

Fort Fairfield Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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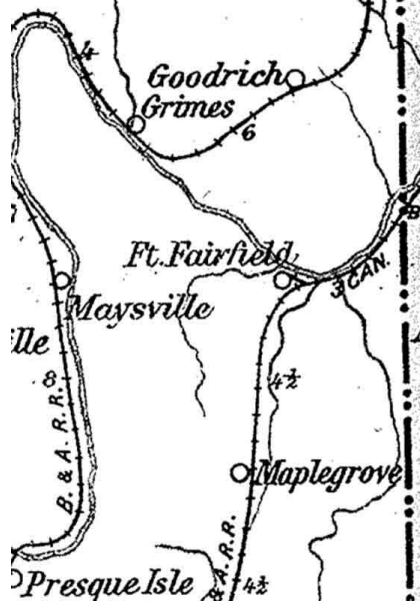
Fort Fairfield was settled in 1816 and incorporated on March 11, 1858, from Plantation D R1 and all of the Plymouth Grant lying southeast of the Aroostook River. It annexed Sarsfield Plantation in 1867.

During the history of Fort Fairfield, there have been five post offices.

Briefly, the history of these five is as follows:

1. **Eaton Grant** Post Office opened on 15 April 1852 and closed on 8 June 1855.
2. **Fort Fairfield** Post Office opened on 1 July 1843, closed on 24 August 1853, re-opened on 4 October 1854, and is still operating.
3. **Goodrich** Post Office opened on 20 January 1901, closed on 10 November 1903, re-opened on 19 December 1903, and closed on 31 October 1914.
4. **Maple Grove** Post Office opened on 9 June 1849, closed on 18 June 1867, re-opened on 23 July 1867, closed on 2 April 1892, re-opened as **Maplegrove** on 30 April 1896, closed on 15 December 1921, re-opened on 9 November 1923, and closed on 31 October 1934.
5. **Robie** Post Office opened on 10 March 1884 and closed on 14 September 1903.

In 1914, there were three post offices in Fort Fairfield: Fort Fairfield, Goodrich, and Maple Grove.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914.

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/PostRouteMaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf>

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

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Eaton Grant

15 April 1852:

Eaton Grant Post Office opened.

15 April 1852:

Daniel Shughrue became the Postmaster for the Eaton Grant Post Office.

27 May 1853:

Patrick Findlen became the Postmaster for the Eaton Grant Post Office.

8 June 1855:

Eaton Grant Post Office closed.

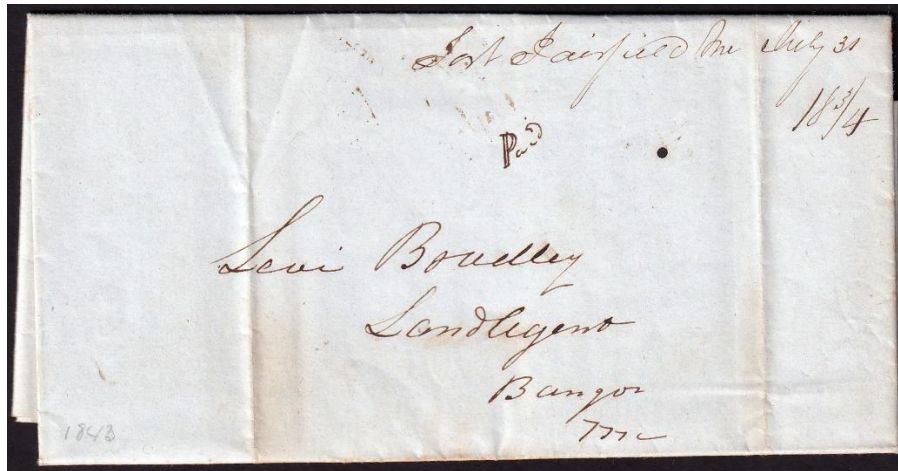
Fort Fairfield

1 July 1843:

Fort Fairfield post office opened.

1 July 1843:

William H. Cary Jr. became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



31 July 1843:
Manuscript

6 December 1844:

John B. Trafton became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

5 November 1849:

Charles W. Johnston became the Postmaster for the Fairfield Post Office.

13 November 1850:

Warren A. Johnston became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

4 August 1853:

Albion P. Wellington became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

24 August 1853:

Fort Fairfield Post Office closed.

4 October 1853:

Fort Fairfield Post Office re-opened.

4 October 1853:

John B. Trafton became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



14 October 1854:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a circle PAID 3.

8 January 1855:

Porter Ross became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



2 March 1858:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a manuscript killer.

15 June 1858:

Charles R. Paul became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

1 August 1859:

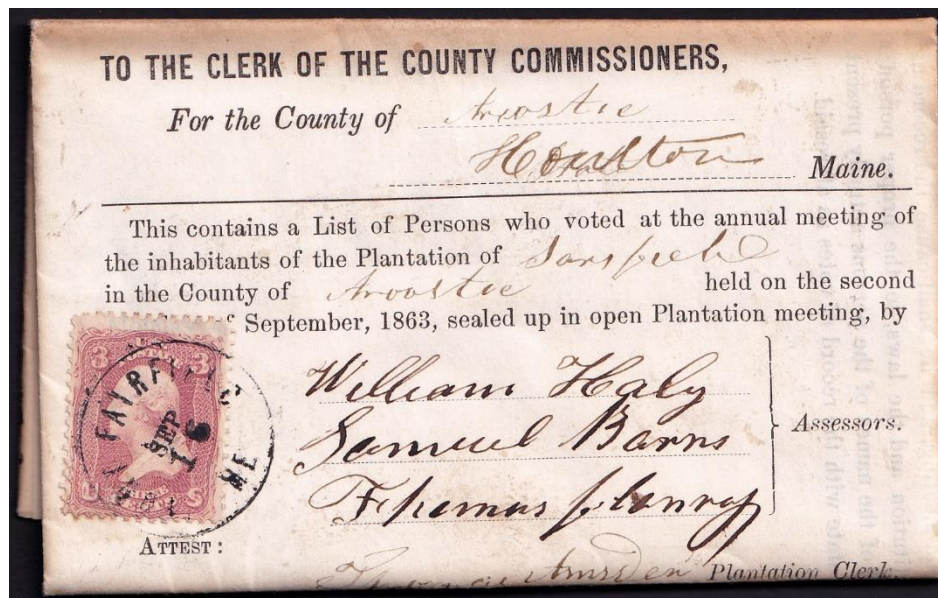
David N. Ross became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

4 June 1860:

Warren A. Johnston became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

19 August 1861:

David N. Ross became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



16 September 1863:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter, with the CDS used as the killer.

14 January 1868:

Asa C. Cary became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

2 June 1870:

Luther R. Cary became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

3 July 1871:

Chandler A. Libby became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

7 March 1877:

Agnes C. Paul became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



6 February 1880:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.



14 December 1883:

The double-ringed postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a two-circle target killer.

15 September 1885:

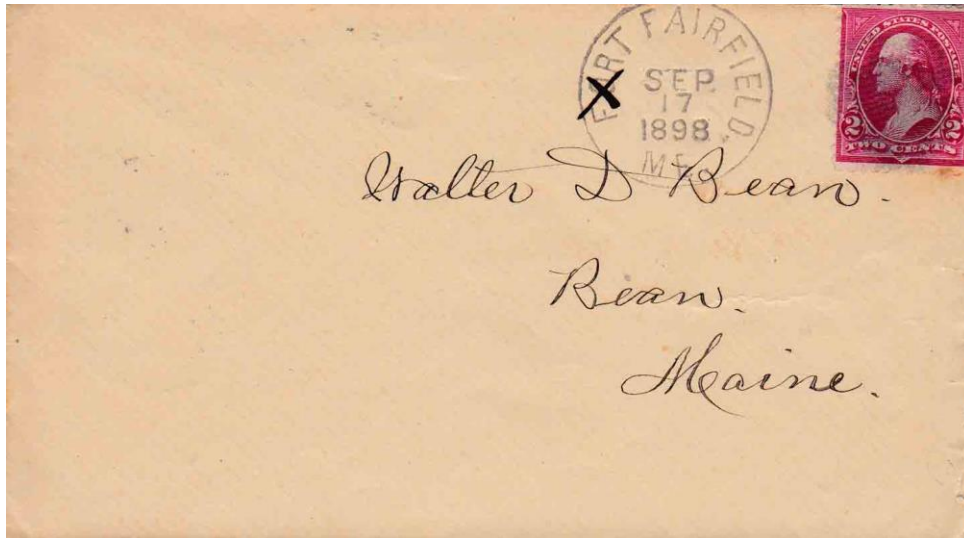
Miles F. Dorsey became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

9 April 1889:

Asa C. Cary became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

1 February 1896:

Chandler C. Harvey became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



17 September 1898:
The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer.
(Click on the image to enlarge)

17 January 1900:

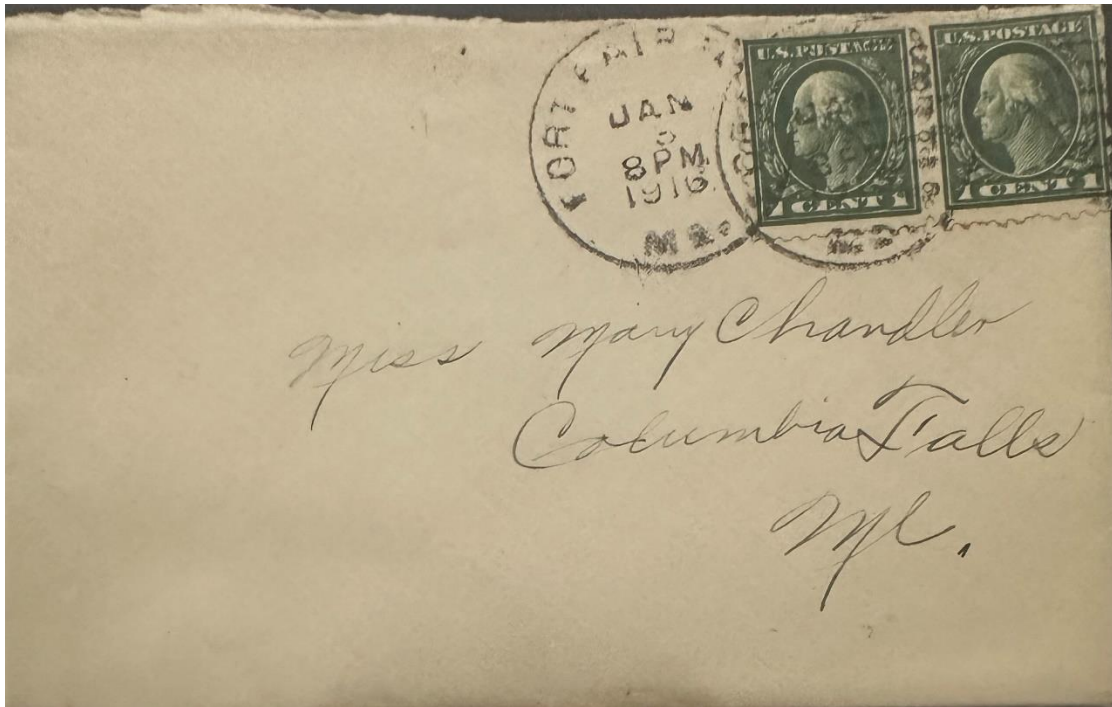
John M. Thurlough became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



2 October 1902:
Richow type 2B Route 2 R.F.D. postmark.

24 April 1912:

Arthur W. Richardson became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



3 January 1916:

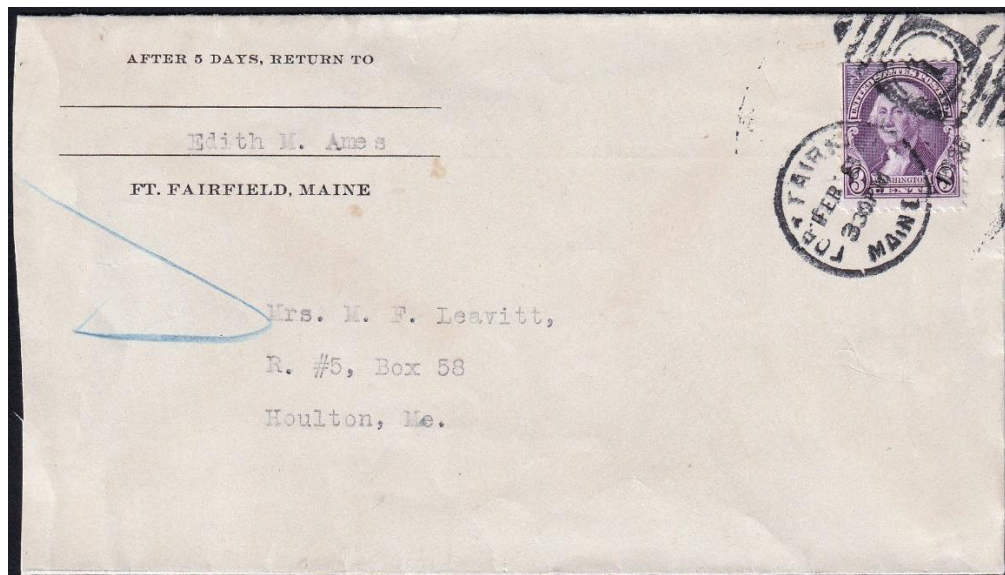
The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with an eight-bar elliptical duplex killer.

24 April 1916:

Gertrude S. Henneberry became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

6 June 1924:

Henry W. Perry became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



3 February 1936:

The circle postmark is 26 mm in diameter with an elliptical triplex/1 killer.

29 May 1936:

William G. Chamberlain became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



20 May 1939:

The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line International Machine killer. A similar postmark is known on a 1950 cover.

15 August 1942:

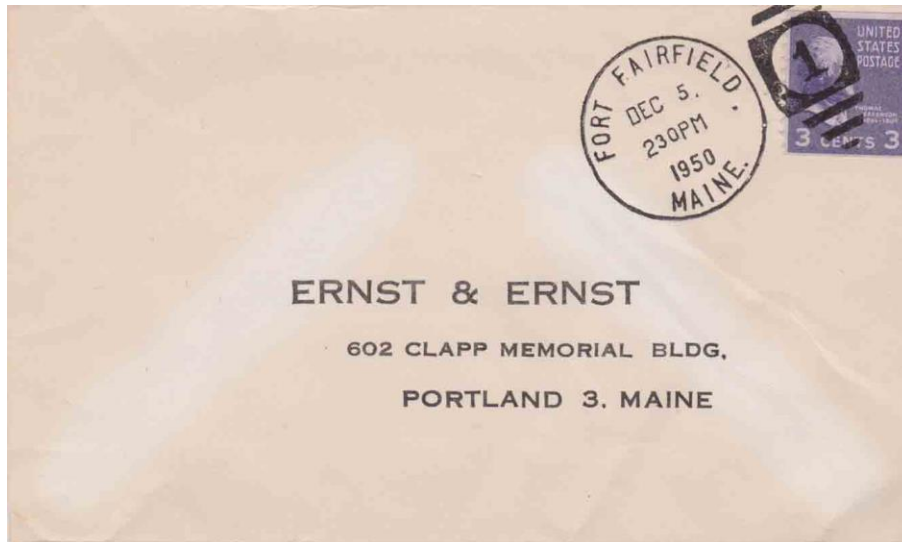
Melvin P. Roberts became the Acting Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

22 October 1943:

Fred E. Glew became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.

6 December 1944:

John B. Trafton became the Postmaster for the Fort Fairfield Post Office.



5 December 1950:

The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.
Another similar cover dated 1950 is known.

31 October 1959:

Wallace H. Campbell became Acting Postmaster.

2 September 1960:

Wallace H. Campbell became Postmaster.

30 June 1974:

Roland A. Nelson became Officer-in-Charge.

23 November 1974:

Joseph M. Susee became Postmaster.

26 April 1978:

Lucille Gilbert became Officer-in-Charge.

19 September 1978:

Leo J. Violette became Officer-in-Charge.

2 December 1978:

Marguerite F. Brown became Postmaster.

30 September 1982:

Patricia C. Roy became Officer-in-Charge.

25 December 1982:

Lawrence C. Doak became Postmaster.

4 January 1997:

Gregory A. Voisine became Postmaster.

29 December 2004:

Philip Alan Voisine became Officer-in-Charge.

16 April 2005:

Judith E. Mann became Postmaster.



Fort Fairfield Post Office in May 2008.

2 September 2009:

Sandra A. Saucier became Officer-in-Charge.

27 February 2010:

Sandra A. Saucier became Postmaster.

25 November 2013:

Roger P. Plante became Officer-in-Charge.

14 June 2014:

Roger P. Plante became Postmaster.

2023:

Fort Fairfield post office is still in operation. Zip Code 04742, GPS coordinates 46° 46' 15" N
67° 49' 46" W

Goodrich

20 January 1901:

Goodrich Post Office opens.

20 January 1901:

Leigh M. Goodrich became Postmaster for Goodrich Post Office.

30 November 1903:

Goodrich Post Office closed. Service to Fort Fairfield.

19 December 1903:

Goodrich Post Office re-opens.

19 December 1903:

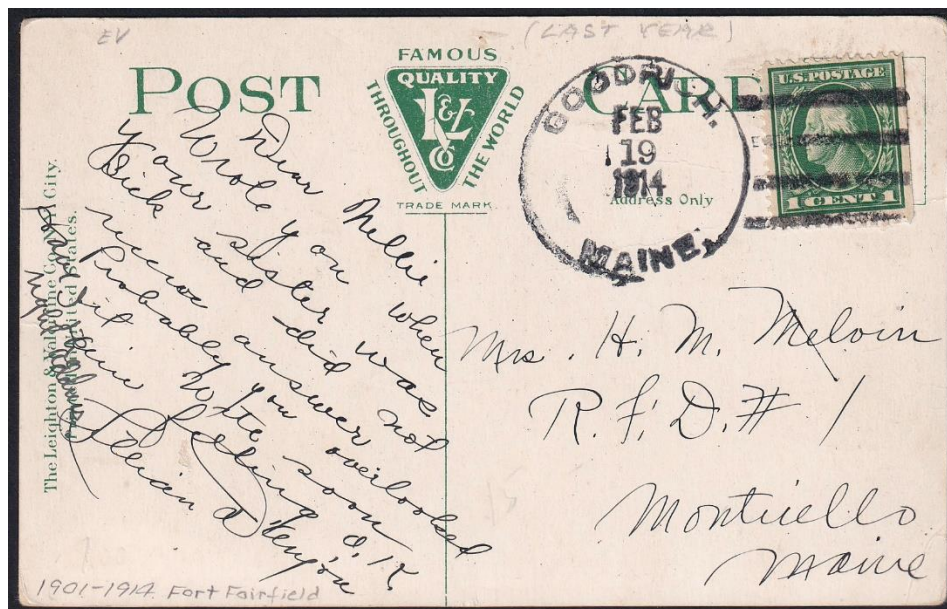
Leigh M. Goodrich became Postmaster for Goodrich Post Office.



11 February 1904:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/1 killer.

Similar postmarks and killers dated 27 March 1907, 9 February 1909, and 6 September 1909 are known.



19 February 1914:

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

31 October 1914:

Goodrich Post Office Closed. Service to Fort Fairfield.

Maple Grove

9 June 1849:

Maple Grove Post Office opened.

9 June 1849:

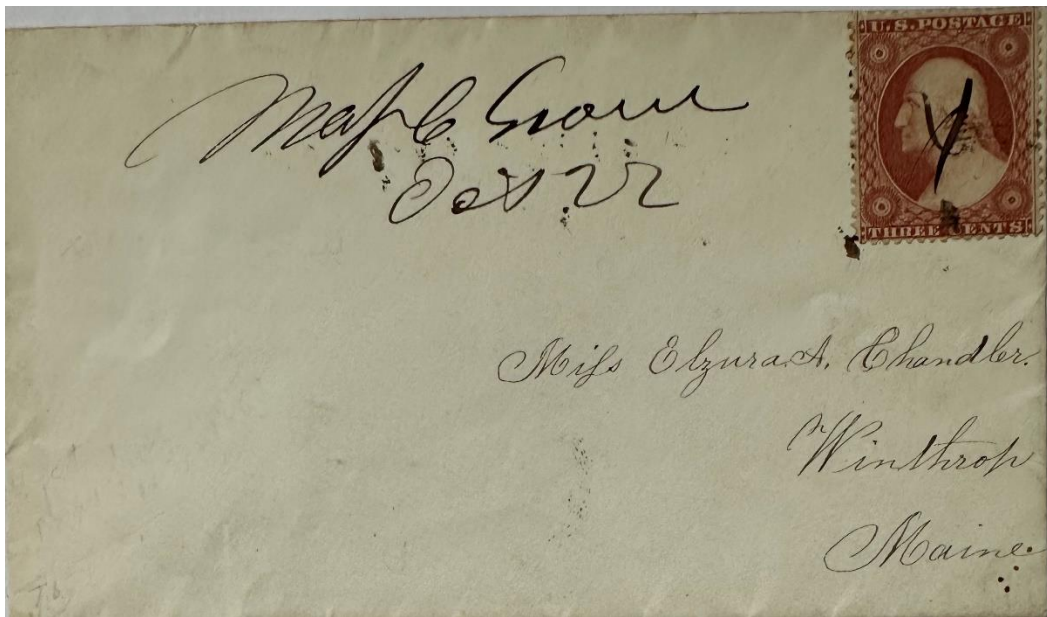
Edward S. Fowler became the Postmaster for Maple Grove Post Office.

16 May 1857:

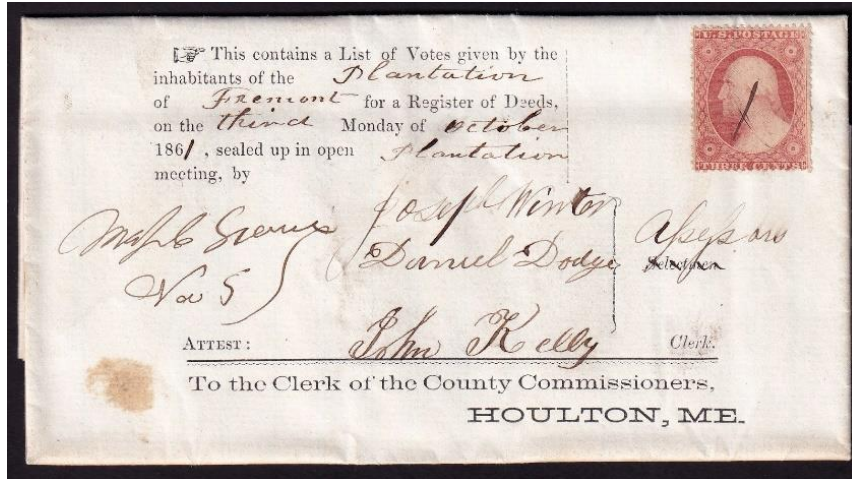
Henry A. Haines became the Postmaster for Maple Grove Post Office.

21 April 1858:

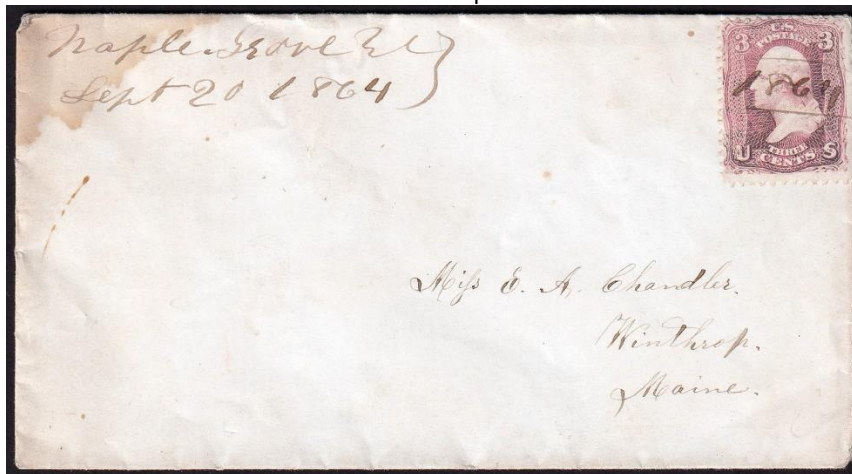
George W. Haines became the Postmaster for Maple Grove Post Office.



22 October circa 1858: Postmark is manuscript.



5 November 1861:
Manuscript



20 September 1864:
Manuscript

18 June 1867:

Maple Grove Post Office closed.

23 July 1867:

Maple Grove Post Office reopened.

23 July 1867:

Ephraim A. Rollins became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

15 August 1870:

George W. Haines became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

15 April 1873:

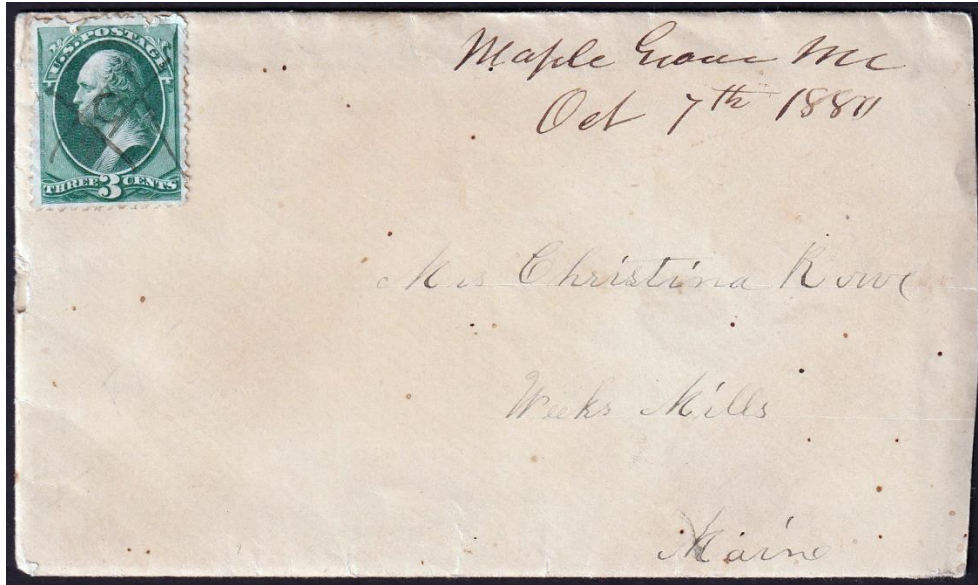
Cyrus H. Albee became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

15 April 1875:

George W. Haines became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

23 June 1884:

Almon S. Richards became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.



7 October 1884:
Manuscript

21 July 1884:

Agnes J. Richards became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.



24 December 1884:

The circular postmark that includes the Postmaster's name is 29 mm in diameter with a fancy Maltese Cross killer. This postmark was used after Moore was no longer Postmaster.

1 March 1886:

Bradford Rollin became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

25 March 1886:

Bradford R. Rollin became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

24 November 1891:

Reuben F. Thurlough became the Postmaster for the Maple Grove Post Office.

23 July 1892

Maple Grove Post Office closed—service from Easton.

Maplegrove

30 April 1896:

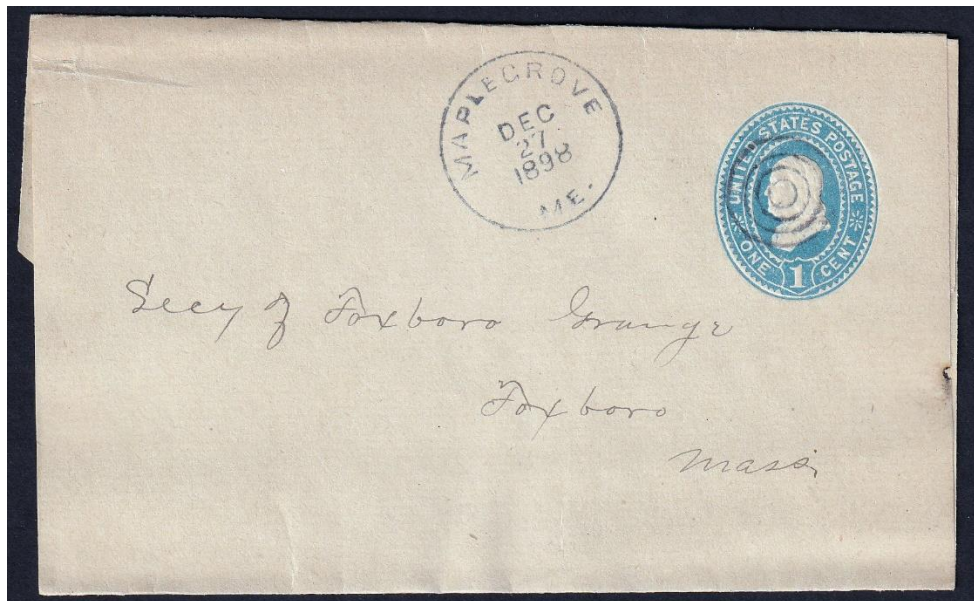
Maplegrove Post Office with the name now combined into one word.

30 April 1896:

Alden P. Spear became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

6 October 1897:

George Achorn became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.



27 December 1898:

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

5 January 1900:

Herbert L. Grant became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

21 March 1904:

George R. Ervin became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

21 February 1910

James E. Jameson became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.



19 September 1910:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a Doane 1/2 killer. Note that the year is inverted. A similar postmark and killer, dated 10 October 1921, is known, except that the year is not inverted.

4 March 1911:

James R. Thurlough became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

18 November 1917:

Edward Edmunds Jr. became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

27 November 1920:

William M. Kelley became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

15 December 1921:

Maplegrove Post Office closed. Service from Fort Fairfield.

21 November 1923:

Maplegrove Post Office reopens.

21 November 1923:

Merinda A. Schwartz became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post office.



17 September 1926:

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

4 January 1928:

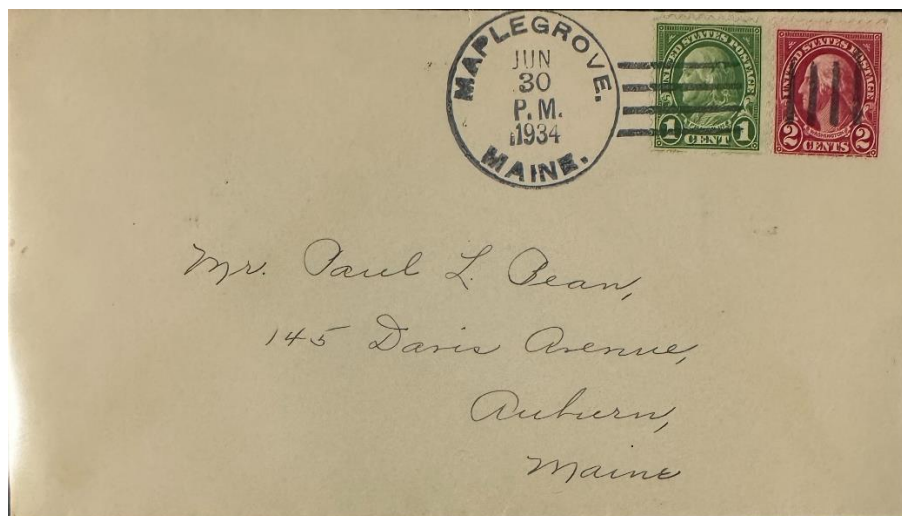
Chester J. Cass became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

5 October 1932:

Thomas E. Houghton became the Acting Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.

10 December 1932:

Thomas E. Houghton became the Postmaster for the Maplegrove Post Office.



30 June 1934:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer. This was effectively the Last Day of Operation.

30 June 1934:

Maplegrove Post Office closed.

16 July 1934:

Thomas E. Houghton was removed as the Postmaster for Maplegrove Post Office. Maplegrove Post Office is discontinued to be effective 30 June 1934.

21 July 1934:

The above order was rescinded.

1 October 1934:

Maplegrove Post Office is discontinued effective 31 October 1934—service from Fort Fairfield.

Robie

10 March 1884:

Robie Post Office opened.

10 March 1884:

Samuel M. True became the Postmaster for the Robie Post Office.

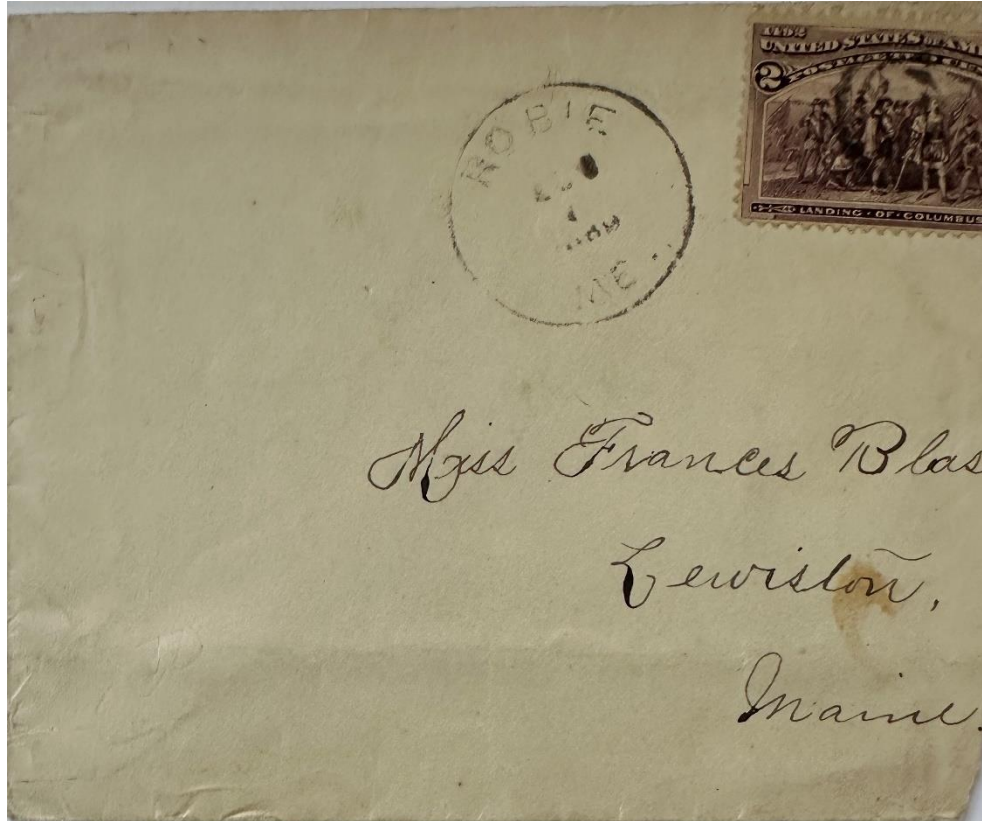
1 March 1886

David G. Varney became the Postmaster for the Robie Post Office.



10 February 1889:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar cover dated 1889 is also known.



7 August 1893: The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a target killer.

14 September 1903:
Robie Post Office closed. Service from Fort Fairfield.

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<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources.pdf>.