

Easton Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Easton was originally a township owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but around 1854, like all the other towns in Maine remaining in the hands of Massachusetts, it was purchased by the State of Maine. It was incorporated in 1865. Previous to that date, it was called Fremont Plantation.

During the history of the town of Easton, there have been three post offices. Briefly, the history of these three is as follows:

1. **Easton (1)** Post Office opened on 7 April 1858, closed on 13 May 1859, re-opened on 8 January 1862, and closed on 29 February 1908.
2. **Manchester (1)** Post Office was established on 15 September 1853; on 16 May 1856, it was renamed **Fremont** Post Office, which closed on 21 July 1869.
3. **Sprague's Mills** Post Office opened on 27 February 1879, was renamed **Spragues Mill** 1893, and on 23 March 1908 was renamed **Easton (2)** Post Office, which is still in operation.

[What does it mean when there is a \(1\) or \(2\) after the name of a post office?](#)



In 1869, there were two post offices in the town of Easton: Easton (1), and Fremont. Sprague's Mill, which did not open until 1879, is also shown on this map. (source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1869, via University of North Texas: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph298381/?q=postal>)

Post Offices in Easton are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from the towns/villages associated with Easton for this project have been included.

[Easton \(1\)](#)

[Easton \(2\)](#)

[Fremont](#)

[Manchester \(1\)](#)

[Sprague's Mill](#)

[Spragues Mills](#)

Easton (1) Note: There was another post office in Maine named Easton 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.

7 April 1858:

Easton (1) Post Office opens.

7 April 1858:

Daniel Dodge became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

13 May 1859:

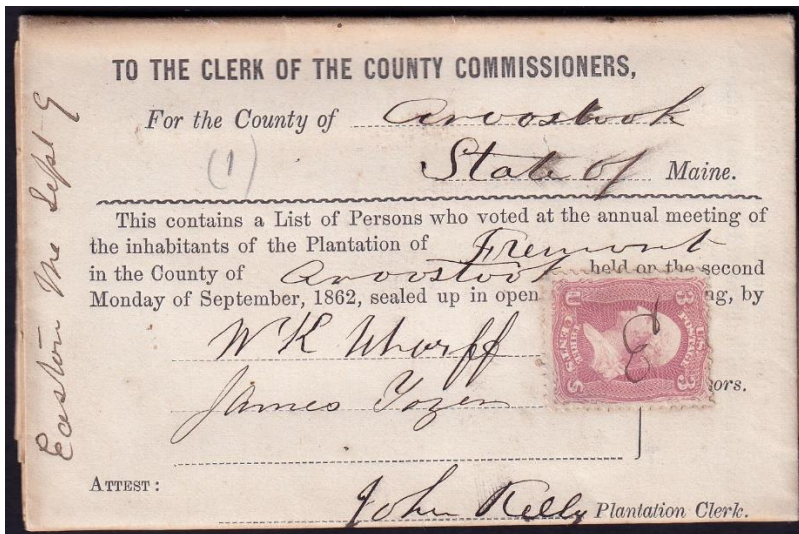
Easton (1) Post Office closed

8 January 1862:

Easton (1) Post Office reopened.

8 January 1862:

William H. Rackliff became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.



9 September 1862:
Manuscript

19 November 1864:

John E. Cochran became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

26 July 1865:

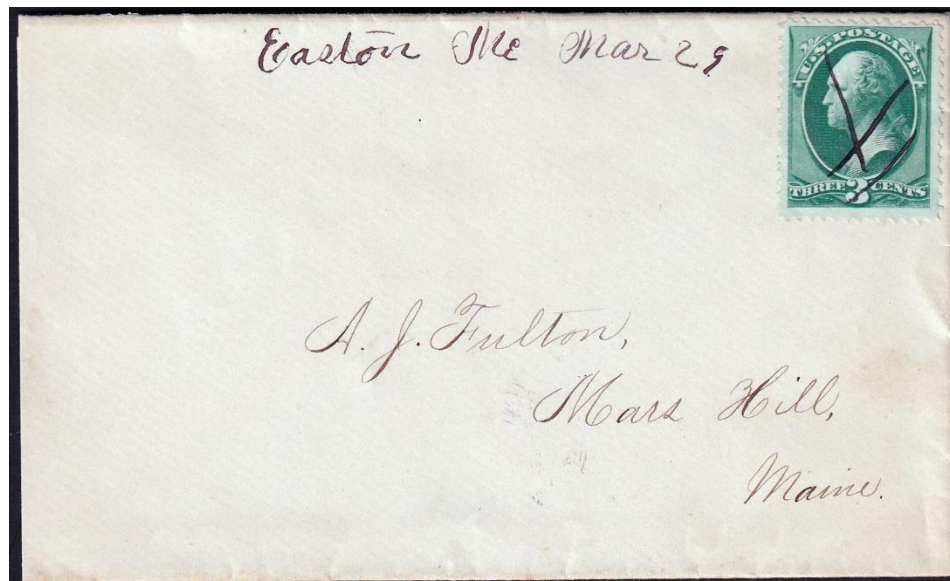
Augustus A. Rackliff became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

17 August 1868:

Joseph B. Robbins became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

4 April 1871:

Thomas G. Davis became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.



29 March 1878:
Manuscript

18 March 1881:

Charles F. Parsons became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.



26 March 1887:

The circular postmark with a postmaster's name is 33 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

28 May 1887:

Homer W. Knight became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.



12 March 1889:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 10 July 1895 is known.

12 July 1889:

Samuel G. Wheeler became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

7 June 1897:

Marion A. Davis became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

22 December 1898:

Wallace J. Pipes became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

8 April 1904:

Fred H. Landers became Postmaster for Easton (1) Post Office.

29 February 1908:

Easton Post Office closed. Service from Sprague's Mill

Easton (2) Note: There was another post office in Maine named Easton at a different time and location. 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.

23 March 1908:

The former Spragues Mills Post Office was renamed Easton (2) post office.

23 March 1908:

Melville L. DeWitt became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

23 April 1910:

Byron P. Wheeler became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

28 October 1916:

Ambrose W. Kneeland became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.



2 October 1917:

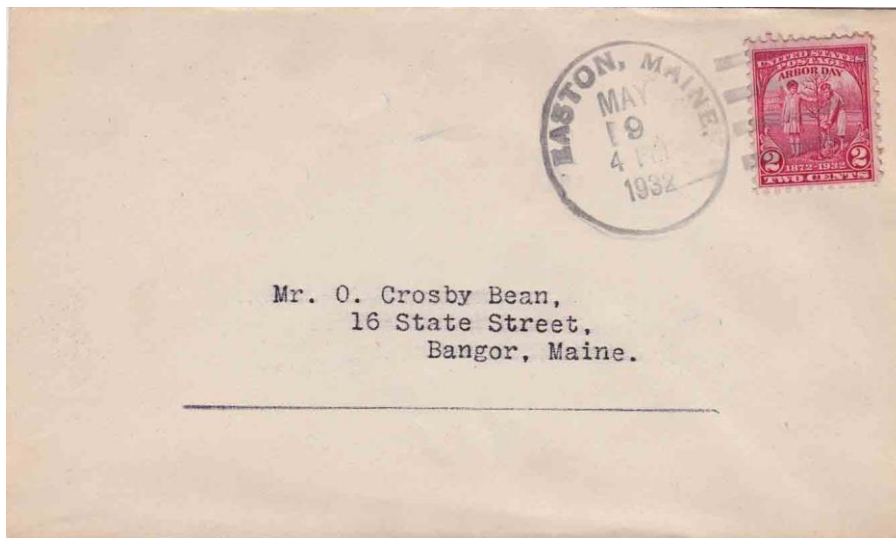
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a nine-bar elliptical duplex killer.

4 December 1923:

Bernard V. Thompson became Acting Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

21 March 1924:

Bernard V. Thompson became Postmaster.



9 May 1932:

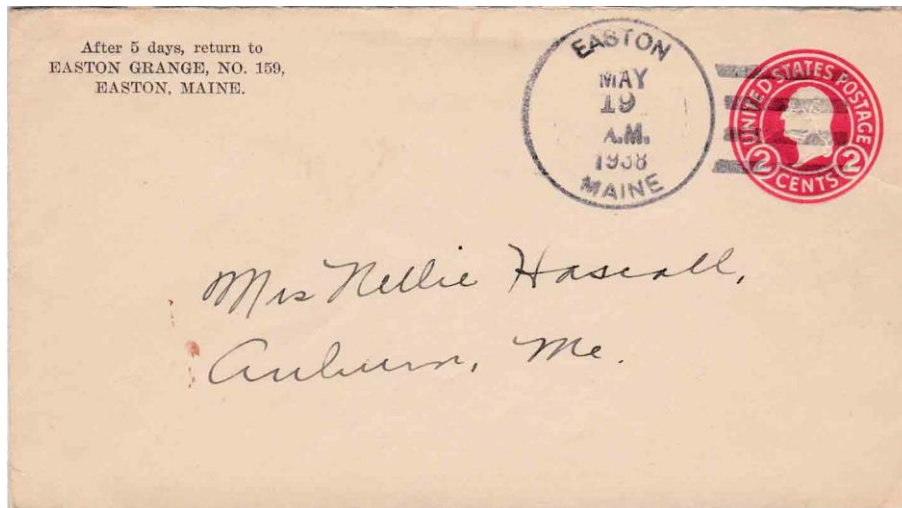
The circular postmark is 30.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

31 May 1936:

Marguerite Cahill became Acting Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

25 June 1936:

Marguerite Cahill became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.



19 May 1938:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

31 August 1961:

Jean A. Lamoreau became Acting Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

28 September 1962:

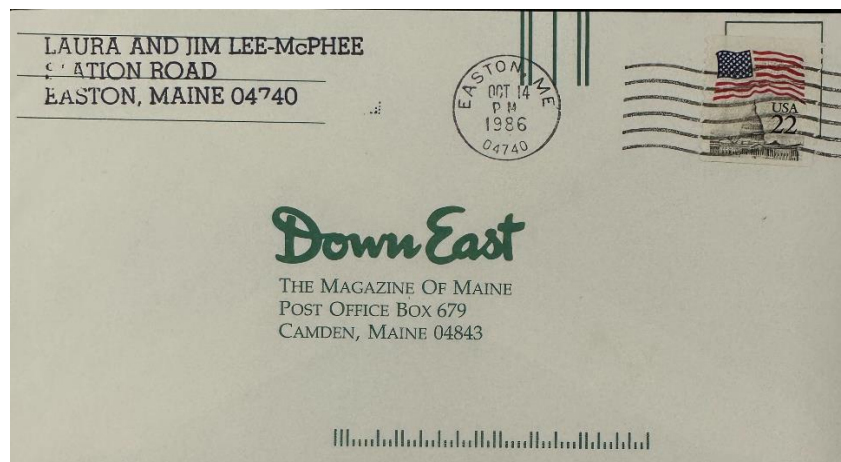
George A. Haines became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

12 October 1979:

Elena M. Long became Officer-in-Charge for Easton (2) Post Office.

15 December 1979:

Andrew Wayne Pendexter became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.



14 October 1986:

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

28 December 2000:

Pauletta Lockhart became Officer-in-Charge for Easton (2) Post Office.

7 April 2001:

Herman J. Fortin became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

8 April 2005:

Pauletta L. Lockhart became Officer-in-Charge for Easton (2) Post Office.

20 August 2005:

Pauletta L. Lockhart became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

27 February 2008:

Sharon J. Crane became Officer-in-Charge for Easton (2) Post Office.

17 September 2008:

Sharon J. Crane became Postmaster for Easton (2) Post Office.

30 May 2012:

Dave Gagne became Officer-in-Charge for Easton (2) Post Office.

16 November 2013:

Easton (2) post office was converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Presque Isle post office.

2023:

Easton (2) post office still operates with a Zip Code of 04740.



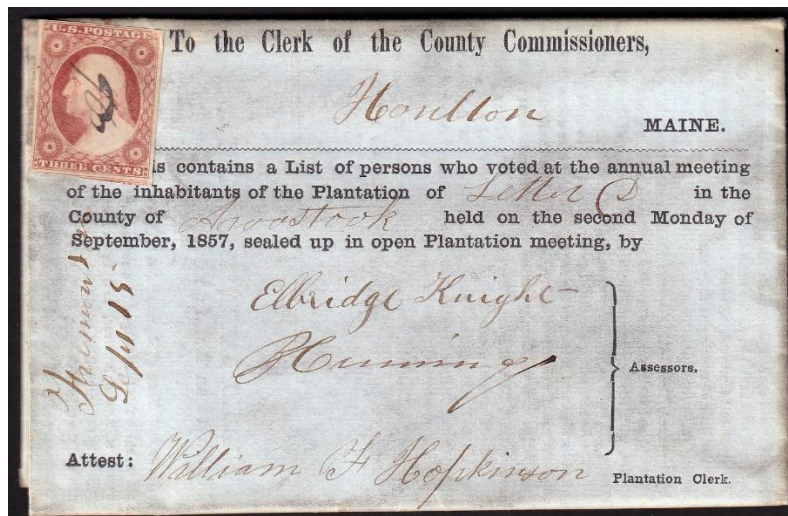
Fremont

16 May 1856:

Manchester (1) Post Office is renamed Fremont Post Office.

15 September 1853:

Addison Powers became Postmaster for Manchester (1) Post Office and remained as Postmaster when Manchester Post Office became Fremont Post Office.



15 September 1857:
Manuscript

5 January 1864:

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Otis Eastman became Postmaster for Fremont Post Office.



18 October 1865:
Manuscript

20 November 1867:

Rufus M. Eastman became Postmaster for Fremont Post Office.

21 July 1869:

Fremont Post Office closed.

Manchester (1) Note: There was another post office in Maine named Manchester 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.

15 September 1853:

Manchester Post Office opened.

15 September 1853:

Addison Powers became Postmaster for Manchester (1) Post Office.

16 May 1856:

Manchester (1) Post Office is renamed Fremont Post Office.

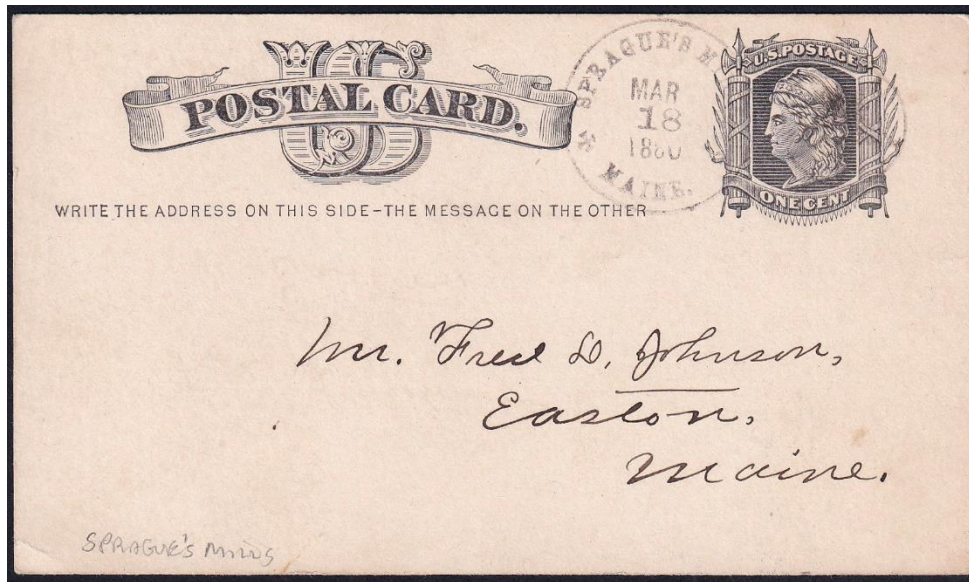
Sprague's Mill

27 February 1879:

Sprague's Mill Post Office opened.

27 February 1879:

Ether W. Sprague became Postmaster for Sprague's Mill Post Office.



18 March 1880:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a partial circle as a killer.



8 January 1882:

Manuscript



20 June 1883:

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

23 November 1885:

Dura Stanchfield became Postmaster for Sprague's Mill Post Office.



16 February 1886:

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

25 March 1889:

Ether W. Sprague became Postmaster for Sprague's Mill.

Spragues Mill

1893:

Sprague's Mill is renamed Spragues Mill.

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20 April 1893:

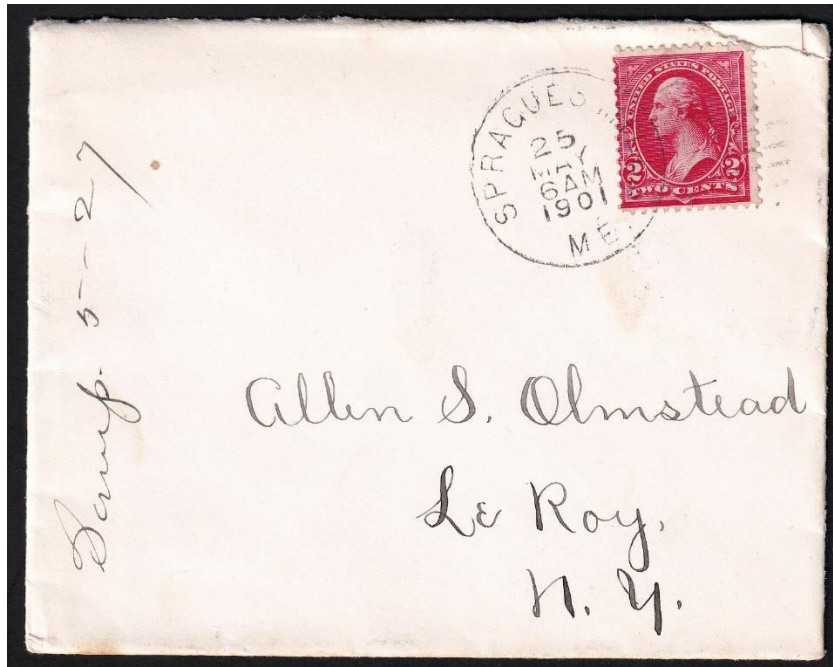
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

1 July 1893:

Charles W. Spear became Postmaster for Spragues Mill.

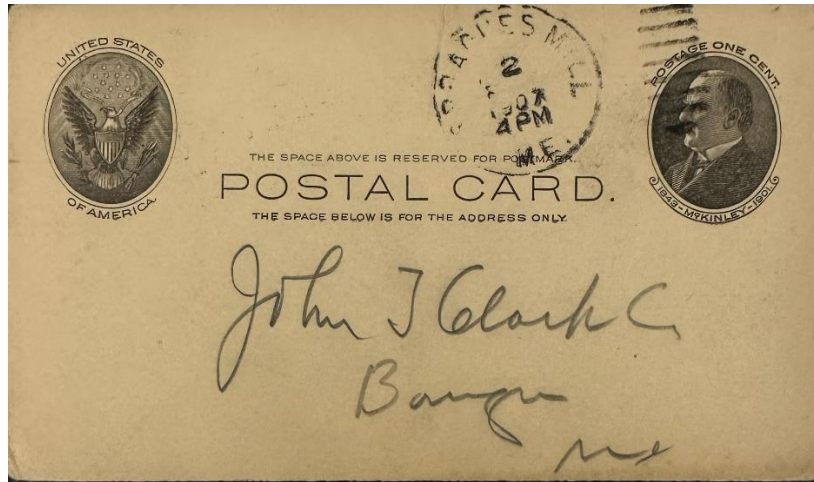
7 June 1897:

Melville L. DeWitt became Postmaster for Spragues Mill.



25 May 1901:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer.
A similar postmark and killer dated 4 April 1891 is known.



23 ? 1907:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a nine-bar elliptical duplex killer.



21 January 1908:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with an unidentifiable killer.

23 March 1908:

Spragues Mill Post Office is renamed Easton (2) Post Office.

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. For example, 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 differ from the post offices we call Auburn (1), Auburn (2), etc.

Also: the numbers do not appear in postmarks or official post office publications. However, they 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>

Easton (Township C, Range 1) [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/35/

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>.