

Eagle Lake Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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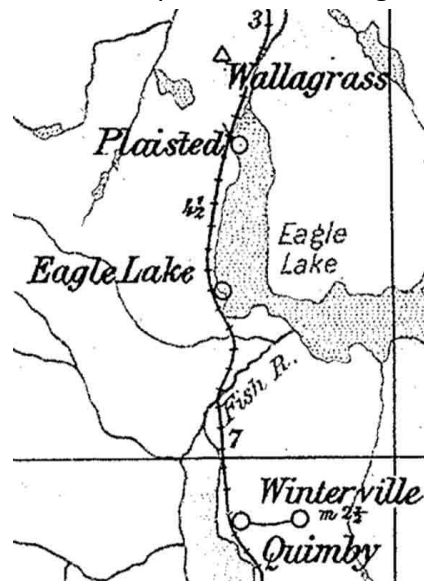
Eagle Lake was first organized for election purposes on July 11, 1859, from the township T16 R7 WELS. After many organizations and reorganizations, it was incorporated as a town on March 16, 1911.

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

Briefly, the history of these three is as follows:

1. Eagle Lake Post Office was established on 17 July 1883 and is still in operation.
2. Eagle Lake Mills Post Office operated from 17 July 1903 to 15 June 1910.
3. Plaisted Post Office, which might have been a summer post office at one time, operated from 7 December 1910 to 8 February 1991.

In 1914, Eagle Lake and Plaisted were two post offices in Eagle Lake.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914,
<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/PostRouteMaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf>

Post Offices from the Town of Eagle Lake are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided have been included.

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Eagle Lake

17 July 1883:

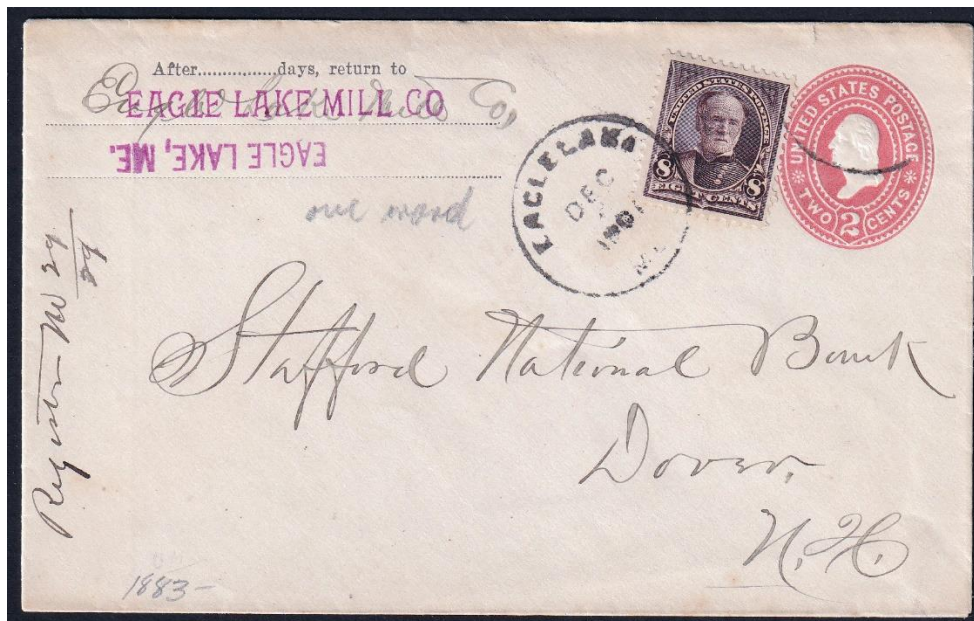
Eagle Lake post office opened.

17 July 1883:

William Brown became the Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

2 October 1895:

John M. Brown became the Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.



9 December 1901:

The circular postmark on this registered envelope is 27 mm in diameter with a curved line as a killer.

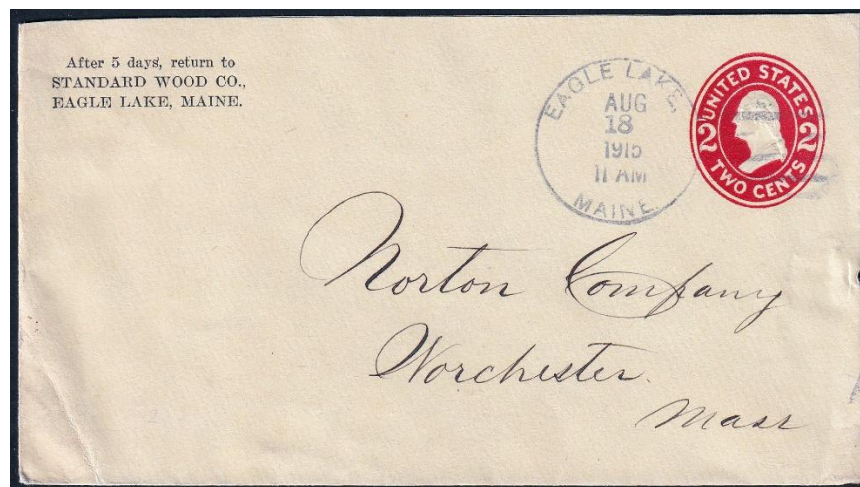


2 September 1902:

The outer ring of this double-ringed circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a three-circle target killer.

16 July 1913

Sophie Brown became the Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.



18 August 1915:

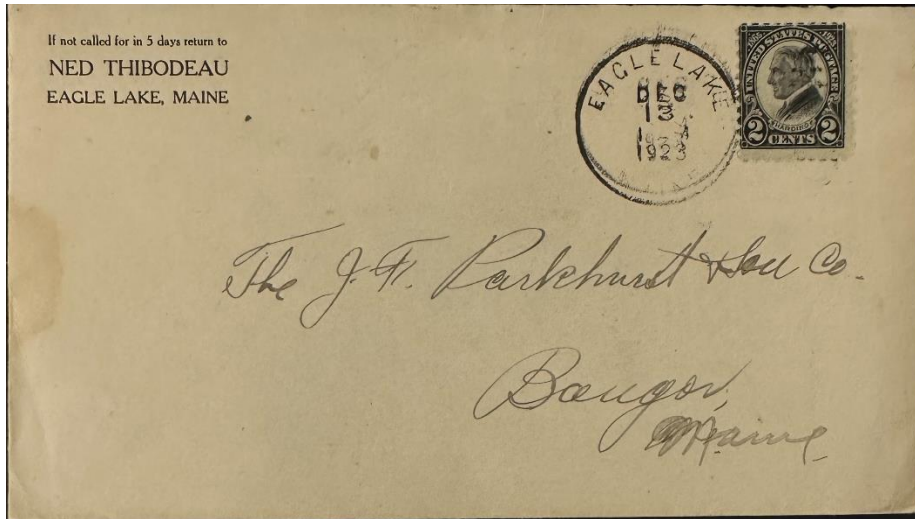
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer

30 November 1918:

Mrs. Flavie Fournier became the Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

1 April 1921:

Eagle Lake Post Office becomes a Presidential Post Office.



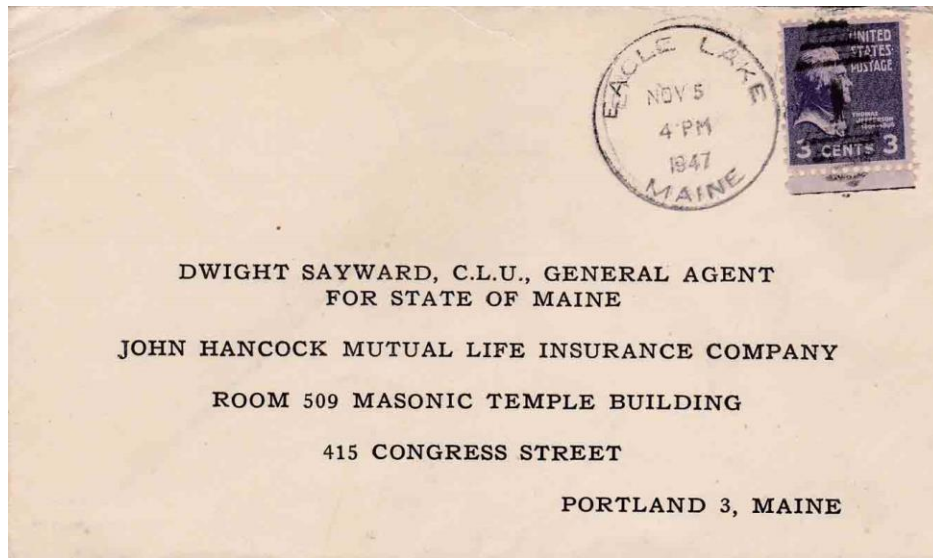
13 December 1923

The double-struck circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a partial elliptical duplex killer.

25 April 1934:

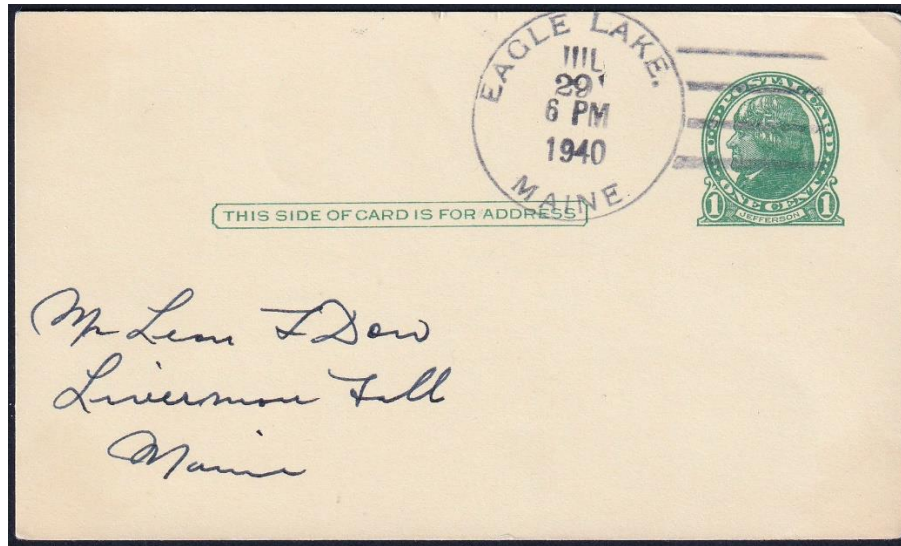
Elsie D. Smart became the Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

Name changed by marriage to Elsie S. Dow.



5 November 1947

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.
(click on the image to enlarge)



29 July 1940:

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

18 December 1947:

William J. Furlong became Acting Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

2 June 1949:

William J. Furlong became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

9 September 1952:

Gilbert E. Michaud became Acting Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

18 March 1954:

Gilbert E. Michaud became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

12 June 1970:

Florida R. Vaillancourt became Officer-in-Charge for Eagle Lake Post Office.

20 March 1971:

Florida R. Vaillancourt became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

30 June 1973:

Norma A. Laferriere became Officer-in-Charge for Eagle Lake Post Office.

26 January 1974:

Norma A. Laferriere became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

2 February 1991:

Scott M. Wyman became Officer-in-Charge for Eagle Lake Post Office.

20 April 1991:

Rita M. Martin became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

31 January 1997:

Theresa Fournier became Officer-in-Charge for Eagle Lake Post Office.

7 June 1997:

Philip Alan Voisine became Postmaster for Eagle Lake Post Office.

11 January 2014:

Eagle Lake Post Office was converted to a Level 6 (6-hour) Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Fort Kent post office.

Today:

Eagle Lake post office is still in operation.

Eagle Lake Mills

17 July 1903:

Eagle Lake Mills post office opened.

17 July 1903:

Andre R. Cushing became Postmaster of Eagle Lake Mills Post Office.



14 March 1905:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter and is used as a killer.

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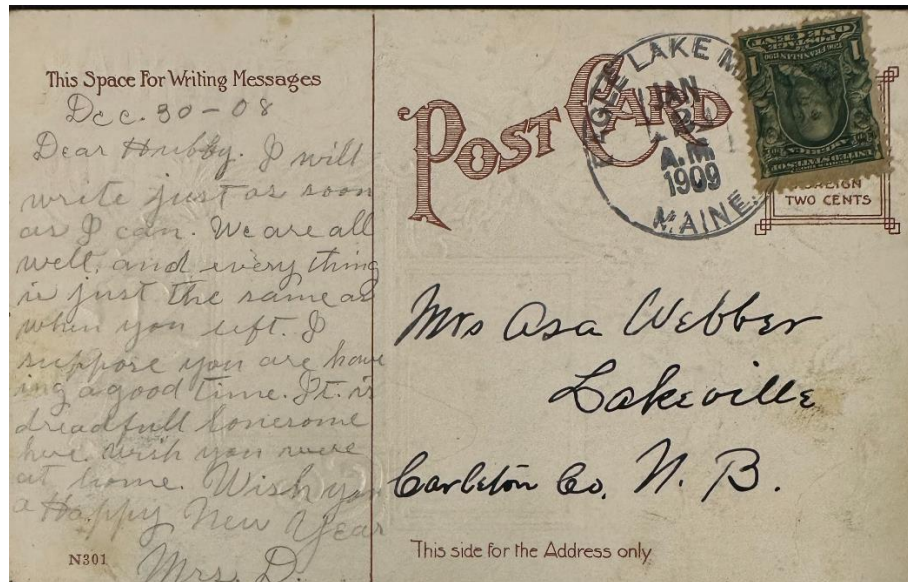
1906?:
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter.
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19 June 1907:
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/4 killer.



8 May 1908:
The slightly misshapen circular postmark is 30.5 x 32 mm with no killer.



2 January 1909:
The circular postmark is 30.5 mm and is used as the killer.



3 February 1909:
The received circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter.

15 June 1910:

Eagle Lake Mills post office is closed—service from Eagle Lake.

Plaisted

7 December 1910:

Plaisted Post Office opened.

7 December 1910:

Odile Pinette became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

13 May 1914:

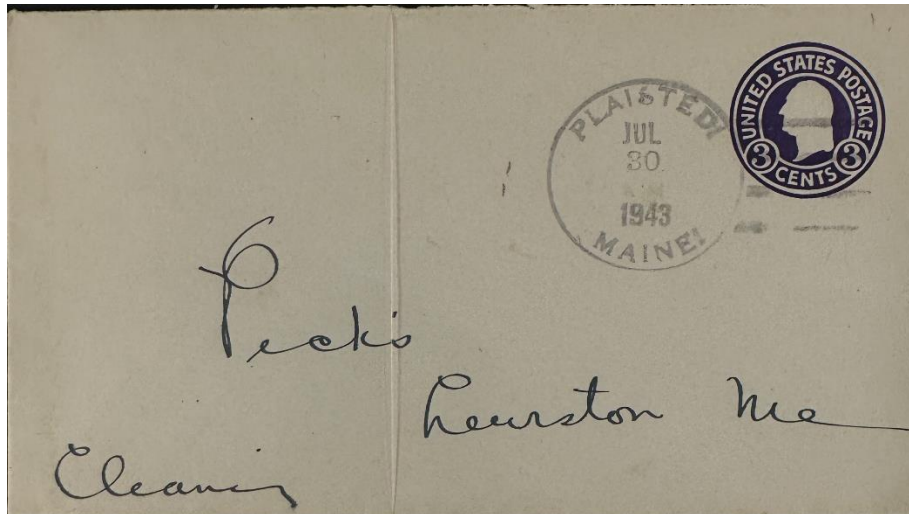
Joseph P. Babin became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

12 February 1915:

Millie Marney became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

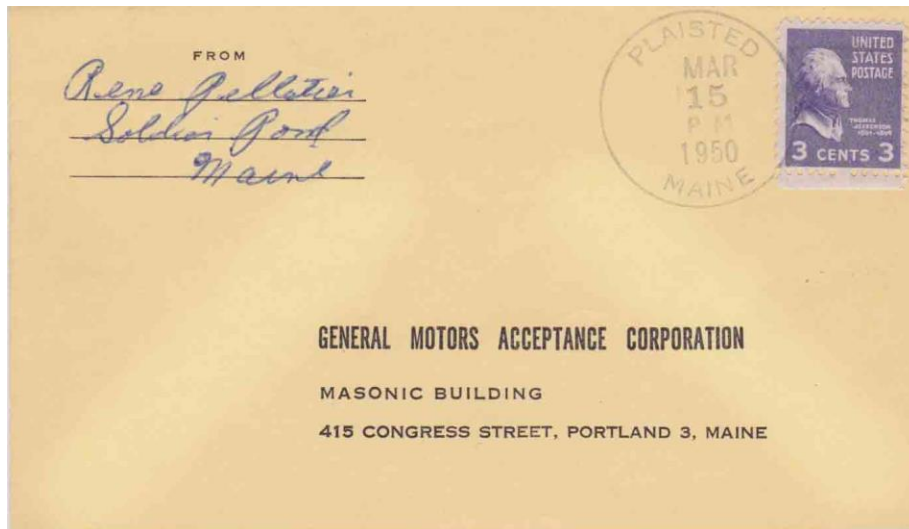
20 September 1921:

Mrs. Caroline Saucier became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.



20 July 1943:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.



15 March 1950:

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

20 January 1956:

Emile Le Boeuf became Acting Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

29 June 1956:

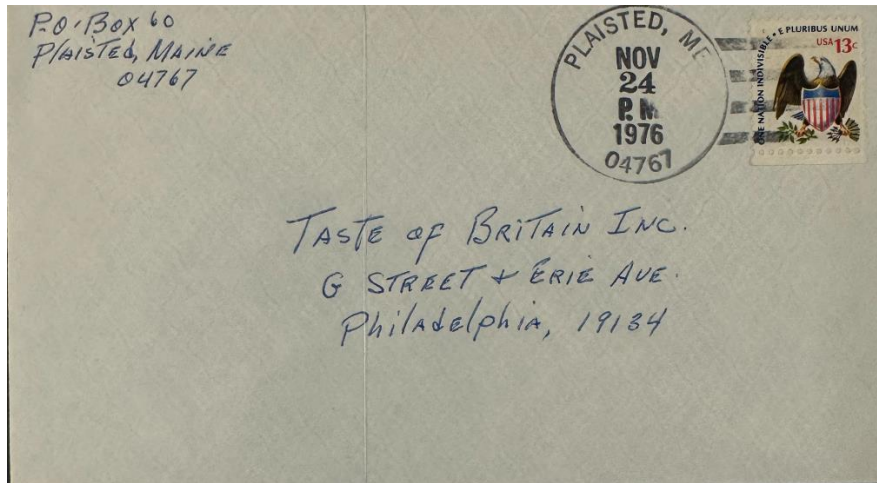
Emile Le Boeuf became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

28 September 1959:

Bernadette St. Peter became Acting Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.

16 January 1962:

Philip L. Saucier became Postmaster for Plaisted Post Office.



24 November 1976:

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

30 October 1990:

Patsy L. Crane became Officer-In-Charge for Plaisted Post Office.

8 February 1991:

Plaisted Post Office closed-service from Eagle Lake

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Sources:

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society:

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

Eagle Lake (T16R7) & Westfield Plantations, T15R7 & Letter 'E' R2 [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/31/

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>.