

Limestone Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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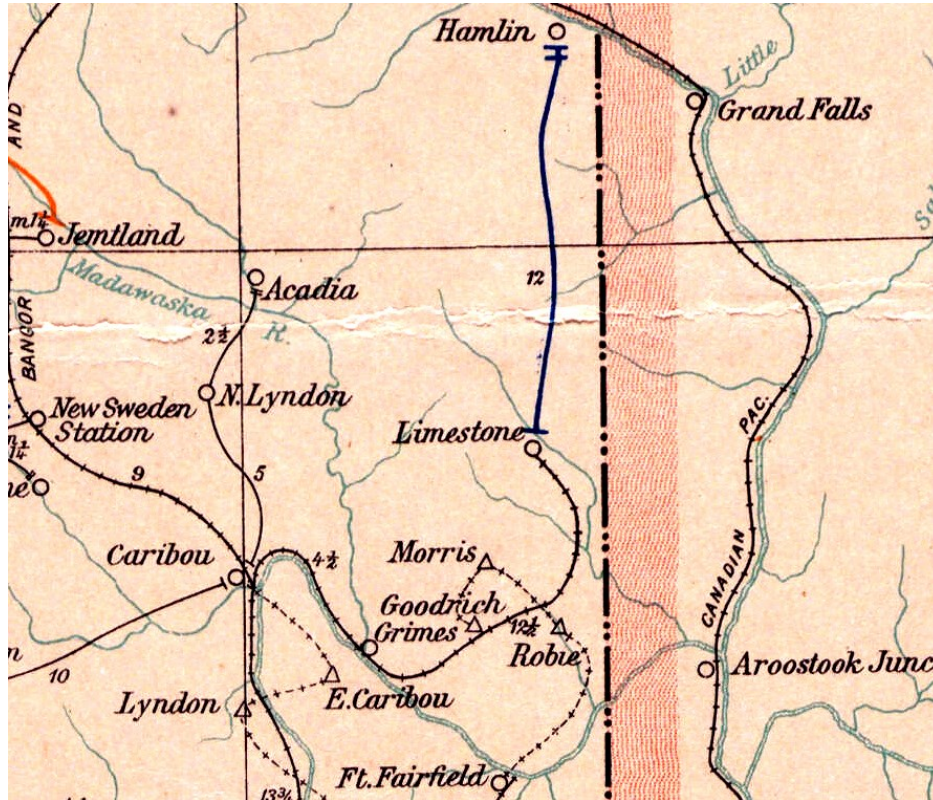
Limestone was incorporated as a town on February 26, 1869, from Limestone Plantation, formally organized in 1855 from the township E R1 WELS.

During the history of the town of Limestone, there have been six post offices.

Briefly, the history of these four is as follows:

1. Limestone post office opened on 21 December 1858, closed on 3 April 1866, re-opened on 21 March 1870, and is still operating.
2. Limestone Air Base Sx Limestone opened on 1 February 1953 and closed on 31 October 1954, becoming Loring Air Base Sx Limestone.
3. Loring Air Base Sx Limestone opened on 1 November 1954 and closed on 31 December 1955, becoming Loring Air Force Base Sx Limestone.
4. Loring Air Force Base Sx Limestone opened on 1 January 1956 and closed on 20 September 1994.
5. Limestone River post office operated from 16 August 1849 to 30 April 1853.
6. Morris Post Office opened on 4 April 1898 and closed on 14 September 1903.

In 1903, there were two post offices in Limestone: Limestone and Morris.



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Post Offices from Limestone are listed below. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from the towns/villages associated with Limestone for this project have been included and are highlighted in blue.

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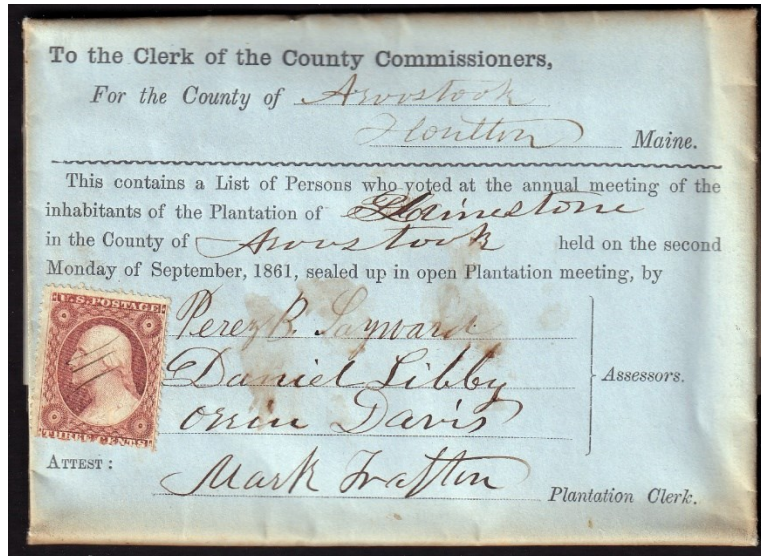
Limestone

21 December 1858:

Limestone Post Office opened.

21 December 1858:

Mark Trafton became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.



9 September 1861:
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19 December 1861:

Charles Stetson became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

24 December 1862:

Daniel Libby became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

3 April 1866:

The limestone post office is closed.

21 March 1870:

Limestone post office re-opened.

21 March 1870:

Edward F. Jones became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

15 June 1874:

Daniel Libby became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

10 December 1883:

Chester W. Johnson became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

27 October 1884:

Nelson Getchell became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

13 November 1885:

Perez B. Sayward became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

30 March 1887:

Sophia Sayward became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

3 October 1888:

Lorenzo G. Morris became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

13 February 1890:

Roscoe B. Leavitt became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

26 January 1894:

Lorenzo G. Morris became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

9 June 1896:

Ida M. Libby became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

30 November 1897:

Decatur A. Getchell became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.



5 July 1899:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a cork circle killer.

1 July 1904:

Charles A. Perry became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

23 November 1911:

Ida E. Hatch became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

7 March 1922:

Harold S. Chase became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

26 May 1925:

Edna G. Chase became the Acting Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

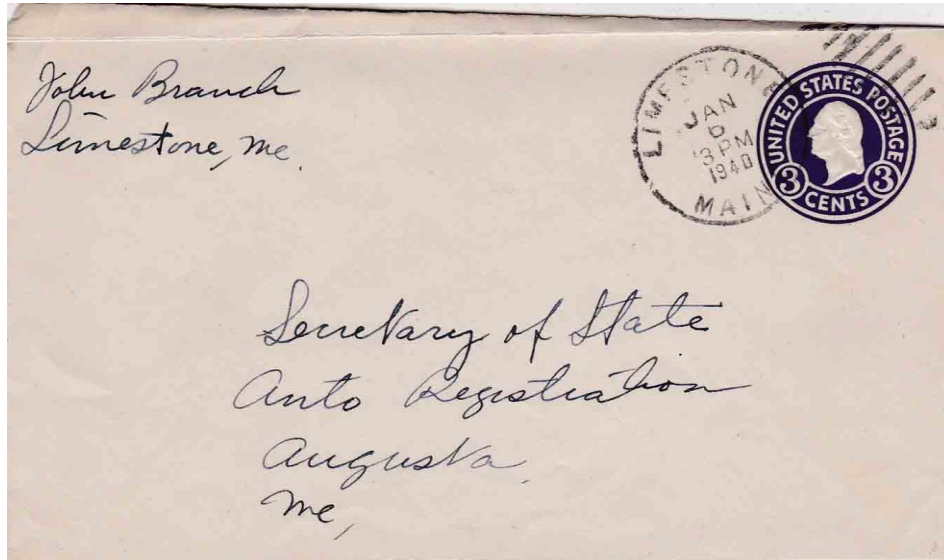
14 December 1925:

Edna G. Chase became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

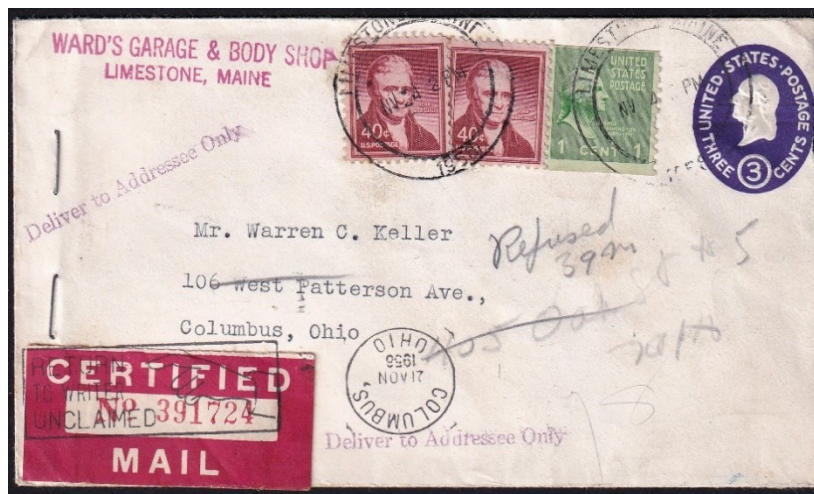


13 October 1930:

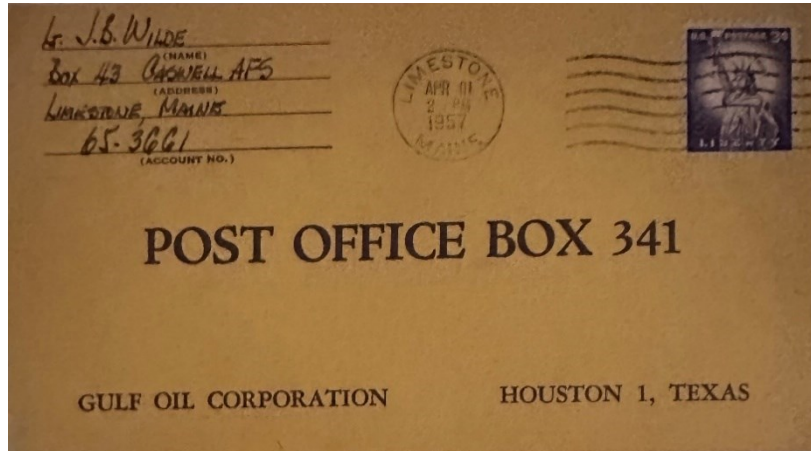
The double-ring circular postmark has a 30 mm outside diameter.



6 January 1940:
The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with an elliptical nine-bar duplex killer.



4 November 1956:
The double-ring circular postmark has an outer diameter of 36 mm, with the postmark used as a killer.



2 April 1957:

The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter with a six-wavy line machine killer.

01 April 1961:

Joseph B. Anderson became the Acting Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

29 September 1965:

Alvin G. Spicer became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

28 August 1970:

James L. Ballard became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

3 April 1971:

James L. Ballard became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

1 June 1989:

Manzer Belanger Jr. became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

12 September 1989:

Leland J. Bemis became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

21 October 1989:

Lloyd G. McLaughlin became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

6 January 1996:

Theodore L. Bell became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

30 July 1996:

Michael L. Jenkins became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

4 January 1997:

Clifford J. Pelletier became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

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4 December 1999:

Clifford J. Pelletier became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

28 April 2005:

Jayne Shaw became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

1 October 2005:

Daniel L. Durepo became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

5 May 2012:

Linda M. Harvey became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

7 June 2013:

Shawn M. Rogers became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

21 October 2013:

Therron Nichols became the Officer-in-Charge for the Limestone Post Office.

18 October 2014:

Arthur L. Vick became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

3 August 2019:

Lisa L. Cantafio became the Postmaster for Limestone Post Office.

Today:

The Limestone Post Office, 29 Main Street, Limestone, ME 04750, is still operating. GPS 46° 54' 38" N 67° 49' 33" W.



The Limestone Post Office Circa 2022

Limestone Air Base Sx Limestone

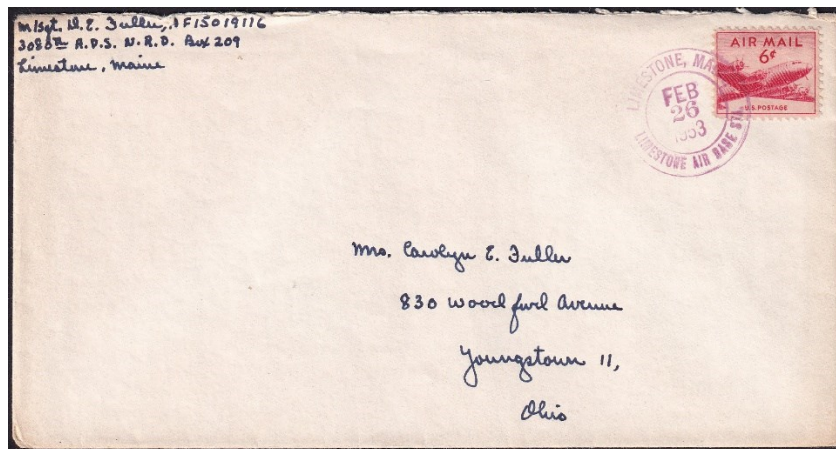
1 February 1953:

Limestone Air Base Station Limestone Post Office opened.



26 July 1954:

The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a box slogan "Air Force Base Sta." killer.



26 February 1953:

The double-ring circular postmark out ring is 30 in diameter, with the CDS used as a killer.

31 October 1954:

Limestone Air Base Station Limestone Post Office closed.

Loring Air Base Sx Limestone

1 November 1954:

Loring Air Base Station Limestone Post Office opened.

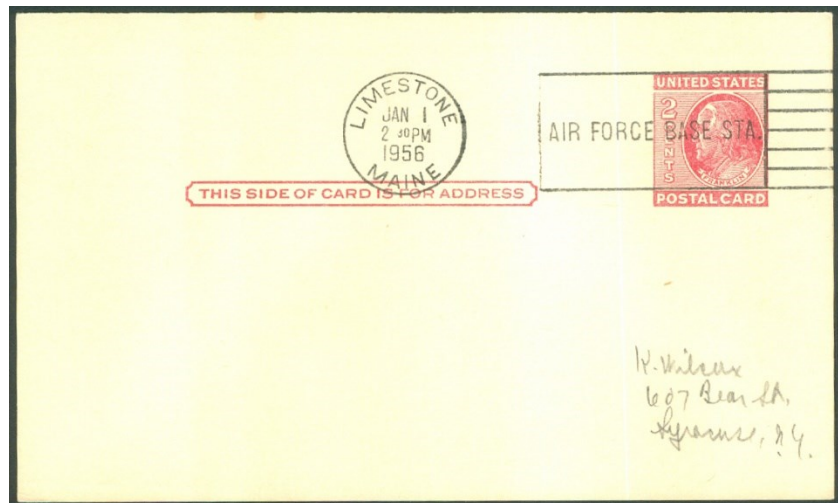
31 December 1955:

Loring Air Base Station Limestone Post Office closed.

Loring Air Force Base Sx Limestone

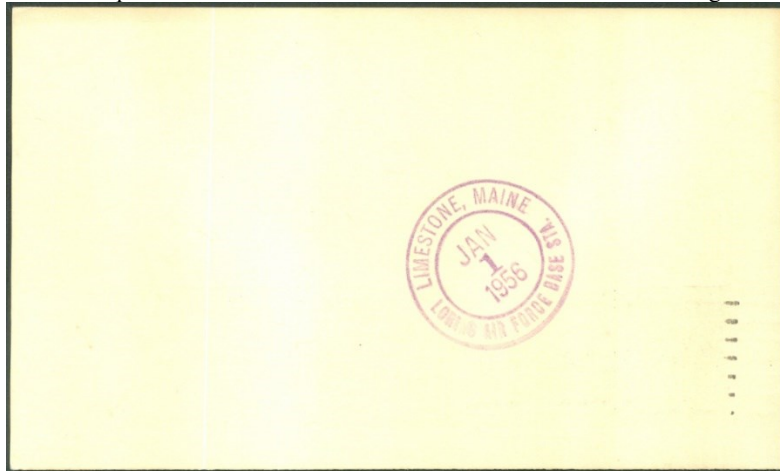
1 January 1956:

Loring Air Force Base Sx Limestone Post Office opened.



1 January 1956:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with a box and seven lines slogan killer.



1 January 1956:

The double-ringed circular postmark out ring has a diameter of 30 mm.



3 June 1979:

The double-ringed circular postmark has an outside diameter of 30 mm, with the CDS used as a killer.

20 September 1994:

Loring Air Force Base Sx Limestone Post Office closed.

Limestone River

16 August 1849:

Limestone River Post Office opened.

16 August 1849:

George A. Nourse became the Postmaster for Limestone River Post Office.

13 December 1852:

Albion P. Whitney became the Postmaster for Limestone River Post Office.

30 April 1853:

The Limestone River Post Office closed.

Morris

4 April 1898:

Morris Post Office opened

4 April 1898:

Carrie E. Morris became the Postmaster for the Morris Post Office.



4 November 1898:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a partial target killer.

14 September 1903:

Morris Post Office closed.

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Limestone [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:
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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>.

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