Cross Lake Township Postal History Aroostook County, Maine

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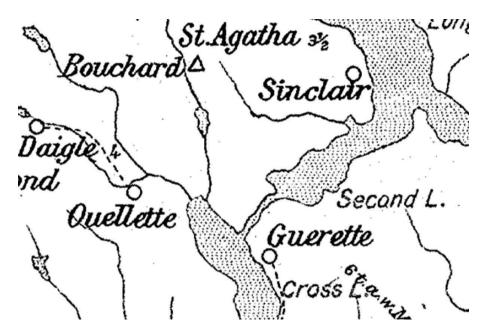
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During the history of Cross Lake Township (T17 R5 WELS) there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

1. Guerette Post Office opened on 17 February 1899 and closed on 14 October 1933.

2, Ouellette Post Office opened on 12 January 1912 and closed on 2 September 1924



In 1914, there were two post offices in Cross Lake Township: Guerette and Ouellette. Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914 <u>http://www.mainephilatelic.org/PostRouteMaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf</u> Post offices from Cross Lake Township are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from the towns/villages associated with Cross Lake Township for this project have been included.

<u>Guerette</u>

<u>Ouellette</u>

Guerette

17 February 1899: Guerette Post Office opened.

17 February 1899:

Frank Guerette became Postmaster for Guerette Post Office.



24 September 1902: The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

17 February 1914:

Mrs. Ozity St. Peter became Postmaster for Guerette Post Office.

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POST CAR A.M NAME AND Dear Correspondence Here ADDR MAINS Here B- and I are. Mr. + Mrs. E. C. Delano, in this nice camp Sodue lerutie having a nice time. п. my sister + her husban of ilso some friends and me effecting N- later. ul Wis just fing here meh with while with us. you Lela

11 July 1918: The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a non-standard four-bar killer.



22 August 1918: The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.



21 July 1931: The mishappen circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

1933 October 14:

Guerette Post Office closed - service from Stockholm.

Ouellette

12 January 1912: Ouellette Post Office opened.

12 January 1912: Alice Ouellette became Postmaster for Ouellette Post Office.

1924 September 2: Ouellette Post Office closed – service from Fort Kent.

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Sources:

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society: http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/TPOOM

1931 U. S. Geological Survey topographic map titled Square Lake, Maine, includes T17 R5 (Cross Lake Township) and the locations of the two villages that had post offices: https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/ht-bin/tv_browse.pl?id=632577e7e6ed079430fe76f5d43c92ac

Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found at Sources for Researching Maine Post Offices, Postmasters, and Postal History: <u>http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources.pdf</u>.