

# Grand Isle Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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Grant Isle was incorporated on March 2, 1869, from Grant Isle Plantation. The name was changed to Grand Isle in 1872.

During the history of Grand Isle, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

1. The former West Van Buren post office was renamed on 13 June 1859 as Grant Isle Post Office, which closed on 17 June 1867. Grant Isle Post Office re-opened on 22 June 1869 and, on 22 July 1907, was renamed Grand Isle Post Office, which is still operating.
2. Lower Grant Isle Post Office opened on 29 December 1890 and was renamed on 22 January 1907 as Lower Grand Isle Post Office. Lower Grand Isle post office was renamed on 27 December 1910 as Lille Post Office, suspended on 21 April 1989.

In 1914, Grand Isle had two post offices: Grand Isle and Lille. (Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914)



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

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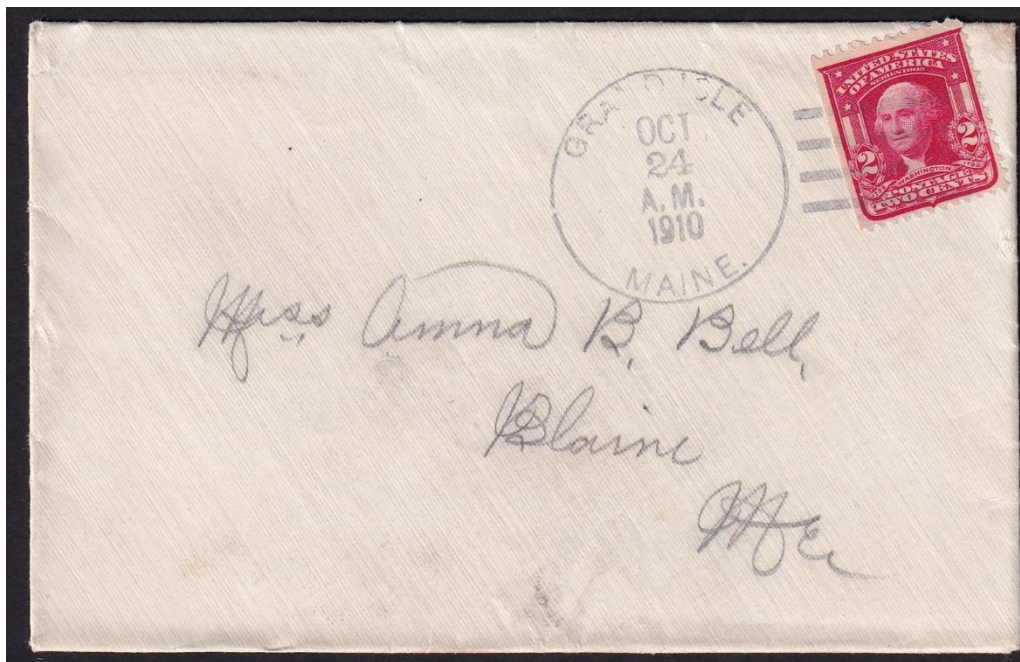
## Grand Isle

22 June 1907:

The former Grant Isle Post Office was renamed as Grand Isle Post Office.

20 September 1897:

Alexis Morneault became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office and remains Postmaster as the Post Office changed its name to Grand Isle Post Office.

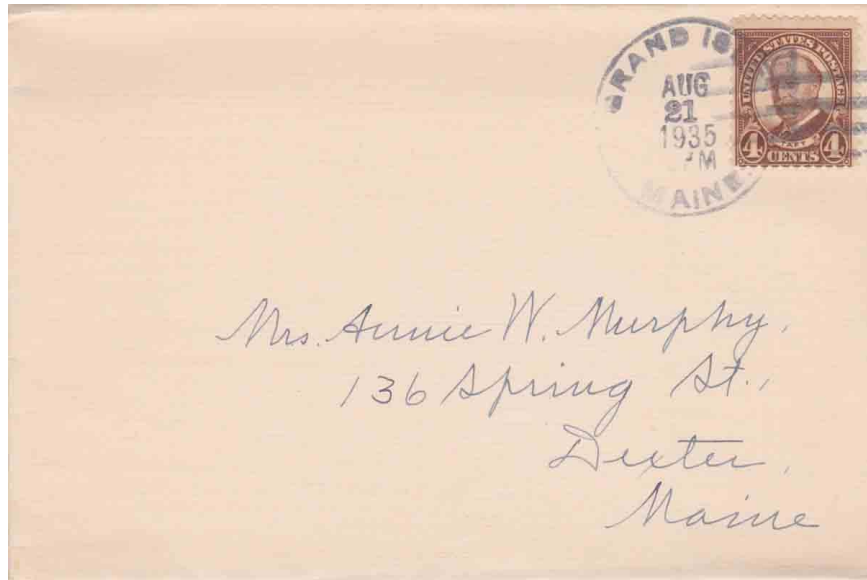


24 October 1910:

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

20 November 1914:

Florent Sanfacon became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.



21 August 1935:  
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.

8 December 1939:

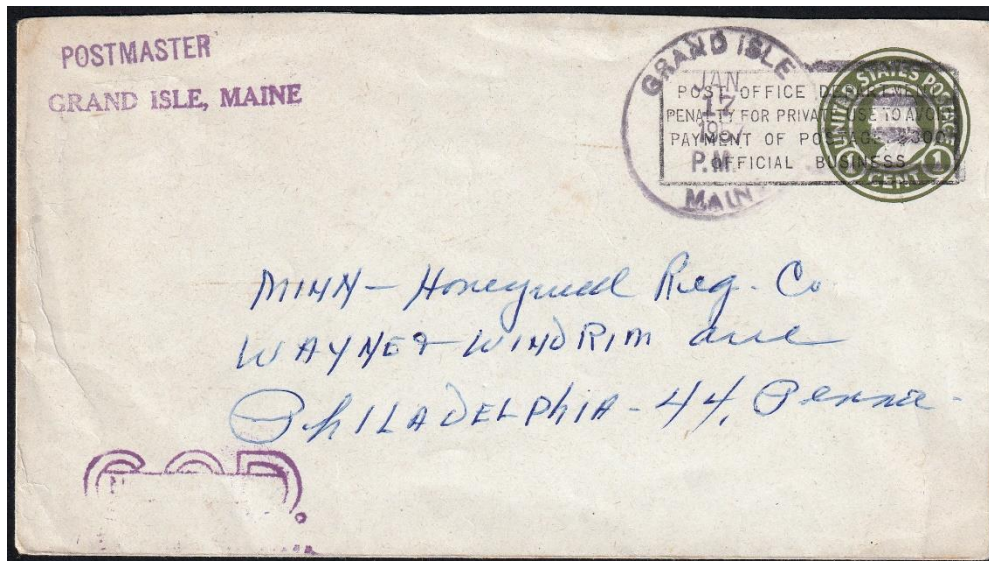
Peter C. Sanfacon became Acting Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

13 August 1940:

Peter C. Sanfacon became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

1 July 1945:

Grand Isle Post Office becomes Presidential.



17 January 1957:  
The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a UPS slogan killer.

30 June 1972:

Carmen L. Sanfacon became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

17 February 1973:

Mrs. Lorette C. Sanfacon became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

31 December 1975:

Louis P. Dionne Jr. became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

25 June 1976:

Roger R. Bossie became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

28 October 1976:

Patricia C. Roy became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

26 February 1977:

Louis P. Dionne Jr. became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

26 July 1994:

Herman Fortin became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

29 October 1994:

Patrice A. Jalbert became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

21 June 2005:

Carol Parker became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

18 February 2006:

Jean M. Cayer became Postmaster for Grand Isle Post Office.

20 July 2012:

Elizabeth J. Chasse became Officer-in-Charge for Grand Isle Post Office.

29 June 2013:

Grand Isle post office was converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Madawaska post office.



2022:

Grand Isle Post Office

Zip code 04746. 47° 18' 20" N 68° 09' 13" W

2023:

Grand Isle post office is still in operation.

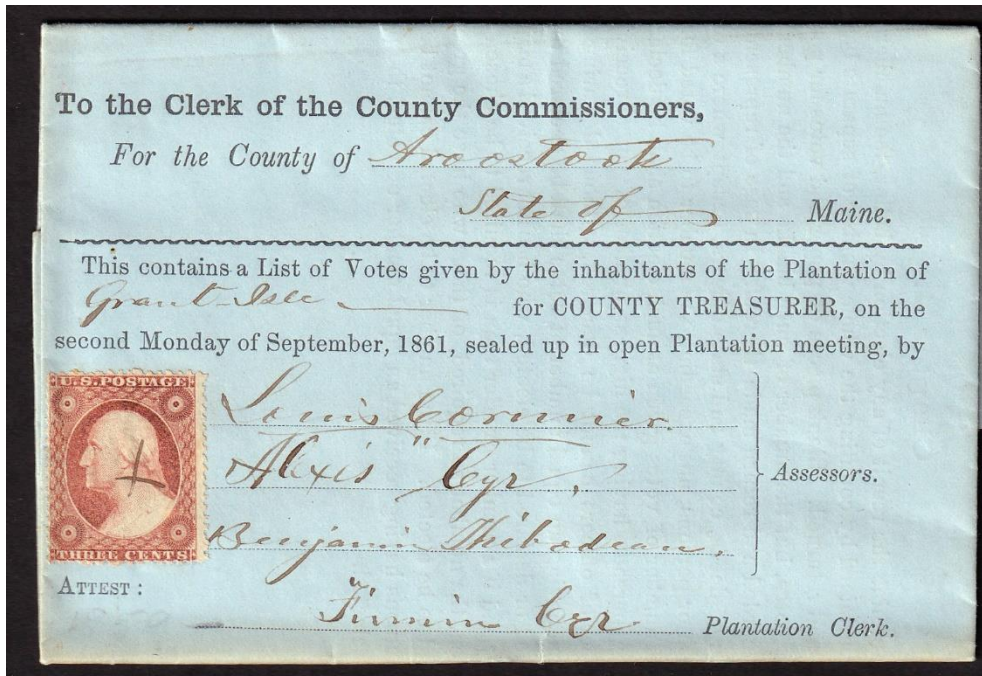
### **Grant Isle:**

13 June 1859:

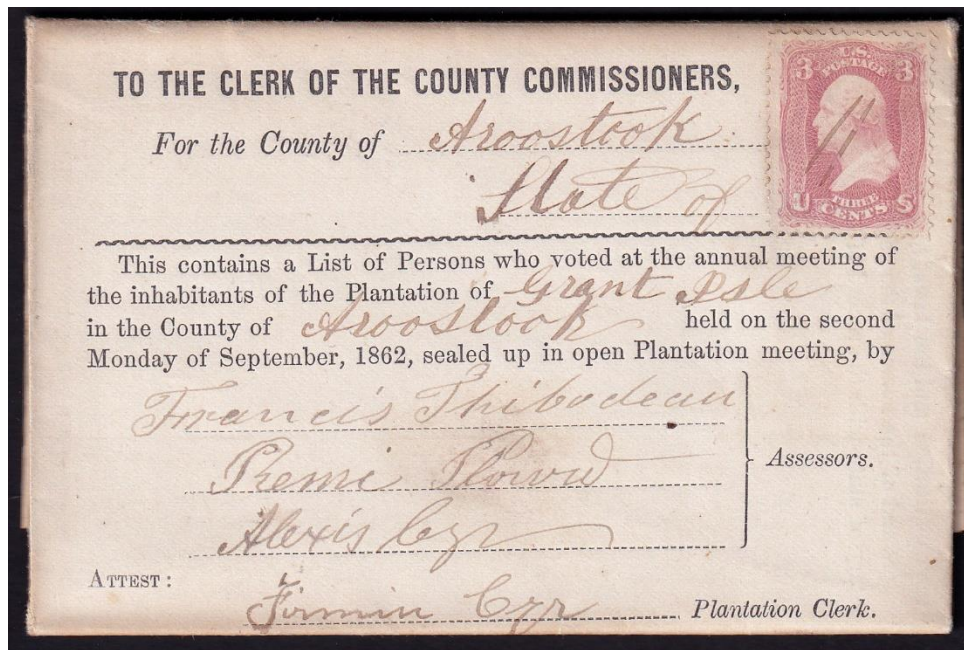
The former West Van Buren Post Office is renamed Grant Isle Post Office.

14 July 1852:

Paul Cyr became Postmaster for West Van Buren and remains Postmaster as the Post Office changed its name to Grant Isle Post Office.



9 September 1861:  
Manuscript



8 September 1862:  
Manuscript

13 January 1863:  
Alexis Cyr became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.

17 June 1867:

Grant Isle Post Office is closed.

22 June 1869:

Grant Isle Post Office re-opens.

21 February 1867:

John C. Hammond became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.

22 June 1869:

Alexis Cyr became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.



6 June 1885:

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

14 March 1888:

Felix R. Morneault became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.

1 September 1893:

Isaiah Thibodeau became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.

20 September 1897:

Alexis Morneault became Postmaster for Grant Isle Post Office.

22 January 1907:

Grant Isle Post Office is renamed Grand Isle Post Office.

## Lille

27 December 1910:

The former Lower Grand Isle Post Office was renamed as Lille Post Office.

27 December 1910:

Julia L. Bernard became Postmaster for Lille Post Office.



Circa 1910:  
Lille Post Office

28 July 1927:

Charles B. Bernard became Acting Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

20 December 1927:

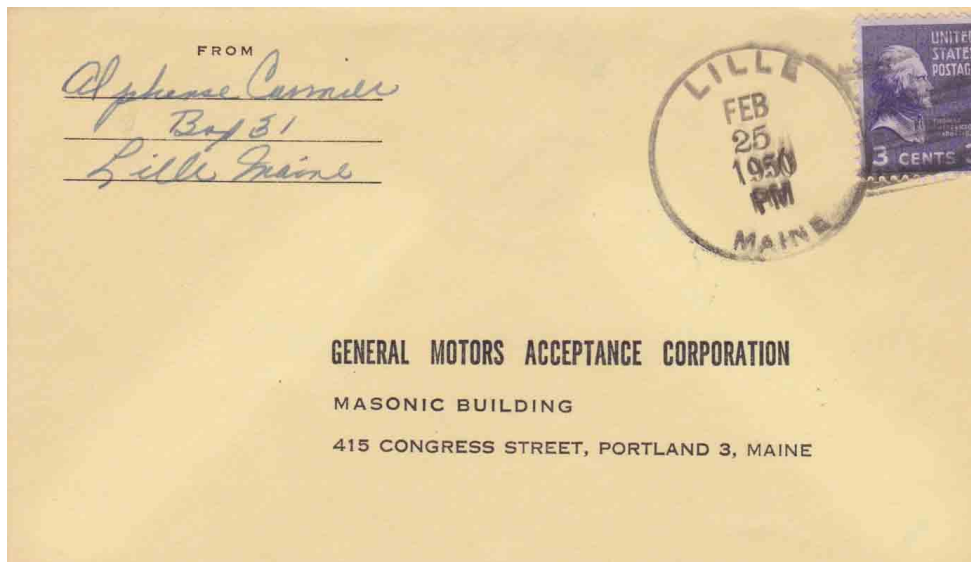
Joseph H. Therriault became Postmaster for Lille Post Office.





15 June 1940:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with an unusual 2-cent post due stamp and a double-ringed oval Lewiston Me. Cancel is used as a killer.



25 February 1950:

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

21 October 1954:

Camille E. Morneault became Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

14 October 1955:

Claude Violette became Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

29 November 1956:

Rita T. Violette became Acting Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

12 March 1958:

Lawrence Parent became Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

27 April 1973:

Lucille Parent became the Acting Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

8 December 1973:

Lucille Parent became the Postmaster for Lille Post Office.

21 April 1989:

Lille Post Office is suspended. Zip 04746. 47° 27' 86" N 68° 10' 78" W.

9 October 1993:

Lille Post Office is Discontinued - mail to Grand Isle Post Office.

## Lower Grand Isle

22 January 1907:

Lower Grant Isle Post Office is renamed Lower Grand Isle Post Office.

13 December 1894:

Julia L. Bernard became Postmaster for Lower Grant Isle Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the Lower Grant Isle Post Office name was changed to Lower Grand Isle Post Office.



21 February 1908:

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

27 December 1910:

Lower Grand Isle Post Office's name changed to Lille Post Office.

## Lower Grant Isle

29 December 1890:

Lower Grant Isle Post Office opens.

29 December 1890:

Vitaline Theriault became Postmaster for Lower Grant Isle Post Office.

13 December 1894:

Julia L. Bernard became Postmaster for Lower Grant Isle Post Office.

*The Postmaster making up Registered Letters, &c., for dispatch, will fill up the other side of this Bill, and write the name of his Post Office, County, and State in the blank address on this side.*  
*The Postmaster receiving this Bill in Registered Package will at once compare entries with letters, &c., inclosed; make entries on record of registered matter received; stamp postmark below; sign this Bill on other side, noting any errors, and return it to the mailing Post Office without cover.*  
*A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this card on other than official business.*

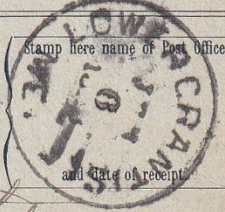
**Post Office Department.**  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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

RETURN TO:

Postmaster at St. Agathe  
County of Ardois  
State of Maine

Stamp here name of Post Office  
and date of receipt



6 June 1896:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter.



14 February 1907:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter. (Canceled with a Lower Grant Isle postmark after the name changed to Grand Isle)

22 January 1907:

Lower Grant Post Office's name changed to Lower Grand Isle Post Office.

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Sources:

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society:

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

Monticello, Ashland Village, Grand Isle (T18R3) & T13-17 R3-6 [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/49/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/49/)

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/mps>

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>.