

# Hodgdon Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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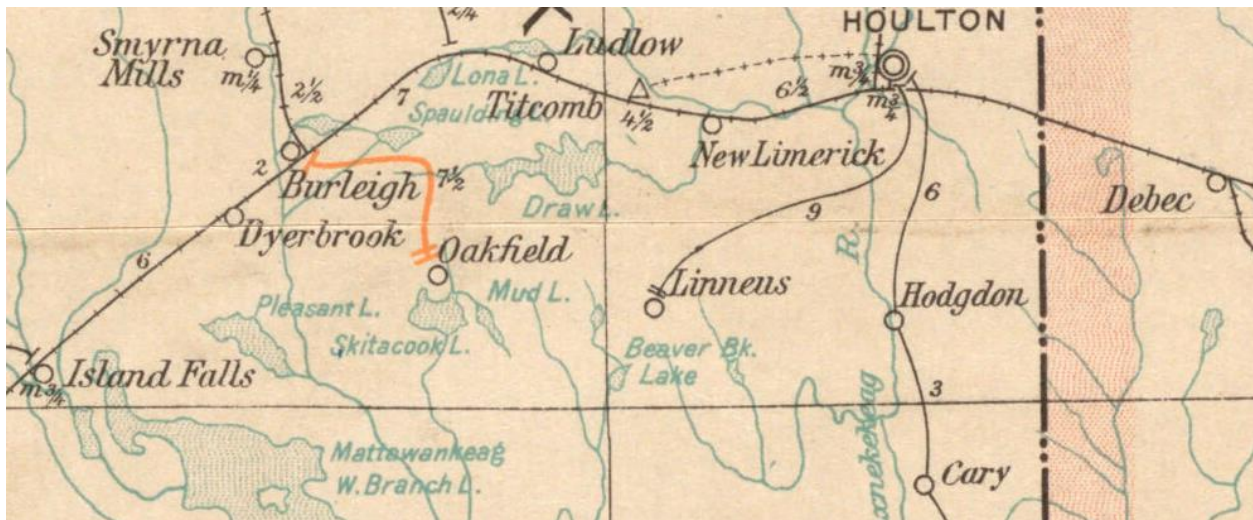
Hodgdon was incorporated in 1821 as part of Washington County. It became part of Aroostook County on 1 May 1839.

During the history of Hodgdon, there have been four post offices.

Briefly, the history of these is as follows:

1. Clyde Post Office opened on 9 June 1884 and closed on 19 November 1885.
2. Hodgdon Post Office was established on 3 July 1834 as a private post office in Washington County. It became part of Aroostook County on 1 May 1839. It was renamed on 20 December 1964 as Hodgdon Rural Station Houlton.
3. Hodgdon Rural Station Houlton Post Office was renamed from Hodgdon Post Office on 20 December 1964 and closed on 31 August 1971.
4. South Hodgdon Post Office opened on 26 November 1877 and closed on 12 October 1883.

Post Route Map of Maine from 1903 shows the location of Hodgdon relative to other nearby post offices open at that time.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1903. Map reproduction courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library

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Post Offices from Hodgdon are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from the post offices associated with Hodgdon have been included.

[Clyde](#)

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[South Hodgdon](#)

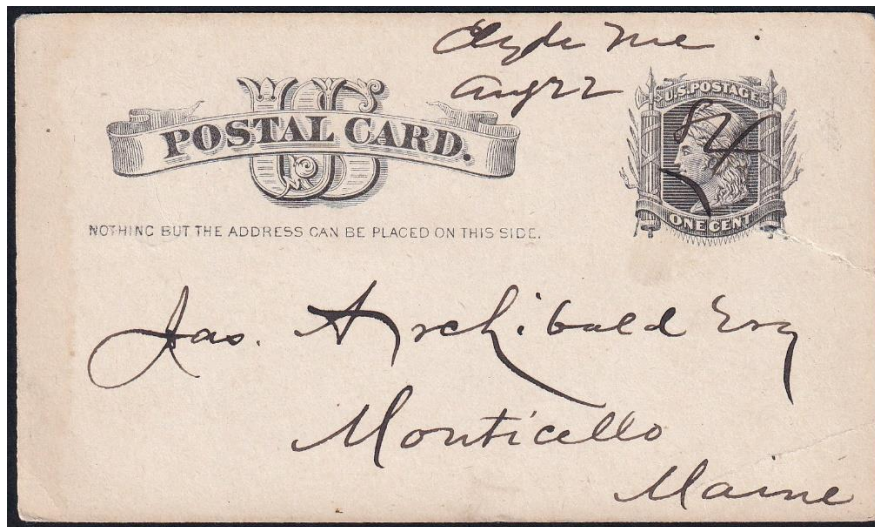
## Clyde

9 June 1884:

Clyde Post Office opens.

9 June 1884:

Samuel K. Stetson became Postmaster for Clyde Post Office.



22 August 1884:  
Manuscript

19 November 1895:

Clyde Post Office closed service from Hodgdon.

## Hodgdon

3 July 1834:

Hodgdon Post Office opened as part of Washington County.

3 July 1834:

Hendrick W. Judkins became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

6 June 1836:

Thomas P. Packard became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

1 May 1839:

Hodgdon became part of Aroostook County

28 September 1842:

James Jones became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

27 January 1843:

Rufus Wiggin became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



18 September 1846:  
Manuscript

30 March 1853:

Charles Lyons became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

26 May 1854:

Nicholas Outhouse became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

19 December 1854:

George H. Smith became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



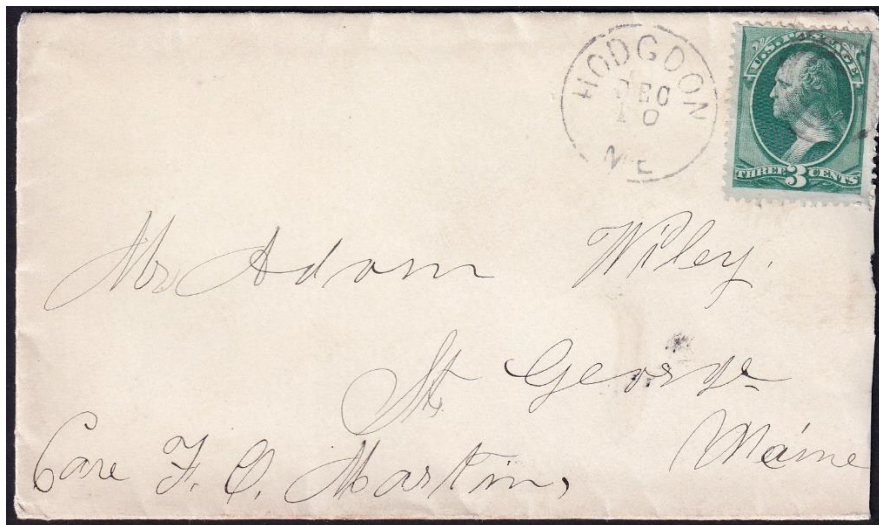
27 July 1862:  
Manuscript

13 January 1864:

William M. Adams became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

28 January 1868:

James O. Smith became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



10 December 1870:  
The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

25 October 1871:

Miss Mary M. Royal became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

6 July 1875:

Daniel Outhouse became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



18 October 1880:

Abisha Washburn became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

28 November 1881:

Levi Berry became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

12 December 1881:

Levi H. Berry became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

2 May 1882:

Mary K. Fassett became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



15 July 1886:

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

11 March 1899:

John M. Hunter became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

8 November 1900:

Bernice Royal became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

25 July 1901:

Frank H. Vail became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.

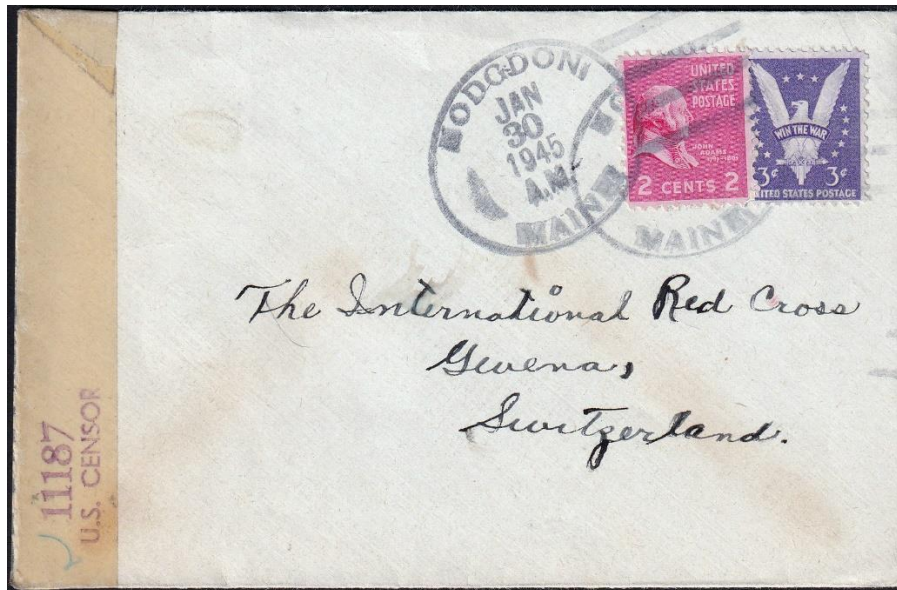
2 January 1925:

Lexus I. Vail became Postmaster for Hodgdon Post Office.



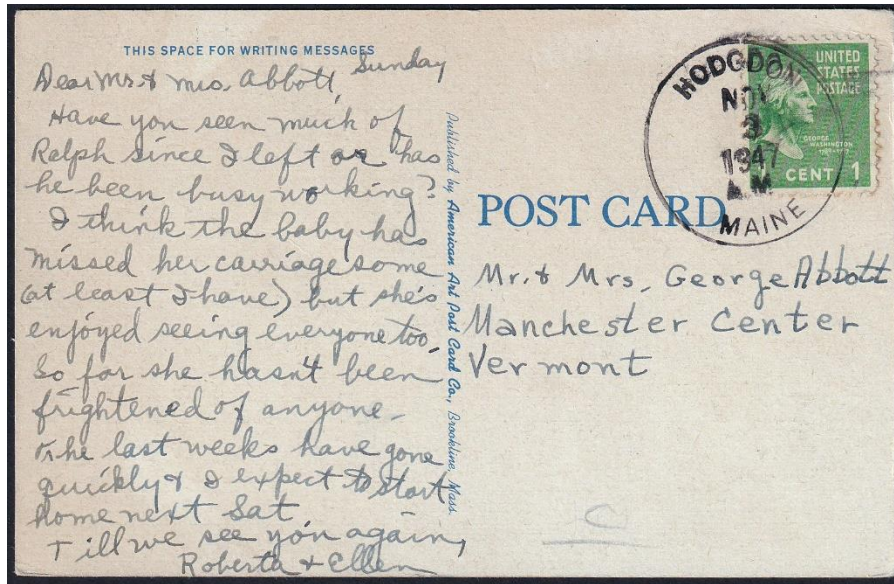
6 October 1934:

The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer. Another similar postmark dated 14 November 1906 is known.



30 January 1945:

The oval-shaped postmark is 32 mm at its widest with a four-bar (B) killer.



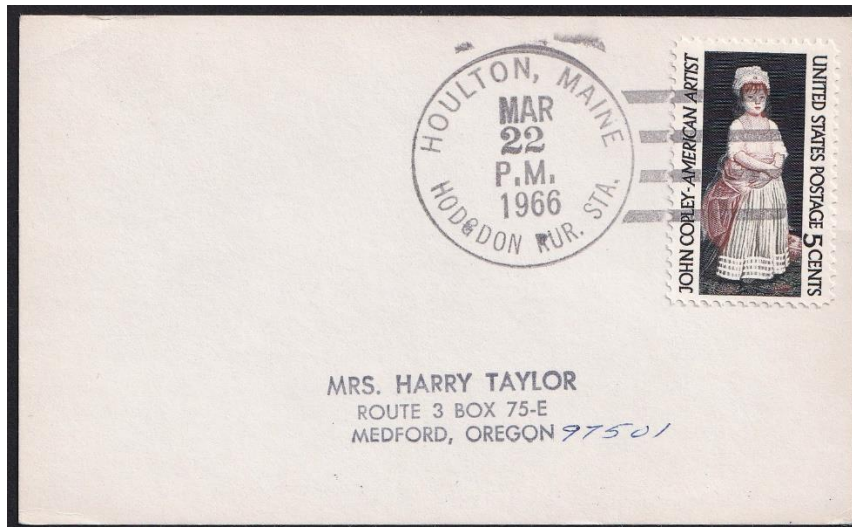
3 November 1947:

The circular postmark is? diameter with a partial four-bar killer.

### Hodgdon Rural Station Houlton

30 December 1964:

Hodgdon Post Office became Hodgdon Rur. Sta. Houlton Post Office.



22 March 1966:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. Another similar postmark dated 2 February 1965 is known.

31 August 1971:

Hodgdon Rur. Sta. Houlton Post Office closed.

## South Hodgdon

26 November 1877:

South Hodgdon Post Office opened.

26 November 1877:

Samuel K. Stetson became Postmaster for South Hodgdon Post Office.

12 October 1883:

South Hodgdon Post Office closed. Service from Hodgdon.

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Hodgdon [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

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Houlton & Hodgdon Villages [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine

[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/21/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/21/)

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>.