

# Island Falls Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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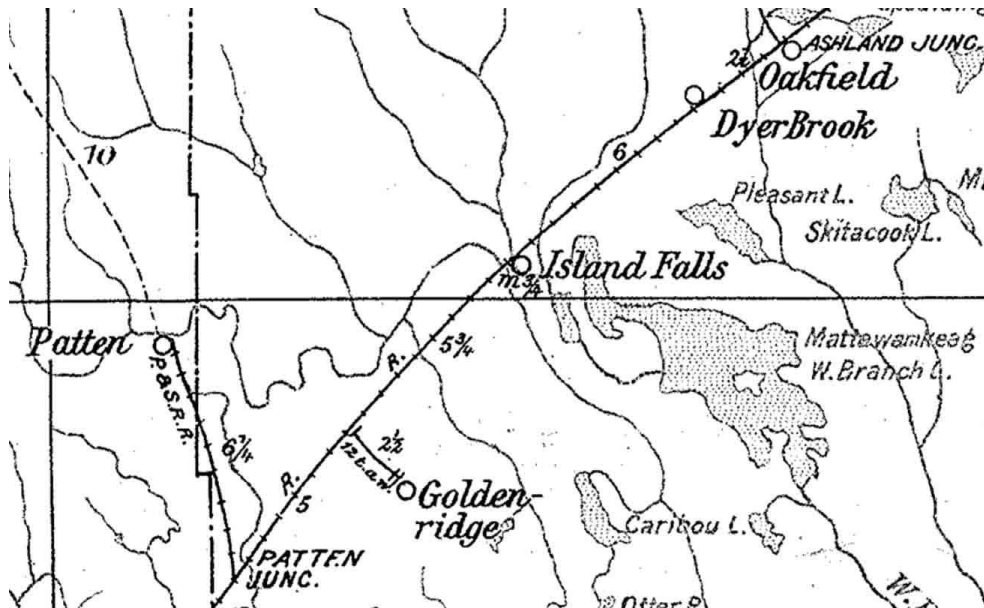
Island Falls was incorporated on February 27, 1872, from Island Falls Plantation, once the township T4 R4 WELS.

In the town of Island Falls, there is only one post office.

Briefly, the history of this one is as follows:

1. Island Falls Post Office was established on 25 March 1863 and is still operating.

In 1914, there was one post office in Island Falls: Island Falls.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1914

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

Post Offices from Island Falls are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from Island Falls for this project have been included.

Island Falls

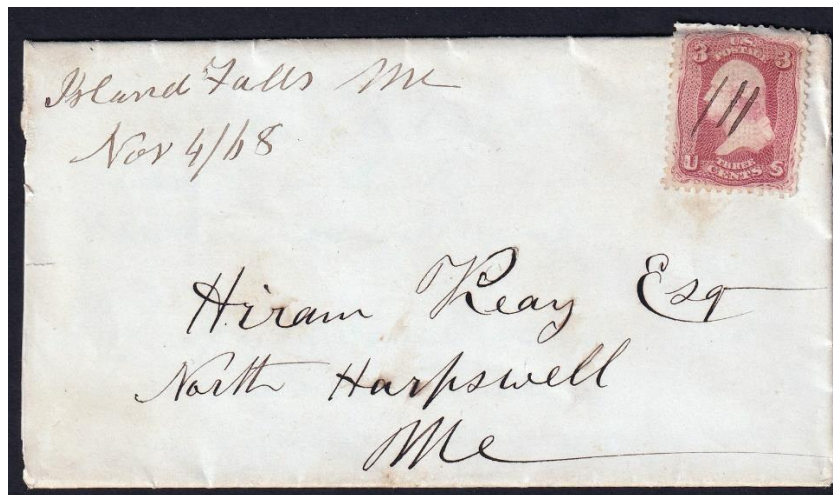
**Island Falls**

25 March 1863:

Island Falls post office opened.

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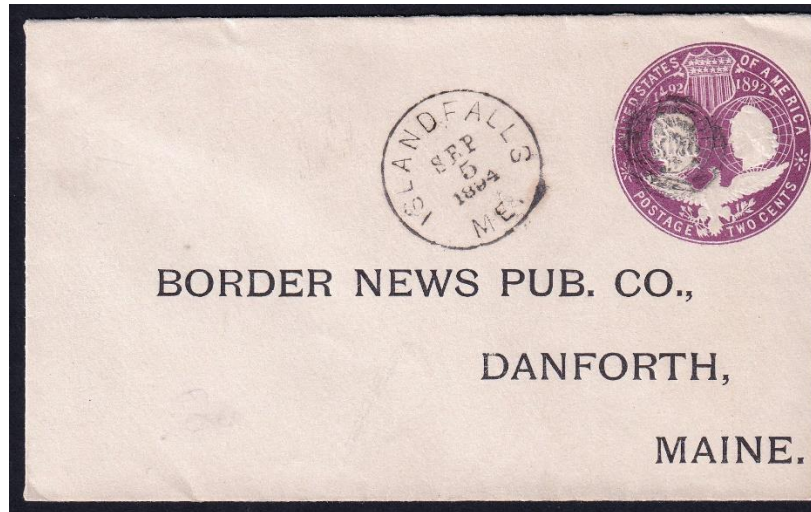
Levi Sewall became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.



4 November 1868:  
Manuscript

13 December 1870:

Miss Sarah G. Sewall became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

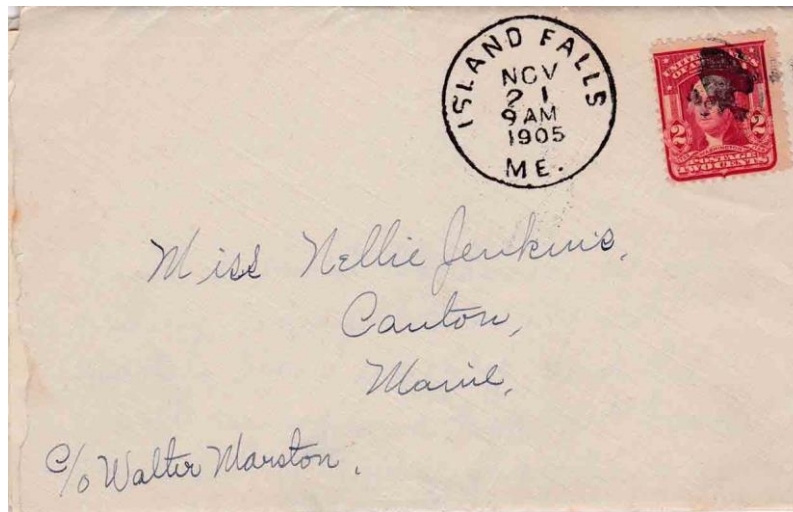


5 September 1894:

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

10 June 1901:

William W. Sewall became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.



21 November 1905:

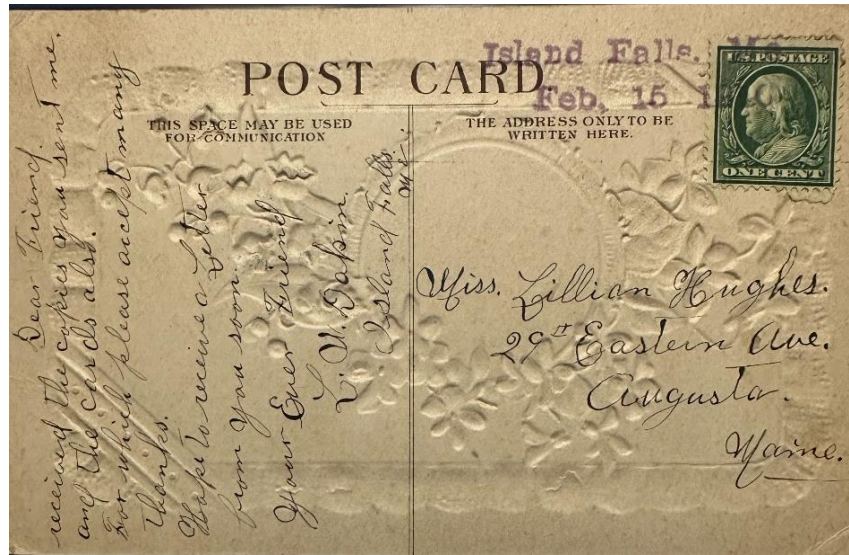
The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with a smudged killer.

31 January 1907:

George H. Dunham became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

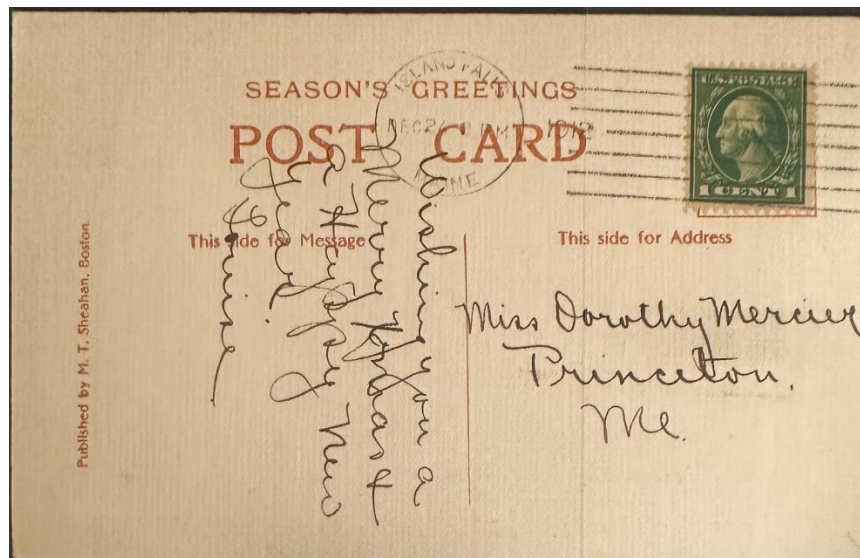
1 January 1907:

Island Falls becomes a presidential office.



15 February 1910:

The postmark is an R.F.D. cancel Richow type 3JA. A similar postmark dated 24 February 1910 is known.



24 December 1912:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter and has a Universal Machine Killer.

2 March 1915:

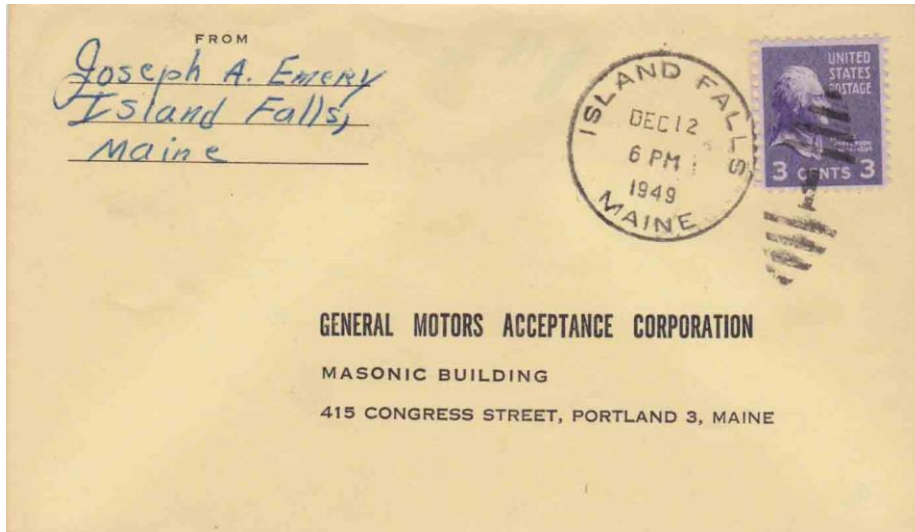
Wm. S. Hagar became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

12 May 1928:

Gustavies A. Young became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

17 June 1936:

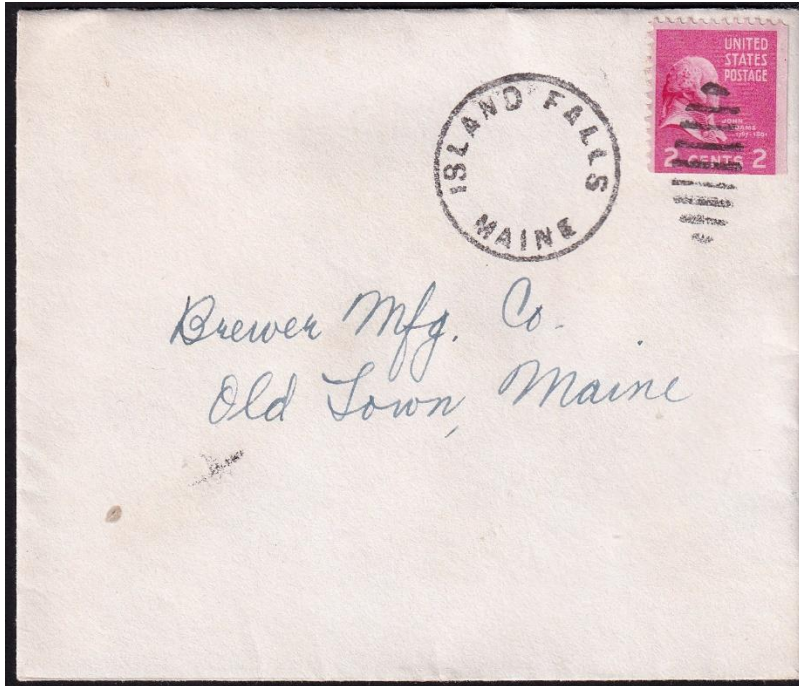
Eleric F. Michaud became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.



12 December 1949:  
The circular postmark is 30.5 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.



1 December 1951:  
The postmark is a rectangle box.



1 December 1953:

The circle postmark is 29 mm without a date (mute) with a nine-bar oval killer.

31 July 1970:

Waldo P. Gellerson Jr. became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

3 April 1971:

Waldo P. Gellerson Jr. became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

1 December 1976:

Theodore E. Hunt became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

9 April 1977:

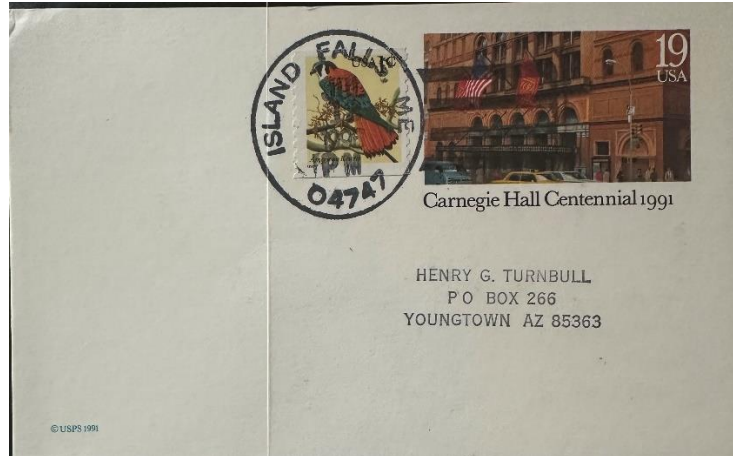
Theodore E. Hunt became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

27 December 1983:

Earlon D. Murphy became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

31 March 1984:

Frederick A. Anderson became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.



12 July 1996:

The oval postmark is 33 X 36.5 mm with a four-bar (B) killer.

30 October 2009:

Linda L. Sewell became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

30 June 2012:

Patrick M. House became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

25 October 2012:

Linda L. Sewell became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

9 February 2013:

Linda L. Sewell became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

31 March 2021:

Morgan Deane became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

27 October 2021:

Carol A. Dunphy became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

18 December 2021:

Samantha K. Miller became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

Date Unknown:

Carol A. Dunphy became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

6 May 2022:

Cheryl L. Morse became the Officer-in-Charge for the Island Falls Post Office.

18 June 2022:

Cheryl L. Morse became the Postmaster for the Island Falls Post Office.

2024:

Island Falls post office. 1009 Crystal Road; Island Falls, Maine 04747. Lat./Long.: N 46°00'32" x W 68°16'10"



2022:

Island Falls Post Office

2024:

Island Falls Post Office 04747 is still in operation.

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Sources:

The Post Offices of Maine 2022, Maine Philatelic Society:

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

Hersey (T5R5), Dyer Brook Plantation (T5R4), Crystal Plantation (T4R5) & Island Falls (T4R4)  
[map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/12/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/12/)

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>.