

# Lewiston Postal History

## Androscoggin County, Maine

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The Town of Lewiston was initially named Lewistown. It was incorporated as part of Lincoln County on February 18, 1795. It became part of Androscoggin County on 31 March 1854.

Researchers seeking primary source records for the post offices of Lewiston should be aware that records before 31 March 1854 may be found under Lincoln County.

During the history of what is now the City of Lewiston, there have been nine post offices.

Briefly, the history of these nine is as follows:

1. **Garcelon's Ferry** never opened.
2. **Lewiston** Post Office opened in 1795, closed on a date to be determined, re-opened on 16 September 1797, closed on a date to be determined, re-opened on 12 June 1799, and is still operating.
3. **Lewiston Sta. No. 1** opened on 8 July 1906 and closed on a date to be determined.
4. **Lewiston Sta. No. 2** opened on 8 July 1906 and closed on a date to be determined.
5. **Lewiston Sta. No. 3** opened on 8 July 1906 and closed on a date to be determined.
6. **Lewiston Sta. No. 4** opened on a date to be determined and closed in 1998.
7. **Lewiston Sta. No. 5** has an earliest known postmark of 14 January 1939 and closed on a date to be determined.
8. **South Lewiston** Post Office opened on 16 April 1867 and closed on 30 April 1909.
9. **South Lewiston Sx Lewiston** opened on 13 November 1962 and is still operating.

In 1891, there were only the Lewiston and South Lewiston Post Offices in operation within the City of Lewiston.



Extract from the 1891 Post Route Map of Maine.  
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Postmarks that collectors have provided from the town of Livermore Falls have been included and are highlighted in Blue.

Garcelon's Ferry

[Lewiston](#)

Lewiston Sta. No. 1

Lewiston Sta. No. 2

Lewiston Sta. No. 3

Lewiston Sta. No. 4

Lewiston Sta. No. 5

[South Lewiston](#)

[South Lewiston Station \(Sx\) Lewiston](#)

## **Garcelon's Ferry**

9 November 1885:

Garcelon's Ferry Post Office was established but never opened.

9 November 1885:

Orrin S. Libby became Postmaster for Garcelon's Ferry Post Office but never served.

21 April 1887:

Garcelon's Ferry Post Office is discontinued.

**Lewiston** Note: Early Post Office records spell it Lewistown. However, covers have yet to be found with that spelling.

1795:

Lewiston Post Office opened as part of Lincoln County.

Date?:

Lewiston Post Office closed.

16 September 1797:

Lewiston Post Office re-opened as Part of Lincoln County.

Date?:

Lewiston Post Office closed.

12 June 1799: (per Stets) 15 July 1799: (per postal records)

Lewiston post office re-opened as part of Lincoln County.

15 July 1799:

Daniel Read became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office. (for forty years)

9 September 1839:

William R. Frye became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

24 May 1842:

Mark Lowell became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

26 February 1846:

Nelson B. Reynolds became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



3 March 1848:

The double ring circular postmark has an outer circle of 31–32 mm in diameter and an inner diameter of 22–23 mm. ([notation](#); [letter](#))

26 February 1849:

John Smith became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

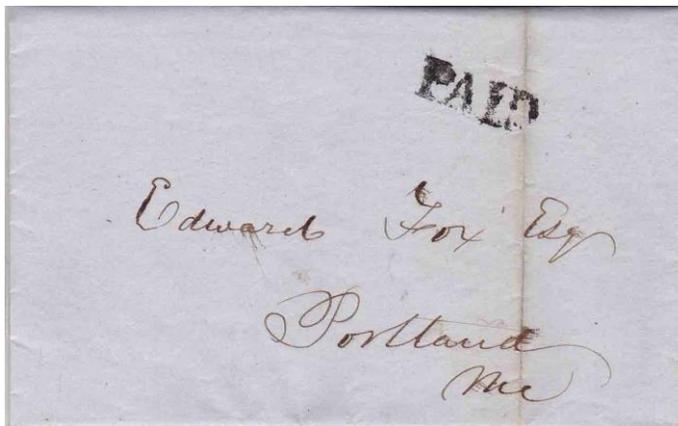


12 June 1849:

The circular postmark is 33–34 mm in diameter. ([letter](#))

15 June 1849:

Oliver Herrick became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



11 October 1849:

The date and origin of the letter are from the enclosed letter. ([notation](#); [letter](#))

26 June 1852:

John Herrick became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

30 March 1853:

William R. Frye became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Lewiston Post Office became part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

17 April 1861:

Joseph P. Fessenden became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



30 September 1867: [year determined from contents]

The circular postmark is approximately 24 mm in diameter with a geometric cork killer.

7 June 1870:

George A. Parker became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



17 July ?:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a cork killer.

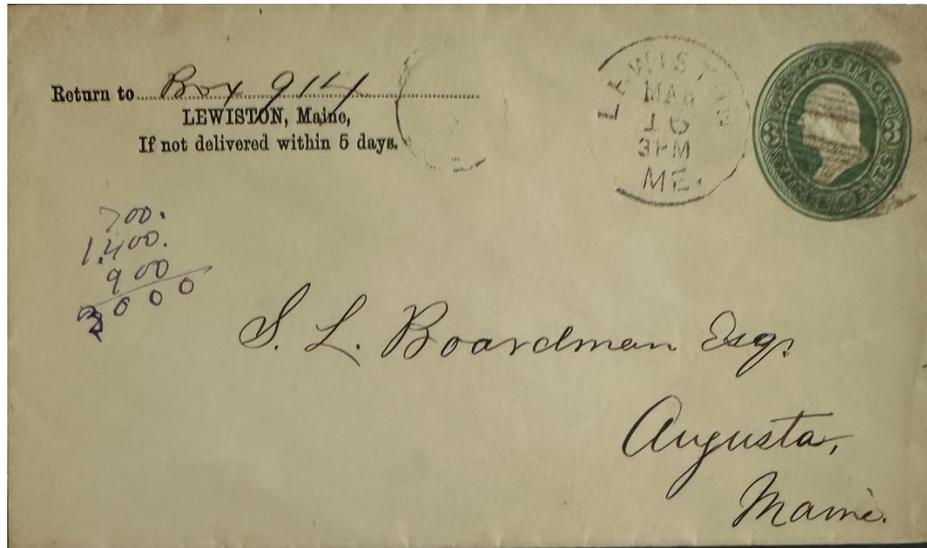


6 May 1873: [year determined from contents]

The circular postmark is 25–26 mm in diameter with a cork killer.

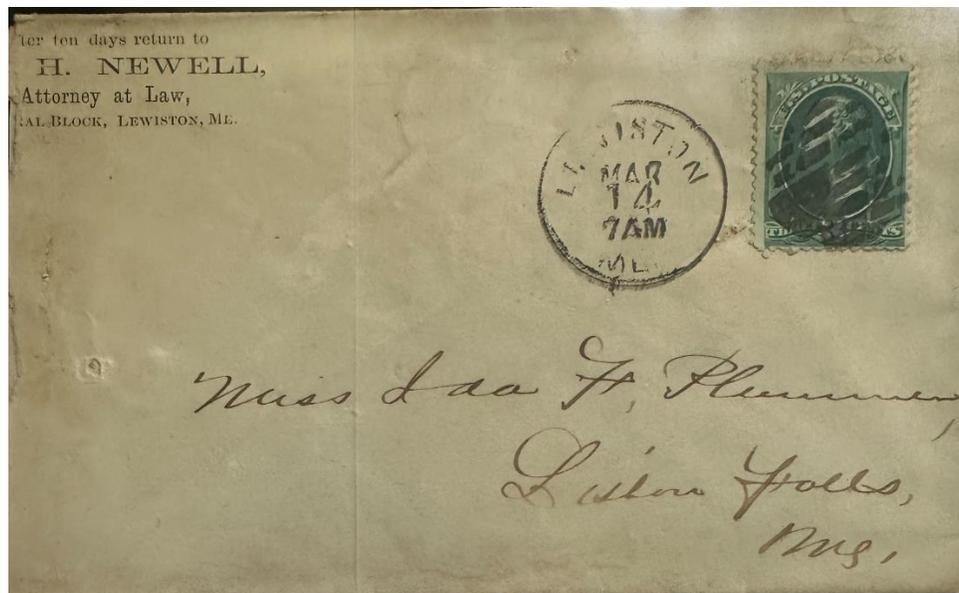
30 January 1879:

Horace C. Little became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



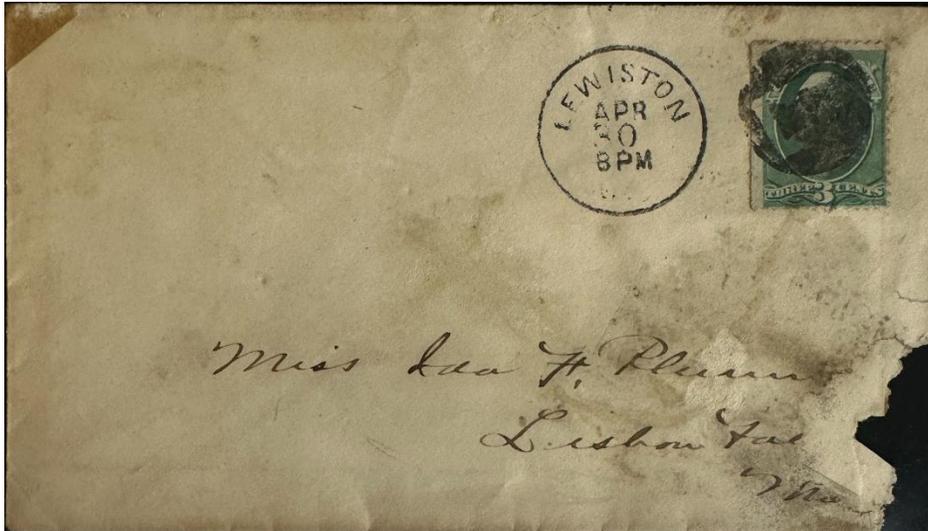
16 March circa 1880:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork oval made of thin straight diagonal lines killer.

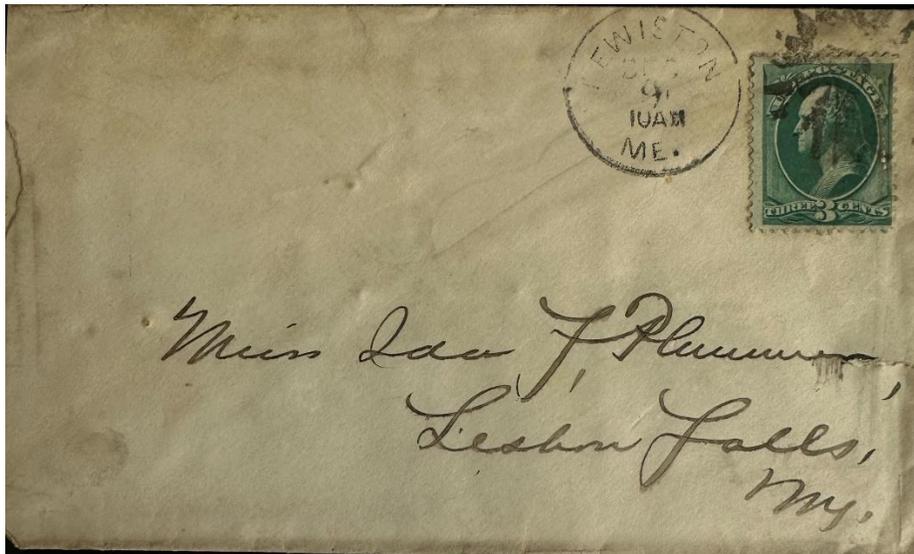


14 March circa 1881:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork oval made of thick straight diagonal lines killer.



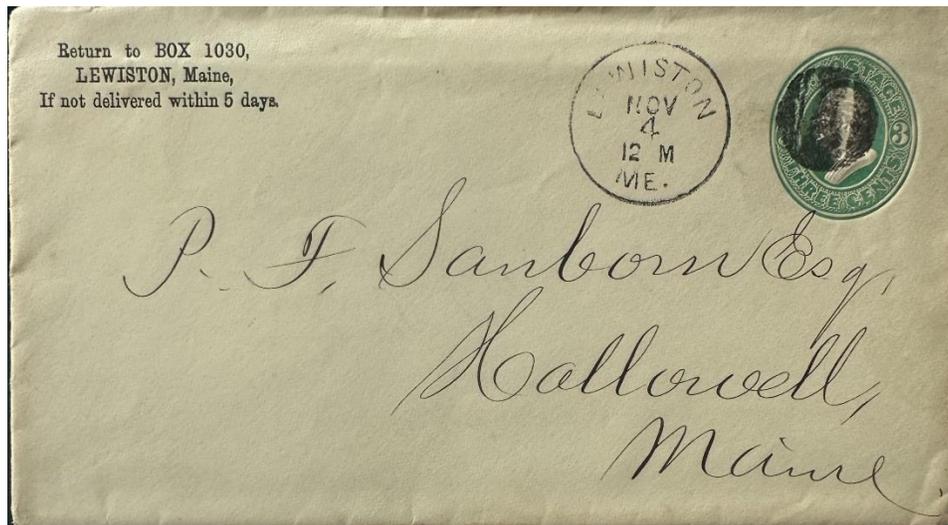
30 April circa 1881:  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork negative B killer.



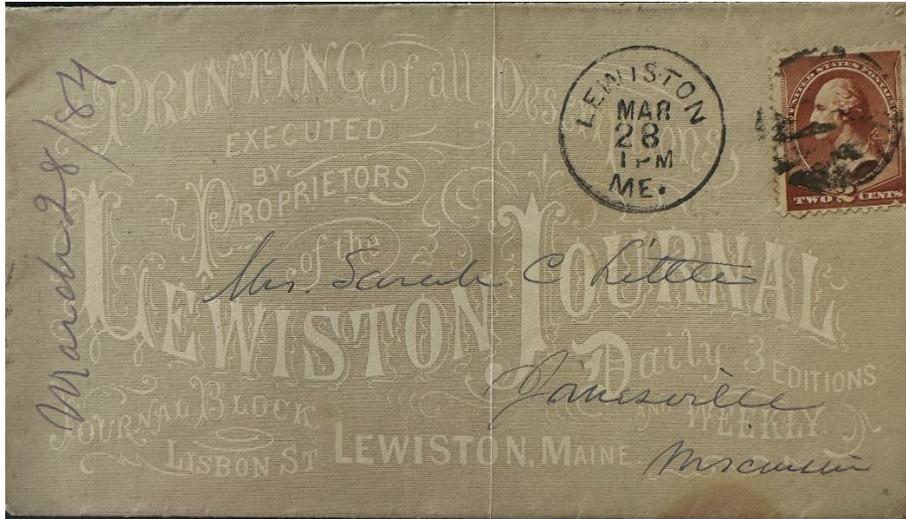
9 December circa 1881:  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy 'star burst' cork killer.



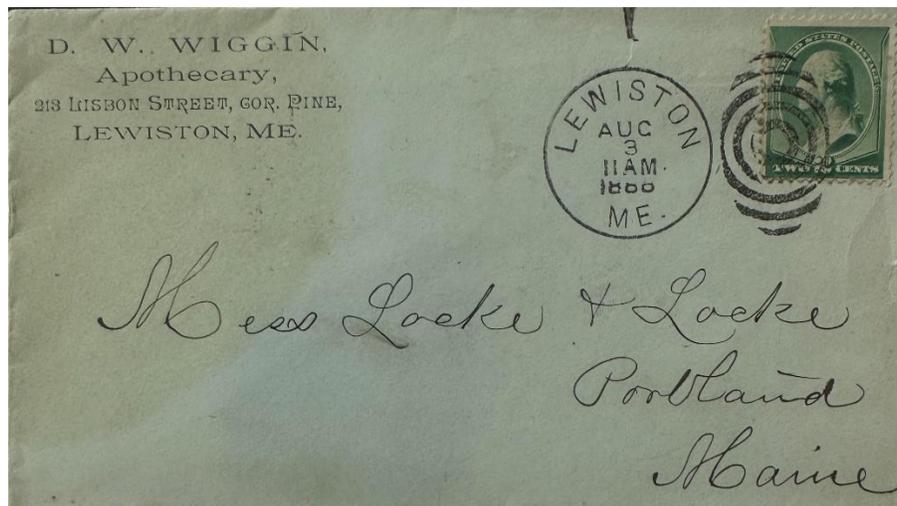
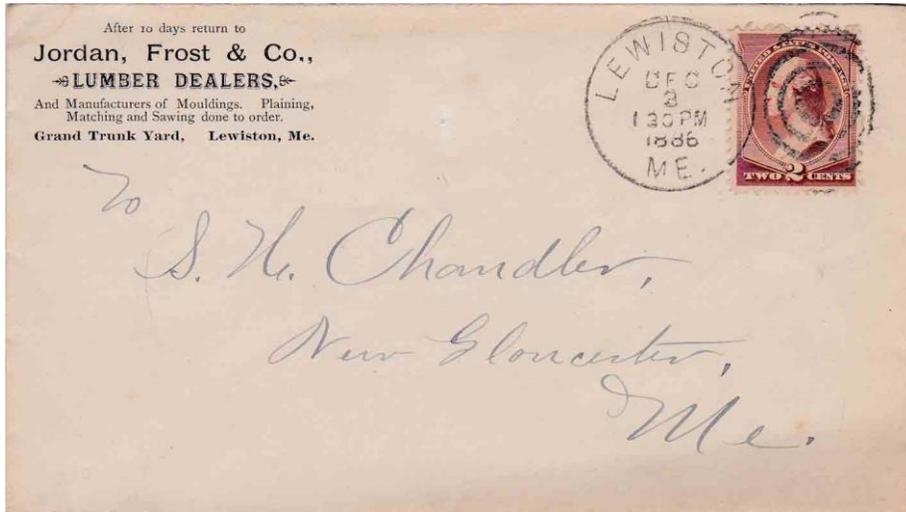
23 May 1882: (year confirmed by contents on the back of Postal Card)  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork-quartered circle killer.

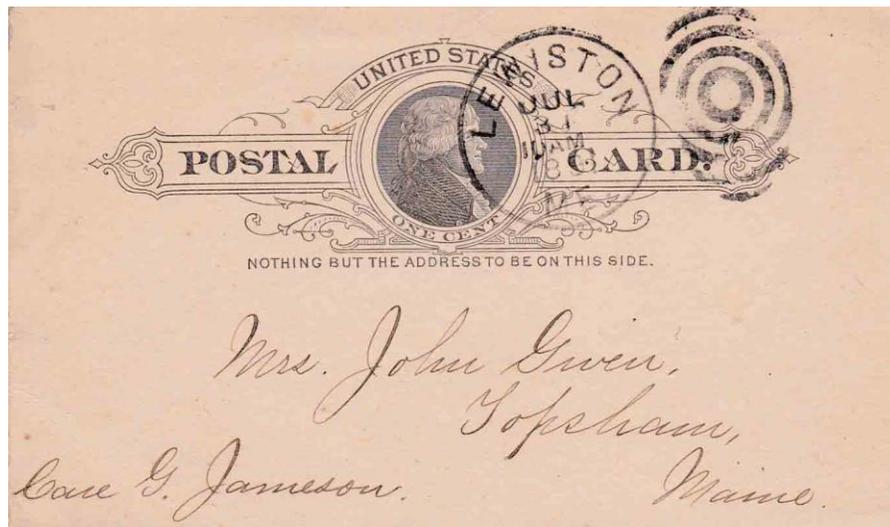


4 November 1882: (year confirmed by contents)  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork (possibly a negative H) killer.



28 March 1884: (year confirmed by a manuscript on the left)  
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a fancy cork killer.





3 December 1886 through 31 July 1891:

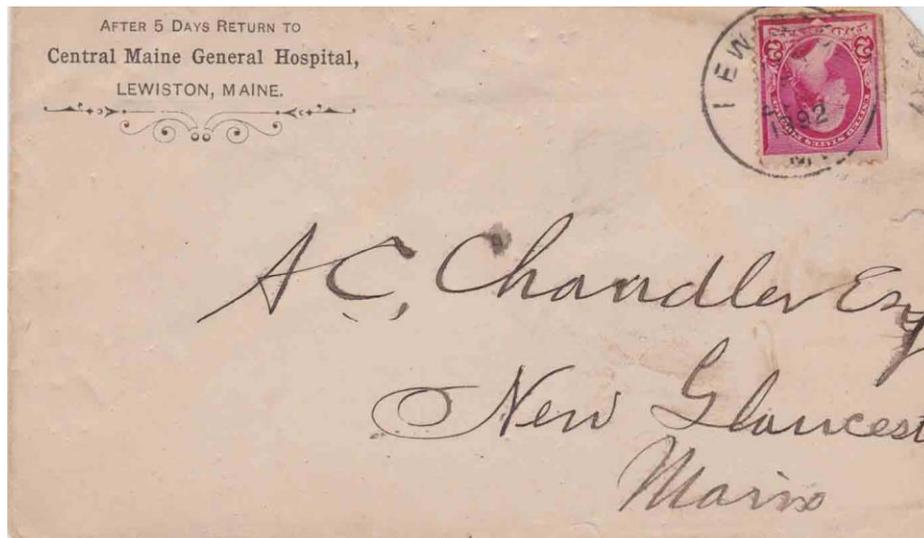
The circular postmark for these two covers is 28 mm in diameter with an elliptical target killer.  
(click on an image to enlarge)

26 February 1887:

Charles Walker became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

14 February 1891:

William T. Smart became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



5 January 1892:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter, with the postmark used as the killer.

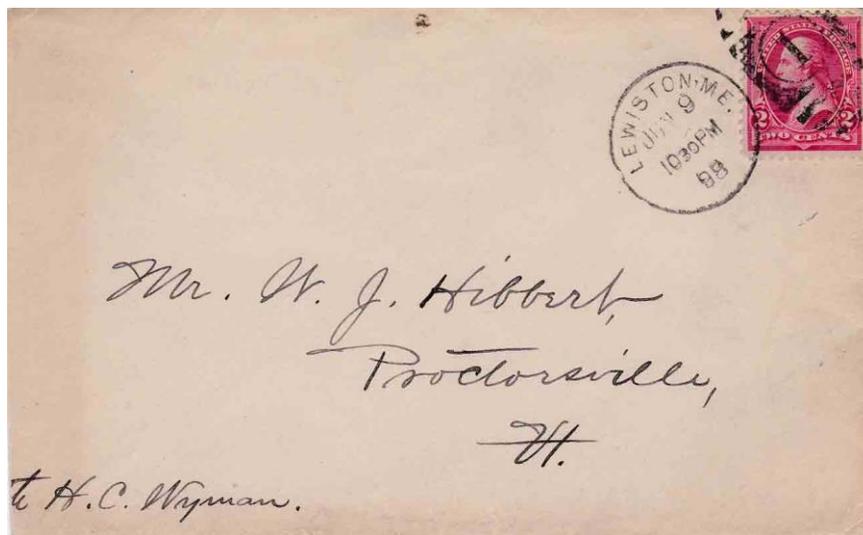


18 November 1893:

The circular postmark is 28–29 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

23 April 1895:

Charles Walker became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.





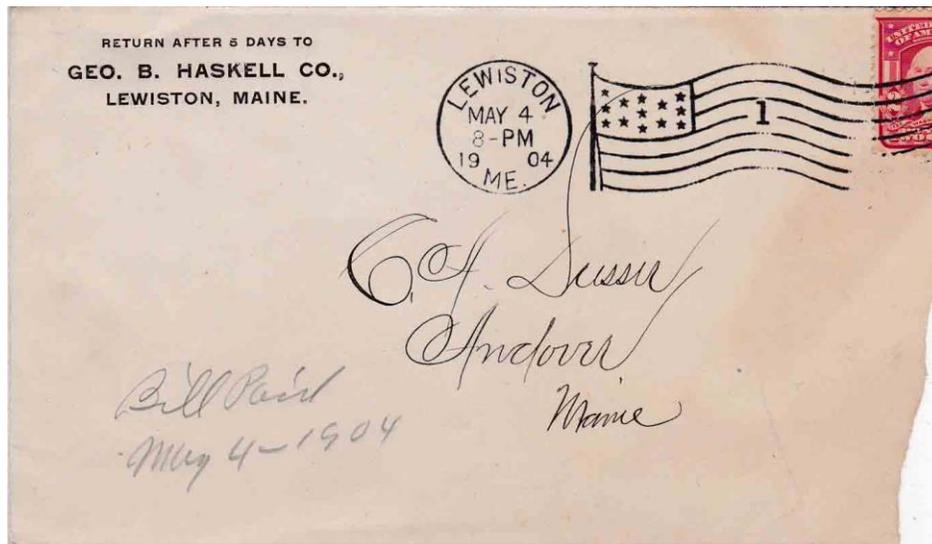
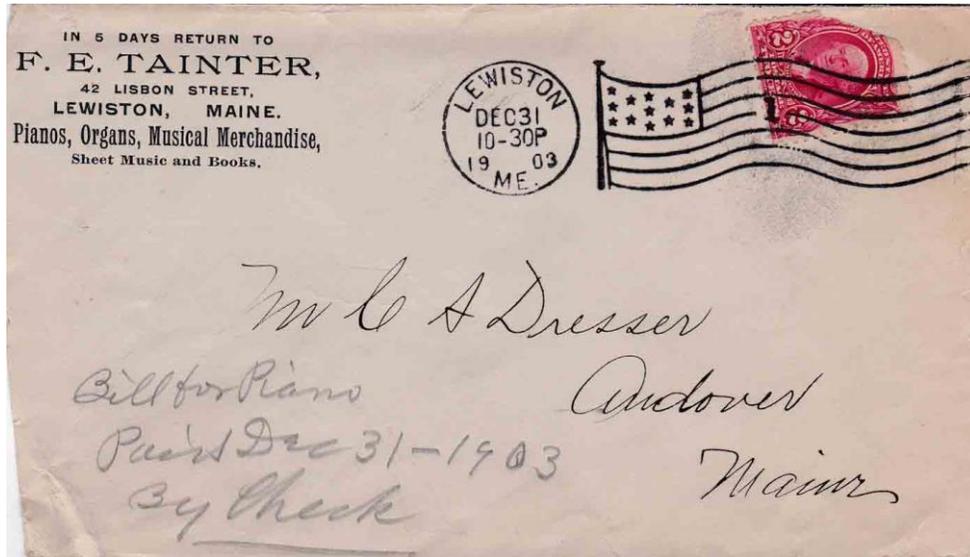
9 June 1898 through 9 November 1899:  
The circular postmark is 24–25 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer.  
(click on an image to enlarge)



9 April 1898:  
The circular postmark is 24–25 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/2 killer.

8 August 1898:

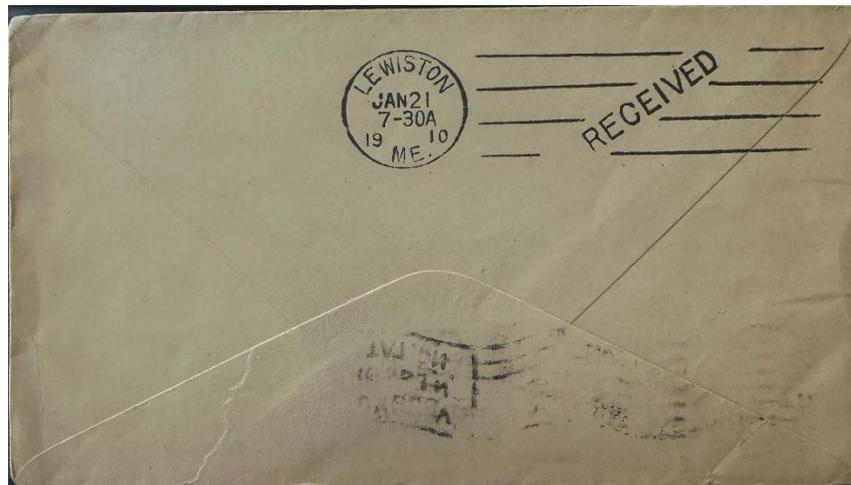
William T. Smart became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



23 June 1903 through 4 May 1906: ( a similar 1903 example is known)  
The circular postmark is approximately 22 mm in diameter with a flag/1 killer.  
(click on an image to enlarge)



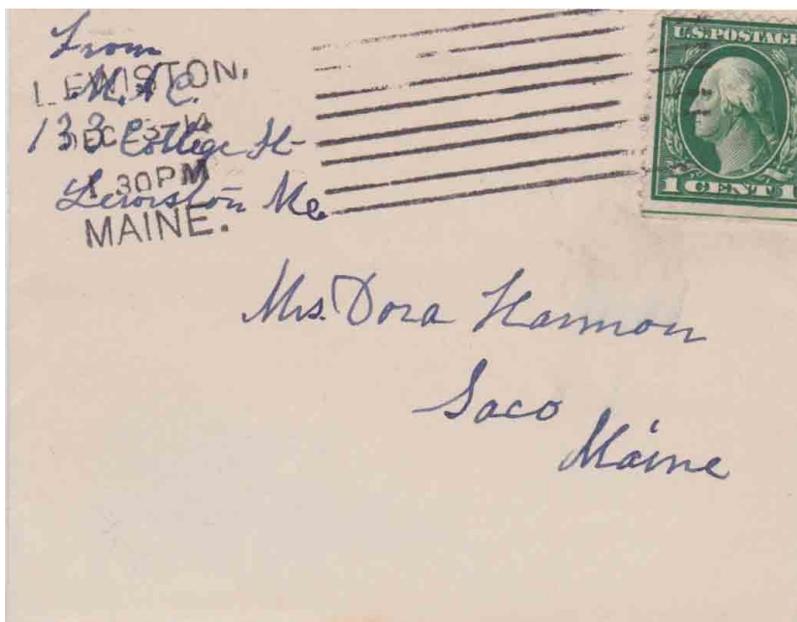
1 September 1907: (a similar 1906 example is known)  
The circular postmark is 22–23 mm in diameter with a flag killer.  
([image side of the card](#))



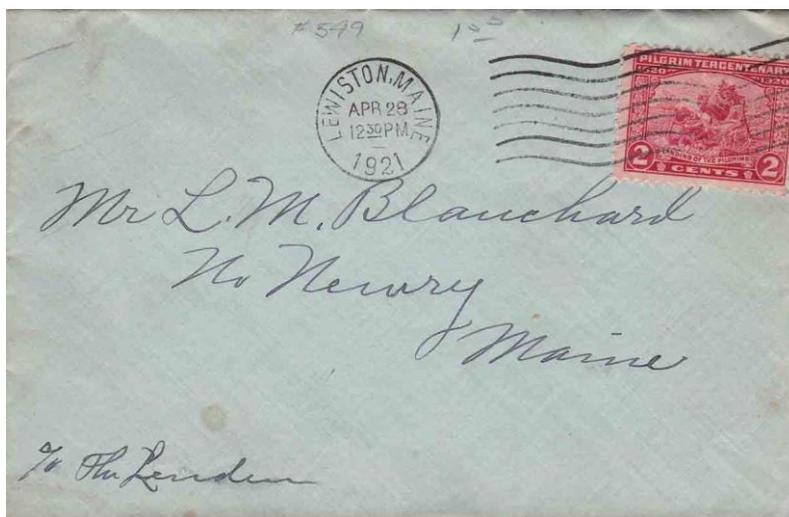
21 January 1910:  
The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a machine four straight line received killer.

10 July 1913:

Menander Dennett became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



1914 December 23: (another known example exists, dated 29 August 1917)  
A straight-line postmark with eight straight lines as the killer.



18 April 1921:  
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with an international machine killer.

17 October 1921:

Ralph T. Rowe became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

29 March 1926:

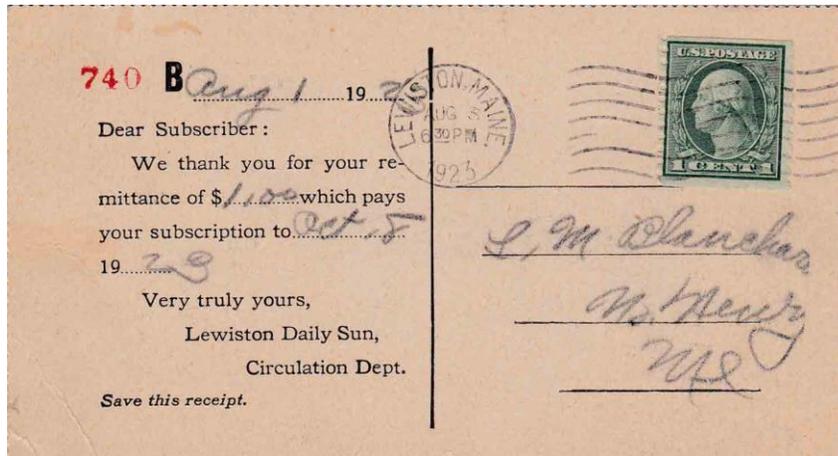
William C. Bryant became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

24 March 1929:

Ralph T. Rowe became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

20 November 1929:

Joseph Otto Fisher became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



3 August 1923:

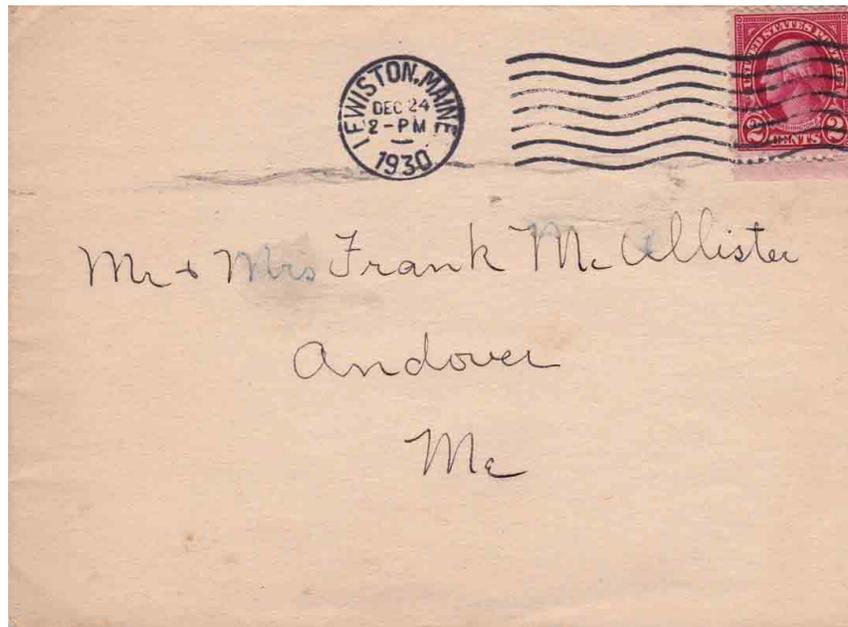
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with an international machine killer.

10 August 1932:

Ralph T. Rowe became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

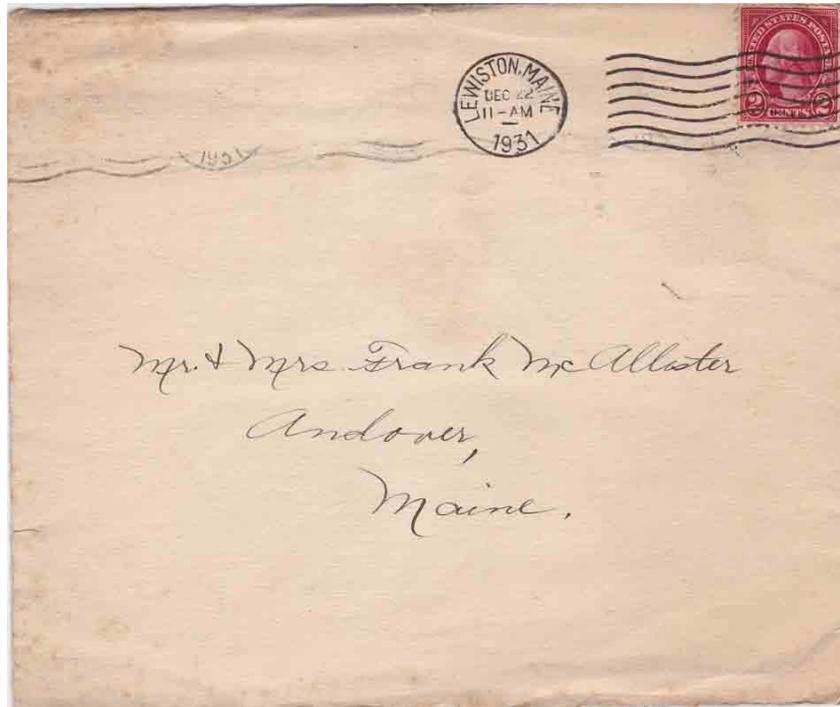
14 October 1932:

Ralph T. Rowe became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.



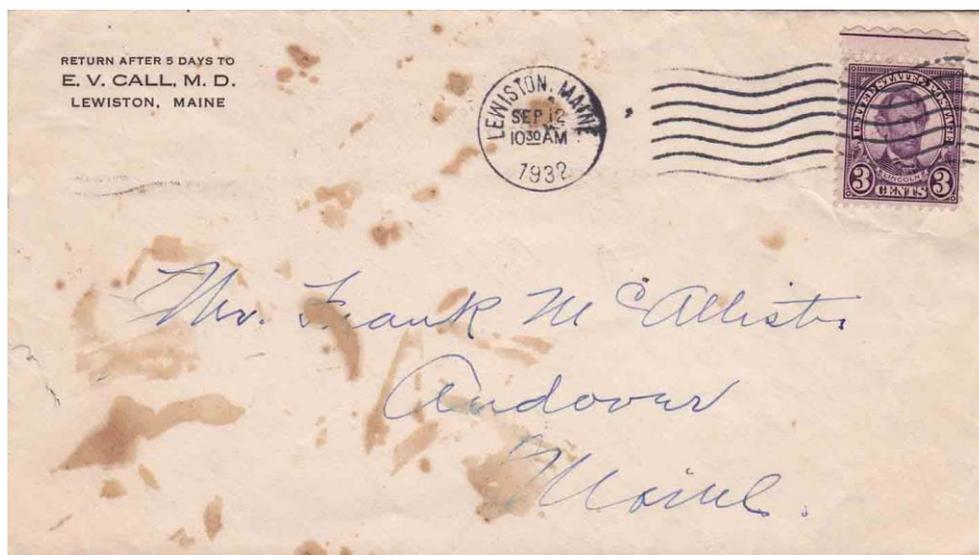
24 December 1930:

The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter.



22 December 1931:

The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.



12 September 1932:

The circular postmark is 20-21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.



23 December 1932

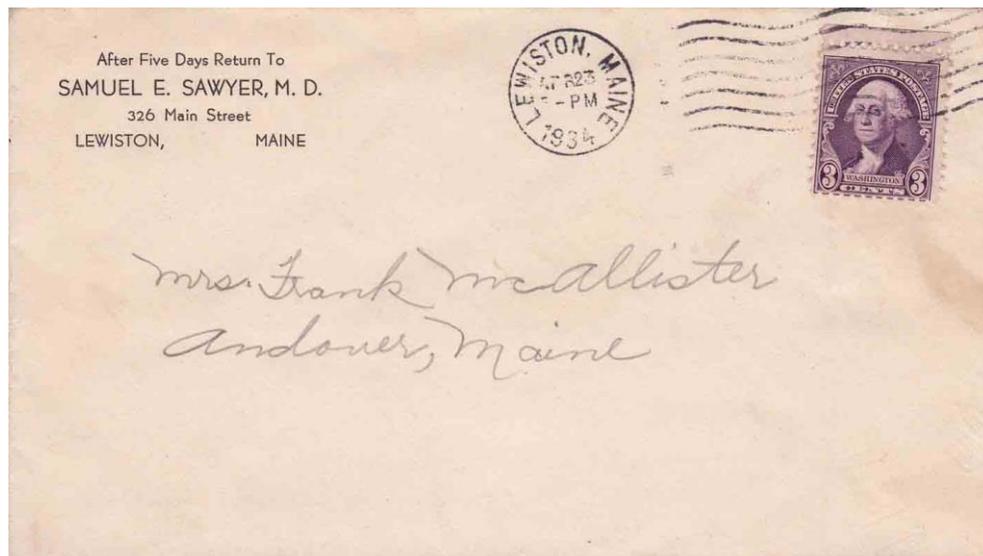
The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.  
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29 March 1933:

Charles P. Lemaire became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

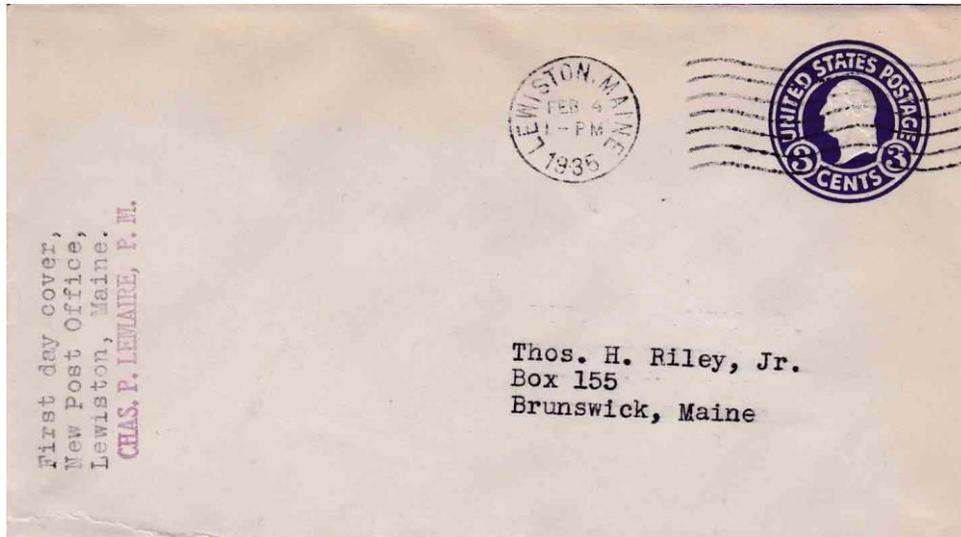
30 January 1934:

Charles P. Lemaire became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

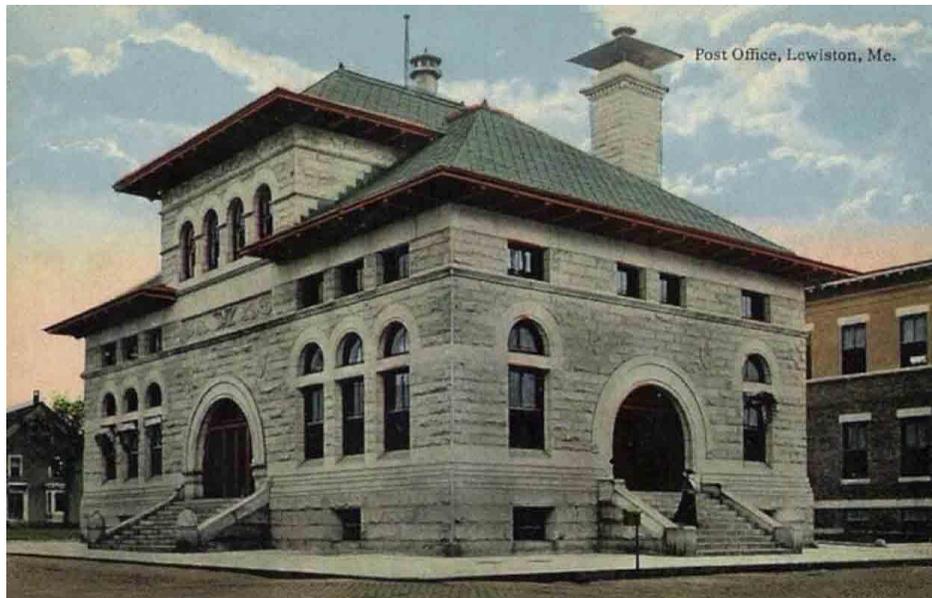


23 April 1934:

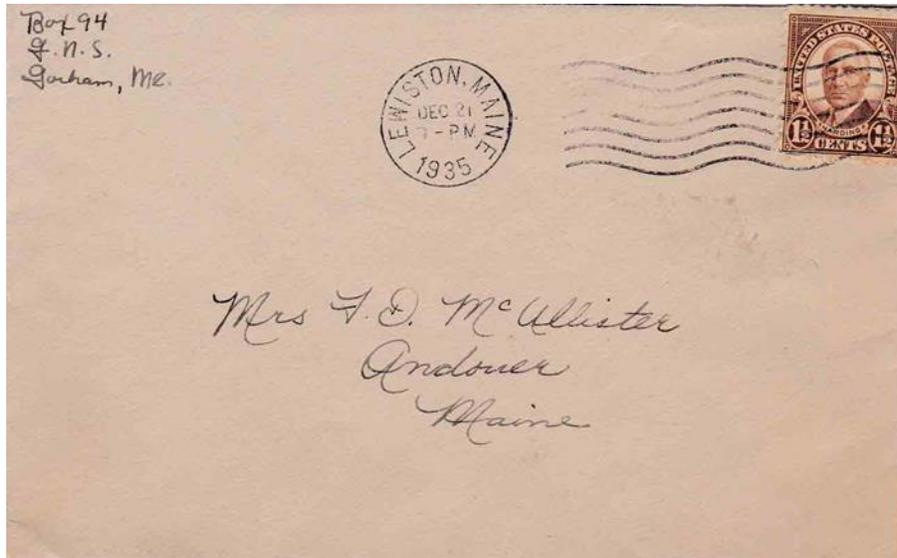
The circular postmark is 20-21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.



4 February 1935:  
First day at the new post office. The circular postmark is 30–32 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.



Lewiston Post Office  
Date Unknown



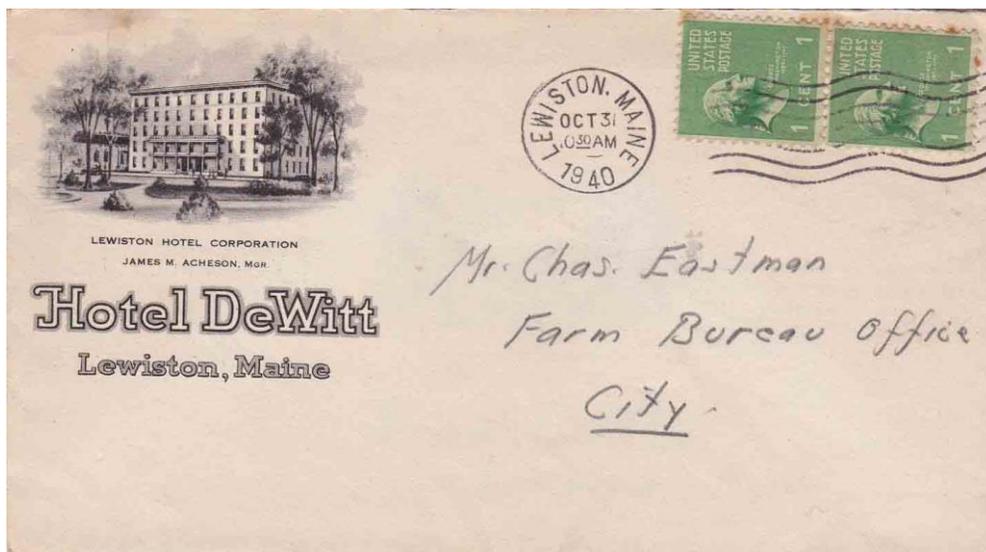
21 December 1935:

The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer.

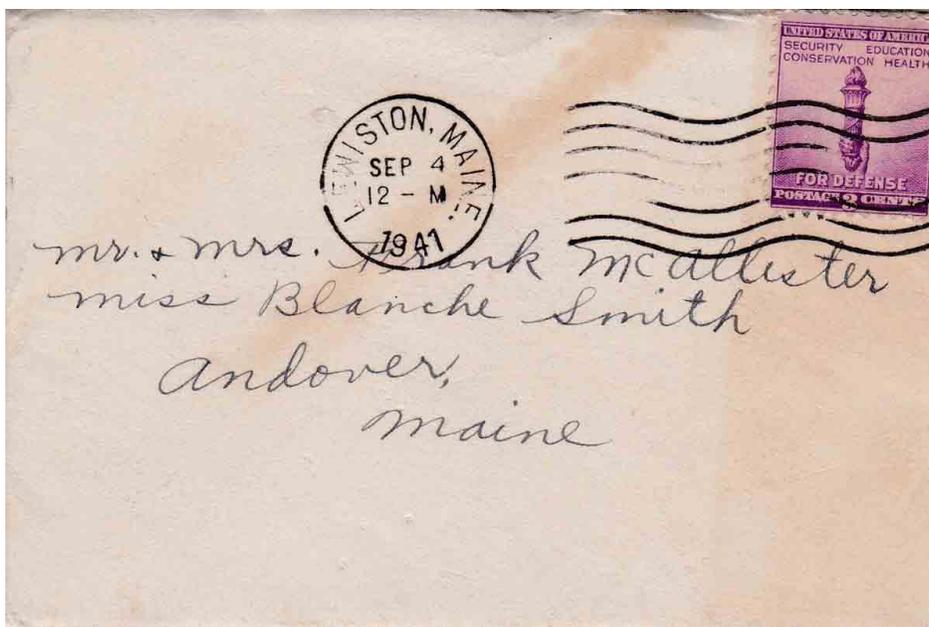


4 December 1939:

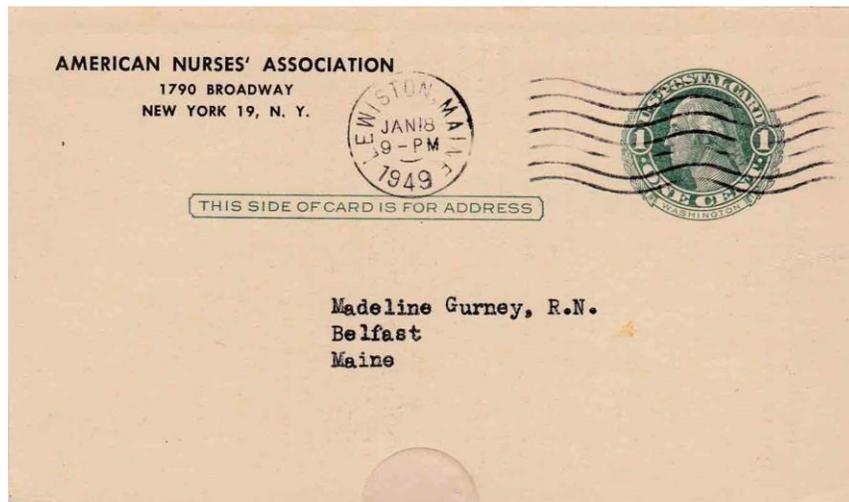
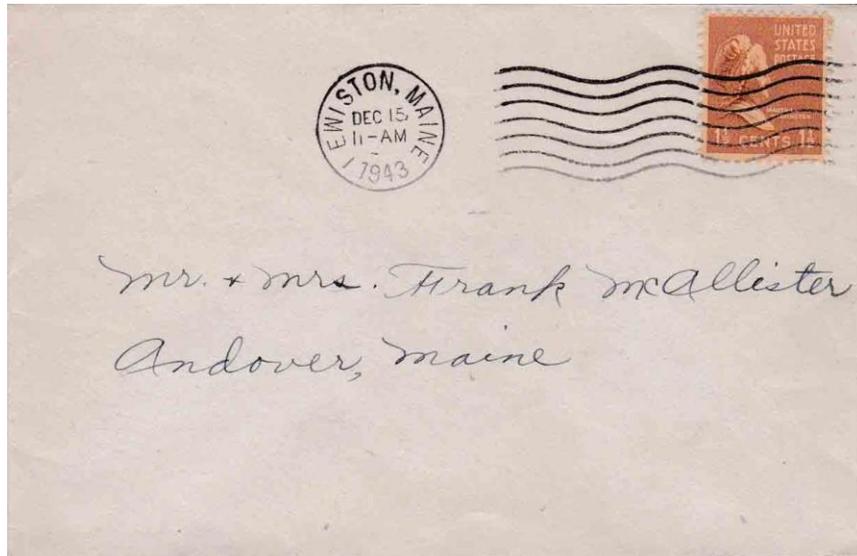
The circular postmark is approximately 30 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex/1 killer and a Postmaster's signature.



31 October 1940:  
The circular postmark is approximately 21 mm in diameter with a machine killer.



4 September 1941:  
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a machine killer.



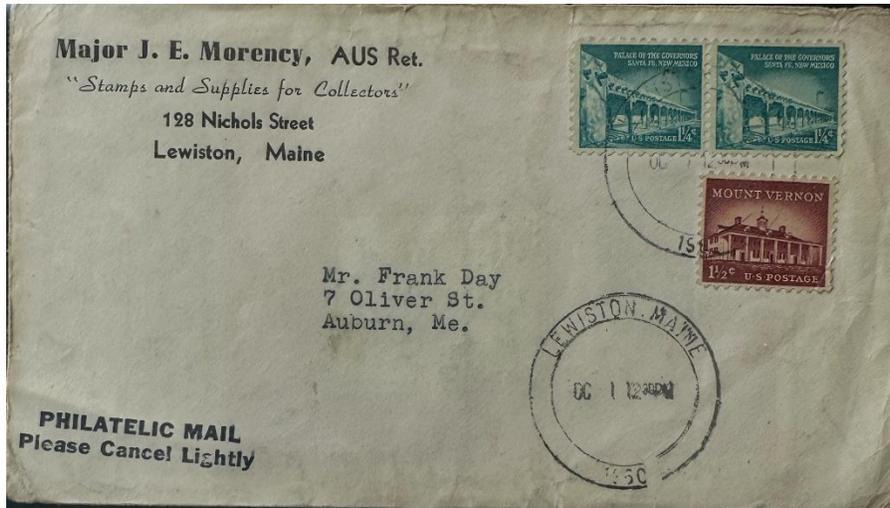
15 December 1943 through 18 January 1949:  
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with an international machine killer.  
(click on an image to enlarge)

10 December 1956:

Ronaldo E. Cailler became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

31 August 1959:

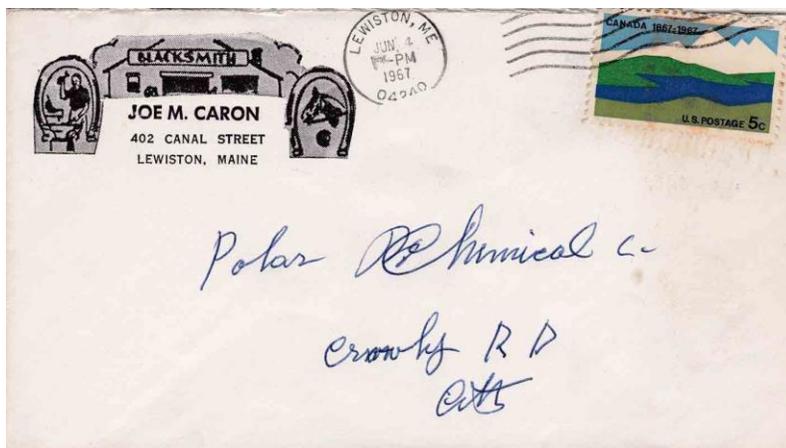
Joseph H. Albert became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

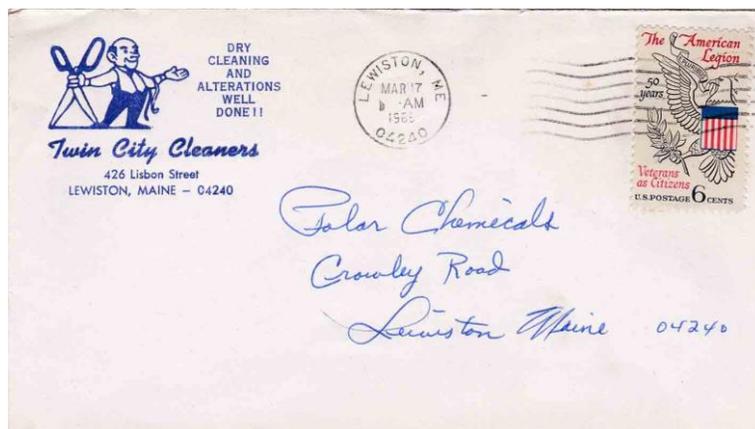


1 October 1950:  
The double-ring circular postmark has an outer diameter of 35 mm and an inner diameter of 27 mm, with the CDS used as a killer.



31 March 1964:  
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a local slogan killer.





1 June 1967 through 17 March 1969:  
The circular postmark is 20–21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line international machine killer. (Click on an image to enlarge)

24 October 1974:

Patrick L. Faucher became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

20 April 1979:

Victor W. Martin became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

16 June 1979:

Ronald A. Metayer became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

1 October 1992:

Victor W. Martin became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

20 February 1993:

Roger J. Nadeau became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

3 April 1997:

Daniel J. Perry became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

17 January 1998:

Ronald M. Landry became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

21 May 2003:

Theodore L. Bell became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

21 February 2004:

David E. St. Andre became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

31 December 2009:

Kathleen L. Walker became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

2 November 2010:

Eric Parmenter became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

3 August 2011:

Brian Carrier became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

7 August 2012:

James H. Thornton Jr. became Acting Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

6 October 2012:

James H. Thornton Jr. became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

10 September 2013:

James Fitzsimmons became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

17 November 2014:

Jason Lyon became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

18 April 2015:

Donald B. Mendell III became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

16 December 1916:

Brian Vye became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

18 March 2017:

Brian Vye became Postmaster for Lewiston Post Office.

23 June 2021:

William Slyvain II became Officer-in-Charge for Lewiston Post Office.

4 December 2021:

Michael E. Wonderly



Lewiston Post Office 2022

2023:

The Lewiston Post Office is still in operation.

**Lewiston Falls:** (See Auburn) (Although named Lewiston, Lewiston Falls was never in Lewiston but was in Auburn)

**Lewiston Junction:** (See Auburn) (Although named Lewiston, Lewiston Junction was never in Lewiston but was in Auburn)

### **Lewiston Station No. 1**

8 July 1906:

Lewiston Station No. 1 opened. Located at Bates and Main Street, Clark's Drug Store, 243 Main St.

1939:

Lewiston Station No. 1 closed.

### **Lewiston Station No. 2**

8 July 1906:

Lewiston Station No. 2 opened. It was located at Chestnut & Lincoln Streets and Main & Lincoln Streets.

30 June 1916:

Lewiston Station No. 2 closed.

1 July 1917:

Lewiston Station No. 2 reopened at 70 Lincoln St. 500, 400 Lisbon St.

30 April 1934:

Lewiston Station No. 2 closed.

1941:

Lewiston Station No. 2 reopened.

1941:

Lewiston Station No. 2 closed.

### **Lewiston Station No. 3**

8 July 1906:

Lewiston Station No. 3 opened at Bartlett & Walnut Streets.

30 September 1956:

Lewiston Station No. 3 closed.

### **Lewiston Station No. 4**

1906:

Lewiston Station No. 4 opens.

15 September 1911:

Lewiston Station No. 4 closed.

1 July 1913:

Lewiston Station No. 4 reopened.

31 March 1915:

Lewiston Station No. 4 closed.

1 July 1916:

Lewiston Station No. 4 reopened at 143 College Street, Bates College

1998:

Lewiston Station No. 5 closed.

### **Lewiston Station No. 5**

1 October 1913:

Lewiston Station No. 5 opened at 6 Lisbon St. College & Sabattus Streets, 207 Lincoln Street.

30 September 1956:  
Lewiston Station No. 5 closed.

### **Lewiston Station No. 5**

1 February 1921:  
Lewiston Station No. 5 opened at 61 College Street.

28 February 1934:  
Lewiston Station No. 5 closed.

Note: Lewiston Falls and Lewiston Junction – see Auburn.

### **South Lewiston**

16 September 1867:  
South Lewiston Post Office opened.

16 September 1867:  
Joseph Daniels became Postmaster for South Lewiston Post Office.

27 August 1874:  
Benjamin F. Morrell became Postmaster for South Lewiston Post Office.

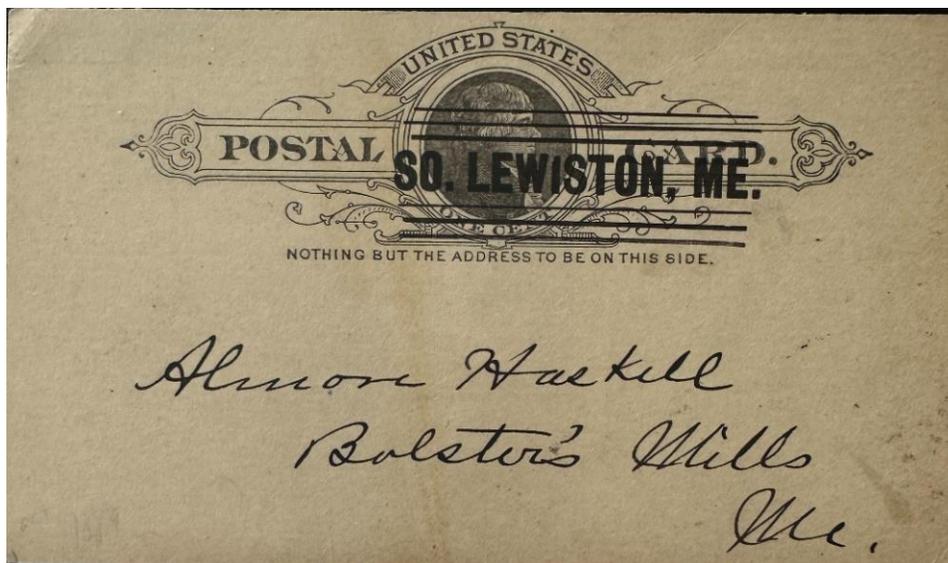
12 June 1877:  
Albert B. Clark became Postmaster for South Lewiston Post Office.

26 July 1880:  
Andrew J. Hinkley became Postmaster for South Lewiston Post Office.

26 September 1882:  
Henry W. Knowles became Postmaster for South Lewiston Post Office.

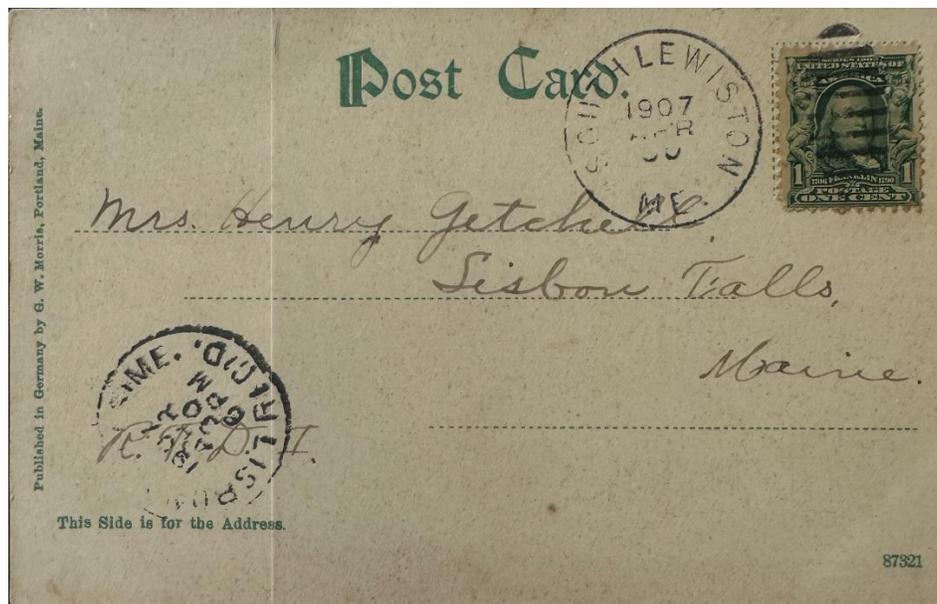


15 June 1887: (Date confirmed by contents on the back of the Postal Card)  
Straight line postmark with no upper or lower lines.



22 October 1889: (Date confirmed by contents on the back of the Postal Card)  
A precanceled straight line postmark with upper and lower lines.

This is a scare card with the city and state between six lines. Most South Lewiston cards have the city and State between eight lines. See the US catalog of Precanceled Postal Cards, page 3.



30 April 1907:

The circular date stamp is 28.5 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer.

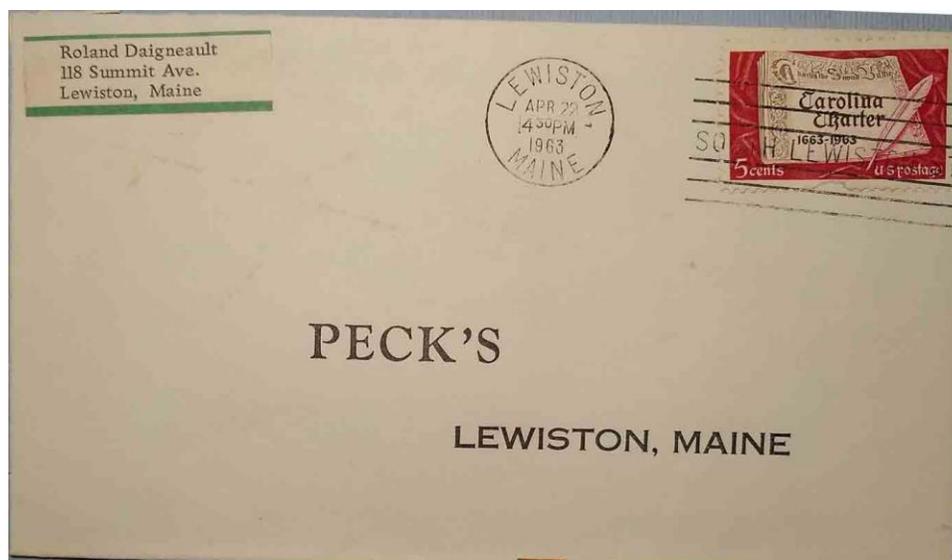
30 April 1909:

South Lewiston post office closed.

### South Lewiston Sx Lewiston

13 November 1962:

South Lewiston Sx Lewiston post office opened.



22 April 1963:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a machine killer.



2017 July 16

2023:

South Lewiston Sx Lewiston post office is still in operation.

### **Credits:**

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[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_androscoggin\\_1873/21/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/21/)

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