

Casco Postal History

Cumberland County, Maine

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The first European settlers arrived in what is now Casco and Raymond in 1771. The Maine Legislature carved off a portion of the Town of Raymond to create and incorporate the Town of Casco in 1841; additional land was added to Casco from Raymond in 1842, from Poland in 1858, and from “unincorporated land” in 1876.

During the history of Casco, there have been eight post offices.

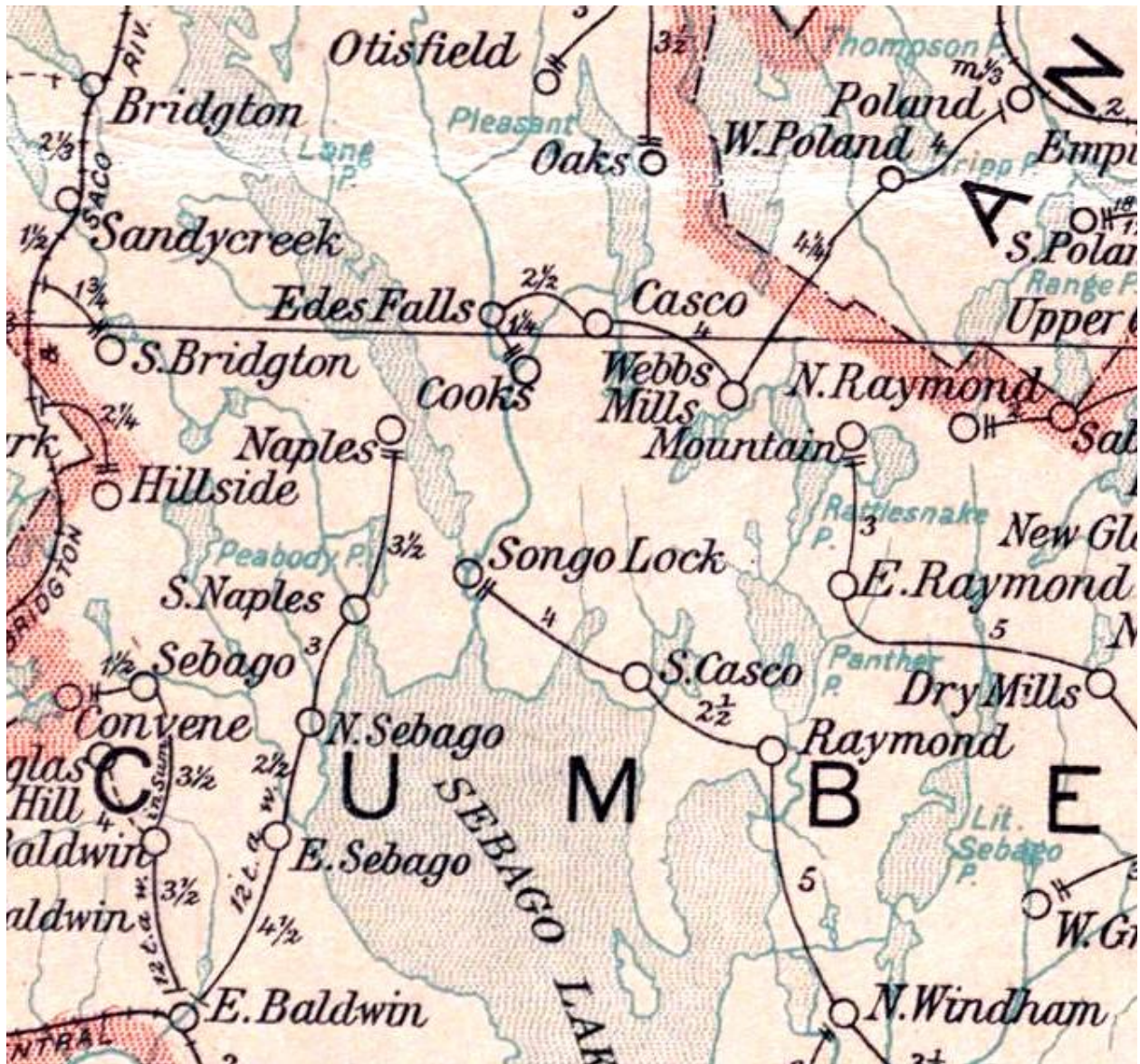
Briefly, the history of these is as follows:

1. [Casco](#) Post Office opened on 16 August 1842, formerly [North Raymond](#) (1), and is still operational.
2. [Cooks](#) Post Office was established on 17 May 1898 and closed on 14 April 1906.
3. [Crescent Lake](#) Post Office (formerly [Webbs Mills](#)) opened on 16 July 1925 and closed on 30 June 1957.
4. [North Raymond \(1\)](#) Post Office was established on 25 July 1829 and was renamed Casco post office on 16 August 1842, which is still operating.
5. [Songo Lock](#) Post Office opened on 3 March 1893 and closed on 15 October 1912.
6. [South Casco](#) Post Office was established on 4 March 1856 and is still operating.
7. [Webb's Mills](#) Post Office was established on 17 November 1853 and closed in 1894, with its name changed to Webbs Mill.
8. [Webbs Mills](#) Post Office opened in 1894, closed on 15 July 1925, and was renamed [Crescent Lake](#) Post Office.

In 1903, there were five post offices operating in the Town of Casco: Casco, Cooks, Songo Lock, South Casco, and Webbs Mills.

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1903. Courtesy of Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library

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Windham, Casco and Raymond mail coach

Casco

16 August 1842:

Casco Post Office (formerly North Raymond (1) Post Office) opened.

30 April 1832:

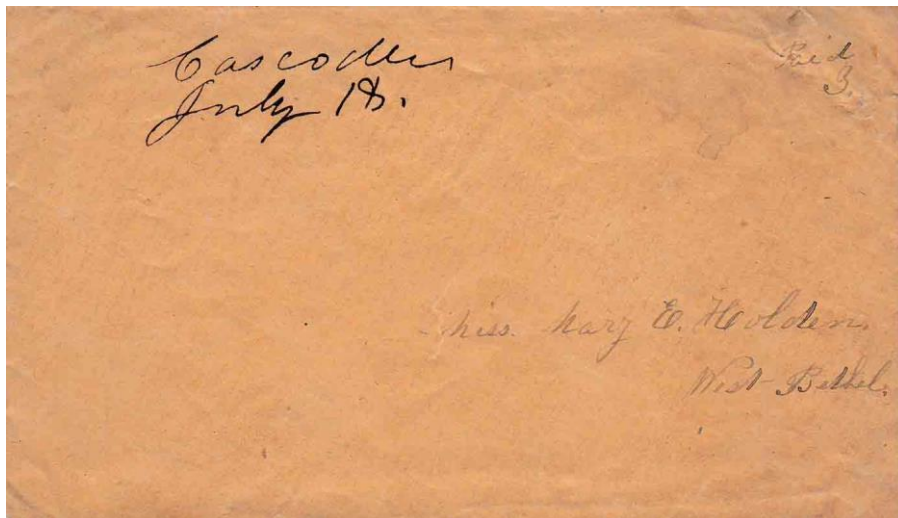
Levi Holden became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (1) Post Office and remained Postmaster when the name changed to Casco Post Office on 16 August 1842.

3 December 1845:

Richard Mayberry became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

11 July 1849:

Levi Holden became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.



18 July circa 1850s:
Manuscript postmark

7 February 1853:

Richard Mayberry became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

17 September 1855:

Edward Mayberry became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

24 May 1858:

Clark Stone became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

3 January 1859:

Levi Holden became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

14 September 1861:

Moses S. Eastman became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

28 January 1868:

William Bickford became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

22 July 1868:

Josiah Winslow became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

21 October 1868:

William H. Bickford became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

24 November 1869:

Frederick E. LeGrow became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

15 December 1871:

Johnson Knight became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

3 September 1877:

Roscoe R. Bangs became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

24 October 1882:

John E. Holden became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

15 July 1885:

William W. Hamlin became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

6 April 1888:

Lyman W. Holden became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

10 October 1889:

William M. Scribner became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

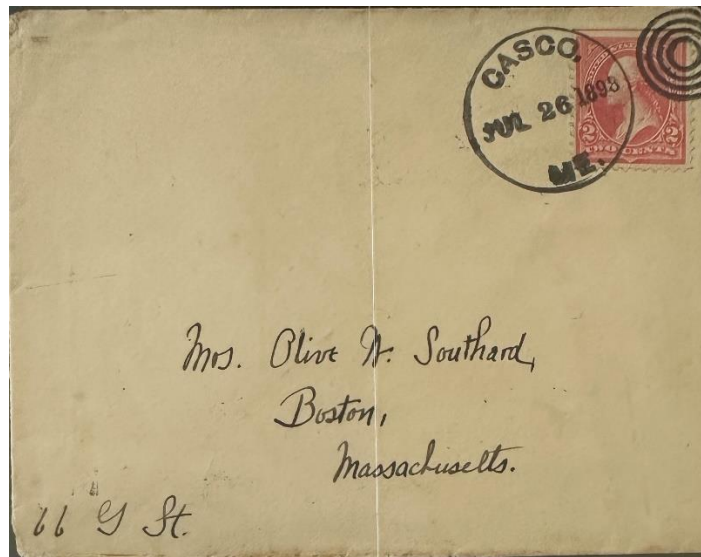


1 February 1890:

The outer circle of the double-ringed postmark is 30 mm in diameter and has a four-circle target killer.

15 December 1890:

Shirley H. Mann became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.



26 July 1898:

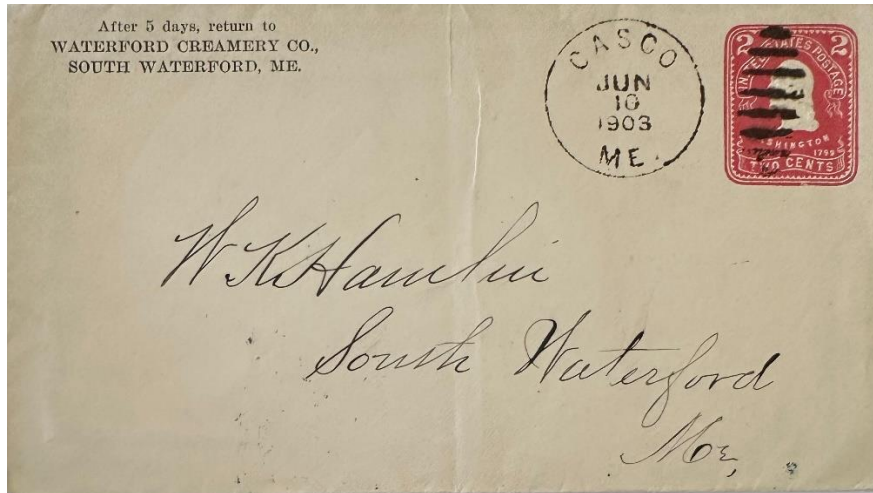
The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

8 July 1901:

Richard E. Gay became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

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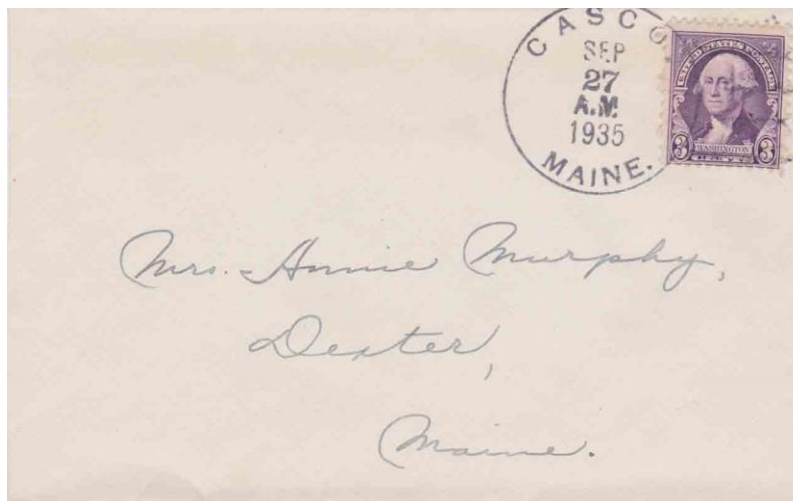
10 June 1903:

The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with an eight-bar oval duplex killer.



23 December 1911:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer.



27 September 1935:

The circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (? Type) killer.



11 December 1938:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F1) killer.

30 September 1942:

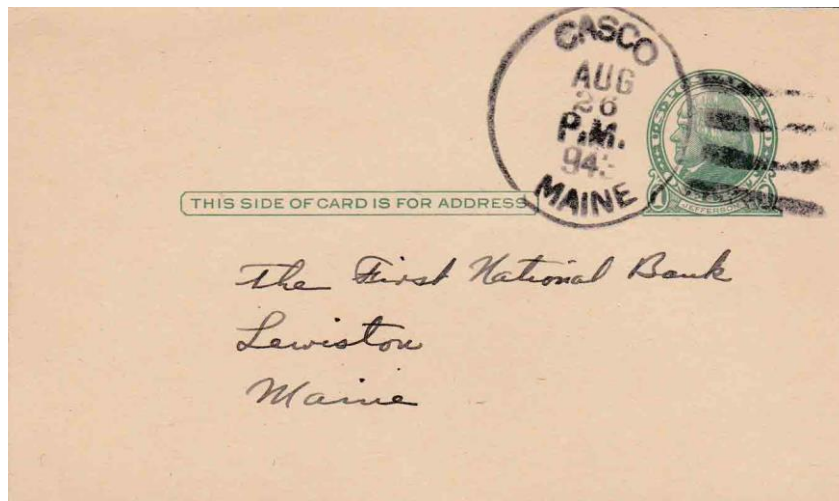
Mrs. Katherine Cole Duntley became the Acting Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

9 March 1943:

Mrs. Katherine Cole Duntley became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

1 July 1943:

Casco Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.



26 August 1943:

The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.

30 June 1972:

Linwood A. Meserve became the Officer-In-Charge of the Casco Post Office.

25 November 1972:

Linwood A. Meserve became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

13 October 1976:

James Gahagan became the Officer-In-Charge of the Casco Post Office.

10 February 1977:

Richard V. Piston became the Officer-In-Charge of the Casco Post Office.

9 April 1977:

Gary L. Locke became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

25 September 1992:

Cynthia B. Morin became the Officer-In-Charge of the Casco Post Office.

9 January 1993:

Charles W. "Bill" Ross became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.

22 June 2009:

Lucy C. Jackson became the Officer-In-Charge of the Casco Post Office.

17 July 2010:

Lucy C. (Jackson) Murphy became the Postmaster of the Casco Post Office.
(Surname changed to Murphy on 17 October 2017.)



July 2023:

Casco Post Office. Photo Credit Dennis Dixon

24 February 2024:

Casco Post Office is still operational at 942 Meadow Road, Casco, ME 04015, GPS 44° 00' 16" N 70° 31' 21" W.

Cooks

17 May 1898:

Cooks Post Office opened:

17 May 1898:

Richard Cook became the Postmaster of the Cooks Post Office.

21 March 1906 discontinued effective 14 April 1906.

Cooks Post Office closed with service from Casco.

Crescent Lake

16 July 1925:

Crescent Lake Post Office (formerly Webbs Mills) opened.

3 May 1895:

Clarence Winslow became the Postmaster of the Webbs Mills Post Office and remained in office when Webbs Mills Post Office was renamed Crescent Lake Post Office on 16 July 1925.



Circa 1930:

C.L. Frost Store and Post Office, Crescent Lake.



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20 March 1935:

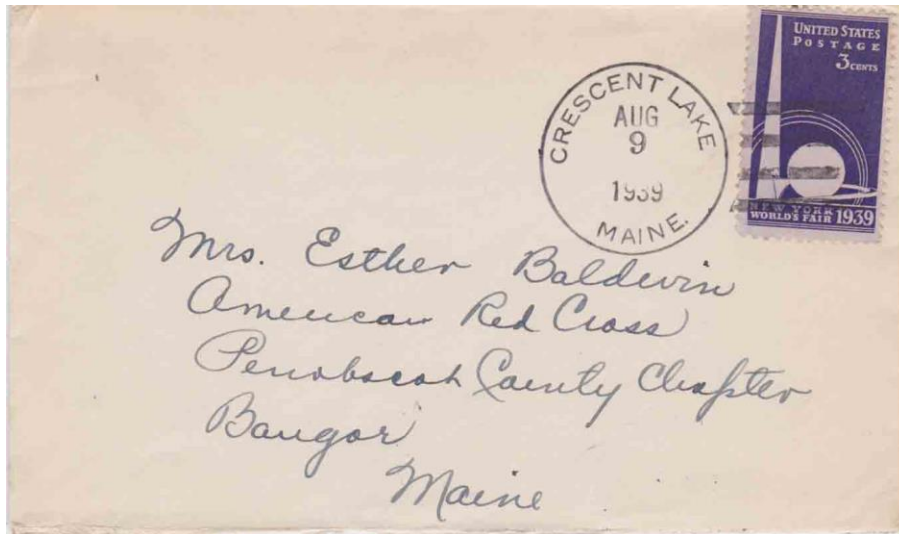
Bela H. Edwards became the Acting Postmaster of the Crescent Lake Post Office.



26 September 1935:
The circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer.

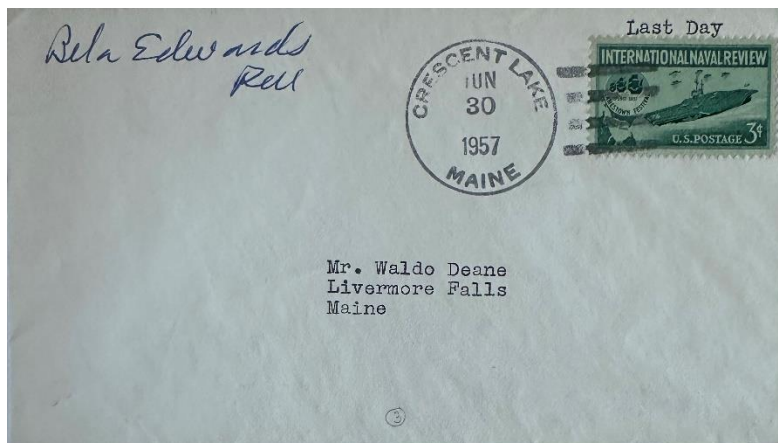
20 August 1935:

Bela H. Edwards became the Postmaster of the Crescent Lake Post Office.



9 August 1939:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 23 October 1956 and 15 August 1946 are known.



30 June 1957:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer. Last Day of Operation and Postmasters signature.

23 May 1957 discontinued effective 30 June 1957:

The Crescent Lake Post Office closed.

North Raymond (1) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named North Raymond at different times and locations. 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.)

25 July 1829:

North Raymond (1) Post Office opened.

25 July 1829:

Dominicus Jordan became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (1) Post Office.

30 April 1832:

Levi Holden became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (1) Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the North Raymond Post Office was renamed the Casco Post Office.

16 August 1842:

North Raymond Post Office is renamed Casco Post Office.

Songo Lock

3 March 1893:

Songo Lock Post Office opened:

3 March 1893:

Samuel M. Mitchell became the Postmaster of Songo Lock Post Office.

(23 August 1898)

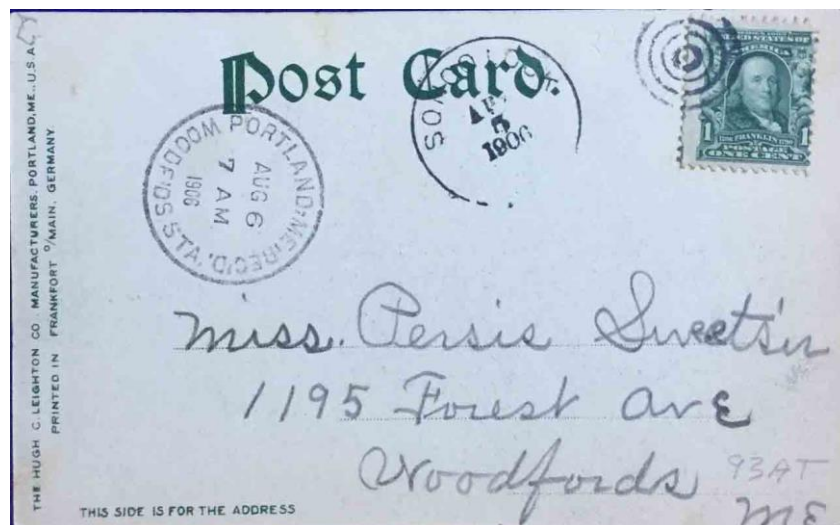
(Nathan Paul) was appointed the Postmaster of the Songo Lock Post Office but was rescinded on 29 October 1898. Samuel M. Mitchell remained as Postmaster.

24 November 1903:

Nathan Paul became the Postmaster of the Songo Lock Post Office.

21 December 1905:

John P. Mitchell became the Postmaster of the Songo Lock Post Office.



5 August 1912:

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

15 October 1912:

Songo Lock Post Office closed.

South Casco

4 March 1856:

South Casco Post Office opened:

4 March 1856:

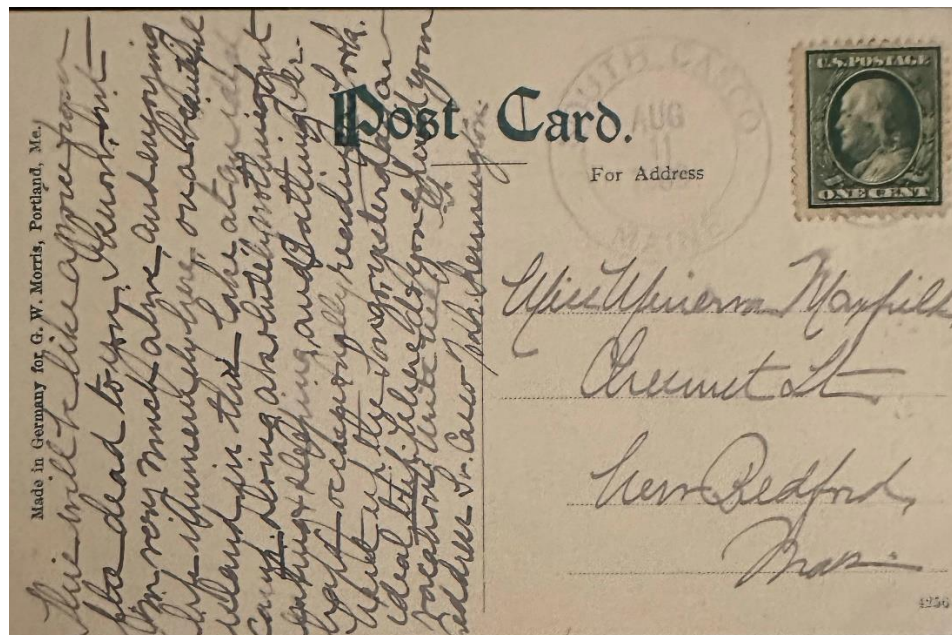
Otis Watkins became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

22 January 1866:

William Dingley, Jr. became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

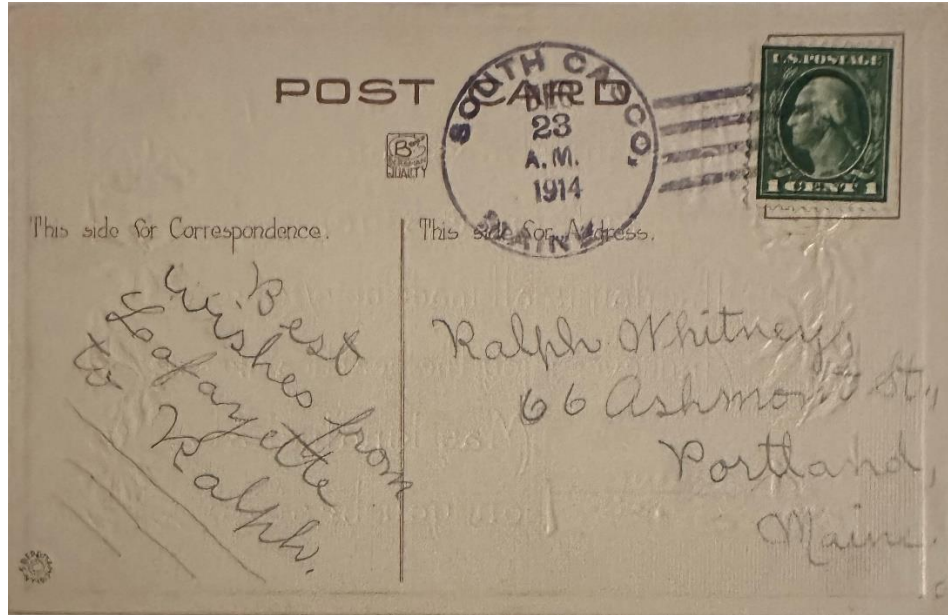
22 January 1900:

Walter S. Dingley became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.



11 August 1909:

The outer ring of the double-ringed circled postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a target killer.



23 December 1914:
The circle postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/2) killer.

18 February 1915:

Loring S. Maines became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.



Date Unknown
South Casco Post Office.

27 August 1936:

Mrs. Violet G. Blake became the Acting Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

27 November 1936:

Mrs. Violet G. Blake became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

1 July 1945:

South Casco Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.

30 December 1965:

Mrs. Barbara L. Morton became the Acting Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

25 August 1967:

Mrs. Barbara L. Morton became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

1 July 1977:

Mrs. Nathalie H. Lombard became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

21 October 1977:

Richard V. Piston became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

28 January 1978:

Richard V. Piston became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

23 March 1979:

Mrs. Nathalie H. Lombard became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

30 June 1979:

Ralph Ferrante became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

17 November 1979:

Mrs. Nathalie H. Lombard became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

14 May 1981:

Daniel J. Divney became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

19 September 1981:

John Adams became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

Date Unknown:

Raymond Leavitt became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

26 April 1986:

Joan M. Adams became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

25 September 1992:

Steve Conley became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

9 January 1993:

Daniel J. Divney became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

31 July 2003:

Peggy A. Bisco became the Officer-In-Charge of the South Casco Post Office.

13 December 2003:

Catherine M. Larsen became the Postmaster of the South Casco Post Office.

23 June 2013:

South Casco Post Office was converted to a Level 6 (6 Hour) Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster from Casco Post Office.



November 2011:

South Casco Post Office. Photo credit JB the Milker

24 February 2024:

South Casco Post Office is still operational at 326 Roosevelt Trail, South Casco, ME 04077. GPS 43° 55' 31" N 70° 31' 54" W

Webb's Mills

17 November 1853:

Webb's Mills Post Office opened.

17 November 1853:

Anson Jordan became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

7 January 1857:

William Rolfe became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

29 August 1860:

Samuel S. Brown became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

2 August 1862:

Richard M. Webb became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

7 January 1867:

Elmer Brown became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

24 February 1870:

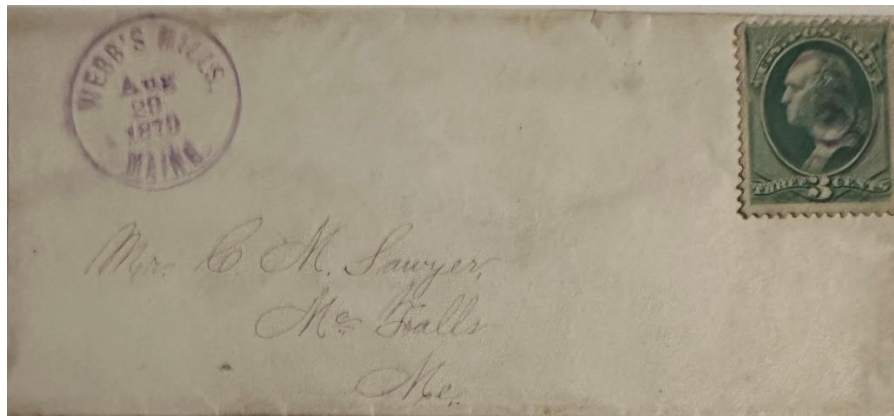
Joseph Cook became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

17 March 1870:

Joshua Dyer became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

5 July 1877:

Samuel S. Brown became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.



29 August 1879:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

6 June 1881:

Dennis A. Dyer became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

2 May 1883:

Ernest O. Cobb became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

31 August 1883:

Charles Duran became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

8 March 1886:

John Berry became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

3 May 1888:

Samuel P. Winslow became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

(9 August 1890):

(Wilson Chute) appointed but not commissioned.

10 December 1890:

Samuel P. Winslow became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

4 December 1891:

Cyrus W. Spiller became the Postmaster for the Webb's Mills Post Office.

1894:

Webb's Mill Post Office was discontinued and renamed Webbs Mills Post Office.

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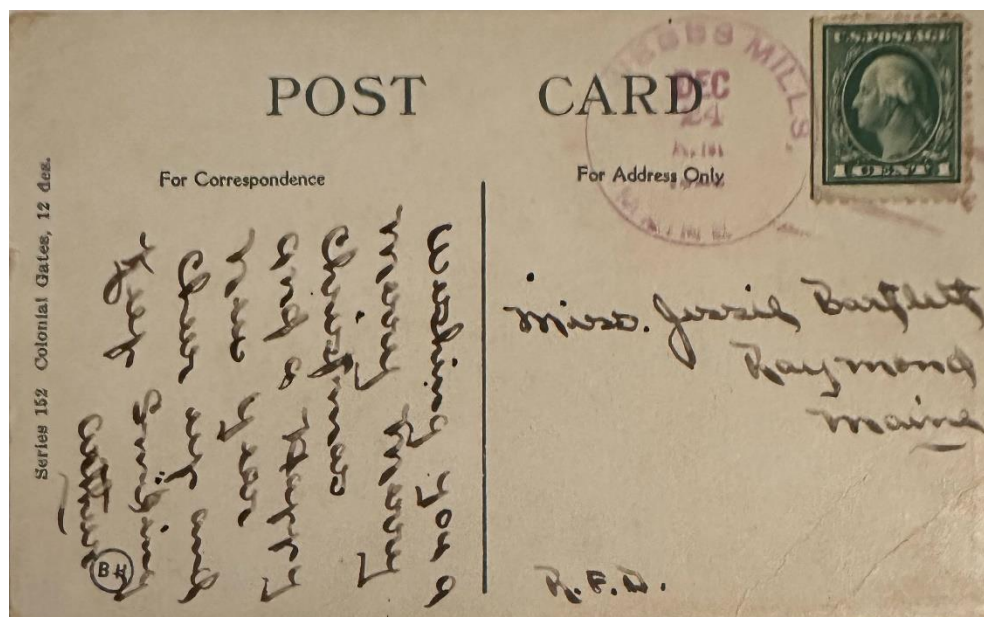
Webbs Mills Post Office (formerly Webb's Mills) opened.

18 October 1894:

Zacheus M. Gammon became the Postmaster for the Webbs Mills Post Office.

3 May 1895:

Clarence Winslow became the Postmaster for the Webbs Mills Post Office.



24 December 1918:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 28 July 1919 is known.

15 July 1925:

Webbs Mills Post Office closed and renamed Crescent Lake Post Office.

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