

# Frenchville Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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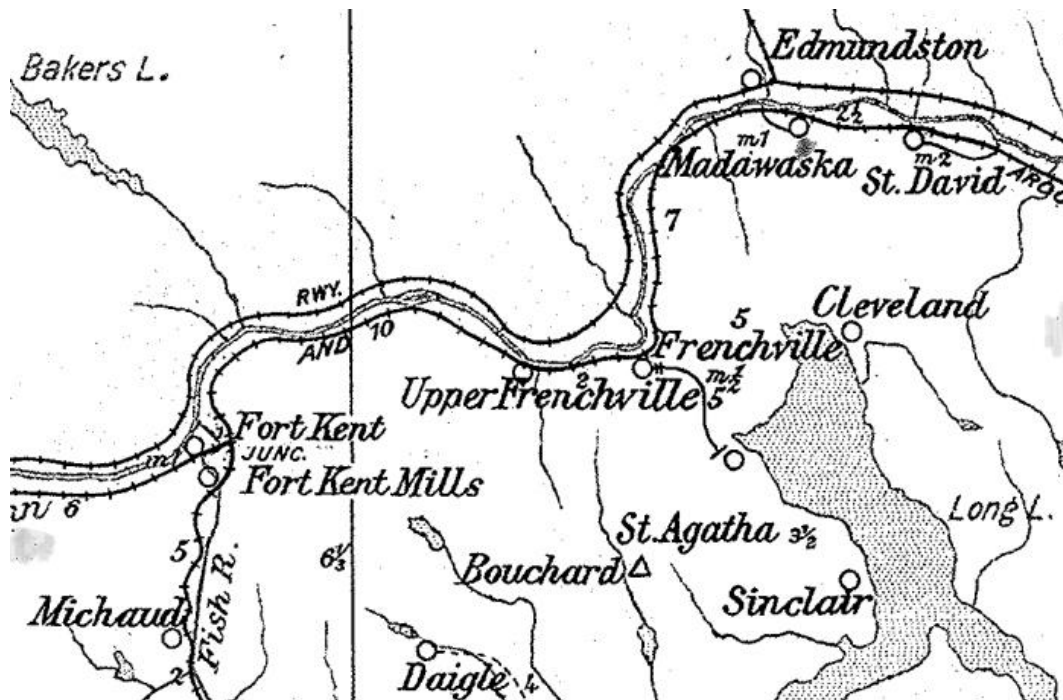
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Frenchville is a town in Aroostook County, incorporated on February 23, 1869, under the name Dickeyville. The name was changed to Frenchville on January 26, 1871. In 1899 it set off land to form Saint Agatha and ceded more land to the town in 1927.

During the history of the town of Frenchville, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

1. Dickeyville Post Office was established on 6 July 1869 and was renamed on 24 September 1885 as Frenchville Post Office, which is still operating.
2. Upper Frenchville Post Office was established on 8 April 1878 and closed on 28 February 1997.



In 1914, there were two post offices in the town of Frenchville: Frenchville and Upper Frenchville.

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914

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

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Post Offices from Frenchville are listed below.

[Dickeyville](#)

[Frenchville](#)

[Upper Frenchville](#)

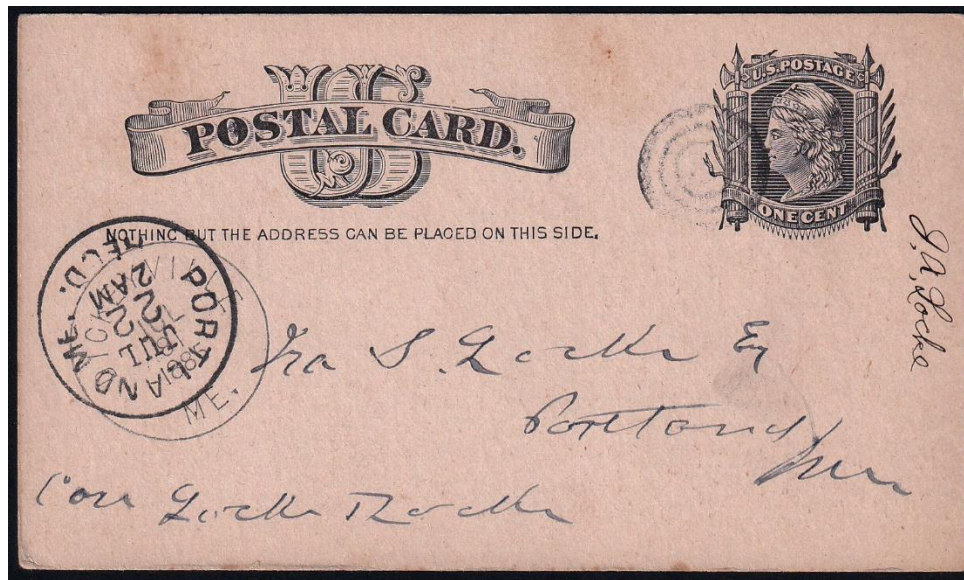
## Dickeyville

6 July 1869:

Dickeyville Post Office opened.

6 July 1869:

Alex S. Eaton became the Postmaster of the Dickeyville Post Office.



18 July 1885:

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

24 September 1885:

Dickeyville Post Office was renamed as Frenchville post office.

## Frenchville

24 September 1885:

The former Dickeyville Post Office was renamed as Frenchville Post Office.

24 September 1885:

Elvi R. Michaud became Postmaster.

24 August 1889:

Israel Ouellette was to be Postmaster, but he was not commissioned.

28 January 1890:

Edith Ouellette became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

Page ..... REGISTERED PACKAGE RECEIPT. 1556.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.  
Official Business.  
*A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law  
for using this card for other  
than Official Business.*

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt on other side and return this card by NEXT MAIL,  
without cover, to \_\_\_\_\_

Stamp of Receiving Office  
FRENCHVILLE  
11  
1902  
ME  
and date of Return.

Stamp of Dispatching Office  
7/10  
and date of Dispatch.

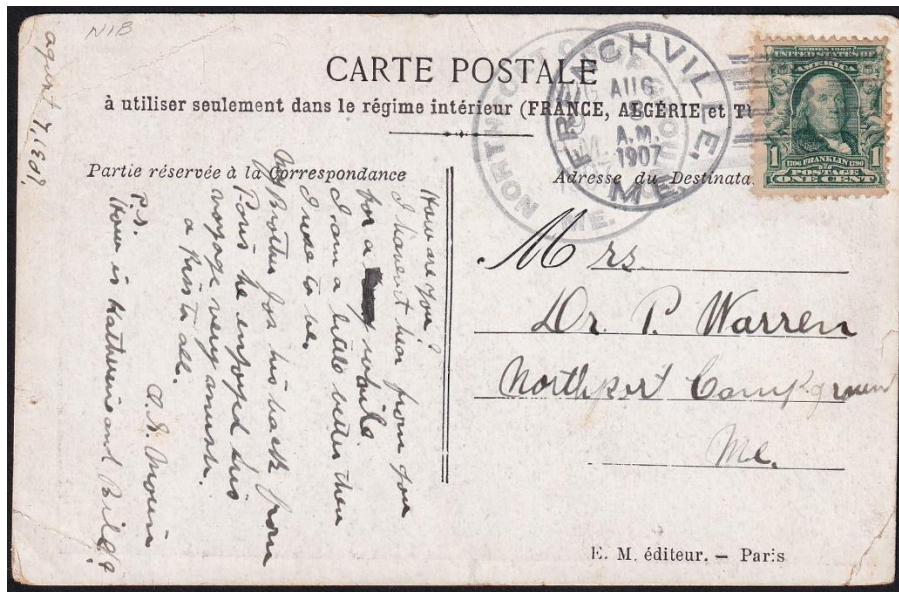
P. M. at Saint Agatha  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Maine

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11 July 1902:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter.





8 August 1907:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer.

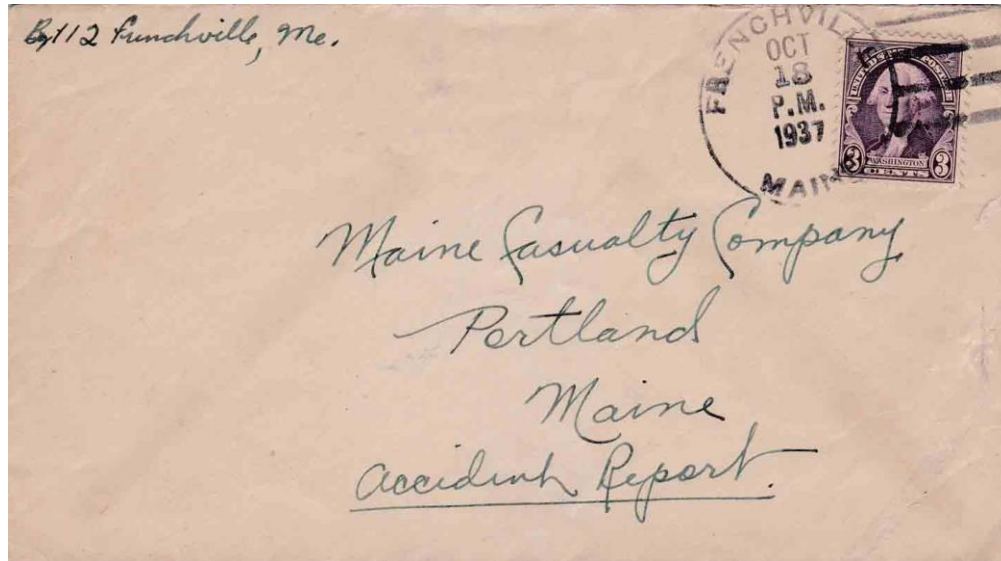
28 October 1914:

John C. Michaud became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.



18 May 1916:

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



18 October 1937:

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

13 November 1941:

Egline Plourd became Acting Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

25 August 1944:

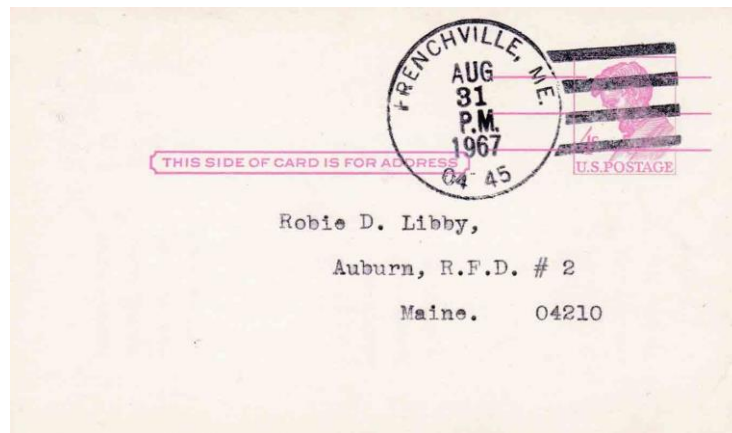
Egline Plourd became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

30 November 1951:

Florence H. Michaud became the Acting Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

5 August 1954:

Hercules B. Roy became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.



31 August 1967: The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

5 May 1983:

Rose LaPointe became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

23 July 1983

Manzer Belanger Jr. became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

2 February 1987:

Rita A. Martin became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

23 May 1987

Jeanne B. Cyr became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

20 December 1994:

Robert Rossignol became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

17 April 1995:

Arthur L. Vick became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

1 August 1995:

Greg Paul became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

20 October 1995:

Joella C. Daigle became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

11 April 1996:

Henry Gomeault became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

13 June 1996:

June Collin became the Officer-in-Charge of the Frenchville Post Office.

4 November 2000:

Wendy M. Belanger became the Postmaster of the Frenchville Post Office.

19 August 2001:

Wendy M. Belanger name changed to Wendy M. Stevens.

20 September 2014:

Frenchville Post Office was converted to a Level 6 (6-hour) Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Madawaska Post Office.

2023:

The Frenchville Post Office remains open at 386 Us Route 1, Frenchville, ME 04745. GPS 47° 16' 57" N 68° 24' 41".



2022  
Frenchville Post Office.

## Upper Frenchville

8 April 1878:

Upper Frenchville Post Office opened.

8 April 1878:

Peter Gagnon became the Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

26 March 1886:

Anthony Daigle, 2<sup>nd</sup> became the Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

25 September 1889:

Michel Gagnon became the Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.



10 September 1914:

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

14 October 1914:

George A. Gagnon became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

13 September 1924:

Maxine P. Gagnon became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

14 October 1933:

Mrs. Sylvia Gagnon became Acting Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

9 December 1933:

Mrs. Sylvia Gagnon became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

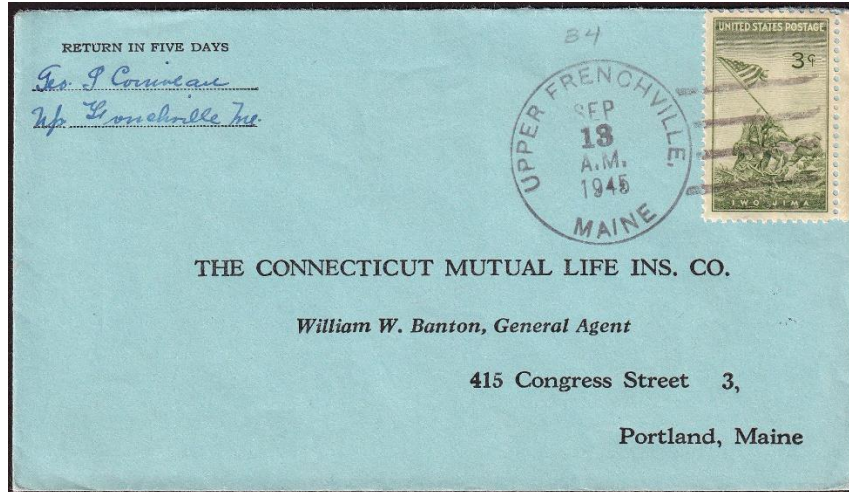
5 September 1941:

Mrs. Rose R. Ouellet became Acting Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

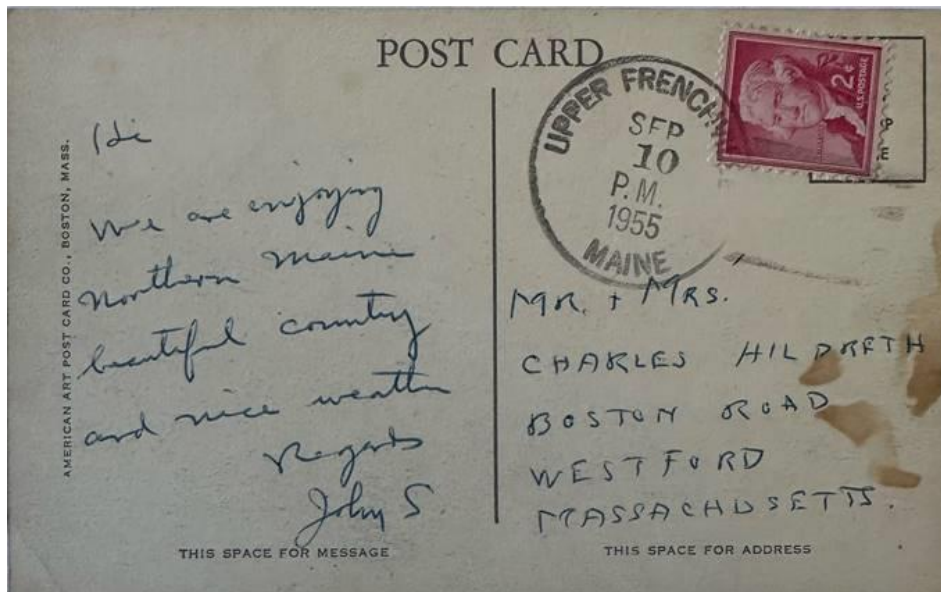
1 May 1942:

Ernest P. Gagnon became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

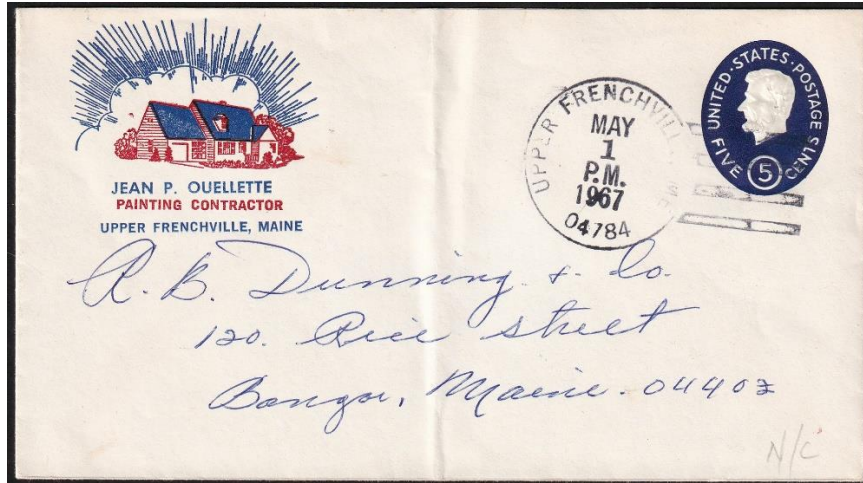




13 September 1945:  
The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.



10 September 1955: The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.



1 May 1967:

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

13 June 1969:

Mrs. Juliet Gagnon became Officer-In-Charge for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

11 December 1971:

Mrs. Juliet Gagnon became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

31 December 1976:

Mrs. Joella C. Daigle became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

21 May 1977:

Mrs. Joella C. Daigle became Postmaster for Upper Frenchville Post Office.

28 February 1997:

Upper Frenchville post office closed. The name changed to Frenchville. Zip Code was 04784.

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[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/48/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/48/)

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>.