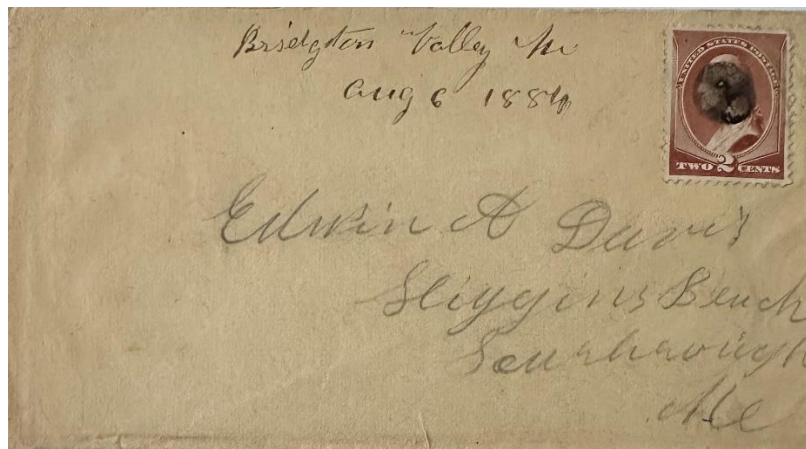
Bridgton Valley

13 April 1883:

Bridgton Valley Post Office opened.

13 April 1883:

Jonathan E. Brown became the Postmaster of the Bridgton Valley Post Office.



6 August 1884:
Manuscript postmark with a cork killer.

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

26 July 1888:

Bridgton Valley Post Office closed with service from Bridgton

North Bridgeton

26 January 1821:

North Bridgeton Post Office opened.

26 January 1821:

Nathaniel Howe became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

24 February 1824:

Ira Crocker (or Issac Cooker) became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

5 August 1836:

Jacob Hazen, Jr. became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

6 February 1845:

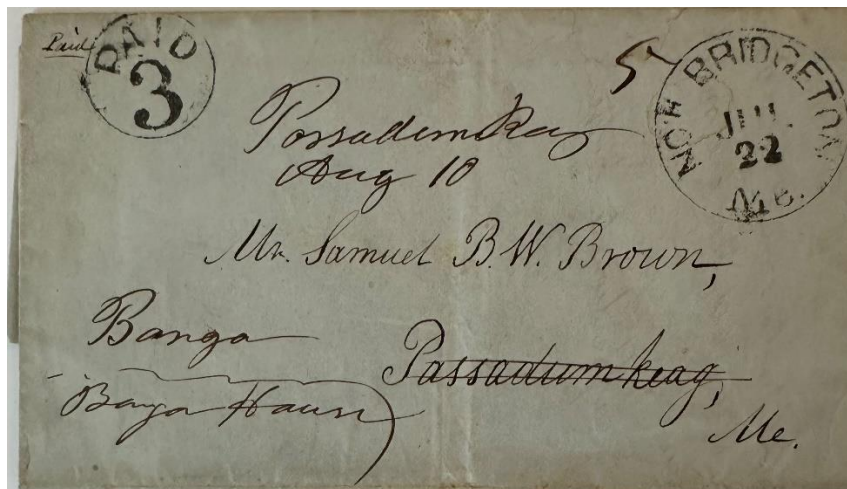
Caleb Stevens became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

29 June 1847:

John F. Potter became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

6 June 1849:

George S. Farnsworth became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.



22 July 1853:

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

27 April 1854:

John F. Potter became the Postmaster of the North Bridgeton Post Office.

26 July 1861:

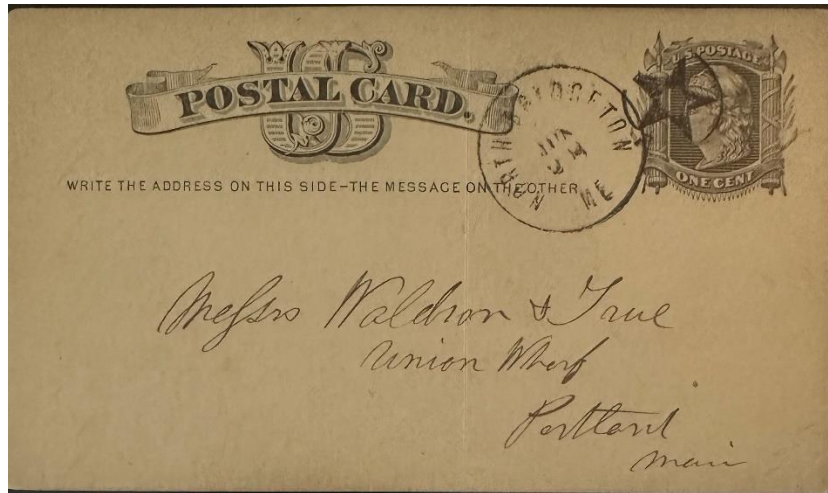
Samuel Riggs became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

13 October 1873:

Albert Gould became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

16 February 1874:

Hannah C. Proctor became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.



28 June 1877:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a fancy hollowed center star-killer

18 March 1879

Edward Kimball became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

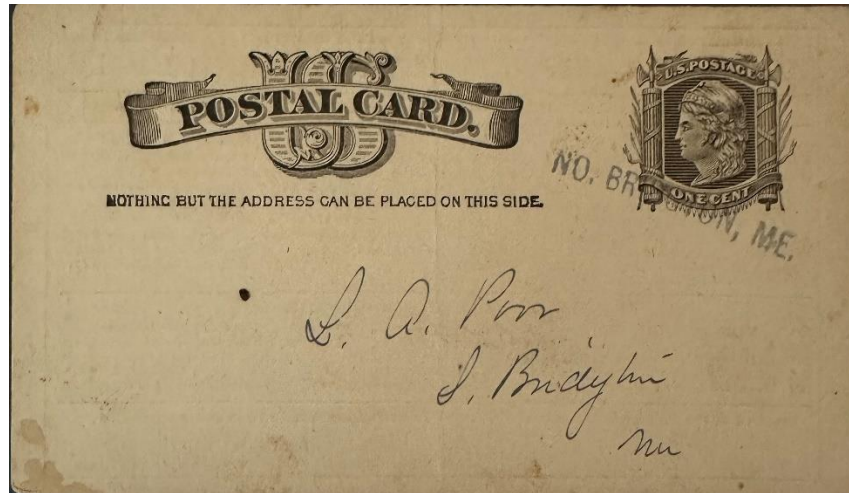
1880s:

North Bridgton Post Office was discontinued, and the name was changed to North Bridgton Post Office.

North Bridgton

1880s:

North Bridgton Post Office opened (formerly North Bridgton Post Office)



10 December 1884:

The postmark is an undated straight line, all capital letters.

4 February 1886:

Horace C. Kimball became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

10 April 1889:

Horace A. Hall became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

1 April 1893:

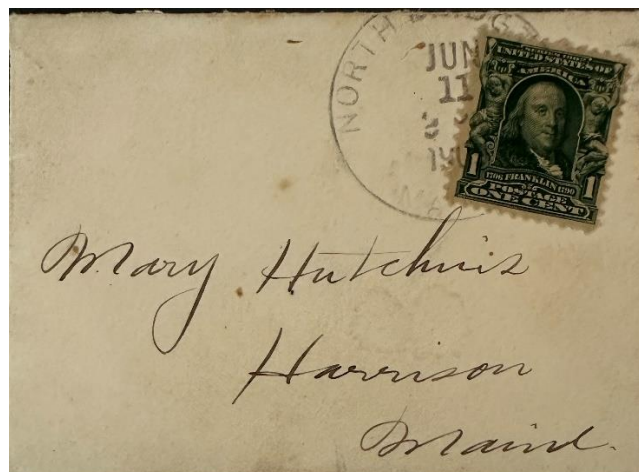
Horace C. Kimball became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

22 June 1897:

Charles W. Hill became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

23 November 1905:

Charles H. Gould became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.



11 June 1909:

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

11 October 1912:

Carrie Wentworth became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

24 October 1919:

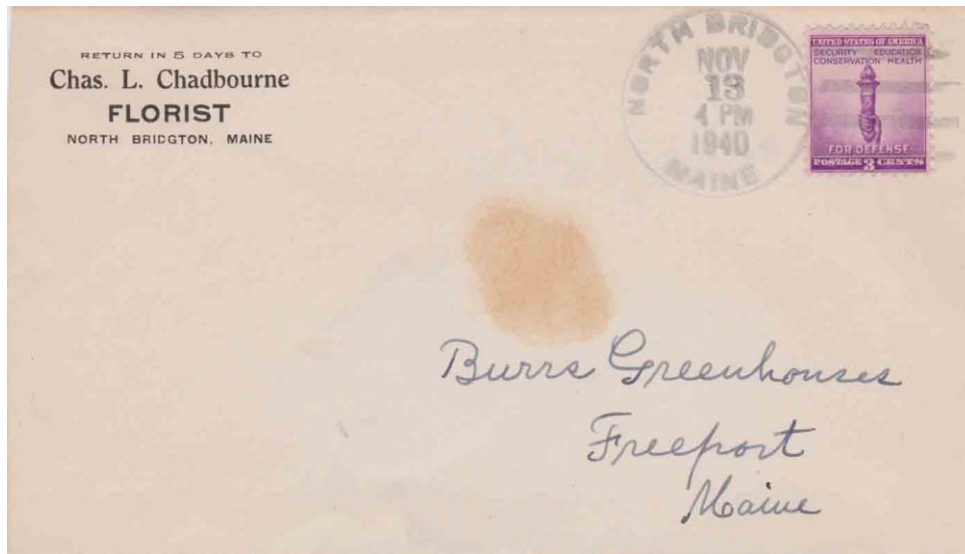
Charles R. Kendall became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

12 May 1934:

Mrs. Bessie M. Kendall became the Acting Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

1 May 1935:

Mrs. Bessie M. Kendall became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.



13 November 1940:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer. Similar postmarks dated 7 December 1936 and 9 November 1938 are known.

30 June 1946:

Herschel A. Ryerson became the Acting Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

16 June 1946:

Herschel A. Ryerson became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

27 December 1980:

Martha B. Flint became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

11 February 1981:

James W. Colburn became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

2 May 1981:

Martha B. Flint became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

30 December 1994:

Barbara Chadwell became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

14 April 1995:

Holly Allen became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

16 September 1995:

Gretchen A. Dutkiewicz became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

5 July 2001:

Margaret Holtje became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

6 January 2004:

Peggy A. Bisco became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

30 March 2004:

Carol L. Noble became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

4 March 2005:

Margaret P. Holtje became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

14 June 2007:

Laurie A. Buckley became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

8 November 2008:

Laurie A. Buckley became the Postmaster of the North Bridgton Post Office.

28 July 2012:

Faye F. Austin became the Officer-In-Charge of the North Bridgton Post Office.

23 February 2013:

North Bridgton Post Office converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Harrison Post Office.



October 2023:
North Bridgton Post Office. Photo Credit Dennis Dixon

17 February 2024:

North Bridgton Post Office is operational at 101 N. Bridgton Rd. Bridgton, ME 04507 GPS 44° 06' 07" N 70° 42' 00" W

Sandy Creek

14 March 1879:

Sandy Creek Post Office opened.

14 March 1879:

Theodore E. Lang became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

26 April 1882:

George W. Harriman became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

25 September 1885:

Olando V. Plaisted became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

17 July 1897:

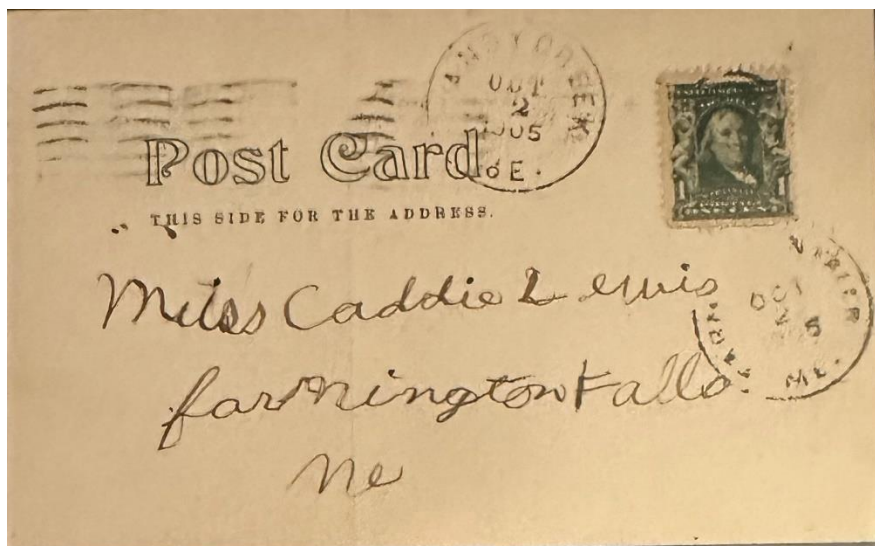
John W. Hubbard became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

15 June 1898:

Frank A. Stevenson became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

19 December 1899:

Laforest S. Ingalls became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.



2 October 1905:

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



20 February 1927:

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

26 December 1914:

Mary Ingalls became the Postmaster of the Sandy Creek Post Office.

30 November 1927:

Sandy Creek Post Office closed with mail service from Bridgton.

South Bridgeton

5 January 1829:

South Bridgeton Post Office opened.

5 January 1829:

Ashbel Cram became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

7 February 1840:

Marshall Cram became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

15 October 1845:

Jonathan Fessenden became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

27 August 1853:

Benjamin P. Barker became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

7 March 1862:

Edward R. Staples became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

29 August 1867:

Ashbel Chaplin became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

13 May 1873:

Thomas B. Knapp became the Postmaster of the South Bridgeton Post Office.

1880s

South Bridgeton Post Office discontinued (name changed to South Bridgton)

South Bridgton

1880s

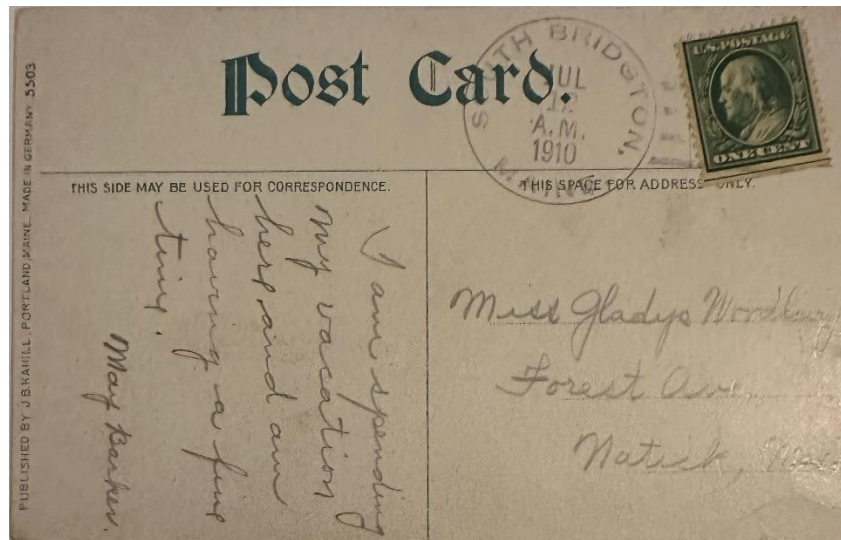
South Bridgton Post Office opened (formerly South Bridgeton)

19 October 1895:

Fred N. Perry became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

22 September 1897:

Thomas B. Knapp became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.



12 July 1910:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/1) killer.

24 October 1914:

Fred W. Sanborn became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

7 June 1918:

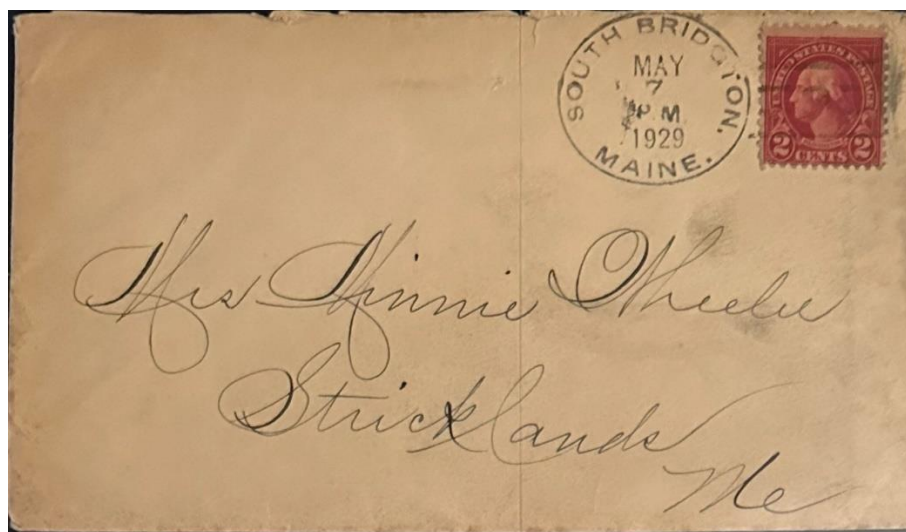
Raymond P. Whitney became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

24 October 1922:

Clara S. Berry became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

26 February 1927:

Mrs. Edith Durfee became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

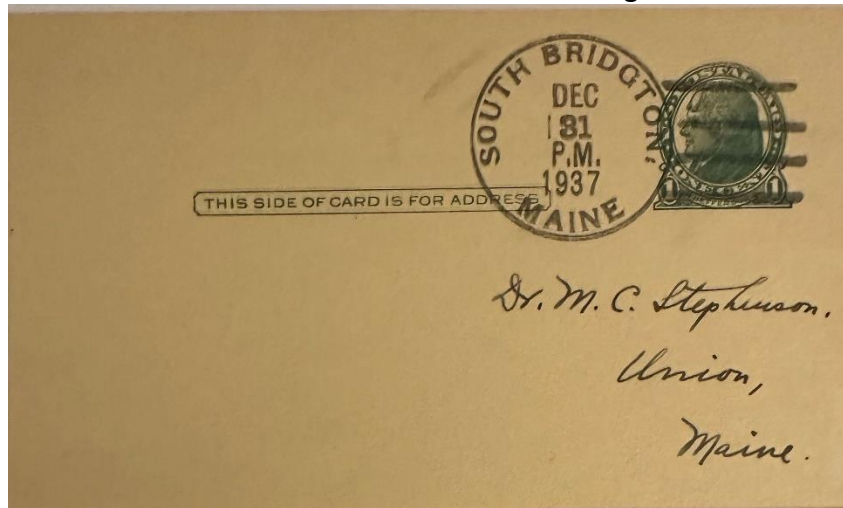


7 May 1929:

The circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/3 killer.

15 February 1935:

Mrs. Erna E.B. Field became the Postmaster of the South Bridgton Post Office.

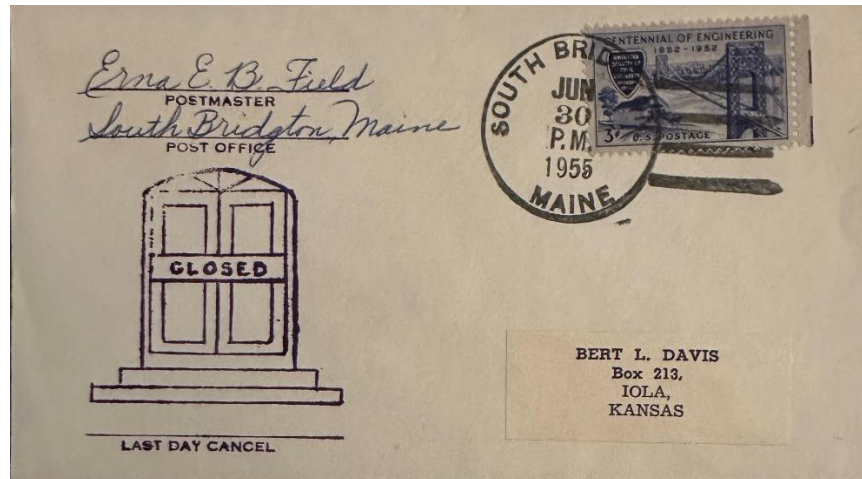


31 December 1937:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 9 August 1934 and 18 October 1945 are known.

6 May 1955 discontinued effective June 30 1955:

The South Bridgton Post office closed with service from Bridgton.



30 June 1955:

The circular postmark is 34.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F1) killer—last Day of Operation and Postmaster's signature.

30 June 1955:

South Bridgton Post Office closed with service from Bridgton.

West Bridgeton

31 March 1852:

West Bridgeton Post Office opened.

31 March 1852:

George Small became the Postmaster of the West Bridgeton Post Office.

22 April 1864:

Richard D. Douglas became the Postmaster of the West Bridgeton Post Office.

16 January 1867:

Samuel M. Sawyer became the Postmaster of the West Bridgeton Post Office.

1870:

West Bridgeton Post Office was discontinued (name changed to West Bridgton Post Office)

West Bridgton

1870 West Bridgton Post Office opened (formerly West Bridgeton)

16 January 1867:

Samuel M. Sawyer remained as Postmaster when West Bridgeton Post Office became West Bridgton Post Office in 1870.

9 May 1881:

Orin B. Hibbard became the Postmaster of the West Bridgton Post Office.

10 October 1887:

West Bridgton Post Office closed with service from Bridgton.

21 March 1888:

West Bridgton Post Office reopened.

21 March 1888:

Orin B. Hibbard became the Postmaster of the West Bridgton Post Office.

18 October 1888

William F. Holt became the Postmaster of the West Bridgton Post Office.

14 August 1901, effective 30 September 1901,

West Bridgton Post Office closed with service from Bridgton

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Sources:

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https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_cumberland_1871/8/

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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>.